

Community Needs Assessment Survey

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Introduction

Local governments that take the time to understand, and respond to the needs of their constituents are able to lead their communities into a future that is envisioned and supported by the people. The accurate identification of a community's needs and priorities is an important investment that will provide meaningful information as well as a method for engaging passionate, committed respondents. The information gained and engagement created by a Community Needs Assessment Survey will assist local officials with setting a precedent for ongoing community participation and creating a legacy for future generations.

The Community Needs Assessment Survey (CNAS) is an important first step in the path that leads to ongoing community development and growth. The CNAS process produces information that enables a Community to systematically set and achieve goals.

In order to ensure that the CNAS produces meaningful information and community engagement, the survey process included the following steps:

- hired a third party entity to guide the survey process, provide data analysis, and present the results of the surveys;
- formed a survey question selection committee that represents multiple community interests such as ministerial, business owners, low income housing, and the local government;
- developed a complete list of all households within the City's corporate limits
- provided appropriate publicity to ensure all households were aware of the importance of the survey;
- enlisted the help of committed local volunteers to personally deliver and pick-up surveys at each household; and
- hosted a town hall meeting for the presentation of results and inclusion of residents in priority identification and goal setting.

In the fall of 2016, the City of Franklin and the South Central Economic Development District, Inc. (SCEDD) began discussions regarding conducting a Community Needs Assessment and Income Survey (CNAS) to determine if the community had more than 51% low to moderate income population, and thus qualify for certain federal funding. The CNAS would also provide necessary feedback from community patrons on a variety of issues and priorities, the results of which would provide guidance and proof of support for future projects and activities.

Facilitated by SCEDD, survey questionnaires were created and delivered to local volunteers for distribution in February 2017. Volunteers personally distributed survey questionnaires to each household within the City; volunteers also returned to collect questionnaires from each household. SCEDD staff then received the completed surveys, accounted for each questionnaire, conducted data analysis, and prepared the report that follows.

Methodology

The questionnaire was divided into seven areas of interest:

- Demographics
- City
- Community/Recreational Facilities
- Business & Economic Development
- Education
- Childcare
- Housing

Volunteers hand delivered and picked up surveys between February 22 and February 24, 2017. Each survey had an attached cover letter and envelope. The cover letter explained the survey and the necessity of answering each question honestly and completely. An envelope was provided for each household to seal their survey to ensure confidentiality. Copies of the survey and cover letters are located in the appendix. Completed surveys were scanned by the Center for Rural Research and Development at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. The results were aggregated and reported to SCEDD.

The City provided an address list based on utility billing information to ensure that each household within the City received a survey. A total of 395 households received surveys. A total of 243 surveys were returned, resulting in an overall return rate of 62%. Sixty-two residential properties in Franklin were deemed vacant for a 14% vacancy rate in the community.

	Franklin City Limits
Total Households	457
Less Vacancies	62
Total Households Surveyed	395
Total Returned	243
Response Rate	62%
Vacancy Rate	14%

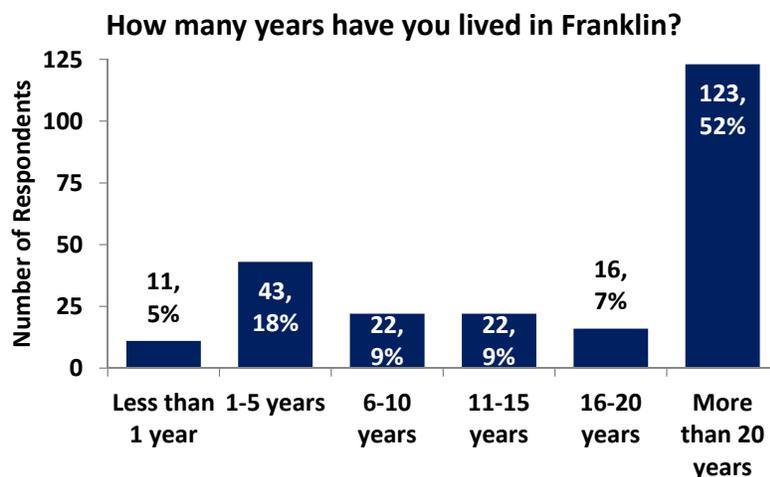
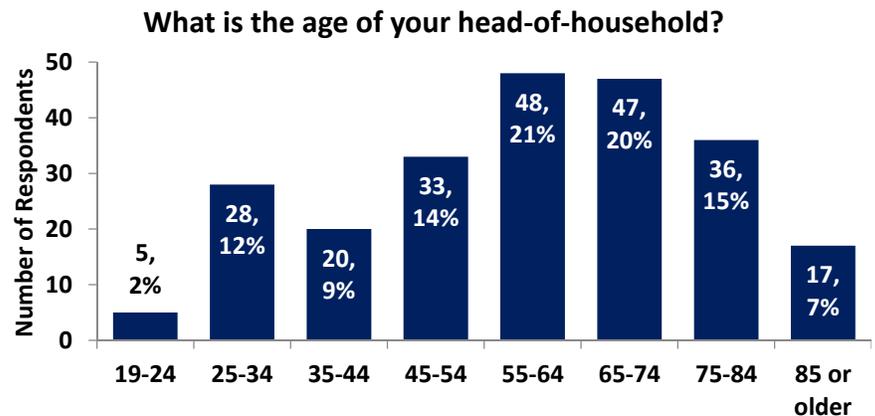
Results

Questions included in this survey offered a variety of answer formats, including multiple choice, yes/no, and rating scales. Ratings scales were either Definitely=4, Probably=3, Probably Not=2, Definitely Not=1, or Excellent=4, Good=3, Fair=2, or Poor=1. Responses to the four choices available on each rating scale were averaged to arrive at an overall rating. In addition to the four responses outlined, don't know or no opinion could be selected; don't know or no opinion responses were omitted from the final results.

Demographics

Demographic questions provide an overview of the make-up of a community, based on age, number of years in the community, reason for moving to the community, commute to work, and level of education completed.

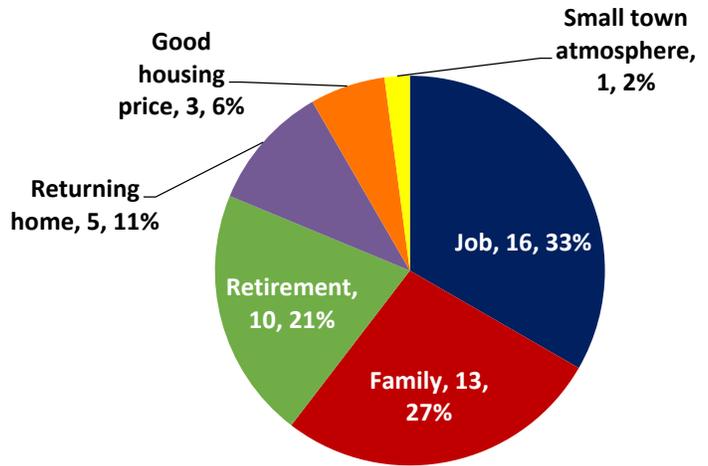
The first demographic question asked about the age of the head-of-household. The largest age group was 55-64, with 21% reporting a head-of-household in that age group. More than half (63%) of the 234 households that responded indicated a head-of-household of age 55 or older, including 20% that were ages 65-74, 15% ages 75-84, and 7% age 85 or older. The smallest age group was 19-24 with 2%. Twelve percent of households had a head-of-household age 25-34, 9% ages 35-44, and 14% ages 45-54.



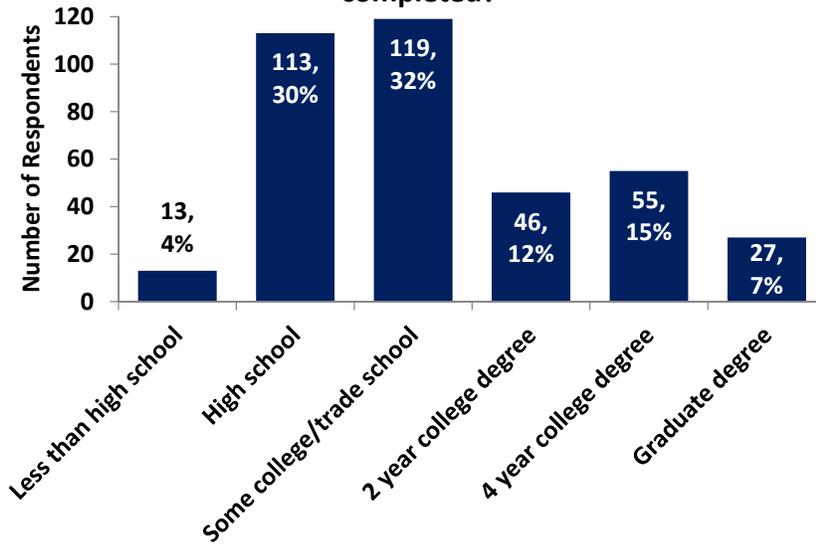
Respondents were asked how long they have lived in Franklin. Of the 237 households that responded, the majority, 52%, had lived in Franklin for more than 20 years. Only 5% had moved to town within the past year and 18% have lived there 1-5 years. Nine percent had been living in Franklin 6-10 years, 9% for 11-15 years, and 7% had been there for 16-20 years.

If you moved to the community within the last 5 years, what was your primary reason?

The residents that had moved to Franklin within the past five years were asked their primary reason for moving to town. Of the 48 that responded, 33% moved for a job and 27% moved because of family. Twenty-one percent moved for retirement, 6% moved because of good housing price, and 2% moved for the small town atmosphere.



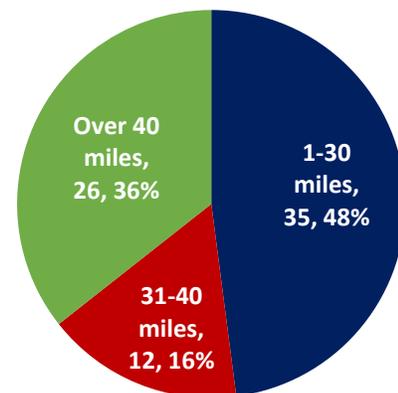
What is the highest level of education completed?

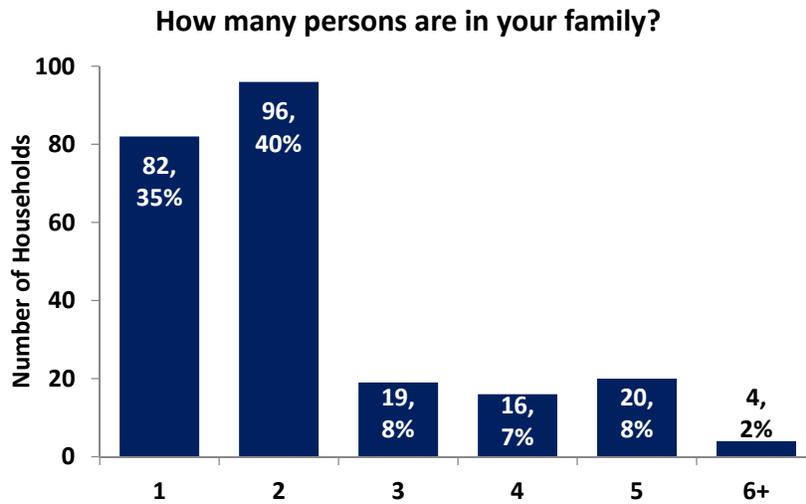


Households were asked the highest level of education completed for up to two adults. A total of 373 adults responded. Some college/trade school was the highest level of education completed for 32% of adults. Thirty percent indicated completing high school, while 34% had a college degree. Of those, 12% had a two-year degree, 15% had a 4-year degree, and 7% had a graduate degree.

If you work outside of the Franklin area, how far do you commute?

Up to two adults per household were asked how far they commuted to work if they worked outside of Franklin. There were 73 adults that said they worked outside of Franklin. Almost half of the respondents indicated that they commuted between 1 and 30 miles to work. Slightly more than half commuted more than 30 miles, with 16% driving 31 to 40 miles and 36% driving over 40 miles to work.



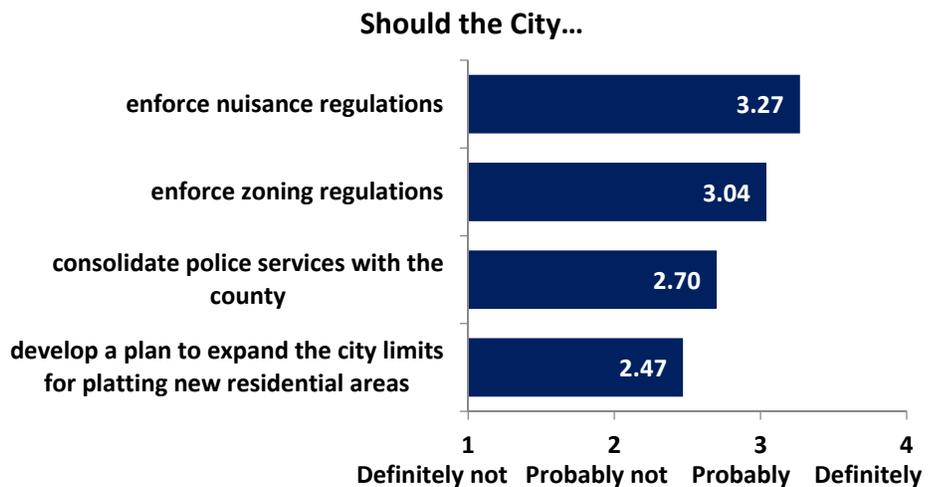


The next question asked the number of family members living in the household. Three-fourths of the households in Franklin were one or two-person households, with 35% being one-person households and 40% being two-person households. Three and four-person households made up one-sixth of the total households in Franklin at 8% and 7%, respectively. Eight percent were five-person households, and 2% had six or more persons.

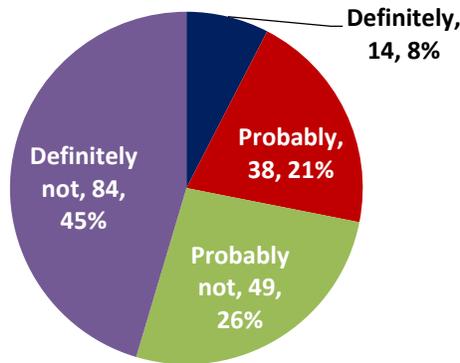
City

This section of the survey addressed items specific to the local government as well as how residents felt about the community.

The first four questions asked about nuisance & zoning regulations, police service, and expanding city limits. Respondents could select definitely, probably, probably not, or definitely not. Respondents were asked if the City should: enforce nuisance regulations, enforce zoning regulations, consolidate police services with the county, and develop a plan to expand the city limits for platting new residential areas. A total of 185 respondents (87%) said the City should definitely or probably enforce nuisance regulations. One hundred and fifty-four (78%) respondents said the City should definitely or probably enforce zoning regulations. Approximately 57% of respondents said the City should consolidate police services with the county, giving it an overall rating of “probably.” Regarding whether or not the City should develop a plan to expand the city limits for platting new residential areas, responses were neutral with 53% of households responding definitely or probably.



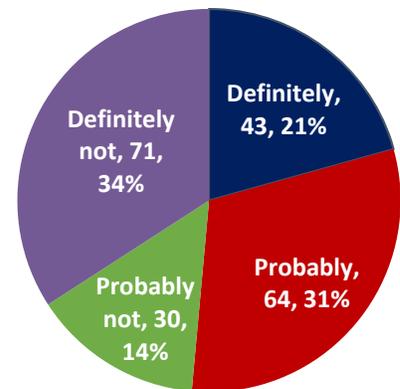
To have your street paved, would you be willing to have an assessment added to your property taxes?



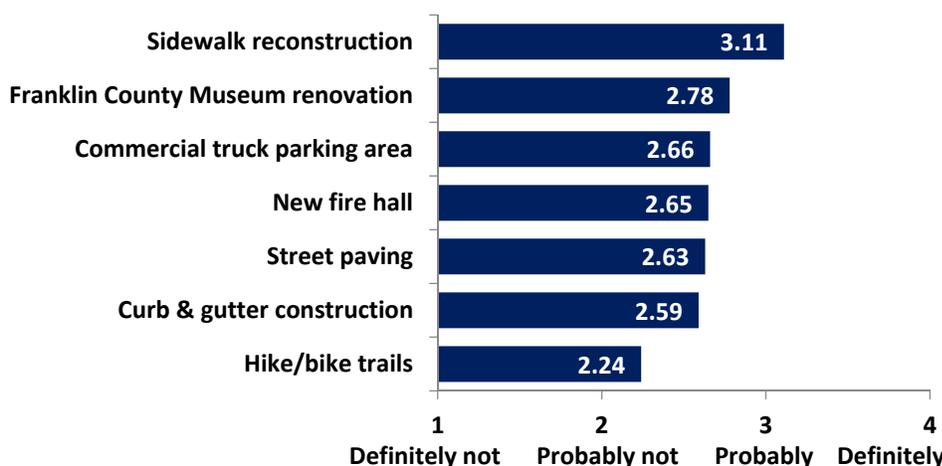
If the City of Franklin was to pave currently unpaved streets, 14 (8%) respondents answered they would definitely be willing to pay an added assessment on their property taxes, while thirty-eight (21%) responded they probably would be willing. Nearly three-fourths of respondents were not in favor of an assessment being added to their property taxes with almost half (45%) stating they were definitely not willing and over one-fourth (26%) probably not willing. The overall rating on willingness to have an assessment added to property taxes was probably not.

Respondents were asked if the City of Franklin encouraged public participation regarding governmental decisions. Of 208 respondents, overall half (52%) indicated that the City encourages public participation. The majority said probably at 31% while 21% said definitely. A total of forty-eight percent said that Franklin probably does not or definitely does not encourage participation with 30 respondents (14%) stating probably not and 71 (34%) stating definitely not.

Does Franklin encourage public participation?



Are the following community projects needed in Franklin?

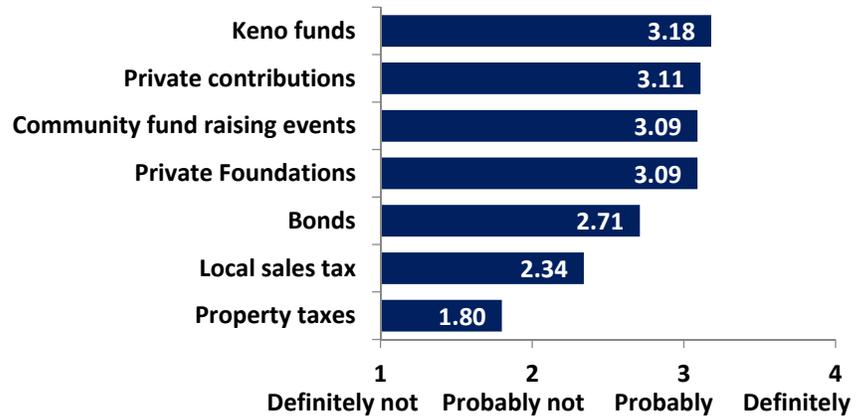


Households were surveyed about the need for a variety of community projects. Sidewalk reconstruction was the project that respondents felt the biggest need for with 82% indicating a probable or definite need for this project. Franklin County Museum renovation was also a popular choice with 66%

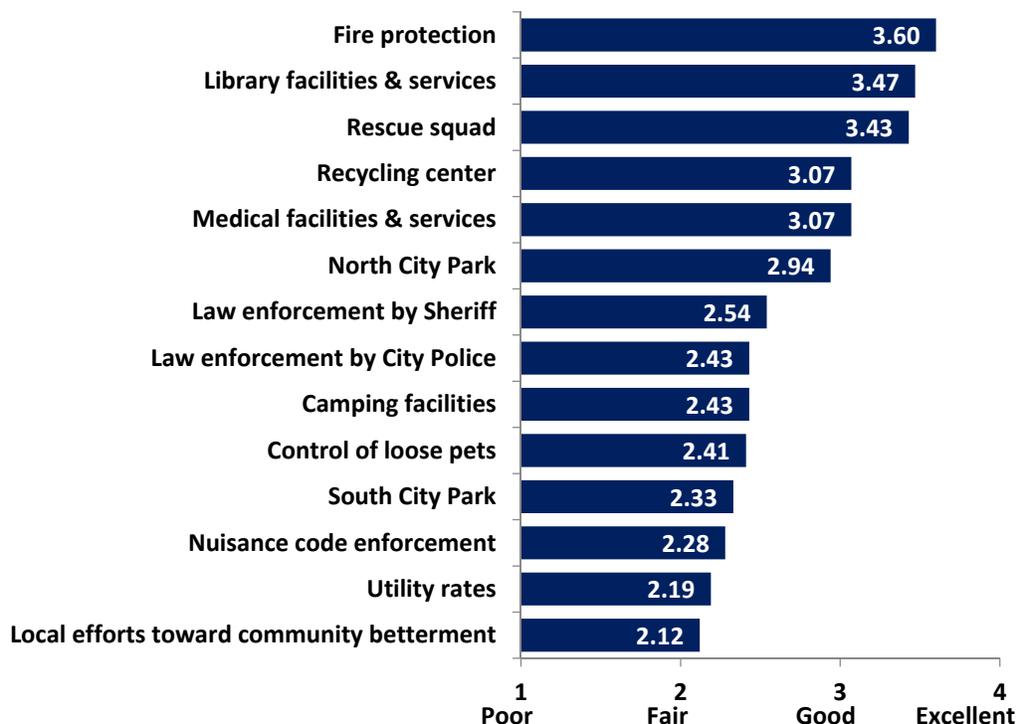
of respondents indicating this project is probably or definitely needed. The other four community projects that the majority of respondents felt were probably or definitely needed were commercial truck parking area (59%), new fire hall (54%), street paving (56%), and curb & gutter construction (59%). Sixty-one percent felt that hike or bike trails were probably not needed.

Residents were then asked how Franklin should fund the projects from the above question if partial funding was received from state or federal sources. A majority thought that they should probably or definitely be funded by Keno as indicated by 83% of respondents and 83% indicating private funds should probably or definitely be used. Residents were also heavily in favor of community fund raising events (83%) and private foundations (84%) probably or definitely being used for a source of funding. Bonds received 67% support as a probable or definite funding source. Receiving an overall probably not rating, local sales tax (50%) and property taxes (78%) were deemed probably not or definitely not appropriate funding sources.

If partial funding for the projects listed above can be acquired from state & federal sources, how should Franklin fund its share?



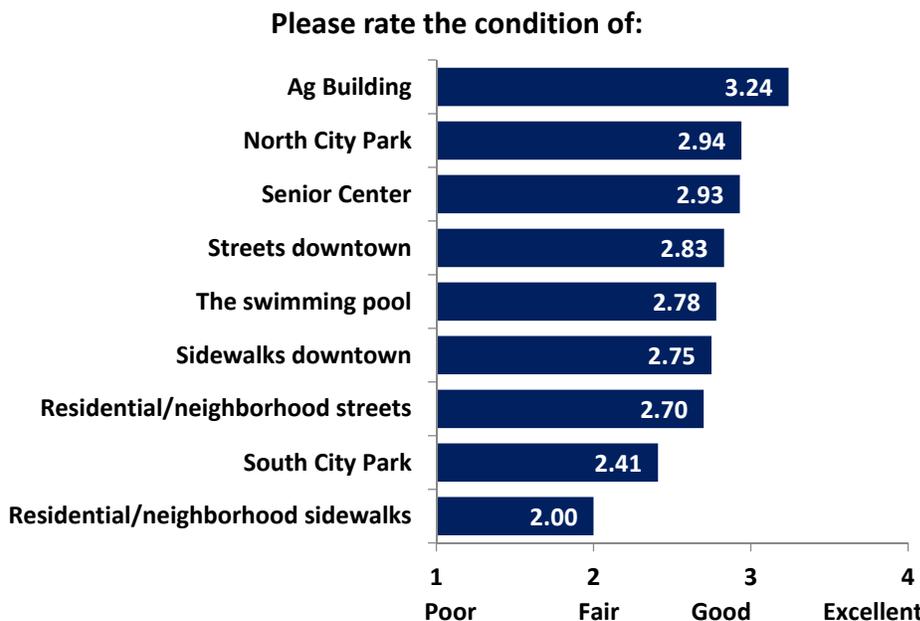
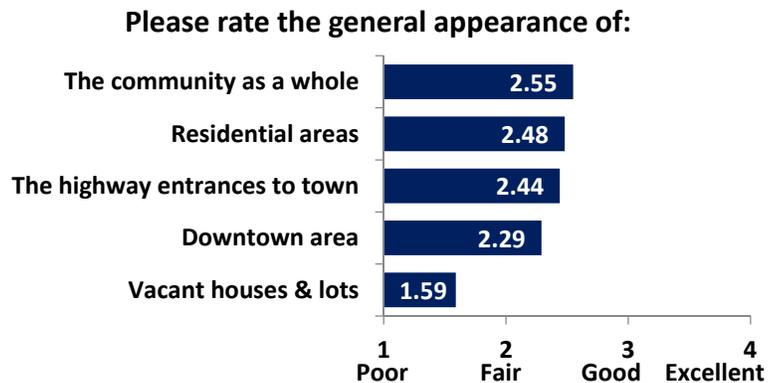
Please rate the adequacy of:



The next set of questions asked respondents to rate the adequacy of various community services, amenities, and facilities. Fire protection was rated the highest with receiving excellent or good ratings from 96% of respondents. Library facilities & services were rated excellent or good by 93% of respondents.

Ninety percent rated the rescue squad excellent or good and 82% rated the recycling center as excellent or good. Medical facilities & services were rated excellent or good by 78% and 77% rated North City Park as excellent or good. Fifty-six percent of respondents said that law enforcement services provided by the Sheriff were excellent or good; 53% said the same for law enforcement by City Police. Camping facilities (48%) and control of loose pets (54%) received an overall rating of fair. Fifty-three percent rated the adequacy of South City Park fair and 58% percent responded that the adequacy of nuisance code enforcement is fair. Both utility rates (63%) and local efforts toward community betterment (65%) received an overall rating of fair.

Respondents were asked to rate the general appearance of downtown and residential areas, vacant houses and lots, highway entrances to town, and the community as a whole. All areas, except vacant houses & lots, received an overall rating of fair to good. The general appearance of the community as a whole was rated the highest with 56% of respondents giving it an excellent or good rating. Residential areas were rated excellent or good by 51% and the highway entrances to town were rated excellent or good by 55%. Fifty-six percent of respondents rated the downtown area as fair or poor. Vacant houses and lots had the lowest overall rating with 90% rating their general appearance as fair or poor.

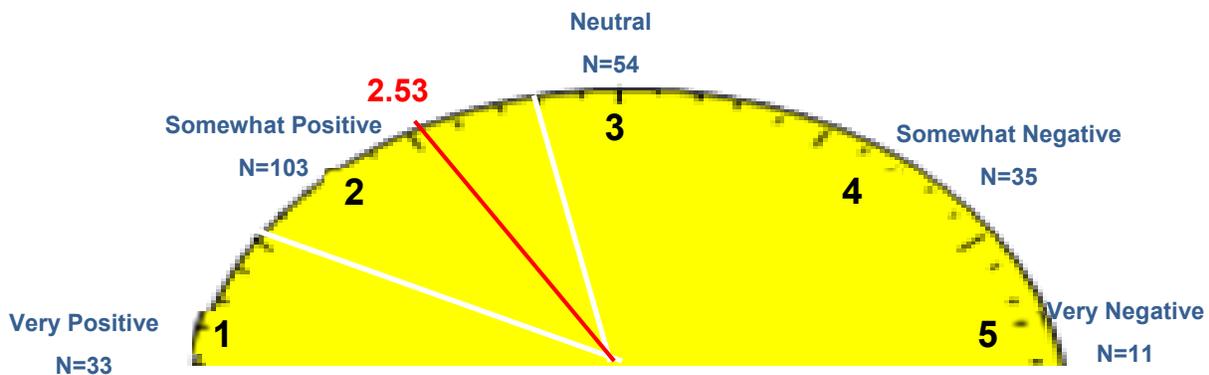


Respondents were asked to rate the condition of community facilities, streets, and sidewalks; the majority received an overall good rating with only South City Park and Residential sidewalks receiving an overall fair rating. The condition of the Ag Building had the highest overall rating with 91% of respondents rating it as excellent or good. The condition of North City Park was rated excellent or good

by 80% and the Senior Center was rated excellent or good by 77%. Seventy-seven percent rated the condition of the streets downtown as excellent or good. The condition of the

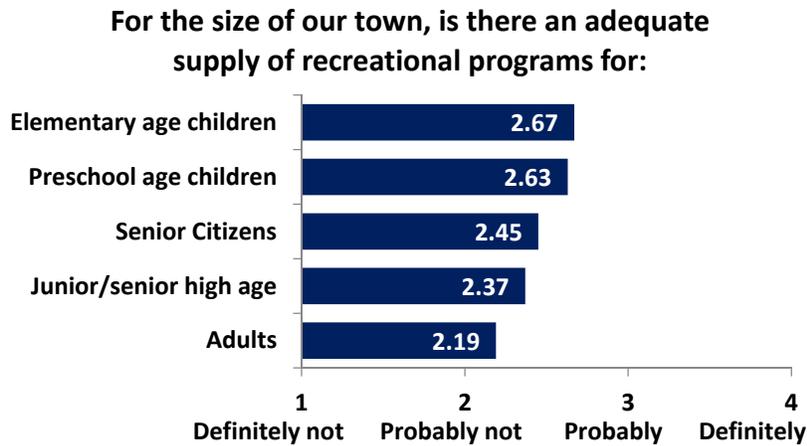
swimming pool received excellent or good ratings from 71% of respondents and the sidewalks downtown were rated excellent or good by 72%. Sixty-eight percent rated residential/neighborhood streets good or excellent. The condition of South City Park was rated excellent or good by 54% of respondents. The condition of the residential/neighborhood sidewalks received the lowest overall rating with only 24% rating the condition excellent or good.

The final question of this section asked local residents, “Overall, how do you feel about Franklin?” Respondents could select from a five-point scale of very positive (1) to very negative (5). Overall, respondents felt somewhat positive about their community, with a rating of 2.53. In over forty communities in the last twenty years of experience, the highest rating was 1.55, while the lowest was 2.69. The very next question in the survey asked respondents to state why they felt the way they indicated. Those comments are recorded in the appendix of this document.



Community/Recreational Facilities

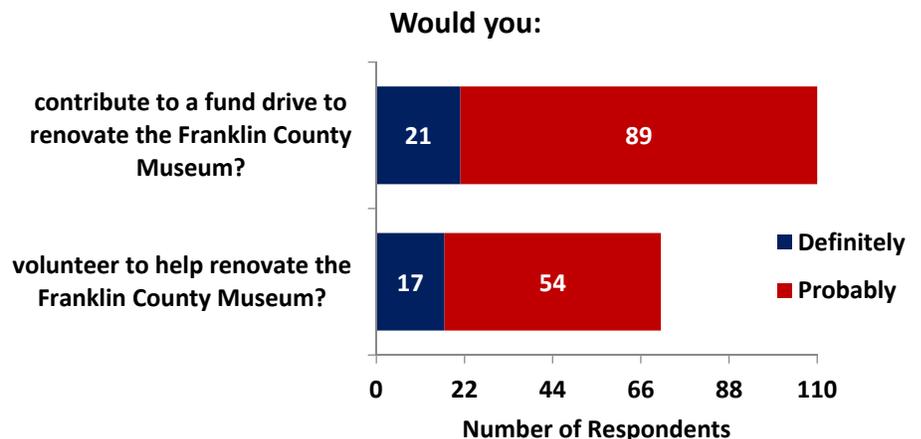
The next set of questions addressed community facilities, recreational programs, and the Franklin County Museum.



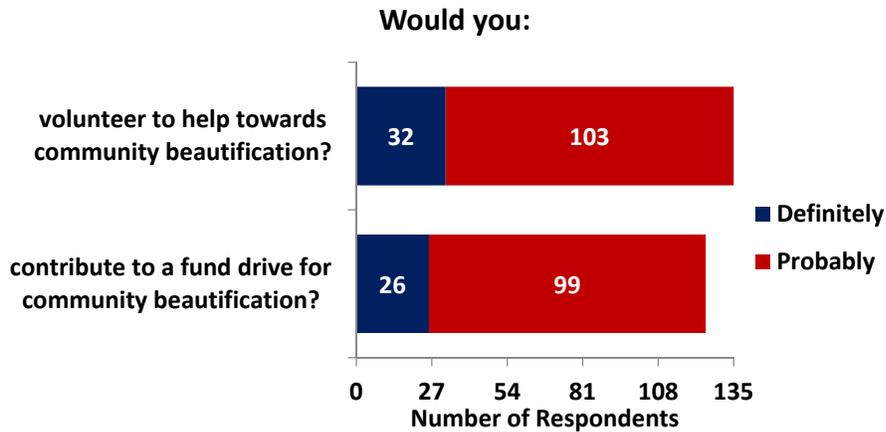
Households were asked if there was an adequate supply of recreational programs for various age groups. Respondents indicated that there was probably an adequate supply for elementary & preschool ages, but probably not an adequate supply for other ages. Respondents indicated elementary age had the most adequate supply of recreational programs as 62% stated there was probably or definitely an adequate supply.

Regarding recreational programs for preschool age, 58% indicated there was definitely or probably an adequate supply; 50% stated the same for senior citizens. The supply of recreational programs for junior/senior high was rated as definitely or probably adequate by 43% of respondents, and only 37% indicated the supply of programs for adults was definitely or probably adequate.

Households were next asked if they would volunteer to help renovate the Franklin County Museum. A total of seventy-one respondents claimed they would volunteer for museum renovations, 17 stated they would definitely help and 54 stated they would probably help. The next question asked if respondents would



contribute to a fund drive to renovate the Franklin County Museum. A total of 110 respondents indicated they would donate to a fund drive, 21 stated they would definitely contribute and 89 more stated they would probably contribute.



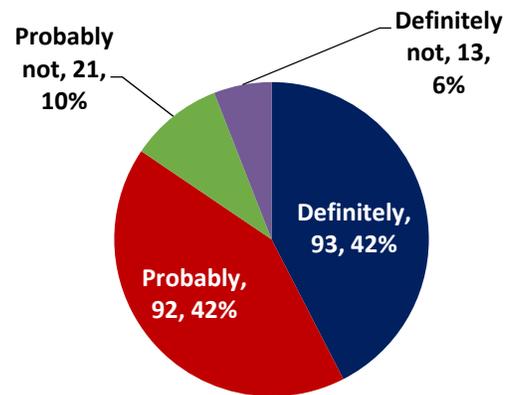
Households were asked if they would volunteer to help with community beautification efforts. A total of 135 respondents stated that they would definitely or probably contribute to community beautification efforts. The next question asked if respondents would contribute to a fund drive for community beautification. A total of 125 respondents

stated they would definitely or probably contribute to a community beautification fund drive. While 26 responded they would definitely contribute, 99 responded they would probably contribute to a fund drive for community beautification.

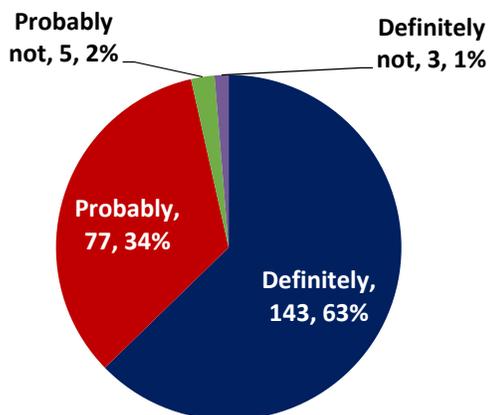
Some communities use incentives such as free lots or no interest loans to encourage new development. The next two questions focused on utilization of incentives for development.

Households were asked if Franklin should utilize incentives to encourage housing development. One hundred and eighty-five respondents (84%) stated Franklin should definitely or probably use incentives to encourage housing development.

Should Franklin utilize incentives to encourage housing development?



Should Franklin utilize incentives to encourage business development?



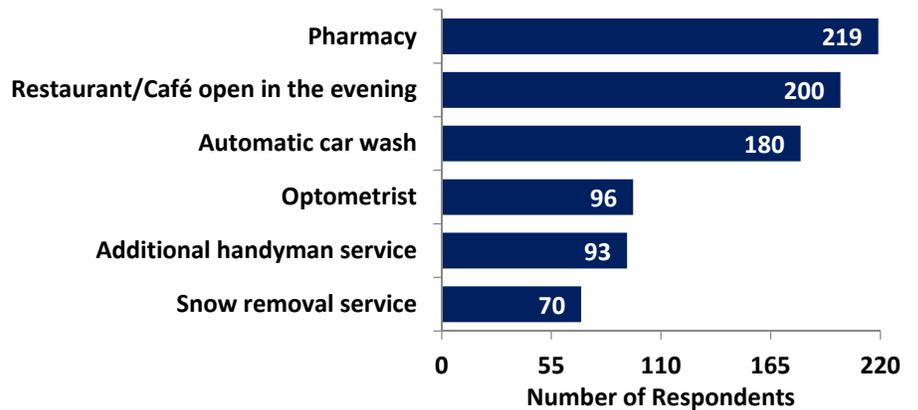
The next question asked if Franklin should utilize incentives to encourage business development. Of those that responded, 220 (97%) believe Franklin should definitely or probably use incentives for business development.

Business & Economic Development

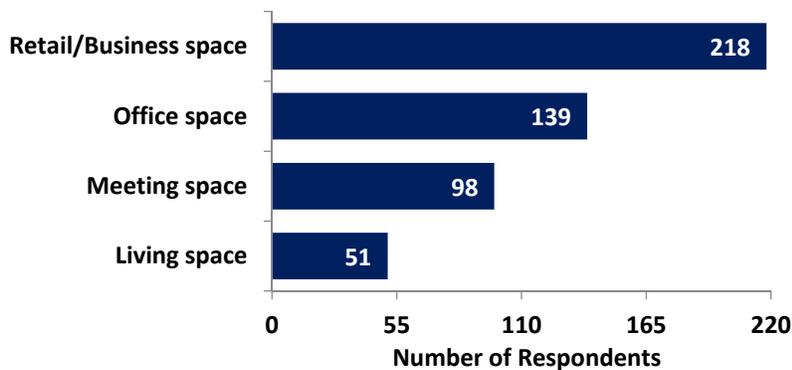
The next set of questions addressed business and economic development in Franklin.

Households were asked if they would utilize six different businesses if they were available in Franklin. A pharmacy received the most support with 219 total households stating they would utilize it. Two hundred households stated they would utilize a restaurant/café that was located in Franklin if it was open in the evening. One hundred and eighty households stated they would utilize an automatic car wash. Ninety-six households would utilize an optometrist, ninety-three would use an additional handyman service, and seventy households would utilize snow removal services if located in Franklin.

Would you utilize the following businesses if they were available in Franklin?



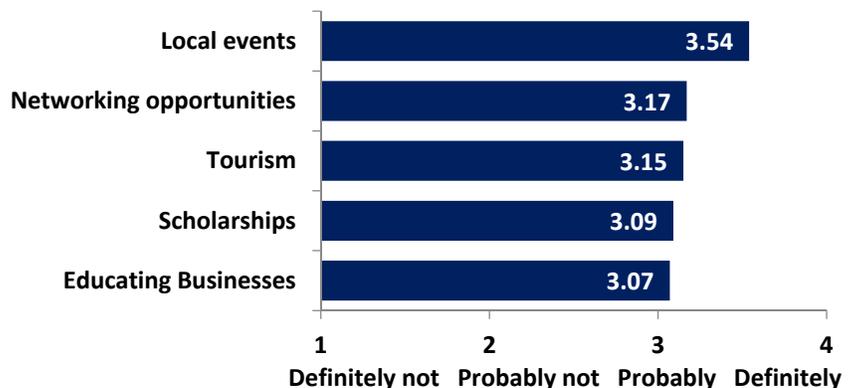
How should vacant buildings in the downtown be used?



Respondents were asked how vacant buildings downtown should be used. Two hundred and eighteen households responded that vacant buildings should be used for retail/business space, while 139 responded they should be used for office space. Using the vacant buildings for meeting space received 98 responses, and 51 respondents supported living space.

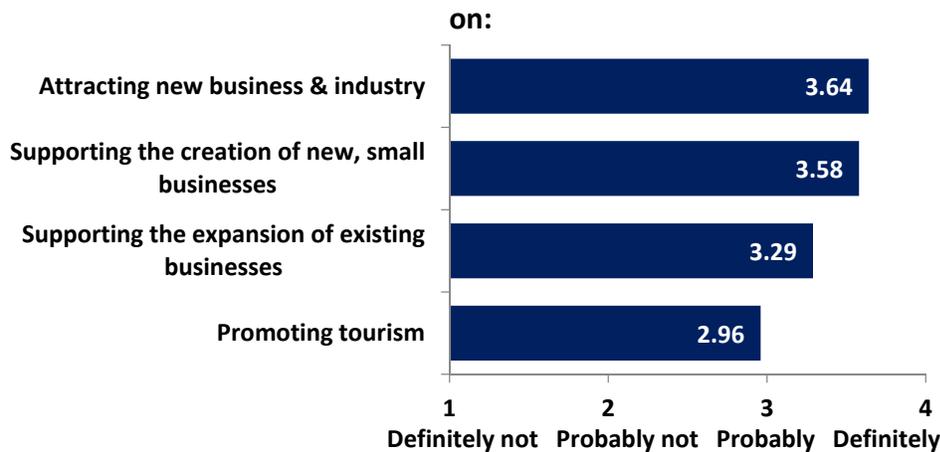
Households were asked about what Chamber of Commerce efforts should focus on in Franklin. A total of 98% of households (214) responded the Chamber of Commerce should definitely or probably focus on local events, garnering the most support. One hundred and forty-nine respondents (87%) supported networking

Should Chamber of Commerce efforts in Franklin focus on:



opportunities. A focus on tourism received 156 (81%) definitely or probably responses, scholarships received 143 (77%) definitely or probably responses, and educating businesses received 149 responses (82%) that the Chamber of Commerce should probably or definitely focus on these efforts.

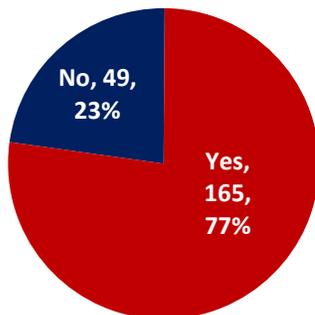
Should economic development efforts in Franklin focus



The next set of questions asked respondents about what they felt should be the focus of economic development efforts in Franklin. All four options received strong support; 98% said economic development efforts should definitely or probably focus on attracting new business and industry, 96%

thought the efforts should definitely or probably focus on supporting the creation of new, small businesses, 91% said economic development efforts should definitely or probably focus on supporting the expansion of existing businesses, and 74% said they should definitely or probably focus on promoting tourism.

Should Franklin utilize TIF to encourage development?

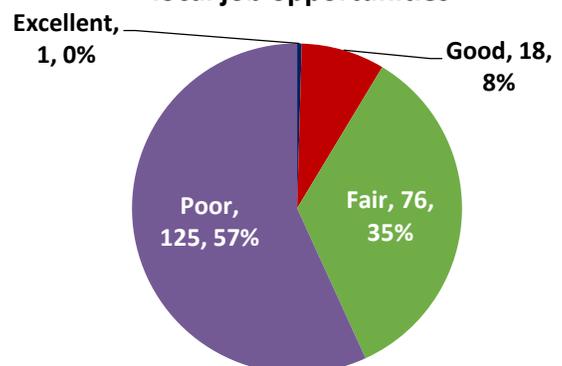


Some communities use Tax Increment Financing (TIF) to encourage new business development. This utilizes the property taxes on the improvements to be used to fund necessary public infrastructure that directly benefits the project.

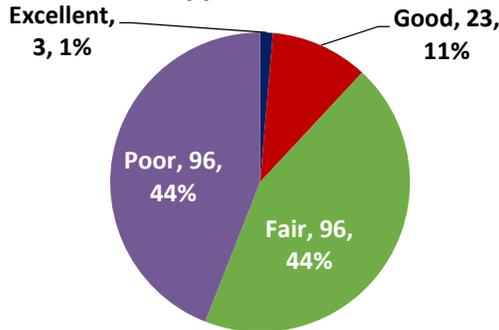
Households were asked if Franklin should utilize TIF to encourage development. Over three-fourths (77%) of households responded yes while 23% of households responded no.

The next question asked about the overall opinion of availability of local job opportunities. Fifty-seven percent answered that availability of local job opportunities was poor. Fair was the next highest response at 35% or seventy-six households. Only 8% responded that availability of local job opportunities was good, and one household responded that they were excellent.

Overall opinion of availability of local job opportunities



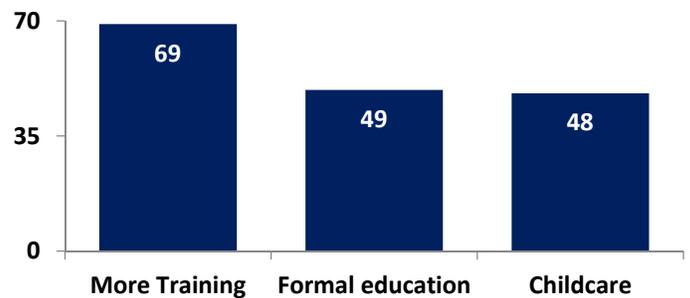
Overall opinion of quality of local job opportunities



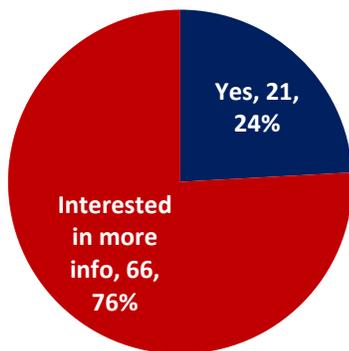
Franklin residents were also asked about the quality of local job opportunities. Both fair and poor received ninety-six responses (44%). Approximately one-tenth of respondents (11%) deemed quality of local job opportunities good. Three households (1%) responded that the quality of local job opportunities were excellent.

Households were asked what would enable them to improve their employment; multiple options could be selected. Sixty-nine respondents indicated more training would improve their employment. Formal education would improve employment for 49 respondents, and 48 stated childcare would improve their employment.

What would enable you to improve your employment?



Would you consider investing in a local investment club to fund local projects?

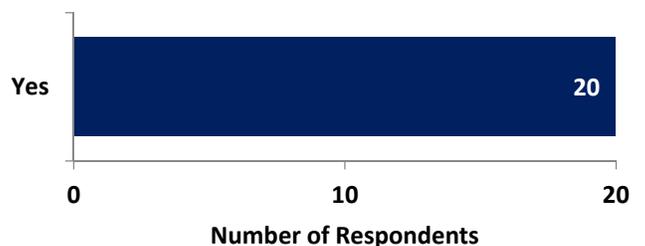


Some communities utilize local investment clubs to fund local business or housing projects.

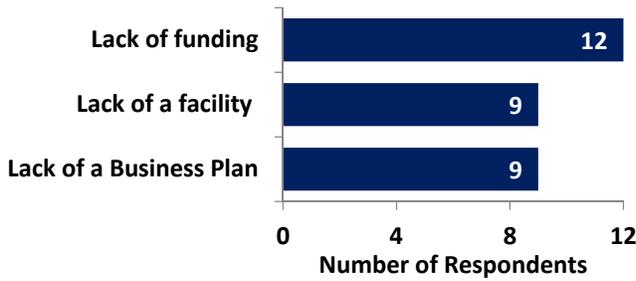
Twenty-one local households indicated an interest in a local investment club, while 66 respondents would like more information regarding a local investment club.

Franklin residents were asked if they were interested in starting or purchasing a business in Franklin. Twenty said they were interested in starting or purchasing a business in town.

Are you interested in starting or purchasing a business in Franklin?



What is keeping you from starting or purchasing a business?



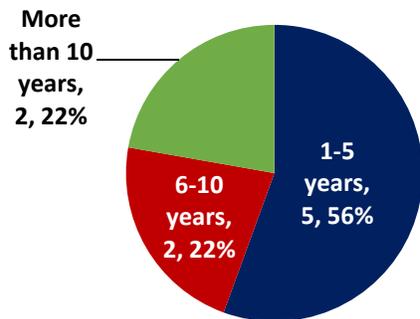
Those that said they were interested in starting or purchasing a business in Franklin were asked what was keeping them from doing so; multiple options could be selected. Twelve potential business owners listed the lack of funding as a barrier to starting or purchasing a business, nine stated lack of a facility, and nine stated the lack of a business plan.

The next questions were directed towards business owners seeking to transition out of their business in the future. There were 10 business owners that indicated they were seeking to transition out of their business.

Are you a business owner seeking to transition out of your business in the future?



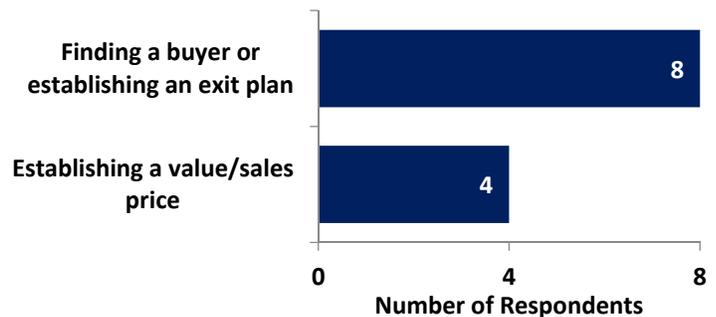
How soon do you want to transition out of your business?



Those business owners that indicated they were seeking to transition out of their business were asked how soon they wanted to make this transition. Five business owners said they wanted to transition out in the next five years while two stated they wanted to transition out in six to ten years and two indicated it would be more than ten years.

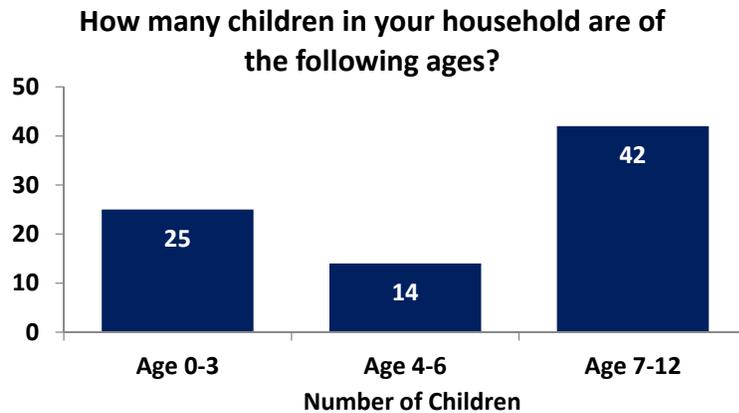
Business owners seeking to transition out of their business were asked what assistance would be helpful to them. Eight stated that finding a buyer or establishing an exit plan would be helpful and four said assistance with establishing a value/sale price would be helpful.

If you plan to transition your business, what assistance would be helpful to you?



Childcare

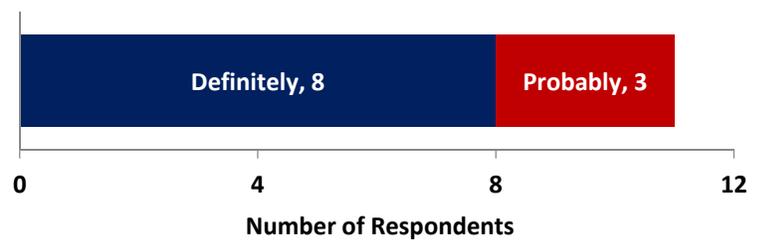
The next set of questions addresses childcare in Franklin.



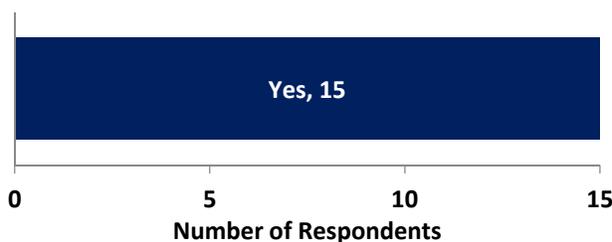
Respondents were asked how many children of different age groups were in their household. The households responding represented a total of 81 children ages 0-12. There were 25 children ages 0-3, 14 children ages 4-6, and 42 ages 7-12.

The households that indicated they did not have children age 12 or younger were asked if they anticipated needing childcare within the next 5 years. A total of 11 households responded they do not have children between the ages of 0-12, but do anticipate needing childcare within the next 5 years. Eight households stated they will definitely need childcare and 3 households responded they would probably need childcare within the next 5 years.

If you do not have children within the above age groups, do you anticipate needing childcare within the next five years?



Do you use childcare on a regular basis?

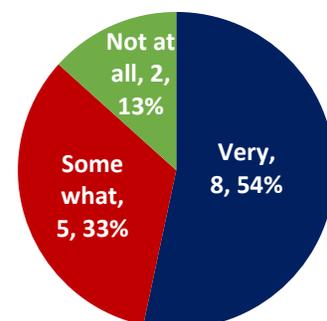


Respondents were asked if they used childcare on a regular basis. Fifteen households (8%) stated that they use childcare on a regular basis.

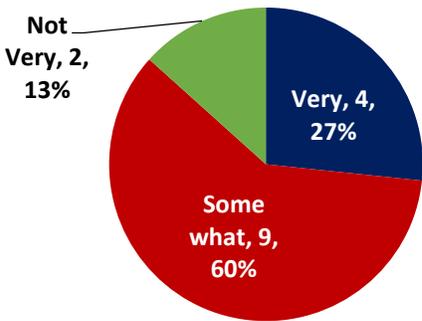
The following four questions were directed towards those that use childcare on a regular basis.

Respondents were asked about the difficulty of finding childcare. Of the 15 households that use childcare on a regular basis, 8 said that it was very difficult, 5 indicated it was somewhat difficult, and 2 said that it was not at all difficult.

How difficult is it to find quality childcare?



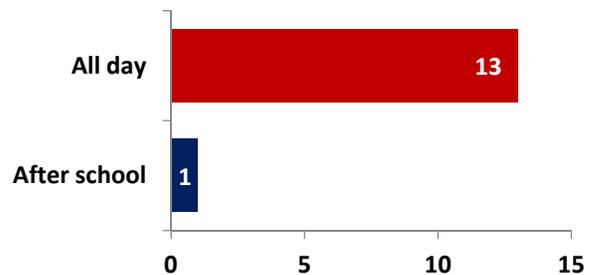
How satisfied are you with your current childcare?



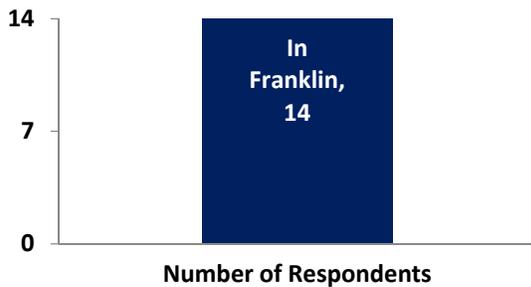
Households were asked about their satisfaction with their current childcare. Of the fifteen households that used childcare on a regular basis, 4 stated they were very satisfied with their current childcare. Nine respondents were somewhat satisfied and 2 were not very satisfied with their current childcare.

Households were asked about the time of day they utilize childcare. Thirteen households said they use childcare all day. One household responded they utilize childcare after school. No respondents indicated they use childcare before school, in the summer, or on non-school days.

What time of day do you utilize childcare?



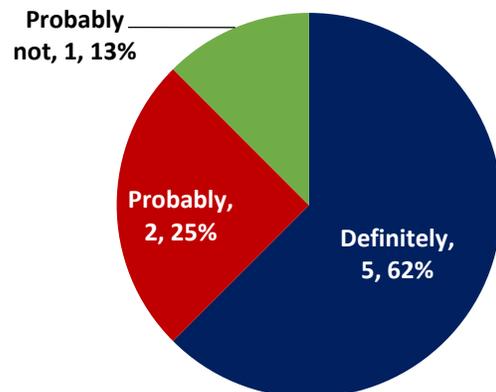
Where is your childcare located?



The next question asked where childcare was located. Of the 15 households that use childcare on a regular basis, 14 households indicated that their childcare was located in Franklin.

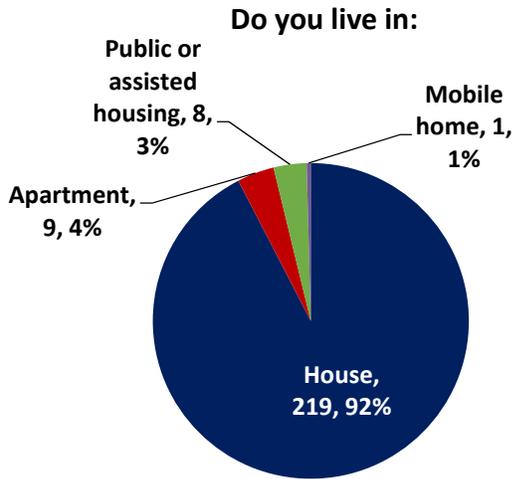
Households that utilize childcare regularly that is located outside of Franklin were asked if they would use a local childcare center if one were available in Franklin. Unfortunately, no respondents fit within the parameters of using childcare daily that is located outside of Franklin and that would be interested in a local childcare center. However, respondents that use childcare on a regular basis that is located in Franklin would, overall, definitely or probably use a local childcare center. Five households would definitely use a local childcare center, 2 households would probably use one, and only 1 household would probably not utilize a local childcare center.

Would you use a local childcare center if one were available in Franklin?



Housing

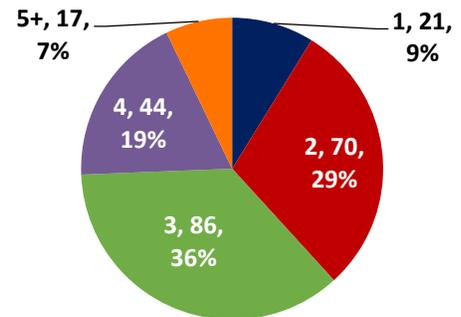
The next section was geared toward identifying several types of housing needs in Franklin.



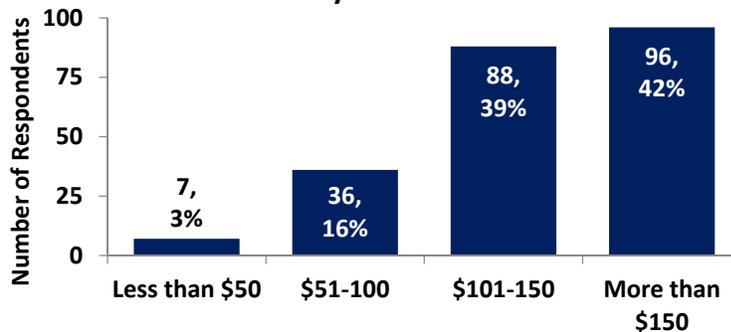
The first question asked respondents the type of home they live in. Ninety-two percent of the 237 respondents said they lived in a house. Of the remaining eight percent, 4% indicated they live in an apartment, 3% in public/assisted living, and 1% indicated that they lived in a mobile home.

Households were then asked the number of bedrooms in their home. Nine percent of households had one bedroom in their home and 29% had two bedrooms. Thirty-six percent said that they have three bedrooms, making it the most common response. Nineteen percent of households indicated that they had four bedrooms and 7% said they had five or more bedrooms in their home.

How many bedrooms are in your home?



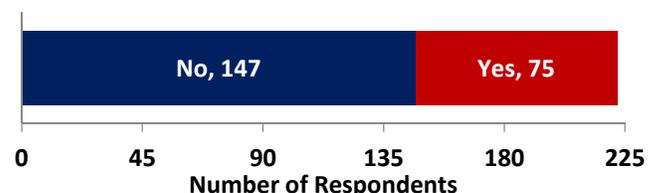
What is the average amount you pay for electricity each month?



The next question asked households the average they pay for electricity each month. Only 3% said they paid less than \$50 each month, while 16% paid \$51-100. Thirty-nine percent of households paid \$101-150 for electricity each month and the majority of households (42%) said that they paid more than \$150 monthly for electricity.

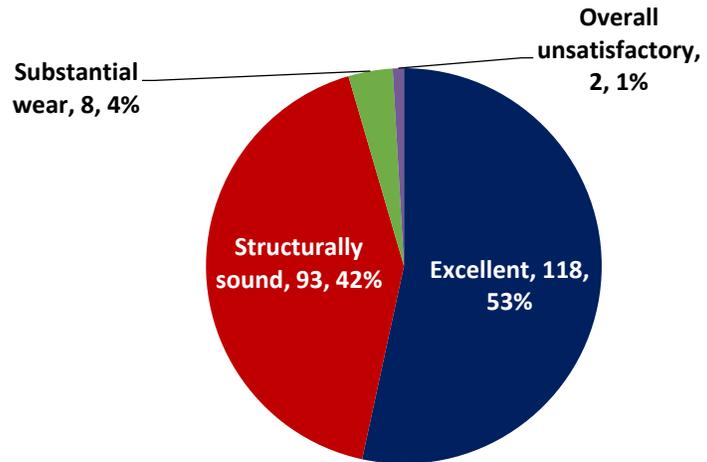
Households that pay more than 30% of their monthly income towards housing (rent/mortgage plus utilities) are considered “cost burdened.” Of 222 respondents, 75 households (34%) indicated that they paid more than 30% of their income towards housing.

Do you pay more than 30% of your income towards housing (rent/mortgage plus utilities)?

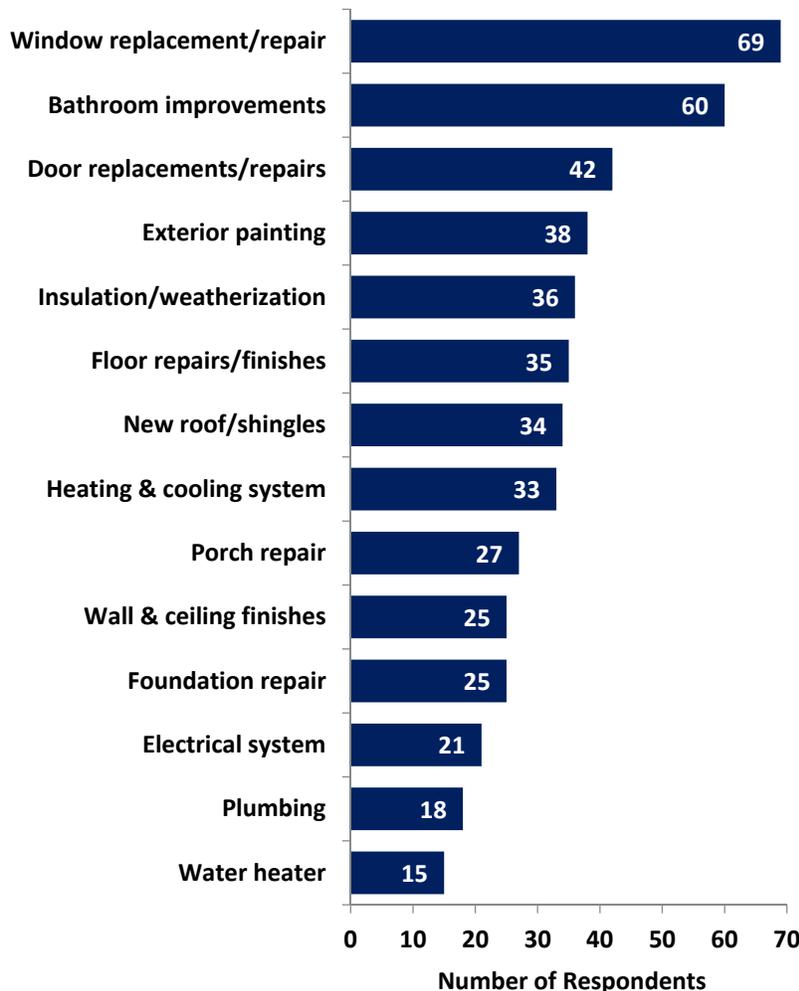


The next question asked respondents to rate their residence based on the following options: excellent, solid roof & foundation; structurally sound, may need minor repairs; substantial wear, has one major issue; overall unsatisfactory, contains multiple issues. Of the 221 respondents, 53% rated their residence as excellent. Forty-two percent rated their residence as structurally sound, 4% indicated their residence had substantial wear, and only 1% indicated that their residence was in an overall unsatisfactory condition.

How would you rate the condition of your residence?



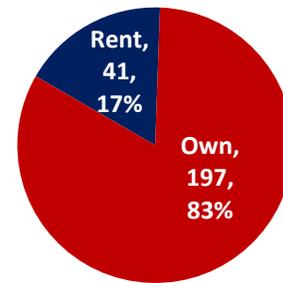
Is your dwelling in need of repair?



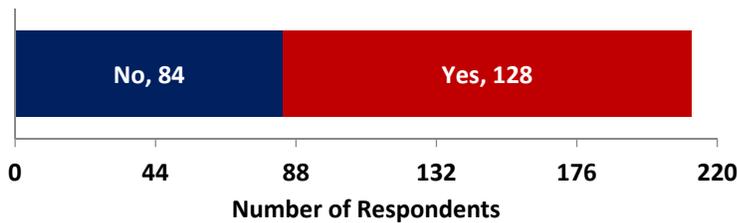
All households were asked if their dwelling was in need of repair in 14 areas, multiple options could be selected. Window replacement/repair and bathroom improvements were the most common responses with 69 & 60 total responses. Forty-two households reported they were in need of door replacements/repairs. Five repair options were needed by 33-38 respondents: exterior painting (38), insulation/weatherization (36), floor repairs/finishes (35), new roof/shingles (34), and heating & cooling system (33). Porch repairs are needed by 27 households, wall & ceiling finishes and foundation repairs each received 25 responses, and electrical system repairs was selected by 21 respondents. Rounding out the list of repairs plumbing was selected by 18 respondents and water heater by 15.

Respondents were asked if they owned or rented their home. Of 238 households, 197, or 83%, said that they owned their home. Forty-one households, or 17%, said that they rented.

Do you own or rent your home?



Should the energy (fuel, heat, electricity) used in your home come from a renewable resource such as wind, sunlight, & water?



The next question asked if the energy used in Franklin residences should come from a renewable resource such as wind, sunlight, & water. Of the households that responded, 60% want renewable resources to be used for energy, while the remaining 40% do not want renewable resources used for

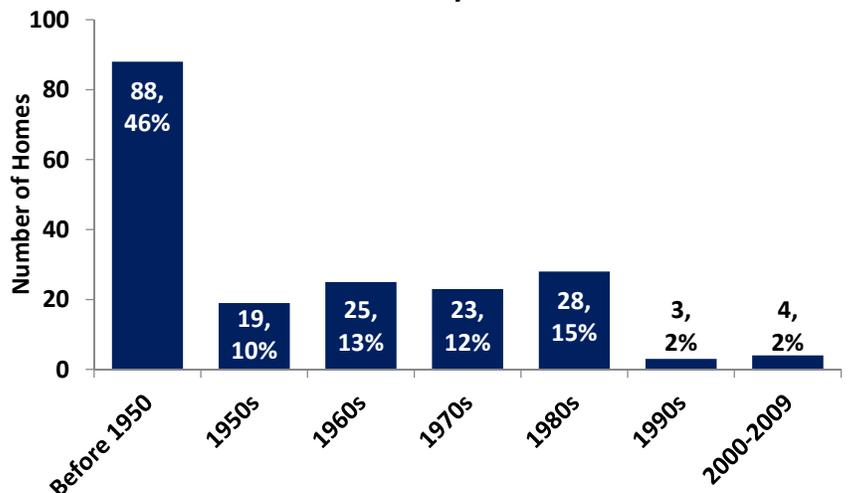
energy in their home.

Owners

The next set of housing questions was directed to homeowners only.

The first question asked owners in which decade their home was built. A majority of the houses (46%) were built before 1950. Nearly one-fourth of houses were built between 1950 and 1970, with 10% being built in the 1950s and 13% in the 1960s. Just over one quarter of houses were built between 1970 & 1990, with 12% in the 1970s and 15% in the 1980s. Very few homes were built in 1990 or later (4%). There were no homes reported being built in 2010 or later.

In which decade was your home built?

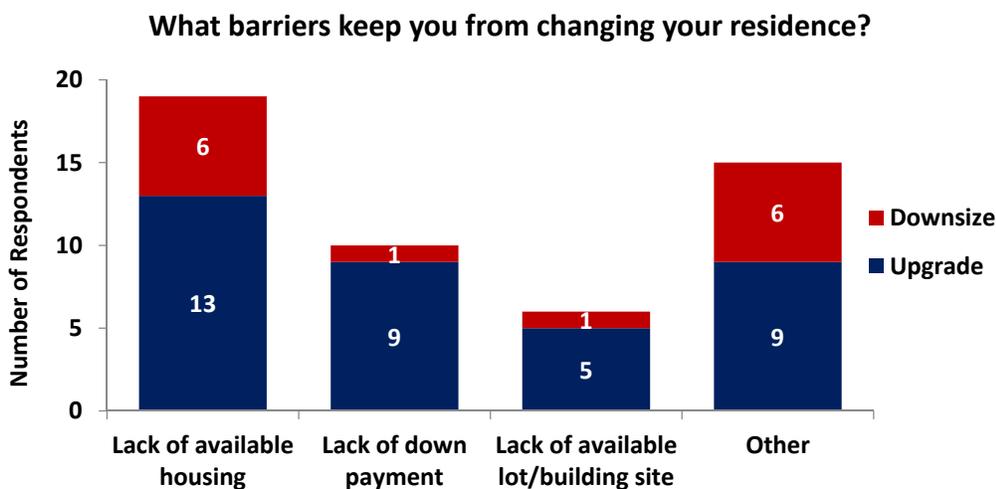
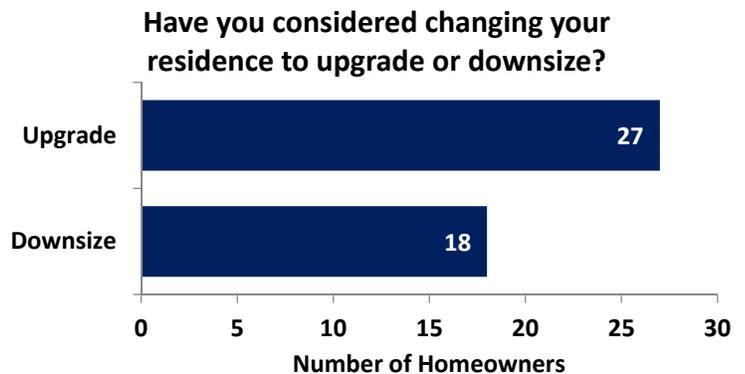


Would you be willing to apply for cost sharing assistance to complete rehabilitation of your home?		
	Willing to apply	Willing and income eligible
Structurally sound, needs minor repairs	42	24
Substantial wear, has one major issue	3	0
Grand Total	45	24

Homeowners were asked if they would be willing to apply for cost sharing assistance to complete rehabilitation of their home. Forty-two

homeowners in need of minor repairs were willing to apply and three households need repair of one major issue. A total of 24 homeowners were both willing to apply for cost sharing assistance and income eligible for federally funded programs.

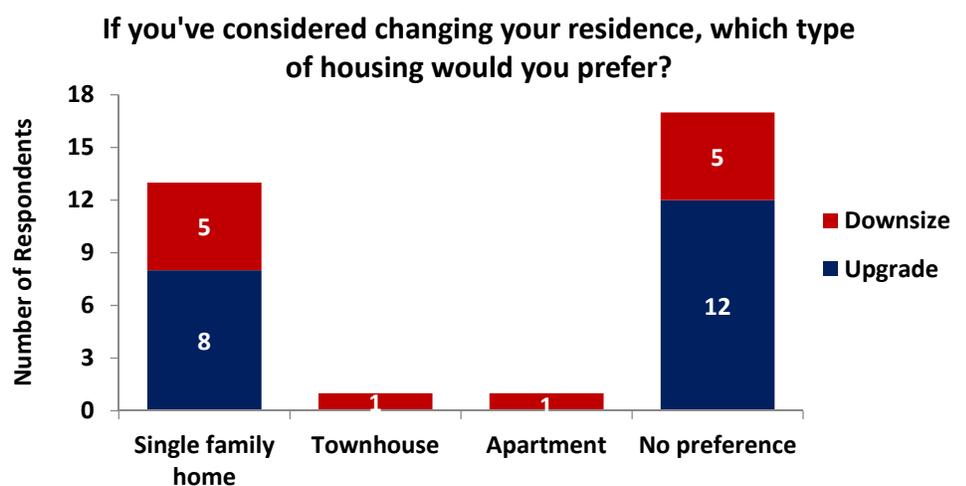
Homeowners were asked if they had considered changing their residence to either upgrade or downsize. Forty-five respondents had considered changing their residence, with 27 wanting to upgrade and 18 wanting to downsize.



Homeowners that indicated they had considered changing their residence were asked to identify all barriers that were keeping them from doing so. Nineteen homeowners noted that lack of available housing was keeping them from changing

residences, thirteen wanting to upgrade and six wanting to downsize. Nine respondents wanting to upgrade & one wanting to downsize stated that lack of a down payment was a barrier; five wanting to upgrade & one wanting to downsize indicated that lack of an available building site was a barrier. Nine wanting to upgrade and six wanting to downsize said that there was an “other” barrier keeping them from changing their residence.

Homeowners considering changing their residence were also asked about their preferred type of housing. Single family home was the most preferred response. Eight households wanting to upgrade and five wanting to downsize preferred to live in a single family home. One homeowner



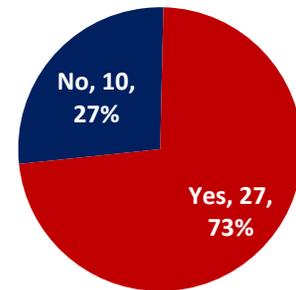
wanting to downsize preferred to live in a townhouse and another one hoping to downsize preferred an apartment. Seventeen households had no preference.

Renters

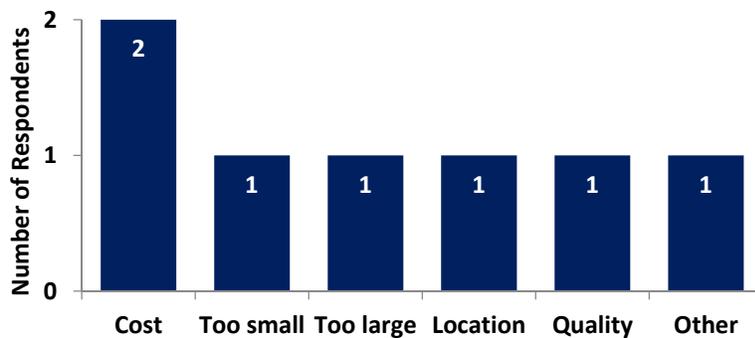
The next section of housing questions was specific to renters.

Renters were asked if their current rental met their needs. Of the 37 that responded, 73% indicated that their current rental met their needs and 27% said that their current rental did not meet their needs.

Does your current rental meet your needs?



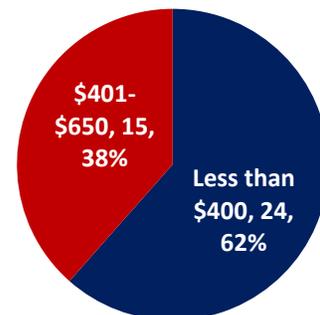
If your current rental does not meet your needs, please indicate the primary reason:



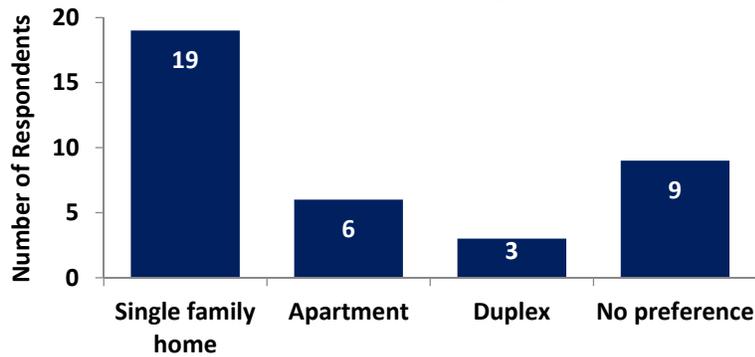
Only seven respondents that said their current rental did not meet their needs indicated the primary reason; options included cost, too small, too large, location, quality, and other. Two renters said that the primary reason their current rental did not meet their needs was because of cost. The remaining options were each selected by one respondent.

The next question asked renters how much they paid for rent on a monthly basis. A majority of the 39 that responded (62%) indicated that they paid less than \$400 for rent each month. Thirty-eight percent said that they paid \$401-650 each month in rent. No renters reported paying more than \$650 per month for rent.

What are you currently paying for Rent on a monthly basis?



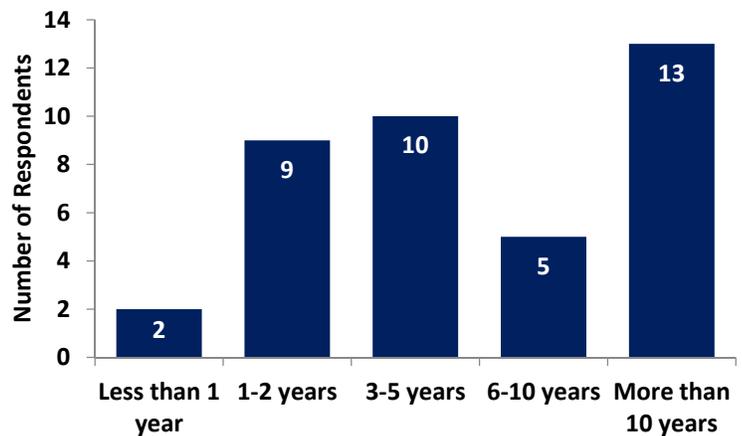
If other rental housing were available in Franklin which type would you prefer?



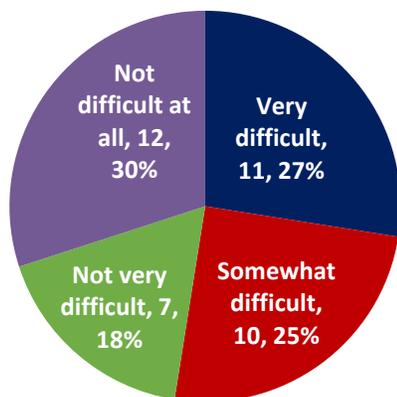
Renters were asked about the type of housing they would prefer if other rental housing was available in Franklin. Over half (51%) said that they would prefer to live in a single family home. Six households said they preferred to live in an apartment while three said duplex. Nine households (24%) indicated that they had no preference of housing type.

Current renters were asked how long they planned to continue renting. Of the 39 total respondents, five percent said that they only planned on renting for less than a year. A total of 54% planned on renting for five years or less, with 23% (9) planning to rent for 1-2 years and 26% (10) for 3-5 years. Thirteen percent (5) indicated that they planned on renting for 6-10 years and 33% (13) planned to rent for more than ten years.

How long do you plan to continue renting?



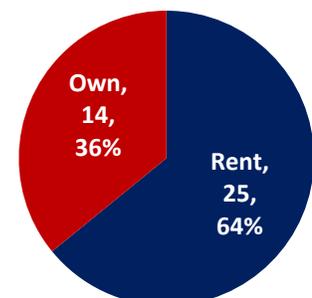
How difficult was it to find your current rental?



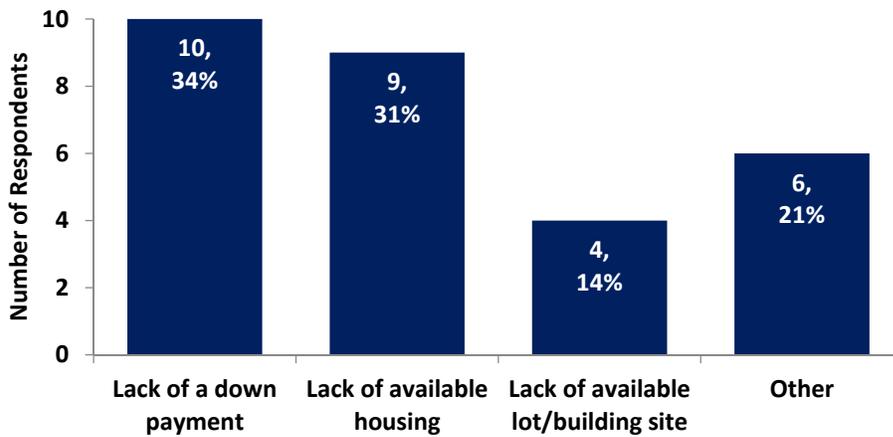
Current renters were asked about the difficulty finding their current rental. Half of the current renters (21) found it difficult to find their current rental, 11 found it very difficult, 10 somewhat difficult. Of the other half, 7 said finding their current rental was not very difficult, and 12 said it was not difficult at all.

Thirty-nine renting households responded when asked if they preferred to own or rent. Almost two-thirds (64%) indicated they preferred to continue renting and the remaining one-third (36%) said they preferred to own their own home.

Do you prefer to own or rent?



If you prefer to own, which of the following are barriers to ownership for you?



The households that currently rent but prefer to own (14) were asked to identify all barriers to ownership; multiple options could be selected. Ten of the fourteen said that lack of a down payment was a barrier. Nine households said that lack of available housing was a barrier and four indicated that lack of an available lot/building site was a barrier. Six households said there was an “other” barrier to ownership for them.

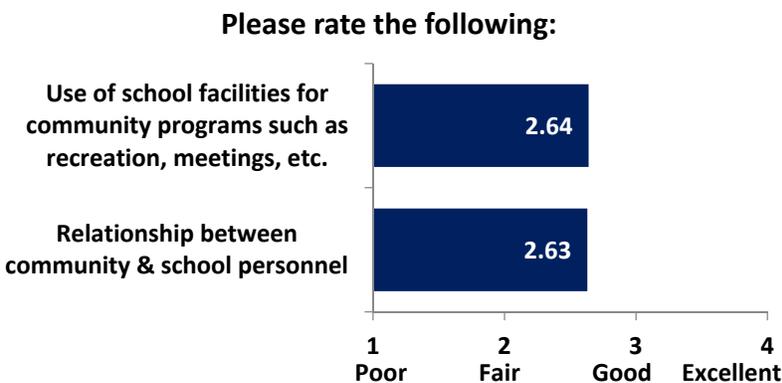
Six households said there was an “other” barrier to ownership for them.

The current renters that preferred to own and indicated that lack of a down payment was a barrier to ownership were asked about their interest in government-backed down payment loan assistance. Ten respondents said they were interested in getting assistance. Four of those ten were considered income eligible for potential federally funded programs.

If the lack of a down payment was a barrier, would you be interested in government-backed down payment loan assistance?		
	Willing to apply	Willing & income eligible
Current renters	10	4

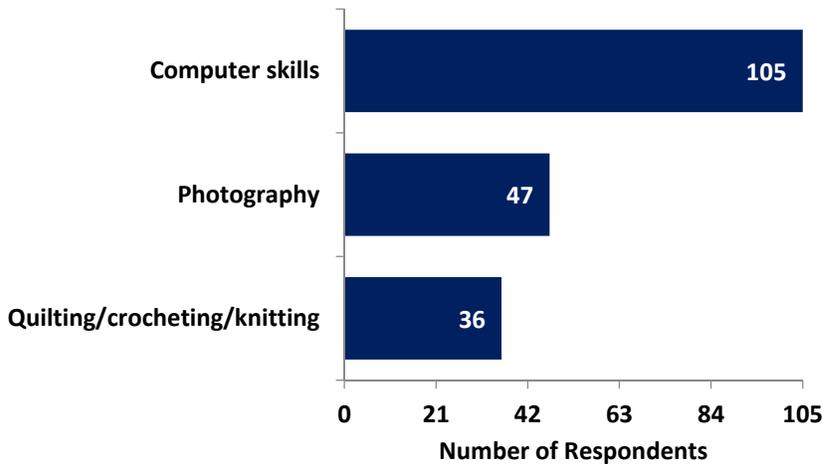
Education

This section asked questions regarding education in Franklin.



All households in Franklin were asked to rate the use of school facilities for community programs and to rate the relationship between community & school personnel. Both questions received an overall rating of good. Sixty percent rated use of school facilities for community programs such as recreation, meetings, etc. as excellent or good. The relationship between community & school personnel received excellent or good ratings from 62% of respondents.

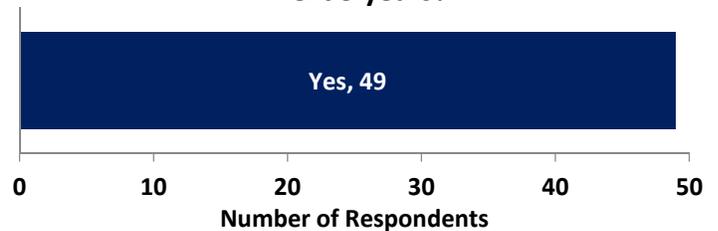
If adult education classes were offered in Franklin, in which class topics would you be interested?



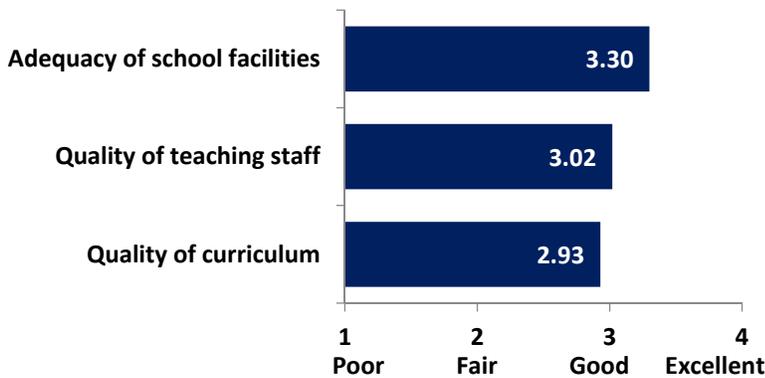
All households were asked what topics they would be interested in if adult education classes were offered in Franklin. One hundred and five respondents said that they would be interested in computer skills if it was offered, 47 said they would be interested in photography, and 36 said they would be interested in a quilting/crocheting/knitting class if it was offered.

Households were asked if they had children in school or if they will have children in school within the next 5 years. Of 223 total households, 49 indicated that they have at least one child in grades PreK-12.

Do you have children in school (PreK-12) or will you have children in school in the next 5 years?



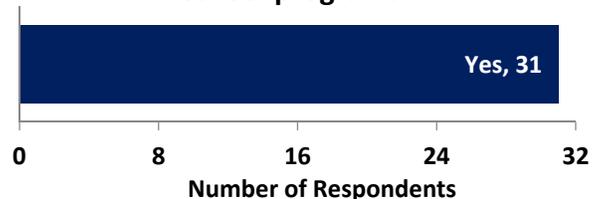
Please rate the following:



Households that had children in PreK-12 were asked to rate various aspects of the Franklin school system; each item received an overall good rating. Regarding the adequacy of school facilities, 89% of respondents provided an excellent or good rating. The quality of teaching staff and quality of curriculum were rated similarly with 82% rating the quality of teaching staff excellent or good and 80% rating the quality of curriculum as excellent or good.

Those that answered yes to currently having children in school or will have children in school within the next 5 years were asked if the school should develop an after school program. Thirty-one households, 66% of respondents, said the school should develop an after school program.

Should the school develop an after school program?



Random Sample Income

Household Size	Income Threshold	Number of Households	
		Threshold Met	Threshold Not Met
1	\$33,900	42	22
2	\$38,750	19	48
3	\$43,600	5	9
4	\$48,400	4	11
5	\$52,300	6	8
6	\$56,150	1	1
7	\$60,050	0	0
8	\$63,900	2	0
Not Indicated	n/a	0	6
Total Households		79	105
Total Persons		163	235
Percent Households		43%	57%
Percent Persons		41%	59%

To determine eligibility for federal funding, respondents provided the number of persons in their household and their annual income. Household income guidelines are provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for each county. Based on federal guidelines for conducting income surveys, household size and income information were collected from 280 randomly selected surveys. The respondents that did not indicate their income were assumed to be above the income threshold, and the respondents that did not indicate household size were assumed to have one person in their household. The percentage of persons within the Franklin City limits that met the income threshold totaled 41%. As guidelines for certain types of federal funding dictate, more than 51% of persons in a community must meet or be below the threshold, meaning more than 51% of the persons must be considered low-moderate income, in order for the community to be eligible for certain types of federal funding. Franklin will not be eligible for certain types of federal funding based on income.

Conclusions

Demographics Strengths

- * 76 households have moved to Franklin within the last 10 years.
- * 12% of adults have, at a minimum, a 2-year degree.
- * 22% of adults have a 4-year degree or a graduate degree

Demographics Challenges

- * 63% of heads-of-household are aged 55 years and older.
- * 73 adults commute outside of Franklin for work.
- * 75% of households are 1 or 2 person households.

City Strengths

- * **Strong Support for:**
 - Enforcement of nuisance regulations
 - Curbside recycling
 - Community projects: sidewalk, curb & gutter, and street paving
 - Funding proposed community improvements with private dollars and community events
- * **Support for:**
 - Sidewalk reconstruction
 - Franklin County Museum renovations
 - Commercial truck parking area
 - New fire hall
 - Street paving
- * **Adequacy of:**
 - Fire protection and rescue squad
 - Library facilities and services
 - Recycling center
 - Medical services
- * **General Appearance/Condition of:**
 - Ag Building
 - North City Park
 - Senior Center
 - Downtown streets
 - Swimming pool
 - Sidewalks downtown
 - Residential areas
 - The community as a whole
- * **Overall Community Feeling in Franklin is Somewhat Positive**

City Challenges

- * **General Appearance of:**
Vacant houses and lots

- * **Adequacy of:**
Utility rates
Local efforts toward community betterment

- * **Condition of:**
Residential/neighborhood sidewalks

Community/Recreational Facilities Strengths

- * **Adequate recreational programs and facilities for:**
Elementary age children
Preschool age children

- * **Support for:**
Volunteering and contributing to help Franklin County Museum renovations
Using incentives to encourage housing and business development

Community/Recreational Facilities Challenges

- * Lack of adequate recreational programs and facilities for junior/senior high ages, adults, senior citizens

Business & Economic Development Strengths

- * **Support for:**
Attracting new business and industry
Creation of new, small businesses
Expansion of existing businesses
Using Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for local projects

- * **There are 20 respondents interested in starting or purchasing a business in Franklin.**

Business & Economic Development Challenges

- * Quality and availability of local job opportunities

Childcare Strengths

- * 27% of households using child care on a regular basis are very satisfied with their child care.
- * 93% of households using child care on a regular basis are using a childcare located in Franklin.

Childcare Challenges

- * 87% of households stated that quality childcare is somewhat or very difficult to find.

Housing Strengths

- * Majority of households rated the condition of their home as excellent or structurally sound.
- * 24 homeowners are eligible for cost-sharing assistance for rehabilitation and willing to apply.
- * 27 homeowners are seeking to upgrade their residence.
- * Majority of rental households are satisfied with their current residence.

Housing Challenges

- * 34% of households are paying more than 30% of income towards housing each month.
- * 81% of households are paying more than \$100 each month for electricity.
- * Almost half of the homes in Franklin were built before 1950.
- * Respondents interested in changing their residence face the following barriers:
 - Lack of available housing
 - Lack of down payment
 - Lack of available lot/building site
 - Other reasons

Education Strengths

- * Adequacy of school facilities
- * Quality of teaching staff
- * Quality of curriculum
- * Use of school facilities for community programs such as recreation, meetings, etc.

Education Challenges

- * Only 22% of households have children in school



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February 22, 2017

Dear Franklin Resident,

The City of Franklin requests your participation in completing the attached questionnaire. This survey information will be used to:

- Help our elected officials plan,
- Identify projects that will meet the needs of our community, and
- Provide information to pursue funds for community projects through state, federal, and private sources.

A community volunteer has dropped off the questionnaire and envelope at your home between February 22nd and February 24th. If you were not home, they taped it to your door. The volunteer will pick up your survey, sealed in the envelope, sometime between February 25th and February 27th. If you will not be available, please seal your completed questionnaire in the envelope and tape it to your door on or before February 27th.

The information you provide will be kept confidential and anonymous. All surveys are opened and processed by the South Central Economic Development District; the Center for Rural Research and Development at the University of Nebraska at Kearney provides data analysis. No one in Franklin has access to individual information provided on surveys. If you have any questions about the survey, you may contact:

Sharon Hueftle, Executive Director
South Central Economic Development District
POB 79, Holdrege, NE 68949
308.455.4770

Carmen Dunn, Clerk
City of Franklin
619 15th Ave, Franklin, NE 68939
308.425.6295

The results of this survey will be presented to our community at a Town Hall Meeting this spring. Your cooperation and assistance in this community development planning process is greatly appreciated! Remember, this survey is very important in identifying grants for which our community may qualify!

Sincerely,



JD Bonham, Mayor

Franklin 2017 Community Needs Assessment Survey

Please fill in marks like this: ●

NOT like this: ⊗ ⊘ ⊚

Answer Key: E=Excellent, G=Good, F=Fair, P=Poor, dk=Don't Know or No Opinion

D=Definitely, P=Probably, PN=Probably Not, DN=Definitely Not, dk=Don't Know or No Opinion

City

Should the City ...	<u>D</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>PN</u>	<u>DN</u>	<u>dk</u>
1. consolidate police services with the county?	<input type="radio"/>				
2. enforce zoning regulations?	<input type="radio"/>				
3. enforce nuisance regulations?	<input type="radio"/>				
4. develop a plan to expand the city limits for platting new residential areas?	<input type="radio"/>				

5. To have your street paved, would you be willing to have an assessment added to your property taxes? D P PN DN dk

6. Does Franklin encourage public participation? (i.e. individuals to have a voice regarding local governmental decisions) D P PN DN dk

Are the following community projects needed in Franklin?

	<u>D</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>PN</u>	<u>DN</u>	<u>dk</u>
7. Hike/bike trails	<input type="radio"/>				
8. New fire hall	<input type="radio"/>				
9. Curb & gutter construction	<input type="radio"/>				
10. Sidewalk reconstruction	<input type="radio"/>				
11. Street paving	<input type="radio"/>				
12. Commercial truck parking area	<input type="radio"/>				
13. Franklin County Museum renovation	<input type="radio"/>				

If partial funding for the projects listed above can be acquired from state and federal sources, how should Franklin fund its share?

	<u>D</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>PN</u>	<u>DN</u>	<u>dk</u>
14. Keno funds	<input type="radio"/>				
15. Community fund raising events	<input type="radio"/>				
16. Private contributions	<input type="radio"/>				
17. Local sales tax	<input type="radio"/>				
18. Bonds	<input type="radio"/>				
19. Property taxes	<input type="radio"/>				
20. Private foundations	<input type="radio"/>				

Please rate the adequacy of:

	<u>E</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>dk</u>
21. Law enforcement by City Police	<input type="radio"/>				
22. Law enforcement by Sheriff	<input type="radio"/>				
23. Fire protection	<input type="radio"/>				
24. Rescue squad	<input type="radio"/>				
25. Library facilities & services	<input type="radio"/>				
26. Medical facilities & services	<input type="radio"/>				
27. Camping facilities	<input type="radio"/>				
28. North City Park	<input type="radio"/>				
29. South City Park	<input type="radio"/>				
30. Control of loose pets	<input type="radio"/>				
31. Utility rates	<input type="radio"/>				
32. Recycling center	<input type="radio"/>				
33. Nuisance code enforcement	<input type="radio"/>				
34. Local efforts toward community betterment	<input type="radio"/>				

Please rate the general appearance of:

	<u>E</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>dk</u>
35. The community as a whole	<input type="radio"/>				
36. The highway entrances to town	<input type="radio"/>				
37. Downtown area	<input type="radio"/>				
38. Residential areas	<input type="radio"/>				
39. Vacant houses & lots	<input type="radio"/>				

Please rate the condition of:

	<u>E</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>dk</u>
40. Residential/neighborhood streets	<input type="radio"/>				
41. Streets downtown	<input type="radio"/>				
42. Residential/neighborhood sidewalks	<input type="radio"/>				
43. Sidewalks downtown	<input type="radio"/>				
44. The swimming pool	<input type="radio"/>				
45. North City Park	<input type="radio"/>				
46. South City Park	<input type="radio"/>				
47. Senior Center	<input type="radio"/>				
48. Ag Building	<input type="radio"/>				

49. Overall, how do you feel about Franklin? Very positive
 Somewhat positive
 Neutral
 Somewhat negative
 Very negative

50. Why do you feel that way? (Please Explain)

Community/Recreational Facilities

For the size of our town, is there an adequate supply of recreational programs for:

	<u>D</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>PN</u>	<u>DN</u>	<u>dk</u>
1. Preschool age children	<input type="radio"/>				
2. Elementary age children	<input type="radio"/>				
3. Junior/senior high age	<input type="radio"/>				
4. Adults	<input type="radio"/>				
5. Senior Citizens	<input type="radio"/>				

6. Would you volunteer to help renovate the Franklin County Museum? D P PN DN dk

7. Would you contribute to a fund drive to renovate the Franklin County Museum? E G F P dk

8. Would you volunteer to help towards community beautification? E G F P dk

9. Would you contribute to a fund drive for community beautification? E G F P dk

Some communities use incentives such as free lots or no interests loans to encourage new development.

10. Should Franklin utilize incentives to encourage housing development? E G F P dk

11. Should Franklin utilize incentives to encourage business development? E G F P dk

Business & Economic Development

Would you utilize the following businesses if they were available in Franklin? (mark all that apply)

1. Restaurant/Café open in the evening
2. Automatic car wash
3. Snow removal service
4. Optometrist
5. Pharmacy
6. Additional handyman service

How should vacant buildings in the downtown be used?

(Multiple choices can be selected)

7. Retail/Business space
8. Office space
9. Living space
10. Meeting space

Should Chamber of Commerce efforts in Franklin focus on:

- | | <u>D</u> | <u>P</u> | <u>PN</u> | <u>DN</u> | <u>dk</u> |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 11. Local Events | <input type="radio"/> |
| 12. Tourism | <input type="radio"/> |
| 13. Scholarships | <input type="radio"/> |
| 14. Educating Businesses | <input type="radio"/> |
| 15. Networking opportunities | <input type="radio"/> |

Should economic development efforts in Franklin focus on:

- | | <u>D</u> | <u>P</u> | <u>PN</u> | <u>DN</u> | <u>dk</u> |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 16. Supporting the expansion of existing businesses | <input type="radio"/> |
| 17. Attracting new business and industry | <input type="radio"/> |
| 18. Supporting the creation of new, small businesses | <input type="radio"/> |
| 19. Promoting tourism | <input type="radio"/> |

Some communities use Tax Increment Financing (TIF) to encourage new business development. This utilizes the property taxes on the improvements to be used to fund necessary public infrastructure that directly benefits the project, i.e. sewer, streets, site preparations, etc.

20. Should Franklin utilize TIF to encourage development? Yes No

What is your opinion of the overall:

- | | <u>E</u> | <u>G</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>P</u> | <u>dk</u> |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 21. availability of local job opportunities | <input type="radio"/> |
| 22. quality of local job opportunities | <input type="radio"/> |

What would enable you to improve your employment? (mark all that apply)

23. More training
24. Formal education
25. Childcare

Some communities utilize local investment clubs to fund local business or housing projects.

26. Would you consider investing in a local investment club to fund local projects? Yes No Interested in more information

27. Are you interested in starting or purchasing a business in Franklin? Yes No

(if no, skip to #29)

28. If yes, what is keeping you from starting or purchasing a business? Lack of funding Lack of a business plan Lack of a facility

29. Are you a business owner seeking to transition out of your business in the future? Yes No

(if no, skip to Child Care)

30. If yes, how soon do you want to transition? 1-5 years 6-10 years More than 10 years

If you plan to transition your business, what assistance would be helpful to you? (check all that apply)

31. Establishing a value/sales price
32. Finding a buyer or establishing an exit plan

Child Care

1. How many children in your household are of the following:

- | | None | 1 | 2 | 3+ |
|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Age 0-3 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Age 4-6 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Age 7-12 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

2. If you do not have children within the above age groups, do you anticipate needing childcare within the next five years? D P PN DN dk

3. Do you use child care on a regular basis? Yes No (if no, skip to Housing)

4. How difficult is it to find quality child care? Very Somewhat Not Very Not At All

5. How satisfied are you with your current child care? Very Somewhat Not Very Not At All

6. What time of day do you utilize child care? All day Before School After School Summer Non-School Days

7. Where is your child care located? in Franklin (skip to Housing) Elsewhere

8. Would you use a local child care center if one were available in Franklin? D P PN DN dk

Housing

1. Do you live in: A house
A mobile home
An apartment
Public/assisted housing

2. How many bedrooms are in your home? 1
2
3
4
5+

3. What is the average amount you pay for electricity each month? less than \$50
\$51-100
\$101-150
more than \$150

4. Do you pay more than 30% of your income towards housing (rent/mortgage plus utilities)? Yes
No

5. How would you rate the condition of your residence?

- Excellent, solid roof & foundation, contributes positively to community's housing stock
Structurally sound, may need minor repairs such as shingles, paint, concrete steps, or new doors
Substantial wear, **has one major issue** such as sagging roof, missing or rotted siding, rotting windows, sagging porch
Overall unsatisfactory condition, **multiple issues** such as a crumbling foundation, broken or rotted windows and doors, sagging roof

6. Is your dwelling in need of repair? (mark all that apply)
- | | |
|---|---|
| water heater <input type="radio"/> | floor repairs/finishes <input type="radio"/> |
| electrical system <input type="radio"/> | insulation/weatherization <input type="radio"/> |
| exterior painting <input type="radio"/> | heating & cooling system <input type="radio"/> |
| porch repair <input type="radio"/> | door replacements/repairs <input type="radio"/> |
| new roof/shingles <input type="radio"/> | window replacement/repair <input type="radio"/> |
| plumbing <input type="radio"/> | bathroom improvements <input type="radio"/> |
| foundation repair <input type="radio"/> | wall & ceiling finishes <input type="radio"/> |

7. Do you own or rent your home? Rent
Own

8. Should the energy (fuel, heat, electricity) used in your home come from a renewable resource such as wind, sunlight, & water? Yes
No

For Owners Only (Q#9-20) Renters go to #21

9. In which decade was your home built? before 1950 1970s 2000-2009
1950s 1980s 2010 or after
1960s 1990s

10. Would you be willing to apply for cost sharing assistance to complete rehabilitation of your home? Yes
No

For Owners Only continued

11. Have you considered changing your residence to upgrade or downsize? Upgrade
Downsize
(If no, skip to Education section) No

What barriers keep you from changing your residence?

- (check all that apply) 12. Lack of a down payment
13. Lack of available housing
14. Lack of available lot/building site
15. Other

If you've considered changing your residence, which type of housing would you prefer?

- (select only one) 16. No preference
17. Single family home
18. Duplex
19. Apartment
20. Townhouse

For Renters Only (Q#21-32) Owners go to Education

21. Does your current rental meet your needs? (skip to # 23) Yes
No

22. If No, please indicate the primary reason (select only one):

- Too small Location
Too large Quality
Cost Other

23. What are you currently paying for Rent on a monthly basis? (NOT including utilities) less than \$400
\$401-\$550
\$551-\$650
\$651-\$750
over \$750

24. If other rental housing were available in Franklin which type would you prefer? No preference
Single family home
Duplex
Apartment

25. How long do you plan to continue renting? Less than 1 year
1-2 years
3-5 years
6-10 years
More than 10 years

26. How difficult was it to find your current rental? Very difficult
Somewhat difficult
Not very difficult
Not difficult at all

27. Do you prefer to own or rent? (If Rent, skip to next section) Rent
Own

If you prefer to own, which of the following are barriers to ownership for you?

- (check all that apply) 28. Lack of a down payment
29. Lack of available housing
30. Lack of available lot/building site
31. Other

32. If the lack of a down payment is a barrier, would you be interested in government-backed down payment loan assistance? Yes
No

Education

- Please rate the following:**
- | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | E | G | F | P | dk |
| 1. Relationship between the community and school personnel | <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Use of school facilities for community programs such as recreation, meetings, etc. | <input type="radio"/> |

If adult education classes were offered in Franklin, in which class topics would you be interested?

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 3. Photography | <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. Computer skills | <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. Quilting/crocheting/knitting | <input type="radio"/> |

- 6. Do you have children in school (PreK-12) or will you have children in school in the next 5 years?** Yes
 (if no, skip to Demographics) No

- Please rate the following:**
- | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | E | G | F | P | dk |
| 7. Adequacy of school facilities | <input type="radio"/> |
| 8. Quality of teaching staff | <input type="radio"/> |
| 9. Quality of curriculum | <input type="radio"/> |

- 10. Should the school develop an after school program?** Yes
No

Demographics

- 1. What is the age of your head-of-household?**
- | | |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| Under 19 | <input type="radio"/> |
| 19-24 | <input type="radio"/> |
| 25-34 | <input type="radio"/> |
| 35-44 | <input type="radio"/> |
| 45-54 | <input type="radio"/> |
| 55-64 | <input type="radio"/> |
| 65-74 | <input type="radio"/> |
| 75-84 | <input type="radio"/> |
| 85 or older | <input type="radio"/> |

- 2. How many years have you lived in Franklin?**
- | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Less than 1 year | <input type="radio"/> |
| 1-5 years | <input type="radio"/> |
| 6-10 years | <input type="radio"/> |
| 11-15 years | <input type="radio"/> |
| 16-20 years | <input type="radio"/> |
| More than 20 years | <input type="radio"/> |

- 3. If you moved to the community within the last 5 years, what was your primary reason?** Job
Family
Retirement
(Please select only one) Returning home
Good housing price
Small town atmosphere

- 4. If you work outside of the Franklin area, how far do you commute?**
- | | | |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | 1st Adult | 2nd Adult |
| (Skip if not working or not commuting) | | |
| 1 to 30 miles | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 31-40 miles | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| over 40 miles | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

- 5. Do you live:** within the City limits
outside the City limits

- 6. What is the highest level of education completed?**
- | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | 1st Adult | 2nd Adult |
| less than high school | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| high school | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| some college/trade school | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 2 year college degree | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 4 year college degree | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| graduate degree | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

These next two questions must be answered for possible funding purposes. NO ONE IN FRANKLIN WILL SEE THESE SURVEYS! Please be honest when answering.

- 7. How many persons are there in your family*, including yourself?**
- | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8+ |
| <input type="radio"/> |

**Family as defined by HUD is "all person(s) living in the same household who are related by birth, marriage or adoption." An individual living in a housing unit that contains no other persons related to him/her is considered to be a one-person family for this purpose; however, a dependent who is living outside of the home (e.g. students living in a dormitory or other student housing) is considered for these purposes to be part of the family upon which he/she is dependent, even though he/she is living in another housing unit. Adult children who live at home with their parents are considered to be part of the family for this purpose and their income must be counted in determining the total family income.*

- 8. What is the combined annual income* of all family members residing at this address?**

**Income should be defined as all monies received by all members of the family who are age 15 or older, including gross wages and salaries, bonuses, tips, interest, dividends, social security, other retirement, supplemental security income, welfare, disability, VA payments, unemployment, alimony, etc. A family that is involved in a business where the finances are interrelated with the family budget (such as a farmer) should consider their income as net after expenses, as reported to the Internal Revenue Service.*

Less than \$33,900	<input type="radio"/>
\$33,901 - \$38,750	<input type="radio"/>
\$38,751 - \$43,600	<input type="radio"/>
\$43,601 - \$48,400	<input type="radio"/>
\$48,401 - \$52,300	<input type="radio"/>
\$52,301 - \$56,150	<input type="radio"/>
\$56,151 - \$60,050	<input type="radio"/>
\$60,051 - \$63,900	<input type="radio"/>
more than \$63,900	<input type="radio"/>

- 9. Please feel free to make any additional comments that you think would help our community:**

