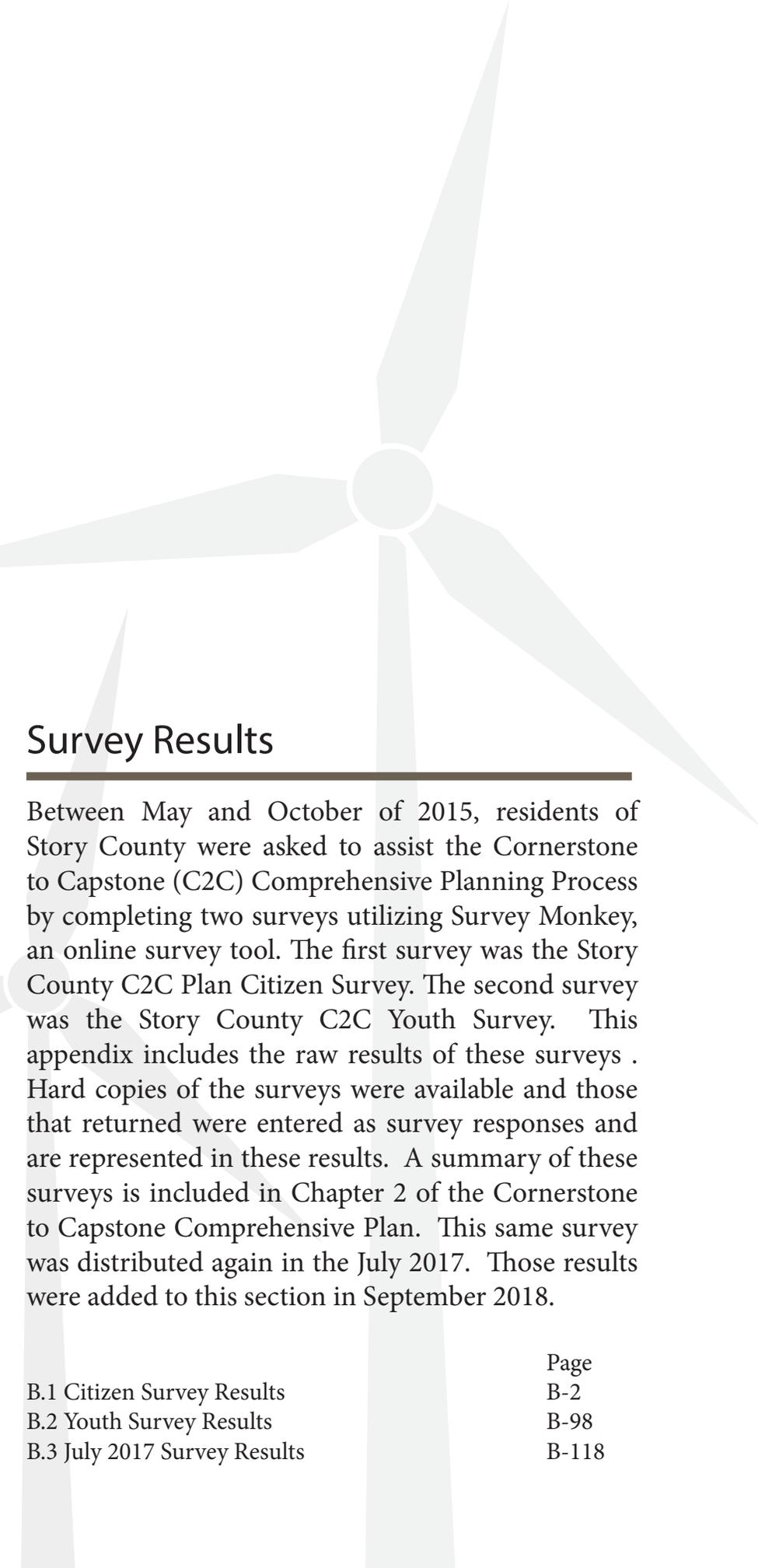


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Survey Results

Between May and October of 2015, residents of Story County were asked to assist the Cornerstone to Capstone (C2C) Comprehensive Planning Process by completing two surveys utilizing Survey Monkey, an online survey tool. The first survey was the Story County C2C Plan Citizen Survey. The second survey was the Story County C2C Youth Survey. This appendix includes the raw results of these surveys. Hard copies of the surveys were available and those that returned were entered as survey responses and are represented in these results. A summary of these surveys is included in Chapter 2 of the Cornerstone to Capstone Comprehensive Plan. This same survey was distributed again in the July 2017. Those results were added to this section in September 2018.

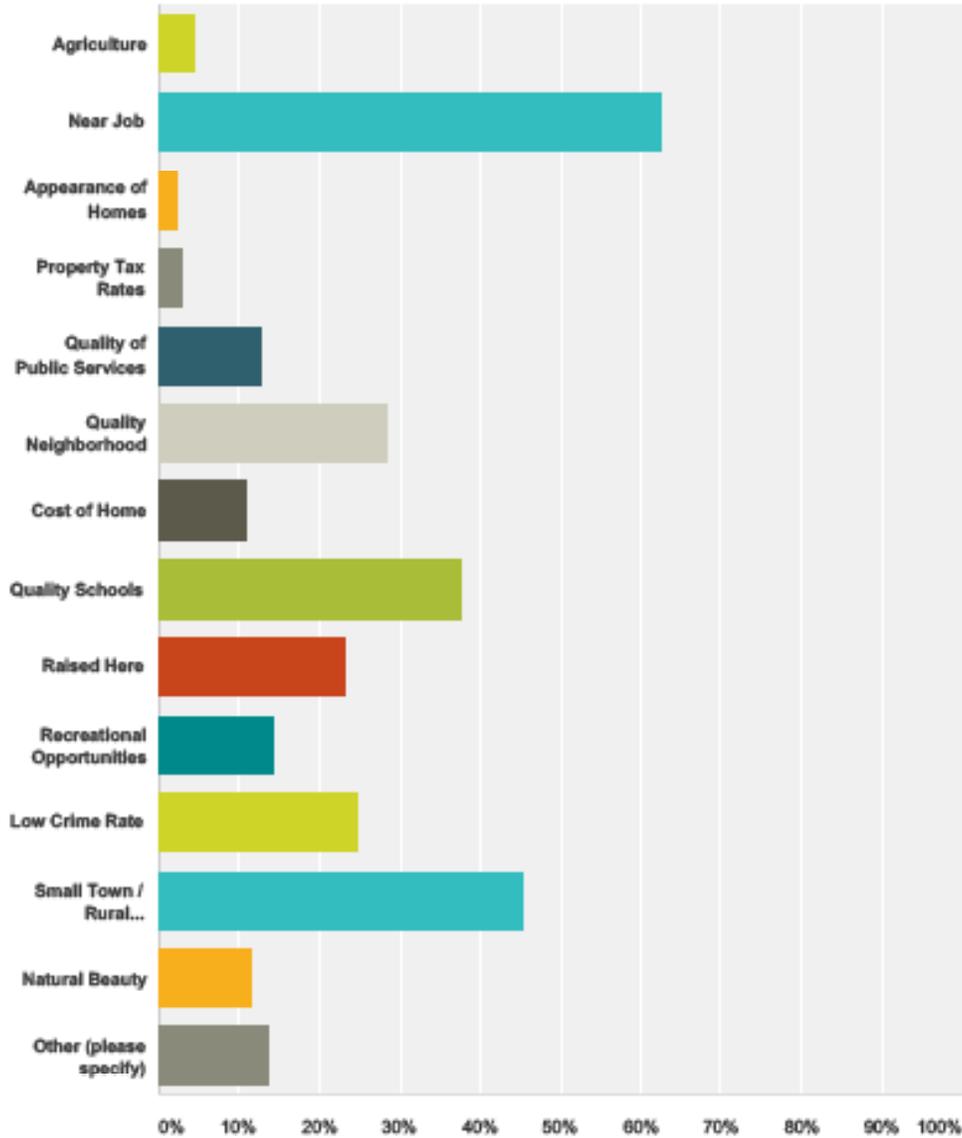
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Citizen Survey Results

Q1 What are the three most important reasons you and your family choose to live and/or work in Story County?

Answered: 677 Skipped: 7



Answer Choices	Responses
Agriculture	4.58% 31
Near Job	62.33% 422
Appearance of Homes	2.36% 16
Property Tax Rates	3.10% 21
Quality of Public Services	12.85% 87



Quality Neighborhood	28.51%	193
Cost of Home	10.78%	73
Quality Schools	37.81%	256
Raised Here	23.34%	158
Recreational Opportunities	14.48%	98
Low Crime Rate	24.82%	168
Small Town / Rural Atmosphere	45.35%	307
Natural Beauty	11.67%	79
Other (please specify)	13.74%	93
Total Respondents: 677		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Iowa State	7/28/2015 4:00 PM
2	Husband's hometown	7/28/2015 2:52 PM
3	family and friends nearby	7/27/2015 3:48 PM
4	The ISU community is wonderful	7/26/2015 3:18 PM
5	Diversity in the population	7/13/2015 3:27 PM
6	x	7/10/2015 1:07 PM
7	Own rural land here	7/9/2015 10:49 PM
8	My wife and I have family that live in Ames and throughout Iowa, which is a big reason we returned to the state after living away for 6 years.	7/8/2015 8:01 AM
9	I like the association with ISU	6/30/2015 12:50 PM
10	Ability to buy a home without big, housing-dense developments nearby.	6/25/2015 7:29 PM
11	Student at Iowa State Univ.	6/25/2015 12:09 PM
12	church	6/24/2015 5:46 PM
13	There is a large population of young professionals in the area, like me	6/24/2015 4:04 PM
14	Great place to raise a young family (Reach Out and Read, Raising Readers in Story County, human services)	6/22/2015 7:14 PM
15	Too lazy to move.	6/19/2015 5:29 PM
16	Iowa State University	6/18/2015 2:14 PM
17	Near Hometown	6/17/2015 10:51 AM
18	Overall breadth of opportunities	6/16/2015 11:01 AM
19	proximity to university	6/15/2015 11:43 AM
20	been our home for 36 years	6/15/2015 10:23 AM
21	University related resources from lectures to arts	6/15/2015 9:01 AM
22	over all quality of life.. rec, schools relatively affordable housing low crime rate	6/13/2015 11:50 AM
23	perception as progressive and welcoming to LGBT citizens	6/12/2015 4:15 PM
24	Near Friends/Family	6/12/2015 1:31 PM
25	close to family	6/11/2015 8:58 PM
26	Graduate School	6/10/2015 12:35 PM
27	Availability of Cultural and Athletic Activities	6/10/2015 10:18 AM

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28	good water - no pollution	6/10/2015 12:16 AM
29	University	6/9/2015 6:57 PM
30	Near ISU community, events, etc	6/9/2015 12:43 PM
31	University town/opportunities	6/9/2015 6:38 AM
32	Went to University and never left	6/8/2015 2:11 PM
33	University	6/8/2015 9:49 AM
34	Cornerstone Church; Iowa State	6/8/2015 8:30 AM
35	Iowa State University	6/7/2015 5:57 PM
36	Two positions at ISU	6/6/2015 2:03 AM
37	thought the rest applied	6/5/2015 8:17 PM
38	Simply landed here after attending ISU as we both obtained jobs in Story county after graduation.	6/5/2015 3:17 PM
39	Near Family	6/5/2015 2:58 PM
40	GOOD PLACE TO DO BUSINESS	6/5/2015 1:13 PM
41	intelligent / educated people make for interesting conversations.	6/4/2015 7:06 PM
42	balance of small town and international/cultural diversity	6/4/2015 12:27 PM
43	We actually live in neighboring Boone County (R-S school district), but enjoy shopping & recreation in Story County	6/3/2015 10:14 PM
44	Jobs for both of us were available when we moved from North Central Iowa, mine in education, spouse at ISU.	6/3/2015 9:14 PM
45	Cultural opportunities	6/3/2015 12:41 PM
46	Aging parents live here and we want to be close	6/3/2015 7:28 AM
47	NEAR ELDERLY FAMILY MEMBERS	6/2/2015 7:53 PM
48	University Community	6/2/2015 12:36 PM
49	Iowa State University, College of Veterinary Medicine	6/1/2015 4:37 PM
50	university	6/1/2015 2:26 PM
51	available land	6/1/2015 1:50 PM
52	The university	6/1/2015 12:40 PM
53	Close to family	6/1/2015 11:54 AM
54	ISU cultural activities	6/1/2015 8:16 AM
55	medical care	5/31/2015 8:37 PM
56	Love ISU	5/31/2015 5:43 AM
57	College town	5/30/2015 9:19 AM
58	This has always been home.	5/30/2015 7:20 AM
59	Family	5/29/2015 11:17 PM
60	Arts and sporting events	5/29/2015 9:44 PM
61	Family reside in Story City	5/29/2015 8:21 PM
62	good live music!	5/29/2015 6:02 PM
63	Church and shopping opportunities close to home	5/29/2015 4:37 PM
64	NEAR A COLLEGE TOWN	5/29/2015 4:18 PM
65	Near college town with added activities	5/29/2015 2:52 PM
66	close to Ames and DM	5/29/2015 2:35 PM
67	It was tough to identify just three reasons. Many other choices on list are also significant.	5/29/2015 2:35 PM
68	family and friends nearby	5/29/2015 2:29 PM

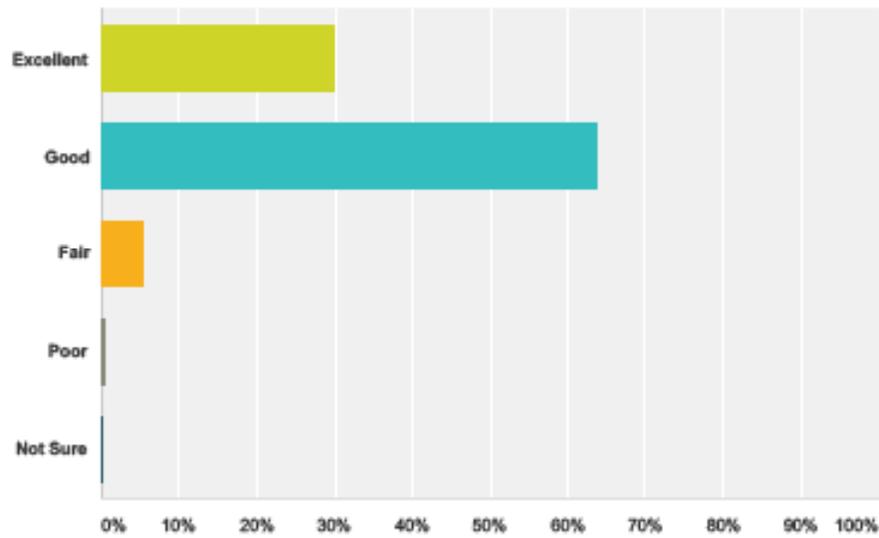


69	I own four natural areas in this county, and protecting them now and into the future is my most important life goal.	5/29/2015 2:08 PM
70	Diversity	5/29/2015 1:44 PM
71	Moved here to attend ISU and stayed after completion	5/29/2015 12:31 PM
72	quality of medical services nearby	5/29/2015 11:34 AM
73	Came to ISU, never left!	5/29/2015 9:22 AM
74	activities such as ISU athletics, friends	5/29/2015 9:12 AM
75	Many opportunities associated with ISU	5/29/2015 8:29 AM
76	I am required by my employer	5/28/2015 9:30 PM
77	near job - I can commute by bike, bus, & walking. Other: clean air and relatively clean environment with good % of green areas where I live	5/28/2015 8:17 PM
78	ISU	5/28/2015 5:58 PM
79	Raised in Iowa/relatives	5/28/2015 3:40 PM
80	University education	5/28/2015 3:29 PM
81	Small town feel with international diversity due to the university	5/28/2015 3:23 PM
82	Married and moved here.	5/28/2015 1:37 PM
83	Availability of amenities and services typically only available in larger metros	5/28/2015 11:44 AM
84	I don't live in Story County, but have an interest in my Alma Mater.	5/28/2015 11:12 AM
85	Cultural opportunities	5/28/2015 11:02 AM
86	ISU	5/28/2015 9:30 AM
87	ISU	5/28/2015 9:00 AM
88	Good Jobs	5/28/2015 8:57 AM
89	government reflects progressive thinking, multicultural area, cultural events	5/27/2015 7:58 PM
90	Entertainment opportunities (not just recreation)	5/27/2015 5:56 PM
91	cost of living	5/27/2015 5:56 PM
92	Friendly people culture	5/27/2015 5:35 PM
93	I do not live in Story County	5/26/2015 1:29 PM

Q2 Overall, how would you rate the quality of life in Story County?

Answered: 673 Skipped: 11

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Answer Choices	Responses	
Excellent	30.01%	202
Good	63.74%	429
Fair	5.50%	37
Poor	0.59%	4
Not Sure	0.15%	1
Total		673

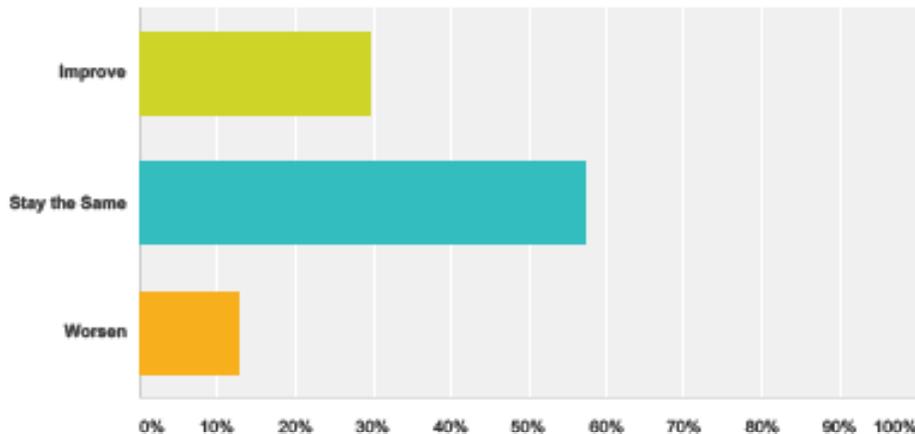
#	Comments	Date
1	I'm retired. There are many activities, volunteer opportunities, and services available to me.	7/27/2015 3:48 PM
2	x	7/10/2015 1:07 PM
3	For Iowa, I wouldn't want to live anywhere else. Property taxes are high in the Nevada district.	6/30/2015 12:50 PM
4	JUDGEMENTAL & GREEDY! CLAIM TO BE HELPFUL - BUT DON'T!	6/30/2015 12:20 AM
5	too many subdivisions outside towns	6/26/2015 6:20 PM
6	Enjoy quality of life in summer after the undergrads have left.	6/25/2015 12:09 PM
7	We are blessed with a continuum of services from "cradle to grave." We have citizens who care to volunteer.	6/22/2015 7:14 PM
8	Lack of housing maintenance in some of the communities is starting to affect quality of life.	6/16/2015 3:23 PM
9	Need to bring industry to rural Story County or we may see a ghost town or two in 20 years.	6/16/2015 1:24 PM
10	Property taxes are prohibitive to people considering moving here.	6/13/2015 6:35 PM
11	I live in a small town outside of Ames. The number of children on free/reduced lunches, or working poor is alarming to me.	6/12/2015 2:00 PM
12	Many cultural, social activities due to ISU and big businesses, good restaurants. Access to DM provides more.	6/12/2015 11:34 AM
13	"High Culture" is lacking but getting better	6/9/2015 3:07 PM
14	I really like the clear rivers and mountains in Iowa	6/6/2015 2:03 AM
15	ISU and Government dominates making the middle class really "in the middle".	6/5/2015 8:17 PM
16	The city of Ames is often difficult to work with	6/5/2015 1:13 PM



17	I would say "excellent" but it is not so good for people in poverty.	6/4/2015 7:06 PM
18	could use more senior services - specifically, reliable, affordable transportation and non profit health care advocacy and informational center	6/4/2015 9:44 AM
19	We would not want to live anywhere else in Iowa but we can see that there are improvements to be made.	6/3/2015 9:14 PM
20	The only reason that it is not excellent is because Ames is starting to go downhill because of section 8 housing.	6/2/2015 10:53 AM
21	We enjoy living here	6/1/2015 11:54 AM
22	It is closing up, and we no longer are surrounded by woods and pasture as people have moved in and built houses and some like to shoot firearms, destroying the peacefulness.	5/31/2015 3:10 PM
23	my opinion may be skewed by my good luck in health and friendship	5/31/2015 5:43 AM
24	However the roads have become difficult to travel at times as traffic has exceeded infrastructure.	5/30/2015 7:20 AM
25	need more bike routes, jogging trails.	5/30/2015 12:19 AM
26	Crime has increased and the overcrowding at ISU has impacted many areas.	5/29/2015 8:58 PM
27	Taxes are too high for the conditions of roads, especially in rural area.	5/29/2015 6:21 PM
28	I would like to see more outdoor recreational activities. A paved trail that connects town to the greenbelt trail would be amazing!	5/29/2015 6:10 PM
29	wish we had more outdoor recreational options	5/29/2015 4:10 PM
30	Wish organizations worked together more to improve the quality of life here.	5/29/2015 2:32 PM
31	We are not doing a good enough job here of protecting the environment.	5/29/2015 2:08 PM
32	We seem to be staying stagnant with retail growth.	5/29/2015 1:44 PM
33	need more public transportation options outside Ames	5/29/2015 11:34 AM
34	Less bullying	5/28/2015 10:32 PM
35	Great place to raise kids	5/28/2015 3:23 PM
36	More outdoor recreation activities/opportunities/trails/parks are needed	5/28/2015 9:40 AM
37	I am concerned the rush for new and modern is going to shift attention from established areas of town.	5/27/2015 9:36 PM

Q3 During the next five years, I expect that the quality of life in the county will:

Answered: 672 Skipped: 12



Answer Choices	Responses
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Improve	29.91%	201
Stay the Same	57.29%	385
Worsen	12.80%	86
Total		672

#	Comments	Date
1	I feel strongly that while Ames makes strides to be progressive--most opportunities that would allow the city to truly grow and adjust to the needs of it's citizens will be voted down by a small (but mighty) group who show up to the polls.	7/28/2015 3:50 PM
2	New sewer and H2O pipes - new school	7/28/2015 3:10 PM
3	I worry about the development of more low-rent housing on vacant land near my home.	7/27/2015 3:48 PM
4	concern about urban sprawl ino the rural areas	7/23/2015 7:55 AM
5	The continued pressure on the environment, and the	7/16/2015 12:59 PM
6	x	7/10/2015 1:07 PM
7	Hard to predict	7/9/2015 10:49 PM
8	SAME OLD MUKETY MUCKS	6/30/2015 12:20 AM
9	Urban Sprawl is becoming a problem	6/27/2015 9:28 AM
10	Sorry, I'm not an optimist.	6/25/2015 9:41 AM
11	need more low income housing a lot of people struggle just to put a roof over their head	6/18/2015 6:37 PM
12	Worsen because of the urban expansion in the Ames/Gilbert area.	6/16/2015 1:24 PM
13	The natural environment keeps getting plowed up for housing. The traffic is growing quickly. We aren't doing much to deal with climate change locally.	6/16/2015 11:01 AM
14	population increases, loss of natural areas, loss of dark sky, reduced air, water quality, continued soil erosion,and short sighted ethanol production	6/15/2015 10:23 AM
15	Older residents dying, younger tax payers going to Polk county.	6/13/2015 6:35 PM
16	we don't need Chicago criminals here	6/13/2015 11:50 AM
17	concerned about hog farms and increased building of apartment buildings in Ames	6/12/2015 11:34 AM
18	depends on our Federal Government.	6/11/2015 8:38 PM
19	over building on the north end - too much business piled on duff	6/10/2015 12:16 AM
20	Leaning towards worsen - but it's taken 20+ years to slowly worsen	6/5/2015 8:17 PM
21	Stay the same and expect to improve	6/5/2015 11:25 AM
22	it is worsening everywhere. America is on the decline and ideology prevents people from seeing clearly. Less and fewer services for the 99 percent, more for the multimillionaire.	6/4/2015 7:06 PM
23	Many persons both in and out of government are looking to implement improvements in the county.	6/3/2015 9:14 PM
24	I'm concerned about rampant development, eminent domain (including the potential of the Bakken pipeline), more clearing of the already scant native habitat that is left (though, to be fair, I DO appreciate that as an Ames resident, I have access to more recreational and open-space areas than in some other parts of Iowa); thoughtless urban development in floodplain areas; and general population increase. It seems that development of more suburban-area homes, additional clearing of open spaces and a rush to "upgrade" urban infrastructure is being done haphazardly, and without equal regard for improving or expanding on trails, bike lanes, expanding natural areas or county parks or other outdoor recreational and wildlife habitat considerations.	6/2/2015 11:21 AM
25	I believe there are plans in place to improve things	6/1/2015 11:54 AM
26	too much growth in population, urban sprawl	5/31/2015 10:01 PM
27	I'm afraid it will lose its small town atmosphere.	5/31/2015 9:28 AM
28	over populatin, global warming, pollution, corruption will decrease the quality of life everywhere	5/31/2015 5:43 AM



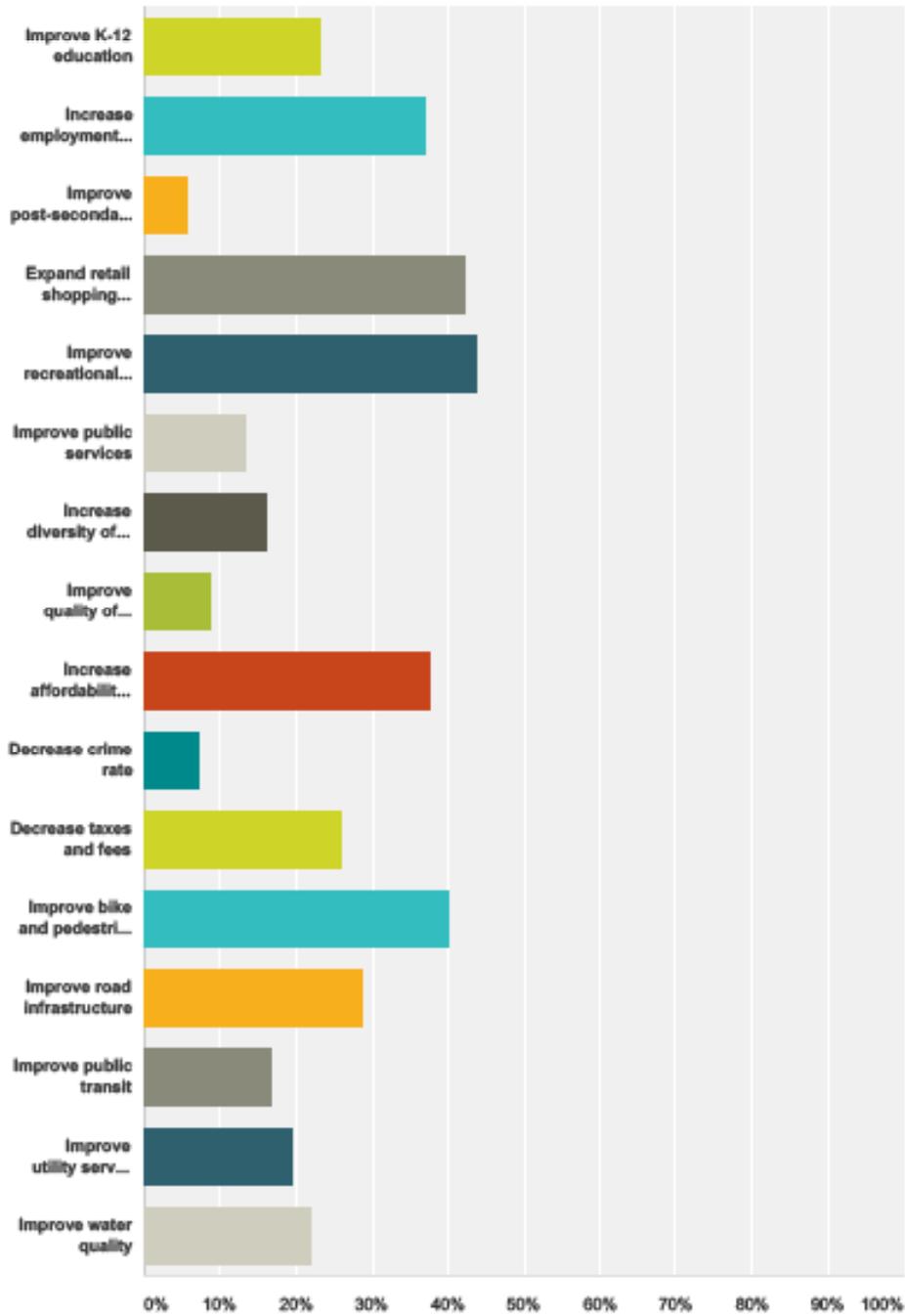
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29	And also get worse in some aspects but I'm sure I'll still enjoy it here!	5/30/2015 10:59 PM
30	Taxes in our small town will be rising. Due to multi million dollar sewer work to correct an I/I that was routed to our sanitary sewer. ROLAND, IA	5/30/2015 4:53 PM
31	Not progressive toward development. Especially ames area. We are missing opportunities	5/30/2015 8:56 AM
32	Mostly because more and more people are NOT working they are dependent on the welfare system. If hard work is not rewarded then who will do it?	5/30/2015 7:20 AM
33	Affordability of housing and cost of living compared to income makes me chose that it will worsen for many.	5/29/2015 11:06 PM
34	Too many drugs in the community and the costs of home ownership and upkeep are too high too many homes just falling apart.	5/29/2015 10:08 PM
35	Not enough state taxes to keep from increasing city taxes, so services might be cut	5/29/2015 8:58 PM
36	it won't change without more affordable, accessible rental housing	5/29/2015 7:26 PM
37	Police need to worry more about the drug issues in the county and less on window tint and other minor offenses.	5/29/2015 6:21 PM
38	some of the homes and yards are getting pretty seedy. Town needs to have something on the books on keeping property up. several homes wrapped with insulation paper now for several year! I feel for the neighbors that have to look at those homes.	5/29/2015 6:09 PM
39	planning doesn't seem to be keeping up with population, so a pretty standard set of quality of life issues are headed our way	5/29/2015 6:02 PM
40	Traffic Congestion is getting bad	5/29/2015 3:46 PM
41	Actually my answer is between "Stay the Same" and "Worsen." The development of more farmland and natural areas is not "improvement" to me.	5/29/2015 2:08 PM
42	Too many communities are opposing new growth.	5/29/2015 1:44 PM
43	The basis for this rating is my fear that the influx of new people will occur faster than the city/county will respond with infrastructure improvements.	5/29/2015 1:43 PM
44	Hopefully they won't raise taxes to high	5/29/2015 8:57 AM
45	Hopefully Improve	5/29/2015 8:28 AM
46	It all depends on the development of the county and how the cities grow.	5/29/2015 8:28 AM
47	concerned about "sprawl" type growth of town around the edges	5/28/2015 8:17 PM
48	Adding more public natural areas/parks and outdoor recreation opportunities, improving trails	5/28/2015 5:08 PM
49	hopefully, water quality and stream sedimentation continues to be an issue and detracts from the environmental quality. that and the lack of a BIKE PATH system!!	5/28/2015 4:27 PM
50	There seems to be a desire to adopt new energy technologies and conservation programs, but we need more communal organizing.	5/28/2015 3:29 PM
51	in ames, smaller towns may struggle	5/28/2015 3:05 PM
52	Research Park Expansion is huge!	5/28/2015 11:12 AM
53	Global warming, soil loss, flooding, and accompanying political upheaval will affect this plan unless measures are taken to rein in industrial agriculture.	5/28/2015 11:05 AM
54	More parks and trails are being added, but connectivity needs work	5/28/2015 9:40 AM
55	I have seen more vandalism and people taking less care of their homes and businesses around the area.	5/28/2015 9:04 AM
56	if we don't conserve our natural resources, the quality of life will deteriorate.	5/27/2015 9:34 PM
57	if our environment degrades, the quality of life here will also degrade.	5/27/2015 8:38 PM
58	But only IF we continue to invest in the amenities that make for a continuing high quality of life.	5/27/2015 4:01 PM

Q4 Please indicate changes you think would improve the quality of life in Story County (please check up to four).

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Answered: 674 Skipped: 10



Answer Choices	Responses
Improve K-12 education	23.29% 157
Increase employment opportunities	37.24% 251
Improve post-secondary education opportunities	5.79% 39



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Expand retail shopping options	42.28%	285
Improve recreational facilities	43.92%	296
Improve public services	13.50%	91
Increase diversity of housing types	16.32%	110
Improve quality of housing	9.05%	61
Increase affordability of housing	37.69%	254
Decrease crime rate	7.27%	49
Decrease taxes and fees	26.11%	176
Improve bike and pedestrian facilities	40.21%	271
Improve road infrastructure	28.78%	194
Improve public transit	16.77%	113
Improve utility service (including telecommunications)	19.58%	132
Improve water quality	21.96%	148
Total Respondents: 674		

#	Comments	Date
1	A better indoor food court and a larger mall for rotten winter days and horrible humid days in summer	7/26/2015 3:18 PM
2	In order to protect natural resources and prepare for increased population pressures, story county needs to improve the transportation options checked above.	7/16/2015 12:59 PM
3	HIRTA is a joke now, need some real public transit in the county, like CyRide	7/11/2015 7:48 PM
4	x	7/10/2015 1:07 PM
5	Make the agriculture here more sustainable and put more land not suitable for rowcrops into permanent conservation uses	7/9/2015 10:49 PM
6	More open space to hike, run, bike would be lovely	7/8/2015 4:15 PM
7	I would like the county to focus on preserving natural spaces and outdoor recreation. I think the County Conservation Board already does a great job, but I'd like to see even more funding for these issues.	7/8/2015 8:01 AM
8	Encourage or require geothermal energy on newly-constructed homes and business-buildings to keep the costs of energy generation lower for all.	7/7/2015 10:55 PM
9	Quit trying to turn Ames into an Ankeny. If the "city leaders" like Ankeny and their expanding population then please_relocate to Ankeny. Many of us like Ames as it was years ago, not like what you are trying to do to it today.	7/3/2015 11:15 PM
10	don't allow any more CAFOs, limit building in rural areas	6/26/2015 6:20 PM
11	I think they need more trails in Ames, where i live. The current bike paths are too short and unconnected to be enjoyable in Ames. I would enjoy a long connected trail across the town, and especially more dirt trails mountain biking or trail running.	6/25/2015 12:09 PM
12	Cycling here is near horrible. Bike lanes in a place like this are necessary. I come from the twin cities where there is far more traffic but people are at least friendly towards bikers on the roads. Here, not so much. Cyclists here need bike lanes to feel safe. Also, I would love to see more single track (dirt) trails for runners and mountain bikers. I am an ultra runner and training on 2-mile sections of trail can become...boring (though the trails here- greenbelt, McFarland- are amazing beautiful).	6/25/2015 9:41 AM
13	The one area I dislike about living in this city is the traffic congestion. Trains running through downtown area, traffic lights, lack of driving rules enforcement.	6/24/2015 5:46 PM
14	Higher paying jobs	6/24/2015 8:25 AM

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15	Improve development of all children in their first 2,000 days; Ensure no child drops through the cracks. Develop relationships with families with babies, toddlers and preschoolers 0-5; Prevention: Help parents be their children's first teachers. Interventions: provide community-based support for struggling readers (Reading Buddies).	6/22/2015 7:14 PM
16	Need another dog park. The present location is too far for us.	6/22/2015 4:31 PM
17	4 - protect natural resources	6/22/2015 7:45 AM
18	Provide more free or low cost activities for seniors. Swimming or exercise resources.	6/18/2015 7:34 PM
19	Provide more free or low cost activities for seniors. Things to stay in shape.	6/18/2015 7:22 PM
20	Encourage housing development (single family) in areas OTHER than Ames	6/18/2015 2:14 PM
21	Light Rail. Rural Broadband.	6/17/2015 12:53 PM
22	Balance development between the smaller towns and Ames.	6/17/2015 9:26 AM
23	Worthwhile volunteer opportunities for retirees	6/16/2015 6:33 PM
24	Fees are just another name for taxation in some cases. People in Iowa (probably across the nation) are being strangled by fees.	6/16/2015 1:24 PM
25	Indoor recreational facilities for children are desperately needed more than just for a couple hours in the mornings. Affordable housing and a greatly expanded amount of Section 8 housing is a huge need.	6/16/2015 11:01 AM
26	I think we have an amazing county!	6/15/2015 4:43 PM
27	schools are always a draw maintain CyRide, add regular transit to Des Moines	6/15/2015 11:43 AM
28	local moratorium on CAFOs and increase natural areas	6/15/2015 10:23 AM
29	High property taxes aren't used for overall good of residents paying them.	6/13/2015 6:35 PM
30	What is your definition of affordable housing. Do you want all of Story county to look like Hubbard? Zearing, Nevada?	6/13/2015 11:50 AM
31	Improve infrastructure	6/12/2015 8:43 PM
32	Increasing opportunities for responsible outdoor recreation close to home would be personal and economic benefit to Story. Definitely do not mean ATV use, or other loud and severely degrading uses of resources.	6/12/2015 11:34 AM
33	More Senior housing/condos/assst. living.	6/11/2015 8:06 PM
34	Faster internet outside of town; pave South B Ave in Nevada.	6/9/2015 10:01 PM
35	I'd love to see green/ natural space listed here. More green space! Prairie and savannah and forest. Especially after the loss of all the ash trees I really like to see more trees...	6/9/2015 8:30 AM
36	Need more townhomes/condos for those downsizing like Ankeny has.	6/9/2015 6:24 AM
37	Homes in Story County are very high priced. There isn't a lot in the middle price range (\$130-\$150k). The same amount of money buys a lot more house in some surrounding counties.	6/8/2015 3:48 PM
38	Decrease class sizes of K-12 public schools.	6/6/2015 7:28 PM
39	bike options between Gilbert and Ames is critical	6/6/2015 5:38 PM
40	We have so few public lands in Iowa and that is not likely to change. I've never lived anywhere else where alerts are listed to wash your dog after it has been in the water.	6/6/2015 2:03 AM
41	Transit and water quality I threw in - the other two are the only two things that a long term plan by a government agency should have.	6/5/2015 8:17 PM
42	Improve community based mental health services	6/5/2015 3:12 PM
43	Shopping downtown Ames is awesome. Finding a parking spot during events or busy season is often difficult.	6/5/2015 1:13 PM



44	As Ames/Story County continues to grow, it is hard not to feel the impact of ISU. That isn't a bad thing necessarily. However, as a resident, it's extremely frustrating that there seems to be a lack of aggressive expansion/upgrades when compared to other cities with regard to infrastructure and telecommunications. I find it South Duff more than highly frustrating to drive down 9 of the 12 months of the year when school is in session but that is where most of the big box retailers are located. It would be fantastic if not everything could be crammed on South Duff. As for telecommunications...fiber optics would be nice. My parents that live on a gravel road in the middle of nowhere in Marshall County, Iowa have it thanks to their business neighbor. The great thing for them is that it costs a fraction of the price of what Mediacom would ever charge an Ames customer and I know 50% of what I currently pay for DirecTV. So, that does frustrate me that the town where the first computer was invented and does all of these amazing things can't work together to bring fiber optics to Ames.	6/5/2015 11:25 AM
45	public high speed/capacity internet	6/4/2015 4:58 PM
46	Other: Improve native ecosystems and serve the other-than-human world better (i.e., replace that biotic desert we call a lawn with more tallgrass prairie!)	6/4/2015 11:39 AM
47	by improve water quality, I mean rivers, streams and lakes	6/4/2015 9:44 AM
48	Improvement in all four of those that I checked will aid in assisting life to get better in Story County. I am very concerned about the quality of water in our rivers and streams for health and also recreational purposes.	6/3/2015 9:14 PM
49	Reduce urban sprawl, particularly the giant beige neighborhoods, and the cheap apartments that match them in the Ames area.	6/3/2015 11:08 AM
50	IMPROVED QUALITY OF HOUSING IN MY ANSWER MEANS RESIDENTS HAVE ALLOWED THEIR HOMES TO DEGRADE AND TO COLLECT JUNK ON THEIR PROPERTY AND THE CITY DOES NOTHING TO GET THE RESIDENTS AND ALSO STORE/SHOP OWNERS TO MAINTAIN THEM. JUST LOOK AT 224 WASHINGTON AVENUE IN AMES AS AN ONGOING EXAMPLE OF THE DEGRADATION OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN STORY COUNTY.	6/2/2015 7:53 PM
51	By "recreational facilities," I am referring to parks, natural areas, county parks, trails, bike lanes (it's truly shocking how backwards this area is in regards to bicycle infrastructure, planning and general awareness. This is NOT a particularly safe place to be out with bikes! For guidance, look to how our neighbors in Wisconsin are doing things...). Water quality is a HUGE issue. We were shocked at how, in the post-2010 floods, city planners in Ames started building rampantly in the flood zone with short-term vision. Runoff from some farms in the county -- both soil erosion and nitrates -- flows into the creeks and into Skunk River; and too many people use our waterways to dump their trash and litter. The waterways have been damaged and altered over the years so that some massive streambank erosion is happening, and development encroaching near waterways also puts these waters at risk. Please factor in water quality as you plan for the county's future! I am concerned about the affordability of housing (and the quality of the housing available). As an Ames resident, my husband and I can't really afford a decent house -- even with both of us having good jobs. Our rent goes up every year, seemingly needlessly, and we wonder when people will simply be priced out of decent apartments and homes. When we've looked at housing opportunities in the county more generally, we've been chagrined at what's been available in our price range -- usually, housing that needs work.	6/2/2015 11:21 AM
52	I moved here from the eastern side of the U.S. and find the people friendly and Ames a nice community. However, I miss more diverse landscaping and more outdoor recreation opportunities. Story county has some nice, small wooded places to escape, but I prefer more trees. Also, we've been less impressed with the school system, now that our kids are in elementary school.	6/1/2015 3:13 PM
53	It would be nice to see more housing in the mid-range for homeowners. The lower-priced houses seem to get snapped up for the rental market, which does not always make for the best neighborhood relations. And then homeowners are stuck in the low price market, or having to make a significant jump up to get quality housing.	6/1/2015 1:09 PM
54	Please keep things affordable!	6/1/2015 11:54 AM
55	Please improve the bike system and connect Ames to the central Iowa trails! A "bike lane" on the side of a busy road does not equal a bike trail! It's dangerous and there are TONS of bike riders in Ames!!! And, please widen Duff or encourage development elsewhere in Ames. Everything is on Duff and the traffic is terrible.	6/1/2015 10:27 AM
56	This sounds mostly urban. We live in the country.	5/31/2015 3:10 PM
57	I strongly hope to see an end to fluoridated water.	5/31/2015 9:28 AM
58	Schools: truly improve them to produce better people. I am not sure how to do this but there are many school changes that are not improvements. Make the traffic flow better. It seems that helping businesses is higher priority than reducing traffic congestion. Provide free public transit and get the funding from the reduced road and street costs. Also find ways to reduce the desire and need to travel. The Ames water is too hard. Soften it more and reduce plumbing maintenance for all. Soft water may increase the health Ames water drinkers.	5/31/2015 5:43 AM
59	Get more deputies out doing proactive patrolling instead of building a fiefdom in Nevada.	5/30/2015 2:39 PM

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60	Bike trails	5/30/2015 2:38 PM
61	There needs to be some type of public transit system available from the smaller towns to Ames. It's also very difficult to find repair services that are available in the area.	5/30/2015 8:38 AM
62	Why wouldn't we say 'increase PK-12 and post secondary options' to cover preschool options for families and post secondary training to offer more options for citizens and increase the skills of the Story County workforce?	5/30/2015 6:08 AM
63	Remove nearby hog confinement facilities.	5/30/2015 12:19 AM
64	increase opportunities for very young families to connect and grow	5/29/2015 9:44 PM
65	Higher quality, higher paying positions needed	5/29/2015 8:58 PM
66	Handicap accessible rental housing, more opportunities for kids after school and after high school	5/29/2015 7:26 PM
67	Development of community spaces to foster creativity, connection, and the sharing of ideas.	5/29/2015 5:46 PM
68	Again, tough to choose just four.	5/29/2015 2:35 PM
69	Nevada City needs more moderate to higher housing opportunities. The City of Nevada needs to develop housing subdivisions for single family building opportunities.	5/29/2015 2:34 PM
70	it would be nice to see a city bus connecting Nevada to Ames daily or several times a week	5/29/2015 2:30 PM
71	Heart of Iowa Trail needs to be paved to be up to date with other area trails. New Dakins Lake a great addition, but now Hickory Grove Park needs water quality and infrastructure upgrades.	5/29/2015 2:29 PM
72	Reduce the number of apartments being built and increase the number of single family homes	5/29/2015 2:19 PM
73	As too often happens, water quality is at the bottom of this list. But it's at the top of my list. And more protected public conservation land would also help. I did not check "Improve recreational facilities" because I specifically want more protected conservation land. Iowa has lost more of its original landscape than any other state, and we aren't doing enough to protect and restore what's left. But what we really need in Story County is a dedicated fund for natural resources and outdoor recreation. Johnson County has one, Polk County has one, and it's embarrassing that we aren't even talking about getting one.	5/29/2015 2:08 PM
74	Need more indoor things for children to have access too. Story county is great during the few warm summer months but have nothing much to chose from during cold winter months.	5/29/2015 1:12 PM
75	Ames has very little for people who are middle to low income forcing many to live in smaller towns yet work in Ames. This causes additional financial stress on these families due to the cost of transportation.	5/29/2015 12:31 PM
76	increase availability of various affordable housing types for seniors. emphasize affordable, not subsidized	5/29/2015 11:34 AM
77	decrease number of apartment complexes going up in Ames - it is unsightly and ruining sense of neighborhoods in Ames	5/29/2015 11:18 AM
78	increase public land	5/29/2015 10:26 AM
79	More business in surrounding Ames communities (Gilbert)	5/28/2015 11:03 PM
80	Have internships for teens 14 and up	5/28/2015 10:32 PM
81	water quality: commit to green spaces and managing water where it falls; Other: commit to significant carbon and energy footprint reduction goals.	5/28/2015 8:17 PM
82	Need more malls	5/28/2015 6:59 PM
83	improve retail, more restaurants, etc.	5/28/2015 5:34 PM
84	All of these are worthy topics that are important for Story County quality of life and should be considered. Bike paths that connect major towns such as Colo, Nevada and Ames on east-west axis and Story City, Gilbert, Ames and Huxley on a north-south axis - off road bike paths would be a huge improvement for real bike commuting. Surface water ie. stream water quality seriously detracts from the environmental quality of Story County.	5/28/2015 4:27 PM
85	more diversity training for public employees	5/28/2015 3:53 PM
86	We should invest in more local manufacturing and retail, and adopt progressive resource management techniques with a focus on the areas FUTURE quality of life. We have the knowledge and desire, but this is not well reflected in our practices. We should develop the Duff Ave district to be more conducive to bike and foot traffic. Currently, it is very difficult to navigate that part of town without a car, and even with a car, there is too much going on there. Rent rates need to be controlled; it is ridiculous that rent increases by 10% a year. The garbage problem also needs to be addressed; the migrant nature of half of our population lends itself to this ignorant behavior. We should have a plan to promote environmental ethicacy.	5/28/2015 3:29 PM

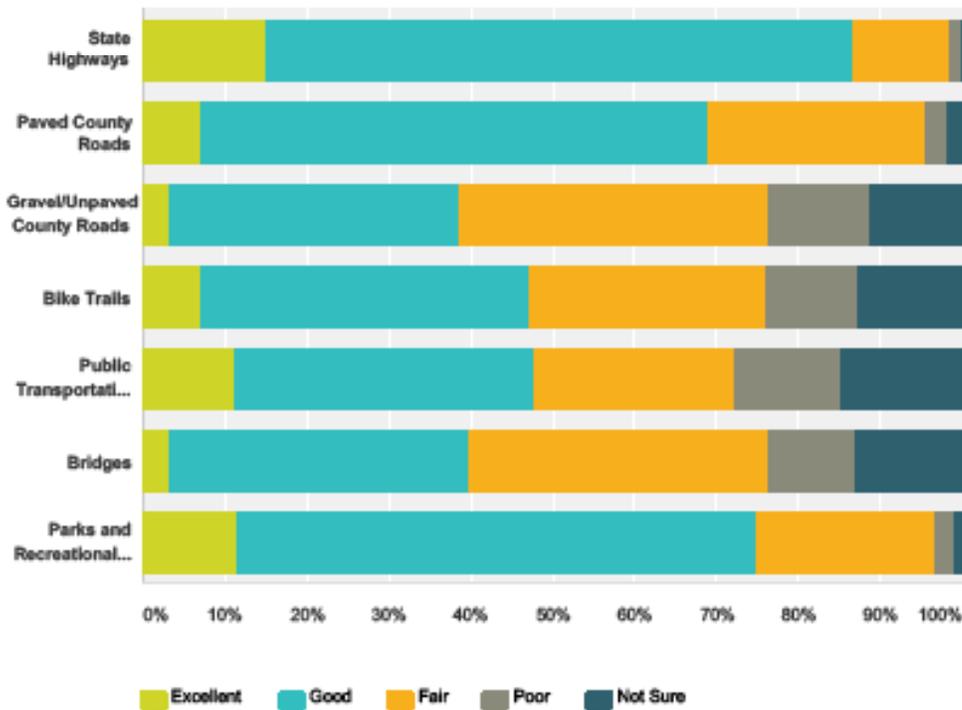


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87	Increase training of law enforcement on methodology as well as knowledge of the laws and regulations in the area, notably at state, county, and community levels.	5/28/2015 3:25 PM
88	ADU are the big thing on the west coast. The benefit to ADU'S is HUGE as a 2nd home on the same will "INCREASE" the Property Value which in turn SHOULD... "DECREASE" overall taxes and fees to ALL citizens living there. Common Sense IMOI Unfortunately, Iowa never takes the lead on these type of ideas so nothing of significance will change (probably). The rest of that "garbage" (eg. shopping, bikes, shopping, recreation, transit, etc.), we'd HAVE MORE MONEY FOR THAT.....if we had more revenue from Property Tax Valuations. Proper order is extremely important tool!	5/28/2015 1:37 PM
89	Rent in Ames is ridiculous right now. I would love to see this be more affordable, especially for non-students.	5/28/2015 1:30 PM
90	Property taxes are too high. My property taxes have increased 30% in the last three years.	5/28/2015 12:12 PM
91	Rural Broadband is a hot topic right now.	5/28/2015 11:12 AM
92	Few of these items pertain to seniors and retirees. This county has a high number of retirees and the county should be addressing their needs and make this an attractive area for retirement. Most important, no mention is made of our most important crisis: global warming. What does the county plan to do about reducing carbon dioxide emissions? What does the county plan to do about soil conservation and tillage? What does the county plan to do to encourage renewable energy?	5/28/2015 11:06 AM
93	Too bad I can only check four, I'd like to check them all.	5/28/2015 9:56 AM
94	River quality needs to be improved, buffer strips along rivers and lakes, and more connectivity between existing bike trails, more on-road bicycle facilities	5/28/2015 9:40 AM
95	protect rural areas from development, keep CAFOs out	5/28/2015 9:00 AM
96	by water quality, I mean rivers, ponds, lakes, streams.....	5/27/2015 8:38 PM
97	improve mental health services access and budgets	5/27/2015 5:35 PM
98	Continue to expand park and trail system. Invest in natural resources like parks and wild, natural areas.	5/27/2015 4:01 PM

Q5 Rate the following in Story County:

Answered: 635 Skipped: 49



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	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not Sure	Total
State Highways	14.87% 94	71.68% 453	11.71% 74	1.27% 8	0.47% 3	632
Paved County Roads	6.80% 43	61.87% 391	26.42% 167	2.69% 17	2.22% 14	632
Gravel/Unpaved County Roads	3.02% 19	35.56% 224	37.62% 237	12.38% 78	11.43% 72	630
Bike Trails	6.87% 43	40.10% 251	28.75% 180	11.18% 70	13.10% 82	626
Public Transportation Services	10.99% 69	36.46% 229	24.68% 155	12.90% 81	14.97% 94	628
Bridges	3.19% 20	36.36% 228	36.68% 230	10.53% 66	13.24% 83	627
Parks and Recreational Facilities	11.40% 71	63.40% 395	21.51% 134	2.41% 15	1.28% 8	623

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	No long paved trails except for high tressel trail by s dakota which is great	7/26/2015 3:20 PM
2	need to expand bike trails/lanes, and can always use more green spaces	7/16/2015 1:01 PM
3	Need more paved county roads	7/12/2015 11:20 AM
4	Not enough non-crop green space	7/9/2015 10:52 PM
5	No body uses the bike trails	7/9/2015 6:30 PM
6	I would like (and would use) more bike trails and routes	6/30/2015 12:53 PM
7	THERE IS NOTHING HERE & OUR ROADS, BRIDGES, ETC. ARE HORRIBLE!	6/30/2015 12:22 AM
8	Please extend bike trails out to Cameron school road and Y ave	6/27/2015 9:30 AM
9	County Road Signs (Blue Shields) needed in Southwestern Story County.	6/17/2015 11:25 AM
10	More public transportation is needed everywhere so people will stop driving their personal vehicles. The gravel roads I use are fine. Not too many bridges where I travel.	6/16/2015 1:27 PM
11	Bike trails - too often, they are non-existent in many places in town without utilizing sidewalks. Parks really could use some more interesting options for kids that allow them to use their imagination, like the old structure at Roosevelt School once did.	6/16/2015 11:05 AM
12	Need Trails improved/available in Huxley	6/15/2015 12:26 PM
13	watershed/soil conservation-poor	6/15/2015 10:27 AM
14	Trails and pub transportation refer to Ames	6/12/2015 11:40 AM
15	Need bus services in Nevada & eastern Story Co. Black top all gravel roads, like Polk Co.	6/11/2015 8:13 PM
16	high school pool needs replacing	6/10/2015 12:18 AM
17	Need more park shelters	6/9/2015 6:26 AM
18	need to pave Hyde/Gretten between Ames/Gilbert - unsafe for students!	6/6/2015 5:41 PM
19	Former rail line bike trails are great but all others are horrid. Where else are bicycles put on sidewalks with pedestrians? No where else.	6/6/2015 2:07 AM
20	Need to expand biking paths north ames	6/5/2015 1:16 PM
21	Ames is great for bike trails, expand to surrounding communities	6/3/2015 10:12 PM
22	Would like to see improved camping...more privacy between campsites.	6/2/2015 3:07 PM



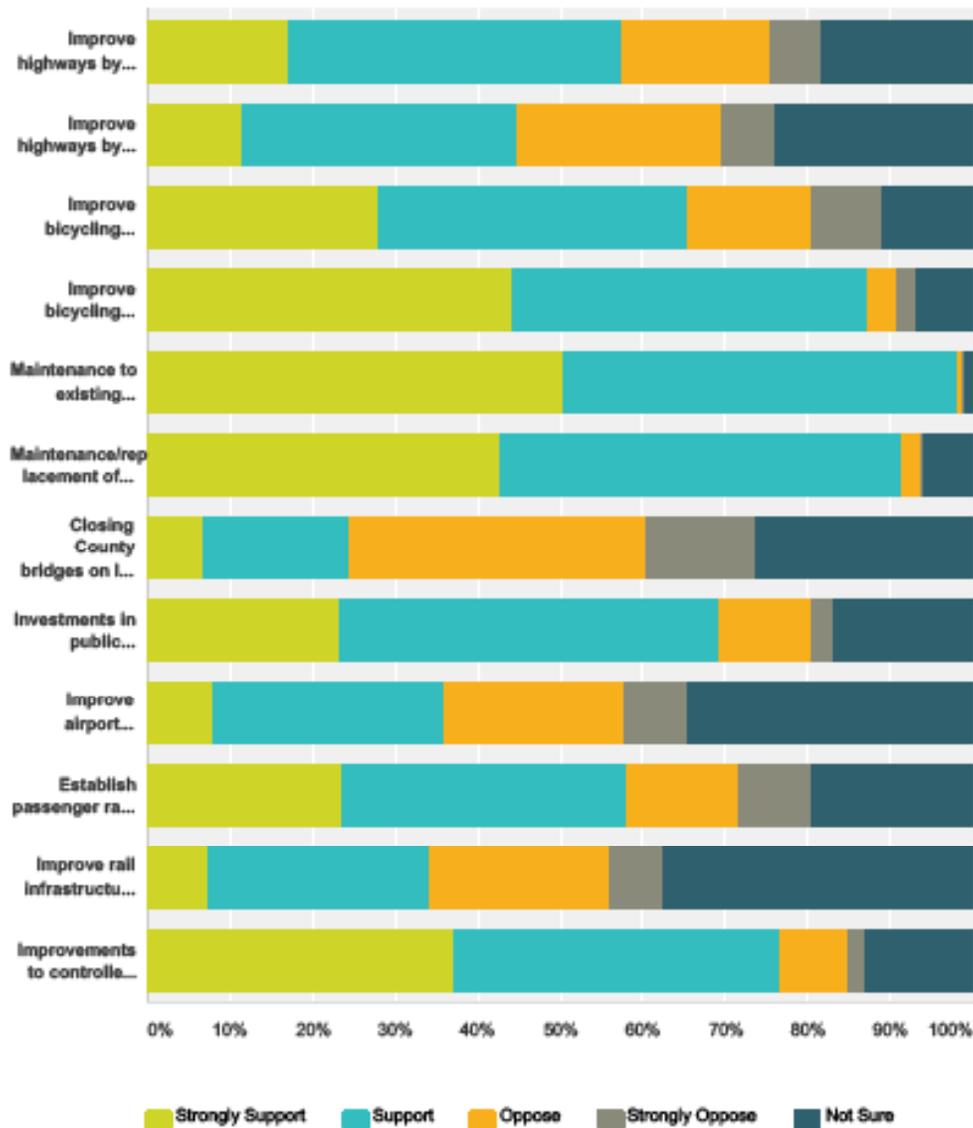
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23	I was sad to see the beautiful steel-arch span bridge near Petersen Park torn down for a cheap concrete pad crossing. I realize that bridge needed to be repaired or upgraded, but couldn't it have been done with sensitivity for the aesthetics of the bridge and its history? As to park facilities ... Story County does have a few good parks, but I don't feel like there's been much investment (if any) in keeping them well maintained, and in expanding them. For instance, one must zigzag across roads to follow the Greenbelt Trail if one starts at McFarland. Why can't the county work to make the trail contiguous? I am also very concerned that hunting is permitted in some of these areas AT THE SAME TIME that pedestrians might be walking on the trails. It seems extremely dangerous to me! This, along with the fact that some of our parks (e.g. Robison Wildlife Acres, East Riverside) are situated right next to shooting ranges. Not only do I feel concerned for the safety of pedestrians in the parks, but the serenity of being in the parks is entirely destroyed if someone happens to be using the shooting range at the same time. As someone not native to Iowa, my impression is that the county doesn't prioritize the parks. In many of the parks, it seems like trees have taken major hits over the past few years from storms and other stressors, and the parks seems to be thinning out ... Is there a replanting initiative? What about plans to purchase more land to expand the parks? For my husband and me, having access to wild spaces is a huge criterion for our quality of life. I realize this is challenging in Iowa, since so much land was erstwhile converted to other uses. But this makes it even more imperative to prioritize carefully stewarding and expanding these areas.	6/2/2015 11:39 AM
24	more kids playgrounds at state and county parks	6/1/2015 10:26 PM
25	There needs to be more indoor rec opportunities for kids in the winter: indoor waterpark, indoor playground, etc.	6/1/2015 3:17 PM
26	Would LOVE to see a multi-use/bicycle trail connecting Ada Hayden to McFarland Park (perhaps via Riverside and Dayton)	6/1/2015 11:46 AM
27	Please see previous comment about BIKE TRAILS!	6/1/2015 10:29 AM
28	Too much roadside mowing, wasting resources and destroying habitat.	5/31/2015 3:14 PM
29	The bike trails we have are good. Need bike trails outside Ames, especially in northern story county. Heart of low trail needs paving	5/29/2015 9:51 PM
30	The bike trails we have are great but they are VERY limited (north of Ames) forcing people to ride on the road where it much more dangerous	5/29/2015 6:14 PM
31	need more connected bike trails	5/29/2015 4:14 PM
32	Cyride has been fantastic, but is challenged by loss of federal funding and rapid population growth. We also need to provide more transportation options to small communities.	5/29/2015 2:35 PM
33	The parks we have are good but there is not enough public conservation land here.	5/29/2015 2:09 PM
34	please put mileage markers and trail maps on running and biking trails	5/29/2015 11:20 AM
35	we have enough public transport frankly	5/29/2015 9:15 AM
36	keep people & housing close and easily accessible to services	5/28/2015 8:22 PM
37	We should have a labranth	5/28/2015 7:26 PM
38	Shopping poor	5/28/2015 7:00 PM
39	bike trails are better and more available than many areas but many lack some maintenance and there are many oportunities for more!	5/28/2015 3:08 PM
40	indoor swimming pool for the public, indoor pickle ball courts for public.	5/28/2015 12:00 PM
41	More hiking/biking, primitive camping, river camping	5/28/2015 11:05 AM
42	Parks are showing their age, need both repair and new.	5/27/2015 9:39 PM
43	Parks--good to excellent	5/27/2015 4:01 PM

Q6 During the next ten years, which of the following transportation investments do you support in Story County?

Answered: 638 Skipped: 46

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	Strongly Support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Not Sure	Total
Improve highways by widening / adding lanes to existing facilities	16.89% 103	40.49% 247	17.87% 109	6.23% 38	18.52% 113	610
Improve highways by adding new bypass routes	11.51% 70	33.06% 201	24.84% 151	6.25% 38	24.34% 148	608
Improve bicycling opportunities by adding bike lanes to existing roads	27.85% 171	37.30% 229	15.31% 94	8.31% 51	11.24% 69	614
Improve bicycling opportunities by developing off-street trails	44.03% 273	42.90% 266	3.71% 23	2.26% 14	7.10% 44	620
Maintenance to existing roadways	50.24% 314	47.52% 297	0.80% 5	0.32% 2	1.12% 7	625
Maintenance/replacement of existing bridges	42.58% 264	48.55% 301	2.26% 14	0.48% 3	6.13% 38	620
Closing County bridges on low traveled roadways	6.53% 40	17.78% 109	35.73% 219	13.38% 82	26.59% 163	613



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Investments in public transportation services	23.08%	45.83%	11.46%	2.62%	17.02%	611
	141	280	70	16	104	
Improve airport facilities and usage	7.91%	28.01%	21.58%	7.91%	34.60%	607
	48	170	131	48	210	
Establish passenger rail service	23.29%	34.53%	13.52%	8.79%	19.87%	614
	143	212	83	54	122	
Improve rail infrastructure to increase local freight capacity	7.17%	27.00%	21.50%	6.67%	37.67%	600
	43	162	129	40	226	
Improvements to controlled access/on-off ramps on I35 and HWY 30	37.08%	39.33%	8.19%	2.25%	13.16%	623
	231	245	51	14	82	

#	Comments	Date
1	I want story county to focus more on public, mass, and bicycle transportation	7/16/2015 1:01 PM
2	Please add more bike lanes on county highways - especially along GW Carver!	7/13/2015 3:29 PM
3	more paved roads	7/12/2015 11:20 AM
4	not entirely sure what some of these ideas would mean	7/9/2015 10:52 PM
5	ANYTHING WOULD BE AN IMPROVEMENT	6/30/2015 12:22 AM
6	The bus service in Ames (CyRide) should be augmented with a rapid transit tramway; perhaps one line running East-West between campus and downtown and another running from North Grand to South Duff, you could call it CyTrolley.	6/17/2015 2:46 PM
7	Redesign on I-35 Highway 30 Interchange is urgently needed.	6/17/2015 11:25 AM
8	Commuter rail (in contrast to passenger rail) to Ankeny and Des Moines would be worth serious consideration	6/15/2015 9:07 AM
9	We can't be everything to everyone. Identify largest base of taxpayers and work towards their needs.	6/13/2015 6:42 PM
10	let the bikers pay for it not me...	6/13/2015 11:53 AM
11	Bike trails should be paved and unpaved.	6/12/2015 11:40 AM
12	the I35/Highway 30 intercahnge is extremely dangerous.	6/10/2015 10:22 AM
13	More opportunities to pass between Ames and Story City on Hwy 69. it's a busy road and at times hard to pass slow traffic	6/8/2015 3:50 PM
14	Public Transportation in rural areas is a problem	6/8/2015 3:01 PM
15	An underpass by Duff would make a world of difference; As well as a relief road for Duff. Getting to Lowes from North Ames is tougher than it should be.	6/8/2015 8:33 AM
16	Iowa has the worst on- and off-ramps in the U.S. Hire engineers from out of state.	6/6/2015 2:07 AM
17	It would also be wise to investigate alternative paving materials that are permeable	6/4/2015 11:42 AM
18	Northbound 35/30 intersection is dangerous!!	6/3/2015 10:12 PM
19	I hope the increased gas tax will bring money into Story County so that a number of bridges can be made safer.	6/3/2015 9:19 PM
20	In terms of railway infrastructure, I feel there are too many trains passing through Ames and the surrounding area as it is – and the safety of these crossings is questionable in many areas. If investments were made to improve the SAFETY of rail crossings, and if increasing freight capacity would LOWER the number of trains crossing back and forth, then I would support efforts. However, I do not support increasing the number or frequency of trains passing through the county, or adding new tracks (there are far too many already!). I am also concerned that much of what's transported is coal (source of future air pollution in its destination), and other hazardous chemicals. I do strongly support safer access to U.S. 30 from I-35. I'm flabbergasted that a town the size of Ames has such a dangerous dual on- / off-ramp... As for bicycling opportunities: a resounding YES on this one. We need dedicated, safe bike lanes on roads, as well as a strong network of bicycle-only routes. For inspiration, look to what Columbia, MO has done ... it has a big land-grant school and has a fantastic off-road bike trail network.	6/2/2015 11:39 AM
21	I agree with closing bridges on low traveled roadways, other than it would affect emergency services.	6/2/2015 10:57 AM
22	13th & Grand Ave intersection	6/1/2015 9:07 PM
23	I would like to see more land/more management for wildlife conservation	6/1/2015 4:39 PM

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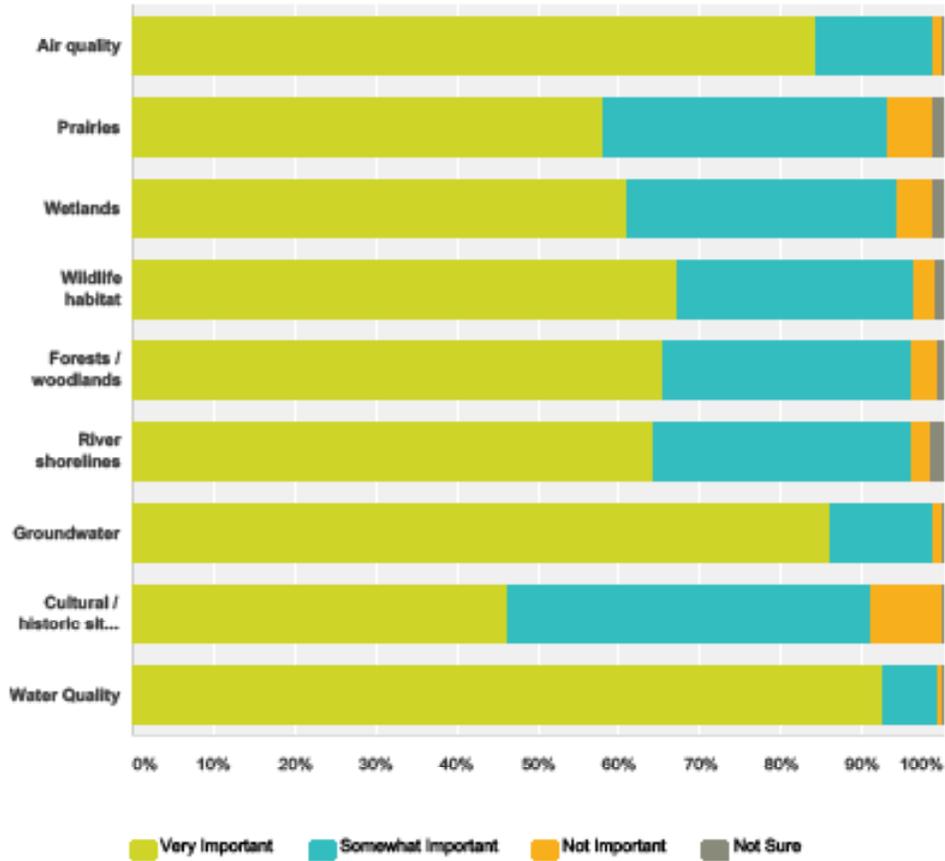
24	Need to add secondary access to Hunziker Sports Complex to alleviate some of the congestion that occurs daily on S Duff Ave and for improving safety of quick exit when needed (e.g severe weather) during events at HYSC. Can the bridge that was previously used on S 16th Street (which now sits in the field to N of new S 16th St Skunk River bridge) be used to create access to South Dayton Ave from HYSC?	6/1/2015 11:46 AM
25	Extend Grand Ave. to Airport road. Extend south third street to Dayton road. Extend 24th street to countyline road. Bike lanes are accidents waiting to happen. Public transportation is the key. Passenger rail is just something that I would enjoy. It may not be all that viable. Use rail roads for freight.	5/31/2015 5:53 AM
26	Don't spend money on elective projects to keep taxes down	5/30/2015 4:57 PM
27	I think bike lanes on existing rural roads are dangerous. I want no money spent on passenger rail. It is a subsidy for rich white people.	5/30/2015 2:43 PM
28	Daily deal with access ramps at I35/Hwy 30 and have witnessed too many close-calls accidents.	5/29/2015 11:10 PM
29	Bike lanes should be added to existing roads, bike lanes off streets, or sidewalks, are very dangerous	5/29/2015 10:02 PM
30	Need for bike trails in north story county	5/29/2015 9:51 PM
31	Repair the circle of death I-35 exit to 30 West	5/29/2015 9:01 PM
32	WOULD LIKE MORE OVERPASSES/UNDERPASSES FOR EAST WEST RAIL LINE IN AMES	5/29/2015 4:22 PM
33	protected bike lanes on existing roads would be great	5/29/2015 4:14 PM
34	The I35 & hwy 30 clover leaf needs to be redesigned.	5/29/2015 4:11 PM
35	South Duff Roadwork needed. Too congested.	5/29/2015 3:49 PM
36	Do not let the state block gravel and other interchanges on hwy 30 between Nevada and Ames	5/29/2015 2:34 PM
37	We need better maintenance of the pavement we have, not lots of new pavement, yet "Lots and lots of new pavement in lots of new places" seems to be the motto of the DOT.	5/29/2015 2:09 PM
38	We don't need 6 lanes to Ankeny, seems like a waster of resources to accomodate ISU football/basketball games	5/29/2015 1:53 PM
39	Grand Ave in Ames extended to S. 16th street to decrease S. Duff congestion.	5/29/2015 12:33 PM
40	the city of Ames gets an F for long term traffic planning which is having a very negative impact on getting around Ames and thus the County needs a by pass to the north much like HWY 30 and I-35 serve to the east and south	5/29/2015 9:15 AM
41	Strongly support CyRide, Ames to Des Moines airport transport, and bike trails. Not sure bike lanes on roads/streets are safe although I bike commute every day.	5/29/2015 8:55 AM
42	The on-off ramp at I35 and hwy 30 is selously unsafe. It should be fixed by a competent engineer/planner. Better bike paths could alleviate some hwy traffic and presents opportunities for citizens of all ages - if you'd like documentation check out the high trestle trail.	5/28/2015 4:31 PM
43	It is difficult to get out of Ames on a bike. People drive across town because it is easier. If bike travel were safer, with infrastructure design that promotes this form of travel, more people would choose a non-automobile form of transport. Eliminating county bridges will increase the length of natural corridors, which benefits the wildlife and environment in that area. The clover-leaf at Hwy 30 and I35 is terribly dangerous, especially in winter.	5/28/2015 3:35 PM
44	A "rail service".....WTH? Anything above and beyond the basics is un-necessary.	5/28/2015 1:41 PM
45	Prepare for huge changes in the use of renewable energy, local food production, and the loss of fossil fuels.	5/28/2015 11:07 AM
46	improve gravel roads!!	5/28/2015 10:21 AM
47	on-road bicycle facilities should be added to most road repair/reconstruction projects	5/28/2015 9:42 AM
48	Highway 69/South Duff is an absolute nightmare.	5/27/2015 7:34 PM
49	The I35 and 30 intersection is SCARY!	5/27/2015 5:37 PM
50	Adding bike lanes to roads is just too dangerous for bikers.	5/27/2015 4:01 PM

Q7 Please share your opinion on how important it is to protect each of the following natural resources in Story County.



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Answered: 608 Skipped: 76



	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Not Sure	Total
Air quality	84.11% 508	14.57% 88	0.83% 5	0.50% 3	604
Prairies	57.96% 244	34.92% 147	5.46% 23	1.66% 7	421
Wetlands	60.70% 366	33.33% 201	4.31% 26	1.66% 10	603
Wildlife habitat	66.89% 404	29.30% 177	2.65% 16	1.16% 7	604
Forests / woodlands	65.22% 392	30.62% 184	3.33% 20	0.83% 5	601
River shorelines	64.00% 384	31.83% 191	2.33% 14	1.83% 11	600
Groundwater	85.90% 518	12.60% 76	1.00% 6	0.50% 3	603
Cultural / historic sites & buildings	46.09% 277	44.76% 269	8.82% 53	0.33% 2	601
Water Quality	92.41% 560	6.60% 40	0.66% 4	0.33% 2	606

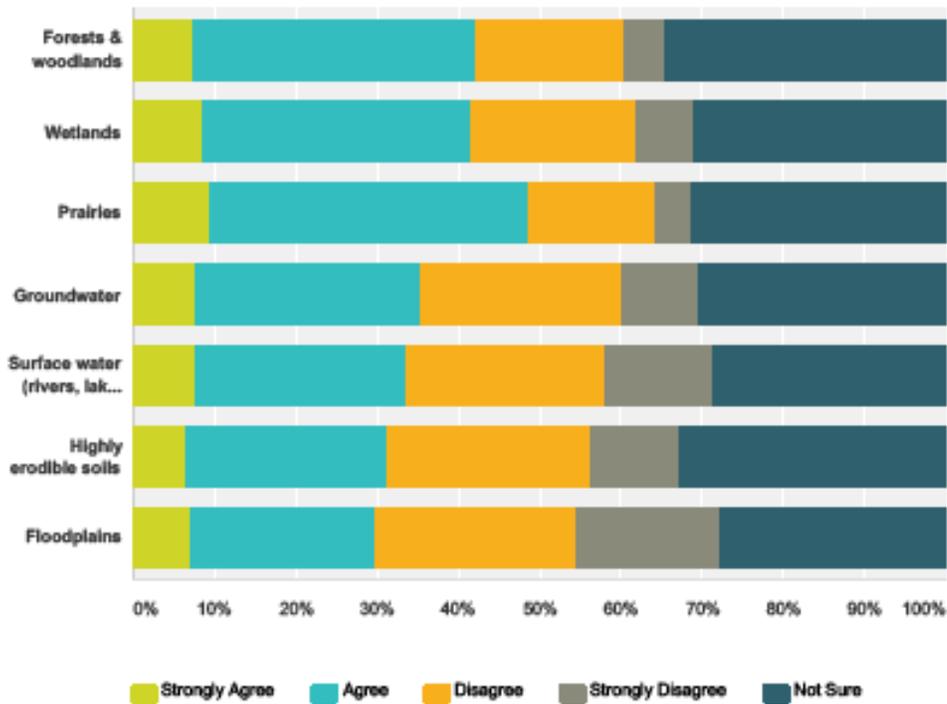
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#	Comments	Date
1	We must protect and IMPROVE the natural resources- it's no longer going to happen voluntarily	7/16/2015 1:08 PM
2	there is also need to protect pastures -- many have native plants	7/9/2015 10:57 PM
3	These are all critical to preserving what is great about Story County. Without these, we would live in just another rural area. Please preserve and protect these resources as a high priority so that all other resources remain meaningful to those who live here.	6/26/2015 7:48 AM
4	These are all the best things!	6/25/2015 9:44 AM
5	Stewardship or natural and cultural resources should be a top priority	6/23/2015 8:38 AM
6	I am a fisherman, canoeer, and hiker so this is very important to me.	6/17/2015 2:49 PM
7	It's hard for me to see how anyone would not find these to be vital.	6/16/2015 11:12 AM
8	I think all of the above are important, but if priorities have to be chosen...	6/8/2015 3:03 PM
9	Natural prairie? Revegged prairie perhaps but there is not any natural prairie left in Iowa. Prairie management in IA seems poor also, no fire and little or no grazing. Still, it is worthwhile to keep trying to develop more revegged prairie	6/6/2015 2:14 AM
10	important how? for improvement?	6/5/2015 8:23 PM
11	and I usually vote republican! :)	6/5/2015 1:18 PM
12	None of our development should come at the cost of our natural resources.	6/5/2015 12:07 PM
13	what forests and woodlands?	6/4/2015 9:52 AM
14	I believe an increase in wetlands will help very much in improving the water quality in our rivers and streams and slow the run-off of nitrates.	6/3/2015 9:32 PM
15	families will want to live here if we protect what we have.	6/2/2015 3:10 PM
16	Throughout Iowa, these are critical issues. I strongly support efforts to improve natural resources across the board. Historic and cultural sites are important, but Iowa's (and the county's) natural heritage is in desperate need of a strong long-range stewardship and improvement plan.	6/2/2015 11:45 AM
17	fix the dredge ditches, even if the land owners throw a fit. They have not been maintained as necessary, but it needs to be done!	6/2/2015 11:01 AM
18	These are the quality of life amenities that make people want to live here. If we sacrifice them, no amount of infrastructural improvement will offset their loss/degradation.	6/1/2015 1:13 PM
19	End water fluoridation.	5/31/2015 9:32 AM
20	air quality is not at threat in Ames. Prairies, wetlands, wildlife habitat, forest, river shorelines are nice but providing for people should have priority. Don't prevent improvements in the name of historic preservation. Soften the water more	5/31/2015 6:03 AM
21	I think the phrasing of this question is poor. Who could be against good water quality? How it is carried out is what should be asked.	5/30/2015 2:45 PM
22	D	5/29/2015 6:35 PM
23	Ecological balance and enhancing tree growth and a balanced ecosystem will assist with air quality and water quality.	5/29/2015 5:53 PM
24	Iowa is lacking in natural areas. We need to protect and enhance what we have.	5/29/2015 4:17 PM
25	I am not a classic environmentalist. I just believe that these resources are irreplaceable, and should have priority over expanding our housing demands. Also, agricultural and industrial practices should protect these resources.	5/29/2015 2:35 PM
26	Natural resources should be the priority!!!	5/29/2015 2:32 PM
27	Where are prairies and grasslands????!!! Prairies used to cover most of Story County, our few remaining prairies contain species on Iowa's state endangered/threatened/special concern list, original prairies and restored prairies are essential for many kinds of wildlife, conservationists put very special value on original prairies, prairies, original and restored, are now recognized as being uniquely important to soil conservation and water quality, prairie plantings are happening in many Story County rural and urban areas (CRP, rain gardens, roadsides, etc. etc.), but they aren't on this list??????	5/29/2015 2:20 PM
28	Water quality, soil health, and natural systems and habitats must be protected.	5/29/2015 10:52 AM
29	people forget how much better the air, water, and other environmental qualities are compared to say 40 or even 20 years ago.	5/29/2015 9:18 AM

30	I sometime think historical building preservation goes overboard. The Ames library, which I love, was really compromised in my opinion by trying to preserve the old part.	5/29/2015 9:03 AM
31	Water quality and wetlands probably most important	5/28/2015 4:34 PM
32	We should promote wetland development, instead of increased tile drainage. New markets for native plants can promote such spaces.	5/28/2015 3:41 PM
33	Government is over regulating everything already.	5/28/2015 1:46 PM
34	All are very important and over lap each other.	5/28/2015 12:02 PM
35	our environment is priority, can't do much with out air and water	5/27/2015 9:04 PM

Q8 In your opinion, current environmental policies and regulations in Story County adequately protect the following environmental areas from damage or disruption:

Answered: 598 Skipped: 86



	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure	Total
Forests & woodlands	7.23% 43	34.79% 207	18.15% 108	4.87% 29	34.96% 206	595
Wetlands	8.21% 49	33.17% 198	20.27% 121	7.04% 42	31.32% 187	597
Prairies	9.13% 38	39.42% 164	15.63% 65	4.33% 18	31.49% 131	416
Groundwater	7.61% 45	27.41% 162	24.87% 147	9.48% 56	30.63% 181	591

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Surface water (rivers, lakes, stream)	7.38% 44	26.17% 156	24.33% 145	13.26% 79	28.86% 172	596
Highly erodible soils	6.37% 38	24.62% 147	25.13% 150	10.89% 65	33.00% 197	597
Floodplains	7.08% 42	22.60% 134	24.62% 146	17.88% 106	27.82% 165	593

#	Comments	Date
1	Not sure	7/28/2015 2:20 PM
2	Ames continues to fill in their Skunk R. floodplain	7/27/2015 3:55 PM
3	Limiting sprawl is vital. If like Ankeny, Ames could just keep expanding. Setting tight limits improves property values.	7/26/2015 3:23 PM
4	There are problems with farmers not using best practices to avoid soil erosion and the pollution of groundwater.	7/19/2015 11:13 PM
5	It can no longer be "voluntary" for farmers and businesses to make the improvements necessary to protect our water and soil. My children and I have a right to live in an area without the fear of chemical exposure in our air and/or water. I am so frustrated with the elected officials' lack of backbone to implement policies that protect the general public- not just persons who are making money at the cost of the environment!	7/16/2015 1:08 PM
6	I don't know enough to have an opinion	7/13/2015 3:30 PM
7	Most of the limited protection that exists does not come from the county	7/9/2015 10:57 PM
8	not sure about this	6/24/2015 8:28 AM
9	There's been far too much damage and disruption already, and the laws should be proactively improving environmental quality rather than reactively defending the current (kinda disgusting) situation.	6/17/2015 2:49 PM
10	The level of perceived environmental damage can vary based on location.	6/17/2015 11:28 AM
11	The Ames City Council needs to stop approving building along south Duff because the river will flood and that water will go somewhere.	6/16/2015 1:29 PM
12	strengthen limitations on flood plain development	6/15/2015 11:51 AM
13	Regs weaker than must be. Enforcement weaker than needs, Agricultural practices and Agribusiness and Farm Bureau run this place. They advertise that they are good stewards but all you have to do is look outside to see their poor record for the environment	6/15/2015 10:41 AM
14	no more government is need...	6/13/2015 11:56 AM
15	Clarify protect floodplains from development?	6/10/2015 11:17 AM
16	we can do so much more!	6/9/2015 8:33 AM
17	So. Duff will be a mess in the next flood.	6/9/2015 6:28 AM
18	Incredibly productive farmland, biggest best soils in tainted area on the planet, and we continue to run it downhill	6/6/2015 2:14 AM
19	maybe they "aggressively over protect?"	6/5/2015 8:23 PM
20	Too much development on flood plains	6/5/2015 6:24 AM
21	In fairness, the sorts of policies I'd consider adequate are very unlikely to pass or be implemented, as many would consider them draconian or too expensive (i.e., "requiring" installation of prairie strips along rural streams to reduce erosion/runoff)	6/4/2015 11:47 AM
22	All of these areas will require constant vigilance in order to just barely maintain the quality of each so steps must be implemented to really work for improvement in all.	6/3/2015 9:32 PM
23	Too much tiling in agricultural fields. Need more wetlands.	6/2/2015 3:10 PM
24	Education in this area may be needed (is for me)	6/2/2015 12:40 PM
25	I am unfamiliar with these policies.	6/1/2015 10:31 AM
26	As long as there is factory farming our air quality and groundwater will be threatened!	5/31/2015 3:20 PM
27	Our current regulations are fine.	5/30/2015 2:45 PM
28	Not sure of current policies	5/30/2015 6:44 AM

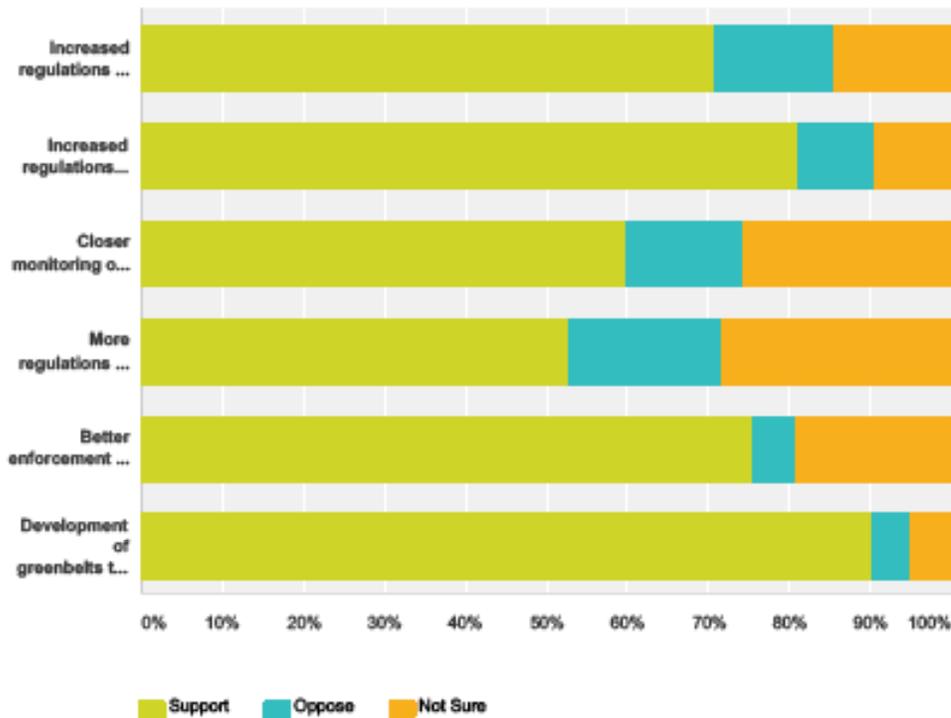


29	unaware of any regulations	5/29/2015 11:09 PM
30	Stop allowing building on flood plains	5/29/2015 9:03 PM
31	Not familiar with policy	5/29/2015 6:35 PM
32	Farm runoff is not policed enough	5/29/2015 4:56 PM
33	Place a moratorium on building on South Duff!!	5/29/2015 3:52 PM
34	I do not know the current policies and regulations for these.	5/29/2015 2:32 PM
35	Ames demonstrates very negative floodplain development	5/29/2015 2:29 PM
36	Where are prairies????!! See my rant under Question Seven!	5/29/2015 2:20 PM
37	INRS is inadequate and additional measures must be taken to improve soil health and water quality. It's time to invest in our natural resource infrastructure.	5/29/2015 10:52 AM
38	I would assume that in a lot of cases, agriculture and old school farming methods come before environmental issues.	5/29/2015 9:26 AM
39	We are doing enough and often ignore common sense. The construction of businesses like Walmart in the floodplain in Ames is an example. It floods right before they build there and then the building gets some water damage from flooding soon after they open. Why was that ever approved? The new car dealership is another example. Too close to the river. Ag land also not adequately protected. Too much tillage, too much drainage, and no cover crops.	5/29/2015 9:03 AM
40	All we do is fill in the floodplains, there is no protection at all	5/29/2015 7:03 AM
41	Farmers seem to not have any economic reason for keeping green material on their land, or incentive to discharge clean water from their tiled fields. I strongly disagree with the Ames method of building up the land in low-lying areas for retail and economic development: just don't build in these areas, keep them natural.	5/28/2015 3:41 PM
42	Building higher doesn't really solve the problem of building in a flood plain to begin with	5/28/2015 3:35 PM
43	we're just fine as is as the STATE has more than enough regulations that the Counties do NOT need to "trump" the State.	5/28/2015 1:46 PM
44	Do not know what they are but too much herbicide use in residential areas	5/28/2015 12:02 PM
45	Stop building major commercial projects in the floodplain, buffer strips needed along rivers	5/28/2015 9:44 AM
46	The County does a good job with floodplain. Ames does not.	5/28/2015 9:10 AM
47	Ames seems to pay no attention to their floodplain.	5/28/2015 8:48 AM
48	don't know what the regs are	5/27/2015 8:00 PM
49	follow the money (developers)	5/27/2015 5:39 PM
50	Ames keeps building even more in the floodplain and I can't understand why they don't learn.	5/27/2015 4:01 PM

Q9 Initiatives to protect and improve the natural environment sometimes include increased monitoring and regulation efforts. Would you support or oppose the following efforts?

Answered: 606 Skipped: 78

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	Support	Oppose	Not Sure	Total
Increased regulations on the use of pesticides and fertilizers	70.60% 425	14.78% 89	14.62% 88	602
Increased regulations regarding the development near streams and rivers	80.97% 485	9.35% 56	9.68% 58	599
Closer monitoring of private septic systems	59.57% 358	14.48% 87	25.96% 156	601
More regulations to protect agricultural lands	52.69% 313	18.69% 111	28.62% 170	594
Better enforcement of existing laws and regulations	75.29% 451	5.34% 32	19.37% 116	599
Development of greenbelts that will control erosion, lessen the impact of storm water, and preserve wildlife habitat	89.95% 537	4.69% 28	5.36% 32	597

#	Comments	Date
1	depends on scope	7/28/2015 2:55 PM
2	Limiting sprawl	7/26/2015 3:23 PM
3	Story County needs a dedicated natural resource fund like Polk County has	7/9/2015 10:57 PM
4	There is significant bias in the phrasing of the questions.You have not provided comparative costs of these as well.	7/7/2015 10:59 PM
5	regulations to protect ag land is a curious question	6/24/2015 8:28 AM
6	if the greenbelts are on county land, I support that effort.	6/18/2015 8:36 AM
7	Quit letting jerks build crap in the flood plain. I'm tired of sandbagging for their poor planning.	6/17/2015 2:49 PM
8	Urban sprawl is a serious problem.	6/17/2015 10:29 AM
9	Agree need better Regs to protect Ag lands from further destruction by real-estate developers but not at expense of natural areas	6/15/2015 10:41 AM



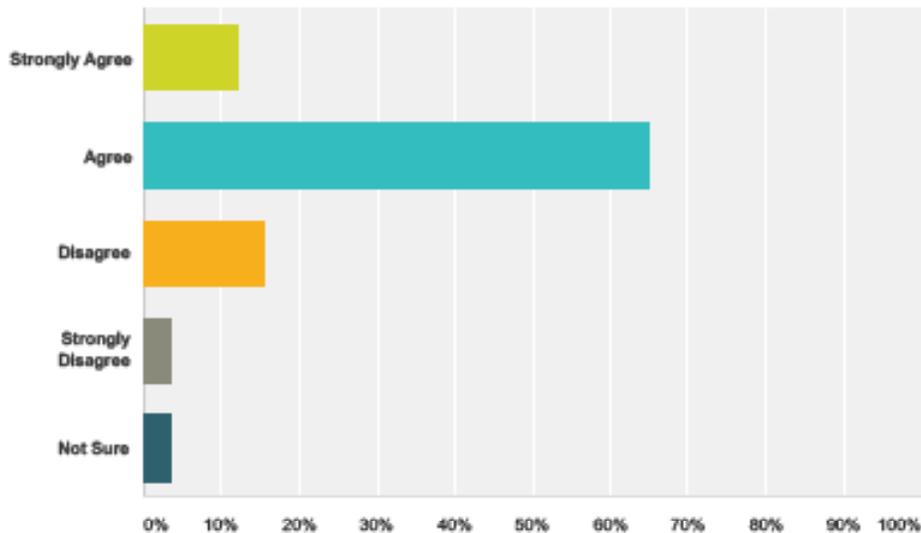
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10	government for the sake of government is not good	6/13/2015 11:56 AM
11	if you had strongly support i would have chosen that.	6/12/2015 11:42 AM
12	The questions are poorly phrased and can be interpreted variously. Simply put, there is little environmental ethos in Iowa. That is the real problem. Education matters.	6/6/2015 2:14 AM
13	Too many ambiguous and questionable statements	6/5/2015 8:23 PM
14	Very important to monitor septic tanks on a regular basis.	6/4/2015 5:05 PM
15	Greenbelts? Yes, yes, yes!	6/4/2015 11:47 AM
16	Regulation seems to be necessary to change problems as it seems that while many voluntarily work to increase the environment, for a number of persons seem to not care very much about it. They need to be reminded with regulations why taking care of air, water and soil makes life better for everyone.	6/3/2015 9:32 PM
17	We need clean water.	6/2/2015 3:10 PM
18	We have a sea of purple rockets blooming and our whole pasture is fragrant with white clover, but we found only ONE honeybee in all of this! SILENT SPRING!!	5/31/2015 3:20 PM
19	green belt don't need to be developed they need to be undisturbed	5/31/2015 6:03 AM
20	in Roland a retaining pond could help deal with flooding	5/30/2015 5:01 PM
21	Eliminate hog confinements	5/30/2015 12:22 AM
22	is the protection of agricultural lands a protection of the current agricultural practice on those lands or the integrity of land regardless?	5/29/2015 5:53 PM
23	ALSO NEED LIMITS ON URBAN FERTILIZER USE	5/29/2015 4:26 PM
24	We must protect our natural environment!!!	5/29/2015 2:32 PM
25	Can a county even try to regulate pesticide or fertilizers?	5/29/2015 2:29 PM
26	I support better regulation of pesticide drift because I and others I know have suffered from it. But this question doesn't even mention Story County's biggest water problem, which is the lack of adequate conservation (buffer strips, cover crops, wetlands, bioreactors, etc.) on rowcropped land. As long as requiring better conservation on farmland can't even be listed as a possible initiative on this kind of survey (and I suspect I know all too well why it's not listed), let alone become a reality, our water quality will remain, to be blunt, awful.	5/29/2015 2:20 PM
27	There should not be anymore development in the Slunk river Squaw creek flood plains, need manitory buffer zones along all creeks rivers, ponds and lakes	5/29/2015 1:54 PM
28	beware of taking others property without just compensation	5/29/2015 9:18 AM
29	Seems like little regulation or enforcement now. No evidence that farmers are doing much of anything, voluntary or forced.	5/29/2015 9:03 AM
30	if you add bike trails to your greenbelts I'm all for it	5/28/2015 4:34 PM
31	increased regulations on the use of pesticides and fertilizers inside city limits and developments.	5/28/2015 2:09 PM
32	People are already OVER "monitored" as it is. Let's try something different and let's get government's nose OUT of people's business?	5/28/2015 1:46 PM
33	it's important to note that opposition to additional government regulation on these issues does not necessarily mean opposition to the end goal of hypothetical regulation. One can support improved water quality, for example, without supporting increased regulation on the use of pesticides and fertilizers.	5/28/2015 11:54 AM
34	Greenbelts and buffer strips	5/28/2015 9:44 AM
35	I am generally against any new regulations. Just educate and enforce existing regulations ONLY if they make sense. I would hope individuals understand the impacts that they make on the environment and use good judgement... I suppose that is not true for everyone though.	5/27/2015 9:14 PM
36	"More regulation to protect agric. lands" from what? Urban development? Support. Regulation of drainage? Oppose.	5/27/2015 4:01 PM

Q10 Current park and recreational facilities in the county meet your needs:

Answered: 605 Skipped: 79

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Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	12.23% 74
Agree	64.96% 393
Disagree	15.70% 95
Strongly Disagree	3.47% 21
Not Sure	3.64% 22
Total	605

#	Comments	Date
1	Heart of Iowa Trail should eventually be paved	7/27/2015 3:55 PM
2	A better indoor swim complex like the University of Minnesota Natatorium would be good for the county and state. Build in concert with ISU. A 20 mile rail to trail bike asphalt trail would be great but I don't know where we could do that.	7/26/2015 3:23 PM
3	Ames has a nice park, but Roland's parks are outdated.	7/19/2015 11:13 PM
4	We need gravel trails for the runners. Gravel works for bikes too. Trails and bikeways need to link up parks, schools, downtown, etc. Compared to western states, we have very little recreational opportunity, so we need to enhance what we have.	7/15/2015 1:31 PM
5	Need more protected conservation land	7/9/2015 10:57 PM
6	Would like to see rental cabins/yurts at county parks	7/8/2015 11:14 PM
7	I would like to see more public lands and trails of various types available	6/30/2015 12:55 PM
8	very few places for horseback riding. Everything other than a park is private for profit.	6/26/2015 6:24 PM
9	More thought about people that like to go fishing.	6/26/2015 3:00 PM
10	Mostly, they do. I would just like a road-independent bike path connecting Nevada to Ames.	6/25/2015 6:21 PM
11	The park is a little...old	6/25/2015 3:57 PM
12	Need additional trails so that Ames is CONNECTED.	6/25/2015 9:55 AM
13	More dirt trails! ...would be awesome	6/25/2015 9:44 AM



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14	The parks here are nice, but could still be much better.	6/22/2015 7:48 AM
15	poor water quality need better soil protection, lack of natural areas with minimal development but in last 5 years county conservation seems to be improving here I know funds and Board of Supervisors are limiting factors.	6/15/2015 10:41 AM
16	Polk county is too close, offering so much, plus six percent sales tax	6/13/2015 6:47 PM
17	But there is always room for improvement, like more unpaved trails.	6/12/2015 11:42 AM
18	Make all Lakes & Rivers cleaner for recreation	6/11/2015 8:17 PM
19	Programs for younger children (2-3 year olds) are drastically needed in Nevada	6/9/2015 10:06 PM
20	\$3 million for a lake? Build facilities for other outdoor sporting activities (shooting, archery)	6/9/2015 3:36 PM
21	would like to see more areas for hiking	6/9/2015 8:33 AM
22	Warm indoor swimming pool.	6/6/2015 7:34 PM
23	bike trails	6/4/2015 7:12 PM
24	I must confess that I am not aware of all these facilities in the county other than Hickory Grove Park. I plan to get up to Zearing to have a tour of Dalkins Lake when it opens officially in June.	6/3/2015 9:32 PM
25	I wish there was a place I could go swimming with my dog without getting into trouble.	6/3/2015 11:11 AM
26	Would like to see less partying at campgrounds and more quiet space and privacy in between campsites.	6/2/2015 3:10 PM
27	I've commented on this in earlier questions already, but feel that county parks could benefit from expansion and better stewardship. Perhaps developing more trails to entice more people who might be less strongly inclined than me to visit or support parks. I also feel there should be more areas where hunting is off-limits. It almost seems unethical to me to allow hunting so widely, given how fragmentary wildlife habitat is. Where can those animals really go to escape the hunter's gun or bow...?	6/2/2015 11:45 AM
28	I live on an acreage, so it don't utilize campgrounds. If I lived in town, I would want more campgrounds. Dakin's Lake is a nice improvement, but needs shade trees in the camping area.	6/2/2015 11:01 AM
29	more playgrounds at city and county parks.	6/1/2015 10:28 PM
30	There are a lot of parks, though unfortunately there is a lack of natural beauty among the corn and soy fields. We travel to other places for indoor activities during the winter.	6/1/2015 3:21 PM
31	Pave Heart of Iowa, Connect more trails to Ames	6/1/2015 3:15 PM
32	I can't access any story county trail systems from Ames	6/1/2015 1:45 PM
33	There are numerous short sections of trails but more sections of longer continuous trails need to be developed such as a connection between Ada Hayden and McFarland Park or along the Skunk River between HYSC and Ada Hayden	6/1/2015 11:52 AM
34	Bike trails. Please connect Ames to other trails with trails, not "bike lanes."	6/1/2015 10:31 AM
35	I'm old and arthritic, so my recreation needs are small.	5/31/2015 3:20 PM
36	I like the parks	5/31/2015 6:03 AM
37	Hickory grove needs some work but we love it there! We spend a lot of money here all summer!	5/29/2015 10:05 PM
38	always need more, especially wild areas	5/29/2015 6:31 PM
39	Would like longer mileage for hiking and biking	5/29/2015 6:18 PM
40	I want more hiking and biking trails.	5/29/2015 4:17 PM
41	Story County needs more camping.	5/29/2015 4:14 PM
42	it would be nice to have a local YMCA facility	5/29/2015 2:30 PM
43	Water quality issues a problem at times	5/29/2015 2:29 PM
44	Story County Conservation does its very best but does not have enough funding.	5/29/2015 2:20 PM
45	My only caveat here would be that Ames needs a quality indoor pool facility geared towards families and not monopolized by the high school.	5/29/2015 11:07 AM
46	recreational facilities are overstressed. Trail network must be expanded, current parks must be maintained, new public lands must be acquired. The county needs a comprehensive trail plan.	5/29/2015 10:52 AM

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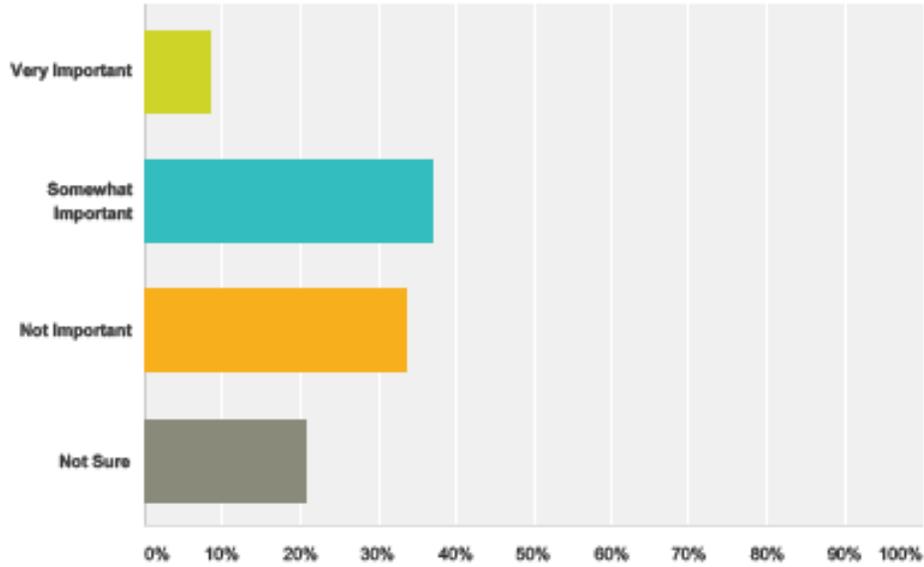
47	I see a need for more camping spots at hickory Grove. there is plenty of room with in the park to double the size. plus add septic for the addition.	5/29/2015 10:06 AM
48	I like our parks but they could be vastly improved and expanded. More managed natural areas needed.	5/29/2015 9:03 AM
49	Need more camping spaces. Need a camp ground closer to Ames	5/29/2015 8:29 AM
50	pave HOINT and I wont spend as much out of county	5/29/2015 7:45 AM
51	We have facilities, but they are in disrepair. The water quality in our lakes and ponds is abhorrent, and nothing is done in the watershed to protect them.	5/29/2015 7:03 AM
52	we need more connectivity between green places, not just separate facilities and parks	5/28/2015 8:25 PM
53	I would like larger tracts of land and more forested tracts	5/28/2015 5:10 PM
54	BIKE TRAILS.	5/28/2015 4:34 PM
55	Need online reservations for camping.	5/28/2015 4:10 PM
56	There are amazing parks in Story County, but as always there could be more and there are always improvements to be made.	5/28/2015 3:42 PM
57	Having trash receptacles seems to promote the leaving of trash, and implies that someone collects the garbage, which therefore implies that they pick up the trash surrounding that area. Removing trash cans can promote reduced garbage creation, and instills the habit of taking out whatever you bring in.	5/28/2015 3:41 PM
58	need more camping areas.	5/28/2015 10:22 AM
59	Would like to see heart of Iowa bike trail paved everywhere	5/28/2015 10:02 AM
60	Need more hiking/walking trails, connected greenbelt, bicycle facilities (trail and on-road)	5/28/2015 9:44 AM
61	would be nice to have some horseback riding trails	5/28/2015 9:03 AM
62	We need more financial support for conservation and parks	5/27/2015 9:43 PM
63	NICE addition to Dalkins Lake. Kudos to Story County Conservation on the work they did.	5/27/2015 9:14 PM
64	not enough campgrounds	5/27/2015 8:05 PM
65	We have a strong county and city (Ames) park system but we need to continue to have more and protect more sensitive areas and create more parks. It is one of the important amenities for young and old and will keep young people here.	5/27/2015 4:01 PM
66	Need more paved trails	5/26/2015 1:32 PM

Q11 1. How important is agri-tourism to you?

Answered: 582 Skipped: 102



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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Very Important	8.59%	50
Somewhat Important	36.94%	215
Not Important	33.68%	196
Not Sure	20.79%	121
Total		582

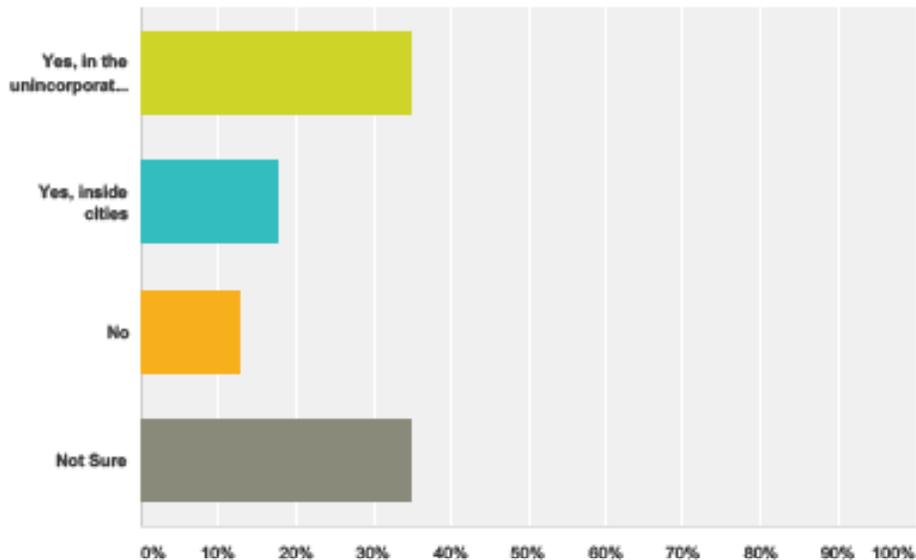
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1	don't know what this is?????	7/8/2015 11:17 PM
2	depends on what this exactly implies...	6/30/2015 12:57 PM
3	Not sure what that is (city kid here)	6/25/2015 9:45 AM
4	I would be interested in more support for small farms growing crops and raising animals sustainably for human consumption	6/24/2015 9:13 AM
5	What did you have in mind?	6/16/2015 1:33 PM
6	seems a natural fit for this area	6/15/2015 11:53 AM
7	Because not sure how you are defining this term	6/15/2015 10:52 AM
8	Seriously?!	6/13/2015 6:55 PM
9	Defination is unclear	6/10/2015 11:19 AM
10	it may not be important to me, personally, but it sure is neat!	6/4/2015 11:52 AM
11	All persons need to see the uses of the land to get an idea as to how it can be saved for future generations and how the quality of the soils can be improved and preserved.	6/3/2015 9:41 PM
12	lets watch the corn grow? This survey is taking too long now.	5/31/2015 6:11 AM
13	I've never heard that term before.	5/30/2015 4:39 PM
14	if it's sustainable-ag tourism, yay, it's important to me. if it's spin-tourism intended to prettify industrial agriculture, fuhgeddaboutit.	5/29/2015 2:26 PM
15	This could increase awareness of agricultural issues, not otherwise a concern for the non-farmer.	5/28/2015 3:46 PM

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16	Probably more important to the economy than I realize.	5/28/2015 12:04 PM
17	I think it's an opportunity but how does that work in a corn & soybeans ag environment	5/28/2015 9:06 AM

Q12 Should Story County provide more opportunities for agricultural businesses?

Answered: 577 Skipped: 107



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes, in the unincorporated area	34.84% 201
Yes, inside cities	17.68% 102
No	12.65% 73
Not Sure	34.84% 201
Total	577

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	The devil is in the details – what does opportunity mean in this context?	7/9/2015 11:01 PM
2	Both on unincorporated area and inside cities.	7/7/2015 11:02 PM
3	Yes, where it makes sense to do so.	7/7/2015 4:36 PM
4	also in cities. But protect waterways and watch amount of water use	6/26/2015 6:26 PM
5	if you mean more small farms that grow more fruits and vegetables then yes more agri-business	6/25/2015 5:23 AM
6	Yes - as long as business opportunity is NOT at the expense of natural resources, and as long as these opportunities include assistance to local communities for infrastructure improvements (roads, transportation, utilities)	6/23/2015 8:41 AM
7	Either city or unincorporated.	6/18/2015 10:06 PM
8	Iowa (including story county) is already over-optimized for this.	6/17/2015 2:53 PM
9	Encourage in rural communities.	6/16/2015 1:33 PM
10	Yes, I cringe when housing covers excellent agricultural land	6/15/2015 3:00 PM

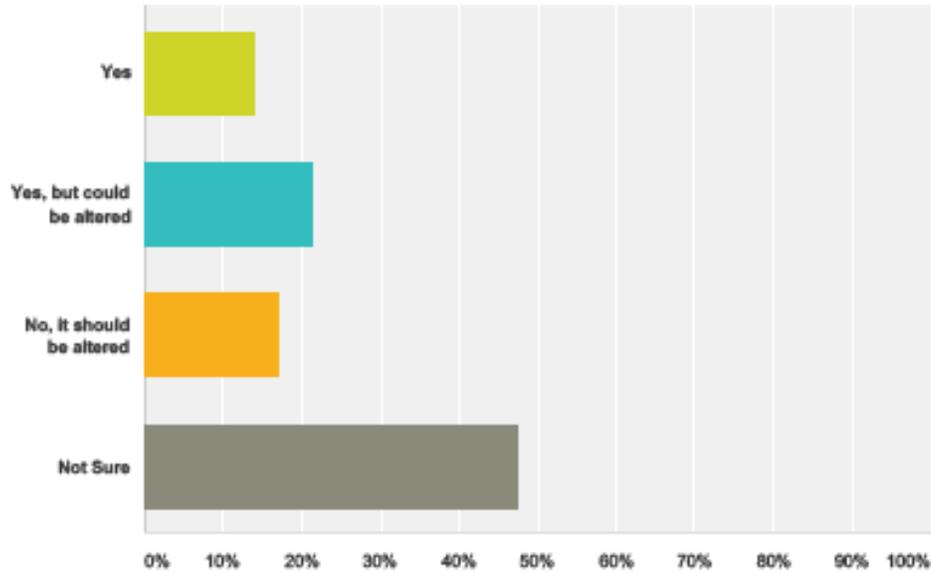


11	Nothing left in the rural areas except the postage stamp sized natural areas They have essentially exhausted all of the arable land, physically and nutritionally.	6/15/2015 10:52 AM
12	YES, everywhere	6/13/2015 6:55 PM
13	not agri-business. would support more opportunities for small farmers raising crops other than corn or soybeans	6/13/2015 12:34 PM
14	I think opportunities both in cities and unincorporated areas are appropriate for agri-business	6/11/2015 3:58 PM
15	Support both Yes responses	6/10/2015 11:19 AM
16	I vote for 1 and 2 here but the poll won't let me.it also depends on what types of businesses are being considered, swine facilities in Ames or businesses that use and provide brain power, better management, etc.	6/6/2015 2:22 AM
17	depends what you mean! It would be great if we could develop businesses like canneries to diversify crops. Not so great to continue with the corn / bean treadmill and continue degrading our environment.	6/4/2015 7:17 PM
18	No, for traditional industrial agriculture (they've got plenty already, from what I've observed), but yes for old-school agriculture and especially within cities (urban veggie gardens anyone?)	6/4/2015 11:52 AM
19	The businesses should be carefully regulated and controlled locally such a CAFOs to preserve air quality. Working for local control of these facilities needs to be granted by the Iowa General Assembly to all counties.	6/3/2015 9:41 PM
20	Not if they will require a lot of water or will pollute the area.	6/2/2015 3:14 PM
21	This depends on what is meant by "agricultural businesses." Are you talking about tax breaks for a big corporation to come in, develop land and build an ugly concrete bunker? Then no. Do you mean expanded opportunities for urban farming opportunities? Then yes. Do you mean encouraging local, existing farmers to provide some agritourism on their land? Sure ... but what I'm opposed to is gobbling up more open land for a big ag corporation to build on. If that's what you mean, then I'd prefer to see limits set and have those businesses constrained to working within existing city limits (not annexing land either).	6/2/2015 11:50 AM
22	Not Animal Feeding Operations	6/1/2015 1:47 PM
23	The real opportunities are here now	5/31/2015 6:11 AM
24	Yes wherever feasible	5/30/2015 8:49 PM
25	Yes, if it involves getting government out of the way. No if it involves another county agency.	5/30/2015 2:48 PM
26	Not sure what 'opportunities ' means in this context. I do not support using tax dollars to attract business, nor tax breaks to attract or keep businesses.	5/29/2015 2:35 PM
27	Does "agricultural businesses" mean hoglots? If so, UGH!!!! I need more information to answer this.	5/29/2015 2:26 PM
28	Not sure what that means. Agriculture is important but I don't want CAFOs or fertilizer plants.	5/29/2015 9:09 AM
29	Not if commercial environmentally destructive practices are to be continues.	5/28/2015 3:46 PM
30	NO MORE HOGS	5/28/2015 12:57 PM
31	In cities and unincorporated areas	5/28/2015 9:00 AM

Q13 3. Since 1977, Story County has used a 35-acre minimum lot size requirement in the A-1, Agricultural Zoning District for the construction of a new non-farm single family dwelling with the goal of preserving farm ground from development. Is this regulation achieving its goal, and/or does it need to be altered.

Answered: 575 Skipped: 109

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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	14.09% 81
Yes, but could be altered	21.57% 124
No, it should be altered	17.04% 98
Not Sure	47.30% 272
Total	575

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	It would be nice to have some additional background on some of these questions.	7/13/2015 3:32 PM
2	yields have increased so much since 1977, land can be opened to development and will not affect total county yield	7/11/2015 7:53 PM
3	It should not be altered in a way that makes sprawling easier. It's too easy now.	7/9/2015 11:01 PM
4	Please keep the requirement, to preserve rural areas and the integrity of agricultural land and natural resources, both of which are the cornerstone to what's great about Story County.	6/26/2015 7:52 AM
5	Please do not ever lower that minium!	6/25/2015 7:33 PM
6	Housing is difficult to find in Story Co, it might be good to look at this requirement and see if there is a connection to house cost and availability	6/17/2015 9:37 AM
7	Unfamiliar with A-a, Agricultural Zoning but we need to preserve farm ground.	6/16/2015 1:33 PM
8	IF we want to grow stop acting as if agriculture is the backbone of our county	6/16/2015 7:58 AM
9	Within Reason allow the County P&Z Board to review	6/15/2015 12:30 PM
10	important to preserve prime farm ground	6/15/2015 11:53 AM
11	Supply & demand. Story county is already overregulated	6/13/2015 6:55 PM
12	if it were taken down to 20A, could provide opportunities for smaller farmers	6/13/2015 12:34 PM
13	where do you want people to live? moving from small town Iowa to the cities which opens up ag ground when they move off the old farm acreages...	6/13/2015 11:59 AM
14	Too many exceptions made in the existing law - either have the law and enforce it, or get rid of it	6/12/2015 6:44 PM
15	Not enough info to form opinion. Expand on this with link to more info.	6/12/2015 11:44 AM



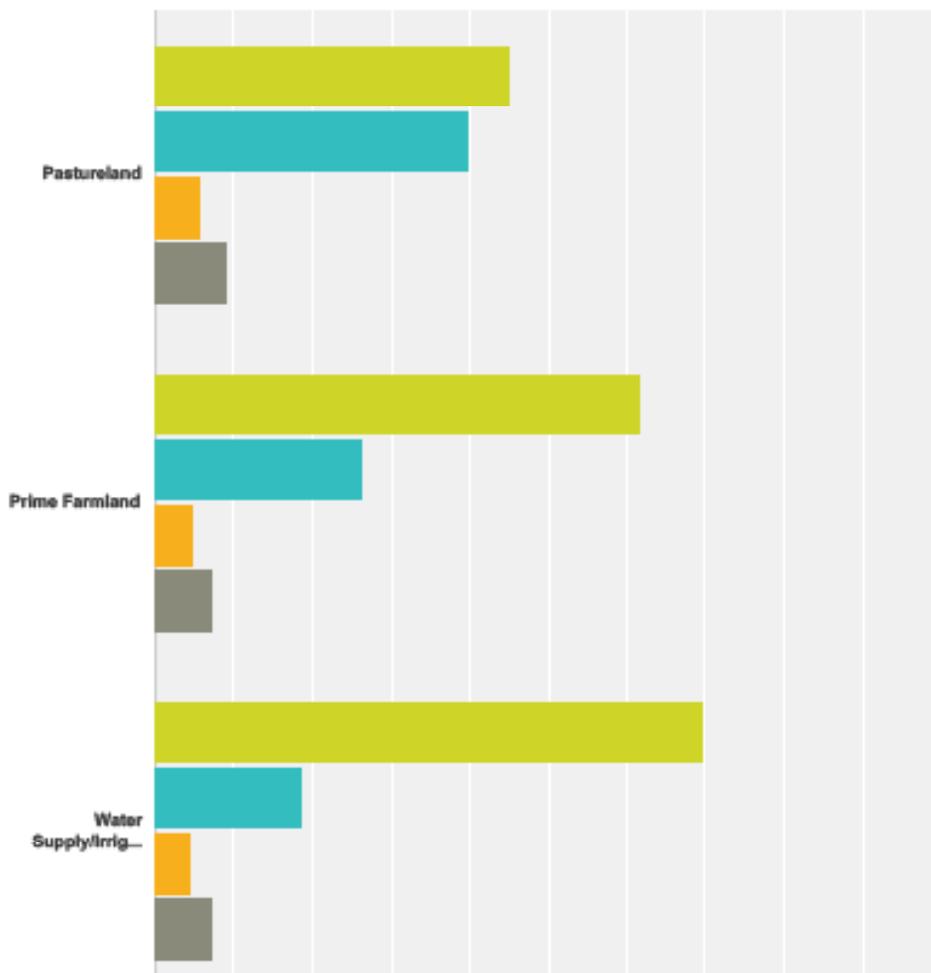
16	you can get by with asking to split ground as it is now, so why change this regulation	6/9/2015 11:23 AM
17	Why not support small homesteads?	6/9/2015 11:02 AM
18	Iowa is crowded with many towns and too many counties. Very inefficient government	6/6/2015 2:22 AM
19	I think it is important to preserve farmland, just not sure if the regulation is achieving this goal or not currently.	6/5/2015 3:25 PM
20	How obtainable is this for anyone based on the current price of farmland for anyone to manage unless they inherit the land? Real estate developers realistically seem to be the only ones with the financial backing to be able to purchase land based on that type of requirement and then have it rezoned - if it's desirable for rezoning.	6/5/2015 11:38 AM
21	I checked yes but I do not have any knowledge about specific examples needing alteration. The size seems about right to me for a homestead in the country.	6/3/2015 9:41 PM
22	Our rural areas are losing population. Why make it harder for families to live in the country?	6/2/2015 3:14 PM
23	I don't think it's preventing subdivisions from taking over farm ground	6/1/2015 10:30 PM
24	5 acre minimum is better	6/1/2015 11:33 AM
25	I know that we now have neighbors instead of nice, quiet, open pasture land.	5/31/2015 3:28 PM
26	The true goals are never met. You may be preventing some small farm operations	5/31/2015 6:11 AM
27	I can't believe the amount of farmland I've seen turned into strip malls and housing developments in rural Ames.	5/30/2015 4:39 PM
28	Why 35 acres? Some family-owned land should be able to piece out an acre at a time of land to family members land w	5/30/2015 8:52 AM
29	Reduce the acre minimum lot size requirement.	5/29/2015 11:12 PM
30	I think Ames and other towns should stop expanding onto surrounding farmland	5/29/2015 10:09 PM
31	require less land so more people can move out in the county without paying so much for land.	5/29/2015 7:40 PM
32	Smaller size to build	5/29/2015 7:13 PM
33	Protects ag at the expense of housing.	5/29/2015 5:34 PM
34	I strongly disagree that it should be altered. It's working and that's a good thing.	5/29/2015 4:18 PM
35	Housing around Ames needs to expand. There are very few houses on the market and they are all old and small.	5/29/2015 3:55 PM
36	I agree with the goal. I am. Or familiar with the details of how well current regulations are working.	5/29/2015 2:35 PM
37	hasn't stopped annexation and sprawl	5/29/2015 2:29 PM
38	I strongly, strongly, strongly, strongly oppose any weakening/lowering of this requirement. Rural sprawl in this county is bad enough as it is!!!	5/29/2015 2:26 PM
39	Stroy county is missing out on Rural development into residntal areas to accomidate big money agriculture and corprate farms.farmers.	5/29/2015 1:54 PM
40	this may drive people out of the county.	5/29/2015 10:09 AM
41	this goal is causing scattered housing, split farms amongst two or three owners to build rural houses. it needs to be altered in some way	5/29/2015 9:20 AM
42	Too many houses and housing developments in rural areas. This is causing a lot of problems. Ag land and natural areas should be protected. Houses outside of cities and towns cost county in extending services to these people.	5/29/2015 9:09 AM
43	It's already been ignored over and over again. Don't have a law on the books that you're not going to enforce. Just let people build anywhere they want and we will soon be living in Houston.	5/29/2015 7:43 AM
44	This rule is preventing growth in the county. The average family cannot afford to purchase 35+ acres and then build a house on it. Let people purchase 1 acre minimums and build where they want. It is not the governments role to tell people where they can live or build. That is between the landowner and buyer. My wife and I tried to buy ground from our own family in Story County but were prevented by this rule. So we built in Boone County.	5/29/2015 7:26 AM
45	we still seem to be happily building over farm ground in all directions around Ames	5/28/2015 8:29 PM
46	Get ride of the min lot size, but also have a grandfather clause that people can't sue because of ag smells and dust.	5/28/2015 4:12 PM
47	35 acres costs a lot of money, and is large portion of land; it may be a difficult choice for a farmer to split a property at that level. I should be able to get a 5 acre parcel and promote an operation that serves just a small number of people.	5/28/2015 3:46 PM

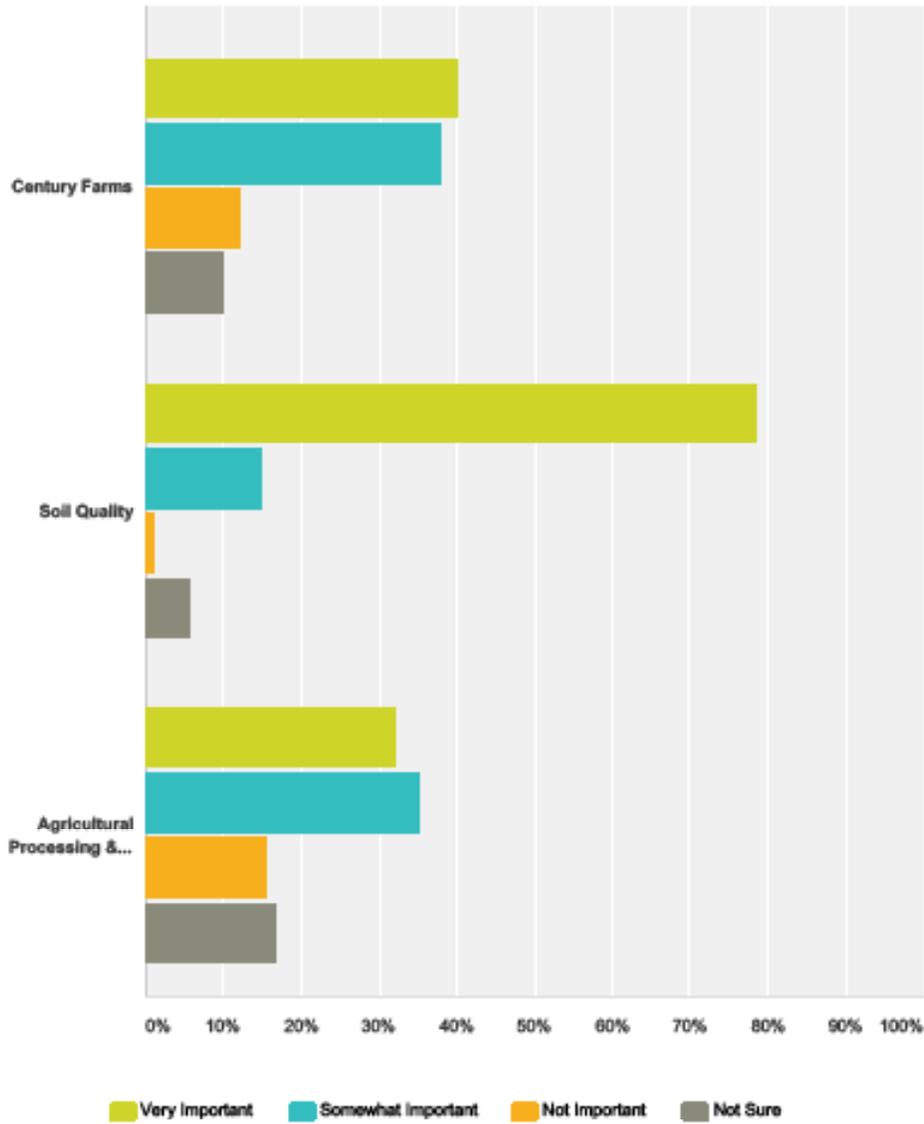
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48	Artificially inflates prices in cities. Seems to make sure only wealthy farmers can purchase county land.	5/28/2015 3:37 PM
49	Developments spring up outside city limits like mushrooms. There should be a 160 Acre minimum lot size for any new house outside of the city limits and city services. .	5/28/2015 2:16 PM
50	With todays price per acre of A-1 land (@\$35 ac.), it leaves out opportunity for folks that might want to build new on less acres and "farm" mainly for their own use.	5/28/2015 1:57 PM
51	Seeng big houses in the middle of nowhere. WHY	5/28/2015 12:04 PM
52	Specific alternatives for specific goals should be considered	5/28/2015 11:07 AM
53	should be reviewed on 5 yr basis with adjustments as needed	5/28/2015 10:53 AM
54	Prime farmland shouldn't be taken out of production but I don't know what the solution is.	5/28/2015 9:06 AM
55	Discourage rural subdivisions	5/28/2015 8:36 AM
56	I think a review of trend data would shed light on this.	5/27/2015 9:41 PM
57	It seems easily overcome by developers.	5/27/2015 4:02 PM

Q14 Please share your opinion on how important it is to protect each of the following agricultural resources in Story County.

Answered: 581 Skipped: 103





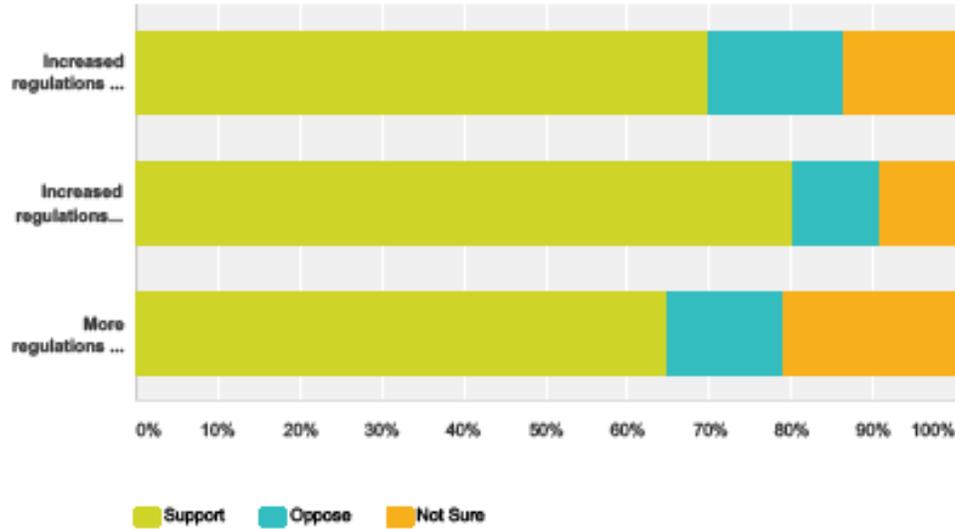
	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Not Sure	Total
Pastureland	45.16% 261	39.97% 231	5.71% 33	9.17% 53	578
Prime Farmland	61.53% 355	26.34% 152	4.85% 28	7.28% 42	577
Water Supply/Irrigation	69.78% 404	18.48% 107	4.49% 26	7.25% 42	579
Century Farms	40.07% 230	37.98% 218	12.02% 69	9.93% 57	574
Soil Quality	78.45% 455	14.83% 86	1.03% 6	5.69% 33	580
Agricultural Processing & Handling Facilities	32.24% 186	35.18% 203	15.60% 90	16.98% 98	577

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#	Comments	Date
1	We need a mix of prairie, wetlands, woods, and farmland.	7/15/2015 1:35 PM
2	small scale lockers OK, large slaughter factories, NO	7/11/2015 7:53 PM
3	Whether Century Farms deserve special protection depends on how sustainably they are operated	7/9/2015 11:01 PM
4	1 & 2 are not the role of government; 4, especially not.	7/7/2015 11:02 PM
5	This is difficult to answer without a definition of each category, and without a definition of what it means to "protect" these resources - what are costs/benefits?	6/23/2015 8:41 AM
6	Not entirely clear what you mean by "protecting" Ag Processing & Handling Facilities.	6/16/2015 11:17 AM
7	Soil depletion and water quality need major work cover crops and wider waterway/stream bank buffers should be requires moratorium on pattern tiling	6/15/2015 10:52 AM
8	I believe in highest and best use of land! not government! deciding what is best for the people, let the people decide, last I knew this was America??	6/13/2015 11:59 AM
9	wondering how builders were allowed to buy property to build and then haul off all the good soil? digging up the foundation and placing that "dirt" in yards...and slapping down sod	6/10/2015 12:23 AM
10	As long as hog lots do not count as "agricultural processing" facilities.	6/4/2015 7:17 PM
11	Jobs are vital for all counties in Iowa, especially ag-based ones.	6/3/2015 9:41 PM
12	Do not support anything that supports slaughtering of living creatures	6/1/2015 1:47 PM
13	The farmers and support industries will take care of themselves	5/31/2015 6:11 AM
14	NOT SURE WHAT IS MEANT BY PROTECTING IRRIGATION RESOURCE?	5/29/2015 4:28 PM
15	I don't know what is really meant by the "Agricultural Processing and Handling Facilities."	5/29/2015 2:26 PM
16	Urban expansion and single houses in rural areas should be restricted more than they are now.	5/29/2015 9:09 AM
17	The farmers will be good stewards of the land. The government needs to stay out of peoples lives.	5/29/2015 7:26 AM
18	since agricultural processing and handling are commercial enterprises, I don't see the need for protecting them.	5/28/2015 4:36 PM
19	county policies seem to serve the wealthy landowner over everyone else	5/28/2015 3:37 PM
20	let the "land-owner" decide what is best to protect their own pasture, farm ground, soil quality, and etc.	5/28/2015 1:57 PM
21	Prime farmland can, and probably should, cycle in and out of managed pasture use over time. This would be a more valuable form of "protection" of prime farmland and soil quality than limiting scattered rural residential development.	5/28/2015 12:06 PM
22	We need processing, handling, and distribution for locally grown food (food hub). Also, need an incubator farm to provide experience for young farmers wanting to grown fruit and vegetables.	5/28/2015 11:13 AM
23	These mean revenue to the area!	5/28/2015 10:53 AM
24	anything to prevent erosion and farm chemicals in the rivers	5/28/2015 9:45 AM
25	We need to continue to improve opportunities for ag entrepreneurs--like in the ISU Research Park.	5/27/2015 4:02 PM

Q15 Initiatives to protect and improve agricultural resources sometimes include increased monitoring and regulation efforts. Would you support or oppose the following efforts?

Answered: 583 Skipped: 101



	Support	Oppose	Not Sure	Total
Increased regulations on the use of pesticides and fertilizers	69.76% 406	16.49% 96	13.75% 80	582
Increased regulations regarding the agricultural operations near streams and rivers	79.86% 464	10.67% 62	9.47% 55	581
More regulations to protect prime farmland from development	64.60% 376	14.09% 82	21.31% 124	582

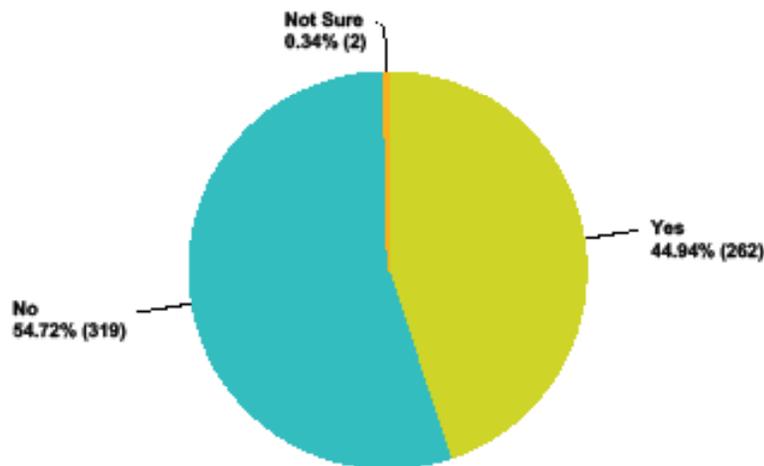
#	Comments	Date
1	Being in a highly regulated line of work, I'm not sure having more regulations is always the best answer. More regulations can often inhibit growth opportunities for businesses.	7/13/2015 3:32 PM
2	Drainage outlets should be regulated as point-source pollution	7/9/2015 11:01 PM
3	These are both biased and redundant from previous questions.	7/7/2015 11:02 PM
4	These are critical to keeping Story County great. Unchecked development and agricultural hazards will ruin our county and it can never be reclaimed after that.	6/26/2015 7:52 AM
5	Owners of agricultural operations that pollute streams and rivers should be heavily fined, repeat offenders should be jailed without bail.	6/17/2015 2:53 PM
6	Development must be stopped or there won't be farmland left in central Iowa.	6/16/2015 1:33 PM
7	again we do you think people are going to live? High rises?	6/13/2015 11:59 AM
8	We have relatively strong laws on pesticide use and misuse. Fertilizer N is not the primary water quality issue: it is too many soybeans, too much tillage (particularly fall tillage) and too little permanent crops or pastures. How will other crop (s) ever compete with soybean? It is the large issue. Soybean is a good crop but soil is always unprotected after harvest even in no-till.	6/6/2015 2:22 AM
9	Our natural water sources are in great need of more pollution controls both ag and industrial and residential.	6/5/2015 1:21 PM
10	keep the 24d out of the water, all land drains to the river in the end so no need for special regulatfn near rivers,Let the landowners decide how to get the most value from there property.	5/31/2015 6:11 AM
11	Further details needed on what constitutes "development".	5/29/2015 5:57 PM
12	Water quality is important.	5/29/2015 2:36 PM
13	All good, but again, the requirement for better farm conservation is conspicuously absent.	5/29/2015 2:26 PM
14	Cover crops, soil conservation, residue cover are probably more important than restrictions on fertilizers.	5/29/2015 9:09 AM

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15	The government does not need to be a watchdog.	5/29/2015 7:26 AM
16	Very anti factory farms	5/28/2015 5:48 PM
17	"Regulations" do not have to imply negative results, in fact, they can promote positive results.	5/28/2015 3:46 PM
18	We're "OVER REGULATED" enough.	5/28/2015 1:57 PM
19	The increase in overall acres in row crop production over the last decade shows that ag preservation is not necessarily about prohibiting all types of development all the time. If grain prices are high enough, buildings, woods, pastures, grasslands, etc. can all be removed and have been. In some ways we need to consider options for protecting other resources from thoughtless expansion of row crop farmland.	5/28/2015 12:06 PM
20	We have enough regulations now	5/28/2015 10:53 AM
21	Buffer strips and green belt	5/28/2015 9:45 AM
22	again... not a fan of extra regulations...	5/27/2015 9:16 PM
23	More regulations on tile drainage and what happens to it after it leaves the field. Nearly all, presently, go directly into streams and rivers. That water needs to be processed in wetlands, saturated buffers, bioreactors, etc. BEFORE it goes into the streams and rivers.	5/27/2015 4:02 PM

Q16 Have you or your family experienced damages in Story County as a result of severe weather?

Answered: 583 Skipped: 101



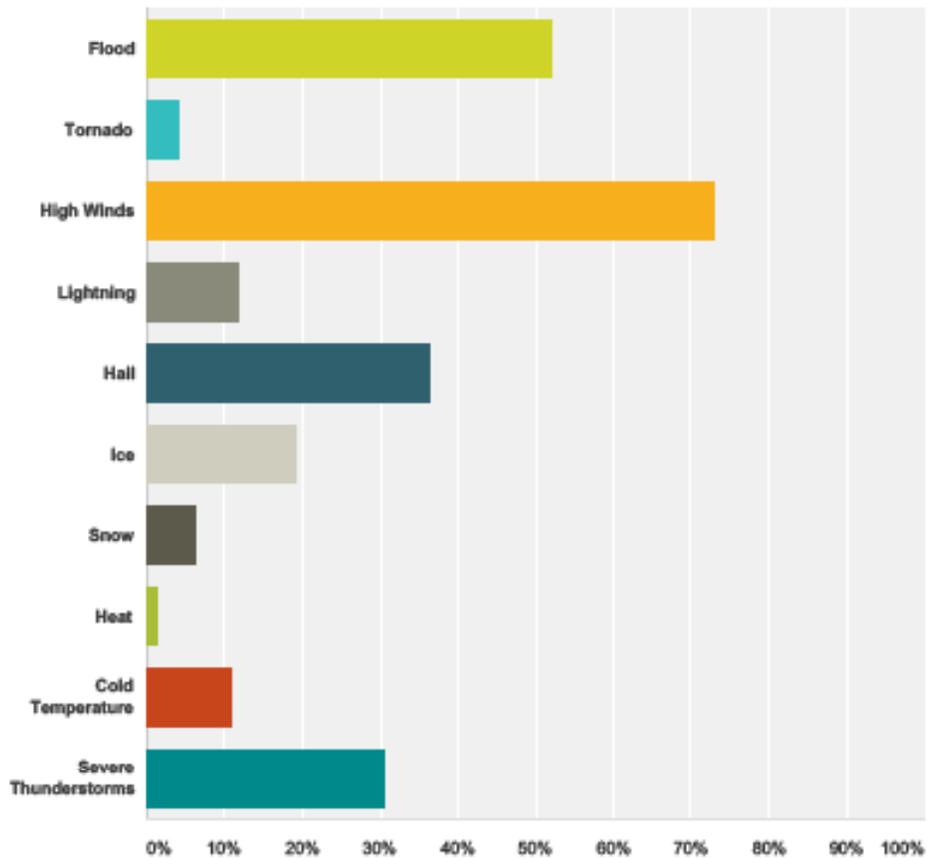
Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Yes	44.94%	262
No	54.72%	319
Not Sure	0.34%	2
Total		583

Q17 If yes, indicate what kind of severe weather caused the damage. (Check all that apply)



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Answered: 262 Skipped: 422



Answer Choices	Responses
Flood	51.91% 136
Tornado	4.20% 11
High Winds	72.90% 191
Lightning	11.83% 31
Hail	36.26% 95
Ice	19.47% 51
Snow	6.49% 17
Heat	1.53% 4
Cold Temperature	11.07% 29
Severe Thunderstorms	30.53% 80
Total Respondents: 262	

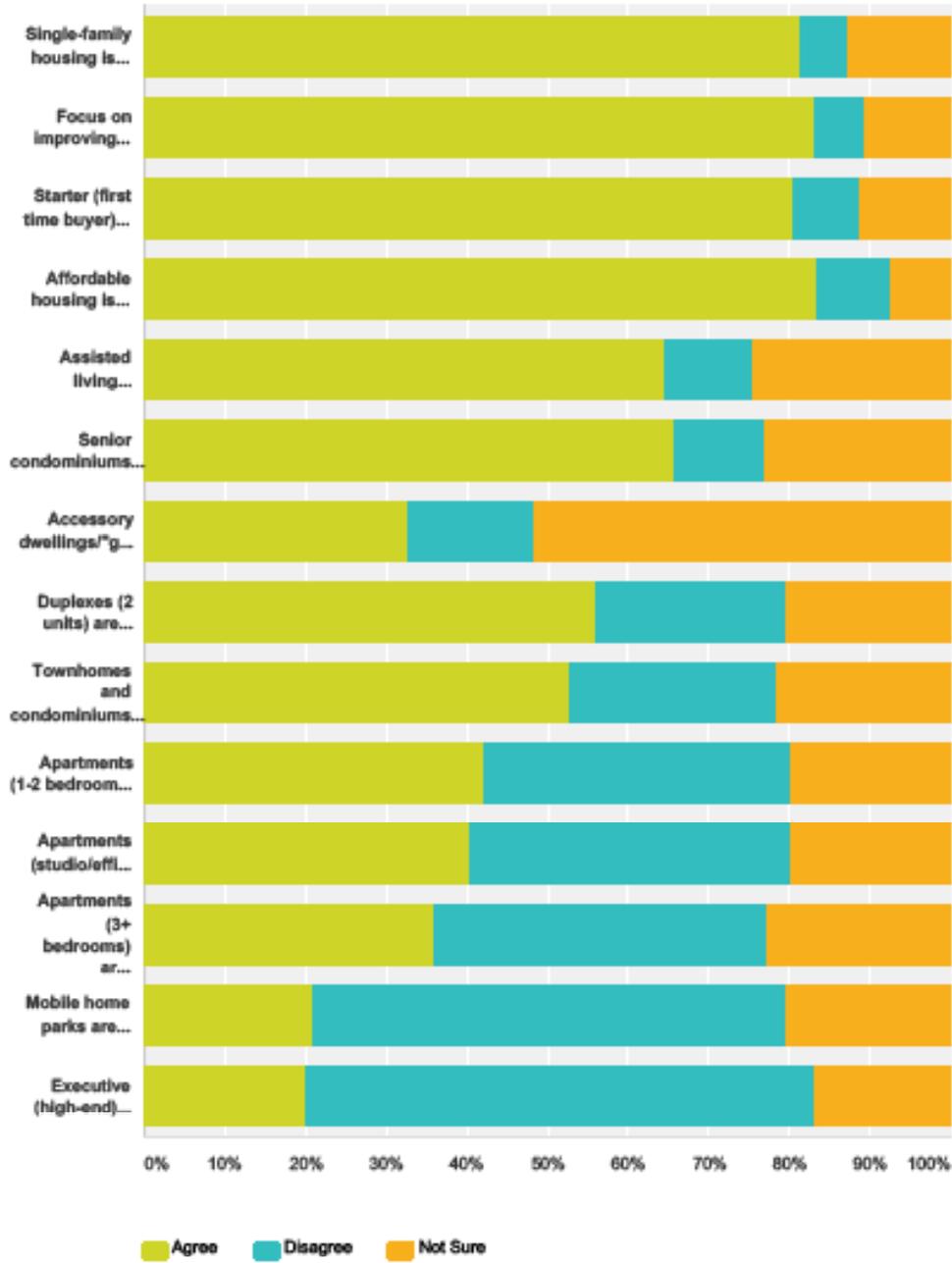
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	sewage backup	7/27/2015 4:21 PM

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2	These occur but I'm not sure you can do anything about these	7/26/2015 3:25 PM
3	Damaged the car	7/15/2015 1:36 PM
4	derecho; also, not really flooding, but groundwater issues as a result of high water events	6/23/2015 8:42 AM
5	drought wind blown soil from surrounding fields	6/15/2015 10:53 AM
6	slight basement flooding - more the builders ineptness more than anything else...	6/10/2015 12:24 AM
7	Water in the basement	6/6/2015 2:23 AM
8	The sewer backed up during heavy, flooding rain, and flooded my parents' basement. My entire childhood was destroyed.):	6/3/2015 11:14 AM
9	dents in cars	5/28/2015 3:47 PM
10	all a part of living in IA.....	5/28/2015 1:58 PM

Q18 Please share your opinions about the types of new housing and housing improvements needed in Story County.

Answered: 569 Skipped: 115



	Agree	Disagree	Not Sure	Total
Single-family housing is needed	81.26% 451	5.95% 33	12.79% 71	555
Focus on improving existing housing quality	82.91% 461	6.12% 34	10.97% 61	556
Starter (first time buyer) homes are needed	80.32% 449	8.05% 45	11.63% 65	559
Affordable housing is needed	83.16% 469	9.22% 52	7.62% 43	564

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Assisted living facilities for seniors are needed	64.39% 358	10.79% 60	24.82% 138	556
Senior condominiums and apartments are needed	65.53% 365	11.13% 62	23.34% 130	557
Accessory dwellings/granny flats*	32.49% 180	15.70% 87	51.81% 287	554
Duplexes (2 units) are needed	55.72% 307	23.59% 130	20.69% 114	551
Townhomes and condominiums are needed	52.54% 290	25.54% 141	21.92% 121	552
Apartments (1-2 bedrooms) are needed	41.91% 233	38.13% 212	19.96% 111	556
Apartments (studio/efficiency) are needed	40.04% 223	39.86% 222	20.11% 112	557
Apartments (3+ bedrooms) are needed	35.95% 197	41.24% 226	22.81% 125	548
Mobile home parks are needed	20.61% 114	58.77% 325	20.61% 114	553
Executive (high-end) homes are needed	19.86% 111	62.97% 352	17.17% 96	559

#	Comments	Date
1	Student housing seems abundant; family housing is needed	7/26/2015 3:33 PM
2	We need more housing to accomodate employment growth, so workers are not moving South.	7/13/2015 3:34 PM
3	No strong opinions on most of this	7/9/2015 11:03 PM
4	I think there is a good supply of starter/1st time buyer homes in this town but believe that many are purchased and then turned into rental properties - be nice if they could be starter homes instead - I also think that ISU needs to step up to creating more dorms to hold their influx of students and /or put a cap on enrollment. It's crazy all these apts being built and the high rent that is being charged. I have student employees moving 45 minutes away and driving to class/work because it is cheaper. Rent is ging up \$200-\$300 over last year. Totally nuts! This trend can't keep up and when enrollment tapers off - there will probably be empty apts.	7/8/2015 11:26 PM
5	I have no ideas. Ask the realtors.	7/7/2015 11:06 PM
6	Difficult to generalize for the entire county - seems to depend upon local conditions/populations, though clearly there should be more resources and options for seniors.	6/23/2015 8:44 AM
7	Never heard of the term accessory dwellings. Story County and central Iowa need affordable housing options for families making under \$50K. Working adults over 50 (empty nesters) need affordable housing without stairs.	6/16/2015 1:45 PM
8	Affordable housing is the # one need, followed by low-cost housing for families with multiples children	6/16/2015 11:20 AM
9	looks like senior housing is developing faster than other types	6/15/2015 11:58 AM
10	More emphasis on the Tiny Home movement all cases most energy efficient design should be required with conservation practices in mind	6/15/2015 11:02 AM
11	Seems apartments are currently being over built	6/13/2015 5:08 PM
12	We need more affordable options for seniors that also accept Medicaid.	6/13/2015 12:39 PM
13	I think this survey is slanted to get the answers you want?	6/13/2015 12:11 PM
14	I don't know what kind of dwellings are needed, but I do know there is not enough affordable housing in town. I work full time at YSS and struggle to pay my rent. For families with low incomes, I don't know how they live here...	6/11/2015 9:06 PM
15	Support urban condos like Roosevelt development	6/10/2015 11:24 AM
16	Ames needs more affordable apartment ans single family housing.	6/9/2015 7:07 PM

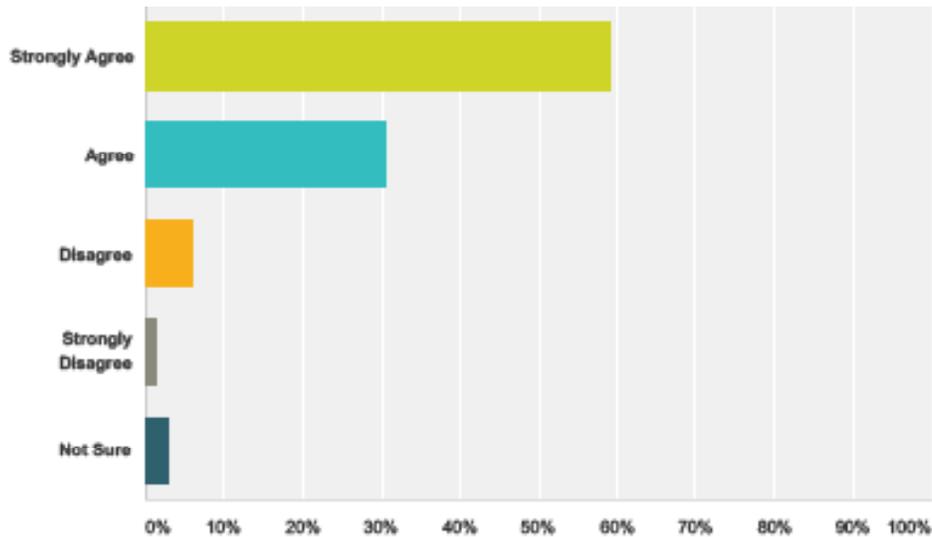


17	Housing seems to be focused on the university students. It is difficult for families to afford to live at the same cost per month.	6/9/2015 8:35 AM
18	This is Ames' biggest issue I believe with the students. Low income housing for the marginalized is incredibly important issue with all the students.	6/8/2015 8:38 AM
19	apartments are needed outside of Ames as long as they are affordable, and as long as transportation and employment can also match the placement of new housing outside of Ames.	6/8/2015 2:46 AM
20	is ISU going to hit 40,000 students? When we moved to Ames a range of homes was available	6/6/2015 2:27 AM
21	The market should dictate this. Not a Survey	6/5/2015 8:28 PM
22	Many of the apartments in Ames are for ISU students only; If someone could not afford a house but is not an ISU student there is limited housing available.	6/5/2015 3:28 PM
23	A community of modern small/tiny houses or change regulations to allow for new small houses in existing neighborhoods	6/5/2015 3:13 PM
24	Ames especially has a shortage of moderately priced/starter homes	6/4/2015 12:33 PM
25	As a recent first-time home buyer, it was very hard to find something affordable in Ames, specifically	6/4/2015 11:57 AM
26	Too much housing in Ames.	6/2/2015 4:35 PM
27	We need smaller, beautiful (not cookie-cutter) homes in wooded areas with thoughtful communities.	6/1/2015 3:34 PM
28	Story City needs new homes and developments of all kinds	6/1/2015 9:50 AM
29	we have all the things listed. I have not been in the market for any of them. Surely the markets will drive development. I don't think that the government should try to promote unnatural trends	5/31/2015 6:19 AM
30	This is a dumb question. The market will answer it. I know that is a difficult concept for those of you with masters degrees in planning	5/30/2015 2:52 PM
31	4-plexes with trees and flowers needed	5/29/2015 6:37 PM
32	Not sure Ames needs more rentals but the other cities in Story County cannot meet demand	5/29/2015 2:38 PM
33	I see real need for housing adapted for older citizens. Also, housing for non-college student population with limited incomes.	5/29/2015 2:35 PM
34	I don't know enough to answer intelligently. I do know that Story County does NOT need rural sprawl like Polk County's rural sprawl (e.g. more one-house-per-two-acres type areas.)	5/29/2015 2:31 PM
35	there are too many apartment buildings around Ames both current and being built	5/29/2015 2:30 PM
36	housing for low income residents including Section 8 vouchers	5/29/2015 12:40 PM
37	More homes affordable for young professionals	5/29/2015 10:57 AM
38	who is going to pay for "affordable housing"? it is easy to say we need more of it but who is going to write the check?	5/29/2015 9:22 AM
39	Multiple occupancy by unrelated people of rented houses are a problem in some neighborhood	5/29/2015 9:14 AM
40	tiny home community like a "mobile home" park	5/29/2015 7:50 AM
41	This would be achieved by the county getting out of the way of developers and builders. Regulation is what is preventing growth. We have awesome schools, low crime, and close proximity to jobs near Ames. This is the perfect place to live.	5/29/2015 7:32 AM
42	"Affordable" housing brings us back to the fact that we should take advantage of what allowing ADU's could bring to us Story County Residents.	5/28/2015 2:08 PM
43	Need more housing for ISU students	5/28/2015 2:02 PM
44	Lots of apartments in Ames (obviously), so no need there. Not sure of the demand in other areas. Mobile home parks are good, but the ones that are eye-sores need to be cleaned up or removed.	5/28/2015 11:19 AM
45	Seems like university area is over built with apts!!!	5/28/2015 10:56 AM
46	More apartments are needed in small towns	5/28/2015 10:07 AM
47	tax incentives for conversion of rental houses to owner-occupied, intensification along major roads with transit	5/28/2015 9:48 AM
48	in surrounding communities... Not Ames as much...	5/27/2015 9:18 PM

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Q19 Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement; "Development of homes or businesses should be limited by law in floodplains and other areas where natural events are likely to cause frequent property damage."

Answered: 566 Skipped: 118



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Strongly Agree	59.01%	334
Agree	30.74%	174
Disagree	6.01%	34
Strongly Disagree	1.41%	8
Not Sure	2.83%	16
Total		566

#	Comments	Date
1	This shouldn't even be a question after all the flooding we've had!	7/9/2015 11:03 PM
2	Freedom of choice but we should not fund losses due to floods	7/8/2015 7:59 AM
3	In addition, city residents may lose the opportunity to purchase federal flood insurance if there is more development allowed in floodplains.	7/7/2015 11:05 PM
4	This might be the single most important question on this survey. No more bailouts for big boxes on the skunk and squaw - they shouldn't be there in the first place.	6/17/2015 2:56 PM
5	Level of development in floodplains is highly inappropriate. Moreover that it continues. Impermeable surfaces in floodplains cause larger floods, which hurt everyone.	6/15/2015 11:32 AM

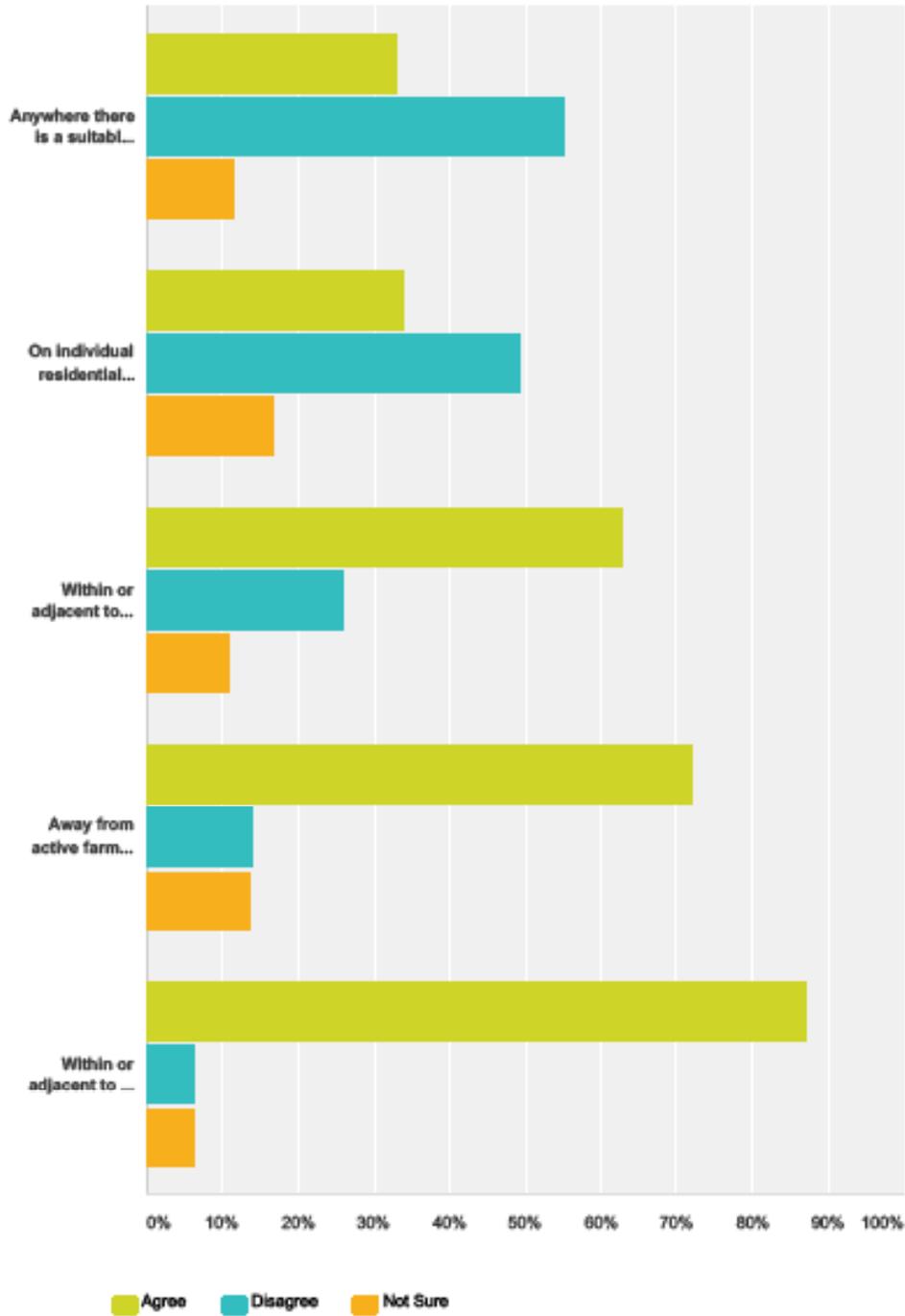


6	Regs against further Flood plain developments flood plains should not be altered as they help lessen down stream problems, existing developments should be uninsurable and bought out.	6/15/2015 11:02 AM
7	Well if they buidt them up out of the flood plain what are the damages ? if you ra referring to south duff than you need to take away the damn nothing more nothing less ... let the water go where it would naturally go? the duff flood pain is a reservoir, whether it is full of water or full of dirt it is full and the water needs to go down stream like it would naturally if man did not damn it up?? once it is full, it is full needs over emergency overflow...	6/13/2015 12:11 PM
8	And the definition of floodplain needs to be expanded to include more land.	6/12/2015 11:49 AM
9	Teh flood plain is part of the river.	6/9/2015 6:31 AM
10	Business YES, homes it should be up to the homeowner. I don't want to have to pay because a business was dumb enough to build in a flood plain.	6/8/2015 3:56 PM
11	However, if people wish to build or buy in flood plains the poor sap tax payers should not pay for any damages what so ever. You build a home in an avalanche chute that's your problem, don't come to me for a bailout.	6/6/2015 2:27 AM
12	Law should mandate disclosure - not limit ideals.	6/5/2015 8:28 PM
13	I'd be nice to do less facepalming as I watch the City of Ames continue to bulid in floodplains	6/4/2015 11:57 AM
14	It's ridiculous to continue allowing development in these areas and then deal with the aftermath of recurring natural events (such as floods). Building the property higher only pushes the problem downstream. We can be better to ourselves and our neighbors than that.	6/1/2015 1:18 PM
15	Common sense.	5/31/2015 3:31 PM
16	Ames is not doing enough, and as a result taxpayers are forced to subsidize bad decision making	5/31/2015 11:52 AM
17	Either limited by law, or if development takes place, public funding denied for incurred damages.	5/31/2015 9:37 AM
18	They should be limited by the government not paying for damage to the unsound development.	5/31/2015 6:19 AM
19	Can't believe Ames developed South Duff	5/29/2015 2:38 PM
20	It's kind of pathetic that this question even needs to be asked in 2015, but obviously it does.	5/29/2015 2:31 PM
21	The development of flood plains is not a problem. However no taxpayer aid should be provided to businesses who knowingly develop in flood plains as any damages should be covered by the businesses disaster recovery plan including savings and insurance. Additionally, regulations SHOULD be enacted to prevent xvelopment within a flood plain from altering the path of said flood plain.	5/29/2015 11:14 AM
22	If people decide they want to build in a floodplain it is between their bank and their insurance company. Government does not need to play a role in this.	5/29/2015 7:32 AM
23	one should be allowed to build where they would like, but insurance/govt should not pay money for damages caused by said natural events.	5/28/2015 9:15 PM
24	Duh	5/28/2015 7:04 PM
25	Duh. And a developer should not be allowed to raise the level of their land to put their facility out of harms way; this just increases the risk for everyone else who established a facility before them. Flooding can be mitigated with increased soil capacity and buffer zones to slow the wash-out from recent rains.	5/28/2015 3:52 PM
26	Don't just build a mound for the businesses on South Duff. Stop them from building there altogether.	5/28/2015 3:38 PM
27	Planning and Zoning current rubber stamps development in the flood plains and flood plain modifications. They may as well be abandoned and the resources allocated elsewhere.	5/28/2015 2:22 PM
28	Buyer Beware is all I got to say. Either that or a good insurance company.	5/28/2015 2:08 PM
29	They already are	5/27/2015 9:49 PM
30	I don't know if businesses in the flood plain are required to have flood insurance our not, but fema is phasing out subsidies for flood insurance and significantly jacking up rates. this will create new blighted areas.	5/27/2015 8:14 PM

Q20 In Story County, new residential development should be located:

Answered: 566 Skipped: 118

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	Agree	Disagree	Not Sure	Total
Anywhere there is a suitable site for development	33.15% 185	55.38% 309	11.47% 64	558
On individual residential lots scattered throughout the countryside	34.00% 188	49.37% 273	16.64% 92	553
Within or adjacent to existing rural subdivisions	62.86% 347	26.09% 144	11.05% 61	552



Away from active farm operations	71.94%	14.21%	13.85%	556
	400	79	77	
Within or adjacent to a city	87.12%	6.44%	6.44%	559
	487	36	36	

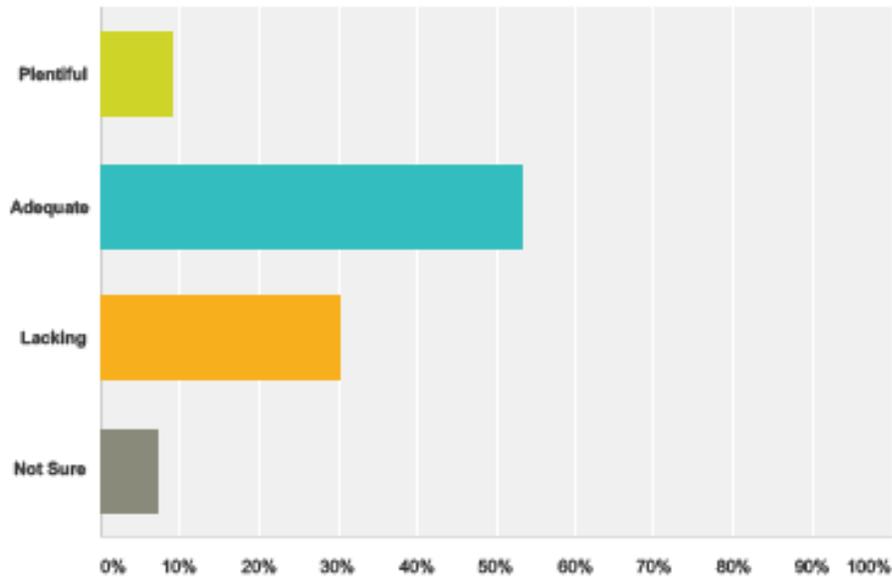
#	Comments	Date
1	City should be city and country should be farm. If city boundaries are made, then property is valued and taken care of. Like in Europe or in a peninsula like San Francisco or in cities borders by oceans or mountains. Above all, please avoid building along I-35 and making Des Moines, Ankeny and Ames I35 route be one big street. This is ugly between Athens Georgia and Atlanta and getting ugly between Ft. Collins CO and Denver CO.	7/26/2015 3:33 PM
2	The last thing we need is countywide sprawl -- Polk County has some of that and it's horrible	7/9/2015 11:03 PM
3	The county and cities within it must manage development in order to preserve the rural character of the county and its natural resources. Please don't allow developers to eat up farm land, woods, and other resources for random development. This spoils the land and also leads to many problems with infrastructure, including long-term maintenance.	6/26/2015 7:55 AM
4	Ames and other cities should quit pushing out into rural areas.	6/24/2015 7:17 PM
5	Development seems to mean a developer purchases land to create a housing development. We need to stop cookie cutter development. They are unsightly. The purchase prices are too expensive for the family making less than \$100k.	6/16/2015 1:45 PM
6	By suitable site, I mean not on prime farmland. Suitable sites would be land that is less suitable for farming.	6/15/2015 3:10 PM
7	The farm operator and owner should have to live next to the facility, preferably within 100 yards and down wind from said facility	6/15/2015 11:02 AM
8	Focus on infilling and using existing services, not building new	6/12/2015 11:49 AM
9	I don't think we need new developments- suburban sprawl is not good for a town. Let's live closer together so public transportation is more feasible.	6/11/2015 9:06 PM
10	Final item depends on the area (e.g., near a park or former landfill)	6/10/2015 11:24 AM
11	Develop South Ames	6/8/2015 8:38 AM
12	let the market and owners decide.	6/5/2015 8:28 PM
13	People should be able to live in throughout the countryside, however they need to realize that they will have to deal with nearby farming and smells. They also need to be aware that by being outside of town and not paying town taxes, they are not going to be entitled to all of the luxuries of town.	6/2/2015 11:07 AM
14	Let the buyer decide and be aware	5/31/2015 6:19 AM
15	Will the residential development decrease the need for transportation costs/output? Will the development be located near basic needs (grocery, health care, entertainment)?	5/29/2015 6:02 PM
16	Stop putting Ag first.	5/29/2015 5:36 PM
17	As much as possible, restrict building to land area that has already been built on.	5/29/2015 2:35 PM
18	There's a big difference between "within" and "adjacent to" existing rural subdivisions!	5/29/2015 2:31 PM
19	Not in flood plains	5/29/2015 1:54 PM
20	I would want to explore the definition of "suitable site for development" much closer. There is lots of room for interpretation and poor planning.	5/29/2015 9:29 AM
21	Too much development outside town and cities is using up farmland	5/29/2015 9:14 AM
22	Government should not decide this. The market will.	5/29/2015 7:32 AM
23	There are already several new developments to be filled, do we need more	5/29/2015 6:54 AM
24	what are you trying to really ask with this series of questions?	5/28/2015 9:15 PM
25	The health of an area and the impact a development may have should be considered.	5/28/2015 3:52 PM
26	would prefer limiting sprawl	5/28/2015 3:38 PM

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27	Well and Septic Laws and "costs" will scare away most new development. That and the odors, dust, and so forth that comes from active farming operations. I think that if the people don't mind their vehicles trashed by rock chips and dust (etc.) then let them live across the countryside.	5/28/2015 2:08 PM
28	Better future land use maps are needed from County and Cities (cooperative effort?).	5/28/2015 11:19 AM
29	Understand and promote smart growth principles. Stop allowing rural developments.	5/28/2015 11:18 AM
30	Need 'green housing' developments in suitable rural areas. With garden/orchard space adjacent.	5/28/2015 11:10 AM
31	It is important to build affordable single family housing with access to transit, trails	5/28/2015 9:48 AM
32	I am sick of the entitlement of people who want to live in the "country" but insist on all the amenities of town. They live in a fantasy world and expect the rest of us to foot the bill.	5/28/2015 9:11 AM

Q21 In your opinion, how would you describe the availability of employment opportunities in Story County?

Answered: 560 Skipped: 124



Answer Choices	Responses
Plentiful	9.11% 51
Adequate	53.39% 299
Lacking	30.18% 169
Not Sure	7.32% 41
Total	560

#	Comments	Date
1	We are in a digital revolution. What may be adequate today, will lag in future years.	7/7/2015 11:10 PM
2	Story County is improving in its offering of white collar and green collar oriented jobs but lacks diversity when it comes to providing skilled blue collar type positions.	6/17/2015 12:51 PM
3	Seriously lacking jobs that don't require a BS, MS or PhD.	6/16/2015 2:01 PM

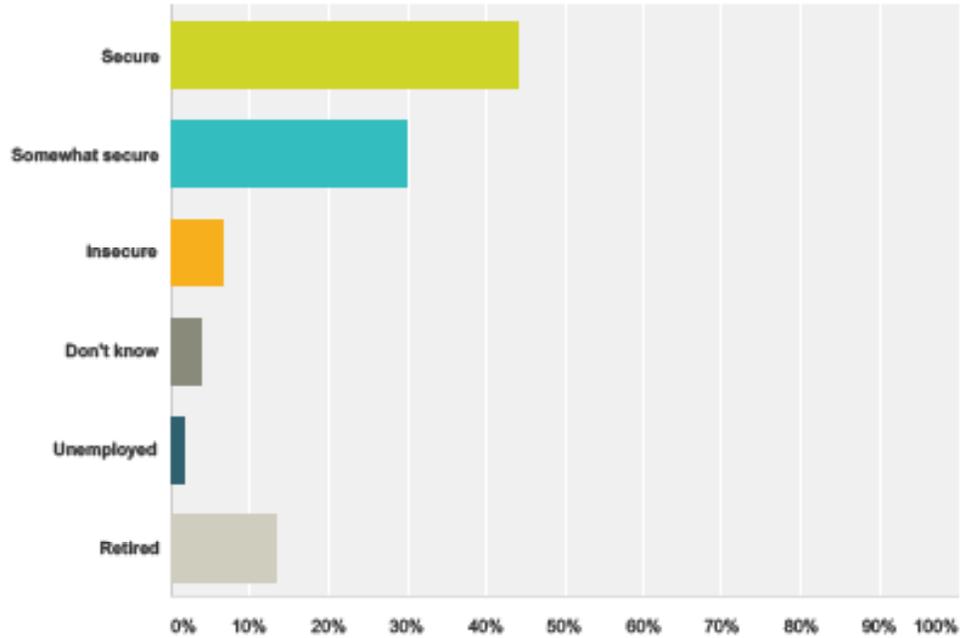


4	that is strongly dependent on the field a person is in	6/9/2015 8:41 AM
5	We need greater access to training/certification programs that help our most vulnerable populations secure living-wage positions.	6/9/2015 6:52 AM
6	Adequate for low-paying jobs.	6/9/2015 6:33 AM
7	Seems that 100 pct of our undergrads in my dept are employed at graduations as are all grad students. For people without skills...it's an issue bigger than Story County.	6/6/2015 2:40 AM
8	Depends on what sector you are looking for, of course	6/4/2015 12:03 PM
9	lots of low wage jobs	6/4/2015 10:47 AM
10	i want a lot of the recent grads from ISU to marry and settle down in Story County to raise families and have jobs.	6/3/2015 9:57 PM
11	i haven't looked	5/31/2015 6:28 AM
12	need different levels of employment	5/30/2015 9:51 AM
13	Adequate in ames, smaller towns are lacking some.	5/29/2015 10:12 PM
14	Lacking for high paying professional positions	5/29/2015 9:10 PM
15	too many low paying jobs and parttime jobs	5/29/2015 6:48 PM
16	i really don't know.	5/29/2015 2:36 PM
17	the opportunities are barely adequate. there needs to be more places for companies to build, Ames is so restrictive of building	5/29/2015 9:26 AM
18	There is a definite lack of full time jobs with reasonable pay and benefits.	5/28/2015 2:35 PM
19	Again....who will invest in S.C. if the regulation and taxes are the SAME or WORSE than any other County that they check into investing/building in. We want jobs.....make it worth relocating here first!	5/28/2015 2:19 PM
20	oportunities for good paying jobs are limited	5/28/2015 1:03 PM
21	Renewable energy development, infrastructure repair, and local food development could increase employment opportunities.	5/28/2015 11:24 AM
22	in Ames, help wanted signs everywhere	5/28/2015 10:28 AM
23	There are too many jobs that do not pay enough to pay all your bills	5/28/2015 10:12 AM

Q22 How secure do you believe your employment to be over the next 3-5 years?

Answered: 564 Skipped: 120

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Answer Choices	Responses
Secure	43.97% 248
Somewhat secure	29.96% 169
Insecure	6.74% 38
Don't know	3.90% 22
Unemployed	1.77% 10
Retired	13.65% 77
Total	564

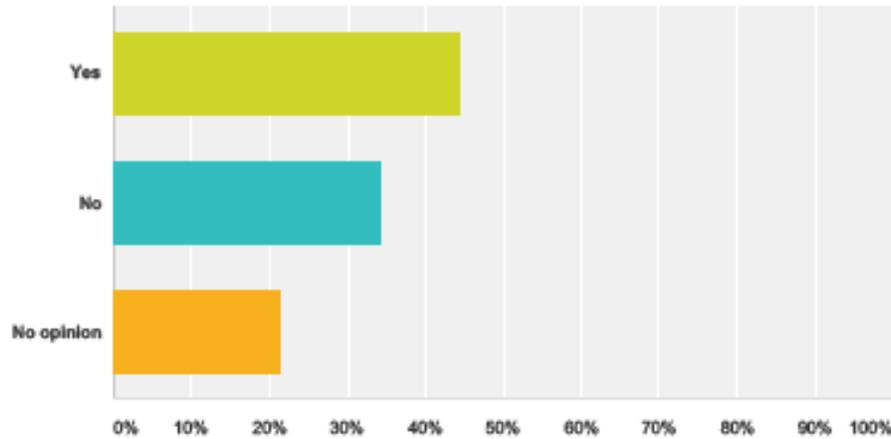
#	Comments	Date
1	grad student on RA	6/25/2015 12:19 PM
2	Terry Branstad, Debi Durham and Dan Cuhane do everything for those with advanced degrees and nothing visible for anyone else.	6/16/2015 2:01 PM
3	At ISU	6/12/2015 11:59 AM
4	Only because I landed a salaried job; for a couple years it was something awful	6/4/2015 12:03 PM
5	I have too much to do.	5/31/2015 6:28 AM
6	but I commute to Des Moines	5/29/2015 2:30 PM
7	Iowa state keeps getting bigger and there are more jobs being created in Polk and Dallas Counties	5/29/2015 1:54 PM

Q23 Do you believe Story County should commit additional tax dollars to attract and retain private sector jobs in the county?

Answered: 556 Skipped: 128



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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	44.42%	247
No	34.17%	190
No opinion	21.40%	119
Total		556

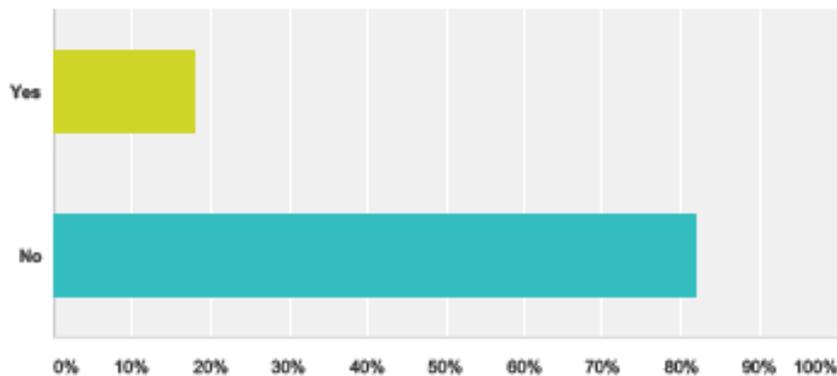
#	Comments	Date
1	Business is vital	7/26/2015 3:37 PM
2	YES!!!!!!	7/13/2015 3:37 PM
3	Devil is in the details -- would need to know specifics	7/9/2015 11:06 PM
4	It would depend on how they are applied.	7/7/2015 11:10 PM
5	Everyone else does it, if we want quality high paying jobs we need to compete.	6/25/2015 10:30 AM
6	Higher paying positions	6/24/2015 8:32 AM
7	Whatever happened to business saving money to pay for improvements? Does anyone else remember when business didn't get a handout?	6/16/2015 2:01 PM
8	spend your own money not mine	6/13/2015 12:13 PM
9	There are pros and cons that would need to be weighed heavily by the board of supervisors on an individual case basis.	6/12/2015 2:10 PM
10	use tax dollars to improve infrastructure and services for current residents	6/12/2015 11:59 AM
11	We have so many graduating ISU students who would like to stay here, but we lose.	6/8/2015 8:40 AM
12	Why? Does ISU hamper the tax base? Granted, there don't seem to be a lot of spinoffs from ISU research (vetmed diagnostics a large exception) in Story County but Iowa/ISU is behind the times in this aspect. We got a late start. Look at ISU impacts in Ankeny and Johnston: HUGE, and very positive. Fighting with other entities to give away tax dollars is a very poor strategy. Everyone will be fighting for the crumbs.	6/6/2015 2:40 AM
13	Get government out of private business.	6/5/2015 8:36 PM
14	What kinds of private sector industries? It makes a difference for the answer.	6/4/2015 12:03 PM
15	After careful study I believe that more jobs are needed and one way is to give start-up dollars or tax abatements to new businesses which Story County needs to stay financially solvent.	6/3/2015 9:57 PM
16	As long as there are tangible commitments from recipients that they won't just leave after tax subsidies run out	6/1/2015 3:40 PM
17	No additional taxes, but reformed regulations.	5/31/2015 9:40 AM

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18	The jobs are here	5/31/2015 6:28 AM
19	don't spend tax money where it's not absolutely necessary	5/30/2015 5:12 PM
20	Only if companies are held accountable	5/29/2015 9:10 PM
21	it's not that I really have no opinion, but it really, really depends on what kinds of "private sector jobs" are involved.	5/29/2015 2:36 PM
22	they have enough dollars available now	5/29/2015 9:26 AM
23	Needed more in the smaller towns	5/29/2015 8:37 AM
24	for things like trail connections, light rail to DM yes, as "loans" to companies and tax abatements, no	5/29/2015 7:55 AM
25	more bike trails and amenities that attract workers that will then attract companies	5/28/2015 5:43 PM
26	I do not believe in attracting employers by giving tax breaks, this just allows them to take advantage of the people of that area, especially when the business is a resource intense endeavor that may put the people or resources of that community at risk.	5/28/2015 4:00 PM
27	No more race-to-the-bottom by using tax dollars to lure businesses. If they want to come here they'll come here anyway.	5/28/2015 3:39 PM
28	In other words.....do "I" want to INVEST MORE to bring more private sector jobs here? No, jack back the tax valuation and loosen up the regulations and ADVERTISE (on SC Website) all our advantages vs. other neighboring Counties disadvantages.	5/28/2015 2:19 PM
29	Tax incentives have not worked.	5/28/2015 11:24 AM
30	With conditions, yes	5/28/2015 11:13 AM
31	Corporate welfare is a slippery slope—once you give an incentive, everyone's got his hand out. These are the same people that gleefully belittle the public sector, loudly proclaiming the virtues of a free market and boasting of being self-made entrepreneurs. We should concentrate on good infrastructure, clean air and water, public amenities (libraries, parks) and quality schools.	5/28/2015 9:23 AM
32	Not at the expense of good existing projects, or if additional tax dollars need to be raised from community members.	5/27/2015 9:24 PM

Q24 Do you own or operate a business in the county?

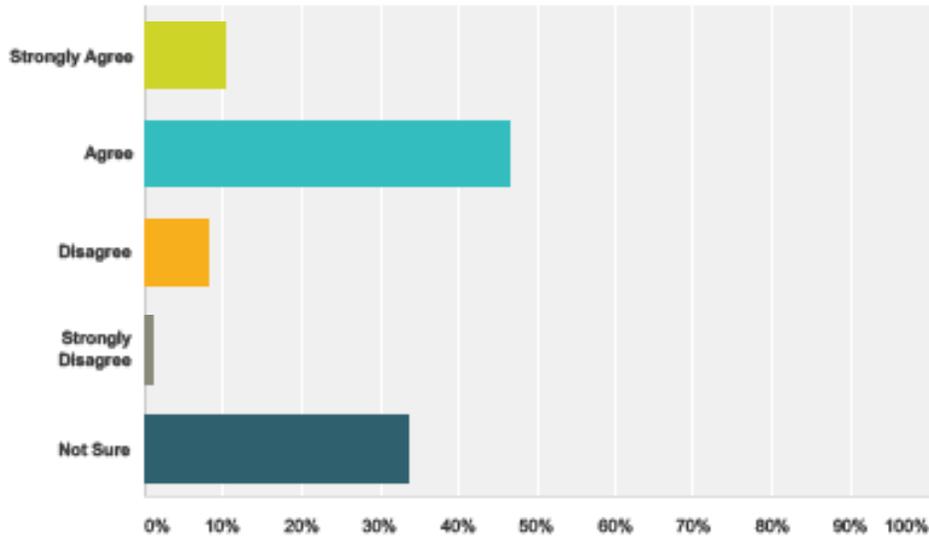
Answered: 560 Skipped: 124



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	18.21%	102
No	81.79%	458
Total		560

Q25 Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement: "Story County is a good place to start a business."

Answered: 564 Skipped: 120



Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	10.28%	58
Agree	46.45%	262
Disagree	8.33%	47
Strongly Disagree	1.24%	7
Not Sure	33.69%	190
Total		564

#	Please comment	Date
1	Depends on business. Seasonal ISU populations. Rural areas diminishing daytime population. Internet shopping allows people to purchase online.	7/28/2015 3:06 PM
2	St. Co. is relatively affluent. People should be willing to buy if the product/service is desirable.	7/27/2015 4:05 PM
3	Ames is a different story	7/23/2015 8:02 AM
4	City of Ames government over-regulation can often make starting a business very difficult.	7/13/2015 3:37 PM
5	Neither disagree or agree. On balance, it seems to be an average place to start a business.	7/8/2015 8:11 AM
6	Depends...probably not a good place to open a kosher deli... :(6/25/2015 9:50 AM
7	Ames and Story County have too many regulations and property taxes are too high. Other counties are less expensive for a start-up.	6/24/2015 7:22 PM
8	Ames is anti-business, anti-growth. It is truly becoming the city of "NO".	6/20/2015 11:32 AM
9	It could be and should be given it's location and the number of rural communities.	6/16/2015 2:01 PM
10	There are no incentives for starting an online business that I'm aware of.	6/16/2015 11:23 AM

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11	With zoning changes, I am not certain I can sell my agricultural business as an agricultural business. I fear zoning changes would prohibit the business to continue under new ownership.	6/15/2015 3:25 PM
12	No personal experience here but from "the outside" it looks promising	6/15/2015 12:03 PM
13	Seven % sales tax.	6/13/2015 7:08 PM
14	Of course it depends on what type of business. But the county is growing, and many people seem to have disposable income for dining out, and other non-essential purposes.	6/13/2015 12:44 PM
15	now Ames is a different story...	6/13/2015 12:13 PM
16	I have not tried, nor have I known someone on a personal level that has done so in order to have an informed opinion.	6/12/2015 2:10 PM
17	seems like a good market with many potential customers making more than average, at least in Ames.	6/12/2015 11:59 AM
18	More grants and incentives needed for small businesses.	6/12/2015 8:22 AM
19	The community is very supportive to new businesses.	6/9/2015 8:53 AM
20	Certainly lots of well trained graduates from ISU available, a real positive.	6/6/2015 2:40 AM
21	It seems as if a few have the mightiest voices in determining what will or will not start in Story County and where it will be located. I find it unfortunate in some regards. It's hard to ignore the growth levels in the surrounding counties when the communities are supportive.	6/5/2015 3:50 PM
22	Really depends on the type of business.	6/5/2015 1:36 PM
23	That we have so many locally-owned businesses is fantastic and helps make this area unique; it's one of the major things I love about this place!	6/4/2015 12:03 PM
24	There certainly seems to be a lot of businesses closing in Ames.	6/1/2015 3:40 PM
25	There is enough people to make any business successful.	5/31/2015 6:28 AM
26	City Council is the biggest hurdle. I so wish we had a Menards!!!	5/30/2015 4:00 PM
27	Depends on the business. Small business retail - strongly disagree. Service businesses - Agree	5/29/2015 11:21 PM
28	Agree in larger cities.	5/29/2015 10:12 PM
29	There are a lot of dollars leaving the county to towns like Ankeny	5/29/2015 6:36 PM
30	Taxes are high and Iowa State has everyone convinced they should be paid a lot of money. We have made it too easy for people to collect welfare and not work.	5/29/2015 6:36 PM
31	It has been good for us because of the demographic, but we had no assistance at the county level. City and Federal assistance aided us.	5/29/2015 4:33 PM
32	I really don't know.	5/29/2015 2:36 PM
33	I often hear from "others" that the statement is not necessarily true, but I see a lot of chains having success here. Perhaps more commitment should be given to local businesses that are NOT part of chains. I also see the success of places like Workiva, so I think we have some good success stories.	5/29/2015 9:38 AM
34	Story County is a good place, Ames is a rat hole of rules, regulations, restrictions, poorly designed roads that do not connect well to move you around the city, and more rules all the time. ugh!	5/29/2015 9:26 AM
35	Depends on the business.	5/29/2015 8:39 AM
36	Depends on the business	5/29/2015 8:39 AM
37	Especially with THIS planning commission. NO planning at all	5/28/2015 7:07 PM
38	I've looked in to starting a business, but did not receive the help advertised from the ISU business development center when I went to visit with an advisor; she was too busy working on some kind of personal software project to pay much attention to me.	5/28/2015 4:00 PM
39	Good professional support and a surplus of cheap labor that will work part time at minimum wages without benefits.	5/28/2015 2:35 PM
40	SC isn't currently any better than any other IA County (IMO)	5/28/2015 2:19 PM
41	Depends on the business. There is room for expansion in the areas I have identified above.	5/28/2015 11:24 AM
42	I am not sure about North of Ames but Huxley is the last place I would start a business.	5/28/2015 10:06 AM

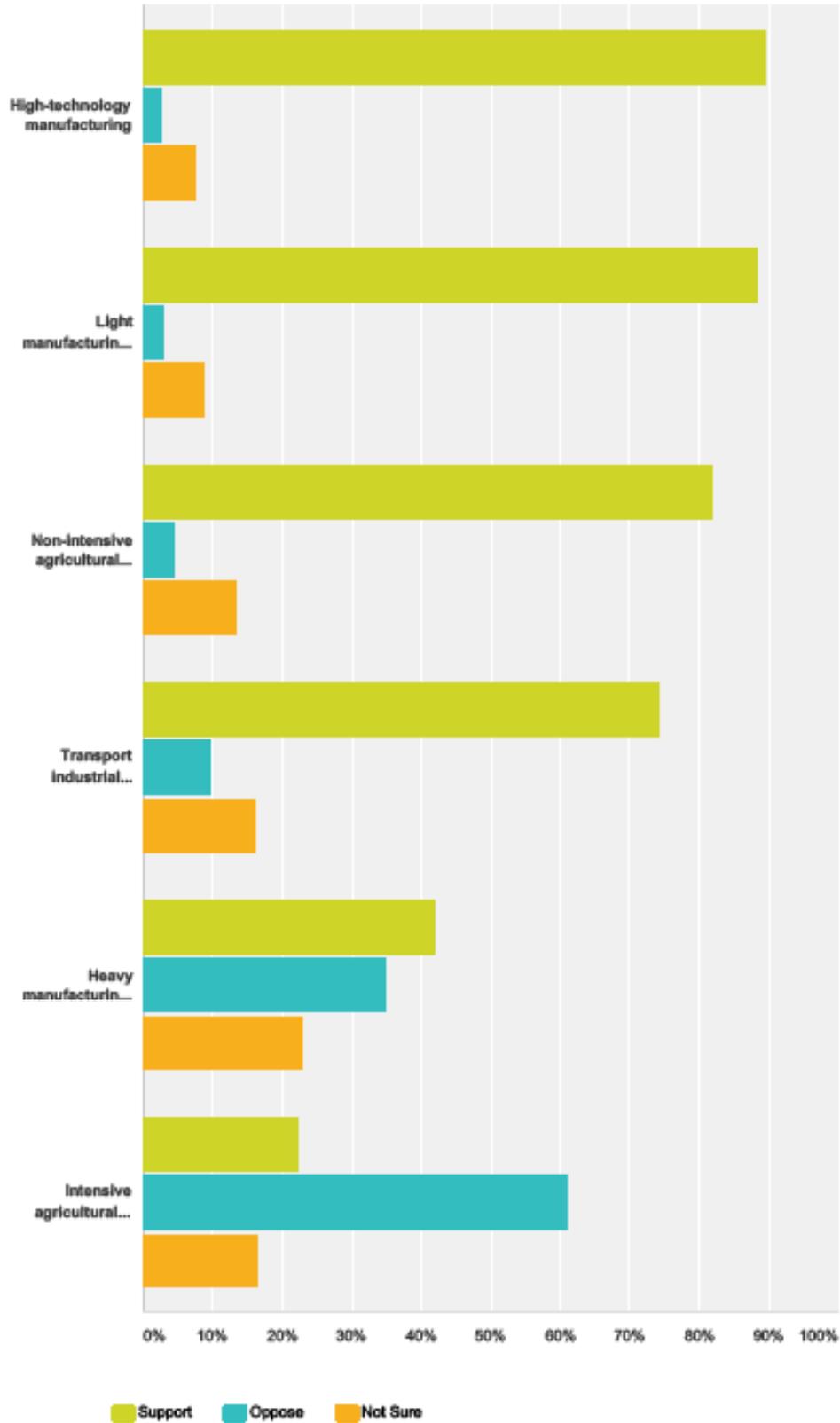


43	I think it is very expensive to start a business in Ames but I see a lot of innovation in smaller communities where commercial rent is much more affordable	5/28/2015 9:51 AM
44	I think it depends on the location within Story County.	5/28/2015 9:23 AM

Q26 Do you support or oppose the development of the following types of industrial establishments in the county?

Answered: 560 Skipped: 124

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	Support	Oppose	Not Sure	Total
High-technology manufacturing	89.55% 497	2.70% 15	7.75% 43	555
Light manufacturing (product assembly, product fabrication, etc.)	88.37% 494	2.86% 16	8.77% 49	559
Non-intensive agricultural related businesses (implement dealer, etc.)	81.83% 455	4.50% 25	13.67% 76	556
Transport industrial (warehousing, distribution centers, etc.)	74.05% 411	9.91% 55	16.04% 89	555
Heavy manufacturing (primary manufacturing such as foundries, etc.)	41.98% 233	34.95% 194	23.06% 128	555
Intensive agricultural operations (e.g. "factory" farms or egg processing plants, etc.)	22.44% 125	61.04% 340	16.52% 92	557

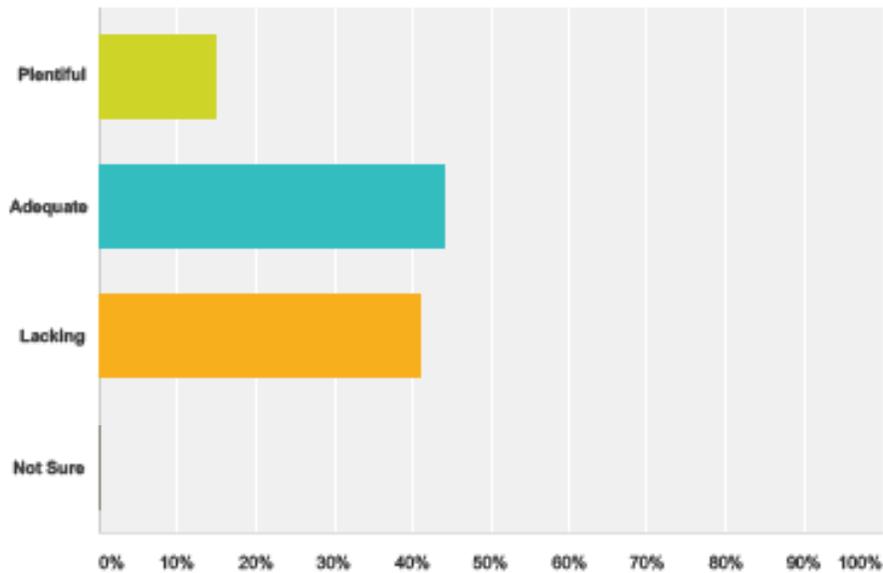
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Factory farms will destroy Story County as they have destroyed Hamilton and Wright counties. Avoid them completely	7/11/2015 7:56 PM
2	Heavy manufacturing is highly unlikely here, anyway.	7/7/2015 11:10 PM
3	If a small community wants a business to generate jobs, they should decide.	7/7/2015 4:49 PM
4	As long as these are properly located, they are fine in Ames. It is time to shed the whole aversion to growth that is in the manufacturing space here. We are losing the headquarters to these companies to places like Ankeny because we snub the \$12/hour jobs/opportunities that come with the high dollar jobs	6/25/2015 10:30 AM
5	Factory farms depend on the location in the county.	6/24/2015 7:22 PM
6	No factory farms. Strongly oppose.	6/18/2015 10:12 PM
7	Factory Farms are the single worst thing about Iowa and they've been encroaching on Ames for years; it's absolutely infuriating.	6/17/2015 2:59 PM
8	So long as taxes, pollution and truck traffic don't increase significantly.	6/16/2015 2:01 PM
9	"clean industries" much easier to deal with	6/15/2015 12:03 PM
10	We have enough non intensive ag businesses	6/15/2015 11:05 AM
11	This is assuming all adequate public infrastructure is provided to the sites.	6/12/2015 1:43 PM
12	Cannot oppose factory farming enough, it is detestable.	6/12/2015 11:59 AM
13	Light manufacturing depends on the industry regarding support or opposing	6/10/2015 11:28 AM
14	Intensive ag OK if away from residential/recreational uses	6/4/2015 5:15 PM
15	Innovative businesses such as New Link and others in the ISU Research Park will be the life blood of the county. But the county also needs businesses for those persons who have good skills but are not highly degreed.	6/3/2015 9:57 PM
16	I support intensive ag operations, however I don't like traveling through places like Hamilton County where there are, in my opinion, too many hog confinement buildings. I don't think that they are inviting to make you want to live in the county, however I understand the need for them.	6/2/2015 11:12 AM
17	No animal feeding operations or slaughter houses	6/1/2015 1:51 PM
18	These preferences are just greed on my part.	5/31/2015 6:28 AM
19	Property Values drop due to Factory Farms	5/29/2015 6:36 PM
20	Are there other creative opportunities for business currently left unconnected? New entrepreneurs? Etc?	5/29/2015 6:07 PM
21	We need to stay away from major food and farming factories	5/29/2015 5:05 PM
22	Except for CAFOs (UGH UGH), it really depends on what and where.	5/29/2015 2:36 PM
23	My feelings depend on environmental impact of whatever type of activity. High volume water use would be a problem, for example.	5/29/2015 2:35 PM
24	I would support he, in small family owned business expansion	5/29/2015 1:54 PM

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25	ag operations if they are monitored and law abiding	5/29/2015 12:43 PM
26	I would not like to see factory farms or processing plants in my town (Ames), so I assume no one else would either.	5/29/2015 9:38 AM
27	Agroforestry and native species development and proliferation.	5/28/2015 4:00 PM
28	I support them but ONLY if I'm not going to be expected to "support them" with more taxation.	5/28/2015 2:19 PM
29	CAFCs reduce property values for entire neighborhoods	5/28/2015 11:13 AM
30	The term factory farm is offensive and should be removed from this survey since such operations do not exist!	5/28/2015 11:10 AM
31	factory farms ruin air and water	5/27/2015 9:09 PM
32	I am unsure if "transport industrial" brings many jobs, but it takes up a lot of land.	5/27/2015 4:04 PM

Q27 In your opinion, how would you describe the availability of places to shop or dine in Story County?

Answered: 556 Skipped: 128



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Plentiful	14.93%	83
Adequate	44.06%	245
Lacking	40.83%	227
Not Sure	0.18%	1
Total		556

#	Comments	Date
1	Lacking in rural areas and outside Ames. Ames is fine - many more opportunities than 5 years ago	7/28/2015 3:06 PM
2	Shopping (outside of the Ames Main Street area) could be a lot better	7/13/2015 3:37 PM
3	Need retail development	7/8/2015 8:01 AM



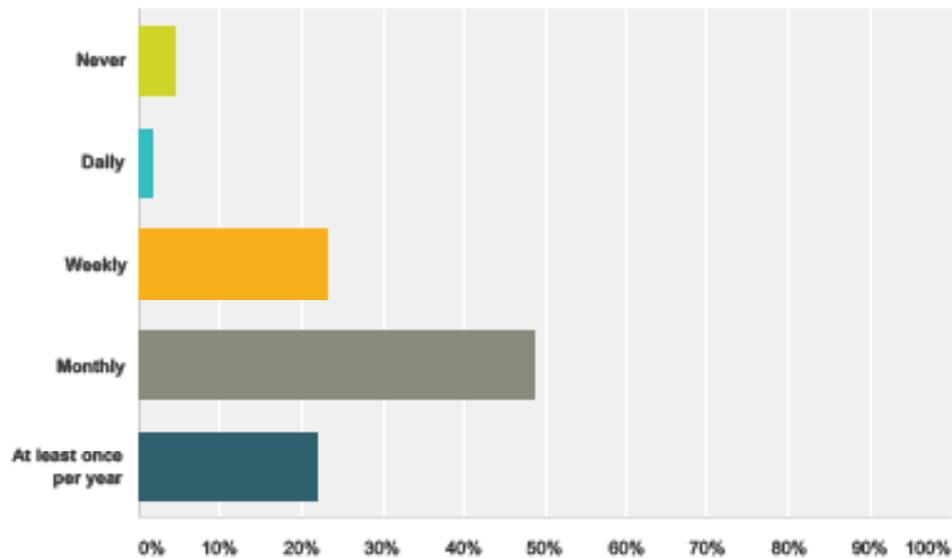
4	Kosher and vegan options lacking	6/25/2015 9:50 AM
5	dining plentiful—shopping lacking. rejuvenate Story City mall	6/23/2015 11:18 PM
6	dinning isn't a problem, shopping can be. Downtown is too expensive for my tastes and i don't go there. Plus parking is an issue down there.	6/22/2015 4:39 PM
7	We have plenty of places to dine in Ames but shopping for clothing and other goods is severely limited. Smaller communities could probably use more of both.	6/22/2015 11:42 AM
8	There is a dearth of decent restaurants, the Ames mall is bankrupt, it's a mess.	6/22/2015 7:52 AM
9	Dining is adequate, shopping is not	6/18/2015 3:51 PM
10	Dining is adequate, shopping is pitiful	6/18/2015 8:41 AM
11	Shopping	6/17/2015 1:38 PM
12	Rural Story County is lacking in both. Ames has too much of the same thing so it's lacking in variety in dining options. Very little shopping available in Story County.	6/16/2015 2:01 PM
13	Plentiful dining but lacking in healthy options overall.	6/16/2015 11:23 AM
14	for the size of the county/city of Ames, good choices	6/15/2015 12:03 PM
15	if there was a category between adequate and lacking, i would have selected it. Variety of shops/restaurants could be expanded - little choice.	6/12/2015 1:43 PM
16	Always room for some improvement for ethnic cuisine. Do not need more "American" food.	6/12/2015 11:59 AM
17	Just look at what Ankeny has! I shop there.	6/9/2015 6:33 AM
18	A few nice restaurants but comparatively few given Ames is a U town.	6/6/2015 2:40 AM
19	For a college town you would think there would be more attractions; many go to Des Moines to shop; dining is decent, but could still improve; but not too many shopping options.	6/5/2015 3:34 PM
20	lots of restaurants but have to go to Ankeny to shop	6/4/2015 10:47 AM
21	My husband I often go to Polk County to shop and eat. Story County has some decent spots to shop and eat, but overall, it feels limited in scope. We also don't support bringing in big franchises, but would rather support local businesses.	6/2/2015 11:59 AM
22	Dining is great. Shopping not the best - Ames Main Street is great, but the mall is terrible (and yet, I'm not disappointed we didn't allow the Bucky mall to be built near the marsh. Glad to skip a poorly-sited mall to save a marsh.)	6/1/2015 1:20 PM
23	I miss Hastings. Want IHOP.	5/31/2015 3:38 PM
24	There are many restaurants and 2 walmarts and the internet with UPS	5/31/2015 6:28 AM
25	The Ames City Council screwed the pooch on this over the years. See Ankeny.	5/30/2015 2:54 PM
26	imagination is lacking	5/30/2015 12:29 AM
27	Places to dine plentiful, to shop lacking	5/29/2015 10:09 PM
28	there are only places in ames	5/29/2015 8:03 PM
29	Would like additional high end or ethnic dining choices	5/29/2015 6:36 PM
30	Somewhere between plentiful and adequate, really.	5/29/2015 2:36 PM
31	Shopping ok. Dining options are heavily tilted to college student tastes.	5/29/2015 2:35 PM
32	Need a furniture store	5/29/2015 12:43 PM
33	I find there to be an overabundance of dining options, which is great. I also find the shopping to suit about 90% of my needs, but the rest can be met by trips to other places like Des Moines, Omaha, or the Twin Cities. For example, IKEA is a great store, but there's no way (I don't think) that Ames could support a place like that. But shopping for clothes, gifts for holidays, home supplies, etc. is almost completely satisfied here.	5/29/2015 9:38 AM
34	barely adequate	5/29/2015 9:26 AM
35	Market will dictate growth in this area.	5/29/2015 7:34 AM
36	Shopping is limited in variety, and the balance of fast-food/chain to local/unique restaurants is skewed.	5/28/2015 9:51 PM

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37	Dining excellent, shopping adequate	5/28/2015 9:06 PM
38	It's all fast or medium fast food. How many pizza shops and bar/food chain stores do we need; more local food shops, not chains.	5/28/2015 4:00 PM
39	A check mark by Lacking could have been a check mark by Plentiful if the Mall on I-35 would have been approved.	5/28/2015 2:35 PM
40	Need more restaurant choices	5/28/2015 1:35 PM
41	Many tax payers shop in Ankeny or Des Moines.	5/28/2015 1:03 PM
42	Ames is our biggest city in Story county. Why are all the stores so small - for example, Younger's and Kohls - why is that so small? (I'd rather go to Ankeny) North Grand Mall is just too small, I'd rather go to Des Moines.	5/28/2015 10:12 AM
43	Southern Story County is lacking in dining and shopping opportunities	5/28/2015 10:06 AM
44	more affordable commercial rent could make smaller restaurants an easier venture	5/28/2015 9:51 AM
45	Somewhere between adequate and lacking.	5/28/2015 9:23 AM
46	but could be better...	5/27/2015 9:24 PM
47	not enough big box stores or locally owned restaurants. no steakhouses.	5/27/2015 8:21 PM

Q28 How often do you leave the Story County area to shop?

Answered: 558 Skipped: 126



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Never	4.66%	26
Daily	1.79%	10
Weekly	23.12%	129
Monthly	48.57%	271
At least once per year	21.86%	122
Total		558



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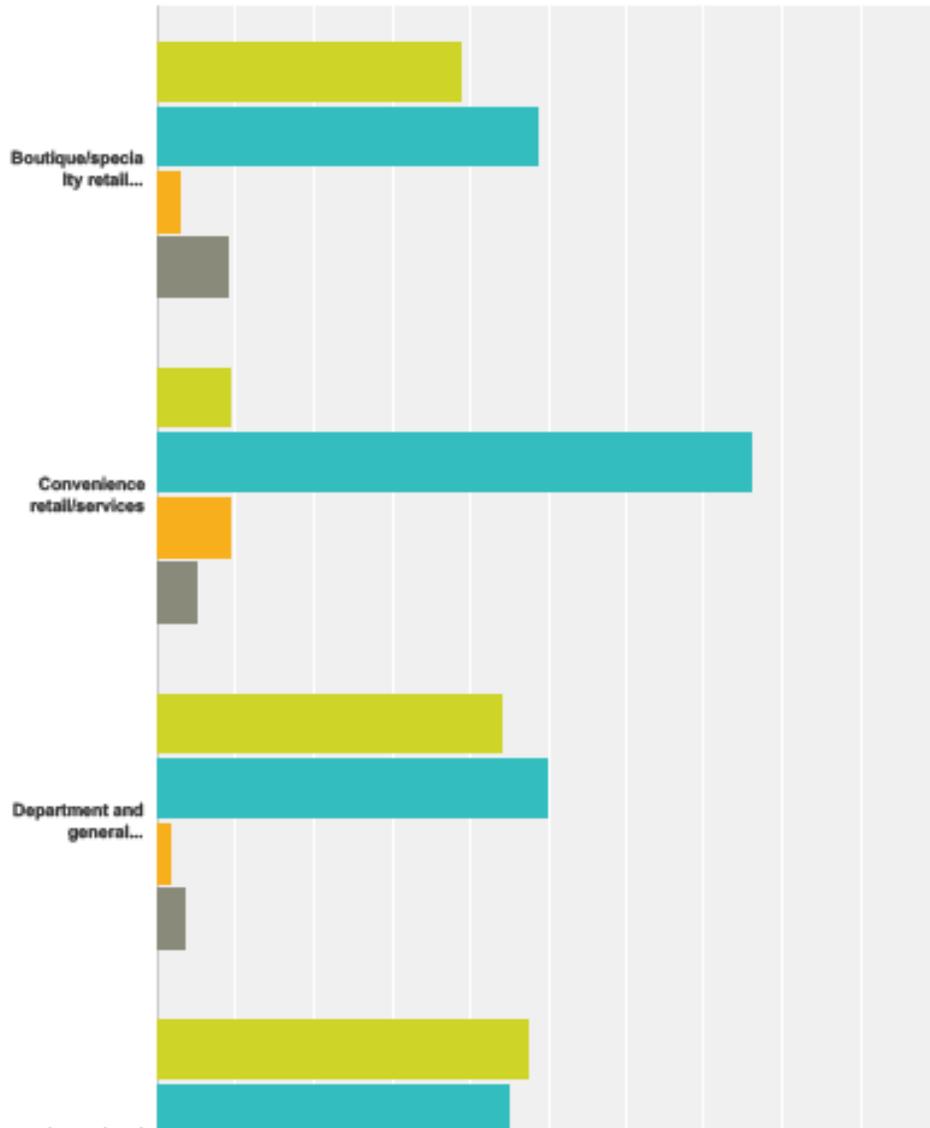
#	Comments	Date
1	if you can't find it in St. Co., you probably don't need it!	7/27/2015 4:05 PM
2	A better mall with a better food court and perhaps skating or such would be great for all of the students in the winter and humid days.	7/26/2015 3:37 PM
3	Mostly due to Ankeny being close.	7/17/2015 12:23 PM
4	We only go to Des Moines 1-2x/year for specialty items, like very specific running shoes or a ukulele, and we combine the trip with something else, like airport, a restaurant, or biking on DSM trail system.	7/15/2015 1:42 PM
5	Especially for clothing	7/13/2015 3:37 PM
6	We live a quarter mile from Polk County, so sometimes Ankeny is more convenient than Ames	7/9/2015 6:41 PM
7	I'm doing more and more on shopping by computer. How does that fit your question?	7/7/2015 11:10 PM
8	online if not here, usually	6/25/2015 12:19 PM
9	online for recreational gear	6/25/2015 9:50 AM
10	I shop on the internet for what I cannot get in Ames	6/25/2015 5:28 AM
11	it's at least monthly but I'd say it's closer to every other week depending on what we need.	6/22/2015 11:42 AM
12	Would leave more often if Des Moines was closer or had more hours in a day	6/17/2015 11:04 AM
13	I prefer to shop locally owned businesses and head out of Story County to rural Iowa.	6/16/2015 2:01 PM
14	2 to 4 times per week.	6/13/2015 7:08 PM
15	Sometimes Ankeny and DM have what I need.	6/12/2015 11:59 AM
16	I don't leave Story County to shop because I can't find something here. Sometimes I am just in other places and I shop there.	6/11/2015 9:09 PM
17	Really, we go south probably twice a month to buy items not available in Ames.	6/6/2015 2:40 AM
18	Several times a week.	6/5/2015 8:36 PM
19	If I had the money I would be shopping out of town more, but it isn't worth it for me to drive to Des Moines so I go without for a while until I take a trip to Des Moines.	6/5/2015 3:34 PM
20	Ankeny is the nearest, best place to shop. Ames defaulted opportunities to Ankeny.	6/4/2015 7:03 PM
21	I try to shop within the county especially in Ames but from time to time, I need to go elsewhere to find specific gifts for Christmas or birthdays.	6/3/2015 9:57 PM
22	I shop more and more online because I find the variety of goods in stores now is dwindling and I have to go searching elsewhere.	5/31/2015 3:38 PM
23	rely on internet	5/31/2015 9:20 AM
24	The out of town shopping not my idea but it keeps the peace at home. I order many things over the internet. When the letter is followed by the letter n it looks like the letter m	5/31/2015 6:28 AM
25	more shopping in other cities besides Ames	5/30/2015 10:43 PM
26	It seems as though fewer goods and fewer unique items are available, and when they are, access is limited (for exam	5/30/2015 8:56 PM
27	2-3 times per year	5/30/2015 11:16 AM
28	Online shopping is used monthly	5/30/2015 10:55 AM
29	I usually shop outside Story County about 3 times a year	5/29/2015 6:36 PM
30	Menards in Ames is needed	5/29/2015 5:31 PM
31	ABOUT once per year. I try to shop locally.	5/29/2015 2:36 PM
32	Rarely would be more accurate. Shopping is not a priority. More disappointed by lack of dining variety.	5/29/2015 2:35 PM
33	Since I live in Ames, I do not often have to leave town, let alone Story County. However, that might differ for folks in Nevada.	5/29/2015 9:38 AM
34	I remember when the NO Growth, err smart growth folks worked to stop the new mall by the Interstate so they could	5/29/2015 9:26 AM

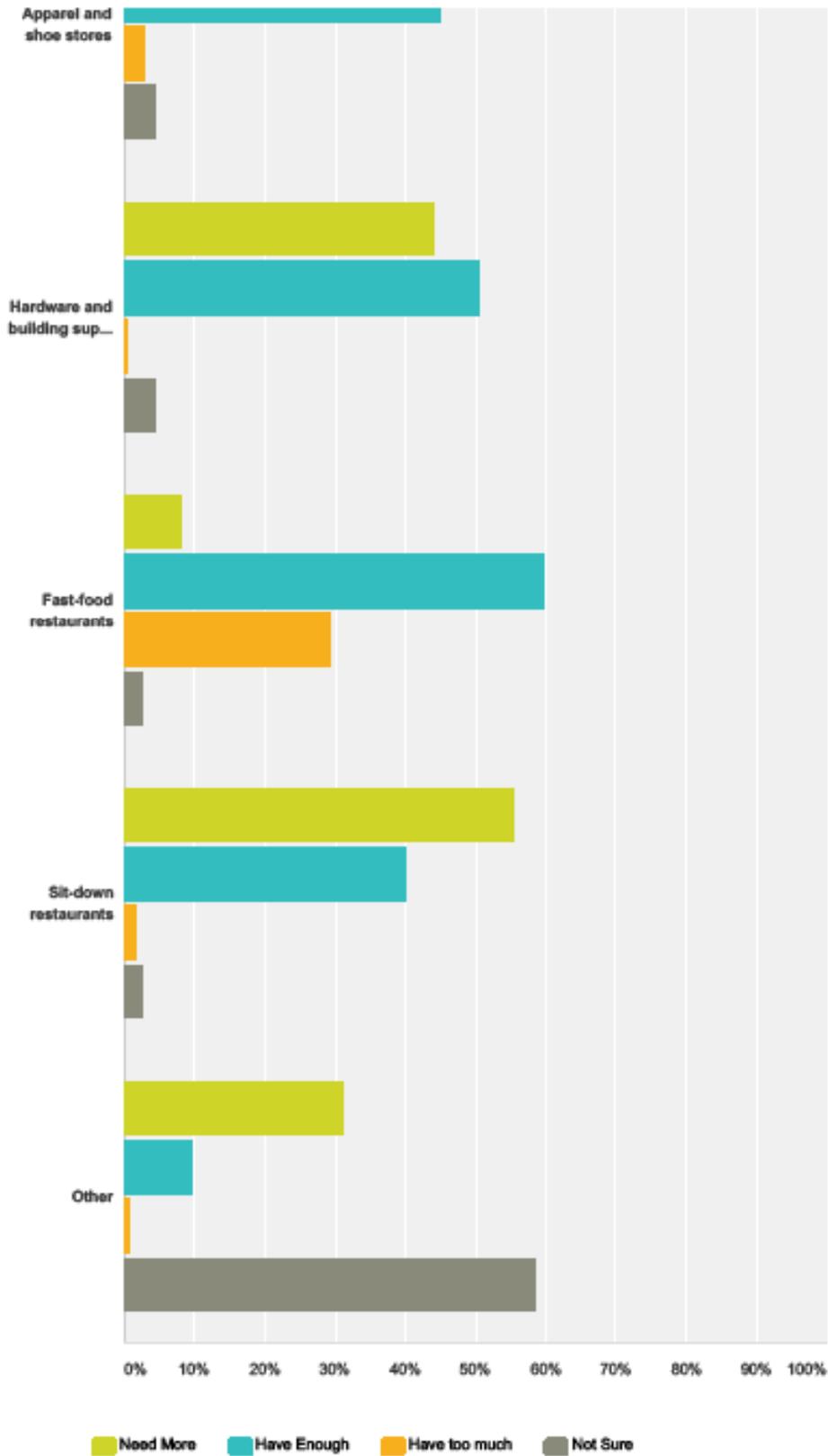
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35	Malls in Des Moines and Minneapolis are benefitting with my purchases	5/28/2015 7:07 PM
36	We have one outdoor store (Jax), one hardware store (Ace), half a music store between the two, and a ton of clothing and household merchandise stores, the majority of which are box and chain stores.	5/28/2015 4:00 PM
37	Ames is the supplier of last resort for many items. Places to shop and dine are limited and the prices in Ames are unreasonable high.	5/28/2015 2:35 PM
38	I live in Polk County...	5/28/2015 11:24 AM
39	I do a fair bit of internet shopping.	5/28/2015 9:23 AM
40	I can get anything I want on the internet.	5/27/2015 11:25 PM
41	We rarely find ourselves needing to leave the county to get something we need.	5/27/2015 9:45 PM

Q29 Please share your opinions about the supply of various retail and service businesses in the county.

Answered: 563 Skipped: 121





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	Need More	Have Enough	Have too much	Not Sure	Total
Boutique/specialty retail shopping/services	39.04% 219	48.66% 273	3.03% 17	9.27% 52	561
Convenience retail/services	9.50% 53	76.16% 425	9.32% 52	5.02% 28	558
Department and general merchandise stores	44.11% 247	50.18% 281	1.96% 11	3.75% 21	560
Apparel and shoe stores	47.32% 265	45.18% 253	2.86% 16	4.64% 26	560
Hardware and building supply stores	44.17% 246	50.81% 283	0.72% 4	4.31% 24	557
Fast-food restaurants	8.20% 46	59.71% 335	29.41% 165	2.67% 15	561
Sit-down restaurants	55.64% 311	40.07% 224	1.61% 9	2.68% 15	559
Other	31.11% 42	9.63% 13	0.74% 1	58.52% 79	135

#	If "Other", please specify or enter comments	Date
1	West Ames needs restaurants. Not necessarily fast food (except for Popeyes chicken; that would be a plus). Lowe's needs competition from Menards or Lowes	7/26/2015 3:37 PM
2	See previous answer.	7/7/2015 11:10 PM
3	Need better stores in the Mall with better selections.	7/7/2015 4:49 PM
4	Amusement recreational	6/25/2015 4:07 PM
5	Our mall is an absolute embarrassment to Ames. Traditional malls are dying anyway, why not knock the thing down and start over with an innovative concept that would set Ames apart (outside spaces connecting stores, etc)	6/25/2015 10:30 AM
6	Too many retail stores and restaurants cater to students. Need services for adults too.	6/24/2015 7:22 PM
7	Bookstores	6/22/2015 11:42 AM
8	Department stores are poorly stocked and inconveniently located. Not worth the trip to not find what you are looking for.	6/18/2015 10:12 PM
9	So many auto body shops; need more furniture/housing stores	6/17/2015 11:04 AM
10	Rural Story County needs more locally owned and operated businesses to bring people to these communities.	6/16/2015 2:01 PM
11	The west side of Ames could use a small hardware store like Ace Hardware. Especially if it contained a postal station.	6/15/2015 3:25 PM
12	favor independent stores and restaurants, have plenty of franchised restaurants	6/15/2015 12:03 PM
13	Know your customer, don't try to be everything to everyone.	6/13/2015 7:08 PM
14	Name dept stores like Dillard's and Macy's. Missing quality restaurants for Italian, Chinese, seafood	6/13/2015 5:12 PM
15	new breweries are welcome, more sit down food in downtown Ames would be nice.	6/12/2015 11:59 AM
16	specialty grocers - trader joes, costco - likely don't have population for such entities	6/10/2015 12:30 AM
17	We need a menards	6/9/2015 11:32 AM
18	More diversity in what businesses offer	6/9/2015 11:06 AM
19	Miss having K-mart. Afraid that Wal-mart will run Target out.	6/9/2015 8:53 AM
20	would appreciate more places that are locally owned, not chain	6/9/2015 8:41 AM
21	if we had a Scheels and a Tasty Taco, I'd never have to leave Ames.	6/8/2015 8:40 AM
22	Need more attractions - things to do.	6/5/2015 8:36 PM
23	We need another big box store option other than Lowes for hardware. Menards would be nice.	6/5/2015 3:34 PM



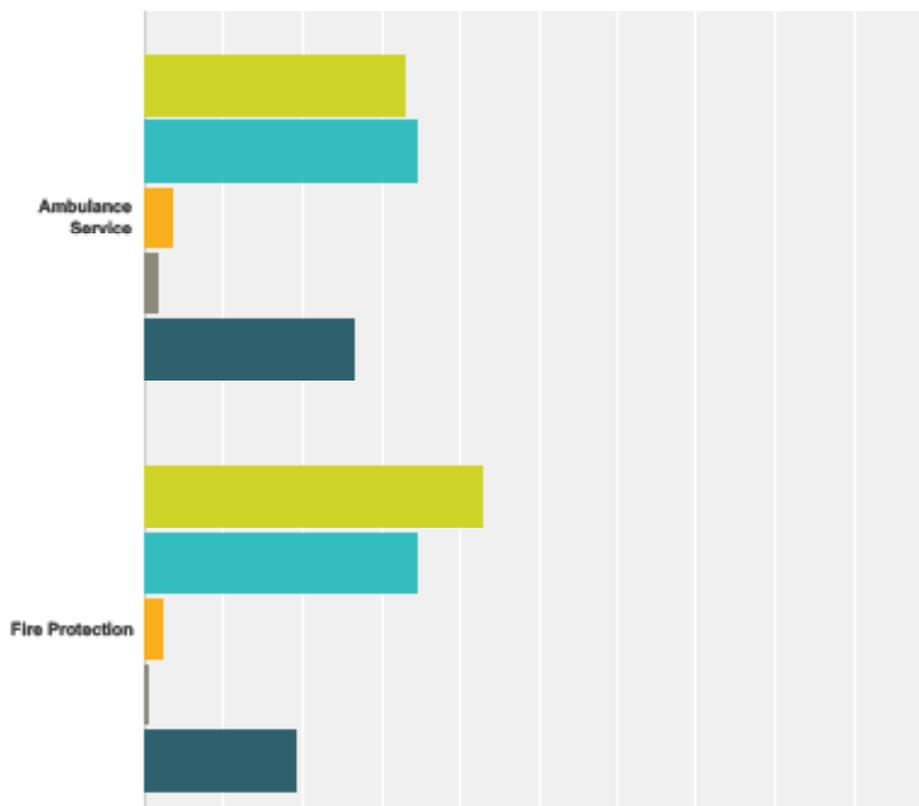
24	second hand and consignment furniture and household	6/4/2015 10:07 AM
25	I am not a happy shopper anywhere as I do not like to shop but when I need to I can usually find what I need in Central Iowa and I try to find it in Ames first.	6/3/2015 9:57 PM
26	By "sit-down" restaurants, I'm referring to local, independent businesses – not the big chains and franchises (there are TOO MANY of those). I support adding local businesses, and possibly expanding the mall in Ames (I never even bother to go there, because it's so small and limited). It would be nice for the county to provide incentive for entrepreneurs and local businesses to flourish, rather than enticing big-box stores or franchises.	6/2/2015 11:59 AM
27	I think that the county should try to help Ames get a Menards store in Ames. That would help keep me in Story County a lot more. I go to Ankeny to go to Menards, then just do my shopping in Polk County to save a penny on taxes. If Menards were in Ames I would probably just stay in Story County to shop.	6/2/2015 11:12 AM
28	I really wish there were a Menards in Ames	6/1/2015 3:40 PM
29	restaurants featuring local foods; patios	6/1/2015 3:31 PM
30	Lowes is not centrally located, need another competitor to the northwest	6/1/2015 12:24 PM
31	Need more restaurants in Ames, but away from Duff. Campustown, Main St, Sommerset, west Ames.	6/1/2015 10:36 AM
32	cell phone stores and auto parts stores. too many	5/31/2015 10:52 PM
33	Hastings bookstore, which offered new and used books, movies and music!	5/31/2015 3:38 PM
34	More technology buying opportunities	5/31/2015 6:28 AM
35	Culturally unique goods and services are lacking	5/30/2015 8:56 PM
36	quiet restaurants, NOT sports bars	5/30/2015 4:43 PM
37	Menards would be a great fit for Ames and Story County	5/30/2015 4:00 PM
38	VARIETY needed	5/30/2015 3:11 PM
39	It is not so much how many we have, but their quality.	5/30/2015 12:29 AM
40	need more variety in Nevada	5/29/2015 8:03 PM
41	Locally owned restaurants that are unique with homey feel	5/29/2015 7:10 PM
42	sears, fleet farm, toy store, paper products store, used furniture store, bakeries needed	5/29/2015 6:48 PM
43	Take advantage of the numerous artists in county such as an Artist Mall with studios and retail area (Spanish Artist Village like in San Diego)	5/29/2015 6:36 PM
44	Each of the retail shops have a smaller selection (naturally due to the smaller population) than competing stores 15 minutes away. If I need a better selection, Ankeny will be the place, unfortunately. If I need a quick fix, Ames locations will meet the need (unless later in the evenings).	5/29/2015 6:07 PM
45	BOOK STORES NEEDED, REAL ICE CREAM SHOP OPEN LATE AT NIGHT	5/29/2015 4:34 PM
46	No more auto parts stores	5/29/2015 2:35 PM
47	we need a new movie theater	5/29/2015 2:30 PM
48	Need a furniture store; need additional hardware/building supply store so Lowes has competition	5/29/2015 12:43 PM
49	beauty salon, psychiatric services	5/29/2015 11:49 AM
50	I always enjoy boutique and specialty retail options just because I feel there's more customer service, but I also like the ease of shopping at places like Target. I would also really love to see a really hip plant nursery. Earl May and Lowes just don't cut it for the really good stuff	5/29/2015 9:38 AM
51	I am satisfied with the retail shopping here.	5/29/2015 9:16 AM
52	furniture, non mattress	5/29/2015 7:55 AM
53	Need more retail businesses that carry a larger variety of quality houseware goods.	5/29/2015 7:01 AM
54	All of above needed in communities other than Ames.	5/29/2015 12:06 AM
55	Coffee in North Ames or Gilbert	5/28/2015 11:13 PM
56	Macys	5/28/2015 7:07 PM
57	Music Venues/Taverns	5/28/2015 4:14 PM

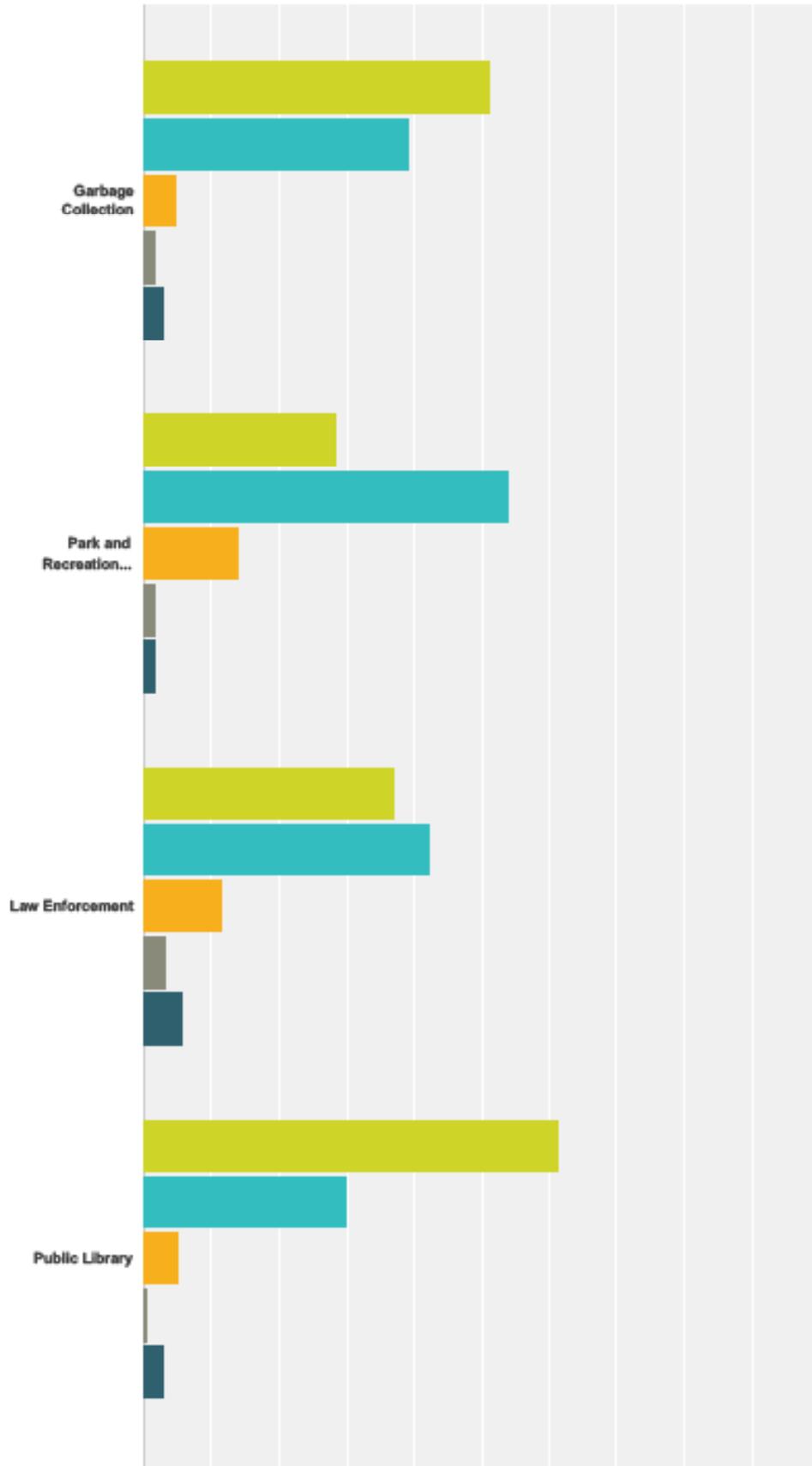
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58	I'm fine with what's here	5/28/2015 3:30 PM
59	Lacking craftsman quality businesses that charge a reasonable price.	5/28/2015 2:35 PM
60	I am FOR any business coming to SC.....as long as I'm not going to pay for or finance it.	5/28/2015 2:19 PM
61	Too close ro Ankeny and DSM for these needed areas to succeed.	5/28/2015 12:10 PM
62	Bookstores, movie theaters, cultural amenities	5/28/2015 11:13 AM
63	Smaller restaurants that aren't chains	5/28/2015 9:51 AM
64	Ames has a lot of things but this is about the only town.	5/28/2015 9:37 AM
65	There are sit-down restaurants and there are sit-down restaurants that are worth patronizing. I don't know why we don't have better restaurants. We have plenty of mediocre ones.	5/28/2015 9:23 AM
66	entertainment/music venues	5/28/2015 9:10 AM
67	Other is a stupid question	5/27/2015 9:53 PM
68	need to support these types of businesses outside of Ames, Nevada, Gilbert and Huxley more. You know, where the smaller populations are-) Seriously, they need help growing.. Like Colo, McCallsburg, and Zearing.	5/27/2015 9:24 PM
69	Sporting/Outdoors	5/27/2015 9:14 PM
70	need more outdoor retailers, like REI, Columbia, or Cabela.	5/27/2015 8:21 PM
71	NOT chain restaurants.	5/27/2015 7:41 PM
72	need more options for high-tech, computer sales and service	5/27/2015 5:04 PM
73	I'm not a big shopper, but I would hate to lose J.C. Penney--then we'd need more alternatives.	5/27/2015 4:04 PM

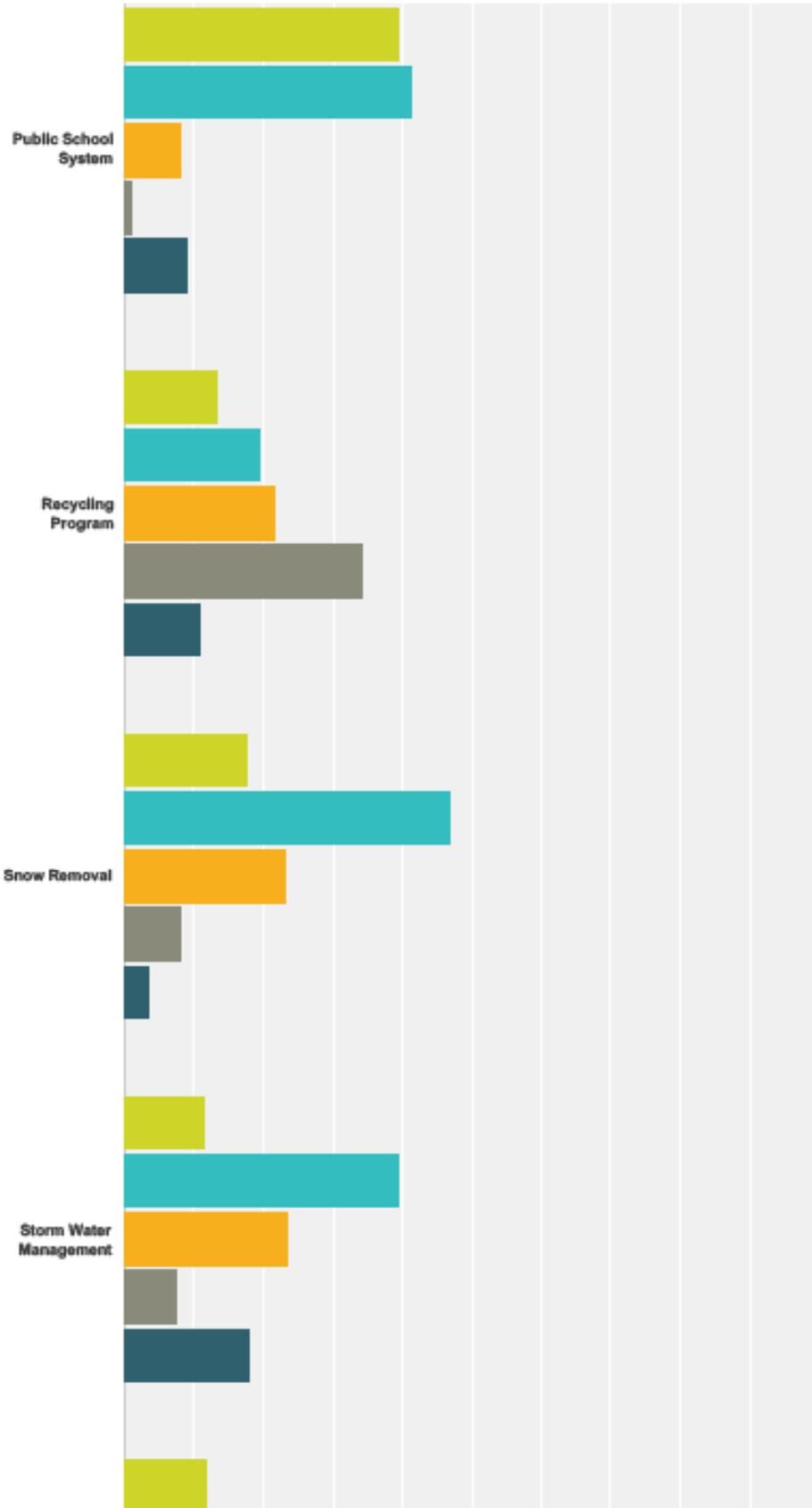
Q30 From your experience, please rate the following services in your community.

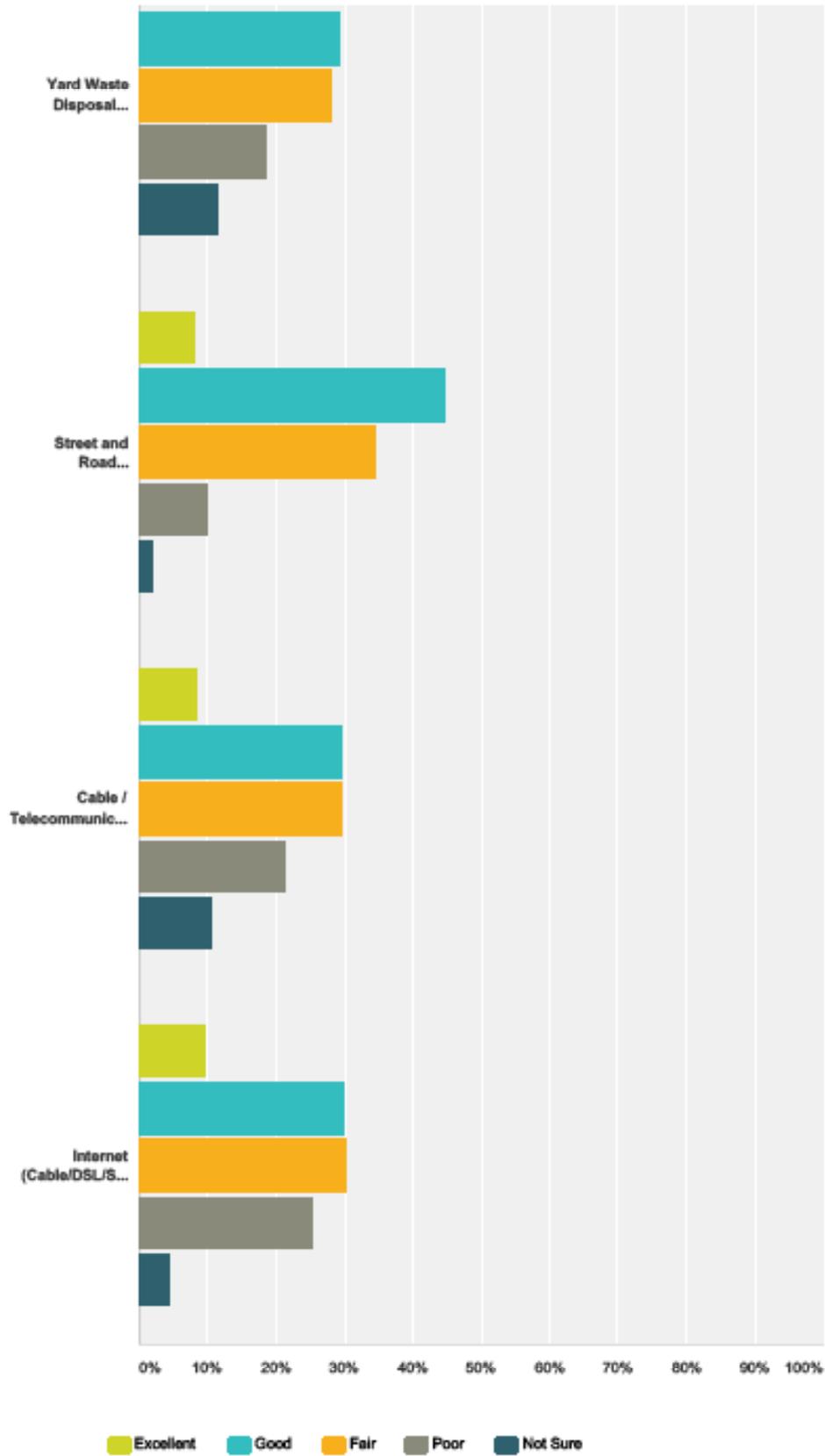
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	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not Sure	Total
Ambulance Service	33.09% 182	34.73% 191	3.64% 20	1.82% 10	26.73% 147	550
Fire Protection	42.99% 236	34.61% 190	2.37% 13	0.73% 4	19.31% 106	549
Garbage Collection	51.18% 282	39.20% 216	4.90% 27	1.63% 9	3.09% 17	551
Park and Recreation Facilities	28.65% 159	53.87% 299	14.23% 79	1.62% 9	1.62% 9	555
Law Enforcement	36.96% 204	42.21% 233	11.78% 65	3.44% 19	5.62% 31	552
Public Library	61.12% 338	30.02% 166	5.06% 28	0.72% 4	3.07% 17	553
Public School System	39.75% 219	41.38% 228	8.35% 46	1.27% 7	9.26% 51	551
Recycling Program	13.38% 74	19.71% 109	21.70% 120	34.18% 189	11.03% 61	553
Snow Removal	17.66% 98	47.03% 261	23.24% 129	8.29% 46	3.78% 21	555
Storm Water Management	11.50% 63	39.42% 216	23.54% 129	7.66% 42	17.88% 98	548
Yard Waste Disposal Options	11.98% 66	29.40% 162	28.13% 155	18.87% 104	11.62% 64	551
Street and Road Maintenance	8.45% 47	44.60% 248	34.71% 193	10.07% 56	2.16% 12	556
Cable / Telecommunications	8.59% 47	29.80% 163	29.80% 163	21.21% 116	10.60% 58	547
Internet (Cable/DSL/Satellite/Other)	9.51% 52	30.16% 165	30.35% 166	25.41% 139	4.57% 25	547

#	Comments	Date
1	Yard Waste Disposal is great in Story City	7/29/2015 10:22 AM
2	What is "my community"? I live in a rural area	7/9/2015 11:07 PM
3	Fiber optic internet should be available in every town.	7/9/2015 6:43 PM
4	Would love to have a recycling business back intown - so miss the one on east lincoln	7/8/2015 11:32 PM
5	Compared with what - in most cases?	7/7/2015 11:12 PM
6	There are too many monopolies when it comes to services, in particular, internet.	6/25/2015 10:32 AM
7	Would like to see community owned internet/wifi	6/25/2015 5:30 AM
8	Need better access to high speed internet in rural areas.	6/24/2015 7:23 PM
9	Ames needs another fire house, and burning recycleable materials in Ames is beyond stupidity.	6/22/2015 7:54 AM
10	The murder of Tyler Comstock by Ames PD was heinous. I thought we had a better community than that.	6/17/2015 3:00 PM
11	Not enough people know about how Ames utilizes trash for energy. Lots of people "recycle" and shouldn't (except for glass)	6/17/2015 11:05 AM
12	We cannot get CenturyLink internet. Television services are limited in our location	6/15/2015 3:29 PM
13	our snow removal private	6/15/2015 12:32 PM
14	We live in a rural area - internet is costly and slow. Should be a public utility.	6/13/2015 12:47 PM



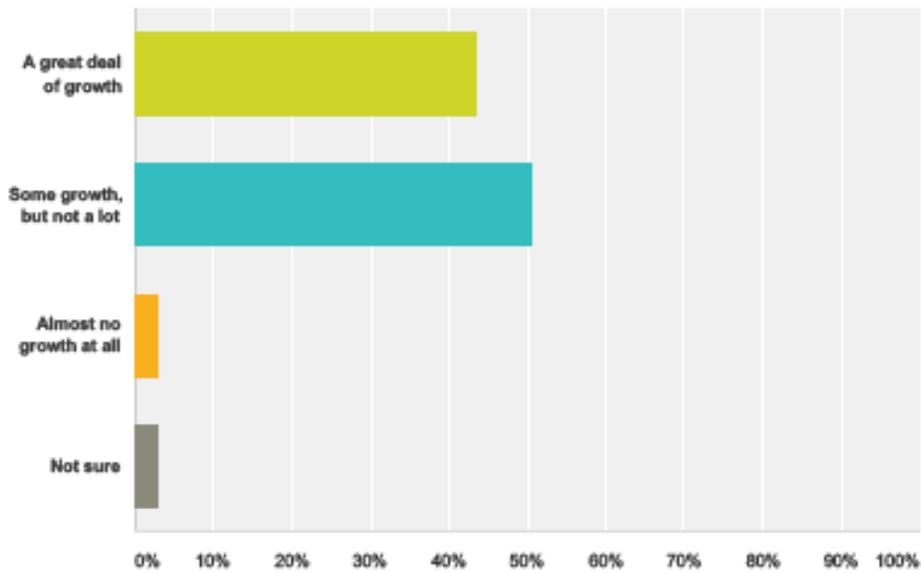
15	Street and road repair needs a bigger budget	6/12/2015 4:26 PM
16	Colo is monopolized for cable/Internet, poor quality for hig prices	6/12/2015 2:11 PM
17	Would be nice to have one stream recycling in rural Ames	6/12/2015 12:00 PM
18	We have a recycling program here?	6/11/2015 9:10 PM
19	need more high speed in rural areas via local phone company	6/11/2015 12:25 PM
20	street plows pushing snow onto the front of driveways is a horrendous thing to discover upon returning from work or first thing in the morning. One can not move that kind of snow by oneself - specially when it turns into an ice berm! lights are out often all over town - along streets. no one pays mind any longer to impediments to sidewalks - tree/bush overhangs - lack of property snow removal especially along trails/walks to buses.	6/10/2015 12:33 AM
21	We need a recycling center in Ames - the city needs to subsidize that!!	6/9/2015 6:35 AM
22	Street Maintenance starting a job and then being gone for a good portion of the summer when the street is torn up is annoying.	6/6/2015 7:57 PM
23	Ames has third-world quality Internet off campus. I'm filling out this survey from Africa, much better net than CenturyLink in Ames iowa.tree branch disposal is a big issue. We've planted a lot of trees but sometimes they lose branches. Disposal is difficult in Ames. Our neighbors solution: don't plant trees, a really poor solution.	6/6/2015 2:43 AM
24	Our cable company needs to carry more Chicago Cubs games and more cultural networks. I am a sports fan but I also like opera, symphonies and theatre productions.	6/3/2015 10:01 PM
25	Need more high speed Internet service	6/3/2015 12:49 PM
26	Garbage and recycling are not city provided services in Ames.	6/2/2015 10:06 PM
27	There is no place in Nevada to take yard waste	6/2/2015 3:20 PM
28	internet competition should be encouraged	6/2/2015 12:51 PM
29	In our apartment, internet is terrible ... We don't like that Mediacom has the monopoly here, and it also seems like there are constantly issues with the fiber optic lines... Our internet becomes very spotty and unreliable in the evenings when everyone is home and (we assume) streaming movies or games ...	6/2/2015 12:02 PM
30	These comments are for service in Roland. If it weren't for CCS out of Stratford, the cable and internet would be marked lower. It is sad that the can redemption center in Ames closed.	6/2/2015 11:15 AM
31	Overall, stormwater management is good, though I and my neighbors have been trying to get the city of Ames to help with a stormwater easement and not gotten much response.	6/1/2015 3:45 PM
32	We need better internet service!!!	5/31/2015 3:40 PM
33	Few competitive options for cable/Internet.	5/31/2015 9:41 AM
34	Sheriff's Dept is bloated. I'm amazed at how well our rural gravel roads are maintained. Our county road system is very good.	5/30/2015 2:57 PM
35	we need fiber-optic internet access	5/30/2015 1:51 PM
36	we need a narrow park all through Ames- would make us unique!	5/30/2015 12:31 AM
37	internet options poor in rural areas	5/29/2015 10:39 PM
38	Need more high speed internet options	5/29/2015 9:11 PM
39	I don't feel safe walking the trail between South 4th and South 16th. Homeless men catcalling.	5/29/2015 6:39 PM
40	I live in a rural area, and either don't get some of these services or accept (as in the case of internet) that they will be worse where I live - living in the country means compromises.	5/29/2015 2:39 PM
41	We are frustrated by monopoly status of Mediacom.	5/29/2015 2:36 PM
42	I would LOVE to have Google Fiber. Ames is a college town and a science and technology school--we've got to be their target market!	5/29/2015 9:39 AM
43	fortunately have not needed ambulance service or fire protection. parks and rec are only fair because of the lack of a bike path system. internet is extremely poor.	5/28/2015 4:42 PM
44	Need more competition with Cable/Internet	5/28/2015 4:15 PM

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45	We have too much garbage; we have a culture of consume and throw away. We should have a local recycling option; many of us are stuck with what a landlord provides. The loss of the recycling center was a major blow to our culture. Sidewalk maintenance is horrible, especially on Duff Ave; this is a very hazardous and dangerous area for the sidewalk pedestrian.	5/28/2015 4:03 PM
46	Need a curbside recycling program in Ames	5/28/2015 1:37 PM
47	Story County needs a warm water physical therapy, year-round pool facility.	5/28/2015 11:28 AM
48	Bike trail needs paved. Library is too small. Need a new school to compete with surrounding communities - but people won't pass bond for reasons I don't understand. There is no recycling program. Only choices for cable are Dish & Direct. Internet through Windstream not the best. I live in Maxwell.	5/28/2015 10:16 AM
49	The Garbage collectors leave a lot of trash around. It's neater now that I take my own. Ames doesn't begin to have enough swimming facilities. We need a reliable internet provider in Ames. None of them have reliable service.	5/27/2015 11:28 PM
50	Mediacom needs competition	5/27/2015 7:30 PM
51	Getting DSL in parts of Ames and in rural areas is expensive at best, and often difficult.	5/27/2015 4:06 PM

Q31 Over the past five years, how much growth do you think Story County has experienced?

Answered: 545 Skipped: 139



Answer Choices	Responses
A great deal of growth	43.49% 237
Some growth, but not a lot	50.46% 275
Almost no growth at all	2.94% 16
Not sure	3.12% 17
Total	545

#	Comments	Date
1	mostly near Ames	7/11/2015 7:58 PM

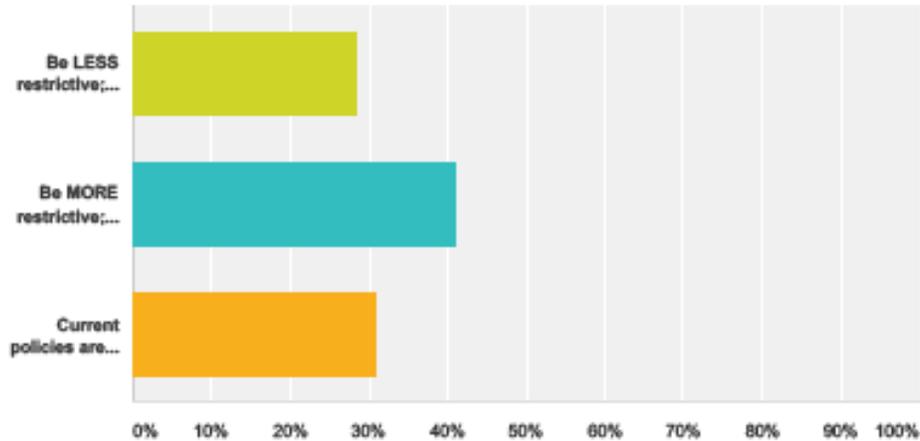


2	Somewhere between some and a great deal	7/9/2015 11:10 PM
3	assuming this include the influx of ISU students in Ames	7/8/2015 11:33 PM
4	Many more students	7/7/2015 4:54 PM
5	Mostly in Ames I think	6/17/2015 11:09 AM
6	Seems to be geographically the same size. Maybe we should overtake Hamilton county with our militarized sheriff's department	6/16/2015 8:07 AM
7	Not much growth in eastern story county	6/11/2015 8:34 PM
8	way too much on north side -	6/10/2015 12:35 AM
9	Mostly collage students	6/8/2015 8:43 AM
10	but primarily in Ames in my view	6/8/2015 2:51 AM
11	Growth is relative, perhaps Ames has had a lot of growth compared with other Iowa towns. Growth here is not 'fast' like truly fast growing areas on the west coast.	6/6/2015 2:49 AM
12	growth is not necessarily good, e.g. growth of ISU student population without growth in housing to go with it.	6/4/2015 7:27 PM
13	University related	6/1/2015 12:48 PM
14	Look at all the new building in ames	5/31/2015 6:33 AM
15	ugly growth	5/30/2015 12:32 AM
16	Thanks to ISU	5/29/2015 11:26 PM
17	it depends on the town	5/29/2015 6:42 PM
18	The Ames area has experienced a lot of growth, and that's what I see most.	5/29/2015 2:44 PM
19	i define growth by the realstate properties I see popping up everywhere	5/28/2015 8:43 PM
20	Mostly just Ames and the surrounding area.	5/28/2015 4:07 PM
21	We should stop talking about growth as desirable. Let's start planning for a no-growth policy.	5/28/2015 11:34 AM
22	Only in Ames	5/28/2015 10:18 AM
23	Bondurant, NP and Ballard have grown a lot. I think it will start entering Southern Story County near Maxwell	5/28/2015 9:40 AM
24	At least in relation to ISU students	5/28/2015 9:26 AM
25	Cancer grows very fast. Cancer is not healthy. We need a sustainable community.	5/27/2015 11:31 PM
26	that needs advertised better...	5/27/2015 9:28 PM
27	Excluding ISU students	5/27/2015 8:37 PM

Q32 How would you direct County civic leaders and planners with regard to land use policies and regulations?

Answered: 516 Skipped: 168

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Answer Choices	Responses
Be LESS restrictive; allow MORE flexibility for where and how land may be used and developed	28.29% 146
Be MORE restrictive; allow LESS flexibility for where and how land may be used and developed	40.89% 211
Current policies are okay	30.81% 159
Total	516

#	Comments	Date
1	There are too many exceptions made to existing policies	7/9/2015 11:10 PM
2	I will be moving out of the county due to overdevelopment surrounding me in rural area.	6/26/2015 6:32 PM
3	The best cities in the U.S. implement carefully managed development plans and do not allow random, unrestricted development. Such development pays no heed to the character of the region, historical significance, preservation of natural resources, etc. Infrastructure needed to support random development is more costly and less reliable. This has to be managed for long-term sustainability of all that we have now.	6/26/2015 8:01 AM
4	Needs to case by case basis.	6/25/2015 6:30 PM
5	The county gave away too much control to the City of Ames. Rural residents are being restricted too much.	6/24/2015 7:27 PM
6	Cannot answer this in a general way; depends upon specifics of each proposal.	6/23/2015 8:49 AM
7	balanced approach	6/20/2015 11:16 AM
8	development or new construction should not be allowed in a floodplain.	6/18/2015 10:16 PM
9	Use more common sense when dealing with pre-existing land use conditions!	6/18/2015 2:38 PM
10	There's been a lot of goofy sprawl - stop trying to be Ankeny!	6/17/2015 3:04 PM
11	I am not up to date on these policies as they don't seem to affect me much	6/17/2015 11:09 AM
12	Building on prime farmland & in flood plains should be reconsidered.	6/15/2015 3:36 PM
13	'quit allowing developers to strip topsoil from subdivisions!	6/15/2015 12:39 PM
14	Eliminate the use of "Home Owners Associations" and similar restrictive covenants	6/15/2015 11:38 AM
15	protect soil, water, open areas we have enough people here lets concentrate on quality not quantity	6/15/2015 11:09 AM
16	Require higher development standards, but streamline the development process.	6/12/2015 1:47 PM
17	keep development OUT of floodplain, no exceptions	6/12/2015 12:03 PM
18	Nevada is land locked & needs more growth, like Ames.	6/11/2015 8:34 PM
19	Not overly restrictive but evaluate track apartment development policies and cloned housing	6/10/2015 11:33 AM



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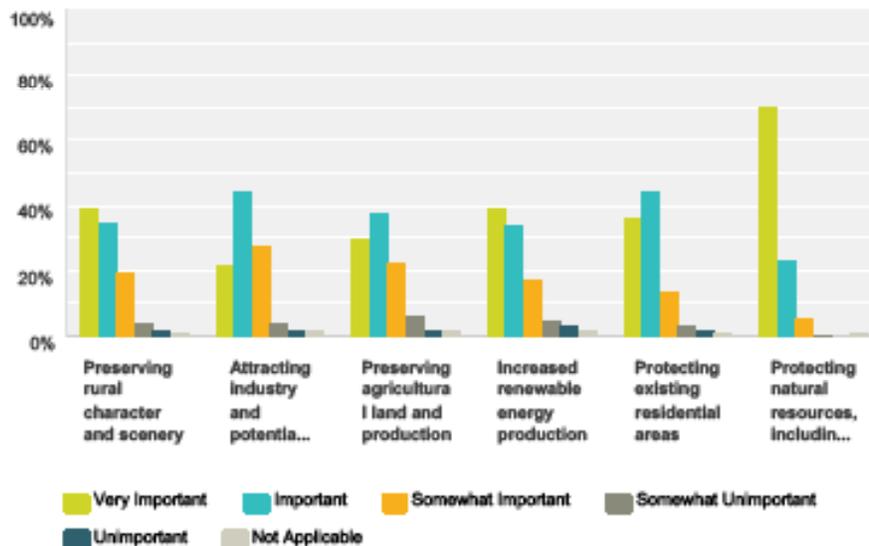
20	Ames rental regulations are nuts!	6/9/2015 11:37 AM
21	Find balance between preserving flood plain areas and developing new affordable housing that doesn't cater exclusively to students.	6/9/2015 6:57 AM
22	Less hassles for businesses trying to come in - signage, etc.	6/9/2015 6:37 AM
23	Ames seems to have a plan more or less. The expansion of the Tech Park is great for the future.	6/6/2015 2:49 AM
24	don't take away farm land; stop making apartments with businesses underneath, they are all the same-coffee shops and fitness facilities that cater to ISU students, what about the rest of the citizens that are here year round?	6/5/2015 3:39 PM
25	be intentional about community planning and development	6/5/2015 3:17 PM
26	flood plains specifically need more restrictions	6/4/2015 8:33 PM
27	not sure	6/4/2015 7:27 PM
28	During times of greater growth, it is more important to use sound planning and avoid a free-for-all that will bite us later	6/4/2015 12:06 PM
29	protect our water and air quality	6/2/2015 3:22 PM
30	Not sure, depends on each situation	6/1/2015 8:20 PM
31	not sure	6/1/2015 9:54 AM
32	it would be nice to have more acreage dwellings available, but it's good/important to protect the farmland.	5/31/2015 3:03 PM
33	Of course they should allow only what I want withing sight of my property	5/31/2015 6:33 AM
34	eminent domain should only be utilized if there is no other option. Example: If a proposed project has another route that doesn't require the use of eminent domain. That option that doesn't require the use of eminent domain should be used.	5/30/2015 5:21 PM
35	depends on the situation	5/30/2015 9:56 AM
36	No comment as I'm not up to date on current policy	5/30/2015 9:06 AM
37	i am not aware of current policies	5/29/2015 10:37 PM
38	Don't allow so many apartments to be built, enrolment will fall	5/29/2015 9:15 PM
39	don't build on farm land	5/29/2015 6:51 PM
40	more restrictive on flood plain building.	5/29/2015 6:29 PM
41	Balancing the health needs of the citizens (water quality, air quality, allergies, etc.) With the current culture, this may seem like getting my cake and eating it too.	5/29/2015 6:13 PM
42	Be SMARTLY restrictive. Continued development in flood plains, for example, is crazy.	5/29/2015 2:44 PM
43	each case is different and looked at	5/29/2015 2:32 PM
44	no more apartments	5/29/2015 2:30 PM
45	state laws restrict county options where most needed - factory farms	5/29/2015 2:29 PM
46	Keep buildings/businesses and residential out of 500 yr flood plains	5/29/2015 1:57 PM
47	but the city of Ames planning office is not easy to work with, won't return calls, do not follow up on things; growth on S Duff is ridiculous as this area will flood again and those businesses who have been in place prior to 2008 will see catastrophic damage when we have major flooding again	5/29/2015 12:47 PM
48	more restrictive when it affects water air quality otherwise current level ok.	5/29/2015 11:54 AM
49	i don't think that any of these really fit as the subject is too broad. in some areas we need more restrictions, in others, fewer.	5/29/2015 11:22 AM
50	Natural areas need greater protection	5/29/2015 10:52 AM
51	We really just need the right types of restrictions. Environmentally hazardous operations should not be located near sensitive environments; like hog lots next to a water way.	5/28/2015 4:07 PM
52	Again - 35 acre minimum keeps out people from building or buying in the county. So you allow a cheap mobile home on 50 acres but not a new house on 1 acre? That doesn't make sense.	5/28/2015 3:42 PM
53	not sure	5/28/2015 3:33 PM

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54	Planning and Zoning needs to act like they exist.	5/28/2015 2:43 PM
55	Policies should not necessarily be opened wide, but should be more nuanced. Regulations should be more thoughtful and customized to Story County's needs, and not assumed to be necessary just because they are standard practice elsewhere.	5/28/2015 12:19 PM
56	Iowa has the most fertile land in the world. Stop covering it with roads and buildings. Our soils are needed to grow food (not food and fuel).	5/28/2015 11:34 AM
57	More restrictive in some ways, less in others. Update goals with public participation	5/28/2015 11:15 AM
58	Rural areas and farms need to be protected	5/28/2015 11:14 AM
59	Overall just less development on the flood plain, less agricultural land directly bordering lakes and streams	5/28/2015 9:53 AM
60	Be hardasses.	5/28/2015 9:26 AM
61	We need a park in the natural wetlands, not SuperWalmart and Target.	5/27/2015 11:31 PM
62	It shouldn't be about strictness. Set goals and be flexible in regard to achieving them.	5/27/2015 9:49 PM
63	If it makes sense... Don't trash the environment, but be open to discussion so all parties know what is expected.	5/27/2015 9:28 PM
64	Stop building in the flood plain	5/27/2015 9:17 PM
65	Not familiar with county land use policy, only Ames.	5/27/2015 8:27 PM
66	Except no more development in flood plains!	5/27/2015 7:44 PM
67	Big developers seem to have much sway with city councils—more, I think, than they should.	5/27/2015 4:10 PM

Q33 Whenever a development project is proposed, be it new homes, new commercial or manufacturing uses, or mining or energy uses, County leaders must balance competing interests. Please indicate the importance of each of the following to you:

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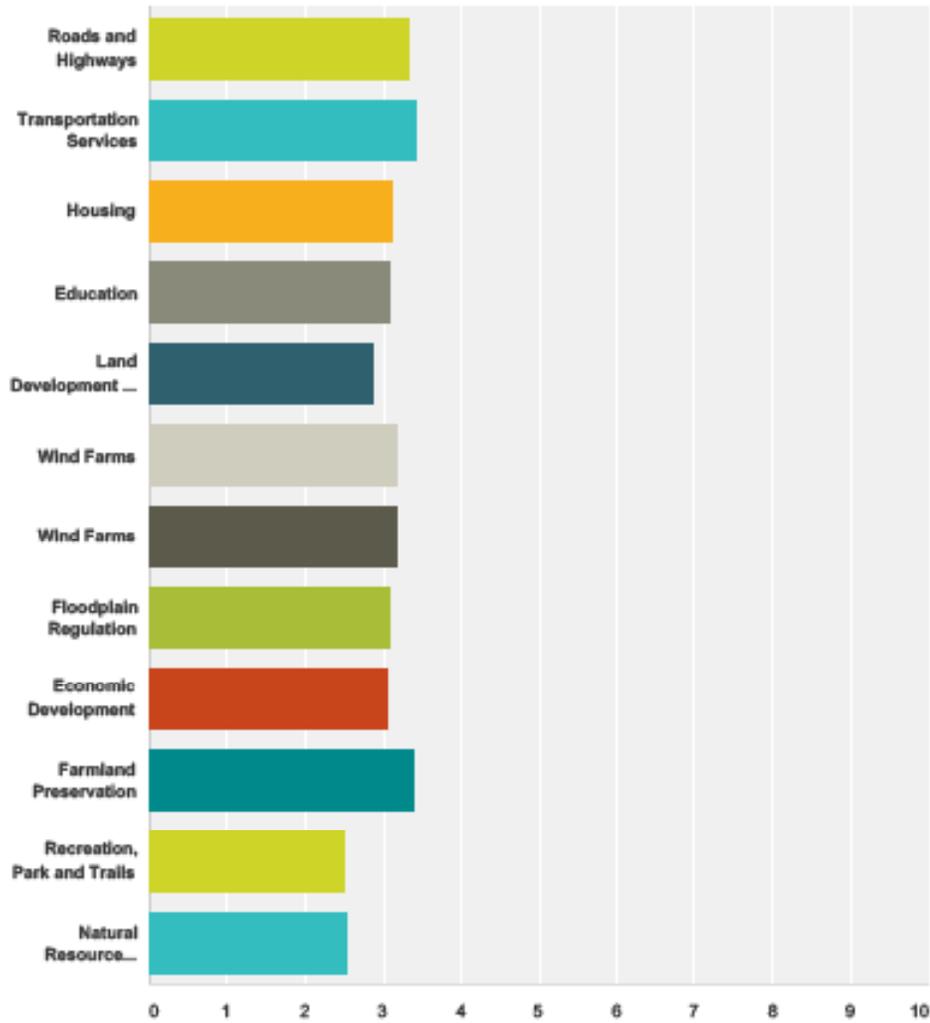


	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Somewhat Unimportant	Unimportant	Not Applicable	Total	Weighted Average
Preserving rural character and scenery	39.08% 213	34.31% 187	19.63% 107	4.22% 23	1.83% 10	0.92% 5	545	1.98
Attracting industry and potential jobs	21.59% 117	43.91% 238	27.68% 150	3.87% 21	1.48% 8	1.48% 8	542	2.24
Preserving agricultural land and production	29.83% 162	37.94% 206	22.47% 122	5.89% 32	2.21% 12	1.66% 9	543	2.18
Increased renewable energy production	39.34% 214	33.82% 184	17.10% 93	4.78% 26	3.13% 17	1.84% 10	544	2.04
Protecting existing residential areas	36.04% 195	44.55% 241	13.31% 72	3.70% 20	1.29% 7	1.11% 6	541	1.93
Protecting natural resources, including air and water quality	70.17% 381	22.84% 124	5.52% 30	0.55% 3	0.00% 0	0.92% 5	543	1.40

Q34 The planning process will include regional public workshops in June 2015 to address topics of particular concern to residents. Please indicate your interest in attending a workshop to discuss each of the following issues.

Answered: 531 Skipped: 153

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	Very Interested	Interested	Somewhat Interested	Somewhat Uninterested	Uninterested	Very Uninterested	Total	Weighted Average
Roads and Highways	11.22% 58	18.57% 96	29.21% 151	14.31% 74	19.73% 102	6.96% 36	517	3.34
Transportation Services	10.83% 56	14.31% 74	29.98% 155	17.60% 91	20.70% 107	6.58% 34	517	3.43
Housing	14.86% 77	21.24% 110	29.15% 151	13.32% 69	15.83% 82	5.60% 29	518	3.11
Education	14.20% 73	23.74% 122	27.82% 143	14.20% 73	14.40% 74	5.64% 29	514	3.08
Land Development and Growth	17.32% 89	27.43% 141	28.02% 144	10.12% 52	11.67% 60	5.45% 28	514	2.88
Wind Farms	11.63% 5	23.26% 10	27.91% 12	16.28% 7	13.95% 6	6.98% 3	43	3.19
Wind Farms	9.67% 50	24.95% 129	29.59% 153	14.89% 77	14.31% 74	6.58% 34	517	3.19



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Floodplain Regulation	15.44% 80	23.55% 122	25.87% 134	13.51% 70	15.06% 78	6.56% 34	518	3.09
Economic Development	12.48% 64	26.12% 134	28.27% 145	15.01% 77	13.45% 69	4.68% 24	513	3.05
Farmland Preservation	9.68% 49	17.39% 88	28.26% 143	18.97% 96	19.37% 98	6.32% 32	506	3.40
Recreation, Park and Trails	27.78% 145	26.63% 139	26.25% 137	9.20% 48	6.70% 35	3.45% 18	522	2.51
Natural Resource Protection	28.54% 147	25.83% 133	24.66% 127	9.13% 47	7.57% 39	4.27% 22	515	2.54

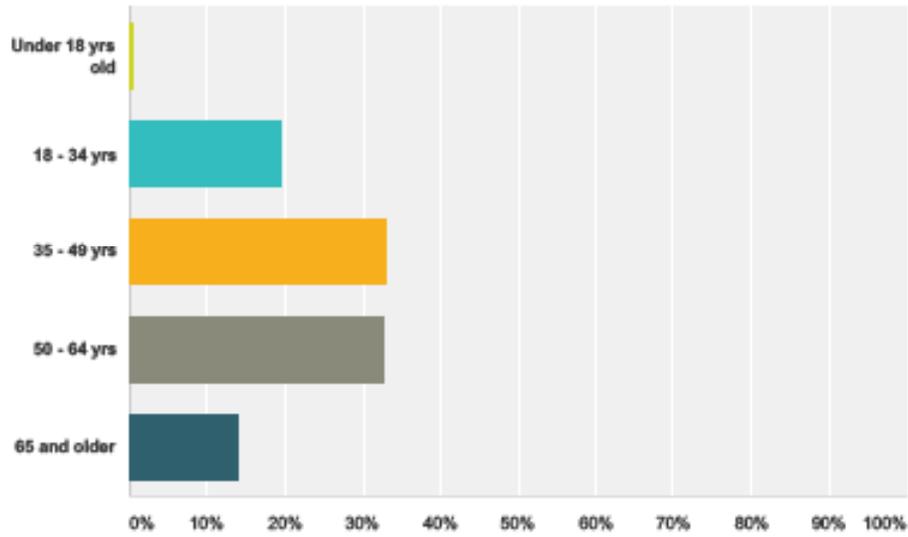
#	Comments	Date
1	Isn't June over now? I'm confused	7/9/2015 11:10 PM
2	County TIF uses and options	6/16/2015 2:38 PM
3	So long as these things are in Ames (aka where most of the population and economy of Story County is).	6/17/2015 3:04 PM
4	Workshops are ineffective	6/16/2015 8:07 AM
5	Protecting what natural resources? Mostly already gone in Iowa. It is too late at this late date. That train left the station	6/6/2015 2:49 AM
6	I distrust public workshops	6/4/2015 10:12 AM
7	I forgot to mention regarding transportation: increasing public transportation strategically would be beneficial. In Ames, at least, it seems all the public buses travel virtually the same over-trodden routes, leaving sections of the city with just one bus line. I live 3.5 miles from my workplace, but it would take me over an hour to commute by bus to my workplace, because there is one single bus that travels near my apartment complex, and I'd have to take a transfer. What about buses to visit areas outside the city? I'd support efforts to encourage less car use and more public transport if the efforts would increase access to places that people can generally only get to by car or getting a ride with someone else, such as county parks, or transport from Ames to Story City (for instance). Similarly, passenger rail service between some of the county's towns and cities could help promote more public transport and bring more visitors to some of these smaller towns that might benefit economically from more people being able to visit them.	6/2/2015 12:07 PM
8	This survey goes on and on.	5/31/2015 6:33 AM
9	no meetings	5/30/2015 3:13 PM
10	Hey, this is kind of short notice and a lot of us have already made plans and will be gone in June! Is this the only chance we'll have??????????	5/29/2015 2:44 PM
11	Need workshop on local foods, all renewable energy (not just wind farms). I don't consider biofuel plants as renewable energy.	5/28/2015 11:34 AM
12	Sorry, but these sessions come across as a formality. For example, do you really think a workshop on education will truly change practice?	5/27/2015 9:49 PM
13	You have "Wind Farms" twice. Is solar an alternative? Not farms but supporting solar installations on homes and businesses?	5/27/2015 4:10 PM

Q35 Your age (person filling out the survey)

Answered: 542 Skipped: 142

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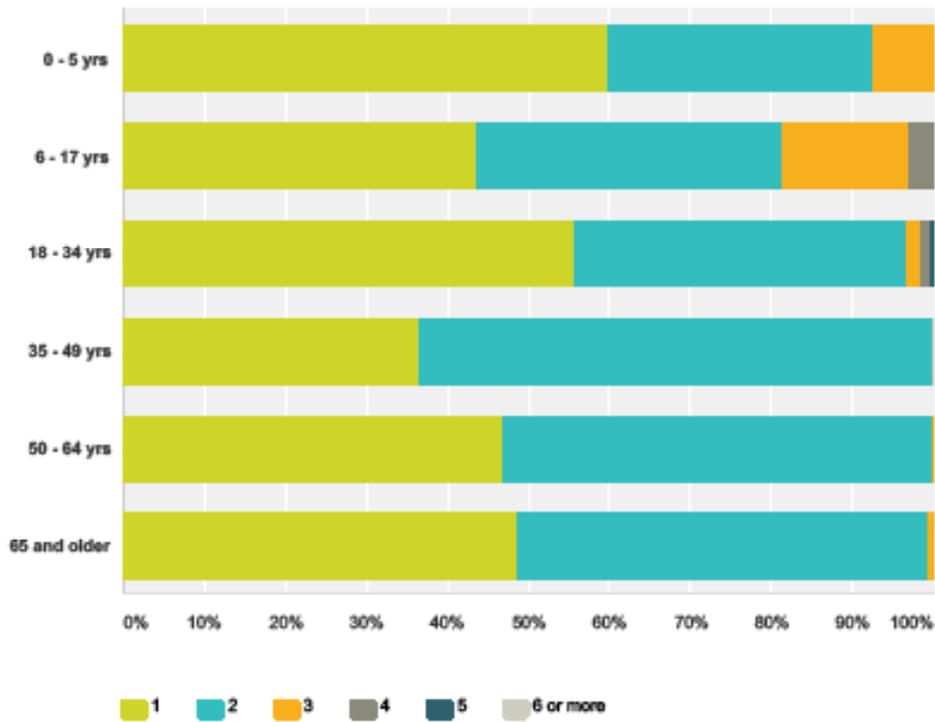


Answer Choices	Responses
Under 18 yrs old	0.55% 3
18 - 34 yrs	19.56% 108
35 - 49 yrs	33.03% 179
50 - 64 yrs	32.84% 178
65 and older	14.02% 76
Total	542

Q36 How many people in each of the following age groups live in your household, including yourself?

Answered: 543 Skipped: 141

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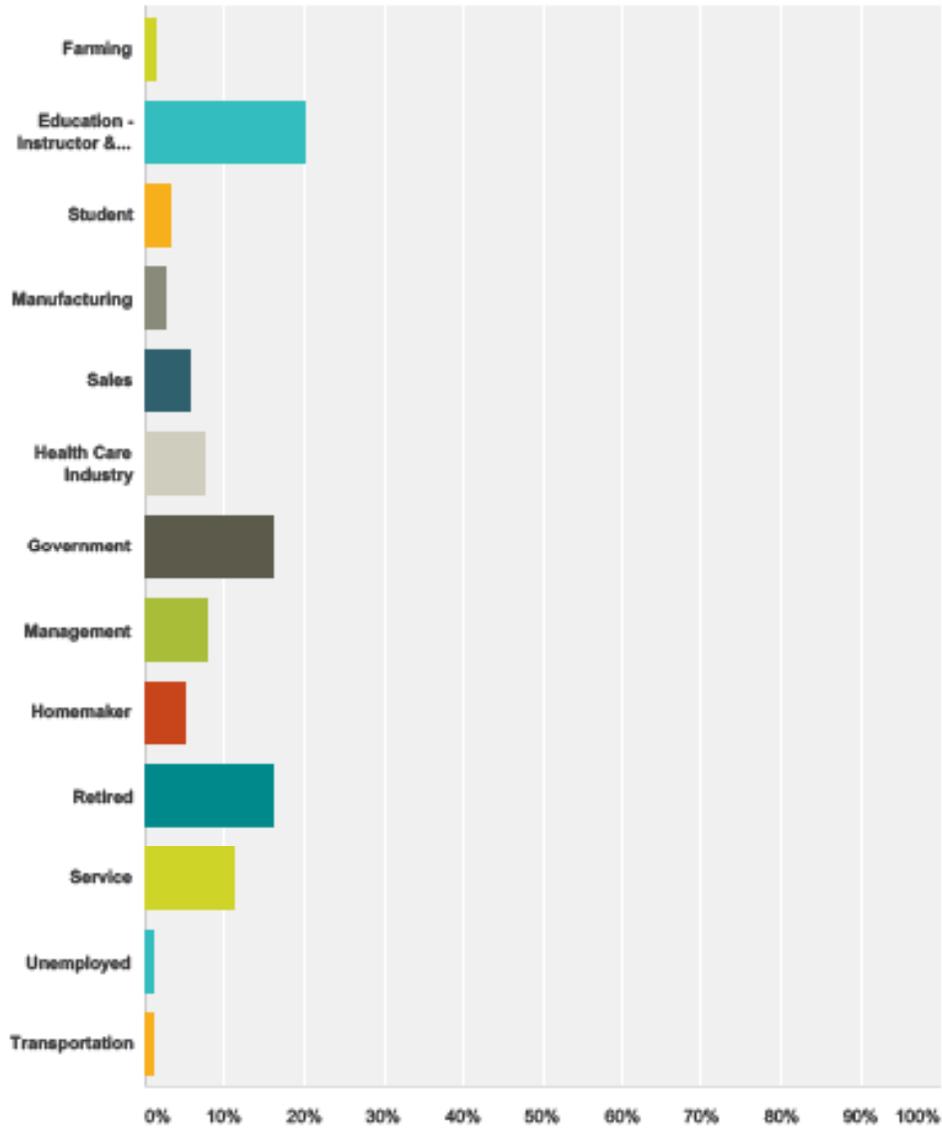


	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more	Total
0 - 5 yrs	59.49% 47	32.91% 26	7.59% 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	79
6 - 17 yrs	43.51% 67	37.66% 58	15.58% 24	3.25% 5	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	154
18 - 34 yrs	55.43% 97	41.14% 72	1.71% 3	1.14% 2	0.57% 1	0.00% 0	175
35 - 49 yrs	36.49% 77	63.03% 133	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.47% 1	211
50 - 64 yrs	46.60% 96	52.91% 109	0.49% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	206
65 and older	48.42% 46	50.53% 48	1.05% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	95

Q37 What is your occupation?

Answered: 479 Skipped: 205

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Answer Choices	Responses
Farming	1.46% 7
Education - Instructor & Admin	20.04% 96
Student	3.34% 16
Manufacturing	2.71% 13
Sales	5.64% 27
Health Care Industry	7.72% 37
Government	16.28% 78
Management	7.93% 38
Homemaker	5.22% 25



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Retired	16.28%	78
Service	11.27%	54
Unemployed	1.04%	5
Transportation	1.04%	5
Total		479

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	AGRICULTURAL SUPPLY	7/31/2015 2:09 PM
2	University	7/26/2015 3:39 PM
3	Financial Services	7/13/2015 3:39 PM
4	Attorney	7/8/2015 8:14 AM
5	and light manufacturing, self employed	6/26/2015 6:33 PM
6	engineer	6/26/2015 1:49 PM
7	technology	6/26/2015 9:42 AM
8	Ministry	6/25/2015 7:40 PM
9	graphics technologist	6/25/2015 6:32 PM
10	Communications	6/25/2015 10:58 AM
11	Research assistant	6/25/2015 9:53 AM
12	retired nurse	6/23/2015 11:26 PM
13	Professional	6/23/2015 8:49 AM
14	Human Services	6/22/2015 11:48 AM
15	Accountant	6/17/2015 9:22 PM
16	design	6/17/2015 5:31 PM
17	ISU	6/17/2015 11:10 AM
18	Nonprofit - professional	6/16/2015 11:26 AM
19	Why won't this let me pick more than one option? I have multiple occupations	6/16/2015 8:09 AM
20	Childcare provider	6/15/2015 5:25 PM
21	Horse stable boarding	6/15/2015 3:39 PM
22	Landscape Architect	6/15/2015 12:40 PM
23	Scientist, educator, land manager, farmer, naturalist, handyman, photographer, volunteer	6/15/2015 11:14 AM
24	Self-employed, landscaping	6/15/2015 9:30 AM
25	Engineering	6/12/2015 5:02 PM
26	Real Estate	6/12/2015 12:07 PM
27	Own business	6/12/2015 9:56 AM
28	Small Business Owner	6/12/2015 8:28 AM
29	non-profit	6/11/2015 9:13 PM
30	Non-Profit	6/11/2015 4:04 PM
31	Retired teacher, currently consult and adjunct teach	6/10/2015 11:35 AM
32	nonprofit	6/9/2015 7:14 PM
33	Natural resources	6/9/2015 8:45 AM

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34	Religious	6/8/2015 8:44 AM
35	Research and education	6/6/2015 2:51 AM
36	noyb	6/5/2015 8:46 PM
37	I work at non-profit, my husband is a public servant in the county	6/5/2015 3:40 PM
38	Self-employed, publishing	6/4/2015 7:29 PM
39	homemaker & freelance artist	6/3/2015 10:31 PM
40	I am a retired High School Guidance Counselor and Community College instructor.	6/3/2015 10:07 PM
41	Construction & Church Ministry	6/3/2015 8:03 PM
42	Software developer! Why is that not on this list?! There's TONS of IT workers in Ames!	6/3/2015 11:24 AM
43	Construction	6/3/2015 7:44 AM
44	Non-profit communications	6/2/2015 12:09 PM
45	Ag Business	6/1/2015 10:40 PM
46	Engineer	6/1/2015 10:40 AM
47	Retail	5/31/2015 6:28 AM
48	Receptionist at RV center in town.	5/30/2015 11:11 PM
49	TECHNOLOGY	5/30/2015 10:22 PM
50	Butcher	5/30/2015 5:23 PM
51	Technology (computer/software)	5/30/2015 11:00 AM
52	it	5/30/2015 9:33 AM
53	Real estate photographer	5/30/2015 7:41 AM
54	nontraditional student - returned to college for better job opps	5/29/2015 11:28 PM
55	Recreation	5/29/2015 11:23 PM
56	volunteer	5/29/2015 11:18 PM
57	Recreation	5/29/2015 7:15 PM
58	Admin at a church	5/29/2015 6:53 PM
59	realtor	5/29/2015 6:31 PM
60	Sales	5/29/2015 5:42 PM
61	Finance	5/29/2015 5:21 PM
62	small meat processor	5/29/2015 4:41 PM
63	Tech (Software Training/Support for a local software company)	5/29/2015 4:08 PM
64	I don't know how to specify what I do, sorry.	5/29/2015 2:47 PM
65	Freelance court reporter	5/29/2015 12:16 PM
66	Human Services	5/29/2015 11:03 AM
67	Church Administration	5/29/2015 10:24 AM
68	Agricultural teaching	5/29/2015 9:46 AM
69	Tourism	5/29/2015 9:41 AM
70	businessman	5/29/2015 9:30 AM
71	Mother/Marketing Assistant	5/29/2015 8:48 AM
72	electrician	5/29/2015 8:43 AM
73	Utilities	5/29/2015 7:38 AM
74	Babysit occasionally	5/28/2015 11:26 PM

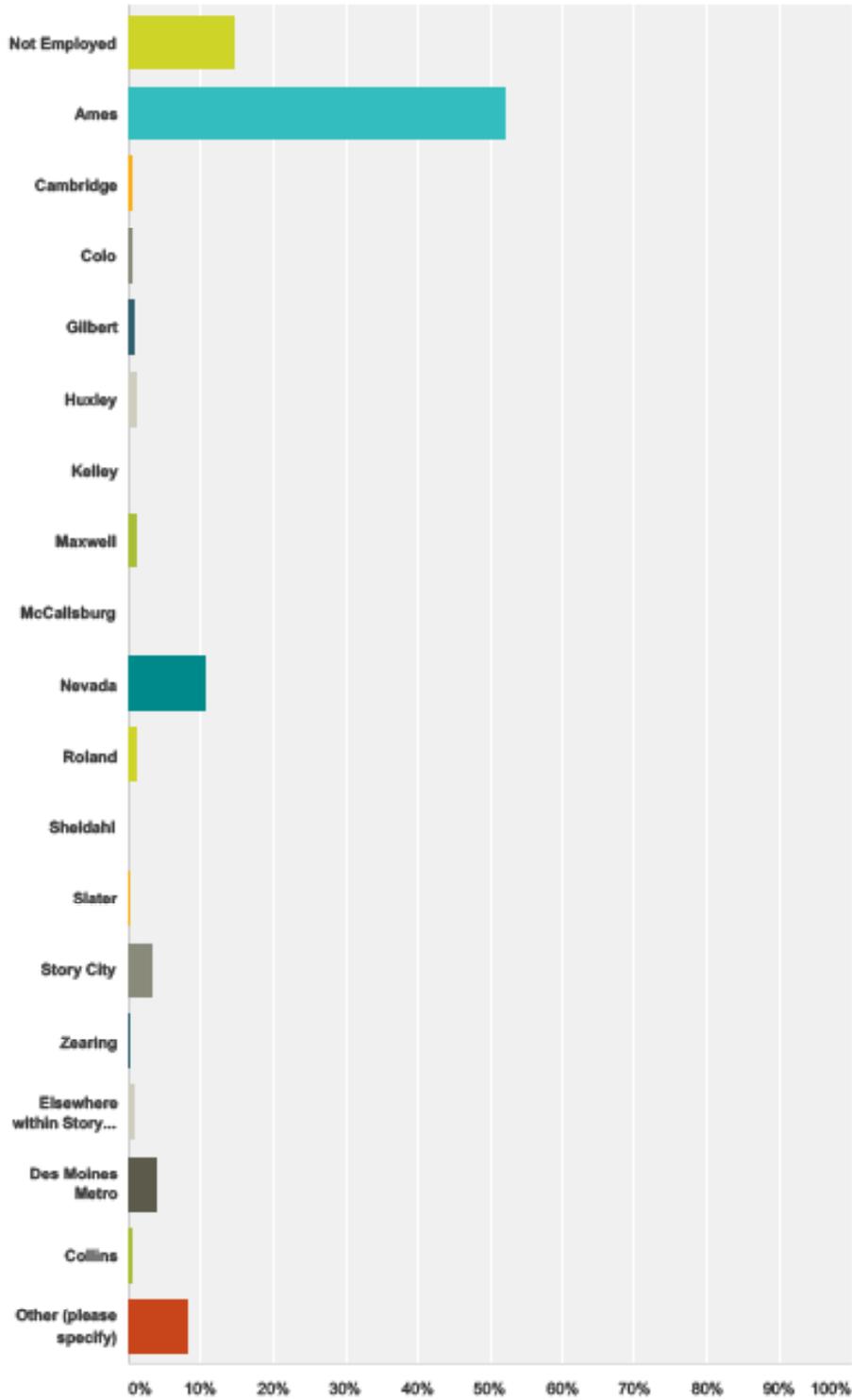


75	non-profit admin	5/28/2015 8:45 PM
76	Technology/Software	5/28/2015 5:47 PM
77	Engineer	5/28/2015 3:28 PM
78	Admin Assist	5/28/2015 3:25 PM
79	Marketing/Technology	5/28/2015 1:38 PM
80	human services	5/28/2015 11:57 AM
81	marketing	5/28/2015 11:25 AM
82	Agricultural Research	5/28/2015 11:15 AM
83	Laboratory	5/28/2015 9:36 AM
84	Professional	5/27/2015 9:29 PM
85	Teach part-time (college)	5/27/2015 6:06 PM

Q38 Where is your place of employment?

Answered: 535 Skipped: 149

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Answer Choices	Responses
Not Employed	14.58% 78



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Ames	52.16%	279
Cambridge	0.37%	2
Colo	0.56%	3
Gilbert	0.75%	4
Huxley	1.31%	7
Kelley	0.00%	0
Maxwell	1.12%	6
McCalsburg	0.00%	0
Nevada	10.66%	57
Roland	1.31%	7
Sheldahl	0.00%	0
Slater	0.19%	1
Story City	3.36%	18
Zearing	0.19%	1
Elsewhere within Story County	0.93%	5
Des Moines Metro	3.93%	21
Collins	0.37%	2
Other (please specify)	8.22%	44
Total		535

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	outside county; other counties	6/30/2015 1:05 PM
2	rural outside of Ames	6/26/2015 6:33 PM
3	Central Iowa region	6/26/2015 10:32 AM
4	Boone county but have an Ames address	6/25/2015 6:51 PM
5	Boone County	6/24/2015 7:29 PM
6	full time Ames, part time Story City prior to retirement	6/23/2015 11:26 PM
7	ankeny	6/19/2015 5:07 AM
8	Franklin township	6/17/2015 9:22 PM
9	rural, various communities, natural areas depending on task at the time	6/15/2015 11:14 AM
10	ISU	6/13/2015 5:17 PM
11	Retired	6/12/2015 4:56 PM
12	Live in Huxley but work in Ankeny.	6/12/2015 1:48 PM
13	Nevada	6/12/2015 8:28 AM
14	Home based	6/10/2015 11:35 AM
15	Des Moines	6/9/2015 7:14 PM
16	Marshalltown	6/5/2015 10:38 AM
17	at my home	6/4/2015 7:29 PM

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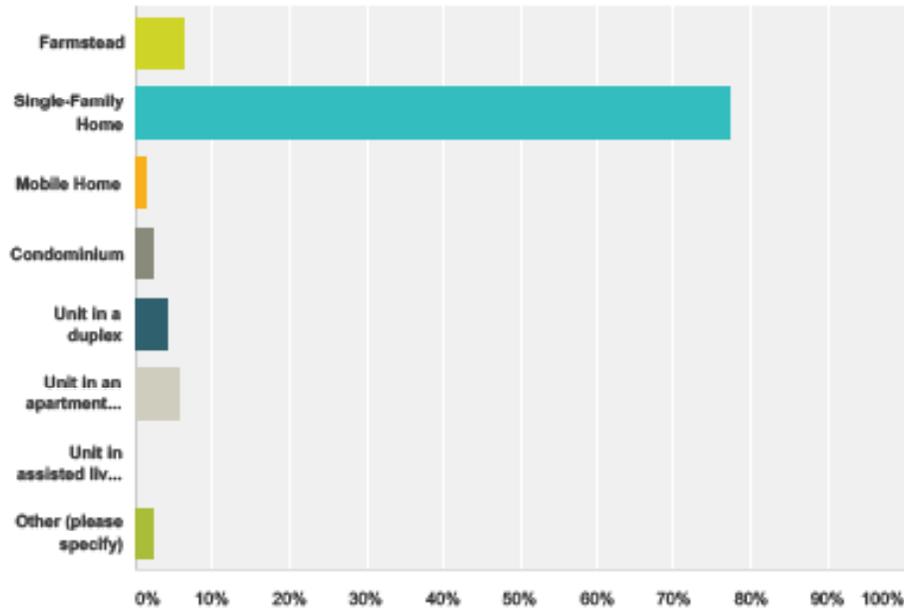
18	self-employed	6/3/2015 10:31 PM
19	Before retirement I was most recently employed at North Polk H.S in Aleman,Iowa, and then worked partime at DIMACC at the Boone Campus for 5 years.	6/3/2015 10:07 PM
20	Part-time (retired from full-time employment)	6/3/2015 12:51 PM
21	rural Ames	6/1/2015 3:35 PM
22	Ankeny	6/1/2015 2:07 PM
23	ellsworth	5/31/2015 9:53 PM
24	urbandale, boone	5/31/2015 8:57 PM
25	I work in service all over story and Boone county	5/31/2015 6:35 AM
26	Ankeny	5/30/2015 9:00 PM
27	prev. 15 yrs ames	5/30/2015 3:14 PM
28	retired	5/30/2015 9:57 AM
29	Work remotely.	5/30/2015 9:21 AM
30	I drive where ever I am needed	5/30/2015 7:41 AM
31	daycare provider in home	5/29/2015 10:16 PM
32	Telecommute from Ames for Chicago company	5/29/2015 9:17 PM
33	Sales territory withing the state of Iowa.	5/29/2015 5:42 PM
34	Don't think I have one in the sense you mean.	5/29/2015 2:47 PM
35	Story county plus travel to other areas in Iowa	5/29/2015 12:16 PM
36	Retired from isu	5/29/2015 9:46 AM
37	I do online marketing for a business that works in Iowa/NE Nebraska also work at a local business in Ames	5/29/2015 8:48 AM
38	Boone	5/29/2015 7:13 AM
39	Varies on where the kid lives	5/28/2015 11:26 PM
40	retired but was in Ames	5/28/2015 12:13 PM
41	A Commission	5/28/2015 9:32 AM
42	Retired	5/27/2015 9:59 PM
43	Traveling nurse	5/27/2015 9:12 PM
44	self-employed in a variety of locations	5/27/2015 4:13 PM

Q39 What type of dwelling do you live in?

Answered: 542 Skipped: 142



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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Farmstead	6.27%	34
Single-Family Home	77.31%	419
Mobile Home	1.48%	8
Condominium	2.58%	14
Unit in a duplex	4.24%	23
Unit in an apartment facility	5.72%	31
Unit in assisted living facility	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	2.40%	13
Total		542

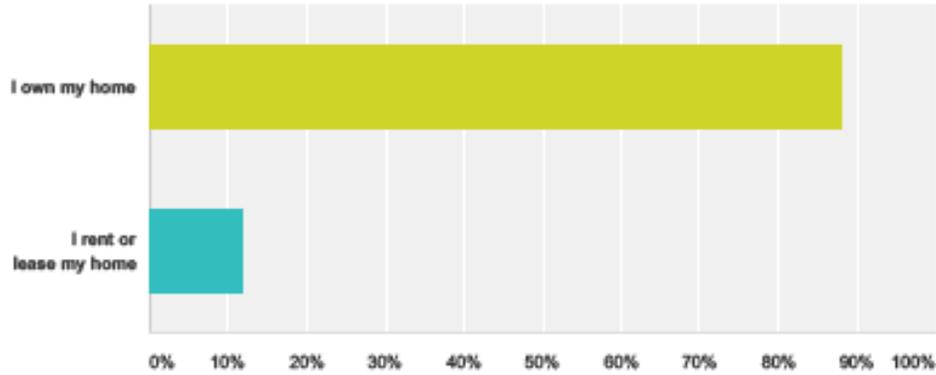
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Commercial building with residential	7/26/2015 6:07 PM
2	Very large rural acreage	7/9/2015 11:11 PM
3	Own a town-home that is part of a duplex.	7/7/2015 11:14 PM
4	acreage	6/24/2015 7:29 PM
5	single family rural home	6/15/2015 11:14 AM
6	Duplex on acreage that is farmed.	6/13/2015 7:19 PM
7	retirement community	6/7/2015 2:22 PM
8	acreage	6/4/2015 10:50 AM
9	Townhouse	5/30/2015 2:48 PM
10	Acreage	5/29/2015 11:24 PM
11	townhouse	5/29/2015 10:32 AM

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12	acorage, but not a farm	5/29/2015 9:30 AM
13	Townhouse	5/27/2015 9:59 PM

Q40 Do you rent or own your home?

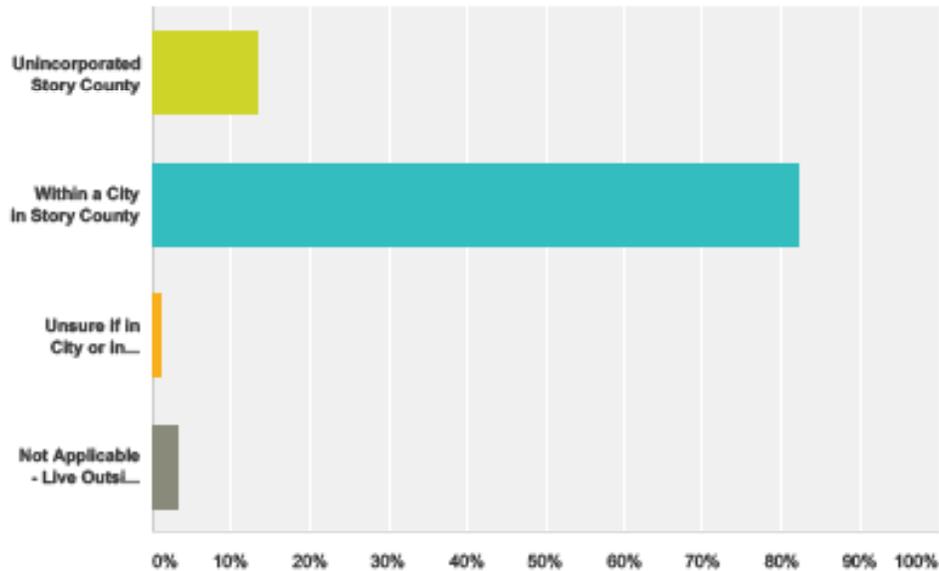
Answered: 538 Skipped: 146



Answer Choices	Responses
I own my home	88.10% 474
I rent or lease my home	11.90% 64
Total	538

Q41 Do you live in unincorporated Story County or within a City in Story County?

Answered: 540 Skipped: 144



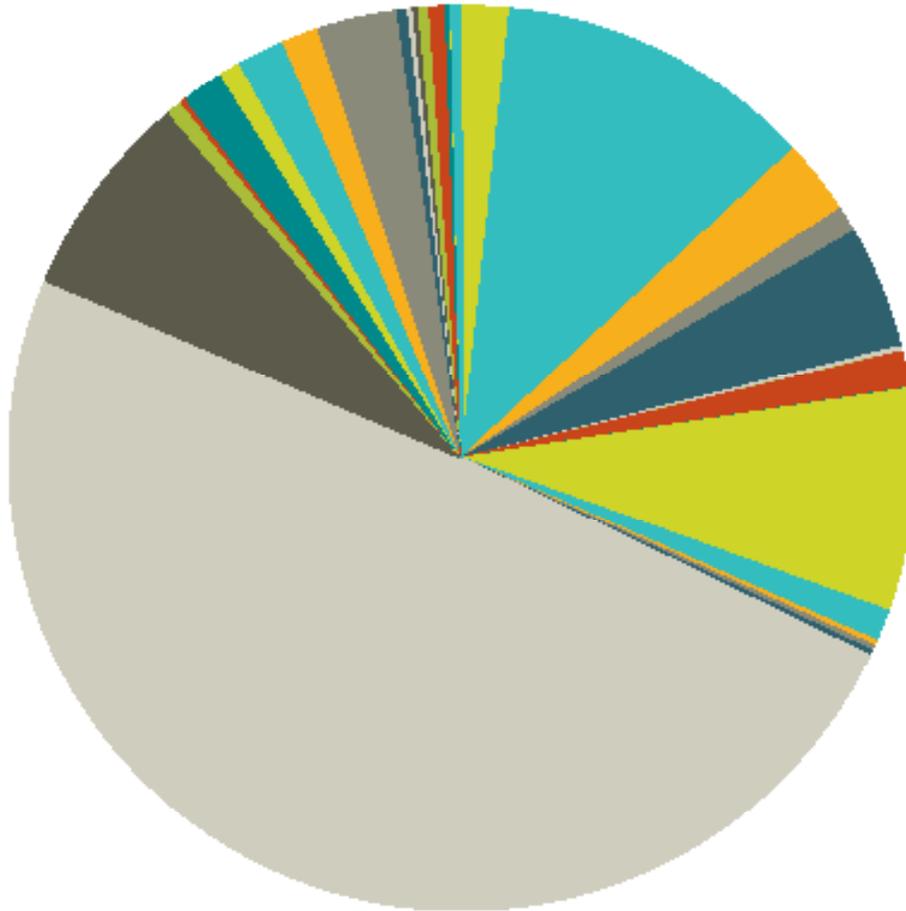


Answer Choices	Responses	
Unincorporated Story County	13.33%	72
Within a City in Story County	82.04%	443
Unsure if in City or in unincorporated area	1.30%	7
Not Applicable - Live Outside Story County	3.33%	18
Total		540

Q42 Where in Story County do you live?

Answered: 528 Skipped: 156

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- In Maxwell
- In Nevada
- Near Nevada
- Near Maxwell
- In Roland
- Near Roland
- In Sheldahl
- Near Sheldahl
- In Slater
- Near Slater
- In Story City
- Near Story City
- In Zearing
- Near Zearing
- Other rural area in Story County
- In Ames
- Near Ames
- In Cambridge
- Near Cambridge
- In Colo
- Near Colo
- In Gilbert
- Near Gilbert
- In Huxley
- Near Huxley
- In Kelley
- Near Kelley
- Other rural area outside Story County
- In Collins
- Near Collins
- In McCallsburg
- Near McCallsburg

Answer Choices	Responses
In Maxwell	1.70% 9
In Nevada	11.36% 60
Near Nevada	2.65% 14
Near Maxwell	0.95% 5
In Roland	4.36% 23



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Near Roland	0.19%	1
in Sheldahl	0.00%	0
Near Sheldahl	0.00%	0
in Slater	1.33%	7
Near Slater	0.00%	0
in Story City	7.96%	42
Near Story City	1.14%	6
in Zearing	0.19%	1
Near Zearing	0.19%	1
Other rural area in Story County	0.19%	1
in Ames	49.24%	260
Near Ames	7.39%	39
in Cambridge	0.57%	3
Near Cambridge	0.19%	1
in Colo	1.52%	8
Near Colo	0.76%	4
in Gilbert	1.70%	9
Near Gilbert	1.33%	7
in Huxley	2.84%	15
Near Huxley	0.38%	2
in Kelley	0.19%	1
Near Kelley	0.19%	1
Other rural area outside Story County	0.38%	2
in Collins	0.57%	3
Near Collins	0.19%	1
in McCallsburg	0.00%	0
Near McCallsburg	0.38%	2
Total		528

#	Outside Story County; Please Indicate	Date
1	Granger, IA	6/10/2015 9:01 AM
2	Polk County	6/6/2015 5:23 PM
3	noyb	6/5/2015 8:46 PM
4	Hardin County	6/5/2015 3:23 PM
5	Boone county - both work in Ames	6/4/2015 10:50 AM
6	we have Story City address in Hamilton Co.	6/4/2015 10:15 AM

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7	Boone County	6/3/2015 10:31 PM
8	Hamilton County	6/3/2015 10:26 PM
9	Polk County	5/28/2015 11:29 AM
10	Des Moines, Polk County	5/28/2015 9:05 AM



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Q1 How do you describe Story County and the city you live in to people you know or meet that don't live here?

Answered: 103 Skipped: 7

#	Responses	Date
1	Story County is a good place to live. The people here are generally kind, more so in the smaller communities such as Gilbert, Slater, and Roland. Ames provides a mixture of suburban living with a more rural style of neighborhoods perfect for starting a family. Ames has plenty to offer from its large corporations, such as Fareway, Hyvee, Casey's, and Walmart, just to name a few; however, I think it is the smaller businesses that give Ames its distinctive feel. Those in and around campus town receive an abundance of college students.	9/27/2015 8:47 PM
2	I describe Story County as a remotely rural area with parts of higher activity from a population standpoint such as Ames. The overall attitude is a positive one as many people in the county have wonderful characteristics to them.	9/23/2015 9:02 PM
3	A lot of farmers live here. There are a lot of things to do and be apart of to help the community.	9/20/2015 5:56 PM
4	I describe it as a place (Ames) that has a lot of diversity so there are many activities to do, and there is plenty of open space for outdoor activities	9/20/2015 3:33 PM
5	good, I mean everyone is nice and friendly	9/20/2015 1:15 PM
6	I would describe it as a place where everyone knows each other and its just a very welcoming community.	9/20/2015 11:40 AM
7	Rural or suburban communities with regularly caring citizens.	9/20/2015 10:38 AM
8	Story County is a good place. I live in Ames, and I love it here. It consists of a lot of polite people.	9/18/2015 3:02 PM
9	A nice place to live and grow with lots of opportunities	9/18/2015 2:18 PM
10	Gilbert is a very small town and does not have a lot of things to do.	9/18/2015 2:11 PM
11	Small, Friendly, Easy to get around.	9/18/2015 1:25 PM
12	I live in Ames and go to school in Gilbert. I describe my school as horrible but Ames is cool and I have enjoyed my 17 years there.	9/18/2015 12:33 PM
13	Small enough to still have a nice community feeling but big enough to offer good opportunities	9/17/2015 4:58 PM
14	A good place to live.	9/17/2015 4:09 PM
15	-	9/17/2015 3:09 PM
16	A nice quiet town, safe, good places to go and an awesome college.	9/17/2015 1:28 PM
17	I would describe it as a place where everyone knows everyone. When you go to the grocery store you will surely see someone you know, and I love that aspect of it.	9/17/2015 12:44 PM
18	if I was to describe Story County, I would say something along the lines of, "It's nice if you like more rural places or are planning into joining ISU, but if you're looking for a place like San Fransisco or NYC, steer clear."	9/17/2015 12:35 PM
19	It's a great place to be	9/17/2015 12:24 PM
20	I would say that it's a great community and has lots of services.	9/17/2015 12:17 PM
21	I think that people here are nice.	9/17/2015 11:30 AM
22	It's a great community but the school rivalry can sometimes escalate farther than it should.	9/17/2015 11:18 AM
23	A place to feel safe and meet a lot of inspiring people.	9/17/2015 11:13 AM
24	It is a nice community that is helpful to people	9/17/2015 11:11 AM
25	Good place to have a family.	9/17/2015 11:07 AM
26	It is wonderful and freindly	9/17/2015 10:57 AM
27	I like Gilbert and how its a smaller town and most of the people are very friendly. I live in the part of Gilbert where the roundabout just got installed so trying to get to school is sort of a hassle but its manageable.	9/17/2015 10:48 AM



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28	Story County is fun. I live in a small town so everyone knows everybody and we all support eachother unless its Rhonda Applegate	9/17/2015 10:46 AM
29	Small, everyone knows everyone	9/17/2015 10:44 AM
30	it is a friendly town and a perfect size for any type of family	9/17/2015 10:44 AM
31	boring	9/17/2015 10:23 AM
32	Very very white.	9/17/2015 10:06 AM
33	it is a rural county where everyone knows each other.	9/17/2015 9:40 AM
34	It is a very friendly city and the people are helpful.	9/17/2015 9:09 AM
35	The people that live in story county are very polite. We always wave at everyone when we drive past them. And they always wave back!	9/17/2015 9:06 AM
36	Story County is small and tight knit.	9/17/2015 9:01 AM
37	Small.. based on location of Ames and E-16	9/17/2015 8:59 AM
38	Gilbert and Story County is calm and most everyone is nice.	9/17/2015 8:52 AM
39	Corn	9/17/2015 8:48 AM
40	I say that I live north of Des Moines.	9/17/2015 8:42 AM
41	A nice city with Iowa State University.	9/17/2015 8:40 AM
42	Story County is a great starter place but there are better places to live once you look at the future.	9/17/2015 8:39 AM
43	IT is a nice place to live full of nice people. Everyone is kind and welcoming.	9/17/2015 8:39 AM
44	Story County is a nice enough place. Great to live in but not visit. But that can be said for all of Iowa. Ames, however, attracts tons of people due to its sports. We have a very successful basketball team, a popular football team, and more.	9/17/2015 8:36 AM
45	A county in the middle of Iowa that is home to some small towns that have almost nothing around, if you want to do anything go down to Des Moines unless you want to eat at Hickory park.	9/17/2015 8:30 AM
46	We're more humble, friendly, and polite. However, a lot of farmers are less able for others to relate to.	9/17/2015 8:25 AM
47	It's a good community that's small and friendly	9/17/2015 8:21 AM
48	its pretty small, and is a good community.	9/17/2015 8:20 AM
49	mix of college campus and family residents, fn atmosphere	9/17/2015 8:09 AM
50	It is a small city where most people know each other. I consider it to be a very safe place.	9/16/2015 11:16 PM
51	Story county is well taken care of. If someone is doing something wrong, Story county tries their hardest to fix it and make it better. Most people are polite, it is nice we all live in small towns.	9/16/2015 11:14 PM
52	I would say that Story County is a clean, friendly community with competitive kids in sports and 4-H.	9/16/2015 10:52 PM
53	Large school in a small town	9/16/2015 9:41 PM
54	It's a small county in the center of Iowa.	9/16/2015 9:38 PM
55	amazing	9/16/2015 9:38 PM
56	Nice and friendly city.	9/16/2015 8:58 PM
57	Cyclone country baby!!! Small town atmosphere but you can meet new people all the time	9/16/2015 8:55 PM
58	I live in a small town environment with lots of support and people from the Ames territory. It is small but strong! We have great involvement within the community	9/16/2015 8:44 PM
59	a safe and enjoyable city full of caring and helping people	9/16/2015 8:41 PM
60	Lots of corn fields and beautiful trees.	9/16/2015 8:26 PM
61	A very nice little county! Very home like. Everyone is for the most part peaceful and treated like family whether you know them or not.	9/16/2015 8:09 PM
62	flat with no trees and TONS of windmills	9/16/2015 6:37 PM
63	Its smaller but we are really close to one of the greatest colleges in all the Midwest.	9/16/2015 5:49 PM

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64	It is a nice and welcoming county.	9/16/2015 4:41 PM
65	Good place to live. Nice people.	9/8/2015 4:44 PM
66	A safe and friendly place to grow up in.	9/8/2015 11:12 AM
67	Its a good place to grow up in	8/11/2015 9:57 AM
68	it's a nice small town county.	8/9/2015 12:42 PM
69	People are very friendly and help you with your needs	8/8/2015 9:50 PM
70	Nevada is have great schools	8/7/2015 3:50 PM
71	it's a small town about 15 minutes north of Ames	8/7/2015 3:37 PM
72	Safe and peaceful	8/7/2015 1:29 PM
73	it is a small county and town, and I love living here because everybody is really nice.	8/5/2015 3:39 PM
74	Everybody is very kind and helpful.	8/5/2015 9:37 AM
75	Kind, Respectful, Safe	8/4/2015 12:11 PM
76	it's a small town that you can get along with most people	8/3/2015 11:43 PM
77	A really small town near Ames with lots of corn. Our county in my experience is actually very nice and providing. We have many opportunities to provide food for children in the summer and backpacks and other schools supplies during the winter. And of course we are state champions for basketball.	8/2/2015 11:26 AM
78	*Story county is a small, yet decent, community. There isn't a lot of inter town interaction, but each town (to my knowledge) has it's own festivities.	7/30/2015 9:48 PM
79	A nice quiet town.	7/29/2015 7:38 AM
80	it's a small town where everyone knows you. Lots of things to do.	7/28/2015 10:33 PM
81	I like Story County and I think it is a great place to grow up	7/28/2015 5:05 PM
82	The towns in Story County are nice to live in.	7/28/2015 5:04 PM
83	Lots of countryside and great views	7/28/2015 4:50 PM
84	Slater is fun cause we have a restaurant a baseball team and the bike trail	7/28/2015 4:45 PM
85	Small yet still able to accommodate all my needs	7/28/2015 11:24 AM
86	The agriculture industry provides a multitude of jobs and economic importance. The impact of the ag industry provides residents with a high quality of life.	7/28/2015 11:23 AM
87	Quiet, small farming town close to Ames for good shopping and work opportunities.	7/28/2015 10:40 AM
88	I tell them that Nevada (where I live) is a very nice little town, but there isn't very much for a kid my age as a teenager to do.	7/28/2015 10:11 AM
89	The people seem to be mostly much nicer and pretty friendly.	7/25/2015 6:47 PM
90	The home of Iowa State. It's small, but it is a nice small.	7/25/2015 9:25 AM
91	A good place to live. Nice schools and friendly people. Although there isn't a lot to do.	7/24/2015 5:13 PM
92	For the most part, it is a lot of small towns and schools close together which make for good rivalries. Ames is the place to go if you want to hang out and do things you can't other places. Iowa State makes it fun since it's close by and you can go to college games relatively easy.	7/24/2015 1:52 PM
93	A great county/city that is very safe.	7/23/2015 11:55 PM
94	Nice community with good Schools and active kids.	7/23/2015 10:54 PM
95	It is a horrible place that I hate	7/23/2015 10:16 PM
96	Story county your typical friendly county in Iowa.	7/23/2015 10:07 PM
97	boring	7/23/2015 9:57 PM
98	it's an aight place to live	7/23/2015 7:10 PM
99	it's really friendly and inviting.	7/23/2015 5:00 PM



100	Small towns that are pretty close together. Everyone knows everyone, supportive of others in the community.	7/23/2015 4:55 PM
101	Nice place to live, not a ton to do.	7/23/2015 4:50 PM
102	Great county with better people	7/23/2015 4:45 PM
103	Wide open land with friendly people	7/23/2015 4:45 PM

Q2 What do you like about living and going to school in Story County?

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#	Responses	Date
1	I like the rural feeling while having all of the comforts a large city has to offer.	9/27/2015 8:47 PM
2	The amount of added classes and benefits it adds to the school districts of the area. This is both from adding Agricultural classes as well as provide space and resources to expand learning inside schools.	9/23/2015 9:02 PM
3	It has welcoming communities, many events, and fun activities for all ages	9/22/2015 7:05 PM
4	I do like living in story county because because it is mostly country and peaceful. Going to school in story county is great because there aren't as much kids in the district as some places so we have teachers that can actually get to know and connect with each student and care about how they do.	9/20/2015 5:56 PM
5	It isn't very big, and it is easy to know a lot of people in my community. My school is also close to my house.	9/20/2015 3:33 PM
6	what i most like about living and going to school in story county is that everyone is friendly and peaceful also that it is simple to live around other people	9/20/2015 1:15 PM
7	I like the fact that I don't terribly far away from school but I live far enough away.	9/20/2015 11:40 AM
8	I like the size of the town and community and the type of people you meet.	9/20/2015 10:38 AM
9	My school consists of a tight-knit community of caring people - for the most part.	9/18/2015 3:02 PM
10	The schools are great and everyone lives close so that makes it easier to hang out after school.	9/18/2015 2:18 PM
11	I like how close the school is. I also like the small town to an extent.	9/18/2015 2:11 PM
12	I like going to school in Story County, because it is small and it's easy to get around. I like how I know everyone/most people in my school district and county.	9/18/2015 1:25 PM
13	It is quite pleasant. Very little to no crime, although my ipod got stolen at school and the principal did very little to help and was pretty horrible at handling a bullying situation last year.	9/18/2015 12:33 PM
14	I have lots of friends and I go to a great school.	9/17/2015 4:58 PM
15	There are good school systems and there are lots of people around.	9/17/2015 4:09 PM
16	-	9/17/2015 3:09 PM
17	People care about others, not just themselves. I have been all around the country and would never live anywhere else.	9/17/2015 1:28 PM
18	I absolutely love living and going to school in story county. I love all the festivals and activities that are always taking place, because it keeps me busy. I also love the school I attend, they make sure that I know how to succeed and make sure that I will reach the goals that I have put out for myself.	9/17/2015 12:44 PM
19	I like that everybody for the most part is friendly at school and no one's been too creepy to me outside of school.	9/17/2015 12:35 PM
20	the people	9/17/2015 12:24 PM
21	It's got a little bit of everything and has great programs for everyone.	9/17/2015 12:17 PM
22	It's a nice, clean, and friendly environment that is easy to live in.	9/17/2015 11:30 AM
23	I love going to school in story county because it's like everyone is your friend and you can ask anyone a question.	9/17/2015 11:18 AM
24	I like it because it's close and has good respectful teachers.	9/17/2015 11:13 AM
25	It allows me to see my friends more often	9/17/2015 11:11 AM

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26	Not much to worry about.	9/17/2015 11:07 AM
27	There is endless possibilites.	9/17/2015 10:57 AM
28	The people are very nice and the Gilbert district is a wonderful place to call home.	9/17/2015 10:48 AM
29	It's a small school and I know everyone in my class. The athletics are super fun because all of the surrounding schools are competitive.	9/17/2015 10:46 AM
30	Not huge schools more one on one attention	9/17/2015 10:44 AM
31	I like the size and that there are things to do around town	9/17/2015 10:44 AM
32	I know everybody	9/17/2015 10:23 AM
33	It's a seemingly safe environment, but can be too safe at times.	9/17/2015 10:06 AM
34	I like that the school districts are small and in town everyone is friendly.	9/17/2015 9:40 AM
35	The educational system is superior to many other schools in other cities and states. The teachers are awesome at Gilbert!	9/17/2015 9:09 AM
36	I like that it is smaller. Especially where I go it is smaller, so everyone knows everyone.	9/17/2015 9:06 AM
37	I like that I pretty much know everyone.	9/17/2015 9:01 AM
38	It's small	9/17/2015 8:59 AM
39	It is nearby many homes.	9/17/2015 8:52 AM
40	People are nice.	9/17/2015 8:48 AM
41	Gilbert is an amazing school and it is nice to be in a large town with a small town feel.	9/17/2015 8:42 AM
42	It is small enough to get around easily, but big enough to have lots of fun stuff.	9/17/2015 8:40 AM
43	I know a lot of people in Story county and my school is okay I know a lot of people that go to my school.	9/17/2015 8:39 AM
44	Teachers are nice, have lots of good friends	9/17/2015 8:39 AM
45	I go to Gilbert, which is a great community. What it lacks in size, its academic success makes up for.	9/17/2015 8:36 AM
46	I feel safe to go down the street at night to get a gallon of milk or something like that.	9/17/2015 8:30 AM
47	I go to one of the best schools in the nation, which is why I enjoy it so much. We have a fantastic educational system.	9/17/2015 8:25 AM
48	There's not a lot of people which makes going to school here less intimidating and more friendly	9/17/2015 8:21 AM
49	I like that there isn't a crap-load of people so that's good. Then everyone is super nice.	9/17/2015 8:20 AM
50	I like going to a smaller school and getting to know everyone.	9/16/2015 11:16 PM
51	I like how small some of the communities are. I enjoy having a small school where you know everything about someone.	9/16/2015 11:14 PM
52	I like the amount of parks available to run at for cross country, the clean communities, and the open spaces of prairie in several locations.	9/16/2015 10:52 PM
53	I enjoy living here because it's a small, quaint town. It's just a simple town.	9/16/2015 9:41 PM
54	How nice every single student is.	9/16/2015 9:38 PM
55	small town	9/16/2015 9:38 PM
56	Lots of caring people.	9/16/2015 8:58 PM
57	Small town school feeling but still big enough to meet new people all the time	9/16/2015 8:55 PM
58	I like the fact that I can feel safe and secure in the school that I go to. I also like the support from the town for the school system	9/16/2015 8:44 PM
59	fits our family needs and has everything we need to be successful	9/16/2015 8:41 PM
60	I feel safe.	9/16/2015 8:26 PM
61	I like how small it is and we get the chance to be apart of everything we want to do, in and outside of school.	9/16/2015 8:09 PM
62	Most schools are small and there are many oportunities to get involved with people	9/16/2015 6:37 PM



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63	Its small and individualized. Lots of help.	9/16/2015 5:49 PM
64	I like going to Colo-NESCO because I can say I know mostly everyone.	9/16/2015 4:41 PM
65	Smaller schools	9/8/2015 4:44 PM
66	It's competitive but also a big family.	9/8/2015 11:12 AM
67	Its nice	8/11/2015 9:57 AM
68	We have a good school and community.	8/9/2015 12:42 PM
69	Everything is close	8/8/2015 9:50 PM
70	people are nice	8/7/2015 3:50 PM
71	I love that I am able to be involved in everything at Roland-Story because of our size. I can be in sports, arts, and clubs.	8/7/2015 3:37 PM
72	It is safe and you know a lot of people	8/7/2015 1:29 PM
73	I love the teachers at Nevada. Also, the food is really good.	8/5/2015 3:39 PM
74	I like all the people and sports.	8/5/2015 9:37 AM
75	It's small	8/3/2015 11:43 PM
76	I like the small towns in and around story county. Very quaint.	8/2/2015 11:26 AM
77	I live in the country, so I will consider myself exempt from the living in Story County section. As to the school section, I enjoy the various activities that happen. Nevada High School has a rather disappointing reputation involving sex, drugs, and overall "sketchiness.", according to a previous resident of Ames.	7/30/2015 9:48 PM
78	Nice school system with a lot to offer can get a good education.	7/29/2015 7:38 AM
79	The weather and sports.	7/28/2015 10:33 PM
80	I think that story county has a great school and great teacher and staff	7/28/2015 5:05 PM
81	Good community	7/28/2015 5:04 PM
82	the vast forests	7/28/2015 4:50 PM
83	Seeing my friends	7/28/2015 4:45 PM
84	My school isn't big yet it is still a very good education.	7/28/2015 11:24 AM
85	The Nevada High School has one of the best Ag Ed Program & the FFA Chapter is absolutely incredible what it offers for our young people.	7/28/2015 11:23 AM
86	Nevada school's teachers and curriculum challenges me to be the best I can be.	7/28/2015 10:40 AM
87	The schools are just the right size, the classes are very helpful for our future, and teachers are very nice.	7/28/2015 10:11 AM
88	everyone knows each other and includes mostly everyone.	7/25/2015 6:47 PM
89	It's not very far of a commute for me. The school is very good as well.	7/25/2015 9:25 AM
90	The Gilbert school district is a great school to go to. Gilbert is a small, clean town with many friendly people.	7/24/2015 5:13 PM
91	I like how Gilbert is a small school where no matter what sport or performing arts you go out for, you are able to participate and learn from them. I feel safe in story county as well compared to what you see on the news about bigger cities in Iowa and other surrounding states.	7/24/2015 1:52 PM
92	Extremely low crime rates, one of every store/restaurant in the community.	7/23/2015 11:55 PM
93	I like getting evolved, running at parks and participating in the fair.	7/23/2015 10:54 PM
94	I like my family and a few people I call friends and my coworkers	7/23/2015 10:16 PM
95	I like that I feel safe.	7/23/2015 10:07 PM
96	the outdoor opportunities	7/23/2015 9:57 PM
97	I like that the school is nice and the people are okay	7/23/2015 7:10 PM
98	It has nice schools and good friends.	7/23/2015 5:00 PM
99	Driving to and from school is a safe route. I feel safe. I like the small town feel in the whole county.	7/23/2015 4:55 PM

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100	School is a fun place to be. Generally a great community.	7/23/2015 4:50 PM
101	The small town environment	7/23/2015 4:45 PM
102	Small towns and open land	7/23/2015 4:45 PM

Q3 Has Story County been a good place to grow up and why?

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#	Responses	Date
1	Yes, by living in Ames and going to a small school, I was in contact with a wide range of people. This helped me learn many things and adopt good habits I may not have today if I had grown up somewhere else.	9/27/2015 8:47 PM
2	Story County has been a great place to grow up as it has a close feel with only a few major areas however, it also provides an opportunity to meet new people with the wide range of smaller areas.	9/23/2015 9:02 PM
3	Yes because it has welcoming communities, many events, and fun activities for all ages.	9/22/2015 7:05 PM
4	I think that story county is one of the best places to grow up because there are just small towns within the county and you can grow up knowing your neighbors and who you go to school with.	9/20/2015 5:56 PM
5	Yes, because it was small enough not to overwhelm me	9/20/2015 3:33 PM
6	yes because i feel good living in a place where everything is nice and peaceful	9/20/2015 1:15 PM
7	Yes because everyone is nice and welcoming.	9/20/2015 11:40 AM
8	Yes it has because there are plenty of good role models both at home and in school.	9/20/2015 10:38 AM
9	I have always felt safe here.	9/18/2015 3:02 PM
10	Yes, because people are very nice and the schools are great and it is a great place to live	9/18/2015 2:18 PM
11	yes. There is low crime were I live and there is some stuff of do in Ames.	9/18/2015 2:11 PM
12	Story County has been a good place to grow up because, I know where each school district is/how to get around easily, I like the people, and I have grown up here most of my life.	9/18/2015 1:25 PM
13	I guess, because nothing super horrible has happened here.	9/18/2015 12:33 PM
14	Yes because it has a good education system and it's safe compared to lots of other places.	9/17/2015 4:58 PM
15	Yes, because there are great people who are caring and willing to help.	9/17/2015 4:09 PM
16	Yes, most likely because I live in the country and because of the way I was raised	9/17/2015 3:09 PM
17	Yes, it showed me how to care for others.	9/17/2015 1:28 PM
18	I have loved growing up with Story County because it is filled with good people. Everywhere I go there is someone that surprises me with their sense of courtesy.	9/17/2015 12:44 PM
19	For most people, it is a great place. Although I prefer bustling, loud cities to quiet places like Iowa, it has been enjoyable for the most part.	9/17/2015 12:35 PM
20	yes because of all the great people	9/17/2015 12:24 PM
21	Yes because it's a very agricultural and safe community.	9/17/2015 12:17 PM
22	I think that Story County has been a good place to grow up in because of its nice environment but at the same time it is boring.	9/17/2015 11:30 AM
23	I think story county has been a good place to grow up in because it is rare to have people that are left out so everyone will feel included and wanted.	9/17/2015 11:18 AM
24	Yes, because story county makes me feel safe, and has good schools for education that will challenge us.	9/17/2015 11:13 AM
25	Yes it has because I have always felt safe and at home	9/17/2015 11:11 AM
26	Yes, because I have a good school and lots of people are nice.	9/17/2015 11:07 AM



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27	Yes people have been friendly	9/17/2015 10:57 AM
28	Yes. I have many memories here, good and bad and I love my city and the people in it and the fun things Gilbert has to offer.	9/17/2015 10:48 AM
29	Yes it had been, there is so much to offer and places to go and people to see.	9/17/2015 10:46 AM
30	Yes because its a small county that has good people that live in it	9/17/2015 10:44 AM
31	Yes, it has always offered me a lot of opportunities	9/17/2015 10:44 AM
32	Yes. Its a nice place	9/17/2015 10:23 AM
33	It has been good because of the safety feeling, but it's too much at times.	9/17/2015 10:06 AM
34	Story County is a good place to grow up because I feel safe. Small schools give a lot of opportunities.	9/17/2015 9:40 AM
35	Yes for the most part because a lot of the kids are nice and fun to be around.	9/17/2015 9:09 AM
36	I think it has. I've always lived here and it is a very safe county.	9/17/2015 9:06 AM
37	I tink Story County has been a good place to be raised because I feel safe.	9/17/2015 9:01 AM
38	Yes, I like it...	9/17/2015 8:59 AM
39	Yes because it is a small town with enough stuff to do that everything is cool.	9/17/2015 8:52 AM
40	I didn't grow up in story county.	9/17/2015 8:48 AM
41	It has been a good place to grow up because I have so many opportunities to improve myself.	9/17/2015 8:42 AM
42	Yes because there are lots of things to do close by.	9/17/2015 8:40 AM
43	It has been a good place to grow up but the school district that I go to has not treated me the best when in comes to a sports stand point.	9/17/2015 8:39 AM
44	Yes, because it is safe and there are lots of things to do	9/17/2015 8:39 AM
45	Yes! It's a peaceful county. Enough things for a child to do, and very safe.	9/17/2015 8:36 AM
46	It's been ok but there are little to none things around here to do and I feel I have to go to Des Moines most of the time to do anything.	9/17/2015 8:30 AM
47	Yes and no. I've had neighbors who have done horrible things to me and my family, but other neighbors have become my best friends.	9/17/2015 8:25 AM
48	I didn't grow up here but it's been good since I've been here	9/17/2015 8:21 AM
49	Story county has been a good place to grow up because everyone is nice and my friends are always close	9/17/2015 8:20 AM
50	yes, not too big	9/17/2015 8:09 AM
51	Yes, I have loved the life I have had and all the neighbors and people I have met.	9/16/2015 11:16 PM
52	Yes, it doesn't have to many crimes, but the ones that happen teach me a lesson on what not to do.	9/16/2015 11:14 PM
53	Story County has been a good place for me to grow up because there are lots of places for me to go and meet new people and things for me to do in this county. I loved going to Peterson Pits, McFarland and Ada Hayden as a kid because it was somewhere new to explore.	9/16/2015 10:52 PM
54	I think so, then again I've never lived anywhere else so I have no experience of other places. I've enjoyed growing up here because the community is so welcoming, and living close to the school has mainly been beneficial.	9/16/2015 9:41 PM
55	It's been an amazing place to grow up because it's safe, everyone is nice, and there's a lot to do.	9/16/2015 9:38 PM
56	yes it was because it is small everyone knows everybody	9/16/2015 9:38 PM
57	Yes because its lots of open space for you to live and explore.	9/16/2015 8:58 PM
58	Yes, it feels safe, and you really get that small town feeling	9/16/2015 8:55 PM
59	Yes, because I feel like I grew in a controlled safe environment, though sometimes I wish there was more to do	9/16/2015 8:44 PM
60	yes, I grew up here all my life, left the area, and our family failed... so turned out that story county is the only place that our family can be successful	9/16/2015 8:41 PM
61	A very good place to grow up. Almost everyone is very nice and willing to help you out.	9/16/2015 8:26 PM

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62	I believe so yes because you get to grow up around a little bit of everything. You have the farms, little towns with little family owned businesses, and bigger towns with more options of shopping stores.	9/16/2015 8:09 PM
63	Yes because there are many nice people around here	9/16/2015 6:37 PM
64	Yes. Very. You have a lot to do and have a lot of time ny yourself to think about stuff.	9/16/2015 5:49 PM
65	Yes, I feel safe here.	9/16/2015 4:41 PM
66	Yes because everybody is friendly and there is plenty of space unlike the city.	9/8/2015 4:44 PM
67	Yes, it's safe.	9/8/2015 11:12 AM
68	yes. Its a good place to live and its nice	8/11/2015 9:57 AM
69	it's safe and the people are nice.	8/9/2015 12:42 PM
70	Very good. Small town values are great. Working hard and working together	8/8/2015 9:50 PM
71	because my family live around here	8/7/2015 3:50 PM
72	Yes, I know that my community is safe and I can trust most people here.	8/7/2015 3:37 PM
73	Yes because never have to really worry about much	8/7/2015 1:29 PM
74	I like small towns, so this place is just right for me. :)	8/5/2015 3:39 PM
75	Yes, it is a very nurturing environment.	8/5/2015 9:37 AM
76	Yes, I feel that I am surrounded by people that care about me and other people	8/4/2015 12:11 PM
77	Yes	8/3/2015 11:43 PM
78	Yes because I have had many opportunities to do anything I wanted.	8/2/2015 11:26 AM
79	Please see question 2.	7/30/2015 9:48 PM
80	Yes, its a nice town not a lot happens.	7/29/2015 7:38 AM
81	I think it is a good place to grow up because it's not too big to get lost and it gives kids opportunities.	7/28/2015 10:33 PM
82	yes it has and I like how it has a fun pool and stuff like that	7/28/2015 5:05 PM
83	Yes because I like the people and places	7/28/2015 5:04 PM
84	Yes. I don't have a reason I just like my home	7/28/2015 4:50 PM
85	Yes Iowa state is close we have a pool in town and a can bike around. We have a great Fourth of July celebration	7/28/2015 4:45 PM
86	Yes, there are a lot of opportunities in the area and it's an extremely safe area	7/28/2015 11:24 AM
87	Yes, good schools, and good economic activity.	7/28/2015 11:23 AM
88	For the most part yes. Clean, friendly, quiet place.	7/28/2015 10:40 AM
89	In my opinion Story County is a great place to grow up because the people are great and the places to go are fun.	7/28/2015 10:11 AM
90	its a family friendly environment	7/25/2015 6:47 PM
91	Yes, it's a safe place with opportunities to learn and grow.	7/25/2015 9:25 AM
92	I think it has been a good place to grow up in. The school district is one of the best in Iowa.	7/24/2015 5:13 PM
93	Yes because as I mentioned before, I am able to get involved in basically anything I want to. Also you get to experience college life in a way being so close to Iowa State and seeing the students around so much,	7/24/2015 1:52 PM
94	Yes. I have had very good experiences with education, youth recreation programs, etc.	7/23/2015 11:55 PM
95	Yes, it has lots of opportunities for me.	7/23/2015 10:54 PM
96	Eh. The school I go to Gilbert is my least favorite place in the world	7/23/2015 10:16 PM
97	Yes, because it is safe, and a good size. People care about things and eachother. On the flip side, there's not much to do in story county.	7/23/2015 10:07 PM
98	yes. It is a very friendly place	7/23/2015 9:57 PM
99	It has been a good place to live, but it needs to get rid of religion to truly move forward	7/23/2015 7:10 PM
100	Yes because I love my friends at Gilbert.	7/23/2015 5:00 PM



101	Yes. Many opportunities as a little kid to try new things. As I got older there are still many opportunities. Very safe place to grow up.	7/23/2015 4:55 PM
102	Yes, it's a safe place. There are bad parts of town, but no one is worried about walking down main street or hanging out at the park.	7/23/2015 4:50 PM
103	Yes, it has taught me to work hard for the things I want	7/23/2015 4:45 PM
104	Yes because I haven't had to deal with crazy people on the roads or streets that could potentially harm me or my family	7/23/2015 4:45 PM

Q4 What would you like to change about Story County and your city?

Answered: 99 Skipped: 11

#	Responses	Date
1	I would like to see more focus on retaining farmland and wildlife areas. Our cities should grow up more than they should grow out.	9/27/2015 8:47 PM
2	The only thing I would change about Story County as a whole is perhaps offer more connection from school to school in certain activities such as whole county conventions for high school students or interactions in which students from each school can bond with one another on any topic.	9/23/2015 9:02 PM
3	none	9/22/2015 7:05 PM
4	Nothing.	9/20/2015 5:56 PM
5	Better roads, and also less time to fix the roads, there always seems to be construction that lasts too long.	9/20/2015 3:33 PM
6	Maybe, start a cleaning process because I seen lots of trash around the streets	9/20/2015 1:15 PM
7	I would change the way we do early out Wednesdays because even though they help a little, they aren't helping a whole lot for the students.	9/20/2015 11:40 AM
8	Diminish the difference between the "have" and "have-nots".	9/20/2015 10:38 AM
9	Nothing.	9/18/2015 3:02 PM
10	I think that they should add more soccer fields and parks.	9/18/2015 2:18 PM
11	I would like to see more fun things to do in Story County. I would like to see a sky zone or something that is fun for older kids. I would also like to see more buisnesses near gilbert.	9/18/2015 2:11 PM
12	Get people more involved. Make people more aware of things they can do to help/ improve our county.	9/18/2015 1:25 PM
13	I would enjoy it if my principal at gilbert high school was fired and we had better teachers.	9/18/2015 12:33 PM
14	I would want to offer more work opportunities in Gilbert besides just working at Casey's or the few little shops and the Open Flame.	9/17/2015 4:58 PM
15	I'm not sure. To me it seems like a nice place already.	9/17/2015 4:09 PM
16	Better maintenance of gravel roads.	9/17/2015 3:09 PM
17	Nothing.	9/17/2015 1:28 PM
18	if I could change one thing about Story county I would put up inspirational quotes up all around the county, this way it reminds us to strive for what we want and to remind us of how grateful we should be with everything we have.	9/17/2015 12:44 PM
19	I really just want more sidewalks for walking and biking. To be honest, it's quite a hindrance to be biking with young children and having the sidewalk end and begin at random. If you're looking for changes people-wise, Republicans can get quite rude around here, especially the Jesus freaks... It's not something changeable, but if people were better educated about political issues and current events, it may change many people's views.	9/17/2015 12:35 PM
20	Nothing	9/17/2015 12:24 PM
21	I honestly don't know what I would change.	9/17/2015 12:17 PM
22	I would like there to be more recreational facilities. There are several restaurants and stores where I live, but not many places to go specifically for fun.	9/17/2015 11:30 AM

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23	I would like to change how the school rivalry can be taken to far by going on the internet and saying rude things about the other school. I don't think that is right and people should know better.	9/17/2015 11:18 AM
24	Nothing	9/17/2015 11:13 AM
25	More variety of stores.	9/17/2015 11:07 AM
26	Nothing	9/17/2015 10:57 AM
27	Nothing	9/17/2015 10:48 AM
28	Nothing.	9/17/2015 10:46 AM
29	Better schools	9/17/2015 10:44 AM
30	There is nothing major I would like to change about Story County	9/17/2015 10:44 AM
31	I dont know	9/17/2015 10:23 AM
32	Less division between schools, and to have people be more open to relationships; seems like there's a predetermined thought that not many people date here.	9/17/2015 10:06 AM
33	I would not change it.	9/17/2015 9:40 AM
34	I would add entertainment and restaurants.	9/17/2015 9:09 AM
35	I wouldn't really change anything.	9/17/2015 9:01 AM
36	I would rather have my city have a gas station or something...	9/17/2015 8:59 AM
37	I would like to see Gilbert expand	9/17/2015 8:52 AM
38	More places to eat.	9/17/2015 8:48 AM
39	I would like to see more drinking fountains.	9/17/2015 8:42 AM
40	I would like to get better stores put in Ames because it is annoying to have to go to Des Moines for things that Ames doesn't have.	9/17/2015 8:40 AM
41	In Gilbert there needs to be more production like new businesses and stuff because right now there is not much.	9/17/2015 8:39 AM
42	nothing	9/17/2015 8:39 AM
43	Not much. More tennis and better clothing shops.	9/17/2015 8:36 AM
44	Please add a Hardees.	9/17/2015 8:30 AM
45	I would like for it to be more community involving.	9/17/2015 8:25 AM
46	Nothing I'm perfectly fine with how it is	9/17/2015 8:21 AM
47	nothing its pretty awesome, but I would like to get rid of the pot heads that hang around lions park.	9/17/2015 8:20 AM
48	better shopping mall olive garden tropical smoothie cafe	9/17/2015 8:09 AM
49	if I could change one thing it would be the division between Gilbert and Ames. We are divided as schools and we don't get along well.	9/16/2015 11:16 PM
50	I wish that there were more opportunities for community service in Story County that I would be aware of or even County wide projects to improve our county and communities.	9/16/2015 10:52 PM
51	if I could change my city, I would place more like eventful buildings in town. For example, a more popular restaurant and something for entertainment (arcade or bowling). That way the people in Gilbert specifically won't have to drive a far distance just for something to do outside of their home.	9/16/2015 9:41 PM
52	I would take away main street and replace it with an outlet mall. I would also make the town more republican.	9/16/2015 9:38 PM
53	not a single thing	9/16/2015 9:38 PM
54	A restaurant!	9/16/2015 8:58 PM
55	Better restaurants/ just things to do on a daily basis	9/16/2015 8:55 PM
56	I would like there to be more activity in the county with different events. I would like a better fair many times we lose attendants and participants from story county to boone,	9/16/2015 8:44 PM
57	-	9/16/2015 8:41 PM
58	I would like there to be more supermarkets in small towns.	9/16/2015 8:26 PM



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59	I kind of wish it was more laid back with rules and laws. I realize some of that stuff would have to be kept, but when I talk to people who grew up here and hear about how much things have changed, I find it kind of sad.	9/16/2015 8:09 PM
60	I would like to change how many trees are in the area especially because its too empty	9/16/2015 6:37 PM
61	The amount of activities.	9/16/2015 5:49 PM
62	Nothing, really.	9/16/2015 4:41 PM
63	Nothing	9/8/2015 4:44 PM
64	Um, I think there are some schools in Story County that don't have the technological privileges as Gilbert. Maybe a community center.	9/8/2015 11:12 AM
65	i dont know	8/11/2015 9:57 AM
66	I can't think of anything.	8/9/2015 12:42 PM
67	Nothing	8/8/2015 9:50 PM
68	if there a movie theater in town	8/7/2015 3:50 PM
69	More options for after school activities	8/7/2015 1:29 PM
70	Maybe another gym somewhere	8/5/2015 9:37 AM
71	Nothing	8/4/2015 12:11 PM
72	Nothing	8/3/2015 11:43 PM
73	I don't know. There is always more we could be doing but we are doing a bang up job right now. (But some of the roads in story county could be fixed).	8/2/2015 11:26 AM
74	I would enjoy seeing certain gravel roads paved, such as 19th street in Nevada.However, I assume that some roads are under consideration for paving.	7/30/2015 9:48 PM
75	I wish the place I live in Nevada, had a town square instead of a a main street.	7/29/2015 7:38 AM
76	Nothing	7/28/2015 10:33 PM
77	i would change how people smoke a lot and get drunk a lot	7/28/2015 5:05 PM
78	Nothing	7/28/2015 5:04 PM
79	Nothing	7/28/2015 4:50 PM
80	Nothing	7/28/2015 4:45 PM
81	Story County- Stop having farmland sold off for Eminent Domain or for housing development. Would also like the Cornerstone Church Compound in Ames be under surveillance. Also, Ames is a mess in the summer with all of the road construction which is extremely inconvenient. Along with the 69 construction. Cambridge-Nothing. Best town in Story County	7/28/2015 11:24 AM
82	none	7/28/2015 11:23 AM
83	Make it easier to do get permits for starting own bussiness or even building some much needed storage. Currently it is very hard to pass anything that requires getting permission from Story County zoning.	7/28/2015 10:40 AM
84	I wouldn't want to change anything about Story County I would want to change how some things go in Nevada. Only, because I think that there isn't very much anything for a teenager to do in Nevada. I think we should get like a roller skating rink our a dance hall for the whole community just so there is another thing besides the bowling alley for us kids. I would also want to change how the Lincoln Highway days are only because I think everyone wants it to be back at the 4h grounds in Nevada, but that might not be in my power.	7/28/2015 10:11 AM
85	more activities	7/25/2015 6:47 PM
86	Adding more things to do for fun. Attractions or businesses that up the excitement level of being here.	7/25/2015 9:25 AM
87	I would like to see more places to go to have fun.	7/24/2015 5:13 PM
88	I get very irritated with the amount of road construction I always see but nobody out working on it. They block off the streets and then don't even work on the project for another two weeks. I also think we should be able to swim in Ada Hayden Lake because I know a lot of people who would really like being able to do that.	7/24/2015 1:52 PM
89	Possibly an amusement park or larger water park would be fun to have.	7/23/2015 11:55 PM
90	Not sure- never lived anywhere better	7/23/2015 10:54 PM

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91	You probably won't give a crap anyway	7/23/2015 10:16 PM
92	I would like to see more things to do and see. Someone needs to create some attractions so others will come to story county.	7/23/2015 10:07 PM
93	more things to do	7/23/2015 9:57 PM
94	I would get rid of churches and religion so people would stop wasting their time with it	7/23/2015 7:10 PM
95	I want a lifetime fitness and an Olive Garden.	7/23/2015 5:00 PM
96	Nothing	7/23/2015 4:55 PM
97	More activities to do would be nice. Restaurants are also very crowded on weekends during the school year, and specifically the football season, which can be a limiting factor.	7/23/2015 4:50 PM
98	Paved road in between gilbert and north ames	7/23/2015 4:45 PM
99	More attractions and restaurants	7/23/2015 4:45 PM

Q5 Do you think you will stay in Story County after graduating from High School? If not, do you think you will you move back some day? Why or why not?

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#	Responses	Date
1	Yes, I am beginning to truly understand what a great place Story County is. I will come back for the location, living on the edge of a growing city while getting a feel for what living in the country is like.	9/27/2015 8:47 PM
2	I do not believe I will stay in Story County after graduating from High School and I have no idea if I will come back someday. Part of growing up is exploring new places and I would like to be able to travel to somewhere different and be able to experience how life is in a different area besides Story County Iowa, even as wonderful as the area is at times.	9/23/2015 9:02 PM
3	I hope to stay in Story County after high school. If I moved elsewhere to attend college I would definitely try to come back because it is a great place to raise a family	9/22/2015 7:05 PM
4	I don't know yet. It will depend on where I go to college and then what I get for a job after that.	9/20/2015 5:56 PM
5	I am staying in Story County after highschool, and I may stay even after college	9/20/2015 3:33 PM
6	yes I'll stay because I'll probably going to study in Iowa State University	9/20/2015 1:15 PM
7	I think I wouldn't stay here after high school because I want to explore other places but I would come back to visit once in a while.	9/20/2015 11:40 AM
8	If I go to Iowa State University, which is very likely, I will stay in Story County, but I may want to see other parts of the country. I really do like it here, so I might live here for the rest of my life.	9/20/2015 10:38 AM
9	I plan on living in Iowa my entire life, if not Ames. I really enjoy the environment. I feel safe here.	9/18/2015 3:02 PM
10	No, but I will put in my mind coming back here to raise a family because it is a great place to grow up in	9/18/2015 2:18 PM
11	I will stay in story county for collage, but after I will not stay. I want to go somewhere more technology inclined.	9/18/2015 2:11 PM
12	No I don't think I will stay in story county after I graduate, I think I will move somewhere else farther away, so I can experience new things/places. I have grown up here. I won't always live her but my family will.	9/18/2015 1:25 PM
13	No, and No, because I would like to experience something different	9/18/2015 12:33 PM
14	I want to travel after high school but once I'm ready to settle down I think I would definitely like to move either back to story county or to a county similar to it.	9/17/2015 4:58 PM
15	Probably. I have a feeling that I'll be going to ISU	9/17/2015 4:09 PM
16	I will leave one day for some better opportunities or something but I think I shall visit my roots every now and then.	9/17/2015 3:09 PM
17	Yes.	9/17/2015 1:28 PM



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18	I'm not really sure what I will do after high school, I would surely love to stay here, and trust me this place will be greatly visited by me no matter my age, but I'm not sure it has the education im going to need for after high school.	9/17/2015 12:44 PM
19	I will stay for Iowa State to get my doctorate in Veterinary Medicine, but I'll probably move to a large city like Chicago, Albany, etc. the second school's finished so that I get the maximum amount of business possible and because I don't like quiet places.	9/17/2015 12:35 PM
20	I don't plan on going to school her so no and depends on my job	9/17/2015 12:24 PM
21	I am not sure. For what I want to do for my career in the future is not well known in story county. I plan to visit though if I do end up moving away.	9/17/2015 12:17 PM
22	I am not for sure if I will move from Story County, but if I do, I would probably come back. I would like to experience new places, but I know that Story County is a good place to live.	9/17/2015 11:30 AM
23	I think I will stay close to where I'm graduating from High School but I also have an urge to explore the world and that might end me up in another place.	9/17/2015 11:18 AM
24	no	9/17/2015 11:17 AM
25	I'm not sure, but I feel story county is a safe place to live.	9/17/2015 11:13 AM
26	I think I will be very close by after graduating and if I'm not in Story County, I may move back	9/17/2015 11:11 AM
27	I will not stay most likely due to college, but I am uncertain on return.	9/17/2015 11:07 AM
28	Yes it is a great place	9/17/2015 10:57 AM
29	Yes. I think there is a possibility of me staying in Story county after high school if I go to Iowa State. If I move out of the state I think I will move back here after college.	9/17/2015 10:48 AM
30	Yes, because I would want my children growing up in a good school district which Story County has to offer.	9/17/2015 10:46 AM
31	No because I want to live in montana. I might move back because of family	9/17/2015 10:44 AM
32	I will not stay in Story County but I may move back one day	9/17/2015 10:44 AM
33	Probably. Its where my friends and family are	9/17/2015 10:23 AM
34	I will not be staying in story county after high school, and I don't have any plans of moving back yet. I'd prefer to go somewhere with a different mindset about jobs, relationships, and other things.	9/17/2015 10:06 AM
35	I think after High School I will leave Story County to experience other places around the country/world. I see myself moving back one day.	9/17/2015 9:40 AM
36	No, I will probably not live in Story County after High School because I want to experience a different type of environment.	9/17/2015 9:09 AM
37	Most of my family on my dads side are still in story county. The ones that aren't around here anymore are either way out west or live in another country now. After college, I wouldn't be surprised if I decided to move back here. It is a very likable area to live in.	9/17/2015 9:06 AM
38	I do kind of want to stay in story county after graduation because I would like to work here.	9/17/2015 9:01 AM
39	No, I might move back because I like it here, but I want to get away for a while...	9/17/2015 8:59 AM
40	Yes I like the place.	9/17/2015 8:52 AM
41	No, I'm going to move somewhere cold. I might visit later.	9/17/2015 8:48 AM
42	I will not stay in Story County because I want to see new things.	9/17/2015 8:42 AM
43	I don't know. I will probably move for college but maybe come back later.	9/17/2015 8:40 AM
44	I think I will live in the area for a while but I don't like the area very well.	9/17/2015 8:39 AM
45	I don't know at this point.... I might go to Iowa State for college	9/17/2015 8:39 AM
46	No. I would like to travel more. I might go to the local college after high school, but I'd don't see me living here.	9/17/2015 8:36 AM
47	No and I don't think I will move back because I want to move to New Jersey.	9/17/2015 8:30 AM
48	No, I will move far away. I'm not originally from here, and I hate the landscape. I miss the mountains of the desert where my family lives.	9/17/2015 8:25 AM
49	Ya, because it's a really kind community and I would like to stay in it	9/17/2015 8:21 AM

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50	yes	9/17/2015 8:20 AM
51	no because going to college somewhere else	9/17/2015 8:09 AM
52	Yes, I think I will go to Iowa state and then move to Iowa City. I think I may move back because it's a great place to raise kids, but still have some fun.	9/16/2015 11:16 PM
53	I do not plan on staying. I am going to go to college out side of Story County and hopefully get a job and start my own family near my job. I would consider moving back, because it is a small community.	9/16/2015 11:14 PM
54	I would like to stay in Story County because it is a nice, safe place to live and my family lives here. However I would like to live next to a lake and work in a hospital someday so I may end up living in a neighboring county or another county in Iowa depending on where my life takes me.	9/16/2015 10:52 PM
55	No, I will not be living in Gilbert or Ames after graduating High School. And no, I do not think I will move back some day, if not for a brief amount of time. Why not? Exactly that in a way: why not? There is so much in this world to experience, why spend the rest of my life in this one place? Yeah, sure it's wonderful but I haven't seen anywhere else to compare it to.	9/16/2015 9:41 PM
56	I don't think I'll stay in story county after graduating. I might move back some day to take over my dads business.	9/16/2015 9:38 PM
57	I think I would move back someday because I don't know why you would leave everything and everyone you know	9/16/2015 9:38 PM
58	I probably won't stay in story county because this has been the only place I lived and I want to explore new options.	9/16/2015 8:58 PM
59	No, I want to get a scenery change during college but there is a good chance I would move back to start a family	9/16/2015 8:55 PM
60	I might...it depends what college I end up going to but I would like to raise my children here	9/16/2015 8:44 PM
61	I think that I will move somewhere warm to peruse my dreams. I think that most of my family will move as well, but visiting story county will be on our yearly to-do list, because our families past is important to us	9/16/2015 8:41 PM
62	I think I will stay in story county. I like growing up here and I think if I have kids they will too.	9/16/2015 8:26 PM
63	I would like to explore Iowa or maybe even another state some more. If I did move away, I would defiantly be back a lot, or even eventually move back! I love this county and town I live in now!	9/16/2015 8:09 PM
64	No I don't think I will. There's not many colleges in the area and it's not where I'd like to live every day because I'd like to go somewhere else instead of staying in the same spot all my life.	9/16/2015 6:37 PM
65	I might stay and go to Iowa State for college but then I'm probably moving. And I'm not sure I will move back but maybe when I'm really old I will.	9/16/2015 5:49 PM
66	Yes I will most likely attend ISU.	9/16/2015 4:41 PM
67	Yes because I like the smaller atmosphere.	9/8/2015 4:44 PM
68	Um, yes. I'm just going to Ames.	9/8/2015 11:12 AM
69	No, I don't know. Because I want to play soccer in the MLS and slowly make my way up.	8/11/2015 9:57 AM
70	I don't think I will stay here because I think my career would require me to live elsewhere.	8/9/2015 12:42 PM
71	I want to live north somewhere but I will come back sometimes	8/8/2015 9:50 PM
72	yeah I want to work like west hyvee in Ames and get my own car	8/7/2015 3:50 PM
73	Yes, I loved growing up here and I wouldn't want anything different for my family some day.	8/7/2015 3:37 PM
74	No because I would like to live in a bigger town	8/7/2015 1:29 PM
75	I don't know if I will stay or move, but I love living here. The community is great.	8/5/2015 3:39 PM
76	Yes, I like it here	8/4/2015 12:11 PM
77	Probably	8/3/2015 11:43 PM
78	No but I might come back. I will leave because I want to experience a big city. And that will impact my decision to come back.	8/2/2015 11:26 AM
79	I would love to move to Milford, Michigan at some point. The scenery is excellent, and the town has a certain "The land is hilly, but the town works around it" feel. Although there is absolutely nothing the county can do about it without spending an incredibly low estimate of \$1,500,770,000 (Yes, I actually did the math), I found Story County to be very flat.	7/30/2015 9:48 PM
80	No, I think that I will get a job not in Story County and live there.	7/29/2015 7:38 AM



81	I would, it's a good place to grow up.	7/28/2015 10:33 PM
82	I think I will stay in story county when I graduate	7/28/2015 5:05 PM
83	I think I will stay after high school but if I go to a college outside of SC then I might move back when older	7/28/2015 5:04 PM
84	I might be somewhere warmer but I will definitely come back to visit any friends and family still living there	7/28/2015 4:50 PM
85	Maybe	7/28/2015 4:45 PM
86	Yup. My family roots are here and I don't know anything different	7/28/2015 11:24 AM
87	yes	7/28/2015 11:23 AM
88	Yes. My family is in this area and I don't plan on leaving them anytime soon.	7/28/2015 10:40 AM
89	I have already decided that I will be moving away from Story County, but I do plan on coming back and visiting my hometown (Nevada) as much as possible because I love it.	7/28/2015 10:11 AM
90	not really. It's not because of anything that's wrong it's just not really an area that I feel matches me.	7/25/2015 6:47 PM
91	No, I want to go to a bigger school in another area. After college I would like to comeback because it is a good place to raise a family.	7/25/2015 9:25 AM
92	I think I will stay here. It has great living conditions.	7/24/2015 5:13 PM
93	I do not think that I am going to go to college at ISU just because I have been here for so long and feel that I want a little change. However, I do believe I will move back to somewhere near here eventually because I really enjoy Iowa weather and believe I am safe when around here.	7/24/2015 1:52 PM
94	I will probably stay to attend Iowa State University.	7/23/2015 11:55 PM
95	Yes I do because it is a good place to live and my family lives here.	7/23/2015 10:54 PM
96	God no. Only to visit family because I love them	7/23/2015 10:16 PM
97	Yes, possibly to go to Iowa State. After college I'd like to go somewhere like Des Moines where there's actually things to do and places to shop.	7/23/2015 10:07 PM
98	yes. college and people are nice here	7/23/2015 9:57 PM
99	Probably not but we'll see	7/23/2015 7:10 PM
100	No, I am going to college in a different state.	7/23/2015 5:00 PM
101	No, I want to travel while I am young. But I might move back to raise a family because it is so safe.	7/23/2015 4:55 PM
102	I'll probably stay because I can't afford out of state tuition for college, but I'll probably leave afterwards to experience living in other places.	7/23/2015 4:50 PM
103	Yes same reason above in question 3	7/23/2015 4:45 PM

Q6 Anything else you'd like to add that will help the Story County create a great comprehensive plan?

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#	Responses	Date
1	no	9/22/2015 7:05 PM
2	no.	9/20/2015 5:56 PM
3	not that I can think of right now	9/20/2015 1:15 PM
4	Nope.	9/20/2015 11:40 AM
5	No	9/18/2015 3:02 PM
6	Nope	9/18/2015 2:18 PM
7	I would like to see more technology put into the county. Lets become a big tech county	9/18/2015 2:11 PM

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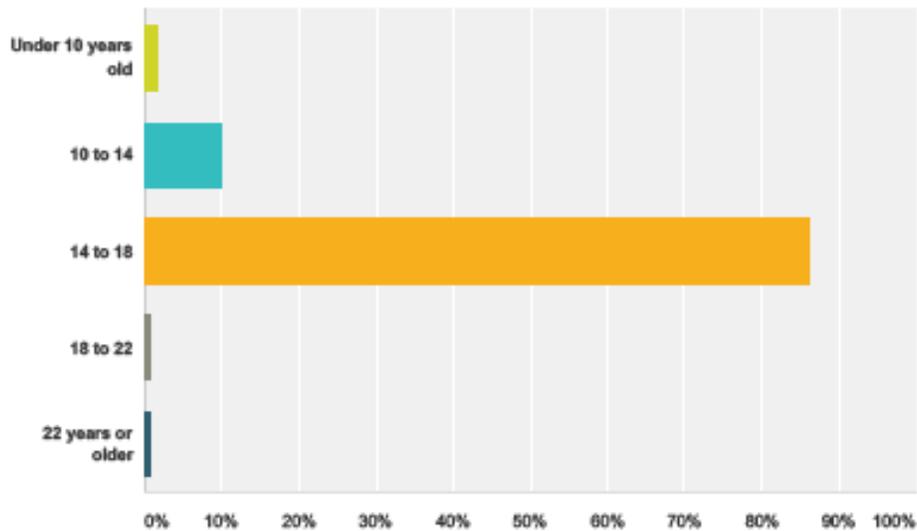
8	No not really	9/18/2015 12:33 PM
9	Nope.	9/17/2015 4:58 PM
10	i don't think so.	9/17/2015 4:09 PM
11	I would just like to say that I am so grateful for what Story County has given me, I cannot imagine living anywhere else right know, its my hometown, and its what I love.	9/17/2015 12:44 PM
12	Not really...	9/17/2015 12:35 PM
13	Nope.	9/17/2015 12:17 PM
14	if the community was more open and wasn't always worrying about our rivals I think everyone from all the different schools would get along a lot better then they do now.	9/17/2015 11:18 AM
15	No	9/17/2015 11:13 AM
16	None	9/17/2015 11:11 AM
17	Not that I can think of.	9/17/2015 11:07 AM
18	No	9/17/2015 10:57 AM
19	Nope!	9/17/2015 10:46 AM
20	No	9/17/2015 10:44 AM
21	no	9/17/2015 10:23 AM
22	Meh	9/17/2015 10:06 AM
23	i want to add an Olive Garden, Krispie Kreme, and better health club.	9/17/2015 9:09 AM
24	More restaurants to attract people.	9/17/2015 8:52 AM
25	No, I have no more ideas.	9/17/2015 8:48 AM
26	No	9/17/2015 8:42 AM
27	No	9/17/2015 8:39 AM
28	no	9/17/2015 8:39 AM
29	No.	9/17/2015 8:36 AM
30	Hardees	9/17/2015 8:30 AM
31	Be more community involved and actually help the people who live here that are in need.	9/17/2015 8:25 AM
32	no	9/17/2015 8:21 AM
33	no	9/17/2015 8:20 AM
34	N/A	9/16/2015 11:16 PM
35	Fill in the potholes in gilbert right before the train tracks, build a nike store in ames and we need something like cedar point in ames.	9/16/2015 9:38 PM
36	There is nothing I would change.	9/16/2015 8:58 PM
37	N/A	9/16/2015 8:55 PM
38	no	9/16/2015 8:44 PM
39	-	9/16/2015 8:41 PM
40	Give more money to schools so they can do what they need to for students to be happier and more comfortable	9/16/2015 6:37 PM
41	No.	9/16/2015 5:49 PM
42	No.	9/8/2015 11:12 AM
43	no	8/11/2015 9:57 AM
44	No	8/8/2015 9:50 PM
45	Have more kids at the high school	8/7/2015 3:50 PM
46	No	8/4/2015 12:11 PM



47	No	8/3/2015 11:43 PM
48	The housing in Nevada seems to range from "excellent" condition to "poor" condition. I would enjoy seeing a lot of houses to be recondition to at least an "acceptable" condition.	7/30/2015 9:48 PM
49	Get more businesses that people can benefit from.	7/29/2015 7:38 AM
50	No	7/28/2015 4:50 PM
51	Stop Eminent Domain and Urban Sprawl.	7/28/2015 11:24 AM
52	no	7/28/2015 11:23 AM
53	I think what this is going to do is going to be a very good thing for the communities of Story County and I am excited to see what this brings in the future years.	7/28/2015 10:11 AM
54	just have more city activities.	7/25/2015 6:47 PM
55	Not of my knowledge.	7/24/2015 1:52 PM
56	Low crime+ good education= great city/county	7/23/2015 11:55 PM
57	I still feel you won't really take action because you care because you don't seem to care about us	7/23/2015 10:16 PM
58	Add more attractions, especially in Ames. It's a college town, there should be more places to go especially for kids and teens. All we have is perfect games, which is not enough.	7/23/2015 10:07 PM
59	Sand volleyball with low nets and lights	7/23/2015 7:10 PM
60	Nothing	7/23/2015 4:55 PM
61	No	7/23/2015 4:45 PM

Q7 What is your age?

Answered: 109 Skipped: 1



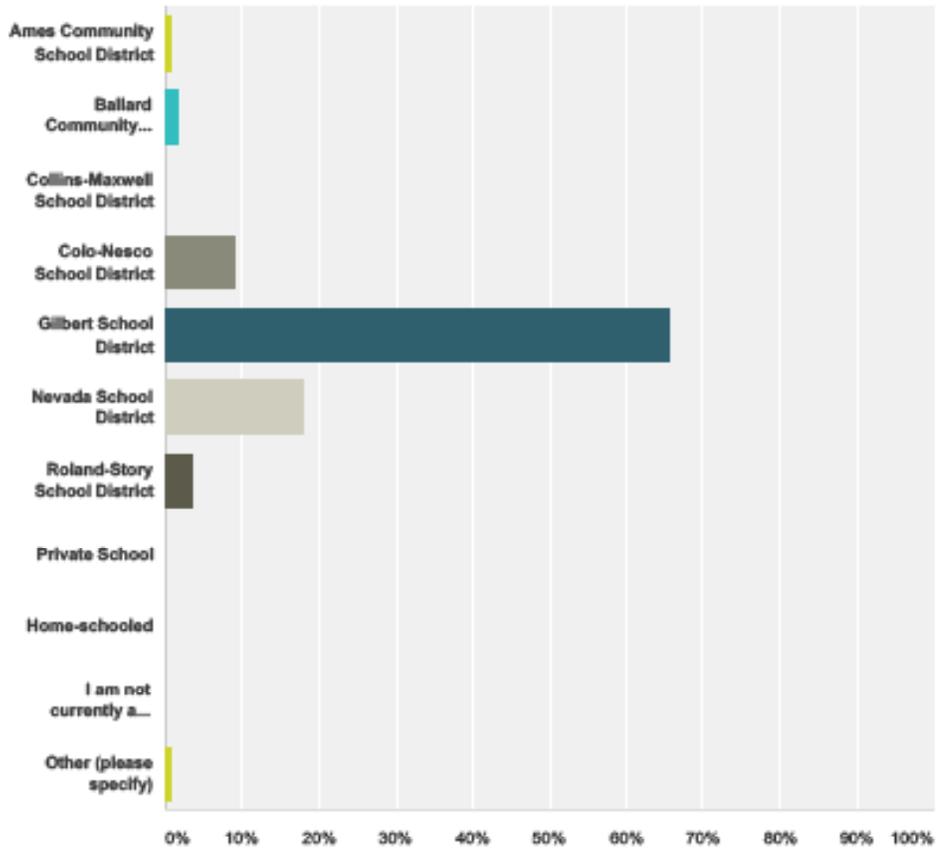
Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Under 10 years old	1.83%	2
10 to 14	10.09%	11
14 to 18	86.24%	94
18 to 22	0.92%	1

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22 years or older	0.92%	1
Total		109

Q8 Which school district do you attend in Story County?

Answered: 110 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Ames Community School District	0.91%	1
Ballard Community School District	1.82%	2
Collins-Maxwell School District	0.00%	0
Colo-Nesco School District	9.09%	10
Gilbert School District	65.45%	72
Nevada School District	18.18%	20
Roland-Story School District	3.64%	4
Private School	0.00%	0
Home-schooled	0.00%	0

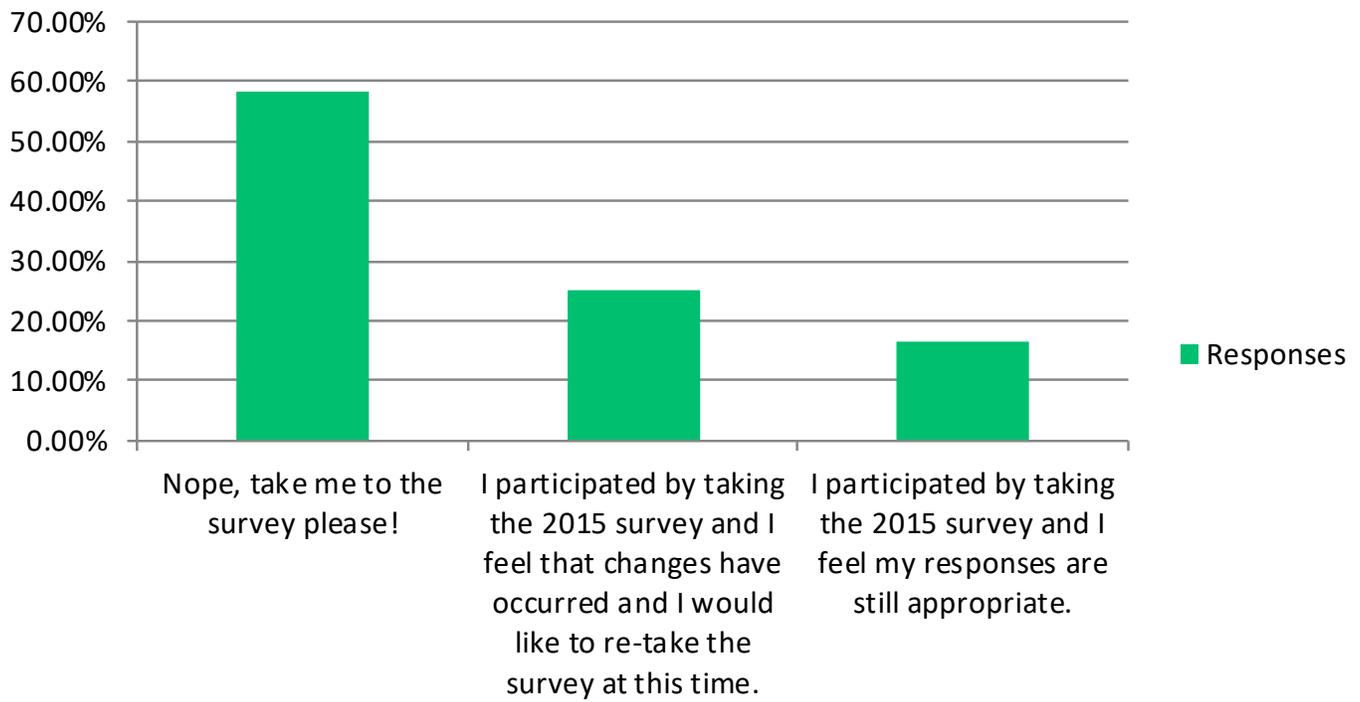


Story County Comprehensive Plan 2036: Cornerstone to Capstone

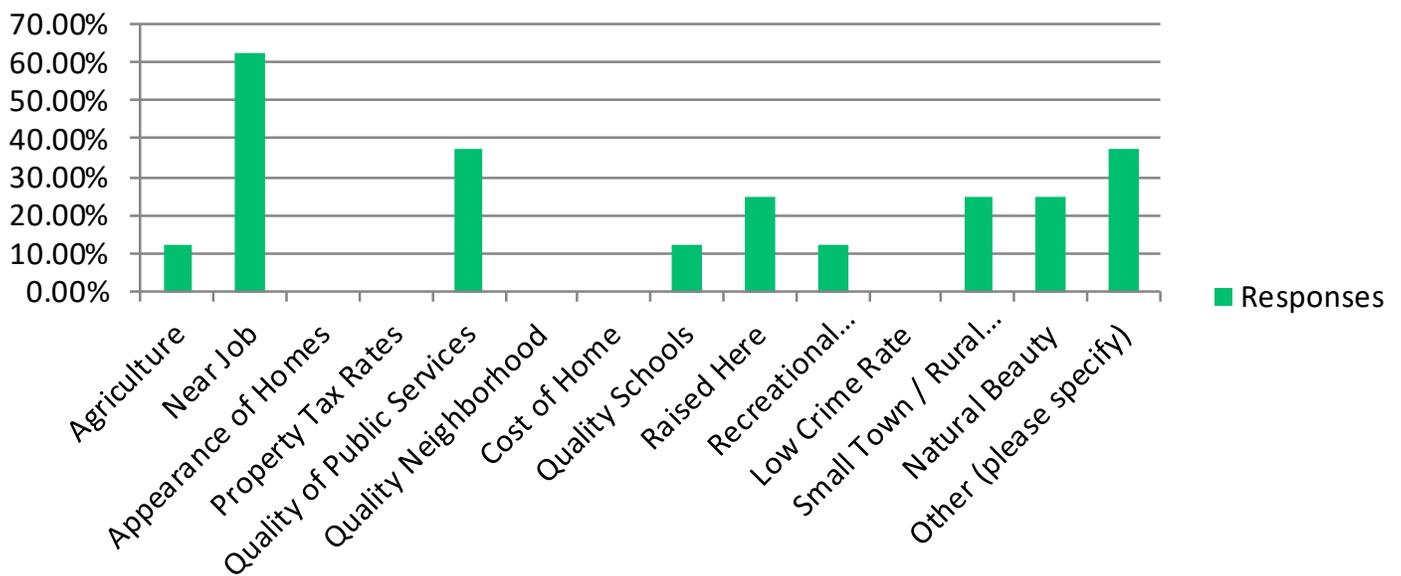
I am not currently a student	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	0.91%	1
Total		110

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Hi, I am way too old for your survey, but I would like to thank you, not only for doing a survey but for supporting it as well. Asking young people about the value of their hometown and schooling is long overdue. Our leaders can only benefit from young people's candid responses.	7/29/2015 12:47 PM

I took the 2015 C2C Plan Survey...

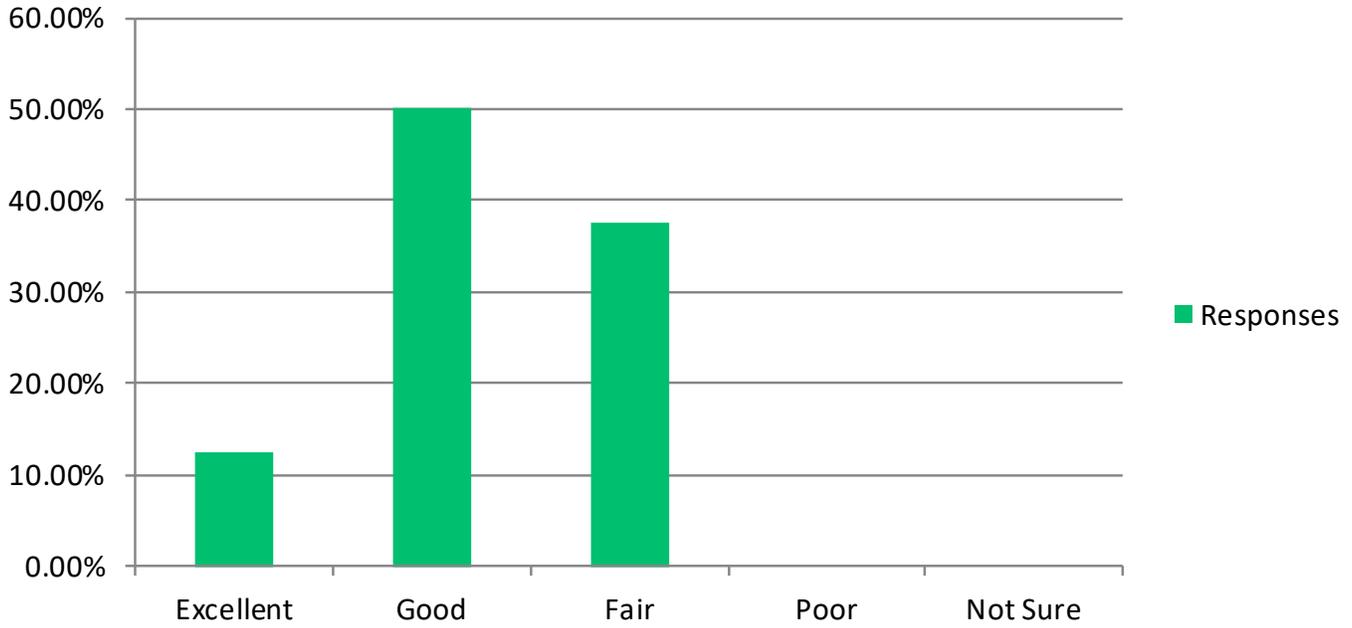


What are the three most important reasons you and your family choose to live and/or work in Story County?

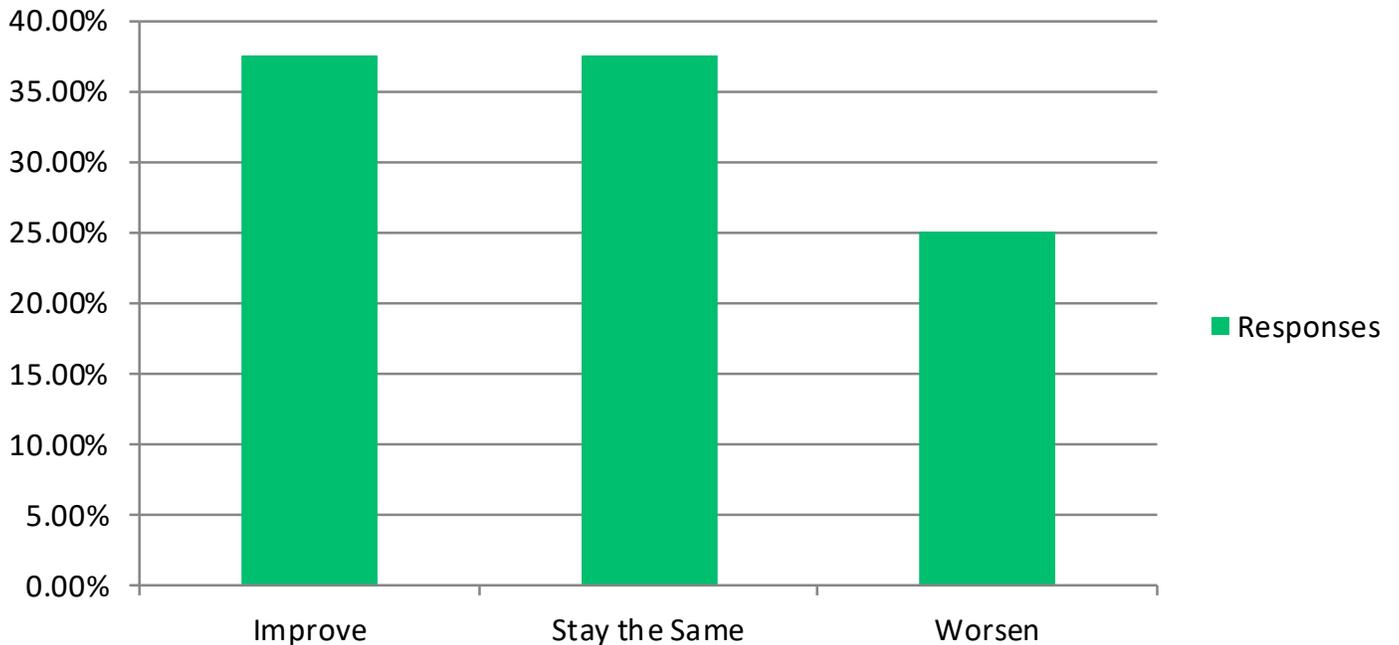




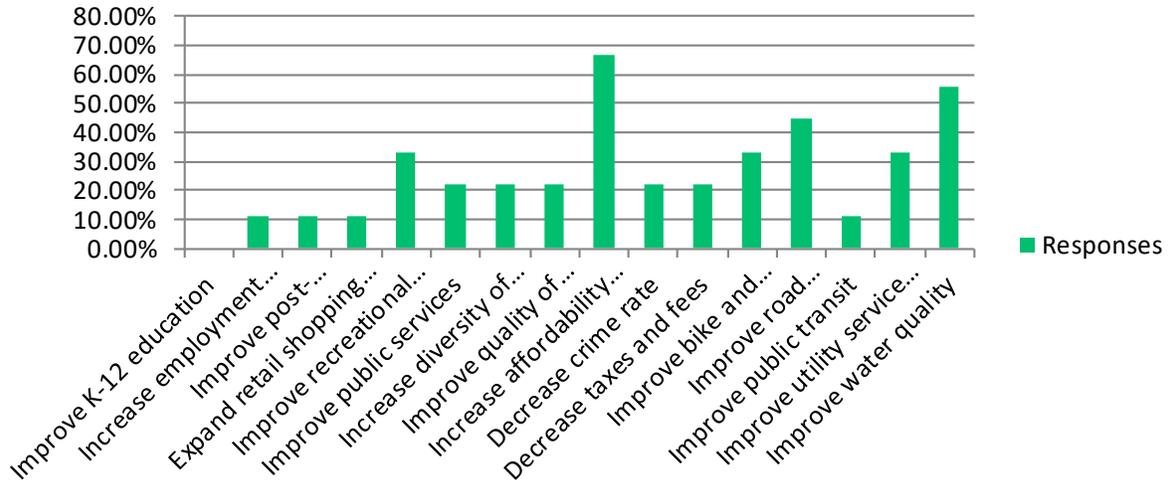
Overall, how would you rate the quality of life in Story County?



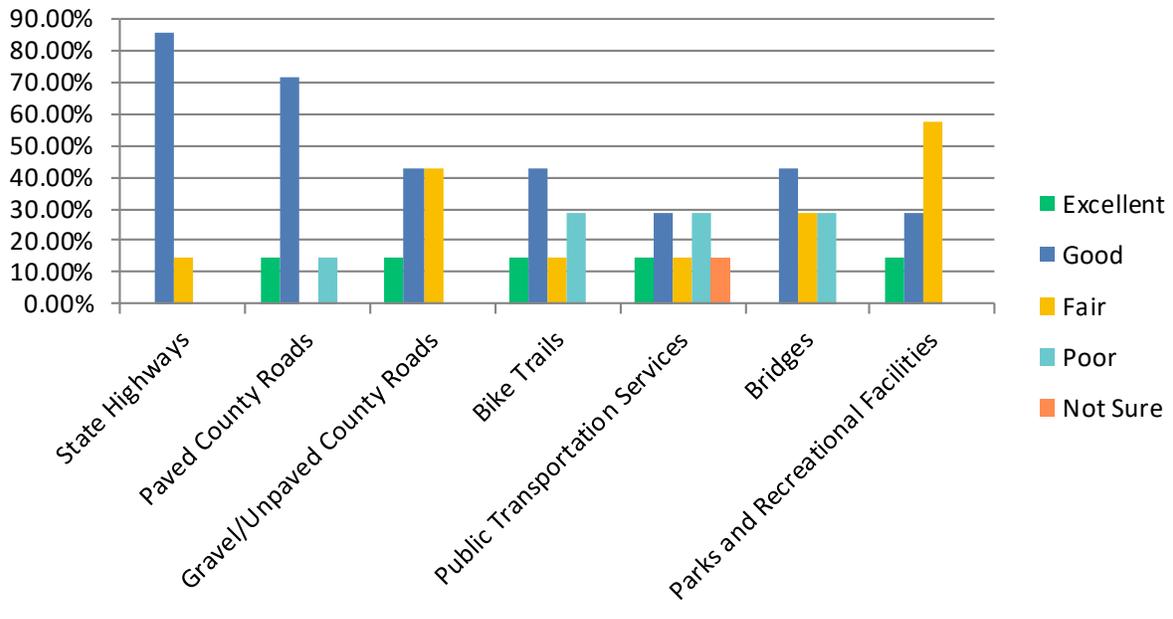
During the next five years, I expect that the quality of life in the county will:



Please indicate changes you think would improve the quality of life in Story County (please check up to four).

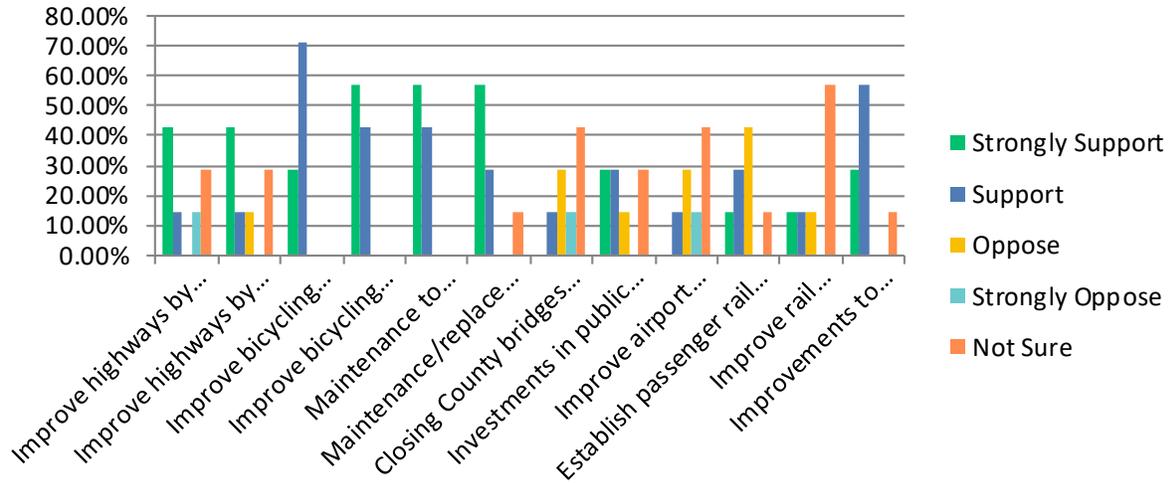


Rate the following in Story County:

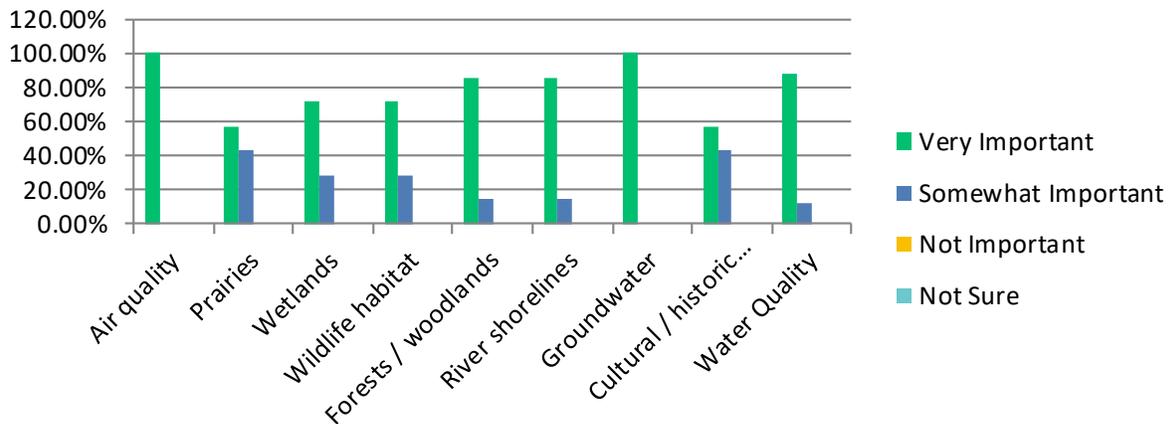




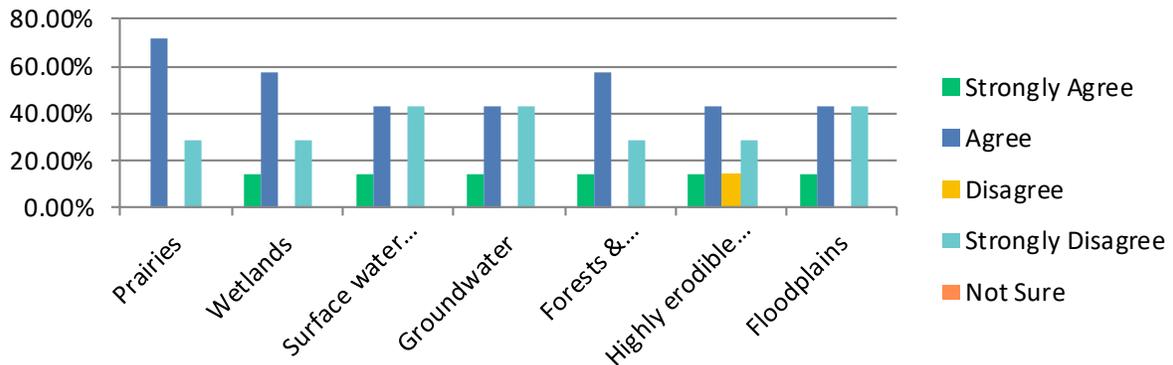
During the next ten years, which of the following transportation investments do you support in Story County?



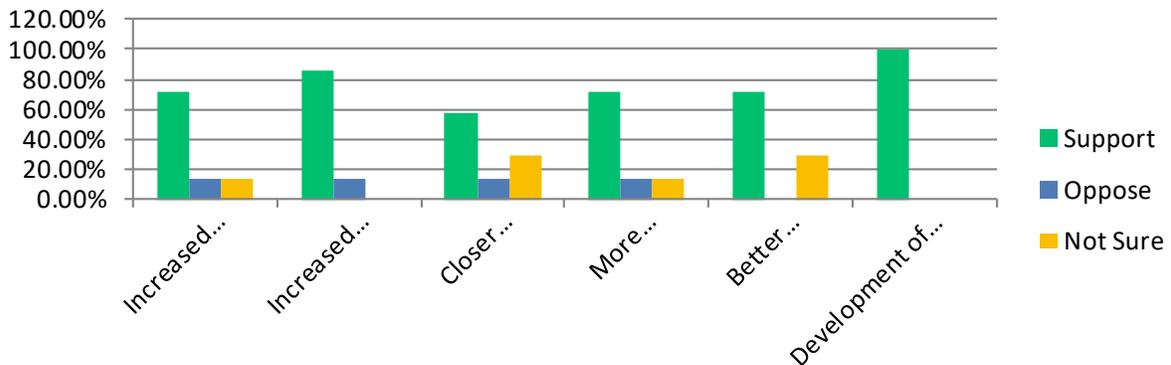
Please share your opinion on how important it is to protect each of the following natural resources in Story County.

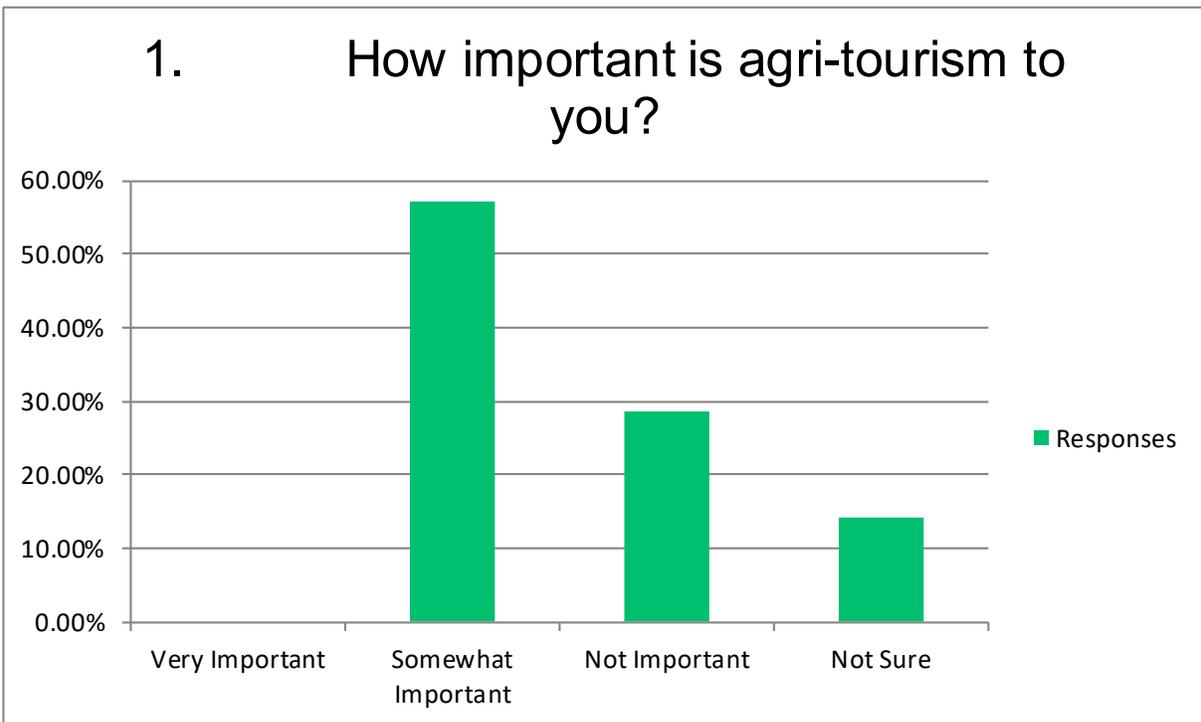
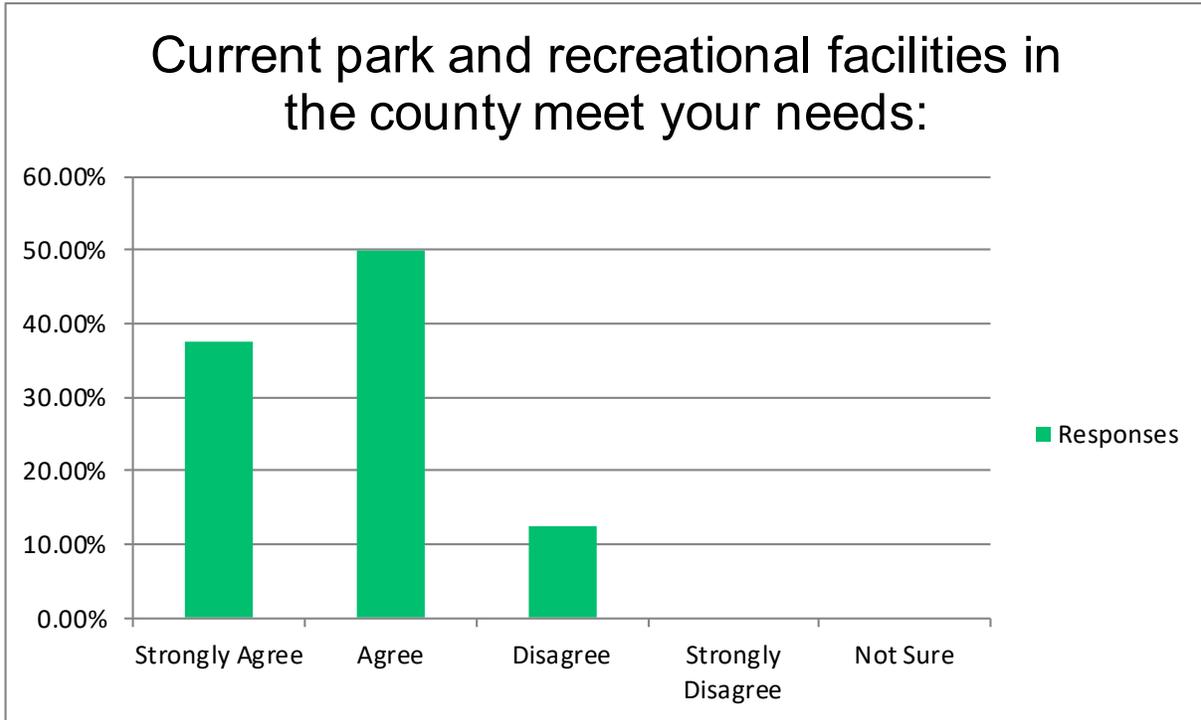


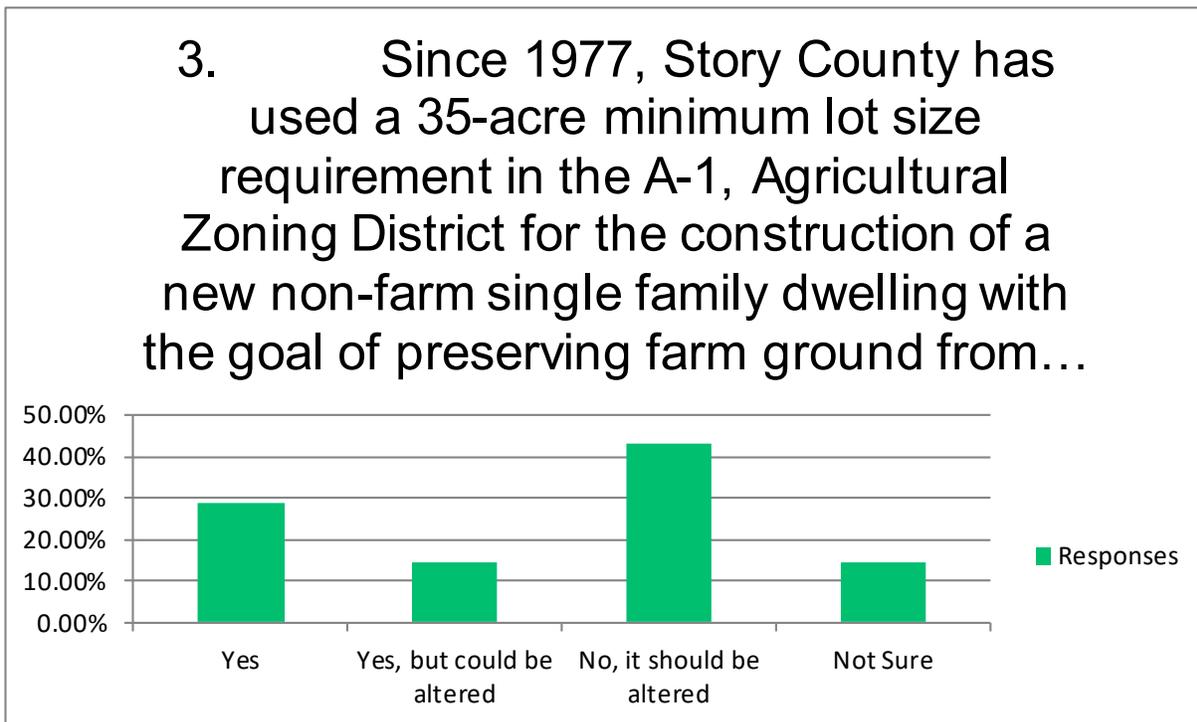
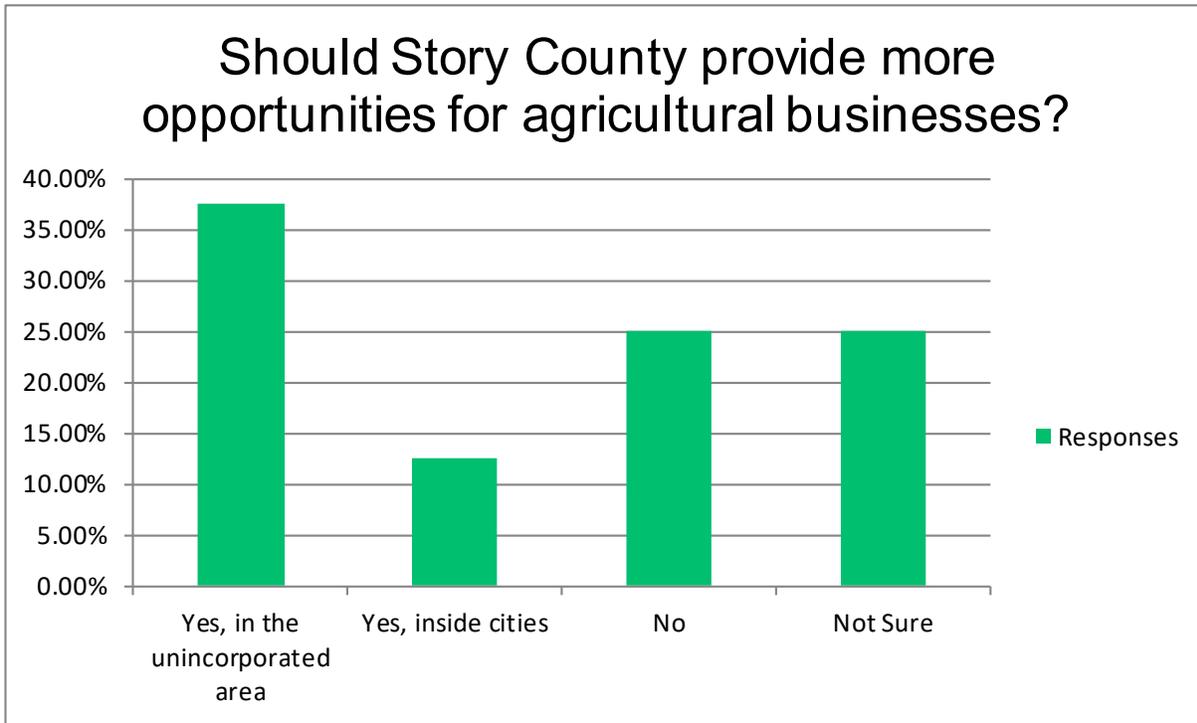
In your opinion, current environmental policies and regulations in Story County adequately protect the following environmental areas from damage or disruption:



Initiatives to protect and improve the natural environment sometimes include increased monitoring and regulation efforts. Would you support or oppose the following efforts?

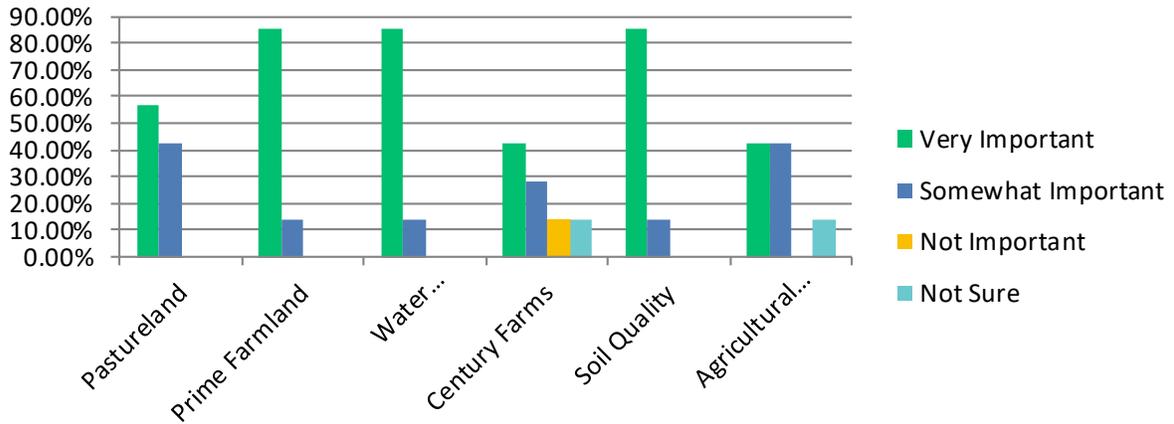




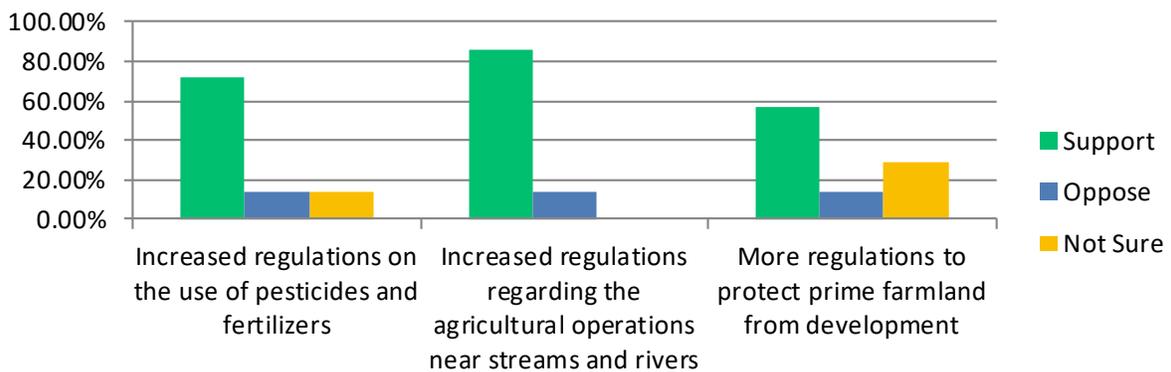


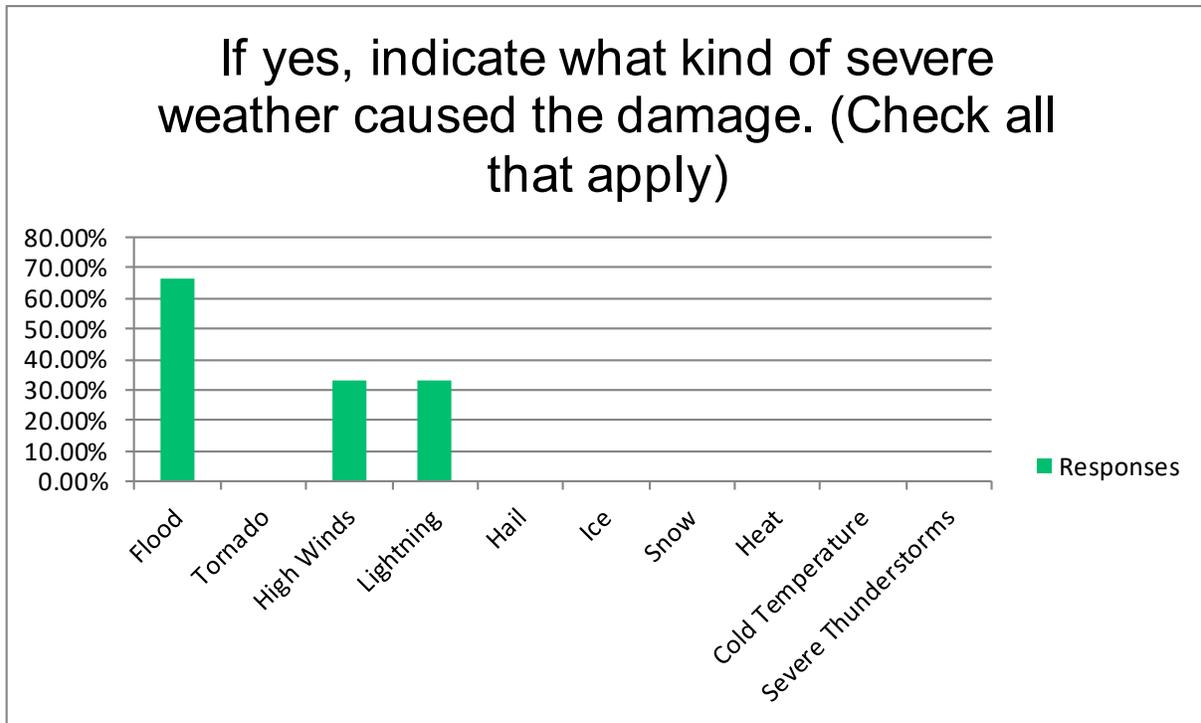
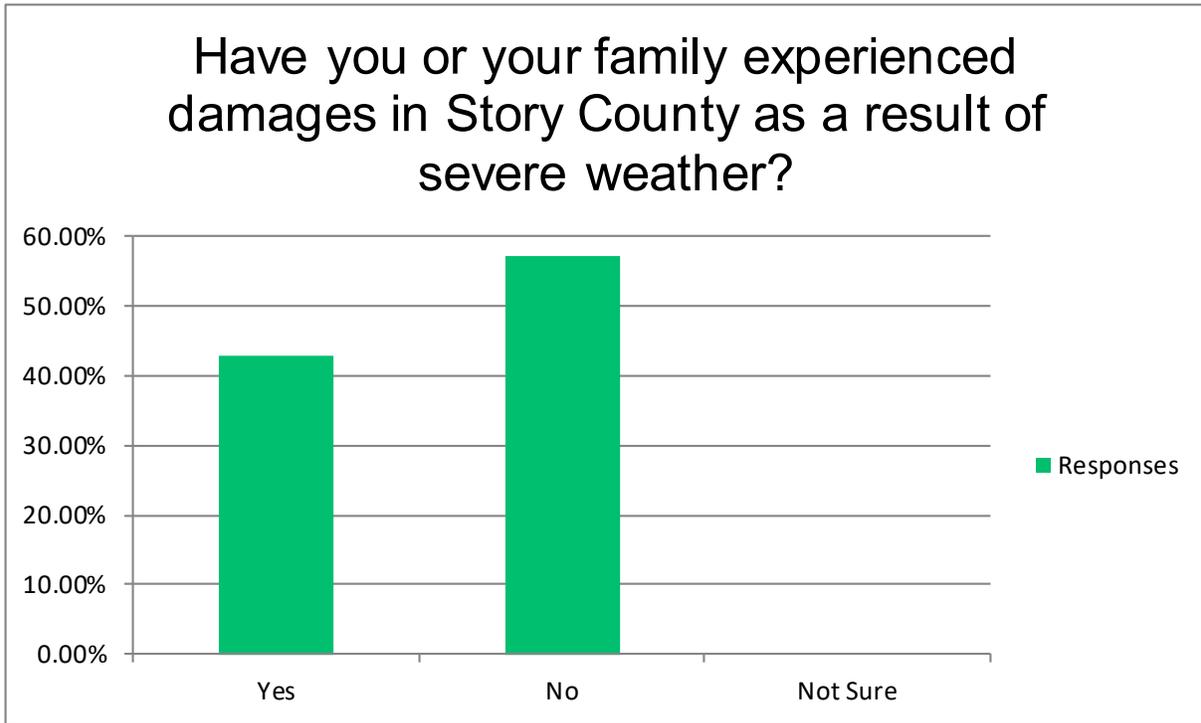


Please share your opinion on how important it is to protect each of the following agricultural resources in Story County.

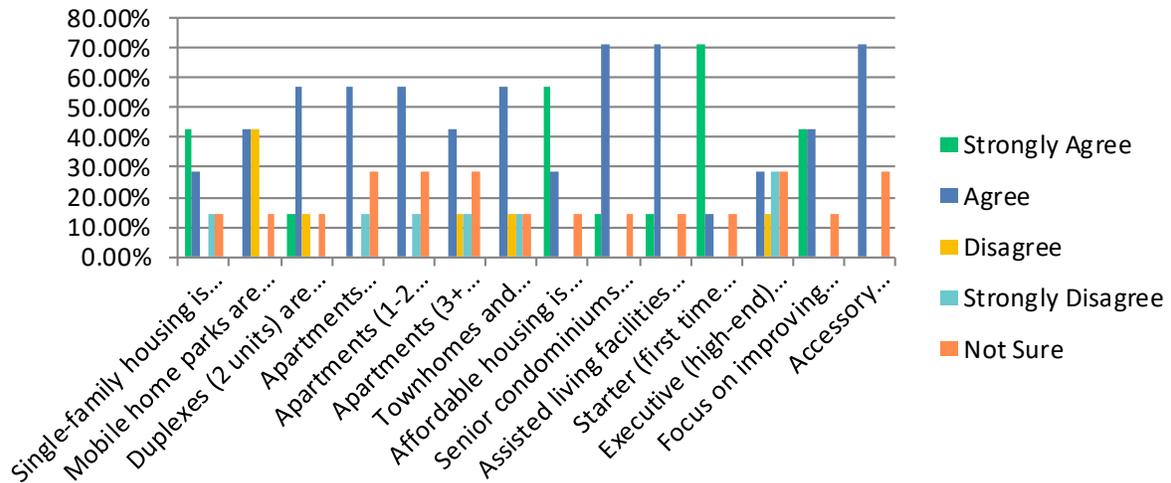


Initiatives to protect and improve agricultural resources sometimes include increased monitoring and regulation efforts. Would you support or oppose the following efforts?

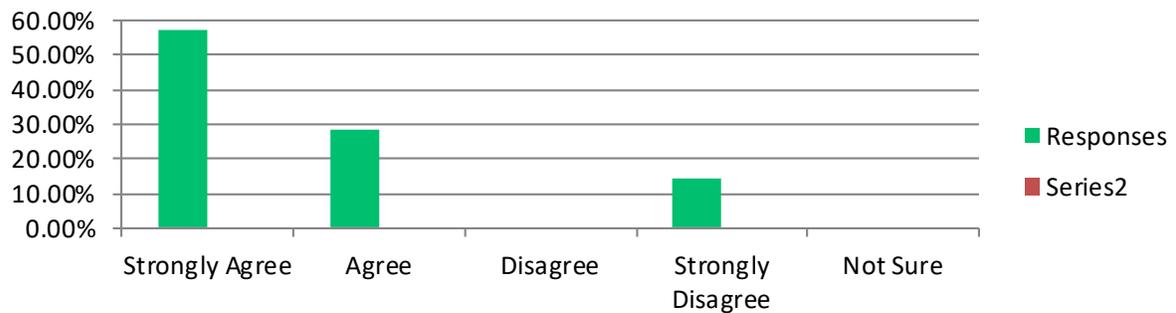


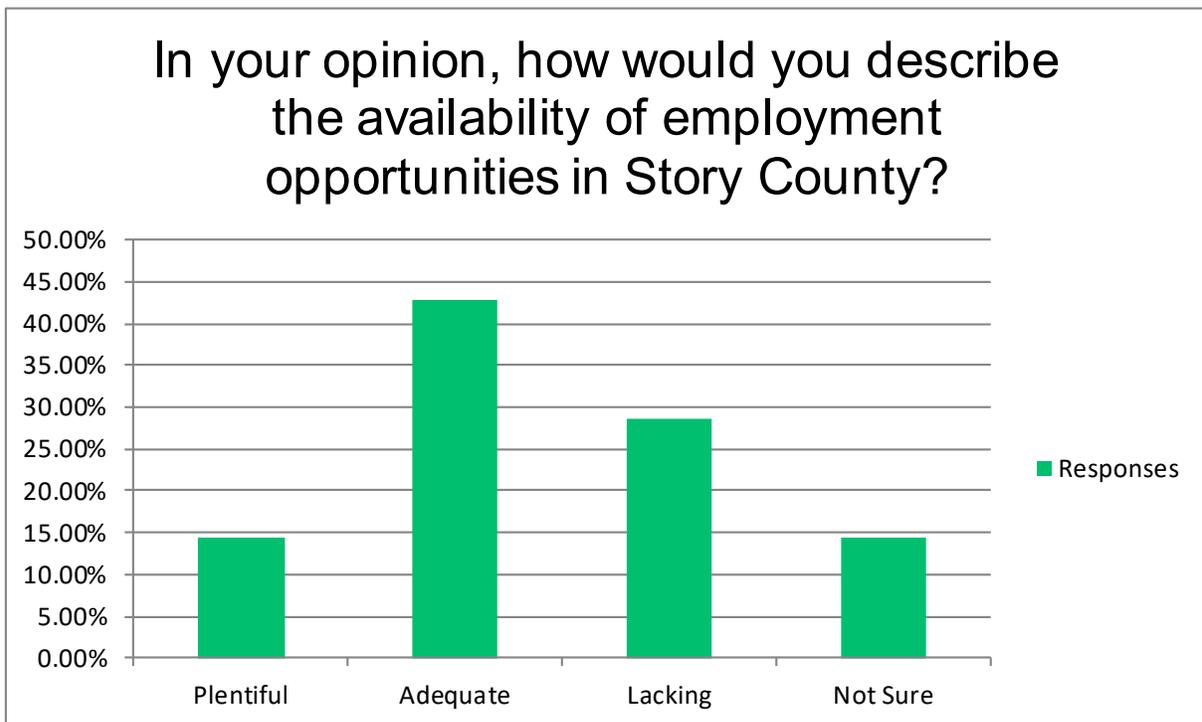
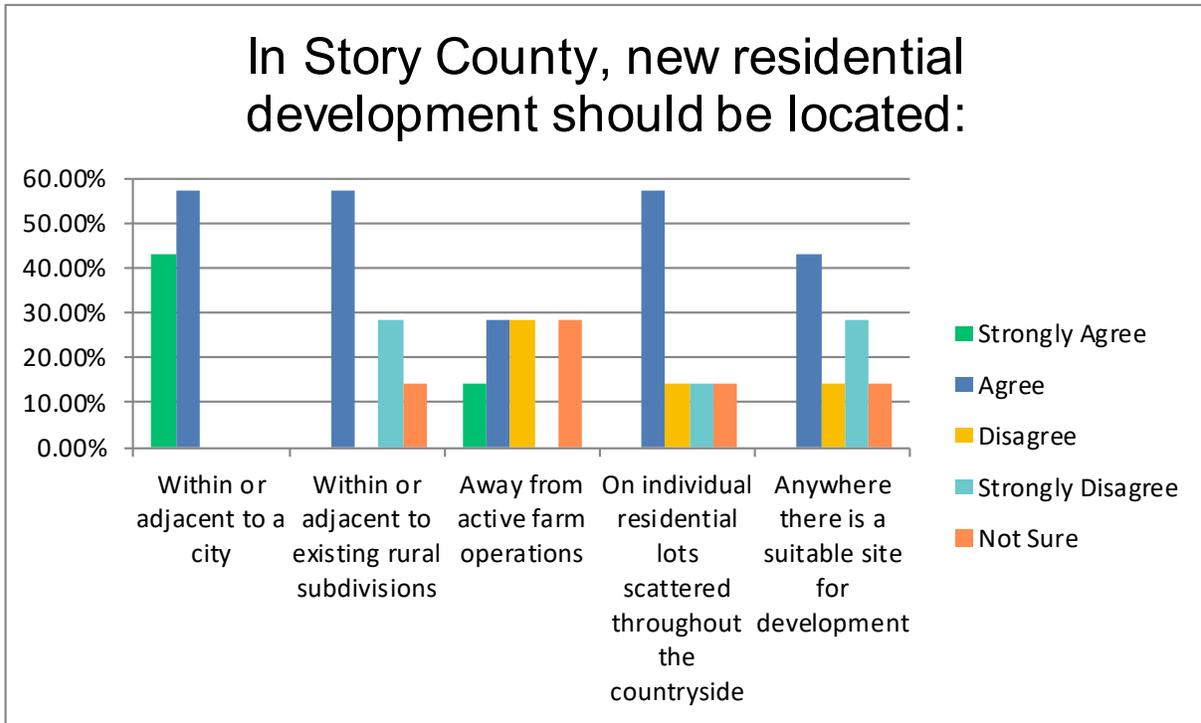


Please share your opinions about the types of new housing and housing improvements needed in Story County.



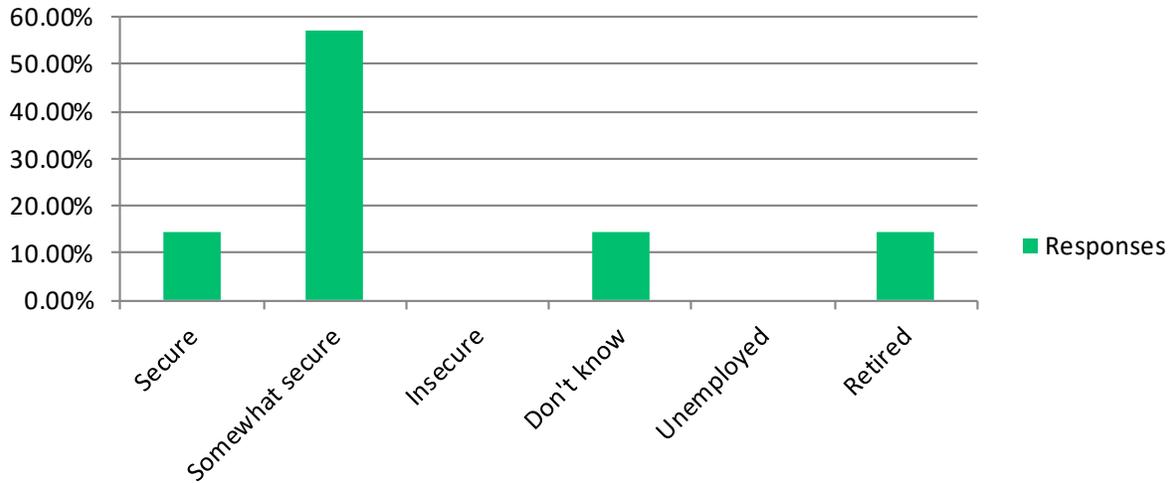
Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement; "Development of homes or businesses should be limited by law in floodplains and other areas where natural events are likely to cause frequent property..."



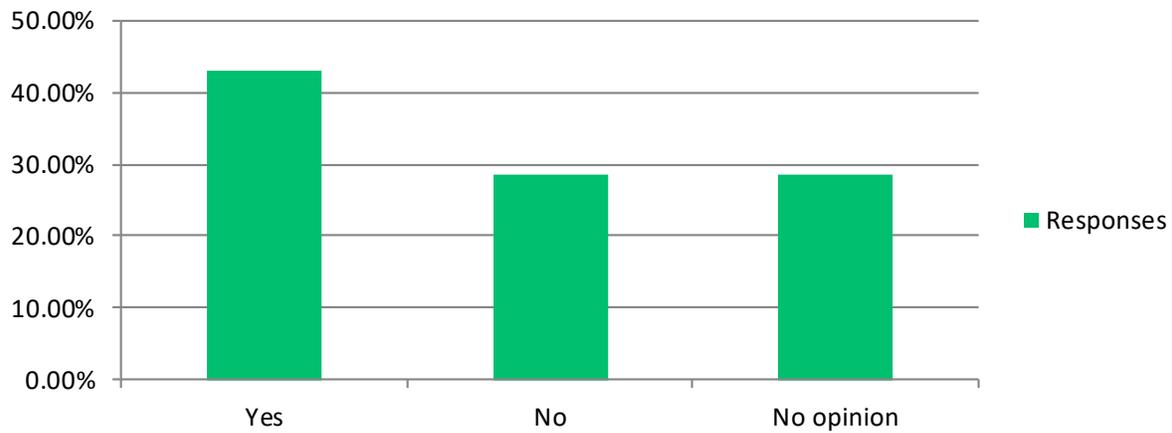


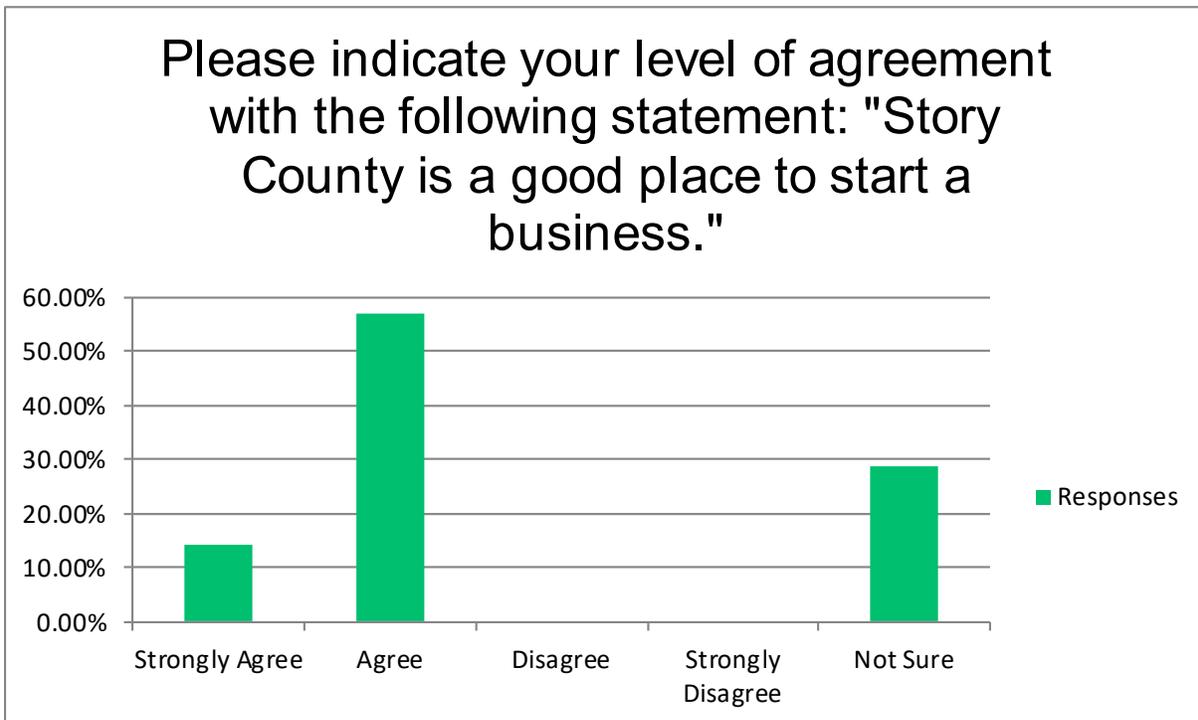
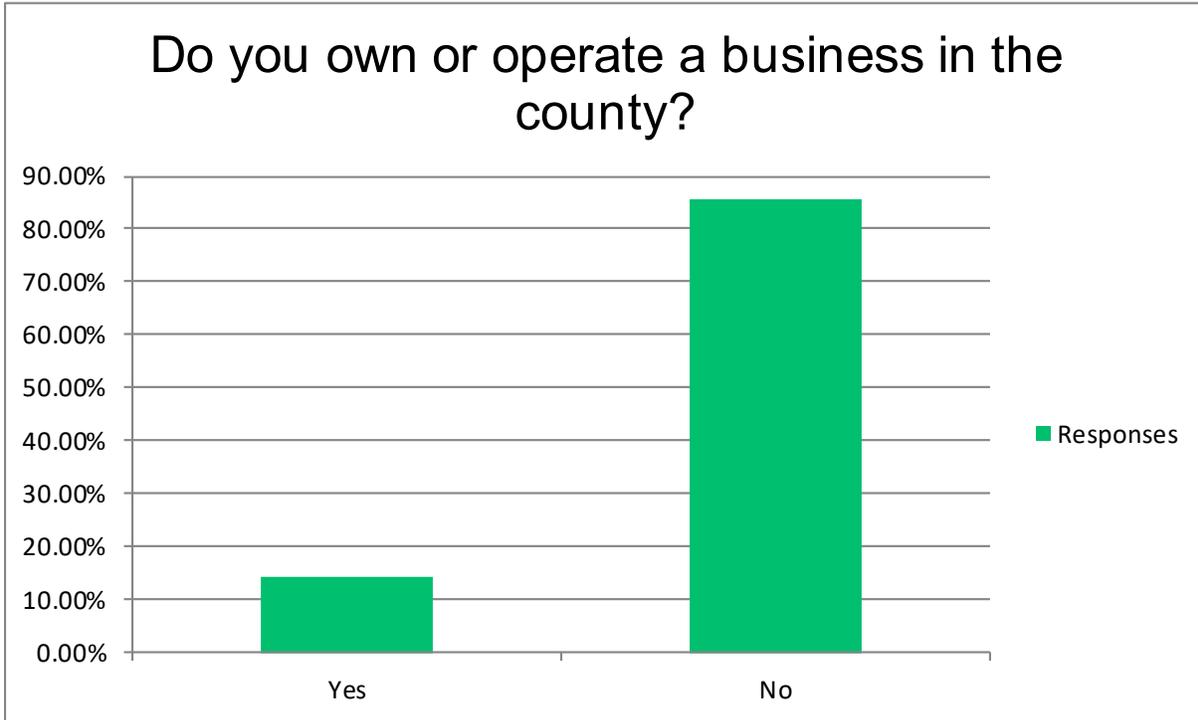


How secure do you believe your employment to be over the next 3-5 years?



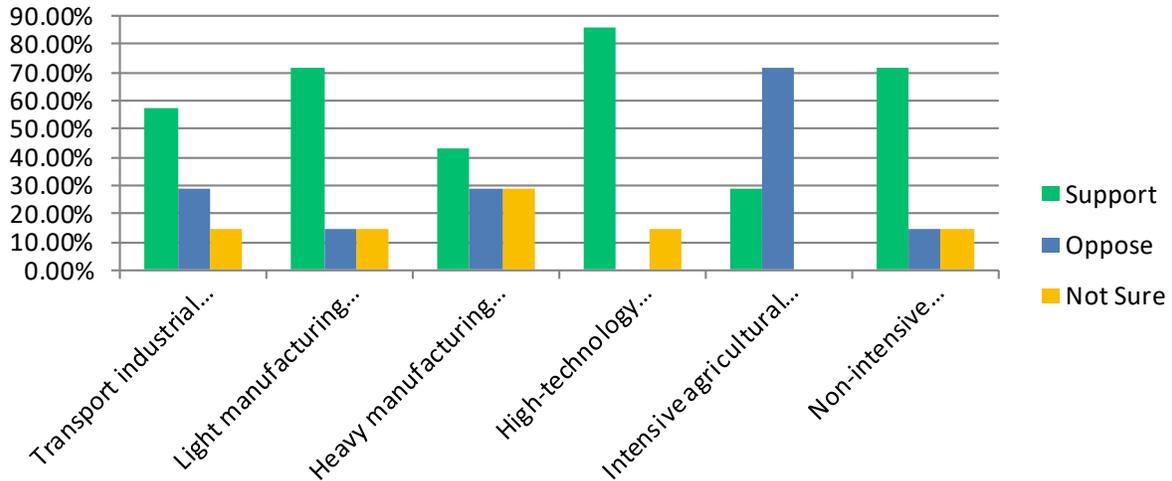
Do you believe Story County should commit additional tax dollars to attract and retain private sector jobs in the county?



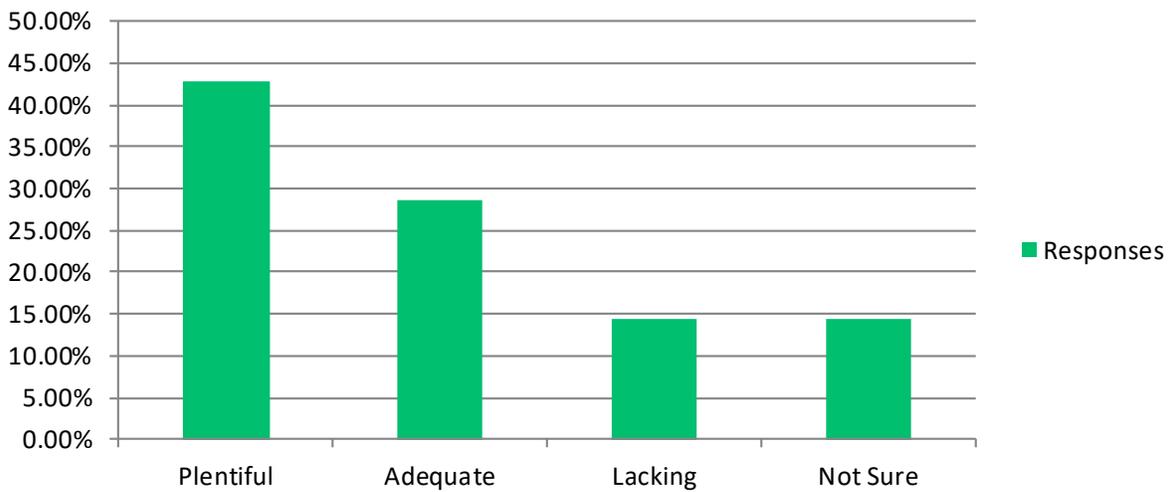


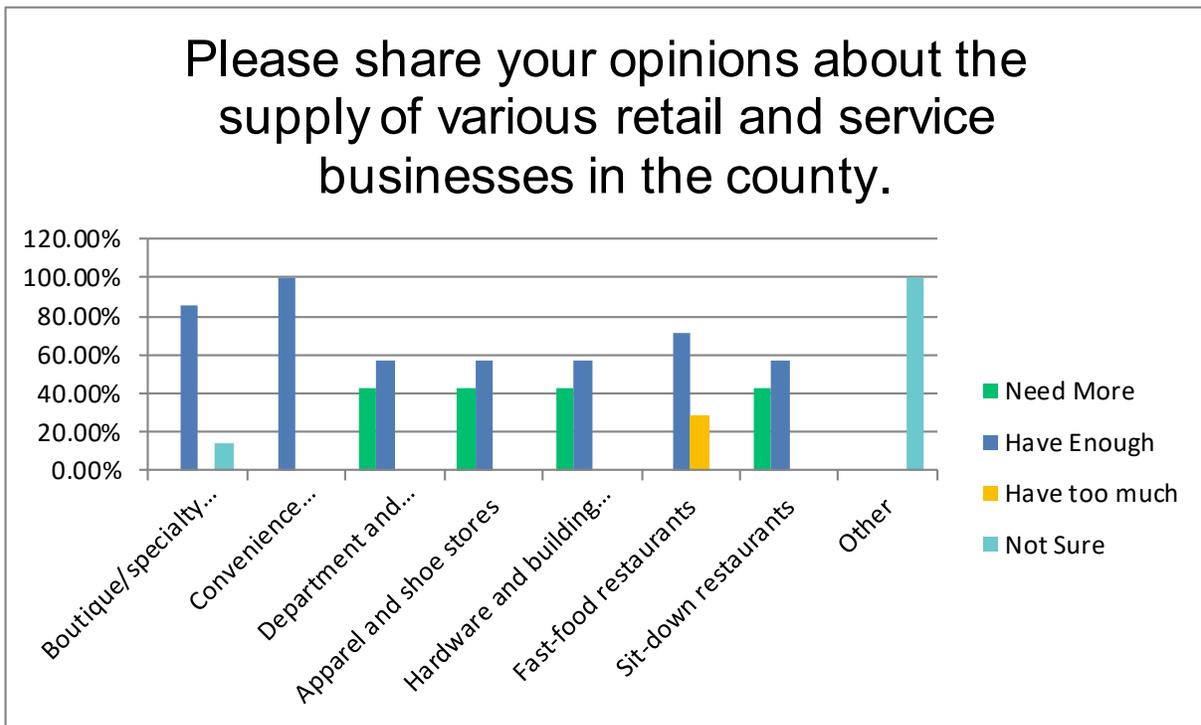


Do you support or oppose the development of the following types of industrial establishments in the county?

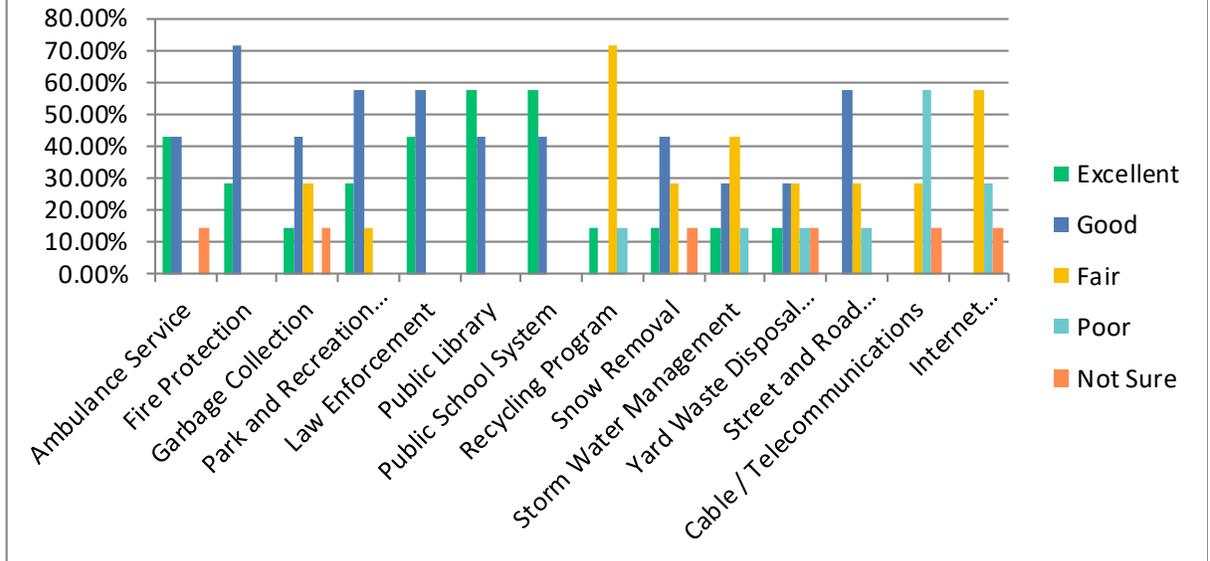


In your opinion, how would you describe the availability of places to shop or dine in Story County?

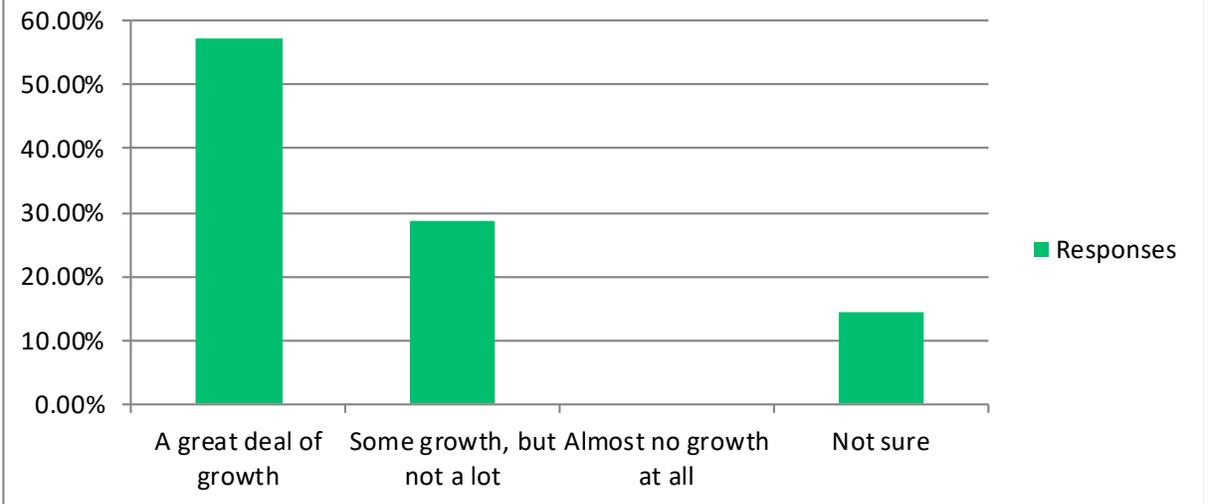




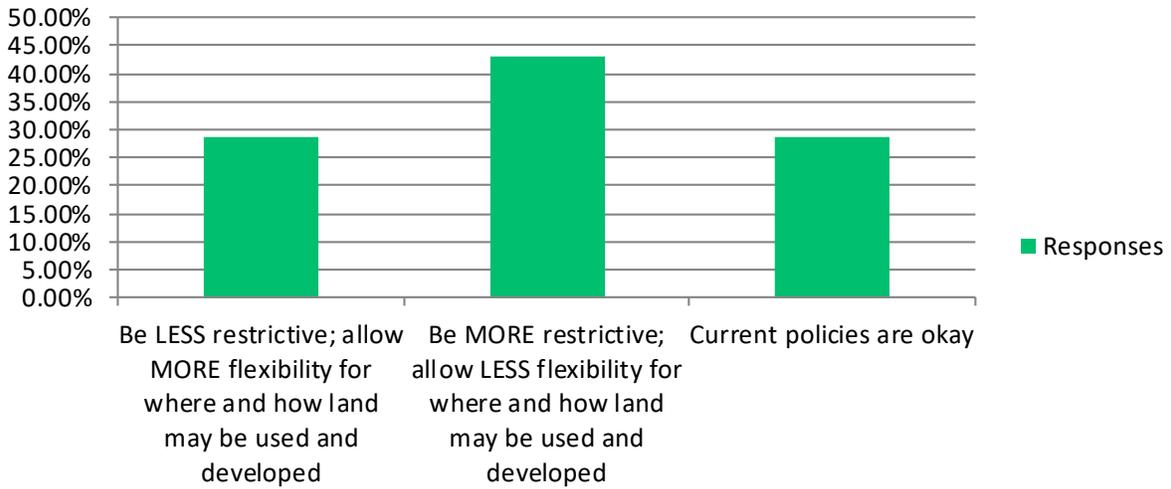
From your experience, please rate the following services in your community.



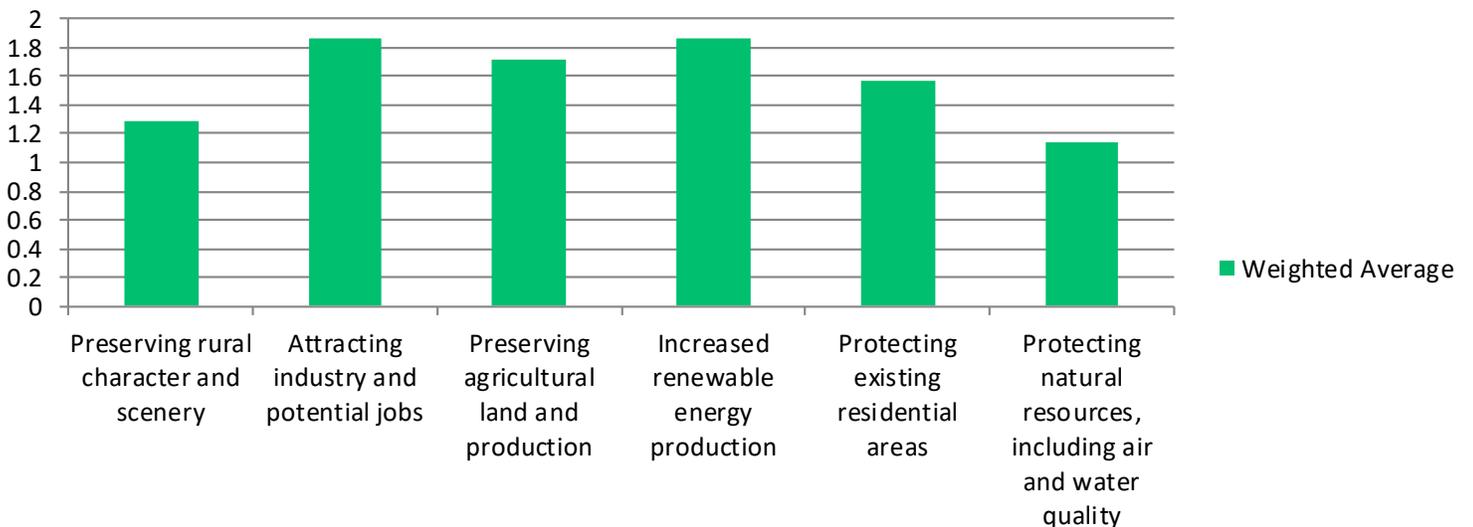
Over the past five years, how much growth do you think Story County has experienced?

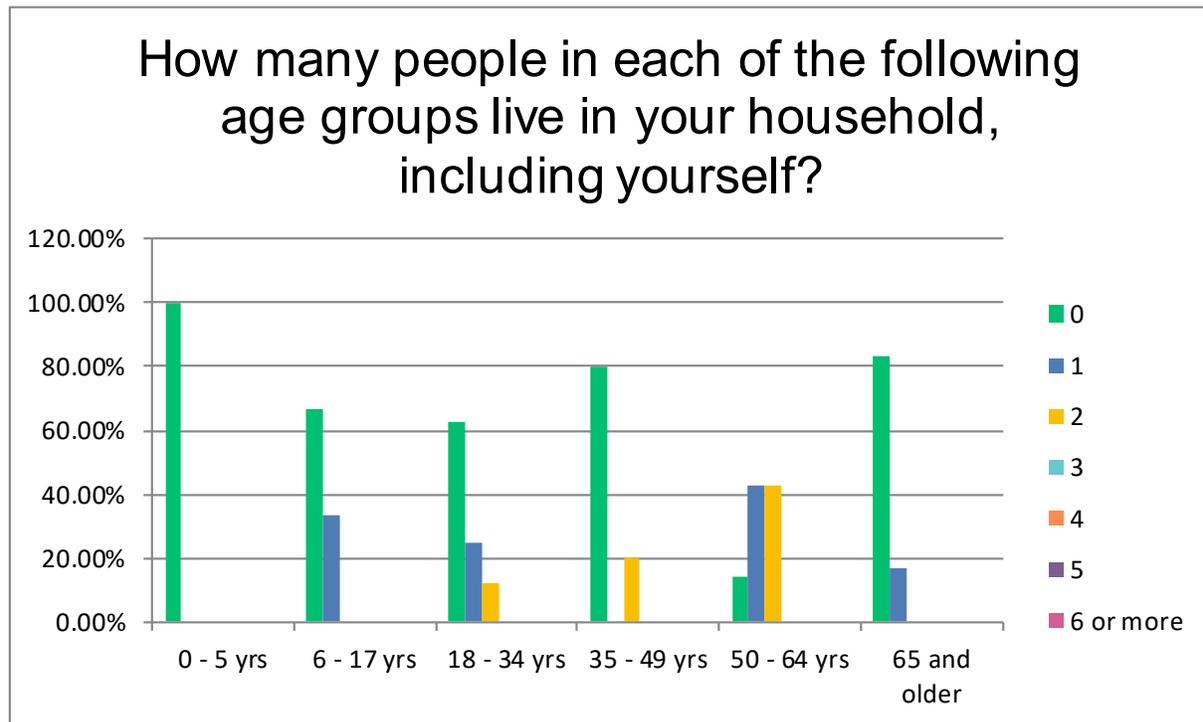
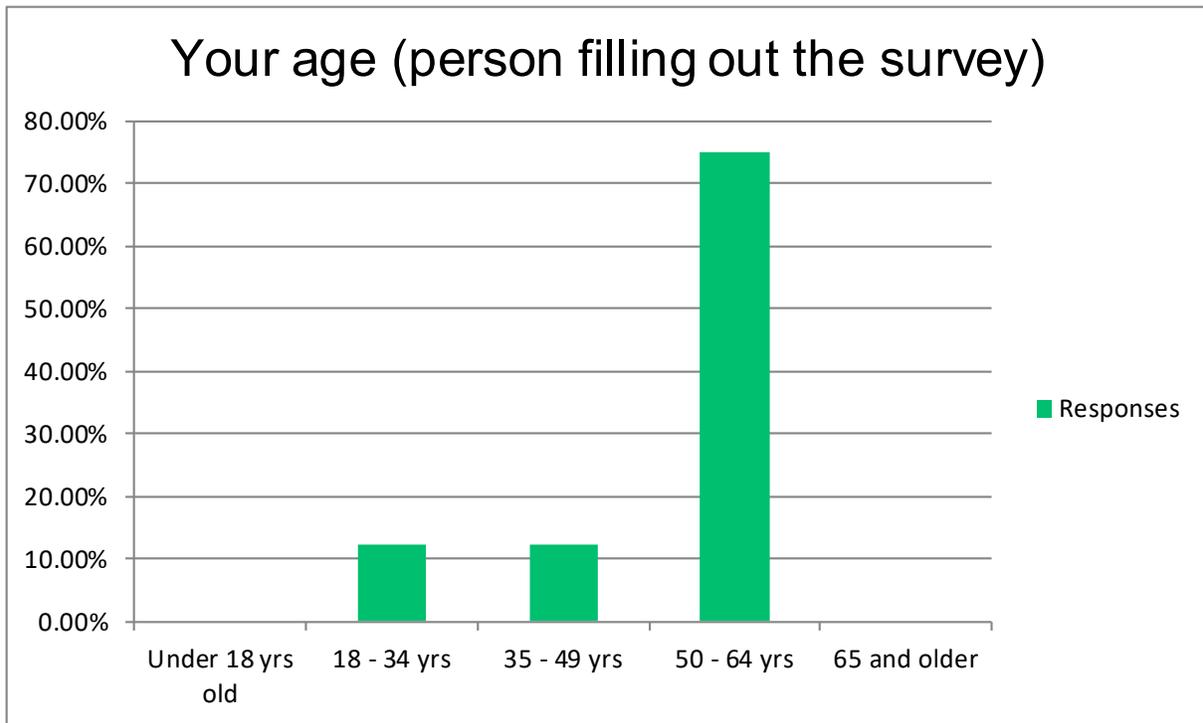


How would you direct County civic leaders and planners with regard to land use policies and regulations?

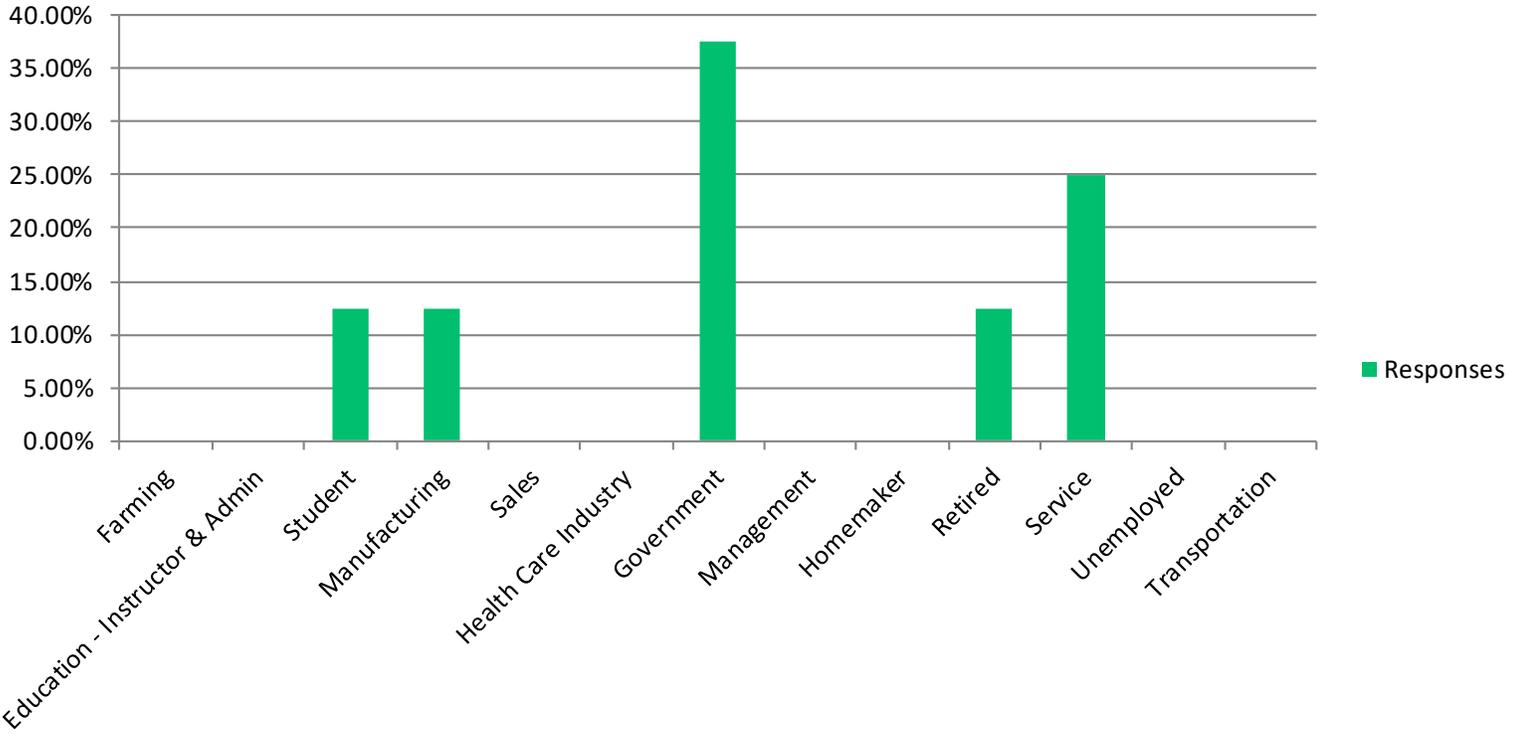


Whenever a development project is proposed, be it new homes, new commercial or manufacturing uses, or mining or energy uses, County leaders must balance competing interests. Please indicate the importance of each of the following to you:

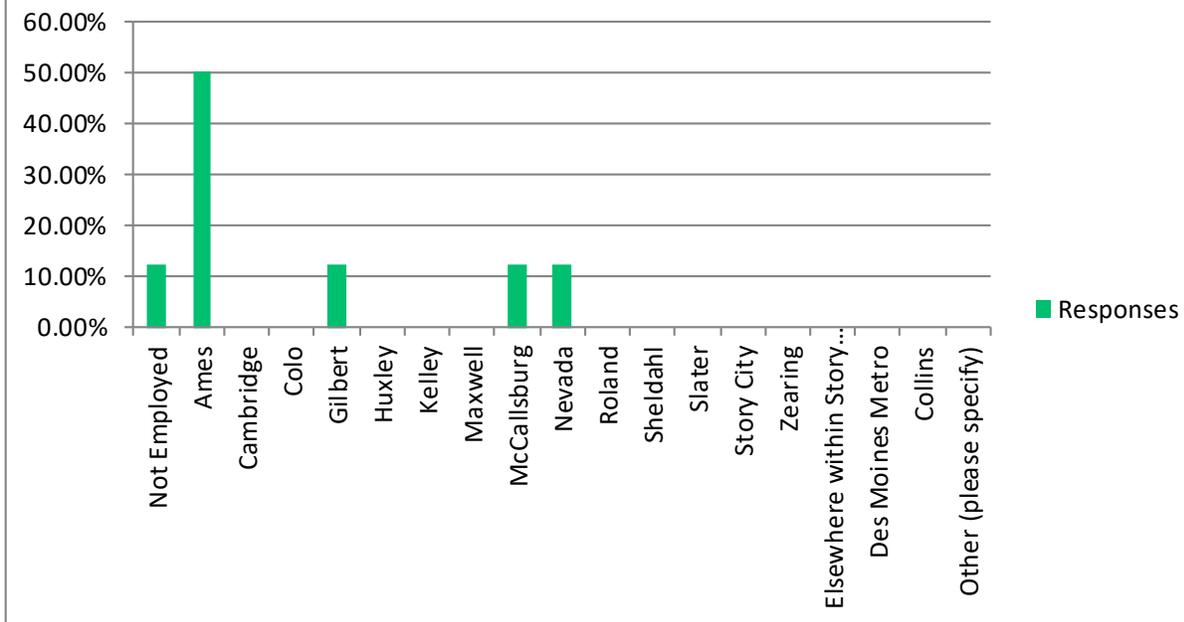


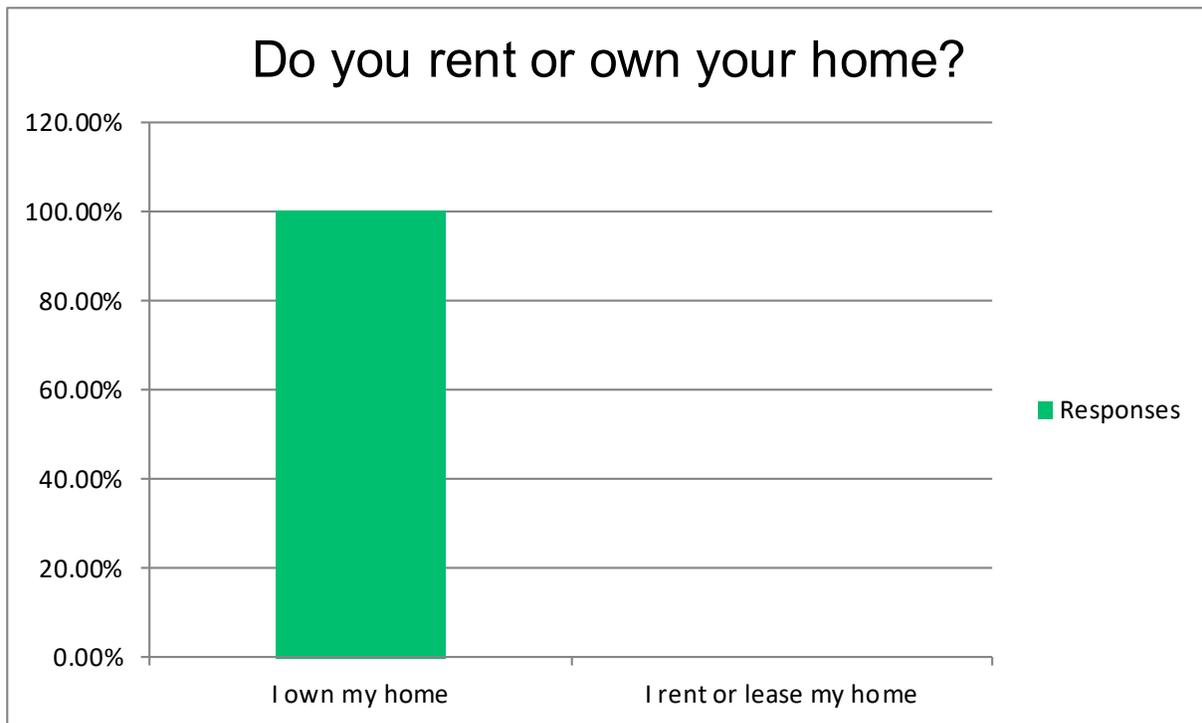
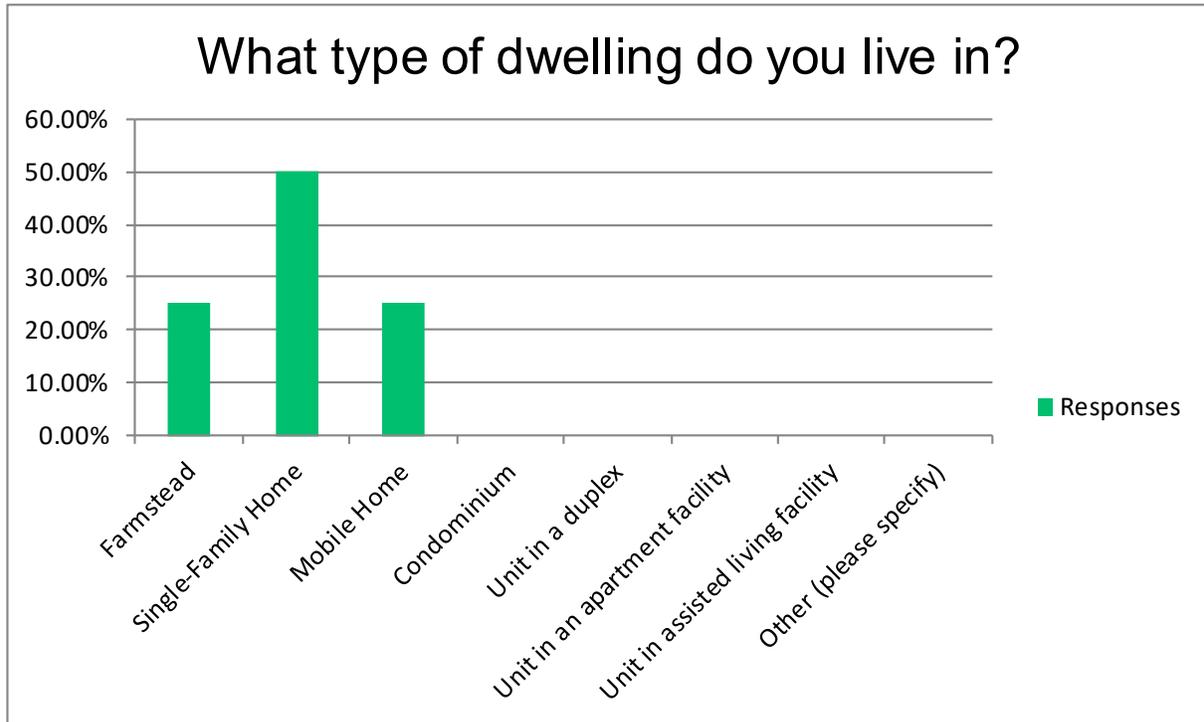


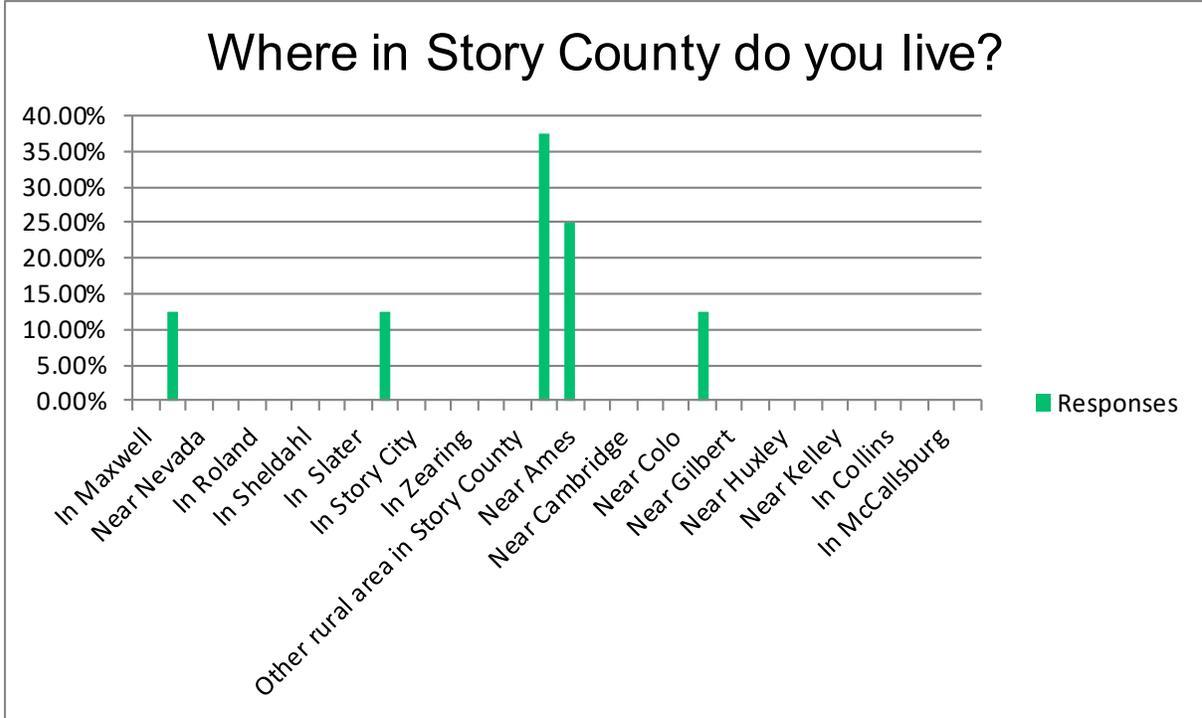
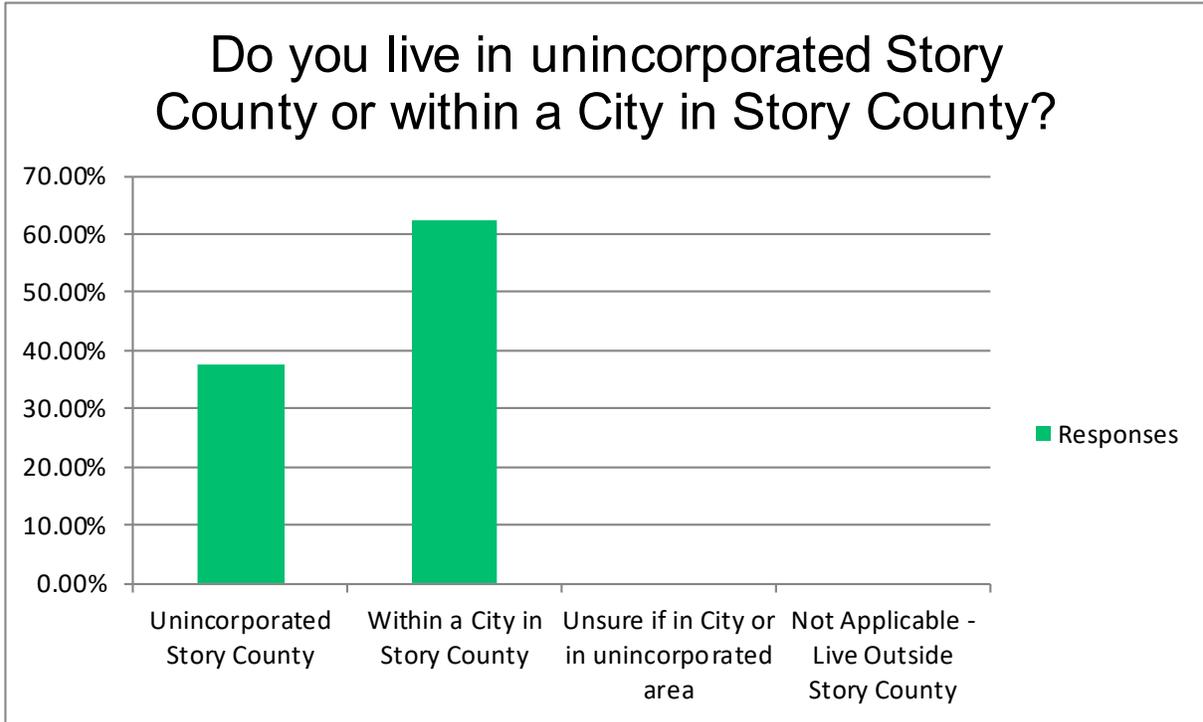
What is your occupation?



Where is your place of employment?









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