

APPENDIX

All Survey Comments

Surveys Received by October 6, 2023

Sections

- **Unincorporated Residents**
- **Small Town Residents** (All cities except for Columbia)
- **Columbia Residents**

Additional Section

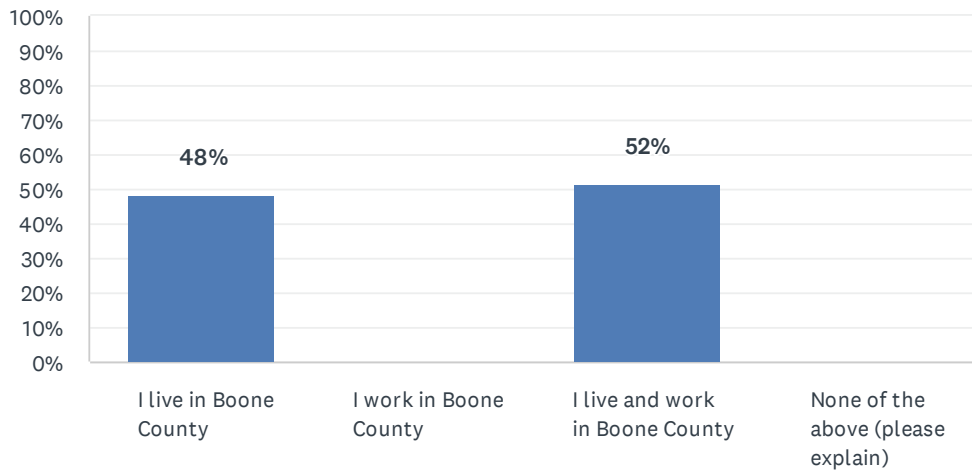
- **All Residents by Age: 34 Years Old and Younger**

Section

Unincorporated Residents

Q2 What best describes you? [choose one]

Answered: 742 Skipped: 0

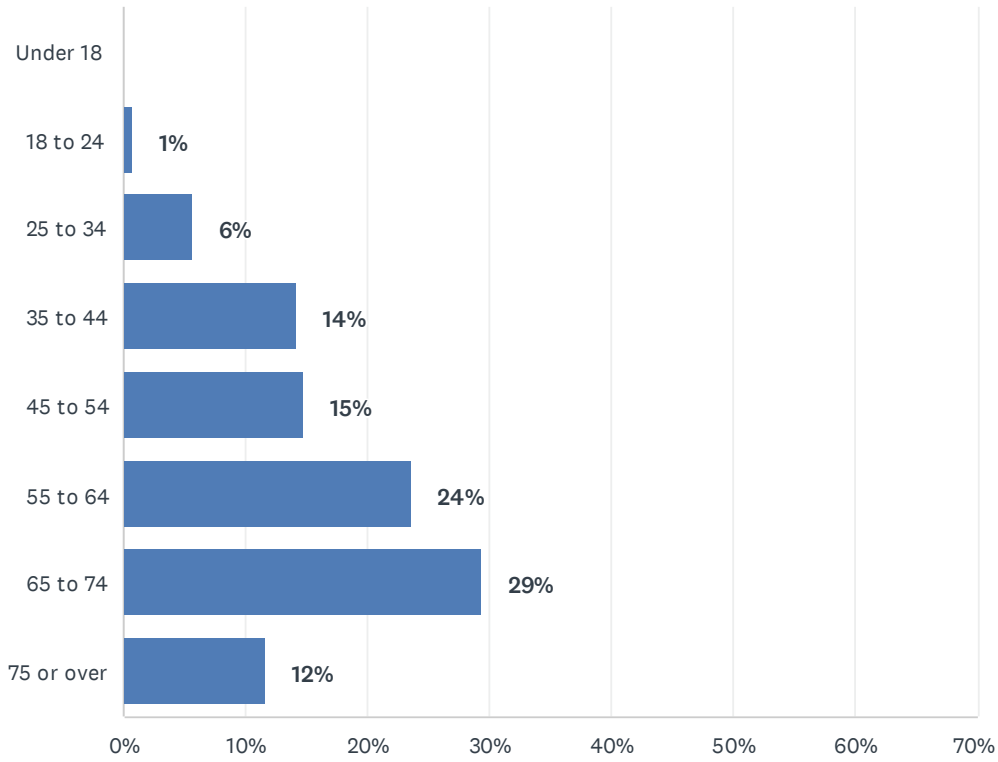


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I live in Boone County	48% 358
I work in Boone County	0% 0
I live and work in Boone County	52% 384
None of the above (please explain)	0% 0
TOTAL	742

#	NONE OF THE ABOVE (PLEASE EXPLAIN)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q3 What is your age?

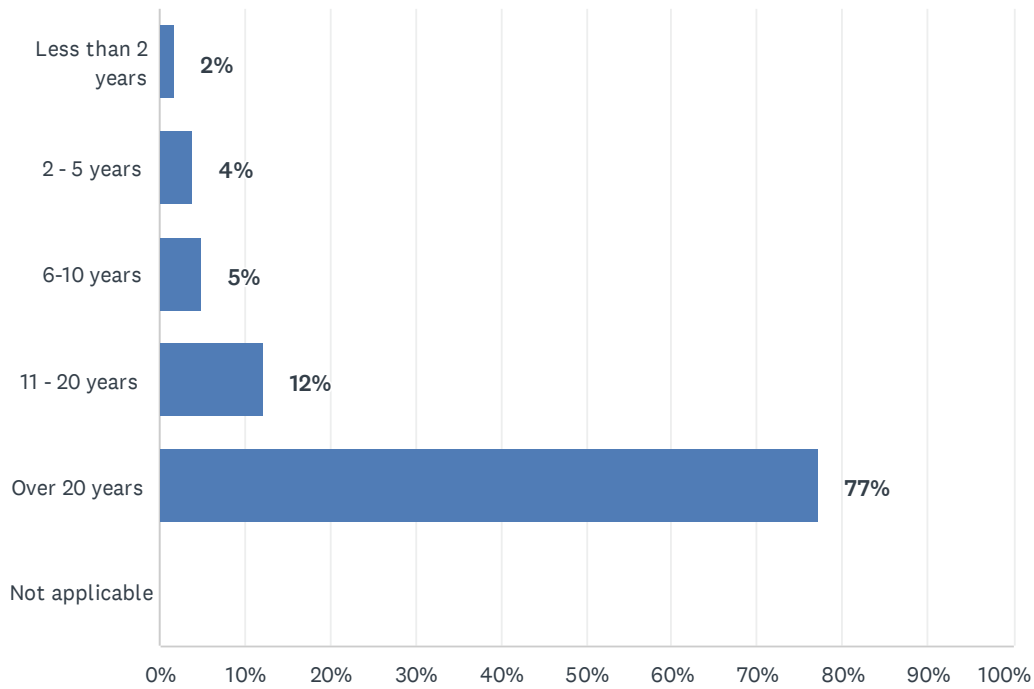
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0%	0
18 to 24	1%	5
25 to 34	6%	42
35 to 44	14%	105
45 to 54	15%	110
55 to 64	24%	175
65 to 74	29%	218
75 or over	12%	86
TOTAL		741

Q4 How long have you lived in Boone County?

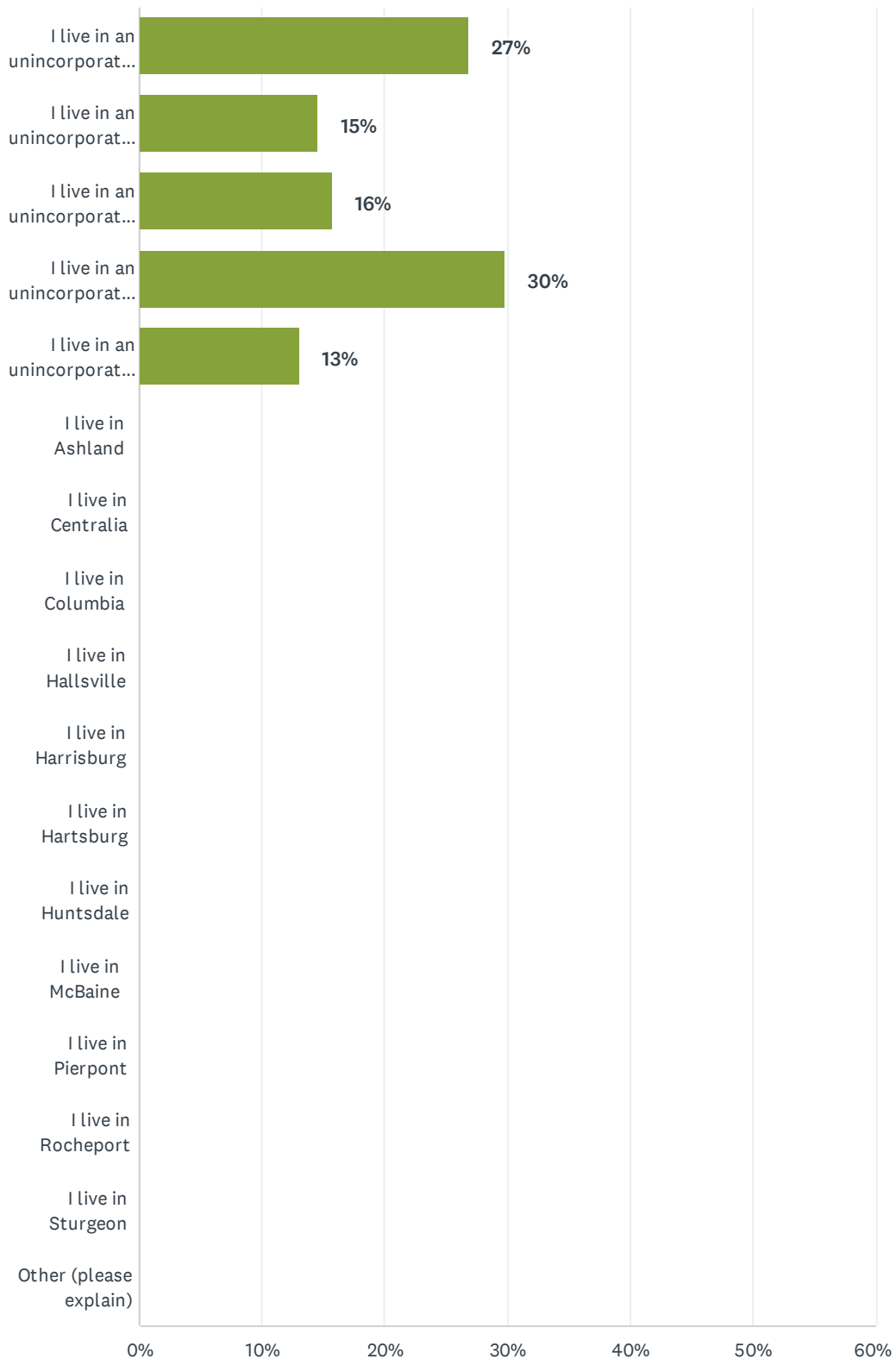
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 2 years	2%	13
2 - 5 years	4%	29
6-10 years	5%	37
11 - 20 years	12%	90
Over 20 years	77%	572
Not applicable	0%	0
TOTAL		741

Q5 If you live in Boone County, what best describes you? [choose one]

Answered: 742 Skipped: 0



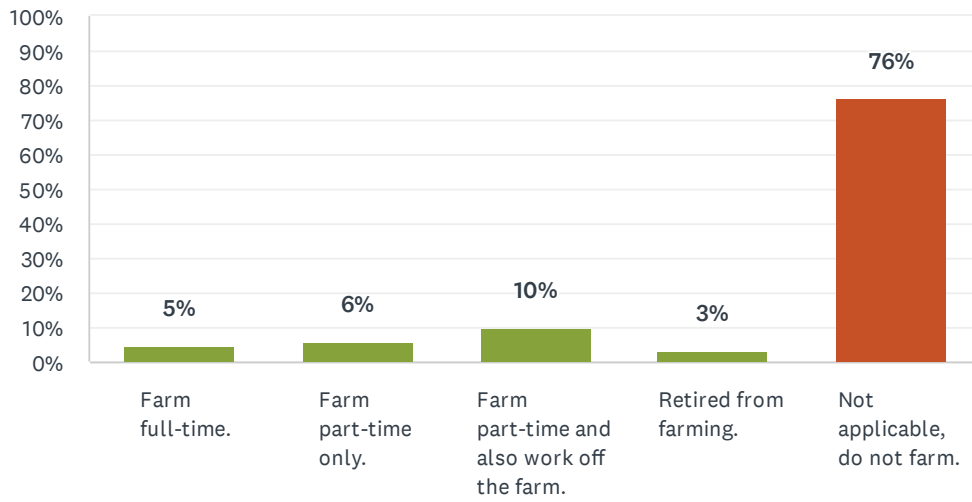
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I live in an unincorporated area of the County on a parcel greater than 20 acres.	27%	199
I live in an unincorporated area of the County on a parcel 11 - 20 acres.	15%	108
I live in an unincorporated area of the County on a parcel of 6 - 10 acres.	16%	117
I live in an unincorporated area of the County on a parcel of 1 - 5 acres.	30%	221
I live in an unincorporated area of the County on a parcel of less than one acre.	13%	97
I live in Ashland	0%	0
I live in Centralia	0%	0
I live in Columbia	0%	0
I live in Hallsville	0%	0
I live in Harrisburg	0%	0
I live in Hartsburg	0%	0
I live in Huntsdale	0%	0
I live in McBaine	0%	0
I live in Pierpont	0%	0
I live in Rocheport	0%	0
I live in Sturgeon	0%	0
Other (please explain)	0%	0
TOTAL		742

#	OTHER (PLEASE EXPLAIN)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q6 If you farm, what best describes you? [choose one]

Answered: 725 Skipped: 17



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Farm full-time.	5%	34
Farm part-time only.	6%	42
Farm part-time and also work off the farm.	10%	74
Retired from farming.	3%	21
Not applicable, do not farm.	76%	554
TOTAL		725

Q7 In five words or less, explain why you love living in Boone County.

Answered: 553 Skipped: 189

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Pleasant "Town and County" environment, good schools, reasonable cost of living.	10/6/2023 11:22 AM
2	Born and raised here.	10/6/2023 11:09 AM
3	We love our 5.5 acres! We love being close to Columbia and activities.	10/6/2023 10:45 AM
4	Just a great place to live! (I came here in 1967 for college and stayed.)	10/5/2023 5:12 PM
5	life long resident - its a great place to live!	10/5/2023 4:46 PM
6	It's always been home.	10/5/2023 3:51 PM
7	community, recreation, schools, nature	10/5/2023 3:48 PM
8	The rural privacy and nature.	10/5/2023 3:44 PM
9	rural living, no close neighbors	10/5/2023 3:40 PM
10	landscape, small-town feel	10/5/2023 3:37 PM
11	Nice place to live	10/5/2023 2:57 PM
12	Where we used to work. Central location between grandkids	10/5/2023 2:53 PM
13	Recreational opportunities, diversity, food	10/5/2023 2:51 PM
14	Family	10/5/2023 2:46 PM
15	Peaceful, clean air, low crime rate	10/5/2023 2:43 PM
16	Protective regulations	10/5/2023 2:30 PM
17	Rural living close to town amenities	10/5/2023 2:14 PM
18	Jobs, medical/healthcare, rural, quiet	10/5/2023 2:08 PM
19	Parks, trail system, nature, airport	10/5/2023 2:04 PM
20	Location and access to events and education	10/5/2023 2:01 PM
21	The variety of events offered	10/5/2023 1:57 PM
22	Beauty, fresh air, people	10/5/2023 1:42 PM
23	Able to have a large acreage	10/5/2023 1:38 PM
24	Raising my kids in country	10/5/2023 1:35 PM
25	Good medical care and roads	10/5/2023 1:32 PM
26	We love the isolation, neighbors, wildlife	10/5/2023 1:21 PM
27	Fresh air, trees, space, neighbors	10/5/2023 1:18 PM
28	Would move out of Boone County if had the funds to do so.	10/5/2023 1:12 PM
29	I don not love living in Boone County	10/5/2023 1:02 PM
30	Close to healthcare	10/5/2023 12:57 PM
31	Friends, only blue MO	10/5/2023 12:48 PM
32	Hospitals and doctors	10/4/2023 5:31 PM
33	Rural and quiet	10/4/2023 5:21 PM

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34	Natural beauty	10/4/2023 3:32 PM
35	Overall high quality of life.	10/4/2023 3:28 PM
36	people, place, and decency	10/4/2023 3:24 PM
37	Born here, family here.	10/4/2023 3:19 PM
38	Grow up in Boone County.	10/4/2023 8:43 AM
39	Our quiet, natural habitats	10/3/2023 4:06 PM
40	Open spaces, fewer regulations	10/3/2023 3:58 PM
41	Food options, shopping	10/3/2023 3:47 PM
42	Close to family. Options for gathering.	10/3/2023 10:22 AM
43	higher education, medical, sports	10/3/2023 10:09 AM
44	Easy access to roadways. Beautiful.	10/3/2023 10:02 AM
45	I don't	10/2/2023 10:46 PM
46	Zone codes	10/2/2023 5:29 PM
47	Usually moderate, nice people	10/2/2023 5:26 PM
48	Great people and location	10/2/2023 5:22 PM
49	Rural atmosphere, being close to nature, peace and quiet, having the neighbors, feeling more secure due to less violent crime than in the city.	10/2/2023 5:13 PM
50	My home	10/2/2023 5:06 PM
51	I love my house.	10/2/2023 10:15 AM
52	Privacy, quiet, no thru traffic	10/1/2023 10:22 PM
53	Diverse population and landscape	10/1/2023 6:16 PM
54	things to do, education opportunities	10/1/2023 12:03 AM
55	Life-long resident.	9/30/2023 11:29 PM
56	Love Columbia and kids' school	9/30/2023 11:25 PM
57	Quality of life	9/30/2023 10:08 PM
58	best place in the world	9/30/2023 8:47 PM
59	I love the wooded areas	9/30/2023 6:19 PM
60	The national forrest	9/30/2023 3:02 PM
61	Socially progressive, but economically conservative.	9/30/2023 2:19 PM
62	I can live in the country but be only a few minutes from all the amenities of the city	9/30/2023 12:31 PM
63	The beauty & quietness of the area. Not in city limits!!	9/30/2023 9:47 AM
64	Close to great medical care	9/30/2023 9:28 AM
65	Because it's always been home.	9/30/2023 9:23 AM
66	Country spaces, wildlife, small community	9/30/2023 9:21 AM
67	Famiky	9/30/2023 8:51 AM
68	Less regulations less liberal politics	9/30/2023 8:49 AM
69	An live rural but close to city.	9/30/2023 4:31 AM
70	Convenient, open land, woods	9/29/2023 3:57 PM

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71	People, natural beauty, cultural opportunities	9/29/2023 2:56 PM
72	It used to be a great place to live.	9/29/2023 12:04 PM
73	Attractive environment with good communities.	9/29/2023 11:24 AM
74	Small vibrant university town	9/29/2023 10:04 AM
75	Diverse population and topography.	9/29/2023 9:27 AM
76	I like that I have access to city life and also privacy of living on land	9/29/2023 8:51 AM
77	Born and raised here	9/29/2023 7:08 AM
78	Rural, conservative, not Columbia	9/29/2023 6:16 AM
79	Less dense, more natural, cheaper.	9/29/2023 2:10 AM
80	I love living in an area that feels open-minded, forward-thinking, and accepting. There's always things to do in Columbia, but there's also a great focus on nature with different parks and nature areas that I think many areas often undervalue.	9/29/2023 1:33 AM
81	Scenic beauty, clean air & water	9/29/2023 12:06 AM
82	Family farm is what is keeping us here!	9/28/2023 10:41 PM
83	Great people and services	9/28/2023 9:53 PM
84	Recreational opportunities	9/28/2023 9:14 PM
85	I was born and raised in the county.	9/28/2023 8:22 PM
86	It has become my home	9/28/2023 8:08 PM
87	Location	9/28/2023 8:01 PM
88	Los of things to do	9/28/2023 6:42 PM
89	There's a lot to do here and it's a open and liberal area.	9/28/2023 6:21 PM
90	Rural, but close access to urban Columbia	9/28/2023 6:18 PM
91	was great in 1970	9/28/2023 5:13 PM
92	My family and neighbors	9/28/2023 4:18 PM
93	Quiet, orderly, covenient.	9/28/2023 3:51 PM
94	Open space protection, state parks	9/28/2023 3:40 PM
95	great medical services	9/28/2023 3:23 PM
96	The diverse community.	9/28/2023 3:04 PM
97	I'm a life long resident.	9/28/2023 2:29 PM
98	Progressive people	9/28/2023 2:21 PM
99	Friendly people, relaxing pace, recreation	9/28/2023 2:15 PM
100	University of Missouri	9/28/2023 10:03 AM
101	Environment = education, trails, community	9/28/2023 9:19 AM
102	Rural lifestyle, with city nearby.	9/28/2023 8:59 AM
103	City Benefits, near country	9/28/2023 8:52 AM
104	Diverse, safe communities. Economic opportunities.	9/28/2023 8:41 AM
105	I grew up here	9/28/2023 8:39 AM
106	culture,jobs,UMC,education,	9/28/2023 8:36 AM
107	Nice home close to Columbia	9/28/2023 8:07 AM

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108	Don't exactly love it. Taxes and regulations, permitting, etc. Are a burden and seem excessive. Our county commission seems to forget that unincorporated Boone County even exist. Seems like they only represent the City of Columbia and the desires of Columbia.	9/28/2023 7:47 AM
109	conveniently located,	9/28/2023 7:03 AM
110	Close to family and friends.	9/28/2023 6:51 AM
111	Meets my needs	9/27/2023 9:58 PM
112	Great community, middle of state	9/27/2023 9:43 PM
113	Quiet	9/27/2023 6:29 PM
114	Too much crime activity now	9/27/2023 5:44 PM
115	It's beautiful and friendly.	9/27/2023 5:32 PM
116	People are friendly and tolerant	9/27/2023 4:39 PM
117	Quiet, no street lights, temperate	9/27/2023 3:52 PM
118	Diversity,	9/26/2023 11:57 PM
119	Remote area near services available in COMO	9/26/2023 10:13 PM
120	We have amenities that most other "rural" Missouri counties do not have.	9/26/2023 9:35 PM
121	Clean, pretty scenery, college town	9/26/2023 9:29 PM
122	Rural atmosphere, city amenities close.	9/26/2023 9:28 PM
123	Close to work, work at the hospital, love the trails and airport!	9/26/2023 9:24 PM
124	I was born and raised here	9/26/2023 6:03 PM
125	Too stupid to leave	9/26/2023 4:33 PM
126	It's home	9/26/2023 2:25 PM
127	Less restrictions than city.	9/26/2023 11:26 AM
128	Central Location	9/26/2023 10:30 AM
129	Love living on the country. See wildlife everyday. Neighbors all own acreage also.	9/26/2023 6:41 AM
130	It is close to work.	9/26/2023 5:43 AM
131	Recently I don't love it, trash everywhere, speeding, running stop signs and shootings are really make the quality of life decrease from even 5 years ago	9/25/2023 8:48 PM
132	I grew up on a farm in NE Mo. I enjoy being in the country but close enough to be in the City.	9/25/2023 10:22 AM
133	Love the country life.	9/25/2023 10:11 AM
134	Mix of rural and city.	9/25/2023 9:41 AM
135	raised our kids here	9/25/2023 9:23 AM
136	generational farm	9/25/2023 9:12 AM
137	I love the area.	9/24/2023 4:45 PM
138	Southern Boone School District	9/24/2023 4:33 PM
139	I love the property I live on. County takes great care of roads.	9/24/2023 4:30 PM
140	Everything we need in Boone County.	9/24/2023 4:26 PM
141	It is home! Born here.	9/24/2023 4:20 PM
142	diversity, education and work opportunities	9/24/2023 4:11 PM
143	location, schools, taxes	9/24/2023 4:08 PM
144	I don't! I wish I could move my acreage to a different county.	9/24/2023 4:05 PM

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145	Great location for healthcare access.	9/24/2023 7:34 AM
146	I own a company based here, close to MU education opportunities for children and health care.	9/23/2023 9:11 PM
147	Nice atmosphere	9/23/2023 7:31 AM
148	Big enough for good restaurants and entertainment but small enough to live without the hassles a big city living.	9/23/2023 7:17 AM
149	Country living. Convenient to travel into Columbia.	9/22/2023 11:42 AM
150	Was Born in Boone County.	9/22/2023 6:53 PM
151	God put me here.	9/22/2023 4:24 PM
152	Grandbabies, live on 5 acres. Moved here from Chicago, IL.	9/22/2023 4:18 PM
153	Have always lived here	9/22/2023 4:10 PM
154	It has just always been HOME.	9/22/2023 1:26 PM
155	Live near grandchildren.	9/22/2023 12:53 PM
156	It's been home for more than 60 years.	9/22/2023 12:50 PM
157	small town feel	9/22/2023 12:42 PM
158	I don't.	9/22/2023 12:10 PM
159	County - big city amenities	9/22/2023 12:00 PM
160	Living in the country. But need blacktop roads. Dust is awful. County won't do anything.	9/22/2023 11:55 AM
161	Close to University of Missouri	9/22/2023 11:49 AM
162	convenience	9/22/2023 9:54 AM
163	Progressive community with reasonable costs	9/22/2023 8:04 AM
164	I do not! The focus is not on the people but social problems. Repair the roads (clean-up homeless encampments on Brown Station Road East of to do in 2023!!	9/21/2023 1:48 PM
165	It is not the city.	9/21/2023 1:40 PM
166	Ashland has good schools.	9/21/2023 1:27 PM
167	Perfect fit for me	9/20/2023 9:15 PM
168	Beauty, nature, open space	9/20/2023 5:32 PM
169	It is still rural with amenities close by.	9/20/2023 4:58 PM
170	warm, friendly people, convenient location	9/20/2023 4:53 PM
171	MU sports, shopping	9/20/2023 4:49 PM
172	Can't say that I love anything!	9/20/2023 4:43 PM
173	university, country, people	9/20/2023 2:47 PM
174	Country living close to City amenities	9/20/2023 2:20 PM
175	Not a big city atmosphere	9/20/2023 1:11 PM
176	hospitality, health care, restaurants, shopping, entertainment	9/20/2023 1:01 PM
177	Central location of mayor highways.	9/20/2023 12:58 PM
178	good people, economy, schools, and landscape	9/20/2023 12:54 PM
179	We have good roads, not to big, but we have good services available (medical, entertainment, etc)	9/20/2023 12:44 PM
180	Centrally located, quiet, active lifestyle.	9/20/2023 11:59 AM

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181	close proximity to work / family.	9/20/2023 8:14 AM
182	roads, emergency care if needed, UM I&C	9/20/2023 8:07 AM
183	Country, privacy	9/20/2023 8:03 AM
184	I was born here.	9/20/2023 7:48 AM
185	It's a sane oasis of n the middle of an Uber conservative state	9/19/2023 6:37 PM
186	I love living in the country and it is about half way between Columbia and Jefferson City.	9/19/2023 5:12 PM
187	Nice mixture of city and country.	9/19/2023 5:08 PM
188	Grandkids next door.	9/19/2023 5:04 PM
189	family, friends, beautiful county	9/19/2023 12:09 PM
190	Proximity to healthcare.	9/19/2023 12:04 PM
191	I can be me here.	9/19/2023 9:04 AM
192	Close to my kids.	9/19/2023 8:59 AM
193	Anything you need is close.	9/19/2023 8:55 AM
194	low crime, peaceful, the outdoors	9/19/2023 7:40 AM
195	Strong traditions in pasts.	9/18/2023 4:55 PM
196	The pretty countryside.	9/18/2023 12:59 PM
197	I don't - taxes too high!	9/18/2023 12:54 PM
198	It's where I work.	9/18/2023 12:51 PM
199	I hate living in Boone County!	9/18/2023 12:03 PM
200	Born raised here.	9/18/2023 11:52 AM
201	Proximity to opportunities for family.	9/18/2023 11:45 AM
202	My family and girlfriend live here.	9/18/2023 9:37 AM
203	Beautiful natural setting	9/18/2023 9:35 AM
204	It's all I know.	9/18/2023 9:34 AM
205	close to work	9/17/2023 2:37 PM
206	Columbia Mo! Great! and I have been on 3 coasts.	9/17/2023 2:31 PM
207	variety and education level	9/17/2023 2:27 PM
208	close to family, good schools	9/17/2023 8:47 AM
209	location, space, quiet	9/17/2023 8:36 AM
210	Large area to explore.	9/17/2023 8:29 AM
211	Economic opportunity	9/15/2023 7:07 PM
212	Lots to do	9/15/2023 4:30 PM
213	More conservative than the city.	9/15/2023 4:24 PM
214	Small town feel. Plenty of services and the university sets the cultural tone.	9/15/2023 4:09 PM
215	Most life's needs are close.	9/15/2023 4:02 PM
216	availability of services.	9/15/2023 3:48 PM
217	I don't...taxes are too high.	9/15/2023 3:37 PM
218	Access to medical care.	9/15/2023 3:33 PM

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219	Access to major hospitals. Parks and Rec. Mizzou Campus/diversity.	9/15/2023 3:29 PM
220	Quiet space between houses - plus all the greenery.	9/15/2023 3:23 PM
221	All amenities are very close.	9/15/2023 3:11 PM
222	born and raised	9/15/2023 2:22 PM
223	Been here all my life.	9/15/2023 9:26 AM
224	convenient, services, family, friends, Mizzou	9/15/2023 9:21 AM
225	I live in the County but still close to everything.	9/15/2023 9:11 AM
226	Its my home. Town Columbia. Born and raised.	9/15/2023 9:03 AM
227	Central, peaceful, outdoorsy, parks	9/15/2023 8:39 AM
228	Over 40 years ago it was close to my work.	9/15/2023 8:32 AM
229	Where I was raised.	9/14/2023 3:51 PM
230	History. Only place I have lived.	9/14/2023 3:30 PM
231	My acres.	9/14/2023 3:24 PM
232	forest, rivers, wildlife, small towns	9/14/2023 3:16 PM
233	centrally located with good resources	9/14/2023 3:10 PM
234	Love our home and acreage	9/14/2023 1:34 PM
235	Access to well paying jobs, great family opportunities, many places to connect with nature	9/14/2023 1:24 PM
236	I love living in the country and still having access to libraries, movies, plays, shopping, good restaurants. good medical facilities, and other cultural and social activities in Columbia and surrounding areas.	9/13/2023 2:40 PM
237	Amenities, people, outdoor options	9/13/2023 11:16 AM
238	Proximity to Columbia / Jefferson City	9/13/2023 11:00 AM
239	More job opportunities available	9/13/2023 9:07 AM
240	I was born and raised	9/13/2023 5:51 AM
241	I love living in southern Boone because I am away from the city but still have the convenience of a short drive.	9/13/2023 4:09 AM
242	Family land.	9/12/2023 10:45 PM
243	cost of living	9/12/2023 8:52 AM
244	Quiet safe area	9/11/2023 11:21 PM
245	Opportunity	9/11/2023 10:10 PM
246	River university hippies arts cl8maate	9/11/2023 9:12 PM
247	Beer football music food entertainment	9/11/2023 4:38 PM
248	I love the Rural Life.	9/11/2023 4:08 PM
249	I have people I love here	9/11/2023 2:38 PM
250	Colleges, universities, health care & schools	9/11/2023 2:15 PM
251	I do not love it.	9/11/2023 1:58 PM
252	Close to Columbia	9/11/2023 1:02 PM
253	I like being relatively close to the services available in Columbia.	9/11/2023 10:37 AM
254	Good schools, great people, close to columbia.	9/10/2023 9:09 PM
255	Outdoors, people, lack of traffic	9/10/2023 4:32 PM

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256	In 'country', close to Columbia	9/10/2023 4:09 PM
257	family orientated, culture, parks, college town	9/10/2023 3:34 PM
258	It's all I've ever called home	9/10/2023 1:04 PM
259	Away from people	9/9/2023 4:35 PM
260	Small town feel with everything	9/9/2023 3:27 PM
261	Good midwestern values	9/9/2023 12:43 PM
262	My home and my church	9/9/2023 7:59 AM
263	Middle of the state	9/8/2023 2:27 PM
264	Its home	9/8/2023 2:25 PM
265	This works for our family	9/8/2023 1:21 PM
266	It's quite, wooded, and not many people where I live.	9/7/2023 7:26 PM
267	It's beautiful and welcoming	9/7/2023 3:00 PM
268	I'm ambivalent about Boone County.	9/7/2023 10:15 AM
269	Ozarks, Weather, Beauty, River, Seasons	9/7/2023 7:10 AM
270	Open farm land around me	9/6/2023 11:46 PM
271	Good people, good atmosphere	9/6/2023 11:34 PM
272	Access to cultural events, acceoting	9/6/2023 10:55 PM
273	Educated population, more multicultural, amenities, activities.	9/6/2023 2:05 PM
274	Born and raised here	9/6/2023 1:42 PM
275	Location	9/6/2023 12:57 PM
276	Diversity	9/6/2023 12:20 PM
277	Less regulations and taxes	9/6/2023 9:14 AM
278	Rural but close to Columbia	9/6/2023 7:51 AM
279	Proximity family employment friends River	9/5/2023 9:12 PM
280	Rural with easy access to Columbia	9/5/2023 8:34 PM
281	Experience raw and pure nature. Environmentally cleaner	9/5/2023 6:47 PM
282	small with a big feel	9/5/2023 4:59 PM
283	I enjoy living on a farm, having high speed internet, and living within 30 minutes to medical and shopping in Columbia.	9/5/2023 4:13 PM
284	Unique size and diversity of community.	9/5/2023 3:27 PM
285	The natural beauty	9/5/2023 6:39 AM
286	Rural setting with easy access to amenities	9/5/2023 5:55 AM
287	Clean, options, university, family	9/4/2023 8:51 PM
288	People who love our community!	9/4/2023 2:34 PM
289	It's where my husband was raised	9/4/2023 2:20 PM
290	Close to, far from, Columbia	9/4/2023 12:53 PM
291	Urban amenities, small town feel.	9/4/2023 12:02 PM
292	Less red tape than living in Columbia	9/4/2023 7:07 AM

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293	living in rural area, 15 minutes from best health care and social benefits of columbia and a university town	9/3/2023 11:29 PM
294	Where I live	9/3/2023 9:49 PM
295	It's a semi-blue oasis in a sea of red. Boone county has a welcoming and caring feeling	9/3/2023 8:56 PM
296	Country living, great neighbors, 63 is always maintained, progress of community.	9/3/2023 3:57 PM
297	Liberal, environmental, cultural, health, services	9/3/2023 3:29 PM
298	It's home.	9/3/2023 3:08 PM
299	Close to medical facilities	9/3/2023 11:37 AM
300	Woods, animals, quiet	9/3/2023 9:48 AM
301	Close to University, Columbia has well developed arts & music; wildlife, landforms.	9/2/2023 5:08 PM
302	Close to family	9/2/2023 3:30 PM
303	Pretty, nature, trails, open space	9/2/2023 11:15 AM
304	Can't think of anything	9/2/2023 9:02 AM
305	Prior to 2021, housing/property prices were very reasonable.	9/2/2023 8:19 AM
306	Bc it's rural and we hope to keep it that way.	9/2/2023 7:14 AM
307	Columbia is a great community	9/1/2023 9:59 PM
308	Family, community, education, opportunities, wilderness	9/1/2023 9:37 PM
309	outdoor beauty, hiking, birding	9/1/2023 4:18 PM
310	Low cost of living and lower taxes compared to the city of Communistacolumbia....	9/1/2023 2:26 PM
311	Wonderful mix of urban and rural qualities	9/1/2023 1:56 PM
312	Trails and wildlife	9/1/2023 1:54 PM
313	Great for raising a family.	9/1/2023 12:31 PM
314	Inexpensive and recreation activities	9/1/2023 12:31 PM
315	The people	9/1/2023 10:39 AM
316	Do not live in Columbia.	9/1/2023 7:16 AM
317	Open spaces clean	8/31/2023 11:45 PM
318	Health care, shopping, sports	8/31/2023 1:48 PM
319	Close to work	8/30/2023 9:26 PM
320	Hometown. Rural. Healthcare Access.	8/30/2023 7:37 PM
321	Nature, art and education	8/30/2023 5:22 PM
322	Not a fan of City of Columbia government.	8/30/2023 5:01 PM
323	Great dining and various activities.	8/30/2023 1:33 PM
324	Friendly, quiet, peaceful,	8/29/2023 5:56 PM
325	Not big, but has everything	8/29/2023 4:30 PM
326	The importance placed on Public Safety departments.	8/29/2023 1:12 PM
327	I don't	8/29/2023 11:10 AM
328	Livable community with great opportunities	8/29/2023 11:09 AM
329	small town feel	8/29/2023 7:42 AM
330	Schools, people, land	8/28/2023 9:03 PM

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331	Regulations to protect the People.	8/28/2023 5:10 PM
332	It's not in Columbia.	8/28/2023 12:02 PM
333	life long resident	8/28/2023 11:28 AM
334	I love living in a rural area. My concern is that development is destroying the rural environment.	8/28/2023 9:10 AM
335	Affordable w excellent quality of life opportunity.	8/28/2023 9:10 AM
336	Easy access to services, restaurants, concerts, and friends.	8/28/2023 8:50 AM
337	lots of Public Land in the County	8/28/2023 7:38 AM
338	Cost. Uncrowded. Peaceful	8/27/2023 3:03 PM
339	Centralized location. Short commute to and from work	8/27/2023 8:17 AM
340	Caves, River, UMC	8/27/2023 8:10 AM
341	Access to medical care	8/27/2023 7:19 AM
342	Great opportunities, near and far.	8/26/2023 9:33 PM
343	It's Home	8/26/2023 1:47 PM
344	Great library, farmers market, easy to get around. Many wonderful art shows and music and movie theaters, medical services, and parks.	8/26/2023 11:40 AM
345	I don't too many regulations	8/26/2023 10:20 AM
346	Beautiful country, but town close.	8/26/2023 10:10 AM
347	Watching wildlife. The quiet. The sheriffs deputies and volunteer fire department are amazing.	8/26/2023 2:23 AM
348	Love is a strong word.	8/25/2023 5:45 PM
349	Green space, ease of travel	8/25/2023 4:13 PM
350	Nature has been preserved and the views are delightful.	8/25/2023 3:57 PM
351	Easy, accessible, friendly, inexpensive, progressive	8/25/2023 1:52 PM
352	Community, local businesses, and farmers market	8/25/2023 12:11 PM
353	Rural, work, health care	8/25/2023 11:26 AM
354	City amenities, rural lifestyle	8/25/2023 10:29 AM
355	An Inclusive Community, Many agencies to assist our families in need.	8/25/2023 10:03 AM
356	Low cost of living.	8/25/2023 9:59 AM
357	Accessible Safe Resourceful Clean Opportunistic	8/25/2023 9:41 AM
358	Central, progressive, culture	8/25/2023 7:36 AM
359	Urban opportunities, rural setting	8/25/2023 6:58 AM
360	The access to activities, restaurants, shops, concerts.	8/24/2023 7:48 PM
361	where I was Born	8/24/2023 6:36 PM
362	Wide assortment of ethnicities, Geographical Accessibility, and Low stress living	8/24/2023 4:02 PM
363	Great schools, nice people.	8/24/2023 9:18 AM
364	Quiet. No drama.	8/24/2023 9:14 AM
365	The job market in Columbia, else I would move done place cheaper	8/24/2023 6:33 AM
366	Quiet, safe, opportunities, resources, healthcare	8/23/2023 8:39 PM
367	Access to cultural diversity	8/23/2023 8:38 PM

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368	Not in Columbia	8/23/2023 2:38 PM
369	Convenience	8/23/2023 12:30 PM
370	It's diverse and interesting	8/23/2023 10:41 AM
371	It is a rural area.	8/23/2023 10:24 AM
372	Home, family and safety.	8/23/2023 9:48 AM
373	It's been my home forever	8/23/2023 7:30 AM
374	Sbc schools	8/23/2023 5:39 AM
375	Can't say I do. Highest taxes with most rules.	8/22/2023 7:38 PM
376	love mid missouri	8/22/2023 11:22 AM
377	Our family lives here.	8/22/2023 10:07 AM
378	I'm a native	8/22/2023 10:03 AM
379	Location, recreation, shopping, doctors, activities	8/22/2023 9:46 AM
380	Progressive, diverse, and cultural Columbia.	8/22/2023 8:57 AM
381	Born & raised here.	8/22/2023 8:48 AM
382	the presence of MU	8/22/2023 8:17 AM
383	The natural resources, and protected wildlife areas	8/22/2023 7:44 AM
384	I dont	8/22/2023 6:47 AM
385	road and power line maintenance is good. cost of living is low.	8/22/2023 6:19 AM
386	School district	8/22/2023 6:12 AM
387	Schools, Land	8/22/2023 6:10 AM
388	Lots of supports for my children, lots of things to do, job opportunities	8/22/2023 5:51 AM
389	Being in the country	8/21/2023 4:04 PM
390	Services are available nearby	8/21/2023 3:43 PM
391	Its beautiful and the heart of the Missouri.	8/21/2023 3:05 PM
392	I love living in Boone county due to the proximity of parks, lakes and the multitude of conservation areas. We have good schools and opportunities for work as well as good healthcare services.	8/21/2023 2:26 PM
393	Love the diversity of the population and more liberal-minded folks	8/21/2023 1:22 PM
394	close to work	8/21/2023 8:45 AM
395	It has my home	8/21/2023 8:36 AM
396	Rural setting close to town	8/21/2023 7:24 AM
397	I don't love it.	8/20/2023 5:04 PM
398	I love having the freedom that living in the city does not allow. We love the quiet, the neighbors, the joy of owning our own land.	8/20/2023 4:27 PM
399	Good schools, good neighbors	8/20/2023 12:13 PM
400	It use to be affordable	8/19/2023 5:41 PM
401	Close to the river	8/19/2023 3:28 PM
402	Family and friends live here	8/19/2023 3:27 PM
403	?	8/19/2023 3:24 PM
404	Wilderness areas, Missouri River	8/19/2023 2:49 PM

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405	Wife's family	8/19/2023 1:03 PM
406	Family farm	8/19/2023 10:04 AM
407	Not having to deal with the City of Columbia and their nonsense rules with trash and other stuff.	8/19/2023 7:59 AM
408	Central location	8/19/2023 7:00 AM
409	Good balance of opportunity.	8/19/2023 5:03 AM
410	All the increasing taxation	8/18/2023 9:22 PM
411	columbia and rural too	8/18/2023 8:43 PM
412	Good land use control.	8/18/2023 8:21 PM
413	I don't	8/18/2023 8:15 PM
414	Low taxes, high quality life	8/18/2023 7:13 PM
415	Love rural but also Columbia.	8/18/2023 6:21 PM
416	Geographic and biodiversity.	8/18/2023 4:11 PM
417	It is close to the University of Missouri.	8/18/2023 3:23 PM
418	Peaceful and green	8/18/2023 2:31 PM
419	College, amenities, employment	8/18/2023 1:30 PM
420	My family bought this land in the late 1800s. Lived on a different farm in South Boone County before that. This is my home.	8/18/2023 1:20 PM
421	Character, Opportunity, People, Community, Arts	8/18/2023 1:19 PM
422	Not lovin' it much anymore. It's not the same. Too much crime and too many people.	8/18/2023 12:43 PM
423	I don't	8/18/2023 11:12 AM
424	Love the location in Missouri.	8/18/2023 11:11 AM
425	We have many of the opportunities available in much larger cities in the City of Columbia, and still have plenty of green space.	8/18/2023 10:46 AM
426	Daily living is easy.	8/18/2023 10:16 AM
427	Small but large enough to have amenities like concerts, theatrical productions, community events. Good law enforcement (sheriff). Good neighbors. Rural yet somewhat urban	8/18/2023 10:12 AM
428	Love living in the country but have good access to nearby small towns and easy access to bigger cities.	8/18/2023 9:49 AM
429	born and raised	8/18/2023 9:46 AM
430	City amenities with small-town feel	8/18/2023 9:22 AM
431	Location, Amenities, Traffic, Geography	8/18/2023 9:21 AM
432	It's the a liberal county.	8/18/2023 9:16 AM
433	access to healthcare	8/18/2023 8:56 AM
434	Close retail, health and entertainment	8/18/2023 8:49 AM
435	from here, grew up here	8/18/2023 8:46 AM
436	between big city and small city	8/18/2023 8:45 AM
437	Near columbia	8/18/2023 8:19 AM
438	Diversity and inclusion are valued here, unlike surrounding rural counties. Beautiful hiking trails and nature areas. Largest city is just right- not too big, not too small. Easy drive to KC or STL.	8/18/2023 6:21 AM

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439	Poorly worded question. I love the area I live in, the fact that it is in Boone County is just coincidence.	8/18/2023 5:55 AM
440	I live in the country	8/17/2023 8:55 PM
441	The outdoors	8/17/2023 7:33 PM
442	My friends are here	8/17/2023 6:15 PM
443	Nice trails	8/17/2023 6:11 PM
444	Close to work	8/17/2023 4:05 PM
445	Not as crazy as St Louis	8/17/2023 3:01 PM
446	beauty, education, culture, attitude	8/17/2023 2:42 PM
447	I love Boone County because I grew up here but I am concerned about the changes in the last 10 years and contemplating moving.	8/17/2023 1:34 PM
448	Quality of life	8/17/2023 1:10 PM
449	central, diverse jobs and culture	8/17/2023 1:01 PM
450	Never lived anywhere else.	8/17/2023 11:57 AM
451	I don't	8/17/2023 7:21 AM
452	community, rural feel with city amenities	8/16/2023 9:38 PM
453	Great county due everything available	8/16/2023 7:05 PM
454	My home and church	8/16/2023 7:01 PM
455	Columbia is a big small town. I love 12 miles from 70. 5 minutes from the airport and a mile from 63. University provides many Big City entertainment opportunities, lots of things to do all year round. Weather is good, generally. Except ice storms.	8/16/2023 5:36 PM
456	I don't	8/16/2023 4:45 PM
457	Economic strength	8/16/2023 4:37 PM
458	Intellectual, cultural, commercial, natural resources	8/16/2023 1:57 PM
459	My farm land	8/16/2023 1:53 PM
460	Small community with big amenities	8/16/2023 12:43 PM
461	Family	8/16/2023 12:21 PM
462	I don't but this is where I live	8/16/2023 12:08 PM
463	Rural community with like minded neighbors who believe in the law and follow it!	8/16/2023 11:39 AM
464	Needs much improvements	8/16/2023 10:42 AM
465	Natural resources	8/16/2023 10:03 AM
466	Family, Nature, recreation, MU	8/16/2023 9:16 AM
467	Great location and people.	8/16/2023 9:10 AM
468	Great access to both country, nature and city	8/16/2023 9:02 AM
469	People, outdoors, Columbia	8/16/2023 8:54 AM
470	Quiet, scenic, convenient to town.	8/16/2023 8:46 AM
471	Diverse vibrant community and habitat (funny---this choice popped up below).	8/16/2023 8:39 AM
472	It's where I was born and raised. We have a farming operation and seed cleaning business that has been in business for 50+ years.	8/16/2023 8:07 AM
473	I consider it "HOME"	8/16/2023 8:01 AM

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474	Progressive, central, friends and family.	8/16/2023 7:58 AM
475	"Love" is the wrong word.	8/16/2023 7:48 AM
476	Good rural urban balance	8/16/2023 7:43 AM
477	ecosystem, soil, Columbia culture, hiking	8/16/2023 7:30 AM
478	Born and raised here.	8/16/2023 7:24 AM
479	Nearby cities	8/16/2023 6:59 AM
480	Close to the amenities offered within Columbia (medical, shopping, mizzou, restaurants , etc).	8/16/2023 6:53 AM
481	My area has relatively large properties with stable owners, yet we are close enough to a great university town for easy access and nice diversity of people and cultural opportunities.	8/16/2023 6:48 AM
482	Simple conservative values.	8/15/2023 10:58 PM
483	Peaceful where I live	8/15/2023 10:06 PM
484	Best mix of city and country	8/15/2023 9:23 PM
485	Diversity and living in an area that feels like a small town/close community, but shares the same progressive values that I hold.	8/15/2023 9:20 PM
486	Lower population	8/15/2023 9:17 PM
487	Live on family farm	8/15/2023 8:35 PM
488	Modern conveniences, smaller crowds	8/15/2023 8:31 PM
489	Everything you need is here!!	8/15/2023 8:17 PM
490	Liberal, informed, active, engaged population	8/15/2023 8:05 PM
491	I don't. I detest Boone County because the City of Columbia has BULLIED the county since before it was incorporated. When the County gets its act together and takes control of the county I'll be impressed.	8/15/2023 6:37 PM
492	It's where I was born	8/15/2023 6:30 PM
493	Location	8/15/2023 5:03 PM
494	Legacy and heritage	8/15/2023 5:01 PM
495	Access to shopping and medical services.	8/15/2023 4:34 PM
496	Loving less all the time.	8/15/2023 11:38 AM
497	Liberal	8/15/2023 9:56 AM
498	Variety of activities for families	8/15/2023 9:55 AM
499	Progressive, low cost community	8/15/2023 9:52 AM
500	snow removal, lack of restrictions	8/15/2023 9:33 AM
501	sporting events, family opportunity,trails	8/15/2023 8:58 AM
502	Quiet, low to no crime, Columbia is easily accessible, lower taxes.	8/15/2023 4:15 AM
503	variety of people/activities	8/14/2023 7:47 PM
504	Close to my sister's family	8/14/2023 6:29 PM
505	I like Columbia's activities. Going to the Lake of Ozarks.	8/14/2023 6:21 PM
506	Healthcare, good clean living, cultural access, education	8/14/2023 4:54 PM
507	Close to where we work	8/14/2023 4:08 PM
508	Proximity to Columbia.	8/14/2023 1:35 PM
509	I don't	8/14/2023 1:21 PM

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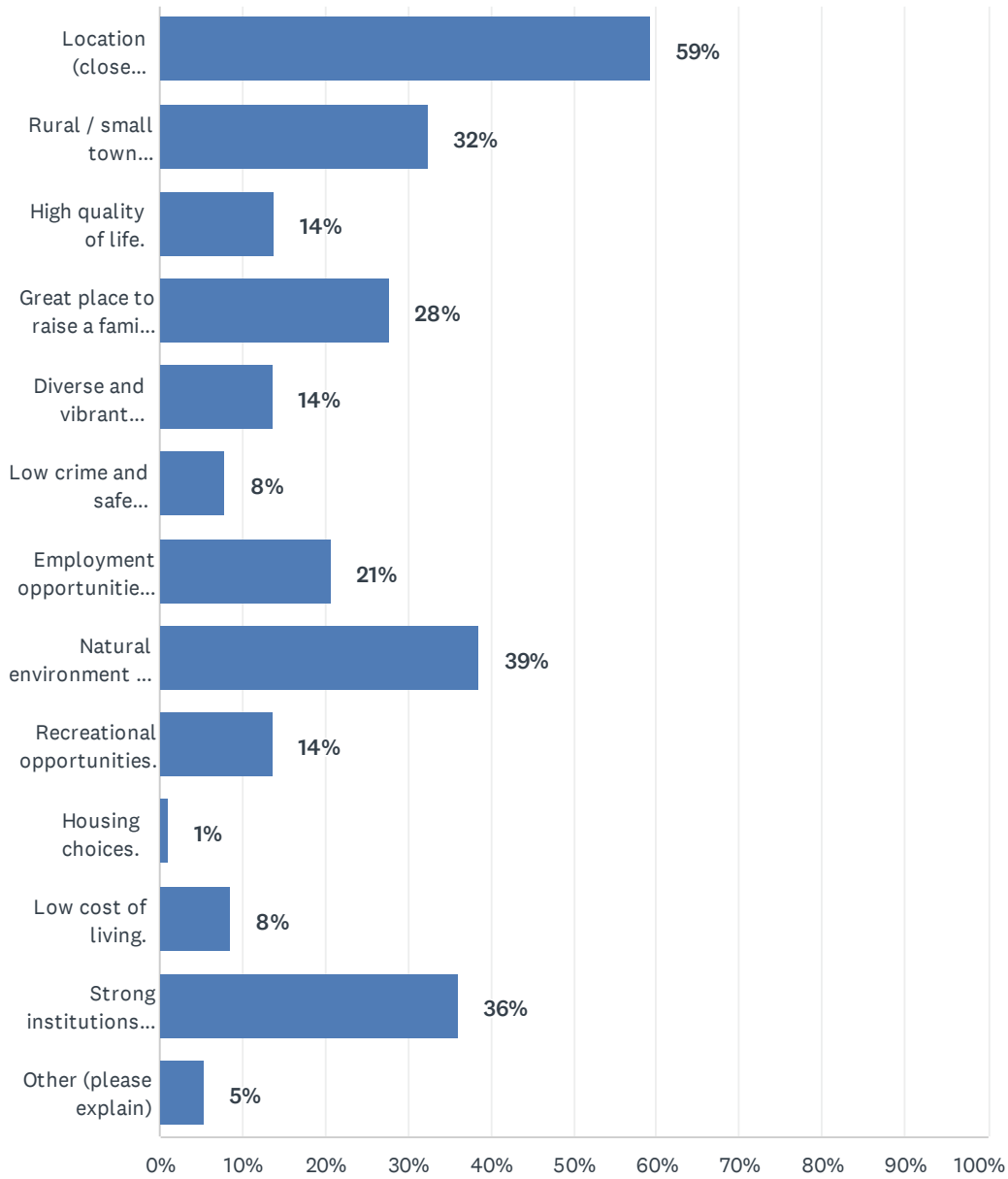
510	Availability of Community life	8/14/2023 1:04 PM
511	Reasonably quiet and peaceful	8/14/2023 12:11 PM
512	Healthcare, education, entertainment	8/13/2023 7:55 PM
513	middle of the united states	8/13/2023 2:49 PM
514	Health care, education, social, religion, restaurants	8/12/2023 9:06 PM
515	The liberal leaning of Columbia	8/11/2023 5:23 PM
516	Centrally located in the state.	8/11/2023 3:58 PM
517	Green space	8/11/2023 2:22 PM
518	City access with country living	8/11/2023 7:03 AM
519	Beautiful country - love my small town	8/10/2023 9:00 PM
520	I don't LOVE living in Boone County-it was a necessity at the time I purchased for the employment I had at that time	8/10/2023 6:28 PM
521	Test test	8/10/2023 4:50 PM
522	Best place to live in Missouri	8/10/2023 9:38 AM
523	Small town atmosphere big town amenities	8/10/2023 9:22 AM
524	Convenient to work	8/10/2023 7:21 AM
525	Enjoy the variety of things to do	8/9/2023 10:38 PM
526	my grandkids are here	8/9/2023 9:45 PM
527	?	8/9/2023 9:31 PM
528	I don't	8/9/2023 8:40 PM
529	Location, rural	8/9/2023 5:04 PM
530	Recreation, Diversity, Community, Economy	8/9/2023 4:15 PM
531	A-1 zoning and green space	8/9/2023 1:31 PM
532	Really don't jyst where I ended up.	8/9/2023 10:59 AM
533	Job opportunities	8/9/2023 9:38 AM
534	Country, privacy	8/9/2023 9:04 AM
535	Close to medical care	8/8/2023 8:33 PM
536	small metropolitan location	8/8/2023 11:28 AM
537	Country living	8/8/2023 10:24 AM
538	Homeplace owned since Indians	8/8/2023 9:44 AM
539	I grew up in Boone County	8/8/2023 8:53 AM
540	Quiet peaceful no close neighbors	8/8/2023 7:55 AM
541	So many good people. Enough to mostly avoid the awful ones.	8/8/2023 7:08 AM
542	Lots to do	8/8/2023 1:43 AM
543	Faith, Family, Farmland, and Opportunities	8/8/2023 12:19 AM
544	Amazing economic opportunities.	8/7/2023 10:46 PM
545	Born & raised	8/7/2023 9:48 PM
546	It's where I grew up	8/7/2023 9:31 PM
547	Great neighborhood	8/7/2023 8:54 PM

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548	Boone County is central to Missouri & the US. I also feel it is a more moderate are to live	8/7/2023 9:44 AM
549	People, arts, health, food, location	8/7/2023 12:11 AM
550	the culture, university, live in the country but have access to the entertainment of a big city(not stl or kc) but all of the benefits. friends and family close by.	8/6/2023 8:32 PM
551	Provides open spaces, freedom, and privacy.	8/5/2023 9:00 AM
552	Our business is here.	8/5/2023 8:09 AM
553	urban, rural, diverse, eco-aware, educated	8/4/2023 3:46 PM

Q8 What are the top three strengths of living in Boone County? [choose up to three]

Answered: 723 Skipped: 19



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Location (close proximity to Columbia amenities, close proximity to other parts of the state).	59%	428
Rural / small town atmosphere.	32%	234
High quality of life.	14%	100
Great place to raise a family (good schools, activities, community resources, etc.).	28%	200
Diverse and vibrant culture.	14%	99
Low crime and safe neighborhoods.	8%	57
Employment opportunities and proximity to jobs.	21%	150
Natural environment and scenic beauty.	39%	279
Recreational opportunities.	14%	99
Housing choices.	1%	7
Low cost of living.	8%	61
Strong institutions (health care, higher education, etc.).	36%	260
Other (please explain)	5%	38
Total Respondents: 723		

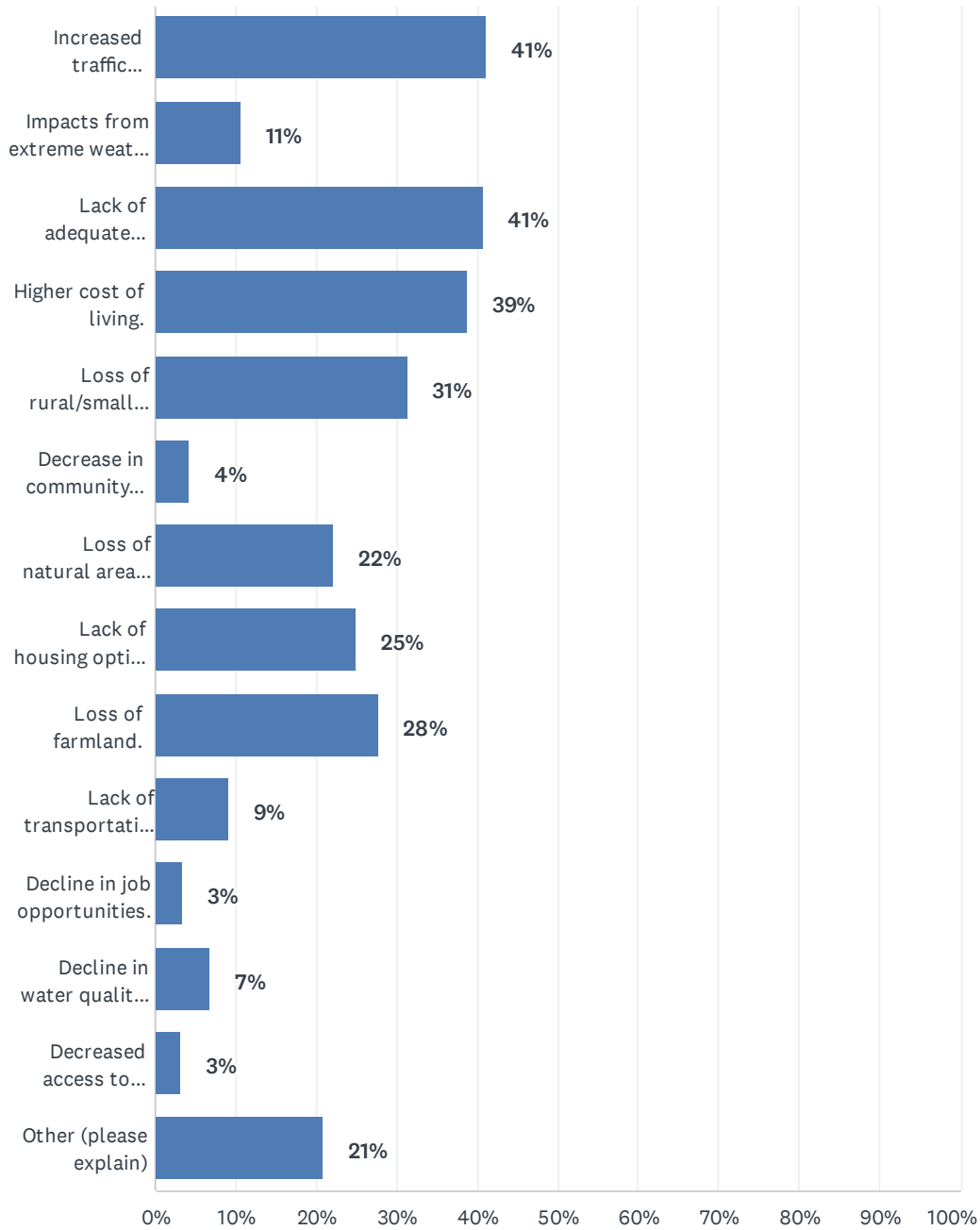
#	OTHER (PLEASE EXPLAIN)	DATE
1	Don't like the taxes and too much government control	10/5/2023 3:00 PM
2	Also rural/small town atmosphere, great place to raise a family, diverse and bright culture, and strong institutions	10/5/2023 1:57 PM
3	Your choices are ridiculous	10/5/2023 1:02 PM
4	Boone County had great strength about 50 years ago. It was run by common sense!	10/4/2023 5:31 PM
5	Logboat brewery.	10/4/2023 8:56 AM
6	10 years ago I would have included schools and low crime, but those have declined a lot and are problems today.	10/3/2023 10:09 AM
7	Beginning to wonder	9/28/2023 6:50 PM
8	Close to jefferson city	9/28/2023 4:18 PM
9	Educational opportunities such as Osher, One Read, book talks, etc...	9/28/2023 8:52 AM
10	.	9/24/2023 4:05 PM
11	Live near grandchildren.	9/22/2023 12:53 PM
12	Mostly low level jobs and under paid trades, but well paid admin careers.	9/22/2023 12:10 PM
13	Well it used to be small.	9/22/2023 11:55 AM
14	The medical and academic communities and their assets near very rural areas.	9/18/2023 4:55 PM
15	.	9/18/2023 12:54 PM
16	Home	9/18/2023 12:03 PM
17	Ability to live AWAY from liberal-controlled towns, such as Columbia.	9/17/2023 12:30 PM
18	Disable can't go anywhere.	9/15/2023 4:30 PM
19	Close to hospital.	9/15/2023 8:32 AM

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20	.	9/14/2023 3:16 PM
21	The only reason for living in a Boone County is to stay near my daughters mother for shared custody. As soon as she graduates and leaves for college we will move away from Boone County as fast as we can.	9/13/2023 9:07 AM
22	I don't know.	9/12/2023 10:45 PM
23	Less outward racism and bigotry than some other Missouri counties.	9/6/2023 2:05 PM
24	MU's presence enriches us all.	9/1/2023 2:02 PM
25	Not many plants that I am allergic too.	9/1/2023 12:31 PM
26	Close to shopping and amenities	8/28/2023 5:10 PM
27	Distance between neighbors	8/27/2023 6:09 AM
28	Only reason for staying if you don't have a far commute to work	8/23/2023 5:39 AM
29	Opportunity for sheep dogs to protect the sheepeople from the wolves and themselves	8/19/2023 5:41 PM
30	Broken survey made choose other.	8/18/2023 7:13 PM
31	Family lives here	8/17/2023 4:05 PM
32	The only reason I moved here was a employment opportunity	8/16/2023 12:08 PM
33	When we went shopping for a house, we realized that buying north of 70 outside the City limits of Columbia cut 10K off of any similar property south of 70.	8/16/2023 7:48 AM
34	Ability to have a rural lifestyle close to what's needed in a city	8/15/2023 8:17 PM
35	Zip	8/15/2023 6:37 PM
36	Boone county once had all the qualities listed above. However, we are losing ground in most areas. The more we try to cater to special interest groups, we lose focus on what the role of a county government is.	8/15/2023 11:38 AM
37	Better than living in St Louis or Kansas City, but that isn't saying much	8/14/2023 1:21 PM
38	bike paths	8/13/2023 2:49 PM

Q9 What do you think are the top three challenges to the quality of life in Boone County in the next 20-30 years? [choose up to three]

Answered: 723 Skipped: 19



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Increased traffic congestion.	41%	298
Impacts from extreme weather (flooding, drought, heat waves, etc.).	11%	77
Lack of adequate infrastructure (roads, sewers, water, internet, etc.).	41%	294
Higher cost of living.	39%	280
Loss of rural/small town atmosphere.	31%	227
Decrease in community services.	4%	31
Loss of natural areas, open space, and recreational opportunities.	22%	160
Lack of housing options and/or affordable housing.	25%	180
Loss of farmland.	28%	200
Lack of transportation options (biking, walking, and transit).	9%	67
Decline in job opportunities.	3%	25
Decline in water quality or water supplies.	7%	49
Decreased access to health care.	3%	23
Other (please explain)	21%	151
Total Respondents: 723		

#	OTHER (PLEASE EXPLAIN)	DATE
1	Crime increasing in and around Columbia with growing numbers of street / homeless people.	10/6/2023 11:22 AM
2	More crime occurring w/ homeless camps and other individuals.	10/6/2023 10:45 AM
3	common sense people will not want to volunteer for job running our town / county - potential lack of police / sheriffs	10/5/2023 4:46 PM
4	lack of easting establishments	10/5/2023 3:55 PM
5	Loss of conservative values	10/5/2023 2:53 PM
6	Varnon School Road is gravel. Gravel wash outs during heavy rainfall. It needs a hard surface.	10/5/2023 2:43 PM
7	High crime and high property taxes	10/5/2023 2:26 PM
8	Suburban sprawl over taking rural areas	10/5/2023 2:01 PM
9	Little if any enforcement of county regulations	10/5/2023 1:21 PM
10	Too much regulations	10/5/2023 1:12 PM
11	Woke agenda	10/5/2023 1:02 PM
12	Political divide	10/4/2023 5:18 PM
13	Brightspeed needs a walk in business office. I was charged \$50 for service call that never occurred. No refund yet.	10/4/2023 8:56 AM
14	Higher taxes then surrounding counties. High crime (how is this not an option)	10/3/2023 3:39 PM
15	Increasing welfare, crime, homeless people, and liberal government.	10/3/2023 10:09 AM
16	Political climate.	10/3/2023 10:02 AM
17	Fix the roads we have	10/2/2023 5:29 PM

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18	Increased crime	10/2/2023 5:26 PM
19	Increase in crime and violence	9/30/2023 8:47 PM
20	Major increase in crime.	9/30/2023 9:23 AM
21	Crime	9/29/2023 10:04 AM
22	The spread of Columbia's crime, irresponsible spending, and ludicrous social values south into traditionally responsible, conservative parts of the county. Ashland is overflowing with Columbia expats.	9/29/2023 6:16 AM
23	Boone County needs to establish its own regulations that are stronger than those of the MO DNR and that apply to operations of 1000 animal units or larger, including increased setbacks, prohibit spraying of waste products on Boone County land including transfers of waste to another owner, require setbacks around streams and rivers and increase these setbacks for CAFOs, and require bonding for operations.	9/29/2023 12:06 AM
24	Commercial development in residential areas	9/28/2023 10:10 PM
25	making developers follow the road construction codes	9/28/2023 6:50 PM
26	No broadband Internet service in my neighborhood	9/28/2023 6:42 PM
27	Liberal mindset in columbia	9/28/2023 4:18 PM
28	I live to the north of Columbia. Boone County is growing in the south but not here. We no longer have recycling center, convenient library drop box (not drive up), need larger and more grocery stores, more restaurants, etc....	9/28/2023 8:52 AM
29	Crime	9/28/2023 8:07 AM
30	excessive government regulation and increasing taxes	9/28/2023 7:03 AM
31	Crime and Columbia's losing first responders and policemen; funding for public safety	9/27/2023 12:38 AM
32	Crime.	9/26/2023 9:35 PM
33	County government that does not care about its citizens or democracy. Went to two resource meetings and was treated like a criminal when those convening the meeting threatened to have me removed at one. At the other they attempted to start a meeting without a quorum, but one brave person at least stopped the sham. You are letting a quarry damage our homes.	9/26/2023 2:25 PM
34	Lack of High speed internet access.	9/26/2023 6:46 AM
35	Crime - how can you not have this listed for Columbia!	9/25/2023 10:11 AM
36	poor county management	9/25/2023 9:12 AM
37	.	9/24/2023 4:30 PM
38	Can't do anything without a permit. It's all about how much money they can get from you!	9/24/2023 4:05 PM
39	Oversized influence of real estate and land development interests on public policy and governmental decision-making at the expense of environmental considerations (quality, equitable distribution, preservation and improvement of natural resources).	9/24/2023 7:34 AM
40	Higher crime rates	9/23/2023 9:11 PM
41	Roads needs to be blacktop. Dust	9/22/2023 6:53 PM
42	Liberal attitudes	9/22/2023 4:10 PM
43	Dominance of liberal thinking and expectations or urban factor.	9/22/2023 12:00 PM
44	Increase in crime.	9/22/2023 11:49 AM
45	Increasing property and sales taxes	9/22/2023 8:04 AM
46	1. To many social programs w/ tax dollars. 2. Growing # homeless people. 3. Murder / crime 4. Lack of enforcement of the law. 5. Not enough discipline in schools (public). It leads to better civic minded young people.	9/21/2023 1:48 PM

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47	High crime in Columbia.	9/21/2023 1:40 PM
48	Rural roads are horrible. Keep raising property tax.	9/20/2023 2:44 PM
49	.	9/20/2023 12:44 PM
50	inflation, too much "cultural diversity"	9/19/2023 8:59 AM
51	.	9/19/2023 7:45 AM
52	High speed internet access	9/19/2023 1:52 AM
53	Need more options for making Boone County a place people want to visit - ice skating rink, events, tourism, large lake w/activities, concerts, festivals.	9/18/2023 11:57 AM
54	Diminishing conservative values and loss of personal freedoms in exchange for advancing political agendas.	9/18/2023 11:45 AM
55	crime	9/17/2023 2:37 PM
56	Constant increase in taxes! Both personal and property.	9/17/2023 2:22 PM
57	Liberal-controlled areas passing laws that impact rural areas when they do not take the time to understand rural areas. Boone Co should separate from Columbia.	9/17/2023 12:30 PM
58	crime	9/17/2023 9:34 AM
59	Increase in crime!	9/15/2023 4:09 PM
60	Increase in gun violence/crime. Recycling and waste disposal.	9/15/2023 4:02 PM
61	The #1 challenge is the City allowing pan handlers and homeless being drawn to the city of Columbia because of the attitude of city leaders. You don't have this problem in the affluent areas. Very disingenuous. Columbia will lose large conventions/events if not handled properly!	9/15/2023 3:48 PM
62	Increase in crime.	9/15/2023 3:33 PM
63	Homeless population begging at every intersection. Drug/crime problems in community.	9/15/2023 9:26 AM
64	University of Missouri Board of Curators lack of situational awareness.	9/13/2023 11:00 AM
65	I find it hilarious the you didn't include increased crime rate as an option when that is the probably the number one issue now and crime will only get worse with Columbia's failure to prosecute criminals to the full extent of the law.	9/13/2023 9:07 AM
66	Drifters, pan handlers	9/13/2023 5:51 AM
67	Taxes to high	9/12/2023 10:45 PM
68	Columbia is building outward destroying forests, natural areas, farmland, and green space, leaving no parks withing walking distance and increasing commuting time to jobs. No consideration is given to the traffic that hundreds of new homes create. We have watched developers uproot and grind up whole forests, scrape off the top soil to sell and put closely spaced houses on what is left. The wildlife in our area is impoverished as a result. Future development needs to be much greener to prepare the area for what climate change will bring.	9/11/2023 10:37 AM
69	public safety, fire and police	9/10/2023 3:34 PM
70	Lack of adequate sewer services in county doesn't allow for subdivision (or denser) developments. That and current zoning regulations are resulting in a lot of 10 acre tract splits eating up valuable land for future developments. These 10 acre tracts are being recreationally farmed at best. While they are nice (if you can afford it), this is not the highest and best use for this land for the future. This will severely limit development of any type of work force housing as Columbia continues to grow.	9/9/2023 12:43 PM
71	too many dense housing development	9/8/2023 11:58 AM
72	Crime	9/7/2023 10:15 AM
73	Politics. (currently Boone County is more politically neutral or bipartisan than some counties, if that changed many people would not be interested in living here).	9/6/2023 2:05 PM
74	Homeless population and unpleasant side affects from it are becoming more and more obvious	9/6/2023 1:42 PM

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75	Crime	9/5/2023 9:12 PM
76	The amount of gravel roads that are used very frequently and become extremely hazardous in extremely dry conditions due to dust, and wet conditions due to pot holes.	9/5/2023 2:17 PM
77	Increased crime. Increasing population.	9/5/2023 12:31 PM
78	Worse shopping town ever	9/4/2023 2:20 PM
79	Use of eminent domain to take from lawful landowners. It needs to stop.	9/4/2023 12:53 PM
80	Crime	9/4/2023 10:00 AM
81	Roads are in bad shape. We never have gravel, only potholes. We pay a lot in taxes.	9/3/2023 9:49 PM
82	Salaries not comensurate with worth of education & skills. This leads to less SSI at retirement & less pension at source.	9/2/2023 5:08 PM
83	Overpopulation	9/1/2023 1:54 PM
84	Cost of property is going to drive me away when I go to purchase land in the very near future.	9/1/2023 10:39 AM
85	I have lived on Old Mill Creek Rd for 19 years. Development has since exploded south of here and became city territory, yet there has not yet been one improvement to this road. It is now heavily traveled, a major road between 2 elementary schools and has become a dangerous speedway thoroughfare. Although it's a county road, the city bears much of the blame for all of this in that they approved/incorporated all the new areas south. Why have they not taken responsibility to improve the infrastructure to travel to/from those new areas!? This is an example where the city and county need to work together and get this road improved.	8/30/2023 5:01 PM
86	Higher crime rate and gun violence. Political division.	8/30/2023 1:33 PM
87	Government regulations need fewer to improve quality of life	8/30/2023 1:01 PM
88	Crime	8/29/2023 11:10 AM
89	Increasing crime and law enforcement not bothering with "the little things" like gunfire	8/27/2023 3:03 PM
90	Local government overreach with rules and regulations	8/27/2023 6:09 AM
91	Columbia will rule Boone County	8/26/2023 10:20 AM
92	Balancing needs of a predominantly rural county with those of urbanized Columbia.	8/25/2023 5:45 PM
93	Lack of zoning to prevent sprawl	8/25/2023 4:13 PM
94	Loss of the sense of community and the willingness to help one another	8/25/2023 3:12 PM
95	need better restaurants; continued growth of airport is needed	8/25/2023 1:52 PM
96	maintaining and expanding sustainable local food systems	8/25/2023 10:29 AM
97	Acceptance of all ethnic groups related to opportunities, housing and intergroup relations.	8/24/2023 4:02 PM
98	County focus on basics = roads , infrastructure, law enforcement, electrical and water supply,	8/23/2023 8:39 PM
99	Internet sucks anywhere but in town	8/23/2023 2:38 PM
100	Increasing crime.	8/23/2023 12:30 PM
101	Not enough affordable, high quality child care for families.	8/23/2023 10:41 AM
102	Crime	8/22/2023 11:22 AM
103	Expense of flights from airport/lack of flight options.	8/22/2023 10:07 AM
104	in addition to the above lack of housing options/affordable housing, lack of adequate infrastructure, decline in job opportunities, loss of farmland, decline in water quality or water supplies.	8/21/2023 3:05 PM
105	Crime could always be lower.	8/21/2023 2:26 PM
106	Crime	8/20/2023 5:04 PM

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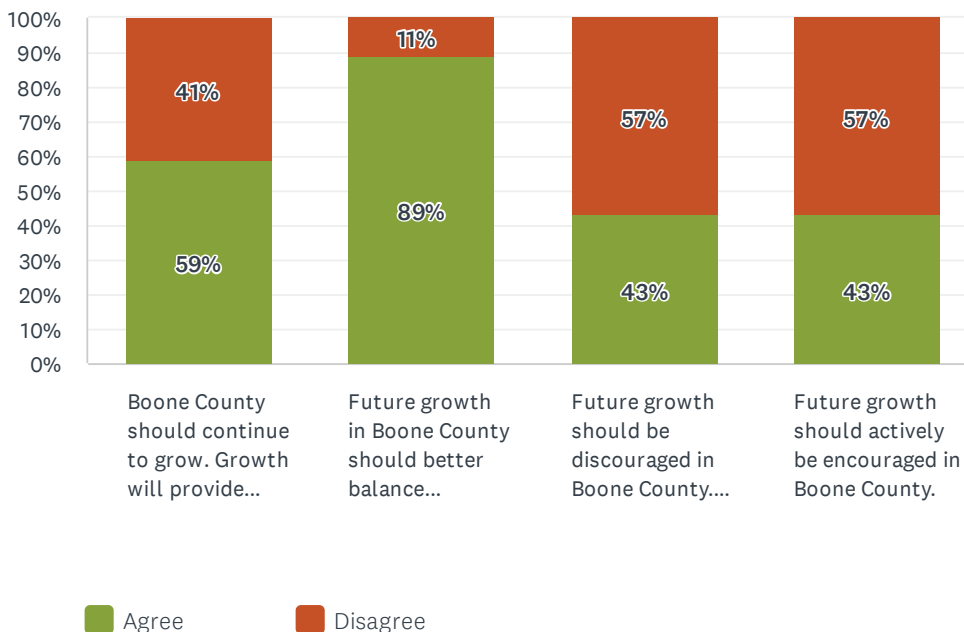
107	Poor County and City government leadership. Never solving any problems and creating new and more trouble for the County and City taxpayer. Our County/City Government is broke and doesn't have any solutions other than higher taxes with less service. Too much government in Boone County	8/19/2023 5:41 PM
108	Surprised that a significant spike in crime and how to curb it is not an option.	8/18/2023 3:23 PM
109	Increase of crime	8/18/2023 2:31 PM
110	Lack of diversity of opinion on the County Commission and the City Council - too one sided.	8/18/2023 1:19 PM
111	CRIME, CRIME AND MORE CRIME,	8/18/2023 12:43 PM
112	The biggest problem is similar to many other major/mid sized cities and that is the drastic increase in the mentally ill homeless population. Columbia has a reputation, rightly so, of being on the leading edge of trying to provide and fund services, yet as we promote these services to serve our community, we also become a magnet attracting those who live in under-served areas around the state and country. We can look at other cities who operate a much larger budget and see how that path trends into a completely unmanageable outcome. This leads me to describe the next major challenge, which is enforcing ordinances. Boone County must be able to develop a system where they can enforce county ordinances that can help manage these future problems. Columbia's decisions will continue attracting more residents who will need an expensive multiprong approach to try and provide care. It is clear from our city and others around the country that these expensive attempts often fail, and those issues will eventually spill into unincorporated areas and become a major County problem as well. While the compassionate efforts will continue, I hope our county can figure out a way to obtain a county level court system to enforce basic ordinances (Loitering / Panhandling / Littering / Peace Disturbance) that will keep those who wish to come here with the expectation that there are some simple expectations that must be followed. This will also keep low level violations out of state level circuit court and provide some relief to the criminal court system. This will also give relief to law-abiding and tax-paying citizens in our County that they will have some structure and expectations about the quality of life. I believe having compassion with this growing population has to walk hand in hand with an enforcement mindset. This leads me to my third problem, which is we need to start tracking and analyzing how our homeless population arrives here. At some point, this information may be valuable in having discussions at the State level. If rural counties drive severely mentally ill patients to our psychiatric facilities and then abandon them, leaving them in Columbia with no plan or no services, that is something we need to track and prove. That data would be important in requesting additional funding and also in holding some other areas accountable for that type of behavior.	8/18/2023 9:21 AM
113	In adequate resources for the mentally ill.	8/18/2023 8:56 AM
114	Roads, shoulders and ditches need a lot of work.	8/18/2023 8:49 AM
115	road conditions - potholes, rough roads	8/18/2023 8:45 AM
116	Property crime	8/18/2023 5:55 AM
117	increase in crime	8/17/2023 8:55 PM
118	Too many round-a-bouts and/or weird intersections (Diverging Diamond)	8/17/2023 3:01 PM
119	Too many people living in too small of a space because of suburban sprawl. Strip mall building being put in while others are being abandoned all over the area.	8/17/2023 1:01 PM
120	Columbia recruits all these businesses to town with out the infrastructure to support it. Traffic is terrible.	8/16/2023 7:01 PM
121	lack of access to high speed internet other than satellite service. Satellite service only works when the weather cooperates	8/16/2023 3:29 PM
122	Inadequate internet, tv, cell phone services	8/16/2023 1:57 PM
123	Cell and internet services	8/16/2023 1:53 PM
124	Woke and liberal agendas are killing our country	8/16/2023 12:08 PM
125	City limits creeping out into the County!	8/16/2023 11:39 AM
126	Too.much Inceasr in crime , coupled with lack of law enforcement.	8/16/2023 10:42 AM

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127	Too many people	8/16/2023 10:03 AM
128	Lack of affordable child care.	8/16/2023 8:46 AM
129	A 3rd/4th choice is: Lack of transportation/traffic congestion. Related, ya know.	8/16/2023 7:48 AM
130	The answers are very different for the Columbia area vs. the rest of the county. Near Columbia, rampant, unplanned development around the fringe underpins all of these challenges. For just one example, in so many cases isolated developed has been allowed to cut off obvious routes for infrastructure improvement, creating choke-point roads; the same can be said for highway development with few grid-style crossings, such as east of 63/70). Elsewhere, rural infrastructure lags badly behind (poor internet, aging water district lines with regular leaks), making it harder to live and work in rural areas.	8/16/2023 7:43 AM
131	All of the above	8/16/2023 7:30 AM
132	Crime	8/16/2023 6:53 AM
133	Increase in crime	8/16/2023 6:48 AM
134	High crime	8/15/2023 11:16 PM
135	For one the unknown condition of the financial strength of Boone Hospital. Second the increasing focus on social services to the detriment of the safety and infrastructure of the tax paying citizens of the county.	8/15/2023 10:58 PM
136	As I think shown by the options on this question, the Master plan runs a high risk of being too rurally oriented. I think one of the major challenges for Boone County will be embrace growth, not just within City of Columbia, but throughout County. I would see this include focus on increased transportation at the airport, taking full advantage of the upcoming widening of I-70, etc.	8/15/2023 8:31 PM
137	Crime and safety	8/15/2023 8:17 PM
138	Decrease in quality of schools	8/15/2023 9:55 AM
139	public education - I see an expanding divide in socioeconomic status and school distribution. Specific example, with the building of a new middle school directly next to Warner Middle there is very little distribution of wealth in that area. Resources seem to get funneled into specific schools with high household earnings.	8/15/2023 8:58 AM
140	Access for air travel!	8/14/2023 7:47 PM
141	Crime	8/14/2023 4:54 PM
142	Way too liberal	8/14/2023 4:08 PM
143	Crime, shooting deaths and theft. Schools, people are moving to smaller towns to escape the Columbia School System.	8/14/2023 8:08 AM
144	crime and shootings	8/13/2023 2:49 PM
145	Lack of internet.	8/10/2023 10:41 PM
146	Seems like uneven distribution of improvement dollars - especially roads.	8/10/2023 9:00 PM
147	Increasing crime Homeless communities	8/10/2023 7:26 AM
148	High taxes, increased traffic congestion, decrease in community services, loss of rural/small town atmosphere, road maintenance	8/9/2023 9:31 PM
149	It's a challenge building in BC because of the permits and inspectors over reach. People around Centralia often build in Audrain CO because the BC inspectors make it far to difficult to deal with. BC is missing out because of building permits and inspectors.	8/9/2023 9:46 AM
150	Increased crime because of continued erosion of family, Christian, conservative values	8/8/2023 12:19 AM
151	Crime	8/7/2023 12:11 AM

Q10 Boone County has experienced a population increase of approximately 50% in the last 25 years. Select whether you 'Agree' or 'Disagree' with each statement below about future growth in the County.

Answered: 714 Skipped: 28



	AGREE	DISAGREE	TOTAL
Boone County should continue to grow. Growth will provide needed jobs for residents and revenue for community services.	59% 396	41% 273	669
Future growth in Boone County should better balance development with the preservation of farmland, rural character, and natural areas.	89% 628	11% 76	704
Future growth should be discouraged in Boone County. The County has grown too fast in the last 25-years and future growth could stretch the capacity of existing community services and utilities.	43% 288	57% 380	668
Future growth should actively be encouraged in Boone County.	43% 287	57% 377	664

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY:	DATE
1	Columbia is starting to experience big city problems that were almost invisible 24-40 years ago (drugs, increase in violent crimes, development run amuck, racial tensions) and could be on the same downward path as once great cities like Portland, and Denver.	10/6/2023 11:22 AM
2	White collar ideas and blue collar ideas about issues are often at odds.	10/6/2023 11:02 AM
3	Natural conservation land and farmland should be protected. There is some room for growth in other areas that need help developing (Ashland, Centralia, Hallsville, etc) these are potential for betterment.	10/5/2023 5:00 PM
4	large farmland "buys" by developers should be very carefully studied - seems the plans should include more green space	10/5/2023 4:46 PM
5	No to everything IF it increases prop and school tax. Seniors need to be exempt.	10/5/2023 3:00 PM
6	Some growth is good but too much and losing rural feel	10/5/2023 2:14 PM
7	Boone will grow, but needs a reasonable master plan	10/5/2023 2:04 PM

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8	We need to focus on fixing our existing infrastructure and issues	10/5/2023 2:01 PM
9	This needed to be a likkert scale. I can't say I want growth discouraged but we should be much more deliberate about infill	10/5/2023 12:48 PM
10	Growth is good but don't want to be forced or unsustainable.	10/4/2023 5:21 PM
11	No county can remain stagnant and survive but unconstrained growth often undermines what was good.	10/3/2023 3:58 PM
12	Need more affordable housing	10/3/2023 3:32 PM
13	Combination of last 2. All the new taxes from increased development should have offset the need for tax increases.	10/3/2023 10:09 AM
14	Growth should be intelligently planned. Building expansion should not be overcrowded. Open places protected. Farmland is needed.	10/2/2023 5:22 PM
15	Preservation of farmland should be important lest Boone County go the way of St. Louis County and St. Charles County. We need to protect our rural character.	10/2/2023 5:13 PM
16	Many rural areas in Boone County still lack basic infrastructure equal to residents that reside in affluent, Columbia-adjacent communities. Boone County needs to upgrade so many gravel roads to pavement and install broadband services. It's tough for rural residents of Boone County to see commercial areas encroach on their properties and further degrade privacy and noise control.	10/1/2023 10:22 PM
17	preservation of farmland, rural character and natural areas is a tricky one. I believe a landowner should be able to develop his property or do what he wants with it, as long as it doesn't adversely affect his neighbors. That is the tricky part. If he is the last one to develop P&Z and County Commission may say no.	9/30/2023 8:47 PM
18	Too many beautiful wooded areas are being totally scraped of all natural cover, due to housing developments. After the developers destroy all of the ground cover, the housing development is named something like "Forrest Glen". I know there are requirements to plant so many new trees on a housing plat, however it took decades for those older trees to grow. I also understand it is costly to save trees when building, but there are other factors to consider, such as the rapidly declining bird population and how plants contribute to air quality.	9/30/2023 6:19 PM
19	We need to follow evidenced based models for meeting the demands of fast growing communities. Our approach over the last ten years has been reactive and outdated. As a result, we're seeing the impacts of increased crime rates, homelessness, and stratification of wealth. We could learn a lot from cities like Houston.	9/30/2023 2:19 PM
20	Our growth has NOT shown to be good for our county given the increase in crime, decrease in quality jobs and lack of affordable housing for all.	9/30/2023 9:23 AM
21	growth should be planned and not so haphazard as it has been.	9/29/2023 9:27 AM
22	The county needs wise growth that attracts responsible businesses and workers, not reckless things like party venues, race tracks, or marijuana growers or dispensaries.	9/29/2023 6:16 AM
23	Growth is going to continue regardless of my personal wishes. I think growth is wonderful when it can happen sustainably. If we can do that then I'm all for it. I don't think things in their current state are sustainable long term though.	9/29/2023 1:33 AM
24	Policies should be adopted to encourage use and development of clean, renewable energy (solar and wind). Identify and define sensitive natural areas not suitable for development (such as karst topography, sinkholes, steep slopes, soil types that don't support septic or sewer lagoons, floodplains, and wetlands and soil types that don't support dense development because of erosional characteristics to high shrink-swell potential to frequent flooding, contiguous forests and woodlands, and wildlife corridors) Increase protection for existing trees, plant species and forests and existing wildlife habitats. Protect well established existing wildlife habitat from development. Protect buffers around public lands that already represent conserved wildlife habitat, and protect large patches of natural forests and woodlands that are contiguous with public lands where possible. Strictly enforce the stream buffer regulations. The stream buffer must apply to industrial animal operations of 1000 animal units or larger. Plan for and encourage denser development including duplexes or similar multi-unit housing integrated into every newly developed area.	9/29/2023 12:06 AM

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25	I know growth creates jobs but it's also created more crime and more traffic congestion	9/28/2023 8:37 PM
26	I feel growth is needed - but you need to be sure infrastructure is in place. Maybe you should not encourage and seek growth but let it occur naturally	9/28/2023 7:59 PM
27	sustainable growth	9/28/2023 6:50 PM
28	Pushing growth means taking away from the charm of Boone County. It is already hard to keep pace with what has happened. Since I have moved back in 2009, I feel crime has gone up, more traffic, I see developers building next to state parks and taking away from the charm of our county.	9/28/2023 3:40 PM
29	do not want growth of people that do not work. look at number of beggars at stoplights	9/28/2023 3:23 PM
30	It's going to grow—we just need to be prepared for the growth and manage it accordingly.	9/28/2023 2:29 PM
31	Growth will happen. Don't think it needs active encouragement at this time. Good planning can help us all cope with changes. I appreciate having government that seeks input.	9/28/2023 2:15 PM
32	Growth should be encouraged, if we as a community are not striving for better jobs, better opportunities for our children then the community will slowly fade and die.	9/28/2023 10:30 AM
33	Put ten houses on ten acres instead of one.	9/28/2023 9:08 AM
34	If grow too much and/or too fast will be problems with infrastructure. Housing costs will be too high. I could only afford to move back (lived here in the 1980s) because I got a good deal on a house that was auctioned. Here in the north need more services (especially fiber internet but also grocery stores, restaurants, etc...-we have population to support already, will not grow in north but continue to grow more in south if services available there and not here).	9/28/2023 8:52 AM
35	While I see many concerns with continued growth in Boone County regarding traffic, infrastructure, and affordability (especially housing), I don't think growth should ever be discouraged. Rather, I believe growth should be adequately managed and monitored very closely so that quality of life for existing residents isn't impacted. For example, water infrastructure is a concern of mine for my Boone County neighborhood. In particular, water pressure and water quality (PWSD #4 water district) is borderline unacceptable for being so close to Columbia (which has much better water in my opinion), and close to Columbia's north water tower. More affordable homes like mine continue to be built in my neighborhood which is great, but with each new home added to the water supply, the already sub-par water pressure will worsen, and risk for contamination and poor initial treatment grows. If this is closely monitored and fixed as necessary, resident frustration and a potential impact to home values in areas potentially underserved by infrastructure, can be minimized. This instance can be applied to many other things like roads, electric service, crime, etc. Major negative impacts can be avoided for current residents if the county takes a more proactive approach to everything, instead of reactive. If not, then net growth will not occur for the county, as frustrated residents will move away just as fast as new ones come in.	9/28/2023 8:41 AM
36	Future growth must be smart	9/28/2023 7:16 AM
37	Growth should be allowed to increase (or decrease) as the market demands without government intervention.	9/28/2023 7:03 AM
38	I think we could have more growth, but done carefully. For example, I've been somewhat worried about the proliferation of individuals putting in lakes when they build a home. I am wondering how this has affected ecological flows in streams. It's difficult to assess anecdotally due to fluctuations in streams in periods of drought versus wet weather - so I hope the technical team is looking at this. I also hope the county will collaborate with the city of Columbia in looking at potential for some transit options - especially for our more vulnerable citizens who lack access to transportation. Quality, affordable housing is a problem everywhere and Boone County is no exception. Broadband is essential for citizens to engage in the 21st Century economy and should be a priority for the planning process.	9/27/2023 5:32 PM
39	Planned, limited growth. Build back in the inner area of towns (like Centralia has done) rather than just extending the perimeters.	9/26/2023 11:57 PM
40	Not sure how one stops population growth.	9/26/2023 9:35 PM
41	Future growth helps a variety of job options , which has been the benefit of Columbia to have various industries for people to work at- education, insurance, health care, manufacturing, and	9/26/2023 9:29 PM

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retail and more options. Currently it seems that Columbia is not letting it grow so high paying jobs go to other cities.

42	Growth is not the problem. Politics is the problem. Only the rich are getting more. We need to reduce dependence on liberal university or university needs to change. Diverse high paying jobs for everyone is what will drive future growth.	9/26/2023 9:28 PM
43	Growth creates opportunities	9/26/2023 4:33 PM
44	County government no longer gets the benefit of the doubt in my book. Sellouts!!!	9/26/2023 2:25 PM
45	With more residents you lose the small town feel and there is increased traffic and increased crime	9/26/2023 10:30 AM
46	Business are closing due to lack of employees. Farmland is decreasing in the area, difficult for a small farm to start due land prices.	9/25/2023 10:22 AM
47	I think it will grow, wish it would stay small town.	9/25/2023 9:23 AM
48	Growth in the county should not be controlled by the government, the free market should decide.	9/25/2023 9:12 AM
49	Grow with economic opportunities and a pace that dictates itself.	9/24/2023 4:33 PM
50	It's not that I oppose future growth. I believe that future growth should be better planned for and more balanced to support growth in the smaller communities and unincorporated areas (and still encourage better housing options/ opportunities which in turn can support appropriate job growth and opportunities.	9/24/2023 7:34 AM
51	Job opportunities and services will bring people to our county. Key will be if public schools offer quality education for families and teach basics and not focus on political correctness. This will lead to a better work force. Also, key will be strength of MU and health care in our area. Another huge factor will be local taxes and property taxes if people will move here or just close and live in Cooper or Callaway County.	9/23/2023 9:11 PM
52	Columbia has become a liberal, progressive, democrat strong hold and has declined the quality of life in Boone County.	9/22/2023 4:24 PM
53	Growth is both good and bad. Growth without proper infrastructure just leads to problems down the road.	9/22/2023 4:12 PM
54	It's not the size it's the job driver issues (trades). Rent is double of Tulsa, OK. Columbia lacks medical pros.	9/22/2023 12:10 PM
55	"Growth" should be planned and implimented carefully. You can't stop it so find the best way for it to work.	9/22/2023 12:05 PM
56	The real problem is we do not "manage well" the resources we have now. To much social waste and not enough focus on development. Where is the growth plan?	9/21/2023 1:48 PM
57	infrastructure is not keeping pace	9/21/2023 1:40 PM
58	Jobs	9/21/2023 1:36 PM
59	Poorly worded question. Growth should be regulated by infrastructure development capabilities.	9/21/2023 1:27 PM
60	Let's slow down and take a breath.	9/20/2023 9:15 PM
61	The City of Columbia should be limited in growth and not be allowed to annex more of the County. Keep the City in the City.	9/20/2023 1:10 PM
62	Balance approach along with development path and "stick to it". Encourage growth yet prepare needed infrastructure for growth.	9/20/2023 11:59 AM
63	If you want growth, lower the tax rate.	9/19/2023 5:16 PM
64	Too much growth creates deficiencies. Monitor and moderate, Ashland growth has greatly impacted the resources of Ashland. Schools cannot keep up with the growth, patrons of Ashland area cannot keep up with ALL tax growth.	9/19/2023 12:14 PM
65	Stagnation kills everything. Stopping is not an option. The key is balance. Neither position will be happy but it has to be that way.	9/19/2023 12:04 PM

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66	People do what they will. Do not encourage growth. Allow it, train it like a topiary to go the desired way, but don't just broadly encourage. Uncheck growths are called cancer.	9/19/2023 9:04 AM
67	I feel that we struggle maintaining rural roads which have not seen significant improvements in years.	9/18/2023 5:06 PM
68	911 services are slow to serve rural areas where there are theft and substance abuse problems too.	9/18/2023 4:55 PM
69	Growth in Boone County will occur regardless of government attempts to "discourage" it. I can't imagine how this would occur. Infrastructure must keep up regardless.	9/18/2023 12:47 PM
70	Boone County can't support current residents. Extremely poor infrastructure and roads.	9/18/2023 12:03 PM
71	Forget about getting bigger because of money, improve on what we have - buildings houses should not be a priority,	9/17/2023 2:31 PM
72	Growth is good, but it has to be balance w/ an increase in affordable housing, infrastructure, and recourses. Growth cannot solely be \$500k+ housing.	9/17/2023 12:18 PM
73	Growth / decrease will be inevitable as long as boone county supports the locals.	9/17/2023 8:29 AM
74	Columbia is growing too big. Small historic towns like Rocheport should be preserved.	9/15/2023 7:07 PM
75	Growth is a key factor Re: conventions/large events.	9/15/2023 3:48 PM
76	Travel to amenities.	9/15/2023 3:11 PM
77	people think of this as a big town they have no cents of rural life	9/15/2023 2:22 PM
78	Need to preserve wildlife and green space.	9/15/2023 9:26 AM
79	Boone County should continue to grow but at a more steady rate.	9/15/2023 8:39 AM
80	Housing developments should be allowed only if the necessary roads are adequate for the traffic it generates. This is not the case in Boone County!	9/14/2023 3:51 PM
81	The county has limited connector roads making travel difficult. The current roads are narrow, crumbling at the edges, and no shoulder. We need bike lanes to prevent accidents.	9/14/2023 3:24 PM
82	There will be overspill from KC and St. Louis. Graduates from UMC will stay local and Hwy 63 is a major N-S hwy.	9/14/2023 3:16 PM
83	less growth, but some.	9/14/2023 1:30 PM
84	Growth should be encouraged but planned for and well-thought out balancing diverse needs.	9/13/2023 2:40 PM
85	Ready or not, growth will happen in Boone County. However, Columbia and Boone County need to have better vision and plan for this growth decades in advance. Boone county is already decades behind when compared to Springfield, MO and Green County. The infrastructure already in place in Green County can likely support their growth for the next 40 years.	9/13/2023 9:07 AM
86	I don't mind having growth and new businesses, however I do not want the city limits to continue to spread into farm land. Focus on better utilizing the wasted space in town first.	9/13/2023 4:09 AM
87	Boone county crime is on the rise, there is litter all over the streets and there are potholes in all of our roads. Drugs are very prevalent and actively distributed on our streets from outside interests due to the growing population and opportunity to prey on our families and local communities.	9/11/2023 4:38 PM
88	We can not continue to lose agriculture land. There is a future in farming and we can not continue to concrete our county.	9/11/2023 4:08 PM
89	I believe growth helps the tax base to help fund everything	9/11/2023 1:02 PM
90	Overall growth for Boone County is fine. But we need to stop expanding the towns borders and focus on getting amenities better in rural areas. We also need to look at three way towns and county spend money. Increasing taxes over and over is not the answer. Not if we want to attract and keep the right people. Make sure we invest in what draws people here, great people, affordable living and amazing nature.	9/10/2023 9:09 PM
91	Our resources are already stretched to thin. We can't keep a police force staffed in Columbia	9/10/2023 1:04 PM

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and our crime rates are sky rocketing. Our homeless population is also growing at a extreme rate with no real solutions in sight.

92	Growth cannot continue exponentially. Once the farmland turns to asphalt, it can't go back. Keep the growth to the city limits. Allow the remainder of the county to remain rural	9/9/2023 4:35 PM
93	Growth is needed to provide housing so that we can continue to recruit a desperately needed workforce.	9/9/2023 12:43 PM
94	Law and Fire can't keep up with the growth.	9/8/2023 2:25 PM
95	Rising taxes. Future growth should be discouraged in Boone County. The County has grown too fast in the last 25-years and future growth could stretch the capacity of existing community services and utilities.	9/7/2023 12:14 PM
96	Growth should not be encouraged or discouraged by the government. Growth will happen naturally.	9/6/2023 11:46 PM
97	Growth is good, growth to fast is not. Every infrastructure project should be Robert based on present needs and projected needs of the future when possible.	9/6/2023 1:42 PM
98	The fast growth of the last 25 years has never payed for itself and has resulted in infrastructure always lagging and increased cost of land, and housing that is why there is no affordable housing for lower and middle income residents. My experience is that plans in this county are useless, because the moneyed interests always succeed in having them nullified to do what they desire resulting in the bad consequences we have today. If you make a plan, put some teeth in it that it will be followed instead of tossed aside like most have been since I have lived here for 40 years.	9/6/2023 11:56 AM
99	Growth is going to continue, but measures need to be in place to assure that the infrastructure can support the growth. In rural areas close to Columbia no plans are in place to assure that the roads can handle the growth. The huge subdivisions on Woodie Proctor road are a perfect example. The road is very curvy and inadequate for additional traffic.	9/6/2023 10:45 AM
100	I know #1 and #3 contradict each other but growth is good but you need to plan for it. We need the infrastructure in place FIRST!!!	9/6/2023 9:14 AM
101	I suppose growth is the key question for the future, I don't think it's necessary to intentionally try to grow the population by recruiting more people to come to our county, but it seems appropriate to accommodate the natural growth that comes from families wanting to stay close, refugees finding a place to belong, and the college students who want to stick around in the area. Seems there certainly needs to be a governor/healthy pace to growth based on the past 25 years.	9/6/2023 7:51 AM
102	Don't really feel answers to above questions are a simple agree or disagree. The only one I mostly agree with is the fourth one. The other three seem to force a false narrative.	9/5/2023 8:34 PM
103	Planned, controlled growth.	9/5/2023 12:31 PM
104	Growth will happen whether anyone wants it to or not. It should not be encouraged but preparations should be made for it.	9/5/2023 6:39 AM
105	Growth should be encouraged, but done in a thoughtful manner so as not to overburden existing resources.	9/4/2023 12:02 PM
106	growth in Boone county should be regulated by citizen agreement on growth. the questions above don't distinguish the concept of growth in certain areas like Ashland etc whereas growth in the rural areas need to insure the infrastructure is adequate to handle it.	9/3/2023 11:29 PM
107	Emergency Services can't keep pace with the current growth.	9/3/2023 3:08 PM
108	Growth has no forethought, only incentives and encouragement to those investing. Everything winds up being afterthought, catch-up and patchwork...like the finger in the dike	9/2/2023 5:08 PM
109	Future growth should prioritize affordable housing	9/2/2023 8:19 AM
110	Anyone against growth is ignorant (they don't know what they don't know). Intelligent growth is reasonable but as the adage goes, if you're not growing you're dying. I don't even understand why this line of question is in this survey.	9/2/2023 7:49 AM
111	Affordable housing is so hard to find! I worry about young working families and how they can	9/1/2023 9:37 PM

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make a real future for themselves.

112	I dont like your choices. My property no longer has the birds and wildlife it once did. The house was built in 78. The builders of the developments surrounding Columbia are allowed to scrape the earth and put in "deserts"that support nothing but people and vehicles. How about a dark sky requirement in these subdivisions? A portion dedicated to natural plants and flowers etc? In order to build. Firehouses and schools, City parks, all need to stop just mowing every inch of land. Land under waters, why is it a "desert"?	9/1/2023 2:02 PM
113	Many proponents of growth are motivated by greed. I rarely hear those proponents lay down plans and offer the funds to support the infrastructure and additional revenue that growth requires to maintain the quality of the community (schools, neighborhoods, water management, safety, transportation, etc). Boone County doesn't need more jobs; it needs more companies that pay more than a living wage.	9/1/2023 1:56 PM
114	I don't fully understand the implications of these questions. In general, I don't mind the growth/addition of people but it has become far too expensive to live here. I make almost \$60k as a single person and I am at my limit for affordability living alone. I'll be moving outside the county to purchase future housing.	9/1/2023 10:39 AM
115	I want Ashland to remain small. Keep distance between Columbia and Ashland (don't develop all the way out to Ashland).	8/30/2023 7:37 PM
116	Managed growth is critical. I want to see care for the environment where we live. I don't want to see large plots of land with mature trees bulldozed for poorly built cookie-cutter homes. I think there are ways to incentivize development in a way that is considerate of our neighbors and the land that we all share. There are also ways to regulate it, but I think incentives tend to work better.	8/30/2023 5:22 PM
117	Future growth should only be encouraged when the needed infrastructure for that growth is budgeted in and completed.	8/30/2023 5:01 PM
118	Growth seems to be only in population of nonworking, not job oriented opportunities.	8/28/2023 5:10 PM
119	While Columbia is growing, there are a number of persons -- myself included-- who moved out of Columbia due to increased beaurocracy, increased crime, infrastructure issues, along with a desire for a quieter life in country. Managing that growth without infringing upon personal freedoms is important.	8/28/2023 12:02 PM
120	Growth is needed	8/27/2023 8:17 AM
121	The only way to stop growth is to place more regulations, taxes and costs on our people and businesses. Look at the regulations for new housing builds. Passing all these costs onto builders only increases housing costs for buyers.	8/27/2023 6:09 AM
122	I feel that Boone County should try to gain as much population as possible for economic boom. However, I do see the problem of limited resources.	8/26/2023 9:33 PM
123	Growth will decrease country style quality of living, loss of privacy and increase crime.	8/26/2023 2:23 AM
124	Infrastructure should be addressed prior to development starting.	8/25/2023 11:26 AM
125	"Growth" is not inherently good or bad. Growth should target identified needs of the people, not just drive the tax base or theoretical employment. It should address specific shortfalls and needs identified in the county long term plan.	8/25/2023 10:29 AM
126	Continual growth in Boone County will allow the county to provide necessary services as already indicated, but also ensure the quality of life for all residents is optimized. Balance is going to be key, so preserving green space will be needed while also considering innovative developments for land use.	8/25/2023 9:41 AM
127	Ideally, positive growth with affordable housing and improved walkability and bike ability will help reduce environmental impact while supporting vibrant communities. Ideally most growth would remain in cities and reduce urban sprawl	8/25/2023 7:36 AM
128	Communities are either growing, or they are dying. I'd prefer growth that focuses on improving already developed areas rather than destroying farming opportunities and a rural atmosphere. Having both in close proximity is what brought me and others to Boone County.	8/25/2023 6:58 AM
129	Concerning growth of the County, we may not be able to control it, however, we must do a	8/24/2023 4:02 PM

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better job in making necessary adjustments. For example community resources (ie. school districts, etc.) should be informed of planned expansion/development to allow them to make service adjustments.

130	Not keeping up with current needs for electric, water, trash disposal, recycling , police retention and adequate staffing, bus drivers sanitation garbage truck drivers,	8/23/2023 8:39 PM
131	The traffic is already atrocious and new homes, even in the lower income areas, are priced so high, I have no idea how first time home buyers can even have a chance. The taxes keep going up and the only things I see being built are bike lanes and high rise student housing. We have the MKT trail and a thousand roads with bike lanes yet I still have to fight the cyclists who ride 2 and 3 abreast on Route N.	8/23/2023 3:02 PM
132	Boone County should continue to grow with the right type of citizens. ie non-renting, sustainable newly built homes and buildings. Stop trying to "band-aide" the issues. Tear down and build new... Citizens need well paying careers.	8/23/2023 9:48 AM
133	New growth finances existing services.	8/23/2023 2:19 AM
134	Growth needs to be planned to meet the needs of the cross section of people looking for homes and employment in Boone County.	8/22/2023 9:46 AM
135	Boone county does not need to encourage or discourage growth - growth will continue because of the inherent strengths of Columbia and Boone county. What is needed is a well balanced master plan.	8/22/2023 8:17 AM
136	These questions don't address how growth happens. The problem is not growth but the lack of planning and developed infrastructure to support the growth. No thought is put toward long term traffic needs like secondary and tertiary roads, sufficient storm runoff... or short term needs like sidewalks and setbacks in newer "rural" subdivisions. A house being built to code is only a small part of what development requires.	8/22/2023 6:10 AM
137	Growth is a challenge but I think Boone county is a good place to live. Growth does need to be managed carefully.	8/22/2023 5:51 AM
138	Needs to be balanced	8/21/2023 1:22 PM
139	"Better balance" implies that it is currently out of balance and tipped in the favor of growth over preservation. I feel that it is actually already tipped in favor of preservation over growth. It should balance, but your final statement is misleading.	8/21/2023 8:45 AM
140	Stagnation is not preferable to unfettered growth. Growth can and should occur organically. Prohibit growth and intangible costs rise. Growth increases diversity. No need to provide incentives if there is already solid fundamentals	8/21/2023 7:24 AM
141	While I do not believe we should "actively encourage" all growth, I would like to think that our rural lifestyle would be found to be appealing to people looking for the same freedoms/structure (or lack thereof) that attracted many of us to the County to begin with. I do not want to invite those who want to bring with them the structure/regulations found in the City of Columbia. That would, in my mind, be the antithesis of what draws people to living in the county.	8/20/2023 4:27 PM
142	Boone County and City of Columbia Governments have taken in record tax revenues and yet they thirst and hunger for more. Instead of using fund on the most efficient manner government has picked winners and losers with little disregard for outcome. Too much government in Boone County	8/19/2023 5:41 PM
143	People that move here want to tax the county into prosperity	8/19/2023 3:28 PM
144	guardrails should be put in place to protect natural areas and nature. Regulations should be implemented to control placement of wind and solar farms. Areas should de identified NOW where development should be restricted and or strictly controlled.	8/19/2023 3:24 PM
145	Should give the infrastructure time to catch up to the growth.	8/19/2023 5:03 AM
146	Managed growth is key. Columbia made a mess in the 90s through 2010s.	8/18/2023 7:13 PM
147	Need a balance of growth and allocation of community services and utilities. It feels like we are stretched right now.	8/18/2023 1:30 PM
148	All of these are right. It's finding the balance and paying for the services needed. It ain't easy.	8/18/2023 1:20 PM

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	But you knew that.	
149	Development and growth are signs of a vibrant community. The city and county need to focus on improving existing infrastructure in order to plan for growth in the future.	8/18/2023 1:19 PM
150	Infrastructure has lagged behind population growth. Big factors I see are driven by labor shortages and inadequate funding. The City and the County have shifting priorities and nothing important seems to get solved - increasing crime, gun shots in public areas, homelessness are all easy to identify as problems but solving them - making them go away - seems unattainable. This isn't unique to Columbia.	8/18/2023 10:16 AM
151	I am really torn by the selection of answers here. We live on a 140 acre farm in northern Boone Co. While I am glad for health care and other services, I don't like the continued increase in the number of homes. I understand why farmers sell their land. It is much more profitable to sell property than to farm. I do like the increase in small farm businesses ie. goats and goat milk products; produce farms. For the most part, the people moving in are good neighbors, although some get upset by lack of city services, but still want the rural life. You really can't have both. Traffic is getting heavy. The county does a good job of maintaining roads, but it is a big job. Sheriff and fire officials also do a good job, in spite of having to cover so much area with few personnel. I worry about loss of habitat for the critters. I definitely am in favor of keeping the current zoning of not less than 5-10 acres for most home development. And if subdivisions go in, they need infrastructure.	8/18/2023 10:12 AM
152	I like the growth and career opportunities, but I've noticed the poor areas and neighborhoods keep getting worse. Without enforceable county ordinances, this growth is eventually going to be a big problem. Drive around the poor and high crime areas of the County and notice the piles of trash in the back yards, levels of crime, and ask whether we really have the right lower level income areas for people to live. If we can take care of those areas first, we will probably have a better long-term outlook for finding people who don't make a bunch of money but still want to work and live in our County.	8/18/2023 9:21 AM
153	i think it is advantageous for business to grow, not sure all of the added housing is good for the county	8/18/2023 8:46 AM
154	We're already seeing the effects of social programs being inadequately funded. Homelessness is increasing and we have no great answer for it. Everyday people are posting on local social media groups that they can't afford basic utilities and living costs. There is a lack of affordable housing.	8/18/2023 6:21 AM
155	Another vague question- what do you mean by encouraging "growth"? There has to be balance. Provide the services government provides... Infrastructure, fire and police protection, education, etc. and growth will happen. Government should stay out of the economic development business.	8/18/2023 5:55 AM
156	More growth to the north	8/17/2023 8:55 PM
157	How about only allowing businesses with employees to only operate on commercial property.	8/17/2023 4:05 PM
158	If we do not grow we will die	8/17/2023 3:01 PM
159	I hear from business owners there is a lack of available workers. We could benefit from a post secondary trade school. We have great access to higher education, but technical training is lacking. With a more diverse workforce, we might be better able to encourage manufacturers to locate here.	8/17/2023 2:42 PM
160	We can't maintain the things we have currently established. There are plenty of houses and buildings that can be inhabited. People don't want them because they come with a little work (or the cost/rent is way too high for what the average income in the area is).	8/17/2023 1:01 PM
161	We're seeing a lot of habitat loss in/near Columbia, and residents are not well-prepared for or educated about the natural consequences of that (e.g. urban coyotes). Developers have not been consistently in line with county/city expectations about green space, and local infrastructure isn't always prepared for these changes.	8/17/2023 8:31 AM
162	It is too crowded the way it is and the roads and bridges don't accommodate the population we have. More people will destroy the rural spaces more than it is now.	8/16/2023 7:01 PM
163	The attraction of the county is the farmland, its rural character and natural areas. Blind development simply destroys what make the county attractive. Once the rural character is	8/16/2023 3:29 PM

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sacrificed to development, the natural areas and farmland disappear there is not way to get that back. Currently it is difficult to maintain services with unchecked growth those services will only degenerate

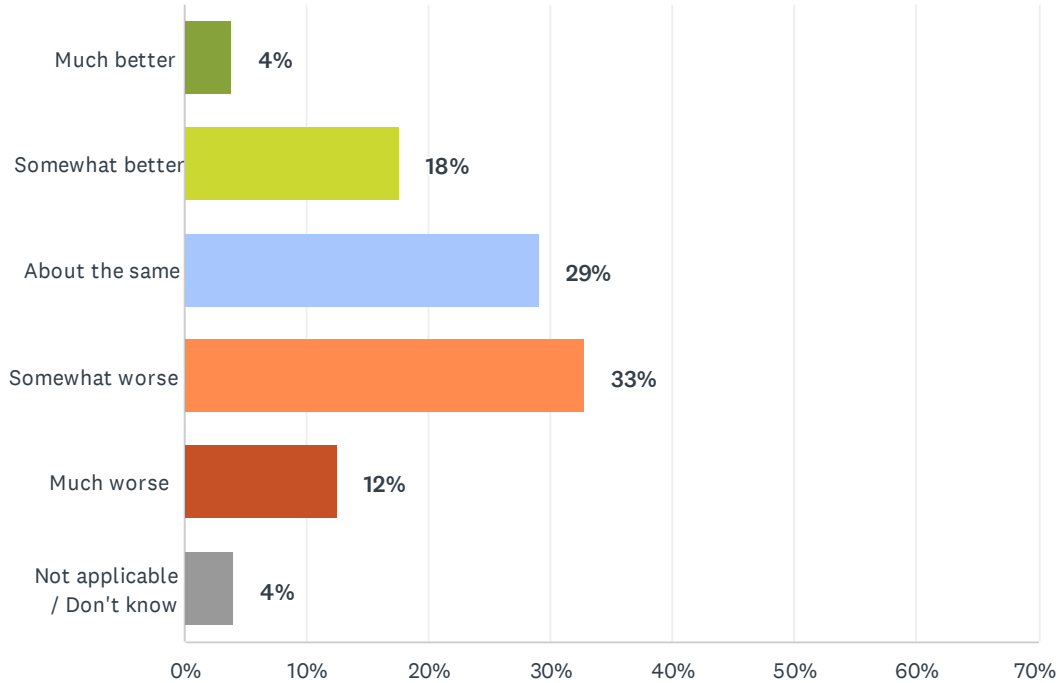
164	The rate of growth and over zealous growth encouragement has led to too many detrimental compromises in zoning designations, "industrial" and residential development, overrun of infrastructure and maintenance, and too much indiscriminate tree/vegetation removal and surface destruction.	8/16/2023 12:21 PM
165	We choose to live the rural life. If we wanted city life we would live in the city.	8/16/2023 11:39 AM
166	We need to have planned growth, looking at the big, whole picture for Boone County.	8/16/2023 9:10 AM
167	Our current course is to become an urbanized area. If we wanted to live in KC we would move there.	8/16/2023 8:39 AM
168	Gotta have growth to keep things fresh and vibrant, but it needs to be smart and managed.	8/16/2023 7:58 AM
169	If "growth" means only "more people", then no, stop. I'm a ZPG guy from way way back. But if "growth" means "richer" and a better quality of life - health, amenities, education - then the County should "grow." If the County is not careful, the stretch of land between Columbia and Ashland is going to look like the stretch of land between St. Charles and St. Peters. I don't want that.	8/16/2023 7:48 AM
170	"Growth" has become a simplistic near-religious belief. It certainly underpins prosperity in the sense of creating new opportunities, but it also comes with a host of problems that tend to not be dealt with in a timely or planned manner. It also doesn't necessarily benefit current residents, as new jobs are often taken by people who move here for the competitive opportunity, leaving existing residents no better off than before except for maybe more service jobs. Look at aerial photos and maps of Columbia and towns like Hallsville or Ashland and you can see rampant growth with no clear plan for long-term infrastructure and transportation. Farmland and natural areas are being gobbled up with no regard to their inherent as-is value, because property values will always be higher to a developer than to a farmer or ecologist. This also tends to raise property values, pricing out long-time residents and those engaged in lower-margin work (like farming) in favor of wealthier arrivals who have no ties to the land or community. I've lived in Boone County nearly 20 years. In that time I've seen huge growth and sprawl. Few of the things that are good about Boone County have gotten better because of this (it was already a great place), but many things that are bad about Boone County have gotten worse because of it.	8/16/2023 7:43 AM
171	Development across the county is destroying the environment.	8/16/2023 6:59 AM
172	Unless the population declines, growth in the county is pretty much inevitable. So it should be managed; planning and zoning regulations put in place to regulate where small parcels are appropriate and where large parcels should be required.	8/16/2023 6:48 AM
173	Depends on what you are grouping into "community services"! Public Safety of the citizens should be high, not increasing the social services.	8/15/2023 10:58 PM
174	I'm not sure if "growth" should be actively encouraged nor discouraged. I'm not opposed to the trend in growth, but I believe that the most vulnerable in our community should be the priority over actively pursuing growth.	8/15/2023 9:20 PM
175	Growth is good, as long as the infrastructure is there to support it. Water districts in areas where large subdivisions are built, need to have rules to limit water usage for lawns and non-essentials.	8/15/2023 11:38 AM
176	As a business owner, I want growth but am concerned about the loss of pastureland	8/14/2023 6:21 PM
177	Quality higher paying jobs and entry level jobs for students.	8/12/2023 9:06 PM
178	With the increase in population comes an increase in traffic and crime.	8/11/2023 5:23 PM
179	Purposefully avoiding growth isn't a healthy attitude. An infusion of new people, businesses, and ideas are good for our community. At the same time, focusing on accommodating and leveraging that growth vs. accelerating it seems the best approach.	8/11/2023 7:03 AM
180	If it is done with care	8/10/2023 9:00 PM
181	Use to enjoy the quiet of solitude of nature & wildlife-now too many people, noise and traffic!	8/10/2023 6:28 PM

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182	Allow growth to happen. Anticipate. But don't create policies to either encourage or discourage growth.	8/10/2023 9:38 AM
183	The reality is, growth never--never--generates the public revenue needed to sustain that growth. Infrastructure suffers, amenities suffer, quality of life suffers for all but those at the upper end who can overcome those sufferings. You only have to look at the decay of neighborhoods and roads etc. that have been built in the past 20-30 years, and the ever increasing need to raise the tax base to try to fix them, in a state that hates taxes. The developers have made out like bandits, just look at the houses and compounds most of them have. The people are left with the pieces.	8/9/2023 4:15 PM
184	All the so called leaders care about is the university.	8/9/2023 10:59 AM
185	Loss of farmland is a very serious issue. Removing the 10 acre minimum in A1 zone farmland would be a huge start on preserving farmland.	8/9/2023 9:46 AM
186	Boone County is growing due to opportunity (jobs, healthcare, etc), not due to restrictive regulations. The more Boone County grows, the more businesses will locate, or relocate, to Boone County. Regulations should adapt to allow for growth. While farmland is important in Boone County, you cannot force it to be farmed.	8/9/2023 9:38 AM
187	Only if affordable housing is available	8/8/2023 10:24 AM
188	I'm not sure what "actively" encouraging future growth would mean for Boone County. The growth we have realized in Boone County has left many of our roadways serving more cars than originally designed to handle. Delaying proper infrastructure for the growth of the county is shortsighted and will cost more in the long run.	8/8/2023 9:28 AM
189	Growth and development are great and necessary. The role of govt is to guide and encourage development that benefits all instead of just the wealthy among us.	8/8/2023 7:08 AM
190	Although I support Boone County growth, it comes with the caveat of our services and infrastructure being able to keep up & supporting that growth.	8/7/2023 9:44 AM
191	we will continue to grow, but it needs to be managed to preserve what makes boone county a good place to live.	8/6/2023 8:32 PM
192	Why would growth ever be discouraged. If there is interest to be a part of our community, all should be welcomed. We do pride ourselves in being an inclusive community, let's stay true to our words.	8/5/2023 9:00 AM
193	It's a balance. Growth is inevitable and good, but it should not be encouraged or subsidized in any way.	8/4/2023 3:46 PM

Q11 How does the quality of life in Boone County today compare to 25 years ago (or however long you have lived in Boone County)? [choose one]

Answered: 713 Skipped: 29



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Much better	4%	28
Somewhat better	18%	126
About the same	29%	207
Somewhat worse	33%	234
Much worse	12%	89
Not applicable / Don't know	4%	29
TOTAL		713

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY THE QUALITY OF LIFE IS "BETTER" OR "WORSE":	DATE
1	See Q #10 response.	10/6/2023 11:23 AM
2	More and more thefts and violence occurring in county areas. Comes in waves, etc. More and more people getting things taken. In home robberies, we were 1. daughter was home.	10/6/2023 10:47 AM
3	Still face a drug and crime problem and recycling sustainability is lacking. It still feels like leadership is in denial of hate crimes and climate change.	10/5/2023 5:01 PM
4	crime way up - homeless issue is hype - would like to see a very tough on crime attitude	10/5/2023 4:47 PM

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5	No law and order and NO discipline in schools so teachers can spend time teaching!	10/5/2023 3:00 PM
6	Increase in crime. Nonconservative ideals	10/5/2023 2:54 PM
7	Crime rate in Columbia much worse than when we moved here in 1970	10/5/2023 2:44 PM
8	Crime has really become our problem in Boone County. Our house was broken into in October of 2022 and our garage was broken into in the summer of 2021. Once I retire we plan to move out of Boone County.	10/5/2023 2:27 PM
9	Reduced options and quality in healthcare (due to MU acquisitions). Politicization of MU and Como school system	10/5/2023 2:04 PM
10	On Fenton Road and Sycamore Hills it appears that there are squatters creating much refuse and even a fire. No one seems to be addressing the problem.	10/5/2023 1:22 PM
11	The best thing in 25 years: Great Farmers Mkt and local food scene!! Wonderful trails and parks (but much are city). Negative: sprawl and eating up of decent farmland	10/5/2023 12:49 PM
12	Three Democratic commissioners represent Columbia not Boone County	10/4/2023 5:31 PM
13	More crime	10/4/2023 5:21 PM
14	I miss the small town feel that Columbia had and the traffic can be bad.	10/4/2023 5:18 PM
15	too much mindless development	10/4/2023 3:24 PM
16	I enjoyed Century Link 30yrs. Tried a cell phone - out of cell tower range. No phone, no internet, no TV.	10/4/2023 8:57 AM
17	Homeless situation, traffic, begging on street corners, cost of living, school situation	10/3/2023 4:03 PM
18	Roads are better. More choices in restaurants/recreation. MKT and push for conservation.	10/3/2023 3:58 PM
19	I see much more beggin on street corners and homelessness. Crime rates have ticked up as well.	10/3/2023 3:47 PM
20	Too many huge "McMansions" going in nearby.	10/3/2023 3:32 PM
21	Traffic, housing cost, crime	10/2/2023 5:26 PM
22	As it becomes more populated it is beginning to lose the qualities that made it a great place to live.	10/2/2023 5:14 PM
23	It feels less safe in Boone County. More gun violence is a huge concern. But I'm also so disappointed with county road maintenance and much, much, much needed upgrades. The refining that has happened in our neighborhood has been an extreme disappointment.	10/1/2023 10:27 PM
24	More resources, yet more traffic and crime.	10/1/2023 12:04 AM
25	To many restrictions.	9/30/2023 11:30 PM
26	63 has improved somewhat, Columbia offers a lot more opportunity than it did in the past	9/30/2023 11:26 PM
27	Enjoy the biking and natural areas	9/30/2023 10:10 PM
28	Too much of the natural beauty has been lessened by building housing and commercial developments.	9/30/2023 6:26 PM
29	The north side of Columbia has changed expinentially.	9/30/2023 2:20 PM
30	Too many people	9/30/2023 12:31 PM
31	We don't want city living in the county. That's why we live in a rural area. Maybe city should look at why so many people move out to our rural areas that Re now becoming to overcrowded	9/30/2023 9:50 AM
32	Increased crime is filtering out into the county	9/30/2023 9:29 AM
33	We have gained some amenities, but the increase in crime that came with those amenities takes away from small town feel.	9/30/2023 9:25 AM
34	Better medical and education. Loss of smaller community feeling.	9/30/2023 4:39 AM
35	Over populated, not much green space left, building thrown up "willy nilly" without regard to	9/29/2023 3:58 PM

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	infrastructure	
36	When I moved to southern Boone County 20+ yrs ago, ppl waved when passing on the road. Not anymore. They're not as friendly.	9/29/2023 2:58 PM
37	Crime has increased, but we also have more opportunities for citizens in the area.	9/29/2023 8:53 AM
38	Not having to read my own water meter is nice. Having our road paved and getting rid of the lagoon is better.	9/29/2023 2:18 AM
39	Housing is ridiculously expensive, infrastructure is lacking, suburbs are taking over with zero charm or character given back to the community. Entire forests are cleared, Missouri's "rolling hills" are being flattened for more cookie-cutter houses that are built cheap and yet they're still not sold at affordable prices. We need to do better.	9/29/2023 1:40 AM
40	Crime	9/28/2023 10:42 PM
41	Traffic congestion and more crime. People aren't near as friendly	9/28/2023 8:39 PM
42	I feel there is an issue with squatters/homeless and it is almost impossible to get them moved from your property and when you do - they just return within a short period. I don't feel infrastructure is keeping up with growth.	9/28/2023 8:02 PM
43	Waaaaay too much uncontrolled cheap development. Cheap strip malls are an eyesore!	9/28/2023 6:20 PM
44	Overrun with illegals. Crime families getting wealthy.	9/28/2023 3:55 PM
45	I mean worse because there is more traffic, more encroachment on open space. There was the effort to fight off the same developer who already built something right next to Rockbridge State Park. It is only a matter of time before he tries again. It's like Boone County doesn't value wildlife areas and open space. But that is what makes it a great place to live. I think Covid showed people want to enjoy nature. I don't want to walk in Gans Wildlife area and see houses. Plus, traffic on two-lane roads has gotten worse and crime is going up.	9/28/2023 3:42 PM
46	increase of homeless in Columbia	9/28/2023 3:24 PM
47	Planning and zoning is needed and welcomed but should be managed better.	9/28/2023 2:31 PM
48	Traffic has definitely become worse.	9/28/2023 2:17 PM
49	When I lived here in 1980s could get cheaper apartments in houses that had multiple people. There is a high rise apartment building where I lived. I also bought and lived in trailer in trailer park. Apartment complex there now. Too many town houses, subdivisions, etc... being built. Need affordable housing.	9/28/2023 8:57 AM
50	I've lived in Boone County since birth (1998), with the exception of 4 years during college, after which I came back. My family has lived in this county since at least 1989. Cost of living, and housing, has greatly increased at a rate way beyond inflation. Traffic has also worsened. From my and my family's observations, crime has maybe worsened, but mainly crime has moved around and has been concentrated to specific neighborhoods. Especially for younger individuals like myself, living here has been hard financially. I was lucky to find my affordable home in 2021, but my same-aged friends haven't been so lucky and are stuck renting and will be for awhile. Wages in this county have failed to keep up with cost of living, which adds to this. Those who are possibly older and owned a home before 2020 are much better off due to lower cost of entry into the housing market, and significantly increased equity. I'd like to see the county do more to help individuals ENTER the housing market in the first place. With the instability of rapidly increasing rents, many are hopelessly stuck with nowhere to go. Due to this, quality of life has worsened I'd say.	9/28/2023 8:55 AM
51	Need more law enforcement.	9/28/2023 8:10 AM
52	I feel like crime may be worse, but maybe my perception and paying closer attention	9/27/2023 9:44 PM
53	I have no cell service and my computer and phone are limited to dial up speed. No group texts or photos	9/27/2023 4:41 PM
54	More options. Health care is better.	9/26/2023 11:59 PM
55	Not crazy with teh gun violence happening.	9/26/2023 9:37 PM
56	Crime. Homeless every where. Manufacturing jobs pay, not keeping up with cost of living.	9/26/2023 9:37 PM

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57	The crime rate is higher. Schools are not as good as they were when my kids were in elementary school. Traffic is bad on I-70. However The diverging Diamond at Stadium is a great improvement.	9/26/2023 9:32 PM
58	I have watched the surrounding area be incorporated into the city and then large development destroy the natural surrounding of our area creating more traffic, light pollution and noise pollution.	9/26/2023 11:28 AM
59	I previously answered in another question	9/25/2023 8:49 PM
60	Crime - As the county has grown so has the crime issue.	9/25/2023 10:11 AM
61	Infrastructure has not kept up with growth - more traffic and congestion.	9/25/2023 9:27 AM
62	liberal policies have increased costs and decreased freedoms.	9/25/2023 9:13 AM
63	It depends on who is impacted ...better for some, worse for others. Exponential growth has overwhelmed the capacity of local governments to respond to the complexity occasioned by it. Your efforts to initiate some thoughtful master planning is commendable - but long overdue.	9/24/2023 7:45 AM
64	Crime is up.	9/23/2023 9:15 PM
65	Crime, drugs, fire arms are serious issues.	9/23/2023 7:35 AM
66	crime, traffic, and civility is worse.	9/22/2023 4:25 PM
67	Wade School and Mauller Road full of trach on roadway constantly.	9/22/2023 4:19 PM
68	Too much traffic driving too fast.	9/22/2023 12:54 PM
69	homelessness people	9/22/2023 12:42 PM
70	Bigger but more of the same.	9/22/2023 12:10 PM
71	Crime seems to be the major reason.	9/22/2023 12:05 PM
72	To much traffic on roads that are dust! The city is closing in on us. Farmland is disappearing.	9/22/2023 11:55 AM
73	crime increase	9/22/2023 11:50 AM
74	More crime, less green space, higher taxes	9/22/2023 8:05 AM
75	I grew up here till the age of 25. Then left (for a real paying job) for Texas. I came back to support my mom and dad. My dad has died of dementia since. The quality of life has gone down. Leadership in most city programs can be questioned. The city is way to liberal and police should be supported better.	9/21/2023 1:50 PM
76	except for crowding and crime	9/21/2023 1:40 PM
77	crime, drugs, traffic, lack of proper infrastructure	9/21/2023 1:28 PM
78	We are losing our rural feel	9/20/2023 9:17 PM
79	Live on a county road where people now drive like they are on Hwy 70. Dangerous for children and drives.	9/20/2023 4:54 PM
80	Farms are disappearing. Crime is rampant. Highways and roadways are trashy! Not a pretty county anymore!	9/20/2023 4:45 PM
81	Boone County has declined due to the City of Columbia annexing parts of it. The City has extended into the rural county.	9/20/2023 1:12 PM
82	higher crime rates, rise of gangs in Columbia, less transportation options - need more bus routes	9/20/2023 1:02 PM
83	promote bigger and better business and venues	9/20/2023 11:59 AM
84	More expensive to live and build here. More crime, less resources.	9/20/2023 8:18 AM
85	Crime is getting worse. People don't seem as friendly anymore. Traffic on Hwy 63 is crazy.	9/19/2023 5:13 PM
86	Higher rate of crime. Prevalent drug trafficking.	9/19/2023 5:09 PM

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87	Been in the area for 30 yrs, lived in Callaway until recently.	9/19/2023 5:04 PM
88	Mostly same - just greater integrity in the county - like life in general - "laid back" is gone.	9/19/2023 12:05 PM
89	50% population increase in last 25 years. Cost of living is available low-med wage jobs haven't kept pace to each other. Racist policing increases crimes rates overall. Infrastructure not maintained to same pace as growth.	9/19/2023 9:06 AM
90	crime / homeless everywhere	9/19/2023 8:55 AM
91	It is less of a community with more people not rooted here.	9/18/2023 4:56 PM
92	Crime in Columbia is worse.	9/18/2023 12:59 PM
93	Columbia isn't Boone County! But Columbia believes it is the only city in Boone. Loss of agriculture. Boone County lets columbia citizens make decisions.	9/18/2023 12:55 PM
94	More crime comes with higher population and lack of opportunities and community support.	9/18/2023 12:48 PM
95	crime is worse	9/17/2023 2:37 PM
96	More people and housing - more problems and money is not set aside to deal with problems - plan for best and worse!	9/17/2023 2:31 PM
97	taxes, crime, traffic congestion	9/17/2023 2:22 PM
98	Growth has brought better quality family activities, resources, and sports events.	9/17/2023 12:18 PM
99	I have seen no major change.	9/17/2023 8:30 AM
100	Too much crime, gangs and homelessness in Columbia.	9/15/2023 7:08 PM
101	More crime. More congestion.	9/15/2023 4:25 PM
102	Better healthcare. More entertainment options.	9/15/2023 4:10 PM
103	The trash and weeds are everywhere you look. The gang activities are much worse now than in 1996. Specifically city of Columbia. It's not safe to go downtown after 9:00pm.	9/15/2023 3:51 PM
104	We recently traveled to Wisconsin for vacation. All of the area was clean and neat and very nice to view.	9/15/2023 9:27 AM
105	more crime, worse policies for homeless and indigent people. CPS is terrible - really has declined.	9/15/2023 9:22 AM
106	violent crime	9/15/2023 9:08 AM
107	Lack of support for police representation on City Council lacks good decision making. No leadership in City Manager.	9/14/2023 3:51 PM
108	Roads are dust - Wilhite Road 3-4 miles is a dirt road not better.	9/14/2023 3:31 PM
109	My quality of life is excellent but I am more aware of the homeless population and areas of Columbia where the quality of life is very poor. So I don't know how to answer this question.	9/13/2023 2:44 PM
110	Crime has skyrocketed.	9/13/2023 9:18 AM
111	To much crime and taxes are higher. The roads are not keep up. Trash and homeless everywhere in Columbia.	9/12/2023 10:49 PM
112	crime has increased, quality of schools has decreased	9/12/2023 8:54 AM
113	Increased population has driven crime and loss of rural character	9/11/2023 11:22 PM
114	Too much crime and homelessness	9/11/2023 4:40 PM
115	not unique to Boone county, but wages/salaries have not kept up with the major cost of living expenses (rent/mortgage rates, groceries, fuel, etc.)	9/11/2023 2:39 PM
116	In Columbia, taxes are high, inflation is high, quality of what we receive is low, the government is terrible, crime is higher than ever, traffic is horrendous and drivers get worse every year, police cannot do their jobs or be paid appropriately, resources are lower than ever, homeless	9/11/2023 2:04 PM

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are ruining the city. We're losing any sort of morality and sense of integrity. I wish Columbia was NOT in Boone county.

117	increased crime, loss of small town feel	9/11/2023 12:24 PM
118	Schools too crowded with not much increase in staff	9/10/2023 4:33 PM
119	More gun violence in area now. Seems like more property crime than earlier.	9/10/2023 4:12 PM
120	It used to be a much safer small town community. I don't even feel safe to walk in downtown Columbia in broad daylight anymore.	9/10/2023 1:08 PM
121	The price of housing has made it impossible for working class to own a home. But all down 124 there's \$500K houses being built, lived in for two years, and then sold. The urban sprawl is a plague.	9/9/2023 4:37 PM
122	The county maintained road infrastructure is in much better condition, upgrading many miles of gravel to asphalt. City of Columbia and state maintained roads around the municipalities are not keeping up with the growth in traffic.	9/9/2023 12:48 PM
123	Quality of schools have drastically decreased	9/9/2023 8:00 AM
124	Too much traffic due to so many housing developments	9/8/2023 11:59 AM
125	More violence now. Don't feel as safe in Columbia as I used to.	9/7/2023 9:40 PM
126	Hard question. One the one hand we have every retail store or restaurant the is in all "big" cities. One would say that is better. On the other hand we have lost all the great part of living in a "small" town. The traffic is terrible. Noise. Cutting down the trees to put in more roads that are obsolete before they are poured. Etc etc etc.	9/7/2023 12:18 PM
127	People have escaped Columbia in the past few years and built up the rural and smaller communities.	9/7/2023 10:18 AM
128	Lack of a comprehensive development plan allows un-controlled development.	9/7/2023 8:00 AM
129	Wish blue laws would return	9/6/2023 1:44 PM
130	Different. Better in some ways but areas like crime and poverty are concerning	9/6/2023 12:59 PM
131	Except for the trails around the city and county and additional parks, the increase in growth had not added to the quality of life but has degraded it instead.	9/6/2023 12:02 PM
132	Extremely poor planning for growth. Trying to fix roads after growth has occurred is not a plan. Allowing the Columbia City Council to control planning and growth in areas surrounding the city limits has been a terrible idea, leading to areas with horrible traffic congestion and frequent wrecks. The Gates subdivision is a great example. You can only exit out onto Old Plank road from The Gates. In the past few weeks 2 bad car wrecks closed Old Plank for 2-3 hours. Traffic backed up past the round about on Rte K. There are limited options for people living past The Gates to travel. The Gates should not have been planned without a road leading out onto Route K, in addition to roads onto Old Plank. Greedy developers seem to get their way over planning that makes sense for growth.	9/6/2023 10:54 AM
133	Higher taxes, higher crime, bigger govt, more homelessness	9/5/2023 9:15 PM
134	Although quality of life is about same for me there are more shootings which is, obviously, a negative.	9/5/2023 8:36 PM
135	More options outside of Columbia	9/5/2023 5:56 AM
136	It's worse due to use of eminent domain. Also, infrastructure is not keeping up with growth.	9/4/2023 12:54 PM
137	services are better, snow removal is better. the county has much going for it	9/3/2023 11:30 PM
138	Life is good in Boone County, it's what's happening in the state capital that holds us back!	9/3/2023 3:35 PM
139	Higher crime. Growing faster than infrastructure can be put in place. Shortage of police, 911 operators and other critical employees. High taxes.	9/3/2023 11:42 AM
140	Investments in trails, dogparks, etc. have made room for modern human activites & culture. (Not all has been done wisely.) Better social opportunities brings active minds to enhance enterprise, arts, and the efucated milieu.	9/2/2023 5:17 PM

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141	High traffic, so many subdivisions thrown here and there, and no regard for open space	9/2/2023 11:17 AM
142	Increased taxes especially on older vehicles and housing	9/2/2023 9:02 AM
143	Better infrastructure (roads) but more expensive.	9/2/2023 8:21 AM
144	Many aspects are better. Some are worse.	9/2/2023 7:50 AM
145	I appreciate the alternate education opportunities.	9/1/2023 9:39 PM
146	My concerns are written in the previous answer.	9/1/2023 2:03 PM
147	Number one is having safe neighborhood streets, controlling traffic, PROACTIVE planning for roads, etc.. A good public transportation system was better in Columbia 40 years ago than it is now and we should plan for one that also serves county subdivisions.	9/1/2023 2:01 PM
148	Crime	8/31/2023 11:46 PM
149	High taxes for less services	8/30/2023 9:27 PM
150	I think the quality of life is better for some and worse for some. It seems really hard to get out of poverty in Columbia. Shelters are full. People receive housing vouchers and don't have a place to use them. People are living in their cars or tents. Transitional housing and affordable housing are both lacking. People with careers are evicted from their apartments and can't find another one. It's a little wild out there for housing.	8/30/2023 5:40 PM
151	Increasing crime, speeding offenses, with little priority given to doing something about it.	8/30/2023 5:03 PM
152	Too many people. High taxes. Corrupt government	8/30/2023 4:46 PM
153	Too many people too much regulation	8/30/2023 1:03 PM
154	Crime has increased significantly	8/29/2023 1:13 PM
155	Congestion and costs have gone up, but added amenities such as new trails have balanced the negatives	8/29/2023 11:11 AM
156	Crime	8/28/2023 6:23 PM
157	Overall, the decline in a sense of community, values, jobs and cutbacks. The overall failure of the school system in Columbia, that do not reflect the output of the school system and the taxes we pay.	8/28/2023 5:15 PM
158	more crime, more homeless people, too many people, too many houses being built in rural community	8/28/2023 11:31 AM
159	My quality of life is better due to added income, I believe crime in Boone County is worse.	8/28/2023 8:52 AM
160	More crime. Less flexible county regulations. Schools deteriorating	8/27/2023 3:04 PM
161	There is a notable increase in crime and homelessness	8/27/2023 6:12 AM
162	More rigorous private sewer/septic requirements have been good. Paving the gravel roads years ago was a major improvement.	8/26/2023 10:15 AM
163	Perceptual data tells me crime has increased, but i do not know that for a fact	8/25/2023 3:59 PM
164	The loss of the sense of community	8/25/2023 3:13 PM
165	Quality of life has somewhat gotten better in Boone County because of the continued growth and investment in needed services. More families are migrating to Boone County because of accessible resources and quality healthcare so the increase of quality of life will be a central theme over time.	8/25/2023 9:48 AM
166	Commission seems vested in special interests rather than considering the county as a whole.	8/25/2023 7:00 AM
167	I have had to seek proper employment (pay \$25+ and full benefits) outside of the city for the last 12 years. If I could sell my house at a profit I'd leave and move to where I work. I enjoy the activities and a few people here. Cost rising, crime is exploding, I feel less financially secure and safe overall.	8/24/2023 7:53 PM
168	to much growth and not enough law in force coverage	8/24/2023 6:38 PM

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169	Increase of violent crime and poor development planning has impacted on potential improvements.	8/24/2023 4:04 PM
170	More guns, more crime. No entry level jobs, more crime. No affordable housing, more crime.	8/24/2023 9:16 AM
171	The crime is out of control, homelessness is out of control too	8/24/2023 6:34 AM
172	Crowding, insufficient road and maintenance, push electrical grid and water supply beyond capacity. Need to scrap "fixing" I70/63 interchange and build a by pass like in Kirksville !	8/23/2023 8:46 PM
173	City is becoming trash. Crime, traffic etc.	8/23/2023 2:38 PM
174	Worse - increased crime and one-sided political hostility in Columbia city government.	8/23/2023 12:32 PM
175	Aging infrastructure, cost of living, and lack of well paying occupations.	8/23/2023 10:09 AM
176	Growth has brought crime, the inability of the county to keep up with infrastructure needs, higher taxes, diminishing the small town community feel and the lifelong Boone County residents feeling we have no say in anything. This county feels like greed. The amount of new homes being developed is out of hand. Take care of what we have. The District is flailing, the Business Loop is a ghost town, it's all sad.	8/23/2023 7:40 AM
177	The wealthy business owners will pay the commissioners to vote in their favor. Example, Larry Potterfield, midway, USA. The commissioners don't care about the county as a county.	8/23/2023 5:48 AM
178	The most noticeable thing for me is traffic within the city of Columbia, people frequently running red lights at intersections has created a hazardous feel to the city streets.	8/22/2023 9:50 AM
179	Diversity, and community programs	8/22/2023 7:45 AM
180	Taxes way to high, impossible for a retired person on social security to live by their self.	8/22/2023 6:52 AM
181	ARPA funds could have been spent on infrastructure and planning instead of pet local projects (granted the TWO in Southern Boone County were to worthy recipients.	8/22/2023 6:23 AM
182	overcrowded and over developed.	8/22/2023 6:21 AM
183	high cost of living, high taxes	8/21/2023 8:46 AM
184	Congestion and poor income/infrastructure management.	8/21/2023 8:37 AM
185	Better because more offerings. Somewhat due to population effects	8/21/2023 7:32 AM
186	traffic and bad driving	8/20/2023 8:30 AM
187	Worse ! Taxes are the highest they have ever been yet every problem identified by government has gotten worse. Every opportunity that the government to exploit a crises they have seized the opportunity.	8/19/2023 5:46 PM
188	City of Columbia has policies that stifle small businesses	8/19/2023 3:31 PM
189	Roads and infrastructure are not keeping pace with growth. Plans should anticipate growth rather than always reacting to growth after it has ocured and caused problems	8/19/2023 3:27 PM
190	Crime rates, we are no longer 'just a college town" and infrastructure...unkept and not maturing	8/19/2023 7:02 AM
191	Crime is terrible	8/19/2023 5:04 AM
192	Cost of living much higher.	8/18/2023 7:14 PM
193	More development, increased noise and decreased habitat.	8/18/2023 4:12 PM
194	The County continues to impose additional regulations that make it increasingly difficult to conduct farming practices in the county.	8/18/2023 3:24 PM
195	Crime and homelessness is worse	8/18/2023 1:31 PM
196	Wage gaps and private equity, low corporate taxes have built a divide that cannot be crossed without systemic change. But the working classes just keep working. Pushing a sundivision of 500k homes out in the woods that teachers and builders and office workers can't afford sends a clear message that our thriving and advancement are not important.	8/18/2023 1:23 PM
197	Crime continues to be an issue due to lack of interest to actually address the criminals and the	8/18/2023 1:21 PM

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root causes. Most infrastructure projects (sewer extension, gravel to paved road improvements, etc) have not been completed as promised.

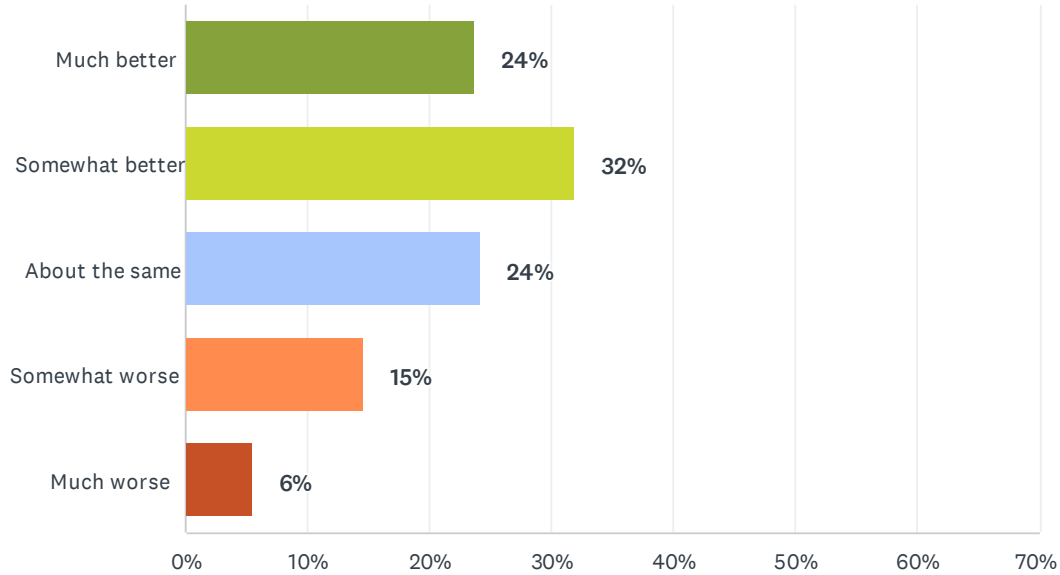
198	TOO MUCH CRIME!	8/18/2023 12:46 PM
199	It's a give and take thing - I used to bemoan not having interesting places to shop and variety on the shelves in the grocery stores. Now, we have that, but you have to think twice about being downtown anymore - in the daytime you are accosted by homeless people/beggars and at night the gang bangers come out and you could get shot or be a witness to something violent. Plus my kids have moved away, so I am in general a less satisfied Columbia-Boone County resident.	8/18/2023 10:20 AM
200	Increase in population= more traffic, more crime, more development.	8/18/2023 10:16 AM
201	Loss of so many small businesses related to Covid. Particularly applies to Columbia. Loss of Boone County Fairgrounds access to AG and equestrian sectors.	8/18/2023 9:53 AM
202	cost of living	8/18/2023 9:00 AM
203	Roads and quick access to general practitioners seem somewhat worse.	8/18/2023 8:50 AM
204	congestion and crime are an issue	8/18/2023 8:46 AM
205	Haven't been here long enough to compare.	8/18/2023 5:59 AM
206	Places to live or rent are increasingly expensive. Food is expensive. Jobs don't pay enough to live on. Retail space rent is insane, we have tons of chains and family run businesses can't afford to stay open.	8/17/2023 7:42 PM
207	Gerrymandering	8/17/2023 6:16 PM
208	I think the growth we have had has created a more dynamic cultural scene.	8/17/2023 2:48 PM
209	Building regulations have gotten difficult. When I talk to friends and neighbors they say don't build in boone county.	8/17/2023 1:35 PM
210	higher rate of crime, more traffic and traffic accidents.	8/17/2023 1:03 PM
211	Crime, traffic and schools have all deteriorated drastically	8/16/2023 7:02 PM
212	I big part of the worsening in from the general negative culture changes that are happening nearly everywhere. Infrastructure expansion and maintenance hasn't kept up nor does it look like it was appropriately thought out and planned. For the level of emphasis on environmental stewardship, Boone county has allowed too much tree and vegetation removal with development and construction permits and activities. If you want carbon sequestered and green house gases mitigated, severely limit or quit allowing clear cutting of mature trees for any kind of new development.	8/16/2023 12:32 PM
213	It's worse. The city has become a cesspool for violence and poor government choices so people are moving to the County and bringing their city troubles with them!	8/16/2023 11:46 AM
214	Increase in crime. Decrease in enforcement if law. Decrease in infrastructure. Citizens without a voice. Increase in hazard and nuisance properties. Too.much homeless. Too many voucher handouts.	8/16/2023 10:44 AM
215	Traffic would be the thing that kept me from choosing "better".	8/16/2023 8:00 AM
216	As I answered in the previous question (not realizing this one was coming), most of the best things about Boone County can't really get better because they were already great, but most of the changes have been for the worse (higher costs, degrading infrastructure, more traffic, loss of farmland, etc.)	8/16/2023 7:50 AM
217	My area has seen an increase in squalor; literally.. with people dumping illegally along the roads, an increase in dwellings with people of little or no means and junk everywhere, and an increase in homeless people along the roads and camping.	8/16/2023 6:52 AM
218	Increase in crime concerning	8/15/2023 8:36 PM
219	Crime or the perception of crime is the reason I say worse as well as homelessness although these haven't affected me.much personally.	8/15/2023 8:19 PM
220	Crime has increased over time	8/15/2023 6:31 PM

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221	More drugs, more crime, and more lazy homeless	8/15/2023 5:08 PM
222	Crime migrating from the city, Property taxes, people moving from town with unrealistic ideas of what country living is. Property rights.	8/15/2023 11:42 AM
223	Schools are rapidly declining	8/15/2023 9:57 AM
224	I haven't noticed much change.	8/14/2023 6:31 PM
225	higher crime - loss of small town values	8/14/2023 4:10 PM
226	Crime is high, education system has declined, and cost has sky rocketed due to excessive regulations.	8/14/2023 1:25 PM
227	Crime, decline in school quality, poor road infrastructure planning	8/13/2023 7:56 PM
228	More options, more crime lesser punishment for law breakers.	8/12/2023 9:17 PM
229	When I moved here the population was around 30,000 now its at least 108,000. With all those new people comes more traffic, more crime, and more stress on infrastructure	8/11/2023 5:26 PM
230	Boone County has become to expensive	8/11/2023 7:38 AM
231	We have more options for jobs and recreation.	8/11/2023 7:05 AM
232	Zoning and planning is horrible... no one knows how to properly fix roads or put in shopping and amenities without making a traffic hazard. We rely too much on the university and refuse to expand for our locals	8/11/2023 5:22 AM
233	High taxes ,too many people	8/10/2023 9:58 PM
234	Law enforcement is understaffed and rural areas that don't have local law enforcement (like Harrisburg) become easy targets for bad behavior.	8/10/2023 9:01 PM
235	Too many people, NOISE and traffic	8/10/2023 6:29 PM
236	Test test	8/10/2023 4:50 PM
237	my quality of life is better because I'm blessed to be in a job that pays significantly above the norm. But that's because of my income, not because of the place and the events that have shaped it.	8/9/2023 4:19 PM
238	Higher taxes, crime in Columbia, won't shop there anymore.	8/9/2023 11:00 AM
239	Increased crime.	8/9/2023 9:39 AM
240	Crime	8/8/2023 10:25 AM
241	A lot more transients even now out in rural county every few weeks new ones	8/8/2023 9:53 AM
242	Roads, inadequate. Bridges need repaired or replaced. Let's not even get started on wastewater treatment. Abysmal.	8/8/2023 9:28 AM
243	Crime and excessive government regulations	8/7/2023 10:48 PM
244	Crime is up and law enforcement staffing doesn't seem to be keeping up with growth.	8/7/2023 9:32 PM
245	i have been a resident since 1969 except for two stints of 2 yrs and 10 yrs. boone county is a area with outstanding natural areas and a vibrant columbia. i am amazed at how well the coordination of the city and county governments get along and coordinate services for the benefit of city and county residents.	8/6/2023 8:36 PM
246	The number of parks and trails has greatly contributed to quality of life in Boone County.	8/4/2023 3:52 PM

Q12 How would you rate the attractiveness of Boone County compared to surrounding counties? [choose one]

Answered: 707 Skipped: 35



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Much better	24%	168
Somewhat better	32%	226
About the same	24%	171
Somewhat worse	15%	103
Much worse	6%	39
TOTAL		707

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY "BETTER" OR "WORSE":	DATE
1	It is better because of greater scope of services and cultural diversity (greater access to services and cultural activities comes with greater local and county taxes)	10/6/2023 11:23 AM
2	White trash is white trash regardless of what county they live in. But there are more rich people building fancy houses out in the County.	10/6/2023 11:03 AM
3	People from other cities/towns and states all looking for their 10 acres to build on.	10/6/2023 10:47 AM
4	This isn't saying much considering the nearby towns are Fulton, Fayette, STL areas, KC areas, and Jeff City.	10/5/2023 5:01 PM
5	higher zoning laws - that's good	10/5/2023 4:47 PM
6	County mowing and litter pickup is better	10/5/2023 2:44 PM
7	Protective regulations	10/5/2023 2:30 PM
8	Trash not moved as often	10/5/2023 1:18 PM

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9	Because we have P and Z	10/5/2023 12:49 PM
10	Surrounding counties have less crime and better sherriffs, judges. Less do gooders	10/4/2023 5:31 PM
11	Has more diversity	10/4/2023 5:21 PM
12	better options and oppportunities	10/4/2023 3:24 PM
13	Columbia in the center is good. Too much traffic....	10/4/2023 8:57 AM
14	Embarrassing entrances off I-70!! Weeds, unattended areas, debris... we notice/comment every time we drive it! That's the 1st impression of our town.	10/3/2023 4:03 PM
15	Don't know	10/3/2023 10:22 AM
16	Increased development is cutting in to the rural and natural appeal of the area.	10/2/2023 5:14 PM
17	Proximity to entertainment, healthcare, education, and restaurants is great in Columbia. The cost of living in Boone is less desirable compared to surrounding counties.	10/1/2023 10:27 PM
18	Can still have rural life but be close to a vibrant city	9/30/2023 11:26 PM
19	Zoning laws help with planning growth and development	9/30/2023 10:10 PM
20	Boone County has the more population than surrounding counties. As we grow, we are not keeping it attractive. We should have more laws to limit the power of the developers who destroy the natural beauty of our county in the name of progress. I'm advocating for controlled growth, with laws that allow trees and natural areas to remain in areas that are being developed.	9/30/2023 6:26 PM
21	Access to health care, shopping etc	9/30/2023 8:50 AM
22	Better schools, medical services and job opportunities	9/30/2023 4:39 AM
23	Too much litter!	9/29/2023 2:58 PM
24	Is more diverse.	9/29/2023 9:30 AM
25	It's a bigger town. I would hate living somewhere rural and having to travel a greater distance to access basic needs	9/29/2023 8:53 AM
26	I really haven't researched this but my answer has to do with Columbia being in Boone County whereas surrounding counties don't have any big cities. I prefer the most natural look possible.	9/29/2023 2:18 AM
27	I think Columbia and the surrounding towns each have their own charms and merit. I work all over the state and many other counties just feel like rural farming communities without much character beyond that, but Boone is rich with culture and character which I love.	9/29/2023 1:40 AM
28	Boone County has adopted certain policies and ordinances to manage growth and protect the environment. Boone County has a Planning and Zoning Commission.	9/29/2023 12:09 AM
29	too many billboards and trash next to roads	9/28/2023 5:14 PM
30	Crazies running Columbia.	9/28/2023 3:55 PM
31	Well, develops haven't ruined all the beautiful open areas YET. More business isn't always a good thing.	9/28/2023 3:42 PM
32	Boone County is distinctly more multi-cultural. Trust levels seem higher here, and that contributes to quality of life.	9/28/2023 2:17 PM
33	too many taxes too liberal	9/28/2023 11:24 AM
34	I go to Mexico to see orthopedist because they are too specialized here. S	9/28/2023 8:57 AM
35	All that Columbia and growing communities like Ashland have to offer, greatly assist in attracting people to this county. However, cost of living and subpar wages negate much of this.	9/28/2023 8:55 AM
36	City of Columbia	9/28/2023 8:10 AM
37	Although codes make Boone county better in some ways the higher taxes and cost of living do not.	9/28/2023 7:05 AM

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38	Crime and higher prices of everything	9/27/2023 5:46 PM
39	Land prices have skyrocketed. As a landowner, this is good for me, but it makes it difficult for young people who want to live in a rural setting to afford Boone County.	9/27/2023 5:33 PM
40	We are more accepting of folks and have health care in county	9/27/2023 4:41 PM
41	Closer to needed services. One gets older, one sees doctors more frequently.	9/26/2023 9:37 PM
42	No fiber internet. Howard County its everywhere. Can not pave Boothe Lane but Richland School is chip and sealed to one home. Dept of roads manager? I pay more taxes. How do i petition to be in howard county as Boone county doesnt want western part of county.	9/26/2023 9:37 PM
43	The police needs to be supported more by the Columbia mayor and city council.	9/26/2023 9:32 PM
44	Relative are you looking at business loop compared too downtown herman	9/26/2023 4:35 PM
45	Trash, homeless, potholes, people trashing yards, gun fire/shooting	9/25/2023 8:49 PM
46	stupid question, requires context	9/25/2023 9:13 AM
47	A lot of trash and homeless.	9/25/2023 9:09 AM
48	High taxes / horrible allocation of tax dollars.	9/24/2023 4:34 PM
49	Simply put, the significantly greater economic and human resources available.	9/24/2023 7:45 AM
50	Trash is ridiculous on all the roads. Personal property taxes on vehicles is ridiculous.	9/22/2023 4:19 PM
51	Columbia, in places, is disgusting. Conley WalMart area is butt of jobless and crime. I personally saw someone pissing in the parking lot.	9/22/2023 4:13 PM
52	homelessness	9/22/2023 12:42 PM
53	Looks yes. Taxes and codes hell no.	9/22/2023 12:10 PM
54	higher taxes with less service provided - better roads in other counties both rural and urban - better subdivision and zoning except Callaway Co.	9/21/2023 1:28 PM
55	Improved trails, walkways add to the county.	9/20/2023 4:54 PM
56	It is trashy in most places! Especially close to Columbia. I am so ashamed to think about visitors seeing this.	9/20/2023 4:45 PM
57	Boone County has a strong economy. But many people would rather live in a different county but can't because their jobs are in Boone County.	9/20/2023 1:12 PM
58	more opportunities	9/20/2023 1:02 PM
59	Better economy and services and diversity.	9/20/2023 12:55 PM
60	Better access to goods. Services, education, etc. Better development structure / oversight.	9/19/2023 12:05 PM
61	Very commercialized highways interfere with views of the pretty parts.	9/19/2023 9:06 AM
62	Taxes too high!	9/18/2023 12:55 PM
63	Dirty, unmowed areas. Poor infrastructure. Very high property taxes.	9/18/2023 12:04 PM
64	Tax rates and regulatory red tape discourage development and encourage locating in neighboring counties.	9/18/2023 11:46 AM
65	Because of Columbia	9/17/2023 2:31 PM
66	Boone is very large and well maintained. There is an area/space for everyone.	9/17/2023 8:30 AM
67	Again, homeless people are not attractive. Homeless encampments need to be removed.	9/15/2023 7:08 PM
68	Still could be better. I-70 and Hwy63 are mostly ugly. I-70 needs expansion 20 yrs ago. All intersections are ugly.	9/15/2023 4:02 PM
69	Boone County should not be "about the same". As a leader in population in central Missouri, we should be the "crown jewel".	9/15/2023 3:51 PM

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70	Columbia starting to look like a car bumper with too many bumper stickers.	9/15/2023 3:12 PM
71	more services	9/15/2023 9:08 AM
72	Too much crime.	9/15/2023 8:56 AM
73	you aren't moving along the roads anymore. Makes it look worse.	9/15/2023 8:33 AM
74	Nothing outstanding to see - or take your visitors too.	9/14/2023 3:31 PM
75	Location on Missouri River and edge of Ozark uplift.	9/14/2023 3:16 PM
76	Boone has more options and opportunities than our rural neighbors. You don't have to live in the city to be able to enjoy and appreciate the amenities, healthcare, etc.	9/13/2023 11:17 AM
77	Driving through Boone County on I-70 and 63 makes it look like a sh**hole of a city. It's no wonder tourism struggles. All funding it spent to make downtown attractive. Maybe Boone County could benefit from the old curb appeal quote: "If all your remodeling is done on the inside but the outside of the house is challenging, you'll never even have the chance to show the inside." Maybe Boone County should paint the front door and give the outside a fresh makeover. Put Boone County prisoners to work picking up trash, mowing, landscaping the exits along I-70 and 63, etc.	9/13/2023 9:18 AM
78	Trash and homeless people on the roads.	9/12/2023 10:49 PM
79	more developed, more progressive	9/12/2023 8:54 AM
80	Other counties are much cleaner and safer. Their local governments do not push national agendas, rather they focus on local issues.	9/11/2023 4:40 PM
81	The city is ruining Boone county. I don't want to be associated with Columbia at all, however like the smaller communities in the county.	9/11/2023 2:04 PM
82	I've not lived i other counties, so I really don't know.	9/11/2023 10:39 AM
83	Schools, amenities of columbia. Unincorporated areas have the best of all worlds. Better internet and cell signal would be nice though.	9/10/2023 9:11 PM
84	Proximity to Columbia gives many positives!	9/10/2023 4:12 PM
85	The property taxes are much higher. I could move 10 miles away and live in a much more affordable area.	9/10/2023 1:08 PM
86	Having Planning / Zoning is a huge differentiator (relative to other counties) in protection of property values, the environment, etc.	9/9/2023 12:48 PM
87	Somewhat more liberal	9/8/2023 11:59 AM
88	Regulations and taxes are higher in Boone County, with no discernable benefit.	9/7/2023 10:18 AM
89	Thriving growing community with lots to offet	9/6/2023 1:44 PM
90	More welcoming and diverse. Does not feel as though the people of Boone County will judge you no matter who you are.	9/6/2023 12:20 PM
91	Expensive, traffic congestion, the smaller towns have most of the same stores with less congestion , free parking and less expensive.	9/6/2023 12:02 PM
92	Too expensive	9/5/2023 9:15 PM
93	I like living in Boone county and easy access to Columbia.	9/5/2023 8:36 PM
94	Gravel roads with to much traffic. It has been said already 50% growth yet little to no road paving for the extra traffic.	9/5/2023 2:17 PM
95	Although the county can be difficult to work with in some areas, regulations do keep things in check as far as aesthetics go.	9/5/2023 6:41 AM
96	Planning and zoning	9/5/2023 5:56 AM
97	Boone County is enjoying continued growth and the benefits that come with that.	9/4/2023 12:54 PM
98	no comparison. Boone is the best	9/3/2023 11:30 PM

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99	Taxes are too high. Some of the highest in state	9/3/2023 9:49 PM
100	People in charge making poor decisions for the majority of citizens putting small groups wishes as priority	9/3/2023 11:42 AM
101	I'm educated. I do have a few friends by Fulton, but overall, it is hard to have friendships with people who buck at a third syllable.	9/2/2023 5:17 PM
102	Taxes keep going up compared to other areas in MO	9/2/2023 3:48 PM
103	Too many houses/businesses thrown willy-nilly here and there	9/2/2023 11:17 AM
104	The schools and health care options are better.	9/1/2023 9:39 PM
105	I do not know.	9/1/2023 12:31 PM
106	Good zoning	8/31/2023 11:46 PM
107	I like living near enough to my job that my commute doesn't take longer than 20 minutes. I like the arts and culture aspect of the city, but I'd like to see less crime, no doubt.	8/30/2023 5:40 PM
108	Too expensive taxes	8/30/2023 4:46 PM
109	Fewer people and regulations	8/30/2023 1:03 PM
110	Protective inspections and regulations	8/28/2023 5:15 PM
111	Love the preservation of nature with trails, parks throughout	8/25/2023 3:59 PM
112	More opportunities to jobs, housing, entertainment,	8/25/2023 3:13 PM
113	Boone County is gorgeous. Closer to Columbia has the potential to be gorgeous and rich with nature- but the amount of trash and filth dumped is disturbing. This creates an environmental concern.	8/25/2023 12:15 PM
114	I am willing to pay a little more in taxes for the higher quality of health, education, library, and emergency services we have in Boone County. I also appreciate our cultural diversity and progressive outlook.	8/25/2023 10:34 AM
115	Boone County, again has access to quality healthcare and other resources. Also it sits along I-70 which is a major interstate for travel which is economically beneficial.	8/25/2023 9:48 AM
116	Has both rural and urban opportunities and is a progressive county. Growth and change are possible, while maintaining some local culture and charm	8/25/2023 7:38 AM
117	Id move to marion or ralls tomorrow if I came into the type of situation where I could get out from under my house with a down payment for something else. Better pay and benefits with less crime.	8/24/2023 7:53 PM
118	to many Liberals and criminals	8/24/2023 6:38 PM
119	Columbia is just hideous, and disgusting	8/24/2023 6:34 AM
120	Too much restriction, codes, rules, trying to be everything to everybody overextends budget capacity	8/23/2023 8:46 PM
121	Boone County is an attractive county. Citizens can live in the Rural areas or live in a decent sized City like Columbia.	8/23/2023 10:09 AM
122	Homelessness and trash everywhere	8/23/2023 7:40 AM
123	Cost of housing, crime, and lack of focus on infrastructure.	8/23/2023 2:19 AM
124	more opportunity	8/22/2023 11:24 AM
125	Don't know can't afford to go driving to check out other places	8/22/2023 6:52 AM
126	Higher crime and drug use is affecting the quality of life in the rural areas much more today than 15 years ago. University health care and even Boone care is rationed to the point that basic appointments like wellness exams and consults have to be scheduled months in advance. City/county governments and libraries focus on politics verses providing services. Additional traffic flow needs ignored. Wider roads aren't the answer. More through ways is what has been needed but ignored.	8/22/2023 6:23 AM

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127	More liberal.	8/21/2023 1:24 PM
128	Columbia	8/20/2023 5:05 PM
129	boone has more rules and restrictions.	8/20/2023 8:30 AM
130	Worse because the high cost of living in Boone County has driven the cost of living in surrounding counties up for people that don't live in Boone County	8/19/2023 5:46 PM
131	Taxes are ridiculous here versus the rest of MO, same with costs of living	8/19/2023 3:31 PM
132	We cater to nature lovers (the weeds as pollinators) and the college (dumpsters and trash)	8/19/2023 7:02 AM
133	Good combination of rural and city	8/18/2023 1:31 PM
134	More expensive, but more options and services	8/18/2023 1:23 PM
135	Trash everywhere when you come into town and too many ugly buildings crammed into small areas in downtown. The Loop is trashy and outdated and the businesses there don't take care of their areas.	8/18/2023 12:46 PM
136	We are losing much of our open space / farmland to residential and commercial development.	8/18/2023 10:47 AM
137	I don't get around a lot but Columbia makes a concerted effort to make the Business Loop and downtown Columbia look better. MU is always spending money on the campus. I'd like to see the # of high-rises downtown stop and let that shift back to the campus. Some other Missouri cities just look like strip malls. That's not Columbia.	8/18/2023 10:20 AM
138	In retrospect (hindsight is a great teacher), when we moved here 50 years ago, it was so very rural. Now I wish we had purchased land further from Columbia. But we have a good life here and are grateful. The rural counties around Boone have looser zoning laws, but the amenities are not as good. Education and other services suffer because of low tax rates.	8/18/2023 10:16 AM
139	Increase in rural-urban divide and political discord.	8/18/2023 9:53 AM
140	Schools keep people coming. Taxes, higher cost of living and BS Boone County restrictions keep people away	8/18/2023 9:46 AM
141	Boone County has leaned into an industrial setting, which is not very attractive in my opinion. Not really a negative, but it's obviously not something visually appealing.	8/18/2023 9:27 AM
142	The tradeoff is other counties nearby are less expensive but require longer drive times to get to healthcare, jobs, entertainment. Other counties offer lower taxes and less government oversight but also offer fewer resources. Covid regulations was an area that highlighted the differences with Boone County have much more restrictions than surrounding areas.	8/18/2023 9:00 AM
143	Better schools	8/18/2023 8:20 AM
144	Haven't been here long enough but I can see Columbia's bigger government ideas potentially having an impact on the county as a whole. I moved here from rural Illinois and that is exactly what happened there. Regulation and taxes became ridiculous.	8/18/2023 5:59 AM
145	Crime in Columbia has increased	8/17/2023 8:57 PM
146	Too many regulations, not enforcing those who are not following.	8/17/2023 4:06 PM
147	Its more orderly here. We still have problem areas, but in general there is less junk and scattered random land uses.	8/17/2023 2:48 PM
148	The crime rate in Boone County appears to be higher than surrounding counties and therefore less appealing.	8/17/2023 1:03 PM
149	Much of Boone County is more inclusive of people who are different. While we have a lot of work to do, more kinds of people can at least try for a seat at the table here, whereas many other parts of Missouri may be actively hostile to diverse representation and attention to problems of equity.	8/17/2023 8:32 AM
150	Too many subdivisions in the country	8/16/2023 7:02 PM
151	Boone county recognizes and provides social services that other counties don't. The county maintains its infrastructure better.	8/16/2023 3:30 PM

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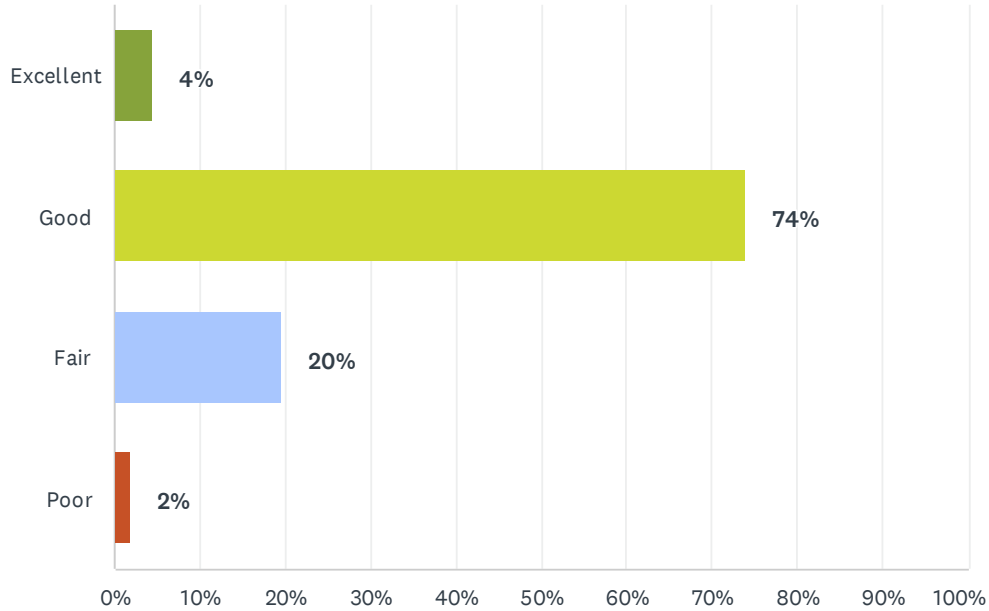
152	To some extent, I am glad Boone county has better regulation/codes for building and property maintenance. But keep it in balance.	8/16/2023 12:32 PM
153	The county is the stepchild of columbia.	8/16/2023 11:46 AM
154	Boone County has more diverse amenities.	8/16/2023 9:11 AM
155	More diverse with a more developed sense of stewardship for the land.	8/16/2023 8:56 AM
156	Way better than Callaway and Monroe. Slightly better than Cole, Cooper, Randolph, and Audrain.	8/16/2023 8:48 AM
157	It is just a richer county, on account of Columbia and the University. Wealth does bring benefits, it's just a fact.	8/16/2023 7:50 AM
158	One of the things that makes Boone County stand out from surrounding counties is the services/attractions of "big city" Columbia; the others all have comparable smaller towns (Fulton, Fayette, Jeff City, etc.), attractive rural areas, and viable farmland. But Columbia positives haven't gotten appreciably better than they were 20 years ago (there have always been good restaurants, shopping, hospitals, etc.) while Columbia also develops more traffic, more sprawl, worse infrastructure, and is becoming a threat to rural communities rather than a positive balance to them. At this point I question whether rural dwellers would be better off moving to a neighboring county to get away from the all-devouring monster of Columbia, which can still be driven to when needed.	8/16/2023 7:50 AM
159	Permit and building codes	8/15/2023 10:12 PM
160	I think we have beautiful nature areas and our road conditions are better than some surrounding areas. Aesthetically, Boone County has beautiful native trees, plants, and wildlife.	8/15/2023 9:22 PM
161	More options in all areas, recreation, shopping, etc.	8/15/2023 8:19 PM
162	Zoning to strict	8/15/2023 6:31 PM
163	Access to healthcare	8/15/2023 4:35 PM
164	Boone is attractive in it's access to the rest of the state and easy access to amenities.	8/15/2023 11:42 AM
165	Schools are declining	8/15/2023 9:57 AM
166	Love the medical services here!	8/14/2023 6:31 PM
167	I like he culture in Columbia	8/14/2023 6:23 PM
168	Our downtown is vibrant, we are a diverse population and we have the best library in the state	8/11/2023 5:26 PM
169	BoCoMo has done a good job at setting and maintaining county building and land use standards.	8/11/2023 7:05 AM
170	One has to go a distance to "get away from it all!"	8/10/2023 6:29 PM
171	Best of both worlds. Access to services and nature.	8/10/2023 9:40 AM
172	Boone County is attractive because of the jobs in Columbia, however the surrounding counties are more attractive for rural living. Boone County has too many restrictions in the rural areas. Restrictions such as requiring chipped and seal parking lots when gravel parking lots would be fine.	8/9/2023 9:35 PM
173	We do have zoning and some regulation that keeps us more attractive than say, Callaway County.	8/9/2023 4:19 PM
174	Too liberal.	8/9/2023 11:00 AM
175	Better because of some regulation	8/9/2023 9:39 AM
176	Only because of planning and zoning we have	8/8/2023 10:25 AM
177	Good roads and width of roads	8/8/2023 9:53 AM
178	Cost of living is high	8/8/2023 7:57 AM
179	Higher educated and diverse population. The time I have spent in surrounding counties, I have witnessed a lot of bigotry, judgement, and insistence on conformity.	8/8/2023 7:11 AM

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180	Housing is too high. Simply live 20 minutes away in a neighboring county and houses are \$100 to \$200K cheaper than similar houses in Boone County.	8/7/2023 10:48 PM
181	outstanding compared to surrounding counties	8/6/2023 8:36 PM
182	More options for jobs, schools, and activities.	8/5/2023 9:01 AM
183	Southern Boone County, which includes the northern edge of the Ozarks and its unique topography, should be protected from rampant subdivision development. Likewise, the small towns and farm land of northern Boone County are unique county assets to be preserved. Growth need not decimate either.	8/4/2023 3:52 PM

Q13 How would you rate the overall appearance of residential properties in Boone County? [choose one]

Answered: 706 Skipped: 36



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	4%	31
Good	74%	522
Fair	20%	139
Poor	2%	14
TOTAL		706

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY:	DATE
1	Varies. Some are junkers. Some are well maintained.	10/6/2023 10:48 AM
2	They are over-priced for the rent charged, value doesn't equal price.	10/5/2023 5:03 PM
3	always depends on location	10/5/2023 4:48 PM
4	Double wide trailers frequently run down	10/5/2023 1:42 PM
5	Not too many junk collectors.	10/4/2023 8:58 AM
6	In town	10/3/2023 4:03 PM
7	Shabby in certain areas	10/3/2023 3:59 PM
8	Lots of litter detracts.	10/3/2023 10:03 AM
9	many more run-down properties	10/2/2023 10:17 AM
10	We need more rigorous housing inspections. The fact they don't even check smoke detectors for batteries is telling.	9/30/2023 2:23 PM

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11	I'm not so big on appearances.	9/29/2023 2:23 AM
12	Most residential properties appear maintained, but there's been such a boom in suburban growth/expansion and with that comes cookie-cutter homes with zero care for the natural environment that was in its place previously. Entire forests/ecosystems obliterated. Hills flattened. Trees older than anyone alive in Boone County scraped off the earth like muck from a boot. There's no care for preserving anything. Neighborhood after neighborhood without a single mature tree between them is depressing.	9/29/2023 1:58 AM
13	Boone County has adopted policies and ordinances designed to maintain the appearance and value of residential properties. However, there is a serious lack of affordable housing for low income residents.	9/29/2023 12:12 AM
14	There are some properties you'll drive by that are obviously condemnable or need to be torn down. Or you'll see a property full of junk in the yard, whether cars, appliances, random things, and it's an eyesore to look at. I'm not educated on the County codes of how picked up a property has to be (I need to look into it).	9/28/2023 9:09 AM
15	Lots of new home building, which looks nice. However, neighborhood yards outside of city limits more often are unkept due to an absence of county regulations for grass mowing, etc. Concentrated areas of higher crime and rentals exhibit this more often.	9/28/2023 9:01 AM
16	It varies.	9/28/2023 8:59 AM
17	Junk accumulation.	9/28/2023 8:15 AM
18	People in general keep their places very nice, but I would love to see some incentives for avoiding "recreational mowing." People mow large tracts of turf grass as this has become an expectation as a "cue to care." It would be great to have some education and incentives for landowners to create more conservation friendly landscapes.	9/27/2023 5:38 PM
19	There is individualism, and I don't like too many rules	9/27/2023 4:43 PM
20	Depends on where you look.	9/27/2023 12:00 AM
21	Superficial question!!!!!!!!!!!!	9/26/2023 2:28 PM
22	Although some to a good job, there many who trash their own property making embarrassing to have guest to your house	9/25/2023 8:51 PM
23	Some people do not keep up their property.	9/25/2023 9:27 AM
24	none of my business	9/25/2023 9:13 AM
25	Mixed ...the question is too broad to rate in this way.	9/24/2023 7:52 AM
26	Trash removal is to slow.	9/21/2023 1:51 PM
27	Except obvious areas.	9/20/2023 4:54 PM
28	New neighborhoods are cookie cutter houses built by corporate development. This is becoming a blight to the future of Boone County. Old neighborhoods are more beautiful with character and uniqueness.	9/20/2023 1:20 PM
29	Some area depresses, yet cost of living make people take care.	9/20/2023 12:00 PM
30	Depends on the neighborhood.	9/19/2023 5:13 PM
31	It does vary based on area within county.	9/18/2023 5:07 PM
32	There is a lot of sameness and utilitarianism in the newer houses and buildings that make it look anonymous with exceptions.	9/18/2023 4:57 PM
33	Make land owners clear their brush on roadways!	9/18/2023 11:58 AM
34	70% of homes in good condition, 30% in disrepair.	9/17/2023 8:31 AM
35	Great majority of owners have pride in appearance.	9/15/2023 4:03 PM
36	People keep homes up and properties are substantial investment.	9/14/2023 3:17 PM
37	There's a significant disparity of wealth within our residential areas, and it's hard not to feel like	9/13/2023 11:24 AM

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the newer, wealthier areas have a better investment in infrastructure. Our rural communities, and central Columbia residential areas look like they've been abandoned and forgotten.

38	The city is divided amongst rich neighborhoods and crime neighborhoods. Good neighborhoods are unaffordable.	9/11/2023 4:41 PM
39	It depends upon which side of town you are looking at. The west side properties look pretty good. The east side ones not so much. Our neighborhood looks better since the hail, as most places got new siding and roof.	9/11/2023 10:46 AM
40	I have no idea how to answer this. There are run down trailers next to mega mansions. But I find the mega mansions grotesque.	9/9/2023 4:43 PM
41	We need desperately to get some rental regulations in the county so that can address some of the really bad rental housing. There are many areas of our community that have become 'slum divisions' that are filled with poorly maintained housing. These areas seem to have a proportionately higher incidence of crime.	9/9/2023 12:54 PM
42	Dont really know.	9/7/2023 12:25 PM
43	It is none of my business what other properties look like if the way they look has no impact (outside of visual) on others.	9/7/2023 10:20 AM
44	Parts of boone country are all of the above.	9/6/2023 11:50 PM
45	Depends on the neighborhood	9/6/2023 1:01 PM
46	There is the very wealthy individuals and primary residence homes. And low to moderate individuals and primary residence homes. Some, but not much in-between those two sectors.	9/5/2023 3:31 PM
47	There are still some junky looking places here and there.	9/5/2023 6:44 AM
48	Better than other counties but still some problem areas	9/5/2023 5:58 AM
49	Too many properties are not cared for, yet they are very visible	9/4/2023 12:56 PM
50	For the most part they are ok but some older houses need to be renovated or torn down	9/2/2023 9:03 AM
51	In my area there are many properties that are not maintained. Junk in front yards and houses falling apart and there doesn't seem to be any codes or code enforcement. Looks very junky.	9/2/2023 7:20 AM
52	It depends on where you are in the county.	9/1/2023 2:05 PM
53	I think most are good. I think it comes down to who is living in the home and whether they have access to the funds needed to keep up with repairs. The cost of something like an HVAC unit can break someone financially. I'd love to see better incentives with regard to energy efficiency and rebates. Less than \$800 to use a very specific type of HVAC replacement didn't seem like a super great deal when I was facing an \$12,000 repair for a unit that seemed to underperform versus others.	8/30/2023 5:49 PM
54	This totally depends on where in Boone County. There is a real mix in appearance depending on where you are.	8/30/2023 5:08 PM
55	Drastically increased cost of rent has greatly impacted residential upkeep. Tenants are living in sub-par standards while landlords refuse basic upkeep.	8/29/2023 11:22 AM
56	Some are excellent; some aren't. I believe the county should only step in for safety reasons. I'd rather have messy neighbors with ugly houses than too much county interference.	8/28/2023 12:05 PM
57	Pride of space	8/26/2023 2:26 AM
58	Varies widely	8/25/2023 10:01 AM
59	Residential Properties in Boone County are on par with other areas of the state and arguably some of the best in the state. With a lower cost of living comes a better investment in residential property.	8/25/2023 10:01 AM
60	Most are well kept and a point of pride. Some are hazardous and unkempt.	8/25/2023 7:02 AM
61	Most houses look like they are in a state of decline overall. Money is required for up keep. I struggle with the attractiveness of my house.	8/24/2023 7:57 PM

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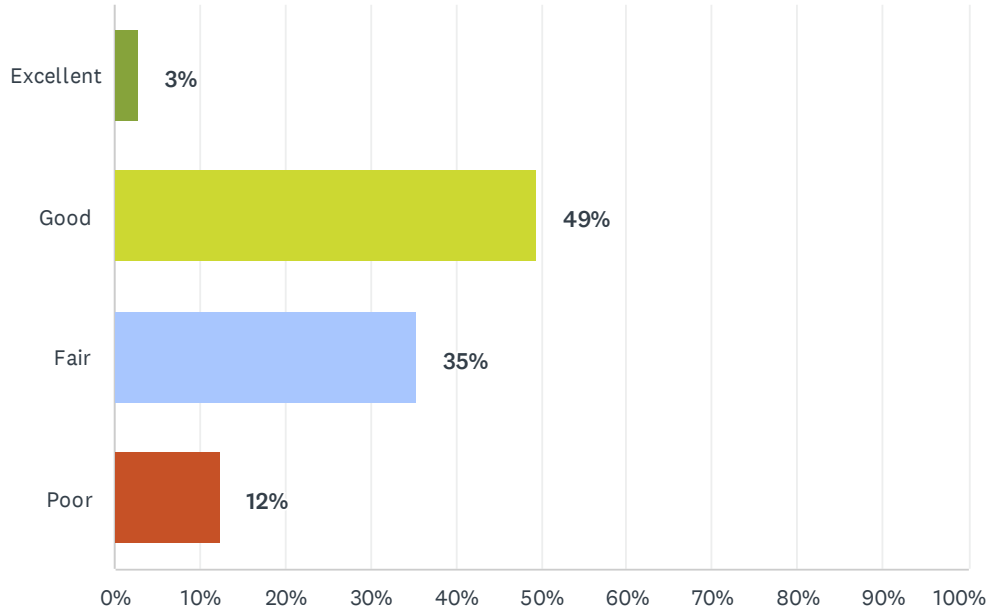
62	We have many areas of the county that are very well maintained but we also have some areas that are very sketchy and look as if they are abandoned.	8/23/2023 3:08 PM
63	Non sustainable or suitable vacant homes should be removed as they create a hazard for the citizens.	8/23/2023 10:18 AM
64	Again I can't afford to go driving and look	8/22/2023 6:55 AM
65	Depends on what part of the county.	8/21/2023 8:47 AM
66	Cookie cutter overpriced boxes. No development for middle class homes.	8/21/2023 8:40 AM
67	One must remember that residential properties in a rural setting may be different from what one expects to see in a city setting. While there are some issues that need to be addressed, overall, appearance of residential properties is in keeping with their rural setting.	8/20/2023 4:33 PM
68	The builders and developers have maintained a high level of professionalism when building and developing property in Boone County	8/19/2023 5:50 PM
69	Too broad of a question. Newer houses are attractive for most part. Lower income houses can look rough.	8/19/2023 2:53 PM
70	Depends on who you are if the county decides you need to clean up the property or not	8/19/2023 10:10 AM
71	Why do we selectively turn a blind eye to eye sores — particularly around the college campuses. Those are investment properties for which ordinances are not applied.	8/19/2023 7:03 AM
72	Tract homes suck.	8/18/2023 7:15 PM
73	Since it's hard as hell to build multifamily with the NIMBY crowd	8/18/2023 1:24 PM
74	More attention needs to be paid to properties that left in disrepair and yet tenants are allowed to live there (Wildwood of Rangeline comes to mind).	8/18/2023 1:22 PM
75	Depends on where you are obviously. If you are South of town - some of those residences blow your mind - and those are the ones in plain view. If you are on Park Street or surrounding areas, it's hit and miss. Some residences (wherever you are) are better maintained than others. It seems the County always has an abatement to deal with.	8/18/2023 10:24 AM
76	There are great residential neighborhoods and then there are terrible ones. The first impression coming westbound on I-70 is one of those.	8/18/2023 9:35 AM
77	Enforcement of requirements to keep residential properties mowed and free of junk/trash, especially in subdivisions, does NOT happen	8/18/2023 8:30 AM
78	It is like anywhere. There are good and bad. Typically that is what the resident can afford, appearances are a luxury for an HOA to focus on. NOT government.	8/18/2023 6:02 AM
79	Stop allowing commercial companies (6+employees) to operate out of single family homes.	8/17/2023 4:08 PM
80	Depending on which rural areas one is in, the income disparities are reflected in the overall appearance of residential properties	8/16/2023 3:33 PM
81	Some areas, both urban and rural, need attention toward maintenance and proper environmental management. (i.e. weed/grass control; trash/waste management; drainage/erosion control; etc.)	8/16/2023 12:41 PM
82	If you happen to live north of town there's trash on every street. Columbia land fill charges way too much to dump we have full jail cells why can't they get out and clean up the streets	8/16/2023 12:15 PM
83	It's rural.	8/16/2023 11:52 AM
84	Too much junk. Nuisance properties. Abandoned structures. Poor maintenance of homes. Yards. Cars. Junk. Etc	8/16/2023 10:47 AM
85	I grew up in the Ozarks and Boone is much "neater" appearance generally.	8/16/2023 8:59 AM
86	Like you find on any two-lane or gravel road in the world, you have attractive (clean and tidy) with unkempt nearby.	8/16/2023 8:04 AM
87	There are exceptions, I've walked/driven enough neighborhoods. But I've driven enough of Missouri to witness communities too poor to demolish the buildings falling down on their main	8/16/2023 7:56 AM

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	streets.	
88	Boone County has the full range from degrading poverty to ostentatious wealth, both of which are unpleasant and problematic. Poverty I at least can feel sympathy for; massive developments of ugly cookie-cutter housing and wealthy mansions clotting urban boundaries are far uglier and problematic.	8/16/2023 7:54 AM
89	As mentioned earlier, there seems to be an increase in the trashy places; sometimes they are squatters.	8/16/2023 6:54 AM
90	Depends on the area. As is expected, areas with lower income have less curb appeal than communities with higher income.	8/15/2023 9:28 PM
91	Pockets of rundown housing, Demaret, Bethany, etc.	8/15/2023 8:23 PM
92	Better compared to other cities. Our governments need to be diligent on code enforcement.	8/15/2023 8:21 PM
93	Non applicable... unless my neighbor creates a health or safety concern for his neighbors, its none of my business. Rats, snakes and mosquitoes do not qualify as health or safety concerns because they are here regardless.	8/15/2023 11:46 AM
94	Hard to say - some areas are well maintained; some are not (just like anywhere else).	8/15/2023 4:18 AM
95	Depends on the neighborhood	8/13/2023 7:57 PM
96	Most neighborhoods are attractive and well maintained. There are some neighborhoods that are trashy and run down.	8/11/2023 5:29 PM
97	This is a weird question.	8/10/2023 10:43 PM
98	Across the spectrum	8/10/2023 9:04 PM
99	Too many high end properties destroying the rural atmosphere	8/10/2023 6:33 PM
100	Better than some of our more rural, unregulated neighbors. I mean, have you driven around Callaway County?	8/9/2023 4:22 PM
101	Fair. Cities have more regulation to address the appearance of property. Boone County does not so a lot of rural areas have suffered for this.	8/9/2023 9:46 AM
102	Depends on what section of the County you live in.	8/8/2023 9:30 AM
103	Not many depressed areas remain due to high cost of living here	8/8/2023 8:02 AM
104	The price for everything, especially housing is ridiculous compared to wages locally.	8/8/2023 6:47 AM

Q14 How would you rate the existing housing options for keeping and attracting residents? [choose one]

Answered: 696 Skipped: 46



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Excellent	3% 20
Good	49% 344
Fair	35% 246
Poor	12% 86
TOTAL	696

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY:	DATE
1	fewer and fewer people can afford out of control rent and housing purchase costs.	10/6/2023 11:24 AM
2	overpriced rent for employees, taxes too high.	10/5/2023 5:03 PM
3	know available housing options low - too many large apartments	10/5/2023 4:48 PM
4	Pricing is getting out of hand	10/5/2023 2:30 PM
5	Getting very expensive	10/5/2023 2:14 PM
6	Way too high price on rentals and keeps going up	10/5/2023 1:38 PM
7	We have NOTHING for lower income families and long term residents that is affordable	10/5/2023 12:49 PM
8	No more apartment structures!	10/3/2023 4:03 PM
9	Lack of affordable/attractive housing	10/3/2023 3:59 PM
10	I don't really know. Haven't looked.	10/3/2023 10:03 AM

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11	Cost	10/2/2023 5:26 PM
12	Starter homes for young residents in safe neighborhoods is very, very hard to find.	10/1/2023 10:29 AM
13	Too expensive and quickly, but not not necessarily high quality	9/30/2023 11:28 PM
14	Though cost of living is low, affordable housing and job options are limited for low income families.	9/30/2023 2:23 PM
15	Rent and cost of living are too high.	9/30/2023 9:27 AM
16	No first time residence homes. Either super old and ran down or unaffordable.	9/30/2023 8:53 AM
17	Not enough options for first-time home buyers. There was a builder named Bob Bassett who specialized in that niche. (I think it was Sunrise Estates, east of CoMo.)	9/29/2023 3:03 PM
18	Cost	9/29/2023 8:55 AM
19	Rent is way too high	9/29/2023 8:54 AM
20	Rent is stupidly expensive. Nobody my age can afford to live on their own. Not a single friend of mine in my age group or younger lives entirely on their own in this county. That is outrageous. These are people with entire degrees working in their chosen fields and yet they can't afford a home/apartment on their own. A few of my friends are renting absolute shit holes and still must have a roommate if they want to both afford rent and all the other basics required to live.	9/29/2023 1:58 AM
21	See note #13.	9/29/2023 12:12 AM
22	Cost getting too high	9/28/2023 8:40 PM
23	There is much construction taking place.	9/28/2023 6:25 PM
24	homeless do nt want to work	9/28/2023 3:26 PM
25	Lack of low cost housing	9/28/2023 10:07 AM
26	In Columbia, housing prices and rents are through the roof. It used to not be so expensive. I currently live with family since I could not afford to live on my own (Granted, I live in a 4,000 sq. foot house on 10 acres so we live together comfortably, but I feel for others who are like me but not as blessed).	9/28/2023 9:09 AM
27	If you're wealthy, options are plentiful (300k+ home building). If you're middle class or below, options are lacking (these residents stay in their homes longer, therefore less on market).	9/28/2023 9:01 AM
28	Prices only attract those with money. We need economically diverse population.	9/28/2023 8:59 AM
29	I am a landlord. We received 60 completed applications for the last property we listed. The developers I know tell me the cost to build a duplex exceeds the return. The high cost of regulation in Boone county doesn't help.	9/28/2023 7:08 AM
30	Housing costs in Boone county are very high.	9/28/2023 6:52 AM
31	General housing market is more expensive	9/27/2023 9:47 PM
32	There seem to be some options in the cities, but as stated earlier, land prices are very high and prohibitive for young buyers just staring out.	9/27/2023 5:38 PM
33	Low cost and good looking housing is hard to find	9/27/2023 4:43 PM
34	Need more moderate income housing options.	9/27/2023 12:00 AM
35	Growth has limited availability	9/26/2023 10:16 PM
36	High priced starter homes. Need condos in downtown Columbia.	9/26/2023 9:42 PM
37	No affordability	9/26/2023 4:39 PM
38	Way too expensive!	9/26/2023 2:28 PM
39	Cost of homes and rental property is outrageous	9/25/2023 8:51 PM
40	Housing costs are high.	9/25/2023 9:27 AM

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41	rents too high	9/25/2023 9:23 AM
42	expensive	9/25/2023 9:09 AM
43	can't build fast enough. very high rent /real estate prices	9/24/2023 4:34 PM
44	not interested in attracting more people	9/24/2023 4:05 PM
45	See response to question 13. More affordable housing options are needed, but the economic incentives have all but disappeared.	9/24/2023 7:52 AM
46	Depends on what street.	9/22/2023 12:10 PM
47	To tax heavy!! Typical Democratic way of doing things.	9/21/2023 1:51 PM
48	Houses and rental property are overpriced.	9/21/2023 1:28 PM
49	I don't know.	9/20/2023 4:54 PM
50	New housing is cookie cutter low quality and overpriced. Boone County is a paradise for greedy developers who want to make quick money now but who don't care about the future of Boone County.	9/20/2023 1:20 PM
51	Not enough 1-2 br affordable apartment in good condition.	9/20/2023 12:00 PM
52	Just bought this year. Terrible time finding something livable and affordable.	9/19/2023 9:06 AM
53	Costs and locations, and crime.	9/18/2023 4:57 PM
54	What kind of residents are you talking about? Poverty level and below = very poor.	9/17/2023 12:19 PM
55	wide spread of choices. Interest % [rate] sucks.	9/17/2023 8:31 AM
56	Not enough affordable housing. Rents too high.	9/15/2023 4:10 PM
57	letting builders build small cheap houses that will be run down and attract un wanted type people to our area	9/15/2023 2:26 PM
58	rents are too high.	9/15/2023 8:34 AM
59	Need better lower income housing options.	9/14/2023 3:17 PM
60	There are no longer starter homes available, it's either overpriced apartments or \$300,000 new builds. The options for lower and middle-class residents are disappearing.	9/13/2023 11:24 AM
61	Student focused rental ghettos being the majority of the available housing is a disgrace.	9/11/2023 10:14 PM
62	home and land prices have gotten so high - many lower, lower/middle & middle income individuals/families simply cannot afford to live in Boone county anymore (especially where I am in southern Boone county)	9/11/2023 2:42 PM
63	But for the love of God, stop building homes that no one can afford.	9/11/2023 2:05 PM
64	Extreme lack of affordable housing. Seems like plenty of very high cost housing.	9/10/2023 4:16 PM
65	more moderately priced options are needed	9/10/2023 3:38 PM
66	People WANT to live in Centralia, but can't afford to if they actually work in Centralia. Not sure why we need to attract more people to this area, there's already too many. Also don't approve of turning farm fields into subdivisions when there are so many existing lots in town that need to be torn down and repurposed	9/9/2023 4:43 PM
67	There is a huge shortage of housing, especially workforce housing.	9/9/2023 12:54 PM
68	It is extremely difficult for young single people and poor families to get affordable housing. There are no safeguards. The rental businesses have the upper hand. From what I read they take large sums to run background checks. This is especially in Columbia.	9/7/2023 12:25 PM
69	All of the above	9/6/2023 11:50 PM
70	I see lots of new neighborhoods being put up with huge, expensive houses and I see new apartment buildings. I think new neighborhoods with smaller, more affordable houses being very beneficial.	9/6/2023 11:38 PM

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71	This seems to be Country wide, but housing costs seem out of control.	9/6/2023 7:54 AM
72	Don't really know or have much opinion.	9/5/2023 8:38 PM
73	There is the very wealthy individuals and primary residence homes. And low to moderate individuals and primary residence homes. Some, but not much in-between those two sectors.	9/5/2023 3:31 PM
74	Too few choices, prices that are too high for what you get	9/4/2023 12:56 PM
75	High prices	9/4/2023 10:03 AM
76	Need more affordable housing for middle class.	9/3/2023 3:09 PM
77	Not enough options for affordable housing.	9/2/2023 8:50 AM
78	Not sure about good affordable housing stock. What is available is older and needs maintenance and what's being built is expensive	9/2/2023 7:20 AM
79	Rents and real estate way too high for young families.	9/1/2023 2:03 PM
80	It is extremely difficult to find middle income housing that isn't trashy. I will not be purchasing my next home or land in Boone County for this reason. You either have to have a six income household, or you have to be willing to live in sub-standard living conditions.	9/1/2023 10:46 AM
81	The older homes in the area are beautiful, well thought out, and stand the test of time. Some of the newer ones are beautiful, but some are thrown up quickly by developers that want to make the most profit. And, I think it's easy to tell which ones those are. I just hope they don't outnumber the ones that provide character to the city.	8/30/2023 5:49 PM
82	Too many buyers from out of state and those out to make a profit are squeezing/bidding out current residents in the buying market.	8/30/2023 5:08 PM
83	Regulations make housing too expensive	8/30/2023 1:07 PM
84	Housing has skyrocketed to the point most people can't afford a decent place to live.	8/29/2023 1:14 PM
85	Cost of living is driving citizens to the surrounding areas outside of Boone.	8/29/2023 11:22 AM
86	Rental property is over-valued due to the University, and housing prices seem to be over valued compared to surrounding counties.	8/28/2023 5:21 PM
87	Inflation, taxes and insurance are making it impossible for lower income to afford housing.	8/26/2023 11:42 AM
88	Too expensive	8/26/2023 10:24 AM
89	There are always places for sale	8/26/2023 2:26 AM
90	The housing prices have skyrocketed, and doesn't create a ton of opportunities for people looking for starter homes.	8/25/2023 12:17 PM
91	There is a shortage of "affordable" housing.	8/25/2023 10:39 AM
92	The economic challenges have made it difficult for moderate to lower income earners to remain in Boone County even with the lower cost of living, because there is a need for more housing stock at affordable prices.	8/25/2023 10:01 AM
93	Cost of living exceeds so people are living multiple people to a house to keep up.	8/24/2023 7:57 PM
94	Lack of affordable housing for so many who work in our service industries.	8/24/2023 9:17 AM
95	As long as the residents make 6 figure salaries, they can afford to live in Boone Co	8/23/2023 3:08 PM
96	The gap between very expensive and very poor housing is getting wider. More "starter" priced single family homes would be good for keeping young families who take pride in ownership.	8/23/2023 12:34 PM
97	In general it's way too expensive to live here, whether renting or buying.	8/23/2023 10:42 AM
98	Nice new homes are being built in the county every day. Stop using tax dollars to revamp old buildings.	8/23/2023 10:18 AM
99	Need more affordable rental for families in my area	8/22/2023 8:51 AM
100	This town caters to students. The rest get left out	8/22/2023 6:55 AM

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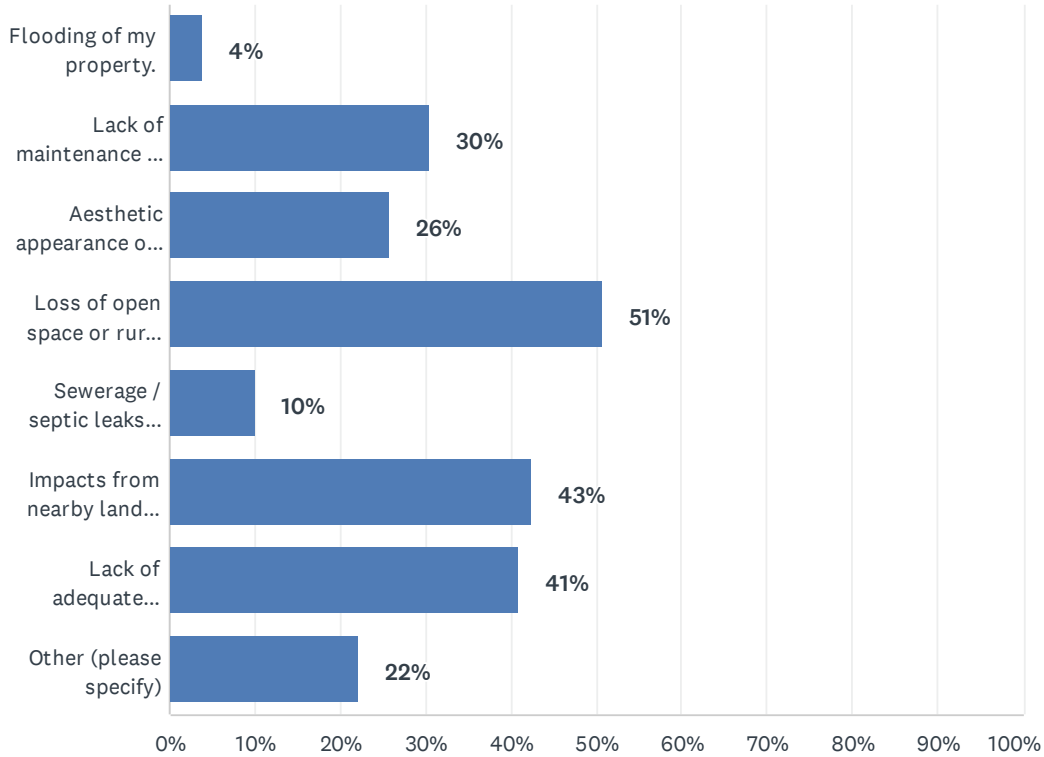
101	Expensive houses and rentals. Minimally regulated subdivisions on the edges of Ashland, Columbia... cause major problems for residents literally one to two years after completion and for cities once annexed.	8/22/2023 6:26 AM
102	Its incredibly expensive to live in Boone County due to price of homes and taxes on property.	8/21/2023 3:07 PM
103	Need more affordable housing. Less overpriced HOA developments that aren't provided adequate utilities nor given proper maintenance.	8/21/2023 8:40 AM
104	It would be helpful to encourage private developers to build more small developments like Kincaid Crossing. We do not need HOA in developed communities and so we need to identify developers who appreciate and respect that while providing suitable housing options.	8/20/2023 4:33 PM
105	Building codes and requiring permits to do anything is crippling new construction	8/19/2023 3:33 PM
106	Affordable housing is being destroyed.	8/19/2023 5:05 AM
107	Hosing is getting really expensive for working families.	8/18/2023 1:35 PM
108	Poor choices in the rental market outside of college housing	8/18/2023 1:24 PM
109	I think catering to a student population makes for Columbia to have more options for affordable housing because there's a sector of the market that serves lower income renters. I think the median US house is around \$400K now; I don't know for sure but I bet the cost of Columbia's median cost for a residence is well under that.	8/18/2023 10:24 AM
110	Housing variety seems to be extreme, ie, too many huge homes and cheaper developments.	8/18/2023 9:58 AM
111	The housing options for poor or no-income residents are not good. Many of the hotels here have essentially turned into long-term housing being funded by non-profits or government programs. Those are often more expensive then renting, but that population can't rent either because they are high-risk and will likely cause property owners to lose money on renting to them. The private non-profits have a pretty long waiting list for housing assistance. For residents who can afford a home and have a job, many will choose to live outside the county and commute because the houses they can afford in our county are located in high crime areas.	8/18/2023 9:35 AM
112	Not affordable	8/18/2023 9:17 AM
113	Housing in unincorporated ares is limited, new housing is available but expensive	8/18/2023 8:30 AM
114	There is a lack of affordable housing. People can no longer afford to buy houses because they cannot afford to save a down payment. Rental rates are too high. Landlords refuse to rent to many people and this has led to a large homeless population.	8/18/2023 6:26 AM
115	Plenty of variety and levels of affordability in my view.	8/18/2023 6:02 AM
116	There is a lack of affordable homes. Many workers commute to Boone County and Columbia because it is cheaper to live elsewhere.	8/17/2023 2:49 PM
117	Affordable housing is difficult to obtain, especially for non-students. Rental prices have seemed much higher, and the push for a specific type of student housing has made it harder for non-students/families to find a good place to live.	8/17/2023 8:36 AM
118	Too many apartments for student housing, not for working folks with families who need affordable housing.	8/16/2023 5:39 PM
119	I know people with limited incomes that find it difficult to get decent housing at affordable rents	8/16/2023 3:33 PM
120	There is a great need for affordable, "entry level" housing for home owners. There should be a higher percentage of Boone county residents owning their own homes rather than renting. My opinion is that there is too much commercial land ownership that results in rental development for businesses and housing.	8/16/2023 12:41 PM
121	If you have money	8/16/2023 12:15 PM
122	Not interested in attracting more residents	8/16/2023 11:52 AM
123	Lack of inventory. Lack of condos, too many rentals, too many transient citizens. Unstable overall community.	8/16/2023 10:47 AM
124	We need more affordable options for lower income families.	8/16/2023 9:13 AM

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125	Lots of options for upper and Middle class. Also many smaller homes in central Columbia	8/16/2023 8:59 AM
126	Lack of options.	8/16/2023 8:50 AM
127	Affordable housing needs to be a huge push in this country and Boone county. High density with easy (non automobile) access to daily needs.	8/16/2023 8:04 AM
128	Too much cheap development on fringes of growing towns (Columbia, Ashland, Hallsville), not enough attention paid to maintaining quality within those towns, and exurban sprawl is slowly pricing lower-income folks out of land/housing in an ever-increasing radius.	8/16/2023 7:54 AM
129	See number 13.	8/16/2023 6:54 AM
130	Housing costs are too high for many people	8/15/2023 9:28 PM
131	I would love more affordable housing just outside of city limits that have 2-3 acre lots for those of us who like a little space from neighbors.	8/15/2023 9:28 PM
132	While lower cost housing is needed, there should hopefully be a middle ground between higher-priced housing and very run down housing.	8/15/2023 8:32 PM
133	Affordable housing for families is lacking.	8/15/2023 8:23 PM
134	Those with limited resources have fewer options.	8/15/2023 8:21 PM
135	Cost	8/15/2023 4:36 PM
136	We are adding lots of lower quality student housing that isn't built to last, we need to build longer term, quality housing options with adequate parking, recreational & green space	8/15/2023 9:56 AM
137	Too costly	8/13/2023 7:57 PM
138	not familiar with this topic to make a determination	8/13/2023 2:51 PM
139	Not enough entry level housing (100 to200,000)	8/12/2023 9:20 PM
140	I am not too familiar with this but my understanding is that there is a lack of affordable housing in Boone County and the rents are outrageous. There aren't many affordable houses for sale either	8/11/2023 5:29 PM
141	Good variety!!	8/11/2023 7:09 AM
142	I have no idea.	8/10/2023 10:43 PM
143	Not as bad as other areas, but it is still tough to own a home for many in the county.	8/9/2023 4:22 PM
144	Home and rental costs are astronomical.	8/9/2023 9:46 AM
145	Only good if you are a student.	8/8/2023 10:28 AM
146	Cost of housing is too high for low to moderate income residents.	8/8/2023 9:30 AM
147	Seems to be an attempt to have a variety of neighborhoods. Could use some smaller home neighborhoods.	8/8/2023 8:02 AM
148	There are very good expensive housing options; there are very insufficient affordable housing options. It is a bifurcated housing market.	8/4/2023 3:56 PM

Q15 What are your top three concerns that may affect the value of your home or property? [Choose up to three]

Answered: 715 Skipped: 27



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Flooding of my property.	4%	27
Lack of maintenance and upkeep of adjacent properties.	30%	218
Aesthetic appearance of new development on adjacent properties.	26%	185
Loss of open space or rural character adjacent to my property.	51%	363
Sewerage / septic leaks from adjacent properties.	10%	71
Impacts from nearby land uses that are incompatible with my property.	43%	304
Lack of adequate infrastructure.	41%	292
Other (please specify)	22%	158
Total Respondents: 715		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Roadways are not treated for overgrowth (cedar trees, honeysuckle, thistles). Yes they are mowed on right-of-ways.	10/5/2023 5:03 PM
2	Keep roadsides mowed.	10/5/2023 3:00 PM

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3	Allowing a type of wind or solar projects (feel good force) would be detrimental to people of this county	10/5/2023 2:30 PM
4	Spotty internet access	10/5/2023 2:05 PM
5	Internet is horrible in Hartsburg area	10/5/2023 1:42 PM
6	High tax rates, wind turbines	10/5/2023 1:32 PM
7	Lagoon was up to code when built 1989. Now needs to be bigger and farther from house. No space to do this if want to sell. Are we grandfathered?	10/5/2023 1:12 PM
8	.	10/5/2023 1:02 PM
9	Optic fiber internet - phone.	10/4/2023 8:58 AM
10	No response	10/3/2023 3:47 PM
11	Crime, chip and seal roads	10/3/2023 3:40 PM
12	No response	10/3/2023 3:29 PM
13	Increase of crime.	10/3/2023 10:09 AM
14	Uniquely situated on dead end rural road between 2 large businesses.	10/3/2023 10:03 AM
15	NA	10/2/2023 5:29 PM
16	Adjacent properties are owned by younger generations of the same families that owned them when I moved here. In areas other than those adjacent to mine, I see problems.	10/2/2023 5:16 PM
17	Home values have everything to do with the quality of the schools and crime.	9/29/2023 6:19 AM
18	My home needs upgrades I can't afford. Because I live in the county and not the city of Columbia, I am not eligible for the same types of helping programs. I need a way to move everything out for renovations and restoration. I want to go off grid as much as possible or do as much solar as possible.	9/29/2023 2:23 AM
19	I-70 expansion	9/28/2023 5:15 PM
20	Think my property would be worth more if there was an economical source of high-speed Internet available to me.	9/28/2023 2:19 PM
21	I think there are properties near mine that deal in illicit drugs.	9/28/2023 10:31 AM
22	Traffic congestion	9/28/2023 10:07 AM
23	Lack of high speed fiber internet	9/28/2023 8:59 AM
24	High property taxes	9/28/2023 7:08 AM
25	I think lack of broadband and the fact that we live on a gravel road affects value.	9/27/2023 5:38 PM
26	Crime rate and need for more services	9/27/2023 12:41 AM
27	No concerns	9/27/2023 12:00 AM
28	Lack of up keep by Foremost dairy as well as poor roadside maint by Boone county. Evasive species in ditches every where.	9/26/2023 9:42 PM
29	Lack of fiber internet and lack of paved roads.	9/26/2023 9:33 PM
30	Lack of support from the county. Canned question written by a developer!!!	9/26/2023 2:28 PM
31	Lack of High speed internet access.	9/26/2023 6:48 AM
32	Worried farmland will be turned into more subdivisions.	9/25/2023 10:23 AM
33	gun shots, weekly to daily	9/25/2023 9:23 AM
34	excessive regulations, we either have property rights or we don't	9/25/2023 9:13 AM
35	.	9/24/2023 4:30 PM
36	road maintenance	9/24/2023 4:05 PM

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37	Growing crime in area	9/23/2023 9:16 PM
38	The ability to hook more propertys to sewer systems.	9/23/2023 7:18 AM
39	Roads Don't take care of our roads.	9/22/2023 6:59 PM
40	Trash on all the sides of roads.	9/22/2023 4:20 PM
41	Fear of wind turbines	9/22/2023 4:11 PM
42	gravel roads	9/21/2023 1:37 PM
43	New road/housing construction is adding noise and light pollution to my neighborhood	9/20/2023 1:20 PM
44	.	9/20/2023 12:45 PM
45	None a problem.	9/20/2023 8:07 AM
46	Windmills for power.	9/19/2023 5:09 PM
47	Generally, I name of these apply in an older developed area that is well []	9/19/2023 12:05 PM
48	Live in Boone with school district in Howard. 7 miles from Harrisburg, 20 some from Fayette. Problem - people want to be in Boone and Harrisburg School, not Fayette if buying. Harrisburg bus comes down road not Fayette bus. Need to be Boone school district not Howard.	9/19/2023 7:50 AM
49	.	9/19/2023 7:45 AM
50	I believe paving the gravel road I live on would have a negative impact on overall value.	9/19/2023 7:41 AM
51	.	9/19/2023 7:37 AM
52	Lack of high speed internet	9/19/2023 1:53 AM
53	.	9/18/2023 12:48 PM
54	Keep properties clean and free of junk / debris / trash.	9/18/2023 11:58 AM
55	County planning and zoning procedures!	9/18/2023 9:38 AM
56	.	9/18/2023 7:45 AM
57	trashy trailer park	9/17/2023 2:37 PM
58	None - keeps appreciating.	9/17/2023 2:32 PM
59	.	9/17/2023 12:30 PM
60	.	9/17/2023 8:48 AM
61	.	9/15/2023 4:30 PM
62	Raised property taxes and valuations.	9/15/2023 4:25 PM
63	Lack of maintenance of our county roads with no concern for dust control.	9/15/2023 3:38 PM
64	Gravel road dust.	9/15/2023 3:24 PM
65	letting houses and subdivision built with no water retention my land has ditches from 30 feet deep from town run off	9/15/2023 2:26 PM
66	possibility of wind farm in north Boone County	9/15/2023 9:22 AM
67	.	9/15/2023 9:08 AM
68	.	9/15/2023 9:04 AM
69	Midway USA building their huge building. Our roads needs paved.	9/15/2023 8:56 AM
70	County not mowing the sides of roads.	9/15/2023 8:34 AM
71	gravel roads - dust roads big problem. Need to be black topped (Wilhite Road).	9/14/2023 3:31 PM
72	The county allows garbage burning that impacts my property.	9/14/2023 3:26 PM

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73	Poor Road infrastructure to east Columbia.	9/14/2023 3:26 PM
74	Rural roads need paving or better upkeep.	9/14/2023 3:17 PM
75	Increased mining at Capitol Quarries on Hwy 63.	9/14/2023 3:10 PM
76	Loss of the ability to farm	9/13/2023 4:11 AM
77	I paid a premium to be outside of the city on a 3 acre lot. Crowding around will decrease that value	9/11/2023 11:24 PM
78	Horrific substandard internet - adequate service is only provided to newer affluent neighborhoods.	9/11/2023 10:14 PM
79	Crime	9/11/2023 4:41 PM
80	My concern is that a developer would come to the county and buy farmland to put in subdivisions. This is distroying our county. People are doing things just to make a buck.	9/11/2023 4:14 PM
81	Once the new homes are finished and occupied, traffic will be a bigger problem.	9/11/2023 10:46 AM
82	declining performance/quality of columbia education	9/10/2023 3:38 PM
83	My nightmare is all the land around us being developed into urban bullshit. Please stop the urban sprawl.	9/9/2023 4:43 PM
84	Public safety - property crimes.	9/9/2023 12:54 PM
85	The widening of the highway. I am very disgusted with MODOT. They had two discussions but we never heard anything about them. One at Battle HS and one in Boonville tonight. Cant go. What are they hiding?	9/7/2023 12:25 PM
86	Crime and sex offenders.	9/7/2023 10:20 AM
87	Extreme dust on gravel roads (drivers speeding), occasionally flooding of gravel roads, high property taxes	9/5/2023 4:20 PM
88	Gravel Roads	9/5/2023 2:17 PM
89	Dusty gravel roads - too much traffic for the road design	9/5/2023 5:58 AM
90	Better roads	9/4/2023 2:21 PM
91	No concerns	9/4/2023 5:51 AM
92	Inadequate law enforcement	9/3/2023 11:43 AM
93	My property value is affected by my body aging and decreased ability to complete projects and concomitant land management.	9/2/2023 5:22 PM
94	No current restrictions on cattle density leading to farms over populating the ground which affects water quality and also quality of surrounding land. County needs more restrictions on low acreage farms.	9/2/2023 3:51 PM
95	Restoring the public perception of the school district. Regardless of how I feel about CPS, the public perception of it has been terribly damaged and needs to be fixed for a variety reasons.	9/2/2023 7:52 AM
96	Lack of enforcement of county codes pertaining to junk and animals.	9/1/2023 10:15 PM
97	Lagoon instead of county sewer	9/1/2023 10:04 PM
98	No concerns currently.	8/30/2023 1:37 PM
99	Restrictions on what can and can't be done on my property	8/30/2023 1:07 PM
100	They considered at one time, putting Wind farms in our area which would have created financial, mental, and health devastation. Solar will have similar devastation.	8/28/2023 5:21 PM
101	I really don't have concerns.	8/28/2023 12:05 PM
102	Again, this question is written in the negative to create more onerous regulations on homeowners and builders.	8/27/2023 6:14 AM
103	crime increases	8/25/2023 1:53 PM

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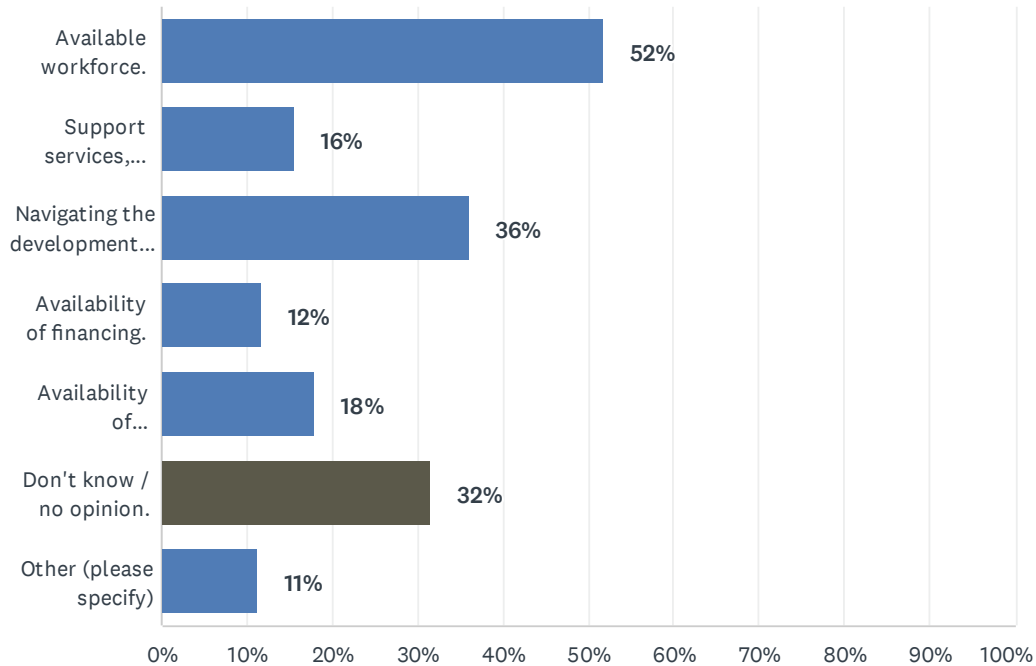
104	Constantly getting cards about people trying to build low income plexes behind my house by oak tower. If it ever passes I'll be even worse off.	8/24/2023 7:57 PM
105	Access to much better internet service.	8/24/2023 4:05 PM
106	Crime, homelessness	8/24/2023 6:35 AM
107	I don't have any of these concerns adjacent to my property but I do have to pass 2 brand new subdivisions on my way home and I can see how traffic along 163 and Route N will get worse and worse as these subdivisions fill up.	8/23/2023 3:08 PM
108	Internet in the county doesn't exist.	8/23/2023 2:39 PM
109	None	8/23/2023 5:49 AM
110	State and county roads near Columbia are not designed for current traffic loads.	8/22/2023 8:22 AM
111	THE LANDFILL	8/22/2023 6:55 AM
112	At this time none	8/21/2023 4:07 PM
113	Encroachment of Columbia City limits	8/21/2023 1:27 PM
114	Increased traffic on Scott Blvd with lack of speed control.	8/21/2023 8:58 AM
115	Water quality	8/21/2023 8:40 AM
116	Since we are on a state highway and not a county road, I would say maintenance of culverts, etc. and the road condition in general.	8/20/2023 4:33 PM
117	Property and school taxes . They are the highest they have ever been yet there is seldom the government or school system let an election come with out a tax increase or tax exstension .	8/19/2023 5:50 PM
118	Growing crime	8/19/2023 3:29 PM
119	None.	8/19/2023 2:53 PM
120	Don't really have any of these issues from my neighbors	8/18/2023 9:25 PM
121	CRIME and Homelessness	8/18/2023 12:47 PM
122	Many people are concerned about higher property taxes in Boone County. My biggest concern is adequate law enforcement and poor internet options.	8/18/2023 9:58 AM
123	I'm not overly concerned with impacts. I do hope this county avoids major commercial renewable projects because this County is growing and those projects, if put in place, will stunt county growth.	8/18/2023 9:35 AM
124	Very busy roads (lake of the woods rd, highway PP) are narrow, no sidewalks or shoulder for pedestrians.or bicyclists. Lack of high speed internet	8/18/2023 8:30 AM
125	Upkeep for gravel roads, half of our road is chip & seal and half is gravel. Different equipment used for snow removal & chip & seal cleared before gravel	8/17/2023 9:00 PM
126	Allowing commercial on residential property	8/17/2023 4:08 PM
127	Road conditions are terrible. Every time we get even a medium rain the road needs to be graded. Water flows from driveways creating rugs and the road is full of potholes. The county has been responsive to come grade it but just seems like it requires more maintenance. Improvements yo the ditches or road surfacing are needed.	8/17/2023 1:38 PM
128	I am legitimately concerned about suburbia pushing it's way all the way to the river front and impeding on quiet, moderately rural areas.	8/17/2023 1:04 PM
129	While we've been lucky with flooding, the drainage situation in our neighborhood is very mixed, and others nearby have had problems, especially as our seasonal rainfall has begun to change. Also concerned with large developments that create monoculture/habitat loss and will impact what drains to stream.	8/17/2023 8:36 AM
130	Lack of cell and internet	8/16/2023 1:55 PM
131	Tax hikes	8/16/2023 12:46 PM

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132	Back to my statement on the clear cutting and severe surface disruption (dozing and grading) that happen even with rural developments.	8/16/2023 12:41 PM
133	Building section eight housing close by	8/16/2023 12:15 PM
134	Too much outdoor lighting	8/16/2023 9:18 AM
135	We cannot see any neighbors and have only 2, well established, with no place for new homes	8/16/2023 8:42 AM
136	Highway 70 going to 3 lanes will greatly increase road noise for our neighborhoods	8/16/2023 8:15 AM
137	We live in the Fairway Meadows subdivision. Property values are generally up. Battle High School has "primed the pump", so to speak. When we first moved out here, squash and corn were still being grown further east on St. Charles, and cattle to the north up Lake of the Woods Road. No more truck farm or row crops; there a still a few cows.	8/16/2023 7:56 AM
138	Two concers: 1) If fiber internet doesn't reach down long private driveways, then we're going to be left behind when it comes to connectivity 2) Though we are fortunate to have a viewshed buffer, noise from ATVs, shooting, highways, etc. is significantly destrimental to the rural character of the property	8/16/2023 7:39 AM
139	None	8/16/2023 6:55 AM
140	crime	8/16/2023 6:54 AM
141	Too many people	8/16/2023 6:51 AM
142	High crime	8/15/2023 11:18 PM
143	Crime not controlled in the city's and spilling into the county.	8/15/2023 11:01 PM
144	Some areas near my home seem to have increased criminal activity	8/15/2023 9:28 PM
145	I have none of these concerns.	8/15/2023 8:21 PM
146	Interest rates	8/15/2023 5:13 PM
147	High taxes!!!	8/15/2023 11:46 AM
148	My current property within bedford walk sees great growth in the area. I am not concerned about property values and or change in my area.	8/15/2023 9:00 AM
149	I live in my sister's house, so I don't know.	8/14/2023 6:32 PM
150	Homeless people and increased crime	8/14/2023 1:27 PM
151	Lack of control over students at schools	8/12/2023 9:20 PM
152	County zoning and code commission making terrible decisions about how one utilizes their property	8/11/2023 5:24 AM
153	Poor roads, poor road maintenance, inadequate resources for winter road management, not enough law enforcement	8/10/2023 9:04 PM
154	The new housing in the area has cause taxes to jump on my property	8/10/2023 6:33 PM
155	A	8/10/2023 7:24 AM
156	Lack of upkeep of state roads and right-of-way (fallen trees, inadequate upkeep of road - potholes, uneven surfaces). Poor water quality (on public water district), no internet availability.	8/9/2023 9:46 AM
157	People aren't required to maintain their property	8/9/2023 9:06 AM
158	State roads including mine are terrible. Highway NN.	8/8/2023 6:47 AM

Q16 What challenges do business owners face in Boone County? [choose all that apply]

Answered: 702 Skipped: 40



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Available workforce.	52%	364
Support services, especially when starting a business.	16%	109
Navigating the development regulatory process.	36%	253
Availability of financing.	12%	83
Availability of appropriately zoned land.	18%	125
Don't know / no opinion.	32%	222
Other (please specify)	11%	79
Total Respondents: 702		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	One directly relates to big businesses buying farm land even when labeled agriculture.	10/6/2023 10:49 AM
2	high rent	10/5/2023 5:03 PM
3	tax incentives - how to compete with "walmart team"	10/5/2023 4:49 PM
4	theft and fraud	10/5/2023 3:37 PM
5	Allowing a NON elected person to shut down businesses!	10/5/2023 2:54 PM
6	INTERNET is poor - slow, frequent outages	10/5/2023 1:42 PM

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7	Willingness of workforce to actually work	10/5/2023 1:19 PM
8	Too much county intervention period.	10/4/2023 5:32 PM
9	Optic fiber internet and phone company walk in office	10/4/2023 8:58 AM
10	Establishing a business that works well with residential areas and respects the area, including traffic concerns with commercial vehicles and noise of businesses such as fireworks and music.	10/1/2023 10:32 PM
11	My family has been in business for years. Boone County has been very supportive to us.	9/30/2023 6:28 PM
12	In terms of retail, the buying habits of people who live in rural bedroom communities, but do their shopping near their workplaces in nearby cities of Columbia in Jefferson or online.	9/29/2023 6:24 AM
13	County Health Department unfairly forcing closures during covid shutdown.	9/28/2023 4:00 PM
14	Only know this because have seen articles about limited hours or closing because can't get workers. Need people who have lower paying jobs and still find affordable housing	9/28/2023 9:01 AM
15	Lack of airline service	9/28/2023 8:27 AM
16	County regulations that don't want to allow small businesses to operate.	9/27/2023 6:35 PM
17	Canned question written by someone who wants to pave the county.	9/26/2023 2:29 PM
18	access to affordable land to farm	9/25/2023 9:42 AM
19	too many government employees are too much corporate welfare.	9/25/2023 9:14 AM
20	Too many expensive regulations.	9/22/2023 4:25 PM
21	high taxes	9/22/2023 12:11 PM
22	excessive regulation	9/22/2023 11:50 AM
23	with all the colleges / universities here, you would think there would be plenty of workers - no.	9/22/2023 9:55 AM
24	Gov't interference and red tape.	9/21/2023 1:52 PM
25	parking and crime in City	9/21/2023 1:41 PM
26	Farmers are belittled and harassed by Boone County resource management.	9/20/2023 1:23 PM
27	Taxes	9/19/2023 5:17 PM
28	crime	9/18/2023 4:58 PM
29	Liberal agenda in Columbia is problematic.	9/17/2023 12:31 PM
30	Cost becoming like highway robbery/tax increase.	9/15/2023 3:14 PM
31	the panel to allow zoning are not know how to decide weather good are bad for the neighbors property	9/15/2023 2:28 PM
32	Too many are able to work but unable to put forth the effort.	9/15/2023 9:28 AM
33	City council - not business friendly	9/15/2023 9:23 AM
34	Available commercial buildings	9/14/2023 3:27 PM
35	Overpriced rent monopolized by the Kroenke family. Makes it nearly impossible for new business to survive	9/13/2023 9:22 AM
36	Drifters, beggars on the streets	9/13/2023 5:58 AM
37	Crime	9/11/2023 11:25 PM
38	Cost of taxes is too high	9/11/2023 4:42 PM
39	Most people can't afford to live on what new businesses are able to pay. No one is paying a mortgage and childcare on \$15/ hour	9/9/2023 4:46 PM
40	Too many regulations. It increases the cost to the consumers.	9/9/2023 8:14 AM

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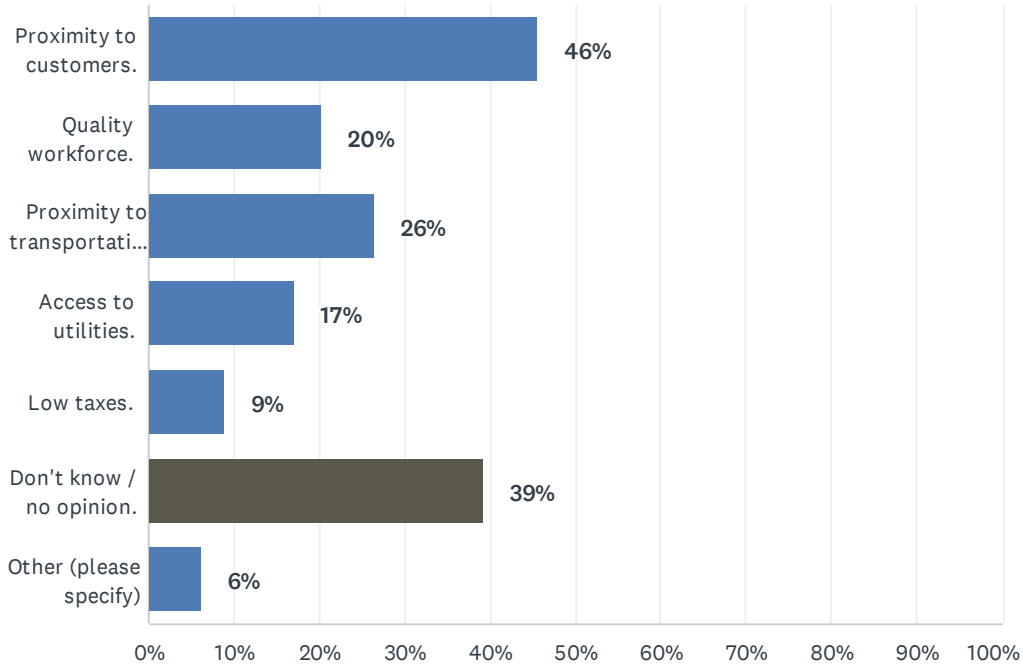
41	Taxes, red-tape, regulations, and pan-handlers.	9/7/2023 10:22 AM
42	Workforce that is actually willing to work, rather the collect taxpayer dollars!	9/6/2023 10:12 PM
43	In comparison to adjacent counties, Boone has the reputation of being over regulated.	9/6/2023 7:58 AM
44	Boone County Resource management for the most part, is extremely hard to work with and do nothing to support and/or show what needs to be done in areas to satisfy zoning requirements.	9/5/2023 2:17 PM
45	Lack of high speed broadband and sewer in rural areas	9/5/2023 5:59 AM
46	The possibility of more unnecessary restrictions should we experience another event like COVID-19.	9/4/2023 12:06 PM
47	Recovery from COVID is still a problem with businesses still folding.	9/2/2023 5:30 PM
48	Lack of customers	9/2/2023 8:56 AM
49	This may be a pipedream, but it would be great to have twice daily transportation from Columbia to some of these small towns for those persons in Columbia without a drivers license that want to work in these small towns.	8/28/2023 12:11 PM
50	The Cost to do business here. Rent for buildings, having to pay a higher wage and unwillingness to creates short staff and bad customer service.	8/24/2023 8:01 PM
51	The City of Ashland appears to be a hinderance to development in the Southern part of the County.	8/23/2023 8:40 PM
52	High property taxes	8/23/2023 12:35 PM
53	Not enough affordable high quality child care for parents to work outside the home.	8/23/2023 10:43 AM
54	Zoning is a consideration once a business owner has developed a business plan and sees a need for suitable property. This needs to be carefully structured so as not to negatively impact existing properties.	8/20/2023 4:38 PM
55	Quality space in areas without homeless encampments	8/19/2023 7:04 AM
56	High cost of doing business due to tax rates, regulation, and an unmotivated workforce.	8/18/2023 8:19 PM
57	Anti-business policies, particularly in Columbia,	8/18/2023 1:23 PM
58	CRIME	8/18/2023 12:54 PM
59	I think these are all magnified for minority and women-owned	8/18/2023 10:29 AM
60	Cant find anyone who wants to work.	8/18/2023 9:50 AM
61	Reasonably priced rent	8/17/2023 7:48 PM
62	There is quite a bit of land zoned for commercial and industrial use that is underserved by infrastructure, particularly sewer. Anecdotaly, I have heard that many of the many of the owners are asking premium prices despite the limited potential for development.	8/17/2023 2:54 PM
63	Way to many regulations compared to other Missouri counties	8/16/2023 7:04 PM
64	Don't compromise zoning just to get the tax revenue from new business. Offer support to business owners (especially new businesses) that help them deal with management that owns the business location that they have to rent/lease. There are too many instances of business property landlords that don't hold up their end of the lease agreements on property upkeep, repair, and maintenance.	8/16/2023 12:49 PM
65	P&Z	8/16/2023 12:17 PM
66	Quality of citizens. Workforce. Poor work ethics. Too many homeless. Too many minorities and rehab folks who choose to not to work or responsibly engage in society.	8/16/2023 10:50 AM
67	Affordable childcare. Our employees frequently miss work to care for their kids because of childcare issues.	8/16/2023 8:53 AM
68	Boone County has a regional reputation for being very difficult to work with on any new business project that requires ground up development, unless that project is pretty cookie cutter on a pretty made to order site.	8/16/2023 8:46 AM

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69	A challenge to us is loss of farmland.	8/16/2023 8:09 AM
70	They will complain about something regardless.	8/16/2023 7:59 AM
71	Overzealous bureaucrats with comfortable government jobs who don't understand or care about the challenges of small business owners.	8/16/2023 7:58 AM
72	We mainly support business?	8/15/2023 10:00 AM
73	Affordable space availability	8/15/2023 9:58 AM
74	For us in Ashland - no good internet	8/14/2023 6:25 PM
75	Availability of real estate that isn't owned by conglomerates/the Kronke's/rich people who don't pay taxes.	8/14/2023 1:39 PM
76	Anti business government agencies	8/14/2023 1:29 PM
77	Poor work ethics	8/13/2023 7:58 PM
78	not familiar with this topic enough to make a determination	8/13/2023 2:53 PM
79	Rent, accessibility and the city being open to better commerce that is not related to the university or their own agenda.	8/11/2023 5:26 AM

Q17 What are the key reasons for locating a business in Boone County? [Choose all that apply]

Answered: 699 Skipped: 43



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Proximity to customers.	46%	319
Quality workforce.	20%	141
Proximity to transportation networks.	26%	185
Access to utilities.	17%	119
Low taxes.	9%	62
Don't know / no opinion.	39%	274
Other (please specify)	6%	43
Total Respondents: 699		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	available labor force ie college students / graduates	10/5/2023 5:03 PM
2	Easier to find/build space	10/5/2023 1:42 PM
3	.	10/4/2023 5:32 PM
4	internet phone	10/4/2023 8:58 AM
5	Chapter 100 bonds should be voted on by all Boone county.	10/3/2023 10:09 AM
6	Colleges	9/30/2023 6:28 PM

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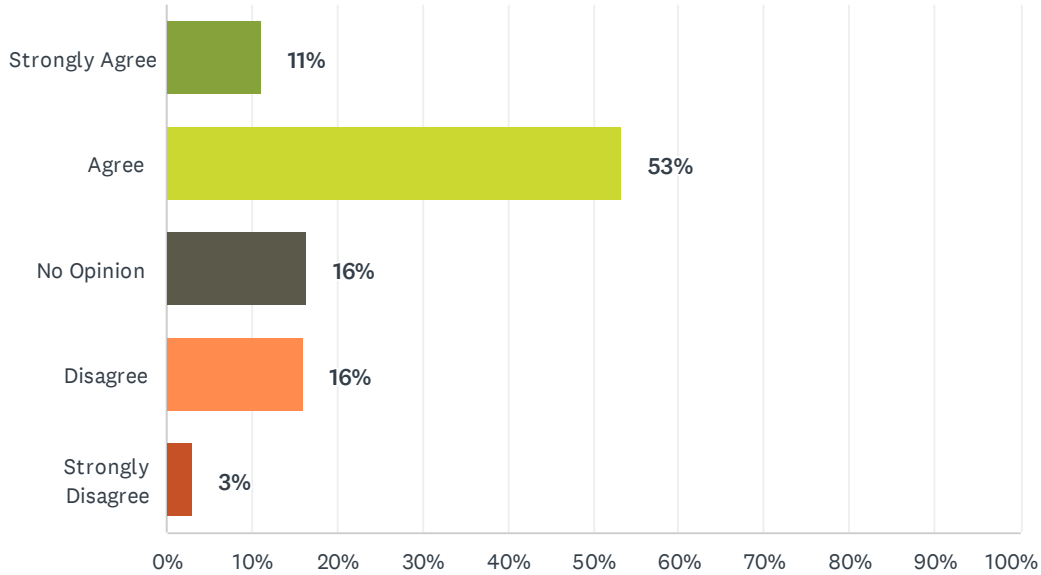
7	Safety	9/29/2023 6:24 AM
8	Lack of adequate air transportation options from Columbia Regional Airport.	9/28/2023 9:28 AM
9	Canned wuestion	9/26/2023 2:29 PM
10	cell/data reception is low	9/22/2023 12:11 PM
11	Future growth. Increasing rooftops Solid community spirit	9/20/2023 5:36 PM
12	I wouldn't locate a business in Boone County.	9/18/2023 12:04 PM
13	To not be in cities like Columbia.	9/17/2023 12:31 PM
14	Taxes are too high	9/15/2023 7:09 PM
15	High taxes is negative.	9/15/2023 3:14 PM
16	I've always been told to move out of Boone county because it's lower taxes and less regulations	9/13/2023 5:58 AM
17	A lot of travel from outsiders into the city for events.	9/11/2023 4:42 PM
18	I wouldn't	9/9/2023 8:14 AM
19	Filling service position vacancies is still a problem.	9/2/2023 5:30 PM
20	Outside of cities.	9/1/2023 7:20 AM
21	The	8/30/2023 9:28 PM
22	Lower overhead; rent. Proximity to the workplace for owners who might live in the county. (If the question is why would want to relocate from Columbia to Boone County unincorporated or locate to Boone County unincorporated.)	8/28/2023 12:11 PM
23	Access to employees who choose to live in Boone County for its proximity to the big institutions	8/25/2023 7:12 AM
24	Location, location, location	8/23/2023 10:23 AM
25	Small town surroundings	8/22/2023 8:52 AM
26	Transportation networks (if you mean the airport) are one consideration for sure but, aside from that, there are no "transportation networks" in the area (certainly one cannot rely on the eternally dismal public transportation system in the city to provide any transportation)>	8/20/2023 4:38 PM
27	Definitely not low taxes	8/18/2023 9:26 PM
28	These options only apply to businesses dependent on any of these factors. Otherwise most businesses would prefer to be located in adjacent counties and serve Boone.	8/18/2023 8:19 PM
29	None Whatsoever Unless You are Rich and In Bed with Someone Who Is: Examples = EquipmentShare and Veteran's United = Scams	8/18/2023 12:54 PM
30	Low taxes? They are highest here.	8/17/2023 4:09 PM
31	For business that cater to urban/suburban customers.	8/16/2023 12:49 PM
32	There's not one	8/16/2023 12:17 PM
33	Taxes are not low, too many people sitting on their butt and being paid by federal government to continue to sit there.	8/16/2023 6:53 AM
34	Qualify of life living in Boone County.	8/15/2023 8:33 PM
35	No sane person would relocate to BOCO to start a business.	8/15/2023 6:38 PM
36	Upcoming growth	8/14/2023 6:25 PM
37	Need improved bus service	8/13/2023 7:58 PM
38	not familiar with this topic to make a determination	8/13/2023 2:53 PM
39	Need to rebuild rail access	8/12/2023 9:21 PM

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40	Being a main hub in central Boone County... but it is cheaper to shop in Cole or Randolph county	8/11/2023 5:26 AM
41	Test	8/10/2023 4:50 PM
42	It's a joke to include "low taxes" as an option. Taxes are much cheaper in surrounding counties.	8/9/2023 9:39 PM
43	all the reasons why boone county is a good place to live is also good for business	8/6/2023 8:41 PM

Q18 Do you agree that there are adequate job opportunities in Boone County (i.e. jobs that pay a living wage, provide benefits, and opportunities for advancement)? [choose one]

Answered: 699 Skipped: 43



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	11%	78
Agree	53%	373
No Opinion	16%	115
Disagree	16%	112
Strongly Disagree	3%	21
TOTAL		699

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY:	DATE
1	There are limited to non-existence workers. Big box and main street retail is dying and not everyone can work for a university or governmental entity.	10/6/2023 11:25 AM
2	Better than other areas of Missouri!	10/5/2023 5:03 PM
3	too many people want to start at the top -more an attitude nee more industry - blue collar.	10/5/2023 4:49 PM
4	Quit the "freebies" so people have to work	10/5/2023 3:00 PM
5	Living wage?? Very hard for many to find	10/5/2023 12:49 PM
6	There are plenty of businesses looking for workers and it appears people don't have to or don't want to work.	9/30/2023 11:36 PM
7	Wages not compatible with most rentals.	9/29/2023 3:05 PM
8	Nothing is paying a living wage now. Definitely not paid adequately for education completed	9/29/2023 8:56 AM

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9	I don't believe it is absolutely necessary to have job opportunities in close proximity to people's homes. If workplaces move to the counties, then the counties will look like the cities. We have cars and can drive to a good job.	9/29/2023 6:24 AM
10	There are plenty of jobs in Boone county, but jobs that pay a living wage, provide benefits, and opportunities for advancement? Not even close. I work for the state in a job that requires a bachelors degree and I have zero benefits. Zero. I make less than 30k a year. I don't get sick days, no holidays, no 401k, no vacation. And unless I further my education to get a masters degree my opportunities for "advancement" are very limited. That is outrageous. I know that's more of a state issue than a county one, but the job is in Boone county. Many of my friends face the same reality. I know very, very, VERY few people in this county that have a job that fits that description. Most of the ones that do are nearing retirement age in careers they've built over 15-30 years. Those shouldn't be outliers. They should be the norm. Especially if we want people who live here to be able to contribute to their communities.	9/29/2023 2:05 AM
11	Cost of living is way outpacing wages	9/28/2023 8:42 PM
12	Even with a college education, I feel it is difficult to find a job that will pay enough to provide for your family and ensure a comfortable lifestyle. I think it is a combination of a high cost of living and low wages.	9/28/2023 9:13 AM
13	Overall I believe there are quite a few jobs available, but are they adequate? No. Many entry-level jobs do not pay a wage that can compete with this county's rising cost of living.	9/28/2023 9:04 AM
14	Haven't actively looked for a job.	9/27/2023 12:02 AM
15	Pay is too low.	9/26/2023 9:44 PM
16	There are lots of job opportunities. Most places have signs for now hiring.	9/26/2023 9:38 PM
17	Job pay is entirely too low for those cost of housing, paying property taxes for cars you own,	9/25/2023 8:53 PM
18	Great for some, not so for others. Complexity of the issue with respect to influences from outside of Boone County compounded with overall cultural degradation.	9/24/2023 7:58 AM
19	Lots of part time positions without benefits	9/22/2023 8:08 AM
20	Not enough tax breaks for incoming business development / not adequate 30 year plans.	9/21/2023 1:52 PM
21	not enough living wage or starting pay job for students	9/20/2023 1:03 PM
22	Probably adequate jobs, but no one seems to work anymore.	9/19/2023 5:14 PM
23	But anything can use improvement.	9/19/2023 12:05 PM
24	Educational and racial biases limit opportunities in Boone County.	9/19/2023 9:07 AM
25	There are many jobs without career advancement.	9/18/2023 4:58 PM
26	"living wage" is vicious cycle. The higher the minimum wage, the harder it is to live.	9/18/2023 11:47 AM
27	Living wage not paid and rent costs can't be covered by minimum wages	9/18/2023 9:39 AM
28	Pay is low, but livable for entry level jobs.	9/17/2023 8:31 AM
29	Higher minimum wage is needed.	9/15/2023 4:11 PM
30	living wage	9/15/2023 9:08 AM
31	Except nobody wants to work hard anymore.	9/15/2023 8:57 AM
32	This is a yes and no. We have plenty of job opportunities, but I wouldn't say they always coincide with a living wage, benefits, or opportunities for advancement. I'd say you can have a job and pick one of the three.	9/13/2023 11:26 AM
33	But a lot of people don't want to work	9/13/2023 5:58 AM
34	People in the city would rather live off welfare than actually work and live within their means. Plenty of jobs pay a living wage if you arent spending double what you make.	9/11/2023 2:07 PM
35	Too many employers make jobs part-time so don't have to provide benefits, still don't pay a living wage.	9/10/2023 4:24 PM

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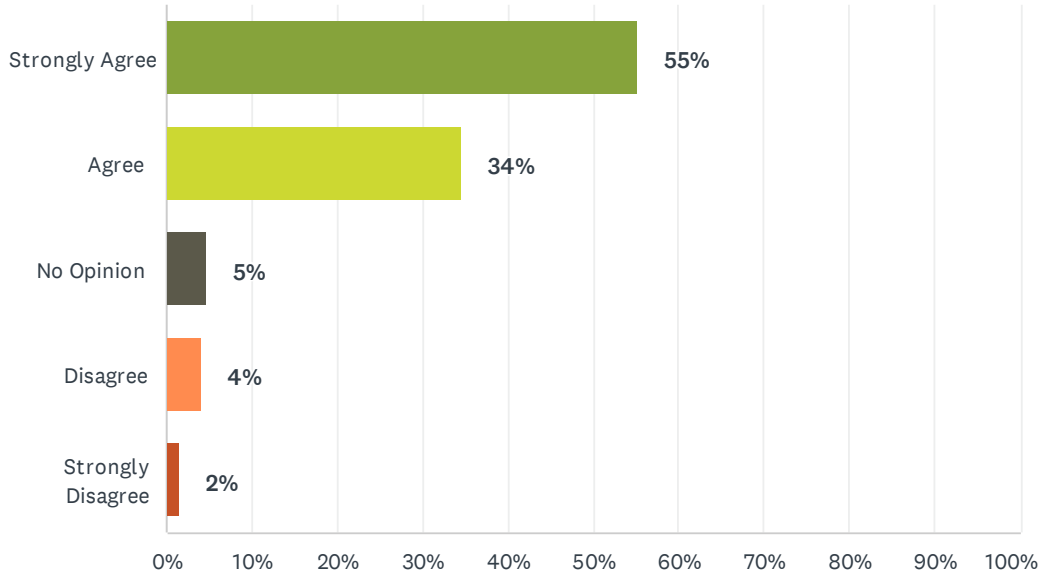
36	In the city of Columbia, yes. Everywhere else, no. All of us who don't want to live in town but do want to afford to eat have to commute 30 minutes to an hour one way for work	9/9/2023 4:46 PM
37	There are a lot of job opportunities within the county, the issue that arises is if those jobs actually pay a living wage.	9/6/2023 12:22 PM
38	The housing costs have are putting this at risk	9/6/2023 7:58 AM
39	There are a handful of decent jobs but not sure the majority are able to pay a starting wage that is sustainable with inflation and costs of living in general.	9/5/2023 9:20 PM
40	This is not a problem exclusive to Boone county. Wages and benefits have not kept up with the costs of living since the early 1980s and has continued to get worse.	9/3/2023 9:04 PM
41	The Reason is in your parentheses. Except for big administrators, MU suppresses career satisfaction by its budget choices	9/2/2023 5:30 PM
42	I am retired	9/2/2023 7:20 AM
43	There are abundant opportunities, but all jobs that are needed by our economy that do not currently pay living wages.	8/29/2023 11:14 AM
44	Many key jobs in the county pay far bellow the national and even state averages.	8/29/2023 11:13 AM
45	It depends upon the industry.	8/28/2023 12:11 PM
46	Small businesses cannot afford to pay adequate wages and benefits to be sustainable	8/26/2023 11:44 AM
47	The county is the bedroom community for jobs in the city.	8/26/2023 2:28 AM
48	There are adequate jobs, but the cost of living has gone up tremendously and pay hasn't	8/25/2023 12:19 PM
49	I believe that Boone County has the job opportunities that can ensure those that live here have a standard quality of life. However, there a major disparities in who is receiving those type of jobs and offering a competitive rate for all individuals.	8/25/2023 10:05 AM
50	I had to get a job out of town to get 25+ hr with full benefits and a pension. I have an associates degree and gave worked since I was 15. The factories here are a joke.	8/24/2023 8:01 PM
51	Many people of color are denied available opportunities.and the tools necessary to improve their living conditions.	8/24/2023 4:09 PM
52	Too many businesses cap weekly hours below the threshold for providing benefits. That forces folks to work multiple jobs to pay the rent. Multiple jobs take away from family.	8/24/2023 9:20 AM
53	The options out there are the wrong options and out leaders continue to make the same mistakes	8/24/2023 6:36 AM
54	I believe there are a lot of job opportunities in Boone Co but I feel the majority are in the service industry and do not offer benefits such as insurance and retirement. My husband is a cook and he has to be on my insurance so it is a good thing I have a college degree and was able to have jobs that offered me insurance for both of us.	8/23/2023 3:11 PM
55	I agree that there are a lot of "living wage jobs"	8/23/2023 10:23 AM
56	Locations in more rural areas don't have many opportunities within transportation distance for low income people	8/22/2023 5:54 AM
57	Honestly don't know. I'm not looking for work	8/18/2023 1:26 PM
58	MU is the largest employer in Boone County and pays barely a living wage unless you are top tier management and it's on the backs of all the people who they take advantage of. They cut benefits right and left and soon no one will have much of any at all. Retirement is gone along with health insurance for retirees.	8/18/2023 12:54 PM
59	I think wages in general in Columbia have lagged. I think some in leadership positions in the City and County are only now addressing this disparity (which is a national problem not unique to Columbia). If wages met job expectations you wouldn't see the turn-over and vacancy you see in many local government jobs. Then again, paying bureaucrats more money is not a popular idea, usually among people who rely on public service only to complain about how bad government is because it can't serve them. It's a vicious circle.	8/18/2023 10:29 AM

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60	Yes, there are good jobs here. The problem is workforce development---lack of prepared workers.	8/18/2023 10:17 AM
61	Boone County government needs to raise pay. The Road and Bridge department cant compete with the private sector when it comes to pay.	8/18/2023 9:50 AM
62	There are tons of jobs available in Boone County. When I lived here in early 2000's, it was difficult finding a good paying job. Now it seems much easier to get your foot into a door of an employer.	8/18/2023 9:37 AM
63	This problem is bigger than Boone County. The wealth gap is too large.	8/18/2023 6:31 AM
64	Adequate but not great numbers - need more engineering jobs/opportunities	8/17/2023 3:04 PM
65	I think there are good opportunities in certain sectors. I would like to see more manufacturing.	8/17/2023 2:54 PM
66	Many employers seem to do a bait-and-switch with a near-living wage, but don't schedule appropriately, or have high turnover that makes the job less appealing to stay at because of constant stress. We've also started to see some hollowing out of jobs with layoffs (e.g. MBS), and many people working in Boone County are working at jobs that are deliberately lean-staffed, or in understaffed roles. It's a top-down problem in many cases.	8/17/2023 8:43 AM
67	For those without college degrees job opportunities with living wages - cost are not low in Boone county - are limited	8/16/2023 3:35 PM
68	Wages too low. Not a diversified business community. Inadequate public transit. Too many who don't attend school	8/16/2023 10:50 AM
69	I just look at the poverty rate for Boone. For a rich County, there a lot of poor people.	8/16/2023 7:59 AM
70	It's clear there are not adequate jobs for our entire population; you don't have to be an economic expert, all you have to do is drive through both rural and urban poverty to see it.	8/16/2023 7:58 AM
71	Mostly agree about there being jobs with good benefits and opportunities for advancement, though we could improve on the livable wage.	8/15/2023 9:32 PM
72	I've had the same good paying job for 20+ years.	8/15/2023 8:22 PM
73	Jobs are available, employees that are willing to work are not.	8/15/2023 11:48 AM
74	I'm fully retired and living on just my Social Security.	8/14/2023 6:34 PM
75	Boone county needs more small industry or mid size industry with competitive wages	8/14/2023 4:56 PM
76	Living wage jobs are few and far between in boone county and thriving wage jobs don't exist unless you know someone.	8/14/2023 1:39 PM
77	not familiar with this topic to make a determination. I haven't been looking for a job lately so I don't know the facts.	8/13/2023 2:53 PM
78	There are a lot of "service jobs" that don't pay a living wage but there are also many employers who pay very well	8/11/2023 5:31 PM
79	University keeps wages low throughout the county.	8/10/2023 10:43 PM
80	There's an equal shift of those leaving and new coming in	8/10/2023 6:34 PM
81	Define the phrase "adequate job opportunities"?	8/9/2023 9:39 PM
82	It is more difficult than in the past, my opinion	8/9/2023 4:24 PM
83	Most jobs start out at \$16-\$18 per hour, after paying taxes and benefits you barely have enough to make a mortgage payment.	8/9/2023 9:48 AM
84	Low pay	8/8/2023 10:31 AM
85	Access to health care is minimal if you don't work for govt or the University.	8/8/2023 7:13 AM
86	There is a mismatch between the businesses who believe there are insufficient available workers and the number of available workers who need a living wage.	8/4/2023 4:01 PM

Q19 Do you agree or disagree with the statement, "Farming and family farms are important to the economy of Boone County"?

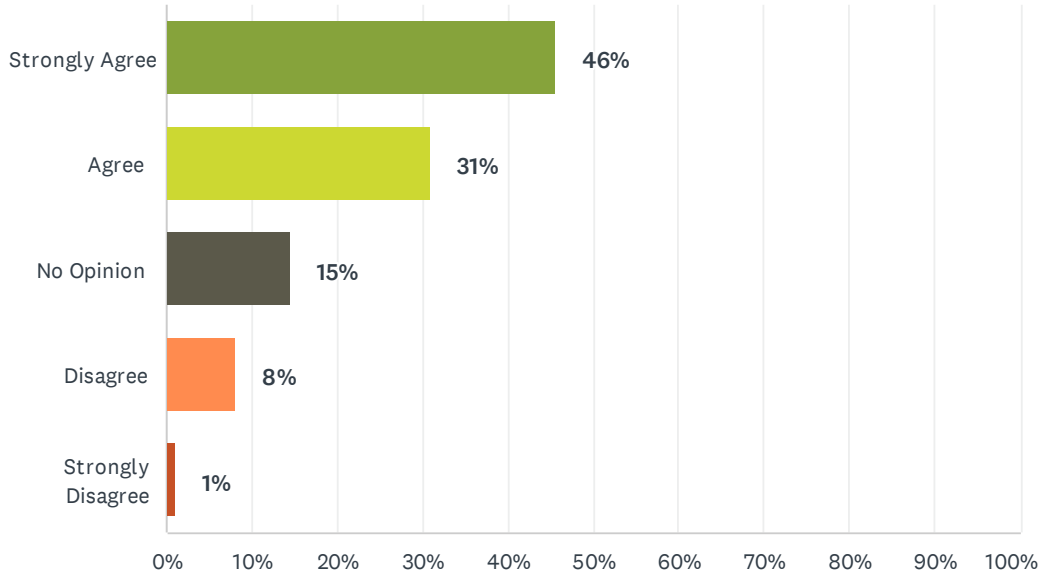
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	55%	388
Agree	34%	242
No Opinion	5%	33
Disagree	4%	28
Strongly Disagree	2%	11
TOTAL		702

Q20 Do you agree or disagree with the statement, "The loss of prime farmland is a concern in Boone County"?

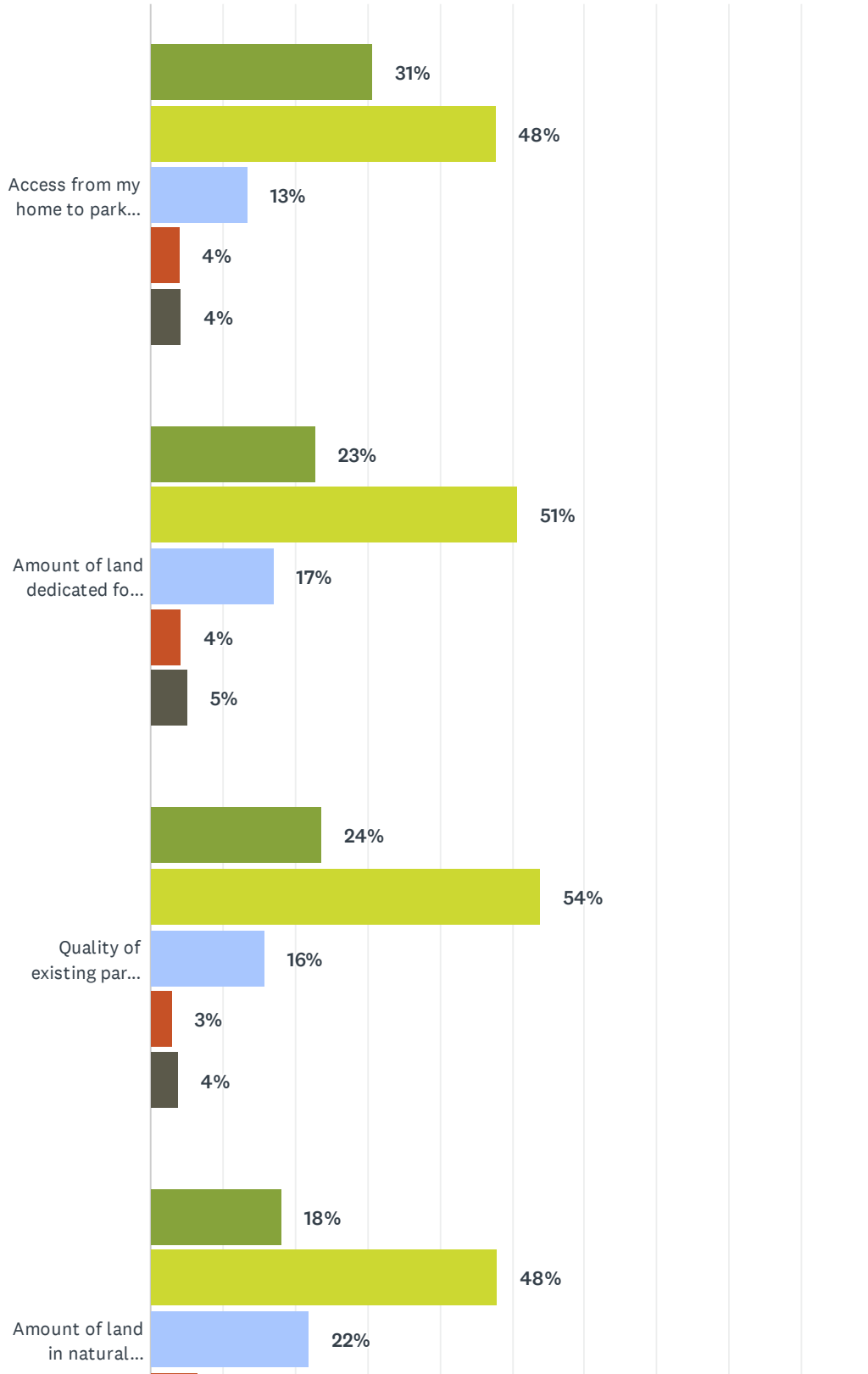
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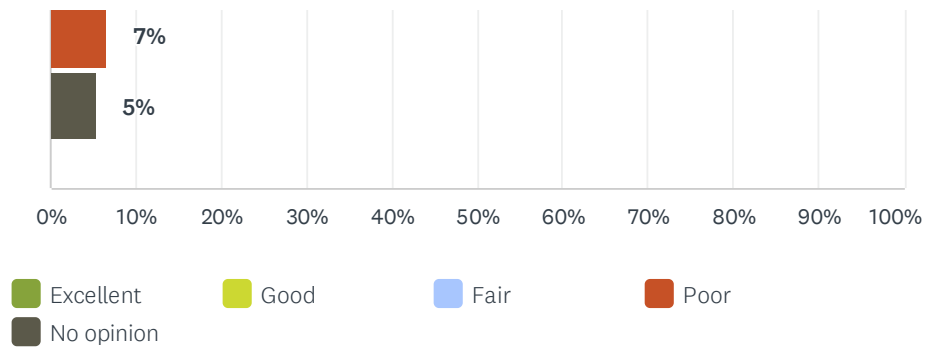
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	46%	319
Agree	31%	216
No Opinion	15%	102
Disagree	8%	56
Strongly Disagree	1%	7
TOTAL		700

Q21 How would you rate the following for natural areas, parks, open space, and recreation facilities in Boone County?

Answered: 693 Skipped: 49



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	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	NO OPINION	TOTAL
Access from my home to parks and recreation facilities.	31% 212	48% 330	13% 93	4% 28	4% 29	692
Amount of land dedicated for parks and recreation.	23% 157	51% 349	17% 117	4% 29	5% 35	687
Quality of existing parks and recreation facilities.	24% 163	54% 370	16% 108	3% 20	4% 26	687
Amount of land in natural habitats (woodlands, wetlands, prairies, etc.).	18% 124	48% 330	22% 151	7% 46	5% 36	687

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY:	DATE
1	The spectre of future development will continue to rob Boone County of space for natural habitats.	10/6/2023 11:25 AM
2	[Amount of land] not needed as much?	10/6/2023 10:51 AM
3	It depends on the time of year whether they are maintained.	10/5/2023 5:04 PM
4	This is all costing seniors too much tax	10/5/2023 3:01 PM
5	The city has parks and we have state parks but the county doesn't have any parks.	10/5/2023 2:27 PM
6	There are adequate parks currently available	10/5/2023 2:01 PM
7	This screwed question assumes everyone likes free recreation areas	10/5/2023 1:03 PM
8	The natural areas are harder to access without car once out of Columbia. Development overtaking beautiful farmland.	10/5/2023 12:50 PM
9	Don't need any more parks to pay for	10/4/2023 5:32 PM
10	More land for natural habitat helps all of us!	10/3/2023 4:07 PM
11	Please spend no more \$\$ for more parks or bike paths!	10/3/2023 4:04 PM
12	Amount of land is adequate.	10/3/2023 10:10 AM
13	Resining to commercial areas are taking over our rural areas.	10/1/2023 10:33 PM
14	We need to protect the natural areas of Boone County. Sports complexes have been built, however I don't believe the natural areas and woods have received the same priority. Development is encroaching on the natural areas and we need to protect them!	9/30/2023 6:31 PM
15	Katy Trail is awesome	9/30/2023 1:08 PM
16	No more parks! Sheesh!	9/30/2023 8:55 AM
17	Living on 100 plus acres dedicated to conservation and wildlife makes us biased towards natural areas, parks and open space.	9/29/2023 9:39 AM

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18	Parks for recreation are wonderful, but we have got to prioritize our natural habitats before they're lost forever. In my lifetime I have witnessed so much loss in the local area and I'm only 30. We have got to get a handle on this before it's too late. It doesn't even need to just be huge plots of land dedicated to this either, but educate the community on the values of native wildflowers/plants. Educate farmers on the benefits of wildflower parameters for their crop fields. Require developers to leave a certain percentage of trees/natural areas on the lands they clear for new subdivisions. Encourage HOA's to adopt native-plant-friendly policies. Better manage our local streams so they're safer for people to fish from. So many things could be done or implemented that would make a tremendous impact on the long term health and well-being of our county along with all the people AND wildlife within it.	9/29/2023 2:14 AM
19	Outside of the Columbia area we need to create a county parks system and to establish green space parks for recreation. Areas in Boone County are experiencing high rates of development. A plan is needed to enable smart growth that protects trees and greenspaces and promotes storm water management. Plan for and create wildlife transit corridors and green belts to support animal migration and biodiversity. Establish wildlife crossings or underpasses for county roads or highways. These crossings also protect humans from animal – car collisions.	9/29/2023 12:15 AM
20	Conservation areas say they have no money for improvement of their parks	9/28/2023 10:12 PM
21	Another public golf course is needed	9/28/2023 6:45 PM
22	Need plants and trees for all to survive	9/28/2023 6:19 PM
23	amount of parks - too dam many. And I worked there for 10 years. It's way out of control.	9/28/2023 5:18 PM
24	Location of land in question:Approx. 5700 South Bearfield Road. I have walked by this large plot of land for over the last fifty years. In the 1970's it was never remarkable or picturesque, being mostly covered in fescue grass. Fifty years later it is heavily timbered. It is now targeted for development. To densely develop this plot will necessitate the destruction of the beauty that it has taken nature over 50 years to create. Surely the County can find a way to preserve it for future generations. It is next to Rock Bridge State park and the Gans Creek Recreation Area.	9/28/2023 4:20 PM
25	Boone County can always use more. And I'm really concerned about the pro development movement close to Columbia. I feel like no one really protects wildlife areas. More, high density houses is just not attractive. And neighborhoods around Rockbridge State Park are ruining that area. Have LONG term vision!!!! Imagine Wyoming without Yellowstone! Thank goodness there aren't neighborhoods in the national park. No different for our wildlife areas!!!	9/28/2023 3:45 PM
26	Have you noticed all the invasive species?? It's hard to farm and enjoy property because we are fighting these constantly	9/27/2023 4:46 PM
27	It just depends on where you are looking. Are you comparing what's available in one of the small towns to Columbia--that's like comparing apples to oranges. Maybe Boone County could/should provide more help to the smaller communities in applying for grants, etc.	9/27/2023 12:05 AM
28	The trail nearest my property is full of trash, drug paraphernalia and a hang out for crime	9/25/2023 8:55 PM
29	Crime makes it hard to enjoy these places.	9/25/2023 10:28 AM
30	We have enough government property.	9/25/2023 9:14 AM
31	crime in parks	9/24/2023 4:35 PM
32	too many people, don't use them	9/24/2023 4:05 PM
33	Plenty of parks and nature areas and we don't need lots of investment in this. Fix the county roads is a higher priority.	9/23/2023 9:20 PM
34	Almost too much. But I'm glad it's there.	9/22/2023 4:14 PM
35	More visible working police force.	9/21/2023 1:53 PM
36	Northern part of Columbia infrastructure is lacking. Needs better connection to trail system (Battle HS area), access to internet that's >3 mbps	9/19/2023 6:44 PM
37	Boone County does GREAT nature recreation.	9/19/2023 9:07 AM
38	don't use them	9/17/2023 2:38 PM

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39	Parks and rec centers not available in rural - too focused on Columbia.	9/17/2023 2:23 PM
40	Parks are not for tent cities.	9/17/2023 12:31 PM
41	Growth continues to take away natural habitats which displaces animals forcing them into residential areas.	9/17/2023 12:20 PM
42	Maintenance of facilities.	9/17/2023 8:32 AM
43	The agricultural land is being developed too much in western Boone	9/15/2023 7:11 PM
44	Katie Trail - waste of money.	9/15/2023 8:34 AM
45	We need to preserve our land.	9/14/2023 3:52 PM
46	We don't need any more parks.	9/14/2023 3:32 PM
47	more walk/bikeability would be great	9/12/2023 8:56 AM
48	Several Columbia city parks are commonly known as only used for drug buys.	9/11/2023 10:18 PM
49	Missouri is a prairie state, but that prairie has nearly been eradicated. It's had devastating effects on plant and wildlife. Much much much more of the land needs to be preserved in natural habitats. Also, invasive species like autumn olive is decimating our woodland, field and roadsides. A concentrated effort must be made to remove the threats and promote native plants.	9/9/2023 4:48 PM
50	The amount of land dedicated to public parks and land requires far too much taxpayer funding to be reasonable!	9/6/2023 10:14 PM
51	Wish there were more trails out away from Columbia. Wish rail line from Centralia to Columbia was a trail	9/6/2023 1:47 PM
52	The quality of parks and recreation facilities has to do with efforts by the City of Columbia, not the county. I know of no county parks. The county should plan for preservation of land for parks before the land is unavailable. I grew up in Michigan where we had many large natural areas managed by the county. Residents paid a nominal yearly fee for a park pass to access the facilities. This method of funding has worked quite well. I have family in Michigan and visit these parks 2-3 times a year. I think this model could work in Boone County.	9/6/2023 11:01 AM
53	Wondering why I have to work & save to buy my property but still have to pay for others park land In taxes while they only work 40 hour's.	9/4/2023 10:14 AM
54	most of the natural areas are state or federal lands, Boone county really does not have any to my knowledge. They should consider a budget for promoting local areas for county residents to have better access to state and federal lands.	9/3/2023 11:35 PM
55	Need more perserved.	9/3/2023 3:10 PM
56	Re: paved trails have had work done by contractors or engineers which did not properly drain water whicb also leads to ice in colder temps.	9/2/2023 5:33 PM
57	Not enough land is being maintained in natural habitats. Being destroyed by farmers to increase their farm size or by developers.	9/2/2023 3:53 PM
58	We need to restore native grasslands and create more wetlands. Hold farmers to agreements with terraces and not plant them. Need native grasses to prevent erosion.	9/2/2023 9:08 AM
59	I would like to see more green space in urban area (ie Columbia) preserved instead of strip mall development.	9/2/2023 8:57 AM
60	I would like to see more playgrounds closer to where I live	9/2/2023 7:22 AM
61	Most of the parks and recreational properties are in Columbia - which is in Boone County.	9/1/2023 2:07 PM
62	Too bad so much of the land dedicated to parks and recreation is on the south side of Columbia. Rest of the county has been forgotten about.	9/1/2023 12:34 PM
63	Plenty of parks	8/31/2023 11:49 PM
64	It is time to lessen the focus on this park-heavy county and put the emphasis on road and infrastructure improvement.	8/30/2023 5:13 PM

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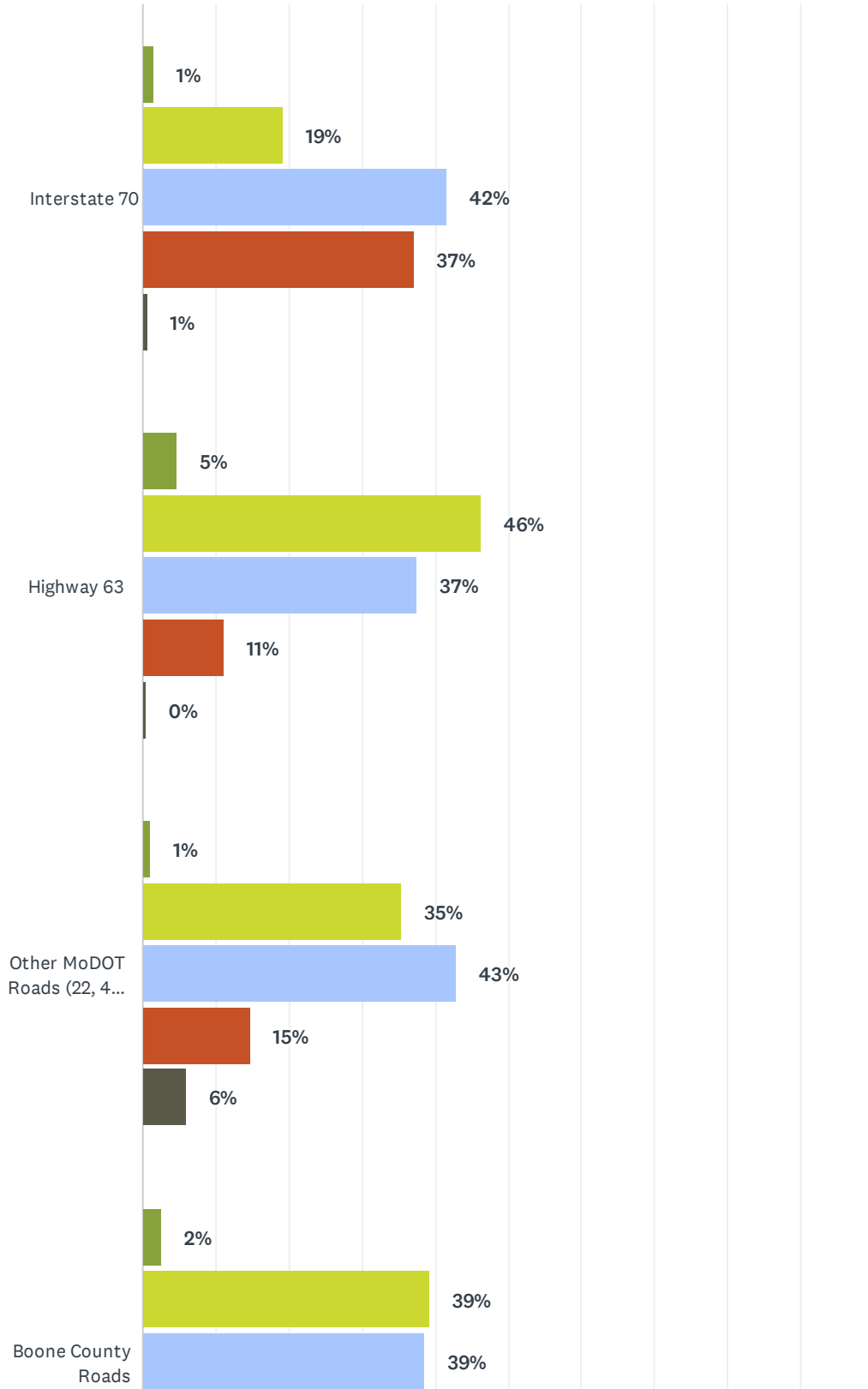
65	Too many parks	8/30/2023 1:10 PM
66	not a fan of the no mow zones	8/29/2023 4:36 PM
67	We have far to many parks.	8/29/2023 11:14 AM
68	you do not need more parks	8/29/2023 7:44 AM
69	If we're talking about Boone County unincorporated, then I really can't say and am really not interested in a park/ rec facility. I can go into Columbia for those, and there are plenty of those.	8/28/2023 12:13 PM
70	Parks in areas of Columbia with higher income levels are getting more attention to the buildings and cleaning up of the grounds. All parks in Boone county should recieve the same amount of work and funds. It should not be based on where the park is located.	8/25/2023 11:28 AM
71	There are few parks very close to my home, but others in Boone County are beautiful	8/25/2023 7:13 AM
72	Parks are good here minus the massive homeless population living in and around them.	8/24/2023 8:02 PM
73	there is to many parks in Boone County and NOT enough Staffing to take care of the upkeep	8/24/2023 6:42 PM
74	I live within 6 miles of Rockbridge State Park so that is a place I frequent.	8/23/2023 3:16 PM
75	Last thing you need is more gov owned land	8/23/2023 2:40 PM
76	The local parks are nice, until you have the wrong crowds in them.	8/23/2023 10:24 AM
77	I think we need to focus on preserving the natural habitat land that is already established and look to evaluating and preserving new such areas that are being considered for development. Not all development is bad, but only if planning and implementation for the ecosystem is enacted.	8/22/2023 10:02 AM
78	Many have faced large housing developments on borders of the vital watersheds	8/22/2023 7:49 AM
79	In Southern Boone recreation activities are shifting from the affordable open to all Optimists programs to the private YMCA. There are great outdoors opportunities on state and federal lands but maintenance is minimal on the state lands and nonexistent on Mark Twain National Forest.	8/22/2023 6:33 AM
80	There could always be more. But Boone county is home to some beautiful natural areas	8/21/2023 2:02 AM
81	We are a more rural area with easy access to all manner of open space, parks, natural areas. Recreation facilities is an "odd" addition because, being more rural, most people find facilities in the city limits. Perhaps hanging on to the fairgrounds and hiring an actual professional to run it would have resulted in a recreational facility that could easily have fit the bill.	8/20/2023 4:40 PM
82	We don't take care of what we have....Discoverynparkway area has taken years and may never be completed in the weed pit near Perry Park....are they safe? Are the well kept?	8/19/2023 7:06 AM
83	Too much land is being utilized for parks and they have robbed the land from natural habitats and too much money is spent on the parks and not enough to keep the habitats maintained and from being destroyed. If you're worried about farm land in Boone County why not see the land that Kronke is getting tax breaks on claiming his property as farmland where he pays Pennie's on the dollar for lying about it's use while the rest of us tell the truth and pay high taxes because we're not Kronkes. Does anyone have the guts to stand up to him? No, because in Boone County money talks!	8/18/2023 1:00 PM
84	We need a walking/bike trail close to the Lake of the Woods Golf course/Battle High are for me to feel like I have "access." I have to drive to Hominy Trail. Boo Hoo - right but it would be nice just to walk to a walking trail.	8/18/2023 10:31 AM
85	Really depends on one's perception of recreation. Ours is horse-related.	8/18/2023 10:03 AM
86	Have to drive into Columbia for recreational facilities, use county MKT trail several times a week, but have to drive 20 minutes to get to it	8/18/2023 8:35 AM
87	I live near Columbia, and this area has many excellent parks/rec areas.	8/17/2023 8:45 AM
88	Much of the land in natural habitat is on land owned by individuals, on farms that have acreage in CRP	8/16/2023 3:37 PM
89	There is enough land in parks and natural areas already. Control and maintain what you have.	8/16/2023 12:51 PM

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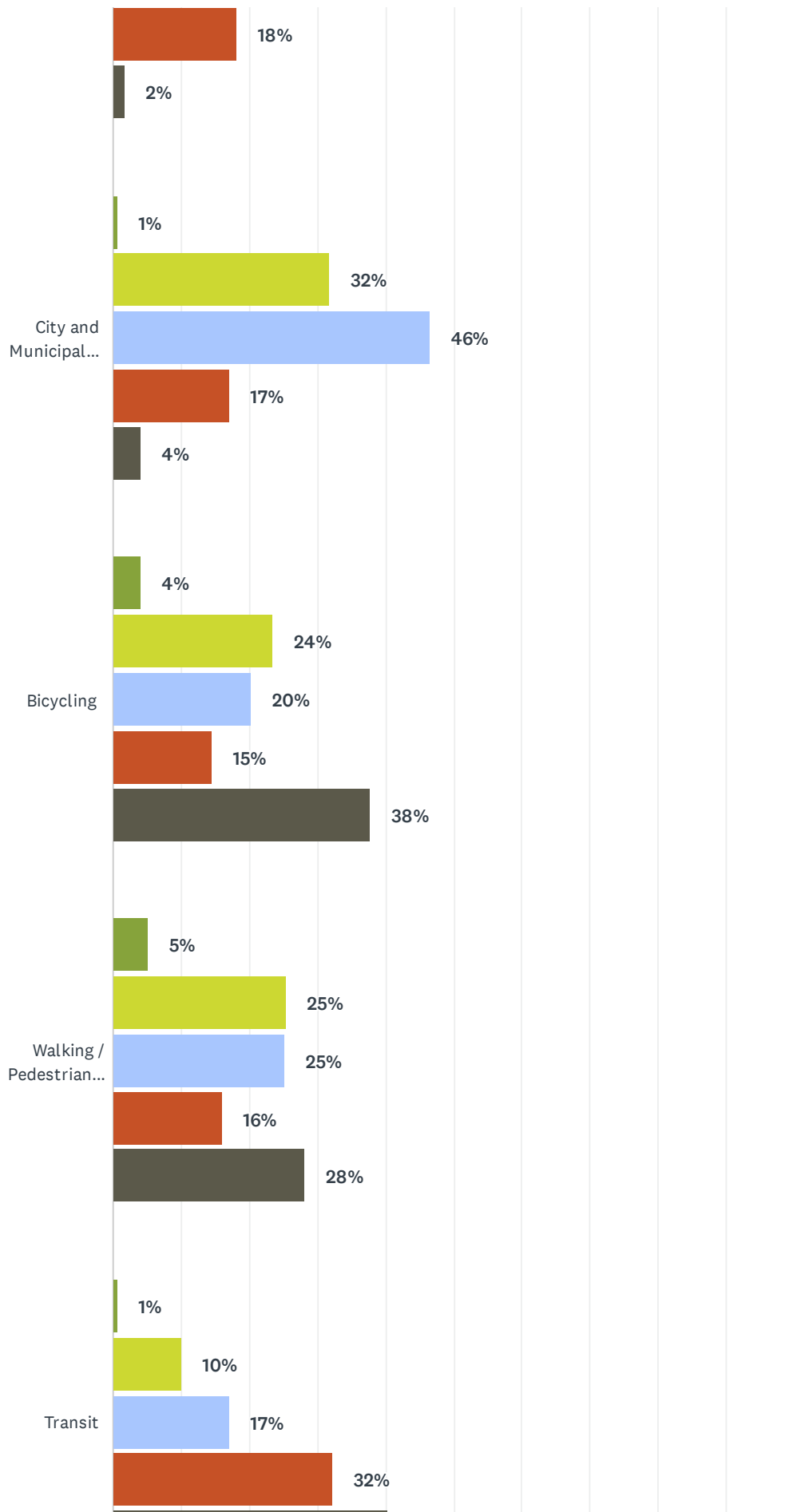
	Don't be so quick to add more.	
90	State Parks, Three Creeks, and National Forest land.	8/16/2023 9:02 AM
91	There	8/16/2023 8:48 AM
92	It is easy enough to drive to a good park, etc. from where I live. However, there NO park, even for kids, within walking distance of any residence in Fairway Meadows. We have a large lot that used to be our lagoon but was filled and leveled when we joined the Regional Sewer District. A woman named Joyce Parker has a plan to make it a playground. You should talk to her.	8/16/2023 8:03 AM
93	Boone County's high-quality natural areas, public spaces, and recreational facilities are heavily centered around Columbia (and especially wealthy parts of Columbia), so access to them is highly dependent on where you live. As for natural areas, these are constantly threatened by rampant suburban and exurban development, which keeps fragmenting landscapes and ecosystems. A major wish change could be to prioritize road safety; trying to bike in northern Boone County is a death wish.	8/16/2023 8:02 AM
94	The ecological diversity of the county's parks is excellent. Many of these areas could benefit from considerably more active management (removal of deer, management of invasives, etc.). And I'd love it if biking the roadways to access the parks felt safe, but it doesn't. I have to get in a vehicle to get to any of them.	8/16/2023 7:47 AM
95	Land used for small farm lots	8/16/2023 7:04 AM
96	The state has many state parks, conservation areas located in Boone County. We also have our own access to nation forest land in south east Boone county with the Mark Twain National forest. We can utilize these assets with having to spend money like Columbia does.	8/15/2023 11:08 PM
97	We need more camping options. The city of Ashland needs more park resources.	8/15/2023 8:24 PM
98	Boone is covered in this department spend my money elsewhere or take less of it.	8/15/2023 11:50 AM
99	I have three kids who walk to Bethel Park daily. It is stunning.	8/15/2023 9:02 AM
100	I'm not an outdoorsy person.	8/14/2023 6:35 PM
101	Need to establish a county park system	8/12/2023 9:23 PM
102	Quit putting more bike trails in.... novel concept	8/11/2023 5:28 AM
103	Too much parkland in Boone County including Columbia	8/10/2023 9:29 AM
104	Boone County is a jewel in terms of access to outdoor facilities. But growth has put pressure on that, and I'm concerned about that for the future.	8/9/2023 4:26 PM
105	No more parks	8/7/2023 10:51 PM
106	By choosing excellent, it's is wonderful we have so many parks available. However condensing should be considered to improve many of the smaller parks. Jeff Citybhas an amazing outdoor park, and other surrounding communities have much better sports fields, swimming pools, etc.	8/5/2023 8:14 AM

Q22 How would you rate the following modes of transportation in Boone County (in terms of condition, safety, lack of congestion, access, etc.)?

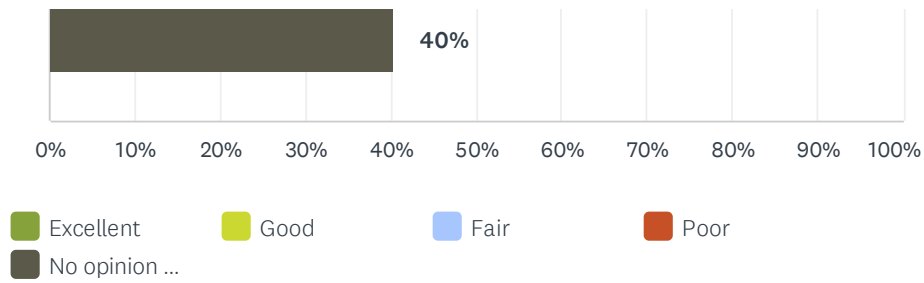
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	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	NO OPINION / NOT APPLICABLE	TOTAL
Interstate 70	1% 10	19% 135	42% 291	37% 260	1% 5	701
Highway 63	5% 33	46% 323	37% 262	11% 78	0% 3	699
Other MoDOT Roads (22, 40, 124, 163, E, J, Z, etc.)	1% 8	35% 243	43% 294	15% 101	6% 41	687
Boone County Roads	2% 17	39% 272	39% 267	18% 125	2% 12	693
City and Municipal streets	1% 5	32% 221	46% 323	17% 118	4% 28	695
Bicycling	4% 28	24% 162	20% 139	15% 100	38% 260	689
Walking / Pedestrian Facilities	5% 35	25% 176	25% 174	16% 111	28% 195	691
Transit	1% 5	10% 68	17% 116	32% 220	40% 275	684

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY:	DATE
1	Public transit in Boone County is non-existent in rural areas. Lack of shoulders and narrowness of some roads.	10/6/2023 11:26 AM
2	Lots of gravel roads. Highway 63 hazardous in winter. Do not want bus out here - lots of crime with bus stations.	10/6/2023 10:51 AM
3	Compared to other states we (como) have poor quality bike lanes, pedestrian areas, and public transportation - need improvement.	10/5/2023 5:05 PM
4	70 - ugliest road is USA - too many narrow places - no media - hate the signs	10/5/2023 4:50 PM
5	We don't need "paradise," if seniors are taxed off of their property.	10/5/2023 3:01 PM
6	Too many roundabouts	10/5/2023 2:55 PM
7	More woke agenda	10/5/2023 1:04 PM
8	Too much car culture	10/5/2023 12:50 PM
9	Outlaw bike lanes	10/4/2023 5:33 PM
10	Keep bicycling off roads without shoulders.	10/3/2023 10:10 AM
11	Route B also	10/2/2023 5:30 PM
12	Living on gravel that is a main cut through and the dust is out of control and is a hazard to health. Consider something other than chat.	10/1/2023 6:27 PM
13	No development or improvement of roads north of I70 and east of 63. Gravel roads that see	10/1/2023 12:11 AM

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more traffic than many Columbia city roads. Route B kills or nearly kills weekly. 63/124 intersection is also deadly. Yet traffic numbers and speeds on these roads continue to increase.

14	I believe there are plenty of places to walk or ride bikes without having to be on the main highways when riding for pleasure.	9/30/2023 11:40 PM
15	I live on a street with no sidewalks and people drive much too fast. No opportunity for public transportation where I am	9/30/2023 11:31 PM
16	The highway 63 and interstate 70 connector should be an embarrassment to MoDOT. Also, crossover intersections along Highway 63 must be improved. They are horrifically dangerous and only getting worse as traffic increases.	9/29/2023 6:31 AM
17	Roads in Columbia get a little insane when the students are in town. They aren't really designed for that amount of people, but they do function. Just feels like living in a big city sometimes rather than one with that small town/rural feel that I think many people value Columbia for. Public transportation is pretty trash. Limited routes, not enough buses running. Columbia itself has pretty good bike/pedestrian access, but could still be better. Better, more accessible public transport should be a priority. Not everyone can afford a car, but everyone needs to get around.	9/29/2023 2:20 AM
18	Roads are not repaired as promised. Route B Columbia to Hallsville was supposed to be repaired last year. They repaired 3 or 4 huge bumps in road and left the numerous remaining major needed problems. Many serious accident areas need turn lanes. Northbound on Hwy 124 N toward Centralia taking life in your hands to turn left onto Schooler Road. Slow down to turn and cars behind pass because it's one of few open areas. All roads have huge holes and cave offs on road edges.	9/28/2023 10:23 PM
19	Bearfield Subdivision used to have a substandard street. It was improved in the mid-nineties because the county adopted the Neighborhood Improvement Act. Boone County built this neighborhood a first class street. They have continued to maintain it ever since. Wintertime snow removal is great. Thanks to the commissioners of the time: Don Stamper. Karen Miller. Vicki Vogt. Quickly following the paving of our street, other roads in the area were paved: Bearfield Road, Rock Quarry Road, Gans Road.	9/28/2023 4:36 PM
20	Two-lane roads with no shoulders don't make great places to walk or bike. We have some gravel roads that are fairly kept up, but others not great (or they see more cars than they should). And certain streets in Columbia are terrible (providence for example).	9/28/2023 3:47 PM
21	I am disabled. Cannot use trails, bicycle, etc... I rated 70 as poor because it needed to be 3 lane years ago. I rated other Modot roads and Boone County roads as poor because I think four way stops are better than roundabouts.	9/28/2023 9:13 AM
22	Highway 63 needs expansion through Columbia, as traffic is less-than-desirable through this section for morning and evening commutes. Stadium Blvd also needs expansion, as does Interstate 70 of course.	9/28/2023 9:07 AM
23	Boone county (specifically Columbia) has put way too much emphasis on bike lanes on public streets as well as the public bus system	9/28/2023 7:13 AM
24	No commuter lots but One. No Shoulders!!!!!!! People die on roads because of shoulders. Bicycles are not easily seen and no required triangles to see them!!	9/27/2023 4:49 PM
25	Potholes have been bad on non-MoDot roads. County roads could be paved. Dust control only works a little while and then it is full of pot holes til winter or next spring.	9/26/2023 9:46 PM
26	I come from stl, como feels like an upgrade	9/25/2023 9:43 AM
27	poor management on county roads	9/25/2023 9:14 AM
28	buckling, potholes, width of lettered highways, Route N sucks!	9/24/2023 4:35 PM
29	Not the county's job to provide transportation to people.	9/23/2023 9:23 PM
30	More bicycle trails needed on the north side. Better sidewalks and both sides of street.	9/23/2023 7:19 AM
31	Hwy 63 through Columbia should be three lanes. And so should 70.	9/22/2023 4:14 PM
32	Some roads outside of Columbia are still gravel. There are roads that can damage your car.	9/22/2023 12:11 PM

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33	70/63 interchange is needy.	9/22/2023 12:01 PM
34	When I moved back - I was struck by how poor the management of the roads were!! Lack of city management w/o a doubt.	9/21/2023 1:53 PM
35	Not much transit in Boone County.	9/20/2023 12:01 PM
36	County roads are not kept up with. PAVE Hecht Road!	9/20/2023 8:19 AM
37	I live on a gravel road. Crews do a good job of maintaining it regularly and keeping it in good shape. However, it is ridiculous that it is not yet paved, especially given the high amount of traffic on it.	9/19/2023 6:47 PM
38	Ashland does not have a transit system.	9/19/2023 12:15 PM
39	The county must cooperate with expansion off I-70 and explore options to develop across town commuter routes that don't use I-70.	9/19/2023 12:06 PM
40	Upkeep on existing infrastructure should be a priority.	9/19/2023 7:42 AM
41	Buses could run largest houses, speed limits need enforcing. Public intoxication (drugs and alcohol) is hazardous to pedestrians and drivers alike - especially around MU sports and downtown bars.	9/18/2023 4:59 PM
42	Too many gravel roads.	9/18/2023 1:00 PM
43	Please start paving gravel roads!!	9/18/2023 11:59 AM
44	More sidewalks and more bus routes. Combine city buses with apartment buses to create robust coverage	9/18/2023 9:41 AM
45	Hwy 63 going to get worse and entry spots dangerous.	9/17/2023 2:33 PM
46	City congestion at certain hours.	9/17/2023 8:32 AM
47	I70 and 63 interchange needs to be continuous, overpasses need to have more landscaping	9/15/2023 7:12 PM
48	Too much wasted on busing etc. Not needed.	9/15/2023 3:39 PM
49	We've made improvements on connecting trails, but they still aren't a viable option for walkers. Our transit system is a mess that is unable to adequately serve the very population that needs it. (Shelton, WA would be a good transit system to look into--a combination of set routes and "dial-a-ride" options for outliers that don't live near a set route, or have an appointment outside of a route time).	9/13/2023 11:29 AM
50	very little walk/bike/transit outside of columbia	9/12/2023 8:59 AM
51	No transit available within ten miles of me, despite living barely outside Columbia city limit.	9/11/2023 10:20 PM
52	I would love to ride a reliable bus to and from work without a two to three hour additional to my work day.	9/11/2023 2:17 PM
53	County roads are fine for cars. I used to ride my bicycle on Rangeline and Route Z, but don't any more because there is too much traffic, going too fast. I used to walk on Richmond Rd and Olivet Rd, but now rarely do for the same reason. There are no walking trails close enough to walk to from the house. There is no public transit for our area.	9/11/2023 11:06 AM
54	There is no public transport. Like, one bus route in Columbia doesn't count as public transport. The rest of the developed world has figured out electric trains but the US refuses for some reason. We need a lite rail system that efficiently travels between Jeff, Columbia, Mexico, Centralia, Sturgeon, Moberly, etc.	9/9/2023 4:51 PM
55	We need to explore a different model and get creative about public transit, workforce transportation and university students.	9/9/2023 1:06 PM
56	Transit should not exist in a bus format if the ridership cannot fully pay for the services. Boone county should also see to paving graveled roads instead of just neglecting them. Dust control should be considered at a minimum.	9/7/2023 10:26 AM
57	Fix the 70 - 63 interchange	9/6/2023 11:54 PM
58	Biking and walking on many roads seems very dangerous. I'm not familiar with our public	9/6/2023 11:43 PM

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	transit options	
59	Again far to many taxpayer dollars being spent on bike and walking trails! No taxpayer dollars should be spent of things the majority of taxpayer do not use. If true patrons are not enough to pay for the service then it should not exist.	9/6/2023 10:19 PM
60	I70 needs to be three lanes, way over do. Transit inside como needs more routes and more frequency's	9/6/2023 1:50 PM
61	Outside of City of Columbia there are no transit facilities like buses. County roads are very poorly maintained and there is no plan for road management.	9/6/2023 11:03 AM
62	Privatize city transportation and get city govt out of it	9/5/2023 9:22 PM
63	Northern Boone County roads are fair to poor. South County roads are better. It would be nice to increase the amount of chip & seal on gravel roads in north county. Hwy 63 at CC (going into Sturgeon) needs a turn lane from 63 and a light to be able to see it at night. The intersection at State Hwy CC and Hwy 124 needs either a roundabout to slow traffic or at least reduce the speed limit on Hwy 124 until south of Hwy CC. Semi-trucks and pick-ups pulling grain or livestock trailers have a difficult time crossing Hwy 124 because both require time to gain enough speed to cross safely due to weight of their loads. The speed on 124 is 50 mph and cars accelerate coming down the overpass headed south.	9/5/2023 4:39 PM
64	Need more trails	9/5/2023 6:01 AM
65	The 63/70 interchange MUST be improved before more development occurs and further land locks the area. Interstate 70 is in constant need of repair, but the state funding for adding another lane is very promising. I feel Columbia needs to work on bettering local transit options, however, the county as a whole should review options for broader transit. The new COU airport is a major step in the right direction (although more flights/carriers are needed), but other inter-city options besides Greyhound and MO-X should be explored. A commuter route to/from major Jefferson City employers or the Amtrak station would be a good option. Additional options to/from St. Louis and Kansas City would also be beneficial for many.	9/4/2023 12:12 PM
66	Seems like a lot of expense but still not providing what's needed	9/3/2023 11:47 AM
67	County roads are not designed for bicycle use.	9/3/2023 9:52 AM
68	Low maintenance budgets...potholes, poor clearance in winter, poor lane differentiation/stripping and roundabout visibility in bad weather and night. Neighborhoods in/near Columbia need some sidewalks...	9/2/2023 5:40 PM
69	County roads not being maintained as they were 8 years ago. Gravel roads remain despite increase population.	9/2/2023 3:55 PM
70	They are no transportation options other than City of Columbia buses or OATS.	9/2/2023 9:08 AM
71	The biggest problem is the 63-70 interchange. Needs to be a cloverleaf or it will continue to stunt growth of Boone county population.	9/2/2023 8:58 AM
72	Transit should be a top priority.	9/1/2023 2:06 PM
73	Once I get far enough south, i.e. downtown Columbia, the bicycling and walking options become very good. Getting there from near Hinton is very poor and dangerous.	9/1/2023 12:36 PM
74	No public transit available.	9/1/2023 7:23 AM
75	I think public transit is really hard for people here. It's inconsistent and I feel like it's hard to rely on for employment.	8/30/2023 5:53 PM
76	The closer a county road is in proximity to the city of Columbia, the better that road needs to be. You work from the inside out, so to speak, and priority should start there. The exception would be an obvious stretch of county road with many accidents/fatalities that needs improvement for safety reasons.	8/30/2023 5:18 PM
77	Our county road is poorly maintained. No snow removal beyond 1/2 mile. I pay a lot of taxes for no snow removal	8/30/2023 4:50 PM
78	Seems to be more concentration in the southern part of the city of Columbia	8/28/2023 5:27 PM
79	Public transit in Columbia is awful	8/26/2023 10:28 AM

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80	J-turns on US63 are creating hazards lane-changing into them and merging out of them or diving across 3 lanes. 2-lane state routes and major county roads need shoulders or lanes to accommodate bicycle traffic; e.g. Routes M and Y and S. Rangeline.	8/25/2023 10:49 AM
81	There definitely needs to be resources put into transit and pedestrian facilities throughout Boone County. In Columbia in particular, more accessible walkways and bicycle lanes are needed.	8/25/2023 10:11 AM
82	Safety of our roads are bad. There are big crashes nearly everyday, and when there are crashes it backs up traffic tremendously. Why isn't there a bus to the city from truck stop or airport to pick up non-drivers? Public transit is so ineffective, it's nearly obsolete. More safe areas for bikes and pedestrians are needed.	8/25/2023 7:20 AM
83	Transportation in general are good here. Pot holes inside city are the worst.	8/24/2023 8:03 PM
84	I gave Bicycling an Excellent rating because bike lanes are EVERYWHERE. I avoid I-70 like the plague and our public transportation is not good. Our busses do not go out far enough to get the folks outside of the city limits, they don't go very many places, and they don't run long enough into the night.	8/23/2023 3:20 PM
85	Our roads and bridges are junk. The crews that work on them, do the best they can with what resources they have.	8/23/2023 10:27 AM
86	no buses on edges of town	8/22/2023 11:29 AM
87	IMHO the biggest traffic issues are 1.) congestion at the I-70/63 connector, and 2.) Safety/capacity on Route B.	8/22/2023 10:12 AM
88	I like to bicycle for recreation on designated trails, which there are plenty of but I would never consider bicycling on Columbia streets or county highways as a means for transportation.	8/22/2023 10:06 AM
89	There is only private transport in SoBoCo for seniors and handicapped.	8/22/2023 6:34 AM
90	Not much outside of Columbia	8/22/2023 5:55 AM
91	Being we are supposed to be aware that we are answering for the unincorporated areas of Boone County, inclusion of bicycling/pedestrian facilities seems a bit ludicrous as does the inclusion of city and municipal streets and transit.	8/20/2023 4:43 PM
92	63 is too busy for j turns. the 63-70 interchange is a mess.	8/20/2023 8:35 AM
93	With so much growth in southern Boone County it's not as safe to ride a bicycle on the county roads as it used to be.	8/19/2023 2:59 PM
94	A new I 70 will help. I drive Rt N going west of Pierpont and there is a lot of growth, but that road is terrible.	8/18/2023 1:44 PM
95	Basically the roads in Missouri suck and the streets in Boone County are terrible! Nothing but patches and potholes that beat up your vehicle over time. It's downright embarrassing to invite guests from out-of-state and have them see the town and the roads here.	8/18/2023 1:04 PM
96	I live in the Lake of the Woods area where there aren't consistent sidewalks along St. Charles, and nothing to speak of closer to Ballenger. A kid was killed a couple years ago up on Clark Lane walking to her fast-food job because there's no side walks there. Truly sad.	8/18/2023 10:33 AM
97	To maintain a rural life style with aging, there needs to be some sort of transportation. It is much less expensive to the resident and the state if a resident can "age in place". OATS struggles. Uber is not an option. Columbia keeps cutting its public transportation services.	8/18/2023 10:20 AM
98	Some MODOT roads need a shoulder, there are several state highways with zero shoulder.	8/18/2023 9:39 AM
99	Bike lanes should NEVER cross vehicle lanes (i.e., at Business Loop and Rangeline).	8/18/2023 8:54 AM
100	Fast, heavy traffic on narrow 2 lane roads make walking and bicycling dangerous in the county. Any sort of non-motor vehicle transportation impairs traffic and is dangerous.	8/18/2023 8:41 AM
101	It seems county rural roads are less likely to be resurface like OO in Hallsville.	8/17/2023 9:05 PM
102	Rt B needs 2 lanes southbound near brown station	8/17/2023 4:12 PM
103	MoDOT numbered routes are generally good. The lettered routes have challenges thus the	8/17/2023 2:58 PM

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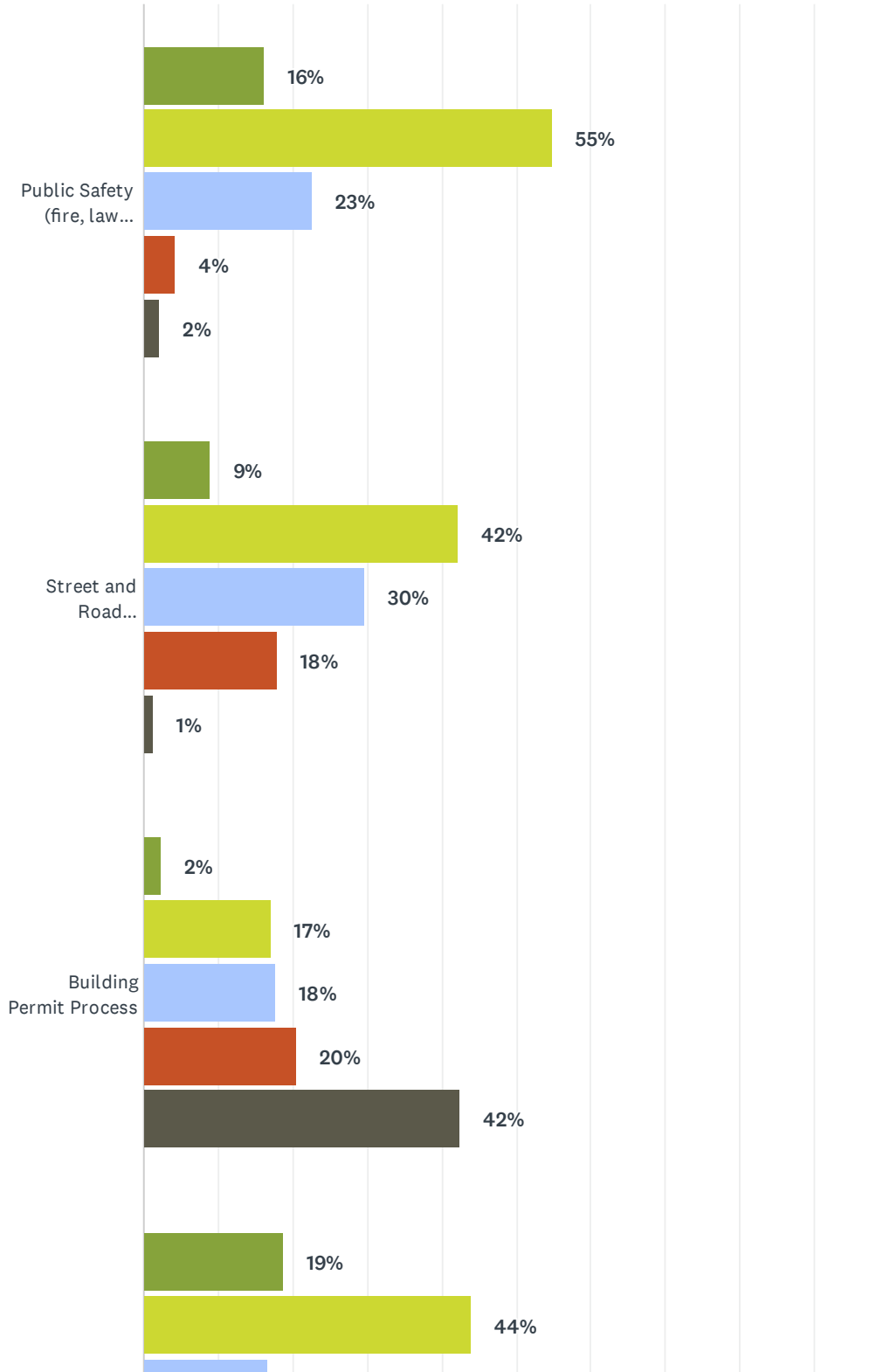
	"Fair" rating We definitely need better transit.	
104	Public transit in Columbia has a long way to go before it is a truly viable alternative to driving.	8/17/2023 8:46 AM
105	The bike lanes are kept up better than the roads and streets which aren't painted well.	8/16/2023 7:09 PM
106	I-70 is not able to adequately serve the growing traffic. There is no transit in the rural areas, if one does not have a car it is difficult to get around.	8/16/2023 3:39 PM
107	Keep large biking events off of county roads and two lane MoDOT highways. It is one thing for individual riders to take the risk, but multiple riders with events are too hazardous for today's traffic and farming equipment in rural areas.	8/16/2023 12:55 PM
108	Most county roads should have some kind of hard surface on them by now, we are way behind other less funded counties.	8/16/2023 12:51 PM
109	Stupid no return of cost	8/16/2023 12:19 PM
110	We need to continue work on our public transportation issues, possibly in collaboration with colleges and housing developments.	8/16/2023 9:21 AM
111	City and County not developed for public transit. County could use shoulders on roads for walking and biking.	8/16/2023 9:05 AM
112	Outside of inner Columbia, non-car transportation is a nightmare. Biking on any rural road is a death wish, between hostile drivers and windy narrow roads with no shoulders. The Columbia bus system is a joke that nobody above the level of desperation finds functional (even before the latest changes, who has time to wait 30-45 minutes for a bus to come by?). 63 has become far busier in the 20 years I've lived here, now often choked with traffic and increasingly unpleasant. I avoid I-70 like the plague due to its dense traffic and constant crashes. Columbia has a nice internal trail system but it primarily benefits wealthy recreational riders/walkers while not actually providing meaningful transportation corridors. I see more and more people walking or riding Boone County roads outside Columbia, not for recreation, but for desperation (walking to/from work from low-cost housing in the county to low-wage work in the city). This is dangerous, uncomfortable, and degrading. Getting into Columbia from any direction from the county is ever-more unpleasant as the entry corridors are choked with traffic and poorly planned sprawl.	8/16/2023 8:12 AM
113	Other MoDot Roads: Fair to poor, they do vary.	8/16/2023 8:05 AM
114	For me, forced reliance on a vehicle is one of the biggest downsides of living in rural Boone County. It is not worth risking my life to bike on Boone County roads. Walking isn't practical. Transit doesn't exist for understandable reasons. Missouri drivers tend to be fast and aggressive, so driving safety is always on my mind. We minimize driving by working from home, but we cannot eliminate it.	8/16/2023 7:54 AM
115	There is no public transit that is useful. City/county parks are great...just not enough of them and an easy way to access them near me.	8/16/2023 6:57 AM
116	Could not more rural roads be black top	8/15/2023 11:23 PM
117	The county needs to focus on the transportation and roads. There are too many roads to concentrate on bicycle lanes, pedestrian lanes and public transportation. Too many miles to effectively cover for cost per mile to provide.	8/15/2023 11:12 PM
118	Reflective paint and other road marking substances exist. Other cities, and surrounding unincorporated areas of those cities, that Columbia competes with nationally have roads with reflective road markings and signs. The inability to safely drive at night in the rain in Columbia and several of the paved county roads that do not have reflective surfaces is dangerous and embarrassing as compared to other cities in the country.	8/15/2023 8:36 PM
119	I have concerns about lack of sidewalks on busy roads.	8/15/2023 9:03 AM
120	There needs to be better bus service!	8/14/2023 7:51 PM
121	There are terrible sidewalks and bike paths in Ashland if there are any.	8/14/2023 6:27 PM
122	Individuals who pedal for transportation have challenges to get to a lot of areas that are away from main trails. Trash and rough edges on roads are treacherous. A lot of the public drivers don't heed the bicyclists and could use some more education by public news announcements.	8/13/2023 2:59 PM

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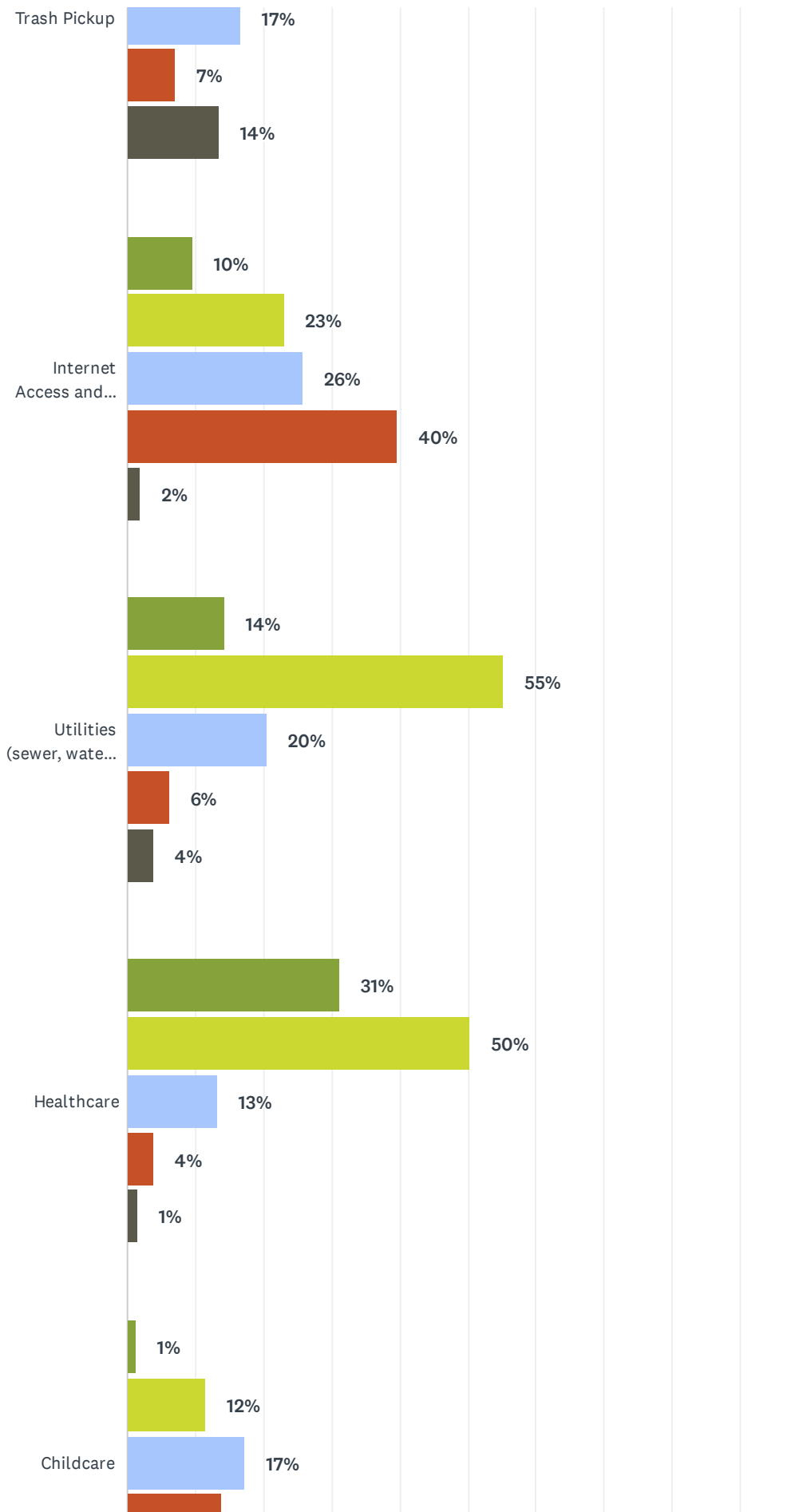
123	Need to provide more public transportation	8/12/2023 9:24 PM
124	The bus system is not very good. There is no "transit" outside the city	8/11/2023 5:33 PM
125	Condition of roads throughout the county are geographically dependent. It is very easy to tell which areas of the county are prioritized. I understand there are higher density areas but citizens in the less dense areas still pay the same taxes - feels like we don't get much return for our dollars. Highway 63 is a prime example - compare it north to south and there is a notable difference in care and upkeep. Same for numbered roads and county roads.	8/10/2023 9:10 PM
126	Try driving from Columbia to Jeff City, good luck to ya.	8/9/2023 11:05 AM
127	Lack of roads to help create a path to growth. Example would be stadium blvd extension. We are a reactive county not proactive.	8/8/2023 8:09 AM
128	Underutilized. Cost too much for benefit	8/8/2023 7:43 AM
129	Boone County needs a countywide transit network.	8/4/2023 4:04 PM

Q23 How would you rate the following community services and facilities for your home or immediate community (in terms of quality, proximity, availability, etc.)?

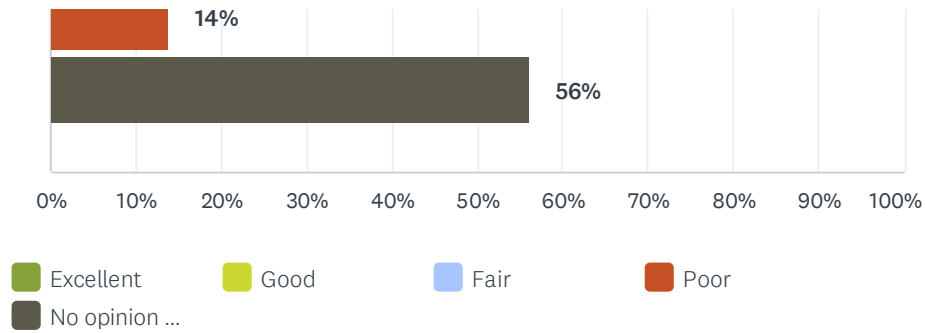
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	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	NO OPINION / NOT APPLICABLE	TOTAL
Public Safety (fire, law enforcement, ambulance, etc.)	16% 113	55% 381	23% 157	4% 30	2% 15	696
Street and Road Maintenance / Snow Removal	9% 62	42% 294	30% 207	18% 125	1% 9	697
Building Permit Process	2% 16	17% 118	18% 122	20% 141	42% 292	689
Trash Pickup	19% 131	44% 306	17% 115	7% 49	14% 94	695
Internet Access and Speed	10% 66	23% 159	26% 179	40% 275	2% 14	693
Utilities (sewer, water, electric, etc.)	14% 99	55% 383	20% 142	6% 43	4% 26	693
Healthcare	31% 217	50% 349	13% 92	4% 27	1% 10	695
Childcare	1% 9	12% 79	17% 119	14% 95	56% 384	686

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY:	DATE
1	Healthcare starting to decline with growing lack of access to primary care. Public safety varies from city to city in Boone County, with increase in drug related crimes and in some violent crimes. People do not reel in certain areas of Columbia and there are rural areas with meth labs and increase in felonies.	10/6/2023 11:28 AM
2	Close to hospitals. Building permit process is cumbersome. Road maintenance is slow.	10/6/2023 10:53 AM
3	We pay for our trash to be pickedup, no recycling available, no internet options for our area, no sewer options only septic, our neighbor moves the snow on the road more than the snow plows.	10/5/2023 5:06 PM
4	I know public safety does best it can - back to homeless - begging like better options.	10/5/2023 4:51 PM
5	School Board meeting NEEDS to BE rescheduled. Nobody was there because location was changed with NO notice. I was at 1818 Worley easily 7:30pm I was there. NO ONE ELSE. With no notice that the meeting was at Boone Electric meeting room at 7:30 am. Is that how we screw us seniors?	10/5/2023 3:03 PM
6	Boone County Sheriff's Dept is awesome! Thank you for what you do!	10/5/2023 2:55 PM
7	The county does not provide any utilities	10/5/2023 2:28 PM
8	We need someone other than "Brightspeed" internet. It's terrible! Ashland roads - especially HENRY CLAY need better maintenance.	10/5/2023 1:43 PM
9	The only reason that internet speed is how good is because CALLAWAY electric extended a	10/5/2023 12:53 PM

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line over here. Before that internet SUCKED - and I'm sure it does for many in the community who are not able to access that Callabytes line. I know Commissioner Thompson is aware of this but prior to Callabytes I was getting 5mbps download and .5 mbps upload through my only available option Century Link. It was also down 95% by the time we had wind or rain. It was AWFUL and I feel sorry for Boone Countians that don't have Callabyte or other options. Building permit - When we remodeled they were fine to work with (2013-2015) Childcare is just a problem for all of us in the US. Need to have way better affordable, tax-supported childcare.

10	NEED NEED more options for rural internet	10/4/2023 5:22 PM
11	Bright Speed internet / phone need a walk in office. I was charged \$40 for a service call that never occurred. Serviceman decided not to make service call / and no refund.	10/4/2023 9:00 AM
12	Route B fix broken pavement. What happened to by pass around Hallsville?	10/2/2023 5:31 PM
13	We pay for our trash pickup	10/2/2023 5:24 PM
14	My trash service is provided by a private corporation (T. mac) which does an excellent job and is very reliable. Internet access has been a problem but I hope that this will improve with socket internet which is now under construction.	10/2/2023 5:18 PM
15	Road maintenance-poor Snow removal-excellent Trash pickup is private and paid by me so it's good. Internet speed of 10-horrible.	10/1/2023 6:29 PM
16	The water quality situation could definitely improve. Childcare is expensive everywhere.	9/30/2023 2:28 PM
17	Only concern is we were not allowed to hook onto existing logical sewer system when we moved in	9/30/2023 8:53 AM
18	Access to healthcare is dwindling. Would like competition for internet svc. We have private trash pickup, well water, septic. As we live at the end of dead-end road, we rarely have snow removal—so I just plan on being home when weather is icy.	9/29/2023 3:12 PM
19	Healthcare is impossible here because doctors don't stay. I keep having to get a new doctor each year because they leave. Childcare is too expensive	9/29/2023 9:00 AM
20	The Boone County sheriffs department is outstanding, but unfortunately, we don't get the benefit of their patrols or services because they are consumed by the crime ridden areas immediately around Columbia.	9/29/2023 6:33 AM
21	Internet access needs to be better for more rural folks. With the University of Missouri, Boone Hospital, Women's and Children's, and the VA in Columbia the access to healthcare is pretty amazing for those who are able to utilize them. I go to the VA and receive great care there. Childcare doesn't apply directly to me, but many of my friends have children and they have all struggled to find a facility they like enough to leave their child there. When they do find a place they really like the waitlists are long and the costs high. I've heard very serious complaints about multiple childcare facilities in Columbia that are honestly very concerning. I don't know the solution here, but I do think things need to be better.	9/29/2023 2:28 AM
22	Internet is HORRIBLE. Like a black hole. Why, because the service providers really don't want to support less dense rural areas...they only want high density. Trash service is okay, but costs keep going up. Water service is okay, but Boone Electric is EXCELLENT.	9/28/2023 3:49 PM
23	WE NEED HIGH SPEED FIBER INTERNET!!!	9/28/2023 9:15 AM
24	Water service is quite bad. Internet options are as well, with only option being Spectrum.	9/28/2023 9:09 AM
25	Although we have a lot of options in healthcare in Boone county, I have noticed a shift from providing health care to our health care participating more in social engineering at the expense of providing health care. Specifically the University of MO.	9/28/2023 7:15 AM
26	Hard water. This past winter, the water line burst under our street. Road is cracked from burst, could be patched, sealed. Crews tore up neighbors yards, but could have done better job leveling dirt, and seeding.	9/27/2023 9:55 PM
27	I don't like our gravel roads but the contractor who works on it does a great job in terms of addressing problems quickly. However, it requires a lot of maintenance and it seems that paving would in the long run be a less expensive option (but I'm not an expert, so I could be wrong!)	9/27/2023 5:42 PM

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28	Child care is a whole paycheck!! The university has removed all access to 3 hospitals so far!!! And working on Boone so they have a monopoly!! Gravel roads abound. Sheriff needs more help.	9/27/2023 4:53 PM
29	Need more affordable preschools	9/26/2023 10:20 PM
30	Internet in rural Boone county is awful. Every year they say next year you'll get fiber...in rural county, we pay for our own trash pick up. Recycling is difficult. Have to call county to get road graded this spring. Gravel roads chew up my tires. Wish these gravel roads were paved.	9/26/2023 9:51 PM
31	Not nearly enough competitively priced centers. Terribly long waitlists. Almost zero access for healthcare workers working long hours.	9/26/2023 9:26 PM
32	Should not lump safty department services each deserves own evaluation. Utilities should also be separate for own evaluation	9/26/2023 4:49 PM
33	This place is run for the rich by the rich.	9/26/2023 2:32 PM
34	Building Permit Process is government overreach. The permit is an additional tax which raises the homeowners costs. The permit and inspection process is a joke. Submitting the correct information and being told to re-submit and then the approver realizing the original submission was correct. This process needs to be streamlined and improved. The county following the City of Columbia guidelines in unincorporated areas needs to be changed. Rural folks do not want government oversight..	9/26/2023 10:41 AM
35	Childcare is not affordable and the wifi options in our area are nearly non-existent.	9/25/2023 10:29 AM
36	Cannot get internet services. No access to public water, we had to build a well.	9/25/2023 10:24 AM
37	Can't wait for trash to switch over to the trash bin service. When people set their bags out at night, bags tend to rip and more litter goes everywhere.	9/25/2023 9:45 AM
38	Internet - fiber optic cable is just now being put in. Public safety - I am concerned about all the shootings that occur especially in Columbia. There are too many guns on the streets.	9/25/2023 9:29 AM
39	Childcare options are non-existent. Building permit process is too expensive - drives up cost to build / develop.	9/24/2023 4:36 PM
40	Law enforcement does the best job they can even tho they are seriously understaffed and underfunded.	9/21/2023 1:42 PM
41	Rural broadband skips our house. Everyone around us has it. Code enf. is fine. Planning and zoning is nonexistent as far as can be seen with rural developments. MU provides good care if you can wait weeks for an appointment. Consolidation of hospitals is creating a nightmare of accessibilit for patients. Living on a double letter highway means we are the last to have snow removal. Only Columbia residential streets are worse. County road maintenance is better than MoDOT but the lack of planning of additional thoroughways prior to development is going to make long-term traffic planning extremely difficult.	9/21/2023 1:33 PM
42	Our rural road becomes impassable. It needs permanent solutions, not more low quality rock.	9/20/2023 8:20 AM
43	I live 1 mile from Two Mile Prairie elementary school and cannot get internet that is faster than 3 mbps. Viasat and Hughsnet are not viable options in the modern world, though these are the options Boone Electric recommends.	9/19/2023 6:50 PM
44	no fiber internet is available. Private trash pickup.	9/19/2023 9:08 AM
45	More resources should be used to maintain existing roads before building more - if you can't adequately maintain what already exists, how can that issue ever be rectified by adding more things to have to maintain.	9/19/2023 7:44 AM
46	Slow reaction times for 911 calls, roaming and regular patrols are needed. Sunday or "Bluelaws" should be put back into use. Public intoxication ordinances are needed and need to be enforced. The city of Columbia and the Sheriff's department need more officers.	9/18/2023 5:01 PM
47	They have brought fiber optic cable down gravel roads.	9/18/2023 1:01 PM
48	Need broadband internet in the county!	9/18/2023 12:00 PM
49	Private trash pickup and childcare. Lack of adequate broadband or internet.	9/18/2023 11:49 AM

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50	Trask pickup too costly in country. Internet terrible in country. Childcare huge financial problems for 2 workers and single parents.	9/17/2023 2:34 PM
51	I pay for private trash pickup. Boone Co should separate from Columbia.	9/17/2023 12:32 PM
52	Roads need updated from gravel to chip seal or other form of road.	9/17/2023 8:33 AM
53	Socket got a 2.6 billion dollar grant to cover western Boone, but it will not be covering Hwy 40. Police need to be supported to do their job.	9/15/2023 7:14 PM
54	I've lived on Rte E for 13 years and when large amounts of snow occur, I have seen up to 2 days before "any" snow removal occurs from MoDOT. Also, there are a few signs that are either missing or damaged. Rte "E" is in terrible condition.	9/15/2023 3:53 PM
55	Our internet and cell service is near non-existent.	9/15/2023 3:40 PM
56	Building permit process - very hard and almost ridiculous. Our roads needs paving - it is absolutely awful. Mr [] can build and huge building, run the dirt to the streams around, do basically whatever he wants, but our road is not kept and is awful.	9/15/2023 8:59 AM
57	We have very slow internet and no other options for faster internet. We had difficulty getting permit to replace old septic system.	9/15/2023 8:41 AM
58	The County of Boone does a good job on roads and maintenance (Better than the City).	9/14/2023 3:54 PM
59	Southern Boone County is quite rural, but development is rapid.	9/14/2023 3:19 PM
60	Terrible, 50 year old internet lines. Snow plows only run when it hasn't snowed yet. Police missteps make the news all too often here.	9/11/2023 10:24 PM
61	WE NEED COUNTY-WIDE RECYCLING SERVICES, AND WE NEEDED THEM 20 YEARS AGO!	9/11/2023 2:48 PM
62	Socket went in on our private road without approval or authorization, cut the Brightspeed line in the process, refused to fix it, dug huge holes and didnt fix those either. Really wanted to switch but a) the cost is prohibitive, and b) was so pissed about the way they handled things.	9/11/2023 2:11 PM
63	Finding quality and reasonably priced child care for a infant is almost close to impossible if you don't start calling places the second you find out you are pregnant. There are not enough daycare facilities with openings in the area.	9/10/2023 1:35 PM
64	I have to go out to my water meter, calculate my own charge and then take a check up to the water district. It's antiquated. I don't have children, but my friends spend the equivalence of a second mortgage on childcare. I don't know how they do it.	9/9/2023 4:53 PM
65	I live on the edge of Columbia - snow removal by the County is AWESOME. Internet access is horrible - seems like lots of funds are going to rural areas and leaving a lot of infill areas (20-30 year old subdivisions) in the dark ages. Unfortunately this seems to be driven by federal and state grant dollars.	9/9/2023 1:10 PM
66	Public safety can't keep up with growth.	9/8/2023 2:32 PM
67	We pay for a commercial company to pick up our trash, using a wheeled bin. The city of Columbia should consider off-loading the current system as it makes the whole area look bad. Internet is dismal in our area of Boone County.	9/7/2023 10:29 AM
68	No one should be required to pay the county or city to (change, or build) anything on property that they own. Being forced to pay for a building permit is tantamount to theft!	9/6/2023 10:23 PM
69	Electric and water very good. Fire is very good.	9/6/2023 1:06 PM
70	I'd like to see a greater law enforcement presence in rural areas. A long- term goal of upgrading gravel roads would improve access in rural areas.	9/5/2023 4:44 PM
71	Lack of regional sewer and broadband	9/5/2023 6:02 AM
72	Seems like I need a permit every time I try improve something!	9/4/2023 10:18 AM
73	Water/sewer utilities not available	9/3/2023 3:58 PM
74	Fire and law are struggling to keep pace with growth.	9/3/2023 3:11 PM

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75	No sewer available. Internet: Finally, Socket came close, so it cost neighbor \$800 during COVID to get Socket to educate 5 children. Then when we tried it was not as expensive. If anything, we seem to have more Firestations in SW than required.	9/2/2023 5:47 PM
76	We need recycling!!!!	9/2/2023 7:23 AM
77	Ashland Police dept seems to have constant turnover and not enough people. SBCFPD needs more volunteers. Affordable childcare is hard to find.	9/1/2023 10:12 PM
78	Internet is very slow. Provider supplies the minimum service required by agreement with Boone County. The service constantly goes down. Especially in the evenings. We live on a formerly paved road that is now partially paved but only to the driveway of a county worker. That is the only section that gets cleaned of snow. Water and electric service are great. Trash is hit and miss. Way to go Waste Management. USPS service is also poor.	9/1/2023 12:41 PM
79	BCFPD volunteer department	8/30/2023 9:31 PM
80	The county and city have made it financially impossible to subdivide my acreage and attach to city sewer on my property. Unbelievable/unaffordable requirements to the extent of the city expecting a property owner on this road to put in a sidewalk to nowhere and annex into a city that will do nothing about improving the dangerous road. And neither will the county.	8/30/2023 5:59 PM
81	I live in the county and have TMAC. My service is great. I would love if they would offer recycling pickup. But...I used to live in the city and trash service was terrible. Again, I live in the county. I feel like our water is absolutely awful. It tastes bad. It's frequently over-chlorinated and we have brown water sometimes. Snow removal is pretty slow where we are. We also need more affordable, safe childcare options.	8/30/2023 5:57 PM
82	Limited services provide for lacking competition and high cost of living. Inspections are often done by individuals who have no clue about what they are inspecting (i.e. someone with electrical background inspecting plumbing). Permitting process in general seems like a ploy to bring in more revenue for the county and not to actually ensure quality of product/work.	8/29/2023 11:18 AM
83	My comments are on county services, not Columbia	8/29/2023 11:16 AM
84	Building permit process is ridiculously onerous and serves little benefit to any of the parties. All it does is drive up costs.	8/27/2023 6:20 AM
85	There needs to be more childcare- our family is fine, but I hear a lot of people concerned about finding childcare.	8/25/2023 12:24 PM
86	Childcare facilities need greater attention as more families migrate to Boone County. The roads in Boone County definitely need to be maintained better and invested in more often than currently allocated.	8/25/2023 10:13 AM
87	Internet access and speed is a running joke out here. We use a private trash company who is reliable. Child care options are limited for young children in the county, but after school program for older children is nice. Permits were a little cumbersome to get, but overall fine. Public safety is fast and good. Health care quality is great. Street maintenance seems very hit or miss.	8/25/2023 7:24 AM
88	I dont have children	8/24/2023 8:04 PM
89	Childcare is too expensive for so many in our community. Need more subsidies for working families.	8/24/2023 9:24 AM
90	Child care costs way to much	8/24/2023 6:38 AM
91	There is always room for improvement.	8/23/2023 10:30 AM
92	We don't have access to a public sewer system & have a lagoon; access to a public sewer would be pretty nice. Fiber internet has recently been installed in our neighborhood.	8/22/2023 10:14 AM
93	I would hope and expect the Public Safety feature to be Good, thankfully I've not had a need yet to call for it.	8/22/2023 10:09 AM
94	I don't think we have have enough police officers for our size of county...both CPD and Sheriff's dept. are way understaffed. Crime is my top concern and there hasn't been a question about crime yet on this survey! Internet access for Columbia is good, but I'm still waiting on Socket out in the county!	8/21/2023 8:51 AM

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95	The water quality is poor and the lagoon for our whole street often. Smells and we live 3 houses away. We have a 2 year old toddler and have not found childcare that we trust enough to enroll him in. We also have a very poor internet connection on many days.	8/21/2023 2:06 AM
96	No longer have small children but I do see a dearth of child care (privately owned). It would not be a difficult thing to provide encouragement/assistance to those wanting to open small childcare sites throughout the county.	8/20/2023 4:44 PM
97	This is an expensive place to live compared to the services provided. I am tired of seeing the mattresses, the weeds, the run down homes and the entrances should be well kept....think about game days, move in days when families should see prodemdemonstrated in our community....instead more weeds, run down housing and homelessness on the street corner s	8/19/2023 7:08 AM
98	Affordable childcare is in short supply	8/18/2023 1:28 PM
99	Internet service in the Lake of the Woods area is the worst in town which makes no sense given the new schools and MU Health care facility built down St. Charles in the past few years.	8/18/2023 10:35 AM
100	If we want people back in the workforce, we need childcare services...more of them and good quality. And affordable. The building permit process seems very confusing at times. We now have fiber optics for internet (never thought that would happen). Public works does great with roads and snow removal. Boone Elec. is the best.	8/18/2023 10:22 AM
101	Childcare is difficult to find. Volunteer Fire Dept. is fantastic. Would like to see more Deputies hired and paid better.	8/18/2023 9:43 AM
102	i live on NN in North Boone County, no internet or fiber has come by my house as of yet. if i had kids in schools or had to work from home i or we would be in a jam	8/18/2023 8:52 AM
103	After school resources for children in the 2mile prairie area are extremely limited.	8/18/2023 8:44 AM
104	I live in Southern Boone and still lack adequate cell phone service. No fiber option available to me.	8/18/2023 6:36 AM
105	Outside of City of Columbia proper (but still in Columbia mail zone) frequently only have 1 company to pick and they aren't always fast/good	8/17/2023 3:07 PM
106	The fastest internet I can get is 1.5 MBPS which won't even play a movie.	8/17/2023 1:41 PM
107	Documented incidents of unequal treatment/police harassment statewide and locally with limited public safety alternatives. Near-monopolies on broadband where accessible.	8/17/2023 8:48 AM
108	Government needs to get their basic responsibilities done well before they take on social nonessential projects.	8/16/2023 7:11 PM
109	Need fiber internet. It is less than a mile from us, but we can't get it	8/16/2023 5:26 PM
110	Electricity is through the Boone Electric Coop, though we lose electricity often, they repair it quickly. Internet is a significant problem as it is only available through satellite which works only when the weather cooperates and is not that fast	8/16/2023 3:42 PM
111	For being so close to Columbia, we have exceptionally poor internet speed. Other than satellite (not dependable) our only internet source is the phone line (Brightspeed) and it does not have high speed internet through our area like it offers within Columbia and suburbs. Boone Electric, Consolidated Water, and the mobile propane suppliers work well for us in rural areas.	8/16/2023 12:59 PM
112	Septic systems in the Karst areas is not a viable system. Especially since they are not monitored, except at the sale of a property and then poorly.	8/16/2023 9:06 AM
113	Our water district seems to have creaky infrastructure with constant leaks in their lines and pulses of intense chlorination to deal with it. Roads are well-maintained and plowing happens at a reasonable rate. No complaints about safety services though we've never had to use them so that's somewhat uninformed. Rural internet is terrible away from Columbia and creates a huge barrier to quality of life and ability to run a rural business. Trash pickup is a huge problem. The web of private services creates overlapping dump truck runs and is expensive, leading to widespread trash dumping and burning that is a major environmental problem. I would strongly urge Boone County to develop a series of locations for citizens to easily drop off trash (not just at the landfill) to combat dumping and burning. When I lived in rural Virginia 20 years ago, in a much smaller and poorer county than Boone, they still had free community dropoff facilities for trash and recycling all over the county, which went a long way toward	8/16/2023 8:20 AM

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helping peoples' budgets, the environment, and the appearance of the county. Health care here may have high quality but, like everywhere in the country, is all but unaffordable. The only plan we can afford has a \$7500 deductible; how many working people can keep that much money sitting around? So many people are one injury or sickness away from financial disaster, and I know from first-hand experience that our health institutions are expensive and difficult to work with. I got bills for over a year from MU Health after one procedure and eventually had to start fighting them as they were sending duplicate bills with threatening letters. The Health Department is the worst agency in county government and would require an essay all on its own for its bureaucracy, incompetence, narrow vision of public health, and ineffectiveness at its basic mission.

114	Fairway Medows is a digital ghetto, nobody is bringing us Fiber Optical.	8/16/2023 8:07 AM
115	Trash is an issue that needs to be addressed. Trash options are either an expensive, one-size-fits-all every week pickup, or not at all. We don't pay for it because we don't generate enough trash to justify it, so we'll take a trip to the dump once or twice a year. But most people don't do that, and they end up burning trash, which ruins air quality. It's insanely common to see people accumulating burn piles with mattresses and all sorts of other things that shouldn't be disposed of through a bonfire. Trash dumping is also all too common (for example, Dodd Road has had a long history of awful dumping, though it might have received some cleanup).	8/16/2023 8:01 AM
116	What about law enforcement? We very rarely see a deputy in the area.	8/16/2023 6:58 AM
117	County should focus on the roads, public safety and managing the biggest county asset, the hospital, which needs major oversight at the time. The county should stay away from childcare, trash pickup, and keep the utilities private so they don't get into situations like the City of Columbia.	8/15/2023 11:17 PM
118	Childcare is lacking in my area for both 0-5 years old and after school care for elementary students.	8/15/2023 9:36 PM
119	Please see prior comment.	8/15/2023 8:36 PM
120	Ashland has excellent child care resources!	8/15/2023 8:25 PM
121	I am not sure if this will come up later in the survey BUT recycling and sustainability are lacking in a major way in Boone county. I am terribly disappointed at the current state of recycling in this area.	8/15/2023 9:05 AM
122	Public safety- I think the law enforcement is overwhelmed. Serious crime and gang activity is in Boone County and needs addressed	8/14/2023 4:59 PM
123	We have seen no progress on paving gravel roads as promised when voting on a tax increase 20 years ago. We have seen no progress on high speed broadband installation despite billions of dollars being available.	8/14/2023 12:22 PM
124	Childcare is scarce and expensive, crime is on the rise. My trash is picked up by T-Mac which is excellent.	8/11/2023 5:35 PM
125	Our neighborhood has Socket but only with great efforts. Many others don't have internet.	8/10/2023 10:46 PM
126	Much respect for fire and law enforcement agencies. They are just too understaffed/underfunded to be as efficient and effective as they need to be.	8/10/2023 9:12 PM
127	We pay for our trash pick up. No utilities except water which is good.	8/9/2023 11:07 AM
128	State roads are in bad shape, no internet access, law enforcement takes a long time to respond in my area (fire and ambulance service are great)	8/9/2023 9:51 AM

Q24 Are there any other comments you would like to share with the planning team about the Boone County Master Plan?

Answered: 241 Skipped: 501

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this important survey! The rampant development in and around columbia should be discussed when and wherever possible. How can the ugly so called student housing complexes developed around Columbia be justified when college enrollment has decreased over the past ten years? Who will pay for empty and abandoned apartment complexes that will become and are environmental eyesores. As people flee older inner city areas or columbia for bedroom communities like Ashland. How will urban blights be curtailed. Will developers finally begin to pay their fair share of infrastructure costs, or will tax dollars have to be diverted from bike trails, parks, culture center, etc. to pay for infrastructure related to our or control development? How will public safety be assured as part of any future master plan. How will the growing homeless problem be stopped to prevent Columbia form turning into Portland. The master plan should in no way turn Columbia into a magnet for the homeless who should in limited numbers be treated humanely, but aslo pose a public health risk (Hinkson Creek). Capital Quarries (rock blasting) is a growing threat to our quality of life and property value. (Re: August 17, 2023 Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting)	10/6/2023 11:37 AM
2	Boone County is a unique place because of it location, but its growth does need to be managed or we risk losing what makes it a great place to live.	10/6/2023 11:11 AM
3	Need a focus on sustainability and recycling, preserving the natural areas. Reduce single use plastc. More green space and less concrete / asphalt Build up housing and not out on farmland. Support farms don't make it harder to farm. Lower property taxes. Thank you for your time!	10/5/2023 5:09 PM
4	momentous task - we are a university town but need more industry to support middle class regardless of direction you run into farm land - would be nice to make sure that remains part of Boone County when developers buy 200-600 acres its hard to regulate that	10/5/2023 4:52 PM
5	Due to the volume of building homes in Ashland, the city could use more than 2 restaurants.	10/5/2023 3:56 PM
6	Internet options are very limited in the rural areas. It would be great to have a high speed internet available.	10/5/2023 3:42 PM
7	Seniors should pay NO MORE school tax after age 65. We are not all rich. Other states do it. Whats wrong with MO. You are taxing me out of my property. THIS IS NOT OK!	10/5/2023 3:04 PM
8	Boone County should continue to grow but the roads need to be better. Internet service to rural areas needs to improve. Boone County is a great place to live and we hope this continues.	10/5/2023 2:52 PM
9	Please continue to keep the residents of Boone County safe, by resisting the popular appeal of wind and solar project. These projects have wreaked havoc for thousands of communities across the country. Don't harm your citizens. Don't allow these types of project.	10/5/2023 2:32 PM
10	Fix the crime issues and lower taxes	10/5/2023 2:28 PM
11	All utilities need to be underground. Farmland needs to stay farmland. Smaller number of houses built on amount of acres. Better maintenance along roadways, some way to control trash along roadways	10/5/2023 2:09 PM
12	Can we please limit the suburban sprawl west of Columbia towards the river. The current infrastructure does not allow for large neighborhoods. Not to mention the amount of sinkholes in the area compromise foundations.	10/5/2023 2:03 PM
13	Please help Hartsburg area receive better internet	10/5/2023 1:44 PM
14	Brightspeed is the ONLY provider of landline service where I live so I have to put up with their TERRIBLE service and being billed wrong every single month. There is no competition and I	10/5/2023 1:40 PM

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am stuck with whatever they want to do. I want to use landline and not cell phone. Why can't the County provide any other service out here? I can't get Socket or Spectrum or anyone else!

15	There needs to be a consistent application of permits and rules. We need to address the homeless problem which is moving to the County.	10/5/2023 1:24 PM
16	More bike trails and walking trails north of Columbia	10/5/2023 1:19 PM
17	Lower regulations, fees. Why is a bathroom in a shop labeled bedroom? And the permit cost so high? What does a property owner do to sell his home and no space to make lagoon larger. Is it still grandfathered so he can sell property on dues he just die there.	10/5/2023 1:14 PM
18	You seem like a group of liberals who love to tax and spend and your slanted questions would elude to that. I've watched this county and City of Columbia deteriorate over time. Until and unless you stop electing, purple haired upsetting officials it will continue. Columbia and the democrats that control the bulk of the vote are going to continue to ruin this county. I wouldn't live in City of Columbia for anything. You libs can't be all things to all people, especially the homeless. STOP trying to be.	10/5/2023 1:06 PM
19	The roads are in bad shape, too many trees, too many roundabouts. People driving while on cell phones.	10/5/2023 12:59 PM
20	I'm not sure the Commission understands the importance of factoring soil quality and soil health into development. There has been great acres of soil removed in parts of the county that actually have decent soil. Maybe that is 20 year smart, if is not 100 year smart. Just as we curse the white settlers who destroyed so much soil in a relatively short time, our grandkids will curse us for destroying these natural resources to help McMansions.	10/5/2023 12:55 PM
21	County doesn't need a Master Plan. It needs some common sense in leadership. All Liberals	10/4/2023 5:34 PM
22	It feels like northern Boone County gets ignored, especially when it comes to improvements like parks.	10/4/2023 5:20 PM
23	Jon Hitt	10/4/2023 3:30 PM
24	You can't build enough roads even if you pave all of the county. You'll keep Boone county desirable if you can tame cars and roads.	10/4/2023 3:26 PM
25	The city of Columbia should not dictate the whole of Boone County. The rate of crime and homelessness in the city of Columbia is causing Boone County to be more unattractive as a county to live in more each year. Boone County rural residents want to keep there area rural and safer.	10/4/2023 3:22 PM
26	Can you require Bright Speed to open the walk in office. I need phone and or internet. I tried to do business from Columbia library internet, \$50 charged for service call the serviceman decided not to visit location ***** N Route E Harrisburg, MO 65256. (Veteran I qualify for the affordable connectivity program).	10/4/2023 9:02 AM
27	Taxes (personal and real estate) are outrageous in Boone County - Southern Boone School taxes is ridiculous!	10/3/2023 4:11 PM
28	Keeping the beauty of Boone County and the rural life alive is important for now and the lives of those to come. IF not careful, Columbia will become another sunless metropolis. The farming aspect of life here adds another dimension to the population of "town and gown" seeing open farm land adds to a quality of life.	10/3/2023 4:01 PM
29	Fix crime. Fix homeless/unhoused issues	10/3/2023 3:41 PM
30	Would like to see a planned area for tiny houses and other affordable housing options to relieve/eliminate problems like homelessness, poverty.	10/3/2023 3:34 PM
31	The intent of the original plan was to protect farm land. Today I think developers have the advantage. Any change of land use should require rezoning. Extend the sewer system so households can be put on less land. This survey should have been sent to all tax payers.	10/3/2023 10:12 AM
32	Enjoy using MoDOT / website to report needs.	10/3/2023 10:04 AM
33	More paved county roads. Hallsville by pass	10/2/2023 5:31 PM
34	Don't overcrowd developments. Protect farmland (good luck).	10/2/2023 5:24 PM

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35	Thank you for asking residents for our opinion. Please look at long term development with an eye to maintaining quality of life. It would be a tragedy if fifty years from now, Boone County would be a mess of pavement, asphalt, and dilapidated buildings.	10/2/2023 5:19 PM
36	Please consider upgrading gravel roads so dust is controlled. As the city has grown the amount of people using and building in (once) rural areas has increased and the dust is getting worse.	10/1/2023 6:31 PM
37	I don't want the rural part of Boone County to become more like Columbia. Along with progress comes the problems of said progress. We own our land and pay our taxes. I don't feel like we need a bunch of codes and laws to make our rural areas more "city like." Example: dog leash laws for the county. People move out of Columbia to escape the crime and problems of city life, but want to change the rural areas when they get here. Quit trying to change us.	9/30/2023 11:52 PM
38	Noise esp lakeside ashland.	9/30/2023 3:13 PM
39	Please do not allow more commercial development to the west of perche creek along hwy 40	9/30/2023 10:10 AM
40	Internet is sorely lacking and should be a HUGE priority! It's not right that we are so close to a city, yet have no internet.	9/30/2023 9:28 AM
41	Thank you for asking for citizen input.	9/29/2023 3:15 PM
42	The county needs better cell phone coverage and better broadband coverage.	9/29/2023 9:44 AM
43	Make faster internet everywhere a priority. My best option is 10mbps and that makes it hard to live and run my home business.	9/29/2023 9:01 AM
44	Please prioritize spending on school safety and bring back the School Resource Officers in county schools. The fact that school safety was not included in this survey is very telling about the liberal influence Columbia has on the greater County. We are not Columbia. We support law enforcement, believe they are a good influence on our students, and want them positively engaged in our students' lives, positioned to intervene when needed. Our workplaces are not close to the schools, and we would like the comfort of knowing the police are there protecting our students when we can't be.	9/29/2023 6:44 AM
45	Please consult with conservationists and naturalists on how to continue the growth within Boone county in a way that holds space for our natural environment. This is so very important and I feel has been very neglected in my lifetime. I hope to see us do better so that we can all thrive - human and nature alike.	9/29/2023 2:54 AM
46	Need more and bigger rebates for solar and other renewable energy, for those of us outside the city limits, but not wind.	9/29/2023 2:35 AM
47	I support using IRA (Inflation Reduction Act) funds to invest in clean, renewable energy (solar and wind) for County operations and management. Boone County should adopt pro-growth solar ordinances and rework the wind ordinances passed in 2021 that discouraged development. It's important for Boone County to start making significant emissions reductions in operations and develop plans for addressing the impacts of climate change that will increase in future years.	9/29/2023 12:21 AM
48	My area is good now. I live outside a city or town. I would not want to move to Columbia due to the crime.	9/28/2023 8:10 PM
49	How about a boost in adequate law enforcement!!	9/28/2023 6:25 PM
50	mapping tool above this box does not work !	9/28/2023 5:22 PM
51	There is no shortage of would-be developers. They need to be kept in check.	9/28/2023 4:48 PM
52	Yes, please really look at putting buffers around our current natural areas. These are SO important to the quality of life here in Boone County and if we don't add protections, some deep pocked developer will destroy them in the name of "progress." Once they are gone, we can't get them back. We have some amazing areas...let's keep them that way. Also, add something to developers if they go in to an area, don't just bulldoze ALL trees...keep some. And that should be enforced. Also, stop with the high density neighborhoods...especially south of town. Schools are already bursting...let's go north and east.	9/28/2023 4:07 PM
53	Route B should be a primary traffic concern!	9/28/2023 3:03 PM

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54	I hope you are actively working on: 1) Helping businesses gain access to Inflation Reduction Act money to increase access of rural county residents to fast Internet 2) Streamlining regulatory and permitting processes for adding renewable energy generation to the electric grid	9/28/2023 2:42 PM
55	The Midway area is developing fast but our roads are not keeping up that growth. The most direct way to Midway is by I-70, which is full of dangerous semis and traffic jams. It would be a relief if a bridge could be built over Perche Creek on the north or south side of I-70, and then connect the outer roads making it easier and safer for local traffic to move between Columbia and Midway.	9/28/2023 9:29 AM
56	Pay adequately and support law enforcement for traffic offenses and zoning violations.	9/28/2023 8:59 AM
57	Make digital cable available to everyone. Those of us outside the city but close to the limits are not able to get service from any of the cable companies. We are stuck with satellite TV which is not good. Century Tel took away their service and no one else will provide service. We are told we are in MediaCom territory but they refuse to provide service since we are outside the city. Seems we have limited choices (Dish or Direct). This is simply not fair to us.	9/28/2023 7:36 AM
58	Stop making it so hard for small businesses to stay open. No businesses = no tax revenue.	9/27/2023 6:41 PM
59	I would love to see some additions to public lands in the southern part of the county and farmland preservation throughout. I'm concerned about water resources -- I'm sure the technical team is assessing this. I fear that since Missouri is a riparian state, we have no restrictions on water usage or impoundment that may not be a problem for the foreseeable future, but depending on climate impacts may affect future generations. It would be good to assess this now, before it is a problem.	9/27/2023 5:45 PM
60	Yes. Native Plants on roadsides are being eliminated and the poor insects and birds are starving. Just junky fescue and invasive plants that I have to keep killing over and over again!!!	9/27/2023 4:55 PM
61	Please consider increasing first responders and law enforcement with jobs abd funding. Public safety is bumper ine concern.	9/27/2023 12:48 AM
62	Need higher paying manufacturing jobs for balanced growth. Need fiber internet in rural, near city. Where I live, I'm not rural enough for the rural grants and I'm not city enough for a high density service provider so we are left out.	9/26/2023 10:07 PM
63	Need to support what you have before prioritizing growth.	9/26/2023 9:54 PM
64	Not at this time	9/26/2023 6:10 PM
65	Boone county should follow the state sanitary sewer regulations. Stop monetizing on sanitary sewer inspection and help residents improve sewage treatment.	9/26/2023 4:53 PM
66	Please stop Capital Quarries from from damaging our homes!!!!	9/26/2023 2:35 PM
67	I am very concerned about the development of the unincorporated areas around Discovery/63. Mainly with light, noise and soil pollution involving the Gans Creek Rec area that backs up to the Wagon Wheel Trailhead at the end of Bearfield Road. Developers want to build \$300000-\$500000 homes on the undeveloped land, incorporating into the city, all without proper attention to this land sitting atop a karst topography, thus possibly destroying the natural area of the trailhead.	9/26/2023 11:42 AM
68	Often it feels like Boone Co only makes choices based off of Columbia residents wants, making the county less desired by rural families.	9/25/2023 10:30 AM
69	I keep seeing farmland turn into subdivision. I understand growth is necessary, but once all the farms are gone then what.	9/25/2023 10:25 AM
70	Appreciate BoCoMo asking for feedback, and I wish the team good luck.	9/25/2023 10:14 AM
71	We need more family farms to produce food for our community. Without food, we are relying on outside sources to sustain our community. We need a strong food system to continue growth and a great life.	9/25/2023 9:48 AM
72	Need a drive thru like the old place	9/25/2023 9:24 AM
73	Rebellion to tyrants equals obedience to God, Benjamin Franklin	9/25/2023 9:15 AM
74	Property taxes are 2x higher than surrounding counties and are detrimental to cost of living in	9/24/2023 4:37 PM

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Boone County. Allocate funding to roads not new businesses.

75	I would like to see the Boone County fairgrounds improved and put to good use such as a farmers market, rodeos, carnivals, weddings, trade shows, etc. County roads need mowing more often for safety. 3 times per year minimum. We need all trees removed from road right of ways including trees encroaching from fencelines.	9/22/2023 4:28 PM
76	On new vehicles the property personal taxes is way too high. Keeping the sale of new vehicles down. The trash on the sides of the road down VV and Mauller Rd is disheartening. We like to live in a clean community.	9/22/2023 4:22 PM
77	Thank you.	9/22/2023 12:51 PM
78	Roads are too small for good flow, taxes are too high, rent is criminally high - rise in homeless residence and college students. Google Columbia Mo crime rate...scary.	9/22/2023 12:13 PM
79	Please blacktop county road or chip and seal. Lived over 70 years and talked to county alot of time, but still nothing is done. With all the houses being built out here we need asphalt road, not gravel.	9/22/2023 11:58 AM
80	124 E & 63 needs lights. Too many accidents, dangerous.	9/22/2023 11:53 AM
81	Enforce city and county regulations consistently to all businesses and individuals.	9/22/2023 9:56 AM
82	Are the people aware you really have a 3yr, 5yr, ad 10yr plan? The city mechanisms look like a large dumping ground for social welfare programs. There is not enough pro-active information that would improve the city climate, environment, and actual growth and development for the people that live in Columbia. It is pretty obvious if you are not affiliated with the University of Missouri then you really do no count. Not enough pro-active / transparent opportunities for change! Too stagnant for a developing town.	9/21/2023 1:57 PM
83	Boone Co is a great place to live. Our concerns are almost entirely in the city of Columbia. Civic leadership is awful. The homeless tolerance is awful. Violent crime is increasing.	9/21/2023 1:43 PM
84	Need to establish connectors south of Ashland to help traffic flow. Example - Palls Nichols to Bullard or even Christian School Road or even further to Ernie Langdon - look at a map of southern Boone county - you can see there has been NO TRAFFIC flow planning. It is embarrassing for a county I enjoy and a govt I support.	9/21/2023 1:35 PM
85	No	9/20/2023 9:23 PM
86	In general I feel Boone County does an excellent job of planning for development. I do not appreciate when cities try to annex areas for development. I like the rural use and 10 acre zoning areas	9/20/2023 5:44 PM
87	Be smart and be reasonable. The county is going to grow. Private infrastructure and services as needed when it does and don't try to regulate your vision of what you think the county should be into existence. Regulate for public health and safety and let it grow. This survey should ask about concerns of crime coming out of Columbia.	9/20/2023 5:01 PM
88	Something must be done about gun control and the frequency of shootings. It is scary for an old person to be on the street in Columbia.	9/20/2023 4:56 PM
89	I realize Boon Co will continue to grow, can't be helped. Biggest concerns are crime, infrastructure, proper funding for county school districts (Hallsville, Harrisburg, etc). They need more tax revenue! Especially sick of how trashy and unkept the county looks.	9/20/2023 4:48 PM
90	Please address the gravel county roads high traveled roads to asphalt.	9/20/2023 2:45 PM
91	I am very unhappy with the rezoning of farm land to build housing subdivisions in southern boone county our town and school and infrastructure can not keep up with this rapid housing growth.	9/20/2023 1:22 PM
92	I think the 10 acre requirement to build a home is causing building to saturate a lot of farmland. It also prohibits some from being able to afford building in the rural area. I think there shouldn't be any restriction on the number of acres as long as the sewer is approved.	9/20/2023 12:47 PM
93	Allow for growth, yet planned. Allow permitting of smaller rural acreage 1-2 acres.	9/20/2023 12:02 PM
94	Pay the teachers and bring the quality and quantity of schooling back. If we can afford multi-million dollar sports complex's, we should be educating children 5 days per week like the rest	9/20/2023 8:21 AM

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	of the nation!	
95	There needs to be more parks that is close to rural areas.	9/20/2023 7:50 AM
96	lower taxes	9/19/2023 5:18 PM
97	Affordable housing and internet access are both critical needs.	9/19/2023 5:06 PM
98	My access to my home is gravel and not well maintained. Blythe needs to be paved or oiled. Too much dust. Travel down this road has been greatly increased. It is a cut through between Old 63 and 63 N&S. Short gravel roads that serve as pass throughs are antiquated. This is 2023 gravel roads should not exist, especially busy pass through gravel roads. I live right off of Hwy 63. It is nothing for me to follow 1 or 2 cars down to the Hwy or up from the Hwy. I pay a lot for both personal property and real estate taxes. And being retired is extremely costly. Averages about \$350/month for both. I have lived in Boone County for 53 years. Thank you for the opportunity to express the positives and concerns of Boone County,	9/19/2023 12:20 PM
99	Growth is inevitable and necessary. Just needs to be managed.	9/19/2023 12:07 PM
100	roads / crime	9/19/2023 8:57 AM
101	Just need to replan so i'm in Harrisburg schoold district and not paying for school taxes in Howard County but Boone, since I'm in Boone Couty. And close to Harrisburg not Fayette.	9/19/2023 7:52 AM
102	I'm concerned with cities such as Ashland annexing non-contiguous land and allowing it to be developed in a way not consistent with city regulations due to wanting tax revenue. Please be cognizant to not grow for the sake of growth. The outdoor spaces and natural areas are a treasure and need to be protected.	9/18/2023 5:10 PM
103	I think the City of Columbia should not cater to MU students (and others) to the degree that an academic environment that produced a Nobel prize winner is lost to the interests of alcohol sales at MU functions and downtown businesses. I strongly encourage the creation and use of public ordinances and laws that would eliminate public intoxication (by drugs and alcohol).	9/18/2023 5:03 PM
104	Please pave Thomas Hill from Breedlove to Route V.	9/18/2023 1:01 PM
105	I hope to be gone from Boone County soon. Not a good place for families with children. Not a good place to find entertainment - just bars.	9/18/2023 12:06 PM
106	Boone County needs to enforce regulations to property owners to clean up the look of the county. Don't let weeds and brush grow and trash / debris build up around homes and businesses.	9/18/2023 12:01 PM
107	I don't think mayor is very good. Taxes and cost of poverty to high. Average income people and retired people can't afford to have cost of housing way to high.	9/18/2023 11:55 AM
108	Find the balance between growth and preservation. Without growth, there will be no reason to preserve. Both can be done.	9/18/2023 11:49 AM
109	I feel planning and zoning should be restructured due to road blocks that they place in the way trying to build a house!	9/18/2023 9:40 AM
110	Current P&Z regulations exacerbate urban sprawl and no not make the best use of available land in many instances.	9/18/2023 7:47 AM
111	Think about the problems you create by getting bigger and guarantee funding to solve those problems!!!	9/17/2023 2:35 PM
112	Need to spend more in rural areas - providing parks, rec, services, internet access. Families in small towns, Harrisburg, Sturgeon, Hallsville, etc need access.	9/17/2023 2:25 PM
113	Columbia is the biggest detriment to Boone County. Moved here to get away from big city politics and Columbia wants to be St. Louis. They should combine the two.	9/17/2023 12:33 PM
114	When buildings a ew house the expense of all the different permits needed is a lot for the home owners and seems a lot of unnecessary things are required.	9/17/2023 8:50 AM
115	Lower taxes and interest rates, update gravel roads to chip seal or other forms of road.	9/17/2023 8:34 AM
116	A balance between the need to grow and improve versus loss of small town feeling needs to be [] - some growth, but not too much or too fast.	9/15/2023 4:14 PM

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117	Clean up the problems in Boone County before spending time on planning. If we don't we will only expand the problems. We need more police in Columbia. Specifically, community policing. I have numerous rentals on Ria and Boyd and things were better with it.	9/15/2023 3:55 PM
118	It seems we in rural Bo County have very limited and representation from our Southern District Judge. Most of us don't even know who he or she is. We pay the same rate of taxes as everyone in SoBoCo, but don't receive the considerations as some of neighbors, our road is so dusty if is unhealthy and hard to breathe. Chatterbuck is paved, dust treatment on Robbie, Forbis. So its hard to understand when we don't have some consideration w/dust that would choke a horse!	9/15/2023 3:43 PM
119	Limit fireworks during the week. Pave more of the gravel road, especially Midway West.	9/15/2023 3:26 PM
120	Concern regarding property: Why ask? Need I remind you of how citizens were ignored concerning Midway USA. Saw decision paper done before meeting :(The homeless situation sad and concerning. The panhandling is very disturbing, needs to stop!	9/15/2023 3:17 PM
121	Crime and lack of leadership. Homeless are taking over.	9/15/2023 9:24 AM
122	need to pave more roads	9/15/2023 9:09 AM
123	We love living in Boone County, love all the park and other recreation activities. We do have concerns about future growth especially with the housing market.	9/15/2023 8:42 AM
124	Yes - Who is the planning team?? The master plan is very important and has been followed in the past. I want to know who this planning team is - how long they lived in Boone County, ages, etc.	9/14/2023 3:56 PM
125	To many resource spent on homeless and diversification.	9/14/2023 3:47 PM
126	Please help Wilhite Road. People get black top. Janet can't get anything done.	9/14/2023 3:34 PM
127	I live on Mackie Lane off Cedar Tree. There are 8 households on Mackie. Between M and Wilton, there are now about 40 additional households that live on gravel since FY2000. Where do road taxes go? The 3 mile stretch should be paved.	9/14/2023 3:21 PM
128	We need infrastructure and real housing solutions!	9/11/2023 10:25 PM
129	Please make ecosystem protection the highest priority...save trees....save water...	9/11/2023 9:23 PM
130	Provisions for Agri-Tourism for small farmers to help keep the family farms operational. Eliminate the large financial requirements to meet commercial business requirements to be open only a few weekends a year.	9/11/2023 4:26 PM
131	We need the golf area to have a park for children with supervision	9/11/2023 2:20 PM
132	It would be nice if Grindstone trail could be extended along Grindstone Creek east of Maguire Blvd. Please set aside more natural areas with trails on the east side of town.	9/11/2023 11:31 AM
133	I would love to see our county turn towards intentional planning centered around quality life. I feel like we're at the mercy of developers, whose only motivation is greed. We don't need another Casey's or Dollar General. We need to be able to purchase local, fresh produce. We don't need more subdivisions, we need to repurpose the existing lots that have fallen into disrepair. We need ordinances and laws to prevent foreign ownership of farmland and to help local, new up and coming farmers gain entry. Farming has turned into a millionaires game and it shouldn't be like that. We need fresh air and clean water, which means standing up to the corporations that want to dump their pollution without consequence. We need quality infrastructure. And a community plan that considers every stage of life. What am I going to do when I'm too old to drive? I don't think there's even a taxi to call anymore to take me for groceries. This is my home, I love where I live. And I won't leave. But I worry every day about what the future here looks like.	9/9/2023 5:00 PM
134	new developments need more strict requirements to prevent building up with no plan for renting or buying what is build. Development are built on the come without a plan.	9/8/2023 12:07 PM
135	You will need to find a way to discourage crime without burdening taxpayers to support those who will not support themselves. Way too much of our taxes goes to the school system, when it should go to infrastructure and road maintenance for the benefit of us all.	9/7/2023 10:32 AM
136	Stop making j turns on the highway and roundabouts in town.	9/6/2023 11:58 PM

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137	Route B/124 needs to be four lanes. Traffic getting heavier and heavier each year with more and more wrecks	9/6/2023 1:53 PM
138	County should identify and consider reserving land for industrial purposes.	9/6/2023 1:08 PM
139	Good questions, there are a lot of challenging issues facing our community in the future.	9/6/2023 8:04 AM
140	The growth and development strategy needs to be careful of the natural resources and environmental one of a kind areas in southern Boone county. Specifically, the Gans Creek and Wildlife area. The acreage containing the water shed should NEVER be touched much less developed. It is one of 12 remaining in Missouri.	9/5/2023 7:00 PM
141	Only thing I would add is around CPS and needing to continue to add schools as Columbia grows. Be proactive	9/4/2023 8:54 PM
142	Don't k or the city limits any farther north	9/4/2023 4:05 PM
143	Our small town feel with the amenities of a city make BoCo unique and attractive. Welcoming more people into our community without changing that atmosphere is challenging, but worth it! Fewer apartment buildings in congested areas would be helpful in keeping us small-townish. Thank you!	9/4/2023 2:50 PM
144	Gravel roads are seriously neglected.	9/4/2023 1:01 PM
145	Based in part on population density, air and water quality, etc, confined agricultural farming operations (CAFO) should not be permitted and existing operations should be highly regulated and regularly inspected.	9/3/2023 4:06 PM
146	Can we chip n seal county roads? We see a lot of roads that are chip n seal with LESS traffic. It seems the people that live on those roads have priority over regular citizens, due to positions they hold or who they know.	9/3/2023 4:04 PM
147	This is a good step if you really are listening to the comments and opinions from everyone. Instead of asking opinions and then doing whatever you want anyway without regard to the citizens	9/3/2023 11:50 AM
148	Stripe dividing traffic lanes with better/reflective paint or reflectors espec. at problematic intesections and traffic circle section barriers. Clear tall grasses for visibility where vehicles need to exit & cross from parking lots.	9/2/2023 5:53 PM
149	As the county changes and population increases, new to start putting more restrictions in place for the protection of the residents. People with very small acreages are doing to much under agricultural exemption and there must be protections in place for existing residences so that a person cannot put 25 head of cattle on less than 5 acres and reduce the property value and enjoyment of their property due to the nuisance and pollution it creates.	9/2/2023 3:59 PM
150	Why are there not gravel roads being paved in Boone County? We live on a gravel road and it is very dangerous with all the dust. At least, the county could put dust prevention on the roads. We pay a lot of property taxes for roads and I see nothing being done except maybe grading and mowing the ditch once a year.	9/2/2023 3:42 PM
151	We need more trails available to county residents. Perhaps create a trail system from Columbia to Centralia then to Sturgeon. People in northern Boone County are ignored. Very rarely do you see BCSD in rural areas of northern Boone County. Better road systems and training for road crews. Wider isn't always better.	9/2/2023 9:11 AM
152	I would like to see more development in the smaller towns to bring support to those areas. For instance, encourage new businesses to open in Centralia town square by restoring/renovating existing buildings before new construction occurs on rt 124 or 22.	9/2/2023 9:07 AM
153	The greatest improvement that could be made to Columbia, specifically, is mirroring the James river expressway in springfield to connect I70 west of town south and then east to 63, likely on Gans Creek Road/ Discovery parkway. It shouldn't take 25 minutes to get from one side of town to the other.	9/2/2023 8:03 AM
154	1. We need a recycling option. Either curbside or closer drop off. 2. Better code enforcement.	9/2/2023 7:24 AM
155	I'm afraid that average mid-income families won't be able to afford to buy a modest home let alone an acre of green space for their families. It seems like the super rich developers are buying everything and building huge houses with no yard. I also worry about our aquifers.	9/1/2023 10:38 PM

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Here's an idea: incentives for people who plant native plants in their yards to support native pollinators and animals! Grass lawns don't help anything.

156	We value the many acres of Forest Service and University land in Boone County and do not want them developed.	9/1/2023 4:23 PM
157	We need more green space and wetlands. Not more development!	9/1/2023 2:03 PM
158	Would have loved to enter new road, bike lanes and park information. System would not let me.	9/1/2023 12:43 PM
159	BC fairgrounds needs more utilization other than the county fair. The facilities would be excellent for various trade shows, concerts, animal shows, swap/flea markets. The infrastructure getting to the facility needs improving. There are no adjacent support venues that are needed by users of the grounds. These are hotels, restaurants, service stations/convenience stores, etc. Hwy 63 from Rt. B/Paris Rd to Hinton Rd. Is a disaster and has been for over 20 years. Boone County needs to lean on the state to PROPERLY FIX that portion. Bandaid are not the answer.	9/1/2023 7:36 AM
160	Need more sewer capacity	8/31/2023 11:52 PM
161	Infrastructure, infrastructure, infrastructure. Road improvement! Better cooperation between city and county is needed.	8/30/2023 6:02 PM
162	Invest in early childhood education. Invest in basic services. Invest in social workers and the environment. Our next generations deserve a better future.	8/30/2023 5:59 PM
163	Not at this time	8/29/2023 6:09 PM
164	Stop expanding and make what we currently have better.	8/29/2023 11:19 AM
165	Yes, the plan should concentrate more toward a real Master plan to include money for surveillance in the downtown area, we need a handle on crime in this city. Both residents in this household have NEVER seen crime like Columbia is facing. We won't go downtown after dark now. Something must be done.	8/28/2023 5:34 PM
166	My immediate concern is the former Gonterman property south of route HH now owned by Bruce Odle. I suspect that the plan is to create a subdivision on what has always been farm land. The deveopment would severely and permanently alter the rural atmosphere. We have many long term residents in the area who are opposed to the development of that property and who have not been contacted by government officials regarding future plans by Mr Odle who has a history of developing(and destroying) farms. Please do not let that happen again.in our area.	8/28/2023 9:30 AM
167	Leave obermiller alone. Preserve the open spaces in that area... dont squander them with overdevelopment	8/27/2023 3:10 PM
168	Let growth develop naturally without county government control.	8/27/2023 6:21 AM
169	Would like to see better county road maintenance, particularly the gravel roads. Seems to be a lot of expense in maintaining these roads, but they are still in horrible condition(potholes, muddy.etc.) Seems Road dept. is less than interested when you call in. Should also have plan to convert many of the gravel roads to a dust free alternative.	8/26/2023 2:03 PM
170	Please put bathroom facilities back on Oakland park. It's so very important!!	8/26/2023 11:48 AM
171	Do not forget that Columbia is NOT the entirety of Boone County	8/26/2023 10:30 AM
172	N/A	8/25/2023 10:27 AM
173	I think with climate change barreling down upon us, a key focus should be on renewable energy projects, sustainable development and transportation options, a space for local producers to grow food and bolster local economies, and preparing for devastating impacts of climate change (burying electric lines, focus on water preservation, LEED certification requirements, wastewater and runoff impact focus, etc)	8/25/2023 7:48 AM
174	No More Parks	8/24/2023 6:46 PM
175	Please stop allowing the high rise student housing in the downtown area. Parking is bad enough as it is and even though a few have had their own parking garages, a lot of the	8/23/2023 3:23 PM

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residents I have spoken to say the parking there is limited and very expensive so they often park on the street.

176	Come up with a way to have Internet in the county Boone electric etc won't do it.	8/23/2023 2:41 PM
177	Good luck with the master plan.	8/23/2023 10:35 AM
178	ADD 8 lane road not just six lane road thru Columbia for I-70 At least six lane road on Hwy 63 thru Columbia both are bumper to bumper now most of day.	8/22/2023 11:36 AM
179	Pave our gravel road instead of roads that run down bean fields.	8/22/2023 7:04 AM
180	Please address adding additional north south through routes east of 63. Also, require development to provide basic long term infrastructure needs on any lots smaller than 10 acres and better egress points for other subdivisions. Example—the east access to the new Patriot subdivision off Liberty comes out as a blind spot which could have easily been solved if the developer was required to lower the hill on Liberty. As this area booms it will become harder and harder to rectify.	8/22/2023 6:45 AM
181	Expanding the airport was a waste of COVID dollars	8/21/2023 8:43 AM
182	Water and sewer are a real issue. The water quality is poor, and the sewage smell in my neighborhood can be strong at times.	8/21/2023 2:08 AM
183	I would like for the County and City Governments to quite wrapping ballot initiatives in social needs that are in dire need only to have it pass and then misappropriate it to services and programs that would not pass if they were put on a ballot and voted on .	8/19/2023 6:01 PM
184	P & Z have complete authority and nowhere to combat their decision. Even if every landowner is against their decision there is no recourse. They have too much power!	8/19/2023 10:18 AM
185	Where is the sense of pride? Take a look at the entrances to Warrenton? Enforce the building codes in the city and bring high quality, dependable internet access to all of Boone county.	8/19/2023 7:10 AM
186	Take more consideration before allowing developers into rural undeveloped areas. Especially in parts of Boone counties sink hole plain. Conserve as much green space as possible.	8/19/2023 5:12 AM
187	i-70 should be a bypass not a widening	8/18/2023 8:49 PM
188	I would love to see more county recreational spaces and facilities, county parks, etc. And I deeply believe that farmland in Boone County is important.	8/18/2023 6:26 PM
189	Do not make any regulations that will negatively impact agriculture in Boone County	8/18/2023 3:27 PM
190	Plan roads and utility improvements 10-20 years in advance	8/18/2023 1:51 PM
191	Please no new parks or any new buildings build downtown -especially student housing - until there is infrastructure and a need for them. We should take care of what we already have before any more money is thrown at new projects. A good example is the filthy, awful restrooms at Stephens Lake Park - have you ever had to use them? I doubt it, but those of us who do are forced to find somewhere else or go home because they are so bad. You really should check them out as well as all of the other places that are not taken care of, cleaned or otherwise in disrepair. Downright embarrassing for a city where people brag about how wonderful it is. I think not. Just sad and unfortunate, but it shouldn't be that way. Does anyone really care? Talk is cheap and getting cheaper by the minute as our taxes and the cost of utilities are rising. Personally, my family is looking for a better place to live and as soon as we do, we will be moving out of Boone County and Missouri. I was born and raised here, but things have gone downhill over the years and it's become a place where it's not where I want to raise my family and grandkids anymore.	8/18/2023 1:16 PM
192	I want to comment on the above. A trail between Columbia and Hallsville would be fine. I am SO glad the city is now managing the fair grounds. That is a plus for all. Roads?? Route B needs serious management. The intersections of Rt B and North Browns Station Rd at Catfish Corner is dangerous. The new industries along Rt B dump traffic out with only one signal at Waco Rd. Funneling of this traffic to an intersection with a signal would improve safety. The intersection of Rt B and 63 is also very dangerous. One final note: Browns Station Rd, Starke Lane, Ketterer Rd etc are always littered with trash from trucks headed for the landfill. I have been in contact with Commissioner Thompson about this on a regular basis. It is ugly. Who wants to drive along those roads? What kind of impression does this give about our county.	8/18/2023 10:29 AM

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However, most of the roads are in the city. And enforcement is a problem (not enough man power for this task).

193	Either incorporate El Chaparral into Columbia so it can have access to more resources or the county needs to provide more resources. We pay a higher tax rate the the City of Columbia and don't even have trash collection.	8/18/2023 9:29 AM
194	Richland Road and I-70 Dr. SE need to have shoulders added.	8/18/2023 9:20 AM
195	I feel that bicycling on Route Z and other two-lane highways is unsafe. In our area there are whole groups of bicyclists travel together and block a lane with the hills it is dangerous. Motorist can pop over a hill and discover a group of bicyclists, oncoming traffic and little time to respond. There are many dedicated trails and areas within Columbia with marked bicycle lanes that are safer for cyclists.	8/18/2023 9:11 AM
196	Cannot get survey map to work. Bike/walking trails AND bike lanes on existing roads should connect EVERY community in Boone county. Hiway PP needs shoulders, sidewalks, lanes for pedestrians and bicycles. Lake of the woods rd needs to be brought up to modern standards - widened, bike lanes, sidewalks, and improved drainage. St Charles rd needs similar improvements at least out to Battle high school and elementary school.	8/18/2023 8:57 AM
197	Raise route e between twin bridges for when it floods. put in a crossing walk area sign from the courthouse to the parking lot - like the post office has for the workers.	8/18/2023 8:53 AM
198	Top priority should be given to increasing affordable housing for families. Internet and cell service to rural parts of the county are still spotty. Continued access to the beautiful natural areas and increasing public knowledge about them is important.	8/18/2023 6:45 AM
199	Remember the K.I.S.S. principal (Keep. It. Simple. Stupid.) Don't spend beyond our means and certainly don't trade revenue for "economic investment". Focus on infrastructure, education, public safety and keeping taxes low then economic growth will follow more naturally and sustainably.	8/18/2023 6:11 AM
200	Boone County needs to improve all area's not just City of Columbia & Southern Boone. It seems Northern Boone County is left out. (Hallsville, Sturgeon & Centralia)	8/17/2023 9:12 PM
201	There is too much chaotic development in Boone Co. How could the County have allowed a lagoon to be developed in the middle of a seasonal runoff creek. Unforgiveable. How much more of this is the county let happening?	8/17/2023 12:48 PM
202	Do not need anymore rural areas annexed into city and need to have fiber everywhere in the county.	8/16/2023 5:28 PM
203	Fiber optic internet is needed in the southern tip of the county. You all always ignore this area!	8/16/2023 2:10 PM
204	Satellite access for internet and tv is expensive and frequently out of service due to weather. Low population density means we don't get service.	8/16/2023 2:09 PM
205	Create and enforce restrictions on firework sales and use. Too many people are buying 10 acres and building a house (and letting 8+ of the acres overgrow because they don't want to mow) and then thinking these commercial sized fireworks that are being sold are perfectly fine to shoot off any time of the day and any time of the year they want to. Too often there is no regard for neighboring livestock, human neighbors, and often a disregard for associated ground fire hazard. Please get a solid plan and complete an appropriate, well maintained development of the old Boone County Fair property. Columbia also needs an additional convention or major meeting space other than the current Holiday Inn Executive center. (Or take it over and improve/expand it.)	8/16/2023 1:08 PM
206	Boone county does not work to resolve reported citizen issues and complaints.	8/16/2023 10:53 AM
207	New developments in county have to much exterior lighting. To much of new development is mowed lawn. Taking an old farm out of production and splitting up into 10, 15, and 20 acre parcels and then mowing them all for lawn is not helpful for insects, birds and other wildlife. Some of the land needs to be wild. Require at least 10% be planted for wildlife. They have the money. You just paid \$20,000 for an acre of land, now take care of it.	8/16/2023 9:28 AM
208	Our current plan is to develop in concentric patterns around incorporated areas, with high quality infrastructure to be installed at the developers expense (to the extent possible), until we are as fully urbanized as terrain and flood plains will permit. In short it is a plan for ultimate	8/16/2023 8:57 AM

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urbanization. I doubt 1 person in 10 in Boone County would think this is what they want for the future.

209	Start thinking ahead for once and set aside transportation corridors (car and non-car) before letting rampant development cut them off forever. So many sensible grid extensions from central Columbia are now gone because a developer was allowed to built a subdivision with no through corridors over a clear route for future roads. Rural infrastructure also needs attention and planning; exurban infill in northern Boone County is increasing the population and putting strain on existing infrastructure and natural resources without any clear plan for how to manage this.	8/16/2023 8:31 AM
210	Please incorporate noise walls to protect citizens from road noise with I-70 lane increases.	8/16/2023 8:20 AM
211	The mapping tool doesn't seem to be working in my browser (Safari). Here are a couple in writing: 1) Extend Providence Road north from Smiley Lane to VV. This would reduce congestion and provide a grid alternative for getting in and out of town from north central Boone County. 2) Make a rail trail out of the route of the never-completed northern Boone County railroad that extends from Harrisburg to a bit north of Hallsville. I know this is wishful thinking that will never happen, but it would be so cool!	8/16/2023 8:12 AM
212	I don't know how to use the above, so I won't try. I can share this observation re Route Z: There is a lot of development going out that way, and the people coming and going are using the same road as the farmers. The farmers would like some passing lanes and turn lanes, take out a few of the more extreme turns. Otherwise everyone has to line up to drive 20 miles an hour behind a tractor hauling something to use in a field.	8/16/2023 8:11 AM
213	Allowing more small businesses like grocery/restaurants/coffee houses in neighborhoods, encouraging bike/walk transportation instead of having to drive everywhere.	8/16/2023 7:38 AM
214	Callaway county has excellent internet service through Callabyte. People living in very rural locals have great internet. Why doesn't Boone County? Gang related crime is out of control in areas adjacent to Columbia.	8/16/2023 7:00 AM
215	Please keep the county out of the social services business and focus on the roads, safety and managing the hospital to keep it available for the county citizens. There is a reason people choose to live in the county and not in cities such as Columbia. Continue to keep those values and the county will continue to grow.	8/15/2023 11:21 PM
216	North side of Columbia loop road	8/15/2023 9:26 PM
217	Building inspector not consistent	8/15/2023 8:51 PM
218	Balance farming and smart growth vs urban sprawl. Need affordable housing in general. Work on making smaller communities unique attractions. Homeless, traffic, shootings and murders need to be addressed.	8/15/2023 8:35 PM
219	Housing is an issue that needs more attention and policies to encourage affordable housing especially for low to moderate income people. The county needs to step into this issue and cooperate with our communities especially Columbia.	8/15/2023 8:28 PM
220	New development should be on Stan Kroenke properties he pays sh tax on inside city limits. Either he submits development plans for taxation or he get eminent domaines for low income housing used.	8/15/2023 6:42 PM
221	Farming is important to the economy of the county!	8/15/2023 6:14 PM
222	I would like to see sustainability addressed in a strategic and deliberate way.	8/15/2023 9:05 AM
223	Keep Columbia away	8/15/2023 6:55 AM
224	The loss of pastureland seems concerning for the USA as a whole(I don't know this for sure, but I see it disappearing locally)	8/14/2023 6:46 PM
225	New development should go where there is sufficient supply and demand, it should NOT be determined by elected public officials, it should be determined by the market forces.	8/14/2023 12:27 PM
226	development around Rock Bridge Memorial State Park should be limited to prevent damage to the park from runoff that damages habitat in the park.	8/13/2023 3:13 PM
227	Increasing the population should be way down on your list of priorities. Affordable housing and	8/11/2023 5:38 PM

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a better transit system should be near the top of your list. Boone County is a wonderful place to live but it's getting to be more like a big city than a small town.

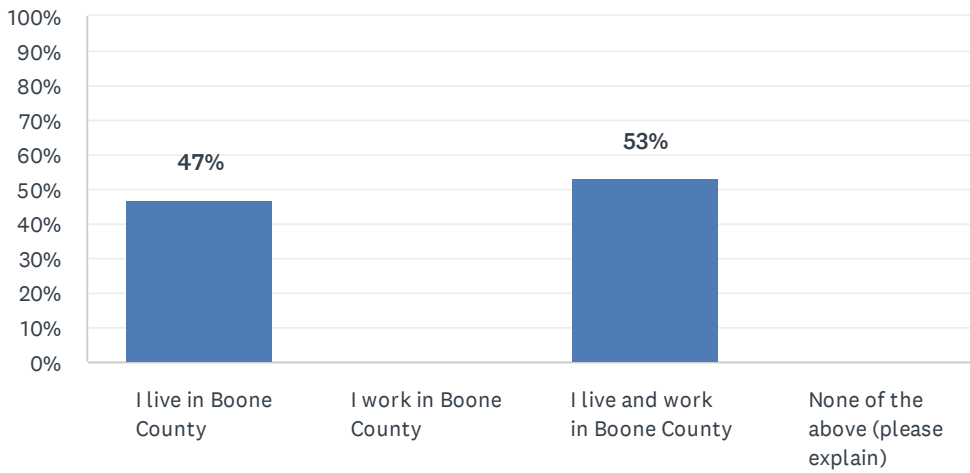
228	The 10 acre requirement fir building a house is eating up good farmland	8/11/2023 8:32 AM
229	We lack a major convention center which make us less attractive for major events unless MU facilities are available. We used to have both Midway and the Fairgrounds.	8/11/2023 7:19 AM
230	Will you actually listen? Children need better and more options for sports facilities.. city parks are dangerous and crumbling and you are missing out on a ton of revenue. Fix the roads Don't blow more money on art work.. fire departments don't need a 100 grand sculpture in front.. they need firemen.. officers... support your county. Do not out money into beautification... how about functionality and safety	8/11/2023 5:35 AM
231	Industrial development should stay in current industrial parks. There is plenty of space at the airport and on Rt B.	8/10/2023 7:31 AM
232	Please protect Rock Bridge Memorial State Park from development encroachment. This is a gem, and it must be protected!	8/9/2023 9:51 PM
233	What are we doing to renovate/renew existing developed areas to make them more desirable. Columbia has done some of that, but the county just paves over more land, builds more roads that won't last, and leaves existing development to eventually decay.	8/9/2023 4:41 PM
234	You should freeze county taxes for seniors! The majority of my taxes go to schools, have no children in school for 25 yrs.	8/9/2023 11:13 AM
235	Please remove the minimum acres for house permits for ag zoned land. People with no business owning 10 acre plots buy them often and it is consuming ag land at an alarming rate. I've lived in the county all my life and it is heart breaking to see good farm ground consumed with only a few houses dispersed on it.	8/9/2023 9:56 AM
236	More parks with neat playgrounds for kids. More splash pads for kids. More flexibility in subdivision development rules for modification of existing lots in developed subdivisions. More bicycle routes from north side of city into center of Columbia.	8/8/2023 9:23 PM
237	CPS school system is at an unacceptable low level. You can't attract businesses or workers with poor school system.	8/8/2023 10:37 AM
238	There is a fine line between good planning and a dictatorship	8/8/2023 10:00 AM
239	No	8/8/2023 8:11 AM
240	Public transit improvements. Scheduling, routes.	8/8/2023 7:17 AM
241	Test	8/4/2023 9:33 AM

Section

Small Town Residents
(All cities except for Columbia)

Q2 What best describes you? [choose one]

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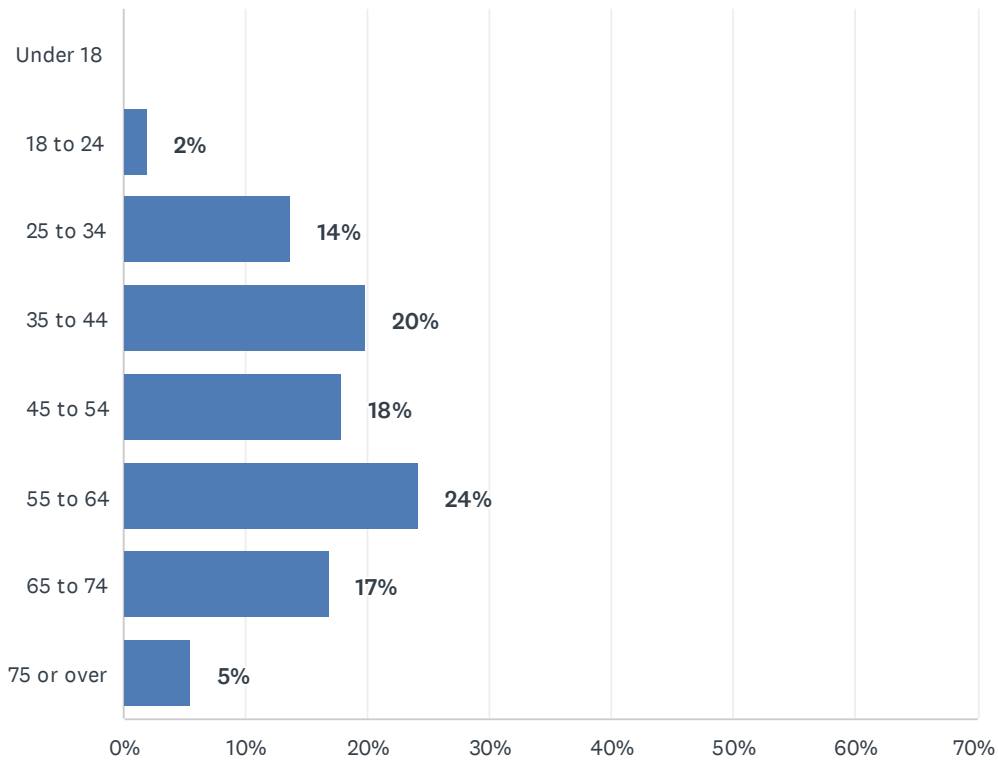


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I live in Boone County	47% 120
I work in Boone County	0% 0
I live and work in Boone County	53% 137
None of the above (please explain)	0% 0
TOTAL	257

#	NONE OF THE ABOVE (PLEASE EXPLAIN)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q3 What is your age?

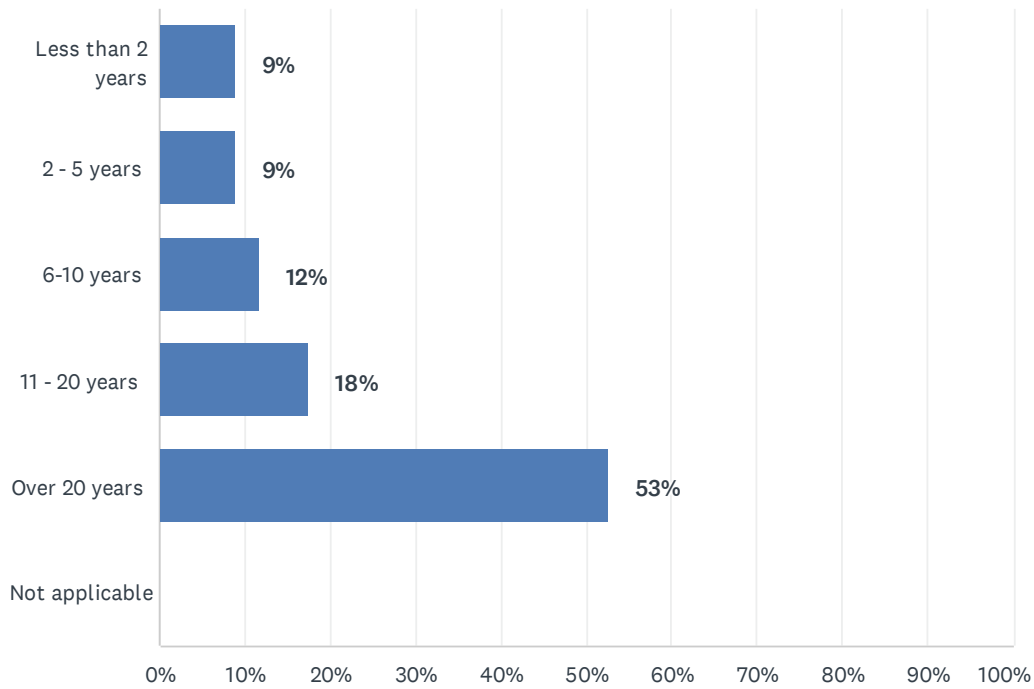
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0%	0
18 to 24	2%	5
25 to 34	14%	35
35 to 44	20%	51
45 to 54	18%	46
55 to 64	24%	62
65 to 74	17%	43
75 or over	5%	14
TOTAL		256

Q4 How long have you lived in Boone County?

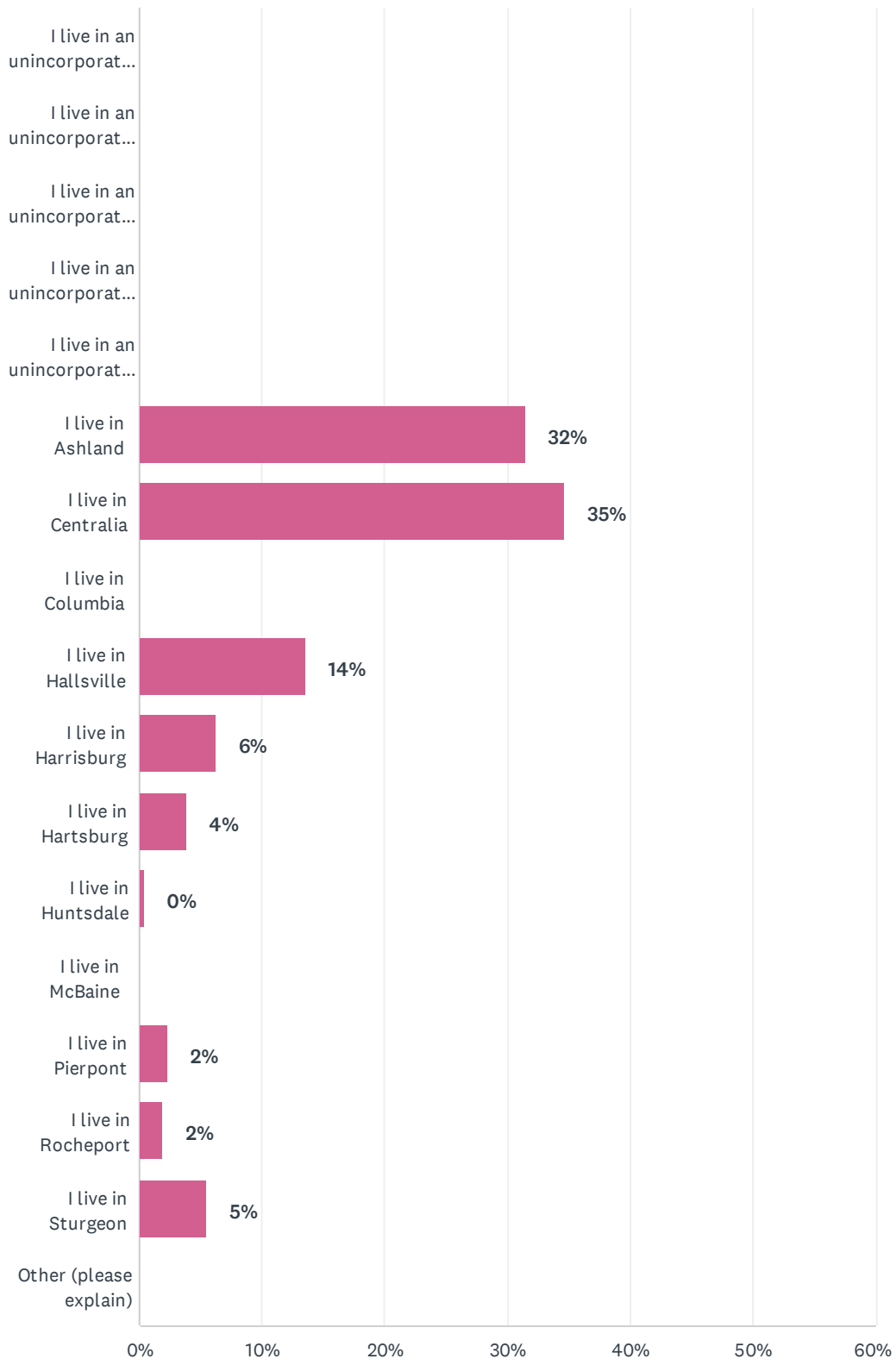
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 2 years	9%	23
2 - 5 years	9%	23
6-10 years	12%	30
11 - 20 years	18%	45
Over 20 years	53%	135
Not applicable	0%	0
TOTAL		256

Q5 If you live in Boone County, what best describes you? [choose one]

Answered: 257 Skipped: 0



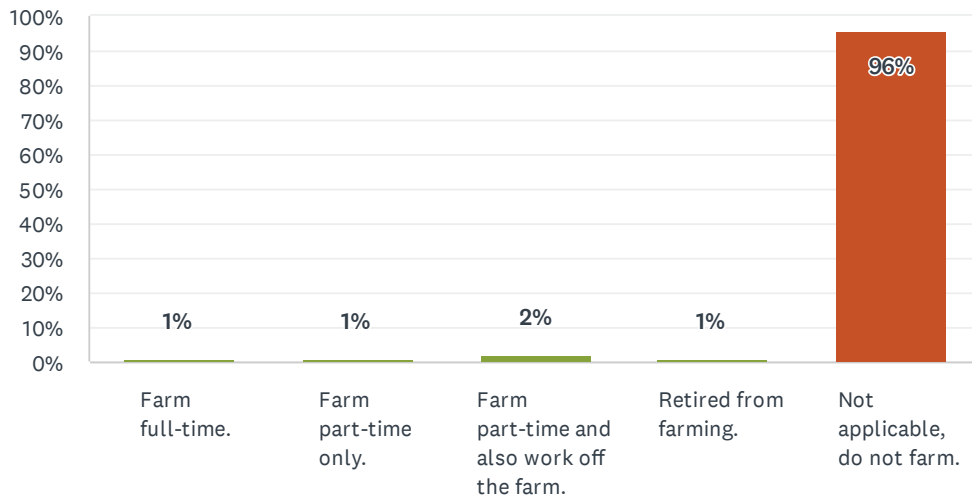
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I live in an unincorporated area of the County on a parcel greater than 20 acres.	0%	0
I live in an unincorporated area of the County on a parcel 11 - 20 acres.	0%	0
I live in an unincorporated area of the County on a parcel of 6 - 10 acres.	0%	0
I live in an unincorporated area of the County on a parcel of 1 - 5 acres.	0%	0
I live in an unincorporated area of the County on a parcel of less than one acre.	0%	0
I live in Ashland	32%	81
I live in Centralia	35%	89
I live in Columbia	0%	0
I live in Hallsville	14%	35
I live in Harrisburg	6%	16
I live in Hartsburg	4%	10
I live in Huntsdale	0%	1
I live in McBaine	0%	0
I live in Pierpont	2%	6
I live in Rocheport	2%	5
I live in Sturgeon	5%	14
Other (please explain)	0%	0
TOTAL		257

#	OTHER (PLEASE EXPLAIN)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q6 If you farm, what best describes you? [choose one]

Answered: 252 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Farm full-time.	1%	2
Farm part-time only.	1%	2
Farm part-time and also work off the farm.	2%	5
Retired from farming.	1%	2
Not applicable, do not farm.	96%	241
TOTAL		252

Q7 In five words or less, explain why you love living in Boone County.

Answered: 186 Skipped: 71

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Convenience, rural lifestyle and safe	10/5/2023 2:36 PM
2	We enjoy being centrally located.- in the "country" but still close to town	10/5/2023 2:18 PM
3	Centrally located, lots of activities	10/5/2023 2:11 PM
4	Access to a lot	10/5/2023 1:51 PM
5	Low crime in Hallsville	10/5/2023 1:48 PM
6	Love my neighborhood	10/5/2023 1:27 PM
7	Rural community within medical center	10/5/2023 1:25 PM
8	Close to family	10/4/2023 5:35 PM
9	Born and raised here	10/4/2023 5:27 PM
10	I've lived in Boone County all of my life. It's centrally located in MO.	10/3/2023 4:17 PM
11	I live on 10 acres and only 15 mins to town (Columbia) best of both worlds.	10/3/2023 3:51 PM
12	Location in state	10/2/2023 5:33 PM
13	Actually I'm disappointed in what's happening in many areas of Boone County	9/30/2023 9:00 AM
14	I don't like high taxes.	9/30/2023 5:27 AM
15	Close to family	9/29/2023 9:41 PM
16	Small town and easy access to nature areas and bigger cities.	9/29/2023 3:44 PM
17	It's my home county	9/29/2023 1:42 PM
18	Educated population values progressive governance.	9/29/2023 7:24 AM
19	A safe place to live	9/28/2023 6:26 PM
20	Cost of living and taxes.	9/28/2023 6:21 PM
21	Friendly, safe, uncrowned, peaceful.	9/28/2023 6:08 PM
22	wild spaces; rural feel; vibrant communities (OK, that's 6 words)	9/28/2023 1:54 PM
23	Great healthcare and education	9/28/2023 1:13 PM
24	Growth of the younger community	9/28/2023 8:58 AM
25	Not a city person	9/27/2023 9:23 PM
26	Its home with planned zoning	9/27/2023 8:33 PM
27	People, Nature, Events, Cost of living	9/27/2023 7:38 PM
28	Northern Boone still has the rural atmosphere.	9/27/2023 3:34 PM
29	Loving it less	9/27/2023 8:26 AM
30	Small town pride	9/27/2023 8:20 AM
31	Better than most other places	9/26/2023 10:02 AM
32	Good environment	9/26/2023 8:35 AM
33	My family has been in this area over 200 years. I love the history, the culture, and living in the	9/25/2023 10:35 AM

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	heartland of America. In 1-2 days I could drive anywhere in the U.S.	
34	Driving thru and around; neat, clean, usually find what you need, everything is easily accessible.	9/25/2023 10:17 AM
35	not crowded, friendly, peaceful	9/25/2023 9:19 AM
36	Property value to low to move away	9/24/2023 5:46 PM
37	The sense of community	9/24/2023 12:53 PM
38	It has everything I need.	9/22/2023 4:29 PM
39	Small town, educational opportunities, health care access.	9/22/2023 10:26 AM
40	We are near our family.	9/22/2023 10:01 AM
41	People are friendly and helpful.	9/22/2023 9:59 AM
42	I love living in Boone County because I live in a small town where we are about 20 miles from a lot of things.	9/22/2023 8:20 AM
43	I was born in Boone	9/21/2023 2:01 PM
44	Close to family.	9/20/2023 2:40 PM
45	The trees the people	9/20/2023 2:37 PM
46	Activities available, hometown feel.	9/20/2023 12:49 PM
47	climate, roads, trails, parks, citizens	9/20/2023 12:46 PM
48	Living in Boone County is okay - need more options in retailers.	9/20/2023 11:50 AM
49	people, environment, family, healthcare	9/20/2023 8:11 AM
50	Close to work (JC).	9/19/2023 12:50 PM
51	Property values and good schools (Ashland).	9/19/2023 12:44 PM
52	retired, disable, low income help, Rural Housing Development	9/19/2023 8:49 AM
53	Work,schools,people	9/18/2023 9:24 PM
54	Born and raised here, just will always be home	9/18/2023 7:50 PM
55	community, schools, agriculture, rural, family	9/18/2023 7:38 AM
56	Abundant medical facilities.	9/17/2023 11:30 PM
57	Trails...nature.	9/17/2023 8:31 PM
58	Taxes are so high!! Love paying 5 or 6 times - so many regulations!	9/17/2023 2:43 PM
59	All the things to do in Columbia.	9/17/2023 12:23 PM
60	Born and raised. Center of U.S. Can travel any direction. Family and friends here, was a great place until last few years.	9/17/2023 8:40 AM
61	close to my work	9/17/2023 8:26 AM
62	Progressive, Mizzou, lifestyle options	9/15/2023 9:58 PM
63	I don't.	9/15/2023 4:16 PM
64	family, education, career, entertainment, food	9/15/2023 8:50 AM
65	Work options	9/14/2023 11:12 PM
66	Live here due to circumstance.	9/14/2023 3:40 PM
67	The many resources that are available	9/14/2023 8:48 AM
68	Location, beautiful natural areas	9/13/2023 11:53 AM
69	ease of commute.	9/13/2023 7:39 AM

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70	I don't	9/12/2023 11:29 AM
71	Love the rural aspect, good neighbors, close to shopping and amenities	9/12/2023 10:55 AM
72	Community, Church, MU	9/11/2023 4:13 PM
73	Peaceful, Nature, Opportunity, Progressive, Family	9/11/2023 4:10 AM
74	Been here all my life.	9/10/2023 10:06 PM
75	Trails, parks and green space.	9/10/2023 8:21 PM
76	Location	9/10/2023 1:28 PM
77	Quite smaller town and not a huge city	9/9/2023 6:48 PM
78	Trails, restaurants, opportunities	9/8/2023 4:19 PM
79	It is primarily democratic	9/7/2023 10:33 PM
80	From St. Louis enough said.	9/7/2023 8:45 PM
81	N/A	9/7/2023 2:47 PM
82	People and economy	9/7/2023 6:58 AM
83	Beauty of the country	9/6/2023 8:04 PM
84	Public Land Outdoor Recreational Opportunities	9/6/2023 4:41 PM
85	Accepting community, good resources	9/6/2023 10:04 AM
86	College sports	9/5/2023 9:58 PM
87	Centrally located in the state. Living close to Columbia with amenities but in a small town environment.	9/5/2023 7:51 PM
88	Central to all US destinations.	9/5/2023 5:00 PM
89	Small towns and rural areas	9/5/2023 4:54 PM
90	Accessibility, young vibrant culture, space	9/5/2023 1:38 PM
91	Small Town Feel (outside of Columbia)	9/5/2023 12:57 PM
92	The Ashland community	9/5/2023 8:20 AM
93	Community	9/4/2023 8:03 PM
94	The sense of community.	9/4/2023 10:12 AM
95	I work at Hubbell.	9/3/2023 6:44 PM
96	Access to everything I need	9/3/2023 2:04 PM
97	I like the location	9/3/2023 1:18 AM
98	It feels like home.	9/2/2023 5:57 PM
99	Safe area to live.	9/1/2023 5:17 PM
100	Small, safe, good community	9/1/2023 3:36 PM
101	I like that it's growing	9/1/2023 9:47 AM
102	Peaceful	8/31/2023 9:51 AM
103	Live here all my life	8/30/2023 12:54 PM
104	I love living in Centralia!	8/29/2023 8:02 AM
105	Great location, school district	8/28/2023 4:10 PM
106	Rural small town values	8/28/2023 1:26 PM

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107	I don't.	8/27/2023 9:44 PM
108	Friends and family	8/27/2023 4:05 PM
109	Family and friends	8/27/2023 3:52 PM
110	Parks, near Columbia, culture	8/27/2023 3:43 PM
111	Small town living, but 30 mins away from everything we may need.	8/26/2023 1:25 PM
112	Ashland public schools and community	8/25/2023 6:30 PM
113	2/3 only blue county in Missouri	8/25/2023 10:39 AM
114	Strong family heritage. It's Home!	8/25/2023 9:47 AM
115	Southern Boone Schools	8/24/2023 7:34 PM
116	Overall quality of life	8/24/2023 12:54 PM
117	I don't it's incredibly expensive and the taxes are unbearable. I would love to move outside boone county to make living more affordable and look weekly at properties.	8/24/2023 10:49 AM
118	Small community, excellent schools	8/24/2023 5:38 AM
119	Convenience	8/23/2023 8:29 PM
120	Diversity and college town	8/22/2023 8:27 PM
121	Love the community and people.	8/22/2023 5:31 PM
122	The people, proximity to shopping and ease of travel to STL and KC.	8/22/2023 4:08 PM
123	Since of community	8/22/2023 7:37 AM
124	South Boone county schools at the time.	8/22/2023 7:21 AM
125	Schools, low crime, friendly people	8/21/2023 8:19 PM
126	Family, Mizzou, Trails, location	8/21/2023 3:08 PM
127	Good medical services	8/21/2023 1:42 PM
128	Legacy, access, friends, community.	8/21/2023 1:01 PM
129	Great community	8/21/2023 12:42 PM
130	The neighborhood.	8/21/2023 7:19 AM
131	Structure and proximity to Columbia.	8/21/2023 5:18 AM
132	Only place I've lived.	8/20/2023 9:55 PM
133	I love my small town, but I have access to larger city amenities and access to major highways.	8/20/2023 6:58 PM
134	Cheaper. Semi-rural.	8/20/2023 11:41 AM
135	Diversity, college	8/20/2023 9:34 AM
136	Ashland is great	8/20/2023 8:08 AM
137	I don't, the taxes, cost of living and crime are outrageous. At least living in ashland there is less crime.	8/19/2023 7:06 AM
138	Class 1 county	8/19/2023 7:03 AM
139	Jobs only.	8/18/2023 9:33 PM
140	The people are so friendly.	8/18/2023 3:41 PM
141	Like living in smaller town	8/18/2023 3:18 PM
142	I do not	8/18/2023 3:13 PM
143	Good people.	8/18/2023 10:07 AM

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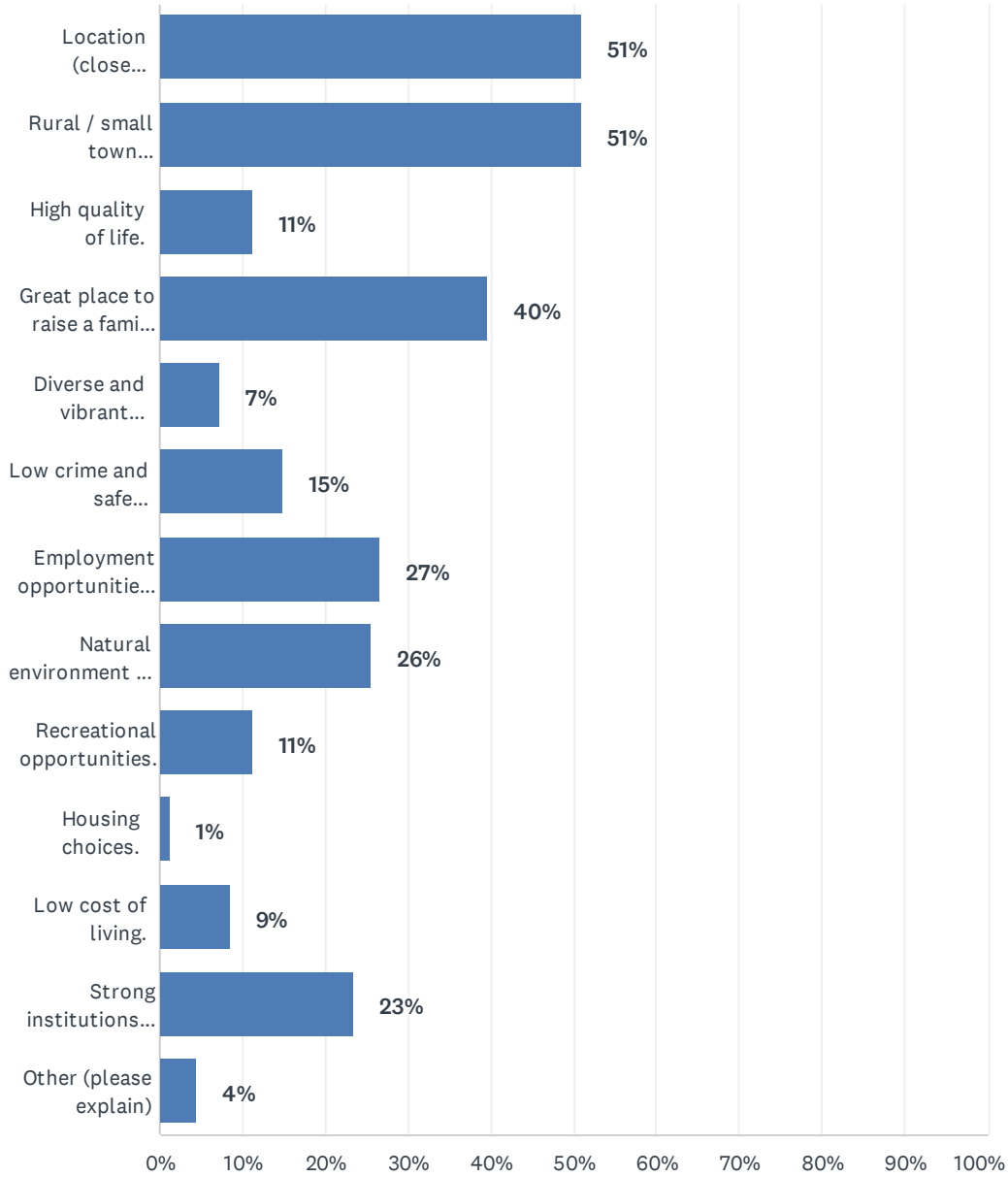
144	I really don't love it. I moved here because my now husband lived here. The weather is not great except for a few months of the year.	8/18/2023 9:02 AM
145	Travel to Jeff or Columbia	8/18/2023 8:50 AM
146	Small and undeveloped	8/17/2023 5:21 AM
147	Close to work.	8/17/2023 2:42 AM
148	Community atmosphere of Ashland	8/17/2023 12:52 AM
149	Quiet, close but far to the city.	8/16/2023 10:35 PM
150	There's no place like home.	8/16/2023 3:52 PM
151	Honestly, I can't say that I love living in the county anymore! Your whole view on the Covid 19 bullshit ruined it for me!	8/16/2023 2:36 PM
152	Close to work	8/16/2023 12:02 PM
153	Centrally located, highway/airport access	8/16/2023 10:01 AM
154	physicians, culture, schools, rural living and opportunities	8/16/2023 9:59 AM
155	small town feel	8/16/2023 9:50 AM
156	Home, friends, environment	8/16/2023 9:47 AM
157	Superior quality of life!	8/16/2023 9:25 AM
158	I love living in Centralia	8/16/2023 8:22 AM
159	It is home	8/15/2023 10:31 PM
160	Nice place to live	8/15/2023 9:00 PM
161	I like living outside Columbia but still close to it. Or area is beautiful, peaceful and has a great sense of community.	8/15/2023 8:27 PM
162	My family, my home	8/15/2023 8:20 PM
163	Heart is where family is.	8/15/2023 4:56 PM
164	hometown, diverse way of life	8/15/2023 9:00 AM
165	Recreational trails both the KATY and MKT.	8/14/2023 4:46 PM
166	Socially progressive, respects the environment	8/14/2023 1:22 PM
167	Progressive and diverse	8/14/2023 11:58 AM
168	Rural / small towns	8/12/2023 10:26 PM
169	I love that Columbia has so much to do and Ashland is near.	8/11/2023 1:23 PM
170	Good people, friendly, like family	8/11/2023 6:47 AM
171	Rural, but close to city.	8/11/2023 1:56 AM
172	Columbia's progressive culture.	8/10/2023 9:59 PM
173	I enjoyed the convenience of driving to Columbia to shop and for entertainment.	8/10/2023 8:20 PM
174	Something for everyone	8/10/2023 12:52 PM
175	Small town, quietness, friendliness of others. Ease of finding services.	8/10/2023 8:11 AM
176	Location to Jefferson City and Columbia	8/9/2023 9:36 PM
177	Open Minded Diversity that's Necessary	8/9/2023 8:26 PM
178	Lots of things to do	8/9/2023 6:40 PM
179	University and it's influence on all	8/9/2023 11:46 AM

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180	The amenities, parks, and sports	8/8/2023 6:19 PM
181	Enjoy Columbia and the University. Ashland is backward	8/8/2023 4:14 PM
182	I love living in Ashland because of the low crime	8/8/2023 12:17 PM
183	Always been home for me	8/8/2023 10:24 AM
184	It is my home.	8/8/2023 9:04 AM
185	My family's roots are here.	8/5/2023 10:17 PM
186	It is a growing community	8/5/2023 9:12 AM

Q8 What are the top three strengths of living in Boone County? [choose up to three]

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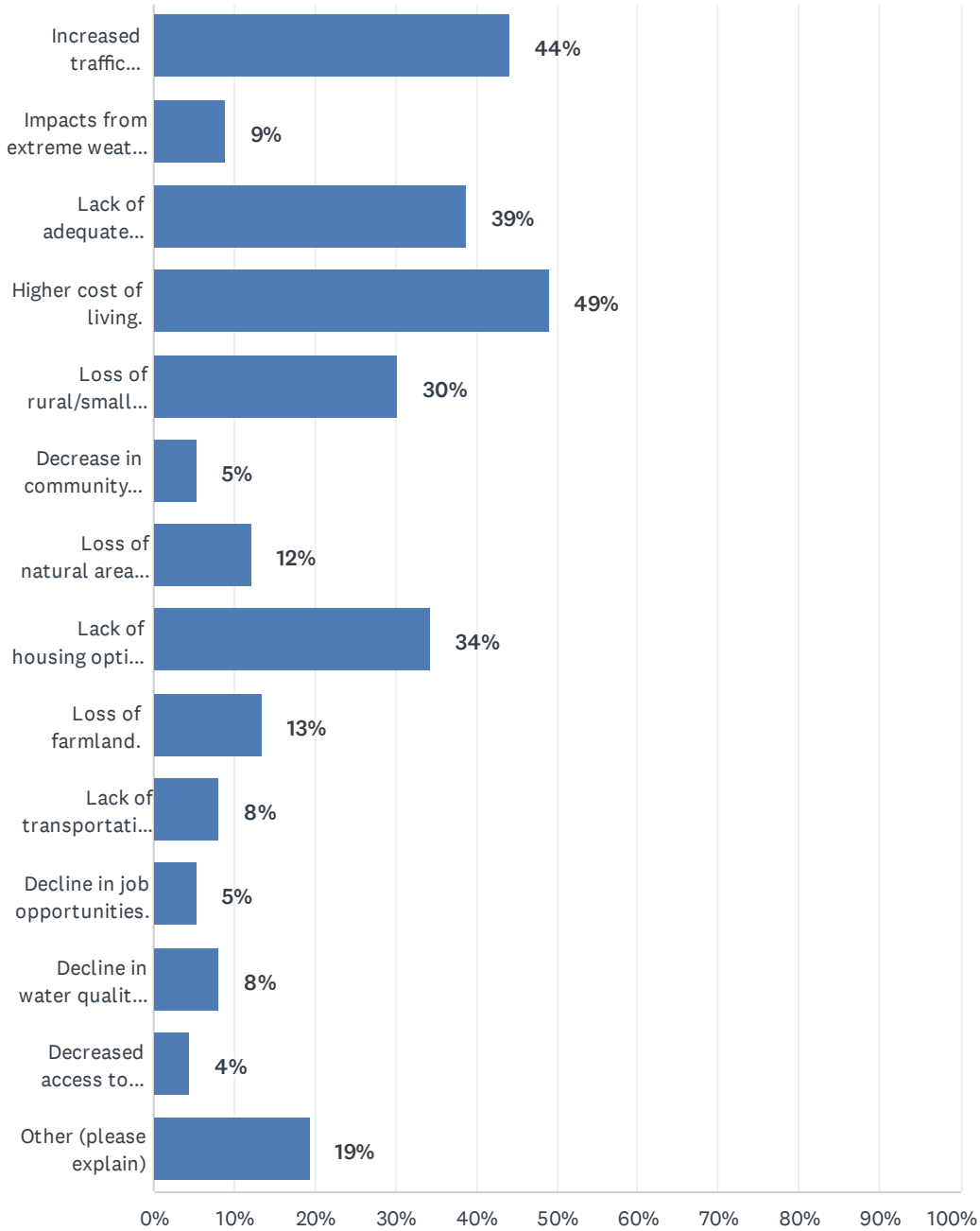
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Location (close proximity to Columbia amenities, close proximity to other parts of the state).	51%	126
Rural / small town atmosphere.	51%	126
High quality of life.	11%	28
Great place to raise a family (good schools, activities, community resources, etc.).	40%	98
Diverse and vibrant culture.	7%	18
Low crime and safe neighborhoods.	15%	37
Employment opportunities and proximity to jobs.	27%	66
Natural environment and scenic beauty.	26%	63
Recreational opportunities.	11%	28
Housing choices.	1%	3
Low cost of living.	9%	21
Strong institutions (health care, higher education, etc.).	23%	58
Other (please explain)	4%	11
Total Respondents: 247		

#	OTHER (PLEASE EXPLAIN)	DATE
1	A good church	10/5/2023 1:48 PM
2	2 major highways run through the county	9/30/2023 5:27 AM
3	Originally for small town feel, but lately it has gotten worse than the more populated counties east of us.	9/22/2023 1:51 PM
4	It's close to my husband's job.	9/18/2023 9:41 AM
5	All of the above^ more opportunities	9/7/2023 8:45 PM
6	Centralia is a great place to live and raise a family and the schools are wonderful.	8/29/2023 8:02 AM
7	I don't see any strengths in living in this county. Columbia rules the roost & the outlying communities don't stand a snowball's chance in a hot place of getting anything passed in their favor. I plan on moving out of the county as soon as possible.	8/27/2023 9:44 PM
8	Southern Boone Schools	8/18/2023 8:50 AM
9	Centralia has terrific school system!	8/16/2023 2:36 PM
10	Strong network of state highways make it easy to get to and from anywhere. Combined with a regional airport, Boone County is an easy place to live.	8/16/2023 10:01 AM
11	College town vibe	8/8/2023 6:19 PM

Q9 What do you think are the top three challenges to the quality of life in Boone County in the next 20-30 years? [choose up to three]

Answered: 247 Skipped: 10



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Increased traffic congestion.	44%	109
Impacts from extreme weather (flooding, drought, heat waves, etc.).	9%	22
Lack of adequate infrastructure (roads, sewers, water, internet, etc.).	39%	96
Higher cost of living.	49%	121
Loss of rural/small town atmosphere.	30%	75
Decrease in community services.	5%	13
Loss of natural areas, open space, and recreational opportunities.	12%	30
Lack of housing options and/or affordable housing.	34%	85
Loss of farmland.	13%	33
Lack of transportation options (biking, walking, and transit).	8%	20
Decline in job opportunities.	5%	13
Decline in water quality or water supplies.	8%	20
Decreased access to health care.	4%	11
Other (please explain)	19%	48
Total Respondents: 247		

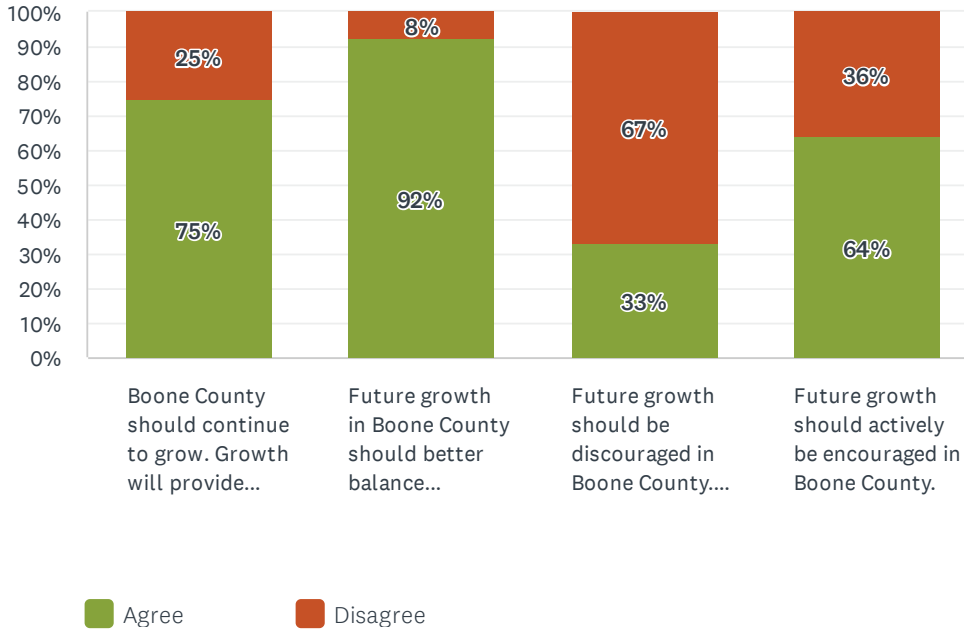
#	OTHER (PLEASE EXPLAIN)	DATE
1	I worry the crime is on the rise and rise only. IT appears criminals and the homeless population are taking over Columbia.	10/5/2023 2:18 PM
2	Strict Boone County rules and regulations... "codes."	10/3/2023 4:13 PM
3	High crime in all areas of this county.	9/30/2023 5:27 AM
4	Crime	9/29/2023 3:44 PM
5	Increased crime.	9/29/2023 12:04 AM
6	Escalating crime & illicit drugs.	9/28/2023 6:21 PM
7	Defunding of public schools	9/28/2023 8:58 AM
8	Lack of childcare options	9/27/2023 8:20 AM
9	Loss of Midway and Boone County Fairgrounds as horse show venues	9/24/2023 5:46 PM
10	Taxes, stop spending so much!	9/22/2023 12:45 PM
11	Living in Harrisburg means no law enforcement present, not seeing new businesses, for the most part. Nice town. Continuing traffic violations are concerning on my street.	9/20/2023 12:05 PM
12	Increased crime / violence.	9/20/2023 8:11 AM
13	Increase in crime.	9/19/2023 1:00 PM
14	Crime in Columbia	9/17/2023 11:30 PM
15	1, 2, & 3: Homeless that takes over wooded areas and cause traffic hazards with their begging and trash.	9/17/2023 12:23 PM
16	Loss of public safety	9/14/2023 11:12 PM
17	Lack of restaurant/entertainment.	9/14/2023 3:40 PM

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18	Higher and more violent crime rate.	9/12/2023 11:29 AM
19	Crime, and parents rights.	9/10/2023 10:06 PM
20	Safety and security. I don't feel safe. I have people approach myself and children for money all of the time. It's unsafe at parks and trails and at night.	9/10/2023 8:21 PM
21	Allowing alcohol / marijuana businesses open in residential areas	9/10/2023 1:28 PM
22	Increase in violent crime	9/5/2023 5:00 PM
23	The taxes are too high.	9/3/2023 2:04 PM
24	An increase in democrat party influence	9/1/2023 9:47 AM
25	I would like to see our neighborhood road improve. Half of our subdivision is paved and East Griffin is not. The gravel road is so dusty and all our neighbors agree that a paved road would be better in our area.	8/28/2023 3:12 PM
26	Increase in crime. (gang activity).	8/25/2023 9:47 AM
27	Safety	8/24/2023 7:34 PM
28	Increasing Crime/drug use/homelessness	8/21/2023 3:08 PM
29	Not enough Law Enforcement officers.	8/21/2023 7:19 AM
30	Limited transportation choices for elderly and low income individuals in out county.	8/20/2023 9:55 PM
31	Crime	8/20/2023 4:30 PM
32	2... Increased government interference. 3 ... government expenditure on woke policy (bad)	8/20/2023 11:41 AM
33	Crime in Columbia	8/20/2023 7:55 AM
34	Highly Increasing taxes	8/18/2023 6:11 PM
35	crime	8/18/2023 3:13 PM
36	Increasing crime.	8/18/2023 10:07 AM
37	Increase in crime and homelessness	8/18/2023 9:08 AM
38	Increases in Crime	8/18/2023 8:50 AM
39	Cost of living (especially real estate/property value vs income of teacher). It's hard to afford a house in Ashland vs the pay of Southern Boone school district.	8/17/2023 12:52 AM
40	Cookie cutter suburban neighborhoods being built on the outskirts of Columbia and into the county causing traffic and infrastructure congestion.	8/16/2023 10:35 PM
41	Crime in Boone County continues to climb because of the policies of Columbia	8/16/2023 6:15 PM
42	The shootings and crime rate in Columbia is bothersome! Being told in BCH emergency room that it will be at least a 6 hour wait!	8/16/2023 2:36 PM
43	Increase crime	8/16/2023 12:02 PM
44	Crime	8/15/2023 10:31 PM
45	Defunding public education which hits outlying schools hardest (loss of highly-qualified staff).	8/14/2023 1:22 PM
46	City of Ashland is still allowing subdivisions to not be required to have sidewalks. Cops are corrupt and the city administrator is responsible for it.	8/8/2023 4:14 PM
47	The increase of homeless people. I work downtown and they're running it. I don't even feel safe walking to my car or wanting to come here to shop.	8/8/2023 12:17 PM
48	Public school funding remaining at level necessary to ensure quality education	8/5/2023 9:12 AM

Q10 Boone County has experienced a population increase of approximately 50% in the last 25 years. Select whether you 'Agree' or 'Disagree' with each statement below about future growth in the County.

Answered: 244 Skipped: 13



	AGREE	DISAGREE	TOTAL
Boone County should continue to grow. Growth will provide needed jobs for residents and revenue for community services.	75% 175	25% 59	234
Future growth in Boone County should better balance development with the preservation of farmland, rural character, and natural areas.	92% 221	8% 18	239
Future growth should be discouraged in Boone County. The County has grown too fast in the last 25-years and future growth could stretch the capacity of existing community services and utilities.	33% 77	67% 157	234
Future growth should actively be encouraged in Boone County.	64% 149	36% 83	232

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY:	DATE
1	I feel a better balance is necessary to keep our rural and natural areas from being sold/subdivided. It's also hard to prevent overflow crowded or unsavory Columbia (?)	10/5/2023 2:18 PM
2	Growth has to be accompanied by infrastructure upgrades to accommodate increase in traffic and other needs	10/5/2023 1:51 PM
3	Just let is happen - it will without interference	10/5/2023 1:48 PM
4	There has been poor planning on handling the traffic flow (ex. south - development after development with no road expansion to handle flow) school work a nightmare.	10/3/2023 3:51 PM
5	The reasons we moved here from the state of California are slowly disappearing. Values, schools curriculum, and that small town feeling. While crime is on the rise.	9/30/2023 9:00 AM
6	Not sure the county can control the growth. The roads never keep up with growth, seems to be an after thought - which contributes to the congestion in all areas. Adding more growth	9/30/2023 5:27 AM

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increases people which increase crime. Are emergency services and police included in your growth plan? Crime is high right now, as county grows that will increase.

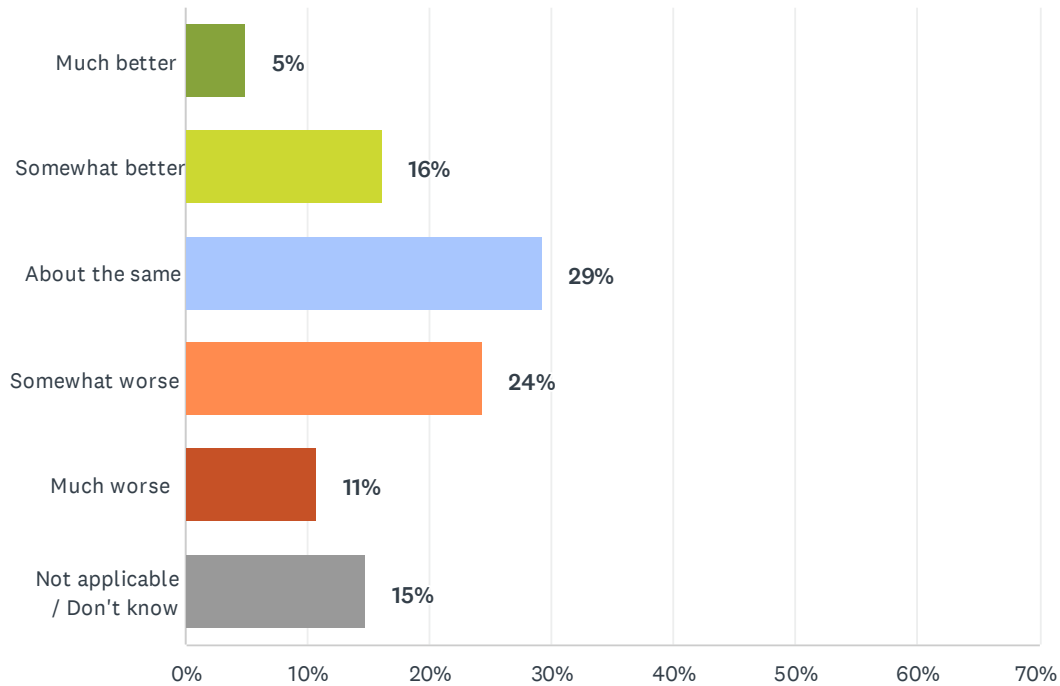
7	Growth in cities will happen. Growth without planning will result in one big suburb around Columbia. New developments should have natural areas with woods or prairies not just parks with mowed grass and a couple trees. Also more resources are needed to remove invasive plants from public and private lands.	9/29/2023 3:44 PM
8	I encourage growth because of the taxes. I also encourage safer access to Hwy 63 South at Westbrook Drive with Grade Separations with ramps. Thanks	9/28/2023 6:26 PM
9	Growth is inevitable and needs no "encouragement" nor incentives. Our major problems in America and BoCoMo are caused by: overpopulation, lack of responsible family planning and birth control, the dumbing down of all educational programs, inadequate enforcement of laws, inadequate penalties for convicted criminals, over-reliance on over-intrusive government programs and agencies. Never forget the rule of thumb: growth without accountability and individual responsibility becomes a social cancer.	9/28/2023 6:21 PM
10	I don't think you can stop growth, but you can prepare and plan for it in a way that preserves quality of life and intact ecosystem services. (I hope you can, anyway...)	9/28/2023 1:54 PM
11	It's definitely important to maintain our natural spaces to keep providing natural escapes from cities/busy areas. I think growth is a good goal for the county to bring in more diverse families/people. We all know diversity supports a strong and healthy economy and provides more opportunities for everyone.	9/28/2023 8:58 AM
12	If we continue to grow in population, we need to increase housing in childcare opportunities.	9/27/2023 8:20 AM
13	I believe growth is inevitable, however we have to concern ourselves with responsible growth to protect what we love about Boone County.	9/25/2023 10:35 AM
14	We have lost recreational opportunities and lovable wage jobs.	9/24/2023 5:46 PM
15	Need solutions for growing homeless population first - basic amenities, etc.	9/20/2023 2:40 PM
16	Depends on where your proposing growth.	9/20/2023 12:05 PM
17	When you stop growing, you start dying. This area has a lot to give, but we must balance development.	9/19/2023 12:50 PM
18	BEFORE growth happens, the county needs to ensure adequate utilities, roads, and infrastructure can support it.	9/19/2023 12:44 PM
19	Progress is forward motion, forward thinking, forward planning.	9/19/2023 8:49 AM
20	Believe in growth but first get crime undercontrol and tear down old buildings, cleanup	9/18/2023 7:50 PM
21	Growth equates to commerce, jobs, and recruitment for employers to relocate here or for increased medical opportunities. Boone County is blessed with stellar hospitals & medical centers in our own back yard.	9/17/2023 11:30 PM
22	Do we need so many new neighborhoods? We have people - lets focus on business. Grow - but be smart about the growth. Conserve land. Bring in more family oriented businesses (concert venue, theater for plays like Fox, places like City Museum, Magic House). Grow up - instead of out??? Don't keep growing so quickly and not upgrading roads, water, electrical, etc...	9/15/2023 8:50 AM
23	I believe in growth; however, currently growth involves a wealthier population. Rent is too high and trying to find a nice house for an affordable price is very difficult. Salaries are not keeping up with cost of living. Also, our police force isn't keeping up with crime.	9/10/2023 8:21 PM
24	Hallsville for example has experience a lot of growth which has led to traffic congested streets and an already aging sewer system that hasn't been brought up to what it should be.	9/5/2023 12:57 PM
25	Without growth there will not be enough job opportunity	9/4/2023 7:42 PM
26	Growth is beautiful- but we have to be able to keep up with the needs in our community.	9/1/2023 3:36 PM
27	Agree	8/30/2023 12:54 PM
28	We need to grow but at the same time protect farmland, rural character, and natural areas.	8/26/2023 1:25 PM

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29	The county needs to work on improving recreation and infrastructure before more growth.	8/26/2023 9:01 AM
30	Drop the personnel prop taxes for more business and citizens to come in to Boone county and stay. Do another consumption tax of a 1/4 and/or 1/2%.	8/22/2023 7:21 AM
31	Jobs and revenue Chase the growth, growth does not cause jobs	8/21/2023 3:08 PM
32	Depends on the type of growth that should be encouraged.	8/21/2023 1:01 PM
33	We should be able to continue to grow, but we need to take care of what we have.	8/20/2023 6:58 PM
34	If boone county continues to grow then so will the crime. The shootings are out of control and there aren't enough police to keep boone county safe.	8/19/2023 7:06 AM
35	Boone County needs to start maintaining what it already has instead of trying to encourage new growth.	8/18/2023 9:33 PM
36	Planning and zoning clears out wooded areas for new businesses meanwhile plenty of buildings are sitting unused.	8/18/2023 6:11 PM
37	Future growth will come whether we want it or not. It should not be discouraged, but it does not need encouragement for it to happen. We need to prepare for the growth while preserving farmland and natural area.	8/17/2023 4:10 PM
38	Population growth and quantity decreases quality of life if not balanced with the economy and environment. We should focus on improving the quality of life for those already living here as opposed to focusing on growing the population.	8/16/2023 3:52 PM
39	Boone County already imports tens of thousands of people a day for employment while at the same time struggling to fill lower paying jobs, service jobs, etc. Without focused development on increasing quality of life for low income families, Boone County will stagnate and be unable to staff critical jobs. Natural topography, in addition to an abundant amount of protected local, state, and federal properties in the County, will ensure Boone County always maintains a high level of "rural" and "natural" areas. There likely needs to be little consolidated effort put towards preserving this reality.	8/16/2023 10:01 AM
40	Boone County is NOT just Columbia - they need to expand and grow the WHOLE Boone County area - better serves all the communities surrounding Columbia and will benefit Columbia and the smaller communities that make up Boone County	8/16/2023 9:59 AM
41	You have to adapt to change.	8/15/2023 4:56 PM
42	I'd like to see a requirement from p & z that all new development requires a buffer of native plants and mature trees. *Please* try to preserve open lands & prairie-like habitats! Disallow invasive callary pear trees.	8/14/2023 1:22 PM
43	Businesses should grow, not housing in Ashland.	8/11/2023 11:44 AM
44	While growth must be managed, no growth results in decline of revenue and services.	8/10/2023 12:52 PM
45	The county should take a breath on encouraging growth to all owners time to build infrastructure and community services to catch up with our current growth	8/10/2023 8:54 AM
46	Some growth is always good, but we need industry besides Mizzou and restaurants. Real employment opportunities. We don't just need more people, by building large multifamily homes, we need places for them to work, where they earn enough to buy a decent home.	8/10/2023 8:11 AM

Q11 How does the quality of life in Boone County today compare to 25 years ago (or however long you have lived in Boone County)? [choose one]

Answered: 243 Skipped: 14



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Much better	5%	12
Somewhat better	16%	39
About the same	29%	71
Somewhat worse	24%	59
Much worse	11%	26
Not applicable / Don't know	15%	36
TOTAL		243

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY THE QUALITY OF LIFE IS "BETTER" OR "WORSE":	DATE
1	The homeless and cleanliness of Columbia is horrid. There are PLENTY of jobs and opportunities for these people to get jobs and affordable housing without it being an expense to the rest of us.	10/5/2023 2:20 PM
2	Too much crime and traffic - poorly designed infrastructure	10/3/2023 4:13 PM
3	Harrisburg has not had housing development	10/3/2023 3:51 PM
4	Worse because certain agendas are taking presedents over needs and values.	9/30/2023 9:06 AM

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5	I liked it better when I first moved here.	9/30/2023 5:28 AM
6	More panhandling than even 6-7 years ago	9/29/2023 9:43 PM
7	More crime and drugs	9/29/2023 3:45 PM
8	Politically	9/29/2023 1:44 PM
9	There was lower crime, lower population growth, lower taxes and cost of living, more just "justice system", less crime, more resources and healthy commercial competition, small companies could afford to stay in business and offer bonuses for superior employee performance and reliability, more consumer choices and variety in necessities, luxuries, entertainment, and recreation options. Healthier competition in business resulting in greater innovation and lower prices for consumers. Fewer corrupt government agencies and convicted office holders. There was greater public trust in politicians than today. Both the community and governmental powers supported law enforcement agents and agencies more than today. Public servants had greater desire, incentive, and rewards to perform their duties knowing the risks involved (fire protection, police force, emergency response, etc.) The only thing that I would say is better today than then, is advances in health care and medical sciences.	9/28/2023 6:30 PM
10	Tradeoffs--light & noise pollution, congestion, sprawl--all much worse. Better cultural offerings, more opportunities...	9/28/2023 1:55 PM
11	Crime seems to be a bigger issue than it used to be	9/28/2023 1:16 PM
12	crime is up, traffic is unmanagable growing faster than the infrastructure is	9/27/2023 8:35 PM
13	I remember roads were not as good as we have now. We have more robust health care, better schools.	9/25/2023 10:36 AM
14	Crime, lack of livable wage jobs, and loss of recreational horse options	9/24/2023 5:47 PM
15	The crime rate is only going up. Cost of living is only going up. It gets hard to support family.	9/22/2023 4:30 PM
16	Crime rate has increased. Taxes are outrageous. Building permits are also outrageous in price.	9/22/2023 1:53 PM
17	crime, drugs, nervous police, mandates	9/20/2023 12:49 PM
18	Only lived in Boone County for 9 yrs.	9/20/2023 11:50 AM
19	1. stores are picked over. 2. traffic is much worse 3. not enough roads to support additional housing boom.	9/19/2023 12:45 PM
20	Cost of living higher. Even with raises, the rent is raised and EBT lowered. The poor, infirm, cannot benefit from a raise- need better thinking and representation.	9/19/2023 8:50 AM
21	Crime/Drugs and homelessness	9/18/2023 7:51 PM
22	Better job options, medical opportunities, increased population.	9/17/2023 11:33 PM
23	Traffic is horrible. Stores are to big.	9/17/2023 2:43 PM
24	Crime is worse. To much congestion not enough care about your neighbor	9/15/2023 7:30 PM
25	More expensive / less options / have to drive further / traffic is terrible.	9/15/2023 4:17 PM
26	Crime, infrastructure - roads, water, hate and anger.	9/15/2023 9:16 AM
27	It felt safer as a teenager working late or going to skate town to hang out with friends. Today I don't want my kids out late in Columbia, I do feel better about being in Centralia.	9/15/2023 8:51 AM
28	Crime	9/12/2023 11:29 AM
29	I haven't lived here a long time, but over the last few years there have been substantial increased housing costs, insurance costs, taxes, and homelessness (Midway has gotten so very dangerous). And, the internet service is really bad.	9/12/2023 11:00 AM
30	Crime - property damage lack of penalties for it Traffic congestion east area of Columbia Need to extend Stadium to Lake of the woods	9/12/2023 6:44 AM
31	Twenty years ago, I didn't have to be afraid to go out at night. I could find entertainment that didn't involve drinking alcohol. I could walk into a store without getting accosted for money. I	9/10/2023 8:25 PM

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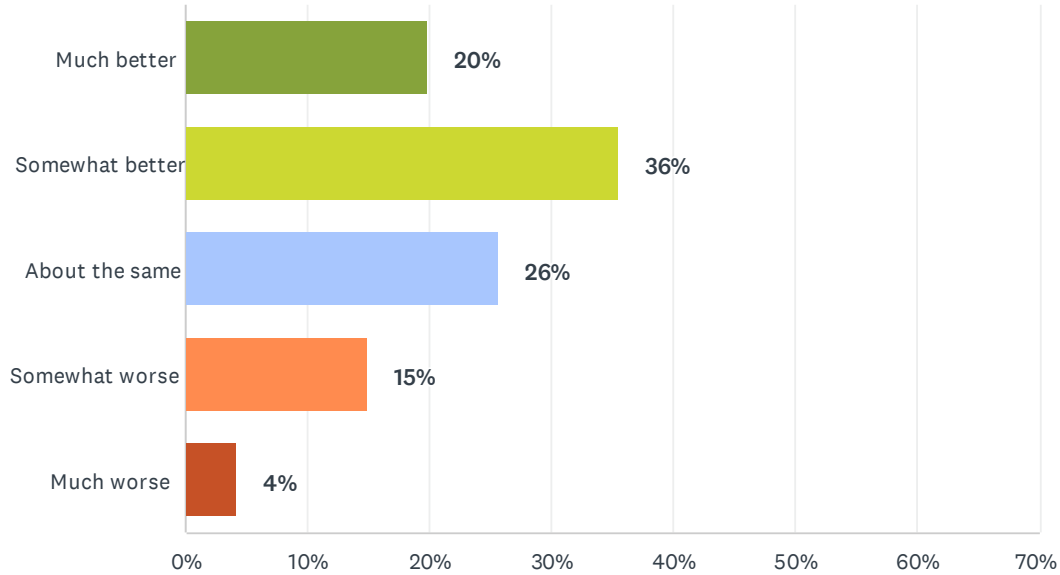
	could go to a park without people coming out of the woods and following me.	
32	Don't feel as safe	9/10/2023 1:29 PM
33	I'm more aware of crime and homelessness than I was before.	9/8/2023 4:20 PM
34	Crime.	9/7/2023 7:00 AM
35	Boone County is less affordable to live in, than surrounding counties.	9/3/2023 2:05 PM
36	In the 20-plus years I've lived in Centralia, the traffic from Centralia to Columbia is way too harried and dangerous. We need 4 lanes on Route B/ hwy. 124, as many of Centralia's citizens travel to and from Columbia to work every day.	9/1/2023 5:20 PM
37	Just due to lack of housing, childcare, staffing shortages in police and shortages in community resources, especially to rural areas	9/1/2023 3:37 PM
38	Crime is increasing.	8/26/2023 1:25 PM
39	Safety	8/24/2023 7:35 PM
40	Higher housing cost	8/24/2023 5:39 AM
41	Inflation and columbia voting in dumbass tax increases. People in columbia don't live in the real world of boone County.	8/23/2023 8:31 PM
42	Crime	8/22/2023 8:28 PM
43	Cost of living, wages are not keeping up. The devalue of the dollar is not helping either.	8/22/2023 7:26 AM
44	Columbia seems less safe than it did even a few years ago, and costs keep rising	8/21/2023 3:10 PM
45	More crime. Limited or no increase in first responder numbers. County residents wait and watch.	8/21/2023 1:44 PM
46	Increase in serious crime.	8/20/2023 9:57 PM
47	Safety has declined	8/20/2023 7:42 PM
48	Crime, Columbia police are understaffed and are bad officers. Boone Sherrif are understaffed	8/20/2023 4:31 PM
49	It's worse because of all the crime, cost of living and higher taxes.	8/19/2023 7:07 AM
50	Crime is going up, good-paying jobs are few and far between, and the quality of life is going down due to higher taxation and overreaching regulations.	8/18/2023 9:33 PM
51	There is an increasingly noticeable divide between the liberal policies of the largest city compared to the rural/conservative policies of the rural community. There needs to be better balance here.	8/18/2023 3:21 PM
52	less safe due to increased crime	8/18/2023 3:14 PM
53	Increased cost of living.	8/18/2023 10:26 AM
54	increase in housing prices, increases in violent crime	8/18/2023 8:51 AM
55	Rise in crime in Columbia Inadequate Ashland police department	8/17/2023 12:54 AM
56	The amount of crime and unsafe feeling areas has grown rapidly.	8/16/2023 10:36 PM
57	There was less crime. There was more respect for each over.	8/16/2023 6:16 PM
58	I grew up in Columbia but moved to Ashland because of the lower quality of living that comes with such an increase in population that Columbia has experienced.	8/16/2023 3:54 PM
59	Growth and expansion in Columbia is great but infrastructure - roads - water, etc is being impacted by this and should be proactive in trying to come up with a plan to improved these areas needed - smaller communities could help if they were more included in the Columbia area	8/16/2023 10:03 AM
60	I would assume the quality of life has increased tremendously due to growth naturally adding amenities that would not have existed 25 years ago due to insufficient population to support such amentias.	8/16/2023 10:02 AM

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61	I live in Northern Boone County and things haven't changed much over the years. Most of the County resources are directed towards the Columbia area. The road infrastructure needs attention.	8/16/2023 9:54 AM
62	Something's are better (health, education opportunities) Anna other things are much worse (crime, cost of living too high)	8/15/2023 8:29 PM
63	The county needs to be more "connected" to many siloed communities/resources	8/15/2023 9:01 AM
64	The park sales tax in Como has appreciably improved outside opportunities.	8/14/2023 1:25 PM
65	Increased crime and a real issue with homeless populations.	8/10/2023 10:01 PM
66	Crime rate has blown out of the water.	8/10/2023 8:21 PM
67	Much better access to goods and services such as healthcare.	8/10/2023 12:53 PM
68	I have lived in Boobe County 65 years. the crime within Columbia is discouraging and scary. The rural educational opportunities are being lost in the intrest of growth. The loss of county fairs is concerning.	8/10/2023 8:57 AM

Q12 How would you rate the attractiveness of Boone County compared to surrounding counties? [choose one]

Answered: 242 Skipped: 15



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Much better	20%	48
Somewhat better	36%	86
About the same	26%	62
Somewhat worse	15%	36
Much worse	4%	10
TOTAL		242

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY "BETTER" OR "WORSE":	DATE
1	Access to jobs	10/5/2023 2:36 PM
2	That depends on where you are - the rural areas are fine. However you can't go to Columbia after dark without a fear for your own safety. It's also a filthy mess!	10/5/2023 2:20 PM
3	I think the county could do a better job of cleaning along roads and highways. Cities and towns need to enforce clean yards.- make people clean up junk.	10/5/2023 2:11 PM
4	Crime	10/3/2023 4:13 PM
5	Other counties look better with less taxes and ordinances. No one likes to be told what to do with their property.	9/30/2023 5:28 AM
6	Large homeless population	9/28/2023 6:09 PM
7	Better in all regards except cost.	9/28/2023 1:55 PM
8	Somewhat better because of the way Columbia has focused on providing more services for the community, like investing in the farmers market.	9/28/2023 8:59 AM

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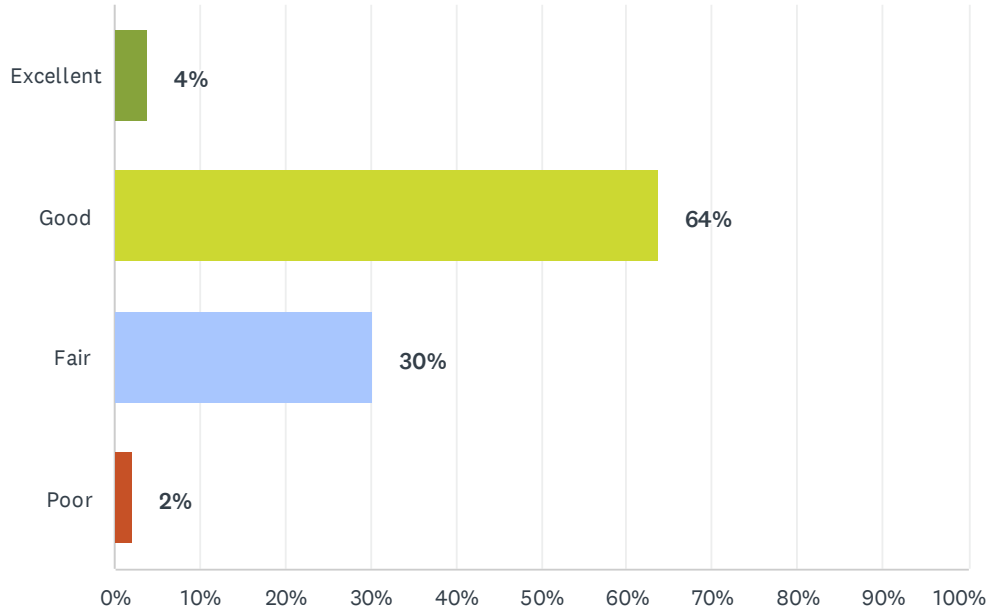
9	Higher cost	9/27/2023 7:38 PM
10	Many small towns, but close to bigger cities.	9/27/2023 8:20 AM
11	The only issue I have is with affordable housing.	9/25/2023 10:36 AM
12	Too commercialized and loss of farmlands	9/24/2023 5:47 PM
13	The cleaning up of the sides of the roads (mostly state highways which isn't part of this survey) so that the entrance into Boone county is more pleasing.	9/22/2023 1:53 PM
14	I live in Centralia, MO	9/20/2023 2:50 PM
15	Higher cost of living.	9/20/2023 2:41 PM
16	Needs cleaned up more	9/18/2023 7:51 PM
17	More successful employment recruitment is needed. Better paying jobs is a must.	9/17/2023 11:33 PM
18	People drive crazy.	9/17/2023 2:43 PM
19	Depends on which direction you come into town. Lots of trash, need to ensure people in county to pick up / clean property. Always beggers - east side of town - looks terrible.	9/17/2023 8:41 AM
20	Boone has more money to spend compared to more rural, less populous counties.	9/15/2023 10:01 PM
21	Higher crime rate, higher cost of living than surrounding counties	9/14/2023 11:13 PM
22	Somewhat run down in some areas.	9/14/2023 3:40 PM
23	Health care, schools , amenities	9/12/2023 6:44 AM
24	I believe we have a beautiful county. If our tax dollars are allocated to the right places such as rural roads and bridges we will continue to have a great county outside the big city of Columbia.	9/11/2023 4:15 PM
25	It seems every county is experiencing large amount of open drug use and homelessness. There is not much hope for people who cannot afford \$1,500 per month for rent plus groceries, utilities and day care.	9/10/2023 8:25 PM
26	Taxes	9/5/2023 8:21 AM
27	Taxes	9/4/2023 8:04 PM
28	Again, the high property tax rate is a turn off.	9/3/2023 2:05 PM
29	Crime is increasing.	8/26/2023 1:25 PM
30	County is well taken care of but the taxes are higher which could keep younger families out of the county.	8/25/2023 2:45 PM
31	More/easier access to amenities and services while still maintaining the rural/small town feel	8/24/2023 6:39 PM
32	Dumbass tax increases by columbia.	8/23/2023 8:31 PM
33	Trash and litter and weeds on the streets and highways	8/22/2023 8:28 PM
34	Dirty. Come into Boone county just looks trashy/disorganized compare to years ago.	8/22/2023 7:26 AM
35	Higher taxes in Boone County. Lots of rural people are living just over the county line in Audrain. Centralia schools, Centralia community, lower taxes.	8/21/2023 8:21 PM
36	More jobs, better amenities, location	8/21/2023 3:10 PM
37	Healthcare and education opportunities and our excellent Fire protection services and emergency management services	8/21/2023 1:03 PM
38	The cost of property and taxes cause people to not move to the county.	8/21/2023 7:19 AM
39	Especially on the incoming roads to Columbia. Route B/Paris road is awful.	8/20/2023 9:57 PM
40	Neighboring counties care about the county...not just the main town.	8/20/2023 6:59 PM
41	Worse due to crime, taxes and cost of living. Jeff city is cheaper and safer	8/19/2023 7:07 AM

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42	Other counties surrounding us are more business/building friendly. There is not enough small business revenue in the smaller towns to have to build and develop to Columbia standards where there is adequate revenue to pay for the restrictions.	8/18/2023 3:21 PM
43	Employment, proximity to services. Worse is cost of living.	8/18/2023 10:26 AM
44	Higher taxes, high price of land and housing, high property taxes, and onerous building regulations make it undesirable for people that don't want to live in an urban area. Job opportunities balance that interest out somewhat, but I find it more attractive to live in a neighboring county and simply commuting to Boone for work.	8/18/2023 9:21 AM
45	I do like that there are Zoning restrictions, unlike surrounding Counties.	8/18/2023 9:03 AM
46	Again, it goes back to roads and infrastructure - we could do much better	8/16/2023 10:03 AM
47	Higher taxes in Boone County and I hear that a lot as a negative for people moving to Boone. A positive that I hear a lot it the smaller communities in Boone County have a lot to offer while still being within driving distance to Columbia.	8/16/2023 9:54 AM
48	Taxes and building a house are much cheaper in surrounding counties	8/15/2023 8:58 PM
49	Our taxes are much too high. Columbia politics control the whole county.	8/15/2023 8:29 PM
50	Our diversity still outweighs neighboring counties	8/15/2023 9:01 AM
51	Boone County has a lot.of recreational opportunities that other counties dont.	8/14/2023 4:47 PM
52	Visual attractiveness? Not a concern. Como could clean up along I-70 a little more. Getting rid of aging chain link fencing on the rideaway.	8/14/2023 1:25 PM
53	A unified enforced property maintenance code is sorely needed in Boone County and the municipalities.	8/10/2023 12:53 PM

Q13 How would you rate the overall appearance of residential properties in Boone County? [choose one]

Answered: 237 Skipped: 20



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	4%	9
Good	64%	151
Fair	30%	72
Poor	2%	5
TOTAL		237

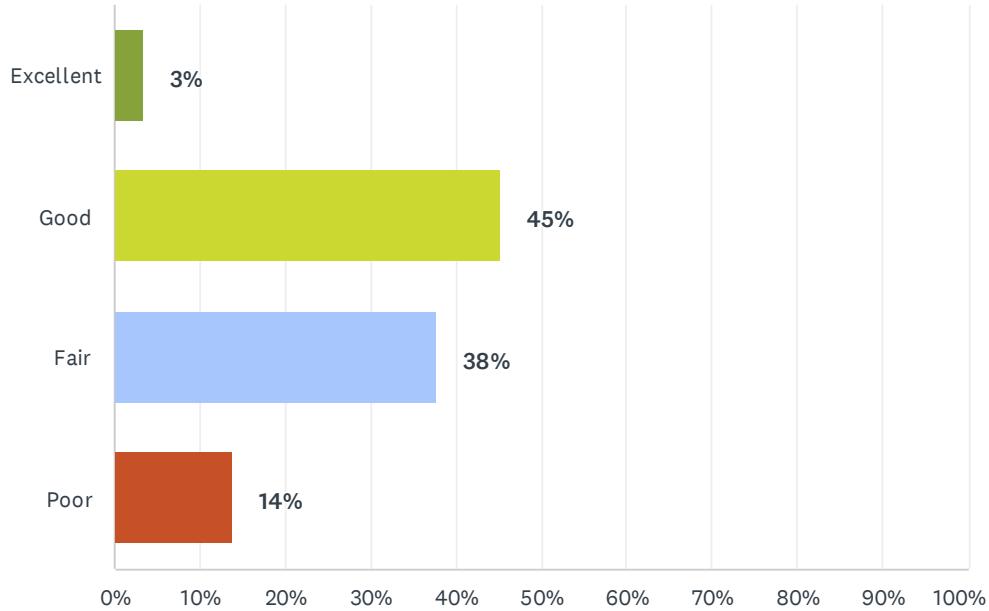
#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY:	DATE
1	Again.- it strongly depends on where you are	10/5/2023 2:20 PM
2	Residents in Centralia need to clean up yards.	10/5/2023 2:11 PM
3	Some very nice but others not so nice	10/5/2023 1:51 PM
4	Some neighborhoods need improvement	10/5/2023 1:48 PM
5	Council has allowed housing development then allows duplexes - ruins home value	10/3/2023 3:52 PM
6	Some areas are nice but many are just mowed lawns with no native plants or fauna. Also deer are too plentiful. Need to harvest more does not just bucks.	9/29/2023 3:48 PM
7	Appears to have declined in the last 20 or 25 years, in my opinion and long decades of residence.	9/28/2023 6:33 PM
8	What does this even mean?	9/28/2023 1:57 PM
9	Student house and spec homes are sub optimal in appearance	9/27/2023 7:40 PM

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10	There are some areas that could use help.	9/25/2023 10:37 AM
11	Aged properties and trailer houses everywhere	9/24/2023 5:49 PM
12	Need better zoning code enforcement.	9/22/2023 12:46 PM
13	mostly new housing existing	9/20/2023 12:49 PM
14	There are many properties in my area which have so much trash, run down structures, and vehicles which are parked all over yards/properties.	9/20/2023 12:49 PM
15	In Harrisburg there are several properties needing maintenance.	9/20/2023 12:06 PM
16	Some areas have poor upkeep of houses and trailers.	9/20/2023 11:51 AM
17	Depends on location.	9/15/2023 8:52 AM
18	They are putting up alot more housing, and it takes away the beauty and value of rural settings	9/12/2023 11:02 AM
19	Lots of new developments in the last 20 years	9/12/2023 7:05 AM
20	Many homes that come up for sale at \$300,000 or under need alot of work. Many homes need work and are falling in disrepair. New subdivisions are the exception. There are not many options for home repair funds for lower income families.	9/10/2023 8:32 PM
21	Smaller towns and rural Boone County have plenty of homes that would be better served torn down	9/5/2023 1:40 PM
22	Columbia needs trash bins.	9/5/2023 8:22 AM
23	There are a good bit of run down properties	9/1/2023 3:40 PM
24	Again our property is great except for the County gravel road. Our homes are very nice in our subdivision but we still have to drive on a gravel road which is very dusty.	8/28/2023 3:16 PM
25	If you are in the elite areas, those properties will be wonderful. If you do NOT live in those areas, the properties are slightly above slum level.	8/27/2023 9:47 PM
26	Depends on where you are	8/21/2023 1:06 PM
27	T	8/21/2023 7:20 AM
28	For as high as taxes are, there are some areas or peoples properties that should be regulated. There is questionable homes I see daily that have items pouring into the street at times.	8/18/2023 6:17 PM
29	Depends on where in Boone County.	8/16/2023 3:56 PM
30	Depends on the area	8/16/2023 10:09 AM
31	There lacks consistency with neighboring residences - you can have a neighbor on one side that has a completely run down home with trash, etc. on their property and another beautifully manicured \$700k home on the other side.	8/16/2023 9:27 AM
32	Most are good, some are great and some are junky... it just depends. Where I live it's general very nice.	8/15/2023 8:31 PM
33	A lot of aging homes (need upgrades especially compared to the new construction going up)	8/15/2023 9:02 AM
34	I don't see blight in the county. Land is worth too much.	8/14/2023 1:30 PM
35	Where I live (outside of Columbia) homes are beautiful and well taken care of.	8/10/2023 8:13 AM
36	There are many places with rusting cars, over grown property, and unlivable houses.	8/9/2023 9:44 AM
37	The farther north, the worse it is.	8/8/2023 12:18 PM

Q14 How would you rate the existing housing options for keeping and attracting residents? [choose one]

Answered: 239 Skipped: 18



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Excellent	3% 8
Good	45% 108
Fair	38% 90
Poor	14% 33
TOTAL	239

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY:	DATE
1	I think land prices are only increasing - it's going to be hard for a working middle class family to afford much	10/5/2023 2:20 PM
2	High cost of homes for sale - increased a lot since moved to Boone	10/5/2023 1:51 PM
3	Rent is over \$1000 + for many run down properties and u have these huge subdivisions huge houses that appear to use lots of electricity/ water .	9/30/2023 5:34 AM
4	Not enough affordable housing	9/29/2023 1:47 PM
5	Expensive.	9/28/2023 1:57 PM
6	Columbia's housing is largely focused on students, not necessarily bad but we need to make sure to provide for other members of the community. Other areas of Boone are lacking in affordable housing options for people.	9/28/2023 9:02 AM
7	Student house and spec homes are sub optimal in appearance	9/27/2023 7:40 PM
8	Limited options.	9/27/2023 8:21 AM

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9	Not many affordable options, those that are do not look maintained.	9/25/2023 10:37 AM
10	prices	9/25/2023 10:17 AM
11	As long as cost remains as it is or lower	9/20/2023 12:49 PM
12	Housing is getting too expensive for a lot of people.	9/20/2023 8:11 AM
13	Cost is sky rocketted.	9/19/2023 8:51 AM
14	rent is to high	9/17/2023 2:43 PM
15	High or low income, no middle ground	9/12/2023 11:02 AM
16	If you can afford, \$400,000, there are many options. Most employers don't pay over \$40,000-\$50,000 annually and even that is limited.	9/10/2023 8:32 PM
17	Cost of housing is ridiculous and landlords are unreliable	9/10/2023 1:30 PM
18	Not enough low cost housing that is esthetically pleasing	9/6/2023 8:06 PM
19	Limited housing	9/4/2023 7:44 PM
20	High cost of housing. Rental properties in rural areas are difficult to find and in Columbia are catered towards the college students.	9/4/2023 11:41 AM
21	Not nearly enough housing, specifically affordable housing. In Columbia there are no renter friendly complexes or neighborhoods that have good safety ratings and not meant for college students	9/1/2023 3:40 PM
22	Our neighborhood would greatly improve if East Griffin Drive and Kidwell Court would be paved.	8/28/2023 3:16 PM
23	Columbia has ruined any probability of affordable housing for low & middle class folks. They've managed to do that by peddling services to the college students & forgetting about folks who live there year round.	8/27/2023 9:47 PM
24	Too expensive for less privileged people	8/27/2023 3:57 PM
25	Not enough properties for low to mid income families. Not enough "starter" homes.	8/26/2023 9:02 AM
26	Over priced	8/24/2023 7:36 PM
27	REnt is to high	8/22/2023 7:30 AM
28	Prices are getting out of hand, and developers are not being required to build the quality of housing they should be.	8/21/2023 3:13 PM
29	Decent Rentals for low and or fixed income income residents are too expensive	8/21/2023 1:06 PM
30	I am a local real estate agent. Our housing market has inflated like crazy. I have clients that want to live in Boone County, but we are having to go to neighboring counties to look because of affordability. :(8/20/2023 7:01 PM
31	Government often mistakenly emphasizes the poor and not the vast majority of households	8/20/2023 11:45 AM
32	There's plenty of new homes going up constantly	8/18/2023 6:17 PM
33	Housing expense related to slow municipal activity to increase available development areas, plus infrastructure development continues to be forced downstream to developers which ultimately put housing out of reach for some citizens.	8/18/2023 3:24 PM
34	Housing is too expensive	8/18/2023 8:53 AM
35	Property value have risen beyond normal/average family income.	8/17/2023 12:55 AM
36	Housing is expensive in Boone County. For people on limited income they have to live in crime ridden areas.	8/16/2023 6:17 PM
37	Ashland lacks affordable housing.	8/16/2023 3:56 PM
38	depends on the area	8/16/2023 10:09 AM
39	Missouri lacks a lot of the critical economic development tools to incentivize and support multifamily housing projects. Every community in Boone County would benefit from more	8/16/2023 10:04 AM

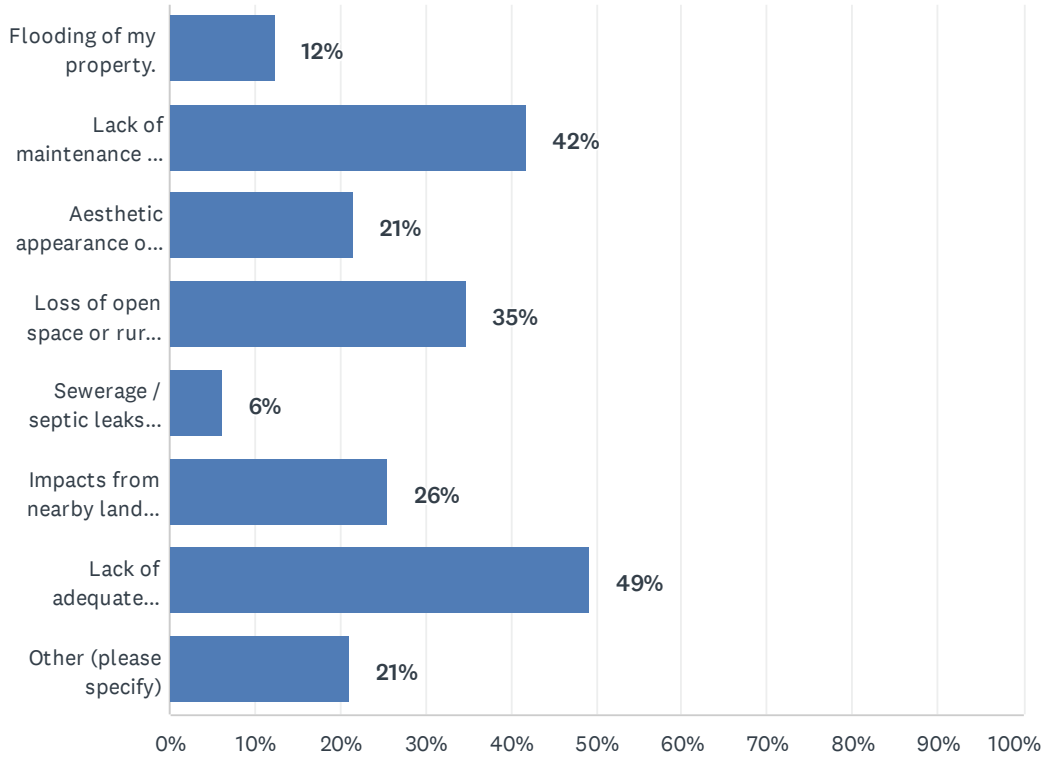
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duplex, townhouse, and apartment style developments that are more affordable. Especially with mortgage rates being higher than seen in the last five years, the desire to rent and have a high quality rental is likely at an all time high.

40	Boone Co and Columbia are very expensive	8/15/2023 8:31 PM
41	Nice new homes but they are too expensive	8/15/2023 9:02 AM
42	Top concern. In SoBoCo area there is almost no affordable housing. If a teacher here isn't married to a wealthy spouse they can't afford to live here. In the county P & Z requires large builds on large lots unless grandfathered in. If you can't afford \$750k house there isn't a place for you here.	8/14/2023 1:30 PM
43	Too expensive in Ashland	8/11/2023 11:45 AM
44	Rental properties are too expensive and poorly maintained.	8/10/2023 10:02 PM

Q15 What are your top three concerns that may affect the value of your home or property? [Choose up to three]

Answered: 242 Skipped: 15



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Flooding of my property.	12%	30
Lack of maintenance and upkeep of adjacent properties.	42%	101
Aesthetic appearance of new development on adjacent properties.	21%	52
Loss of open space or rural character adjacent to my property.	35%	84
Sewerage / septic leaks from adjacent properties.	6%	15
Impacts from nearby land uses that are incompatible with my property.	26%	62
Lack of adequate infrastructure.	49%	119
Other (please specify)	21%	51
Total Respondents: 242		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	.	10/5/2023 1:48 PM
2	.	10/3/2023 4:17 PM
3	Planes going over my house from the airport and inadequate access to major highway.	9/30/2023 5:34 AM

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Ashland growth does not seem to have plans for more ways out of town in case of emergencies.

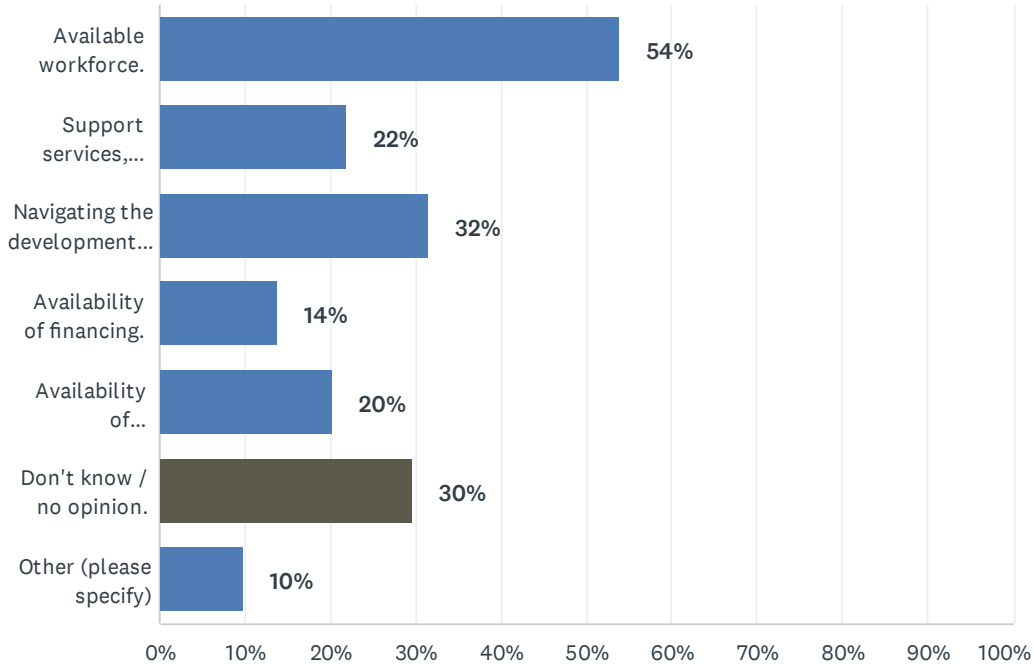
4	I don't own property	9/29/2023 1:47 PM
5	Poor condition of Main Street and Henry Clay Blvd. poor condition of shoulder - lack of sidewalks out of subdivision. Need to reduce speed on west liberty, west of Ashland city limit.	9/29/2023 7:28 AM
6	Deteriorating infrastructure and maintenance delays, and escalating costs.	9/28/2023 6:33 PM
7	Higher taxes and utilities than the surrounding counties.	9/27/2023 3:36 PM
8	I think we are good where we are	9/27/2023 8:29 AM
9	Encroachment by city of columbia	9/26/2023 10:11 AM
10	Neighbors trash and storage	9/26/2023 8:36 AM
11	Property values are the same as when I bought my house 20 years ago. Only my taxes and insurance have gone up tremendously	9/24/2023 5:49 PM
12	.	9/24/2023 4:39 PM
13	.	9/22/2023 9:59 AM
14	n/a	9/22/2023 9:51 AM
15	Lack of relevant code to build homes to prevent foundation settling issues.	9/20/2023 11:51 AM
16	Active quarry open 24/7.	9/19/2023 1:00 PM
17	Boggy land is no firm foundation to build on.	9/19/2023 8:51 AM
18	.	9/18/2023 4:47 PM
19	Maintenance of state road right-of-way.	9/18/2023 9:29 AM
20	Planning of property development.	9/17/2023 11:35 PM
21	.	9/17/2023 2:43 PM
22	.	9/17/2023 2:40 PM
23	Crime and taxes	9/12/2023 11:30 AM
24	Building of non permitted structures Burning of trash-plastic "toxic" not removing old mobile home 2 years non permitted new mobile home	9/12/2023 7:05 AM
25	Not concerned	9/11/2023 4:14 AM
26	Crime, Education, schools need to teach the basics and tell the truth. Homeless	9/10/2023 10:10 PM
27	Safety is my largest area of concern. Money for home upkeep is another. Affordable home repair companies would be a great benefit. Centralia could benefit from better water quality, more bike and walking trails.	9/10/2023 8:32 PM
28	Rental company aggressively buying homes and turning them into rentals which makes it difficult for new home owners to purchase property.	9/7/2023 7:02 AM
29	City water softener is broken and won't be fixed until July of 2024, resulting in calcium building up on many residents' pipes, etc., making our citizens having to replace pipes to washers, hot water heaters, etc.	9/1/2023 5:23 PM
30	We'd like our road paved	8/28/2023 4:15 PM
31	Our neighborhood property is great but East Griffin Drive and Kidwell Court still have a gravel road. Our neighborhood would greatly improve with a paved road.	8/28/2023 3:16 PM
32	Poor drainage,	8/27/2023 3:57 PM
33	Safety	8/24/2023 7:36 PM
34	Mostly in Columbia	8/24/2023 5:40 AM

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35	Tax increases	8/23/2023 8:32 PM
36	personnel property taxes growing to fast.	8/22/2023 7:30 AM
37	I don't have any of these concerns that may affect my property. My community (Centralia) seems to be doing a satisfactory job keeping up with the current growth.	8/20/2023 10:02 PM
38	Crime	8/20/2023 4:31 PM
39	Light and noise infringement to my property. More laws, rules regarding noise and light are needed and enforcement of those laws/fines increased.	8/20/2023 11:45 AM
40	None that I see	8/20/2023 9:35 AM
41	P & Z taking to much control	8/18/2023 9:49 PM
42	The inability of the county to work with its property owners in a fair and equal way.	8/18/2023 9:33 PM
43	Crime	8/18/2023 9:09 AM
44	I live just on the outskirts of Centralia. It is a nice area.	8/18/2023 9:05 AM
45	Increasing rental properties creates residents that don't have a vested interest in the area.	8/18/2023 8:53 AM
46	I don't really have any of these concerns.	8/17/2023 4:13 PM
47	Inadequate building codes and ordinances requiring upkeep of homes.	8/16/2023 9:56 AM
48	None of these	8/16/2023 9:48 AM
49	None of these affect my property. I don't know of anything currently negatively affecting my property value.	8/15/2023 8:31 PM
50	Not a concern.	8/14/2023 1:30 PM
51	Hard water	8/11/2023 6:49 AM

Q16 What challenges do business owners face in Boone County? [choose all that apply]

Answered: 237 Skipped: 20



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Available workforce.	54%	128
Support services, especially when starting a business.	22%	52
Navigating the development regulatory process.	32%	75
Availability of financing.	14%	33
Availability of appropriately zoned land.	20%	48
Don't know / no opinion.	30%	70
Other (please specify)	10%	23
Total Respondents: 237		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	No one wants to actually work anymore. There is a huge sense of entitlement - that's unnecessary!	10/5/2023 2:21 PM
2	Wages seem very low - many offer 12 to 14 dollars an hour - how does one pay \$1000 rent on that income. A county can't or should no be solely made up of rich people.	9/30/2023 5:40 AM
3	Permitting takes way too long. Too many gotchas at the last minute. Lack of clear, quick permitting process that is consistent leads to construction delays and cost over runs. Customers unhappy with the uncertainty and wait times of construction permitting. Seems like	9/29/2023 7:31 AM

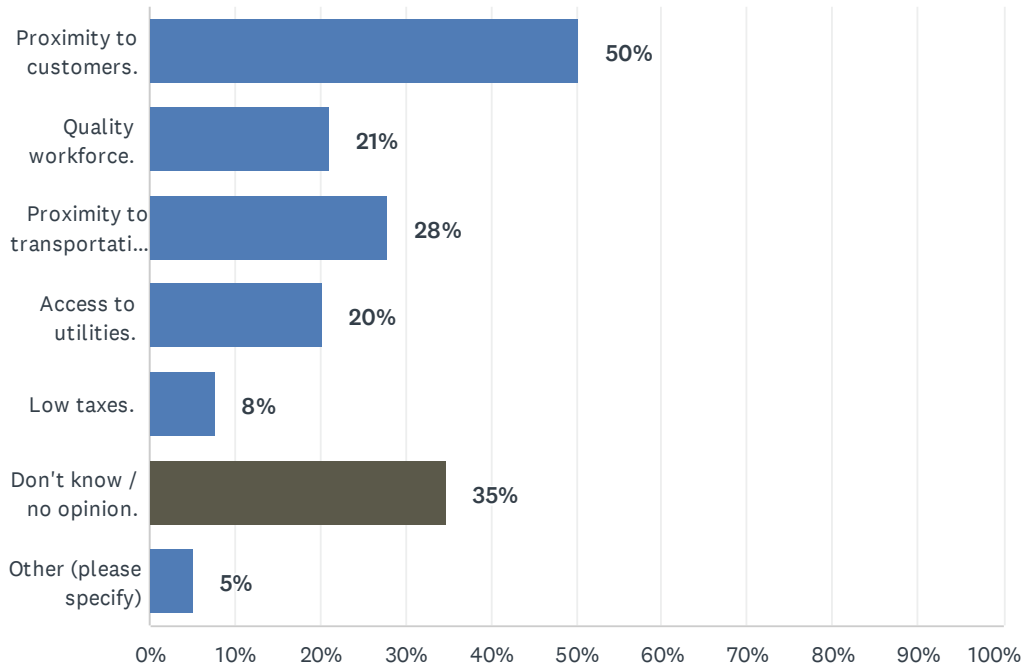
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numerous unknown perfunctory surface to apply their own interpretation of rules and regulations that shift and change with each application.

4	Escalating litigation from unscrupulous clientele scamming systems and seeking bogus liability claims against businesses and proprietors.	9/28/2023 6:42 PM
5	Businesses largely rely on children for their workforce. While 16+ year olds should be encouraged to consider a part time job, they cannot be the backbone of these businesses staying open/operating.	9/28/2023 9:30 AM
6	Workers Local citizens choosing bigger city options	9/27/2023 8:23 AM
7	Affordable land to build	9/22/2023 8:23 AM
8	Taxes are too high	9/12/2023 11:31 AM
9	Not a problem for me but for others	9/11/2023 4:17 AM
10	Crime, taxes and bad city policys, like Columbia trash system.	9/10/2023 10:12 PM
11	Companies expect employees to have tons of education but are unwilling to train. To offer training and apprenticeships plus better wages can provide a workforce that has stable housing.	9/10/2023 9:38 PM
12	High taxes	9/3/2023 2:06 PM
13	For instance, I would love to start a daycare, but have no options to start	9/1/2023 3:41 PM
14	finding people who actually WANT to work full time.	8/27/2023 9:49 PM
15	More people wanna stay at home and earn free money than work	8/24/2023 5:40 AM
16	To many hoops to jump through to get a new business started	8/22/2023 7:33 AM
17	High Taxes	8/21/2023 3:15 PM
18	Housing for workforce Crime Rate	8/21/2023 5:24 AM
19	Support from the county is lacking. It takes business forever to get a county inspector to come to help them open.	8/20/2023 7:02 PM
20	High taxes	8/20/2023 8:09 AM
21	Realistic purchase and lease pricing.	8/16/2023 10:06 AM
22	Lack if employees in the trades. County inspector lack education with regard to cade and its common sense application in construction.	8/10/2023 9:03 AM
23	The homeless people ruining their businesses (stealing, camping outside their businesses)	8/8/2023 12:19 PM

Q17 What are the key reasons for locating a business in Boone County? [Choose all that apply]

Answered: 236 Skipped: 21



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Proximity to customers.	50%	119
Quality workforce.	21%	50
Proximity to transportation networks.	28%	66
Access to utilities.	20%	48
Low taxes.	8%	18
Don't know / no opinion.	35%	82
Other (please specify)	5%	12
Total Respondents: 236		

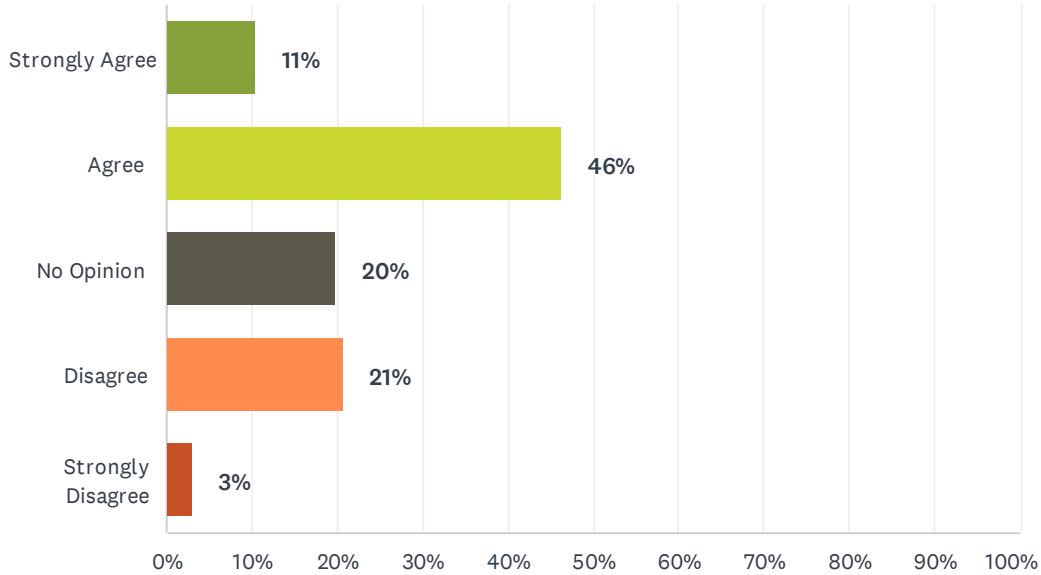
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1	I put low taxes but residents need that as well - not just business.	9/30/2023 5:40 AM
2	I would not locate in Boone County - too expensive and too much regulation.	9/29/2023 7:31 AM
3	Lesser threat of unscrupulous threats of litigation (law suits) from customers and clientele served than in bigger cities (including Columbia).	9/28/2023 6:42 PM
4	Affordable living	9/28/2023 1:17 PM
5	Cheaper to open in small town vs big city	9/27/2023 8:23 AM

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6	Use of taxes abatements which are unfair to citizens	9/26/2023 10:14 AM
7	No benefit to incorporating in Boone County	9/24/2023 5:50 PM
8	taxes are too high - pay 1/2 of the money made.	9/17/2023 2:44 PM
9	I would not start one.	9/10/2023 10:12 PM
10	It is a better place to raise children versus St. Louis and Kansas City.	9/10/2023 9:38 PM
11	Other than Proximity to Customers these are all reason to not locate a business in boone county. It's incredibly hard for a small business to get started here	8/24/2023 10:52 AM
12	None	8/20/2023 4:31 PM

Q18 Do you agree that there are adequate job opportunities in Boone County (i.e. jobs that pay a living wage, provide benefits, and opportunities for advancement)? [choose one]

Answered: 238 Skipped: 19



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	11%	25
Agree	46%	110
No Opinion	20%	47
Disagree	21%	49
Strongly Disagree	3%	7
TOTAL		238

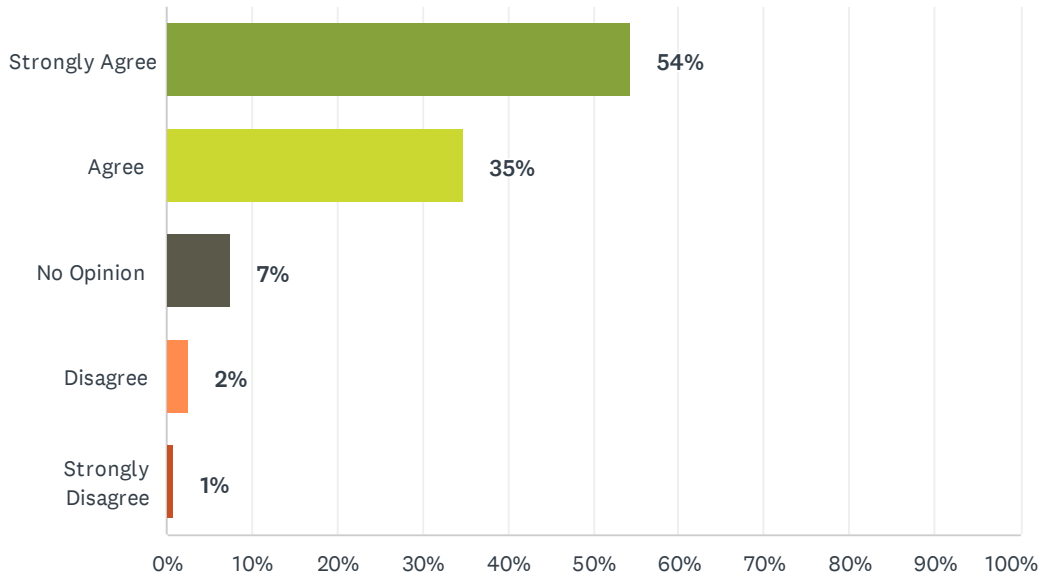
#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY:	DATE
1	No - again starting wage does not keep up with inflation. Higher wages lead to higher costs for me. Recent purchase burger & fries \$15 and then the wanted a tip at known fast food business.	9/30/2023 5:40 AM
2	My daughter found a good job.	9/29/2023 3:50 PM
3	Wages are 20-30% state average and even lower than national averages.	9/29/2023 7:31 AM
4	Too many small businesses have failed or closed in the last 10 years, especially since 2019. Decreased public transit for workers/customers who have no other transportation.	9/28/2023 6:42 PM
5	Not in my line of work, anyway!	9/28/2023 1:57 PM
6	Health benefits and family benefits(child care options, paid parental leave) would greatly improve Boone's desirability for families to move to.	9/28/2023 9:30 AM
7	The cost is more than anyone can afford.	9/22/2023 4:30 PM

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8	a lot of jobs so you can advance but that when someone retires	9/20/2023 12:50 PM
9	For people w / high skills in their 60's not good.	9/20/2023 12:06 PM
10	I hope Boone County can land more key employers that pay well and provide employees with a great way of life.	9/17/2023 11:39 PM
11	Low wages and lack of benefits are an issue, however, the other side of this is that no one wants to work, and those that do are very demanding of their needs to accept a job. I work two full-time jobs, and all I hear out here is that you cannot get quality help. And I hire for my company, and I agree with those statements.	9/12/2023 11:05 AM
12	Part time jobs no benefits on the rise	9/12/2023 7:13 AM
13	Many employers want to hire employees with Masters Degrees and certificates but do not provide training or salaries that cover the cost of that education. Most salaries do not cover the cost of rent or a mortgage payment, day care food, utilities, etc. Employers here wa t a lot for very little.	9/10/2023 9:38 PM
14	I am a former teacher. When I was looking to change careers, I found very few job opportunities that fit my needs.	9/8/2023 4:26 PM
15	Too many low paying jobs	9/4/2023 7:45 PM
16	Information technology has a very small market in Boone County	9/2/2023 11:52 AM
17	A lot of our "forces" are under paid	9/1/2023 3:41 PM
18	I worked as a Missouri State employee for many years and Missouri has the lowest state paid positions in the whole USA. I also worked for the University of Missouri for many years which once had great benefits but have since stopped offering benefits since I've left.	8/28/2023 3:20 PM
19	Mixed, there are solid amount of opportunities but not for management level and above.	8/26/2023 1:27 PM
20	Wages are not keeping up with costs	8/21/2023 3:15 PM
21	Good selection of jobs in manufacturing, health, education, construction and support businesses.	8/20/2023 10:06 PM
22	Ya gatta work to advance. I did when I started. Low wages eventually improve with effort.	8/20/2023 11:46 AM
23	Most jobs are low pay and have no benefits.	8/18/2023 9:33 PM
24	Several large businesses and institutions in the area.	8/18/2023 10:28 AM
25	Wage growth has not kept up with property values or inflation.	8/18/2023 8:54 AM
26	The City of Columbia alone has almost 300 job vacancies. Everyone in Boone County that wants a job could have a job.	8/16/2023 10:06 AM
27	This is our biggest crisis.. outside of VU most employers don't provide living wages which are just justified in our housing market. (Yes we have low demand, but most homeOWNERS can't buy their NEXT home due to their income level)	8/15/2023 9:05 AM

Q19 Do you agree or disagree with the statement, "Farming and family farms are important to the economy of Boone County"?

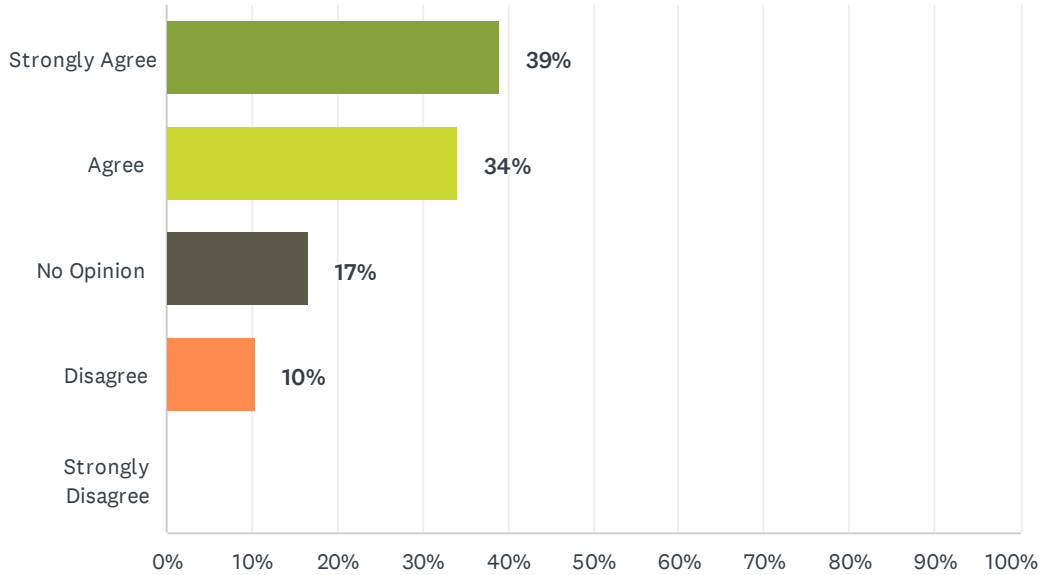
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	54%	131
Agree	35%	84
No Opinion	7%	18
Disagree	2%	6
Strongly Disagree	1%	2
TOTAL		241

Q20 Do you agree or disagree with the statement, "The loss of prime farmland is a concern in Boone County"?

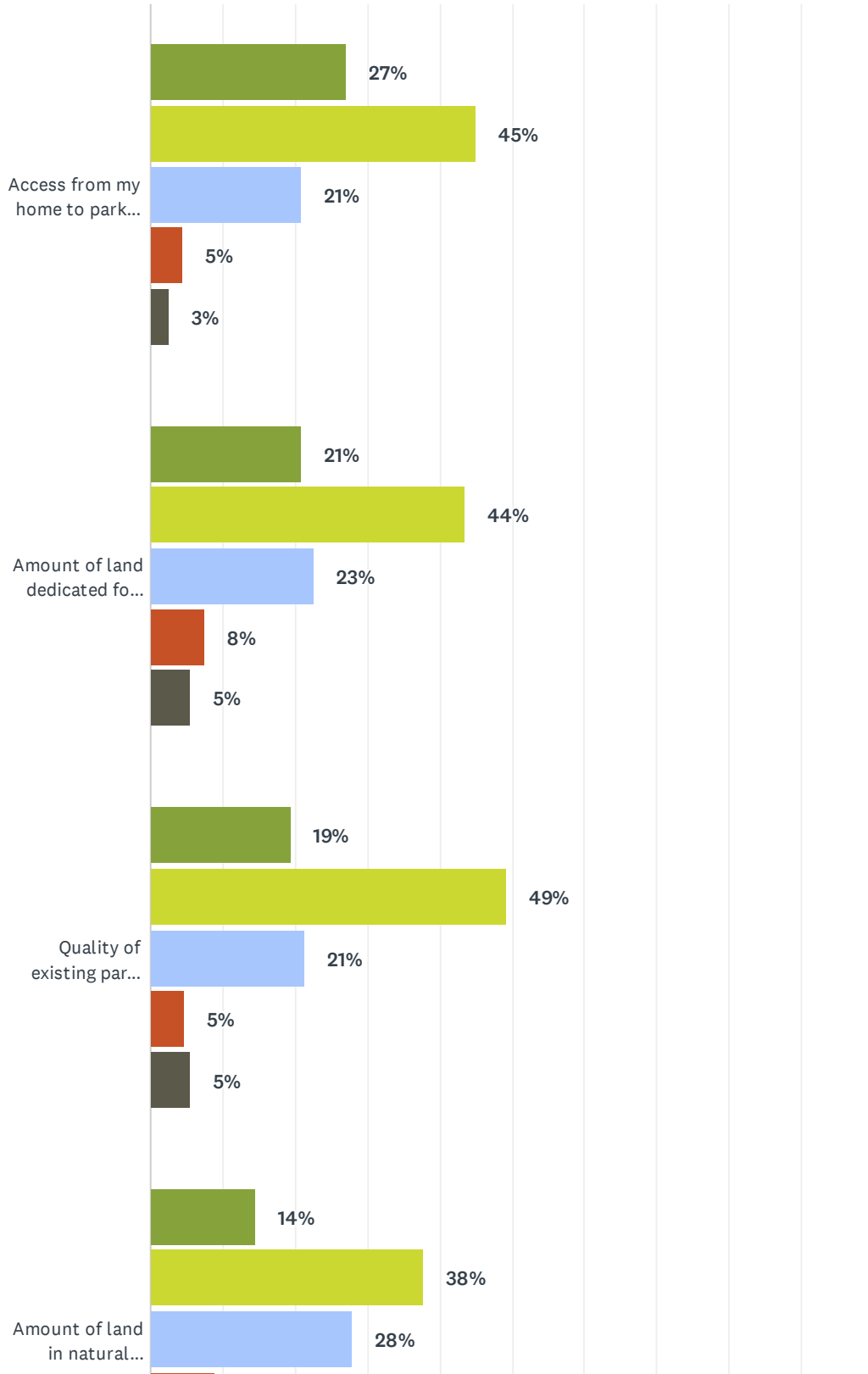
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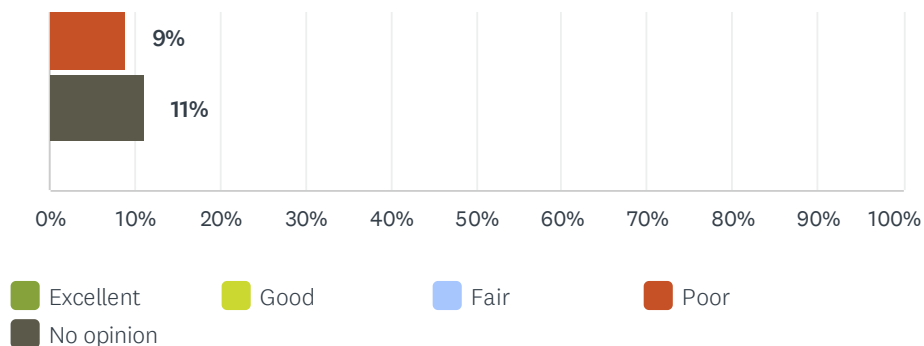
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	39%	94
Agree	34%	82
No Opinion	17%	40
Disagree	10%	25
Strongly Disagree	0%	0
TOTAL		241

Q21 How would you rate the following for natural areas, parks, open space, and recreation facilities in Boone County?

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	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	NO OPINION	TOTAL
Access from my home to parks and recreation facilities.	27% 65	45% 108	21% 50	5% 11	3% 6	240
Amount of land dedicated for parks and recreation.	21% 50	44% 104	23% 54	8% 18	5% 13	239
Quality of existing parks and recreation facilities.	19% 46	49% 117	21% 51	5% 11	5% 13	238
Amount of land in natural habitats (woodlands, wetlands, prairies, etc.).	14% 34	38% 89	28% 66	9% 21	11% 26	236

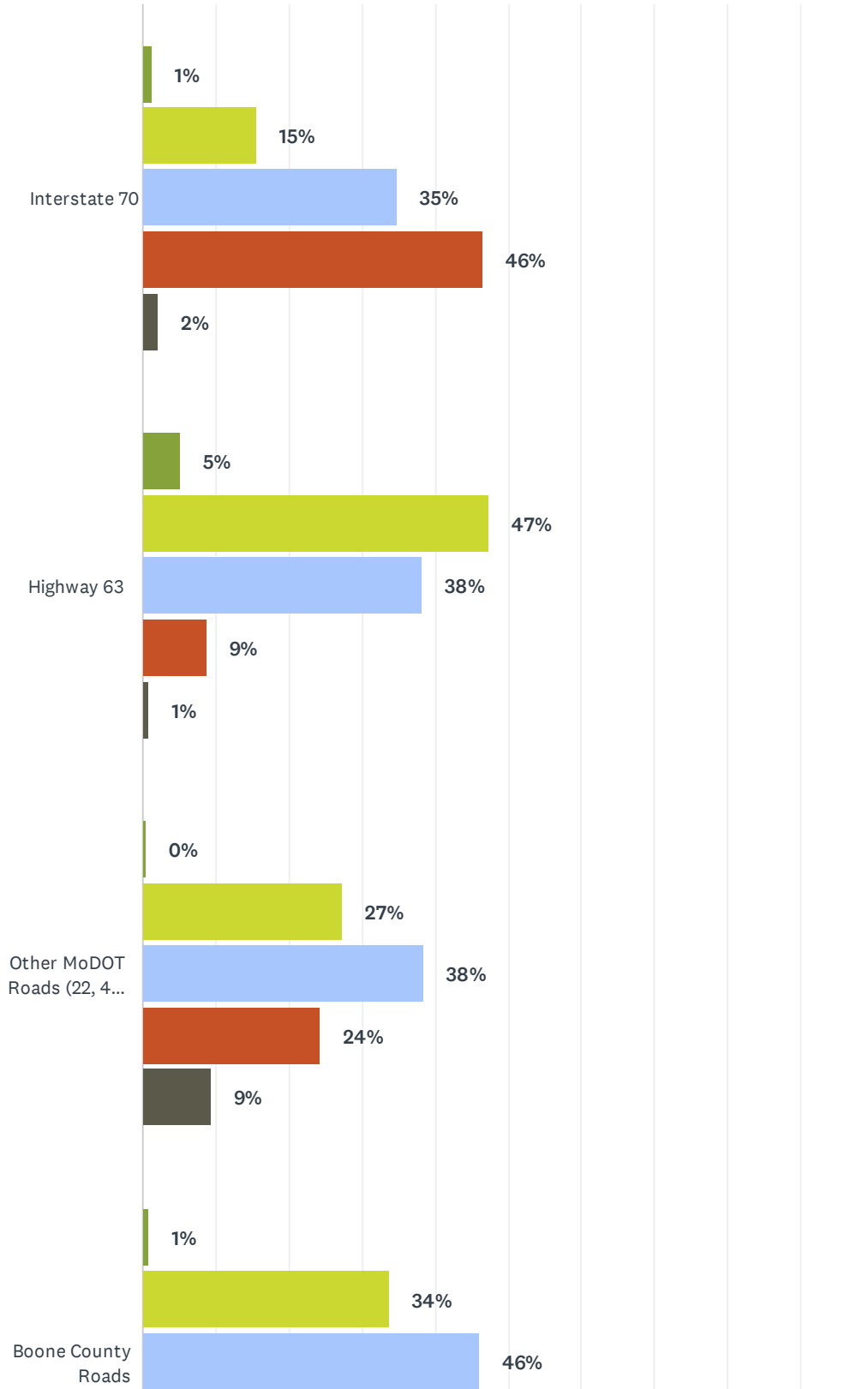
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1	Need more small areas nearby so it is easier to experience a small woodland or prairie area. 2-5 acres if managed well would give folks an idea of what to expect and inspire them to visit a native area that is larger. I enjoy going to the southern end of Three creeks which is only a 6 minute drive from my house.	9/29/2023 4:01 PM
2	Trapped in Liberty Landing subdivision - promised pedestrian sidewalks out of subdivision have not materialized and continue to be delayed.	9/29/2023 7:33 AM
3	There are too many parks in BoCoMo (and Columbia). Need better maintenance of fewer facilities (quality over quantity). All such facilities appear to have degraded in upkeep, safety, reliability, services, hours of operation, and with degradation of physical conditions have attracted more loitering, defacing & destruction of properties, crime, gangs, drugs, violence, etc.	9/28/2023 6:49 PM
4	Always room for improvement!	9/28/2023 1:59 PM
5	Plenty in central / southern Boone. Limited in northern Boone.	9/25/2023 10:37 AM
6	I believe there are too many parks and recreation in boone county.	9/22/2023 1:55 PM
7	Need more safe walking options / paved community park.	9/20/2023 11:52 AM
8	Haven't lived here very long - don't know the area.	9/19/2023 12:51 PM
9	I am not knowledgeable on this topic.	9/17/2023 11:41 PM
10	Amount of land for parks - way to much.	9/17/2023 8:43 AM
11	Centralia does not have safe biking options. Too many dogs and homeless people in Boone County to walk or bike gravel roads. Many roads still do not have bike lanes. I have to drive an hour to get to a relatively safe place to bike and walk.	9/10/2023 9:42 PM
12	More parks, trails and recreational areas are needed in our smaller cities around Columbia.	9/7/2023 7:07 AM
13	I would like to see the state start buying more public land for its residents to enjoy.	9/6/2023 4:45 PM
14	I saw only fair because it's the municipalities or state that provides those parks, Boone County should assist those municipalities to further the amenities at these locations	9/5/2023 1:43 PM

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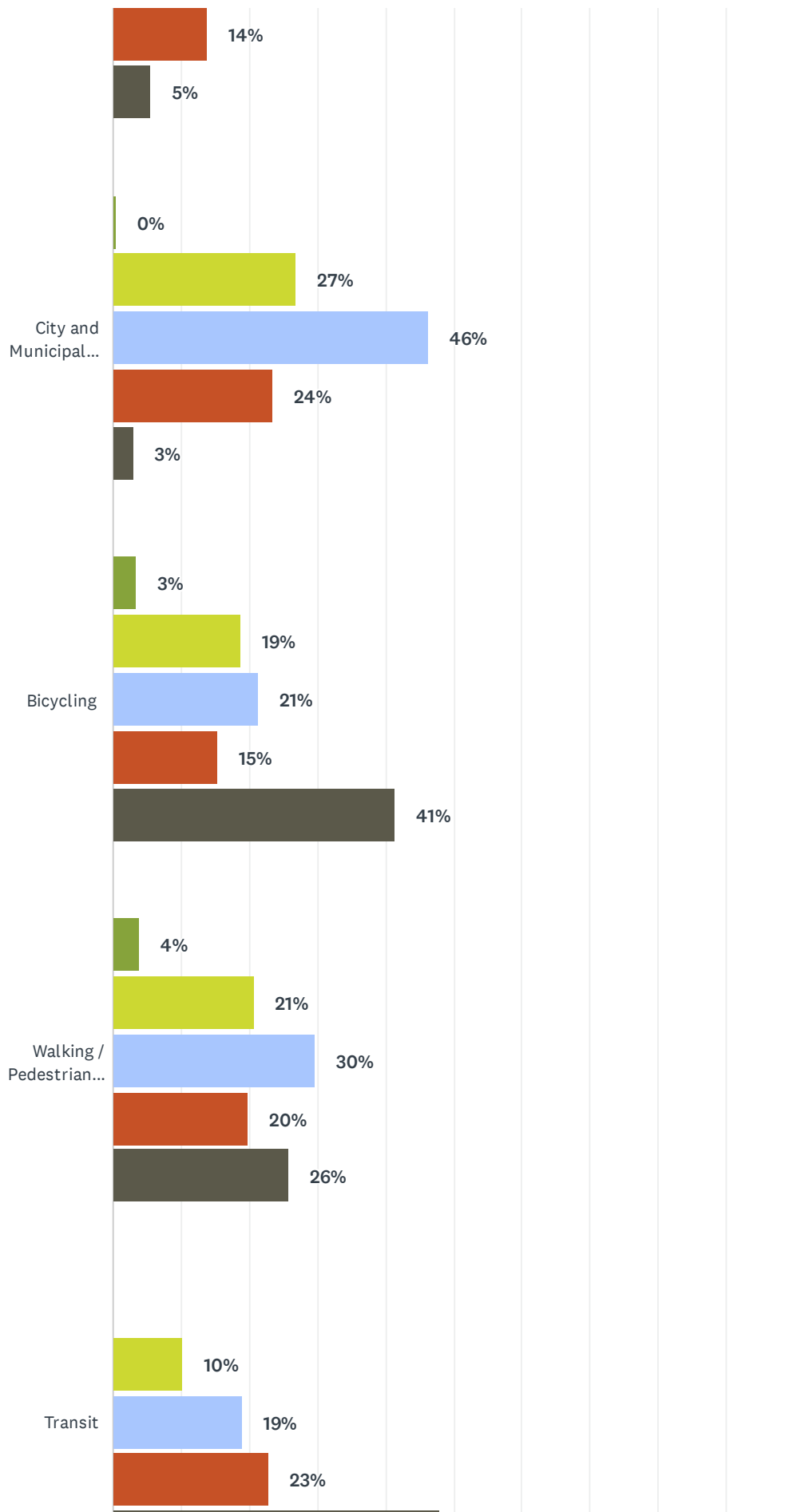
15	Please put your in bike trails and paths in Ashland	9/5/2023 8:23 AM
16	Honestly I'm tired of all the money spent on parks while our infrastructure suffers, our electric and water rates spike, and our roads are crap	8/24/2023 10:57 AM
17	We have to many parks and rec areas now to take care of.	8/22/2023 7:34 AM
18	Centralia Parks & Rec is top notch.	8/21/2023 8:23 PM
19	I appreciate Eagle Bluffs and 3M wetlands but EB is difficult to access. We could use some more intentional prairie & woodland areas. More places for birding!	8/14/2023 1:36 PM
20	A regional lake of 100+ acres, first proposed in a 1930's master plan, would be a great amenity for Boone County.	8/10/2023 12:57 PM
21	We are over parked. The cost seems dis portioned to public need	8/10/2023 9:04 AM
22	Unaware how Boone County provides parks and recreation. I'm under the impression incorporated areas provide those services.	8/8/2023 9:13 AM

Q22 How would you rate the following modes of transportation in Boone County (in terms of condition, safety, lack of congestion, access, etc.)?

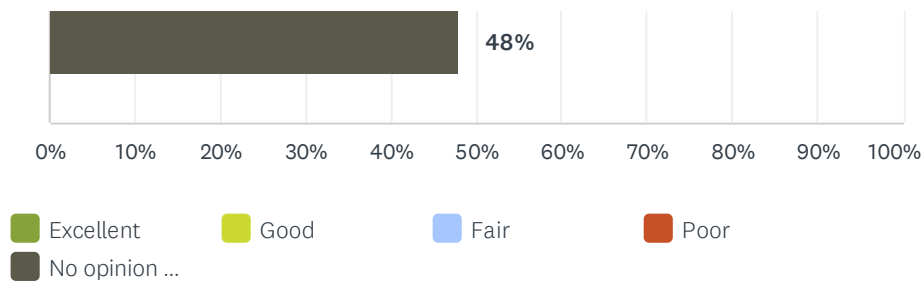
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■ Excellent
 ■ Good
 ■ Fair
 ■ Poor
■ No opinion ...

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	NO OPINION / NOT APPLICABLE	TOTAL
Interstate 70	1% 3	15% 37	35% 83	46% 111	2% 5	239
Highway 63	5% 12	47% 113	38% 91	9% 21	1% 2	239
Other MoDOT Roads (22, 40, 124, 163, E, J, Z, etc.)	0% 1	27% 64	38% 90	24% 57	9% 22	234
Boone County Roads	1% 2	34% 80	46% 109	14% 33	5% 13	237
City and Municipal streets	0% 1	27% 64	46% 110	24% 56	3% 7	238
Bicycling	3% 8	19% 44	21% 50	15% 36	41% 97	235
Walking / Pedestrian Facilities	4% 9	21% 49	30% 70	20% 47	26% 61	236
Transit	0% 0	10% 24	19% 45	23% 54	48% 113	236

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY:	DATE
1	In Columbia - good biking, walking, transit, but not so outside of Columbia	10/5/2023 1:52 PM
2	I70 is bumpy - many potholes everywhere!	10/5/2023 1:48 PM
3	Again - roads come after businesses or houses are built. Too many people create more congestion on ill planned roads.	9/30/2023 5:43 AM
4	I-70 too much traffic	9/29/2023 4:04 PM
5	Commuter parking lots are essential and have been removed with only one remaining and it has been poorly maintained. No mass transit - not even a regular bus route let alone light transit between Columbia and Jeff City corridor.	9/29/2023 7:35 AM
6	More bike lanes for safe cycling would be welcome--especially access that connects urban areas to amenities such as Rock Bridge State Park.	9/28/2023 2:00 PM
7	City sidewalks are atrocious in my city. They are not accessible/usable due to uneven/damaged concrete. And many areas that could benefit from a sidewalk doesn't have any. Roadways often get neglected with poor patching that doesn't last a week before it's back to being bad.	9/28/2023 9:47 AM
8	rt E is Horrible like a log wagon trail...	9/27/2023 8:40 PM
9	Highway 63 N is getting very congested and dangerous to drive. I-70 and Hwy 63 N get bottlenecked. Would help to have Ballenger Lane added on the east side and another on the west side.	9/26/2023 8:41 AM
10	lack of shoulders on most roads in NB. No biking in NB as its unsafe.	9/25/2023 10:38 AM

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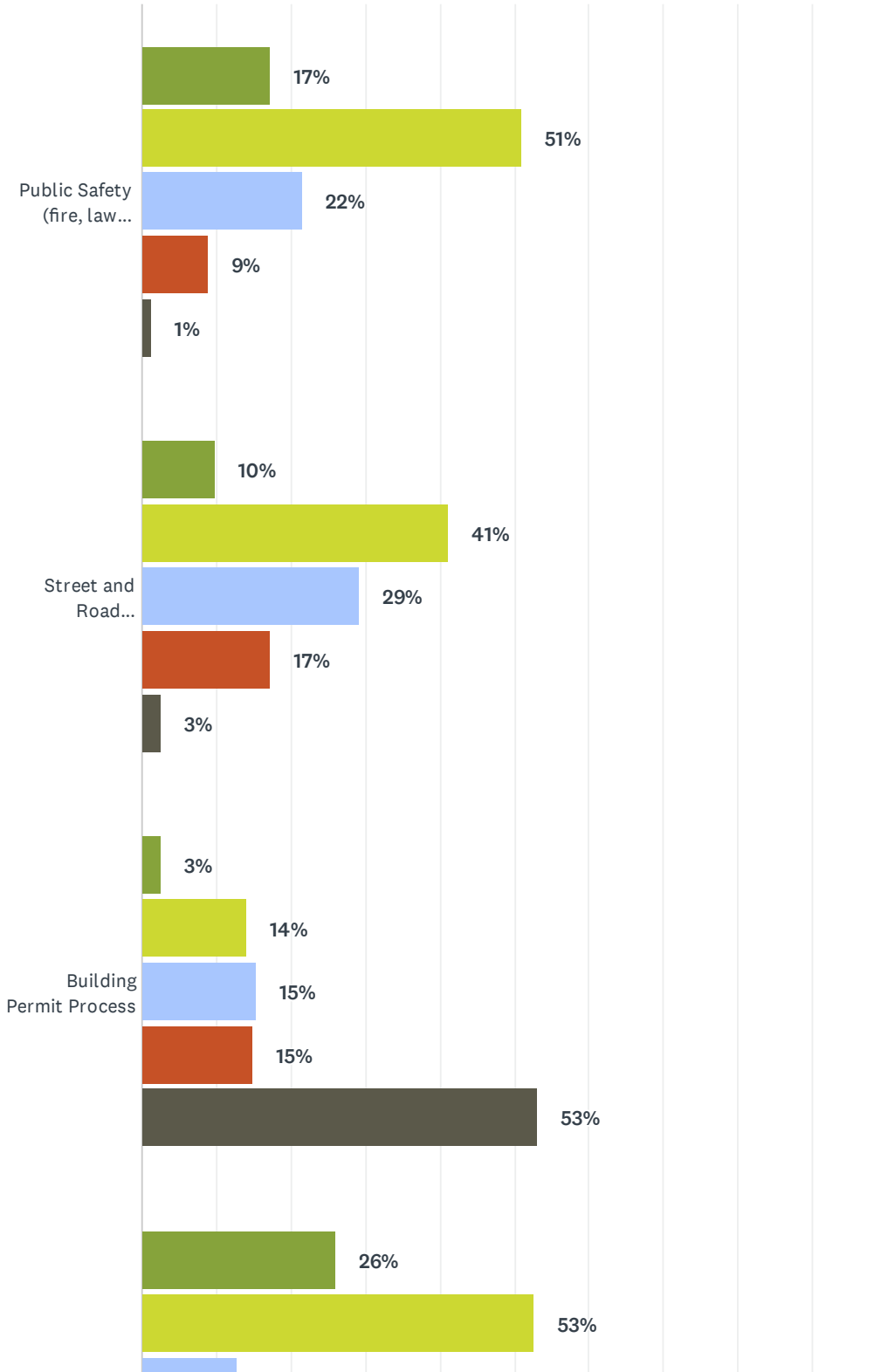
11	Have been hit by vehicle while riding bike - unable to receive emergency response within 30 minutes.	9/24/2023 5:51 PM
12	Roads are terrible!	9/22/2023 12:47 PM
13	Bridges need to be replace, overpasses too. Gravel on heavy traffic roads.	9/20/2023 12:51 PM
14	Most county roads are narrow and pot holes on the edge of roads dangerous.	9/20/2023 12:07 PM
15	Need shoulders on roads for biking and walking. Better gravel maintenance [for Boone County roads].	9/20/2023 11:53 AM
16	Haven't lived here very long - don't know the area.	9/19/2023 12:52 PM
17	congestion on 63, route B	9/19/2023 8:51 AM
18	The roads are always littered with potholes, poorly designed and maintained. Reducing speed on I-70 and HWY 63 was ridiculous when no one drives at those speeds. J-turns are pointless since 99% of people don't understand them, and roundabouts are in the same category	9/12/2023 11:34 AM
19	Congested at 63 and I-70. We need to extend Stadium to Lake of the woods and Ballenger Lane for an alternate route before work begins on 63 and I-70 interchange	9/12/2023 7:26 AM
20	Safe biking options are pretty limited to Columbia and only on certain roads. You can walk and bike certain trails bit don't get too far away from trail head due to lack of security. Boone County, outside of Columbia, does not have safe options s for walking and biking. Kudos to Hallsville for their new walking path!	9/10/2023 9:45 PM
21	Rural roads are horrible chunks of concrete and pot holes for days.	9/9/2023 6:52 PM
22	Route B needs repairs and should be widened	9/7/2023 7:17 AM
23	In country no access to public transportation	9/6/2023 8:10 PM
24	Route B from Dollar General to Hallsville is super congested and busy all the time. It is difficult to pull onto Route B. Needs to be larger than 2 lanes	9/5/2023 10:03 PM
25	More lanes are needed from Columbia (Route B/ hwy. 124) to Centralia, as traffic has exponentially increased through the years and traffic is dangerous/hazardous because of so many starts and stops along the highway due to drivers needing to turn left along the way. Many of our county roads have little to no shoulder, which makes it dangerous for walkers and bicyclists to travel, not to mention drivers who have to stop on the highway for these people when encountering oncoming traffic. There is no bus (or transportation) service from Centralia to Columbia, except (perhaps?) for older adults. Interstate 70 is finally going to get another lane (or two?) added, as many days traffic (even in the middle of the day) is bumper to bumper.	9/1/2023 5:33 PM
26	More sidewalks would facilitate walking	8/29/2023 1:04 PM
27	I believe your rural towns need more sidewalks put in.	8/25/2023 2:48 PM
28	70 and 63 have high accidents and are not wide enough to handle the mass amount of cars during peak hours	8/24/2023 5:42 AM
29	New Airport is a great step	8/21/2023 5:27 AM
30	I-70 connector is an enormous mess. Some accesses to 63 need to be limited where accidents are many. Too many pot holes.	8/20/2023 10:11 PM
31	Few of us use mass transit...why should we pay?	8/20/2023 11:49 AM
32	Ashland infrastructure is very poor. Boone County needs long term plans for paving gravel roads.	8/18/2023 8:56 AM
33	Not enough sidewalks and bike lanes in Southern Boone.	8/16/2023 3:58 PM
34	Boone County suffers from similar issues to other counties and cities in Missouri due to too many critical local roads being owned and managed by MoDOT. This takes away local control and the ability to make decisions that should be made at the local level. Funding is the primary reason for local communities not taking over these roads which puts us at the mercy of MoDOT's funding priorities.	8/16/2023 10:09 AM
35	Some country roads are excellent like J, others need some work- like E.	8/15/2023 8:35 PM

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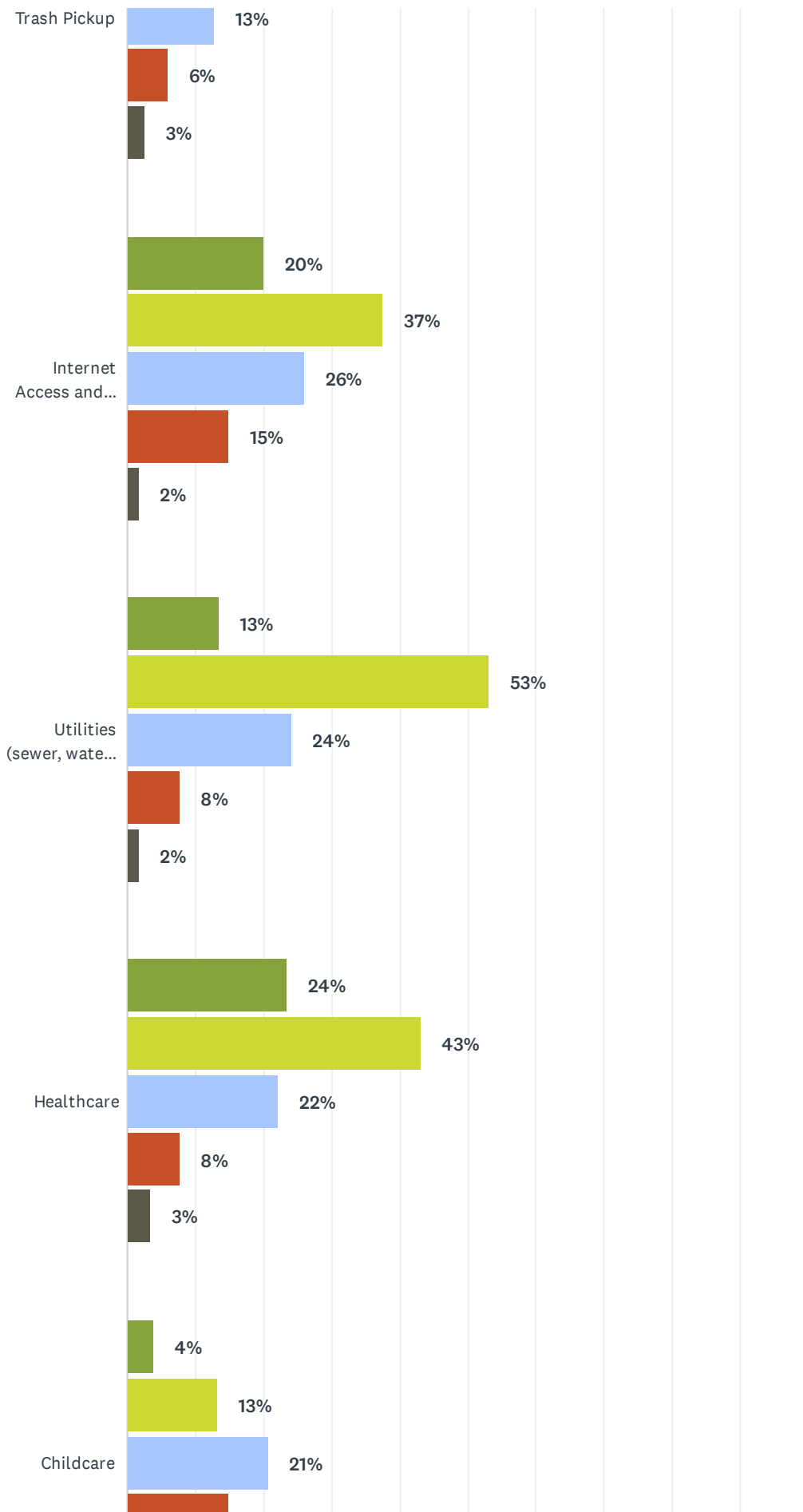
36	we desperately need an I-70 loop to better connect the county around Columbia. (this will ease traffic for rural and urban communities and quiet possibly make the county feel connected as a community)	8/15/2023 9:07 AM
37	Need to extended a trail along the colt rail line. Also more bike lane or trails across I 70 into N Columbia	8/14/2023 4:52 PM
38	Ashland could be made walkable as it grows but at this point it's not even drivable.	8/14/2023 1:39 PM
39	Hiway 22 has two bridges in dire need of replacement and needs intersection safety improvements. Route B needs major intersection and safety improvements at more than a half-dozen locations. Road maintenance overall is underfunded.	8/10/2023 12:59 PM
40	not every biker should be on every road . it is not an equal opportunity system and is a hazard to motorist on rural roads	8/10/2023 9:07 AM
41	Is there public transit outside of Columbia??	8/10/2023 8:16 AM
42	Needs to be a way to get to 63 to I70 with out having to get off 63. Also, the other way around.	8/9/2023 9:46 AM

Q23 How would you rate the following community services and facilities for your home or immediate community (in terms of quality, proximity, availability, etc.)?

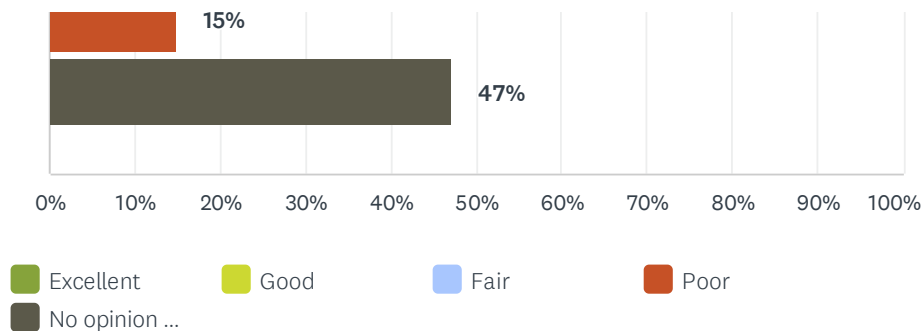
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	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	NO OPINION / NOT APPLICABLE	TOTAL
Public Safety (fire, law enforcement, ambulance, etc.)	17% 41	51% 121	22% 51	9% 21	1% 3	237
Street and Road Maintenance / Snow Removal	10% 23	41% 97	29% 69	17% 41	3% 6	236
Building Permit Process	3% 6	14% 33	15% 36	15% 35	53% 124	234
Trash Pickup	26% 61	53% 124	13% 30	6% 14	3% 6	235
Internet Access and Speed	20% 47	37% 88	26% 61	15% 35	2% 4	235
Utilities (sewer, water, electric, etc.)	13% 31	53% 123	24% 56	8% 18	2% 4	232
Healthcare	24% 55	43% 101	22% 52	8% 18	3% 8	234
Childcare	4% 9	13% 31	21% 48	15% 35	47% 110	233

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY:	DATE
1	Not enough childcare options	10/5/2023 2:39 PM
2	Until the "fiber" internet option became available the internet options were awful! CenturyTel/Brightspeed is trash. However Socket has been GREAT	10/5/2023 2:22 PM
3	Water, elec excellent. Route E/Dripping Springs narrow/dangerous especially poor notice when bridges out from flooding - have to drive to end road to know bridges out.	10/3/2023 3:53 PM
4	Health care: Used to be able to walk in to see your doctor, now it could be up to 3 months before you can get an appointment.	9/30/2023 9:13 AM
5	I have struggled to find summer care for elementary school children.	9/28/2023 1:19 PM
6	Regional hospitals in my area have been closing at alarming rates. You have to travel to Columbia for most all healthcare. That's a big problem for elderly, people with small children, people who work outside of Columbia.	9/28/2023 10:10 AM
7	People are moving out of/not moving to Centralia because there is no daycare availability.	9/27/2023 8:25 AM
8	Internet through CenturyLink (only provider here) is trash and overpriced. Emergency services are poorly managed.	9/24/2023 5:53 PM
9	There is no childcare, maintenance of the road are the worst. Ashland has no police at night and being a business owner and resident of Ashland it scares me to think no one is out watching the street of Ashland.	9/22/2023 4:32 PM
10	This town is a "dead zone". Our town is not real sure what the building codes are, no clinic for	9/20/2023 12:52 PM

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	10 miles, no hospital for 15 miles.	
11	Lack of childcare options in rural areas. [Internet] Brightspeed horrible.	9/20/2023 11:54 AM
12	Trash pickup: Curbside recycling would be better. The Ashland community containers are always overflowing. Healthcare: having a close, integrated health system (MU Health) is good, but it is very difficult to get timely appts (especially with non-emergency acute care). A sprained ankle (that turned out to have bone chips) should not take 2 weeks to be seen.	9/19/2023 12:54 PM
13	Strong lack of childcare in Ashland considering recent population increase. Large need for after-school care for school aged kids.	9/19/2023 12:47 PM
14	snow removal rural areas is lousy.	9/19/2023 8:52 AM
15	Our internet is terrible.	9/18/2023 9:31 AM
16	Few and expensive choices for utilities and garbage pickup. How come firefighters have to be paramedics but can only offer BLS treatment for patients until a hospital ambulance arrives at the scene? That is absurd. Trash pickup sometimes occurs, but many times does not. And snow removal is really bad during the winter. Many rural roads do not get plowed for days. Internet access? The worst and I use it for my job every day.	9/12/2023 11:11 AM
17	Water in Centralia is currently horrible. The electricity is always going out. Domestic violence is not taken seriously by the police or courts. The roads have serious potholes. Highway Z has chunks missing from side of road in several places.	9/10/2023 9:49 PM
18	Please address the high traffic on Route B and repair the road. In addition, please look at repairing other secondary roads - and better snow removal on secondary roads. It's frustrating for people to not be able to get out of their homes but main roads are repeatedly gone over and over and over...	9/7/2023 7:41 AM
19	MU healthcare is taking advantage of citizens and charging them for level 5 visits when they only had a level 2. Crooked system.	9/6/2023 4:46 PM
20	Available childcare is a premium in our area and generally include a 2 year waitlist for infants	9/5/2023 1:45 PM
21	The streets in Sturgeon are in horrific shape, and the BCFPD has little concern with protecting Sturgeon	9/3/2023 2:09 PM
22	Electric is insanely expensive. Roads are poor despite me paying taxes on everything	8/24/2023 5:43 AM
23	Childcare is painfully hard to find in Centralia. It is a major concern.	8/21/2023 8:24 PM
24	Need more police and faster emt response time	8/21/2023 3:17 PM
25	Sheriffs office needs more officers. Stretched too thin to adequately cover outlying rural communities that need their support. They do their best however in spite of limited resources	8/21/2023 1:13 PM
26	Need more	8/21/2023 5:28 AM
27	Apply to Centralia area.	8/20/2023 10:13 PM
28	We have good people that provide it, but we need more providers.	8/20/2023 7:04 PM
29	Poor response times for police. Poor enforcement of laws. More of us are purchasing weapons.	8/20/2023 11:51 AM
30	Centralia losing its water treatment system for years has been a challenge	8/18/2023 3:33 PM
31	We lack curbside recycling services in Southern Boone. When I was active duty army, I was stationed all over the US and almost every other state I've lived in provides curbside recycling.	8/16/2023 4:01 PM
32	Lack of daycare and pre-school on Centralia	8/15/2023 9:08 PM
33	I feel like building permits need to be looked at as far as stopping the disparity of growth within the whole county.. maybe provide incentives to lower income areas for building by waiving fees. Need more options for Utilities if our current providers are not going to have adequate resources for communities. The overpopulated SW Columbia needs major attention in its infrastructure.	8/15/2023 9:10 AM
34	Not a lot of quality childcare options that are affordable for average income people.	8/14/2023 1:40 PM

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35	health care is close by traveling to Columbia	8/10/2023 9:08 AM
36	Snow removal takes forever, neighborhood streets are a mess and flooding is a real issue. Boone county really needs to step up the water mitigation issues and enforce regulations.	8/10/2023 8:18 AM
37	Not enough of it. What childcare exists is not the quality that I would want for my kids	8/9/2023 8:33 PM
38	Not a lot of child care providers.	8/9/2023 9:48 AM
39	City of Ashland isn't providing what we pay for. Need to audit our finances	8/8/2023 4:18 PM

Q24 Are there any other comments you would like to share with the planning team about the Boone County Master Plan?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I feel the homeless population is a horrible problem and I don't think its the city/counties responsibility to provide them with anything - this is clearly a lifestyle choice for the majority of them. I see no harm in providing aid/shelter/care for vetrans or the elderly and a strong work history - But for those just choosing to destroy trash the creeks/parks or trespass on land that maybe owned by someone out of town. They should be punished. It's so unfair and maddening! We shouldn't have to teach human decency!	10/5/2023 2:25 PM
2	Water is of poor quality. Utilities are way too costly for senior citizens on low fixed incomes.	10/5/2023 2:12 PM
3	Really consider outlying cities from Columbia	10/5/2023 1:52 PM
4	Boone County taxes are VERY expensive. Late charges on taxes are a bit extreme.	10/3/2023 4:19 PM
5	Stop building more homes and work on the infrastructure. Highways, roads, schools, etc and more financial support for your law enforcement and fire protection.	9/30/2023 9:17 AM
6	Boone County must do its part to completely eliminate greenhouse gas emissions.	9/29/2023 7:40 AM
7	We need more effective crime prevention, reporting (community cooperation), higher penalties for serious and violent felonies, and felons serving 100% of their sentencing and imprisonment with no parole, will decrease recidivism (repeat offenses).	9/28/2023 7:18 PM
8	Please support thoughtful renewable energy development efforts within the county that maintain ecosystem services, provide jobs, and offer community benefits agreements. Please also take action to reduce light pollution, which is a growing issue for the county and research demonstrates harms human wellbeing and natural systems. Check out this recent special issue in Science for cutting-edge insights into this issue: https://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/science.adg5277	9/28/2023 2:17 PM
9	I think our focus should be on public schools and public spaces to improve the quality of life for the people of our community and to draw in people from other areas. With the increase of severe weather, we also need to focus on securing utilities (like getting lines buried in older parts of the county). We may also need to stop relying so much on farming only. With changes in weather we need to either adapt what crops we grow or focus on how else we can use our farmland in a economical and beneficial way. Even if it means going a new direction in agriculture-our farmers can handle the shift, we do not need to outsource our land to other states or countries.	9/28/2023 10:28 AM
10	Columbia is expanding too fast and with no oversight. Soon all the smaller towns will be nothing but suburbs of Columbia much like St Louis and KC. Needs to be curtailed or at the least watched over.	9/27/2023 3:42 PM
11	Need to take better care of the retired and elderly	9/27/2023 8:35 AM
12	A need to survey for archeological sites prior to new development and construction. Especially near and along streams.	9/26/2023 10:21 AM
13	I'm happy to see the county doing this. These issues are big, complex, and often divisive. I hope this doesn't become dusty on a shelf. I hope a sense of unity and pride result from this to find creative solutions. "When we all do well, we all do well," Eleanor Roosevelt.	9/25/2023 10:41 AM
14	Will there be affordable housing?	9/25/2023 10:19 AM
15	Need more resource of taken care of boone people. More recycle spots. More police and a better way of maintaining road and highways.	9/22/2023 4:33 PM
16	County wide building and permit process. No reason Hallsville is not up with the rest of the	9/22/2023 12:48 PM

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	world.	
17	I would like to see more involvement by government in the rural areas. Decisions are made without one input.	9/20/2023 12:53 PM
18	Boone County needs to bring variety in retailers to Columbia (ie Trader Joes, restaurants Cheesecake Factory, Homegoods, etc) boost economic growth and jobs. Currently shopping is done in Jeff City. Expand park options in upper Boone County - community walking parks, splash pads, etc.	9/20/2023 11:55 AM
19	Roadway issues must be addressed especially on the south and SW side of Columbia. 70-63 connector is another large issue.	9/19/2023 12:48 PM
20	Look at help plans for disable, elderly, low income - balance the scale. Learn and fix the problem: when we get a raise EBT is lowered, rent increases so much we are worse off than w/o the raise, unfortunately.	9/19/2023 8:53 AM
21	Our community could use an upgrade to fiber - optic cable for internet and communication.	9/18/2023 9:32 AM
22	As a Centralia resident, many times I have expressed to Columbia friends or co-workers that there is life north of I-70. Recognize that the educational ratings are much higher in Centralia than in Columbia. Look to communities that are doing well and replicate, appreciate or reward what they are doing well. There are good reasons why hometown residents stay in Centralia or return to raise their families in this community. It is a choice to do so. Thank you for this truly amazing opportunity to raise awareness about so many aspects of Boone County.	9/17/2023 11:58 PM
23	Intersections are terrible. Traffic congestion is terrible.	9/17/2023 2:45 PM
24	Clean up Rice Road, Boyd, McKee st. Support police / sheriffs. Put same stuff north Walmart / Target / etc. Everything on south side of town or make easier access of 63 to mall, town, etc.	9/17/2023 8:45 AM
25	Limited access to Hwy 63 around school zones, building houses with no regard to flooding, water treatment needed - too hard.	9/15/2023 9:18 AM
26	Needs to have a plan about homeless community.	9/15/2023 8:54 AM
27	Columbia city limits cannot expand without budgeting for more emergency services and retaining that personnel.	9/14/2023 11:20 PM
28	Centralia is in Boone County we pay taxes we need support.	9/13/2023 7:51 AM
29	No	9/9/2023 6:53 PM
30	Could a diverging diamond be added at I70-63 interchange? Add more round-abouts to difficult intersections.	9/7/2023 7:45 AM
31	I would like to see more areas north of Hallsville be opened up for public recreation.	9/6/2023 4:48 PM
32	More development; mainstream businesses and stores in Ashland, MO.	9/4/2023 10:20 AM
33	Route B from Columbia to Centralia needs to be 2 lanes each way or at least a center turn lane.	9/4/2023 12:59 AM
34	The Paris Road, Route B, Highway 142 corridor from Centralia to Columbia is very unsafe, and has not been expanded in 20 years. It is bumper to bumper during morning and evening rush hours, and there are so many side roads that traffic often comes to sudden halts and people pull out suddenly. Please upgrade the road to 4 lanes and put in safety features.	9/3/2023 6:51 PM
35	I have a feeling that all this concern is strictly relational to Columbia. Centralia, Hallsville, Ashland & Sturgeon will most likely see nothing positive from this.	8/27/2023 9:54 PM
36	- childcare in rural area -more housing for centralia - growth for small businesses to survive post Covid -restoring downtown buildings - job opportunities - school consolidation - focus on other areas besides COLUMBIA for Boone county	8/27/2023 5:38 AM
37	None	8/22/2023 8:19 AM
38	Promote affordable housing, increase broadband access	8/22/2023 7:42 AM
39	Centralia and our residents very much feel like an afterthought.	8/21/2023 8:25 PM
40	Plans for youth need to be factored in. More collaboration between University Extension. More	8/21/2023 1:18 PM

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help promoting, supporting and providing access to 4-H programs etc. kids who don't have parents involved or advocating for them won't be involved . Often unaddressed mental health issues of parents eventually carry over to kids who feel stuck in that life.

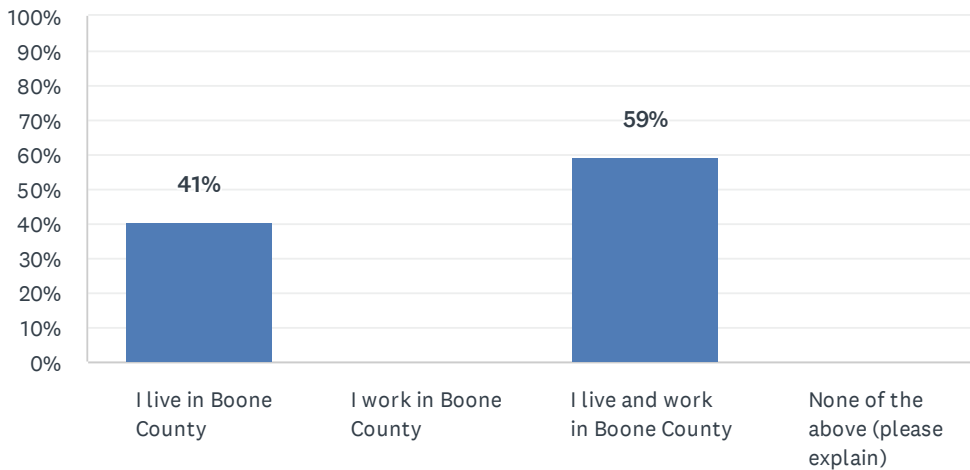
41	The need to address crime and the availability for criminals to be housed in jail. Additional police/deputies need hired then focus of keeping those hired. The jail needs expanded and properly staffed to accommodate the growing population. I hear they are housing inmates out of county everyday.	8/21/2023 7:24 AM
42	No	8/20/2023 10:16 PM
43	Please don't forget about the small towns in the county. I think a majority of the county focus is Columbia. This is county government, not city government.	8/20/2023 7:05 PM
44	1) Keep the government out of parental rights in schools. 2) Covid restrictions by Columbia and Boone county were excessive especially since none of the "experts" had medical or physiological degrees. The experts were only "educators" with the wrong ideas and political slant.	8/20/2023 11:56 AM
45	Road maintenance needs to be addressed. Too many homes being patched that don't help.	8/20/2023 8:00 AM
46	they need to make some good changes to the P&Z rules. Planning dept has way to much control over what happens some of which they don't need	8/18/2023 9:55 PM
47	You need to communicate with the planning the development department that they are there to serve, educated, and help citizens that are trying to improve their properties instead of just enforcing zoning, codes, and regulations at their leisure.	8/18/2023 9:37 PM
48	I'd love to see closer down businesses turned into something instead of clearing out more trees and natural habitat.	8/18/2023 6:24 PM
49	New developments occur where land is available. You can somewhat plan for parks and open space, but their development is also contingent upon the availability of a particular tract of land. New roads and bike paths can be planned but are contingent upon the available funds to buy the land and put in the roads or paths. A lot of drainage problems can be fixed, but we need wetlands and other areas where water can be stored when it comes in large amounts.	8/17/2023 4:24 PM
50	More is not always better. Quality should be placed at higher value than quantity sometimes.	8/16/2023 4:02 PM
51	No	8/16/2023 2:45 PM
52	New Development in the Centralia Mo area with looking at expansion of better road ways from Columbia to Centralia -	8/16/2023 10:21 AM
53	Thanks for your willingness to help with this.	8/16/2023 9:52 AM
54	My road - Wilhite, needs to be paved. The gravel is always a mess... it's so dusty. It connects two major country roads- E and J and there is too much traffic to remain a gravel road in my opinion.	8/15/2023 8:38 PM
55	Is it possible to connect the county thru education... Instead of CPS maybe BCPS. Allowing shared resources and options for families.	8/15/2023 9:15 AM
56	Be open and honest with everyone. Somethings are within your control, some things are not.	8/10/2023 1:01 PM
57	Traffic between Northern Boone Co and Columbia is increasing. Needs to be 4 lanes of traffic both ways along Route B. Also, a trail should be between Centralia and Columbia along the Colt Road way. Many people would travel between the two places.	8/9/2023 9:52 AM
58	I-70 needs to be expanded. There needs to be continuous outer road along I-70 on both side os Hwy 70 to ensure travel routes thru City of Columbia Midway to Rt Z	8/5/2023 9:20 AM

Section

Columbia Residents

Q2 What best describes you? [choose one]

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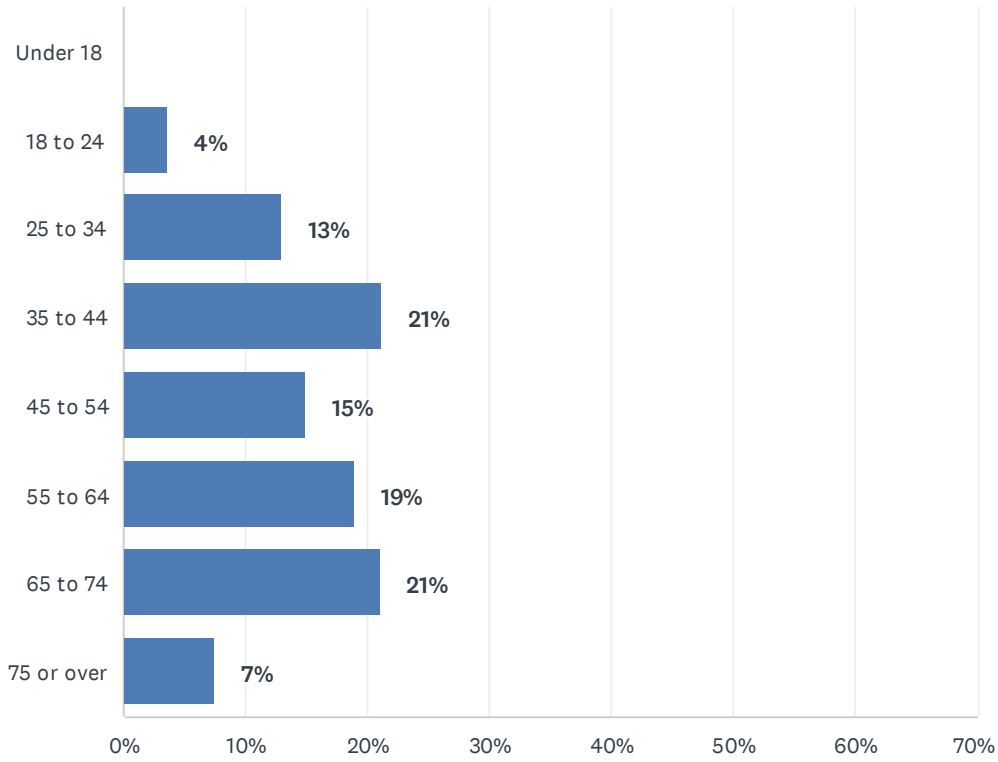


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I live in Boone County	41%	345
I work in Boone County	0%	0
I live and work in Boone County	59%	501
None of the above (please explain)	0%	0
TOTAL		846

#	NONE OF THE ABOVE (PLEASE EXPLAIN)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q3 What is your age?

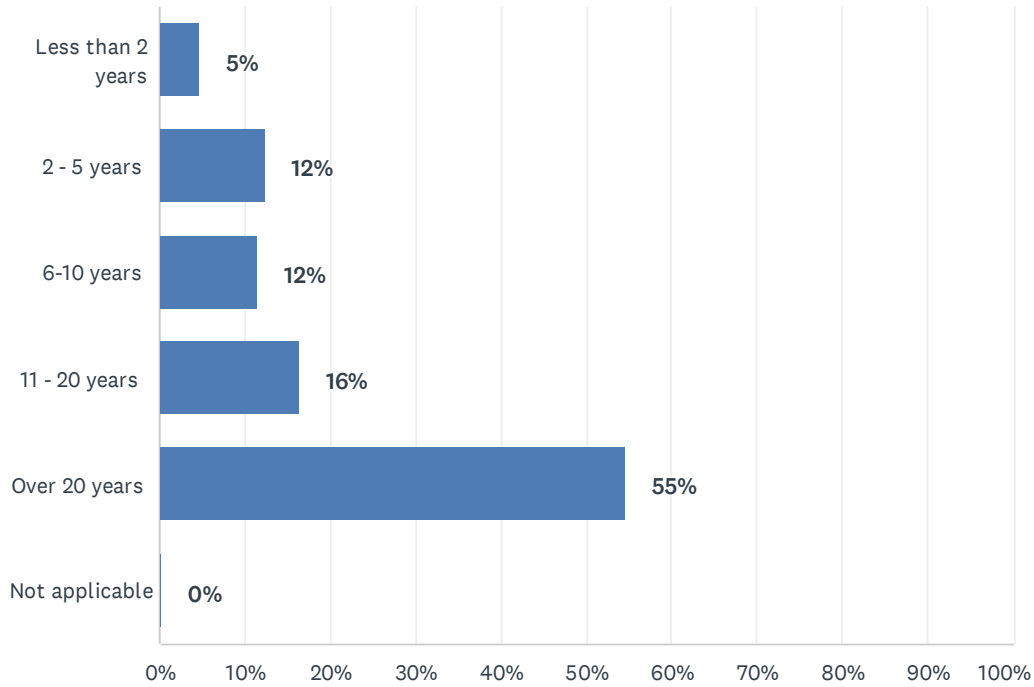
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0%	0
18 to 24	4%	30
25 to 34	13%	109
35 to 44	21%	179
45 to 54	15%	126
55 to 64	19%	160
65 to 74	21%	177
75 or over	7%	63
TOTAL		844

Q4 How long have you lived in Boone County?

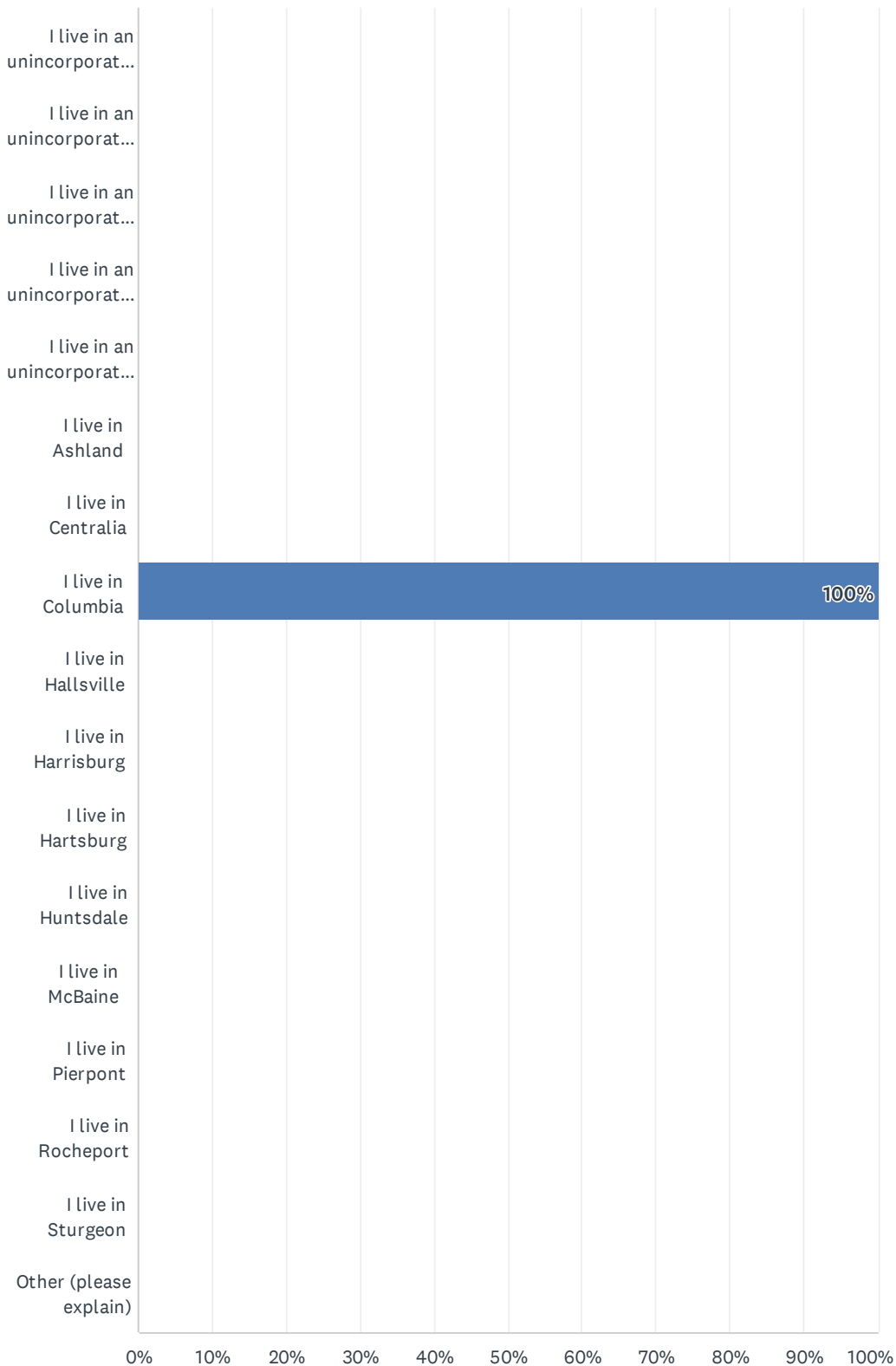
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 2 years	5%	40
2 - 5 years	12%	105
6-10 years	12%	98
11 - 20 years	16%	139
Over 20 years	55%	460
Not applicable	0%	2
TOTAL		844

Q5 If you live in Boone County, what best describes you? [choose one]

Answered: 846 Skipped: 0



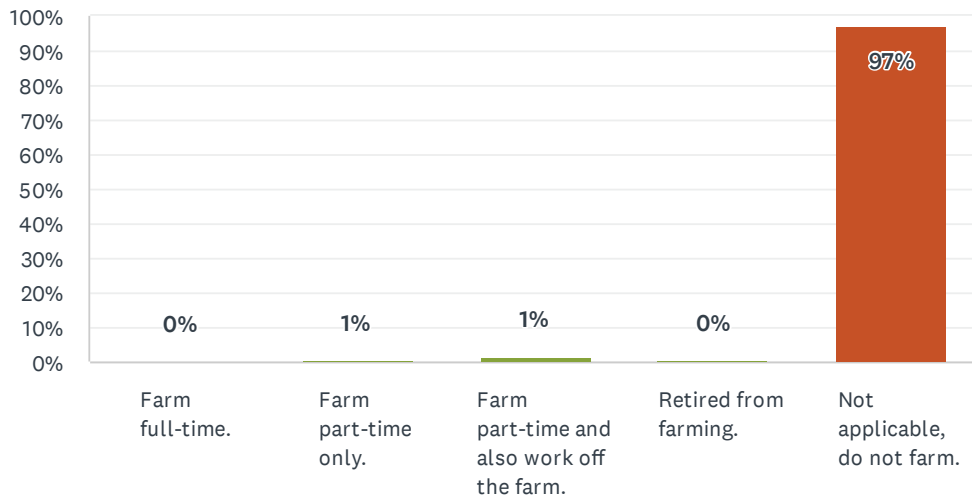
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I live in an unincorporated area of the County on a parcel greater than 20 acres.	0%	0
I live in an unincorporated area of the County on a parcel 11 - 20 acres.	0%	0
I live in an unincorporated area of the County on a parcel of 6 - 10 acres.	0%	0
I live in an unincorporated area of the County on a parcel of 1 - 5 acres.	0%	0
I live in an unincorporated area of the County on a parcel of less than one acre.	0%	0
I live in Ashland	0%	0
I live in Centralia	0%	0
I live in Columbia	100%	846
I live in Hallsville	0%	0
I live in Harrisburg	0%	0
I live in Hartsburg	0%	0
I live in Huntsdale	0%	0
I live in McBaine	0%	0
I live in Pierpont	0%	0
I live in Rocheport	0%	0
I live in Sturgeon	0%	0
Other (please explain)	0%	0
TOTAL		846

#	OTHER (PLEASE EXPLAIN)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q6 If you farm, what best describes you? [choose one]

Answered: 814 Skipped: 32



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Farm full-time.	0%	1
Farm part-time only.	1%	6
Farm part-time and also work off the farm.	1%	11
Retired from farming.	0%	3
Not applicable, do not farm.	97%	793
TOTAL		814

Q7 In five words or less, explain why you love living in Boone County.

Answered: 637 Skipped: 209

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Scenery, green space, trails, culture	10/4/2023 8:48 AM
2	Great people!	10/3/2023 11:43 AM
3	My job is here	10/3/2023 11:41 AM
4	The people.	10/3/2023 10:16 AM
5	The natural beauty.	10/2/2023 7:08 AM
6	family.friends.music dance community	10/1/2023 1:17 PM
7	Natural areas, hiking, discovering, protecting.	9/30/2023 11:31 PM
8	My hometown	9/30/2023 9:24 PM
9	Liberal community	9/30/2023 5:04 PM
10	Columbia is the best	9/30/2023 12:24 PM
11	The food. Also the roundabouts	9/30/2023 10:43 AM
12	Affordable, vibrant community with significant education and healthcare assets in rural Missouri. Many of the citizens are well educated and engaged in improving their communities. We have relative clean air and water right now, but we need to improve it by transitioning to renewable energy and adopting regenerative agriculture practices. No CAFOS!!!	9/30/2023 9:42 AM
13	Medical facilities	9/30/2023 8:17 AM
14	The maintained natural areas	9/30/2023 8:04 AM
15	Diverse activities and people in Columbia	9/30/2023 8:00 AM
16	I used to love it because it combines rural and urban. Now it's changing. Turning into a Saint Charles Missouri.	9/30/2023 7:46 AM
17	It has little bit of everything.	9/30/2023 5:57 AM
18	Strong Land Use Regulations	9/30/2023 12:12 AM
19	land, people, air, water, goodness	9/29/2023 9:58 PM
20	Quakers, helping my clients, KOPN	9/29/2023 9:18 PM
21	Scenery, Services, Parks	9/29/2023 1:12 PM
22	City amenities with country appreciation	9/29/2023 11:51 AM
23	Portrait worthy scenery	9/29/2023 9:57 AM
24	Diversity, cultural exchange, movies, Universities, sports, dining, green areas.	9/29/2023 9:55 AM
25	People, cost of living	9/29/2023 9:39 AM
26	convenience, events, size, opportunities	9/29/2023 8:29 AM
27	Community, nature, trails, markets, Mizzou	9/29/2023 7:57 AM
28	Vibrant, forward thinking, progressive	9/28/2023 10:43 PM
29	Family nearby	9/28/2023 9:13 PM
30	Large sense of community	9/28/2023 9:09 PM

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31	Urban conveniences with natural spaces.	9/28/2023 9:06 PM
32	Where I was born.	9/28/2023 9:03 PM
33	Friendly, open-minded, home "town" feeling	9/28/2023 7:24 PM
34	Access to lots of activities for my children	9/28/2023 6:40 PM
35	Numerous parks and green belts	9/28/2023 6:31 PM
36	Peace and quiet, no traffic	9/28/2023 6:27 PM
37	Medical service	9/28/2023 6:09 PM
38	Generally a very open and welcoming community.	9/28/2023 6:08 PM
39	Open spaces	9/28/2023 6:07 PM
40	I actually don't love Boone Co	9/28/2023 5:11 PM
41	I'm not sure I do anymore	9/28/2023 4:26 PM
42	Gorgeous landscape (mostly)	9/28/2023 3:51 PM
43	Live music, festivities, major stores, hwy	9/28/2023 2:51 PM
44	There are lots of activities and things to do relatively close by. Get the advantages of KC and StL without having to live in either city.	9/28/2023 2:22 PM
45	Trail system, climate, natural beauty	9/28/2023 1:33 PM
46	Nature but lots to do!	9/28/2023 12:25 PM
47	All the running trails	9/28/2023 12:01 PM
48	Born at Noyes in 1946	9/28/2023 11:40 AM
49	Wonderful running trail network	9/28/2023 11:12 AM
50	Columbia has a lot of art and music	9/28/2023 8:21 AM
51	My childrens grandparent live here	9/28/2023 7:49 AM
52	Location, colleges, businesses, hospitals, transportation	9/28/2023 7:29 AM
53	Diversity, progressive, community-focused, culture, nature-focused	9/28/2023 7:26 AM
54	Met my wife here	9/28/2023 7:20 AM
55	Great medical facilities.	9/28/2023 6:34 AM
56	Low cost of living. Small government. Ample opportunity	9/28/2023 5:15 AM
57	Love Columbia.	9/28/2023 4:03 AM
58	Education. Healthcare. Diversity. History. Nature.	9/28/2023 12:16 AM
59	I love the community and progressive culture	9/27/2023 11:32 PM
60	Vibrant college town, parks, trails.	9/27/2023 11:24 PM
61	Variety of scenery	9/27/2023 10:33 PM
62	Safe affordable quality of life	9/27/2023 9:52 PM
63	Great place to raise kids.	9/27/2023 9:52 PM
64	Downtown. Trail. Bikeability. Jobs. Lively.	9/27/2023 9:21 PM
65	So many options	9/27/2023 8:21 PM
66	Brick and mortar stores	9/27/2023 7:49 PM
67	Great community.	9/27/2023 5:57 PM
68	Simple lifestyle, family oriented	9/27/2023 5:04 PM

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69	Easy access to outdoor recreation	9/27/2023 4:48 PM
70	There are trees everywhere!	9/27/2023 4:34 PM
71	Trails, parks, and outdoor opportunities.	9/27/2023 1:10 PM
72	Health, wealth, education, and nature.	9/27/2023 12:47 PM
73	I love the people, the access to trails and our park system, our library system, the lack of traffic and the location between KC and St.L.	9/27/2023 11:56 AM
74	I love the open mind that the community has	9/27/2023 9:50 AM
75	Responsible sustainability and caring community	9/27/2023 9:15 AM
76	City amenities without big city.	9/27/2023 8:05 AM
77	community	9/27/2023 7:44 AM
78	Rural with corridors to cities	9/27/2023 3:20 AM
79	Good education/ schools	9/26/2023 9:40 PM
80	I love living in town with access to arts, culture, local businesses, university, and being so close to nature. Our biking and hiking trails are superb.	9/26/2023 9:00 PM
81	Great community health accessibility, community education opportunities	9/26/2023 7:35 PM
82	I love the scenery.	9/26/2023 5:25 PM
83	Being near family.	9/26/2023 5:13 PM
84	I don't.	9/26/2023 5:10 PM
85	Medical facilities are Excellent. People are friendly, except ones firing guns at others. 4 seasons	9/26/2023 4:01 PM
86	Our focus on all levels of education and the outdoor activities that have been created by and are supported by the public. Our access to the Missouri River, which should be on more people's minds.	9/26/2023 3:09 PM
87	i like the boone county sheriff's and the boone county sheriffs only	9/26/2023 12:48 PM
88	Unspoiled nature and the arts	9/26/2023 10:45 AM
89	Proximity to urban and rural areas.	9/26/2023 6:39 AM
90	Proximity to parks. Affordable.	9/25/2023 5:16 PM
91	Good urban/rural mix	9/25/2023 4:43 PM
92	We are a caring community.	9/25/2023 8:08 AM
93	Easy to access nature	9/24/2023 6:50 PM
94	Blue area in red state	9/24/2023 4:49 PM
95	Green, friendly, affordable, safe, healthy.	9/24/2023 9:09 AM
96	Blue oasis in red sea	9/24/2023 8:50 AM
97	Convenient living.	9/23/2023 7:51 AM
98	open Liberal progressive parks people (my 5 words)	9/22/2023 7:33 PM
99	I love living in Columbia, an island of blue in a red sea.	9/22/2023 4:46 PM
100	I don't know	9/22/2023 4:21 PM
101	Variety of educational, recreational, arts and entertainment opportunities	9/22/2023 3:41 PM
102	activities family grew up here	9/22/2023 3:04 PM
103	Access arts, nature, education friendly	9/22/2023 2:51 PM

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104	People. Wild areas. Culture galore	9/22/2023 2:26 PM
105	It is home	9/22/2023 2:16 PM
106	There's a good sized large town, then a large rural area with small communities. Nice blend of the good Midwest.	9/22/2023 1:37 PM
107	Progressive, Nature/Environment, Education, Culture	9/22/2023 1:24 PM
108	Not too urban or rural	9/22/2023 1:16 PM
109	Size of community, short drive times to destinations, Rockbridge State Park nearby and accessible, outdoor recreation opportunities.	9/22/2023 12:25 PM
110	Diversity, downtown Columbia, MKT Trail	9/21/2023 3:56 PM
111	Love the green spaces	9/20/2023 9:38 PM
112	.	9/20/2023 8:20 PM
113	diversity, respect, community involvement	9/19/2023 5:21 PM
114	The variety of different activities.	9/19/2023 3:45 PM
115	Everything is easily accessible.	9/19/2023 2:05 PM
116	Cost of living	9/19/2023 9:00 AM
117	The 4 seasons.	9/19/2023 12:12 AM
118	Lots of nature and money flow in this area.	9/18/2023 11:55 AM
119	My home town and proud of it	9/18/2023 11:32 AM
120	Big and small same time	9/17/2023 10:35 AM
121	Diverse, progressive, many activities	9/15/2023 8:52 PM
122	good education, environment and economy	9/15/2023 12:04 PM
123	vibrant community, access to countryside	9/15/2023 10:55 AM
124	University sports and labor market	9/14/2023 5:24 PM
125	Resources and diversity	9/14/2023 1:09 PM
126	My friends live here.	9/13/2023 9:30 PM
127	Not crowded	9/13/2023 8:14 PM
128	Woods, meadows, farms, Columbia	9/13/2023 7:40 PM
129	Rural, open space, outdoor recreation	9/13/2023 5:32 PM
130	It's trying to be progressive.	9/13/2023 2:17 PM
131	Rock Bridge State Park	9/13/2023 10:38 AM
132	Hospitals , work income	9/13/2023 9:58 AM
133	access to natural areas	9/13/2023 7:35 AM
134	Lots to do	9/13/2023 4:14 AM
135	City life plus country life	9/13/2023 3:11 AM
136	I don't love it	9/12/2023 5:58 PM
137	University, opportunity, diversity	9/12/2023 3:03 PM
138	Columbia is basically what Austin, TX was 75 years ago and you know what a great place Austin is....except it's too big now...and Columbia is still manageable.	9/12/2023 10:19 AM
139	I love the diversity, accessibility to wonderful restaurants and shops. And depending on what area you live in it can still feel like a small town ❤️	9/12/2023 8:06 AM

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140	Green affordableish, small but diverse	9/11/2023 10:25 PM
141	Arts; multicultural; universities; city size	9/11/2023 9:36 PM
142	City with country close by	9/11/2023 9:27 PM
143	The diversity	9/11/2023 8:29 PM
144	Convenient. Smaller town feel.	9/11/2023 8:15 PM
145	Family friendly place to live	9/11/2023 6:35 PM
146	Columbia, Mizzou	9/11/2023 5:10 PM
147	Quiet, diverse, large and small all at the same time.	9/11/2023 1:46 PM
148	Quality of life	9/11/2023 11:00 AM
149	Easy, some pretty areas, great people	9/11/2023 8:39 AM
150	The natural beauty.	9/11/2023 8:23 AM
151	Trails, farm fresh food, university.	9/11/2023 8:04 AM
152	woodlands, rivers, trails	9/11/2023 8:02 AM
153	Feels like a small town	9/11/2023 7:18 AM
154	Cost of living	9/10/2023 10:08 PM
155	Protected natural areas, community spirit	9/10/2023 10:05 PM
156	Green space, environmental awareness	9/10/2023 8:27 PM
157	Diversity and job opportunities	9/10/2023 7:51 PM
158	Landscape, infrastructure, small business, nature	9/10/2023 2:12 PM
159	Central U.S. location.	9/10/2023 1:14 PM
160	quiet central safe rural cities	9/10/2023 8:55 AM
161	Friends & Family.	9/10/2023 8:03 AM
162	So much to do and see. Great educational opportunities.	9/10/2023 12:14 AM
163	Less city, more rural	9/9/2023 11:03 PM
164	Culture, raising kids, diversity, family	9/9/2023 11:03 PM
165	Incredible state parks.	9/9/2023 10:00 PM
166	Topography Bikeability Trees	9/9/2023 5:21 PM
167	Liberal oasis in red state	9/9/2023 5:09 PM
168	I love living in a beautiful city that prides itself on being progressive, especially with regards to environmental issues. I love how walkable Columbia is, the gorgeous trail system, and the openness of its people.	9/9/2023 5:06 PM
169	There's a lot to do for a small town and the community supports and cares about all members deeply	9/9/2023 3:14 PM
170	Low cost of living	9/9/2023 6:15 AM
171	Lots to do	9/8/2023 10:54 PM
172	Cheap	9/8/2023 10:19 PM
173	My job	9/8/2023 9:26 PM
174	Diversity, trails, activities,	9/8/2023 7:42 PM
175	Sense of community, arts	9/8/2023 4:42 PM
176	Natural resources, proximity to stl & kc, big city small town feel	9/8/2023 4:24 PM

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177	Local community activities	9/8/2023 4:09 PM
178	Employment opportunities, parks, and accessibility	9/8/2023 3:59 PM
179	Populated but not overpopulated	9/8/2023 3:56 PM
180	Still adjusting.	9/8/2023 3:29 PM
181	More left leaning than STL	9/8/2023 1:11 PM
182	It's quiet	9/8/2023 12:13 PM
183	Downtown has good vibes.	9/8/2023 11:00 AM
184	Kind people, recreation, parks	9/8/2023 10:35 AM
185	festivals, diversity, university, clean, cost	9/8/2023 9:29 AM
186	the people	9/8/2023 9:00 AM
187	It's a beautiful area.	9/8/2023 8:29 AM
188	The community and focus on growth.	9/7/2023 8:59 PM
189	Quality of life.	9/7/2023 8:57 PM
190	Education and quality of life.	9/7/2023 7:10 PM
191	The weather is mild in summer and winter. Columbia is a well educated progressive city	9/7/2023 1:03 PM
192	culture, acceptance, entertainment	9/7/2023 11:59 AM
193	Vibrant downtown + arts scene	9/7/2023 10:40 AM
194	Various communities	9/7/2023 9:57 AM
195	Mizzou, community, Katy Trail,	9/7/2023 9:15 AM
196	culture, nature, politics, friends, opportunities	9/7/2023 7:57 AM
197	MU Sports	9/7/2023 5:01 AM
198	I really thrive here happy.	9/6/2023 9:14 PM
199	Proximity to job, amenities.	9/6/2023 7:20 PM
200	The people.	9/6/2023 5:25 PM
201	I really enjoy the access to nature throughout the county and the attractions in Columbia.	9/6/2023 2:59 PM
202	I don't love living here	9/6/2023 1:43 PM
203	university, parks, recreation, culture, diversity	9/6/2023 1:33 PM
204	Diversity, open minds, inclusion, kindness, culture	9/6/2023 1:12 PM
205	Quality of Life is Great	9/6/2023 1:08 PM
206	It's geographic location.	9/6/2023 6:04 AM
207	Progressive sustainable pollinator friendly	9/6/2023 2:11 AM
208	I like the trees	9/5/2023 10:05 PM
209	Forests, creeks, trails, education, opportunities	9/5/2023 8:34 PM
210	Schools, libraries, trails, parks	9/5/2023 6:21 PM
211	Many things to do	9/5/2023 5:45 PM
212	Nature. MU. DOWNTOWN. old SW. TRAILS	9/5/2023 4:51 PM
213	It's all I've really ever known.	9/5/2023 4:50 PM
214	Welcoming Community	9/5/2023 2:47 PM

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215	Rural, but Urban, Mizzou's home.	9/5/2023 1:46 PM
216	I love going to mizzou and enjoy the kind atmosphere	9/5/2023 1:14 PM
217	Pedestrian safety and transportation	9/5/2023 12:53 PM
218	It's a good size and there are some great communities here.	9/5/2023 12:40 PM
219	Availability of things to do	9/5/2023 11:17 AM
220	Experience urban & outdoor living	9/5/2023 10:00 AM
221	Family, Community, Recreation, Industry,	9/5/2023 9:12 AM
222	I'm close to everything.	9/4/2023 8:01 PM
223	I love the environment, and the sights.	9/4/2023 4:09 PM
224	Close to family and activities	9/4/2023 3:04 PM
225	Natural beauty, great people, affordable, fun	9/4/2023 2:01 PM
226	Greenspace nature, parks, and trails	9/4/2023 1:01 PM
227	Health care and small town feel.	9/4/2023 12:44 PM
228	size good roads good government I	9/4/2023 12:26 PM
229	Friendly people, vibrant arts, trees.	9/4/2023 10:39 AM
230	Diverse population; abundant resources	9/4/2023 9:28 AM
231	State parks and outdoor activities	9/4/2023 9:18 AM
232	lots of parks and green areas still here but need to be protected/managed	9/3/2023 8:13 PM
233	Diverse, culture, vibrant, home	9/3/2023 6:30 PM
234	Education, parks, social service, medical	9/3/2023 3:28 PM
235	Bluest part of the Midwest!	9/3/2023 10:12 AM
236	I don't! I think Columbia has many problems that the city is not addressing.	9/3/2023 8:27 AM
237	It's where I was raised.	9/3/2023 4:59 AM
238	Lots of culture, concerts, shopping, restaurants, lectures, neat people, good medical care, nice climate till 2023. Safe.	9/2/2023 8:37 PM
239	It's an educated, rural area.	9/2/2023 6:46 PM
240	Being close to nature! The trails, can drive five minutes and I am out in the country, cultural events. Easy to get to events in town. Love to bike.	9/2/2023 5:44 PM
241	It's a city but a small town too.	9/2/2023 5:06 PM
242	Grandkids, medical facilities, sports	9/2/2023 10:55 AM
243	Many activities, diverse area	9/1/2023 10:05 PM
244	Friendly people, small town feel	9/1/2023 9:36 PM
245	Mkt bike trails	9/1/2023 7:03 PM
246	Size and services available.	9/1/2023 5:03 PM
247	Parks, art, learning, community, liberalism	9/1/2023 2:52 PM
248	Great family friendly park system	9/1/2023 2:12 PM
249	I love the people, terrain, and the diversity of both.	9/1/2023 2:06 PM
250	Great people.	9/1/2023 1:13 PM
251	It has a variety of things to do outside. Amazing public land access and our Columbia Parks are some of the best. You don't have to go far to get away!	9/1/2023 11:52 AM

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252	Access to healthcare, education and recreational opportunities	9/1/2023 9:59 AM
253	Trails, culture, lower cost of living	9/1/2023 9:56 AM
254	I do not love it.	9/1/2023 9:49 AM
255	Trails, Parks, University, Healthcare, Democrats	9/1/2023 8:05 AM
256	I love the outdoor areas.	8/31/2023 5:00 PM
257	I was born in Columbia and my family lives here. I like the small city feel without being a big city. There are a lot of things to do and nice restaurants!	8/31/2023 1:01 PM
258	College town, culture, size, activities	8/31/2023 11:17 AM
259	Big city small town feel	8/31/2023 9:25 AM
260	It's a home	8/31/2023 8:23 AM
261	Bigger city mixed with small town vibes	8/31/2023 7:31 AM
262	I love the accessibility of having everything we need. I love that where I live there are a bunch of places that accommodate the things me and my family need without having to travel outside of Columbia or Boone County	8/31/2023 7:03 AM
263	nothing peculiar	8/30/2023 10:17 PM
264	People and land is nice.	8/30/2023 9:03 PM
265	Have lived here all my life	8/30/2023 8:42 PM
266	Entertainment. Services. University. Diversity. Inclusion.	8/30/2023 7:13 PM
267	Parks, dog friendly, and fun	8/30/2023 4:54 PM
268	variety of services and stores	8/30/2023 4:31 PM
269	My family lives here.	8/30/2023 4:11 PM
270	There is always something to do within the community or close by. Shopping, food, events, it's all right here. The diversity within our communities is vast.	8/30/2023 2:18 PM
271	family	8/30/2023 2:00 PM
272	Born and raised, family here.	8/30/2023 1:48 PM
273	n/a	8/30/2023 1:41 PM
274	education, medical facilities, parks, trails, resources	8/30/2023 12:39 PM
275	Not too big, not too small	8/30/2023 11:38 AM
276	The diversity	8/30/2023 10:23 AM
277	Variety of activities and parks	8/29/2023 8:10 PM
278	It is a lovely town.	8/29/2023 7:27 PM
279	Home - I was born here.	8/29/2023 5:01 PM
280	I don't really love it, I hate the crime and the violence	8/29/2023 4:43 PM
281	Landscape - green with rolling hills Diversity of Columbia Potential for various activities & interests	8/29/2023 1:04 PM
282	Outdoor recreation, people, community, affordable	8/29/2023 12:04 PM
283	good food and entertainment; good sized city, not too big or too small	8/29/2023 11:51 AM
284	ehhh...	8/29/2023 10:51 AM
285	Progressive government approach	8/29/2023 10:28 AM
286	Access to Forest River Wildlands	8/29/2023 10:09 AM

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287	Tries to be progressive	8/29/2023 10:09 AM
288	Boone County has beautiful land diversity. You can visit bluffs, lakes, reclaimed strip mines, caves, etc. Also, there is good health care.	8/29/2023 9:49 AM
289	Community, progressive, educated, outdoors, services.	8/29/2023 9:47 AM
290	Cost of living is much cheaper than in St. Louis or Kansas City.	8/29/2023 9:18 AM
291	I love the community here.	8/29/2023 9:10 AM
292	Good amenities	8/29/2023 5:59 AM
293	Public safety resources	8/28/2023 9:46 PM
294	I don't ... has deteriorated	8/28/2023 8:57 PM
295	Convenience, people	8/28/2023 8:55 PM
296	Not sure I love it, but it is home	8/28/2023 3:38 PM
297	People, culture, parks, library	8/28/2023 3:15 PM
298	small town feel larger town entertainment	8/28/2023 3:11 PM
299	People, history, diversity, MU, access	8/28/2023 2:59 PM
300	Employment, Sports, Recreation, Location, Population	8/28/2023 1:36 PM
301	Opportunity, employment, and fun.	8/28/2023 1:10 PM
302	Opportunities, Communities and People	8/28/2023 12:45 PM
303	The green space, community events, stewards of the environment and future land use.	8/28/2023 12:35 PM
304	Great job.	8/28/2023 11:59 AM
305	affordable, outdoor spaces, low traffic	8/28/2023 11:58 AM
306	The resources they have	8/28/2023 11:14 AM
307	I like the feel of the country, but the amenities of the city. I also like the room for growth.	8/28/2023 10:54 AM
308	art, downtown, people, vibe, nature	8/28/2023 10:42 AM
309	So much to do here!	8/28/2023 10:10 AM
310	Wide range of free activities	8/28/2023 9:33 AM
311	beautiful trails, delicious food	8/28/2023 9:16 AM
312	All the nature and trails that surround us	8/28/2023 8:21 AM
313	Everything we need is here	8/28/2023 8:08 AM
314	Love that Columbia is liberal.	8/27/2023 2:46 PM
315	City amenities surrounded by nature	8/27/2023 2:16 PM
316	Affordable and everything is close.	8/27/2023 10:31 AM
317	N/A	8/27/2023 7:43 AM
318	So diverse, lots to do, beautiful	8/27/2023 7:42 AM
319	University of Missouri	8/27/2023 7:37 AM
320	Work-Life balance	8/27/2023 7:12 AM
321	Big city conveniences without the big city hassles.	8/27/2023 12:23 AM
322	"big" city amenities	8/26/2023 7:12 PM
323	I don't love it anymore.	8/26/2023 4:44 PM
324	Affordable, bike trails, seasons, downtown	8/26/2023 8:05 AM

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325	Shopping healthcare entertainment	8/25/2023 10:46 PM
326	The University of Missouri	8/25/2023 6:43 PM
327	Culture, Outdoor amenities, Food, Diversity	8/25/2023 4:49 PM
328	Lots of fun things to do for kids. A lot of resources available for families in need.	8/25/2023 3:07 PM
329	Community History Culture Civilized Breathable	8/25/2023 3:01 PM
330	I don't	8/25/2023 2:15 PM
331	I think my city specifically offers a lot of things to do for all ages.	8/25/2023 1:03 PM
332	Mutual aid and community support.	8/25/2023 12:30 PM
333	Convenient to work and travel.	8/25/2023 11:04 AM
334	City size and diversity.	8/25/2023 10:46 AM
335	I like the hiking trails.	8/25/2023 10:37 AM
336	My work community (social work), and the availability of big city shopping without living in Kansas City or St. Louis.	8/25/2023 10:32 AM
337	Mental health resources	8/25/2023 10:15 AM
338	It's a vibrant place to live	8/25/2023 9:54 AM
339	Diversity, Progressive, work and recreational opportunities	8/25/2023 9:49 AM
340	Social programs and infrastructure; culture.	8/25/2023 9:24 AM
341	I don't	8/25/2023 9:02 AM
342	I work here	8/25/2023 8:19 AM
343	Colleges, trails, family, politics (mostly)	8/25/2023 7:16 AM
344	Friends	8/25/2023 6:48 AM
345	Progressive, welcoming, creative, blue community	8/24/2023 9:57 PM
346	Good community resources for citizens	8/24/2023 8:59 PM
347	Trail access, Mizzou	8/24/2023 4:07 PM
348	You're joking right?	8/24/2023 1:57 PM
349	my wife lives here	8/24/2023 12:33 PM
350	It's got everything I need	8/24/2023 11:41 AM
351	The vibrancy and growth	8/24/2023 11:21 AM
352	I love it less and less every day.	8/24/2023 10:10 AM
353	I love Boone County because it invests in its County. The taxes are used properly. The elected officials are liberal and progressive.	8/24/2023 9:25 AM
354	I moved to Columbia to be close to family after living/working in CT (my home state). The cost of living is much better, taxes/utilities lower and, for the most part, people are friendlier. I am retired but work part time and volunteer in the community.	8/23/2023 8:00 PM
355	Big city, small town feel.	8/23/2023 7:38 PM
356	More progressive activists	8/23/2023 6:05 PM
357	environment, trail, medical, low traffic	8/23/2023 3:49 PM
358	Growing, potential, vibrant, fun, and opportunities.	8/23/2023 3:43 PM
359	The trails, people, and experiences	8/23/2023 3:32 PM
360	Friendly, diverse people	8/23/2023 2:45 PM

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361	little city but rural too	8/23/2023 2:16 PM
362	Convenience to shopping and services.	8/23/2023 12:20 PM
363	Culture and diversity of Columbia	8/23/2023 2:21 AM
364	It's a good size community and has a good amount of educational. Medical, recreational and charitable resources	8/22/2023 5:41 PM
365	The great variety of cultural, natural and social opportunities. This includes the many organizations, parks/trails, river/streams, wildlife, the university and colleges	8/22/2023 10:56 AM
366	I was born and raised here,	8/22/2023 10:22 AM
367	country living, city amenities	8/22/2023 9:48 AM
368	small/large town amenities, progressive	8/22/2023 9:47 AM
369	Variety of everything.	8/22/2023 8:45 AM
370	Recreation and scenic beauty	8/22/2023 6:37 AM
371	Most of my family and social roots are here. It's a loving and caring community with more opportunities than many small counties.	8/22/2023 5:56 AM
372	Arts, education, opportunities in Columbia	8/22/2023 3:34 AM
373	compilation of rural and urban	8/21/2023 7:54 PM
374	Columbia is a wonderful, welcoming city. It is big enough for a lot of services and amenities, but small enough that people know each other. I enjoy its vibrancy.	8/21/2023 7:46 PM
375	Not too many reasons at this time.	8/21/2023 4:59 PM
376	nature, culture, participation, diversity, water	8/21/2023 4:50 PM
377	close to Lake Of the Ozarks	8/21/2023 4:38 PM
378	Born here. It is home.	8/21/2023 4:37 PM
379	Opportunities	8/21/2023 2:32 PM
380	The people are nice.	8/21/2023 1:56 PM
381	Far from rural MO	8/21/2023 1:43 PM
382	Diverse people, good school	8/21/2023 1:24 PM
383	Progressive, fun, nature, art	8/21/2023 11:33 AM
384	First responders are wonderful.	8/21/2023 11:04 AM
385	It's small! I lived in Phoenix and Colorado Springs before. It's got tons of food and trail options. And lots of space for homes (acreage)	8/21/2023 8:42 AM
386	It's beautiful landscape	8/21/2023 8:32 AM
387	Culture and friendly people	8/21/2023 8:29 AM
388	The diversity of the area.	8/21/2023 8:22 AM
389	I like all the conveniences Columbia has to offer, and I feel like the county actually gets involved and pays attention to things	8/21/2023 8:13 AM
390	Trails, nature, "little big city"	8/21/2023 6:47 AM
391	Urban and rural offerings	8/21/2023 5:34 AM
392	Not overcrowded	8/21/2023 1:51 AM
393	More Liberal	8/20/2023 5:23 PM
394	Small town charm city amenities	8/20/2023 4:23 PM
395	The weather	8/20/2023 3:44 PM

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396	Possible to live without car	8/20/2023 3:35 PM
397	Columbia allows for balanced lifestyle	8/20/2023 3:33 PM
398	Walk and Bikability in Columbia	8/20/2023 3:15 PM
399	Small-town feel, diverse city culture	8/20/2023 1:33 PM
400	The protected natural areas	8/20/2023 11:42 AM
401	Return to my childhood home	8/20/2023 11:00 AM
402	Education, Health Care, Restaurants, Stores	8/20/2023 10:40 AM
403	Good schools, trails	8/20/2023 9:57 AM
404	Convenience, activities, education, community, opportunities	8/19/2023 10:31 PM
405	Nature is close at hand.	8/19/2023 7:45 PM
406	Green space, arts, vibrant, friendly	8/19/2023 4:54 PM
407	Good medical care- Katy trail-	8/19/2023 12:45 PM
408	culture	8/19/2023 12:19 PM
409	I love the college town, access to art and culture, and the fact that it is more liberal than surrounding communities.	8/19/2023 11:39 AM
410	Let's say tolerate.	8/19/2023 9:42 AM
411	It's beautiful	8/19/2023 9:20 AM
412	parks, trails, wildlife areas; downtown & restaurants.	8/19/2023 8:36 AM
413	Great friends and coworkers.	8/19/2023 8:16 AM
414	Home for all family	8/19/2023 7:28 AM
415	Small Town feel, urban resources	8/19/2023 7:26 AM
416	I think this is the most beautiful part of the state. I love Rock Bridge State Park. I get to live where so much is going on with the university and city of Columbia. I also have quick access to fabulous medical care.	8/19/2023 6:43 AM
417	Great bang for the buck.	8/19/2023 6:32 AM
418	There aren't any reasons.	8/19/2023 5:43 AM
419	Opportunities without living in a city	8/19/2023 4:54 AM
420	A lot of great parks and I do love my job.	8/19/2023 1:07 AM
421	open space	8/18/2023 10:40 PM
422	A thriving community.	8/18/2023 9:24 PM
423	Trail system, parks, downtown, diversity	8/18/2023 9:21 PM
424	Nature/parks/trails	8/18/2023 8:32 PM
425	Affordable, trails, non-motorized transportation, events	8/18/2023 6:23 PM
426	I love the people and the open places to walk	8/18/2023 5:53 PM
427	Great people	8/18/2023 4:38 PM
428	Diversity, community feel, farmers market, events, recreation	8/18/2023 4:29 PM
429	Location, work, resources	8/18/2023 4:12 PM
430	Living in a city large enough to have everything I need and most of what I want while still being close to excellent trails, parks, back country hiking/camping.	8/18/2023 4:10 PM
431	I love the natural places that are being sadly developed, and the proximity to Rock Bridge	8/18/2023 3:52 PM

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	Memorial SP.	
432	diversity and democratic political majority	8/18/2023 3:43 PM
433	Central location on an Interstate Highway	8/18/2023 3:32 PM
434	Nice People	8/18/2023 3:00 PM
435	Centrally located in Missouri	8/18/2023 2:43 PM
436	Pretty country/trails, nice people	8/18/2023 1:41 PM
437	variety of things to do	8/18/2023 12:57 PM
438	Rural lifestyle with key amenities.	8/18/2023 12:20 PM
439	Health Care and Mid-West Values and Climate	8/18/2023 12:20 PM
440	The community in Columbia is more open-hearted than anywhere I've lived. This is my second time living here, having graduated from Mizzou while my children attended school. I'm so comfortable here that I returned when I retired.	8/18/2023 12:18 PM
441	Dynamic forward thinking living	8/18/2023 11:59 AM
442	Lots to do for a small town	8/18/2023 11:43 AM
443	Demographics; educated, democratic, progressive, young	8/18/2023 11:42 AM
444	It is home, raising my children.	8/18/2023 11:29 AM
445	Children, grands & greats all born here. Wonderful schools and medical facilities	8/18/2023 11:14 AM
446	Central to the state	8/18/2023 11:07 AM
447	big enough, small enough	8/18/2023 10:33 AM
448	My job is here	8/18/2023 10:26 AM
449	It's small enough to feel seen but big enough to blend in when needed. If I need to see a Broadway show, I'm good. If I need to drive down a gravel road and see the stars, I'm also good.	8/18/2023 10:25 AM
450	Similar values, open space	8/18/2023 10:21 AM
451	Good amenities; friendly neighbors; decent airport; ease of travel; affordable cost	8/18/2023 10:11 AM
452	Small town feel with options	8/18/2023 10:07 AM
453	The beautiful green spaces	8/18/2023 10:03 AM
454	Boone County is a good blend of urban and rural life. This allows my kids to be exposed to a diversity of people, foods, and thoughts.	8/18/2023 10:02 AM
455	Job Access	8/18/2023 9:57 AM
456	It is quiet	8/18/2023 9:52 AM
457	Bigger city with small-town culture	8/18/2023 9:49 AM
458	Don't love it.	8/18/2023 9:19 AM
459	I don't love it.	8/18/2023 9:10 AM
460	Location, Friendly, Diverse Activities, & Stable	8/18/2023 9:00 AM
461	Progressive, Environmental, Community, opportunity, growth	8/18/2023 8:58 AM
462	Parks, Trails, Not too large	8/18/2023 8:56 AM
463	I love the diversified community and the support that is provided.	8/18/2023 8:56 AM
464	Trails and cost of living	8/18/2023 8:55 AM
465	There's an abundance of opportunities.	8/18/2023 8:47 AM

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466	It is HOME.	8/18/2023 8:47 AM
467	I trust our county employees.	8/18/2023 8:46 AM
468	The outdoor parks and spaces	8/18/2023 8:46 AM
469	Diversity and Opportunities	8/18/2023 8:43 AM
470	Location, population, cost of living.	8/18/2023 8:41 AM
471	Benefits of living in a city, but close enough to rural life. Best of both worlds.	8/18/2023 8:40 AM
472	Preservation of natural areas.	8/18/2023 8:31 AM
473	I'm close to my grandchildren, Columbia is a vibrant community.	8/18/2023 6:25 AM
474	Many events. Medium size city.	8/18/2023 6:14 AM
475	Born here	8/17/2023 9:41 PM
476	Shopping options, church, family lives here	8/17/2023 9:39 PM
477	Parks, mall, downtown, nature areas	8/17/2023 8:27 PM
478	Central location	8/17/2023 7:42 PM
479	I don't!	8/17/2023 7:14 PM
480	MU Sports 🏀 ⚽ ⚾ ⚾	8/17/2023 5:16 PM
481	So much to do and enjoy.	8/17/2023 4:30 PM
482	city living with rural setting	8/17/2023 2:50 PM
483	Good community.	8/17/2023 12:54 PM
484	progressive politics, wildlife, environment, family, community	8/17/2023 12:08 PM
485	pride, community events	8/17/2023 11:42 AM
486	parks, trails, music, diverse community	8/17/2023 11:31 AM
487	progressive, college town, mixed use	8/17/2023 11:10 AM
488	blue dot in red sea	8/17/2023 10:57 AM
489	Different kinds of activities	8/17/2023 10:18 AM
490	Trails,festivals,small town, art	8/17/2023 10:18 AM
491	The diversity of everything!	8/17/2023 9:34 AM
492	Liberal folks	8/17/2023 9:12 AM
493	Columbia, Mizzou, Parks, Terrain	8/17/2023 8:43 AM
494	It's a breath of fresh air.	8/17/2023 8:12 AM
495	Family and friends	8/17/2023 6:06 AM
496	Parks. Trails. Low crime. Columbia has a ton of entertainment options. Low cost of living.	8/17/2023 5:44 AM
497	city amenities, family, parks, nature	8/17/2023 5:21 AM
498	Diversity, opportunities, options	8/16/2023 10:09 PM
499	Nature, cultural diversity (for MO)	8/16/2023 9:43 PM
500	Convince	8/16/2023 9:29 PM
501	Lots of great people, activities.	8/16/2023 8:57 PM
502	Blue oasis in red state.	8/16/2023 8:57 PM
503	University community	8/16/2023 8:54 PM

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504	Rock Bridge State Park	8/16/2023 8:49 PM
505	Green space	8/16/2023 8:49 PM
506	Good hospitals,job market is stable,plenty of eating places,one of the lower cost of living areas.	8/16/2023 8:21 PM
507	Seasons, trails, activities, events, education	8/16/2023 7:50 PM
508	Good job, good housing	8/16/2023 7:05 PM
509	Blue in a sea of red	8/16/2023 6:45 PM
510	Low home prices	8/16/2023 6:04 PM
511	Access to multiple activities	8/16/2023 5:57 PM
512	Climate and community	8/16/2023 5:34 PM
513	County of my birth and still conservative minded!!	8/16/2023 5:17 PM
514	Central location and variety	8/16/2023 4:43 PM
515	Low cost of living. Natural environment and parks. Columbia's cultural amenities, etc	8/16/2023 4:21 PM
516	Mid sized main town and university brings a very educated populace to the middle of our state	8/16/2023 3:54 PM
517	I live just outside of the city limits of Columbia. Columbia is a great small city. It's surrounded by beautiful rural areas with lakes. I like living between St. Louis and K.C.	8/16/2023 3:24 PM
518	Not too big or small	8/16/2023 2:19 PM
519	Community Feel	8/16/2023 1:43 PM
520	It's nice to be in the liberal belt of an otherwise inhospitable garbage fire of a state.	8/16/2023 12:48 PM
521	Rich history, heritage, and intelligence of citizens.	8/16/2023 12:39 PM
522	Diversity, opportunity, trails, parks, education	8/16/2023 11:14 AM
523	River, music, trails, green space	8/16/2023 11:13 AM
524	low cost of living, pleasant	8/16/2023 11:08 AM
525	state park, progressive, university, trails	8/16/2023 10:48 AM
526	I love the people, the opportunities, the colleges, and the culture.	8/16/2023 9:51 AM
527	Tails, Green spaces, community care	8/16/2023 9:47 AM
528	Both Urban and rural	8/16/2023 9:41 AM
529	It is my home.	8/16/2023 9:16 AM
530	Diverse topography and scenery	8/16/2023 8:58 AM
531	liberal/progressive, cultural arts, academia	8/16/2023 8:57 AM
532	I enjoy the spiritual community	8/16/2023 8:35 AM
533	It's a fun town with lots of nature, trails, and places to go shop and eat.	8/16/2023 8:31 AM
534	Between Sons	8/16/2023 8:24 AM
535	Academic, progressive, inclusive	8/16/2023 8:16 AM
536	Affordability, family, hospitals, shopping	8/16/2023 8:11 AM
537	It's where I grew up.	8/16/2023 8:08 AM
538	Job opportunity, quality of life	8/16/2023 7:47 AM
539	Family	8/16/2023 7:22 AM
540	I don't...	8/16/2023 6:55 AM

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541	diversity, beauty, friends	8/16/2023 3:24 AM
542	It's so positive	8/15/2023 11:57 PM
543	Large and small town experiences	8/15/2023 10:51 PM
544	Diversity and the amount of nature we have	8/15/2023 10:25 PM
545	Weather, people, amenities, location	8/15/2023 10:01 PM
546	I work here	8/15/2023 9:44 PM
547	Resources, services, entertainment	8/15/2023 9:18 PM
548	College town, trails great community	8/15/2023 8:48 PM
549	I don't	8/15/2023 8:29 PM
550	Good economy, has been safe and good place to raise kids	8/15/2023 8:24 PM
551	The diversity and amenities of Columbia are second to none in the state	8/15/2023 8:19 PM
552	Low cost of living	8/15/2023 8:09 PM
553	Family, job, and nature	8/15/2023 7:59 PM
554	Friendly people	8/15/2023 7:48 PM
555	Parks & trails, farmers market, wide range of activities and safe	8/15/2023 7:40 PM
556	Proximity, Events, People, Opportunities	8/15/2023 7:21 PM
557	Close to family.	8/15/2023 6:39 PM
558	I love the country. Although I live in Columbia and within city limits now, I help maintain my family's farm in the Hallsville area and plan to eventually live out there.	8/15/2023 5:06 PM
559	Outdoors, Low Cost	8/15/2023 2:25 PM
560	good medical care	8/15/2023 1:32 PM
561	Better than big cities	8/15/2023 12:26 PM
562	The diversity, the park systems, the job and educational opportunities, the people.	8/15/2023 12:12 PM
563	Beautiful and affordable for my income bracket.	8/15/2023 11:44 AM
564	Love the vibrant culture!	8/15/2023 11:13 AM
565	Great community to raise children. I like the diversity of cultures and strong sense of community	8/15/2023 10:40 AM
566	family friendly town	8/15/2023 10:14 AM
567	Strong downtown, good infrastructure, growing.	8/15/2023 9:47 AM
568	My home. Good people.	8/15/2023 9:46 AM
569	It's home. Shakespeares pizza.	8/15/2023 9:46 AM
570	good mix of people and nature	8/15/2023 9:03 AM
571	Opportunity for myself/family	8/15/2023 8:59 AM
572	Hometown (Columbia). Diversity of land.	8/15/2023 8:44 AM
573	Great people, clean, no traffic, and low cost of living	8/15/2023 8:07 AM
574	Columbia is a little big town!	8/15/2023 8:06 AM
575	Low cost of living.	8/15/2023 8:04 AM
576	Progressive bubble in conservative state	8/15/2023 7:37 AM
577	Family oriented community	8/14/2023 8:42 PM

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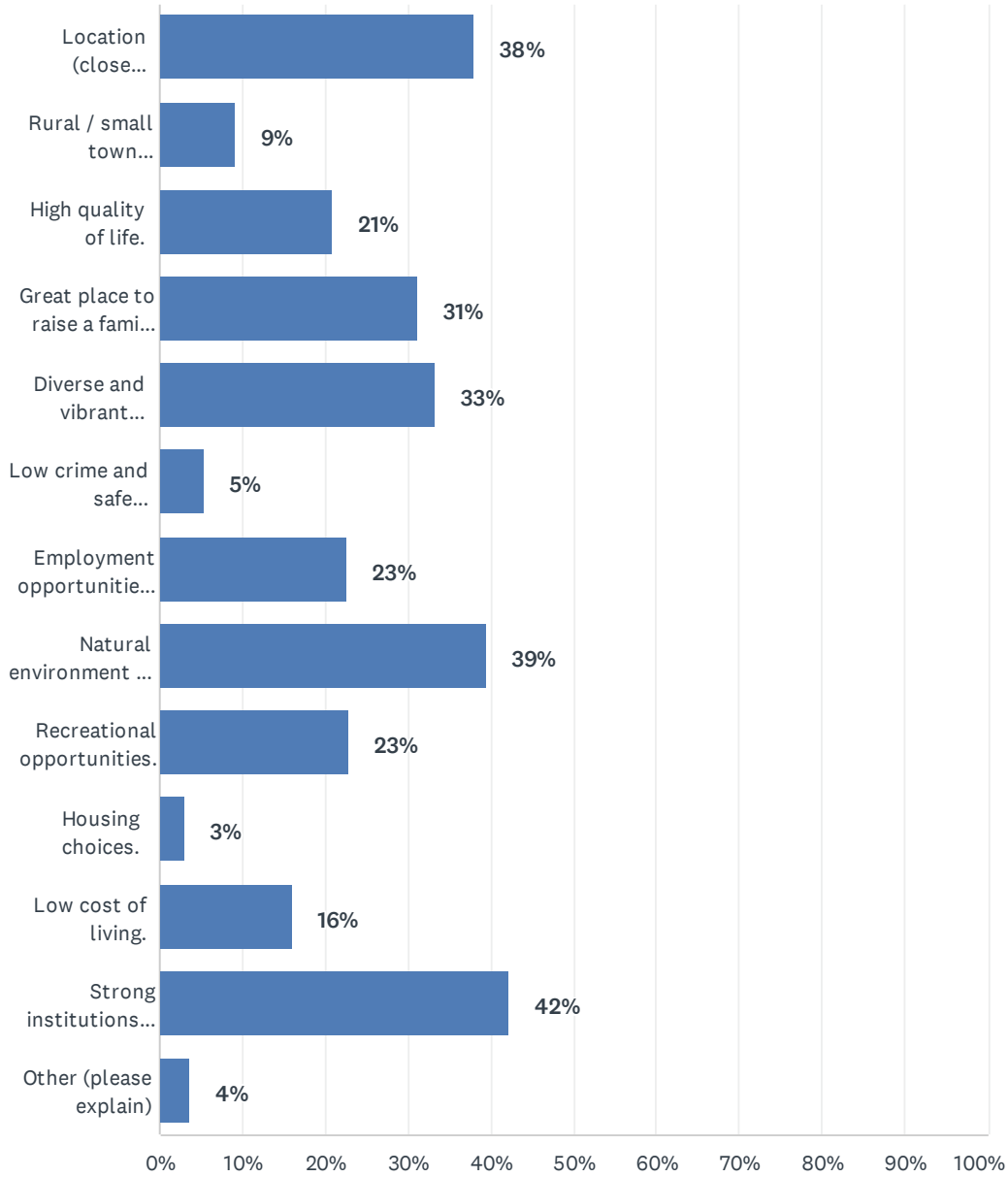
578	Seeing private lands and corporations that take pride in maintaining their properties.	8/14/2023 8:21 PM
579	Green Space, trails, parks	8/14/2023 8:01 PM
580	Good location in the state; small but has good health care, education resources, and things to do.	8/14/2023 7:29 PM
581	Close to family	8/14/2023 6:48 PM
582	Good medical and school services	8/14/2023 6:40 PM
583	Easy, relaxing, affordable lifestyle	8/14/2023 6:25 PM
584	I'm not sure I do	8/14/2023 6:14 PM
585	People, education, accessibility	8/14/2023 6:12 PM
586	Historically, love for the land and the effort that is put into maintaining both land and infrastructure, including roads. However, have not found that to be the case since living at our current property -- roads are not well maintained or cared for.	8/14/2023 4:32 PM
587	Tigers, bikes, trails, festivals, progressive	8/14/2023 4:09 PM
588	I love living in Columbia and being part of the MU community. The people here are the best! I have a fabulous life here working for MU Health Care. The University has supported two of my children through college and also waived 50% of my own graduate degree training. We moved here from San Diego in 2001 (my hometown) and now this is my home. Lots of options to travel from here in the middle of the U.S. And great cities to enjoy right here in Missouri.	8/14/2023 3:50 PM
589	My church	8/14/2023 2:52 PM
590	Love the vibrant and diverse population, parks, recreation and culture.	8/14/2023 1:57 PM
591	Dining, activities, parks, trails, community	8/14/2023 1:56 PM
592	Family & friends	8/14/2023 1:24 PM
593	diversity with small town feel	8/14/2023 1:04 PM
594	Central location in Missouri	8/14/2023 11:10 AM
595	Less traffic and crime than in the larger cities such as St. Louis or Kansas City.	8/14/2023 9:58 AM
596	Variety	8/14/2023 8:18 AM
597	Small town feeling	8/14/2023 7:54 AM
598	Center of State access	8/14/2023 7:17 AM
599	Live Music, Trails, the PEOPLE!	8/13/2023 12:43 PM
600	Comfortable Fun Unique	8/13/2023 8:32 AM
601	Columbia's diverse population and all it offers.	8/12/2023 11:26 AM
602	Growing business and low taxes	8/11/2023 2:21 PM
603	Small city not small town	8/11/2023 1:40 PM
604	I don't I'm stuck here	8/11/2023 12:00 PM
605	Grew up here and love the land.	8/11/2023 11:40 AM
606	Proximity to MU, JC I70	8/11/2023 6:04 AM
607	Because my family is here.	8/10/2023 7:38 PM
608	Great healthcare, convenient to food.	8/10/2023 7:12 PM
609	Family Friendly, Downtown Small Business and Mizzou	8/10/2023 2:29 PM
610	born here.	8/10/2023 11:40 AM
611	Close to work	8/10/2023 10:41 AM

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612	Size, academics, healthcare and location.	8/10/2023 6:34 AM
613	Everything I need, less congestion.	8/9/2023 5:56 PM
614	family, friends, location, community events	8/9/2023 4:06 PM
615	Great schools; access to quality healthcare, forward thinking.	8/9/2023 3:55 PM
616	Metropolitan to rural in less than 10 minutes	8/9/2023 3:04 PM
617	Progressive citizens advance visionary ideas.	8/9/2023 1:42 PM
618	Proximity to KC and STL.	8/9/2023 12:44 PM
619	USED to be low crime.	8/9/2023 12:35 PM
620	The diversity	8/9/2023 8:20 AM
621	Trails, parks, Mizzou, neighborhoods	8/9/2023 8:11 AM
622	Low pollution, education, low cost of living	8/8/2023 9:41 PM
623	Exciting activities , w/ cultural diversity	8/8/2023 5:17 PM
624	Lots of opportunity. Generous people.	8/8/2023 2:42 PM
625	Good, nature, events, diverse community	8/8/2023 12:56 PM
626	It is easy.	8/8/2023 12:03 PM
627	parks, trails, food, recycling, real estate	8/8/2023 9:20 AM
628	I love the diversity and having both city and country close by as well.	8/8/2023 8:33 AM
629	Born here.	8/8/2023 8:31 AM
630	The diversity and amenities.	8/8/2023 4:26 AM
631	Nature areas, city opportunities	8/7/2023 10:59 PM
632	Trails, arts, diverse community	8/7/2023 10:18 PM
633	The amazing people.	8/7/2023 12:11 PM
634	It is where I work	8/7/2023 10:06 AM
635	I love being close to so much and still have foliage and wildlife in my neighborhood.	8/6/2023 8:35 PM
636	Born here it is home.	8/5/2023 11:05 AM
637	Diversity, Safety, Community, Freedom, Nature	8/5/2023 8:49 AM

Q8 What are the top three strengths of living in Boone County? [choose up to three]

Answered: 790 Skipped: 56



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Location (close proximity to Columbia amenities, close proximity to other parts of the state).	38%	299
Rural / small town atmosphere.	9%	73
High quality of life.	21%	165
Great place to raise a family (good schools, activities, community resources, etc.).	31%	246
Diverse and vibrant culture.	33%	262
Low crime and safe neighborhoods.	5%	42
Employment opportunities and proximity to jobs.	23%	178
Natural environment and scenic beauty.	39%	311
Recreational opportunities.	23%	180
Housing choices.	3%	23
Low cost of living.	16%	127
Strong institutions (health care, higher education, etc.).	42%	333
Other (please explain)	4%	28
Total Respondents: 790		

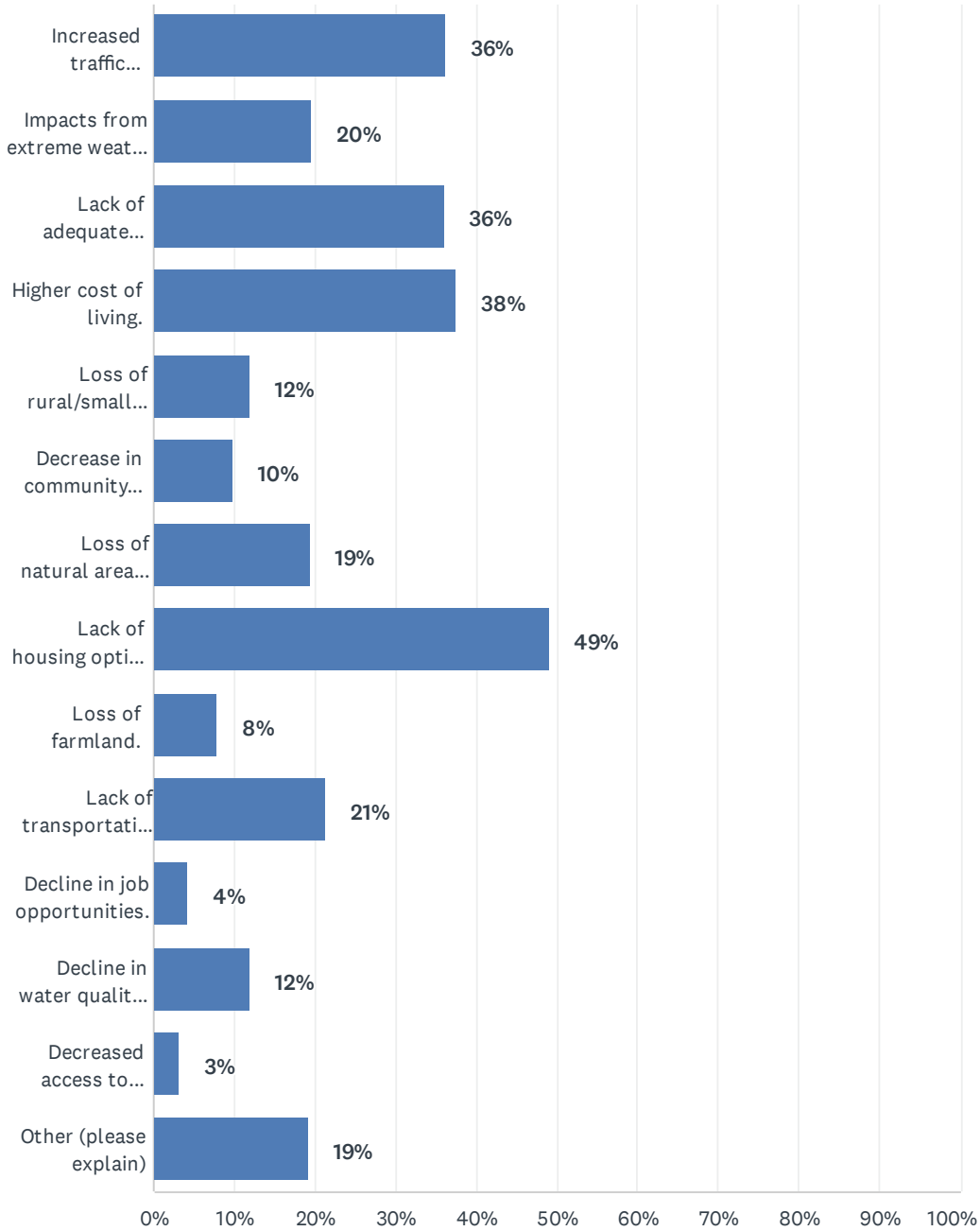
#	OTHER (PLEASE EXPLAIN)	DATE
1	In the past there has been a community 'sense' or pride in being a diverse and environmentally protected county - but it's turning into super rich upwind (west and SW) and everyone else downwind. What were once grasslands are ridiculously huge yards utilizing non-native lawns that are chemically treated.	9/30/2023 11:31 PM
2	Democratic ideals (recycling, mass transit hopes, social justice).	9/30/2023 8:04 AM
3	Progressive voters	9/29/2023 10:52 AM
4	We moved to Columbia because of my wife's experience living, working and attending school in the late '90s. When we moved here in 2012 we quickly discovered it was not the same place it was when she lived here before. The main issue was crime. It has been our experience since living here that it does not seem that the city was planned. It has to be the worst layout I have experienced in my life. I can only equate it to parts of the Northeast. They at least have the excuse of growing for over 200 years with certain modern tools being at their disposal. It is my impression there is little planning to the growth. This may not be the case, just my experience. I live on the south west side of town and my experience has been that the city fought that growth for decades until finally working to make it better. There are developments on the north end of Providence that have had vacant lots for more than 15 years. Working in government I understand that some people can be unreasonable, but I have not met anyone that is not willing to have a discussion. In my career I have worked for Municipal, Township, County and State government. Communication and development takes time, patience, but mostly cooperation and flexibility. If you are questioning why I still live here, it is because I hope to make a difference and want to work to make it a better place to live. I can't say any of the above are the reason I live here. Because in my opinion none of them, excluding recreation and diversity of landscape, are better than anywhere else I have lived. I do truly appreciate the rural settings, my previous job gave me to experience a lot of that. I am willing to help Boone County in any way that I can.	9/29/2023 9:57 AM
5	Couldn't think of anything 🤔	9/28/2023 5:40 PM
6	Small town yet progressive politically	9/24/2023 6:50 PM
7	Money that the colleges bring in	9/12/2023 5:58 PM

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8	Great recovery community	9/6/2023 9:14 PM
9	Library and the river	9/5/2023 10:05 PM
10	Good place to raise yourself-- no children needed to appreciate activities and community resources	9/4/2023 2:01 PM
11	None.	9/3/2023 8:27 AM
12	Boone could be the most sustainable County in the United States. Call to discuss.	9/2/2023 2:30 PM
13	Boone County's location and natural beauty make it very attractive. The university and various local colleges help bring new people here and the small-town atmosphere help keep those people here. I am one of them. The number of local businesses is fantastic. One doesn't have to ever visit a chain for eating out as there are so many good options.	9/1/2023 9:28 AM
14	Quality health care and strong churches.	8/29/2023 8:10 PM
15	The people of Columbia in general are educated and progressive. They care about the community and the environment.	8/29/2023 12:04 PM
16	Property taxes (too high)	8/28/2023 9:46 PM
17	The trail	8/28/2023 8:57 PM
18	A college town brings in younger residents and provides better services to senior residents. Plus, the parks system in Columbia is wonderful!	8/23/2023 8:00 PM
19	I have a well paying job. The minute that goes away, so do I. No one wants to live to red state that constantly takes away freedom because of their magic book.	8/20/2023 7:34 AM
20	Local produce and meats are wonderful.	8/19/2023 7:28 AM
21	Not many of these apply to where I live in the county.	8/19/2023 5:43 AM
22	Schools are not as good as they used to be, VERY SADLY. More homelessness and more crime. WIDEN BROADWAY - from East to West (from downtown to Sadium) More water supply and pressure badly needed NOW!	8/18/2023 12:20 PM
23	Medical care	8/18/2023 9:19 AM
24	Church	8/17/2023 9:41 PM
25	MU VET SCHOOL	8/16/2023 8:08 AM
26	I wok here	8/15/2023 9:44 PM
27	Family life though not because of schools which are not providing a good education, high crime rates, and healthcare quality declining. Would move if my grandchildren left.	8/10/2023 7:38 PM
28	Close to the LOTO Central US	8/7/2023 10:06 AM

Q9 What do you think are the top three challenges to the quality of life in Boone County in the next 20-30 years? [choose up to three]

Answered: 790 Skipped: 56



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Increased traffic congestion.	36%	287
Impacts from extreme weather (flooding, drought, heat waves, etc.).	20%	155
Lack of adequate infrastructure (roads, sewers, water, internet, etc.).	36%	285
Higher cost of living.	38%	297
Loss of rural/small town atmosphere.	12%	95
Decrease in community services.	10%	78
Loss of natural areas, open space, and recreational opportunities.	19%	153
Lack of housing options and/or affordable housing.	49%	387
Loss of farmland.	8%	62
Lack of transportation options (biking, walking, and transit).	21%	168
Decline in job opportunities.	4%	34
Decline in water quality or water supplies.	12%	95
Decreased access to health care.	3%	25
Other (please explain)	19%	151
Total Respondents: 790		

#	OTHER (PLEASE EXPLAIN)	DATE
1	High cost of starting new businesses. Regulations that make it hard for businesses.	10/3/2023 11:43 AM
2	High crime/ lack of police funding Decline in public schools	10/3/2023 11:41 AM
3	Columbia public schools. Businesses moving to more pro-business communities.	10/3/2023 10:16 AM
4	I think that electronic banking is the devil.	9/30/2023 10:43 AM
5	Assimilating climate change refugees from the East, West and Gulf coasts as increasingly severe storms and sea level rise make it uninhabitable. The Midwest will see significant population growth in the next 25 years due to climate change.	9/30/2023 9:42 AM
6	Crime....main reason I would leave Columbia.	9/30/2023 8:17 AM
7	Lack of appreciation for what planning and strong regulations provide.	9/30/2023 12:12 AM
8	1) It is important the county start planning for climate change impact adaptation and start making significant emissions reductions in operations. 2)Prevent Confined or Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) in Boone County by modifying existing ordinances. Boone County needs to establish its own regulations that are stronger than those of the MO DNR and that apply to operations of 1000 animal units or larger, including increased setbacks, prohibit spraying of waste products on Boone County land including transfers of waste to another owner, require setbacks around streams and rivers and increase these setbacks for CAFOs, and require bonding for operations.	9/29/2023 9:58 PM
9	Overload on the electric utilities. More emphasis needs to be placed on renewables. Hosing code should updated to require at least 20% or more on all new or rehab housing.	9/29/2023 9:55 AM
10	hundreds of families moving here with autistic high functioning kids for MU Thompson Center with their professional level parents to discover an antiquated school district refusing to "see" autism and provide the same IEP programs the parents have come here with from other states and the parents having to fight to prove the child's disability and need for services. These kids are coming here for the treatment at MU and are going to be here after graduating with poorer outcomes due to the school system here when the stats already indicate only 12 % retain and	9/29/2023 7:25 AM

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can function in competitive employment and only 6% leave home and are able to survive without an ongoing paraprofessional to help them manage an apartment or a group living. Where will all the autism center patients live as adults with no semi protected housing and training in daily living and employment training that matches their abilities which is not the same as non-autistic people?

11	I think Columbia is trying to solve big city problems that don't really exist enough to spend tax payer dollars on.	9/28/2023 6:27 PM
12	Lack of Communication. I didn't hear about this survey until 48 hours before it was Due. Since the county already has my email from being registered to vote and my bills, WHY didn't they send out an email??? What happened to the Recycling??? It was supposed to only be shut down for a few weeks. It is now a Few MONTHS and there is no messages from the Garbage about WHEN or IF the Recycling with ever start again...	9/28/2023 6:15 PM
13	Lack of adequate law enforcement	9/28/2023 5:40 PM
14	Too many homeless Too much money spent for their advantage	9/28/2023 2:51 PM
15	Rising crime rates	9/28/2023 2:22 PM
16	Loss of personal property rights.	9/28/2023 8:40 AM
17	Increased crime. Need increased police.	9/27/2023 11:24 PM
18	MU Healthcare - the desire for them to control everything is a detriment. We need choice not just MU shoved down our throats here.	9/27/2023 9:52 PM
19	Too many homeless/unhoused	9/27/2023 9:21 PM
20	It would be impossible to describe but Columbia has to be progressive if it wants to stay relevant and there is a strong and growing conservative movement that feels very counterproductive. Pro-business and pro-growth, but fixated on irrelevant social issues. I would also say that the tone of the debates around here have gotten really nasty.	9/27/2023 11:56 AM
21	Adequate access to renewable energy to breathe clean air.	9/27/2023 9:15 AM
22	Increased amounts of violence / Also we already have so much homeless and not enough shelters or room (the help in there needs be able to help get these people places jobs ect)	9/26/2023 5:13 PM
23	The first four are the only ones that are challenges particularly applicable to Boone County. The rest are generic and could be stated anywhere in the US.	9/26/2023 3:09 PM
24	Crime	9/24/2023 4:49 PM
25	The fact that Columbia has become a magnet for homeless drug addicts and alcoholics will only drastically increase the crime rate as the economy continues to crumble. This needs to stop.	9/19/2023 2:05 PM
26	Distance from a major airport (STL/MCI)	9/19/2023 9:00 AM
27	Trash and recycling issues.	9/18/2023 11:55 AM
28	Liberal policies and woke mentality	9/18/2023 7:11 AM
29	Infrastructure - roads, waste, water, sewer, etc need work - too much concentration on "programs" and not on future growth and prosperity	9/13/2023 12:20 PM
30	Crime	9/13/2023 9:58 AM
31	Crime rates	9/11/2023 8:29 PM
32	The liberal agenda slowly turning this town into a progressive craphole	9/11/2023 4:35 PM
33	The public school school system is failing to keep our kids safe, bullying is terrible, and the quality of the education is going down.	9/11/2023 8:04 AM
34	increasing crime rates	9/11/2023 7:18 AM
35	Police force is not large enough for current population and cannot handle growing population.	9/10/2023 7:51 PM
36	Homeless population out of control.	9/10/2023 1:14 PM

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37	Property taxes & utility rates are getting to be too high. Unfortunately when our kids graduate we are selling & leaving Boone county. Any county just outside of BOCO is much cheaper to live.	9/10/2023 8:03 AM
38	Decrease in air quality.	9/9/2023 5:21 PM
39	Safety/crime	9/9/2023 6:15 AM
40	Trash is a mess	9/8/2023 10:19 PM
41	Our school systems are wildly inequitable in terms of quality teachers and administrators. Working for CPS for two years makes me very concerned for the future of our town.	9/8/2023 1:11 PM
42	Increase in suburbs	9/8/2023 10:35 AM
43	repressive state government.	9/7/2023 1:03 PM
44	Increased crime	9/7/2023 5:01 AM
45	Crime	9/6/2023 8:34 PM
46	Increase crime rates.	9/6/2023 7:20 PM
47	increase in crime and homelessness	9/6/2023 7:05 PM
48	Increasing taxes to transfer wealth and subsidize poor life choices.	9/6/2023 6:04 AM
49	Homelessness (not the same as access to housing!) and infill ruining green space	9/4/2023 1:01 PM
50	Crime	9/4/2023 12:44 PM
51	Economic and educational inequities, especially for people of color	9/4/2023 9:28 AM
52	Crime	9/3/2023 7:00 PM
53	Education opportunities are not equal to all in Boone County.	9/3/2023 3:28 PM
54	Crime/shootings	9/3/2023 11:00 AM
55	Paying teachers, nurses too little to attract & keep the best people in these & similar fields.	9/2/2023 8:37 PM
56	2) Boone needs to commit to renewable energy. 3) Boone can coordinate the many separate parts of sustainability.	9/2/2023 2:30 PM
57	Boone County will increasingly suffer from the effects of climate change. We need a plan for climate resiliency that addresses infrastructure including non-motorized transportation, commitment to develop and source energy from renewables, plans for addressing stronger storms (wind and flooding), and addressing needs of unhoused people.	9/2/2023 9:11 AM
58	Low quality schools and minimal childcare supprt	9/1/2023 2:52 PM
59	Crime	9/1/2023 1:13 PM
60	Crime is a big item not on this list at all. Crime is a major concern for probably the majority of people who have lived here any amount of time. Outright, broad daylight theft is happening in our county. Violent crime has steadily increased.	9/1/2023 9:28 AM
61	Drastic increase in homeless population and drug population. Needs to be controlled before it gets out of hand. The population obviously suffers from drug addiction and mental illness. This is not a population that is suffering sudden loss of home. These are people who are addicted to hard core drugs and are suffering mental illness.	8/29/2023 8:47 PM
62	Pollution from Confined Animal Feeding Operations if allowed to locate in Boone County. Boone County needs to establish its own regulations that are stronger than those of the MO DNR and that apply to operations of 1000 animal units or larger, included increased setbacks, prohibit spraying of waste products on Boone County land including transfers of waste to another owner, require setbacks around streams and rivers and increase these, and require bonding for operations.	8/29/2023 12:04 PM
63	State legislature interference with local government and attacks on human rights.	8/29/2023 10:28 AM
64	Why is crime not on here?	8/29/2023 5:59 AM

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65	Taxes (which are not being paid by everyone) and city utilities cost	8/28/2023 9:46 PM
66	Lack of retail. So many dollars spent outside of Boone County because there's no where here to purchase goods. Many roads in terrible condition. Our subdivision street is full of potholes.the whole area looks depressed	8/28/2023 8:57 PM
67	Daily shootings	8/28/2023 3:38 PM
68	Increasing crime rate; lack of support for law enforcement; extremely weak and ineffective City of Columbia council and administrators who have no idea what the purpose of local government is.	8/28/2023 2:59 PM
69	Increasing variety of restaurants/activities for young professionals Attracting more diverse and vibrant culture people/opportunities	8/28/2023 11:58 AM
70	Increased crime, more homeless people around.	8/27/2023 10:31 AM
71	Crime and lack of sufficient law enforcement	8/27/2023 7:37 AM
72	Decreased access to mental healthcare	8/26/2023 9:31 PM
73	Crime	8/26/2023 4:44 PM
74	We say we do diversity well - look at the towns newspaper and magazines. Is there anything we can do for those at the lower end - keeping up with the cost of living?	8/25/2023 8:22 PM
75	Challenges of addressing racism and lack of integration of people in neighborhoods.	8/25/2023 1:56 PM
76	Fear of being on the road due to unsafe drivers. Columbia is notorious for having the worst/inconsiderate drivers in Missouri. And I do not see high crime listed. I realize that's 4 options, but these are all equally important to me.	8/25/2023 10:32 AM
77	Population racial diversity	8/25/2023 10:15 AM
78	Increase in crime because of a court system that won't hold criminals accountable and understaffed police departments	8/25/2023 8:19 AM
79	Crime, inability to problem-solve plan in local gov't (e.g., inability to solve trash and recycling despite much less functional local governments in the area doing so)	8/25/2023 7:16 AM
80	Increase in crime	8/24/2023 8:59 PM
81	Democrats continue to be elected	8/24/2023 1:57 PM
82	Increase in crime Decrease in leadership Increase in liberals	8/24/2023 10:10 AM
83	I've noticed more criminal activity (shootings, car vandalism, assaults) just since early 2022.	8/23/2023 8:00 PM
84	Crime	8/23/2023 12:20 PM
85	increased crime	8/23/2023 2:21 AM
86	if we become so conservative we ignore possibilities for change	8/21/2023 7:54 PM
87	Increasing rate of violent crime	8/21/2023 4:38 PM
88	Increased crime	8/21/2023 1:56 PM
89	Columbia Public Schools is terrible. There are more than three on here that I would select if able.	8/21/2023 12:54 PM
90	Increased crime	8/21/2023 11:33 AM
91	Violent crime, homelessness, mental health (all resulting in more crime and a lack of feeling safe in the community).	8/21/2023 8:53 AM
92	Loss of natural areas, open spaces. Lack of affordable housing options. Lack of adequate infrastructure, sewer, water. Decreased access to healthcare.	8/21/2023 8:32 AM
93	increase in crime	8/21/2023 8:09 AM
94	Extreme threats from urban sprawl--land destroyed for sprawling low-density single-family homes establishes an irrevocable loss to the natural environment	8/20/2023 3:35 PM

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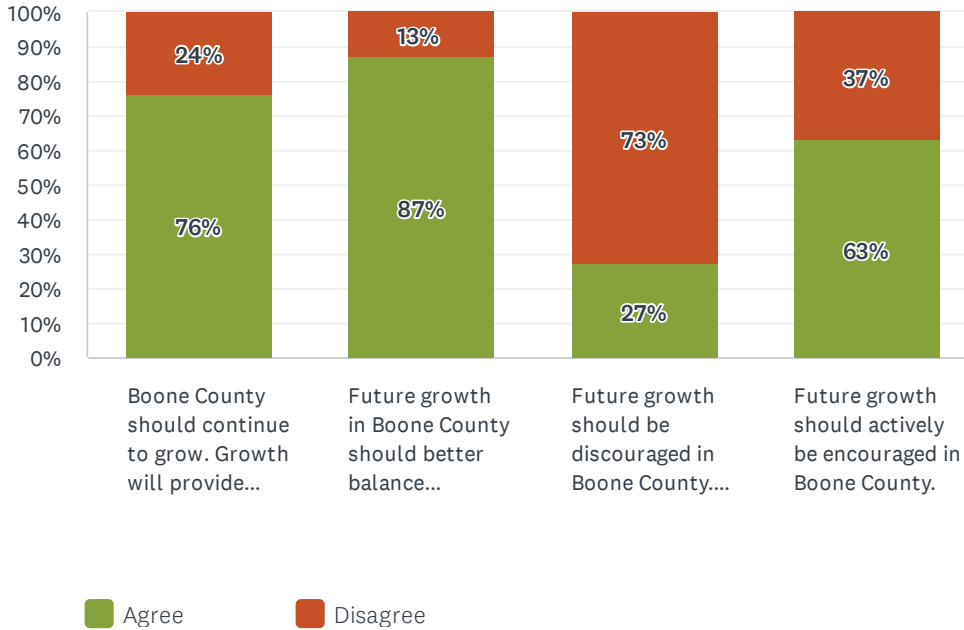
95	Crime	8/20/2023 10:40 AM
96	The perceived increase in crime.	8/20/2023 9:42 AM
97	Home prices. Boone county is literally the highest in the country.	8/20/2023 7:34 AM
98	Increase of crime	8/19/2023 9:20 AM
99	Crime, homelessness, increasing taxes	8/19/2023 5:43 AM
100	Columbia grows with seemingly little planning. So many ugly apartments downtown have ruined the look and atmosphere. They will turn into low rent housing in a few years is my guess.	8/19/2023 4:54 AM
101	continued rise of crime.	8/19/2023 1:07 AM
102	It is very disheartening to see the sprawl south of Columbia towards Ashland, leaving places like Rock Bridge Memorial very vulnerable to problems like water quality issues, light pollution, traffic noise in the Gans Creek Wild Area and a destabilization of our natural spaces.	8/18/2023 3:52 PM
103	Rise in Crime	8/18/2023 3:00 PM
104	Crime	8/18/2023 11:59 AM
105	I worry about increasing crime	8/18/2023 11:43 AM
106	Mental health/traumas are major aspects of quality of life. We do not have enough people trained or enough people to train on this matter. Yes, we have Mental Health departments, but we are not diving in deep enough to get to the core issues.	8/18/2023 11:29 AM
107	Columbia Public Schools administration and implementation - burdensome to teaching and teaching positions	8/18/2023 10:55 AM
108	Homelessness and crime	8/18/2023 10:11 AM
109	High crime	8/18/2023 9:19 AM
110	Safety - Crime seems to be on the rise and the homeless population is growing and having an impact on others.	8/18/2023 9:00 AM
111	Inadequate staffing of police and fire and lack of vision and direction for decreasing crime and maintaining safe neighborhoods	8/17/2023 11:31 AM
112	loss of healthcare choice--need to support the primary county hospital in light of healthcare crunch.	8/17/2023 10:57 AM
113	Increased commercial and business development replacing R-1 areas	8/17/2023 10:18 AM
114	Crime	8/17/2023 6:06 AM
115	Rising violent crime	8/16/2023 10:09 PM
116	The town is less beautiful now - all paved and strip malls. Losing character.	8/16/2023 9:43 PM
117	Gun violence	8/16/2023 7:50 PM
118	Increase in crime/ insufficient police	8/16/2023 7:05 PM
119	High crime, it is out of control in Columbia, Mo.	8/16/2023 5:20 PM
120	Poor city and county planning and overrun by HOAs.	8/16/2023 5:11 PM
121	Inadequate protection for parks and natural areas in the face of urban sprawl and development	8/16/2023 10:48 AM
122	1. Lack of urban planning that makes growth attractive. 2. Violence in our community. (SHOCKED that this isn't a choice on this list) 3. Racism	8/16/2023 8:16 AM
123	Crime	8/16/2023 8:08 AM
124	crime, shootings, home break ins	8/16/2023 7:47 AM
125	Liberalism....1,2,3	8/16/2023 6:55 AM
126	increased violence , need more police. Need more support for those in poverty.	8/16/2023 3:24 AM

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127	Lack of support for the police and emergency responders	8/15/2023 9:44 PM
128	Poor Governmental Management and oversight	8/15/2023 8:29 PM
129	Poor city counsel - not interested in building Columbia or protecting the population	8/15/2023 8:24 PM
130	crime rates and safe neighborhoods	8/15/2023 10:14 AM
131	Public school system is a detriment to our area	8/15/2023 9:58 AM
132	Making sure crime doesn't get out of control	8/15/2023 9:46 AM
133	Too many homeless people	8/15/2023 8:07 AM
134	Lack of shopping restaurants Jefferson City has better shopping then Columbia Keep roadways roundabouts clean landscape No more pollution areas in city limits They are eye sores	8/15/2023 12:56 AM
135	Not having enough police officers and increase in crime. Schools are having increased discipline problems and homeless are panhandling all over the city.	8/14/2023 7:29 PM
136	Increasing levels of crime; lack of airport options in terms of flights and destinations	8/14/2023 6:25 PM
137	The rising crime The lack of police Taxes	8/14/2023 6:14 PM
138	Lack of control over crime in our county. Rising gun crimes and homicides as well as burglary and theft in our neighborhoods.	8/14/2023 3:50 PM
139	Restrictive ordinances and zoning pushed by the county commission and planning and zoning.	8/14/2023 3:03 PM
140	Community (specifically Columbia) safety. There has been a noticeable increase in criminal activity over the last three years. If this isn't controlled, Columbia will lose growth opportunities as citizens struggle with lawlessness.	8/14/2023 1:29 PM
141	Rates for services (gas, electric, water, sewer) and property taxes way too high	8/14/2023 11:10 AM
142	Vagrancy downtown. Especially late at night.	8/11/2023 2:21 PM
143	All the impacts of climate change including not just heat waves but ongoing higher temperatures, changes in rain fall patterns, changes in growing seasons, flooding and more.	8/10/2023 8:15 PM
144	Crime, poor quality electricity, water and solid waste / recycling,	8/10/2023 7:38 PM
145	Crime	8/10/2023 3:18 PM
146	Crime out of control	8/9/2023 4:03 PM
147	Too many giveaways, such as Chapter 100. This growth never, ever pays for itself.	8/9/2023 12:44 PM
148	Juvenile crime is chronic and nothing is being done to stop it.	8/9/2023 12:35 PM
149	Safety	8/8/2023 5:17 PM
150	Decrease in number of young and middle age people to work the jobs. If data shows that we have had increase in population then we must have more jobs available than we have people interested in working these vacant jobs	8/7/2023 10:59 PM
151	Pressure from governments to regulate hoping to mitigate problems	8/5/2023 11:05 AM

Q10 Boone County has experienced a population increase of approximately 50% in the last 25 years. Select whether you 'Agree' or 'Disagree' with each statement below about future growth in the County.

Answered: 785 Skipped: 61



	AGREE	DISAGREE	TOTAL
Boone County should continue to grow. Growth will provide needed jobs for residents and revenue for community services.	76% 576	24% 181	757
Future growth in Boone County should better balance development with the preservation of farmland, rural character, and natural areas.	87% 669	13% 97	766
Future growth should be discouraged in Boone County. The County has grown too fast in the last 25-years and future growth could stretch the capacity of existing community services and utilities.	27% 205	73% 548	753
Future growth should actively be encouraged in Boone County.	63% 478	37% 277	755

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY:	DATE
1	Controlled, balanced growth. Very difficult job!	10/4/2023 8:48 AM
2	[better balance development with the preservation of] natural areas.	10/3/2023 10:16 AM
3	We need to slow growth to maintain our natural areas, and allow our infrastructure to be built back up where it can meet a rising population need, as well as protect our environment and reduce the impact of climate change.	10/2/2023 7:08 AM
4	Smart growth - smaller house foot prints need to take precedence as well as smaller 'yards' which use fertilizer and pesticides . We need better building efficiency standards - and much larger buffer zones near fragile creeks and waterways.	9/30/2023 11:31 PM
5	We've had basically 20,000 people move here in the last 20 years and we have not incorporated them well into our society.	9/30/2023 9:24 PM
6	Growth is critical to our economic future and wellbeing	9/30/2023 12:24 PM
7	We will not be able to stop future growth! We must proactively plan to accommodate	9/30/2023 9:42 AM

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significant growth in order to maximize the improvement opportunity and economic benefit of this growth. Aggressively transition to renewable energy. Install community solar on highway right-a-ways. Update zoning plans to upgrade and build new communities with their own micro grid distributed energy sources (community solar, ground source heat pumps, micro nuclear plants). Drill new and deeper wells to increase water resources. Improve transportation infrastructure. Consider light rail, bus and van-pool commuter systems to connect communities (Columbia-Ashland-Jeff City and Columbia Moberly-Mexico). Promote Regenerative agriculture practices: include agro-voltaic row cropping with solar panels and native pollinators. Promote agroforestry and rotational grazing for carbon capture. Protect and expand our parks and green spaces; build new community parks. Dream BIG!

8	Try to take care of what we have rather than promoting growth where we can't keep up with needed services.	9/30/2023 8:17 AM
9	"Growth " shouldn't mean development of polluting industries or blowing up hillsides for more apartment complexes. Why can't growth mean a growth for better natural health of its residents? Why can't the industries encouraged be green industries and housing be created for a green community? There is no real green housing community in Missouri.	9/30/2023 8:04 AM
10	Identify and define sensitive natural areas not suitable for development (such as karst topography, sinkholes, steep slopes, soil types that don't support septic or sewer lagoons, floodplains, and wetlands and soil types that don't support dense development because of erosional characteristics to high shrink-swell potential to frequent flooding, contiguous forests and woodlands, and wildlife corridors) Increase protection for existing trees, plant species and forests and existing wildlife habitats. Protect well established existing wildlife habitat from development. Protect buffers around public lands that already represent conserved wildlife habitat, and protect large patches of natural forests and woodlands that are contiguous with public lands where possible. Strictly enforce the stream buffer regulations. The stream buffer must apply to industrial animal operations of 1000 animal units or larger. Plan for and encourage denser development including duplexes or similar multi-unit housing integrated into every newly developed area.	9/29/2023 9:58 PM
11	Already we can access main roads in only one direction, we are not allowed, indeed it would be dangerous, to turn left	9/29/2023 9:18 PM
12	I think it is important to encourage growth in our community, but I think we need to make sure to expand the Services and housing available in our community to support that growth.	9/29/2023 2:45 PM
13	Positive growth should be a natural result of actions rather than initial intention. Bigger is not better. Better is better.	9/29/2023 11:51 AM
14	Columbia should move towards green belts like were done around the city of Chicago using green preserves. The hiking trails in the city are great but as growth continues additional green spaces need to be added. As additional land is added you could utilize existing groups (University clubs, Plant societies, Sierra club, Urban league, etc) to help establish these green areas and promote native species of woodlands, understory trees, perennial native plants, pollinators, birds, etc.	9/29/2023 9:55 AM
15	People come due to situations like the services described in the above paragraph from out of state or for jobs and educational or medical training and those factors are independent of active or inactive recruitment efforts	9/29/2023 7:25 AM
16	We are not prepared for more growth. We need better infrastructure, transportation systems, and affordable housing before we bring more people.	9/28/2023 9:09 PM
17	While I agree that Boone County has grown too fast in the past 25 years, actively discouraging growth could put property values out of reach for even middle-class longtime residents.	9/28/2023 9:06 PM
18	If your not growing your dying	9/28/2023 6:27 PM
19	Road, water and sewer service should expand and revitalize at the same rate as business and housing	9/28/2023 2:51 PM
20	Growth needs to be sustainable and considerate of the transportation, infrastructure and resource needs of existing and new residents (not overloading water systems, prioritizing walkability/bikeability on new roads and considering proximity of schools and shops when constructing new subdivisions)	9/28/2023 1:33 PM
21	Columbia is loosing it's identity due to the downtown high rise apartments while the	9/28/2023 11:40 AM

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	infrastructure suffers from overload of antiquated sewers and poor street maintenance.	
22	Less community services and utilities shouldn't be a deterrent to growth. If the city wants to grow, the city needs to ensure community services and utilities grow in proportion.	9/28/2023 11:12 AM
23	Boone County and City of Columbia can't keep up with the growth they currently have. City Council's lack of priorities when funding basic essentials and push for green energy has driven utility costs up, roadways are in poor shape and the city's water is still cloudy.	9/28/2023 9:01 AM
24	It's possible to preserve natural area while encouraging growth by providing essential infrastructure in a timely manner and increasing access to public transit to relieve traffic and pollution concerns	9/28/2023 8:21 AM
25	Improve existing infrastructure and services to serve better existing populations	9/28/2023 7:29 AM
26	County should take in consideration recently passed bill on freezing property tax for seniors when planning budget for future growth.	9/28/2023 6:34 AM
27	Growth should be dense and INSIDE incorporated areas. New incorporated Suburbs outside of Columbia should be discouraged.	9/28/2023 12:16 AM
28	We need the taxes, revenue, and population growth to support things here.	9/27/2023 9:52 PM
29	Growth is what maintains quality of life for all and funds quality improvement of existing infrastructure. If no growth, will start moving backwards	9/27/2023 9:21 PM
30	Growth in the unincorporated county should not extend beyond the ability of public services and infrastructure	9/27/2023 4:48 PM
31	We have the opportunity to be a real anchor in this region, especially with our strong health care assets, like the Thompson Center and all of the orthopedic surgery options. But if we want those doctors and those patients, we need to have a welcoming community with options for food, shopping, etc. I think Maly realty has this city by the balls - why do we let them keep the theater on 9th downtown vacant for over ten years? That's a cultural treasure and it should be something that the residents can benefit from, but instead, we let a developer from here who doesn't even live here make commercial real estate impossible for smaller or new businesses, or creative new ideas to take hold.	9/27/2023 11:56 AM
32	I feel like a balance currently exists between farmland preservation and development.	9/27/2023 7:44 AM
33	I've lived here the past 24 years of my life all I have seen is the roads and environment get worse people interaction isn't what it used to be and now we have more shootings and people dying then ever. Honestly I feel like the main worry in this town isn't even that it is theft and making this a big fancy college town not protecting our youth.	9/26/2023 5:13 PM
34	If it is minimally.	9/26/2023 4:01 PM
35	Growth MUST be balanced.	9/26/2023 3:09 PM
36	I am an involved member of the coalition to protect the sensitive areas south of Gans Rd. I am not anti-development or anti-growth, BUT the effort should be made to encourage growth where it will have less impact on sensitive areas and natural spaces. Areas already connected to city services should be revitalized before annexing and expanding, etc. And what happened to Grindstone Pkwy must not happen to Gans Rd.	9/26/2023 10:45 AM
37	Growth is fine, but growth without adequate infrastructure or growth that diminishes the quality of life of existing residents should be discouraged.	9/25/2023 5:16 PM
38	A community that is not growing is dying - we do not want that. We want to encourage good, strategic growth that preserves our natural spaces and encourages more dense growth along multi-modal transportation options.	9/25/2023 8:08 AM
39	I would like to see growth that plans for transportation (bike/walk/bus) & housing for lower income folks, Also, shifting the tax burden to those who require extension of infrastructure could be useful to discourage growth into farm areas and natural areas.	9/24/2023 6:50 PM
40	Some growth is probably optimal, but it needs to be carefully managed	9/22/2023 2:26 PM
41	Let's get the infrastructures up to par. They are not "good enough." Water quality is an issue, for sure.	9/22/2023 1:37 PM

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42	Reasonable growth should be encouraged as long and infrastructure, services, and safety systems are able to be maintained and equal to growth. Developers should bear their share in the community cost for growth.	9/22/2023 1:24 PM
43	Future growth must occur thoughtfully with an active plan to preserve our natural resources, sustainably build infrastructure and responsibly manage our environment.	9/22/2023 12:25 PM
44	Map out sensitive natural areas that would be damaged by development and establish them as contiguous green zones. Encourage denser development rather than the 5 acre lots of mowed lawn that is so common. Require developers to build sidewalks and pedestrian/bike amenities in more densely developed areas rather than have the City eat the cost for that infrastructure 10-20 years in the future.	9/20/2023 8:20 PM
45	Growth is good for our economy and our community and brings diversity and culture and new ideas, but we must do so sustainably. Development should consider natural resources and prioritize mass transit (long-distance e.g. Amtrak and short-distance bussing both in towns and throughout the community) and infrastructure development.	9/19/2023 5:21 PM
46	Agriculture and outdoor experiences are a big part of Boone County. We should accommodate affordable housing and plan for growth but be thoughtful about balancing human and environmental needs.	9/19/2023 9:00 AM
47	Some growth is needed, however, we need to be more selective and fill the vacant buildings, like Macy's etc. before building more.	9/13/2023 11:55 PM
48	We aren't handling the needs we have well and don't have proper infrastructure in place.	9/13/2023 2:17 PM
49	Growth will come whether we want it or not. The decision is how do we address the inevitable. We can't stick our heads in the sand, put things off then cry "the sky is falling" when the growth comes. With intelligent expansion we should be able to grow thoughtfully instead of putting out fires when they arise. Nationally we are being recognized as a great place to retire, to live and the invest in property. People want to come here, we need to accept it and learn from the mistakes of other communities that did not face the growth and plan for the inevitable.	9/12/2023 10:19 AM
50	I don't think growth can be stopped. It has been happening for 50 years, and needs to be acknowledged and planned for.	9/11/2023 8:04 AM
51	Although Boone County will continue to grow, plans for the growth should be implemented to manage the inevitable consequences of climate change. Further, it is essential for all parts of the county to have reliable transportation, broadband and medical services. Debating whether growth is positive or negative is not useful. Growth will happen and we need to focus on the best means for meeting the challenges.	9/11/2023 8:02 AM
52	All people should always feel welcome with wise transportation planning, environmental protections should be in place, with 100% renewable energy by 2030	9/10/2023 10:05 PM
53	Adapting to the climate crisis should be the top priority for all of us. Focusing on growth will not help us preserve green space or develop more energy-efficient operations for county government (vehicles, road construction/repair techniques, etc etc)	9/10/2023 8:27 PM
54	If you are not growing, you are declining.	9/10/2023 1:14 PM
55	Existing regulations for preserving natural areas are hopelessly inadequate and need to be re-examined and amended with recommendations from biologists, ecologists, etc. We don't exist in a vacuum and we must try to protect our natural areas and account for our native flora & fauna, PROTECT WATERSHEDS, etc. "Growth" concerned only with convenience is irresponsible and environmentally unsustainable.	9/9/2023 10:00 PM
56	Encouraging or discouraging population growth wholesale is meaningless. A growing population poses challenges and a steady or shrinking population poses different challenges. Rather than thinking about what the population "should" do let's take a realistic look at what the population is expected to do and set our goals and resources to meet the challenges that situation will pose.	9/9/2023 5:21 PM
57	Growth is necessary, but it must be carefully managed to protect rural area and the environment. No more parking garages (or only if a necessity)!	9/9/2023 5:06 PM
58	Growth is probably inevitable, but we should stop begging for it.	9/8/2023 10:54 PM
59	Growth is good but the City of Columbia needs to grow in a responsible manner. Columbia	9/8/2023 9:26 PM

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annex's too many properties that are contiguous because corners touch but most of the parcel is mostly in the County.

60	While we don't need to discourage growth, more resources should be allotted to taking care of our current citizens than advertising.	9/8/2023 1:11 PM
61	Expansion brings new jobs and opportunities. As long as it is planned and developed well, a growing community is beneficial. To receive the most benefits, there should be a balance between rural and urban with a limitation on suburban sprawl to keep the character of both the urban and rural communities.	9/8/2023 10:35 AM
62	Living in Columbia, and as a human/community geographer, I think it's incredibly important that growth happens, but it should not be growth for the sake of growth. Growth should be encouraged with intentionality and planning, and in direct consideration of the problems already being faced in the county. We are seeing such a severe lack of affordable housing that it's clearly a crisis, especially in Columbia. New housing should not be built in a luxury, suburban sprawl approach, and dedicated public transportation and pedestrian infrastructure non-reliant on personal vehicles as the primary form of transportation should be designed to coincide with affordable housing development in the broader Boone County unincorporated area. Natural preserve area should of course be considered and value placed upon it, perhaps with a balance through creating more bike path infrastructure and accessible green space. More financial support should be provided to public institutions that already exist and provide valuable public resources, such as public transportation, libraries, and schools.	9/7/2023 6:20 PM
63	Growth needs to be carefully managed to be able to meet the challenges of climate change.	9/7/2023 7:57 AM
64	The growth isn't the problem, it's the failure of the city and county governments to properly plan for the growth. Ashland and Columbia both should've been building housing for the past decade but they've completely abdicated their duty. There should also be more public transit across the whole county. You should be able to take a bus or train or tram to Rocheport for food and drinks and then be able to ride back to Columbia or Ashland or wherever. Stop letting the developers and special interests decide everything.	9/6/2023 2:59 PM
65	Affordable housing for both first time home buyers and renters must be prioritized. This is the bottleneck for growth in Boone County.	9/6/2023 1:43 PM
66	I don't oppose growth, but it should pay for itself. Growth creates demand for services, ie water, electric, sewer, storm water control, schools, police, fire, etc. All of those things cost a lot of money. Growth should pay a significant portion of expanding public services that it requires.	9/6/2023 1:33 PM
67	Boone County will always be a good place for persons of means. Infrastructure and economic growth needs to be an "all boats rise" effort where diverse persons from all sectors of the community have the opportunity to share in Boone County's prosperity. We need to grow affordable housing, prioritize good jobs focusing on wages, and maintain services that benefit the community.	9/6/2023 1:08 PM
68	Stop taxing those that work to reward those that don't work. We need to reduce/eliminate "social services".	9/6/2023 6:04 AM
69	Not enough housing for working people	9/5/2023 10:05 PM
70	Growth is good and inevitable, but needs to be managed thoughtfully in order to achieve balance between preservation and conservation and development and should focus on sustainability.	9/5/2023 8:34 PM
71	Planned growth is good. Sprawl is poor. We encourage sprawl with some of the Columbia zoning issues. BoCoMO has a poor reputation for serving the county. They seem to put up roadblocks to well planned projects. BoCoMO should look forward to where people want to live for roads and especially Lay trails. The MKT loop around the city is a forward thinking example. The longer we wait to finish it, the more it costs and the harder it is. If done correctly people can look back and think "luckily someone was paying attention. Look at the number of people who use the trail for recreation AND getting to work. Less cars, better air, more livable	9/5/2023 4:51 PM
72	Until the transit system is fixed the city will have an incredibly hard time growing	9/5/2023 12:40 PM
73	Growth is essential to the Boone county economy. Columbia at the moment lacks much housing density (leading partially to the large increasing in housing costs) especially medium density housing (row housing)/ starter homes (on smaller lot sizes) and transit oriented	9/5/2023 11:48 AM

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developments so future growth doesn't require continuing sprawl into rural/nature/farm areas and maintain Boone County's beauty. For reference Columbia is the size of STL proper but only 1/3 the population. We don't have to reach STL's density but we can definitely get somewhere in-between in the coming 20-30 years.

74	Growth is needed to have vibrant lives and attract opportunities. However, cost of living needs to be considered in the balance.	9/5/2023 11:17 AM
75	We are already growing quickly. There is no reason to solicit outside populations. If you must, solicit entrepreneur activities to grow local business for the tax base and job market.	9/4/2023 3:04 PM
76	Growth might seem economically positive, but it destroys the quality of life over time.	9/4/2023 1:01 PM
77	traffic is increasingly frantic and speed limits are outrageous (50 mph in my area) Cars/trucks get larger and larger; distraction (phone use) is common. Just harder to get around safely	9/3/2023 8:13 PM
78	It will never feel like a big city, but the bigger we are, the more diversity, interesting people, better restaurants, stores, plays, concerts, etc. I really wish we had a Trader Joe's here!! I think it'd do great here!!	9/2/2023 8:37 PM
79	Future growth is a part of population growth and the numerous first-class institutions here. Without a commitment to making Boone the most sustainable County in the Country, none of the growth/no-growth matters.	9/2/2023 2:30 PM
80	I think Boone County will continue to be an attractive area that people will want to move to for jobs, raising a family, and retirement. But the growth will strain our infrastructure. Proper planning is essential.	9/2/2023 9:11 AM
81	Unchecked growth is encroaching on too many natural habitats, taxing infrastructure (roads, utilities, law enforcement), and creating an environment many long time residents did not choose to live in.	9/2/2023 9:09 AM
82	With the right infrastructure plan, companies can find opportunities in Columbia and reinvest into the community.	9/1/2023 2:12 PM
83	We need jobs but we also need greenspace like parks, forests, and ways for people to get out in nature. Nature and the outside benefits people's health.	9/1/2023 11:52 AM
84	We are already showing stress on infrastructure. We need to take care of what we have before focusing on expansion	9/1/2023 9:56 AM
85	I tend to think that Boone County, namely Columbia, is growing too quickly. I do not believe that the County should be actively recruiting people to live in the county, but I do think it is their job to make sure that infrastructure is in place and well-maintained for the people who do live here. I don't like the way that the questions above are worded as they try to put words in my mouth that are not there. I do believe that we don't want to become a completely urban and suburban area and farmland and natural spaces should be conserved where possible.	9/1/2023 9:28 AM
86	Future growth planning is essential i.e infrastructure, water, meeting electrical demand, environment friendly.	9/1/2023 8:05 AM
87	Growth should continue, but only AFTER required and proper infrastructure has been built.	8/31/2023 9:25 AM
88	Densify growth, make it walkable, improve public transportation, stop building roads and parking lots and build more public transportation and bike lanes	8/30/2023 10:17 PM
89	As people move from the coasts due to climate problems this is an ideal location. They will bring talent and funding to the County.	8/30/2023 9:03 PM
90	Identify and define sensitive natural areas not suitable for development (such as karst topography, sinkholes, steep slopes, soil types that don't support septic or sewer lagoons, floodplains, and wetlands and soil types that don't support dense development because of erosional characteristics to high shrink-swell potential to frequent flooding, contiguous forests and woodlands, and wildlife corridors) Increase protection for existing trees, plant species and forests and existing wildlife habitats. Protect existing well established existing wildlife habitat from development. Strictly enforce the stream buffer regulations. The stream buffer must apply to industrial animal operations of 1000 animal units or larger.	8/29/2023 12:04 PM
91	Growth brings in new tax revenue which hopefully is used to expand services to the people. I think there has been a good job done preserving nature and natural spaces and encouraging	8/29/2023 10:28 AM

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	growth.	
92	Growth can be managed with good policies. Look to other cities or counties that have done so.	8/28/2023 3:11 PM
93	More housing is needed to accommodate current and new residents.	8/28/2023 1:10 PM
94	Boone County's growth is vital to for future success. I believe we need controlled growth allowing for infrastructure to keep pace with growth. It seems that the City of Columbia allows growth without thought or foresight as to the current infrastructure in place. They allow development and then worry about infrastructure after the fact.	8/28/2023 12:45 PM
95	I'm in favor of additional growth because I'd like to think that will bring more diversity and recreation/entertainment options. I do recognize that infrastructure will have to keep up or get ahead of growth. Housing should be considered part of our infrastructure with lots of options for density, income, and transportation access. I also recognize that this might require additional funding via taxes. As long as Boone County continues to be responsible and accountable for my tax dollars I'm ok with them going up incrementally as necessary to maintain our quality of life.	8/28/2023 11:59 AM
96	We need to figure out why we are growing so fast. We also need to figure out what population is determining the growth. The development and the growth should offset each other and if that is not happening their needs to be more research on why this is happening.	8/28/2023 10:54 AM
97	The housing market is not keeping up with the growth. Too many transplants buying all the homes and using them for Airbnbs or to rent out for an insane amount. The rentals are also not being kept up with the growth, along with public transportation. How does the City expect to grow if they keep taking away bus stops?	8/28/2023 9:57 AM
98	I only agree that we should continue to grow but we need to make sure that the infrastructure will accommodate the growth of Columbia. Right now I think that needs some work.	8/28/2023 9:37 AM
99	Modest Growth that maintains natural resources and quality of life is great	8/28/2023 9:33 AM
100	We need to grow and welcome the change, that is how we update our county to be with the times.	8/27/2023 2:46 PM
101	Future growth should be encouraged, we should continue to grow the infrastructure and the supporting amenities. More bigger hospitals and utility maintenance for roads, power and water lines.	8/27/2023 10:31 AM
102	I think part was the increase in crime can be directly attributed to lack of community. 40 years ago in/around Columbia you couldn't go to public places without seeing someone you knew or your parents knew. Any unacceptable behaviors would be reported to your family.	8/27/2023 7:43 AM
103	If you're not growing you're dying	8/26/2023 7:12 PM
104	Existing infrastructure needs to be maintained and upgraded. New development should contribute to needed infrastructure upgrades. Growth should be thoughtful. Farms and natural areas should be preserved and encouraged.	8/26/2023 6:33 PM
105	Our infrastructure is suffering. We are not dealing well with crime and homelessness is almost encouraged. Panhandling is against the law, but not enforced.	8/26/2023 4:44 PM
106	Growth comes at the expense of natural areas and habitat - one of my favorite things about Columbia and the surrounding areas. Look at Ashland. It's exploding in size but at the expense of bulldozed trees and vegetation, converted into quickly and poorly constructed tacky tacky houses.	8/26/2023 8:05 AM
107	Infrastructure needs to keep up with population growth	8/26/2023 7:07 AM
108	Growth is going to happen. It need to be managed in a way that currently feels chaotic and sprawly.	8/25/2023 3:01 PM
109	Whether growth is encouraged or not in Boone County, I believe it's inevitable. People continue to be priced out of both KC and STL and move here, and I believe that those who are being priced out of other urban areas and other states will join them in higher numbers sooner than later. By planning for this growth, increased investments in sustainable/regenerative agriculture, better public transit options such as county busses, water and electrical infrastructure, county-owned fiber or other low-cost internet access, affordable housing, high-quality educational opportunities, improved roads, renewable energy, outdoor education, and	8/25/2023 12:30 PM

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more can improve quality of life for existing Boone County residents, and could largely be funded by tax revenue increases due to a population increase.

110	I think that Columbia has suffered by growing too fast and not paying attention to infrastructure. There should be a better balance between the development and preservation of natural areas. i.e.downtown student housing	8/25/2023 11:04 AM
111	I would encourage more growth in Boone County if there were more options for affordable housing within Columbia city limits and close by (within 10 miles). Columbia cannot handle the stress of its current infrastructure with students in town 9 months out of the year and folks from rural communities coming in town to play sports, shop, etc. All of the new housing developments anywhere in the county are made for folks who can afford a 350,000 and up home, but that does not represent the majority of Boone County residents and will continue to exacerbate an already dangerous climate where rent is not affordable for those who cannot buy a home. If you want residents to use less resources for housing assistance and rely less on the government, make incentives for developers to build affordable homes everywhere in Boone County and stop focusing just on upper middle class families. Those are not the only families that need homes they can feasibly buy. Columbia specifically needs to move away from catering just to students who come from privilege, stay here for four years, then get jobs in other cities. Most of these students don't actually give anything back to the community like the citizens of Columbia do and our citizens deserve homes/rentals we can afford. Mizzou is important to our economy, but if no one stays here because of lack of affordable housing, you will have nothing. I live in a household where our gross income is 110,000 a year and I fear our choices of quality newer homes is going to run out by the time we're ready to buy--that is the reality for many of my friends and family in Columbia.	8/25/2023 10:46 AM
112	I think future growth is good, but we shouldn't loose the small town feel.	8/25/2023 10:37 AM
113	A higher population equal less green space. I see it more and more. I think there comes a point where we need to say enough is enough. The people who live in Columbia should get to enjoy it. If we allow it to continue growing, what is the difference between living here or in a larger city?	8/25/2023 10:32 AM
114	Growth is fine, but not at the expense of nature preservation areas. Also, building neighborhoods in flood plains is an obvious bad idea.	8/25/2023 9:24 AM
115	Growth will happen regardless (once a population crosses the 100,000 this is the most likely trend). Embracing it and making the best of it seems the best approach. I also don't think of Columbia as particularly rural/small town, so this is less of an issue for me. I will say the specific growth related to the college students (who I believe make the community better) might be misguided. As online learning options become more common, having massive amounts of student-specific housing could be problematic, particularly since the owners of said buildings are reported to be minimally connected to the community.	8/25/2023 7:16 AM
116	We can right size our county especially to match the boom in senior populations (healthcare, infrastructure, affordable housing, and culture/recreation) and decrease in the college student demographic (lower enrollment is on the horizon in the not so distant future).	8/24/2023 9:57 PM
117	Let the free market decide on growth. Please just stay out of the way!	8/24/2023 1:57 PM
118	While I continue to support growth and changes to Boone County and Columbia, I would also like to see that rural farmland or large tracts of acreage for trees and wildlife be preserved in such a way that everybody benefits, not just a developer. For example, the land for the planned development behind Mill Creek Elementary was stripped of so much of it's character (woodland) it almost seems there was no thought given to saving more trees and incorporating them into the design.	8/24/2023 12:33 PM
119	The County can't take care of what they have now. Work on that first then work on growth.	8/24/2023 10:10 AM
120	I lived in Boone County from 1982 to 1994 and moved back here in 2017. The county has grown tremendously in those intervening years. It seems like traffic could have better planning to accommodate the population growth.	8/23/2023 6:05 PM
121	Need to slow down the rate of growth. Housing and many services are way too expensive.	8/23/2023 2:16 PM
122	Emergency services are stressed.	8/23/2023 12:20 PM
123	Much growth is occurring in vulnerable areas where the county has no or very weak regulations. A prime example is the Karst area south of Columbia where the county has	8/22/2023 10:56 AM

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allowed totally inappropriate development which threatens the water quality in the caves and streams of Rock Bridge Memorial State Park. Also the county should not allow development in other areas where sensitive natural features have been designated, e.g., the Gans Creek Wild Area. Hinkson Creek also continues to be impacted from the runoff from agricultural land in the county. Growth should be prohibited or slowed until adequate regulations are in place to address these issues.

124	I think we should understand what type of growth. Much of the "growth" comes from people who don't invest in the local economy. This affect must be balanced because it will become a strain on local economy	8/22/2023 5:56 AM
125	I think encouraging growth is great if we are responsible and effective with what we already have. Growth, just for the sake of growth, seems irresponsible.	8/21/2023 8:38 PM
126	vision and detailed planning will facilitate proper development for growth	8/21/2023 7:54 PM
127	Rather than saying Boone County SHOULD grow, I would say that it WILL grow (due to jobs and other opportunities, population increase and migration). We need to manage the inevitable growth to promote quality of life and a healthy environment.	8/21/2023 4:50 PM
128	We need lots more houses. They are too expensive.	8/21/2023 2:32 PM
129	Columbia specifically has grown too much too fast. The crime rate has increased too much.	8/21/2023 12:54 PM
130	We need more growth but we also desperately need improved infrastructure	8/21/2023 11:33 AM
131	With I70 going to 3 lanes both directions, existing right of way must be used. DO NOT build a bypass around Columbia. Think outside the box, using a upper and lower level of I70 inside existing right of way. 4 lanes both ways. See Huntsville Alabama as an example. No eminent domain needed. Saves money also. Start at Lake of the Woods to Midway and old 40.	8/21/2023 11:04 AM
132	Growth is a positive, but it has to be managed.	8/21/2023 8:53 AM
133	Of course there will be growth, it does need to be done with care. Boone County and Columbia are known for having wonderful trails to bike and hike, we need to keep that going, not destroy it. Preserve and expand would be in the best interest of the county. Keep the farmlands for the all of the wonderful small/large farmers we have. We already experienced sewer/infrastructure problems in downtown Columbia because they grabbed money and didn't make the company's redo the sewer as they should have to take care of the increased flow. If developers do come in, have more sustainable housing practices. No more crappy cookie cutter houses.	8/21/2023 8:32 AM
134	Continued growth stretches our resources and makes existing problems worse - transportation, traffic, pollution, crime.	8/20/2023 3:44 PM
135	Every new low-density single-family housing development adds to the strains of life for all. City services are strained, and car-driving is encouraged. Public transportation cannot reach all of these outlying areas. Everybody loses--especially the environment that can never be recovered.	8/20/2023 3:35 PM
136	Growth cannot be controlled or "discouraged," so the appropriate course of action is to prepare for more inevitable growth. Ashland, Hallsville, and Harrisburg will be extremely dense Columbia suburbs within 50 years.	8/20/2023 3:33 PM
137	I don't believe the government should be encouraging anything, especially growth	8/20/2023 11:42 AM
138	Tens of thousands of vehicles on streets built for a much smaller population.	8/19/2023 7:45 PM
139	Moderate growth is healthy for our economy and livelihood.	8/19/2023 6:32 AM
140	The existing infrastructure needs to be improved before major growth. Thought needs to go into what is built and where. That hideous strip mall that was built on Scott Blvd is an example—it was sold as a place that would have restaurants and trees and paths. And it has a car wash and a liquor store. Really ugly. Shame on whoever let that happen	8/19/2023 4:54 AM
141	Future growth is encouraged but the high increase in homeless in the area is very concerning.	8/19/2023 1:07 AM
142	Growth is inevitable when there are opportunities for a good quality of life. The key is a strong plan to manage infrastructure and plan for growth in a way that maintains a high quality of life here.	8/18/2023 9:21 PM
143	Endless growth at maximum pace mindset is dangerous. There are finite resources in BC. On	8/18/2023 8:32 PM

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the other hand, no growth is stagnation. Unhelpfully being a centrist, but I think a moderate approach should be taken. Not active encouragement but also not discouraged and still supporting growth as it happens. ?

144	Future growth should focus on creation of compact and walkable development to better preserve natural areas as opposed to urban sprawl.	8/18/2023 6:23 PM
145	Future growth is inevitable. Careful planning is essential	8/18/2023 5:53 PM
146	I don't strongly agree or disagree with any of those statements.	8/18/2023 4:10 PM
147	I do think the county should continue to grow, but perhaps at a slower pace. Affordable housing and creating limits on landlords and rent increases is one of the things I would most like to see. I think there would also be some benefit to encouraging growth in adjacent counties, which generally have lower cost of living, but tend to draw commuting employees.	8/18/2023 1:29 PM
148	There's no reason to preserve farmland or a rural character. If people want to farm, they can. There's an amendment to the state constitution that allows them to do it pretty much anywhere they own land. 1,000 people move to Columbia every year. They aren't moving because they want to see cows and cornfields. They're moving for jobs and the amenities the city provides. The rural areas are seeing nowhere near that growth. I get that politicians have to speak to these things, but the reality is that the vast majority of Boone County residents haven't known a time or place where they are farming or that farming was the priority.	8/18/2023 11:59 AM
149	I choose disagree on question three because of the word "better" that insinuates that the balance isn't currently there. I believe it is. Growth shouldn't suffer at the hands of preservation and preservation shouldn't suffer at the hands of growth. Balance and planning is important.	8/18/2023 11:06 AM
150	Infrastructure needs to match the needs.	8/18/2023 10:55 AM
151	I think growth will happen whether we want it to or not. I just want to be sure the infrastructure can keep up and that we remain a charming Midwestern location.	8/18/2023 10:25 AM
152	Growth is going to happen. How we deal with infrastructure and maintain the natural spaces is crucial.	8/18/2023 10:21 AM
153	Growth critical to support additional and needed services and existing service quality.	8/18/2023 10:11 AM
154	There's really no way getting around growth and we want the community to stay vibrant. We just need to be mindful of how we grow and minimize the negative impacts.	8/18/2023 10:03 AM
155	Growth should not be discouraged. Growth should be managed and infrastructure should be adequately funded even if that means raising taxes.	8/18/2023 10:02 AM
156	Growth is inevitable. It is a question of how we manage and adapt to the growth that is important. Also, setting County priorities so that growth doesn't cause the County to lose sight of its goals.	8/18/2023 9:52 AM
157	Balancing growth and services is the challenge	8/18/2023 9:19 AM
158	I think growth will organically happen. I'm not sure it requires encouragement or not. But we need to be prepared for that growth and the challenges it brings. It can be good for the county if handled appropriately.	8/18/2023 9:00 AM
159	This may be at the city level, however, rumor is they are purposely not letting certain recreational/shopping/food places come to Columbia (not entirely sure why?). Examples: Costco/movie theatres/Krispy Kreme	8/18/2023 8:47 AM
160	Ask why the commissioners did not allow Smith and Wesson to expand in Columbia. We lost 3500 jobs to Tennessee because of this decision. Why?	8/17/2023 5:20 PM
161	We live in Missouri, not New York.	8/17/2023 5:16 PM
162	Let's improve what we have now. If we have grown so much, why are so many businesses understaffed/out of business? Let's get people to work.	8/16/2023 9:43 PM
163	People keep moving to Boone County. Growth should pay its own way, but not be over restricted.	8/16/2023 8:58 PM
164	I'm assuming "growth" is referring to population, since the county boundaries are pretty set. So yes, we should continue to grow but do so in a smart way that sees increased density in	8/16/2023 8:57 PM

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logical areas (most of Columbia, other more urbanized areas), and continued good use of our rural farm lands for food production. This can be supported by better transportation architecture (that tailors to more than just cars).

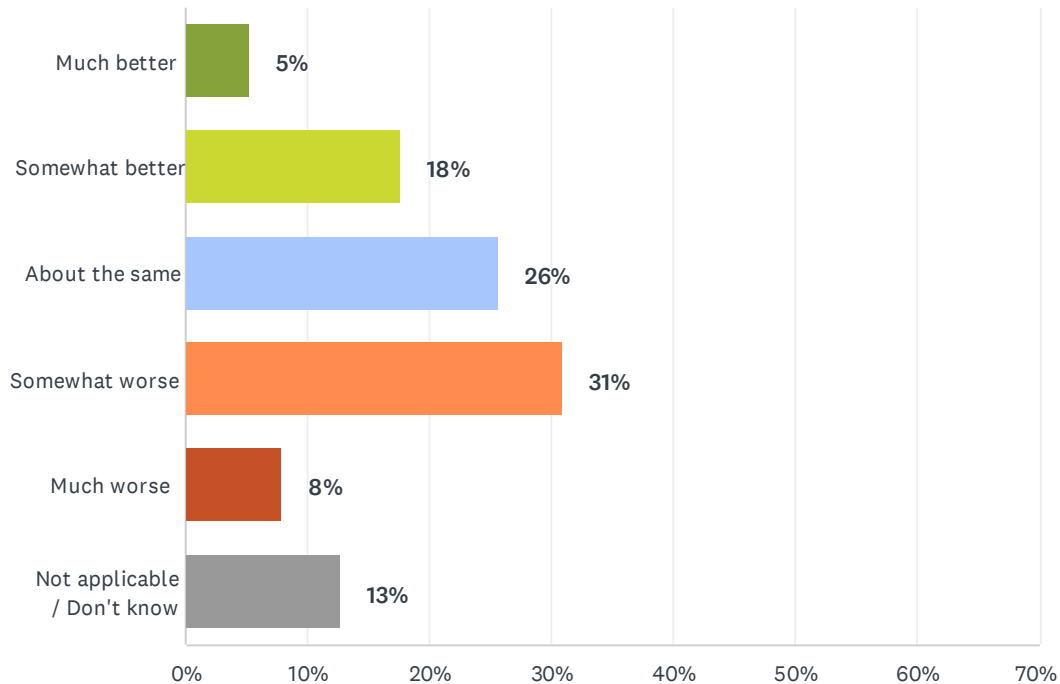
165	Boone County is an attractive place to live. We will grow. With growth comes the responsibility to consider how this growth will impact the environment.	8/16/2023 5:11 PM
166	Boone County's growth will provide diminishing benefits, and could actually become detrimental to the community in many ways, if that growth is not planned and managed in a responsible way	8/16/2023 2:19 PM
167	Other areas outside Boone County have become more suitable for farming as large tracks have been subdivided for residential use.	8/16/2023 1:43 PM
168	I agreed with both of the last two questions... I want the county to grow in a sustainable way. We need better infrastructure already and I fear growth without resolving the existing problems will cause greater issues than we're already struggling with.	8/16/2023 12:48 PM
169	As one of the fastest growing cities in Missouri Columbia, and the greater Boone county area, has a lot to offer the state if Columbia can move from a pleasant college town to a real city.	8/16/2023 11:08 AM
170	I would like to see redevelopment encouraged in our cities, making them more desirable places to live and work.	8/16/2023 10:48 AM
171	Not sure it is necessary to either "encourage" or "discourage" growth. Let the natural progression of the economy take place, but be prepared to address the infrastructure and other issues that will come with growth. The growth cannot continue to consume (pave over and build over) farmland and natural areas. Those are very much needed for a variety of reasons.	8/16/2023 10:18 AM
172	I think growth is inevitable, but our services and infrastructure will need to accommodate that growth. Currently we are not seeing that. I'm not sure how much we can budget for, however, these things are necessary for a healthy, positive community.	8/16/2023 9:51 AM
173	The premise of the way the last statement is worded assumes that Current growth is not being balanced. Perhaps the growth could be nuanced and become less political, but that is doubtful.	8/16/2023 9:16 AM
174	Only if it is planned growth. Not another dispensary. Stop the garish, cheap apartments and businesses popping up. Vacant buildings.	8/16/2023 8:16 AM
175	Boone County is a great place to live. More people will want to move here whether we like it or not. The County should plan for growth by expanding infrastructure now.	8/16/2023 7:47 AM
176	It is inevitable that the county will grow. I would encourage growth of small business, support for community services.	8/16/2023 3:24 AM
177	Moderated growth is healthy but it's important the city plan for it and appropriate land and resources accordingly.	8/15/2023 11:57 PM
178	It is a balance Unfortunately I am not confident in the leadership	8/15/2023 9:44 PM
179	Growth needs to be carefully managed and regulated.	8/15/2023 8:09 PM
180	Growth is crucial to economic stability of every city. Smart growth, utility development, strategic planning, and an effort to increase affordable housing while encouraging development, will benefit the community as a whole.	8/15/2023 12:12 PM
181	I think most growth in Boone County should happen inside incorporated areas. Dense growth allows more public transportation options. We definitely we'd more housing in the county, but it would best of those houses are inside city/town limits.	8/15/2023 11:44 AM
182	i think growth should be natural and we should provide a plan for growth with infrastructure (utilities, roads, housing)	8/15/2023 10:14 AM
183	Boone County should continue growth, but prioritize higher density in urban cores, along with pedestrian/bicycle infrastructure in order to preserve our natural environment.	8/15/2023 9:47 AM
184	do we want the place to look like suburbs in New Jersey, or like Wentzville? I don't think so	8/15/2023 9:03 AM
185	With growth comes adversity but evolving from that will lead to beautiful fruit.	8/15/2023 8:44 AM
186	Growth is a positive if the infrastructure and community services can scale with it.	8/15/2023 7:37 AM

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187	Too much growth without expanding the utility services and roads before first. Too large houses and not enough smaller home options are being built.	8/14/2023 7:29 PM
188	Growth will happen because of Columbia - because it is a college town. But, we need to have balanced job growth with the increase in population and housing. We need to provide more affordable housing to support people already living here who are struggling to afford a place to live. With the cost of living going up so much in the last 18 months, care must be given to prevent over building of expensive developments that further divide the classes in our county. Columbia has made progress in community development but there is more to do. I assume the same is true for Ashland, Centralia, and the other Boone County towns and villages.	8/14/2023 3:50 PM
189	The Commission has unduly restricted the way property owners can use their land within the county. Zoning is too restrictive.	8/14/2023 3:03 PM
190	Government control often goes amok.	8/14/2023 11:10 AM
191	I feel like all housing is geared towards the college students not families with children Section 8 does not inspect the property landlords in Columbia charge outrageous rent for substandard housing we have enough parks we need a couple more ARC recreation in other parts of town we need sidewalks that aren't buckled so people in wheelchair can manage (Clark Lane by the links both sides) we need more apartments for disabled like the freedom house we need a better bus system we need a vocational school to teach kids trades we need to focus on families not just college kids	8/11/2023 12:00 PM
192	Government should not limit growth.	8/11/2023 6:04 AM
193	Future growth needs to be planned and needs to be allowed only with appropriate infrastructure including public transit, safe walking options, safe biking options, good stormwater management, good sewage management and no building in flood plains. It is likely the trend toward urban living will continue and the County needs to be prepared. Additionally, over the next 25 years we can expect more climate migrants from the west and southwest. I already know people who relocated from California to escape wildfire risk.	8/10/2023 8:15 PM
194	The amount of growth must be kept in proportion to the ability to grow infrastructure.	8/9/2023 5:56 PM
195	Inevitable climate extremes necessitate the County reinforcing and fortifying infrastructure, by including agrivoltaics and community solar as quickly as possible.	8/9/2023 1:42 PM
196	Too many giveaways, such as Chapter 100. This growth never, ever pays for itself. For example, CPS might get an extra \$2 million in property taxes over 10 years because EquipmentShare is expanding. But the company plans to bring in over 500 new employees from outside Columbia. If just 100 of them have kids, the cost to CPS will be at least \$1.3 million annually.	8/9/2023 12:44 PM
197	The current approach to development (policy and county staff procedures) is causing some unintended consequences. Giving more opportunities to encourage innovation and diversification of development.	8/8/2023 2:42 PM
198	If growth follows the national pattern the growth will only occur in cities like Columbia or maybe Ashland. Growth won't occur in rural areas. It will be a struggle to get the young people to farm or work in the unincorporated areas	8/7/2023 10:59 PM

Q11 How does the quality of life in Boone County today compare to 25 years ago (or however long you have lived in Boone County)? [choose one]

Answered: 775 Skipped: 71



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Much better	5% 40
Somewhat better	18% 137
About the same	26% 199
Somewhat worse	31% 240
Much worse	8% 61
Not applicable / Don't know	13% 98
TOTAL	775

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY THE QUALITY OF LIFE IS "BETTER" OR "WORSE":	DATE
1	Trails, roads, grocery, eating options are better. Traffic, crime, cost of living are worse.	10/4/2023 8:49 AM
2	Not enough business development support.	10/3/2023 11:44 AM
3	Decline in infrastructure (roads, electric, water), public safety support and public schools	10/3/2023 11:43 AM
4	I am seeing creek banks fall in on themselves. Major erosion due to impervious surfaces and big roofs too close to steep land near creek ways. Trash litters everywhere! Businesses don't even clean up their property! Litter is along all the road ways. It was never like this when we	9/30/2023 11:34 PM

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had the deposit on drink containers. The waterways are all polluted - just fetid water. It's disgusting!

5	If you look at how far our school system has declined in 37 years, it's of serious concern. We were recognized as being in the Top 5% of the whole country and now we're less than 20% of schools in the state of Missouri.	9/30/2023 9:26 PM
6	The new and expanded MU Health Care and Research facilities, the continued development of the Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture, the new Columbia Regional Airport Terminal, and the many new economic development investments in Boone County, have greatly improved our quality of life by building for future growth.	9/30/2023 10:22 AM
7	Development of an apartment industry outside downtown Columbia has outpaced growth of alternative transportation causing so many more cars to be required.	9/30/2023 8:08 AM
8	Crime is a lot worse than then and no increase in police. Plus police officers are not allowed to do their jobs without backlash or no support from their leaders.'	9/30/2023 6:04 AM
9	Traffic congestion is worse. People do not access public transportation.	9/30/2023 4:57 AM
10	More violence and crime. Less City staffing. Covid for 3 years.	9/29/2023 10:00 PM
11	everything is more complicated but no better	9/29/2023 9:19 PM
12	The increase in crime, dramatic increases in living expenses, and the lack of affordable housing options are all directly connected. When lower income people can't afford to feed and house their families, we all suffer the consequences.	9/29/2023 2:51 PM
13	Trending sustainable growth in most facets	9/29/2023 11:53 AM
14	Just Columbia	9/29/2023 10:04 AM
15	Increased crime is of growing concern	9/28/2023 10:46 PM
16	My own situation has radically changed over my 30 years in the county, hence this is hard for me to judge.	9/28/2023 9:12 PM
17	Housing is awful. Community connectedness is in decline	9/28/2023 9:09 PM
18	The increase in crime makes it worse	9/28/2023 7:25 PM
19	More crime	9/28/2023 5:41 PM
20	More opportunities, better shopping	9/28/2023 4:27 PM
21	Lived here less than 2 years	9/28/2023 2:52 PM
22	Congestion and crime	9/28/2023 1:02 PM
23	Being a White male my opinion doesn't represent what those less fortunate would think of this. It seems that social services are available for the needy. From my perspective the cultural options have expanded and the Boone County Trust's support of non-profits is exemplary.	9/28/2023 11:47 AM
24	Crime and high taxes	9/28/2023 8:43 AM
25	severe lack of affordable housing due to "luxury" student housing driving up market values without an increase in the actual quality of housing	9/28/2023 8:23 AM
26	Higher crime since I moved to Boone County 2 years ago.	9/28/2023 6:35 AM
27	Crime is worse now. Homeless is worse now.	9/28/2023 4:04 AM
28	Same sex marriage was illegal so that's better. Air quality has improved. Water quality has gone downhill	9/28/2023 12:16 AM
29	Went through period of decreased tax revenue with internet sales. Noted more road potholes and fewer sidewalk repairs for a while. Think this is improving with increased funding. Need increased police with increased population.	9/27/2023 11:30 PM
30	Increasing development downtown. Increased investment downtown	9/27/2023 9:23 PM
31	Growth	9/27/2023 5:05 PM

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32	I feel like there could be a greater emphasis on culture and the arts in Boone County.	9/27/2023 4:39 PM
33	Columbia has become more politically conservative and has lost substantial greenspace	9/27/2023 1:12 PM
34	I wasn't here but my sense is that this was a very different place 25 years ago. The growth in population alone has been really impactful, but also all of the smaller communities surrounding Columbia have grown and are changing in identity.	9/27/2023 11:57 AM
35	Less affordability in housing, but improved roads	9/27/2023 7:45 AM
36	More crime, not enough policing for the size Columbia is	9/26/2023 9:42 PM
37	Shopping is very limited, mall is almost dead. Less safe for city kids everyday	9/26/2023 7:36 PM
38	Packaging smaller. Cost of groceries and really any services 3 to 4 times higher than just 5 years ago.	9/26/2023 4:03 PM
39	there are now more social organizations that meet my needs.	9/26/2023 4:02 PM
40	It's simply different, not better or worse. The university has become corrupted, that's the biggest change. But on the good side, outdoor opportunities--and therefore, health and community, have remained or grown.	9/26/2023 3:10 PM
41	A lot of great locally owned business have given way to/been pushed out by chains. Absentee landlords with cash to burn have all but destroyed the real estate market for those just looking for an affordable home for their families.	9/26/2023 10:47 AM
42	Inflation. Overpriced housing. Liberalism. Gas prices higher than urban areas.	9/26/2023 6:40 AM
43	For me personally or for the community in general? Not a fan of the increased traffic or lack of affordable housing for my peers. Just being in Missouri with climate change and the rise of anti-democratic government, you could argue that everyone's quality of life (especially if you're a woman) has declined. Et cetera, et cetera...	9/25/2023 5:23 PM
44	Decrease in services and affordable housing.	9/25/2023 4:44 PM
45	The degrading of services, especially transportation and growth into areas without any thought to pedestrian/bike safety. I also see lots of large expensive homes going up farther out and away from Columbia creating increased costs of infrastructure to serve those new, expensive homes.	9/24/2023 6:54 PM
46	The housing and crime situations have gotten much worse. I still think it's a great place to live, but it needs work.	9/24/2023 4:50 PM
47	More cultural events (festivals etc)	9/24/2023 8:53 AM
48	I was sorry to see the downtown area filled up with high rise student housing!!	9/22/2023 7:35 PM
49	Seems to be more serious crime	9/22/2023 4:22 PM
50	Lack of mass transit will be a major impediment as I age; and future development should be carefully planned to protect both quality of our life and our natural areas. AND all future development must respond to our climate goals!!! There are more resources especially for our citizens on the margins and mental health services have increased.	9/22/2023 2:56 PM
51	Enhanced cultural opportunities	9/22/2023 2:27 PM
52	More things to do.	9/22/2023 2:19 PM
53	Cost of living has harshly sky-rocketed. Crime is now way up as we have so many people who have migrated here post Katrina and the issues surrounding the drug trade with the interstate is real. The more liberal approach to law enforcement (lack of it especially in the city) is definitely a problem. Maybe the County should run the city for law enforcement as a Class A County? Would that help??	9/22/2023 1:38 PM
54	Somewhat worse due to the urbanizing of Boone County and the increase in the violent crime rate, in particular gun violence.	9/22/2023 1:26 PM
55	The community planners have not followed master plans or developed them for sensitive areas. They have allowed far too much latitude to developers without ordinances and infrastructures to thoughtfully expand and address affordability. In addition the storm water management and infrastructure in existing neighborhoods and sensitive areas has not been	9/22/2023 12:33 PM

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adequately managed, monitored or kept updated. The City and County have not been leaders in proactively supporting residents or landowners.

56	Affordable housing stock is shrinking. First time home ownership is more difficult. This contributes to the risk of people being unhoused. New development is covering up farm land. Racial profiling by law enforcement is documented year after year. Discontinue making stops for probable cause as this has been shown to exploit racial profiling. Abandon making arrests for smoking marijuana in public places.	9/20/2023 8:34 PM
57	Boone County has always been vibrant and community based and continues to be so. We have always prioritized recreation and accessibility, which I still see today.	9/19/2023 5:22 PM
58	I am concerned about the growing presence of white supremacists groups.	9/19/2023 9:30 AM
59	Crime. Cost of living. Politics	9/19/2023 12:15 AM
60	Trash program is going backwards I. Time while crime is going up and police don't seem to be helpful.	9/18/2023 11:56 AM
61	EMT rapid response	9/14/2023 5:26 PM
62	Housing and food costs increased, wage increases have not caught up. Coordination and collective action is not as effective as needed for how resource rich BC is. Rural communities and city are pretty isolated/work in silos.	9/14/2023 1:11 PM
63	Crime is increasing and the traffic is ridiculous. We used to be able to get across town in any direction in 10 minutes. Now it's endless short stoplights and backed up traffic everywhere you go.	9/14/2023 12:00 AM
64	Sprawl. Infrastructure chases development at public expense. Developers should pay for the costs of infrastructure.	9/13/2023 7:43 PM
65	More traffic and crime	9/13/2023 5:32 PM
66	Columbia thinks of developers before citizens. Saves nothing from student housing development. Doesn't follow their own strategic plan or require new development to be environmentally sustainable.	9/13/2023 2:20 PM
67	Crime has gotten worse in the six years we've lived here.	9/13/2023 10:38 AM
68	Infrastructure is degrading	9/12/2023 5:59 PM
69	HOWEVER - There is room for vast improvement and that must be addressed to keep the quality of life high, not lose ground and plan for what is coming whether some people like it or not. Failing to plan is planning to fail.	9/12/2023 10:21 AM
70	Loss of natural environment, urban sprawl, too much concrete, too many high-end subdivisions instead of smaller, affordable housing, and much too car dependent	9/11/2023 11:05 AM
71	There is more to do, more places to eat, a more vibrant culture outside of the university.	9/11/2023 8:05 AM
72	More traffic congestion, more litter, more rude and thoughtless people, less affordable housing	9/10/2023 8:28 PM
73	We need to address the police and fire departments coverage for growth.	9/10/2023 7:52 PM
74	Loss of services including trash issues, lack of law enforcement, homelessness, hopelessness	9/10/2023 3:09 PM
75	42 years in Columbia. I used to ride my bike ALL over town when I was a kid. I would never consider that for my kids today. I used to play in the street with friends. Not the case now. Cars fly up and down my street to avoid the traffic at Blue Ridge & Brown Station, because of that I didn't feel it was safe to play in the front yard. If my kids needed to go somewhere, we drove them, it's not safe to walk. My kids walked to & from school because we live too close for a bus. No sidewalks & no safe place to cross the street, just walking in the gutter by speeding cars. I ended up taking them by car or walking with them for their safety. It's just not like it used to be here. My kids are in their 20's now & one still in HS. They do not want to stay in Columbia and raise a family, I can't say that I blame them. I'm still here because it's all I know and it's easy for me. I like all the things we have to do here now, businesses, parks & event spaces. But we are lacking that close community that looks after one another I had while growing up here. We won't get that back, whether we grow or stay the same.	9/10/2023 8:33 AM

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76	Increased youth crime and unaffordable rental properties.	9/10/2023 12:16 AM
77	Someone was literally shot and killed this year in front of my home, in an area with relatively high rent. I would expect safer right next to a police hub/fire station.	9/9/2023 11:05 PM
78	There seems to be no limit on how many chain stores, franchises and fast food places are allowed. They simply do not add anything of value to the quality of life. And if they've got DRIVE-THROUGH OPTIONS, they're also contributing to lowering the air quality. Crappy new construction of apartment complexes with no character also adds nothing of value.	9/9/2023 10:02 PM
79	Difficult to decide between same and somewhat worse. Fewer in person shopping options, still no attraction that offers a something to do when family or friends come to visit.	9/8/2023 9:35 PM
80	More recreational options,dining options	9/8/2023 4:43 PM
81	Worked here over 32 years ago.	9/8/2023 3:30 PM
82	Crime is up. Cost of living is up. Homeless population is up. Traffic is worse. Overdoses and suicides are up.	9/8/2023 8:32 AM
83	I've only lived here for 2 years, but I appreciate the development of bike paths and other dedicated infrastructure that has been created just prior to my moving here (addition of the Hinkson Creek bridge).	9/7/2023 6:21 PM
84	Higher housing costs, more traffic	9/7/2023 9:15 AM
85	Higher crime rates.	9/6/2023 7:21 PM
86	Better: Library expansion, ARC, parks and trails added, more retail, restaurant variety; more entertainment opportunities.	9/6/2023 1:38 PM
87	Some of the amenities of urban living have finally come to Columbia. Examples include: internet access/connectivity; streaming TV vs. UHF local television stations; improved shopping/retail/dining options; more recreation/entertainment options.	9/6/2023 1:13 PM
88	We increasingly take money from the citizens that work to subsidize those that don't.	9/6/2023 6:06 AM
89	The drivers are rude, cost of living and property tax are to high	9/5/2023 10:07 PM
90	Resources have not been able to keep up with rapid growth. Roads, trash, etc	9/5/2023 6:22 PM
91	More crime	9/5/2023 5:46 PM
92	Crime going up. Regular shootings where I live.	9/5/2023 4:51 PM
93	Every year the transit system gets worse.	9/5/2023 12:41 PM
94	Housing prices have drastically increased along with amount of homeless in a Boone county.	9/5/2023 11:52 AM
95	Vibrant economy and inclusive culture	9/5/2023 9:12 AM
96	There are more opportunities and more diversity than when I was a kid, but the growth means we are losing some of the character that people love about it.	9/4/2023 2:03 PM
97	Expanding suburbs and infill have destroyed the green space	9/4/2023 1:02 PM
98	Natural areas in the county are disappearing or being degraded rapidly under developments that only the wealthy can afford. Housing for low and middle income earners is not affordable.	9/4/2023 10:43 AM
99	Much more gun violence. Mass transit has not kept up with population growth. Public schools/Columbia do not rate as high as in the past.	9/4/2023 9:36 AM
100	The homeless population doesn't seem to get much attention, yet seems to be growing at the same rate as monitored population	9/4/2023 9:20 AM
101	traffic issues; noise pollution; houses poorly built and in odd places (note 6 houses squeezed into small area in Greenmeadows/Greenmeadows circle area.	9/3/2023 8:15 PM
102	I no longer feel safe in Columbia. I also drive Rt B/124 to travel to my family in Centralia, my hometown. That highway has always been dangerous but is even more dangerous with the increase in traffic.	9/3/2023 7:02 PM
103	More crime	9/3/2023 11:00 AM

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104	Roads/infrastructure has not kept pace with growth.	9/3/2023 8:30 AM
105	More things offered, as the city is bigger. More neat people, more services, more restaurants, etc.	9/2/2023 8:40 PM
106	Slow making improvements& decisions.	9/2/2023 7:37 PM
107	Expanded medical clinics; job growth	9/2/2023 6:47 PM
108	I lived in Columbia from 2000-2015 and now from 2021-present. I see a decline in bicycle friendliness of our transportation system. Development of downtown student housing has led to more cars on the streets. We need to do more to make public transit available and practical. The city is cut in half by I-70 which I fear will be worse with widening of I-70. We have issues with distracted driving which may be helped with Missouri's new hands-free law, but we'll see. Homelessness has increased as you can witness by the people soliciting help at major intersections along Stadium Blvd.	9/2/2023 9:18 AM
109	Seems to be more crime, dirtier	9/1/2023 10:05 PM
110	The City of Columbia and the county seem to care much more about taking care of the homeless and people who don't pay real estate taxes than they do in taking care of the tax payers!!!	9/1/2023 9:47 PM
111	The crime has increased.	9/1/2023 9:37 PM
112	It has managed its growth reasonably well	9/1/2023 7:04 PM
113	Worse-school and social supports continue to diverge in quality based on residence.	9/1/2023 2:53 PM
114	More local restaurants, growth of Farmers Markets. There is planning for increased bike trails and pedestrian accessibility in NE Columbia, and once those items are complete I would say the quality of life would change from somewhat better to much better.	9/1/2023 11:27 AM
115	Overall somewhat better. I used to be able to road bike on county road w/o fear of being hit by vehicles. I would like to see future roads/infrastructure built with bicycles and pedestrians in mind. A	9/1/2023 10:03 AM
116	More expensive housing	9/1/2023 9:57 AM
117	Traffic has increasingly gotten worse. Crime has gotten worse. Homelessness has become more of a problem. Local government to include schools have become far more and unapologetically political.	9/1/2023 9:32 AM
118	I think the trails and parks are the main reasons for a better quality of life.	9/1/2023 8:07 AM
119	I believe that the infrastructure has not been able to keep up with growth in population	8/31/2023 1:02 PM
120	Crime is out of control mainly in Columbia- choking the police force while population booms	8/31/2023 9:25 AM
121	Too much crime	8/31/2023 8:24 AM
122	More in reference to traffic and crime rate	8/30/2023 1:41 PM
123	less affordable housing	8/30/2023 12:41 PM
124	Crime rates and traffic congestion both seem to be higher.	8/30/2023 10:24 AM
125	There are more recreational opportunities and restaurant choices, however, the increase in serious crimes is alarming.	8/29/2023 8:13 PM
126	More crime, more threat of infrastructure not keeping up with growth - electric grid, water	8/29/2023 5:04 PM
127	People are violent and not as neighborly, you rarely know your neighbors	8/29/2023 4:44 PM
128	Increased cost of living is starting to become a problem	8/29/2023 10:29 AM
129	Due to the influence of the Republican supermajority, schools have been defunded and higher education has been threatened and manipulated by lawmakers who hold grudges against Black people and other marginalized communities. We all suffer when rights are removed, healthcare is threatened, and schools are held to oppressive standards instead of being bright lights for humanism and inquiry.	8/29/2023 10:11 AM

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130	Too much crime. Can't let the kids outside to play for fear of something bad happening.	8/29/2023 9:51 AM
131	Housing costs have gone up significantly and it is less affordable to live here.	8/29/2023 9:11 AM
132	Homeless resident issues (worst over the past 2 years)	8/28/2023 9:47 PM
133	The downtown area has been stripped of its charm. The city just feels tired. When driving down Grindstone the visual is unkept, ugly entry into the nicer part of town. And this is other places too.	8/28/2023 9:03 PM
134	I've not noted much change in my own status	8/28/2023 3:14 PM
135	Poorly performing public schools, awful City of Columbia government, increase in crime.	8/28/2023 3:00 PM
136	lack of affordable housing for the work force, most service industry employees cannot afford to live in Boone County due to high rents.	8/28/2023 12:37 PM
137	I think Boone County has been smart about growth and I trust our government officials to maintain accountability.	8/28/2023 12:00 PM
138	I don't feel like I have noticed any changes to the quality of life in Boone County between now and when I moved here 9 years ago.	8/28/2023 10:12 AM
139	The crime in this town is out of hand. I used to feel safe in Columbia when I first moved here in 1994 and I felt safe all through high school. Now there are daily shootings. Enough is enough.	8/28/2023 8:22 AM
140	More crime. Kids shooting each other at the gas station. Constant petty theft. Obviously high homeless people walking around.	8/27/2023 10:33 AM
141	I recently returned to Columbia after living in Texas for the past decade. My comparison is over a 10 year gap. I am acutely aware of the increase in homelessness and wish for increased resources to help this population.	8/27/2023 7:16 AM
142	Less access to affordable housing, lacking access to mental healthcare, increasing crime, lack of police officers and training for officers	8/26/2023 9:32 PM
143	We no longer feel safe downtown. Small businesses are not encouraged. Too much of our land is occupied by not-for-profit churches, and agencies. This takes away from the tax base and causes increased taxation for others. Money on roads is wasted on speed humps instead of trying to improved roads and shoulders. The City of Columbia seems to be in acquisition mode of purchasing more buildings for "public" use. Columbia is tasing utility rates, and then they immediately post money for those in "need". Need wouldn't be a problems if they'd stop raising rates, and buying buildings!	8/26/2023 4:54 PM
144	Crime and outdated/overuse infrastructure (water, electrical grids)	8/26/2023 7:09 AM
145	The homeless makes it appear worse. When public figures fight - stop communicating.	8/25/2023 8:25 PM
146	crime	8/25/2023 2:15 PM
147	I believe that the ARPA funds, particularly those granted to the Boone County Nature School, Centralia Sewer Lining, City of Refuge, Sturgeon's Parks and Stormwater systems, CCUA, Coyote Hill, Grade A Plus, Grow Hallsville Parks, Habitat for Humanity, In2Action, Love Columbia, MRR, Southern Boone Schools, and The Food Bank have provided a clear prioritization of quality of life in Boone County, and will help to fund significant improvements in the coming years. My only disappointment in the dispersal of these funds was that North Callaway R-I, New Franklin R-I, and Fayette R-III school districts received no ARPA funds, despite the fact that all of these districts have lower median household incomes than Southern Boone (who, to be clear, absolutely also deserved the money they were allotted).	8/25/2023 12:36 PM
148	I think overall Boone is better because we have more cafes and restaurants to go to. Also the biking trails and hiking trails are nicely maintained.	8/25/2023 11:00 AM
149	Cost of living, property tax increases and lack of affordable housing.	8/25/2023 10:47 AM
150	Higher population, more traffic, more crime, less green space.	8/25/2023 10:33 AM
151	Crime seems worse (this could be a perception, as it appears the state legislature is heavily invested in painted more liberal communities as crime-infested, but it still seems that way). Some of the newer developments seem exciting (e.g, I had dinner for the first time in "The	8/25/2023 7:21 AM

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Arcade" which is probably intended for people younger than me but it seemed fun and a positive asset to the community)

152	Still missing the downtown Columbia prior to high rise student housing and benign neglect of historic buildings	8/24/2023 9:59 PM
153	Housing costs, food costs, and gas costs are skyrocketing. Salaries are very slow to increase and not keeping up.	8/24/2023 7:11 PM
154	Democratic politicians	8/24/2023 1:58 PM
155	Rent is too high in Columbia.	8/24/2023 11:41 AM
156	Too many people.	8/23/2023 6:07 PM
157	I'm really impressed with the quality of services coming into the county, versus what we had when I retired from the service in 2016. However, the price of rentals is skyrocketing, and there are working-class people struggling to make ends meet.	8/23/2023 3:33 PM
158	Crime levels and the homeless population have risen substantially	8/23/2023 12:21 PM
159	Substantial improvements in protection/expansion of open space, parks, and trails	8/23/2023 8:33 AM
160	It appears to be more homeless people here than the last 40 plus years.	8/23/2023 3:51 AM
161	More acceptance of diversity.	8/22/2023 5:42 PM
162	Traffic and pollution have increased.	8/22/2023 10:57 AM
163	Crime, if not increased, has been more prevalent near me. I also worry about water quality.	8/22/2023 9:48 AM
164	It was a lot better when I first came because the local economy was strong enough to support local business. Now with everything going up is not keeping in pace with opportunity.	8/22/2023 6:00 AM
165	Inflation has made it hard to find affordable places to rent, or own. Food and gas prices are too high. Jobs don't pay enough.	8/22/2023 3:37 AM
166	Increased in crime, increase in poverty, increase in family dissolution, increase in drugs...just not as safe of a place for kids to be kids. "City problems"	8/21/2023 8:42 PM
167	more traffic & crive	8/21/2023 7:56 PM
168	There is more population pressure and destruction of natural and farm land - but there has also been a growth in good institutions and practices. Staff that promote good stormwater management, for example.	8/21/2023 4:54 PM
169	Columbia used to have more things to do that were free or low cost. Now everything seems to cost a lot. The crime rate has increased and doesn't make one feel comfortable to actual go out and do anything.	8/21/2023 12:55 PM
170	Infrastructure is problematic...waste management is currently appalling, congested areas like 63/70 interchange have not been addressed, and the destruction of trees and land each time a new neighborhood is developed is damaging the natural beauty and resources in Boone County.	8/21/2023 11:36 AM
171	Need to better control expansion.	8/21/2023 11:06 AM
172	Crime in the City of Columbia is a big concern. Thus, I don't feel safe doing the things I used to do.	8/21/2023 8:57 AM
173	Covid changed a lot of things, including cost of living and the way owners run their businesses	8/21/2023 8:13 AM
174	More crime, which is expected with growth.	8/21/2023 5:39 AM
175	Too many cars/traffic, too much cement & not enough green space, gangs/shootings, trash/recycling	8/20/2023 11:14 PM
176	Fewer gay bars, less diverse community	8/20/2023 3:55 PM
177	I've been here 15 years. It has gotten more crowded with more traffic and more crime. Incredible how many schools have been built!	8/20/2023 3:47 PM
178	Go COMO transit cut service in half on August 1st. I moved here because I thought it would	8/20/2023 3:38 PM

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be easy to live here without a car, but clearly the region had other plans. Furthermore, MoDOT conducted a Columbia-Jefferson City bus service study last year, but that never advanced (with no further information as to why). Furthermore, housing is increasingly unaffordable, and it is difficult to live in a walkable community without paying exorbitant amounts of money. With continued housing sprawl away from commerce/activity centers, this will continue to get worse.

179	More quality of life options, and Columbia is much larger but much cleaner.	8/20/2023 3:34 PM
180	More services (education and healthcare), but increase in cost of living and crime (in some parts)	8/20/2023 1:35 PM
181	Two much negligently planned growth	8/20/2023 11:43 AM
182	Higher crime, higher cost of living	8/20/2023 10:41 AM
183	Priorities have shifted from providing basic services to social issues.	8/20/2023 9:45 AM
184	Traffic congestion is horrible.	8/19/2023 7:46 PM
185	Worse: Increase in population, congestion and crime.	8/19/2023 8:22 AM
186	With increased population, crime has increased also. There is a shooting almost every day.	8/18/2023 10:41 PM
187	The infrastructure (roads, schools, institutions) have not had the planning and funding to keep up with the growth	8/18/2023 9:23 PM
188	Better in some ways and worse in someways. New development has created jobs and opportunities how cost of housing continues to rise and infrastructure to support growth lags in older already developed areas.	8/18/2023 6:25 PM
189	Affordable Housing is non-existent.	8/18/2023 5:56 PM
190	Hard to make ends meet for my family of 4 even with a decent salary. Utilities are astronomical.	8/18/2023 4:30 PM
191	Traffic is worse, especially speeding and carelessness making it more unsafe for pedestrians and bicyclists. Housing prices are worse (although that is pretty much everywhere).	8/18/2023 4:12 PM
192	More shopping options	8/18/2023 2:44 PM
193	Housing is becoming unaffordable, violent crime seems to be increasing	8/18/2023 1:45 PM
194	More crime. Less police officers. Residencial areas need speed protection more..speed bumps to discourage racing around where kids are playing.	8/18/2023 1:00 PM
195	Schools are getting worse and crime is becoming more and more of a problem.	8/18/2023 12:22 PM
196	Quality of life is better	8/18/2023 11:45 AM
197	The cost of available, affordable housing is raising exponentially and so are taxes.	8/18/2023 11:43 AM
198	Columbia had options for families to rent HOMES. Now it is all about apartment complexes. We need more home rental options that do not cost 4x ones monthly income. Better trained health professionals as well as law enforcement for trauma.	8/18/2023 11:32 AM
199	the only reason i didn't select much better is because of growth in crime.	8/18/2023 11:07 AM
200	Recruitment has complicated the growth of almost every business.	8/18/2023 10:28 AM
201	Business industry continues to grow and bring in more than just students.	8/18/2023 10:22 AM
202	Crime is up and cost of living is higher	8/18/2023 9:58 AM
203	Tax payer services are not keeping up with growth	8/18/2023 9:20 AM
204	Crime. decisions by mayor city council and school board do not protect those who pay taxes	8/18/2023 9:14 AM
205	Increase in crime - unsolved - and the mentally ill/homeless has increased, regardless of what "statistics" report.	8/18/2023 9:11 AM
206	There are things that are better and some that are worse. Infrastructure and safety are two things that are worse. Entertainment and nature options are both much better.	8/18/2023 9:04 AM

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207	A wider range of entertainment and dining options, as well as family-friendly venues and events. Columbia in particular offers many free festivals and activities for families (farmer's market, Art in the Park, many different public parks...).	8/18/2023 9:01 AM
208	County is growing faster then resources. Crime rate increased, traffic increased	8/18/2023 8:44 AM
209	Large scale apartment and neighborhood development that allows the developers to reap profits while paying very little for needed infrastructure. The apartments are low quality that pull money out of the state while causing parking, water, and sewage problems. Columbia City Council should be ashamed.	8/18/2023 8:35 AM
210	Crime is outrageous. Cost of living is too high. Certain parts of the city is not safe to walk in even in broad daylight. Lack of adequate housing for low income or the homeless. Can't be in a parking lot without someone harassing you for money. Many elderly are living at poverty level. Taxes are higher and city keeps up with reasons to tax the public.	8/17/2023 7:49 PM
211	To much traffic, lose of nature, to much building with to little green space.	8/17/2023 5:18 PM
212	Deteriorating infrastructure, lack of concern for low income/homeless persons, no value placed on preservation of old, historic buildings	8/17/2023 4:36 PM
213	Crime, theft, criminal drug activity,rape.we would benefit from a larger police force. Both sheriff's and cpd.	8/17/2023 4:32 PM
214	too much traffic, less affordable housing, racist police	8/17/2023 12:10 PM
215	Crime seems worse and neighborhood services have decreased, but parks, trails, and activities have increased and improved.	8/17/2023 11:32 AM
216	Less affordable housing. Increase in crime. Decrease in quality of public school	8/17/2023 5:54 AM
217	Housing prices have gone up.	8/17/2023 5:22 AM
218	Infrastructure not kept up. Rising crime and traffic Columbia.	8/16/2023 8:59 PM
219	Emphasis on walking, biking, and trails connecting neighborhoods and cities has made our city/county a healthier place to live.	8/16/2023 8:54 PM
220	Crime is worse	8/16/2023 8:50 PM
221	While I encourage growth the traffic and lack of affordable housing has made living in Boone county more challenging	8/16/2023 8:37 PM
222	Too much cookie cutter development, chain stores and eateries. Loss of charm. Gun violence has increased considerably.	8/16/2023 7:53 PM
223	More crime, more panhandling. But some things have improved like availability of goods and services.	8/16/2023 7:07 PM
224	Crime has increased, water quality has not improved	8/16/2023 5:30 PM
225	Crime is worse every year since moving here. CPS School district ranks in the bottom 50%, yet high taxes.	8/16/2023 5:25 PM
226	Too many historic buildings are being replaced with flimsy high rise structures (with additional traffic congestion in front of those buildings).	8/16/2023 4:24 PM
227	I believe crime and unsolved crime, especially gun violence, has increased greatly in Boone County over the past 25 years	8/16/2023 2:19 PM
228	There are a lot more choices and activities available.	8/16/2023 1:46 PM
229	The many additions of trails for hiking, walking, running and exercise have increased the quality of life since I came to Columbia and Boone County in 1980.	8/16/2023 12:43 PM
230	The economic society has been generally a plus, however, there is any issue relative to crime which impacts quality of life. Understanding, the high crime area is in Columbia and not in the unincorporated areas of Boone County.	8/16/2023 10:20 AM
231	In Columbia, where I live, I see more structures abandoned, more reactionary services from the city for water, sewer, and solid waste instead of proactive solutions. I know much of this is under the purview of the city, but it is also part of Boone County, so I'm still mentioning it here.	8/16/2023 10:00 AM

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232	I have seen expansion with large developments and they have not been thoughtful or intentional--rather it has been clear that they've been built with only speed and profit in mind. This includes new subdivisions, strip malls, apartment complexes, student housing, etc. Natural resources and habitat for wildlife is disappearing, and the beauty of the area is diminished without thoughtful urban planning.	8/16/2023 9:50 AM
233	lack of affordable housing, overabundance of luxury housing, too much urban sprawl, higher crime	8/16/2023 9:02 AM
234	Higher crime	8/16/2023 8:32 AM
235	Worse for Liberal policies, Homeless pan handling hurts tourism, defunding and handcuffing police, and stupid no mow zones.	8/16/2023 8:26 AM
236	See previous answers. Decline of urban design and violence in our community.	8/16/2023 8:17 AM
237	Crime, congestion, overruling of high end housing, crap strip malls	8/16/2023 8:09 AM
238	Crime seems to be worse with young people shooting each other.	8/16/2023 7:49 AM
239	more festivals, more concerts, better museums, more social organizations to assist those in need.	8/16/2023 7:38 AM
240	I grew up here.	8/16/2023 7:23 AM
241	So many shootings and loss of life due to crime	8/15/2023 10:26 PM
242	There is more crime Less family focus Higher taxes More homeless Less accountability	8/15/2023 9:57 PM
243	More congestion, but continued development of health care, industry and education cerates job and income opportunities	8/15/2023 8:25 PM
244	Depends on what parameters you're using. Example: Less affordable housing, but better infrastructure.	8/15/2023 7:23 PM
245	Its become too congested	8/15/2023 5:07 PM
246	Need infrastructure improvements to maintain growth, but growth has brought a higher standard of living and jobs to the area.	8/15/2023 12:13 PM
247	Crime rates increased, roads need to be fixed - potholes, establishments close early or are not open during non-work hours, for example working until 5pm the mall closes at 7, some banks are 10a- 4pm. Growth of multifamily unit housing (apartments) but not single family residential housing. Limited public pools, closure of little mates pirates cove.	8/15/2023 10:47 AM
248	cost of living is higher. Less rural-ness	8/15/2023 9:04 AM
249	too much development, housing, subdivisions	8/14/2023 8:02 PM
250	The schools have become lower quality due to discipline problems and teacher hiring issues. Crime is more of an issue with not enough police. The garbage pick up and recycling are a constant problem.	8/14/2023 7:33 PM
251	Biggest concern is the increased levels and severity of crime.	8/14/2023 6:26 PM
252	retail shopping options are very much reduced, even in Columbia.	8/14/2023 6:17 PM
253	Crime has increased the homeless population is out of control	8/14/2023 6:15 PM
254	Roads -- specifically gravel -- are not regularly evaluated in terms of the need to be surfaced (paved, chip and sealed, etc.) or as well maintained or cared for compared to what they used to be.	8/14/2023 4:34 PM
255	I worry about crime now more than I did 25 years ago.	8/14/2023 4:11 PM
256	Infrastructure, roads, school facilities, and the finances of my family have improved. The county's efforts to effectively manage the children's tax funds have been STELLAR and have resulted in improved social services for youth in our community. However, crime has become more of a problem, and the number of teenagers being arrested for burglary, assault and murder indicate there are not enough jobs here for those with blue collar skill levels to find and	8/14/2023 3:56 PM

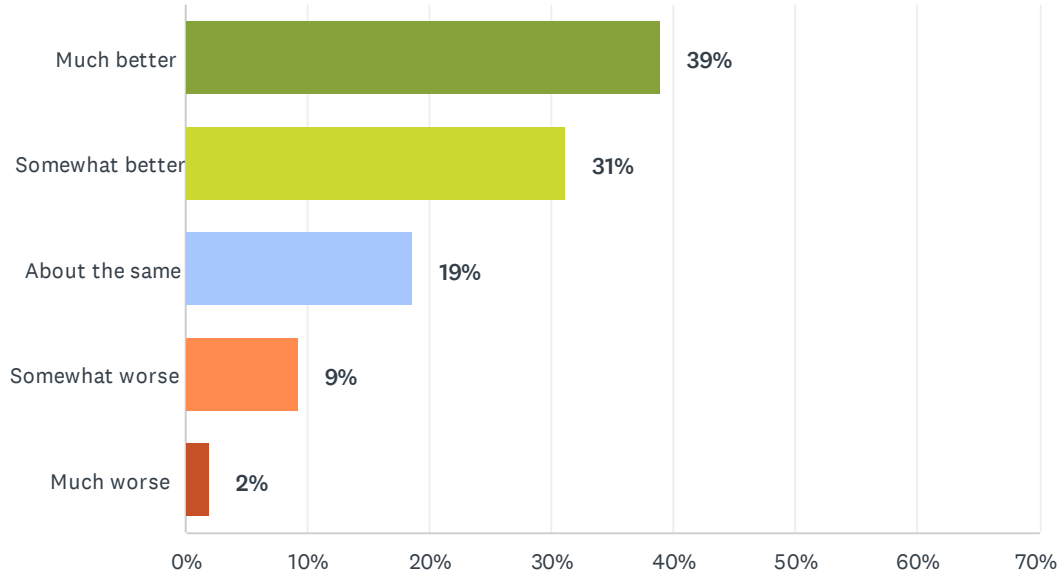
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keep meaningful employment. We don't have adequate city services to manage basic community needs like trash handling and transportation. So, there is more work to be done.

257	Crime, panhandling, disrespect for local law enforcement, loss of historic buildings, increased cost of living.	8/14/2023 2:57 PM
258	Crime.	8/14/2023 1:30 PM
259	Crime	8/14/2023 1:24 PM
260	There's more traffic and more crime but that is to be expected with increased population	8/14/2023 1:06 PM
261	Murders, violence, dangers rampant compared to when we moved here.	8/14/2023 11:13 AM
262	Crime and taxes	8/14/2023 7:54 AM
263	Crime!	8/14/2023 7:19 AM
264	More gun violence. Less music options for non-college age.	8/13/2023 12:45 PM
265	All infrastructure- roads, energy, resources	8/13/2023 8:34 AM
266	I miss some of the stores and character of the 1970's but I also feel that we haven't grown as much as other college towns in terms of job opportunities. Like many I'm frustrated by the petty crimes and then number of gun crimes. But over all I feel like my home still has the same character it always has had.	8/11/2023 1:44 PM
267	Higher crime more homeless with mental health issues and drug addiction that needs to be addressed	8/11/2023 12:23 PM
268	Too much violence in Columbia. Too much farmland/natural area lost to development in rural parts of the county.	8/11/2023 11:41 AM
269	Suburban shopping Improved infrastructure	8/11/2023 6:06 AM
270	Crime, city utility services, education quality.	8/10/2023 7:40 PM
271	Crime, homeless	8/10/2023 3:20 PM
272	Crime and drugs	8/10/2023 2:29 PM
273	Crime	8/9/2023 4:04 PM
274	More community amenities and a diversity of communities have made the County a much better place to live.	8/9/2023 1:48 PM
275	More property tax exemptions than ever in a city/county with too many to start with, such as all of MU.	8/9/2023 12:45 PM
276	Juvenile crime is rampant.	8/9/2023 12:36 PM
277	Crime, traffic, costs are up.	8/8/2023 9:44 PM
278	Unincorporated areas of Boone County are getting better internet service	8/7/2023 11:03 PM
279	I worry about the increase of unhorsed people and their inability to find housing, healthcare and jobs.	8/6/2023 8:37 PM
280	About the same is not a negative statement. I feel holding is good, we have a great quality of life in Boone County	8/5/2023 8:51 AM

Q12 How would you rate the attractiveness of Boone County compared to surrounding counties? [choose one]

Answered: 768 Skipped: 78



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Much better	39% 299
Somewhat better	31% 240
About the same	19% 143
Somewhat worse	9% 71
Much worse	2% 15
TOTAL	768

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY "BETTER" OR "WORSE":	DATE
1	Surrounding counties have fewer people, less development, so they are more attractive physically but have limited economic opportunities.	10/4/2023 8:49 AM
2	Too many regulations to start new businesses and build	10/3/2023 11:44 AM
3	See above	10/3/2023 11:43 AM
4	IF one can live in central area, then it 'feels' rural, healthy, country-fresh air compared to big city expansion in the past 50 years.	9/30/2023 11:34 PM
5	Because we are not dealing with reality.	9/30/2023 9:26 PM
6	The City of Columbia provides economic, educational, health care and cultural opportunities that are not available in many surrounding counties.	9/30/2023 10:22 AM
7	That's different for each person. I moved from the Lake of the Ozarks and I miss the laid back, less traffic, casual lifestyle. Also, there wasn't near as much crime.	9/30/2023 8:18 AM
8	Democrat values (recycling, tolerance, arts, natural areas, etc)	9/30/2023 8:08 AM

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9	There is no "curb appeal" when you enter into Columbia, unlike when you go to St Louis and KC.	9/30/2023 6:04 AM
10	Institutions and innovation happening here. Diversity of cultures.	9/29/2023 10:00 PM
11	Quakers in town	9/29/2023 9:19 PM
12	Better amenities but more rules and regulations can perturb small scale development	9/29/2023 11:53 AM
13	There is a fine line government walks to satisfy all residents. The diversity of population within this county would rival anywhere in the U.S. No other county in mid Missouri has the convenience and natural landscape of Boone County. The county roads are very well maintained, I just wish there were less gravel roads, especially along the river. I like to keep my cars clean.	9/29/2023 10:04 AM
14	Proximity to a small urban area with amenities and the events and resources of the local institutions: University, hospitals, etc.	9/29/2023 7:58 AM
15	University. City of Columbia	9/28/2023 10:46 PM
16	Boone County is dominated by a college town. These are generally much more open minded than areas without institutions of higher learning.	9/28/2023 9:12 PM
17	Boone County is better because it is more accepting of diversity.	9/28/2023 7:25 PM
18	Not sure. I have only been in Mid Missouri for about 16 months and have not explored much of the surrounding area.	9/28/2023 6:17 PM
19	We are not "dead" as many counties have become in the past few years.	9/28/2023 6:10 PM
20	Historic buildings have been somewhat maintained and add character to communities	9/28/2023 1:34 PM
21	The move to stop cutting the medians in favor of pollinator growth was genius as it saves money and improves our environment.	9/28/2023 11:47 AM
22	Crime and high taxes	9/28/2023 8:43 AM
23	more art and culture	9/28/2023 8:23 AM
24	We have more of most of the good things and less of most of the bad things.	9/28/2023 12:16 AM
25	Good gravel road maintenance in Boone County. Columbia is a pretty town as well.	9/27/2023 11:30 PM
26	More things to do/ for recreation	9/27/2023 9:23 PM
27	I'm not sure if this question refers to aesthetic beauty or attractiveness pertaining to general quality of life, economy, etc.	9/27/2023 1:12 PM
28	More developed than other counties but good parks, trails, etc.	9/27/2023 8:06 AM
29	Crime	9/26/2023 1:23 PM
30	More services and more sane leadership.	9/26/2023 10:47 AM
31	Not that we've gotten better, but because the surrounding counties have gotten worse. :)	9/25/2023 5:23 PM
32	Other counties in Missouri are dying and people are leaving there for better options.	9/25/2023 8:09 AM
33	Boone County has access to services such as the hospital, universities/colleges and recreation. Calaway Co. is probably the next best county in Mid-Missouri.	9/24/2023 6:54 PM
34	Again, a blue area in a red state	9/24/2023 4:50 PM
35	Our lower half (hilly, wooded), adjacent to river is more attractive than our northern half	9/24/2023 8:53 AM
36	don't really know	9/22/2023 7:35 PM
37	Only because of Columbia	9/22/2023 4:47 PM
38	Can't really say because all counties have their qualities, but I am partial to Boone County. I would like more education about why you would asked this question such as what should I be using for comparison when I travel the state.	9/22/2023 2:56 PM

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39	Enhanced, cultural and medical resources	9/22/2023 2:27 PM
40	Diverse cultural, educational, and recreational activities.	9/22/2023 1:26 PM
41	Roads, streets and highways are not being well maintained. Trash, weeds, billboards abound on roadways and in neighborhoods. No efforts at beautification appear to occur unless done by volunteers. I offer the intersection of Providence and Green Meadows as evidence of the outdated design and poor maintenance. Also the ridiculous uncovered bus stop just north of this intersection which should serve as a major public transit thoroughfare.	9/22/2023 12:33 PM
42	More urban with wider range of people and activities and amenities	9/15/2023 8:53 PM
43	Caring of people not business.	9/14/2023 5:26 PM
44	Cleaner and better opportunities for everything from entertainment, restaurant options and activities.	9/14/2023 12:00 AM
45	Columbia has urban amenities.	9/13/2023 7:43 PM
46	If by surrounding you mean neighboring, the county offers more diversity	9/11/2023 10:27 PM
47	Culturally much better, but in terms of natural environment somewhat worse	9/11/2023 11:05 AM
48	Can we do something about the trash and homeless EVERYWHERE?	9/11/2023 8:24 AM
49	Boone County has better services largely as a result of having Columbia as a regional population center. Since Columbia has both a land grant university and multiple employers which supply reasonable salaries and benefits, the County as a whole benefits.	9/11/2023 8:05 AM
50	I live in city limits and work in the county. My drive to work is phenomenal. My only complaint is some ditches are needing to be mowed/cleared out more frequently. It affects visibility when going around corners & some overgrowth is covering important signage.	9/10/2023 8:33 AM
51	Closer to Columbia proper. Good markets and restaurants nearby	9/9/2023 11:05 PM
52	Apartment complexes are cookie-cutter ugly, and more keep getting built.	9/9/2023 10:02 PM
53	If the university weren't here, I wouldn't live here.	9/9/2023 5:22 PM
54	A few more things to do without driving over fifty miles	9/8/2023 9:35 PM
55	Boone has more opportunities for work, entertainment, and recreation	9/8/2023 4:25 PM
56	The counties surrounding Boone have relatively little population and growth. The counties are this way until you hit the outer parts of Kansas City and St. Louis.	9/8/2023 11:01 AM
57	Good cities that still maintain natural areas.	9/8/2023 10:36 AM
58	More homeless population and crime.	9/8/2023 8:32 AM
59	There are generally more resources and infrastructure to support a variety of lifestyles.	9/7/2023 6:21 PM
60	Boone is by far the best county in the area. Cole is an awful, stale county and we should do everything we can to avoid their mistakes. The reason people like Boone is because of Columbia. It brings in a wide variety of peoples and culture and allows individuals to express themselves.	9/6/2023 3:05 PM
61	With the university and health care services, Boone County has a vitality and array of lifestyle opportunities that most counties lack.	9/6/2023 1:38 PM
62	They are not actively trying to attract non-productive people.	9/6/2023 6:06 AM
63	Cleaner, more arts opportunities	9/6/2023 2:12 AM
64	More diversity	9/5/2023 5:46 PM
65	Because of Columbia, MU, health care, etc. That drives Boone county	9/5/2023 4:59 PM
66	Lots of community support.	9/5/2023 4:51 PM
67	It's much better in the city then in STL but there's definitely room for improvement.	9/5/2023 12:41 PM
68	A lot of sprawl has happened in the last 20-30 years removing a lot of natural beauty and farm	9/5/2023 11:52 AM

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	land in the County.	
69	Boone County is an oasis of intelligent people who care about their community.	9/4/2023 2:03 PM
70	Too much concrete and trash	9/4/2023 1:02 PM
71	Arts and culture in Columbia is better. Progressive attitude is a plus.	9/4/2023 10:43 AM
72	Educational and healthcare institutions	9/4/2023 9:36 AM
73	Fast food "restaurants" everywhere. City is losing it's character.	9/3/2023 8:30 AM
74	I love all the things Columbia has to offer--bigger, more cosmopolitan than surrounding smaller towns.	9/2/2023 8:40 PM
75	I grew up in Jefferson City. I would ALWAYS prefer to live in Columbia. Columbia is a much more tolerant, diverse, and forward-looking. I attribute this in part to it being the home of MU.	9/2/2023 9:18 AM
76	Better access and support for environmental concerns.	9/1/2023 2:53 PM
77	There are things to do in Columbia that are not available in nearby counties - stage theater productions, True False, university sporting events, larger music events and conferences that occur in Columbia.	9/1/2023 11:27 AM
78	Jobs, healthcare, educational opportunities, public green spaces for nature & recreation	9/1/2023 10:03 AM
79	It depends on what one wants. I personally like it here despite some differences of values and opinion. Some might prefer far more rural spaces and far less government involvement. Some might prefer a far more moderate approach to local politics.	9/1/2023 9:32 AM
80	One thing that upsets me is the amount of litter and trash that is evident along our roadways.	9/1/2023 8:07 AM
81	because it has a city in its core, with services that surrounding counties do not	8/30/2023 10:18 PM
82	The drug population is out of control. Every grocery store parking lot is becoming unsafe.	8/29/2023 8:48 PM
83	I like the urban feel with rural and natural beauty nearby.	8/29/2023 8:13 PM
84	I have spent very little time travelling around the surrounding counties to make that decision.	8/29/2023 7:31 PM
85	More health care, more activities, colleges/university	8/29/2023 5:04 PM
86	The crime and violence makes it unattractive	8/29/2023 4:44 PM
87	I like living in Columbia.	8/29/2023 12:05 PM
88	Higher taxes in Boone County, inflated real estate values and assessments	8/29/2023 11:51 AM
89	Proximity to vital services makes living here a much better option than more rural communities with dwindling resources.	8/29/2023 10:29 AM
90	More things to do, places to eat, places to go.	8/29/2023 9:51 AM
91	Boone county and surrounding counties all seem worn out.	8/28/2023 9:03 PM
92	Taxes are too high	8/28/2023 8:56 PM
93	culture and infrastructure	8/28/2023 3:16 PM
94	It would not be horribly far to travel if I lived in a surrounding county. I love small town feel as stated earlier, and the reasons Boone is attractive are not inordinately far to travel to get here.	8/28/2023 3:14 PM
95	once again, affordable housing for service industry workers has deminished	8/28/2023 12:37 PM
96	So crowded. Higher cost of living. Higher taxes.	8/27/2023 7:44 AM
97	Proximity and access to everything you could need or want is better than surrounding counties	8/27/2023 7:16 AM
98	Some roads are slightly better.	8/26/2023 6:34 PM
99	There are so many abandoned commercial buildings. P & Z seems to be discouraging change in those buildings, this killing the local economy.	8/26/2023 4:54 PM
100	Columbia's conservation of green space far exceeds surrounding areas.	8/26/2023 8:06 AM

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101	Opportunities in education and health care access is so much better in Boone County	8/26/2023 7:09 AM
102	Depends on what part of town you are in	8/25/2023 8:25 PM
103	We have culture, diversity and tolerance, yes, we do. We have those things, how 'bout you?	8/25/2023 3:02 PM
104	Our farmland is largely more diverse, our parks better maintained, and our schools overall better.	8/25/2023 12:36 PM
105	There are lots of resources here compared to other communities.	8/25/2023 11:00 AM
106	Considering moving to a neighboring county to pay less in taxes and have better housing options.	8/25/2023 10:47 AM
107	I enjoy returning to the country life I grew up with. Less crime, smaller schools, everyone knows everyone.	8/25/2023 9:50 AM
108	More cosmopolitan with better infrastructure and social programs.	8/25/2023 9:25 AM
109	To much government involvement	8/25/2023 9:02 AM
110	access to Columbia	8/25/2023 8:19 AM
111	In most respects it's much better but the No-Mow zones in highly visible areas look TERRIBLE. I understand the environmental reasons they're needed but there has to be a more visually appealing way to achieve the same outcome (e.g., could native bushes be planted but tended to? Could we at least weed eat in the cracks outside of the flower beds?) They absolutely make pets of the city seem run down.	8/25/2023 7:21 AM
112	See last comment	8/24/2023 9:59 PM
113	Centrally located in the state. Have city and rural spaces.	8/24/2023 7:11 PM
114	Boone county is more desirable based on its urban feel and access to healthcare, shopping, entertainment— however those areas could be improved. The level of crime across Columbia also makes it less desirable to live in.	8/24/2023 4:08 PM
115	For some, it simply comes down to politics and taxes. In many ways I enjoy Boone County and other things about it makes me scratch my head a bit.	8/24/2023 12:35 PM
116	Public areas are not maintained in the name of "pollinators." Too many panhandlers. Downtown areas allowed to look distressed. Large developers allowed to have multiple empty buildings.	8/24/2023 10:12 AM
117	The parks system in Columbia is something that sets Columbia apart from other cities and towns.	8/23/2023 8:01 PM
118	Access to medical care and some affordable housing for seniors	8/23/2023 6:07 PM
119	better than the counties to the north, same as counties to the south; river hills add a lot to this county	8/23/2023 3:50 PM
120	University and educated citizenry support social and cultural amenities that are not available in rural counties.	8/23/2023 8:33 AM
121	Clean and maintained with many natural geological features that are preserved and showcased in local parks	8/22/2023 3:37 AM
122	surrounding counties seem to have limited planning & zoning in comparison	8/21/2023 7:56 PM
123	More resources in Boone County, but also less open space and more regulation and population pressure	8/21/2023 4:54 PM
124	The University with the hospital.	8/21/2023 11:06 AM
125	It would be much better, but the City of Columbia is the reason for a lower rating.	8/21/2023 8:57 AM
126	Both good and bad. The cost of living is much higher in Boone county than surrounding counties, but surrounding counties are so conservative in their thinking. Boone county is an island surrounded by MAGA counties.	8/21/2023 8:37 AM
127	For me it's a much more progressive county.	8/21/2023 8:35 AM
128	We have more amenities, things to do, and events than surrounding counties.	8/21/2023 8:30 AM

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129	MO is a beautiful state and Boone County is no exception. I would say Columbia is a much more attractive city than, say, Booneville or Jefferson City	8/20/2023 4:25 PM
130	Even rural areas seem more like suburbs than country.	8/20/2023 3:47 PM
131	Culture	8/20/2023 11:43 AM
132	Heath Care, Education	8/20/2023 10:41 AM
133	Zoning codes set minimum standards which help keep property values up.	8/19/2023 8:39 AM
134	Better health care, better parks and recreation and greater selection of store's and restaurants.	8/19/2023 8:22 AM
135	Columbia is a cultural hub.	8/19/2023 6:32 AM
136	At least Columbia has some liberal Democrats	8/19/2023 4:55 AM
137	Jobs, culture, educational institutions, healthcare	8/18/2023 9:23 PM
138	Health care and education opportunities are important to me	8/18/2023 5:56 PM
139	When we first moved here in 2005, there wasn't as much sprawl and it was a nice, calming county. Now it is sprawling with development. There needs to be urban growth boundaries.	8/18/2023 3:53 PM
140	Boone is progressive and keeping up with the world. Smaller surrounding counties want to revert to the 19th century.	8/18/2023 3:44 PM
141	Balancing green spaces with business growth	8/18/2023 2:44 PM
142	I don't think we have as much really poor areas that I've noticed elsewhere	8/18/2023 1:45 PM
143	The areas that are left unmowed for pollination are an eye sore. Plant things that are still good for pollination but not an eyesore for the community or visitors. It's embarrassing.	8/18/2023 1:00 PM
144	See above question	8/18/2023 12:22 PM
145	The Northern Ozark Highlands landscape is beautiful and biodiverse. Development should be carefully shepherded to protect natural areas and watersheds.	8/18/2023 12:22 PM
146	I looked at living in Cole County and my wife couldn't have been more disgusted by the place.	8/18/2023 12:00 PM
147	More trash on roads. Pot holes.	8/18/2023 10:28 AM
148	Opportunities and still a level rural feel.	8/18/2023 10:22 AM
149	It seems like we continue to grow with the times while also keeping things the same. Things are maintained very well	8/18/2023 10:09 AM
150	Boone County and Columbia is the hub of central Missouri. Surrounding counties come here for jobs, healthcare, and other amenities.	8/18/2023 10:05 AM
151	Health care	8/18/2023 9:20 AM
152	Cost of living. Higher taxes	8/18/2023 9:14 AM
153	Healthcare/education/professional community.	8/18/2023 9:11 AM
154	If you really take the time to explore our trails, caves, campuses and other areas, it's amazing how many beautiful gems are available to us.	8/18/2023 9:04 AM
155	We don't have as much culture/recreational opportunities that KC and STL have	8/18/2023 8:48 AM
156	The draw here is university school/ team and medical center. Take that away and this town couldn't survive.	8/17/2023 7:49 PM
157	To much building...	8/17/2023 5:18 PM
158	better because of more progressive values/politics	8/17/2023 12:10 PM
159	services and culture	8/17/2023 10:58 AM
160	Cost of living	8/17/2023 8:32 AM
161	Farmland is important; natural parks are important. What is NOT attractive is how Columbia	8/16/2023 9:46 PM

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looks to people passing on the highways, especially I-70. We look like trash from I-70.

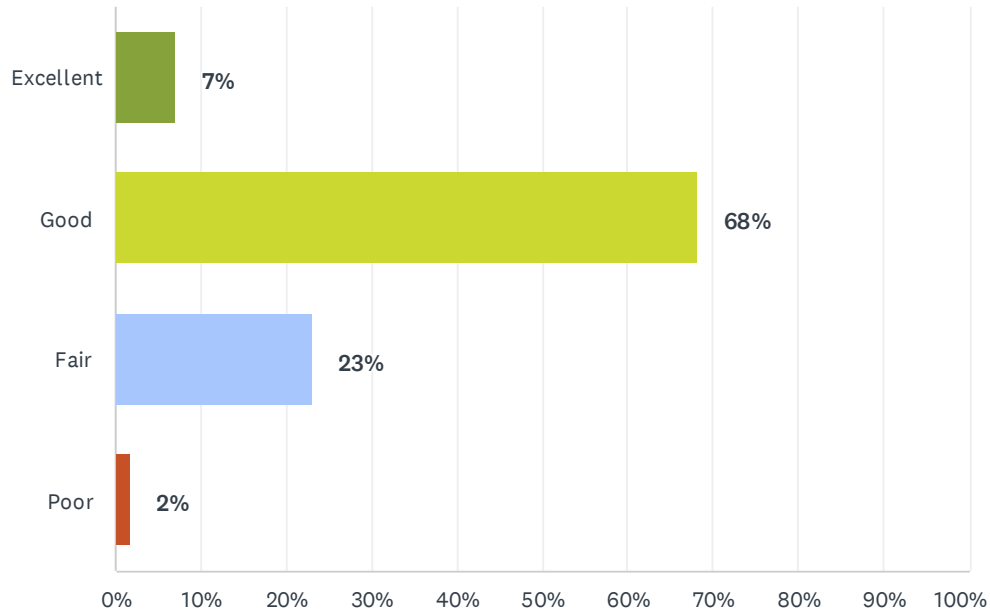
162	I lived in Jeff City for many year, and then went to Kirksville for college. Boone county is MILES above those area. And I visit other areas of the state, including KC and STL regularly, and always love coming back home to Columbia and Boone county.	8/16/2023 8:58 PM
163	I love the distinct differences each town in Boone County offers the residents here. I don't have to travel very far to "get away." The rural areas connecting the towns are beautiful. Hopefully this county won't become overdeveloped like south Columbia which looks like no one was paying attention to aesthetics when designing the layout of streets and walkways. Looks like a giant parking lot!	8/16/2023 8:54 PM
164	The university provides jobs and healthcare and we have an airport	8/16/2023 7:07 PM
165	Crime, high taxes with little return of services, little, if any real planning to preserve sensitive areas vs. development, poor roads, poor policing, etc.	8/16/2023 5:25 PM
166	There is a nice balance of "old" (historic) and "new" (contemporary/modern) architecture. Boone County has mixed its rural countryside nicely with the City of Columbia. Tree growth and landscaping continues to bring about a nice balance to the "town and gown" aspect of the greater community.	8/16/2023 12:43 PM
167	Simply more and better community amenities than in our surrounding counties.	8/16/2023 10:20 AM
168	I think property prices here are higher, so people likely have more disposable income if they can afford to buy those properties and therefore are able to keep them up better. We also have a lot of conservation area which is always lovely as well.	8/16/2023 10:00 AM
169	There are great amenities in Columbia, lots of inclusive community.	8/16/2023 9:50 AM
170	blue island in red state, better education and health care, Columbia parks and rec	8/16/2023 9:02 AM
171	Our quality of life, healthcare, job opportunities, shopping opportunities, University of Missouri events, overall community vibrancy are much better than surrounding counties.	8/16/2023 7:49 AM
172	Columbia has had artists to beautify the city, new buildings on MU Campus, more parks.	8/16/2023 7:38 AM
173	It is the largest in mid MO.	8/16/2023 7:23 AM
174	It has more activities and options	8/15/2023 11:58 PM
175	The number of job opportunities.	8/15/2023 10:02 PM
176	Some of the other communities are cuter.	8/15/2023 9:57 PM
177	The trash problem, specifically in Columbia, is embarrassing and it reflects poorly on the entire county.	8/15/2023 5:07 PM
178	Only better because it is surrounded by very rural areas that can't offer what we do. If it were compared to counties closer to other metro areas it would be worse.	8/15/2023 12:27 PM
179	More jobs, cultural amenities, parks, diversity.	8/15/2023 12:13 PM
180	Employment and cultural opportunities are better here, though housing is expensive and not as nice as in other places like Jefferson City.	8/15/2023 11:45 AM
181	see above answer as i feel these are the same for the attractiveness.	8/15/2023 10:47 AM
182	still has a mix of work opportunities and recreational opportunities	8/15/2023 9:04 AM
183	Our infrastructure has not matched our growth	8/15/2023 8:45 AM
184	I see trash EVERYWHERE	8/14/2023 6:17 PM
185	The MU campus is beautiful. Wish Business Loop, Providence, the north side, and the off ramps from I-70 could be spruced up.	8/14/2023 4:11 PM
186	More affluent population, more educated population, more social service resources, a strong faith community, strong volunteer mentality of residents here to give back and support our neighbors and those who need extra help.	8/14/2023 3:56 PM
187	Crime.	8/14/2023 1:30 PM

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188	We have a great, active community	8/14/2023 1:06 PM
189	Boone County has facilities (ie health care) unavailable in surrounding counties, but decreased safety is the price.	8/14/2023 11:13 AM
190	We have a more cosmopolitan feel through Columbia and the various colleges so it's not just a small town feel.	8/11/2023 1:44 PM
191	No one takes pride in the way their homes look or businesses look we are a halfway point between KC and ST LOUIS we should have a year round reason people want to stop in Columbia and spend a few days	8/11/2023 12:23 PM
192	Cole County is terrible. Other counties are backwater and unsophisticated	8/11/2023 6:06 AM
193	close access to health services, more willing to implement current building codes, stormwater best practices and other regulations	8/10/2023 8:16 PM
194	Better healthcare, shopping, dining.	8/10/2023 7:13 PM
195	employment and health care	8/10/2023 2:29 PM
196	More opportunities for jobs, housing, recreation, etc.	8/9/2023 5:57 PM
197	Beneficial attributes include a larger and more diverse population, access to I-70 and a new airport.	8/9/2023 1:48 PM
198	Juvenile crime is horrible	8/9/2023 12:36 PM
199	More wealth in the county equals nicer homes, property, care	8/8/2023 9:44 PM
200	Progressive views	8/8/2023 5:18 PM
201	If you are talking about uninvolved areas then it's similar to surrounding counties. If you are talking about cities and towns then more attractive	8/7/2023 11:03 PM
202	Proximity to services and events, quality of infrastructure and mostly reasonable building codes	8/5/2023 8:51 AM

Q13 How would you rate the overall appearance of residential properties in Boone County? [choose one]

Answered: 762 Skipped: 84



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	7%	53
Good	68%	520
Fair	23%	176
Poor	2%	13
TOTAL		762

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY:	DATE
1	On average....average. Too wide a spectrum. There are dumps to nice.	10/4/2023 8:50 AM
2	Housing in my area is enough being properly maintained by landlords and there are some ugly apartment buildings.	10/2/2023 7:11 AM
3	Diversity is expected	9/30/2023 8:10 AM
4	Depends on what part of the county you visit.	9/30/2023 6:08 AM
5	Traveling around, properties seem to be kept up.	9/29/2023 10:08 PM
6	There are some areas that, although old, need not be "junkie".	9/28/2023 6:13 PM
7	Flipping older homes should be encouraged, replace razed homes with like n kind, rental cost abuses by landlords	9/28/2023 2:58 PM
8	This isn't an important question, people should be permitted to live as they please without concerning themselves with how "attractive" their property is.	9/28/2023 1:37 PM
9	More people seem to take pride in their neighborhoods. The number of neighborhood	9/28/2023 11:49 AM

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	associations point to this.	
10	Like anywhere, appearance depends on the neighborhood.	9/28/2023 6:37 AM
11	Mixed appearances of properties.	9/27/2023 11:33 PM
12	We build too much too fast. Residents always want newer and bigger and these subdivisions and apartment complexes left behind are going to be issues later.	9/27/2023 11:58 AM
13	Really depends on the area there are some neighborhoods that need alot of attention and they are throughout the city and county, mostly in lower quality housing developments.	9/27/2023 10:01 AM
14	I worry about some of the conditions of rental properties in Boone County.	9/25/2023 8:10 AM
15	There is a lot of housing stock that is old and run down. There are also some mobile home communities that do not maintain proper roads in & out of the communities.	9/24/2023 6:59 PM
16	Lots of sprawl with no character. Hideous McMansions in the suburbs of Columbia/Ashland	9/24/2023 8:55 AM
17	Depends on the general economics of the neighborhood. Owner-occupied neighborhoods are generally well-maintained. Rental neighborhoods are not as well cared for, particularly in non-incorporated areas of Boone County where there are no rental property codes.	9/22/2023 1:29 PM
18	Those with resources are going to use them to beautify properties. Those lucky to live in a home they can barely afford do not. Rentals in residential neighborhoods are not maintained by owners and renters, often paying excessive rents, do not have resources to maintain appearances. There are areas of Boone County and Columbia that are blighted.	9/22/2023 12:36 PM
19	There is a ton of housing; with lots of different designs clustered together. A lot of homes have run down exteriors but inconsistency of adjacent housing is a bit of an eyesore.	9/19/2023 9:04 AM
20	Varies drastically because income is so geographically segregated/poverty is so concentrated.	9/14/2023 1:13 PM
21	There aren't that many "blighted" areas and the populace as a whole seems to be addressing them fairly well.	9/12/2023 10:24 AM
22	They are cookie-cutter and have too many types of siding.	9/11/2023 8:17 AM
23	There is a huge disparity in appearance depending on location. Clearly there are pockets of extremely high-value homes, and larges expanses of moderately to poorly maintained homes.	9/11/2023 8:10 AM
24	Who cares about appearance? We should strive for housing for all. Housing is a human right!	9/10/2023 10:11 PM
25	An ordinance regulating temporary, cardboard signs needs to be implemented and enforced.	9/10/2023 1:16 PM
26	If they're more than 15 years old they're generally architecturally interesting.	9/9/2023 10:03 PM
27	I have not seen many of the homes in unincorporated part of the County. Areas where my friends live are nice but some rental properties not far from there are not well kept.	9/8/2023 9:47 PM
28	People don't take care of properties and don't clean up grass clippings!!!	9/8/2023 3:34 PM
29	Houses in residential neighborhoods are nice, but many of the outside appearances of college homes near the University of Missouri campus look awful.	9/8/2023 11:02 AM
30	I think some of the older neighborhoods that are well-kept look nice, but much of the downtown Columbia area could use support, and in general we need more affordable housing.	9/7/2023 6:26 PM
31	Crack down on the deadbeat landlords who don't take care of their properties, they are a scourge on the county.	9/6/2023 3:10 PM
32	We have lots of new subdivisions with desirable properties. Overall our "city" residential properties are fairly well maintained, although we have some areas in the city and unincorporated areas of the county that don't appear to be well-maintained.	9/6/2023 1:20 PM
33	Most good, some bad. Need infill development in Columbia. Boone County could allow denser development/ more affordable housing rather than big house on 5 acres. Many of our workers come from surrounding towns and a partial reason is housing cost (rural life, small schools, etc)	9/5/2023 5:07 PM
34	Need updates in affordable housing.	9/5/2023 4:52 PM

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35	In Columbia specifically, housing buildings that are rented are not well kept. Decreases land value for the neighborhood	9/5/2023 12:55 PM
36	Students have destroyed a lot of the good parts of living in Columbia.	9/5/2023 12:42 PM
37	Lotta boring Suburban development devoid of community spaces and small businesses.	9/5/2023 12:07 PM
38	Many houses need to be taken care of more but they aren't all horrible so gives a fair average.	9/5/2023 11:18 AM
39	There is a lack of creativity and individuality. Too many ugly buildings (especially out in the county) and cookie-cutter developments. Towns like Lawrence have done better at preserving historic buildings and encouraging cool architecture.	9/4/2023 2:05 PM
40	Older housing stock is not being maintained and new developments strip all trees from the property. Every house does not need a moat of lawn. Public commercial architecture and zoning does not support walkable neighborhoods. Sidewalks are in poor repair.	9/4/2023 10:47 AM
41	There are amazing upscale places all around the county"" but there are also poverty housing	9/4/2023 9:41 AM
42	Track housing. Clear-cutting trees	9/3/2023 8:33 AM
43	Depends on where you live	9/2/2023 7:38 PM
44	Looks can be deceiving. It is sustainability that matters.	9/2/2023 2:34 PM
45	So many areas north need updating	9/1/2023 10:07 PM
46	Very much depends on neighborhood	9/1/2023 2:54 PM
47	I live in a neighborhood that is probably 80% rental properties. Landowners don't invest significantly in the upkeep or betterment of properties beyond ensuring grass is mown. As there is no ownership for renters, there is no incentive to make the space where they live better.	9/1/2023 11:35 AM
48	Needs to be more affordable housing	9/1/2023 10:08 AM
49	It depends on where one is in the county. There are some quality residential builders here. There are some hideous student housing neighborhoods.	9/1/2023 9:35 AM
50	Depends on what part of the county you are in. The affluent neighborhoods are excellent whereas the poorer neighborhoods around the county are pretty trashy. Especially the areas with lots of rental property.	9/1/2023 8:11 AM
51	I think it's nice here.	8/29/2023 10:30 AM
52	In Columbia, expensive houses are built next to rental property driving value down. Old unkept buildings are expensive to rent because of students.	8/27/2023 10:38 AM
53	Some very run down and trashy	8/26/2023 9:33 PM
54	Depends on where in county. Related to socioeconomic situation.	8/26/2023 6:35 PM
55	Honestly, this is not something I pay much attention to.	8/25/2023 12:41 PM
56	There's not a lot of vacant dilapidated housing.	8/25/2023 11:15 AM
57	North Columbia needs some serious help. The duplex areas over by Derby Ridge is an awful neighborhood and landlords need to be held accountable to keep their properties in better shape and hold residents accountable to keep their homes looking reasonable. Same goes with East Columbia by Demeret. There's high crime and landlords are allowed to be slumlords. There needs to be city intervention.	8/25/2023 10:51 AM
58	I think there are a lot of older homes. And the new homes tend to look very "cookie cutter." Also, a HUGE concern for me is the lack of trees and landscaping in the newer homes in Columbia.	8/25/2023 10:36 AM
59	More attractive affordable housing is needed more than student towers and mega mansion sprawl	8/24/2023 10:01 PM
60	Every town has a good and bad side. For the most part, Columbia has a lot of well maintained homes. On the bad side of town, it is hit or miss.	8/24/2023 4:10 PM

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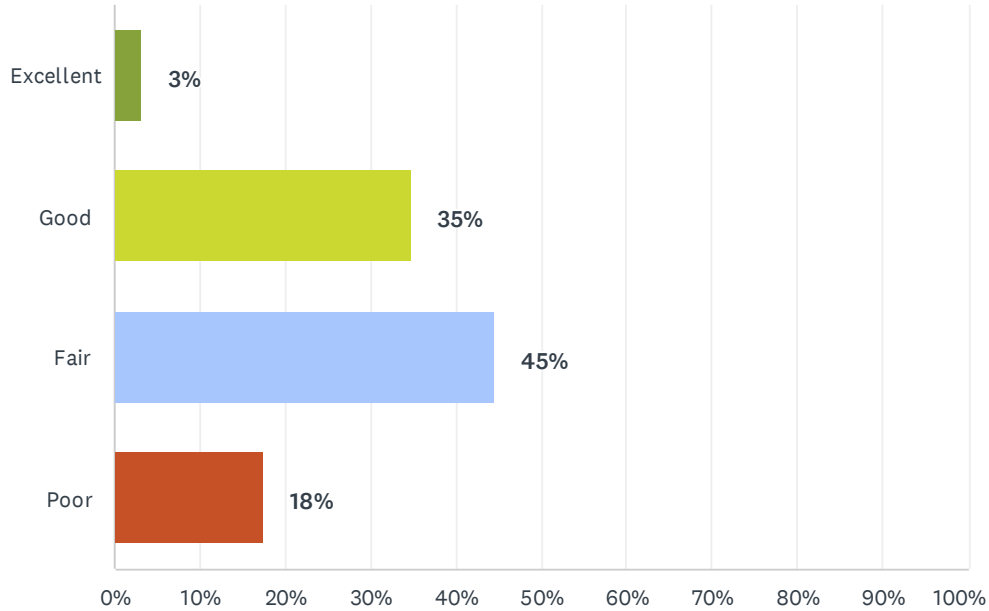
61	Some areas very nice. Many areas very run-down eye sores.	8/23/2023 2:18 PM
62	The residential area are trashy and difficult to monver through.	8/22/2023 6:07 AM
63	Depends on the area. Incentivizing clean environments would be nice. i.e. Giving temp jobs to homeless that improve community	8/21/2023 8:45 PM
64	It varies depending on location. Some areas look nice and some do not.	8/21/2023 12:59 PM
65	There is a mix of attractive and unattractive/rundown properties. There is also a lot of trash just...everywhere.	8/21/2023 11:39 AM
66	Property owners that live in the homes take pride in how their homes look. Landlords and rental management companies are too cheap to keep their properties looking good.	8/21/2023 11:11 AM
67	You get some nice ones and then you get some not so nice ones	8/21/2023 8:40 AM
68	Lots of trash and decrepit homes downtown close to the courthouse and Columbia college	8/21/2023 8:14 AM
69	Some places are nice,beautiful, well maintained, others have Trump signs and flags...	8/21/2023 5:43 AM
70	Too many poorly maintained buildings & yards; a lot needs to be torn down, repainted, junk removed or mowed. It's truly embarrassing. Not to mention the broken curbs & poorly maintained streets. OR, there are high end, beautiful homes that are in sectioned areas far away from the city.	8/20/2023 11:42 PM
71	Single-family housing as the standard makes it impossible for folks to find more affordable housing options.	8/20/2023 3:40 PM
72	Most newer neighborhoods are very nice. Older neighborhoods and most rural homes are in fair to poor condition.	8/20/2023 3:39 PM
73	Tearing down older building to replace them with student housing isn't really an architectural revelation. McMasions are well conceived design.	8/20/2023 7:41 AM
74	It is a street by street basis. You can have a great street but drive another street over and there is high crime and trashy yards.	8/19/2023 1:09 AM
75	Some properties are great and some are run down and need lots of work.	8/18/2023 12:29 PM
76	Some area's need help with clean up.	8/18/2023 10:31 AM
77	Rental houses need to be maintained better. Many people don't know the difference between permanent and rental housing. They just see the properties and a super expensive property can have a very poor house on it.	8/18/2023 10:25 AM
78	Developments start out nice. Over time they degrade	8/18/2023 9:23 AM
79	Depends on what part of the town you are going thru.	8/17/2023 7:52 PM
80	To many run down buildings.	8/17/2023 5:22 PM
81	You see a lot of people trying their best to maintain/improve their homes in every neighborhood. Trashiness is spotty.	8/16/2023 9:49 PM
82	Some areas are great, others terrible, but overall fair	8/16/2023 7:09 PM
83	There are some areas that could use improvement, but having zoning regulations in Boone County has created a better appearance of residential properties compared to surrounding counties.	8/16/2023 1:50 PM
84	I live in a diverse neighborhood in both people occupancy and architecture. Not every house or building is the same. Lawns are well kept and maintained. Vegetable gardening and the keeping of poultry in appropriate housing brings a sense of the rural into the urban landscape equating to balance.	8/16/2023 12:48 PM
85	Overall it's good. In some of the unincorporated areas it is only fair to poor. This is in general a reflection of the economic status of the individuals residing in the various residential areas. Some of the new developments in the unincorporated areas are nice and attractive. It remains to see what they will be like in 5 or 10 years. It is a matter of the people occupying the properties. If they take pride in their homes, they take care of them, if they don't, it is reflected by run down conditions.	8/16/2023 10:25 AM

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86	Many newer developments are being built quickly and are clearly of low quality. We want residential properties that will last for decades and take into consideration the appearance of the rest of the community.	8/16/2023 9:52 AM
87	Generally kept up.	8/16/2023 8:28 AM
88	Trailer parks are needed. Nice, secure, stable, safe trailer parks. Not trash like what I see driving around Boone county. Property owners don't care about affordable housing. Otherwise they'd be building thornbrooke and Cooperstown and old hawthorn affordable housing subdivisions. It's all about money. Not giving people a middle class living standard. Or appropriate adequate infrastructure for all, not the rich.	8/16/2023 8:12 AM
89	Most are in good shape and attractive. In some areas there is a lot of litter.	8/16/2023 7:43 AM
90	It looks like any other American town.	8/16/2023 7:24 AM
91	Generally good except for mobile homes and trailers.	8/15/2023 5:08 PM
92	Our housing stock does not appear as well maintained as surrounding counties. It's expensive/small/old compared to Cole or Callaway Counties.	8/15/2023 11:47 AM
93	some are not maintained - lack of staff at county level to help enforce codes	8/15/2023 10:49 AM
94	the economic disparity is obvious sometimes	8/15/2023 9:05 AM
95	Most homes could use upgrades. (But households need better incomes)	8/15/2023 8:46 AM
96	Have seen an increase in rundown properties.	8/14/2023 8:26 PM
97	often see properties in a state of disrepair, junky properties. Some areas are better than others.	8/14/2023 6:26 PM
98	Some are great, but the pack rat houses really are an eyesore.	8/14/2023 4:12 PM
99	Really depends entirely on where you are.	8/14/2023 11:30 AM
100	Property is to expensive. There is not the ability To move up to a slightly larger home so you're stuck with what you have	8/11/2023 2:28 PM
101	I have a tough time rating anything "Excellent" - overall we have good looking properties. There are pockets of scruffy looking properties but overall it's good.	8/11/2023 1:47 PM
102	I want to see much higher integration of solar into our local grid.	8/9/2023 1:55 PM
103	Juvenile crime everywhere in boone County and Columbia	8/9/2023 12:38 PM
104	This is highly variable from neighborhood to neighborhood. Lots of older housing stock is in disrepair. Rental properties have often received harder than average wear and tear, and lower than average maintenance and repair.	8/8/2023 2:49 PM
105	Some place's are crap! Others not	8/8/2023 8:33 AM

Q14 How would you rate the existing housing options for keeping and attracting residents? [choose one]

Answered: 760 Skipped: 86



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Excellent	3% 24
Good	35% 264
Fair	45% 339
Poor	18% 133
TOTAL	760

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY:	DATE
1	Good for keeping people with money. Good rental options.	10/4/2023 8:50 AM
2	Cost of rent is too high with "luxury student housing" that many apartments go empty and makes landlords inflate their prices which effects the cost of living.	10/2/2023 7:11 AM
3	prices high	10/1/2023 1:20 PM
4	The landlords are obviously used to renting to college kids.	9/30/2023 10:45 AM
5	But we need a lot more low-income housing. Student demand in Columbia is driving up rental costs.	9/30/2023 10:22 AM
6	Way overpriced	9/30/2023 6:08 AM
7	Tale of Two Cities. The haves and the have nots. Pay is generally substandard for commodity workers. Only professional class makes a living wage.	9/29/2023 10:08 PM
8	It has become too expensive for me to live in Columbia, so I'm planning to move out of state.	9/29/2023 9:21 PM
9	Cookie cutter, mass produced and poorly built homes are becoming way too common in	9/29/2023 2:58 PM

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Columbia. Another big eyesore that negatively impacts our community is the huge student housing apartment complexes around Columbia. The lack of quality homes available at affordable prices and the increase in corporate-run student housing complexes are both harming our community. Builders and Landlords that put profits above people are not something we need more of!!

10	Need more affordable housing. Need additional housing for the homeless.	9/29/2023 9:57 AM
11	Not enough housing that is affordable for everyone.	9/29/2023 8:00 AM
12	Mid ranged housing lack	9/28/2023 10:49 PM
13	Lack of affordable rental housing.	9/28/2023 9:16 PM
14	Minimal housing opportunities for the middle class.	9/28/2023 6:13 PM
15	Rental company cost abuses to applicants, lack of sec 8 to buses, not replacing razed homes	9/28/2023 2:58 PM
16	Need more affordable houses and options for small families	9/28/2023 1:37 PM
17	I don't feel qualified to give an informed answer.	9/28/2023 11:49 AM
18	Housing costs are prohibitive compare to pay	9/28/2023 8:24 AM
19	We need more dense, affordable housing inside city limits.	9/28/2023 12:16 AM
20	Noted greater number of apartments	9/27/2023 11:33 PM
21	Variety of options/ cost in all proximity to downtown	9/27/2023 9:25 PM
22	Costs are high relative to wages but that's not the city's fault.	9/27/2023 11:58 AM
23	Rent has become extremely high a single person with average income can not afford to rent by themselves anymore a minimum of 2 incomes is required.	9/27/2023 10:01 AM
24	insufficient availability of small and/or lower cost housing	9/26/2023 4:03 PM
25	There are very few starter homes. Too many AirBnB owners buying up small houses to rent to strangers and transition people who have no role here over the long haul (e.g., visiting nurses/welders/anything/etc.).	9/26/2023 3:12 PM
26	as mentioned above, investors have too much influence in the local market. should be a cap on investment properties, especially if the owner doesn't live in Boone County. also, low inventory.	9/26/2023 10:53 AM
27	We need more inventory for those seeking to move to the area. I'm also concerned with the number of homes that are switching over to short-term rentals.	9/25/2023 8:10 AM
28	Lack of affordable housing is critical. The less expensive housing is most likely not up to codes of new housing for insulation, plumbing & electricity.	9/24/2023 6:59 PM
29	Lack of affordable housing is only getting worse	9/24/2023 4:51 PM
30	Not much affordable housing with character	9/24/2023 8:55 AM
31	Too many rentals.	9/22/2023 3:06 PM
32	Not enough affordable housing or support for those who have "affordable properties."	9/22/2023 2:58 PM
33	Depends where you are..Some really nice areas. Some sketch areas	9/22/2023 2:20 PM
34	Very expensive to live here--let's be honest--housing is HIGH in Boone County.	9/22/2023 1:40 PM
35	High costs of homes/lack of nice yet affordable homes....to many "bad" areas now	9/22/2023 1:18 PM
36	Inventory is low, prices are high.	9/22/2023 12:36 PM
37	Affordable housing stock is shrinking. First time home ownership is more difficult. This contributes to the risk of people being unhoused. New development is covering up farm land.	9/20/2023 8:36 PM
38	Cost of living is good but it's very competitive right now in Columbia which is also contributing to higher asking prices.	9/19/2023 9:04 AM
39	High cost, rental quality is low because student drive demand up.	9/14/2023 1:13 PM

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40	Lack of upscale rental	9/13/2023 5:33 PM
41	Virtually no houses for sale under \$300,000	9/13/2023 10:39 AM
42	All over the United States there is not enough housing and we are not the exception to the rule. We need more housing in many areas to meet the wants and needs of those that are trying to move here.	9/12/2023 10:24 AM
43	Housing is too expensive for the jobs in the county The massive amount of rentals, people migrating to Columbia etc have greatly increased the cost of housing	9/11/2023 9:28 PM
44	In Columbia, there has been an emphasis on providing housing options for transient residents (i.e., students, tourists) at the expense of affordable housing for permanent residents of modest means. The increase in short-term rental housing and high-priced student housing is making it substantially more difficult for many residents.	9/11/2023 8:10 AM
45	We should plan for housing for all.	9/10/2023 10:11 PM
46	Too few housing options for median and low-income people. Builders are building new homes mostly for the wealthy.	9/10/2023 8:30 PM
47	A little expensive!	9/10/2023 2:24 PM
48	Housing is totally too high, forcing many to live in substandard housin.	9/10/2023 12:18 AM
49	The quality of houses being built is poor, and rental properties are becoming dated at best.	9/9/2023 11:07 PM
50	Many older homes near downtown need revitalizing while maintaining affordable housing	9/9/2023 11:04 PM
51	Lots of apartments available that will fall apart 20 years after being built, but by God they're affordable! Nothing small and pleasant for single seniors.	9/9/2023 10:03 PM
52	Only high priced/"white areas" exist. No opportunity for ethnic diversity. And I'm white.	9/9/2023 5:10 PM
53	Too expensive and poorly regulated	9/8/2023 10:55 PM
54	Too expensive	9/8/2023 9:47 PM
55	Not enough affordable housing options that aren't mobile homes or poorly built.	9/8/2023 4:28 PM
56	When we were trying to buy our first home every single starter home seemed to be owned by modern property group.	9/8/2023 1:15 PM
57	Housing is expensive for students and they usually have few amenities.	9/8/2023 11:02 AM
58	Cost of living is low but not all places are worth it. Some utilities are lower quality, like internet.	9/8/2023 10:37 AM
59	My understanding is that landlord oversight in Columbia is a joke, as someone who recently had their house inspected by the city for being able to provide short term renting. The inspection took less than five minutes, with little attention to detail. I have also rented in this city and know that landlords are not attentive to the needs of their renters, and will avoid addressing them as much as they can to save money and time. Further, the city vouchers are not accepted by many landlords, and thus without any regulation demanding it, there's nothing to help open up the market for affordable housing.	9/7/2023 6:26 PM
60	lack of inventory and skyrocketing prices	9/7/2023 12:00 PM
61	Overly inflated housing/rent prices and excessive property taxes	9/6/2023 7:24 PM
62	Housing is very hard to find in both Ashland and Columbia. Landlords are out of control and need to be put in line.	9/6/2023 3:10 PM
63	Builders aren't building affordable housing. Almost all new housing is \$250k+, which is not affordable to new families.	9/6/2023 1:45 PM
64	The supply of affordable housing for poorer residents seems to be shrinking. High rent for homes and apartments contributes to housing difficulties.	9/6/2023 1:42 PM
65	I stop short of saying good, because while there are many housing options for persons of medium-to-high wealth status, we lack affordable housing options for persons in the lower income categories.	9/6/2023 1:20 PM

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66	Caters to students in Columbia. Need affordable family housing.	9/5/2023 4:52 PM
67	Most of them are aimed at college kids not young professionals. Most of the rental companies are full slumlords.	9/5/2023 12:42 PM
68	Most new housing is either large single family homes or small apartments for college students or far away from everything. Not many options for family wanting a smaller home or multifamily home or to live car-light.	9/5/2023 12:07 PM
69	Cost of housing is far to expensive and very little options.	9/5/2023 11:18 AM
70	Need more affordable housing options	9/5/2023 9:13 AM
71	Rent is outrageous in Columbia!!!	9/4/2023 8:04 PM
72	All new housing is being provided by contractor builders, so there is very little choice in quality standards or variety of amenities and appearance. The market for older homes is poor because rental conglomerates are purchasing them for cash. We aren't attracting nearly as many permanent residents to county land.	9/4/2023 3:07 PM
73	Less affordable housing as time goes on and more horrible student housing developments.	9/4/2023 2:05 PM
74	Affordability is being eroded rapidly.	9/4/2023 10:47 AM
75	We need more affordable housing for lower income folks	9/4/2023 9:41 AM
76	It is incredibly expensive. I am considering moving to another town for cheaper, and safer living, though crime is creeping into the smaller towns around Columbia	9/3/2023 7:04 PM
77	Not enough low income housing.	9/3/2023 10:14 AM
78	Not enough affordable housing options	9/3/2023 8:33 AM
79	Not enough in general, and not enough net zero in particular.	9/2/2023 2:34 PM
80	I feel there needs to be more development of housing like the pocket community on Ash St.- using land more densely. Columbia is pretty subject to suburban sprawl.	9/2/2023 9:22 AM
81	Housing costs are too high and risk pushing out lower income and working class residents.	9/2/2023 9:12 AM
82	Very hard to find entry level properties in areas with better schools.	9/1/2023 2:54 PM
83	More developments are being added every year with new housing and amenities	9/1/2023 2:15 PM
84	Improvements in built environment around residential areas. better access to food, health services	9/1/2023 10:08 AM
85	Very expensive and landlords are terrible. We used to have better tenant rights.	9/1/2023 9:58 AM
86	Everything is expensive right now. There is a dearth of available houses available.	9/1/2023 9:35 AM
87	I think it is harder for low income folks to find a place in boone county.	9/1/2023 8:11 AM
88	There's a huge lack of affordable housing options. Especially if you aren't in college and don't want roommates or if you're a young couple starting out in your marriage.	8/31/2023 7:34 AM
89	Too expensive!	8/30/2023 3:04 PM
90	housing is becoming less affordable	8/30/2023 12:43 PM
91	Affordable housing for minimum and lower wage earners is very limited.	8/29/2023 8:14 PM
92	the housing available is not affordable and there are a lot of slum lords	8/29/2023 4:45 PM
93	Need more affordable housing. How about zoning allowing tiny homes?	8/29/2023 1:06 PM
94	I understand there is a shortage of housing for people with incomes below \$100,000 a year. We need to support quality, energy efficient housing options for people who have low to moderate incomes.	8/29/2023 12:09 PM
95	overly inflated real estate prices	8/29/2023 11:52 AM
96	Almost no affordable housing options unless you want to live in a place that is falling apart.	8/29/2023 10:30 AM

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97	Housing prices are currently ridiculously inflated compared to most people's capacity. I have heard several stories of new homeowners with middle-class jobs being out-competed by someone who could offer cash for a house costing multiple hundreds of thousands of dollars. I want families and professionals who want to live here to buy houses - not faceless corporations or buyers who will flip houses and not invest in the community.	8/29/2023 10:13 AM
98	The cost of living in Columbia is so inflated because of the students. A family with 2 working parents can barely pay rent and that's in a mediocre neighborhood.	8/29/2023 9:53 AM
99	The existing housing options are far too expensive.	8/29/2023 9:12 AM
100	It would be better if taxes were lower, especially for older people on fixed incomes.	8/28/2023 8:58 PM
101	Lack of affordable housing for low to moderate income residents.	8/28/2023 5:48 PM
102	i think there have been enough housing built, both rental and residential to appeal to all who move here.	8/28/2023 3:17 PM
103	Affordable housing has vanished for working class...	8/28/2023 12:38 PM
104	The rental market is TERRIBLE and grossly overpriced.	8/28/2023 10:46 AM
105	It is extremely expensive to purchase a home right now, even a basic starter home. There is also a shortage of homes under \$200k on the market.	8/28/2023 10:17 AM
106	Not enough houses and the rent is astronomical. I recently saw a 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom split level older home and they wanted \$2,500/month for it. Who is going to pay that? Who can afford that?	8/28/2023 8:24 AM
107	Extremely expensive to get a home or to rent, far too many "investors".	8/27/2023 2:47 PM
108	Need more nicer neighborhoods.	8/27/2023 10:38 AM
109	Affordable single family housing is a challenge	8/27/2023 7:19 AM
110	Low inventory	8/26/2023 9:33 PM
111	Housing is expensive.	8/26/2023 6:35 PM
112	Affordable housing is a problem. Property values are inflated and it makes it almost impossible to find a \$200-\$350 thousand dollar starter home. Apartment prices are also outrageous.	8/26/2023 4:56 PM
113	My in laws are actively trying to move here and the quality of new construction is very poor in comparison to Texas. Also, upkeep on houses appears to be less common.	8/26/2023 8:09 AM
114	Very few choices for medium to low income families	8/26/2023 7:10 AM
115	Need more affordable housing options. Most places I've looked in the county, from Ashland to Hartsburg, have just about doubled since 2019, compared to a national average of just about a 30% increase. While this is great for existing homeowners, it's created an unsustainable market for renters, refugees, young families, and prospective first time home buyers.	8/25/2023 12:41 PM
116	Housing prices are rising making it less affordable.	8/25/2023 11:15 AM
117	Continuous development of homes for the wealthy is not benefitting the average citizens. No more gated communities. more newer homes within city limits that the average person can purchase--we need incentives for developers to build affordable homes, period.	8/25/2023 10:51 AM
118	Housing costs are too high, it's impossible to locate a home because too many people are in the market to buy, and there aren't many affordable homes to choose from.	8/25/2023 10:36 AM
119	What is available is way overpriced. Someone just starting out will struggle.	8/25/2023 9:52 AM
120	Housing costs, especially rentals are very expensive.	8/25/2023 9:50 AM
121	Housing prices are too high, and there are too many Air BNBs/short-term rental properties.	8/25/2023 9:26 AM
122	Working class people need affordable housing near their jobs.	8/24/2023 10:01 PM
123	I wish I can have my own house but instead of that I'm only able to have a trailer living with my two daughters because what I went for leaving but I make for a living is not enough to get a house	8/24/2023 9:45 PM

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124	Not enough affordable housing for low income families.	8/24/2023 7:12 PM
125	Housing is too expensive— whether you rent or buy. A lot of rental property is geared toward students and the landlords take advantage	8/24/2023 4:10 PM
126	Non-student, non-public assistance affordable housing should be a focus.	8/24/2023 12:36 PM
127	Rent and home prices are too high	8/24/2023 11:42 AM
128	not enough integrated lower cost housing, especially toward downtown	8/23/2023 3:51 PM
129	Rentals are higher priced than other places in the county here in Columbia. Some working-class folks are getting priced out of the market.	8/23/2023 3:34 PM
130	too expensive for what you get.	8/23/2023 2:18 PM
131	Columbia no longer has a sufficient stock of quality, low-cost housing. Too many McMansions?	8/23/2023 8:38 AM
132	Need more affordable housing.	8/22/2023 5:44 PM
133	We need more affordable, sustainable housing options for owners and renters.	8/22/2023 9:50 AM
134	I would actually say the new addition to the residential area are top of the line but far out of the price range of the people that live here.	8/22/2023 6:07 AM
135	Still low inventory	8/21/2023 8:45 PM
136	Lack of affordable, energy-efficient housing. Car dependency	8/21/2023 4:58 PM
137	Decent neighborhoods are too costly	8/21/2023 2:33 PM
138	I have no idea.	8/21/2023 1:58 PM
139	Many of the existing housing options are not affordable, especially if we want to keep young adults recently graduating from college, young professionals, or new families.	8/21/2023 11:39 AM
140	Too many rentals!	8/21/2023 11:11 AM
141	need more homes with acreage. Not enough space per home	8/21/2023 8:43 AM
142	All the houses I see being built are way to expensive. Starting in the \$300,000?!	8/21/2023 8:40 AM
143	Would be excellent, but housing is getting very expensive in Boone county.	8/21/2023 8:31 AM
144	Price gouging	8/21/2023 8:14 AM
145	Affordable housing options are hard to find, not just Boone County but nationally	8/21/2023 5:43 AM
146	To attract residents, it would be prudent to have more mid-range homes to start, with the hope of upgrading to a more expensive option down the road. There doesn't appear to be enough mid-range housing for young families, but I could be mistaken. The lower income housing has succumbed to mismanagement, drugs and violence with an increasing rent.	8/20/2023 11:42 PM
147	Affordable housing is a problem for young families. It's not the worst in Boone County, but it still makes it difficult to start and keep families. There are some assistance programs out there already but many don't know about them or have access to them	8/20/2023 4:28 PM
148	Higher housing costs	8/20/2023 4:12 PM
149	Housing prices are increasing, and it is becoming more difficult to rent in Boone County.	8/20/2023 3:40 PM
150	Costs are increasing in a lot of places	8/20/2023 1:35 PM
151	Too much poorly built, crackerjack student housing	8/20/2023 11:45 AM
152	A relative has been trying to buy a slab house, due to physical needs, near us for 6 months but they keep losing the bids because there are not enough smaller houses without stairs	8/20/2023 10:01 AM
153	Rent and housing cost outstrips cost of living to the point it talked about on the national news.	8/20/2023 7:41 AM
154	Lack of affordable housing and way too many student housing complexes that are not affordable for the average person or family.	8/19/2023 11:41 AM

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155	Areas with little or no affordable housing.	8/19/2023 7:31 AM
156	Its too expensive to live in columbia, rent is very high relative to average income. there are also very few places to live, there is a terrible housing shortage.	8/18/2023 9:26 PM
157	High cost of housing if a major barrier here	8/18/2023 9:24 PM
158	NEED MORE HOUSING	8/18/2023 9:04 PM
159	Rents are too high	8/18/2023 4:32 PM
160	Most houses and rentals are too expensive- again this is everywhere.	8/18/2023 4:14 PM
161	The housing market is in terrible shape, but this is nation-wide and not just in Boone County.	8/18/2023 3:46 PM
162	Speaking of Columbia only- both renting and buying are becoming unaffordable and you don't get much for your money (and I'm coming from New Jersey!)	8/18/2023 1:48 PM
163	It's either expensive or low income. There is not much of a middle ground for young professionals starting out.	8/18/2023 1:01 PM
164	This is just my opinion, Interest rates are now at 7%, which is going to make housing more expensive.	8/18/2023 12:29 PM
165	Rents in my apartment complex have increased 30% in the past year. It's inexplicable. If it continues, many of us will be priced out of living here.	8/18/2023 12:25 PM
166	Not enough housing and housing is expensive, heavily taxed. Services have decreased as well such as recycling.	8/18/2023 11:46 AM
167	We need more and affordable options.	8/18/2023 11:35 AM
168	increase in prices is a concern.	8/18/2023 11:08 AM
169	not enough total. not enough in a wider range of prices	8/18/2023 10:35 AM
170	There is a need for more housing in the \$150-\$200,000 range.	8/18/2023 10:31 AM
171	This is focused on Columbia because it's what I know, but housing/rental prices are RIDICULOUS.	8/18/2023 10:26 AM
172	More houses are being built because current housing is turning into rental due to costs associated with them.	8/18/2023 10:25 AM
173	Prices have increased so much it's hard for some to find something reasonable	8/18/2023 10:10 AM
174	Not enough starter homes for young families/professionals that are affordable. Housing seems to be catered to students or to families that can afford a large house/property and there has been a lack of development for affordable houses for sale. Many of the affordable houses are purchased by landlords.	8/18/2023 9:52 AM
175	Home prices are still too high and many "affordable" homes are not appealing, ie: not well maintained, needing many repairs, or in an undesirable area. Housing is also very limited, so it will be difficult to attract new residents with a housing market as competitive as ours when locals are struggling to find affordable homes.	8/18/2023 9:05 AM
176	If you have a well paying job lots of opportunities but if you don't then it gets to be quite slim	8/17/2023 7:52 PM
177	But the more we attract, the less attractive the area is...	8/17/2023 5:22 PM
178	Lack of supply and overinflated pricing as a result.	8/17/2023 8:13 AM
179	Prices are high for single family household	8/17/2023 5:56 AM
180	I don't really know, not having been in the market for over a decade.	8/16/2023 9:49 PM
181	Not enough housing. Excessive Building codes and restrictive zoning force too many people to live out of county.	8/16/2023 9:02 PM
182	We have to do better with housing diversity and affordability all over the country, state, and region. NOT EVERYONE NEEDS OR WANTS A SINGLE FAMILY HOME. Single family homes, spread out over large land areas will never be affordable, and will just cause sprawl	8/16/2023 9:00 PM

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that makes everything worse and more expensive. Build more dense housing everywhere, or at least smaller lots for single family.

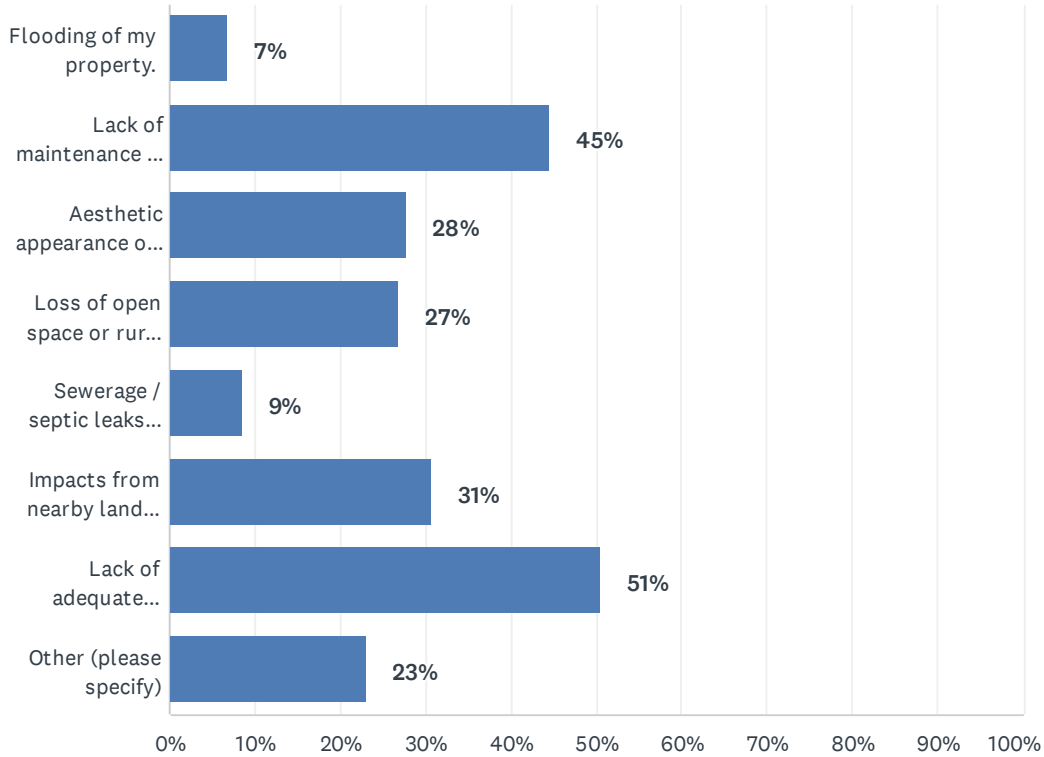
183	Not enough affordable housing with too many speculators jumping in to buy homes and property. More property ownership by people living on the property would be nice.	8/16/2023 8:59 PM
184	I have been trying to buy for over a year. There is a severe lack of affordable housing.	8/16/2023 8:51 PM
185	Like everywhere else, housing prices are making starter homes out of reach for many couples	8/16/2023 7:09 PM
186	Rents are not affordable for the average resident, and they keep rising at an accelerated rate.	8/16/2023 4:29 PM
187	The demand for housing, especially low-income housing, in our community vastly exceeds the supply	8/16/2023 2:27 PM
188	There isn't enough housing and there are some sanitary sewer issues that need to be addressed with regards to the reduction of lagoons.	8/16/2023 1:50 PM
189	Limited inventory, and not affordable	8/16/2023 1:06 PM
190	I get the real sense that affordable housing and the inventory is very low. With the plethora of high-rise apartment buildings one might think that there is ample housing and it is affordable. This is not the case.	8/16/2023 12:48 PM
191	It is my understanding there is a general lack of affordable housing in Boone County in general, Columbia specifically. Don't know about the other municipalities.	8/16/2023 10:25 AM
192	The housing market is really tough right now, and what with VRBO and AirBnB, many affordable properties get snapped up by folks using them as short term rentals.	8/16/2023 10:02 AM
193	We've seen a huge increase in "property management" companies that are careless and take away the care and relationship necessary for renting to be successful. We're also nearing the point where housing is unaffordable for most people.	8/16/2023 9:52 AM
194	Too many apartments catering to students, not enough catering to families or non-students.	8/16/2023 9:09 AM
195	Low inventory and affordable first homes	8/16/2023 8:28 AM
196	See above.	8/16/2023 8:12 AM
197	There is not enough affordable housing, but I do see much building in construction.	8/16/2023 7:43 AM
198	There are few affordable housing options and few housing options unless you want to rent. Rent is high with poor quality rentals. Who wants to move to that?	8/15/2023 11:59 PM
199	Lack of affordable housing	8/15/2023 10:03 PM
200	More affordable housing for factory and working class citizens.	8/15/2023 12:14 PM
201	Most of this is likely the housing market, but inventory seems quite low across all tiers of pricing.	8/15/2023 11:14 AM
202	cost of maintenance is increased.	8/15/2023 10:49 AM
203	Housing costs have been a real problem lately- real problem, but that's true everywhere	8/15/2023 9:49 AM
204	it's either expensive or less than lovely	8/15/2023 9:05 AM
205	Need more multi family units in rural areas	8/15/2023 8:46 AM
206	Too many large neighborhoods filled with lookalike houses. More rental property aimed at non students seems important	8/15/2023 8:06 AM
207	There is too much housing being purchased by out of state investors and it is causing local first time home buyers to be priced out.	8/15/2023 7:38 AM
208	We cannot totally eliminate the homeless housing shortage by building more shelters. " The poor will always be around."	8/14/2023 8:26 PM
209	Not enough housing, especially smaller homes for young buyers and downsizing older adults.	8/14/2023 7:35 PM
210	Could use more inventory	8/14/2023 6:27 PM

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211	housing is too expensive for lower or even middle income people	8/14/2023 6:26 PM
212	There's not enough middle income housing or lower middle income housing	8/14/2023 6:17 PM
213	Low inventory.	8/14/2023 4:34 PM
214	Good options for those who are two person income households. However, many households with only one income, especially with children, struggle to afford basic needs.	8/14/2023 4:01 PM
215	Need more housing alternatives including accessory dwelling units.	8/14/2023 1:08 PM
216	North side of town is ignored. South is where \$\$ is, so it gets more attention.	8/14/2023 11:30 AM
217	Not much to choose from. Many apartments are too student oriented.	8/13/2023 12:46 PM
218	Houses are poorly built all cookie cutter neighborhood everything in Boone county is too expensive or too shabby	8/11/2023 12:26 PM
219	Affordable housing is an issue here as it is across most of the country.	8/11/2023 11:42 AM
220	Need more gated and age restricted 55+ housing.	8/11/2023 6:08 AM
221	more quality affordable housing is needed	8/10/2023 8:18 PM
222	Need more visionary planned development to ensure a complementary array of services and amenities with affordable housing options.	8/9/2023 1:55 PM
223	Needs more affordable housing options	8/8/2023 5:29 PM
224	We need more affordable housing for those graduating college and first time home buyers.	8/8/2023 9:22 AM
225	To many apartments	8/8/2023 8:33 AM
226	Cities the rent is getting high for people to afford. In unincorporated areas I would guess not as much housing options available	8/7/2023 11:07 PM
227	There is a need for more housing across all levels.	8/7/2023 10:39 AM
228	Limited options below \$300k	8/5/2023 11:09 AM
229	We need work force housing, middle income housing	8/5/2023 8:53 AM

Q15 What are your top three concerns that may affect the value of your home or property? [Choose up to three]

Answered: 768 Skipped: 78



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Flooding of my property.	7%	53
Lack of maintenance and upkeep of adjacent properties.	45%	343
Aesthetic appearance of new development on adjacent properties.	28%	213
Loss of open space or rural character adjacent to my property.	27%	207
Sewerage / septic leaks from adjacent properties.	9%	66
Impacts from nearby land uses that are incompatible with my property.	31%	235
Lack of adequate infrastructure.	51%	388
Other (please specify)	23%	177
Total Respondents: 768		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I don't own property	10/4/2023 3:29 PM
2	Public safety	10/3/2023 11:44 AM
3	Driving past the Auto Recycling Center on WW is a blight in the area. Why are they allowed to	9/30/2023 10:22 AM

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store so many damaged vehicles outside their fenced junk yard along WW. And I suspect they are allowing hazardous waste runoff into the nearby creek. Has anyone ever tested the water? Please investigate!

4	1) ESS, 2) developers and 3) builders not held accountable. City allowing them to "have their way", siding with them. Vested interest to have more tax base coming in.	9/29/2023 10:08 PM
5	Crime	9/29/2023 10:05 AM
6	Crime	9/29/2023 9:40 AM
7	A HOA without any knowledge or forethought of governance nor plans to research and adopt modern ways of mitigating climate change issues now being seen in how to care for communal area habitat which at times will need to be watered in summers, what to do about the lawns they seek to preserve without irrigation systems-- right now all of their decisions appear to be made on appearances as opposed to functionality. They yesterday tried to get a majority to rule out solar panels as an amendment if the panels were visible in the front of the home independent of the functional positioning of the panels for 50% of the neighborhood that might want to convert or add panels.	9/29/2023 7:30 AM
8	Internet service is not adequate for current standards and usage.	9/29/2023 6:57 AM
9	Neighborhood is perceived as bad because of its location.	9/28/2023 9:16 PM
10	The requirement that rental units be part of a subdivision for affordable housing. A transient population in the front of a subdivision often causes unintended consequences like disrespect for quiet neighborhood practices, disregard for curb appeal, etc.	9/28/2023 7:36 PM
11	I lease in Columbia and I have not seen any Sewage issues in the area I am living in.	9/28/2023 6:21 PM
12	We need to keep existing homes in proper order.	9/28/2023 6:13 PM
13	Our roads haven't had maintenance in over 5+ years and trash on the medians	9/28/2023 5:14 PM
14	Too many advantages given to the homeless	9/28/2023 2:58 PM
15	Crime rate	9/28/2023 2:24 PM
16	Lack of sidewalks make neighborhoods less child and people friendly	9/28/2023 1:37 PM
17	I'm bothered by having my property value and taxes raised just because others keep bidding up prices.	9/28/2023 1:06 PM
18	I don't own property	9/28/2023 8:45 AM
19	I love near downtown/trail. Too many homeless people nearby... sometimes wondering through my property. Crime.	9/27/2023 9:25 PM
20	Litter is a problem in parts of the city	9/26/2023 9:44 PM
21	none	9/26/2023 4:03 PM
22	The biggest thing is the quality of education at Columbia Public Schools that aren't Ridgeway. I blame this on lack of resources for the schools, large segments of our population being underserved which translates to under-parented children putting a strain on the system. not the nonsense right wing lunatics have latched on to.	9/26/2023 10:53 AM
23	I'm worried that our property will be too valuable.	9/25/2023 5:25 PM
24	Short-term rentals	9/25/2023 8:10 AM
25	Lack of codes or enforcement that required abandoned buildings to be demolished.	9/24/2023 6:59 PM
26	I don't envision any of thes affecting pur home.	9/24/2023 9:13 AM
27	Increase in property tax for those over 65. Time to give us a break.	9/22/2023 4:48 PM
28	Crime	9/22/2023 2:20 PM
29	The lack of 2023-era infrastructure. No, giant fields of solar panels and wind turbines will not be the solution. That takes the beauty right out of Boone County! Let's upgrade and keep it a pretty place to be.	9/22/2023 1:40 PM

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30	lack of green space	9/19/2023 5:23 PM
31	Columbia has bad property managers. We need to hold them to some standards.	9/13/2023 2:37 PM
32	Increase of crime.	9/13/2023 10:39 AM
33	Drought causing foundation malfunction	9/11/2023 10:29 PM
34	Homeless population	9/11/2023 8:25 AM
35	See the storage shed facing the road on the corner of Forum and Woodrail.	9/11/2023 8:17 AM
36	My home is located in a neighborhood with reasonably maintained homes and adequate infrastructure. My concern is that so many other areas of town do not have adquate roads, lights and other infrastructure.	9/11/2023 8:10 AM
37	Increasing proportion of absentee landlords (and thus sloppy tenants) in my formerly owner-occupied neighborhood.	9/10/2023 8:30 PM
38	Too many rental and apartments being put up in residential neighborhoods.	9/10/2023 7:53 PM
39	Housing and business construction taking place on fill.	9/10/2023 1:16 PM
40	My neighborhood doesn't have curb and gutter, my street just crumbles into the ditch over time. My front yard by the road is not appealing, & there is nothing I can do about it. I'm starting to feel like as a community member/homeowner that I need to meet certain standards (ie:trash bins). With no curb and gutter, I'm unsure where to put the bin. In the ditch, the street? This look is not going to add to my property in a good way. My trash bags go in a small uneven grassy spot in the yard next to the driveway, the bin will fall over if I place it there. It's just not a good feeling when your neighborhood doesn't get the care that south side & new development residents get, but are expected to keep up with expectations of the city. There is also a vacant/dilapidated house two doors down, that I have seen raccoons go into the home. I told neighborhood services many years ago, several times....house is still there, still rotting, smelling like sewage on a hot days.	9/10/2023 9:02 AM
41	Lack of renewable energy options.	9/9/2023 5:24 PM
42	None. I'm fine	9/9/2023 5:10 PM
43	The market	9/8/2023 4:28 PM
44	Adjoining streets not kept up and drivers speed on our streets and fail to stop for stop signs.	9/8/2023 3:34 PM
45	For my property in particular its changing the zoning of properties on Broadway to allow businesses. I love the relative quiet of my neighborhood in the middle of town.	9/8/2023 1:15 PM
46	I don't own property in Boone County.	9/8/2023 11:02 AM
47	Horrible maintenance of rural roads/lack of forward thinking people in all departments of county government/BCRM is comprised of uninspired staff, sometimes described as toxic.	9/8/2023 9:06 AM
48	More rental properties surrounding my house as well as an increase in crime.	9/8/2023 8:34 AM
49	Builds by less quality out of town builders like Lombardo versus quality builds from our local home builders (girard, hemme, Anderson).	9/7/2023 9:01 PM
50	My concern is the severe lack of public transportation and sidewalks available in my neighborhood, which is just inside the Stadium loop. There should be far more dedicated sidewalk paths, bike lanes throughout the city that are more than just painted lines, and more extensive and available public transportation with regular bus stops that are far more accessible!	9/7/2023 6:26 PM
51	Stop focusing on home values, focusing on select individual property prices over the health of the city/county is how we end up like San Francisco with crime and homeless everywhere, it's already starting.	9/6/2023 3:10 PM
52	None of these is a pressing issue in my neighborhood.	9/6/2023 1:42 PM
53	Overall economy and interest rates	9/6/2023 1:20 PM
54	Increasing taxes to fund poor lifestyle choices	9/6/2023 6:07 AM

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55	The increase taxes	9/5/2023 10:08 PM
56	I'm in the old SW so it would be crime, poor schools, etc.	9/5/2023 5:07 PM
57	Lack of transit options/distance to grocery stores and businesses.	9/5/2023 12:07 PM
58	Increase in crime from expanding homelessness problem (plus trash, poop, and tents in green spaces); there is a loss of the sense of security and safety when trying to enjoy natural areas and trails	9/4/2023 1:07 PM
59	We are residents of Lenoir Woods and all is provided	9/4/2023 9:41 AM
60	Global warming. Environmental change.	9/2/2023 2:34 PM
61	I live in a nice neighborhood in NW Columbia near the city limits. The challenges in my area are noise pollution from I-70, blasting and noise from the quarry by the cement plant, and possible development of forested land surrounding our subdivision.	9/2/2023 9:22 AM
62	How changes in climate will impact my property, neighborhood, and greater community.	9/2/2023 9:12 AM
63	Equipment Share owns a business rental property next to my house. Earlier this year they made some changes without appropriate permits. The changes resulted in noise levels well above what is listed as acceptable within city code. After discussion with someone who works for the City of Columbia, Equipment Share made some changes that lowered the noise level, but it was still above city code. The city employee asked if I would accept the changes as satisfactory. It seems like in shared business/residential neighborhoods, the businesses are prioritized over residents. My perception is that both businesses and landlords in my neighborhood just want to make money off the space and not contribute to the betterment of the neighborhood.	9/1/2023 11:35 AM
64	stop the sprawl, build dense around columbia	8/30/2023 10:19 PM
65	Lack of adequate tax revenue for Columbia and Boone County.	8/30/2023 9:06 PM
66	Crime, poor school district and test scores of the local schools and drug addicts/homeless people making it unsafe. Police need and the mayor need to do a better job of policing and enforcing these homeless people. They do drugs and they should be in jail not living on the street. Their quality of life will be better in jail and they will get the help they need. Also crime is rampant if you look on "Nextdoor" app every day someone is having a car stolen. School districts have too much tax funded money to be performing so poor. Less DEI and more focus on preparing students to success in the world where they need to understand English and Math.	8/29/2023 8:51 PM
67	don't own	8/29/2023 4:45 PM
68	I believe that it is important for the County to address climate change in order to protect the value of our local properties. This means both reducing emissions from county operations and planning for the impacts of climate change such as extreme weather, heavy precipitation causing local flooding, hot temperatures and drought.	8/29/2023 12:09 PM
69	n/a	8/29/2023 11:52 AM
70	Columbia has a long history of under-prioritizing flood and water safety protections in development and maintenance.	8/29/2023 10:13 AM
71	I have no concerns with this.	8/29/2023 9:12 AM
72	Property taxes (too high)	8/28/2023 9:47 PM
73	Street thru the subdivision in terrible shape.	8/28/2023 9:05 PM
74	Taxation is too high especially for those who do not have children in schools, sales taxes, etc	8/28/2023 8:58 PM
75	NA	8/28/2023 11:58 AM
76	Crime	8/28/2023 11:15 AM
77	Rental properties and short-term rental properties encroaching on my neighborhood and crime rates increasing in the area	8/28/2023 10:17 AM
78	I don't own a home.	8/28/2023 9:38 AM

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79	City and county setting increased property taxes every other year. And county assessor using Zillow to determine property values...yep government bureaucracy with no connection in community.	8/27/2023 7:47 AM
80	Street needs resurfacing	8/27/2023 7:43 AM
81	I am currently renting while I get settled back in Columbia	8/27/2023 7:19 AM
82	Increase in crime in neighborhood	8/26/2023 7:13 PM
83	Land degradation due to droughts and climate change.	8/25/2023 12:41 PM
84	I don't have very many concerns except that the trash in my neighbor's yard doesn't get picked up even when they put it out there on time.	8/25/2023 11:15 AM
85	I live with my parents who own their own home in a newer neighborhood. The "eye sores" are the basketball hoops that are allowed in the streets, the lack of trees, and busy traffic from opening up an adjacent neighborhood.	8/25/2023 10:36 AM
86	Impact of landlords and driving up rent prices	8/25/2023 10:18 AM
87	Climate change impacts	8/25/2023 9:50 AM
88	Homeless. Regulations. Crime	8/25/2023 9:03 AM
89	Crime	8/25/2023 8:20 AM
90	We live in a subdivision surrounded by houses so these things are less likely to be an issue	8/25/2023 7:22 AM
91	Low income housing developements	8/24/2023 9:00 PM
92	Crime	8/23/2023 12:22 PM
93	I am concerned that the City of Columbia is not keeping up with necessary maintenance and expansion of electricai distribution lines and substations	8/23/2023 8:38 AM
94	Gengerfication, the new communities being built are exclusionary and constrict growth of local economy.	8/22/2023 6:07 AM
95	future of I-70 a concern; development on Bus loop E and Old 63	8/21/2023 8:00 PM
96	Housing in my central Columbia neighborhood is desirable, sustainable and increasing in value	8/21/2023 4:58 PM
97	the trash / recycling services in Columbia are terrible!	8/21/2023 4:47 PM
98	Not sure.	8/21/2023 12:59 PM
99	No county ordinances to address the problem properties.	8/21/2023 8:58 AM
100	The change of city limits that could affect the taxes of my property	8/21/2023 8:14 AM
101	None	8/21/2023 5:43 AM
102	Lack of multi purpose zoning. There is only concrete and houses around me and no local shops, restaurants, or enough parks.	8/20/2023 3:58 PM
103	Surge in property values just raises taxes for fixed income senior citizens.	8/20/2023 3:49 PM
104	Lack of transit options and trail/shared use path connections.	8/20/2023 3:40 PM
105	Increasing conversion of single families homes to rental properties or short term rentals (air bnb). These should be prohibited.	8/20/2023 3:39 PM
106	None	8/19/2023 10:32 PM
107	Deterioration of sidewalks in the "old Southwest" where I live.	8/19/2023 7:47 PM
108	Deerborn Circle has issues due to street creep. I believe there are ongoing sewer issues that are just ignored because we are a small street. We also never see a snow plow.	8/19/2023 4:58 AM
109	crime	8/19/2023 1:09 AM
110	Street maintenance	8/18/2023 4:32 PM

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111	Our house is on Ash and the street keeps getting busier. I think it would be harder to sell now than when we bought because of bad traffic.	8/18/2023 4:14 PM
112	n/a - do not own property	8/18/2023 3:46 PM
113	No property	8/18/2023 3:03 PM
114	Higher interest rates for home loans. Increased property taxes. Increase in the value of my Home	8/18/2023 12:29 PM
115	"rural" is dumb, but open/green space is necessary both for the aesthetic quality and that it helps soak up rainwater. I would add that we also need to focus on making housing that is going in accessible to lower paid workers. It needs protected bike lanes and/or trails as well as wider roads. Some of the new neighborhoods are built in such a way that they require cars to get to them in addition to their mcmansion status.	8/18/2023 12:02 PM
116	I have none of these concerns.	8/18/2023 11:17 AM
117	Lack of affordable options	8/18/2023 11:08 AM
118	Had to boil water in my neighborhood 3-4 times this summer	8/18/2023 10:31 AM
119	Lack of affordable housing for our lower income people.	8/18/2023 10:26 AM
120	growing industry to support new jobs, which then provide decent wages so citizens can invest in their properties	8/18/2023 10:13 AM
121	I have none of these concerns currently.	8/18/2023 10:04 AM
122	Rentals are nearby Codes are not enforced	8/18/2023 9:23 AM
123	I live on the "North side", and my friends warned me not to move there because it's the "bad part of town" due to crime in the area. I do try not to go to the gas stations at night-you will get asked for money. There are also homeless people in my neighborhood park at night and that scares me.	8/18/2023 8:52 AM
124	Not applicable since I am currently renting and do not own property.	8/18/2023 8:51 AM
125	Over head power transmission lines planned for Nifong. I prefer to see them buried.	8/17/2023 9:46 PM
126	Crime	8/17/2023 8:31 PM
127	Lose of wildlife...	8/17/2023 5:22 PM
128	n/a	8/17/2023 11:11 AM
129	R-1changing to mixed use,PUD, commercial	8/17/2023 10:21 AM
130	Hoosier neighbors	8/17/2023 10:18 AM
131	Gun violence near by	8/17/2023 9:14 AM
132	Homes on my street turning into rentals	8/16/2023 9:49 PM
133	A rising criminal element	8/16/2023 9:02 PM
134	Absent landlords	8/16/2023 8:59 PM
135	High crime areas nearby	8/16/2023 7:09 PM
136	My neighborhood has seen properties turn from ownership to rentals. Also, section 8 housing is owned by slumlords and there is a lack of policing.	8/16/2023 3:27 PM
137	My neighborhood is located near other neighborhoods that have higher crime rates than my own. I worry that my property value could be negatively impacted by concerns that crime from those areas could spill over into my neighborhood	8/16/2023 2:27 PM
138	Since I no longer own my home, but rent an apartment, which is fairly well protected from outside influences, none of these are of particular concern.	8/16/2023 10:25 AM
139	If I live in the incorporated area, I am trying to figure out how to answer this question without making many assumptions, of which I may not have one single iota of knowledge or fact.	8/16/2023 9:21 AM

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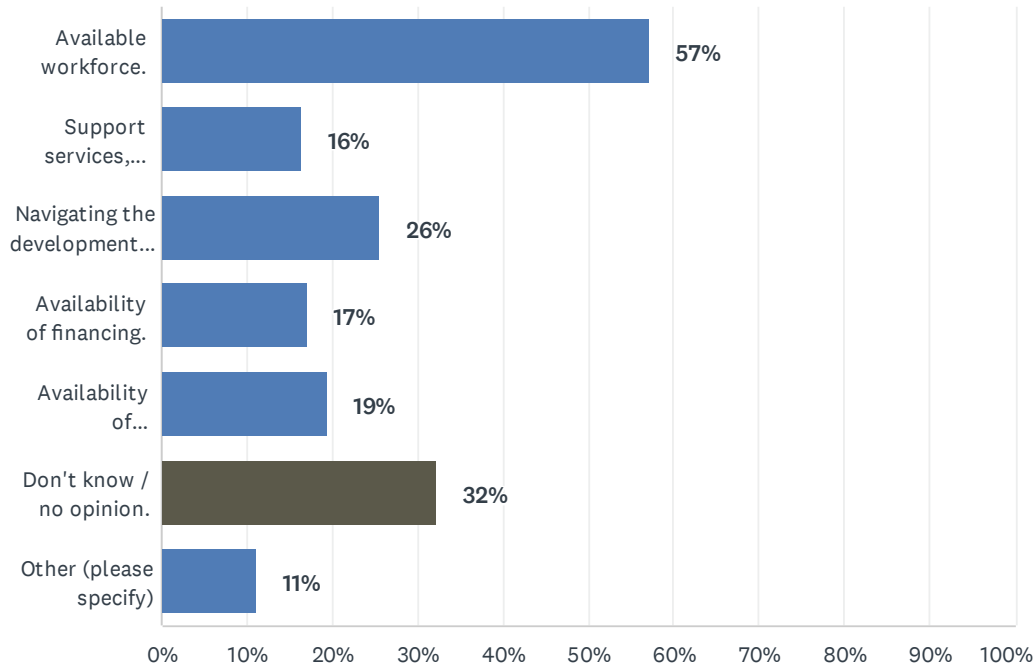
140	Proximity to highway.	8/16/2023 9:09 AM
141	Increasing Crime	8/16/2023 9:01 AM
142	Crime in the area. My neighbor's car was stolen last week.	8/16/2023 7:51 AM
143	I don't have any of the above concerns. I did have to have my roof replaced from hail damage, as every other house on my block. I think this could happen again.	8/16/2023 7:43 AM
144	None.	8/16/2023 7:24 AM
145	crime nearby	8/15/2023 10:52 PM
146	High taxes Homeless Crime	8/15/2023 9:59 PM
147	Increased rental instead of home ownership	8/15/2023 9:21 PM
148	Poor City Council - too much focus on junk concepts and not real issues	8/15/2023 8:27 PM
149	N/A	8/15/2023 8:10 PM
150	No major concerns	8/15/2023 8:00 PM
151	NA	8/15/2023 7:24 PM
152	N/A - I rent	8/15/2023 6:41 PM
153	Crime.	8/15/2023 5:08 PM
154	2. College students renting (and having parties) in a traditionally family neighborhood. This has happened multiple times in neighborhoods I've been in over the years, including now. 3. Crime	8/15/2023 9:49 AM
155	Crime	8/15/2023 9:47 AM
156	Regressive state government	8/15/2023 8:06 AM
157	A neighbor uses his driveway to work on vehicles. Questionable customers. Rundown property.	8/14/2023 8:26 PM
158	Crime in neighborhoods.	8/14/2023 7:35 PM
159	Crime	8/14/2023 6:17 PM
160	Roads -- specifically gravel -- are not regularly evaluated in terms of the need to be surfaced (paved, chip and sealed, etc.) or as well maintained or cared for compared to what they used to be.	8/14/2023 4:34 PM
161	We are not in a flood plain but live near a creek that majorly flooded one time in the 22 years that we have lived here. We had to ADVOCATE HIGHLY to get some needed drainage for our street and also for our street to be milled and paved which JUST HAPPENED this summer.	8/14/2023 4:01 PM
162	concerns that the county commission will prevent development of future projects with restrictive zoning.	8/14/2023 3:04 PM
163	Crime moving into neighborhood.	8/14/2023 1:30 PM
164	Crime! Trash on public spaces. Public property not maintained.	8/14/2023 7:23 AM
165	Do not own property	8/13/2023 12:46 PM
166	The internet service isn't keeping up with demand	8/11/2023 2:28 PM
167	I live in an older established neighborhood. The general aging of the homes will affect value. If homes are converted to commercial property it may also affect value.	8/11/2023 1:47 PM
168	Na	8/11/2023 12:26 PM
169	No real concerns	8/11/2023 11:42 AM
170	Rental properties and the renters they attract (barking dogs, yelling and apparently, theft).	8/11/2023 6:08 AM
171	The state legislature passing ridiculous laws and making people not want to live in Missouri.	8/10/2023 8:18 PM
172	MU Students	8/10/2023 2:30 PM
173	Juvenile crime is chronic	8/9/2023 12:38 PM

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174	Housing speculation that drives up farmland prices to a point where only developers could afford to buy. This expectation creates stress for farm owners who would like to avoid development and young farmers who want to access land.	8/8/2023 2:49 PM
175	My property backs to the Bonnie View nature preserve if they add of change any of that I lose value tremendously.	8/8/2023 9:22 AM
176	Trashy apartments where landlords sont care	8/8/2023 8:33 AM
177	Section 8 housing	8/7/2023 10:07 AM

Q16 What challenges do business owners face in Boone County? [choose all that apply]

Answered: 760 Skipped: 86



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Available workforce.	57%	434
Support services, especially when starting a business.	16%	125
Navigating the development regulatory process.	26%	195
Availability of financing.	17%	130
Availability of appropriately zoned land.	19%	148
Don't know / no opinion.	32%	245
Other (please specify)	11%	85
Total Respondents: 760		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Unemployment rate in Columbia is about 1.5%; not sure about Boone County	9/30/2023 10:26 AM
2	I can't see that there any challenges the business owners in Boone County	9/30/2023 7:47 AM
3	Poorly thought out business plans that fail to take all costs into account.	9/30/2023 12:25 AM
4	education required is unaffordable, you must spend \$100,000 to get educated. & then you still won't find a job. It's like being forced to buy a home you have to pay the bank for but you're never allowed to move in.	9/29/2023 9:24 PM
5	The district school system's rigidity once people come here from more advanced school	9/29/2023 7:33 AM

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systems is a barrier for professors and clinical doctors remaining here from my younger wife's group.

6	Available workforce	9/29/2023 7:12 AM
7	Excessive government regulations and taxes.	9/28/2023 6:29 PM
8	I have been in Missouri for about 18 months and I have seen a LOT of Help Wanted signs. I mover here from a small town of less than 3000 people in California and it had a similar situation with the Availability of Workforce.	9/28/2023 6:25 PM
9	The City is totally inept in properly providing development.	9/28/2023 6:17 PM
10	Don't really know details.	9/28/2023 1:08 PM
11	City government is not business friendly.	9/28/2023 9:04 AM
12	Government oversight and regulation	9/28/2023 5:17 AM
13	It seems like there are lots of resources through REDI and the University, but what can a small business owner do if they can't pay an exorbitant lease price? Or buy a building? There is no "good" economic reason to care about your community, but our wealthy people have to consider the return on investment of just reducing their profit so that other people can get in on this. If you have to have so much money in order to open a business and secure a location, we will lose good ideas and good projects. There has to be a concerted effort in partnership WITH the city - the private and public sector need to work together and they need to do so for the benefit of everyone in Boone County, but I don't have the sense we have a lot of individuals like that.	9/27/2023 12:04 PM
14	workforce that I can afford due to high rents relative to what I can charge clients	9/26/2023 4:05 PM
15	Basic housing costs are too great for entry and mid-management staff, and public transportation is very lacking.	9/26/2023 3:17 PM
16	Supply-chain issues and inflation.	9/25/2023 5:26 PM
17	Too much of the available property is in the hands of developers who can sit and wait years. Also allowing developers to purchase mobile home parks, displace residents, then do nothing with the property. For example, the property adjacent to Lenoir. Also, I've seen in the past where we have given large businesses tax breaks, yet small business owners get no support	9/24/2023 7:05 PM
18	Not a business owner, but answered based on what I have seen (poor service, reduced ours, reduced service attributed to lack of employees)	9/22/2023 3:00 PM
19	Many people get snared by "who they know" in the inspection and progress, I hear. That's a terrible reputation to have, Boone County. That good ole' boy network thing has got to go.	9/22/2023 1:41 PM
20	Access through roads.	9/18/2023 11:58 AM
21	Making sure they can be protect3d from the homeless population	9/18/2023 7:14 AM
22	Rent is too high for commercial property	9/13/2023 8:16 PM
23	Lack of public transportation for a productive workforce.	9/13/2023 2:43 PM
24	The influx of violent unhoused peoples terrorizing downtown business	9/11/2023 9:29 PM
25	Business hostile city council in Columbia	9/11/2023 4:38 PM
26	Busses are not a reliable means of transport for young people who want to work but can't afford a vehicle.	9/8/2023 1:17 PM
27	BCRM get an F as in Failure	9/8/2023 9:07 AM
28	High tax rates.	9/8/2023 8:35 AM
29	Internet sales	9/7/2023 10:42 AM
30	You're supposed to serve the people, not the business owners. Do your job correctly. If not, have the business owners elect you next time.	9/6/2023 3:11 PM
31	Excessive taxation and regulation	9/6/2023 6:08 AM

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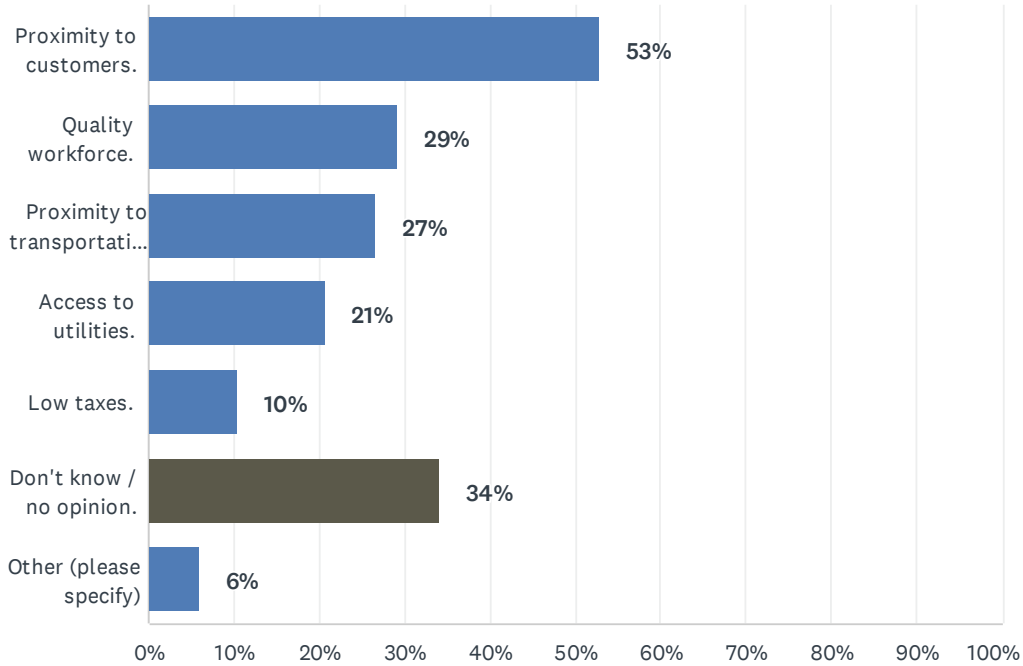
32	Being able to find plumbers and Reliable work laborers	9/5/2023 10:11 PM
33	Boone County management resources are not helpful	9/5/2023 5:08 PM
34	Lack of mixed use zoning makes it difficult for small businesses to compete and restrictive zoning makes it hard to develop anything new/innovative.	9/5/2023 12:14 PM
35	Geographic market opportunities	9/5/2023 9:16 AM
36	Cost to rent/buy storefront property in a high traffic area.	9/4/2023 3:10 PM
37	Parking and panhandlers	9/4/2023 1:08 PM
38	Taxes	9/1/2023 9:51 PM
39	Workforce having available and affordable housing. Education and skills of the local workforce.	8/29/2023 12:11 PM
40	Favoritism/ Good 'ol boys network makes it challenging to stay in business. Overall lack of friendliness towards people who didn't grow up here.	8/29/2023 10:33 AM
41	Cost of renting spaces	8/29/2023 9:55 AM
42	Taxation, permitting requirements	8/28/2023 9:00 PM
43	Homeless trespassers	8/27/2023 2:18 PM
44	High real estate taxes that continue to increase during the current recession and inflationary times.	8/26/2023 4:59 PM
45	No comment	8/25/2023 6:46 PM
46	I favor planning for more mixed use nodes which could encourage more walkable and bikable neighborhoods.	8/25/2023 3:04 PM
47	I am part owner of a new business (been open 1 year) and Columbia City process, oversight, regulations--not Boone County--was very difficult to negotiate.	8/25/2023 1:59 PM
48	Downtown rent has gotten out of control. Our downtown area pales in comparison to other college towns like Lawrence, KS. The businesses that survive that do retail like Poppy cater to a very specific and more wealthy crowd--leaves no room for much diversity in business. Just food, college bars, and a few clothing boutiques. Downtown is also the centerpiece of everything, but we have enough development in West/South Columbia to create another "district" where people can go to spread out the concentration of people so downtown infrastrucutre isn't overloaded. Another downtown issue is parking. I have no idea why building another hotel downtown near the Broadway was considered a "good" idea. We are already maxed out as it is with parking. No more new development. Multiple local businesses could have used that space.	8/25/2023 10:55 AM
49	Workforce willing to work for unfair compensation	8/25/2023 10:20 AM
50	Not paying a living wage	8/25/2023 9:28 AM
51	Being targeted and harassed by criminals with no help from the court	8/25/2023 8:20 AM
52	There is definitely not a lack of buildings for businesses and building more (vs repurposing or even tearing down and rebuilding) will leave lots of empty buildings/detract from the city	8/25/2023 7:25 AM
53	Government interference.	8/24/2023 1:59 PM
54	Hostility of some regulatory agencies.	8/23/2023 12:23 PM
55	The workforce is there, employers need to pay a living wage.	8/22/2023 9:52 AM
56	Workforce who have desire to learn and work	8/21/2023 8:48 PM
57	There needs to be more multifamily development to support those who don't want home ownership or are just starting out.	8/21/2023 2:34 PM
58	Commercially zoned land or properties are extremely expensive.	8/21/2023 11:43 AM
59	Small businesses can't Compete with larger companies in offering insurance benefits.	8/21/2023 5:46 AM
60	Get rid of minimum parking lot size reqs.	8/20/2023 4:00 PM

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61	Perhaps others - I wouldn't know.	8/20/2023 3:51 PM
62	Lack of well funded public services to attract business and an educated workforce.	8/20/2023 3:44 PM
63	Paying fair wages to employees.	8/20/2023 3:42 PM
64	I'm not a business owner, so I'm unfamiliar with that world. But it seems like every business, including the city is lacking workers.	8/18/2023 10:45 PM
65	The cost of housing has increased exponentially and talented workers cannot afford to live here.	8/18/2023 3:54 PM
66	I'm	8/18/2023 3:33 PM
67	Downtown Columbia PARKING! WATER and SEWER updates that will be required	8/18/2023 12:33 PM
68	The state is really to blame for a lot of this. They have defunded most of the services or agencies that can help with this stuff, forcing Boone County to pick up the tab. Additionally, there are 1,000 new Columbians every year, but it doesn't seem like the city or county is adequately targeting workers to come in and provide support.	8/18/2023 12:07 PM
69	Affordable office space	8/18/2023 11:47 AM
70	Columbia has more rules and regulations than most other communities.	8/18/2023 10:28 AM
71	Affordable locations to have a business.	8/18/2023 9:09 AM
72	County restrictions on businesses seem to discourage businesses from starting are being able to continue	8/18/2023 8:45 AM
73	Covid or new pandemics, increase cost of living, increase rental prices	8/17/2023 10:24 AM
74	Availability of appropriate buildings	8/16/2023 7:10 PM
75	The lack of a robust public transportation network can make it difficult for businesses in our community to remain accessible to employees and customers	8/16/2023 2:40 PM
76	adequate transportation for workers	8/16/2023 8:19 AM
77	Safety. Crime is awful.	8/16/2023 8:14 AM
78	Boone County has been, maybe still is, known as a difficult place to get approval for new businesses, especially small businesses, to build a building to house their business. New people are needed on the Planning & Zoning Commission who appreciate small business challenges.	8/16/2023 8:00 AM
79	High taxes Lack of government support	8/15/2023 10:01 PM
80	Boone County commission has pursued restrictive zoning.	8/14/2023 3:05 PM
81	No good warehousing/fulfillment services.	8/13/2023 12:49 PM
82	There seems to be a comfort of revolving door businesses. New businesses are failing quickly. The infrastructure seems to not be there or there is lack of planning to support businesses which will thrive.	8/11/2023 2:31 PM
83	Make it too hard for new businesses to come to this area.	8/10/2023 7:45 PM
84	The county puts so much red tape on small businesses for planning and zoning and permitting as well as change of use for a business. Some people give up because the costs are too high.	8/8/2023 9:24 AM
85	Bureaucratic bullshit when trying to build or do anything.	8/7/2023 10:09 AM

Q17 What are the key reasons for locating a business in Boone County? [Choose all that apply]

Answered: 753 Skipped: 93



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Proximity to customers.	53%	398
Quality workforce.	29%	220
Proximity to transportation networks.	27%	201
Access to utilities.	21%	155
Low taxes.	10%	78
Don't know / no opinion.	34%	257
Other (please specify)	6%	45
Total Respondents: 753		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Missouri, access to the university.	9/30/2023 10:46 AM
2	Democratic green values align with company's values.	9/30/2023 8:11 AM
3	Typically it's a better location in terms of living conditions in other places in the United States	9/30/2023 7:47 AM
4	entrepreneurial spirit	9/29/2023 10:10 PM
5	halfway in between both major cities at 2 hrs. a drive for business and recreation and 90 from the Lake but without the issues of either the big cities nor the excessive redneck value system of the lake people	9/29/2023 7:33 AM

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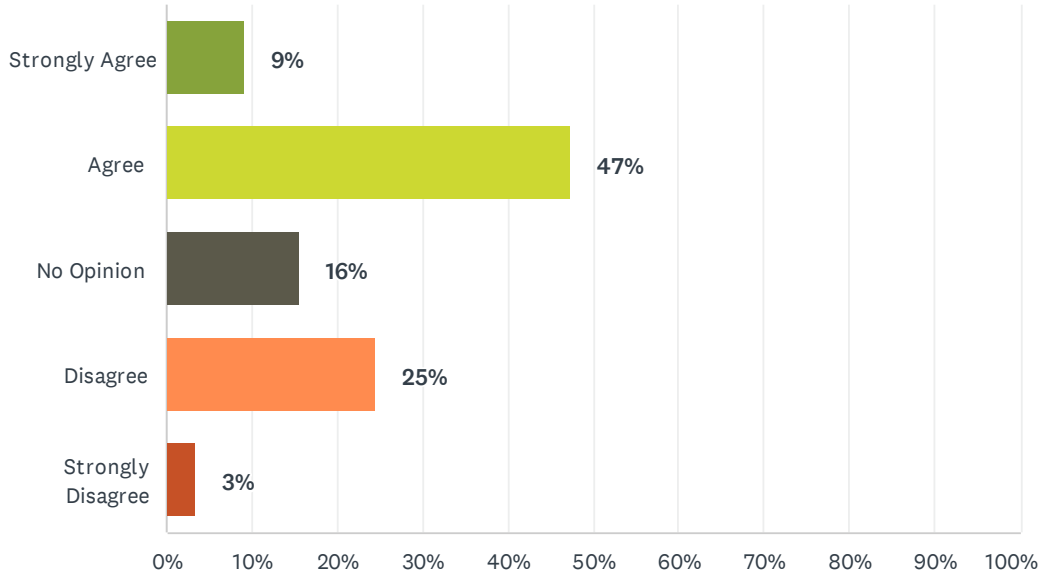
6	I-70 and US 63 are great assets for Boone County. Improvements to I-70 will make US 54 an asset as well.	9/28/2023 6:17 PM
7	Central location in the State	9/28/2023 11:52 AM
8	I have no idea. I do know that a friend's dad opened the Ashley Furniture here and said hiring was a terrible experience and it was almost impossible to find anyone who could pass a drug test. He was alarmed enough by this to tell me that he didn't think I should live here. There are so many issues that all weave together, but the increase in drug use is a serious one.	9/27/2023 12:04 PM
9	Taxes for companies are way to low or waived altogether, which is not right -- then people turn around and complain about education and lack of services -- which are to be supported by taxes. It's a vicious cycle and biz deals are crippling the community but lining the pockets of companies that simply reap the profits.	9/26/2023 3:17 PM
10	Again, just what I have heard ad observed.	9/22/2023 3:00 PM
11	The services here: hospital/educational/recreation for families. But please go easy on promoting the CPS system.	9/22/2023 1:41 PM
12	Ridiculous tax breaks and deferments that lead to no apparent returns long term to the county. I offer Equipment Share as evidence. Multiple tax breaks, small returns to community, about to go public so are swapping local talent for outside/remote talent.	9/22/2023 12:40 PM
13	community attracts diverse populations of customers and workers	9/19/2023 5:26 PM
14	Not proximity to transportation networks. Why is that even on here?	9/13/2023 2:43 PM
15	The growth of population during school time. Growth of city	9/12/2023 6:01 PM
16	Centrally located on I-70/Hwy 63. There are people working to attract high quality businesses to match the people that come to school here, would like to stay here, but leave because there isn't anything here for them. .	9/12/2023 10:29 AM
17	Center of the state should make Boone County an attractive location for businesses, conferences and all kinds of social events or gatherings but need an attraction to make people want to come here for vacation or bring their family when they come for business.	9/8/2023 9:57 PM
18	Support of small business	9/7/2023 10:42 AM
19	Quality of Life for employees	9/5/2023 9:16 AM
20	Good people in Boone County.	9/2/2023 2:36 PM
21	Better SEO opportunities	8/29/2023 10:33 AM
22	People with disposable income at least for the time being	8/28/2023 9:00 PM
23	Great diverse customer base and ease of accessing resources.	8/28/2023 5:49 PM
24	I wouldn't open a new business in Columbia or Boone County. The zoning regulations aren't favorable and taxes are much higher than neighboring counties.	8/26/2023 4:59 PM
25	No comment	8/25/2023 6:46 PM
26	Not sure there are any	8/24/2023 10:15 AM
27	The only real reason to start a business here should be because you live here. But the new businesses are coming because there are no regulations.	8/22/2023 6:12 AM
28	There really aren't very many "key reasons" for locating a business in Boone County!	8/21/2023 5:01 PM
29	I have no idea what the benefits are, I mostly see problems for starting a business in Boone County.	8/21/2023 11:43 AM
30	The other options are ridiculous. We do not improve the quality of our community through lower taxes. Missouri taxes are ridiculously low, as evidenced by our nearly bankrupt public services	8/20/2023 3:44 PM
31	Quality of life particularly when employees and there families are moving here.	8/20/2023 11:11 AM
32	Xxx	8/19/2023 4:57 PM

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33	Low taxes? Lol yeah right.	8/19/2023 5:43 AM
34	It depends on the business. You've got technology businesses starting as well as restaurants. They could not have more divergent needs for workers and reasons for locating here. Often, they are symbiotic (a restaurant opens to feed the workers at Mizzou, a separate technology firm opens because the students at Mizzou are trained and there's all these great restaurants in the area, which causes more restaurants to open...) The key is to nurture both sides of the ledger.	8/18/2023 12:07 PM
35	County is growing	8/18/2023 10:28 AM
36	I-70 enhancements	8/18/2023 10:17 AM
37	Low taxes for business while the county sticks it to the residents	8/16/2023 6:49 PM
38	Again, unless you own a business or know something about owning a business, how do you answer this properly? Especially if you are within the incorporated Boone County area.	8/16/2023 9:25 AM
39	Making money, then closing. Or trying to make money, then closing.	8/16/2023 8:14 AM
40	You get more customers when your business is close to neighborhoods	8/15/2023 10:40 PM
41	Connection to Mizzou for recruiting top talent	8/15/2023 7:40 AM
42	T	8/14/2023 6:42 PM
43	Proximity to or location within Columbia which is a fabulous place to live and work.	8/14/2023 4:07 PM
44	Depends on how many concessions county and city give to attract businesses	8/7/2023 11:11 PM
45	There is no reason other than people. That is the only reason	8/7/2023 10:09 AM

Q18 Do you agree that there are adequate job opportunities in Boone County (i.e. jobs that pay a living wage, provide benefits, and opportunities for advancement)? [choose one]

Answered: 755 Skipped: 91



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Strongly Agree	9% 69
Agree	47% 357
No Opinion	16% 118
Disagree	25% 185
Strongly Disagree	3% 26
TOTAL	755

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY:	DATE
1	There are plenty of Jon's but not enough that pay a living wage.	10/2/2023 7:12 AM
2	Too few jobs that offer a living wage or advancement opportunities	9/30/2023 12:27 PM
3	Attracting economic investment and growth will increase competition for skilled labor.	9/30/2023 10:26 AM
4	The cost of living does not match up with the pay that most people earn. So many people aren't able to enjoy actually living their lives anymore because they only have time for work and even then are just barely getting by!	9/29/2023 3:01 PM
5	Job and income opportunities are challenging for families; daycare, healthcare, afterschool care. Afterschool care is very difficult for families to find.	9/29/2023 7:12 AM
6	I moved here on Disability and have not checked on the wages for employment here in Missouri.	9/28/2023 6:25 PM
7	Everywhere I go, they blame lack of service on lack of workforce.	9/28/2023 6:09 PM

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8	Wages are not high enough for many workers to adequately support themselves and their families. Minimum wage needs to be tied to inflation.	9/28/2023 1:39 PM
9	I only base this on the lack of employee's in every sector.	9/28/2023 11:52 AM
10	pay rates do not match increases in housing costs and food costs	9/28/2023 8:25 AM
11	We need a higher minimum wage, similar to how high it was in 1975	9/28/2023 12:16 AM
12	Somewhat, though more so in certain fields.	9/27/2023 1:17 PM
13	I do think there are a decent amount of jobs that pay a living wage, but that will need to increase if we want to continue to keep a more talented workforce from leaving after finishing college/trade school.	9/27/2023 12:49 PM
14	It's very frustrating to explain this but I think Katie Porter does a great job when showing the CEOs of big banks what it takes to live in America - you can have a business degree and get a job at a bank and still come nowhere near making enough money to live. People should be afford the basics if they put in a 40 hour work week and we all know that is just not true. But if you really consider that - it's insane. You work 40 hours and still need government assistance, subsidized housing, etc. It's unsustainable. Many people don't feel an incentive to get more education or training because the jobs only pay slightly more. Ranken is a good addition to the community - the county should really push people towards some of the jobs they prepare for because they have very high placement rates and good pay for the work they do.	9/27/2023 12:04 PM
15	Most lower pay jobs do not offer any benefits at all. There are not many jobs that pay a livable wage anymore. As it takes 2 incomes to be able to afford to live and pay your bills	9/27/2023 10:04 AM
16	The largest employers, MU, City of Columbia and CPS do not pay a living wage to many of their staff. Many of my friends that work for MU and the City work a 2nd job to be able to save money.	9/24/2023 7:05 PM
17	It's still a mans world and I'm sick of it.	9/22/2023 4:50 PM
18	Many reasons	9/22/2023 3:00 PM
19	Wage/benefit structure in the county has not kept pace with needs.	9/22/2023 12:40 PM
20	pay is very low due to Missouri's poor legislation and regulation from the state government	9/19/2023 5:26 PM
21	I work remotely for a company headquartered out of state, so I don't have good visibility in the job market.	9/19/2023 9:05 AM
22	It's very difficult to get a good paying job after age 50. Age discrimination by young managers against older more experienced employees is a HUGE problem that is not being addressed.	9/14/2023 12:06 AM
23	Just barely agree. Many retail and office jobs don't pay enough. Childcare and eldercare are underpaid.	9/13/2023 7:51 PM
24	There are jobs, but they do not pay a livable wage or provide benefits.	9/13/2023 5:21 PM
25	There were, but jobs with benefits are disappearing as places like the university systems outsource to outside labor providers like Labor Ready and stop providing real jobs and careers. Also, my city, Columbia doesn't offer competitive wages and benefits anymore, so public service jobs are unfilled perpetually.	9/13/2023 2:43 PM
26	There are jobs that pay a living wage but also our pay seems low for cities our size.	9/12/2023 10:29 AM
27	Many jobs in Boone County pay far below a living wage (\$15/hour). When this is coupled with inadequate public transportation and limited affordable housing, it is devastating for a large sector of the county's population.	9/11/2023 8:12 AM
28	Too many Boone County residents, especially women, are still working in low-paid occupations without benefits.	9/10/2023 8:32 PM
29	Opportunities for Advancement. Many companies lose good people because they won't hire from within. They bring in an outside person & they get to talking and find out they have no experience and are getting paid more than the folks that have been there. Happens ALL the time here.	9/10/2023 9:05 AM
30	All the jobs available are entry level minimum wage, catered to students. I can't sustain living	9/9/2023 11:08 PM

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here with such poor options to jobs, especially with businesses not actually giving raises currently

31	Salaries for professionals has become stagnant, had not increased with cost of living. Many people with college education move to bigger cities with more competitive salaries.	9/9/2023 11:08 PM
32	BUT it depends on how old you are, and what the job is.	9/9/2023 10:04 PM
33	I work in a specialized field and live in Boone County because my spouse works at the University. When we move here, there were no job openings in my field that could afford me a quality of life I wanted (i.e. consistent sleep patterns, appropriate work-life balance). This is why I work in Cole County.	9/9/2023 5:28 PM
34	There are plenty of job opportunities, but jobs that pay living wages or offer strong benefits are low. A lot of people aren't wanting a part time position. More full time positions with good benefits are needed.	9/9/2023 3:17 PM
35	Lots of low end jobs available	9/8/2023 10:56 PM
36	Cost of living is too high and not enough opportunity for advancement.	9/8/2023 9:57 PM
37	In Columbia, because there is an excess of students looking for unskilled work, many of the jobs offer payment of minimum wage or barely over minimum wage. This is not livable, especially as a student trying to afford tuition payments.	9/8/2023 11:04 AM
38	I am a professor at a university, so certainly for me in that regard there are adequate opportunities, but I'm not familiar otherwise with Columbia job opportunities.	9/7/2023 6:26 PM
39	A living wage must be provided to all in the workforce.	9/6/2023 7:59 PM
40	Again most starting wages are aimed at college kids not adults trying to make a living wage.	9/5/2023 12:44 PM
41	Hard to find lower cost housing to rent for employees of big box stores/grocery stores so not enough jobs with livable wages.	9/5/2023 12:14 PM
42	Very few job opportunities that provide a true living.	9/5/2023 11:19 AM
43	From my experience in Columbia alone, a majority of the job opportunities underpay their staff. I think that benefits are getting better for most places but opportunities for advancement can feel niche in this community. Especially if you aren't able to be well connected in the community.	9/5/2023 10:00 AM
44	Most current job opportunities are not adequate to pay for the rising tide of housing costs, both rent and utilities as well as gasoline to get to and from work. There are plenty of available jobs that do NOT meet living wage criteria.	9/4/2023 3:10 PM
45	I primarily work remotely. Available jobs here don't pay a living wage.	9/4/2023 2:06 PM
46	Don't have info	9/4/2023 9:43 AM
47	Not enough living wage opportunities for unskilled or less educated residents.	9/2/2023 6:50 PM
48	Agree, but this is strongly dependent on field.	9/1/2023 2:55 PM
49	Yes and no. It depends on your job and educational background. There are a lot of service industry jobs that do not pay a living wage and people often need multiple jobs to make ends meet	9/1/2023 10:10 AM
50	Pay isn't keeping up with increasing cost of living	9/1/2023 9:59 AM
51	Our largest private employer notoriously underpays	9/1/2023 9:51 AM
52	Employers think that because it's the middle of Missouri/the midwest that cost of living is lower. Mizzou's tuition/healthcare costs, utilities, rent, single family home costs, taxes, groceries and so forth keep going up. Yet the employers don't increase wages and if they do, they think a 3% increase is enough even though cost of living has raised by 10%+. My partner and I make over 100k a year and we cannot afford to purchase a home in the Columbia because of all these factors. It's insane.	8/31/2023 7:39 AM
53	Not a lot of places seems to really care about their employees making a wage that is more than just surviving. People need to live not just survive	8/31/2023 7:05 AM

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54	pay had not kept up with cost of living	8/30/2023 12:45 PM
55	Most jobs I see are underpaid and not providing wages in line with the cost of living.	8/29/2023 10:33 AM
56	Wages are depressed in Columbia because of the usual influx of low-cost labor in the form of college students. Even with jobs that are permanent and professional, wages are much lower than in competing cities for the same job. Professionals can't make enough money to live comfortably within city limits.	8/29/2023 10:15 AM
57	Wages need to increase	8/29/2023 10:11 AM
58	I disagree on the front of paying a living wage.	8/29/2023 9:12 AM
59	I am operating under the assumptions that a recession is coming along with layoffs, that rural hospitals and health care facilities will continue to disappear, that climate change will make earning a living running a farm more difficult, and that state funding will tend to go to cities not rural Missouri. Flood damage, drought, very hot days, possible drought will all add to the difficulties. Finally, for those young people who are trained and educated as leaders, the attraction of cities may pull them away leaving us with less well leaders, CEO's, managers, etc. Another serious pandemic in the rural climate of anti-vax, anti-mask, anti-quarantine may cost us as well.	8/28/2023 3:22 PM
60	There are I think.	8/28/2023 3:18 PM
61	the cost of living to live in Boone county in the service industry has suffered with rents going up and wages not going up. In addition, to inflation for groceries and fuel.	8/28/2023 12:40 PM
62	I somewhat agree on this one. I believe that Boone County has tons of jobs but are they really paying a "living wage"??	8/28/2023 8:26 AM
63	Cost of living is high with low wages	8/27/2023 7:44 AM
64	I work in healthcare so there are adequate opportunities in this sector	8/27/2023 7:21 AM
65	Lots of jobs right now.	8/26/2023 6:36 PM
66	If minimum wage continues to increase, part-time workers and college students will soon be unemployed.	8/26/2023 4:59 PM
67	There seems to be a paucity of blue collar jobs locally.	8/25/2023 3:04 PM
68	I believe the living wages and benefits could be increased by most employers in the county, but that goes for the whole state. A minimum wage of \$12/hr, given inflation since 2016, is ridiculously low, and while most jobs I've seen or applied for throughout the county do start in the \$14-18/hr range, this is still barely enough to support yourself with a decent quality of life without children. MIT says our living wage with a 2 parent, 1 kid household works out to \$32.44/hr, and only a shrinking handful of opportunities in the county offer that.	8/25/2023 12:45 PM
69	I think the jobs that provide living wage are not as frequent.	8/25/2023 11:26 AM
70	Many single parents are struggling. Some even go without food in order to give their child(ren) basic needs. As a single person, I am just making it and able to save \$100-\$150 a month.	8/25/2023 11:08 AM
71	Veterans United and EquipmentShare do a great job of providing good opportunities, but we need to attract more business like these to get people to want to stay here.	8/25/2023 10:55 AM
72	Definitely adequate job opportunities for those who have completed a path thru higher education. Harder for those who haven't	8/25/2023 10:20 AM
73	With major employers like Mizzou continuing to slash benefits for employees, it's hard to say that there's great opportunities here. The smaller employers follow the lead of the major employers, and it's the workers who suffer the consequences.	8/25/2023 9:28 AM
74	More jobs that pay a living wage are needed—great opportunity for the city, as tradespeople are hard to come by and you wait weeks for services you'd prefer much sooner (thinking here about electricians, plumbers, etc.).	8/25/2023 7:25 AM
75	Not for working class. The staffing shortages are devastating to the the existing workforce	8/24/2023 10:03 PM
76	If you work in healthcare, there's plenty of opportunity to find a job, even then the wages could be better. Everyone else has the food service industry or a job for the city.	8/24/2023 4:12 PM

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77	Not every job has to provide benefits and opportunities for advancement. You should earn what your worth	8/24/2023 10:15 AM
78	Current low unemployment makes jobs available, bu jobs that play a living wage are more difficult to find	8/23/2023 8:41 AM
79	It has been said "Masters degrees are a dime a dozen" here. We need more employment opportunities that pay a wage worthy of a highly educated/trained person.	8/22/2023 9:52 AM
80	Wages are are not reflecting the low cost of development here and more display the ignorance of the local population.	8/22/2023 6:12 AM
81	Inflation has caused the livable wage to become inadequate. Put a cap rental increases?	8/22/2023 3:42 AM
82	Jobs that are available do not pay enough.	8/21/2023 1:00 PM
83	Most jobs, including my own, do not pay a liveable wage.	8/21/2023 11:43 AM
84	Probably better than surrounding areas, but not great.	8/21/2023 11:15 AM
85	Jobs are present, but people that want to work are not.	8/21/2023 9:00 AM
86	The young people don't seem to want to work since the pandemic. Things have changed.	8/20/2023 11:50 PM
87	Some are, as evidenced by expensive housing in and near Columbia. Public servants are paid roughly half of their private sector counterparts.	8/20/2023 3:44 PM
88	There are job opportunities, but wages do not match what is required.	8/20/2023 3:42 PM
89	My husband and I both received substantial increases (30%+) when we looked outside of the area for jobs.	8/20/2023 10:03 AM
90	Jobs are available that reflect the educational level of the applicant. With adequate education living wage jobs are available.	8/20/2023 9:49 AM
91	Cost of living and state laws destroying people's rights are driving people away	8/20/2023 7:42 AM
92	An awful lot of "crappy" jobs available that pay less than minimum wage are being advertised - no one wants them.	8/19/2023 7:53 PM
93	A family member was part of a large layoff and it took months to find a job in IT with a degree and certifications. LOTS of interviews that you NEVER hear anything back.	8/19/2023 7:35 AM
94	No to wages and advancement	8/18/2023 9:15 PM
95	Who is paying a living wage these days?	8/18/2023 4:15 PM
96	Lots of College students and a few big employers	8/18/2023 12:33 PM
97	I don't understand how anyone in Boone County is unemployed.	8/18/2023 12:07 PM
98	But they are difficult to obtain. People say they need people to work, but my son, age 23, applied for many jobs and never got in the door to talk to anyone.	8/18/2023 10:28 AM
99	Most jobs I have found I'm either grossly overqualified for and the pay is terrible, or I'm underqualified and don't get hired. There are very few in between entry level jobs that pay enough for a family to live on.	8/18/2023 10:27 AM
100	Though there are more jobs here than in some other counties, it's almost required to have a Bachelor's degree to flip burgers here in Columbia.	8/18/2023 10:00 AM
101	Not all jobs need to provide opportunities for advancement. So many companies/corporations in this town are really struggling to find good people to hire for open positions. The jobs are here, where are the qualified staff?	8/18/2023 9:09 AM
102	For some individuals yes. However, I think there are still inequities and many jobs simply do not pay an actual livable wage. Like most of the US, Boone County businesses have struggled to keep up with the cost of living and businesses cannot afford to pay employees wages that are sustainable.	8/18/2023 9:08 AM
103	Many jobs here require college degrees to be able to afford high cost of living not everyone could afford to do that.	8/17/2023 7:55 PM

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104	Many companies pay little.	8/17/2023 4:35 PM
105	Not a lot of options for able special needs population. My daughter has been out of work 1.5 years.	8/17/2023 10:24 AM
106	We do okay, but pay is clearly a problem is attracting a lot of jobs here. Look at the Columbia city jobs, especially things like refuse workers and transit operators. Even some of our largest and best employers can't get their employees to the job because of bad transportation (no public transit, car-centrism, etc.)	8/16/2023 9:02 PM
107	Men are paid way more than women	8/16/2023 6:49 PM
108	I believe the availability of adequate job opportunities in Boone County is about the same as in other communities of similar size.	8/16/2023 2:40 PM
109	Boone County could use additional larger employers to provide residents with more employment choices. There's too much reliance on education, health care, and financial services/insurance industries.	8/16/2023 1:54 PM
110	I believe adequate, but not sure as to job opportunities above "adequate."	8/16/2023 10:26 AM
111	People are having a hard time finding work that pays enough for housing. Businesses complain about not finding hourly workers, but hourly workers can't afford housing in Columbia.	8/16/2023 9:54 AM
112	Need to provide opportunities for a more diverse workforce. There is a that's appropriate advantage for some cultures!	8/16/2023 8:46 AM
113	People want cheap. Cheap services, cheap food food, cheap gas. Living wages must give workers a living capability.	8/16/2023 8:14 AM
114	There are a lot of jobs that pay poorly. There are t enough jobs that pay a living wage. Employment isn't the issue - it's more employers who can afford employees.	8/16/2023 12:00 AM
115	It's the taxes not the pay or opportunity	8/15/2023 10:01 PM
116	Many jobs do not pay a living wage.	8/15/2023 8:11 PM
117	Lack of jobs with good salary for hourly works and less skilled workers. Lack of opportunities for black youth.	8/15/2023 8:01 PM
118	Not a livable wage or good benefits. Maternity/parental leave is only available at few jobs. Our county doesn't even offer it. It's not a good place to grow a family because of this. It puts an amazing amount of stress on families because of this.	8/15/2023 7:44 PM
119	There are jobs, but many are not 'living wage'.	8/15/2023 7:26 PM
120	We need more jobs that pay well and have benefits for those without a college degree.	8/15/2023 11:48 AM
121	to some extent yes i agree with jobs. With the price of inflation, some jobs have increased their rates, but others have not. i feel like there should be other perks - flexible shift scheduling since establishments are limited on hours being open.	8/15/2023 10:50 AM
122	There are a lot, but we need our manufacturing and service jobs to have better benefits	8/15/2023 9:51 AM
123	Current boiling housing market is evidence that citizens can't afford to buy homes.	8/15/2023 8:47 AM
124	With VU and the universities shrinking, there isn't a lot to replace it	8/15/2023 8:07 AM
125	I see many signs stating " Now hiring" it seems people don't want to work.	8/14/2023 8:28 PM
126	oo many minimum wage jobs that depend on tips.	8/14/2023 6:42 PM
127	I am concerned that many of the automation efforts (self checkout, remote drive-thru order takers, etc.) in stores and other retail establishments like fast food restaurants are taking jobs out of our community and reducing opportunities for our less skilled residents to make a living. I think having the Goodwill program here in Columbia that helps adults to finish their high school diplomas is wonderful. We also have an excellent career center in our CPS schools and have MAAC here to educate folks using the A+ program. We need to have more levels of opportunities for young adults and those re-entering the workforce after raising families, etc.	8/14/2023 4:07 PM
128	The largest institutions in the county- i.e. University Hospital System, the City of Columbia- do not pay competitive wages, they do not provide appropriate benefits such as paid parental	8/14/2023 1:59 PM

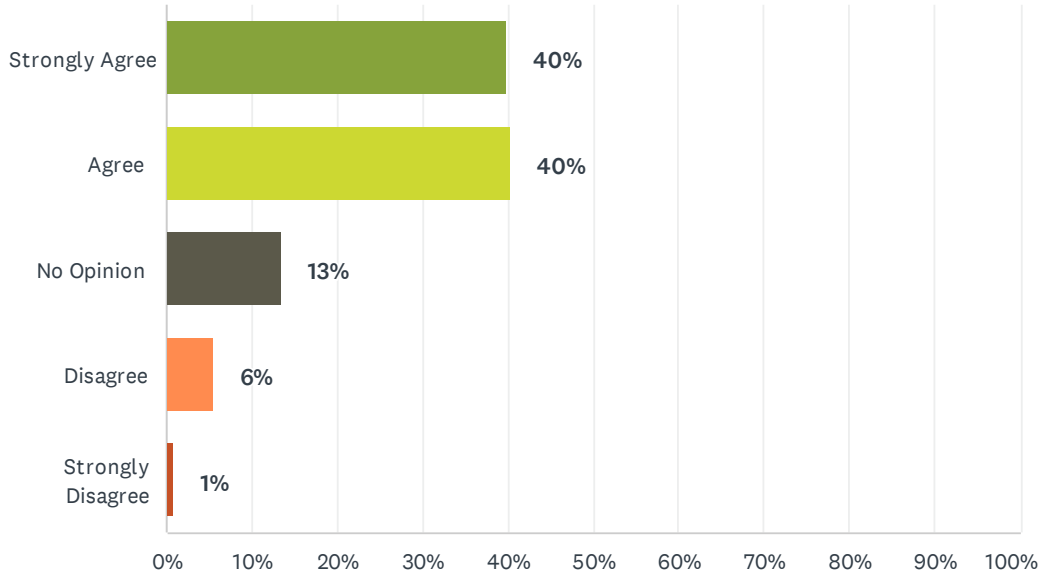
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leave, and they do not encourage advancement- so I cannot in good faith say that the county as a whole provides good benefits and good wages.

129	Pay is too low compared to other areas with similar cost of living.	8/13/2023 12:49 PM
130	There isn't an adequate pool of people looking for starter jobs. Everyone wants to be 21 and making 100k.	8/11/2023 2:31 PM
131	We need a more diverse job base so that we are not overly dependent upon one or two employers	8/11/2023 1:48 PM
132	We used to have solid manufacturing jobs here. Most have left. And then we get some big companies to come here, and they leave after a few years. Not good for the work force.	8/10/2023 10:50 AM
133	Need more livable wages	8/8/2023 5:32 PM
134	There should be a few more corporate locations headquartered here, with the extreme layoffs VU will be facing over the next few months I don't believe we have enough upper level jobs for people.	8/8/2023 9:24 AM
135	Lots of low paying service jobs available. Not a good variety of jobs with advancement opportunities	8/7/2023 11:11 PM

Q19 Do you agree or disagree with the statement, "Farming and family farms are important to the economy of Boone County"?

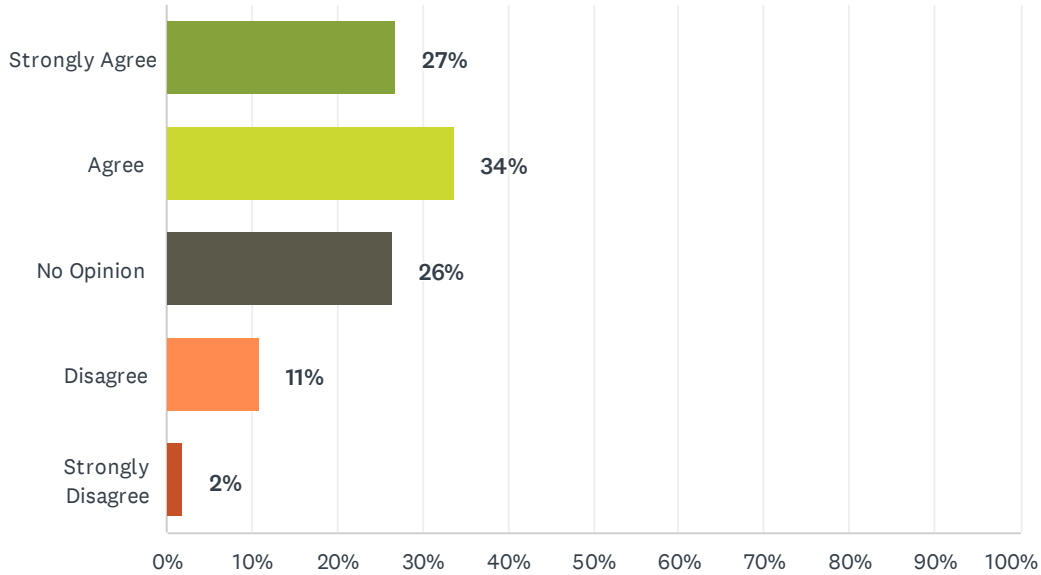
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	40%	300
Agree	40%	304
No Opinion	13%	101
Disagree	6%	42
Strongly Disagree	1%	6
TOTAL		753

Q20 Do you agree or disagree with the statement, "The loss of prime farmland is a concern in Boone County"?

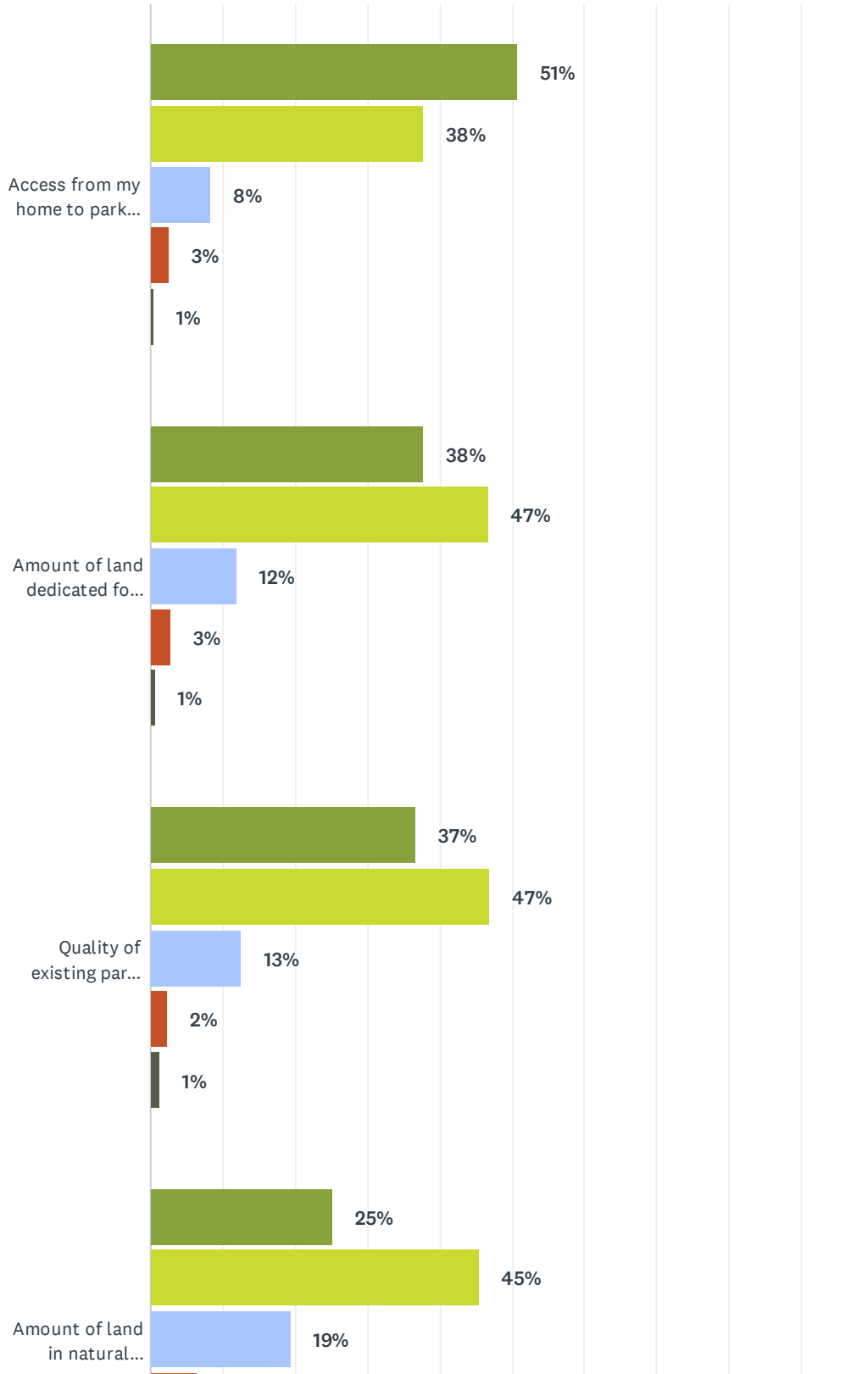
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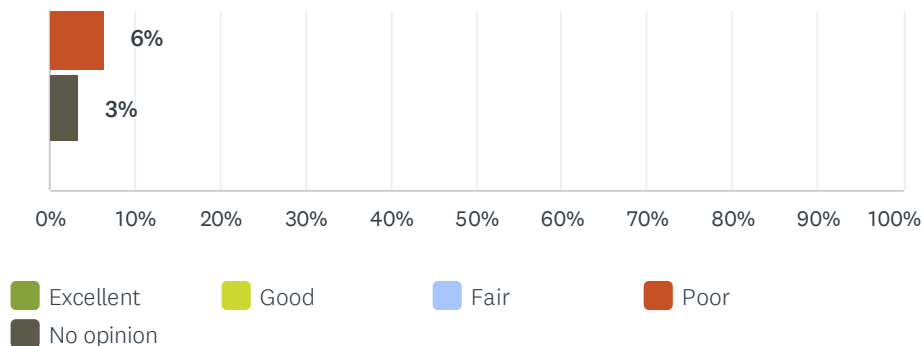
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	27%	203
Agree	34%	254
No Opinion	26%	199
Disagree	11%	82
Strongly Disagree	2%	15
TOTAL		753

Q21 How would you rate the following for natural areas, parks, open space, and recreation facilities in Boone County?

Answered: 752 Skipped: 94



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	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	NO OPINION	TOTAL
Access from my home to parks and recreation facilities.	51% 382	38% 284	8% 62	3% 20	1% 4	752
Amount of land dedicated for parks and recreation.	38% 284	47% 351	12% 90	3% 21	1% 5	751
Quality of existing parks and recreation facilities.	37% 276	47% 353	13% 95	2% 18	1% 9	751
Amount of land in natural habitats (woodlands, wetlands, prairies, etc.).	25% 189	45% 341	19% 146	6% 48	3% 26	750

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1	No one is maintaining the parks that we have. Twin Lakes is a perfect example. They couldn't open because they can't find workers.	10/3/2023 11:46 AM
2	We need to protect the natural areas and farm land from encroaching city spread. Especially to protect our environment and soil from erosion as well as endangered and protected species.	10/2/2023 7:14 AM
3	Any buffer zones are inadequate to protect water and stream banks.	9/30/2023 11:35 PM
4	It's all good, but it can be improved, and we need more to accommodate significant future growth!	9/30/2023 10:30 AM
5	Green space needs to be dedicated before developers move into an area.	9/30/2023 8:13 AM
6	Urban sprawl is reducing the amount of land available for farming and recreation.	9/30/2023 5:02 AM
7	Outside of the Columbia area we need to create a county parks system and to establish green space parks for recreation. Areas in Boone County are experiencing high rates of development. A plan is needed to enable smart growth that protects trees and greenspaces and promotes storm water management. Plan for and create wildlife transit corridors and green belts to support animal migration and biodiversity. Establish wildlife crossings or underpasses for county roads or highways. These crossings also protect humans from animal – car collisions.	9/29/2023 10:12 PM
8	Columbia has way to many parks for the size of the town. When I talk to people around the country about how many parks we have they think I am joking. It is pretty hysterical.	9/29/2023 10:09 AM
9	Plenty of parks, do not need more	9/29/2023 9:42 AM
10	I am close to Rock Bridge State Park and Bethel/Cosmo city park.	9/28/2023 6:18 PM
11	We have wonderful green spaces and parks in the county. Much, like the Gans Creek area and the development there threatens the quality of habitat and water.	9/28/2023 11:54 AM
12	More of this please	9/28/2023 11:14 AM
13	At least around Columbia we have enough parks. We have so many they can't maintain them very well.	9/28/2023 9:06 AM
14	The government doesn't need more parks.	9/28/2023 8:48 AM

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15	Save available space, set aside and improve for future use	9/28/2023 7:33 AM
16	Sensitive Karst terrain near Ashland is being rapidly developed. Ashland has greedy annexed land that is only valuable because of investment by Columbia tax payers.	9/28/2023 12:16 AM
17	One of the best - if not the very best - thing about Columbia is our parks and rec. Bravo!	9/27/2023 12:05 PM
18	We need to protect the few remaining natural habitats or we're basically not protecting our own species.	9/26/2023 3:19 PM
19	People in support of rich developers getting richer sometimes complain that we have too many resources dedicated to such areas. I think it's just about right, and we should not let development encroach on what is currently in place, especially when it means annexing and adding city services.	9/26/2023 10:56 AM
20	We can always use more natural habitats.	9/25/2023 5:28 PM
21	I don't know of any Boone County parks and recreation facilities, so this question confused me.	9/25/2023 8:12 AM
22	Farming is an important industry and way of life in Boone co. But farming and other business interests put pressure on natural habitats.	9/24/2023 7:07 PM
23	Need to protect natural areas from encroaching development, need to insure that these use Best Practices Look to future preserving land now when it is less expensive than in future	9/22/2023 3:02 PM
24	Columbia Parks and Recreation does an excellent job. The city's dedicated Parks and Recreation sales tax helps to ensure great access to quality parks, trails, and recreational facilities.	9/22/2023 1:32 PM
25	Development is overtaking green space and farmland in the county. We need a system of county parks and contiguous green spaces that allow wildlife to thrive.	9/20/2023 8:42 PM
26	The trails and parks are very accessible from my home and they are very well maintained.	9/19/2023 9:06 AM
27	Lots of parks and play areas are taken over by homeless people. We also had to quit going to the splash pad after seen several homeless men using it as a shower.	9/18/2023 12:00 PM
28	We have dedicated far too much land and money to trails and parks relative to the small number of people that use them.	9/18/2023 7:16 AM
29	Natural habitats need to be better managed and restored to maximize native biodiversity.	9/13/2023 7:53 PM
30	Developers are pushing hard to be annexed by the city and be allowed to build on what should be conservation areas.	9/13/2023 2:46 PM
31	We spend too much on the parks and it makes this county expensive	9/11/2023 4:39 PM
32	Outside of Columbia, more green space and parks are needed. We need to have a plan for growth that protects natural areas, promotes storm water mgmt, and supports wildlife protections.	9/11/2023 11:13 AM
33	City of Columbia has a good parks system, and we have a lovely state park, but I'm not aware of any county facilities.	9/10/2023 8:34 PM
34	Many of the habitats are residence for homeless folks, which in turn they destroy and chase out local wildlife. It really ruins the area.	9/9/2023 11:10 PM
35	Very concerned with future subdivisions eating away at the quality of natural areas. They need better protections in place.	9/9/2023 10:06 PM
36	I live in Columbia where I can ride my bicycle to at least 5 local parks without riding on the road, and to a state park. The parks are great.	9/9/2023 5:30 PM
37	Sometimes there's too much. Like what is the thing at Rock Quarry Rd and Nifong. No parking park at a busy intersection? No sense.	9/9/2023 5:12 PM
38	I have to cross multiple busy roads to get access to a park. The roads provide little to no support for pedestrians.	9/8/2023 10:40 AM
39	The city has spent entirely too much money on property for parks and recreation and now is crying about no staff and no money to maintain them. Poor planning on their part.	9/8/2023 8:37 AM

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40	I live within the city loop of Columbia, so I see more dedicated park space than actual natural habitats, but I live very close to multiple parks and county trails (which I greatly appreciate) and find valuable. I love biking down the Katy Trail and seeing all the natural space available there.	9/7/2023 6:28 PM
41	Boone has very good nature areas, we should work to preserve and protect them.	9/6/2023 3:14 PM
42	Find ways to reuse land with dilapidated buildings.	9/6/2023 1:47 PM
43	My responses here are primarily based on living and using facilities within the City of Columbia.	9/6/2023 1:24 PM
44	Natural open space not open space and parking lots	9/5/2023 10:13 PM
45	More could be preserved.	9/5/2023 8:39 PM
46	Finish the trails!	9/5/2023 5:09 PM
47	A lot of natural habitats are being developed. Only flood zones seem to be safe from development.	9/5/2023 12:15 PM
48	All over Boone County, natural areas are being rapidly developed, and existing natural areas and empty lots are filling with lespedeza, callery pear, teasel, and other invasives and serving as seed banks to spread them instead of preserves for native plants and animals.	9/4/2023 10:53 AM
49	there are some lovely areas, but commercial, strip malls etc are encroaching on green areas	9/3/2023 8:19 PM
50	Don't know enough about areas like this.	9/2/2023 8:44 PM
51	Do need more parks, problems with upkeep to current, need more employees.	9/2/2023 7:42 PM
52	CoMo has one of America's best Park systems.	9/2/2023 2:37 PM
53	I do see land being swallowed up by development. There is not necessarily good access to recreational areas from non-motorized transportation. I am close to Cosmo Park but have to navigate n. Stadium with no continuous sidewalks to access Bear Creek Trail and Cosmo Park. One park near me, Barberry Park, has a nice playground but a crummy looking pond. The ponds at L.A. Nickell Golf Course look very impaired. We need to pay more attention to water quality in our city parks and recreational facilities. We should not be using fertilizers that leach into our streams and ponds. We need to make sure our parks are safe for pollinating species. Bonnie View Park is an example of how things should be done.	9/2/2023 9:30 AM
54	Some playgrounds need replacing; overall love the park system.	9/1/2023 2:56 PM
55	More protected greenspace with trails is needed.	9/1/2023 1:30 PM
56	There are few large nature areas in NE Columbia. The Alspaugh land that was donated will be greatly appreciated, but it will be multiple years before there is funding and development for access to the space.	9/1/2023 11:38 AM
57	Love Columbia and Boone Counties access to parks and open space. We have many opportunities from Columbia Parks and Rec, 2 State Parks, Multiple MO Dept of Conservation and National Forest (southern/eastern Boone county)	9/1/2023 10:15 AM
58	Great trails and parks	9/1/2023 10:00 AM
59	More Pickle Ball courts needed.	9/1/2023 8:17 AM
60	Would like to see more public swimming facilities open in the summer. The availability of parks, bike paths, and nearby state parks is terrific.	8/29/2023 8:18 PM
61	Outside of Columbia Area we need to create a county parks system and to establish green space parks for recreation. Areas in Boone County are experiencing high rates of development. A plan is needed to enable smart growth that protects trees and greenspaces and promotes storm water management. Plan for and create wildlife transit corridors and green belts to support animal migration and biodiversity. This also includes the need to establish wildlife crossings or underpasses for county roads or highways. These crossings also protect humans from animal – car collisions. Protect existing well established existing wildlife habitat from development.	8/29/2023 12:18 PM
62	Need to build a large park on the East side of Columbia like Cosmos. The City just acquired	8/29/2023 9:57 AM

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	property off Mexico Gravel where this could be facilitated.	
63	I like to have as many parks and protected natural habitats as possible. As we continue to grow, these should be a priority. Perhaps establish a ratio that can be applied (similar to the complete streets designs in Columbia) so that it can be hashed out in advance rather than fighting opposition each time we experience growth spurts.	8/28/2023 12:05 PM
64	This is a draw and is already good. More would be better. Any Less would be bad.	8/28/2023 9:36 AM
65	The amount of trash/litter included parks is amazing. Clothing, plastic , camping equipment...	8/27/2023 7:50 AM
66	City has lots of parks. Not aware of county parks.	8/26/2023 6:38 PM
67	Boone County should have a skating facility, both roller and ice skating.	8/26/2023 5:00 PM
68	Could ALWAYS use more	8/26/2023 8:10 AM
69	Mountain biking has grown as a sport and can serve as an economic boost when riders come to town to ride developed trails--it is an investment that locals can enjoy and others will visit Boone County to enjoy as well. Look at Bentonville AK--while they have substantial investment from a wealthy foundation, that investment is starting to pay for itself.	8/25/2023 2:03 PM
70	The diversity of parks and wildlife refuge areas is pretty good in the county relative to the state even, but I think it could always be better. Better quality educational resources in parks and natural habitats would significantly increase the quality of those sites. Signage could use an upgrade, staff could use more PD, a pay raise, and increased numbers of interpreters or rangers. Outside of MDC event I don't see nearly any opportunities for kids, adults, farmers, anyone to get the educational resources they deserve and need to help us take care of our natural resources.	8/25/2023 12:49 PM
71	I often utilize the hiking trails, bike/walking trails, and nature areas. All of them seems to be well maintained and no further than 10-15 min from where I stay.	8/25/2023 11:35 AM
72	Please do not continue to build parks, we have more than enough and they are of high quality.	8/25/2023 10:56 AM
73	More parks and more natural habitats please!	8/25/2023 9:29 AM
74	We have too many parks. They've become a cesspool. Hire more rangers to help keep them safe	8/25/2023 8:21 AM
75	Preserving these spaces is very important to me. I would hope the city/county would oppose new development visible from Rock Bridge State park, for example, or really any of our trails or parks	8/25/2023 7:26 AM
76	Living in unincorporated Columbia doesn't provide any access to recreation, at least on the NE side	8/24/2023 4:14 PM
77	We have many great parks while some others are less than stellar, therefore less frequented. With a backlog of incomplete work or improvements to be made at many of our parks, it doesn't make sense to continue adding more parks to the system.	8/24/2023 12:40 PM
78	There's too much focus on these types of projects then they aren't developed and well maintained. Let's get law enforcement and firefighters at the necessary level before we build another park.	8/24/2023 10:16 AM
79	I love our parks and recreation department, and I have gotten my share out of the trails here in Columbia! What I really wish is that we would connect them all, so I can get from my house off the Bear Creek Trail, up to the Indian Hills dog park without having to use surface streets.	8/23/2023 3:35 PM
80	I would prioritize natural open space over athletic fields	8/23/2023 8:43 AM
81	While the state and the City of Columbia have done substantial work on providing protection of natural areas, Boone County has done very little. The county should have a park system to provide natural area protection and outdoor race action opportunities in areas not close to the facilities of Columbia and the state.	8/22/2023 11:05 AM
82	Honestly the efforts of conservation seems unbalanced with the lack of fauna diversity in the region.	8/22/2023 6:15 AM
83	The northern side of town has few parks and only one trail	8/22/2023 3:45 AM

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84	Boone County parks and natural land are all owned and managed by federal, state, city (Columbia) or non-profit (Pinnacles Youth Park) entities. Boone County doesn't provide any park or natural resources. People love and need these areas and growing populations require more County greenspace.	8/21/2023 5:06 PM
85	There are too many parks that function as land conservation rather than actual park land.	8/21/2023 2:35 PM
86	We do NOT need anymore trails/parks in Columbia.	8/21/2023 1:02 PM
87	Wet lands south of Columbia for water water.	8/21/2023 11:14 AM
88	We need more included into the development of the housing market. Land needs to be set aside for the need of green space so the developers can not touch it. It is crucial to not overwhelm the county	8/21/2023 8:44 AM
89	I don't know about all of Boone County.	8/20/2023 11:53 PM
90	Boone County is quickly losing its existing natural areas to low-density single-family housing, and it is tragic to see. Housing developments such as the Thornbrook area are an example of houses that never should have been built. Farmland and forested areas are now lost forever, replaced with people that drive cars to houses that demolished all the trees. We are in an age where we are experiencing a total lack of respect for our land.	8/20/2023 3:45 PM
91	You can't keep up what you have	8/20/2023 7:43 AM
92	No more parks, focus on infrastructure	8/19/2023 5:44 AM
93	This is one of our favorite parts of living here.	8/18/2023 4:16 PM
94	The city and county need to do a better job maintaining the parks and trails that we have and stop adding new until they can keep up the ones we have.	8/18/2023 1:03 PM
95	There are plenty of green spaces and the KATY trail for the needs of the community	8/18/2023 12:35 PM
96	I love this stuff. Some of the woodland is a drive to get there, but I like that places like Stephens Lake, Grindstone Nature area, etc are located near where people live.	8/18/2023 12:08 PM
97	if anything the amount of dedicated park land may be too much.	8/18/2023 11:09 AM
98	The only thing that would make it even better would be to complete the circle to walk/ride bike in a circle around the city of Columbia.	8/18/2023 10:29 AM
99	I will always want mire land protected - ideally at least 50%.	8/18/2023 10:06 AM
100	We are park poor	8/18/2023 9:25 AM
101	Individuals without transportation may not have access to parks and nature areas. I am fortunate enough to have a car, so for me, getting to and from parks is not an issue.	8/18/2023 9:12 AM
102	One of my favorite things about Boone County	8/18/2023 9:10 AM
103	It is better than most but secure safe outdoor spaces is necessary as some are targets of criminals	8/17/2023 7:56 PM
104	Building to many houses!	8/17/2023 5:24 PM
105	We need a lot more.	8/17/2023 4:36 PM
106	More inner city parks	8/17/2023 10:25 AM
107	More is always better	8/16/2023 9:50 PM
108	Boone County is growing at a fast pace, but is our effort to preserve and protect natural habitats keeping up with the development?	8/16/2023 9:04 PM
109	We do a pretty great job with land area dedicated to natural areas, but need to do better about connectivity. Like connecting additional communities to trails and state parks via anything other than cars. You shouldn't be required to own a car to get to a state park.	8/16/2023 9:03 PM
110	Given the increasing population and demand for open space and pressure on recreational facilities, more are needed.	8/16/2023 10:54 AM
111	Overall, the county, as well as, municipalities would be better served by developing intentional	8/16/2023 10:29 AM

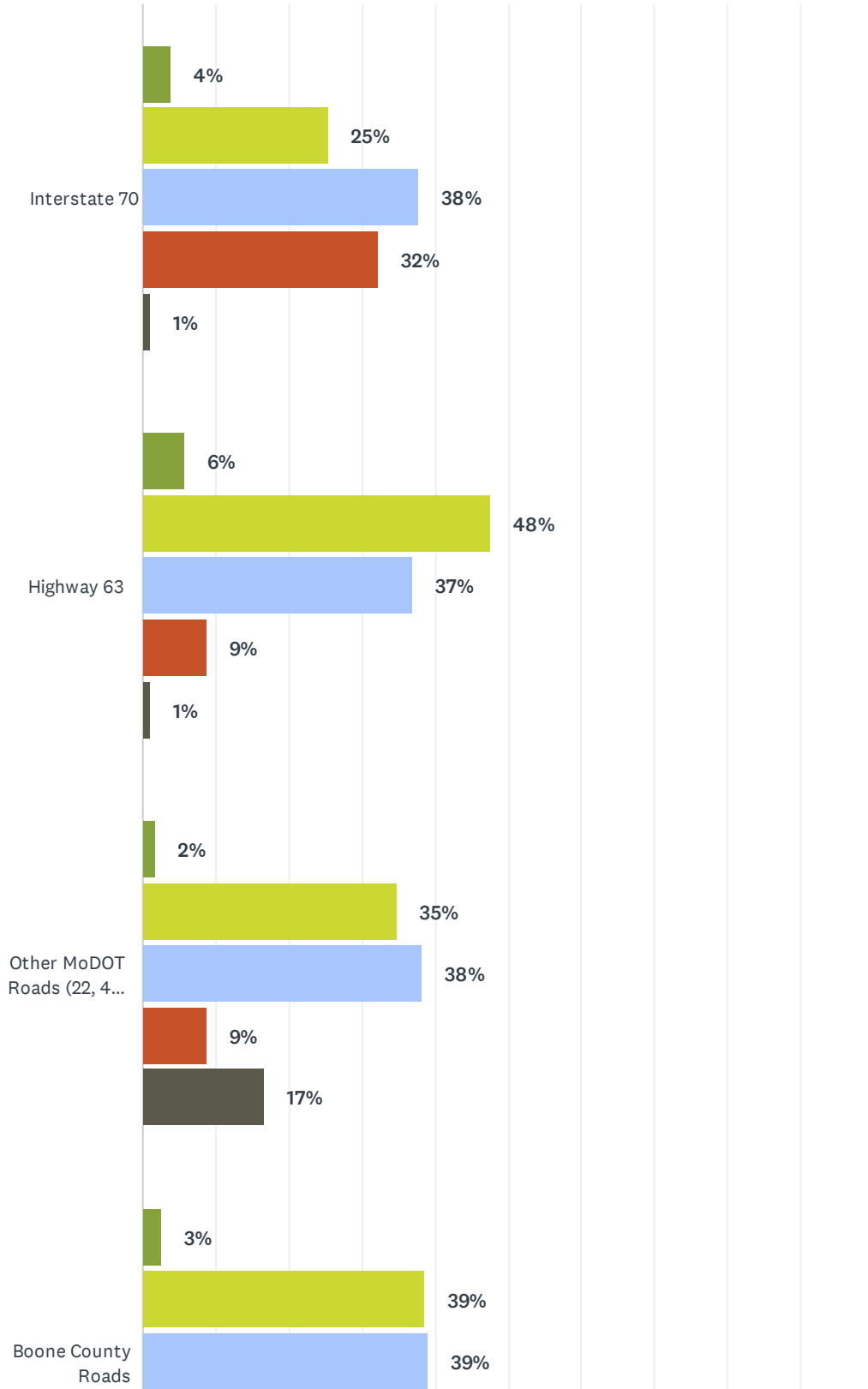
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plans to preserve natural areas and open space. We need to do our part in preserving and creating green space to help in the issue of climate change - global warming.

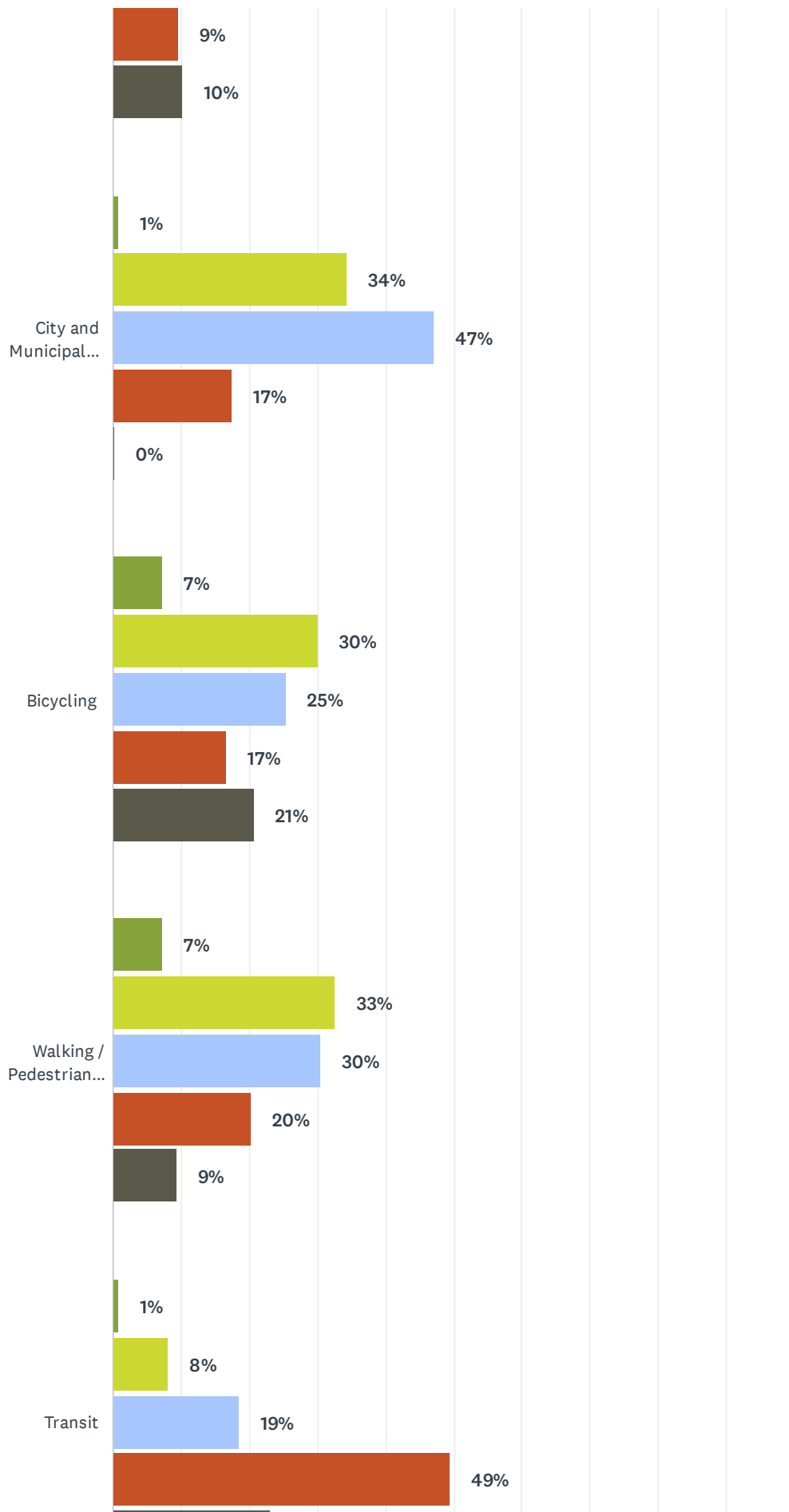
112	I think we have a great park system as well as conservation areas!	8/16/2023 10:05 AM
113	I wish an interconnected trail was closer to my neighborhood.	8/16/2023 8:02 AM
114	Boone county is not the source of parks in the county It's the state or cities Please consider this when asking	8/15/2023 10:03 PM
115	There are too many City Parks without a strong use focus	8/15/2023 8:33 PM
116	Amount of land in natural habitats (woodlands, wetlands, prairies, etc. is declining at a stark pace. Keep trees. Less new housing developments, less people. Preserve Columbia.	8/15/2023 2:28 PM
117	Love the parks here!	8/15/2023 11:49 AM
118	more parks! More wildlife reserves! More protected farm areas!	8/15/2023 9:07 AM
119	I'd love more green space. Can't wait for the Alspaugh's land to be utilized for a park and trail head.	8/14/2023 4:14 PM
120	Love Eagle Bluff	8/14/2023 11:31 AM
121	Everyone got really excited about more parka and trails - almost obsessively. But they aren't kept up. Not sure where all the tax dollars are going but i am on the trails a lot (not mkt - i mean the wooded trails) and they are typically really overgrown.	8/11/2023 2:33 PM
122	Living in Columbia I have access to many parks and recreation facilities near my home. I labeled two of these as fair because more parks and recreation opportunities are needed outside of Columbia. We need a trail system for walking and biking that connects Columbia to other Boone County communities. We must protect the existing natural habitats and create wildlife cooridors to enable migration and protect biodiversity.	8/10/2023 8:22 PM
123	No more parks until we get roads and bridges fixed!	8/10/2023 11:42 AM
124	We have too many parks in Columbia. Plenty are unsafe for people to use due to criminal activity	8/10/2023 10:54 AM
125	Lots of open space is privately held, and is at risk of development. The economic pressure to convert land-use is currently higher (or perceived to be higher) than the value one could get from sustainable land use (forestry, grazing, orchards, cropping). Land along the Missouri River in the steep loess hills is very sensitive to development and grading. This lands is also some of the most productive for forests, orchard, and/or grazing.	8/8/2023 2:54 PM
126	If there's a natural habitat available some entity will want a bike and or dog trail through it	8/7/2023 11:13 PM
127	We have plenty of parks and habitats we need to be able to maintain them.	8/5/2023 11:11 AM

Q22 How would you rate the following modes of transportation in Boone County (in terms of condition, safety, lack of congestion, access, etc.)?

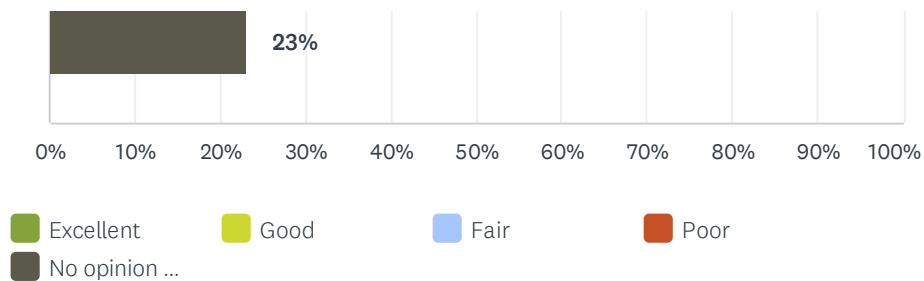
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Interstate 70	4% 28	25% 188	38% 281	32% 239	1% 8	744
Highway 63	6% 43	48% 353	37% 274	9% 65	1% 8	743
Other MoDOT Roads (22, 40, 124, 163, E, J, Z, etc.)	2% 12	35% 256	38% 282	9% 64	17% 123	737
Boone County Roads	3% 19	39% 285	39% 288	9% 70	10% 75	737
City and Municipal streets	1% 6	34% 254	47% 349	17% 129	0% 2	740
Bicycling	7% 54	30% 224	25% 190	17% 124	21% 154	746
Walking / Pedestrian Facilities	7% 54	33% 243	30% 226	20% 150	9% 70	743
Transit	1% 7	8% 60	19% 138	49% 366	23% 170	741

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY:	DATE
1	Fix I 70	10/3/2023 11:46 AM
2	There has been a lack of support for accessible sidewalks, regular city transport that circulates often enough on shorter routes. Bicycle lanes are not made on some streets to be wide enough to support them. Driving on county roads the road quality has a great deal of potholes or lack maintenance and the snow response is poor.	10/2/2023 7:16 AM
3	More bike lanes and sidewalks to encourage non-car transport	9/30/2023 12:28 PM
4	We need to expand infrastructure to support cycling, walking and public transit. Expanding I-70 to three lanes will greatly improve its utility.	9/30/2023 10:37 AM
5	Why is there no mass transit except bus to get to STL or KC? Expanding I-70 to ever more lanes just makes it increasingly undrivable. A high speed train system through/near Columbia would connect Boone County with the state and the state within itself.	9/30/2023 8:18 AM
6	Hate to see actions that will increase car traffic, like the additional lanes on I70. Would love to see encouragement in using high quality public transportation.	9/30/2023 5:08 AM
7	Develop a complete streets and roads policy (aka livable streets) that supports pedestrian safety, bicycling safety and promotes multiple modes of transportation. Bike lanes should be protected. There are a number of county roads that are used by cyclists but don't have bike lanes. Implement street and road design to improve road and vehicle efficiency (e.g. roundabouts, road diets) With the City of Columbia support development and operation of a regional public transit system in Columbia and to/from Boone county communities. Create a Vision Zero policy to reduce traffic crashes and fatalities on county roadways. Revise zoning codes to favor walkable, connected neighborhoods including sidewalks for new development.	9/29/2023 10:14 PM

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8	As I stated before, there seems to be a lack of cooperation with state and local governments that is necessary for proper growth to occur. Another laughable point is, that living on the southwest side of Columbia I see way to many bikes on the rural roads that are not safe for them, with all of these parks and bike lanes around....WHY?!	9/29/2023 10:13 AM
9	Very limited transit options, and bus routes have been combined recently. We used to use the bus more, but the long wait times if you miss it make it too risky now.	9/29/2023 8:04 AM
10	Lack of sidewalk alongside Strawn Road ie. Route Z.	9/28/2023 10:55 PM
11	Any congestion on roads could be alleviated by providing decent alternatives to cars. 63 and 70 are race tracks. Widening and controlling access just makes these faster and no less dangerous. There are very limited separated bike/walking routes, especially in the county. Using narrow, winding county roads is unsafe without a car. Transit is basically non-existent, including inside Columbia.	9/28/2023 9:54 PM
12	The city buses in Columbia need to go back to 6 or more routes as soon as possible. The smaller towns and rural area have no public transportation.	9/28/2023 7:41 PM
13	I moved here from a town of less than 3000 people in California, and thought they had road issues. Some of the roads around here make those loog great. I have seen a few roads that would almost be considered Dirt Roads due to how ROUGH they are. The Transitions in some of the intersections are very bad. When you feel the BUMPS are crazy....	9/28/2023 6:32 PM
14	The City of Columbia should be ashamed for the City bus system.	9/28/2023 6:20 PM
15	Transit is almost completely unused and very expensive for the city. Deprioritize.	9/28/2023 3:53 PM
16	Too many sec 8 addresses have no access to buses	9/28/2023 3:02 PM
17	Sidewalks and bike lanes should be added to all non highway/interstate roads to promote less dependency on cars and to encourage a healthier populace	9/28/2023 1:41 PM
18	more public transit options please! regular bus service that goes later in the evening and covers more of the city would help so much	9/28/2023 8:28 AM
19	No viable mass transit system available. Poor bike trail system. Lack of follow thru on approved trail system	9/28/2023 7:35 AM
20	Seriously, charge an MU student fee, get rid of private apartment shuttles. Make a free comprehensive and regular bus system. Get high speed rail long term, it would be an economic coup	9/28/2023 12:16 AM
21	NEED a train going to Jefferson City	9/27/2023 11:35 PM
22	Need to complete sidewalk on WW. From old Hawthorne to vineyards. Need South Fork of Grindstone creek trail built from Lemone to WW roundabout.	9/27/2023 9:57 PM
23	The I70-63 interchange is a disaster. This alone will limit growth in mid Missouri. This needs to be to priority. Needs to have flyovers, or at very least, cover leaves. Stadium should probably be 3 lanes around the university area	9/27/2023 9:32 PM
24	Improvements to I-70 are coming (and much needed). Continued growth in cycling/walkability is extremely necessary. The free bus is a phenomenal resource for residents who need to use it, but it needs to be more reliable and circulate more frequently. I understand a shortage of drivers is an issue, but that is a problem that needs to be prioritized.	9/27/2023 12:51 PM
25	There are plenty of people who are telling you why better than I can but top to bottom, it all sucks. Low income people cannot get around this city. Period.	9/27/2023 12:06 PM
26	Buses do not cover all areas	9/26/2023 9:47 PM
27	City planners would do well to visit even large cities in Europe, particularly but other continents as well, to see how pedestrians and cyclists are full and safe participants in the transportation game. Drivers here are simply rude and frankly dangerous.	9/26/2023 3:21 PM
28	More protected trails/lanes for pedestrians and cyclists would be nice. Columbia's bus system is a joke. Would be nice if there were a line down to Jeff City and the airport.	9/25/2023 5:30 PM
29	Unfortunately, I rated our multi-modal facilities as fair and poor because there just isn't enough of them.	9/25/2023 8:13 AM

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30	The fact that 5 pedestrians have died in Columbia/Boone Co after being struck by vehicles is unacceptable. Given the lack of bus transportation, how is someone without a car supposed to get to work or grocery store? Most stores are on busy routes with no sidewalks.	9/24/2023 7:12 PM
31	We have no county mass transit to speak of	9/24/2023 8:58 AM
32	Public transportation in the county is basically non-existent and in the city caters to the university vs resident's needs. BTW permanent residents are paying taxes to support public infrastructure and should be first recipients of services.	9/22/2023 12:43 PM
33	New development should be required to provide pedestrian and biking infrastructure.	9/20/2023 8:45 PM
34	Transit within Columbia is absolutely garbage in terms of time schedules and locations serviced. I also am not aware of any kind of public transit that would link communities in Boone County.	9/19/2023 5:30 PM
35	Really would like to see shoulders added to main roads like Providence, especially downtown. Would love for highways like 70 and 63 to be more than two lanes on each side -- there is a lot of tailgating and traffic due to limited lanes....Would like Columbia and COU airport to be stops on a train from STL to KC.	9/19/2023 9:07 AM
36	Again, a VERY SMALL number of cyclists use the bike lanes, but hey, there they are...while city streets have so many potholes and cracks needing repair. Are there more car drivers than cyclists? Yes, but let's not repair the streets for drivers seems the thinking.	9/18/2023 7:20 AM
37	Public transit is important for a city the size of Columbia. Unfortunately it doesn't fit the needs of many people and ridership is low.	9/15/2023 9:00 PM
38	Rock Quarry Rd. and parts of Route K are VERY dangerous, too narrow with no shoulder resulting in too many serious accidents. Need more lighting on Stadium in the area between the entrance to A L Gustin and the bottom of the hill. Also need more lighting on Scott Blvd. between Thornbrook and Copperstone.	9/14/2023 12:16 AM
39	The 63/70 interchange is a nightmare	9/13/2023 8:18 PM
40	We need robust alternatives to private auto transport. Commuter buses or shuttles, for instance.	9/13/2023 7:56 PM
41	We don't have a functional public transportation system, in the city, nor rurally. The sidewalks are unusable by anyone with mobility issues.	9/13/2023 2:55 PM
42	Bikes should be banned in the county	9/11/2023 4:40 PM
43	Columbia is very bike friendly, but the county roads are much more dangerous for bike riders and pedestrians. Would bike lanes be possible on some of the more popular roads, such as Rt K? Could we create a Vision Zero policy on county roads?	9/11/2023 11:19 AM
44	The buses should be frequent and consistent and easily get people from the outskirts of the county to the downtown. Walking and biking are great on the trails, but we lack adequate lanes along the sides of the roads. It is also dangerous because our school system no longer offers drivers education and we have thousands of high school students driving vehicles with essentially no training.	9/11/2023 8:27 AM
45	Boone Co roads are fine for motor vehicles, but not adequate for safe navigation by bikes. Public transit is sorely lacking in Boone Co (both municipal and county). This inadequacy impacts the ability of low-income residents to travel to work, shop, attend medical appointments etc. This is a huge limitation in the county.	9/11/2023 8:15 AM
46	Road infrastructure has not kept up with development around Columbia. Many MODOT-maintained roads are the same old farm-to-market roads but are now carrying traffic from large residential and commercial developments. We need a reliable public transit system if we are ever going to cut emissions from automobile use.	9/10/2023 8:36 PM
47	Tired of hearing about bicycling. Road space, and infrastructure should not be provided until bicycles are required to be licensed, and taxed to pay for that infrastructure.	9/10/2023 9:03 AM
48	While our transit system is good, it is also poor for a big city because the routes have had to change, leaving many potential riders without transportation to and from work, medical care, etc. Also, the limited bus availability is also a problem.	9/10/2023 12:25 AM

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49	Bussing is slow and unreliable and does not reach many areas of town. Unusable for many residents.	9/9/2023 11:09 PM
50	Walking in particular is not really prioritized.	9/9/2023 10:07 PM
51	During game day weekend, the bicycle lane along Stadium becomes a parking lot. That area is for bicycles, not vehicles? To my knowledge, public transit is not an option for my commute, grocery run, or recreational activities. The I-70 access roundabouts are a nightmare for pedestrians. Highway 63 gets pretty dicey when it snows. I've seen a number of cars run into the ditch when that happens.	9/9/2023 5:35 PM
52	Providence, especially between Stadium and Broadway but all over really, is ridiculously bad with potholes and the lanes are extremely tight north of Stadium. Also the speed humps for a half mile in any direction around schools is excessive.	9/9/2023 5:15 PM
53	The roads have a lot of bumps and holes and aren't in the best conditions.	9/9/2023 3:18 PM
54	The lack of decent public transit is appalling and we should be ashamed	9/8/2023 10:58 PM
55	Buses don't run consistently enough	9/8/2023 10:21 PM
56	Not saying I-70 or Hwy 63 are in bad shape but the access points to both are not good. On and off ramps on Hwy 63 South of Columbia are too close together. The connection at 63 & 70 is terrible!	9/8/2023 10:05 PM
57	Protected bike lanes are necessary for safe travel along roadsides. Recreational trails are not designed for commuting and add time to a cyclist's commute.	9/8/2023 4:33 PM
58	Along busy roads there are rarely adequate sidewalks or bike lanes.	9/8/2023 10:41 AM
59	Roads-especially in rural areas have not kept up with our growth. Road & Bridge needs improvement. They are living in the past.	9/8/2023 9:10 AM
60	I live in a part of the city where I can access bike boulevards to get to work, and that's nice, but it would be nicer for there to be far more bike infrastructure with protected bike lanes, especially in parts of the downtown area. Sidewalk quality is extremely poor, and the bus transit system is virtually inaccessible to me from both a temporal availability perspective and geographic accessibility.	9/7/2023 6:30 PM
61	The current system is not adequate or cost effective for a city of this size. An alternative needs to be developed that serves the city in a better way. Rail system to strategic parts of the county to downtown or MU.	9/6/2023 8:02 PM
62	Build out public transportation and make walking more accessible.	9/6/2023 3:15 PM
63	Some of the major streets in Columbia, especially downtown, are an embarrassment.	9/6/2023 1:47 PM
64	Regarding Highway 63, travel south from Broadway to Jeff City has been greatly improved. The I-70/Hwy 63 interchange is terribly dangerous and significantly in need of improvement.	9/6/2023 1:27 PM
65	Poor because we have it. I should not be forced to provide a ride to someone else.	9/6/2023 6:09 AM
66	Bus is almost nonexistent. All we do is commission more studies. Should be linked with MU. Good for city w/increased riders. Good for students no cars	9/5/2023 5:13 PM
67	Buses in Columbia don't run on time and are not dependable.	9/5/2023 4:54 PM
68	The busses in Columbia should run till 8 or 9pm at least, that would make transit much more useful for more people.	9/5/2023 12:59 PM
69	Three public transit system is a joke. In July I took a job across town and they immediately change the system after that making it even less accessible. The city of St. Louis has a bus AND train system. I now have an hour just one way commute on foot now some days. Also the fact that the city is putting football fans ahead of the working population is insane and absolutely insulting. Not to mention NONE of the sidewalks are maintained enough for two people to walk down them side by side. The city should be ashamed of this transit system.	9/5/2023 12:50 PM
70	Transit is not frequent enough (every 90 minutes now in Columbia) and is miserable in the summer without shade at many bus stop. Most places don't have safe sidewalks/ designed street for uses outside of cars. Most new developments have really wide roads without sidewalks leading to drivers speeding in residential areas where children could be out on	9/5/2023 12:19 PM

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bikes/walking. Interstate 70 and Highway 63 are difficult to cross without a car (even on the existing bridges)

71	Need better side walks for walking and biking, 70 and 63 interchange a pr9blem in columbua and to much congestion.	9/5/2023 11:20 AM
72	MO streets, roads, and highways for the most part are in get condition and very easy to access, and always able to get places with a vehicle. However, bicycle and pedestrian facilities need some love, especially in the urban areas of Boone County. Columbia has one of the most beautiful trail systems, but there are tons of folks that can't/refuse to use their bikes off of the trail because there isn't a safe biking network for them to use. There IS a group of folks that would run errands, ride to work or school, or do small tasks on a bike to places close to them if there was a safe space for them. If Boone County could invest in bicycling and walking we would see less vehicles on the roads and streets, and hopefully less congestion.	9/5/2023 10:01 AM
73	The city streets in Columbia are horrible!!	9/4/2023 8:07 PM
74	We need more infrastructure for biking, walking and transit. Get people out of cars!	9/4/2023 2:07 PM
75	I70 is the worst through Missouri. It carries too much traffic with heavy trucks. It is very dangerous in bad weather especially.	9/4/2023 12:32 PM
76	safety issues - speed limit of 50 mph is absurd in growing small city!!	9/3/2023 8:20 PM
77	Too many potholes all over the city. Need more bus routes, more often buses schedules	9/2/2023 8:47 PM
78	Lack of efficient public transportation.	9/2/2023 6:52 PM
79	1. Lack of continuous sidewalks on major streets like Stadium Blvd and Business Loop 70. 2. Sidewalks poorly maintained - cracks, uneven surfaces, and debris. 3. Roads in the country have a lot of unmanaged vegetation on shoulders which limits visibility and is a safety hazard 4. I-70 US-63 interchange design and I-70 widening needs to address pedestrian and bicycle paths to safely cross both roads and completely separate non-motorized and motorized traffic. 5. Bus transit in Columbia is on 90-minute schedules. We need to pay drivers enough to retain them. I would also like to see ways to get to Jeff City from Columbia and vice versa coinciding with Amtrak schedules.	9/2/2023 9:37 AM
80	Need more sidewalks in residential areas. Dedicated bike paths are needed.	9/1/2023 1:31 PM
81	I70 - Even after the planned improvement to the 63/70 interchange, I think there will still be congestion that will not be remedied until there is a full cloverleaf allowing more seamless flow of traffic in all directions. Biking - I bike to the MU campus/downtown 1-2 times weekly. There are drainage issues on portions of the road (N Paris road where it crosses over I70 and in front of Walt's Bike Shop), inconsistent bike lanes alongside speeding traffic make for unsafe biking conditions. Pedestrian - Inconsistent sidewalks. To go for a run near my house, there are portions where I have to run on the road right next to 45mph traffic (if they are following the speed limit). Public Transit - I am open to riding public transit to downtown for work, but transit schedules, travel times, and accessibility to bus stops are poor. And facilities at bus stops are poor to non-existent.	9/1/2023 11:46 AM
82	Improvements in infrastructure to make Boone County more bike/pedestrian friendly (sidewalks, shoulders & bike lanes)	9/1/2023 10:17 AM
83	We need more public transit. The bus system is so complicated!	9/1/2023 10:01 AM
84	Roads should be provided throughout the county with a wide enough shoulder that it allows more options for non-motorized transportation. A good example is Route K, much safer for cars and bikes. Don't put those worthless rumble strips on the shoulders	9/1/2023 8:21 AM
85	No need for giant busses with such low ridership. Privatize!	8/30/2023 3:06 PM
86	I70 is too congested. 63/70 interchange is ridiculous	8/30/2023 2:03 PM
87	Highway 63 is in excellent condition, however, the interchange with I-70 is troublesome.	8/29/2023 8:20 PM
88	Develop a complete streets and roads policy (aka livable streets) that supports pedestrian safety, bicycling safety and promotes multiple modes of transportation. Bike lanes should be protected. There are a number of county roads that are used by cyclists but don't have bike lanes. Implement street and road design to improve road and vehicle efficiency (e.g. roundabouts, road diets) With the City of Columbia, support development and operation of a	8/29/2023 12:21 PM

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regional public transit system in Columbia to/from including Boone county communities. Service is needed between Columbia and surrounding areas to enable, work, study, court attendance and healthcare at a minimum. Key areas include Centralia, Ashland, and outside of Boone, Jefferson City and Moberly. Create a Vision Zero policy to reduce traffic crashes and fatalities on county roadways. Revise zoning codes to favor walkable, connected neighborhoods including sidewalks for new development.

89	Transit and walkability/bikeability outside of downtown is very poor	8/29/2023 10:15 AM
90	I have a car that is low to the ground and cannot drive on certain streets in Columbia. My car will bottom out.	8/29/2023 9:59 AM
91	The bike lanes are underutilized and impede traffic. Bicyclists still use two lane roads presenting a hazard and impeding the safe flow of traffic.	8/28/2023 9:03 PM
92	i-70 need to be widened, but that's the state's job. The bus system could be improved. If I could walk to any bus stop in Columbia and it was 0.25 mi or less from where I wanted to go, and the routes connected, I'd use the bus system. There should be a bus "loop" around Columbia, say along business I-70, down old 63 and then Nifong/grindstone. then have "transects" like Providence, Stadium, Broadway, etc. and get into neighborhoods!	8/28/2023 3:25 PM
93	Public transit to rural areas remains spotty.	8/28/2023 3:24 PM
94	Sparse routes	8/27/2023 2:19 PM
95	None of my employees can rely on public transportation. I won't hire a person who doesn't have reliable transportation to work.	8/27/2023 10:42 AM
96	Why not passenger cars on train tracks? Tram?	8/27/2023 7:52 AM
97	Need major road bypasses that direct N-S and E-W traffic around city instead of through it. Need to focus snow and ice removal on residential streets too...not just going up and down the major roads until they are dry.	8/27/2023 12:28 AM
98	Transit is facing a "chicken and egg" problem - not enough users to support the service because the service does not do enough to support users...	8/26/2023 7:16 PM
99	MKT is excellent! Other SAFER bike routes and trails need to be created or improved. Signs on the road that day bike lane mean nothing to motorists. There needs to be actual barriers.	8/26/2023 8:17 AM
100	Need more walkable layouts in every town in the county, though again this is more of a statewide/national issue. Improved busses, including more routes and more sensible routes would be great. Better bikelanes and sidewalks, especially around schools, would make a huge difference. A light rail in Columbia that could connect to Ashland, Centralia, Hallsville, and Strugeon would significantly increase quality of living for the whole county. While this would be costly, it would also allow for county residents to get to work in Columbia without having to live there, and could help support rural lifestyles rather than forcing assimilation into the urban environment.	8/25/2023 12:55 PM
101	I think the public transit system could use some improvements.	8/25/2023 11:36 AM
102	I-70 is horrible! Access on/off is at risk of an accident. The on-ramp from Stadium East should have been extended to the West Blvd. exit and then picked up again at the West Blvd. on-ramp through the Providence exit. The same with the Westbound side. I would not bicycle in the city. Some streets have a bicycle lane and others are just the shoulder. Many county roads are full of potholes, etc. But this is all over the state.	8/25/2023 11:14 AM
103	Our public transit system needs a major overhaul that touches more citizens. Our roads are overload and poorly maintained. there have been major potholes on a stretch of Providence before the Stewart/Providence intersection heading north for years that have not been addressed and are extremely unsafe. With all the taxes we're paying, the roads should be in much better condition.	8/25/2023 10:58 AM
104	As far as the city of Columbia streets, there could be a MUCH better effort to fill potholes. I noticed how nice a street looks once it's been resurfaced when previously it looked like a "dumpy" street. I report potholes all the time that are HUGE and wonder who is keeping on top of these, because they have the ability to cause accidents from drivers swerving. Another example is the stoplight/turning lane heading south on Providence at the intersection of Vandiver. The yellow plastic median poles have been damaged, crushed, pieces laying in the	8/25/2023 10:40 AM

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street... it has been this way for months and months. I wonder who reports this or is it dependent on the citizens of Columbia?

105	Roads are adequate, but need to be maintained. I realize there is a cost involved. Not in favor of additional bicycling lanes.	8/25/2023 9:56 AM
106	More public transport, please. And maybe open up a train line to connect to the Amtrak in Jeff City.	8/25/2023 9:29 AM
107	Please fix the giant potholes	8/25/2023 8:22 AM
108	I haven't seriously considered taking the bus in some years but when I did look into it, it would've taken hours (I think maybe literally) to get the short distance to work I can drive in under 10 minutes. I will say I could bike (MKT trail), which seems an attractive option when weather is nice	8/25/2023 7:28 AM
109	Our roads suck, the sewer system downtown sucks and anytime there's a big rain the streets are flooded and have standing water, the changing of bus schedules/combining routes is a problem for people who rely on this service	8/24/2023 4:16 PM
110	I avoid the Highway 63/I70 junction like the plague. I'm still encouraged by the news that it will undergo changes. Evening rush hour traffic along Grindstone Parkway is a challenge. I'd also like to see better synchronization of stop lights throughout the city at different peak times. For example, the stop light at Grindstone and State Farm/VU Parkway gets backed up from church (The Crossing) traffic on Sundays and yet you can't get two cars to make a left hand turn to westbound Grindstone before the light turns yellow.	8/24/2023 12:43 PM
111	I know this is an unpopular opinion in town, but using the busses usually requires me to budget an hour for transit times one way. More busses would be important, but I'm also unaware of the amount of riders we have daily, either.	8/23/2023 3:36 PM
112	I am not a fan of using 'J-turns' as a substitute for controlled access on/offramps on US 63	8/23/2023 8:46 AM
113	The city obviously use the highway to segment certain sections of the county. And the lack of side walks increases the disparity of access to the city and it's resources for it's citizens with out vehicles.	8/22/2023 6:19 AM
114	Expand i70 to three lanes. Expand Clark Lane to double lanes with a round about at Hanover.	8/22/2023 3:49 AM
115	Too much focus has been put on pedestrians and buses and not enough on the roads themselves.	8/21/2023 2:36 PM
116	Transit needs more riders.	8/21/2023 2:02 PM
117	Road safety is a concern and there are too many potholes. Need to find a way to keep pedestrians off of 70 and 63.	8/21/2023 11:46 AM
118	The I-70 project will help immensely once it is completed.	8/21/2023 9:02 AM
119	Public transportation Shuttles between Columbia and Jefferson City are needed. Public transportation in Columbia is poor	8/21/2023 5:50 AM
120	There are not enough options to transport the disabled.	8/21/2023 12:07 AM
121	There are not enough safe bicycle, walking, and wheelchair connections between Columbia and neighboring communities throughout Boone County. 14-foot-wide shared-use paths will be an excellent addition and will be a perfect counterpart to the lovely rail trails in Boone County. The transit situation is tragic here--Columbia's public transit Go COMO was slashed in half, with no insight as to whether it will be returned. There also need to be regional connections to neighboring small towns in Boone County and Columbia, as well as regional links to Jefferson City. Furthermore, there should be an increased frequency of bus trips between Columbia to Kansas City and St. Louis. The overreliance on car infrastructure is concerning. With the new I-70 Rocheport Bridge being built without a bicycle connection even though it goes over the Katy Trail, and land that will be seized for I-70 interstate expansion even though traffic is fine with existing lanes and these are our most deadly roadway areas, the transportation opportunities seem to be reducing quickly to a car-only focus.	8/20/2023 3:52 PM
122	No light rails to alleviate traffic. No covered bus stops. Roads are repaired near affluent areas and nowhere else. West Broadway has been crumbling for two years and no work has been completed. Damage to road when reported aren't investigated or repaired. Bike lanes are	8/20/2023 7:49 AM

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actively blocked by vehicles parking on the street. More than half the town doesn't have sidewalks.

123	Need more bus drivers!	8/19/2023 8:44 AM
124	Columbia needs to do better for pedestrians and bicyclists. Our bike lanes are often full of debris or parked cars. Speeding traffic makes it difficult to walk, especially where there are limited crosswalks and sidewalks. Speed bumps and other traffic calming tactics only seem to be implemented in wealthier neighborhoods. For example Stewart has speed bumps but much less dangerous traffic conditions than Worley or Ash streets.	8/18/2023 4:19 PM
125	Roads in Missouri are in horrible shape. This is not solely in Boone County.	8/18/2023 3:49 PM
126	I-70 needs to be three lanes each way - It is planned by MoDot - I -70 and 63 intersection is a JOKE. Sidewalks are iffy or none existant in many parts of Columbia. Bus service is not very convenient and ridership is low.	8/18/2023 12:39 PM
127	We need more bicycling/walking opportunities throughout the city and the county. Downtown Columbia and surrounding environs are very nice for this, but there are significant portions of the county that have no option or are plain unsafe. This will take a drastic rethinking of how we allocate space on roads. If there is a bicycle lane and a parking area, the parking area for cars should be to the driving side of the road, using parked cars to protect cyclists and pedestrians. The reality is that it is very hard to be poor in Boone County because car transportation is necessary for most of it. If you really want to increase the "rural character" of the county, think about how much horizontal space is taken up by all the cars in the county that spend approximately 23 hours a day parked.	8/18/2023 12:11 PM
128	We can stop adding roundabouts.	8/18/2023 11:38 AM
129	In Columbia, I feel there has been a focus shift of trying to accommodate a smaller population and ignore the greater good. An example of this would be the transit system. Ridership numbers do not warrant the size and expense of the system. The proposed improvements of the I-70 and Hwy 63 interchange is another. The 3-5 businesses in the middle of the interchange need to be relocated and a proper interchange built. I understand eminent domain is a bad look for a governmental body, but spending millions of dollars for a 17% decrease in wait times is a fools errand.	8/18/2023 10:50 AM
130	Due to the increase in population, roads need to be expanded. For example Rt B (Paris Road) to Hallsville/Centralia has a TON of commuters and the stop lights take forever to get through with just one lane in both Hallsville and North Columbia. Then the traffic is super slow with just one lane between the cities.	8/18/2023 10:32 AM
131	I wish there were more public transit options in Columbia. More frequent bus routes to make them more accessible.	8/18/2023 10:28 AM
132	It has become way too congested and speed has become unacceptable. Lack of speed enforcement is a contributing factor. It's unacceptable and dangerous. Maybe more exits/entry on 70/63 would help. The 63/70 interchange is a mess - way too congested.	8/18/2023 9:17 AM
133	I road the bus for many years. Not any more! Takes to long to get from nifong to vandiver.	8/17/2023 9:51 PM
134	Some streets have no sidewalks for walkers or electric wheelchairs to use. Some Bike paths on roads are ridiculously narrow and cyclists don't use hand signals or obey traffic laws. City should require cyclist to have a license on bicycles and require safety equipment.	8/17/2023 8:00 PM
135	"Homeless" ride the bus or few people do.	8/17/2023 5:35 PM
136	Need more bus routes.	8/17/2023 4:37 PM
137	Bus need to run at night to accommodate low income and special needs population that want an evening or night job	8/17/2023 10:28 AM
138	My biggest issue is worn road paint and signs not being maintained/replaced. At night or in the rain, the lack of clear paint and signs become safety issues.	8/16/2023 9:55 PM
139	It appears we are moving in a negative direction on transit efforts. I try to walk most places for my daily routines, but I thank my lucky stars I can drive if I have to go a few miles because mass transit here is almost nonexistent. When I visit my son living in Chapel Hill NC, I am envious of the Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill bus system. Those cities share a bus system and busses pick up at stops frequently. Back here in Columbia MO, the sidewalks and bike lanes	8/16/2023 9:13 PM

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are not always safe to walk on/ride in. The city/county is far more concerned about vehicle traffic than bike and pedestrian traffic.

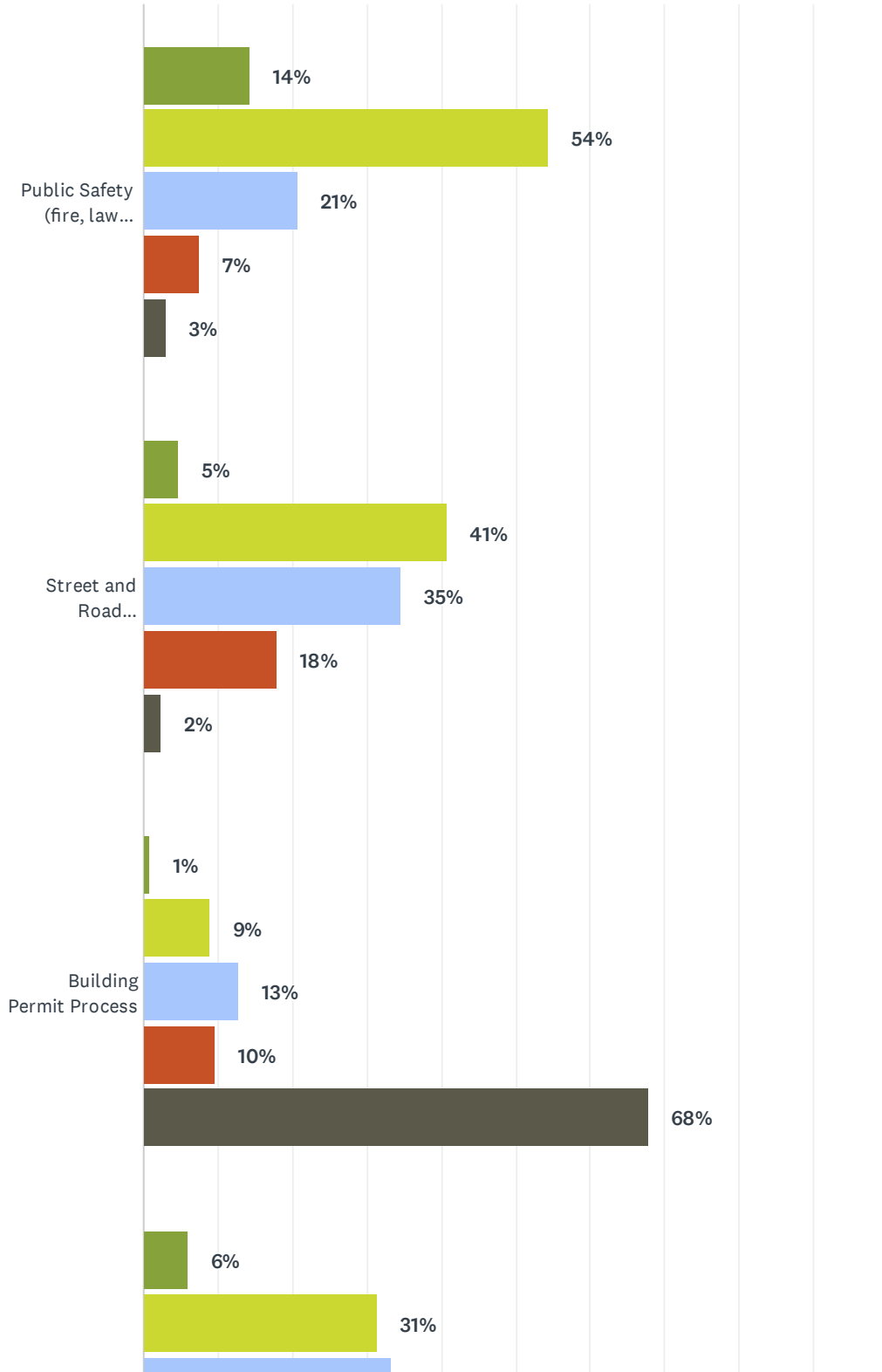
140	We spend WAY too much money on streets that only work for cars. I-70 works great, and we don't need to pump more money into it to expand it, but we're going to anyway. There is basically zero public transit in the area, with the Columbia service being abysmal and there being nothing outside the city. Seriously - can we start prioritizing other modes before our planet is totally on fire? Please?!	8/16/2023 9:06 PM
141	The 63 / I-70 interchange is a congested nightmare. Time for a cloverleaf	8/16/2023 6:08 PM
142	We need more public transit. The Columbia public transit bus routes are being cut in half. This deterioration unfairly affects our lower income residents.	8/16/2023 4:34 PM
143	There are fixes already slated for I-70 and 63 that would improve my answers.	8/16/2023 1:56 PM
144	This city is not walkable outside of a very limited footprint (or is not walkable between residential and necessary services like groceries, restaurants, work, etc) and is barely bikeable (bike lanes exist but they are not safe to bike on or separate from car lanes). Public transit is limited and doesn't cover enough of the city.	8/16/2023 1:10 PM
145	There are some improvements that can be made in each of these areas. The expansion of I-70 to 3 lanes is excellent. Better maintenance. It is going to cost money. There is the rub.	8/16/2023 10:31 AM
146	Pretty nonexistent in the city and county unless you ride school buses.	8/16/2023 8:16 AM
147	Widening I-70 is going to make a huge improvement. Our community is too small to have a robust transit system like big cities. We should not expect this in Boone County. Instead, we should have more focused transportation options to help get people into the work force (First Last Mile, bus routes to Route B industries, used car programs, etc.)	8/16/2023 8:11 AM
148	Looking forward to the expansion of I-70. Much repair needs to be done on most road that I drive. The bus system is a big problem, hopefully we will get more drivers.	8/16/2023 7:49 AM
149	The roads are full of potholes The same places get replaced/ downtown Columbia the rest are horrible	8/15/2023 10:05 PM
150	Transit does not meet needs of residents. It is viewed as something only for those who have no other options. That has to change.	8/15/2023 8:03 PM
151	Bus services have been repeatedly cut and routes removed. No service past 7p means no night shift workers can use it. It is not convenient to get to Industrial Dr work places either.	8/15/2023 7:29 PM
152	The interchange of 63/70 near Clark Lane is terrible.	8/15/2023 5:10 PM
153	70 & 63 are okay independently but the interchange is terrible	8/15/2023 12:30 PM
154	Columbia particularly lacks a cohesive pedestrian/bicycle network. "Sharrows" and painted bike lines are not enough. Bus uses needs better marketing encouraging drivers to get out of cars.	8/15/2023 9:51 AM
155	Need a I-70 loop around Columbia to better access the county, in - and - out of Columbia	8/15/2023 8:49 AM
156	Too much catering to cars.	8/15/2023 8:01 AM
157	When there are bike lanes they are often full of rocks or glass or other debris. That has been my experience in the northeast side of town.	8/14/2023 4:16 PM
158	I-70/63 exchange is crazy.	8/14/2023 11:33 AM
159	Public transportation does not extend out to the county.	8/14/2023 10:00 AM
160	I marked the two highways excellent, yet I actively avoid the 63/70 interchange. I will get on or off at a different exit than go through that one even if that is the most direct route.	8/13/2023 12:52 PM
161	I don't care about bike trails at all - except if it keeps people from riding them on the street. We need to redo 63&70. I think everyone knows that. It's a nightmare at rush hour	8/11/2023 2:34 PM
162	Need more bus schedule not everyone has a car	8/11/2023 12:29 PM
163	I responded poor for bicycling, walking, pedestrian facilities and transit as more is needed in these areas in both Columbia and other parts of Boone County.	8/10/2023 8:23 PM

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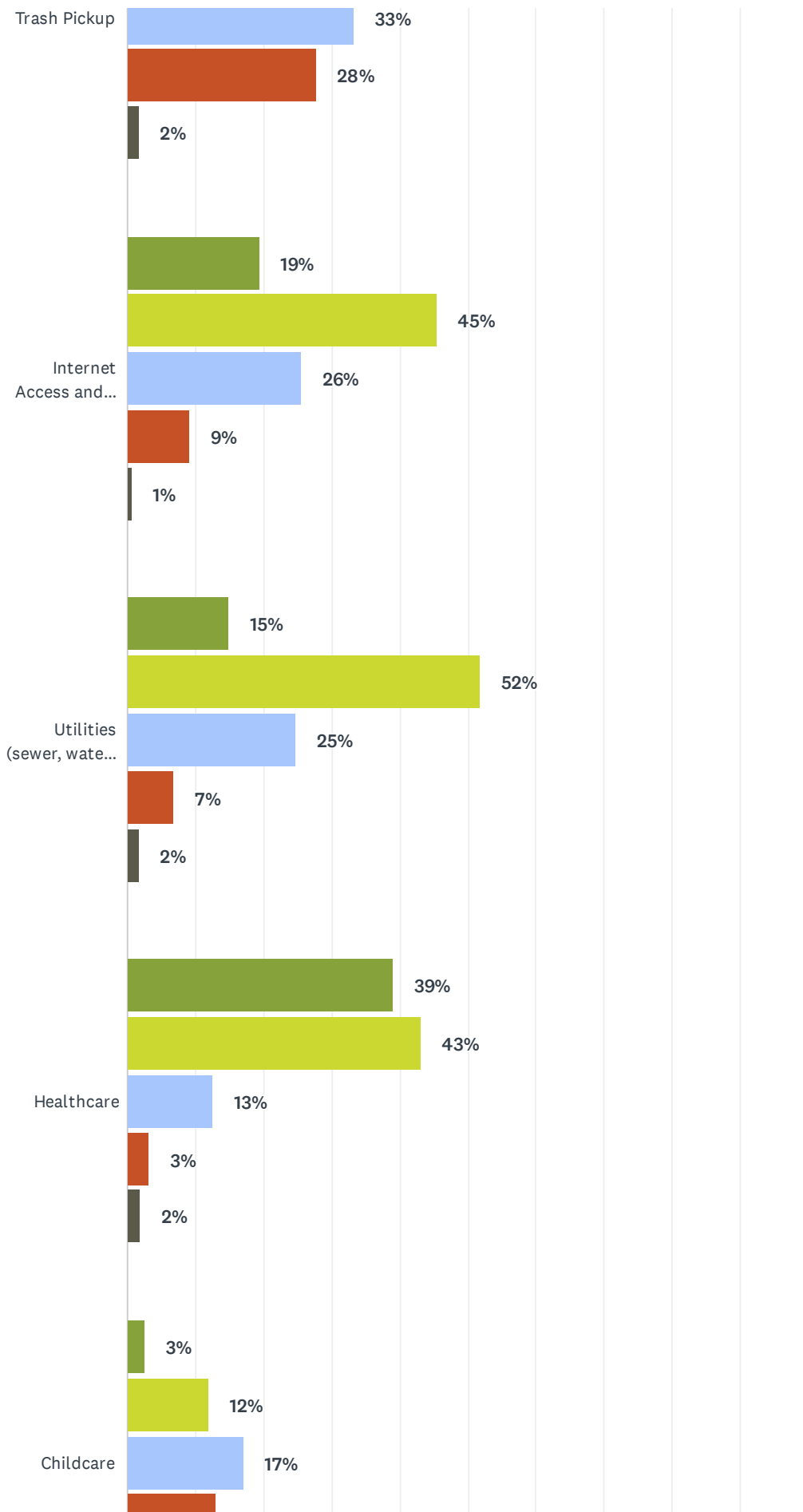
164	The County could be the hub for a whole be mode of air taxis: https://www.npr.org/2023/07/01/1185060325/jobby-electric-flying-taxi	8/9/2023 2:03 PM
165	We should also look at the COLT Rail Road as an option for directing future development. This line could be upgraded with a light-weight commuter rail line and help focus development along this corridor. If the rail line was very bike friendly (See Copenhagen, Denmark) we could encourage bike friendly development around the rail stops along the line.	8/8/2023 2:57 PM
166	Transit is virtually non existent. Columbia only place with buses and routes cut back. You have to drive to Cole county to get a train. New airport could be ok if it had more air carriers and flights were affordable	8/7/2023 11:18 PM

Q23 How would you rate the following community services and facilities for your home or immediate community (in terms of quality, proximity, availability, etc.)?

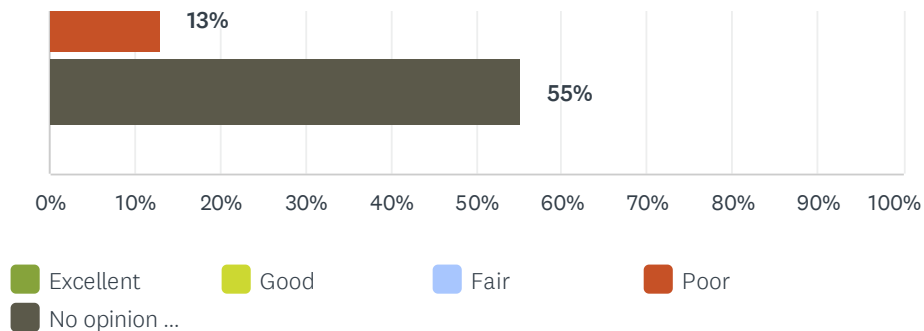
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	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	NO OPINION / NOT APPLICABLE	TOTAL
Public Safety (fire, law enforcement, ambulance, etc.)	14% 107	54% 406	21% 155	7% 56	3% 23	747
Street and Road Maintenance / Snow Removal	5% 35	41% 304	35% 258	18% 133	2% 17	747
Building Permit Process	1% 6	9% 67	13% 96	10% 71	68% 505	745
Trash Pickup	6% 44	31% 234	33% 249	28% 208	2% 13	748
Internet Access and Speed	19% 145	45% 339	26% 192	9% 68	1% 4	748
Utilities (sewer, water, electric, etc.)	15% 111	52% 387	25% 185	7% 51	2% 13	747
Healthcare	39% 290	43% 319	13% 94	3% 24	2% 15	742
Childcare	3% 19	12% 89	17% 127	13% 97	55% 409	741

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY:	DATE
1	Water - too many questions about the safety of our water (Columbia City Water). Sustainability efforts, less reliance on coal, more solar incentives for lower income areas.	10/4/2023 8:52 AM
2	The police officers are wonderful. They need much more support from you.	10/3/2023 11:47 AM
3	Snow response has not been good to county roads and even some city streets don't get plowed until days later especially in poorer neighborhoods. Streets will vary in quality with sections that are new and others with potholes. Trash pick up we pay for recycling pick up but have not received the service for some time in Columbia. High Internet speeds are still not available in some of the county areas without paying high installation costs. Access to childcare is difficult.	10/2/2023 7:20 AM
4	Recycling program needs to be expanded to include residential pickup, improved processing and local manufacturing with recycled materials, especially all plastics. (Plastic lumber, outdoor furniture, mailboxes, roller carts and stationary trash containers.)	9/30/2023 10:46 AM
5	Our street has had major damage for years but doesn't get fixed.	9/30/2023 5:10 AM
6	When I see my psychiatrist he asks me to tell him if I'm sane. He doesn't know how to figure that out for himself. The doctor has amnesia. Staff turns over every two years and they never read notes from previous doctors. The staff has no idea who I am. Doctors are so specialized I can't get anyone to take responsibility for my overall health except me. If I have a health crisis there is no one phone number that I know I can call. So that when I'm ill I have to be well enough in my crisis to figure out which phone number to use. There are at least five possibilities.	9/29/2023 9:32 PM

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7	I have never needed police or emergency services so I can't really comment. I am served by several utilities, Boone Electric is fantastic! I have never had an issue. As far as Columbia utilities, my sewer works and my water works, but my water pressure keeps dropping. The building permits in Columbia are reasonable, it is all the other fees that are excessive, WAY excessive. Boone County permit are very reasonable. Shout out to Resource Management. The healthcare that I have received is not up to the level that it is acclaimed to be. We received much better care in St. Louis (just my experience)	9/29/2023 10:23 AM
8	Need more affordable daycare	9/29/2023 9:44 AM
9	Unable to obtain fiber cable to my home in spite of the fact that it is in place for the neighborhood immediately adjacent to me on the east and the neighborhood across the road to the west. Cannot source electrical boxes from city of Columbia so as to proceed with new residential construction.	9/28/2023 11:08 PM
10	Few openings and ridiculously expensive.	9/28/2023 9:20 PM
11	Socket just entered our neighborhood. This allows for competition among the providers which is a good thing. However, Socket wants to run the necessary cable outside our house--tack it along the siding. That is unacceptable. It should be wired through the attic.	9/28/2023 7:44 PM
12	I see CONSTANT Stop sign runners all over Columbia. It's like no one ever taught about Stop Signs on the driving tests. The roughness on some of the roads is insane. What happened to the Recycling Pickup??? There hasn't been anything in the news about if and WHEN the recycling is going to start back up.... Are we going to get a discount on the Garbage services since it's been almost 4 months since it stopped.	9/28/2023 6:38 PM
13	The costs for all utilities & solid waste are going up but the services provided are getting worse.	9/28/2023 3:53 PM
14	Year and a half wait list to get in a real family doctor appointment	9/28/2023 3:05 PM
15	Not happy with the City Council every year increasing rates.	9/28/2023 9:09 AM
16	Too expensive	9/28/2023 7:36 AM
17	How is it that there is no recycling? Trash service quality is inconsistent at best.	9/27/2023 9:33 PM
18	insufficient police officers to handle existing crime rate and need more traffic officers	9/26/2023 4:08 PM
19	I absolutely hate the cost-cutting method of resurfacing roads with gravel. I don't know the ins and out of why it's done, and if it's necessary then fine, but it feels like what it is - cheap. I also don't know how trash collection is such an ongoing problem around here. I would probably prioritize recyclables collection over maintaining the public collection dumpsters due to how people abuse those by dumping all their crap in and around them. The loss of recyclable collections is annoying, and frankly, from the perspective of someone who has moved here from a larger metropolitan area, the whole trash collection issue is the number one thing that makes the city seem inept.	9/26/2023 11:07 AM
20	We are not investing in the services and supports that young families need to be productive workers and contribute to the community.	9/24/2023 7:13 PM
21	We need curbside recycling	9/24/2023 8:59 AM
22	Quality childcare and early childhood education are essential to positive growth and development for children and youth. There is a severe lack of affordable quality childcare and early childhood education in Boone County.	9/22/2023 1:36 PM
23	Leadership of public utilities is inconsistent between county and city. City unable to keep promises to citizens, keep infrastructure up to date and in many cases, even provide services in a timely manner, if at all.	9/22/2023 12:46 PM
24	"Trash" is good but discontinued recycling is inconvenient. As someone from the New York metropolitan area, snow removal and salting the roads is poor and contributes to too many avoidable delayed openings and school closings. Childcare is broad -- our youngest's daycare is excellent and affordable but daycare is generally very expensive for most families. For our middle school aged son, there is no after school bus yet this year and that is very inconvenient for us as full time employees but I'd imagine it is a hardship for families with limited transportation and job flexibility.	9/19/2023 9:12 AM

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25	Roll cart system will hopefully improve trash and recycling removal. We need more low cost childcare.	9/15/2023 9:03 PM
26	Trash collectors frequently drop trash and don't pick it up so it rolls down the street or flies through the yards. I see it on my street, and also through other neighborhoods when driving across town. Also bring back blue bag recycling.	9/14/2023 12:19 AM
27	I live in a newer part of the city, so the city roads aren't in poor condition, though they are unfriendly to navigate. The state highways through town are the worst of our issues regarding road conditions. As far as internet, MediaCom has a monopoly in many neighborhoods, including mine, and treat their customers as such. They don't have to care if they do a good job. Most people in my area would change providers if we could.	9/13/2023 3:02 PM
28	There needs to be an improvement in emergency services. I waited on hold for 5 minutes when calling 911.	9/11/2023 8:33 PM
29	Columbia does well considering the limited resources and workforce available	9/11/2023 11:22 AM
30	Since we have decided to essentially not recycle as a community, we should be requiring that manufacturers and stores reduce packaging, use of plastics, and get rid of plastic grocery bags. Boone should set rules so that if grocery stores and other retail operations want to sell things in Columbia they have to reduce the packaging and eliminate or minimize the need for recycling in the first place.	9/11/2023 8:33 AM
31	People near me have to drive a long way to access childcare facilities, and childcare is terribly expensive. Trash pickup is good but I'm very frustrated at the lack of curbside recycling service.	9/10/2023 8:38 PM
32	The trash and recycling program currently in place for Boone County is a joke, and they should be ashamed of it. It really makes telling people to live here hard to do.	9/9/2023 11:12 PM
33	It's very difficult to find affordable child care.	9/9/2023 11:10 PM
34	Medicaid expansion sounded like a good idea but many, MANY healthcare providers don't accept it. Got kicked out of ACA when I qualified for Medicaid and had to find many new practitioners.	9/9/2023 10:08 PM
35	Please transition to renewable energy. Like, yesterday. None of the things prompted in any part of this survey matter one bit if we as a society cannot stop pouring greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere through our daily activities and making our county unlivable without wealth and resources, and eventually unlivable entirely. Address this problem before it is too late.	9/9/2023 5:39 PM
36	For a medical school city, the wait for establishing with doctors is insane. Childcare is nonexistent if you rely on the adoption subsidy. Utilities are high.	9/9/2023 5:17 PM
37	No recycling. Childcare is expensive.	9/8/2023 4:35 PM
38	I'm really disappointed that MU is no longer providing gender affirming Healthcare. I know that's a private buisness making a decision, but it still felt like a punch to the gut for our community. One of the best things about our town is it's diversity, and we're going to lose a lot of wonderful families because of this decision	9/8/2023 1:21 PM
39	trash pickup would be rated excellent if they would pick up recycling again. That is my only issue with trash services.	9/8/2023 9:35 AM
40	But expensive.	9/7/2023 9:03 PM
41	I appreciate my utilities and find them to be readily accessible and manageable, however it does concern me that power can periodically go out for brief amounts of time for no apparent reason. Response time from public safety units I've seen as taking 10 minutes or more in cases of emergency, which is unreasonable, and I have seen a number of reported police brutality issues that make me extremely disappointed with law enforcement. Internet access can be difficult when it rains which I don't understand but find problematic. Healthcare is lacking in the wait times for specialist care (over a month to receive a scheduling call), and worse, despite being allowed to continue healthcare for patients requiring hormones for gender conforming care, MU Health withdrew this, which is going to create a care crisis for a crucial part of our community. And while I don't have children myself, I am aware that childcare has high wait times for getting off of wait lists and we need more dedicated supportive care throughout the county.	9/7/2023 6:34 PM

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42	Trash pickup is terrible due to lack of recycling and length of time to get roll carts in place. Please, charge more money and provide a better service. I moved here from the STL area and it was literally 10x the cost for trash pickup there. Double the fees for CoMo residents, provide roll carts, and improve pickup for trash and recycling. Pay the workers substantially more to attract talent, loyalty, and integrity.	9/7/2023 12:04 PM
43	The trash situation is embarrassing.	9/5/2023 6:26 PM
44	Upgrading the grid. Passed a bond issue, never followed through with it. Childcare is expensive. We need roll carts for trash (less workers comp. Who really wants that job). You would like for the city and county to be helpful in starting and running a business. Often the regulations and enforcement lack common sense. City/county workers treat their areas like little fiefdoms and try to roadblock businesses. Having said that, there are excellent employees as well. I think you know who the bands one are but just let it go on. Perfect example for illustratin (and I know they aren't govt. employees). We were treated very poorly when the only license office was on Vandiver. The one on the south is immensely better, giving excellent customer service in most cases. How can Boone County, and Columbia, provide better customer service? Treat people as they would like to be treated?	9/5/2023 5:24 PM
45	Public safety seems to be lacking especially on the traffic enforcement. See a lot of vehicles without any license plates (front and back), speeding and red light running/ reckless driving. Would love to see red light cameras or dedicated traffic enforcement more often in urban areas which pedestrian/cyclists are commonly present along with added traffic calming measures (curb extensions, narrowed lanes etc ..) where applicable. Also, protected bike lanes are non-existent, paint doesn't protect bike riders.	9/5/2023 12:27 PM
46	Bring back curbside recycling. Let trash trucks pick up roller bins and give employees better jobs. I see my neighborhood getting new street surfaces while other neighborhoods have potholes and cracked sidewalks.	9/4/2023 10:56 AM
47	A relative has terrible cell phone reception, lives in Columbia. We need to get better recycling pick-up--SO IMPORTANT, w/global warming.	9/2/2023 8:51 PM
48	Law enforcement needs more money for hiring & support from city & county	9/2/2023 7:45 PM
49	Childcare is too expensive.	9/2/2023 6:53 PM
50	Boone needs an Office of Sustainability and an advisory citizen committee.	9/2/2023 2:39 PM
51	Curbside recycling in Columbia recently went away. I would like to see more residents and commercial properties adopt rooftop solar or solar arrays. This is such a great opportunity and we need to do more to promote it and make it practical - perhaps with regulations for new development.	9/2/2023 9:39 AM
52	Miss recycling pickup	9/1/2023 10:02 AM
53	Trash pickup should be handled by private companies rather than the local government, which makes it more expensive and much more of a hassle than it needs to be.	9/1/2023 9:40 AM
54	We need to improve trash pick-up with roll carts and reinstitute recycling pick-up.	8/29/2023 8:21 PM
55	The County needs better recycling options.	8/29/2023 12:22 PM
56	A lot of services can't keep up with the growing population. Boone County should model Internet access after Callaway, Saline, and Green Counties to expand fiber across the county to rural communities with available grants and ARPA funds.	8/29/2023 10:35 AM
57	Not enough childcare facilities and they are not affordable.	8/29/2023 10:00 AM
58	Limited optitons for daycare on north side of columbia	8/29/2023 6:04 AM
59	Need recycling pickup!	8/28/2023 10:49 AM
60	Lack of childcare on the northside of town is a problem. We need more options out by St. Charles road, maybe next to the Battle schools so that students can be used as resources for younger children but supervised by MU early education students? We need more police officers to handle all of the crime that we have, these men and women deal with chaos on a daily basis and they are the calm within a storm. I am proud of the law enforcement in Boone County, these people are brave! I believe that we do have good healthcare but the problem that many people are having is the accessibility to these doctors and the long waiting lists to be	8/28/2023 8:57 AM

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seen. I have been waiting 3 months to get into someone that came highly recommended because I'm needing a new PCP. We have lots of doctors in Boone County but they all have a wait. I believe a lot of this is due to adjoining counties smaller hospitals closing down ie Boonville and Fulton recently. Internet access is a joke in Columbia, Mediacom is damn near \$200/month and there is not coverage in my area of town for Spectrum or Socket

61	Healthcare providers are booked 6 mos out.	8/27/2023 2:21 PM
62	I've had to call 911 at work about 5 times over the last year. It takes them 30 minutes or longer. Unless there is a murder, cops don't care. No recycling pick up. Only school emergency roads get plowed, but the kids are always off school! The City is never prepared for bad weather.	8/27/2023 10:47 AM
63	Very hard to go good healthcare when needed	8/26/2023 9:35 PM
64	Public safety if grossly underfunded...thus the increasing crime problems of large cities. Childcare is overpriced, partly because of high utility costs and real estate taxes.	8/26/2023 5:02 PM
65	Trash bins. Enough said.	8/26/2023 8:19 AM
66	I want curbside recycling again in Columbia.	8/25/2023 3:05 PM
67	Need greater access to child care--and early childhood education.	8/25/2023 2:11 PM
68	Too much money wasted on a bloated police budget. Recycling pickup's been discontinued in Columbia for months, causing an awful backup. Road maintenance is not equitable throughout the county, let alone the city. Columbia's about to waste \$985,000 on new police cars that are totally unnecessary rather than spending that money where it's actually needed.	8/25/2023 1:00 PM
69	Trash pick up could be better since they don't pick up my neighbor's trash.	8/25/2023 11:40 AM
70	We need to attract more health professionals, there is a year+ long wait for my primary physician. Trash pickup has been a mess for years, but I have the city making more changes with roll carts coming and pay increases so there's hope. Columbia should have fiber everywhere at this point with us being a college town. Columbia city utilities are a scam--constant increases making it harder for the average family to afford their bills. Random increases when my home's usage hasn't gone up hardly at all during the warm months.	8/25/2023 11:00 AM
71	Trash and recycling programs continue to decrease	8/25/2023 9:52 AM
72	Bring back weekly curbside recycling pickup.	8/25/2023 9:30 AM
73	Too many people, not enough cops, fire fighters and ambulances. Please hire more and pay them what they're worth	8/25/2023 8:23 AM
74	The trash roll cart situation is a perfect example of why every little decision doesn't tend to be put to a vote. City leadership should make a decision (I will note that I read somewhere they finally had after years of not). Roll carts for both trash and recycling should be implemented (Jeff City has a model system). Snow removal at my home (not on the priority routes) is often delayed by days.	8/25/2023 7:31 AM
75	Trash pickup is good. Recycling needs to return. Roll carts can't come quickly enough.	8/24/2023 10:05 PM
76	Healthcare appears accessible given the number of providers in Columbia, however when the rest of the state relies on Columbia for care too, it's impossible to get in with a primary care doctor without a long wait. Utilities are way too expensive. In an 900 sq ft apartment my utility bill was easily over \$200/month and the suggestion to save money by keeping the thermostat at 78° is crap. Internet sucks unless you are on campus or have fiber, snow removal in the winter is reactive and never feels like there is enough people working, crime has only worsened since Covid started so I cannot provide a good rating for law enforcement	8/24/2023 4:19 PM
77	I've always been team Roll Cart. I do recycle and now take my own to the drop off location nearest me. I'm a little annoyed as a tax payer that we pay the same rate while getting less of a service. I'm certain public safety overall (not to be specific) is underfunded, so why then pay \$1.5million for a building downtown that has been on the market for years? If Internet access never becomes a public utility, I definitely want to see more competition. I'm very hopeful that Socket connects my neighborhood soon. It's great they're local and they already provide a good service. My neighborhood is limited to two providers (Mediacom and CenturyLink) and both have their pro's and con's. We're also limited with tree cover and so cellular hotspots are not an ideal option.	8/24/2023 1:36 PM

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78	Utilities are too expensive (water and electric)	8/23/2023 2:25 PM
79	Concerned about inaction in areas of need such as trash and recycling, electric infrastructure, storm water	8/23/2023 8:48 AM
80	If we can't subsidize childcare, support in some way from the community would be smart.	8/22/2023 9:56 AM
81	It's clear the county incarcerates it's own population and restricts it local growth to clear it for industrial growth.	8/22/2023 6:24 AM
82	I do not like the trash bin ban in Columbia. I'm looking forward to the trash bin change next year	8/22/2023 6:23 AM
83	I rate street maintenance/snow removal as poor because snow removal on my cul-de-sac happens 3 days post snow event or not at all.	8/21/2023 2:06 PM
84	The city charges taxes utilities TOO much and they just increased the tax rate! There are NO affordable AND safe childcare centers in Columbia.	8/21/2023 1:04 PM
85	I live in the City of Columbia, so my ratings apply to the city and not the county.	8/21/2023 9:04 AM
86	In order to pay a living wage, costs have dramatically increased, even in 5 years. Access is limited.	8/21/2023 6:52 AM
87	I worked in Jefferson City while living in Columbia. As soon as you cross the county line, the difference in snow removal was astonishing and shameful, and that is both for the highways and the city roads. Columbia and Boone County can and need to be better	8/20/2023 4:35 PM
88	Public universal healthcare system for Boone County residents would be excellent.	8/20/2023 3:53 PM
89	Internet access and road maintenance/clearing inside the city limits are good. Both are terrible in rural Boone County.	8/20/2023 3:48 PM
90	Need more police officers!	8/19/2023 8:46 AM
91	The trash situation is a problem. We should be like almost every other town and be able to rid trash and recycling without having to drive all over town. You get what you pay for and when it comes to public safety, we will never be able to keep good, quality people with what the county pays.	8/19/2023 1:15 AM
92	We need to fix trash, recycling, and yard waste pickup. Roll carts could be used for all and would make the work safer and our city cleaner.	8/18/2023 4:20 PM
93	It is amazing to me that a town this progressive has not implemented roll-cart trash/recycling service. I haven't seen anything like this since the 1980s.	8/18/2023 3:51 PM
94	Why are the internet and tv providers locked into certain areas throughout town and the country. Customers should be able to choose.	8/18/2023 1:05 PM
95	Health care is a big selling point for Columbia and Boone County. Since Boone Hospital left the BJC group I am afraid the quality of Healthcare will suffer, if Boone Hospital continues to bleed MONEY with no transparency.	8/18/2023 12:43 PM
96	Snow removal is essentially a mercenary task. I'm waiting for some kind of Road Warrior hellscape to break out when it snows too much because the roads wherever I have lived in the county are never cleared. The law enforcement in the county needs serious work. The county is growing so fast, but the number of people working in the law enforcement space has remained largely static, to include the number of judges, prosecutors, and the size of the jail. It seems that a good rule of thumb is that crime is a function of population, and I have no evidence of this, but it seems intuitive, then you would need to increase the amount of law enforcement capabilities (police, prosecutors, and jail space) at the same rate as population.	8/18/2023 12:34 PM
97	al live in the county and we are lucky to get roads maintained/ plowed etc. Also, our water in my neighborhood is awful and based out of STL it doesn't make sense to me. The water comes out rusty and when it's not it has a film to it. It is very poor.	8/18/2023 11:40 AM
98	Brightspeed is terrible to work with. I have called multiple times to get service and they won't complete my requests. We need to get recycling reinstated too. However, I'm not sure this question will work with the scope of this survey, because it is specific to our home, which is in a community, not unincorporated.	8/18/2023 10:35 AM

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99	Childcare is hard to find and expensive.	8/18/2023 10:29 AM
100	We need more for under 2 and somehow we have to figure out how it can be staffed correctly and be affordable	8/18/2023 10:14 AM
101	We need more public safety. Not near enough to care for such a growing community. The numbers haven't kept up.	8/18/2023 9:18 AM
102	Pot holes don't get fixed properly and reopen in a few months bigger than they were before.	8/17/2023 8:02 PM
103	Go back to the old Trash pick up! The guys are awesome and can do it. Stop giving more to those that do not want to work for a living!	8/17/2023 5:37 PM
104	Need more legal small childcare.	8/17/2023 4:38 PM
105	healthcare is good because we have the University system as well as Boone Health	8/17/2023 12:40 PM
106	Need to bring back recycle pick up	8/17/2023 10:29 AM
107	Trash service is GOOD - only rated poor right now because not having recycling pickup is a PITA. Street maintenance - I never see sweeper trucks. Would love to see more regular street sweeping.	8/16/2023 9:57 PM
108	I live in the center of Columbia and have the worst internet service. Internet speeds are slow and the lines that serve my neighborhood are old and decaying. Streets and roads need repairs as do the sidewalks. Bike lanes should be marked for that specific use. Affordable childcare has always been a problem.	8/16/2023 9:17 PM
109	Need more socket internet available throughout Columbia to offer alternative to Mediacom	8/16/2023 8:55 PM
110	We need to fund more police	8/16/2023 7:13 PM
111	I think we need better trash and recycling services as well as a better law enforcement staff (as far as education, community engagement, and just number of officers available.)	8/16/2023 11:01 AM
112	Finding affordable childcare is very difficult.	8/16/2023 9:57 AM
113	The community needs more law enforcement on the street to deter crime around Columbia. County staff need to show a better spirit of cooperation in the building and site development areas. Snow removal needs to be much better.	8/16/2023 9:53 AM
114	I have Boone Electric and the board continues to be proud of using coal. Need new board members.	8/16/2023 7:51 AM
115	Why do residential streets only get the snow scraped off? Why can't they be treated? I live on a hill and it is just so unsafe even when plowed.	8/16/2023 7:28 AM
116	We are charged more and responsible for removing our own trash and recyclables. Healthcare is struggling with employees.	8/15/2023 10:54 PM
117	Not enough affordable options which makes this a difficult place to raise a family. CPS only provides preschool to a small amount of the population. Universal pre k is needed here	8/15/2023 7:46 PM
118	On the public safety side, I'm pleased with fire department and ambulance service. The police/sheriff's department have proven themselves biased and violent and I'm extremely concerned for our residents of color.	8/15/2023 11:51 AM
119	Lack of choice - we only have one option for utilities, trash or internet in the neighborhood we live in. Would be nice to have some choice. Residential recycle has stopped. Utility rates have increased.	8/15/2023 10:56 AM
120	Need better incentives for developers to build in rural areas or lower income areas. (Disparity in growth)	8/15/2023 8:50 AM
121	Utilities cost are constantly going up and getting less for money. Police are not getting the support they need and homeless are allowed to be panhandling all around town.	8/14/2023 7:40 PM
122	Public safety is understaffed at this time	8/14/2023 6:30 PM
123	We need the curbside recycling issue fixed. I keep taking it to bins that are full. Obviously Columbia wants to recycle.	8/14/2023 4:17 PM

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124	Public Safety - Need more police service people. We are terribly underserved and understaffed with police officers in Columbia. Fire and ambulance services seem to be at a more appropriate inventory level than police.	8/14/2023 4:10 PM
125	The city appears to be understaffed when it comes to snow removal on the roads and especially in residential areas. Fortunately, with the advent of Zoom, many of us can work from home when we have inclement weather.	8/14/2023 10:02 AM
126	Trash pick up is fair because of the inability to recycle easily.	8/13/2023 12:53 PM
127	Snow removal is fine except neighborhoods have too much street side parking so the neighborhoods don't get done. STOP trying to trash up the neighborhoods. Voters said no to roll carts so quit trying to force them on everyone. A bag of trash is out for a few hours. The carts are out for days and smell. Go through JC and look at how trashy it looks. Ugg - y'all are making me crazy with this.	8/11/2023 3:09 PM
128	I have tmac for trash they are the best	8/11/2023 12:30 PM
129	Recycling opportunities throughout the county need to be improved. Additionally the county needs to support moving to an economy that considers the full life cycle of products so we are not throwing away so much or hoping to recycle items that don't get recycled.	8/10/2023 8:25 PM
130	Your method of snow removal and road prep is abysmal and responsible for a lot of fender benders. The roads are treacherous at best in the winter. You should get out of the trash business, you don't know what you are doing and have made a bad situation worse.	8/10/2023 11:07 AM
131	Our recycling MRF should be surrounded by an enterprise zone for green businesses.	8/9/2023 2:11 PM
132	Great farmers market	8/8/2023 2:58 PM
133	While our trash pickup is good, lack of recycling options is making our trash increase at such a fast rate. I have never lived here sometimes I wish that didn't put recycling first	8/6/2023 8:46 PM

Q24 Are there any other comments you would like to share with the planning team about the Boone County Master Plan?

Answered: 203 Skipped: 643

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Please increase the bus system frequency/the number of routes in Columbia! It's incredibly difficult to get around without a car, especially as a college student. Additionally, it's very difficult to access intercity transport--a bus between Jefferson City and Columbia for access to Amtrak is a must.	10/4/2023 3:31 PM
2	1. Columbia has a terrible light pollution problem! Look up Flagstaff, AZ. 2. "No mow" areas should be planted with good wildflowers. Better landscaping of round-a-bouts.	10/4/2023 8:53 AM
3	I am concerned about the massive 'yards' some of the ultra rich have in the SW part of the county. We need codes to restrict yard size, opting instead for prairie and native grasses.	9/30/2023 11:35 PM
4	We should not encourage new people to come here. We haven't done a good job with the last 20,000 who moved here in the last 20 years. And our infrastructure is pretty bad and no one is stepping up to care for it as new worker before the older ones retire.	9/30/2023 9:34 PM
5	Good to know you have a master plan.	9/30/2023 8:23 AM
6	We need to draw a line in the sand, in regards to Gans Creek area. No development south of Gans Rd..	9/30/2023 7:50 AM
7	1) Our primary concerns are to protect environmentally sensitive areas, protect contiguous green space and provide parks and recreation opportunities throughout the county. You can reference the file at this link https://bit.ly/BooneGreenSpace 2) I'd like to see much more on new electricity infrastructure and systems.	9/29/2023 10:19 PM
8	Any opportunities to preserve natural areas should be given priority. Any opportunities to reclaim/restore natural areas should also be a goal.	9/29/2023 1:20 PM
9	Ground bid to be hayed should rather be grazed where appropriate in a controlled system to better manage vegetation. Done so in fashion this can also help restore the environment and encourage water retention to lessen flooding and benefit additional natural ecosystem processes needed.	9/29/2023 12:05 PM
10	Need to improve safety on neighborhood streets. Law enforcement needs more funding to hire and prevent crime	9/29/2023 9:47 AM
11	Here is another issue related to us having moved here for the treatment at MU Autism Centers here and at Washington U STL for my late life twins. One son is very dysregulated and not able to respond well to de escalation yet which is being worked on by Easter Seals, BCFR, the two autism centers and my wife who is a clinical and family psychologist. He is going to need protection and care indefinitely and the new neighbors have been erroneously, judgmental. They refuse to meet with us and Easter Seals or BCFR to help educate them on his issues so their children and the mother's are not so mean and ignorant. One day an incident is going to happen involving their kids and the police and we have tried ---along with all the treating providers mentioned to ask ahead of time for a community officer trained in autism to come and help us by having them come to know this son and become his friend and even if the neighbors would meet have them show and help us with the other providers answer questions. We have written, called, and left messages for an autism educated community officer at least 6 times in 2 years and have not one time received any response. It is really alarming considering my wife know and is aware of multiple families with dysregulated kiddos who are prone to being socially inappropriate to authorities when anxious or in fear of being controlled give oppositional or provocative behaviors and someone is going to be accidentally killed behind the police not being there for what is becoming a quite large population	9/29/2023 7:42 AM
12	I-70 is past due for updating!! Internet service is not adequate for today's usage. I understand the thinking behind county maintenance trimming trees with brush cutters but I don't think it	9/29/2023 7:27 AM

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environmentally wise and it leaves a ridiculous amount of debris in the roadway. I appreciate the people who work for/in our community.

13	No, but thank you for your efforts on the behalf of all.	9/28/2023 11:12 PM
14	I would like to see zoning requirements that include non-motorized neighborhood connectivity. I would like to see our municipalities to adopt the same. Any cul-de-sac, any road coming near (i.e. withing a depth of two lots) any other road (e.g. in curves) and any road coming near the outside of a development should be required to include a narrow easement for a through-path for pedestrians and cyclists. This would greatly reduce travel times for these citizens and provide an alternative to traveling on dangerous roads, which would also increase safety for drivers. Further, we have an undeniably growing homeless problem. Giving people the opportunity to commute to work without cars would allow many to keep a job and pay their rent, rather than winding up on the streets over a broken-down car. Safe alternative transportation routes are required to bring about a transportation mode shift. A mode shift is required to increase safety and fight climate change. In addition, we need an effective transit system in the County. We have the demand to justify commuter transit routes from Moberly via Columbia to Jefferson with stops at in-between communities; also between Columbia and Centralia. An on-demand mini-bus service would be justified for the remaining County communities. For those arguing that transit routes would not necessarily be profitable, neither is road construction to serve increased vehicle counts. No road has ever turned a penny of income towards its own maintenance with the exception of toll roads (which are evil). Finally, one thing that attracted me to Columbia and Boone County 30 years ago was the fact that the communities were compact. I lived 10 minutes from anywhere in Columbia and 20 minutes from farm fields. Since then, Columbia and Ashland have been sprawling into the very areas that used to make this county attractive. Compact communities are also required to increase walkability, reduce transit times and costs, keep down costs for infrastructure and services, and maintain an overall high quality of life.	9/28/2023 9:54 PM
15	We need to protect the I-70 corridor so it can actually be an interstate highway and NOT a Columbia street.	9/28/2023 6:23 PM
16	Don't make anything that cannot be funded with current tax base. Don't make new rules without the resources to enforce them.	9/28/2023 6:12 PM
17	End suburban sprawl, stop allowing industrial warehouses on farmland.	9/28/2023 3:54 PM
18	Roundabouts and intersections replaced at all i70 exits and the Loop All vacant lots replaced with 1200 sqft 3/2 bungalow housing	9/28/2023 3:08 PM
19	I would like to see the wooded and natural areas near the Columbia Mall protected from any development. Greater attention played to clean (er) air and water. Improvements to public transport so their is less individual vehicle traffic. Fully support wind and solar energy, legally and financially. Also support energy conservation at all levels.	9/28/2023 1:21 PM
20	Save the resources that exist by stopping unlimited growth.	9/28/2023 12:01 PM
21	Infrastructure (road care, sewage, trash, utilities) need to be a priority before anything else. I feel to much is focused on growth, but we will outgrow (if we have not already) the existing infrastructure. Adequate police support is a close second. Our officers need the correct funding and manpower.	9/28/2023 7:33 AM
22	Take into consideration senior property tax relief so we can remain in our homes when considering Boone Co Master Plan.	9/28/2023 6:41 AM
23	Focus on roads, power, water, and public safety. Let the multiple charities in our community handle social services. They are better at it as it is there only focus.	9/28/2023 5:20 AM
24	There are many caves, other karst features, and over 150 cemeteries not on your GIS maps,	9/28/2023 12:10 AM
25	Pleaseeee build a train or public transit going to jeff city	9/27/2023 11:36 PM
26	More bike friendly trails and roads	9/27/2023 9:58 PM
27	Fix I70-63 interchange. Widen stadium around university. Encourage new development in and around Columbia. Encourage businesses to come to the area. Quit raising property taxes to pay for schools that are already well funded. Address homeless problem downtown.	9/27/2023 9:37 PM
28	no	9/27/2023 6:04 PM

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29	I would like to see Columbia try to aim a little higher. This is a growing community primed to take off that needs to attract more jobs, more amenities/entertainment options for families, more affordable housing, address the homelessness issue (not unique to Columbia), increase reliability of public transportation, and beautify our highways and other highly visible spaces.	9/27/2023 12:53 PM
30	Please put a branch of the public library north of the city near Battle High School/Lake of the Woods exit. It's so insulting to those families to zone them out there and not give them any resources. Also, in general, the city needs to read the room and stop touting its climate change efforts when the infrastructure problems are out of control. More innovative methods of conserving energy should only be available once you have met everyone's basic needs in an accessible way and right now that is not the case. We have constant issues with infrastructure and in the old Southwest, there are so many sewer issues that will start becoming worse in the next few years. In addition, CPS and the other districts have to do more for their low income kids. Nearly losing accreditation should have been a wake up call and we do not want to replicate St. Louis - families with means will find ways to create private and charter schools for their kids and the public schools will only get worse. When I first moved here, there was a different sense of pride in the schools and these issues facing the administration are unbelievable. City administration should be a united front in support of Dr. Yearwood, who continues to take far more criticism than he should, as does the City Manager. There should be a clear voice of reason from the Mayor that speaks to the entire city and not to a small subset of voters who are liberal and educated and have a more national or broad minded approach.	9/27/2023 12:12 PM
31	Development should be concentrated and dense while maintaining open spaces and farmland. Development should be discouraged in karst areas.	9/27/2023 3:25 AM
32	establish the infrastructure (water & sewer) for development east of Highway 63 so that area can be developed properly	9/26/2023 4:10 PM
33	Develop wider corridors before adding extra traffic to residential areas.	9/26/2023 4:10 PM
34	We would benefit from a more refined view of balance in all areas. When there's a balance between growth and planning, it tends to work more productively -- even for the developers. When there's a balance of transport modes, employment (and other areas) improves and becomes more efficient for both citizens/staff and business owners. When there's an imbalance of planned and natural space, congestion increases and wildlife (upon which we depend) decreases. And when corporate interests are put before residents' and professionals', we lose quality of life and the ability to attract new (or replacement) employees and business owners.	9/26/2023 3:32 PM
35	I love the idea of the above map, but i do not have time to dig into that at this time.	9/26/2023 11:09 AM
36	Thanks and good luck!	9/25/2023 5:35 PM
37	Repair and updating infrastructure and reduce greenhouse gases significantly.	9/25/2023 4:55 PM
38	I am hopeful that with the leadership of our great commissioners, Kip, Justin & Janet and the additional tax income from the marijuana tax, Boone County will be able to make improvements that make the county a great place for ALL people to live and work!	9/24/2023 7:43 PM
39	We really need some county transit. Like a bus that runs between Ashland, Columbia, hallsville.	9/24/2023 9:01 AM
40	--	9/23/2023 8:37 AM
41	I believe highway WW needs to be widen to four lanes with all the housing development. Other supporting roads such as Grace Lane and Richland should be widen as well. In general, roads need to be widen across Boone County because of the 25 year growth period.	9/23/2023 8:06 AM
42	Main concern is public safety. Roads need fixed, crimes reduced. Also, get the panhnadlers off of the busy intersections. Really worry about their safety. Residential trash is fine, commercial getting better.	9/22/2023 2:25 PM
43	The map is too difficult to use. Providence Road between Green Meadows and Vandiver is too narrow, unsafe for pedestrians, too many line of sight issues, no safe bicycle lanes. Storm water is an issues in older neighborhoods throughout City and county. A protective buffer is need all around Rockbridge state park to prevent development from destroying this beautify natural area and the we resources located there. This should be a priority for all of us.	9/22/2023 12:53 PM

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44	Thank you for considering both current and future residents when considering zoning and effluent management. I don't know how to make this happen, but I'd really like an Amtrak spur or bus to Jefferson City. I think that is probably outside of the scope of this committee, but it would be so nice.	9/19/2023 5:37 PM
45	No.	9/19/2023 2:10 PM
46	I like the development heading in the Ashland direction. Please focus on affordable housing Give consideration to addressing our growing homeless population.	9/19/2023 9:14 AM
47	Use existing I70 right of way through Columbia by making 4 lanes in both directions using a raised and lower level, like Huntsville Alabama. (Saves land use, little environmental impact, no eminent domain needed, saves money) It can be done by using outside the box concepts. Instead of using solar farms eating up land use existing roofs for major solar power.	9/14/2023 5:56 PM
48	Rock Quarry Road is very dangerous and needs to be widened with shoulders. Route K also needs to be widened in the narrow curvy areas to accommodate all the traffic in the area. Also need to pave the Smith Hatchery gravel road leading up to Cooper's Landing to better accommodate the increased traffic in the area to Cooper's Landing, the Katy Trail by the river and all the new construction in the area.	9/14/2023 12:28 AM
49	We need real public transportation. We need "green initiatives" inside the cities. Leadership needs to stop distracting people with the soap opera of social issues and get back to work on the hard stuff that matters.	9/13/2023 3:06 PM
50	We need more cycling lanes, especially on rural highways that currently have no shoulder at all, and they need to be kept clean once they're built.	9/13/2023 3:17 AM
51	Boone County, especially City of Columbia infrastructure is the same as it was in 1974. You want to grow allow the roads, transportation availability, the lack of quality trash pickup and a failure to support recycling, very disappointed in the lack of the ignorance of how to live a sustainable county!!!!	9/12/2023 8:14 AM
52	Add trail spurs to the mkt from neighborhoods without spurs	9/12/2023 7:28 AM
53	The I-70 corridor through Columbia is extremely unattractive; it doesn't reflect the beauty or the identity of the city/county. MoDOT & the businesses along need to do better on mowing, picking up trash, etc	9/11/2023 8:49 AM
54	Please, please incorporate climate action into the plan. We can no longer ignore the need to decrease CO2 emissions.	9/10/2023 8:40 PM
55	Need a direct route from 63 and discovery parkway to hwy k to ease traffic on grindstone and nifong due to continuing population growth on the southwest side of Columbia.	9/10/2023 5:31 PM
56	Hiway 40 (Paris Road) is in desperate need of repair. Commercial development and increased heavy traffic have left the concrete road with terrible to dangerous pot holes.	9/10/2023 9:06 AM
57	None at this time.	9/10/2023 12:29 AM
58	Fix the recycling and trash program into something that makes it better and easier to do. The current state is terrible unless you have a building you live in with others, even then I see trash piled at the stadiums for quite awhile. It's unsanitary.	9/9/2023 11:14 PM
59	Mapping tool not working on phone. Storm water drainage issues in Auburn Hills subdivision. Reported to HOA who won't fix it.	9/9/2023 11:12 PM
60	Update building & development regulations to include a strong buffer zone around all the state parks to protect the precious WATERSHED.	9/9/2023 10:08 PM
61	I would like to prioritize the removal of fossil fuels from our energy supply. The design of this survey makes it clear this isn't a priority at the time. Please prioritize this in any and all future planning.	9/9/2023 5:46 PM
62	Clark at Hanover needs a traffic light with left turn only lanes going north and west. Did Boone County invent roundabouts? The number of them in areas outside town (and inside really) are insane.	9/9/2023 5:19 PM
63	My main concern is protecting the environment as the County grows. We must preserve and maintain green spaces in Columbia. But at the same time, outside of the Columbia area we	9/9/2023 5:14 PM

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need to create a county parks system and to establish green space parks for recreation. I worry about all the development north of Columbia, for example, and hope that it involves green development plans. I also encourage a strong plan to support animal migration and biodiversity, and protection of existing well-established wildlife habitats from development. Thank you.

64	We need better bicycle infrastructure	9/8/2023 10:22 PM
65	Work with cities to align land preservation for habitat corridors.	9/8/2023 4:37 PM
66	Fix the pot holes! Very bad roads.	9/8/2023 3:41 PM
67	Students make up a huge portion of the population of Columbia. You should ensure that they are receiving adequate services.	9/8/2023 11:06 AM
68	I would love to see mixed use land developments in the urban areas.	9/8/2023 10:58 AM
69	The growth on Old Plank, Smith Hatchery warrants better roads in that area. They are unsafe.	9/8/2023 9:17 AM
70	No	9/7/2023 7:26 PM
71	Please dedicate more efforts to sustainable public infrastructure and affordable housing, it is incredibly crucial to building a strong community capable of rapid development.	9/7/2023 6:39 PM
72	PLEASE do not discount the future challenges of climate change. Water systems will be stressed, transportation should be thoughtfully developed, solar banks should be support public utilities, recycling should be effective and locally processed, all public works landscaping should be native. Focus on quality, not quantity.	9/7/2023 8:04 AM
73	There really needs to be reasonable rental properties, the rent prices are completely ridiculous.	9/6/2023 9:19 PM
74	Focus on the workers and the people. If you make the city and county enjoyable to live in, the business and enterprise will follow. Focus on walkability and housing affordability. The county should be building public housing instead of relying on these snake, corporate landlords.	9/6/2023 3:18 PM
75	Thank you for your work on this AND for the opportunity to provide input into the planning. While transportation is an important consideration for the City of Columbia, I hope the County doesn't ignore it's responsibilities/possibilities to play a role. Reliable transportation to Columbia Regional Airport should be a priority, which might mean providing incentives for a local business to provide this service. Getting to other Boone County communities should also be considered (e.g. Ashland, Hallsville, Centralia, etc.). While the City has programs to support minority businesses, it would be great if the County could also implement programs to support minority businesses.	9/6/2023 1:38 PM
76	Do not continue as we are in trying to attract more homeless people to come here. Stop forcing me to transfer my earned income to people that don't earn their own.	9/6/2023 6:12 AM
77	Thank you for your work in our behalf:)	9/6/2023 2:18 AM
78	The area needs a competition indoor pool. Areas smaller than Columbia have much nicer facilities. The ARC was too small from the time it was built and is not appropriate for an area our size.	9/5/2023 6:28 PM
79	Bike lanes are a good start, adding more greens paint and maybe some protection in some places for cycling would help. Also Paris road is very dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists. Crosswalks are desperately needed, especially near the bus stops.	9/5/2023 1:02 PM
80	The Old Southwest neighborhood needs an historic overlay to protect it from the rampant and egregious infill activities	9/4/2023 1:11 PM
81	Boone County is a great place to live and raise a family.	9/4/2023 12:34 PM
82	I favor infill development, development that preserves trees and plants new ones to mitigate heat, development that prioritizes walkable neighborhoods near trails and parks accessible for everyone and near small commercial districts like grocery stores and sundries instead of mega-strip malls.	9/4/2023 11:00 AM
83	At the entrance into the Fairgrounds, Oakland Gravel & US 63. there is an amazing setting for a beautiful garden of both upland and wetland flowers/shrubs/trees. I am reminded of the Powell Garden near Lone Jack. If you are persistent you can find the place....and many do seek it out and enjoy the beauty. Our location is easily accessible for thousands who drive by	9/4/2023 10:00 AM

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daily. There is an audience for beauty...just as there is an audience for sports and healthcare; it would attract visitors, and our local citizens could also enjoy it!!

84	There needs to be more focus on alternate transportation such as dedicated bike/pedestrian trails and/or public transportation.	9/3/2023 11:20 AM
85	1. Finish what you start before starting a new one. Too many parks are not being completed as promised. Until that is done, I will be voting no on any new park projects. 2. Address traffic congestion at the Hwy 70/63 interchange. Traffic lights are not the answer.	9/3/2023 9:02 AM
86	No	9/3/2023 5:06 AM
87	Overall Columbia is terrific, but I think the main thing is that MO has too low a tax rate, & schools, roads, buses, cell phone access, nurses salaries, all need to be higher.	9/2/2023 8:54 PM
88	No more parks, trails. Money needs to go to law enforcement, roads, better use of tax dollars.	9/2/2023 7:47 PM
89	No	9/2/2023 6:54 PM
90	There are two ways to accomplish government goals: one is by ordinance, the other is leadership. Please do the work needed to ensure a sustainable future.	9/2/2023 2:41 PM
91	Fix curbs and sidewalks!	9/2/2023 11:01 AM
92	Take care of your tax payers!!! They work hard for their money. Work on the roads. I lived in rural Boone County my entire life until 5 years ago. County government should do a better job than the existing Columbia government. Don't waste money on unneeded things.	9/1/2023 9:59 PM
93	A bicycle and pedestrian community is important to me. Mass transit could use improvement.	9/1/2023 7:10 PM
94	Multiuse property development on North side would help with urban sprawl, and perhaps with housing affordability	9/1/2023 2:59 PM
95	None at this time	9/1/2023 10:23 AM
96	Climate should be a priority. All the money people are making will mean nothing if the climate is unlivable.	9/1/2023 10:03 AM
97	Especially right around Columbia effort should be made to limit the farmland and forests that will be developed into neighborhoods. All efforts should be made to help local business thrive, especially local retail and restaurants. Widen roads like Vawter School/Nifong/Grindstone. Don't let homeless camps develop and fester so long before removal. Take care of the actual residents of this county instead of the ones who come from outside and leach off the rest of us.	9/1/2023 9:49 AM
98	It would be great to see a bicycle route circling the city, so that everyone would have access. Also, improve county paved roads to be wide enough for a bike lane.	9/1/2023 8:25 AM
99	We need to focus on preserving natural resources and ways to deal with climate change. We also need to think about how developments impact nearby residential areas.	8/31/2023 5:06 PM
100	more public transportation	8/30/2023 10:22 PM
101	Development should be as close to shopping areas as possible. We should avoid urban sprawl even in small towns. Columbia in particular Dick Parker and other towns needs infill development rather than taking farm land.	8/30/2023 9:17 PM
102	Forests need to be preserved over farmland. Multi-unit housing such as duplexes or 4 unit buildings should be included in all new developments. We need a diversity of housing not just R1 on 5 acres or greater lots. 5 or 10 acres takes a lot of land and often people don't leave the trees. We need affordable housing co-located with higher priced housing.	8/30/2023 5:35 PM
103	Thanks for your hard work	8/30/2023 2:00 PM
104	You have to get the drug, crime and homelessness under control immediately or this county will become another liberal failure. In 5 years people will not want to live here if this keeps up and the county does not have the resources or tax base to sustain this problem long term. If you don't fix it people will leave and you will not be able to tax your population enough to fix the problem. Simply enforce the law and the problem will be solved. Drugs are a crime and if you are living on the street as a result of drugs you are not able to take care of yourself. The state	8/29/2023 8:58 PM

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and county should step in, jail them rehabilitate them and get them back to functioning members of society.

105	Fix the power grid. Build new lines. Build new water sources and treatment plants.	8/29/2023 5:12 PM
106	Tiny houses for affordable living & home ownership (specially for seniors & small families), and also for homeless. Examples of successful communities in Oregon, Tennessee & Texas.	8/29/2023 1:17 PM
107	In general, the greenspace and existing wildlife habitat needs to be maintained as contiguous space wherever possible. Particularly around existing parks and conservation areas.	8/29/2023 1:11 PM
108	no	8/29/2023 10:55 AM
109	I would like to see an increase in development and planned communities on the north side of Columbia and along 63 to better connect Columbia and Ashland.	8/29/2023 10:37 AM
110	In terms of development investment, it's pretty well-known that townies disapprove of the "luxury" student housing that costs too much and has been demonstrably not well-designed. It has increased the pressure on the sewage system without many sewage upgrades, while citizens have long advocated for sewage upgrades. I don't see concrete evidence of wastewater planning for controlling and decreasing runoff, and protecting our natural wetlands, which are assets for clean, potable water for the future that we must maintain. Water quality and air quality are clear and objective concerns that contribute materially to the health and abundance of Boone County citizens. We MUST protect these assets.	8/29/2023 10:21 AM
111	More bikeability and public transit options please!	8/29/2023 10:20 AM
112	There needs to be a better mix of commercial included in residential areas. There is too much congestion at commercial or fast food at Nifong and on Clark because there isn't any sprinkled in within the developments around those areas. It needs to be sprinkled in with residential areas.	8/29/2023 10:03 AM
113	There really needs to be a better recycling program in Boone County. Quit trying to appease everyone and do what needs to be done.	8/29/2023 10:02 AM
114	No	8/28/2023 3:25 PM
115	Avoid the temptation to fall prey to rezoning efforts in currently zoned agricultural areas (i.e., Midway USA/Larry Potterfield rezoning was a total copout that changed an entire neighborhood. It would be interesting see how many new jobs have been created--which was one of the promises--or not.	8/28/2023 3:05 PM
116	State highway routes in the county are not maintained very well. City of Columbis streets are poor to fair in condition. The county road are satisfactory.	8/28/2023 12:43 PM
117	No	8/28/2023 12:01 PM
118	Not at this time	8/28/2023 11:13 AM
119	Flooding. Business loop and providence. Barracks with CQ perhaps for homeless population? Some homeless people definitely mental health issues. Some addiction. The number is Ring posts where people are checking car doors, stealing packages; looks like a LOT of people that need extra duty (or community service) assigned.	8/27/2023 7:58 AM
120	More focus should be on funding law enforcement especially in Columbia.	8/27/2023 7:42 AM
121	Columbia holds a special place in my heart. I just returned to the area after 10 years and am acutely aware on the increase in homelessness, decrease in a feeling of overall safety, increase in crime and overall decrease in the quality of the public school system.	8/27/2023 7:27 AM
122	Start investing in local businesses that are struggling instead of making their job tougher. Stop compromising the integrity of county building restrictions by allowing spot large scale housing developments like on Gillespie Bridge Road. The developer lied to get City infrastructure saying he was bustling affordable housing in the \$300,000 and homes built just off the filled in flood plain, on tiny lots are going for \$600,000+	8/26/2023 5:14 PM
123	Before building more subdivisions figure out the water infrastructure	8/25/2023 10:52 PM
124	The mapping tool looks promising but doesn't work.	8/25/2023 3:06 PM
125	Really just boils down to increasing money available to our farmers, investing in public transit,	8/25/2023 1:04 PM

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and improving infrastructure. Growth's coming whether we want it or not. Investing in public resources today saves us headache tomorrow, and doing it at the county level helps save us from privatization later. Need more affordable housing options, and more affordable options to start farming. Need better educational resources available to our schools and public, especially surrounding natural spaces like parks. Need more walkable designs as the incorporated communities continue to grow. Finding a way to better connect Ashland, Columbia, Centralia, and Hallsville via public transit could allow better access to resources while maintaining rural living. Capping police budgets and cutting extraneous police spending in favor of money for fire departments, hospitals, schools, parks, and public transit would save the county a massive headache.

126	63 70 intersection just continues to be awful.	8/25/2023 10:24 AM
127	I know a major issue for new business development in the unincorporated parts of Boone county hinges on sewer. I know many business owners who shy away from expanding/moving to new places in the county because of it. I also know of other business owners who were required to overpay/overcompensate for facilities upgrades when it didn't make sense. Let's work closer with business owners to make requirements make more sense.	8/24/2023 1:39 PM
128	No	8/23/2023 8:05 PM
129	Areas that are wooded around public lands such as Rock Bridge State Park, Three Creeks Conservation Area, Finger Lakes SP, Lick Creek CA, etc. should be conserved to form larger patches of woodland habitat for conservation purposes. New roads should be narrower, slower, to enhance pedestrian and cycle traffic. Existing bike lands should be separated from traffic by barriers to enhance safety.	8/23/2023 4:00 PM
130	PLEASE CONNECT THE TRAILS! I would ride my bike EVERYWHERE if I could avoid using surface streets. Especially Rangeline, Paris Rd., and Mexico Gravel Rd. Most of those streets are busy, and drivers can be fairly wreckless.	8/23/2023 3:37 PM
131	Bicycles should not be encouraged on roadways. New subdivisions should require larger yards.	8/23/2023 12:27 PM
132	Keep CAFOs out, please.	8/22/2023 9:59 AM
133	I feel the city should look to be an advantage for all it's citizens. The outer county should have sidewalk and clear and publicly made procedure that coordinate private and public participating in municipal affairs.	8/22/2023 6:28 AM
134	this planning process is difficult but essential to our future wellbeing.	8/21/2023 8:10 PM
135	The county should encourage development and not push it into the cities.	8/21/2023 2:40 PM
136	It's important to keep the beauty that already exists and to keep beautification in mind when making any infrastructure decisions. Don't let developers clear cut/bulldoze natural areas, even if it is scrubby. Make them keep or add mature trees and green spaces. No one wants to live in an ugly place. Don't add above ground transmission lines to areas where people live. Spend the money to underground it. Keep roads like Broadway and Vawter School Road one lane. Turning them into four lanes only makes our community ugly and those areas become undesirable places to live. Plan early. Build roads and infrastructure outward, ahead of development. Don't get behind the 8 ball and then have to degrade existing residential areas.	8/21/2023 2:17 PM
137	See my earlier comment on I70 expansion.	8/21/2023 11:18 AM
138	Introducing a comprehensive set of ordinances in the county and enforcing those (like the City of Columbia).	8/21/2023 9:07 AM
139	More bike routes would be a great improvement to Boone county infrastructure. I live about two miles from my workplace as the crow flies but have to take Highway 63. It would be nice to have a connecting bike route!	8/21/2023 8:34 AM
140	I don't have any more time to spend on this right now.	8/21/2023 12:12 AM
141	I would love to see better public transit (bus system) and bike routes in Columbia. We could be a model of a US smaller city where you don't HAVE to have a car. As of now, it's still dangerous to bike many places, and even some of our actual bike routes are dangerous. The bus system is much better than the past but still has a lot of room for improvement.	8/20/2023 4:40 PM
142	Please put an immediate moratorium on urban sprawl in Boone County (just as the state of Arizona did with Phoenix due to environmental concerns).	8/20/2023 4:34 PM

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143	We need significantly more tax revenues to the county to provide adequate services and infrastructure. Whatever is available in Columbia should be available everywhere in the county.	8/20/2023 3:49 PM
144	Stop allowing development south of Nifong in the karst plane that drains into Gans and Rockbridge State Park. There is continuous lawn and perhaps sewer runoff coming from the new Parks Edge subdivision	8/20/2023 11:49 AM
145	If there is no mismanagement at Boone Health please make sure the County financially supports the hospital.	8/20/2023 9:53 AM
146	No	8/19/2023 10:35 PM
147	Hate like hell all of the subdivisions going up and taking out the trees.	8/19/2023 12:24 PM
148	The incorporated cities (Columbia, Ashland, Centralia, etc.) should not be allowed to annex unincorporated property unless it is contiguous and compact (as defined in Missouri State statutes). There are too many finger like annexations of high value property that then leave low socioeconomic areas in the unincorporated County. This adversely affects certain public safety and utility service providers' ability to adequately maintain services because of a loss of income (loss of tax base).	8/19/2023 8:38 AM
149	I think keeping a mind to future development and preserving our natural beauty should be preserved. Do we need another strip mall? Giving incentives for reusing abandoned buildings is smart.	8/19/2023 6:49 AM
150	Just be mindful. Progress doesn't have to be ugly.	8/19/2023 5:04 AM
151	Protect Rock Bridge State Park and the Karst topography.	8/18/2023 10:50 PM
152	thanks!	8/18/2023 9:34 PM
153	We need more roads to avoid 70. local traffic should not have to use 70 to go west.	8/18/2023 6:03 PM
154	No	8/18/2023 2:51 PM
155	None	8/18/2023 12:45 PM
156	Do the hard right, not the easy wrong	8/18/2023 12:35 PM
157	Areas east of Hwy 63 seem like the logical place for new development.	8/18/2023 10:54 AM
158	Just to reemphasize my point that it may be beneficial to figure out what the County's priority is regarding population growth. Specifically about whether Columbia should receive a lot of focus, or if the County should seek to help other municipalities grow.	8/18/2023 10:32 AM
159	Good luck; difficult process.	8/18/2023 10:23 AM
160	Better access to I70 from the West side of town, without directing traffic through neighborhoods. I know this would not be a priority but I wish there was another bridge over the Missouri River in Boone County, somewhere between the Rocheport and Jefferson City options.	8/18/2023 9:23 AM
161	Need a water tower that provides for the communities around Beulah Ralph, had lots of boil alerts the last few years.	8/18/2023 9:11 AM
162	It's not a bad thing to bring in more businesses (restaurants/recreation) to Columbia and I have heard some say that they don't want Columbia to grow. Younger people aren't going to stay unless we keep growing and providing more amenities. AND, many current, lifelong residents (like me) would love that as well!	8/18/2023 8:57 AM
163	Please plan infrastructure prior to development. Columbia has failed at this for years.	8/18/2023 8:45 AM
164	Generate revenue from bicycles and especially electric bikes to have licenses like cars to be on the road with safety inspections and knowledge of how to use hand signals for stopping and turning if they don't have electric signals.	8/17/2023 8:06 PM
165	Traffic is terrible. More cops to give tickets! Out of date license plates! Not obeying traffic LAWS! Put drivers Ed back in schools!	8/17/2023 5:41 PM
166	All rural areas have poor Internet and internet quality. Century link is truly terrible.	8/17/2023 4:39 PM

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167	protect our biggest assets in the most need.	8/17/2023 12:54 PM
168	Please don't focus only (or even like 80%) on rural areas are farmers. They already get a lot of attention in this region and state, and living in a city it feels like every level of government in this state ignores us. If rural areas of Missouri is in trouble, talk to the folks in Jeff City because they're the ones elected to help rural Missouri and they overwhelmingly represent the overwhelmingly rural land area in Missouri.	8/17/2023 10:22 AM
169	No	8/17/2023 6:11 AM
170	Hurry up with the redo of the 63/70 interchange. Avoiding that intersection returning from work in southern BoCo affected my housing purchase. I would not look at anything where I was going north on 63 to west 70. Too much time wasted in that intersection!	8/16/2023 10:25 PM
171	N/A	8/16/2023 9:34 PM
172	I don't have a problem with the county growing but would like city and county leaders to consider utility and road infrastructure now. It seems like we are playing catch up or just can keep up.	8/16/2023 8:58 PM
173	Please increase transportation options, such as busy routes to/from Columbia and Jeff City, as well as transportation within the county.	8/16/2023 4:37 PM
174	I am not well enough informed to address this question.	8/16/2023 10:32 AM
175	We must designate nature preserves as we grow. Once the land is destroyed for development, there's no going back. We already have so much beautiful habitat, but we must actively designate it as such.	8/16/2023 9:58 AM
176	I would like to see more recreational facilities in our underserved areas of Boone County. I also have a concern for the homeless community in Boone County. I feel we need more facilities for those who may have mental health issues. We need more information or Access for information for those who are in need of help in this area.	8/16/2023 9:01 AM
177	Address violence in our community.	8/16/2023 8:37 AM
178	This should have been anonymous if you wanted open responses.	8/15/2023 10:10 PM
179	Columbia Public Schools should be more rigorous	8/15/2023 1:48 PM
180	Please expand utility options for west Columbia moving out of city limits. This will be a huge growth corridor and we NEED more housing.	8/15/2023 12:19 PM
181	I'm not sure of our current zoning plan, but more 5-over-1s in COMO downtown will help preserve surrounding park/farmland. Endless growth of single family homes eats up our natural environment and must be prevented as much as possible.	8/15/2023 9:53 AM
182	set aside parks, green space, agriculture land, recreation land, and nature preserves everywhere	8/15/2023 9:09 AM
183	Need to relocate the bus station out of downtown	8/15/2023 8:44 AM
184	I feel affordable housing should be a top priority as Columbia continues to grow we need to ensure all citizens have access to safe and affordable housing.	8/15/2023 7:42 AM
185	Clean up streets, roundabouts Weeds everywhere Let's keep this city clean and landscape with low maintenance No more pollinators plants in city limits No mow zone Eye sore	8/15/2023 1:01 AM
186	IMO there is enough development in Columbia/ Boone County. It's sad to see woods and fields developed. Boone county needs to start restricting growth.	8/14/2023 8:09 PM
187	There are plenty of parks and recreational opportunities, but the infrastructure is not getting the attention it needs. The roads have so many potholes and don't seem to get fixed. The garbage pickup and recycling is a mess. The police department needs more police and support. There is too much emphasis on the demands of a few people for sustainable energy and not enough on making sure we have sufficient natural gas and electricity to support the needs of the city.	8/14/2023 7:46 PM
188	Roads -- specifically gravel -- are not regularly evaluated in terms of the need to be surfaced (paved, chip and sealed, etc.) or as well maintained or cared for compared to what they used to be. Your work and effort is greatly appreciated, but we would wholeheartedly welcome (and very much NEED) increased evaluation and consideration for gravel roads that can no longer	8/14/2023 4:47 PM

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be properly maintained and handle the increased amount of traffic in the last few years due to new residential development. The gravel Old Plank -- S Warren School Road -- Mount Celestial loop off of Route K is no longer able to sustain the gravel due to steep grading, public access to two county-responsible sights (river access and the Eagle Bluff trail) that have caused an increase in traffic over the years, and increased residential development which has caused increased traffic. When new gravel is poured (big thank you to those who work hard to get this done), there is washboarding, ruts, and gravel wash out within 1-2 weeks and the roads stay in poor condition until the next round of gravel is poured. Public school buses are not able to safely access residents on the roads in the winter months when all other roads are safe and passable. It is a problem that feels ignored, and consideration and care would be much appreciated. Thank you for all that you do.

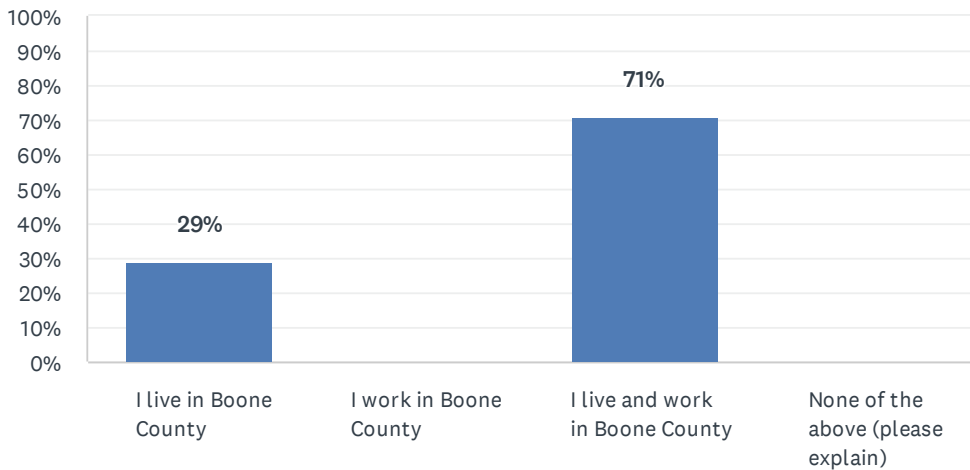
189	We really need a bike path along that Colt Railway. Biking along Paris Rd. is risky. We need the bicycle underpass thru that Connector mess to be started and finished. Mo Dot has studied it long enough.	8/14/2023 4:19 PM
190	Thank you for sending out an email about this survey. I always appreciate an opportunity to provide feedback about our wonderful Boone County and the great work of our commissioners.	8/14/2023 4:12 PM
191	Quite stacking people on top of each other, allow land and single family dwellings, it is healthier.	8/14/2023 7:33 AM
192	No	8/12/2023 11:31 AM
193	We need more pools and more ARC facilities we need skating and bowling brought back	8/11/2023 12:32 PM
194	Southeast Columbia is about to boom. Let's not let it become congested. Keep ahead on road planning.	8/11/2023 6:14 AM
195	n/a	8/10/2023 11:43 AM
196	While I am for growth, it should be thoughtful growth. Have a plan with infrastructure before you build. Not adapt after the fact. That's a disaster.	8/10/2023 11:17 AM
197	Make a bold statement with your final Master Plan. Set metrics and promote the effort to achieve them. Engage people.	8/9/2023 3:42 PM
198	Addressing Juvenile crime must be the main priority for Boone County.	8/9/2023 12:42 PM
199	Why doesn't the city and county go together for a public transportation system? Kind of like a mass transit bus system especially around the city in the unincorporated areas and the airport.	8/9/2023 9:06 AM
200	BCRM needs new leadership & direction	8/9/2023 8:20 AM
201	The county should consider developing a density bonus program that enables multi-story development nodes along major road/rail areas. Conserving/utilizing/improving farm, orchard and/or forestland could be a win-win trade that helps maintain open space and get critical mass density to support mixed-use development.	8/8/2023 3:25 PM
202	Stop forcing people to have large acres in order to have a liittle bit of land. From what I understand you need 10 acres to build on.	8/8/2023 9:16 AM
203	I would not like to have any version of a CAFO in Boone county. I also heard that Boone County was going to have some site where dead animals and materials from meat processing plants would be trucked in and buried somewhere on Boone County. I don't know if this is true but it sounds like a nightmare	8/7/2023 11:27 PM

Section

**All Residents by Age:
34 Years Old and Younger**

Q2 What best describes you? [choose one]

Answered: 229 Skipped: 0

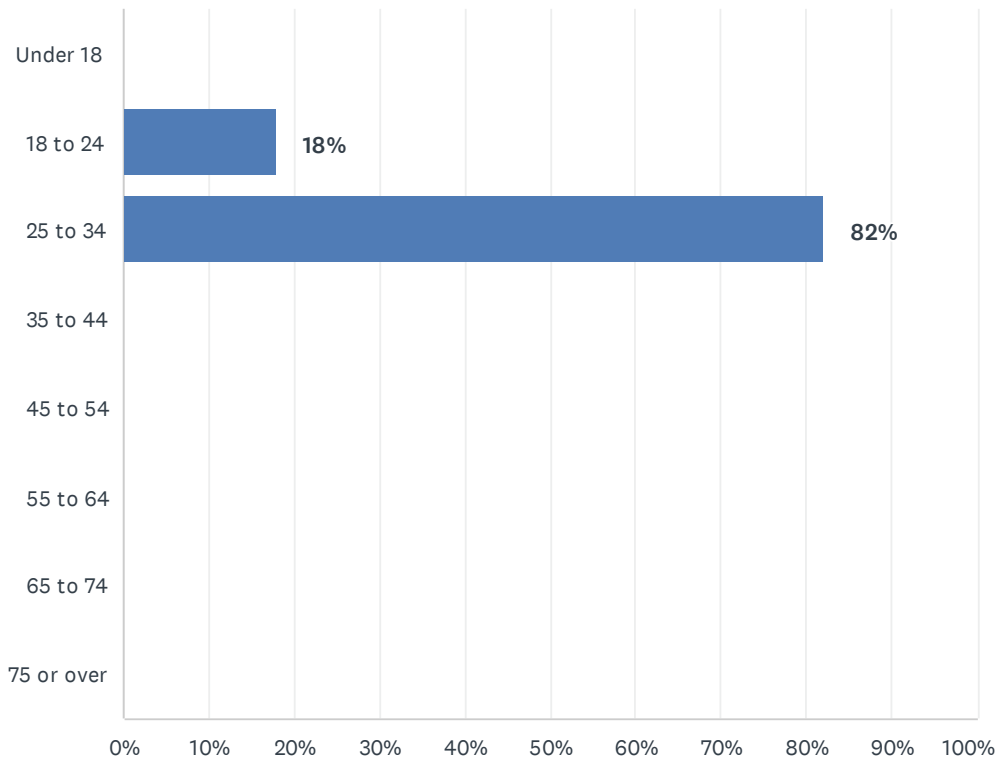


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I live in Boone County	29%	66
I work in Boone County	0%	0
I live and work in Boone County	71%	163
None of the above (please explain)	0%	0
TOTAL		229

#	NONE OF THE ABOVE (PLEASE EXPLAIN)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q3 What is your age?

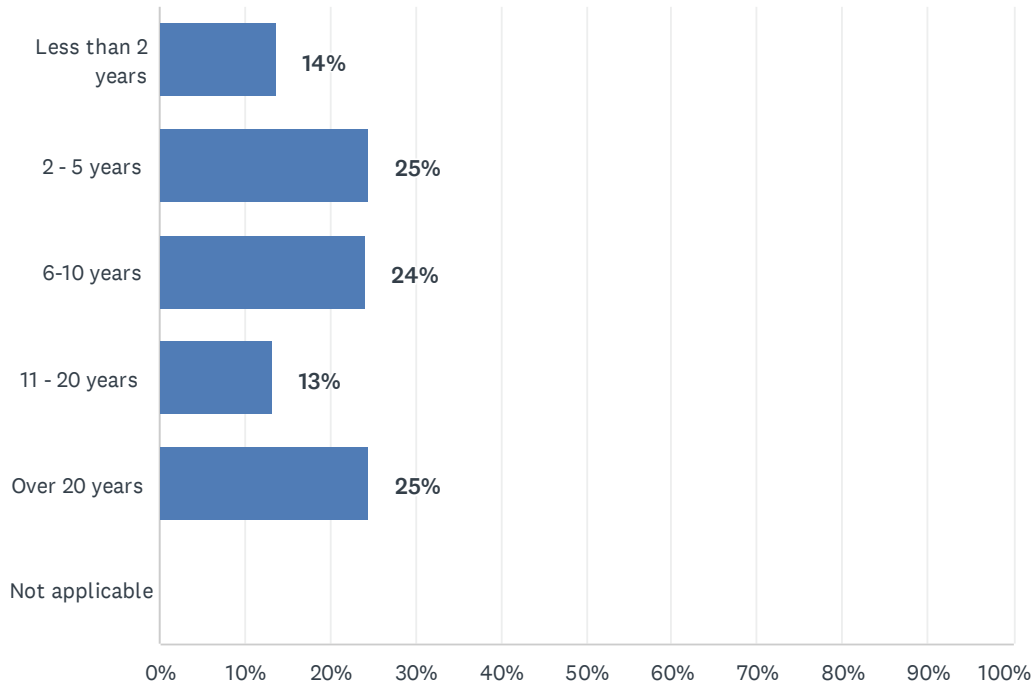
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0%	0
18 to 24	18%	41
25 to 34	82%	188
35 to 44	0%	0
45 to 54	0%	0
55 to 64	0%	0
65 to 74	0%	0
75 or over	0%	0
TOTAL		229

Q4 How long have you lived in Boone County?

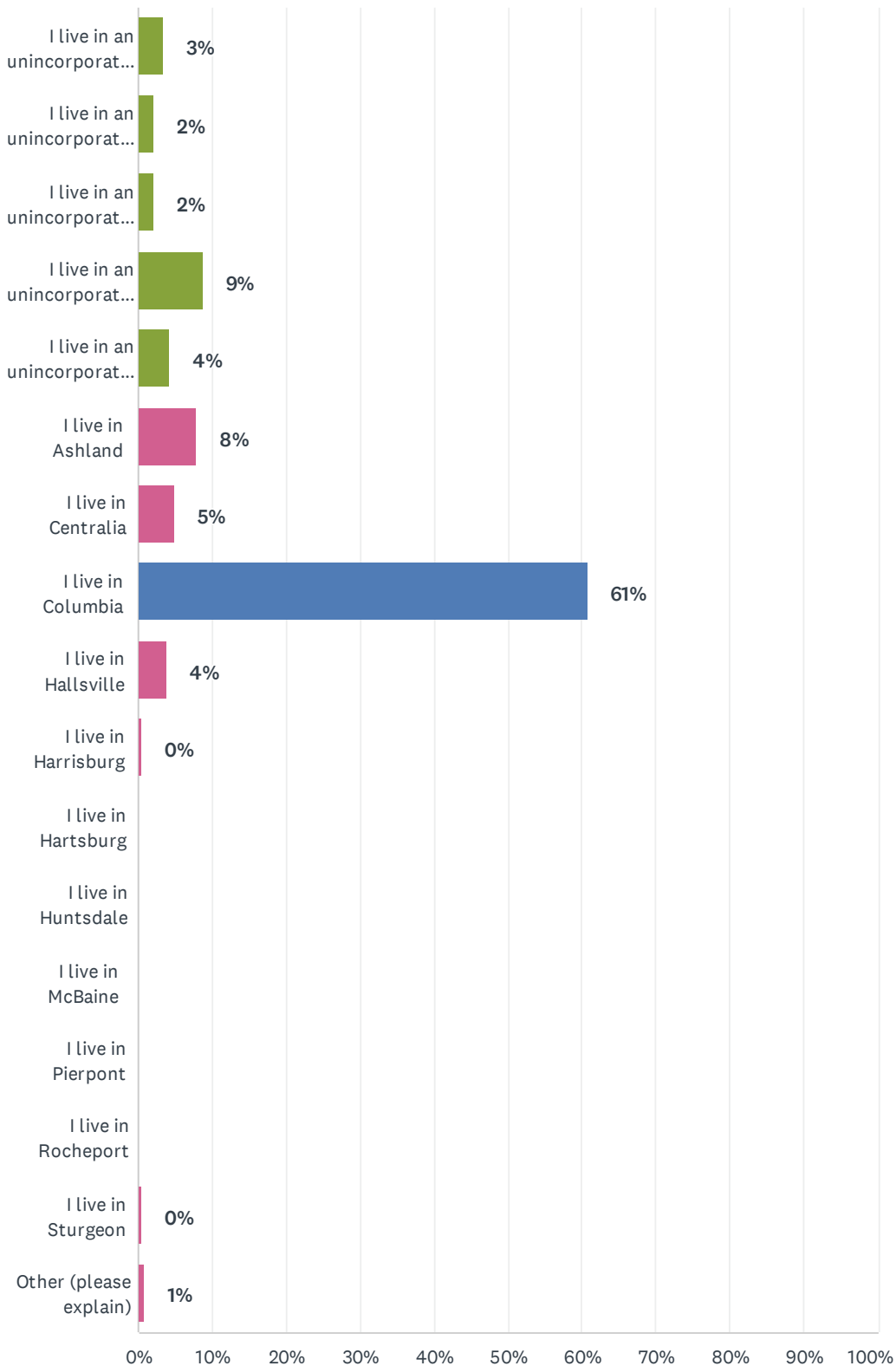
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 2 years	14%	31
2 - 5 years	25%	56
6-10 years	24%	55
11 - 20 years	13%	30
Over 20 years	25%	56
Not applicable	0%	0
TOTAL		228

Q5 If you live in Boone County, what best describes you? [choose one]

Answered: 229 Skipped: 0



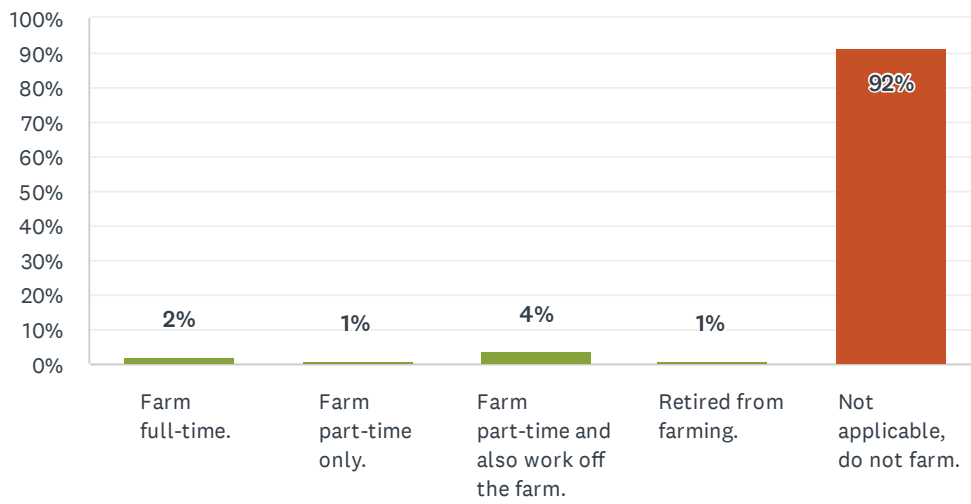
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I live in an unincorporated area of the County on a parcel greater than 20 acres.	3%	8
I live in an unincorporated area of the County on a parcel 11 - 20 acres.	2%	5
I live in an unincorporated area of the County on a parcel of 6 - 10 acres.	2%	5
I live in an unincorporated area of the County on a parcel of 1 - 5 acres.	9%	20
I live in an unincorporated area of the County on a parcel of less than one acre.	4%	10
I live in Ashland	8%	18
I live in Centralia	5%	11
I live in Columbia	61%	139
I live in Hallsville	4%	9
I live in Harrisburg	0%	1
I live in Hartsburg	0%	0
I live in Huntsdale	0%	0
I live in McBaine	0%	0
I live in Pierpont	0%	0
I live in Rocheport	0%	0
I live in Sturgeon	0%	1
Other (please explain)	1%	2
TOTAL		229

#	OTHER (PLEASE EXPLAIN)	DATE
1	I have lived in centralia and Columbia	8/25/2023 3:47 PM
2	Not technically within Columbia city limits, but I live in Columbia	8/22/2023 4:43 PM

Q6 If you farm, what best describes you? [choose one]

Answered: 228 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Farm full-time.	2%	5
Farm part-time only.	1%	3
Farm part-time and also work off the farm.	4%	9
Retired from farming.	1%	2
Not applicable, do not farm.	92%	209
TOTAL		228

Q7 In five words or less, explain why you love living in Boone County.

Answered: 168 Skipped: 61

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	my family settled here in the mid 1800s. my ancestors played a big part in creating the community in this town.	10/14/2023 9:27 AM
2	Rural living close to town amenities	10/5/2023 2:14 PM
3	Close to family	10/4/2023 5:35 PM
4	The natural beauty.	10/2/2023 7:08 AM
5	best place in the world	9/30/2023 8:47 PM
6	Columbia is the best	9/30/2023 12:24 PM
7	The food. Also the roundabouts	9/30/2023 10:43 AM
8	City amenities with country appreciation	9/29/2023 11:51 AM
9	I like that I have access to city life and also privacy of living on land	9/29/2023 8:51 AM
10	I love living in an area that feels open-minded, forward-thinking, and accepting. There's always things to do in Columbia, but there's also a great focus on nature with different parks and nature areas that I think many areas often undervalue.	9/29/2023 1:33 AM
11	Family nearby	9/28/2023 9:13 PM
12	Large sense of community	9/28/2023 9:09 PM
13	There are lots of activities and things to do relatively close by. Get the advantages of KC and StL without having to live in either city.	9/28/2023 2:22 PM
14	Trail system, climate, natural beauty	9/28/2023 1:33 PM
15	All the running trails	9/28/2023 12:01 PM
16	Wonderful running trail network	9/28/2023 11:12 AM
17	Rural lifestyle, with city nearby.	9/28/2023 8:59 AM
18	Growth of the younger community	9/28/2023 8:58 AM
19	Diverse, safe communities. Economic opportunities.	9/28/2023 8:41 AM
20	I love the community and progressive culture	9/27/2023 11:32 PM
21	Variety of scenery	9/27/2023 10:33 PM
22	Great place to raise kids.	9/27/2023 9:52 PM
23	Brick and mortar stores	9/27/2023 7:49 PM
24	Great community.	9/27/2023 5:57 PM
25	Health, wealth, education, and nature.	9/27/2023 12:47 PM
26	Responsible sustainability and caring community	9/27/2023 9:15 AM
27	Close to work, work at the hospital, love the trails and airport!	9/26/2023 9:24 PM
28	I love the scenery.	9/26/2023 5:25 PM
29	Being near family.	9/26/2023 5:13 PM
30	i like the boone county sheriff's and the boone county sheriffs only	9/26/2023 12:48 PM

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31	Mix of rural and city.	9/25/2023 9:41 AM
32	Southern Boone School District	9/24/2023 4:33 PM
33	The sense of community	9/24/2023 12:53 PM
34	Close to family.	9/20/2023 2:40 PM
35	I was born here.	9/20/2023 7:48 AM
36	diversity, respect, community involvement	9/19/2023 5:21 PM
37	The variety of different activities.	9/19/2023 3:45 PM
38	Large area to explore.	9/17/2023 8:29 AM
39	Central, peaceful, outdoorsy, parks	9/15/2023 8:39 AM
40	Work options	9/14/2023 11:12 PM
41	Live here due to circumstance.	9/14/2023 3:40 PM
42	Access to well paying jobs, great family opportunities, many places to connect with nature	9/14/2023 1:24 PM
43	Rock Bridge State Park	9/13/2023 10:38 AM
44	I love living in southern Boone because I am away from the city but still have the convenience of a short drive.	9/13/2023 4:09 AM
45	University, opportunity, diversity	9/12/2023 3:03 PM
46	City with country close by	9/11/2023 9:27 PM
47	The diversity	9/11/2023 8:29 PM
48	Family friendly place to live	9/11/2023 6:35 PM
49	Beer football music food entertainment	9/11/2023 4:38 PM
50	Community, Church, MU	9/11/2023 4:13 PM
51	Landscape, infrastructure, small business, nature	9/10/2023 2:12 PM
52	It's all I've ever called home	9/10/2023 1:04 PM
53	Topography Bikeability Trees	9/9/2023 5:21 PM
54	Small town feel with everything	9/9/2023 3:27 PM
55	There's a lot to do for a small town and the community supports and cares about all members deeply	9/9/2023 3:14 PM
56	Cheap	9/8/2023 10:19 PM
57	Trails, restaurants, opportunities	9/8/2023 4:19 PM
58	Local community activities	9/8/2023 4:09 PM
59	Populated but not overpopulated	9/8/2023 3:56 PM
60	More left leaning than STL	9/8/2023 1:11 PM
61	It's quiet	9/8/2023 12:13 PM
62	Downtown has good vibes.	9/8/2023 11:00 AM
63	Kind people, recreation, parks	9/8/2023 10:35 AM
64	It's quite, wooded, and not many people where I live.	9/7/2023 7:26 PM
65	N/A	9/7/2023 2:47 PM
66	Good people, good atmosphere	9/6/2023 11:34 PM
67	Public Land Outdoor Recreational Opportunities	9/6/2023 4:41 PM

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68	I really enjoy the access to nature throughout the county and the attractions in Columbia.	9/6/2023 2:59 PM
69	Diversity	9/6/2023 12:20 PM
70	I love going to mizzou and enjoy the kind atmosphere	9/5/2023 1:14 PM
71	Small Town Feel (outside of Columbia)	9/5/2023 12:57 PM
72	Pedestrian safety and transportation	9/5/2023 12:53 PM
73	It's a good size and there are some great communities here.	9/5/2023 12:40 PM
74	Availability of things to do	9/5/2023 11:17 AM
75	Experience urban & outdoor living	9/5/2023 10:00 AM
76	The Ashland community	9/5/2023 8:20 AM
77	I love the environment, and the sights.	9/4/2023 4:09 PM
78	Urban amenities, small town feel.	9/4/2023 12:02 PM
79	The sense of community.	9/4/2023 10:12 AM
80	State parks and outdoor activities	9/4/2023 9:18 AM
81	Small, safe, good community	9/1/2023 3:36 PM
82	Big city small town feel	8/31/2023 9:25 AM
83	Bigger city mixed with small town vibes	8/31/2023 7:31 AM
84	I love the accessibility of having everything we need. I love that where I live there are a bunch of places that accommodate the things me and my family need without having to travel outside of Columbia or Boone County	8/31/2023 7:03 AM
85	Parks, dog friendly, and fun	8/30/2023 4:54 PM
86	variety of services and stores	8/30/2023 4:31 PM
87	There is always something to do within the community or close by. Shopping, food, events, it's all right here. The diversity within our communities is vast.	8/30/2023 2:18 PM
88	n/a	8/30/2023 1:41 PM
89	The diversity	8/30/2023 10:23 AM
90	Tries to be progressive	8/29/2023 10:09 AM
91	Community, progressive, educated, outdoors, services.	8/29/2023 9:47 AM
92	Cost of living is much cheaper than in St. Louis or Kansas City.	8/29/2023 9:18 AM
93	I love the community here.	8/29/2023 9:10 AM
94	Great location, school district	8/28/2023 4:10 PM
95	Opportunity, employment, and fun.	8/28/2023 1:10 PM
96	affordable, outdoor spaces, low traffic	8/28/2023 11:58 AM
97	The resources they have	8/28/2023 11:14 AM
98	Great opportunities, near and far.	8/26/2023 9:33 PM
99	Culture, Outdoor amenities, Food, Diversity	8/25/2023 4:49 PM
100	I think my city specifically offers a lot of things to do for all ages.	8/25/2023 1:03 PM
101	Mutual aid and community support.	8/25/2023 12:30 PM
102	City size and diversity.	8/25/2023 10:46 AM
103	2/3 only blue county in Missouri	8/25/2023 10:39 AM
104	I like the hiking trails.	8/25/2023 10:37 AM

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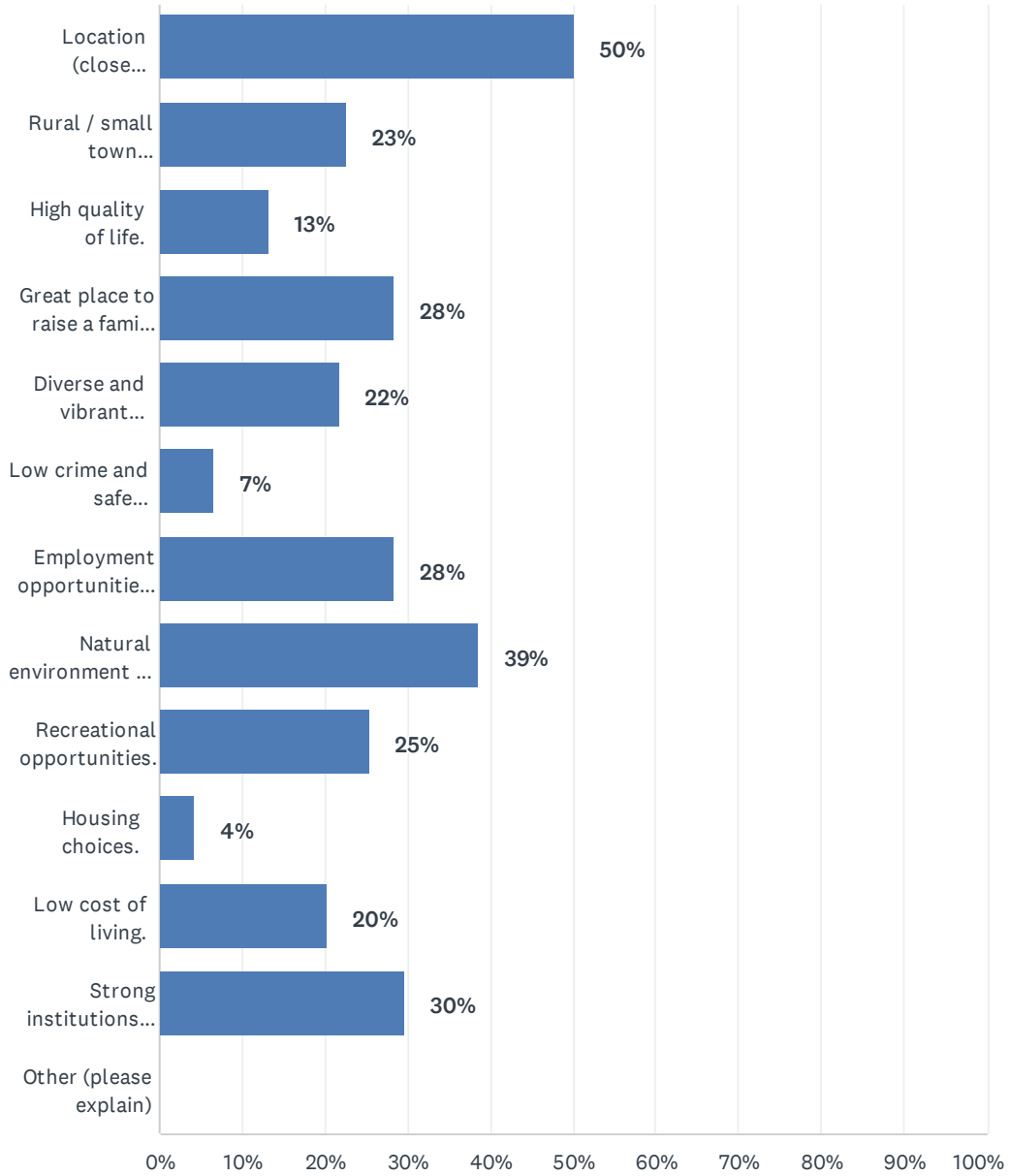
105	Mental health resources	8/25/2023 10:15 AM
106	Accessible Safe Resourceful Clean Opportunistic	8/25/2023 9:41 AM
107	I don't	8/25/2023 9:02 AM
108	I work here	8/25/2023 8:19 AM
109	Central, progressive, culture	8/25/2023 7:36 AM
110	Trail access, Mizzou	8/24/2023 4:07 PM
111	It's got everything I need	8/24/2023 11:41 AM
112	The vibrancy and growth	8/24/2023 11:21 AM
113	Big city, small town feel.	8/23/2023 7:38 PM
114	The natural resources, and protected wildlife areas	8/22/2023 7:44 AM
115	Most of my family and social roots are here. It's a loving and caring community with more opportunities than many small counties.	8/22/2023 5:56 AM
116	Arts, education, opportunities in Columbia	8/22/2023 3:34 AM
117	Family, Mizzou, Trails, location	8/21/2023 3:08 PM
118	Its beautiful and the heart of the Missouri.	8/21/2023 3:05 PM
119	Great community	8/21/2023 12:42 PM
120	It's small! I lived in Phoenix and Colorado Springs before. It's got tons of food and trail options. And lots of space for homes (acreage)	8/21/2023 8:42 AM
121	Culture and friendly people	8/21/2023 8:29 AM
122	I like all the conveniences Columbia has to offer, and I feel like the county actually gets involved and pays attention to things	8/21/2023 8:13 AM
123	I love my small town, but I have access to larger city amenities and access to major highways.	8/20/2023 6:58 PM
124	Possible to live without car	8/20/2023 3:35 PM
125	Walk and Bikability in Columbia	8/20/2023 3:15 PM
126	Ashland is great	8/20/2023 8:08 AM
127	Close to the river	8/19/2023 3:28 PM
128	I don't, the taxes, cost of living and crime are outrageous. At least living in ashland there is less crime.	8/19/2023 7:06 AM
129	Great bang for the buck.	8/19/2023 6:32 AM
130	A thriving community.	8/18/2023 9:24 PM
131	Nature/parks/trails	8/18/2023 8:32 PM
132	I don't	8/18/2023 8:15 PM
133	Nice People	8/18/2023 3:00 PM
134	Rural lifestyle with key amenities.	8/18/2023 12:20 PM
135	Good people.	8/18/2023 10:07 AM
136	There's an abundance of opportunities.	8/18/2023 8:47 AM
137	Diversity and Opportunities	8/18/2023 8:43 AM
138	The outdoors	8/17/2023 7:33 PM
139	Nice trails	8/17/2023 6:11 PM

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140	Good community.	8/17/2023 12:54 PM
141	Different kinds of activities	8/17/2023 10:18 AM
142	community, rural feel with city amenities	8/16/2023 9:38 PM
143	Convince	8/16/2023 9:29 PM
144	Rock Bridge State Park	8/16/2023 8:49 PM
145	low cost of living, pleasant	8/16/2023 11:08 AM
146	Tails, Green spaces, community care	8/16/2023 9:47 AM
147	I love living in Centralia	8/16/2023 8:22 AM
148	Family	8/16/2023 7:22 AM
149	It's so positive	8/15/2023 11:57 PM
150	Diversity and living in an area that feels like a small town/close community, but shares the same progressive values that I hold.	8/15/2023 9:20 PM
151	Parks & trails, farmers market, wide range of activities and safe	8/15/2023 7:40 PM
152	Legacy and heritage	8/15/2023 5:01 PM
153	Heart is where family is.	8/15/2023 4:56 PM
154	Outdoors, Low Cost	8/15/2023 2:25 PM
155	Better than big cities	8/15/2023 12:26 PM
156	Love the vibrant culture!	8/15/2023 11:13 AM
157	Strong downtown, good infrastructure, growing.	8/15/2023 9:47 AM
158	Great people, clean, no traffic, and low cost of living	8/15/2023 8:07 AM
159	Progressive bubble in conservative state	8/15/2023 7:37 AM
160	Historically, love for the land and the effort that is put into maintaining both land and infrastructure, including roads. However, have not found that to be the case since living at our current property -- roads are not well maintained or cared for.	8/14/2023 4:32 PM
161	Dining, activities, parks, trails, community	8/14/2023 1:56 PM
162	Open Minded Diversity that's Necessary	8/9/2023 8:26 PM
163	Good, nature, events, diverse community	8/8/2023 12:56 PM
164	I love living in Ashland because of the low crime	8/8/2023 12:17 PM
165	parks, trails, food, recycling, real estate	8/8/2023 9:20 AM
166	It is my home.	8/8/2023 9:04 AM
167	I love the diversity and having both city and country close by as well.	8/8/2023 8:33 AM
168	Amazing economic opportunities.	8/7/2023 10:46 PM

Q8 What are the top three strengths of living in Boone County? [choose up to three]

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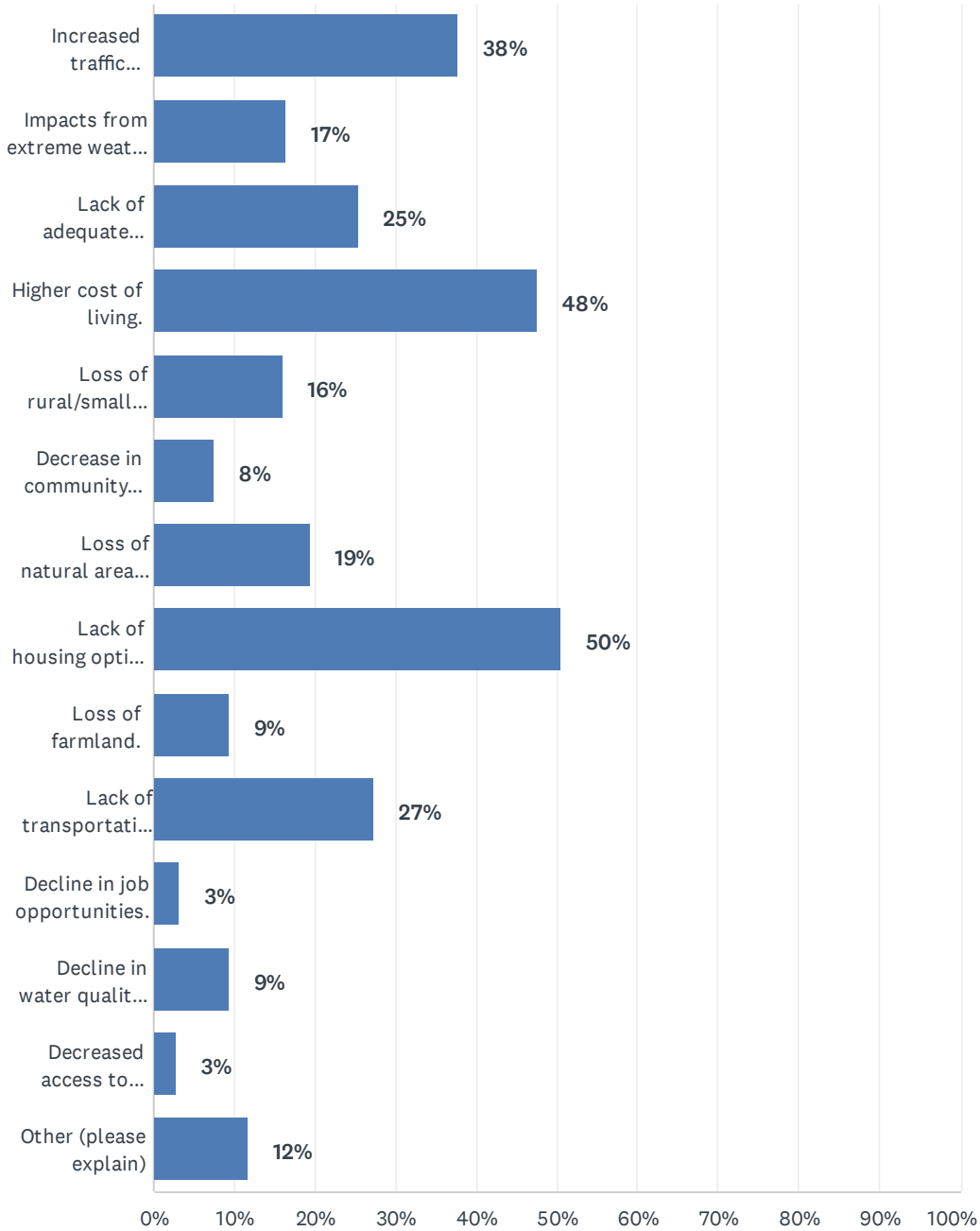
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Location (close proximity to Columbia amenities, close proximity to other parts of the state).	50%	106
Rural / small town atmosphere.	23%	48
High quality of life.	13%	28
Great place to raise a family (good schools, activities, community resources, etc.).	28%	60
Diverse and vibrant culture.	22%	46
Low crime and safe neighborhoods.	7%	14
Employment opportunities and proximity to jobs.	28%	60
Natural environment and scenic beauty.	39%	82
Recreational opportunities.	25%	54
Housing choices.	4%	9
Low cost of living.	20%	43
Strong institutions (health care, higher education, etc.).	30%	63
Other (please explain)	0%	0
Total Respondents: 212		

#	OTHER (PLEASE EXPLAIN)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q9 What do you think are the top three challenges to the quality of life in Boone County in the next 20-30 years? [choose up to three]

Answered: 212 Skipped: 17



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Increased traffic congestion.	38%	80
Impacts from extreme weather (flooding, drought, heat waves, etc.).	17%	35
Lack of adequate infrastructure (roads, sewers, water, internet, etc.).	25%	54
Higher cost of living.	48%	101
Loss of rural/small town atmosphere.	16%	34
Decrease in community services.	8%	16
Loss of natural areas, open space, and recreational opportunities.	19%	41
Lack of housing options and/or affordable housing.	50%	107
Loss of farmland.	9%	20
Lack of transportation options (biking, walking, and transit).	27%	58
Decline in job opportunities.	3%	7
Decline in water quality or water supplies.	9%	20
Decreased access to health care.	3%	6
Other (please explain)	12%	25
Total Respondents: 212		

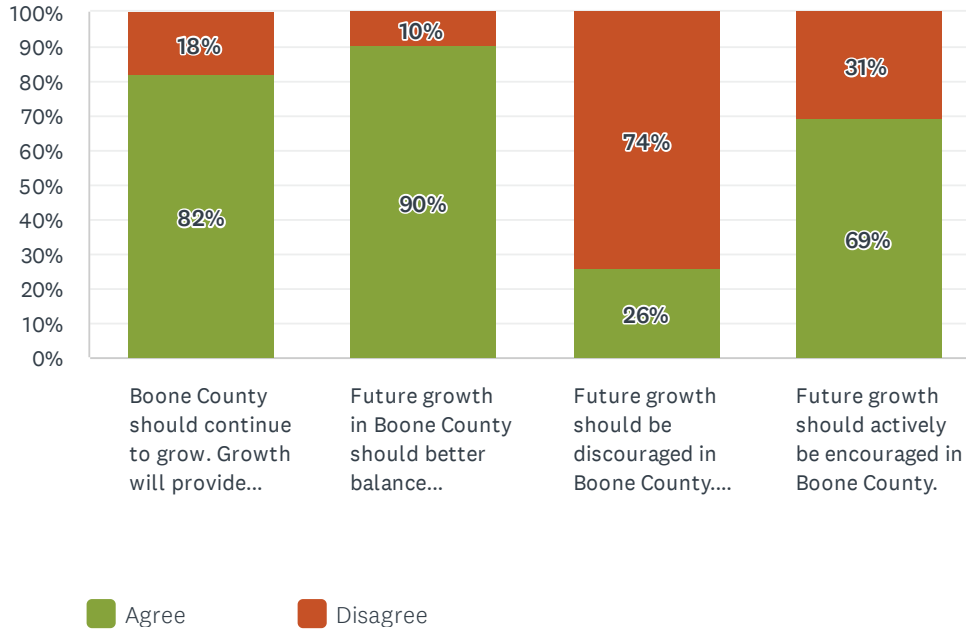
#	OTHER (PLEASE EXPLAIN)	DATE
1	Increase in crime and violence	9/30/2023 8:47 PM
2	I think that electronic banking is the devil.	9/30/2023 10:43 AM
3	Rising crime rates	9/28/2023 2:22 PM
4	Defunding of public schools	9/28/2023 8:58 AM
5	MU Healthcare - the desire for them to control everything is a detriment. We need choice not just MU shoved down our throats here.	9/27/2023 9:52 PM
6	Adequate access to renewable energy to breathe clean air.	9/27/2023 9:15 AM
7	Increased amounts of violence / Also we already have so much homeless and not enough shelters or room (the help in there needs be able to help get these people places jobs ect)	9/26/2023 5:13 PM
8	Loss of public safety	9/14/2023 11:12 PM
9	Lack of restaurant/entertainment.	9/14/2023 3:40 PM
10	Crime rates	9/11/2023 8:29 PM
11	Decrease in air quality.	9/9/2023 5:21 PM
12	Trash is a mess	9/8/2023 10:19 PM
13	Our school systems are wildly inequitable in terms of quality teachers and administrators. Working for CPS for two years makes me very concerned for the future of our town.	9/8/2023 1:11 PM
14	Increase in suburbs	9/8/2023 10:35 AM
15	Increasing variety of restaurants/activities for young professionals Attracting more diverse and vibrant culture people/opportunities	8/28/2023 11:58 AM
16	Decreased access to mental healthcare	8/26/2023 9:31 PM

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17	Population racial diversity	8/25/2023 10:15 AM
18	Increase in crime because of a court system that won't hold criminals accountable and understaffed police departments	8/25/2023 8:19 AM
19	Increasing Crime/drug use/homelessness	8/21/2023 3:08 PM
20	in addition to the above lack of housing options/affordable housing, lack of adequate infrastructure, decline in job opportunities, loss of farmland, decline in water quality or water supplies.	8/21/2023 3:05 PM
21	Extreme threats from urban sprawl--land destroyed for sprawling low-density single-family homes establishes an irrevocable loss to the natural environment	8/20/2023 3:35 PM
22	Rise in Crime	8/18/2023 3:00 PM
23	Increasing crime.	8/18/2023 10:07 AM
24	Too many homeless people	8/15/2023 8:07 AM
25	The increase of homeless people. I work downtown and they're running it. I don't even feel safe walking to my car or wanting to come here to shop.	8/8/2023 12:17 PM

Q10 Boone County has experienced a population increase of approximately 50% in the last 25 years. Select whether you 'Agree' or 'Disagree' with each statement below about future growth in the County.

Answered: 211 Skipped: 18



	AGREE	DISAGREE	TOTAL
Boone County should continue to grow. Growth will provide needed jobs for residents and revenue for community services.	82% 169	18% 37	206
Future growth in Boone County should better balance development with the preservation of farmland, rural character, and natural areas.	90% 187	10% 20	207
Future growth should be discouraged in Boone County. The County has grown too fast in the last 25-years and future growth could stretch the capacity of existing community services and utilities.	26% 53	74% 152	205
Future growth should actively be encouraged in Boone County.	69% 141	31% 62	203

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY:	DATE
1	I think it is inevitable that this area is going to grow and it's not something that anyone can stop. Although, I do encourage growth because of the opportunities that come with it, I worry about the preservation of our farms, beautiful scenic untouched areas, and our wildlife. It's become unaffordable for most in Boone County who are TRULY from here. Transplants from coastal areas moving here has definitely driven the cost up making it hard for local residents to purchase homes, land, etc.	10/14/2023 9:27 AM
2	Some growth is good but too much and losing rural feel	10/5/2023 2:14 PM
3	We need to slow growth to maintain our natural areas, and allow our infrastructure to be built back up where it can meet a rising population need, as well as protect our environment and reduce the impact of climate change.	10/2/2023 7:08 AM
4	preservation of farmland, rural character and natural areas is a tricky one. I believe a landowner should be able to develop his property or do what he wants with it, as long as it doesn't adversely affect his neighbors. That is the tricky part. If he is the last one to develop P&Z and County Commission may say no.	9/30/2023 8:47 PM

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5	Growth is critical to our economic future and wellbeing	9/30/2023 12:24 PM
6	Positive growth should be a natural result of actions rather than initial intention. Bigger is not better. Better is better.	9/29/2023 11:51 AM
7	Growth is going to continue regardless of my personal wishes. I think growth is wonderful when it can happen sustainably. If we can do that then I'm all for it. I don't think things in their current state are sustainable long term though.	9/29/2023 1:33 AM
8	We are not prepared for more growth. We need better infrastructure, transportation systems, and affordable housing before we bring more people.	9/28/2023 9:09 PM
9	Growth needs to be sustainable and considerate of the transportation, infrastructure and resource needs of existing and new residents (not overloading water systems, prioritizing walkability/bikeability on new roads and considering proximity of schools and shops when constructing new subdivisions)	9/28/2023 1:33 PM
10	Less community services and utilities shouldn't be a deterrent to growth. If the city wants to grow, the city needs to ensure community services and utilities grow in proportion.	9/28/2023 11:12 AM
11	It's definitely important to maintain our natural spaces to keep providing natural escapes from cities/busy areas. I think growth is a good goal for the county to bring in more diverse families/people. We all know diversity supports a strong and healthy economy and provides more opportunities for everyone.	9/28/2023 8:58 AM
12	While I see many concerns with continued growth in Boone County regarding traffic, infrastructure, and affordability (especially housing), I don't think growth should ever be discouraged. Rather, I believe growth should be adequately managed and monitored very closely so that quality of life for existing residents isn't impacted. For example, water infrastructure is a concern of mine for my Boone County neighborhood. In particular, water pressure and water quality (PWSD #4 water district) is borderline unacceptable for being so close to Columbia (which has much better water in my opinion), and close to Columbia's north water tower. More affordable homes like mine continue to be built in my neighborhood which is great, but with each new home added to the water supply, the already sub-par water pressure will worsen, and risk for contamination and poor initial treatment grows. If this is closely monitored and fixed as necessary, resident frustration and a potential impact to home values in areas potentially underserved by infrastructure, can be minimized. This instance can be applied to many other things like roads, electric service, crime, etc. Major negative impacts can be avoided for current residents if the county takes a more proactive approach to everything, instead of reactive. If not, then net growth will not occur for the county, as frustrated residents will move away just as fast as new ones come in.	9/28/2023 8:41 AM
13	We need the taxes, revenue, and population growth to support things here.	9/27/2023 9:52 PM
14	I've lived here the past 24 years of my life all I have seen is the roads and environment get worse people interaction isn't what it used to be and now we have more shootings and people dying then ever. Honestly I feel like the main worry in this town isn't even that it is theft and making this a big fancy college town not protecting our youth.	9/26/2023 5:13 PM
15	Grow with economic opportunities and a pace that dictates itself.	9/24/2023 4:33 PM
16	Need solutions for growing homeless population first - basic amenities, etc.	9/20/2023 2:40 PM
17	Growth is good for our economy and our community and brings diversity and culture and new ideas, but we must do so sustainably. Development should consider natural resources and prioritize mass transit (long-distance e.g. Amtrak and short-distance bussing both in towns and throughout the community) and infrastructure development.	9/19/2023 5:21 PM
18	Growth / decrease will be inevitable as long as boone county supports the locals.	9/17/2023 8:29 AM
19	Boone County should continue to grow but at a more steady rate.	9/15/2023 8:39 AM
20	I don't mind having growth and new businesses, however I do not want the city limits to continue to spread into farm land. Focus on better utilizing the wasted space in town first.	9/13/2023 4:09 AM
21	Boone county crime is on the rise, there is litter all over the streets and there are potholes in all of our roads. Drugs are very prevalent and actively distributed on our streets from outside interests due to the growing population and opportunity to prey on our families and local communities.	9/11/2023 4:38 PM

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22	Our resources are already stretched to thin. We can't keep a police force staffed in Columbia and our crime rates are sky rocketing. Our homeless population is also growing at a extreme rate with no real solutions in sight.	9/10/2023 1:04 PM
23	Encouraging or discouraging population growth wholesale is meaningless. A growing population poses challenges and a steady or shrinking population poses different challenges. Rather than thinking about what the population "should" do let's take a realistic look at what the population is expected to do and set our goals and resources to meet the challenges that situation will pose.	9/9/2023 5:21 PM
24	While we don't need to discourage growth, more resources should be alloted to taking care of our current citizens than advertising.	9/8/2023 1:11 PM
25	Expansion brings new jobs and opportunities. As long as it is planned and developed well, a growing community is beneficial. To receive the most benefits, there should be a balance between rural and urban with a limitation on surburban sprawl to keep the character of both the urban and rural communities.	9/8/2023 10:35 AM
26	Living in Columbia, and as a human/community geographer, I think it's incredibly important that growth happens, but it should not be growth for the sake of growth. Growth should be encouraged with intentionality and planning, and in direct consideration of the problems already being faced in the county. We are seeing such a severe lack of affordable housing that it's clearly a crisis, especially in Columbia. New housing should not be built in a luxury, suburban sprawl approach, and dedicated public transportation and pedestrian infrastructure non-reliant on personal vehicles as the primary form of transportation should be designed to coincide with affordable housing development in the broader Boone County unincorporated area. Natural preserve area should of course be considered and value placed upon it, perhaps with a balance through creating more bike path infrastructure and accessible green space. More financial support should be provided to public institutions that already exist and provide valuable public resources, such as public transportation, libraries, and schools.	9/7/2023 6:20 PM
27	The growth isn't the problem, it's the failure of the city and county governments to properly plan for the growth. Ashland and Columbia both should've been building housing for the past decade but they've completely abdicated their duty. There should also be more public transit across the whole county. You should be able to take a bus or train or tram to Rocheport for food and drinks and then be able to ride back to Columbia or Ashland or wherever. Stop letting the developers and special interests decide everything.	9/6/2023 2:59 PM
28	Hallsville for example has experience a lot of growth which has led to traffic congested streets and an already aging sewer system that hasn't been brought up to what it should be.	9/5/2023 12:57 PM
29	Until the transit system is fixed the city will have an incredibly hard time growing	9/5/2023 12:40 PM
30	Growth is essential to the Boone county economy. Columbia at the moment lacks much housing density (leading partially to the large increasing in housing costs) especially medium density housing (row housing)/ starter homes (on smaller lot sizes) and transit oriented developments so future growth doesnt require continuing sprawl into rural/nature/farm areas and maintain Boone Counties beauty. For reference Columbia is the size of STL proper but only 1/3 the population. We don't have to reach STLs density but we can definitely get somewhere in-between in the coming 20-30 years.	9/5/2023 11:48 AM
31	Growth is needed to have vibrant lives and attract opportunities. However, cost of living needs to be considered in the balance.	9/5/2023 11:17 AM
32	Growth should be encouraged, but done in a thoughtful manner so as not to overburden existing resources.	9/4/2023 12:02 PM
33	Growth is beautiful- but we have to be able to keep up with the needs in our community.	9/1/2023 3:36 PM
34	Growth should continue, but only AFTER required and proper infrastructure has been built.	8/31/2023 9:25 AM
35	More housing is needed to accommodate current and new residents.	8/28/2023 1:10 PM
36	The housing market is not keeping up with the growth. Too many transplants buying all the homes and using them for Airbnbs or to rent out for an insane amount. The rentals are also not being kept up with the growth, along with public transportation. How does the City expect to grow if they keep taking away bus stops?	8/28/2023 9:57 AM
37	I feel that Boone County should try to gain as much population as possible for economic	8/26/2023 9:33 PM

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boom. However, I do see the problem of limited resources.

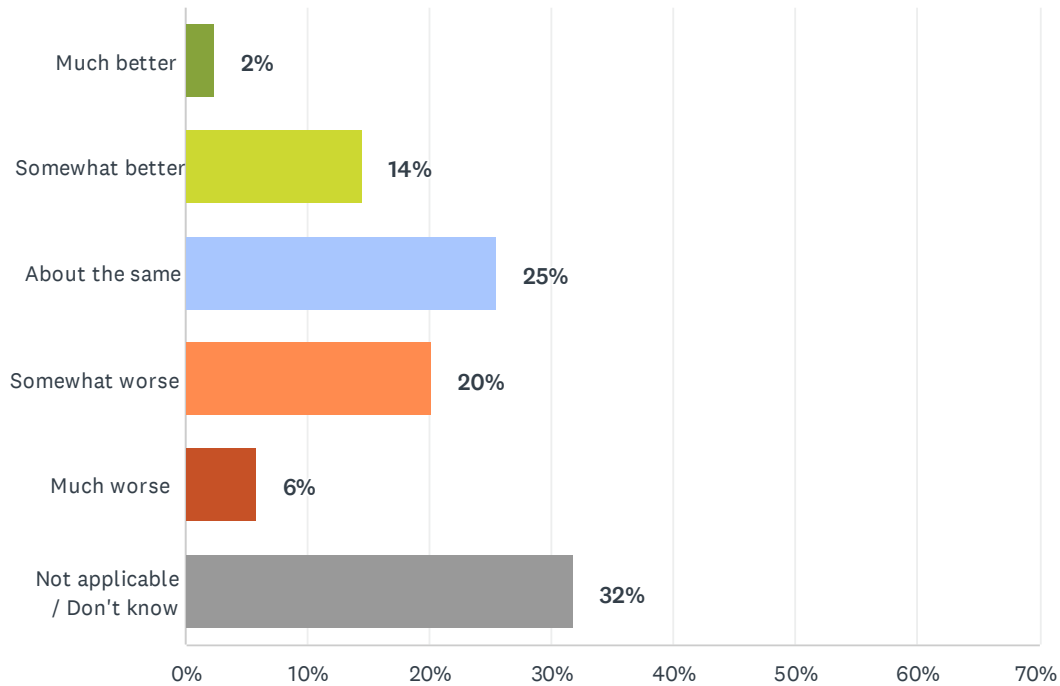
38	The county needs to work on improving recreation and infrastructure before more growth.	8/26/2023 9:01 AM
39	Whether growth is encouraged or not in Boone County, I believe it's inevitable. People continue to be priced out of both KC and STL and move here, and I believe that those who are being priced out of other urban areas and other states will join them in higher numbers sooner than later. By planning for this growth, increased investments in sustainable/regenerative agriculture, better public transit options such as county busses, water and electrical infrastructure, county-owned fiber or other low-cost internet access, affordable housing, high-quality educational opportunities, improved roads, renewable energy, outdoor education, and more can improve quality of life for existing Boone County residents, and could largely be funded by tax revenue increases due to a population increase.	8/25/2023 12:30 PM
40	I would encourage more growth in Boone County if there were more options for affordable housing within Columbia city limits and close by (within 10 miles). Columbia cannot handle the stress of its current infrastructure with students in town 9 months out of the year and folks from rural communities coming in town to play sports, shop, etc. All of the new housing developments anywhere in the county are made for folks who can afford a 350,000 and up home, but that does not represent the majority of Boone County residents and will continue to exacerbate an already dangerous climate where rent is not affordable for those who cannot buy a home. If you want residents to use less resources for housing assistance and rely less on the government, make incentives for developers to build affordable homes everywhere in Boone County and stop focusing just on upper middle class families. Those are not the only families that need homes they can feasibly buy. Columbia specifically needs to move away from catering just to students who come from privilege, stay here for four years, then get jobs in other cities. Most of these students don't actually give anything back to the community like the citizens of Columbia do and our citizens deserve homes/rentals we can afford. Mizzou is important to our economy, but if no one stays here because of lack of affordable housing, you will have nothing. I live in a household where our gross income is 110,000 a year and I fear our choices of quality newer homes is going to run out by the time we're ready to buy--that is the reality for many of my friends and family in Columbia.	8/25/2023 10:46 AM
41	I think future growth is good, but we shouldn't lose the small town feel.	8/25/2023 10:37 AM
42	Continual growth in Boone County will allow the county to provide necessary services as already indicated, but also ensure the quality of life for all residents is optimized. Balance is going to be key, so preserving green space will be needed while also considering innovative developments for land use.	8/25/2023 9:41 AM
43	Ideally, positive growth with affordable housing and improved walkability and bike ability will help reduce environmental impact while supporting vibrant communities. Ideally most growth would remain in cities and reduce urban sprawl	8/25/2023 7:36 AM
44	I think we should understand what type of growth. Much of the "growth" comes from people who don't invest in the local economy. This affect must be balanced because it will become a strain on local economy	8/22/2023 5:56 AM
45	Jobs and revenue Chase the growth, growth does not cause jobs	8/21/2023 3:08 PM
46	We should be able to continue to grow, but we need to take care of what we have.	8/20/2023 6:58 PM
47	Every new low-density single-family housing development adds to the strains of life for all. City services are strained, and car-driving is encouraged. Public transportation cannot reach all of these outlying areas. Everybody loses--especially the environment that can never be recovered.	8/20/2023 3:35 PM
48	People that move here want to tax the county into prosperity	8/19/2023 3:28 PM
49	If boone county continues to grow then so will the crime. The shootings are out of control and there aren't enough police to keep boone county safe.	8/19/2023 7:06 AM
50	Moderate growth is healthy for our economy and livelihood.	8/19/2023 6:32 AM
51	Endless growth at maximum pace mindset is dangerous. There are finite resources in BC. On the other hand, no growth is stagnation. Unhelpfully being a centrist, but I think a moderate approach should be taken. Not active encouragement but also not discouraged and still supporting growth as it happens. ?	8/18/2023 8:32 PM

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52	I do think the county should continue to grow, but perhaps at a slower pace. Affordable housing and creating limits on landlords and rent increases is one of the things I would most like to see. I think there would also be some benefit to encouraging growth in adjacent counties, which generally have lower cost of living, but tend to draw commuting employees.	8/18/2023 1:29 PM
53	As one of the fastest growing cities in Missouri Columbia, and the greater Boone county area, has a lot to offer the state if Columbia can move from a pleasant college town to a real city.	8/16/2023 11:08 AM
54	Moderated growth is healthy but it's important the city plan for it and appropriate land and resources accordingly.	8/15/2023 11:57 PM
55	I'm not sure if "growth" should be actively encouraged nor discouraged. I'm not opposed to the trend in growth, but I believe that the most vulnerable in our community should be the priority over actively pursuing growth.	8/15/2023 9:20 PM
56	You have to adapt to change.	8/15/2023 4:56 PM
57	Boone County should continue growth, but prioritize higher density in urban cores, along with pedestrian/bicycle infrastructure in order to preserve our natural environment.	8/15/2023 9:47 AM
58	Growth is a positive if the infrastructure and community services can scale with it.	8/15/2023 7:37 AM

Q11 How does the quality of life in Boone County today compare to 25 years ago (or however long you have lived in Boone County)? [choose one]

Answered: 208 Skipped: 21



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Much better	2%	5
Somewhat better	14%	30
About the same	25%	53
Somewhat worse	20%	42
Much worse	6%	12
Not applicable / Don't know	32%	66
TOTAL		208

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY THE QUALITY OF LIFE IS "BETTER" OR "WORSE":	DATE
1	The worse is because of the pricing of housing, lands, and the high tax.	10/14/2023 9:28 AM
2	Trending sustainable growth in most facets	9/29/2023 11:53 AM
3	Crime has increased, but we also have more opportunities for citizens in the area.	9/29/2023 8:53 AM
4	Housing is ridiculously expensive, infrastructure is lacking, suburbs are taking over with zero charm or character given back to the community. Entire forests are cleared, Missouri's "rolling hills" are being flattened for more cookie-cutter houses that are built cheap and yet they're still not sold at affordable prices. We need to do better.	9/29/2023 1:40 AM

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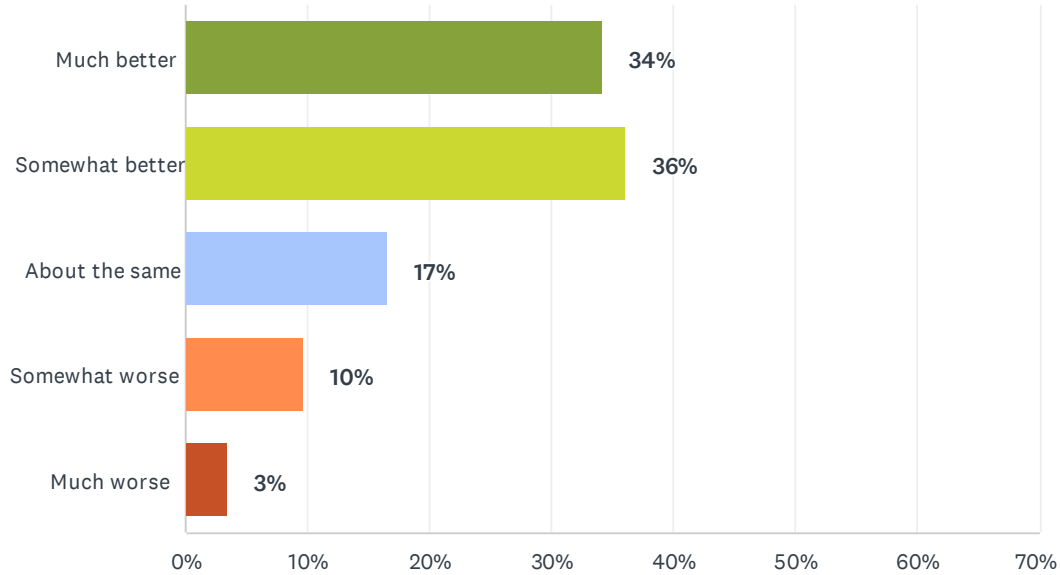
5	Housing is awful. Community connectedness is in decline	9/28/2023 9:09 PM
6	I've lived in Boone County since birth (1998), with the exception of 4 years during college, after which I came back. My family has lived in this county since at least 1989. Cost of living, and housing, has greatly increased at a rate way beyond inflation. Traffic has also worsened. From my and my family's observations, crime has maybe worsened, but mainly crime has moved around and has been concentrated to specific neighborhoods. Especially for younger individuals like myself, living here has been hard financially. I was lucky to find my affordable home in 2021, but my same-aged friends haven't been so lucky and are stuck renting and will be for awhile. Wages in this county have failed to keep up with cost of living, which adds to this. Those who are possibly older and owned a home before 2020 are much better off due to lower cost of entry into the housing market, and significantly increased equity. I'd like to see the county do more to help individuals ENTER the housing market in the first place. With the instability of rapidly increasing rents, many are hopelessly stuck with nowhere to go. Due to this, quality of life has worsened I'd say.	9/28/2023 8:55 AM
7	Boone County has always been vibrant and community based and continues to be so. We have always prioritized recreation and accessibility, which I still see today.	9/19/2023 5:22 PM
8	I have seen no major change.	9/17/2023 8:30 AM
9	Crime has gotten worse in the six years we've lived here.	9/13/2023 10:38 AM
10	Too much crime and homelessness	9/11/2023 4:40 PM
11	It used to be a much safer small town community. I don't even feel safe to walk in downtown Columbia in broad daylight anymore.	9/10/2023 1:08 PM
12	I'm more aware of crime and homelessness than I was before.	9/8/2023 4:20 PM
13	I've only lived here for 2 years, but I appreciate the development of bike paths and other dedicated infrastructure that has been created just prior to my moving here (addition of the Hinkson Creek bridge).	9/7/2023 6:21 PM
14	Every year the transit system gets worse.	9/5/2023 12:41 PM
15	Housing prices have drastically increased along with amount of homeless in a Boone county.	9/5/2023 11:52 AM
16	The homeless population doesn't seem to get much attention, yet seems to be growing at the same rate as monitored population	9/4/2023 9:20 AM
17	Just due to lack of housing, childcare, staffing shortages in police and shortages in community resources, especially to rural areas	9/1/2023 3:37 PM
18	More local restaurants, growth of Farmers Markets. There is planning for increased bike trails and pedestrian accessibility in NE Columbia, and once those items are complete I would say the quality of life would change from somewhat better to much better.	9/1/2023 11:27 AM
19	Crime is out of control mainly in Columbia- choking the police force while population booms	8/31/2023 9:25 AM
20	More in reference to traffic and crime rate	8/30/2023 1:41 PM
21	Crime rates and traffic congestion both seem to be higher.	8/30/2023 10:24 AM
22	Housing costs have gone up significantly and it is less affordable to live here.	8/29/2023 9:11 AM
23	Less access to affordable housing, lacking access to mental healthcare, increasing crime, lack of police officers and training for officers	8/26/2023 9:32 PM
24	I believe that the ARPA funds, particularly those granted to the Boone County Nature School, Centralia Sewer Lining, City of Refuge, Sturgeon's Parks and Stormwater systems, CCUA, Coyote Hill, Grade A Plus, Grow Hallsville Parks, Habitat for Humanity, In2Action, Love Columbia, MRR, Southern Boone Schools, and The Food Bank have provided a clear prioritization of quality of life in Boone County, and will help to fund significant improvements in the coming years. My only disappointment in the dispersal of these funds was that North Callaway R-I, New Franklin R-I, and Fayette R-III school districts received no ARPA funds, despite the fact that all of these districts have lower median household incomes than Southern Boone (who, to be clear, absolutely also deserved the money they were allotted).	8/25/2023 12:36 PM
25	I think overall Boone is better because we have more cafes and restaurants to go to. Also the	8/25/2023 11:00 AM

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	biking trails and hiking trails are nicely maintained.	
26	Cost of living, property tax increases and lack of affordable housing.	8/25/2023 10:47 AM
27	Quality of life has somewhat gotten better in Boone County because of the continued growth and investment in needed services. More families are migrating to Boone County because of accessible resources and quality healthcare so the increase of quality of life will be a central theme over time.	8/25/2023 9:48 AM
28	Rent is too high in Columbia.	8/24/2023 11:41 AM
29	Diversity, and community programs	8/22/2023 7:45 AM
30	It was a lot better when I first came because the local economy was strong enough to support local business. Now with everything going up is not keeping in pace with opportunity.	8/22/2023 6:00 AM
31	Inflation has made it hard to find affordable places to rent, or own. Food and gas prices are too high. Jobs don't pay enough.	8/22/2023 3:37 AM
32	Columbia seems less safe than it did even a few years ago, and costs keep rising	8/21/2023 3:10 PM
33	Covid changed a lot of things, including cost of living and the way owners run their businesses	8/21/2023 8:13 AM
34	Fewer gay bars, less diverse community	8/20/2023 3:55 PM
35	Go COMO transit cut service in half on August 1st. I moved here because I thought it would be easy to live here without a car, but clearly the region had other plans. Furthermore, MoDOT conducted a Columbia-Jefferson City bus service study last year, but that never advanced (with no further information as to why). Furthermore, housing is increasingly unaffordable, and it is difficult to live in a walkable community without paying exorbitant amounts of money. With continued housing sprawl away from commerce/activity centers, this will continue to get worse.	8/20/2023 3:38 PM
36	City of Columbia has policies that stifle small businesses	8/19/2023 3:31 PM
37	It's worse because of all the crime, cost of living and higher taxes.	8/19/2023 7:07 AM
38	Increased cost of living.	8/18/2023 10:26 AM
39	County is growing faster then resources. Crime rate increased, traffic increased	8/18/2023 8:44 AM
40	Places to live or rent are increasingly expensive. Food is expensive. Jobs don't pay enough to live on. Retail space rent is insane, we have tons of chains and family run businesses can't afford to stay open.	8/17/2023 7:42 PM
41	Crime is worse	8/16/2023 8:50 PM
42	Crime has increased, water quality has not improved	8/16/2023 5:30 PM
43	I have seen expansion with large developments and they have not been thoughtful or intentional--rather it has been clear that they've been built with only speed and profit in mind. This includes new subdivisions, strip malls, apartment complexes, student housing, etc. Natural resources and habitat for wildlife is disappearing, and the beauty of the area is diminished without thoughtful urban planning.	8/16/2023 9:50 AM
44	I grew up here.	8/16/2023 7:23 AM
45	More drugs, more crime, and more lazy homeless	8/15/2023 5:08 PM
46	Roads -- specifically gravel -- are not regularly evaluated in terms of the need to be surfaced (paved, chip and sealed, etc.) or as well maintained or cared for compared to what they used to be.	8/14/2023 4:34 PM
47	Crime and excessive government regulations	8/7/2023 10:48 PM

Q12 How would you rate the attractiveness of Boone County compared to surrounding counties? [choose one]

Answered: 205 Skipped: 24



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Much better	34%	70
Somewhat better	36%	74
About the same	17%	34
Somewhat worse	10%	20
Much worse	3%	7
TOTAL		205

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY "BETTER" OR "WORSE":	DATE
1	We live in the most beautiful part of Boone County, the ozark mountains just start to trickle in here. Our conservation areas and national forests are amazing. Who wouldn't want to live here?	10/14/2023 9:28 AM
2	Better amenities but more rules and regulations can perturb small scale development	9/29/2023 11:53 AM
3	It's a bigger town. I would hate living somewhere rural and having to travel a greater distance to access basic needs	9/29/2023 8:53 AM
4	I think Columbia and the surrounding towns each have their own charms and merit. I work all over the state and many other counties just feel like rural farming communities without much character beyond that, but Boone is rich with culture and character which I love.	9/29/2023 1:40 AM
5	Historic buildings have been somewhat maintained and add character to communities	9/28/2023 1:34 PM
6	Somewhat better because of the way Columbia has focused on providing more services for the community, like investing in the farmers market.	9/28/2023 8:59 AM

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7	All that Columbia and growing communities like Ashland have to offer, greatly assist in attracting people to this county. However, cost of living and subpar wages negate much of this.	9/28/2023 8:55 AM
8	High taxes / horrible allocation of tax dollars.	9/24/2023 4:34 PM
9	Higher cost of living.	9/20/2023 2:41 PM
10	Boone is very large and well maintained. There is an area/space for everyone.	9/17/2023 8:30 AM
11	Higher crime rate, higher cost of living than surrounding counties	9/14/2023 11:13 PM
12	Somewhat run down in some areas.	9/14/2023 3:40 PM
13	Other counties are much cleaner and safer. Their local governments do not push national agendas, rather they focus on local issues.	9/11/2023 4:40 PM
14	I believe we have a beautiful county. If our tax dollars are allocated to the right places such as rural roads and bridges we will continue to have a great county outside the big city of Columbia.	9/11/2023 4:15 PM
15	The property taxes are much higher. I could move 10 miles away and live in a much more affordable area.	9/10/2023 1:08 PM
16	If the university weren't here, I wouldn't live here.	9/9/2023 5:22 PM
17	The counties surrounding Boone have relatively little population and growth. The counties are this way until you hit the outer parts of Kansas City and St. Louis.	9/8/2023 11:01 AM
18	Good cities that still maintain natural areas.	9/8/2023 10:36 AM
19	There are generally more resources and infrastructure to support a variety of lifestyles.	9/7/2023 6:21 PM
20	Boone is by far the best county in the area. Cole is an awful, stale county and we should do everything we can to avoid their mistakes. The reason people like Boone is because of Columbia. It brings in a wide variety of peoples and culture and allows individuals to express themselves.	9/6/2023 3:05 PM
21	More welcoming and diverse. Does not feel as though the people of Boone County will judge you no matter who you are.	9/6/2023 12:20 PM
22	It's much better in the city then in STL but there's definitely room for improvement.	9/5/2023 12:41 PM
23	A lot of sprawl has happened in the last 20-30 years removing a lot of natural beauty and farm land in the County.	9/5/2023 11:52 AM
24	Taxes	9/5/2023 8:21 AM
25	There are things to do in Columbia that are not available in nearby counties - stage theater productions, True False, university sporting events, larger music events and conferences that occur in Columbia.	9/1/2023 11:27 AM
26	County is well taken care of but the taxes are higher which could keep younger families out of the county.	8/25/2023 2:45 PM
27	Our farmland is largely more diverse, our parks better maintained, and our schools overall better.	8/25/2023 12:36 PM
28	There are lots of resources here compared to other communities.	8/25/2023 11:00 AM
29	Considering moving to a neighboring county to pay less in taxes and have better housing options.	8/25/2023 10:47 AM
30	Boone County, again has access to quality healthcare and other resources. Also it sits along I-70 which is a major interstate for travel which is economically beneficial.	8/25/2023 9:48 AM
31	To much government involvement	8/25/2023 9:02 AM
32	Has both rural and urban opportunities and is a progressive county. Growth and change are possible, while maintaining some local culture and charm	8/25/2023 7:38 AM
33	More/easier access to amenities and services while still maintaining the rural/small town feel	8/24/2023 6:39 PM
34	Boone county is more desirable based on its urban feel and access to healthcare, shopping,	8/24/2023 4:08 PM

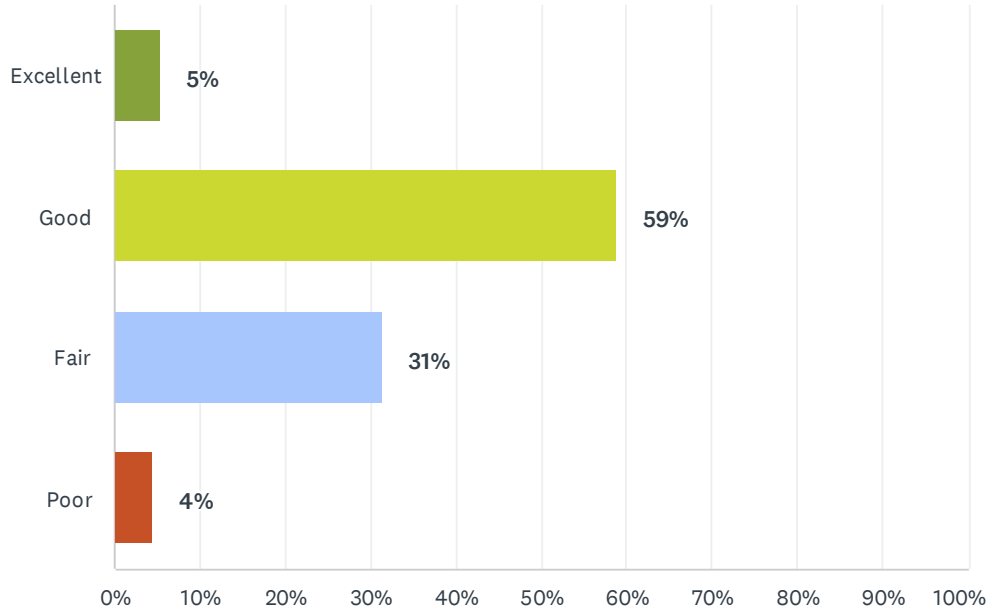
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entertainment— however those areas could be improved. The level of crime across Columbia also makes it less desirable to live in.

35	Clean and maintained with many natural geological features that are preserved and showcased in local parks	8/22/2023 3:37 AM
36	More jobs, better amenities, location	8/21/2023 3:10 PM
37	We have more amenities, things to do, and events than surrounding counties.	8/21/2023 8:30 AM
38	Neighboring counties care about the county...not just the main town.	8/20/2023 6:59 PM
39	Taxes are ridiculous here versus the rest of MO, same with costs of living	8/19/2023 3:31 PM
40	Worse due to crime, taxes and cost of living. Jeff city is cheaper and safer	8/19/2023 7:07 AM
41	Columbia is a cultural hub.	8/19/2023 6:32 AM
42	Employment, proximity to services. Worse is cost of living.	8/18/2023 10:26 AM
43	Higher taxes, high price of land and housing, high property taxes, and onerous building regulations make it undesirable for people that don't want to live in an urban area. Job opportunities balance that interest out somewhat, but I find it more attractive to live in a neighboring county and simply commuting to Boone for work.	8/18/2023 9:21 AM
44	There are great amenities in Columbia, lots of inclusive community.	8/16/2023 9:50 AM
45	It is the largest in mid MO.	8/16/2023 7:23 AM
46	It has more activities and options	8/15/2023 11:58 PM
47	I think we have beautiful nature areas and our road conditions are better than some surrounding areas. Aesthetically, Boone County has beautiful native trees, plants, and wildlife.	8/15/2023 9:22 PM
48	Only better because it is surrounded by very rural areas that can't offer what we do. If it were compared to counties closer to other metro areas it would be worse.	8/15/2023 12:27 PM
49	Housing is too high. Simply live 20 minutes away in a neighboring county and houses are \$100 to \$200K cheaper than similar houses in Boone County.	8/7/2023 10:48 PM

Q13 How would you rate the overall appearance of residential properties in Boone County? [choose one]

Answered: 204 Skipped: 25



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	5%	11
Good	59%	120
Fair	31%	64
Poor	4%	9
TOTAL		204

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY:	DATE
1	Housing in my area is enough being properly maintained by landlords and there are some ugly apartment buildings.	10/2/2023 7:11 AM
2	Most residential properties appear maintained, but there's been such a boom in suburban growth/expansion and with that comes cookie-cutter homes with zero care for the natural environment that was in its place previously. Entire forests/ecosystems obliterated. Hills flattened. Trees older than anyone alive in Boone County scraped off the earth like muck from a boot. There's no care for preserving anything. Neighborhood after neighborhood without a single mature tree between them is depressing.	9/29/2023 1:58 AM
3	This isn't an important question, people should be permitted to live as they please without concerning themselves with how "attractive" their property is.	9/28/2023 1:37 PM
4	There are some properties you'll drive by that are obviously condemnable or need to be torn down. Or you'll see a property full of junk in the yard, whether cars, appliances, random things, and it's an eyesore to look at. I'm not educated on the County codes of how picked up a property has to be (I need to look into it).	9/28/2023 9:09 AM

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5	Lots of new home building, which looks nice. However, neighborhood yards outside of city limits more often are unkept due to an absence of county regulations for grass mowing, etc. Concentrated areas of higher crime and rentals exhibit this more often.	9/28/2023 9:01 AM
6	70% of homes in good condition, 30% in disrepair.	9/17/2023 8:31 AM
7	The city is divided amongst rich neighborhoods and crime neighborhoods. Good neighborhoods are unaffordable.	9/11/2023 4:41 PM
8	Houses in residential neighborhoods are nice, but many of the outside appearances of college homes near the University of Missouri campus look awful.	9/8/2023 11:02 AM
9	I think some of the older neighborhoods that are well-kept look nice, but much of the downtown Columbia area could use support, and in general we need more affordable housing.	9/7/2023 6:26 PM
10	Crack down on the deadbeat landlords who don't take care of their properties, they are a scourge on the county.	9/6/2023 3:10 PM
11	In Columbia specifically, housing buildings that are rented are not well kept. Decreases land value for the neighborhood	9/5/2023 12:55 PM
12	Students have destroyed a lot of the good parts of living in Columbia.	9/5/2023 12:42 PM
13	Lotta boring Suburban development devoid of community spaces and small businesses.	9/5/2023 12:07 PM
14	Many houses need to be taken care of more but they aren't all horrible so gives a fair average.	9/5/2023 11:18 AM
15	Columbia needs trash bins.	9/5/2023 8:22 AM
16	There are a good bit of run down properties	9/1/2023 3:40 PM
17	I live in a neighborhood that is probably 80% rental properties. Landowners don't invest significantly in the upkeep or betterment of properties beyond ensuring grass is mown. As there is no ownership for renters, there is no incentive to make the space where they live better.	9/1/2023 11:35 AM
18	Drastically increased cost of rent has greatly impacted residential upkeep. Tenants are living in sub-par standards while landlords refuse basic upkeep.	8/29/2023 11:22 AM
19	Some very run down and trashy	8/26/2023 9:33 PM
20	Honestly, this is not something I pay much attention to.	8/25/2023 12:41 PM
21	There's not a lot of vacant dilapidated housing.	8/25/2023 11:15 AM
22	North Columbia needs some serious help. The duplex areas over by Derby Ridge is an awful neighborhood and landlords need to be held accountable to keep their properties in better shape and hold residents accountable to keep their homes looking reasonable. Same goes with East Columbia by Demeret. There's high crime and landlords are allowed to be slumlords. There needs to be city intervention.	8/25/2023 10:51 AM
23	Residential Properties in Boone County are on par with other areas of the state and arguably some of the best in the state. With a lower cost of living comes a better investment in residential property.	8/25/2023 10:01 AM
24	Every town has a good and bad side. For the most part, Columbia has a lot of well maintained homes. On the bad side of town, it is hit or miss.	8/24/2023 4:10 PM
25	The residential area are trashy and difficult to monver through.	8/22/2023 6:07 AM
26	Lots of trash and decrepit homes downtown close to the courthouse and Columbia college	8/21/2023 8:14 AM
27	Single-family housing as the standard makes it impossible for folks to find more affordable housing options.	8/20/2023 3:40 PM
28	Many newer developments are being built quickly and are clearly of low quality. We want residential properties that will last for decades and take into consideration the appearance of the rest of the community.	8/16/2023 9:52 AM
29	It looks like any other American town.	8/16/2023 7:24 AM
30	Depends on the area. As is expected, areas with lower income have less curb appeal than	8/15/2023 9:28 PM

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communities with higher income.

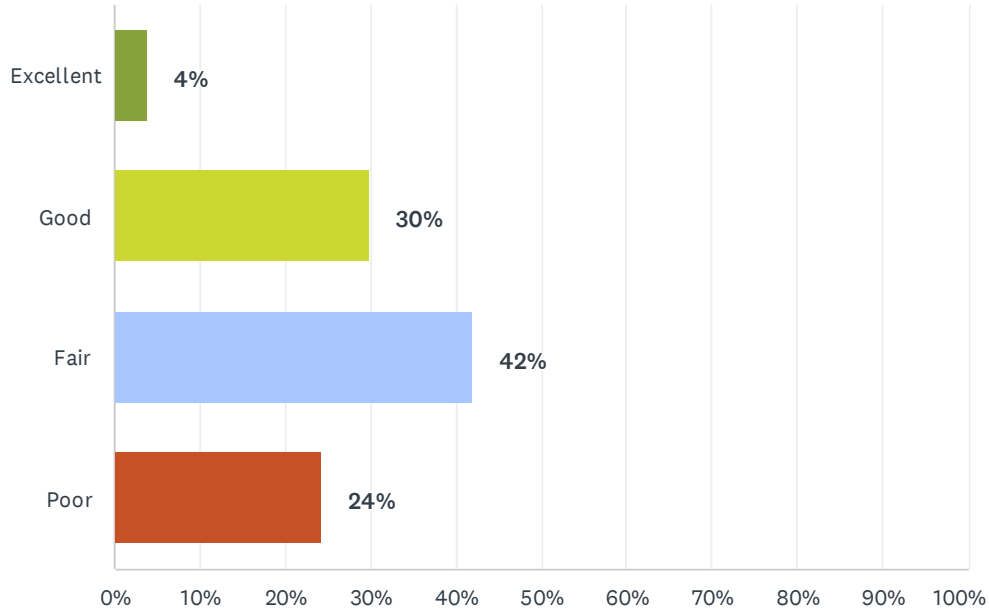
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The farther north, the worse it is.

8/8/2023 12:18 PM

Q14 How would you rate the existing housing options for keeping and attracting residents? [choose one]

Answered: 205 Skipped: 24



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Excellent	4% 8
Good	30% 61
Fair	42% 86
Poor	24% 50
TOTAL	205

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY:	DATE
1	Getting very expensive	10/5/2023 2:14 PM
2	Cost of rent is too high with "luxury student housing" that many apartments go empty and makes landlords inflate their prices which effects the cost of living.	10/2/2023 7:11 AM
3	The landlords are obviously used to renting to college kids.	9/30/2023 10:45 AM
4	Cost	9/29/2023 8:55 AM
5	Rent is way too high	9/29/2023 8:54 AM
6	Rent is stupidly expensive. Nobody my age can afford to live on their own. Not a single friend of mine in my age group or younger lives entirely on their own in this county. That is outrageous. These are people with entire degrees working in their chosen fields and yet they can't afford a home/apartment on their own. A few of my friends are renting absolute shit holes and still must have a roommate if they want to both afford rent and all the other basics required to live.	9/29/2023 1:58 AM
7	Lack of affordable rental housing.	9/28/2023 9:16 PM

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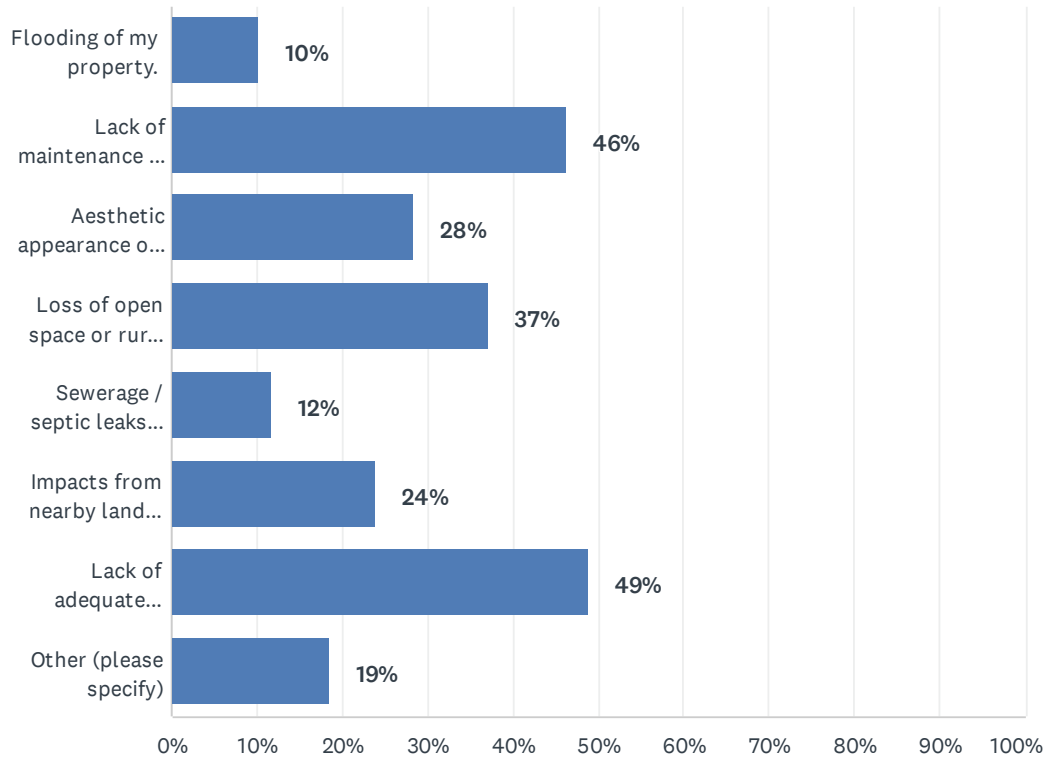
8	Need more affordable houses and options for small families	9/28/2023 1:37 PM
9	In Columbia, housing prices and rents are through the roof. It used to not be so expensive. I currently live with family since I could not afford to live on my own (Granted, I live in a 4,000 sq. foot house on 10 acres so we live together comfortably, but I feel for others who are like me but not as blessed).	9/28/2023 9:09 AM
10	Columbia's housing is largely focused on students, not necessarily bad but we need to make sure to provide for other members of the community. Other areas of Boone are lacking in affordable housing options for people.	9/28/2023 9:02 AM
11	If you're wealthy, options are plentiful (300k+ home building). If you're middle class or below, options are lacking (these residents stay in their homes longer, therefore less on market).	9/28/2023 9:01 AM
12	can't build fast enough. very high rent /real estate prices	9/24/2023 4:34 PM
13	wide spread of choices. Interest % [rate] sucks.	9/17/2023 8:31 AM
14	Virtually no houses for sale under \$300,000	9/13/2023 10:39 AM
15	Housing is too expensive for the jobs in the county The massive amount of rentals, people migrating to Columbia etc have greatly increased the cost of housing	9/11/2023 9:28 PM
16	A little expensive!	9/10/2023 2:24 PM
17	When we were trying to buy our first home every single starter home seemed to be owned by modern property group.	9/8/2023 1:15 PM
18	Housing is expensive for students and they usually have few amenities.	9/8/2023 11:02 AM
19	Cost of living is low but not all places are worth it. Some utilities are lower quality, like internet.	9/8/2023 10:37 AM
20	My understanding is that landlord oversight in Columbia is a joke, as someone who recently had their house inspected by the city for being able to provide short term renting. The inspection took less than five minutes, with little attention to detail. I have also rented in this city and know that landlords are not attentive to the needs of their renters, and will avoid addressing them as much as they can to save money and time. Further, the city vouchers are not accepted by many landlords, and thus without any regulation demanding it, there's nothing to help open up the market for affordable housing.	9/7/2023 6:26 PM
21	I see lots of new neighborhoods being put up with huge, expensive houses and I see new apartment buildings. I think new neighborhoods with smaller, more affordable houses being very beneficial.	9/6/2023 11:38 PM
22	Housing is very hard to find in both Ashland and Columbia. Landlords are out of control and need to be put in line.	9/6/2023 3:10 PM
23	Most of them are aimed at college kids not young professionals. Most of the rental companies are full slumlords.	9/5/2023 12:42 PM
24	Most new housing is either large single family homes or small apartments for college students or far away from everything. Not many options for family wanting a smaller home or multifamily home or to live car-light.	9/5/2023 12:07 PM
25	Cost of housing is far to expensive and very little options.	9/5/2023 11:18 AM
26	Not nearly enough housing, specifically affordable housing. In Columbia there are no renter friendly complexes or neighborhoods that have good safety ratings and not meant for college students	9/1/2023 3:40 PM
27	There's a huge lack of affordable housing options. Especially if you aren't in college and don't want roommates or if you're a young couple starting out in your marriage.	8/31/2023 7:34 AM
28	Cost of living is driving citizens to the surrounding areas outside of Boone.	8/29/2023 11:22 AM
29	The existing housing options are far too expensive.	8/29/2023 9:12 AM
30	Lack of affordable housing for low to moderate income residents.	8/28/2023 5:48 PM
31	Low inventory	8/26/2023 9:33 PM
32	Not enough properties for low to mid income families. Not enough "starter" homes.	8/26/2023 9:02 AM

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33	Need more affordable housing options. Most places I've looked in the county, from Ashland to Hartsburg, have just about doubled since 2019, compared to a national average of just about a 30% increase. While this is great for existing homeowners, it's created an unsustainable market for renters, refugees, young families, and prospective first time home buyers.	8/25/2023 12:41 PM
34	Housing prices are rising making it less affordable.	8/25/2023 11:15 AM
35	Continuous development of homes for the wealthy is not benefitting the average citizens. No more gated communities. more newer homes within city limits that the average person can purchase--we need incentives for developers to build affordable homes, period.	8/25/2023 10:51 AM
36	The economic challenges have made it difficult for moderate to lower income earners to remain in Boone County even with the lower cost of living, because there is a need for more housing stock at affordable prices.	8/25/2023 10:01 AM
37	Housing is too expensive— whether you rent or buy. A lot of rental property is geared toward students and the landlords take advantage	8/24/2023 4:10 PM
38	Rent and home prices are too high	8/24/2023 11:42 AM
39	I would actually say the new addition to the residential area are top of the line but far out of the price range of the people that live here.	8/22/2023 6:07 AM
40	Prices are getting out of hand, and developers are not being required to build the quality of housing they should be.	8/21/2023 3:13 PM
41	Its incredibly expensive to live in Boone County due to price of homes and taxes on property.	8/21/2023 3:07 PM
42	need more homes with acreage. Not enough space per home	8/21/2023 8:43 AM
43	Would be excellent, but housing is getting very expensive in Boone county.	8/21/2023 8:31 AM
44	Price gouging	8/21/2023 8:14 AM
45	I am a local real estate agent. Our housing market has inflated like crazy. I have clients that want to live in Boone County, but we are having to go to neighboring counties to look because of affordability. :(8/20/2023 7:01 PM
46	Housing prices are increasing, and it is becoming more difficult to rent in Boone County.	8/20/2023 3:40 PM
47	Building codes and requiring permits to do anything is crippling new construction	8/19/2023 3:33 PM
48	Its too expensive to live in columbia, rent is very high relative to average income. there are also very few places to live, there is a terrible housing shortage.	8/18/2023 9:26 PM
49	NEED MORE HOUSING	8/18/2023 9:04 PM
50	I have been trying to buy for over a year. There is a severe lack of affordable housing.	8/16/2023 8:51 PM
51	We've seen a huge increase in "property management" companies that are careless and take away the care and relationship necessary for renting to be successful. We're also nearing the point where housing is unaffordable for most people.	8/16/2023 9:52 AM
52	There are few affordable housing options and few housing options unless you want to rent. Rent is high with poor quality rentals. Who wants to move to that?	8/15/2023 11:59 PM
53	I would love more affordable housing just outside of city limits that have 2-3 acre lots for those of us who like a little space from neighbors.	8/15/2023 9:28 PM
54	Most of this is likely the housing market, but inventory seems quite low across all tiers of pricing.	8/15/2023 11:14 AM
55	There is too much housing being purchased by out of state investors and it is causing local first time home buyers to be priced out.	8/15/2023 7:38 AM
56	Low inventory.	8/14/2023 4:34 PM
57	We need more affordable housing for those graduating college and first time home buyers.	8/8/2023 9:22 AM

Q15 What are your top three concerns that may affect the value of your home or property? [Choose up to three]

Answered: 205 Skipped: 24



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Flooding of my property.	10%	21
Lack of maintenance and upkeep of adjacent properties.	46%	95
Aesthetic appearance of new development on adjacent properties.	28%	58
Loss of open space or rural character adjacent to my property.	37%	76
Sewerage / septic leaks from adjacent properties.	12%	24
Impacts from nearby land uses that are incompatible with my property.	24%	49
Lack of adequate infrastructure.	49%	100
Other (please specify)	19%	38
Total Respondents: 205		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I don't own property	10/4/2023 3:29 PM
2	Neighborhood is perceived as bad because of its location.	9/28/2023 9:16 PM
3	Crime rate	9/28/2023 2:24 PM

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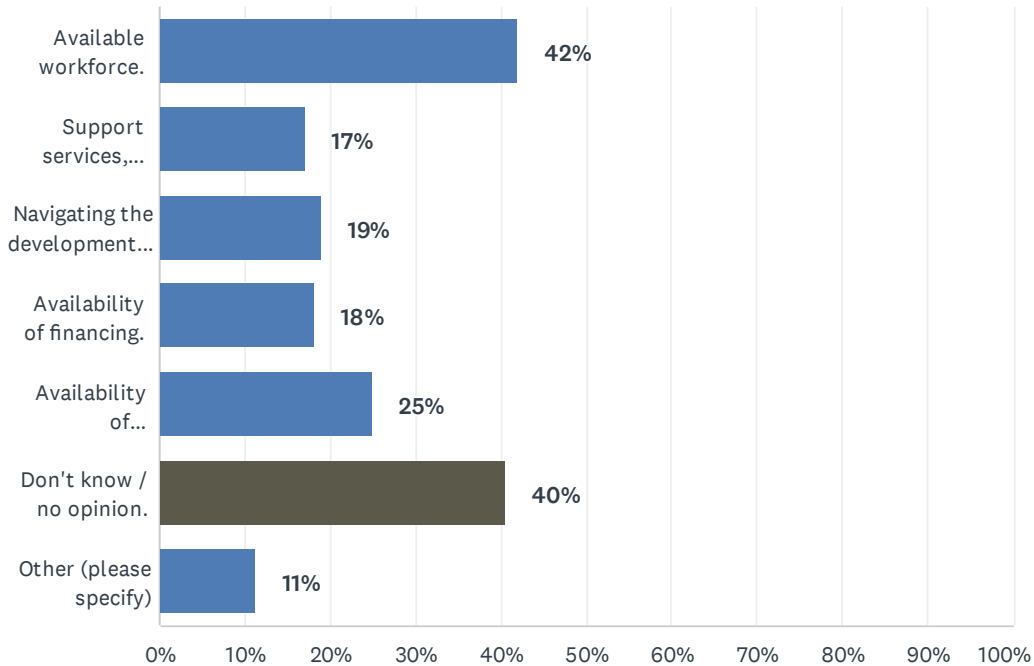
4	Lack of sidewalks make neighborhoods less child and people friendly	9/28/2023 1:37 PM
5	n/a	9/22/2023 9:51 AM
6	lack of green space	9/19/2023 5:23 PM
7	Poor Road infrastructure to east Columbia.	9/14/2023 3:26 PM
8	Increase of crime.	9/13/2023 10:39 AM
9	Loss of the ability to farm	9/13/2023 4:11 AM
10	Crime	9/11/2023 4:41 PM
11	Lack of renewable energy options.	9/9/2023 5:24 PM
12	For my property in particular its changing the zoning of properties on Broadway to allow businesses. I love the relative quiet of my neighborhood in the middle of town.	9/8/2023 1:15 PM
13	I don't own property in Boone County.	9/8/2023 11:02 AM
14	My concern is the severe lack of public transportation and sidewalks available in my neighborhood, which is just inside the Stadium loop. There should be far more dedicated sidewalk paths, bike lanes throughout the city that are more than just painted lines, and more extensive and available public transportation with regular bus stops that are far more accessible!	9/7/2023 6:26 PM
15	Stop focusing on home values, focusing on select individual property prices over the health of the city/county is how we end up like San Francisco with crime and homeless everywhere, it's already starting.	9/6/2023 3:10 PM
16	Lack of transit options/distance to grocery stores and businesses.	9/5/2023 12:07 PM
17	Equipment Share owns a business rental property next to my house. Earlier this year they made some changes without appropriate permits. The changes resulted in noise levels well above what is listed as acceptable within city code. After discussion with someone who works for the City of Columbia, Equipment Share made some changes that lowered the noise level, but it was still above city code. The city employee asked if I would accept the changes as satisfactory. It seems like in shared business/residential neighborhoods, the businesses are prioritized over residents. My perception is that both businesses and landlords in my neighborhood just want to make money off the space and not contribute to the betterment of the neighborhood.	9/1/2023 11:35 AM
18	I have no concerns with this.	8/29/2023 9:12 AM
19	We'd like our road paved	8/28/2023 4:15 PM
20	NA	8/28/2023 11:58 AM
21	Crime	8/28/2023 11:15 AM
22	Land degradation due to droughts and climate change.	8/25/2023 12:41 PM
23	I don't have very many concerns except that the trash in my neighbor's yard doesn't get picked up even when they put it out there on time.	8/25/2023 11:15 AM
24	Impact of landlords and driving up rent prices	8/25/2023 10:18 AM
25	Homeless. Regulations. Crime	8/25/2023 9:03 AM
26	Crime	8/25/2023 8:20 AM
27	Gengerfication, the new communities being built are exclusionary and constrict growth of local economy.	8/22/2023 6:07 AM
28	The change of city limits that could affect the taxes of my property	8/21/2023 8:14 AM
29	Lack of multi purpose zoning. There is only concrete and houses around me and no local shops, restaurants, or enough parks.	8/20/2023 3:58 PM
30	Lack of transit options and trail/shared use path connections.	8/20/2023 3:40 PM
31	No property	8/18/2023 3:03 PM

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32	Not applicable since I am currently renting and do not own property.	8/18/2023 8:51 AM
33	Hoosier neighbors	8/17/2023 10:18 AM
34	Highway 70 going to 3 lanes will greatly increase road noise for our neighborhoods	8/16/2023 8:15 AM
35	None.	8/16/2023 7:24 AM
36	Interest rates	8/15/2023 5:13 PM
37	Roads -- specifically gravel -- are not regularly evaluated in terms of the need to be surfaced (paved, chip and sealed, etc.) or as well maintained or cared for compared to what they used to be.	8/14/2023 4:34 PM
38	My property backs to the Bonnie View nature preserve if they add of change any of that I lose value tremendously.	8/8/2023 9:22 AM

Q16 What challenges do business owners face in Boone County? [choose all that apply]

Answered: 205 Skipped: 24



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Available workforce.	42%	86
Support services, especially when starting a business.	17%	35
Navigating the development regulatory process.	19%	39
Availability of financing.	18%	37
Availability of appropriately zoned land.	25%	51
Don't know / no opinion.	40%	83
Other (please specify)	11%	23
Total Respondents: 205		

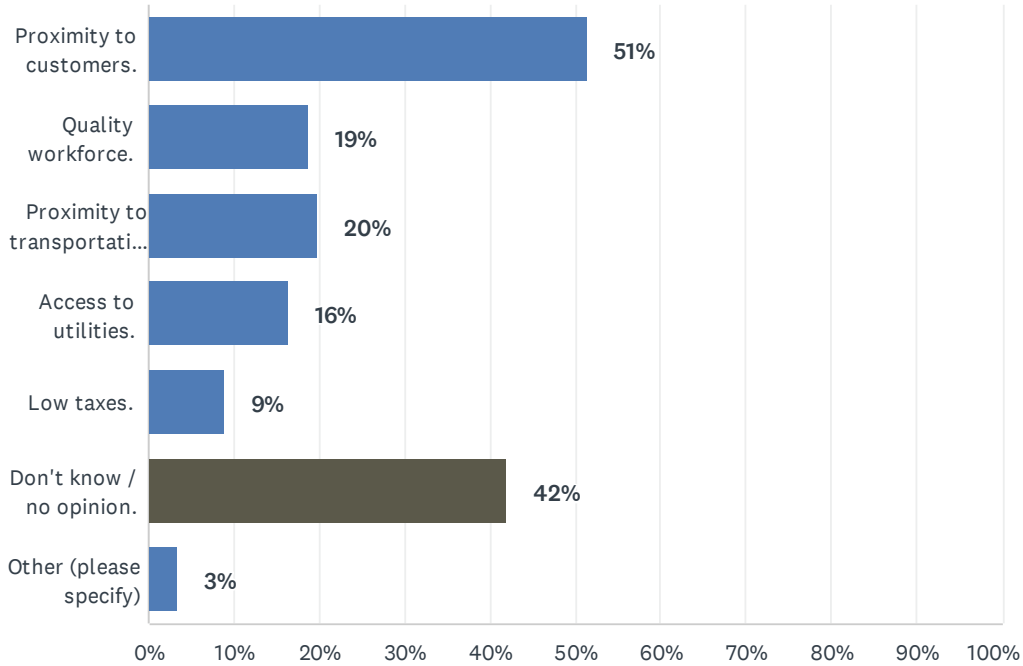
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1	Businesses largely rely on children for their workforce. While 16+ year olds should be encouraged to consider a part time job, they cannot be the backbone of these businesses staying open/operating.	9/28/2023 9:30 AM
2	access to affordable land to farm	9/25/2023 9:42 AM
3	Available commercial buildings	9/14/2023 3:27 PM
4	The influx of violent unhoused peoples terrorizing downtown business	9/11/2023 9:29 PM
5	Cost of taxes is too high	9/11/2023 4:42 PM

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6	Busses are not a reliable means of transport for young people who want to work but can't afford a vehicle.	9/8/2023 1:17 PM
7	You're supposed to serve the people, not the business owners. Do your job correctly. If not, have the business owners elect you next time.	9/6/2023 3:11 PM
8	Lack of mixed use zoning makes it difficult for small businesses to compete and restrictive zoning makes it hard to develop anything new/innovative.	9/5/2023 12:14 PM
9	The possibility of more unnecessary restrictions should we experience another event like COVID-19.	9/4/2023 12:06 PM
10	For instance, I would love to start a daycare, but have no options to start	9/1/2023 3:41 PM
11	Downtown rent has gotten out of control. Our downtown area pales in comparison to other college towns like Lawrence, KS. The businesses that survive that do retail like Poppy cater to a very specific and more wealthy crowd--leaves no room for much diversity in business. Just food, college bars, and a few clothing boutiques. Downtown is also the centerpiece of everything, but we have enough development in West/South Columbia to create another "district" where people can go to spread out the concentration of people so downtown infrastrucutre isn't overloaded. Another downtown issue is parking. I have no idea why building another hotel downtown near the Broadway was considered a "good" idea. We are already maxed out as it is with parking. No more new development. Multiple local businesses could have used that space.	8/25/2023 10:55 AM
12	Workforce willing to work for unfair compensation	8/25/2023 10:20 AM
13	Being targeted and harassed by criminals with no help from the court	8/25/2023 8:20 AM
14	High Taxes	8/21/2023 3:15 PM
15	Support from the county is lacking. It takes business forever to get a county inspector to come to help them open.	8/20/2023 7:02 PM
16	Get rid of minimum parking lot size reqs.	8/20/2023 4:00 PM
17	Paying fair wages to employees.	8/20/2023 3:42 PM
18	High taxes	8/20/2023 8:09 AM
19	High cost of doing business due to tax rates, regulation, and an unmotivated workforce.	8/18/2023 8:19 PM
20	County restrictions on businesses seem to discourage businesses from starting are being able to continue	8/18/2023 8:45 AM
21	Reasonably priced rent	8/17/2023 7:48 PM
22	The homeless people ruining their businesses (stealing, camping outside their businesses)	8/8/2023 12:19 PM
23	The county puts so much red tape on small businesses for planning and zoning and permitting as well as change of use for a business. Some people give up because the costs are too high.	8/8/2023 9:24 AM

Q17 What are the key reasons for locating a business in Boone County? [Choose all that apply]

Answered: 202 Skipped: 27



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Proximity to customers.	51%	104
Quality workforce.	19%	38
Proximity to transportation networks.	20%	40
Access to utilities.	16%	33
Low taxes.	9%	18
Don't know / no opinion.	42%	85
Other (please specify)	3%	7
Total Respondents: 202		

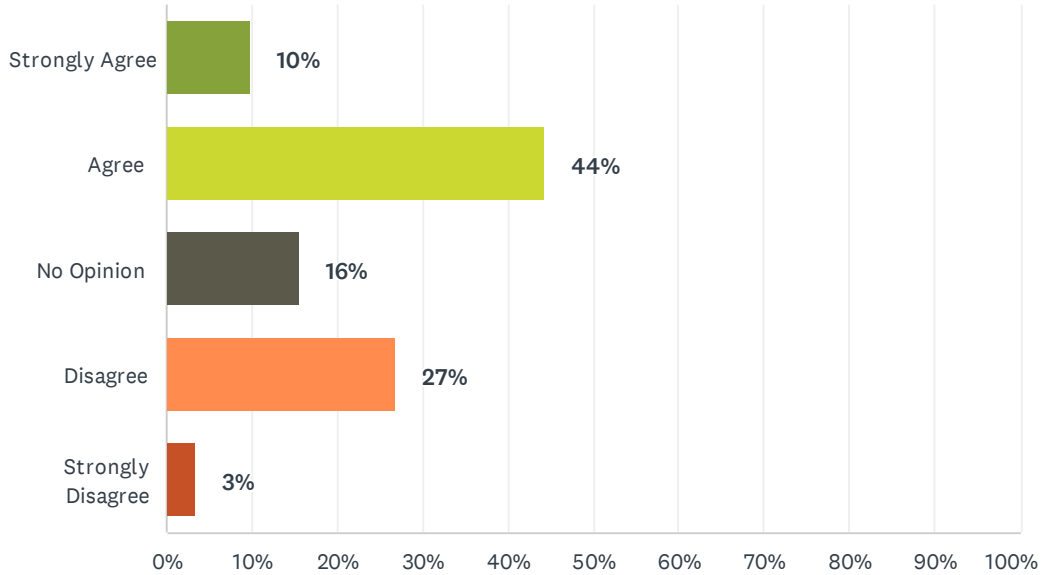
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1	Missouri, access to the university.	9/30/2023 10:46 AM
2	community attracts diverse populations of customers and workers	9/19/2023 5:26 PM
3	A lot of travel from outsiders into the city for events.	9/11/2023 4:42 PM
4	Great diverse customer base and ease of accessing resources.	8/28/2023 5:49 PM
5	The only real reason to start a business here should be because you live here. But the new businesses are coming because there are no regulations.	8/22/2023 6:12 AM

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6	These options only apply to businesses dependent on any of these factors. Otherwise most businesses would prefer to be located in adjacent counties and serve Boone.	8/18/2023 8:19 PM
7	Connection to Mizzou for recruiting top talent	8/15/2023 7:40 AM

Q18 Do you agree that there are adequate job opportunities in Boone County (i.e. jobs that pay a living wage, provide benefits, and opportunities for advancement)? [choose one]

Answered: 205 Skipped: 24



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Strongly Agree	10% 20
Agree	44% 91
No Opinion	16% 32
Disagree	27% 55
Strongly Disagree	3% 7
TOTAL	205

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY:	DATE
1	There are plenty of Jon's but not enough that pay a living wage.	10/2/2023 7:12 AM
2	Too few jobs that offer a living wage or advancement opportunities	9/30/2023 12:27 PM
3	Nothing is paying a living wage now. Definitely not paid adequately for education completed	9/29/2023 8:56 AM
4	There are plenty of jobs in Boone county, but jobs that pay a living wage, provide benefits, and opportunities for advancement? Not even close. I work for the state in a job that requires a bachelors degree and I have zero benefits. Zero. I make less than 30k a year. I don't get sick days, no holidays, no 401k, no vacation. And unless I further my education to get a masters degree my opportunities for "advancement" are very limited. That is outrageous. I know that's more of a state issue than a county one, but the job is in Boone county. Many of my friends face the same reality. I know very, very, VERY few people in this county that have a job that fits that description. Most of the ones that do are nearing retirement age in careers they've built over 15-30 years. Those shouldn't be outliers. They should be the norm. Especially if we want people who live here to be able to contribute to their communities.	9/29/2023 2:05 AM

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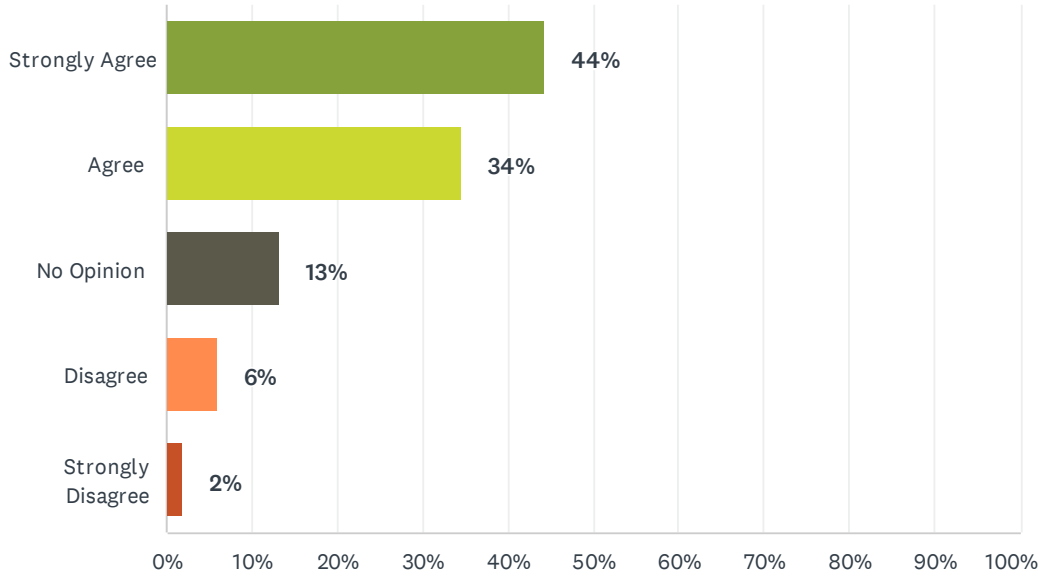
5	Wages are not high enough for many workers to adequately support themselves and their families. Minimum wage needs to be tied to inflation.	9/28/2023 1:39 PM
6	Health benefits and family benefits(child care options, paid parental leave) would greatly improve Boone's desirability for families to move to.	9/28/2023 9:30 AM
7	Even with a college education, I feel it is difficult to find a job that will pay enough to provide for your family and ensure a comfortable lifestyle. I think it is a combination of a high cost of living and low wages.	9/28/2023 9:13 AM
8	Overall I believe there are quite a few jobs available, but are they adequate? No. Many entry-level jobs do not pay a wage that can compete with this county's rising cost of living.	9/28/2023 9:04 AM
9	I do think there are a decent amount of jobs that pay a living wage, but that will need to increase if we want to continue to keep a more talented workforce from leaving after finishing college/trade school.	9/27/2023 12:49 PM
10	pay is very low due to Missouri's poor legislation and regulation from the state government	9/19/2023 5:26 PM
11	Pay is low, but livable for entry level jobs.	9/17/2023 8:31 AM
12	There are jobs, but they do not pay a livable wage or provide benefits.	9/13/2023 5:21 PM
13	I work in a specialized field and live in Boone County because my spouse works at the University. When we move here, there were no job openings in my field that could afford me a quality of life I wanted (i.e. consistent sleep patterns, appropriate work-life balance). This is why I work in Cole County.	9/9/2023 5:28 PM
14	There are plenty of job opportunities, but jobs that pay living wages or offer strong benefits are low. A lot of people aren't wanting a part time position. More full time positions with good benefits are needed.	9/9/2023 3:17 PM
15	I am a former teacher. When I was looking to change careers, I found very few job opportunities that fit my needs.	9/8/2023 4:26 PM
16	In Columbia, because there is an excess of students looking for unskilled work, many of the jobs offer payment of minimum wage or barely over minimum wage. This is not livable, especially as a student trying to afford tuition payments.	9/8/2023 11:04 AM
17	I am a professor at a university, so certainly for me in that regard there are adequate opportunities, but I'm not familiar otherwise with Columbia job opportunities.	9/7/2023 6:26 PM
18	There are a lot of job opportunities within the county, the issue that arises is if those jobs actually pay a living wage.	9/6/2023 12:22 PM
19	Again most starting wages are aimed at college kids not adults trying to make a living wage.	9/5/2023 12:44 PM
20	Hard to find lower cost housing to rent for employees of big box stores/grocery stores so not enough jobs with livable wages.	9/5/2023 12:14 PM
21	Very few job opportunities that provide a true living.	9/5/2023 11:19 AM
22	From my experience in Columbia alone, a majority of the job opportunities underpay their staff. I think that benefits are getting better for most places but opportunities for advancement can feel niche in this community. Especially if you aren't able to be well connected in the community.	9/5/2023 10:00 AM
23	A lot of our "forces" are under paid	9/1/2023 3:41 PM
24	Employers think that because it's the middle of Missouri/the midwest that cost of living is lower. Mizzou's tuition/healthcare costs, utilities, rent, single family home costs, taxes, groceries and so forth keep going up. Yet the employers don't increase wages and if they do, they think a 3% increase is enough even though cost of living has raised by 10%+. My partner and I make over 100k a year and we cannot afford to purchase a home in the Columbia because of all these factors. It's insane.	8/31/2023 7:39 AM
25	Not a lot of places seems to really care about their employees making a wage that is more than just surviving. People need to live not just survive	8/31/2023 7:05 AM
26	Wages need to increase	8/29/2023 10:11 AM

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27	I disagree on the front of paying a living wage.	8/29/2023 9:12 AM
28	I believe the living wages and benefits could be increased by most employers in the county, but that goes for the whole state. A minimum wage of \$12/hr, given inflation since 2016, is ridiculously low, and while most jobs I've seen or applied for throughout the county do start in the \$14-18/hr range, this is still barely enough to support yourself with a decent quality of life without children. MIT says our living wage with a 2 parent, 1 kid household works out to \$32.44/hr, and only a shrinking handful of opportunities in the county offer that.	8/25/2023 12:45 PM
29	I think the jobs that provide living wage are not as frequent.	8/25/2023 11:26 AM
30	Veterans United and EquipmentShare do a great job of providing good opportunities, but we need to attract more business like these to get people to want to stay here.	8/25/2023 10:55 AM
31	Definitely adequate job opportunities for those who have completed a path thru higher education. Harder for those who haven't	8/25/2023 10:20 AM
32	I believe that Boone County has the job opportunities that can ensure those that live here have a standard quality of life. However, there a major disparities in who is receiving those type of jobs and offering a competitive rate for all individuals.	8/25/2023 10:05 AM
33	If you work in healthcare, there's plenty of opportunity to find a job, even then the wages could be better. Everyone else has the food service industry or a job for the city.	8/24/2023 4:12 PM
34	Wages are are not reflecting the low cost of development here and more display the ignorance of the local population.	8/22/2023 6:12 AM
35	Inflation has caused the livable wage to become inadequate. Put a cap rental increases?	8/22/2023 3:42 AM
36	Wages are not keeping up with costs	8/21/2023 3:15 PM
37	There are job opportunities, but wages do not match what is required.	8/20/2023 3:42 PM
38	No to wages and advancement	8/18/2023 9:15 PM
39	Several large businesses and institutions in the area.	8/18/2023 10:28 AM
40	People are having a hard time finding work that pays enough for housing. Businesses complain about not finding hourly workers, but hourly workers can't afford housing in Columbia.	8/16/2023 9:54 AM
41	There are a lot of jobs that pay poorly. There are t enough jobs that pay a living wage. Employment isn't the issue - it's more employers who can afford employees.	8/16/2023 12:00 AM
42	Mostly agree about there being jobs with good benefits and opportunities for advancement, though we could improve on the livable wage.	8/15/2023 9:32 PM
43	Not a livable wage or good benefits. Maternity/parental leave is only available at few jobs. Our county doesn't even offer it. It's not a good place to grow a family because of this. It puts an amazing amount of stress on families because of this.	8/15/2023 7:44 PM
44	The largest institutions in the county- i.e. University Hospital System, the City of Columbia- do not pay competitive wages, they do not provide appropriate benefits such as paid parental leave, and they do not encourage advancement- so I cannot in good faith say that the county as a whole provides good benefits and good wages.	8/14/2023 1:59 PM
45	There should be a few more corporate locations headquartered here, with the extreme layoffs VU will be facing over the next few months I don't believe we have enough upper level jobs for people.	8/8/2023 9:24 AM

Q19 Do you agree or disagree with the statement, "Farming and family farms are important to the economy of Boone County"?

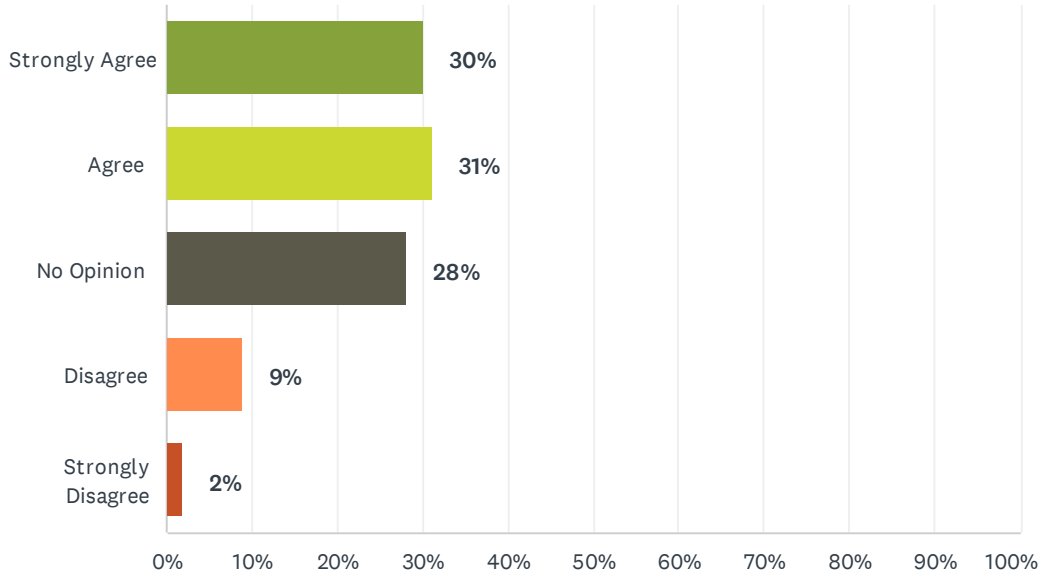
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	44%	90
Agree	34%	70
No Opinion	13%	27
Disagree	6%	12
Strongly Disagree	2%	4
TOTAL		203

Q20 Do you agree or disagree with the statement, "The loss of prime farmland is a concern in Boone County"?

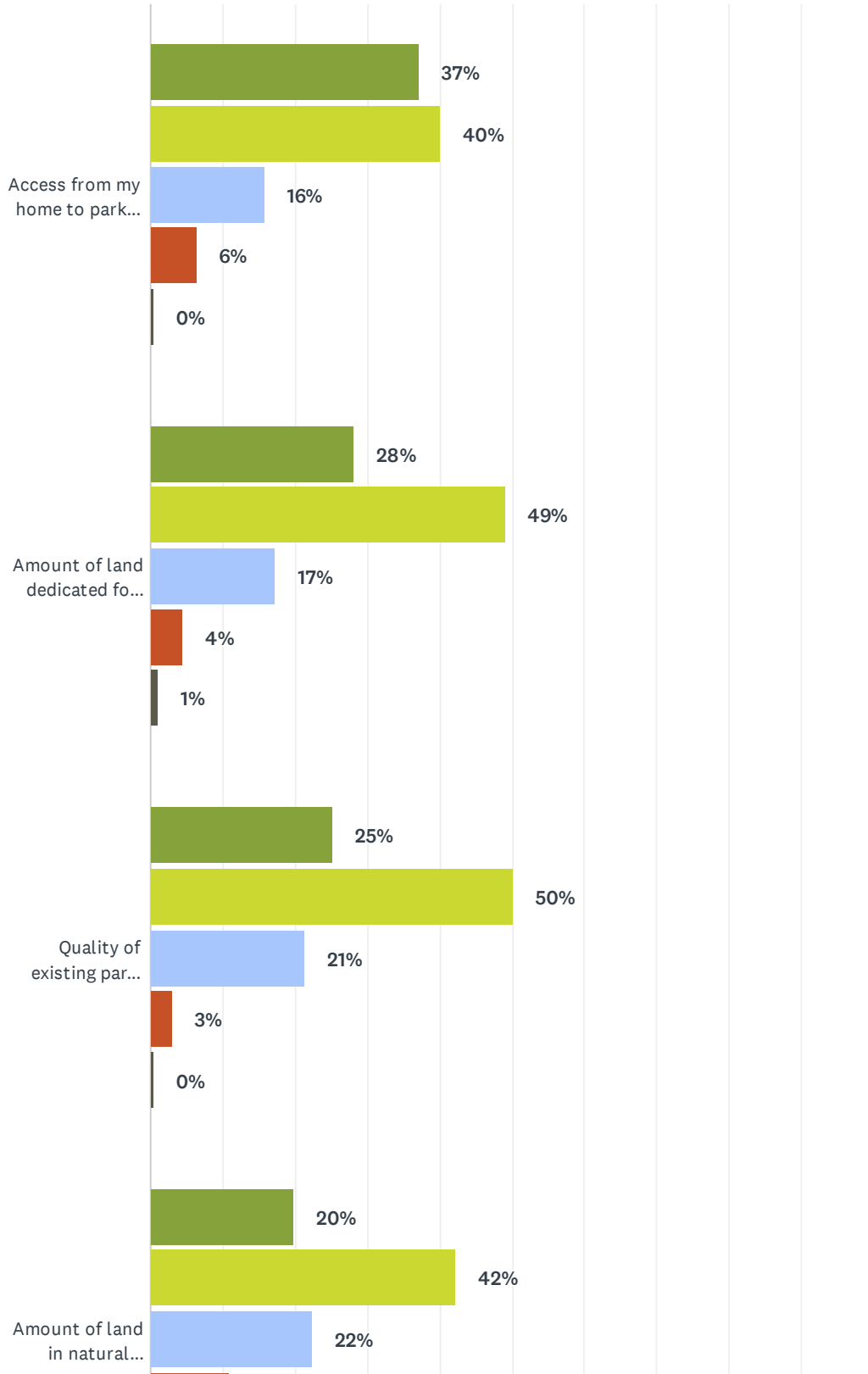
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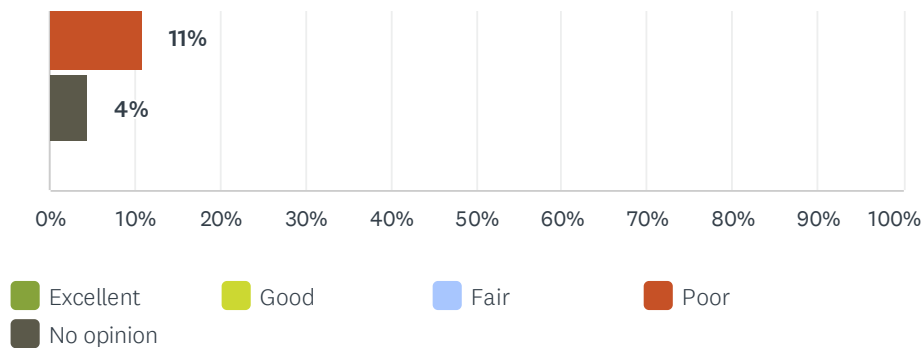
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	30%	61
Agree	31%	63
No Opinion	28%	57
Disagree	9%	18
Strongly Disagree	2%	4
TOTAL		203

Q21 How would you rate the following for natural areas, parks, open space, and recreation facilities in Boone County?

Answered: 202 Skipped: 27



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	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	NO OPINION	TOTAL
Access from my home to parks and recreation facilities.	37% 75	40% 81	16% 32	6% 13	0% 1	202
Amount of land dedicated for parks and recreation.	28% 57	49% 99	17% 35	4% 9	1% 2	202
Quality of existing parks and recreation facilities.	25% 51	50% 101	21% 43	3% 6	0% 1	202
Amount of land in natural habitats (woodlands, wetlands, prairies, etc.).	20% 40	42% 85	22% 45	11% 22	4% 9	201

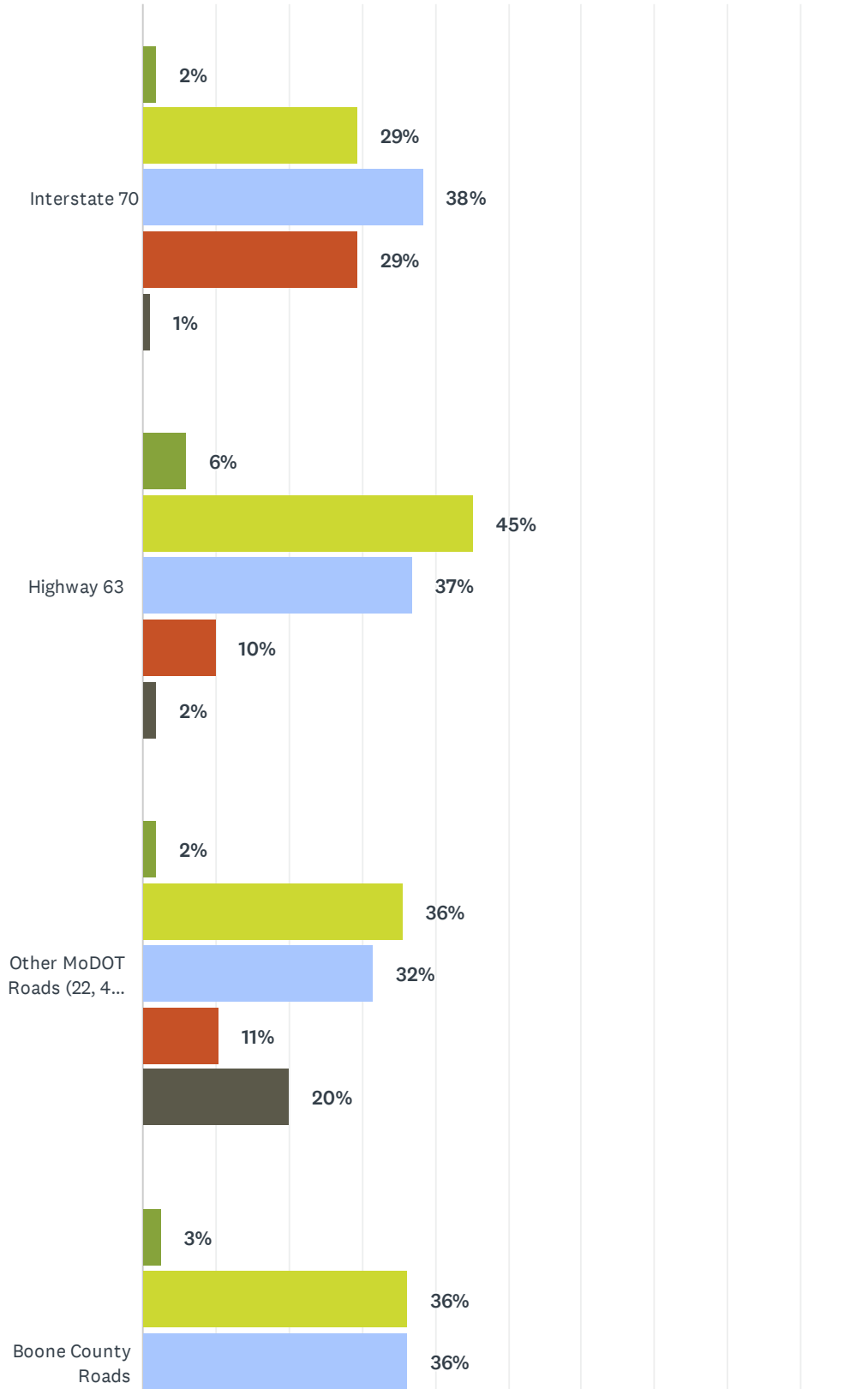
#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY:	DATE
1	We need to protect the natural areas and farm land from encroaching city spread. Especially to protect our environment and soil from erosion as well as endangered and protected species.	10/2/2023 7:14 AM
2	Parks for recreation are wonderful, but we have got to prioritize our natural habitats before they're lost forever. In my lifetime I have witnessed so much loss in the local area and I'm only 30. We have got to get a handle on this before it's too late. It doesn't even need to just be huge plots of land dedicated to this either, but educate the community on the values of native wildflowers/plants. Educate farmers on the benefits of wildflower parameters for their crop fields. Require developers to leave a certain percentage of trees/natural areas on the lands they clear for new subdivisions. Encourage HOA's to adopt native-plant-friendly policies. Better manage our local streams so they're safer for people to fish from. So many things could be done or implemented that would make a tremendous impact on the long term health and well-being of our county along with all the people AND wildlife within it.	9/29/2023 2:14 AM
3	More of this please	9/28/2023 11:14 AM
4	Crime makes it hard to enjoy these places.	9/25/2023 10:28 AM
5	crime in parks	9/24/2023 4:35 PM
6	Maintenance of facilities.	9/17/2023 8:32 AM
7	I live in Columbia where I can ride my bicycle to at least 5 local parks without riding on the road, and to a state park. The parks are great.	9/9/2023 5:30 PM
8	I have to cross multiple busy roads to get access to a park. The roads provide little to no support for pedestrians.	9/8/2023 10:40 AM
9	I live within the city loop of Columbia, so I see more dedicated park space than actual natural habitats, but I live very close to multiple parks and county trails (which I greatly appreciate) and find valuable. I love biking down the Katy Trail and seeing all the natural space available there.	9/7/2023 6:28 PM
10	I would like to see the state start buying more public land for its residents to enjoy.	9/6/2023 4:45 PM
11	Boone has very good nature areas, we should work to preserve and protect them.	9/6/2023 3:14 PM
12	A lot of natural habitats are being developed. Only flood zones seem to be safe from	9/5/2023 12:15 PM

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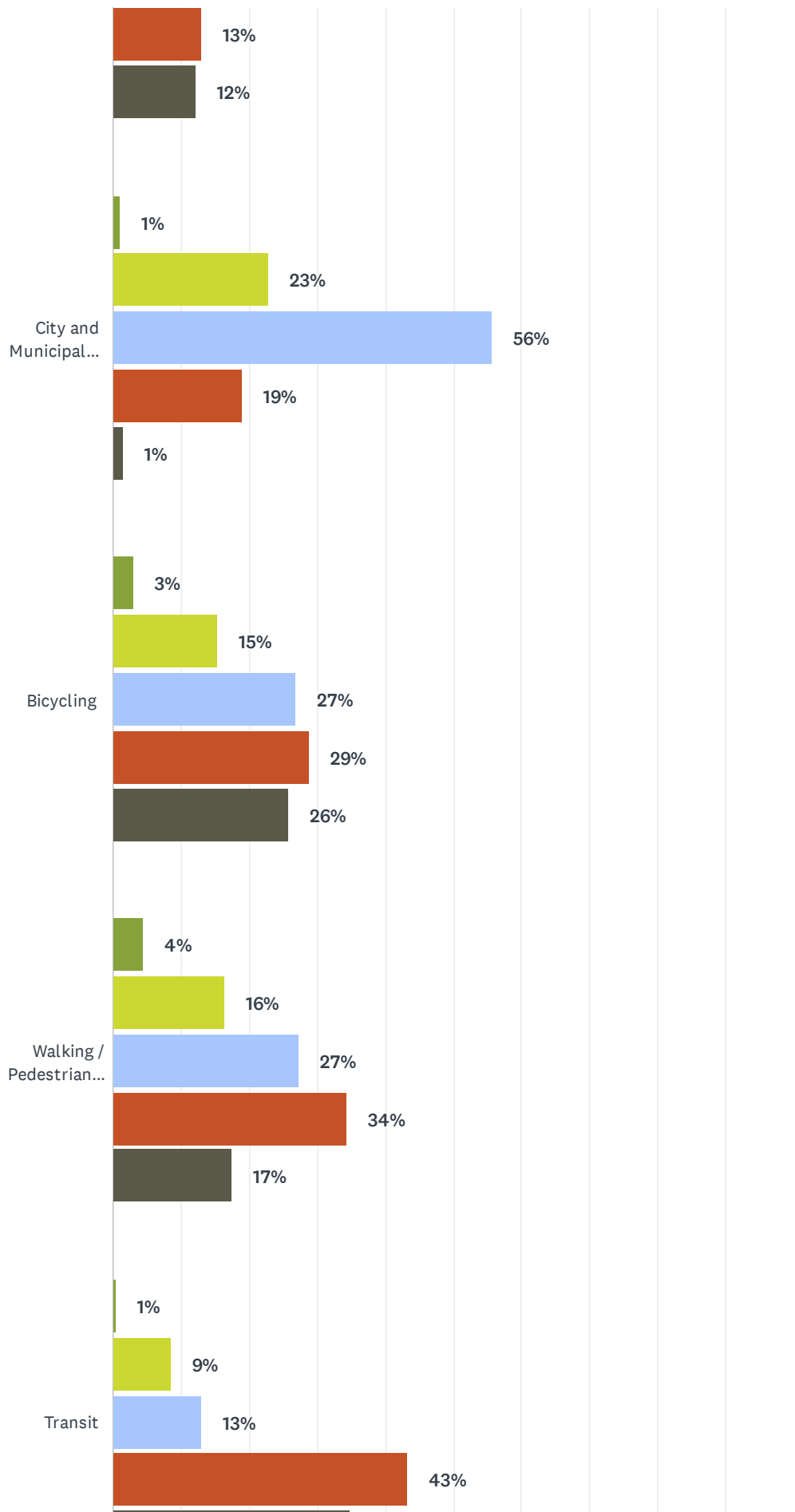
	development.	
13	Please put your in bike trails and paths in Ashland	9/5/2023 8:23 AM
14	There are few large nature areas in NE Columbia. The Alspaugh land that was donated will be greatly appreciated, but it will be multiple years before there is funding and development for access to the space.	9/1/2023 11:38 AM
15	The diversity of parks and wildlife refuge areas is pretty good in the county relative to the state even, but I think it could always be better. Better quality educational resources in parks and natural habitats would significantly increase the quality of those sites. Signage could use an upgrade, staff could use more PD, a pay raise, and increased numbers of interpreters or rangers. Outside of MDC event I don't see nearly any opportunities for kids, adults, farmers, anyone to get the educational resources they deserve and need to help us take care of our natural resources.	8/25/2023 12:49 PM
16	I often utilize the hiking trails, bike/walking trails, and nature areas. All of them seems to be well maintained and no further than 10-15 min from where I stay.	8/25/2023 11:35 AM
17	Please do not continue to build parks, we have more than enough and they are of high quality.	8/25/2023 10:56 AM
18	We have too many parks. They've become a cesspool. Hire more rangers to help keep them safe	8/25/2023 8:21 AM
19	Living in unincorporated Columbia doesn't provide any access to recreation, at least on the NE side	8/24/2023 4:14 PM
20	Many have faced large housing developments on borders of the vital watersheds	8/22/2023 7:49 AM
21	Honestly the efforts of conservation seems unbalanced with the lack of fauna diversity in the region.	8/22/2023 6:15 AM
22	The northern side of town has few parks and only one trail	8/22/2023 3:45 AM
23	Boone County is quickly losing its existing natural areas to low-density single-family housing, and it is tragic to see. Housing developments such as the Thornbrook area are an example of houses that never should have been built. Farmland and forested areas are now lost forever, replaced with people that drive cars to houses that demolished all the trees. We are in an age where we are experiencing a total lack of respect for our land.	8/20/2023 3:45 PM
24	Amount of land in natural habitats (woodlands, wetlands, prairies, etc. is declining at a stark pace. Keep trees. Less new housing developments, less people. Preserve Columbia.	8/15/2023 2:28 PM
25	Unaware how Boone County provides parks and recreation. I'm under the impression incorporated areas provide those services.	8/8/2023 9:13 AM
26	No more parks	8/7/2023 10:51 PM

Q22 How would you rate the following modes of transportation in Boone County (in terms of condition, safety, lack of congestion, access, etc.)?

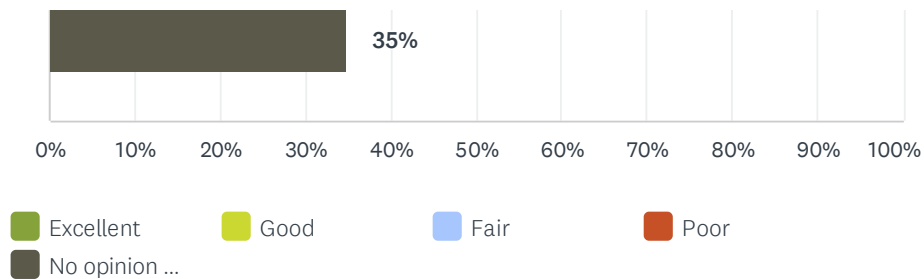
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	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	NO OPINION / NOT APPLICABLE	TOTAL
Interstate 70	2% 4	29% 59	38% 77	29% 59	1% 2	201
Highway 63	6% 12	45% 91	37% 74	10% 20	2% 4	201
Other MoDOT Roads (22, 40, 124, 163, E, J, Z, etc.)	2% 4	36% 71	32% 63	11% 21	20% 40	199
Boone County Roads	3% 5	36% 72	36% 72	13% 26	12% 24	199
City and Municipal streets	1% 2	23% 46	56% 112	19% 38	1% 3	201
Bicycling	3% 6	15% 31	27% 54	29% 58	26% 52	201
Walking / Pedestrian Facilities	4% 9	16% 33	27% 55	34% 69	17% 35	201
Transit	1% 1	9% 17	13% 26	43% 86	35% 69	199

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY:	DATE
1	There has been a lack of support for accessible sidewalks, regular city transport that circulates often enough on shorter routes. Bicycle lanes are not made on some streets to be wide enough to support them. Driving on county roads the road quality has a great deal of potholes or lack maintenance and the snow response is poor.	10/2/2023 7:16 AM
2	More bike lanes and sidewalks to encourage non-car transport	9/30/2023 12:28 PM
3	Roads in Columbia get a little insane when the students are in town. They aren't really designed for that amount of people, but they do function. Just feels like living in a big city sometimes rather than one with that small town/rural feel that I think many people value Columbia for. Public transportation is pretty trash. Limited routes, not enough buses running. Columbia itself has pretty good bike/pedestrian access, but could still be better. Better, more accessible public transport should be a priority. Not everyone can afford a car, but everyone needs to get around.	9/29/2023 2:20 AM
4	Sidewalks and bike lanes should be added to all non highway/interstate roads to promote less dependency on cars and to encourage a healthier populace	9/28/2023 1:41 PM
5	City sidewalks are atrocious in my city. They are not accessible/usable due to uneven/damaged concrete. And many areas that could benefit from a sidewalk doesn't have any. Roadways often get neglected with poor patching that doesn't last a week before it's back to being bad.	9/28/2023 9:47 AM
6	Highway 63 needs expansion through Columbia, as traffic is less-than-desirable through this section for morning and evening commutes. Stadium Blvd also needs expansion, as does Interstate 70 of course.	9/28/2023 9:07 AM
7	NEED a train going to Jefferson City	9/27/2023 11:35 PM

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8	Improvements to I-70 are coming (and much needed). Continued growth in cycling/walkability is extremely necessary. The free bus is a phenomenal resource for residents who need to use it, but it needs to be more reliable and circulate more frequently. I understand a shortage of drivers is an issue, but that is a problem that needs to be prioritized.	9/27/2023 12:51 PM
9	I come from stl, como feels like an upgrade	9/25/2023 9:43 AM
10	buckling, potholes, width of lettered highways, Route N sucks!	9/24/2023 4:35 PM
11	Transit within Columbia is absolutely garbage in terms of time schedules and locations serviced. I also am not aware of any kind of public transit that would link communities in Boone County.	9/19/2023 5:30 PM
12	City congestion at certain hours.	9/17/2023 8:32 AM
13	During game day weekend, the bicycle lane along Stadium becomes a parking lot. That area is for bicycles, not vehicles? To my knowledge, public transit is not an option for my commute, grocery run, or recreational activities. The I-70 access roundabouts are a nightmare for pedestrians. Highway 63 gets pretty dicey when it snows. I've seen a number of cars run into the ditch when that happens.	9/9/2023 5:35 PM
14	The roads have a lot of bumps and holes and aren't in the best conditions.	9/9/2023 3:18 PM
15	Buses don't run consistently enough	9/8/2023 10:21 PM
16	Along busy roads there are rarely adequate sidewalks or bike lanes.	9/8/2023 10:41 AM
17	I live in a part of the city where I can access bike boulevards to get to work, and that's nice, but it would be nicer for there to be far more bike infrastructure with protected bike lanes, especially in parts of the downtown area. Sidewalk quality is extremely poor, and the bus transit system is virtually inaccessible to me from both a temporal availability perspective and geographic accessibility.	9/7/2023 6:30 PM
18	Biking and walking on many roads seems very dangerous. I'm not familiar with our public transit options	9/6/2023 11:43 PM
19	Build out public transportation and make walking more accessible.	9/6/2023 3:15 PM
20	The busses in Columbia should run till 8 or 9pm at least, that would make transit much more useful for more people.	9/5/2023 12:59 PM
21	Three public transit system is a joke. In July I took a job across town and they immediately change the system after that making it even less accessible. The city of St. Louis has a bus AND train system. I now have an hour just one way commute on foot now some days. Also the fact that the city is putting football fans ahead of the working population is insane and absolutely insulting. Not to mention NONE of the sidewalks are maintained enough for two people to walk down them side by side. The city should be ashamed of this transit system.	9/5/2023 12:50 PM
22	Transit is not frequent enough (every 90 minutes now in Columbia) and is miserable in the summer without shade at many bus stop. Most places don't have safe sidewalks/ designed street for uses outside of cars. Most new developments have really wide roads without sidewalks leading to drivers speeding in residential areas where children could be out on bikes/walking. Interstate 70 and Highway 63 are difficult to cross without a car (even on the existing bridges)	9/5/2023 12:19 PM
23	Need better side walks for walking and biking, 70 and 63 interchange a pr9blem in columbuia and to much congestion.	9/5/2023 11:20 AM
24	MO streets, roads, and highways for the most part are in get condition and very easy to access, and always able to get places with a vehicle. However, bicycle and pedestrian facilities need some love, especially in the urban areas of Boone County. Columbia has one of the most beautiful trail systems, but there are tons of folks that can't/refuse to use their bikes off of the trail because there isn't a safe biking network for them to use. There IS a group of folks that would run errands, ride to work or school, or do small tasks on a bike to places close to them if there was a safe space for them. If Boone County could invest in bicycling and walking we would see less vehicles on the roads and streets, and hopefully less congestion.	9/5/2023 10:01 AM
25	The 63/70 interchange MUST be improved before more development occurs and further land locks the area. Interstate 70 is in constant need of repair, but the state funding for adding	9/4/2023 12:12 PM

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another lane is very promising. I feel Columbia needs to work on bettering local transit options, however, the county as a whole should review options for broader transit. The new COU airport is a major step in the right direction (although more flights/carriers are needed), but other inter-city options besides Greyhound and MO-X should be explored. A commuter route to/from major Jefferson City employers or the Amtrak station would be a good option. Additional options to/from St. Louis and Kansas City would also be beneficial for many.

26	I70 - Even after the planned improvement to the 63/70 interchange, I think there will still be congestion that will not be remedied until there is a full cloverleaf allowing more seamless flow of traffic in all directions. Biking - I bike to the MU campus/downtown 1-2 times weekly. There are drainage issues on portions of the road (N Paris road where it crosses over I70 and in front of Walt's Bike Shop), inconsistent bike lanes alongside speeding traffic make for unsafe biking conditions. Pedestrian - Inconsistent sidewalks. To go for a run near my house, there are portions where I have to run on the road right next to 45mph traffic (if they are following the speed limit). Public Transit - I am open to riding public transit to downtown for work, but transit schedules, travel times, and accessibility to bus stops are poor. And facilities at bus stops are poor to non-existent.	9/1/2023 11:46 AM
27	More sidewalks would facilitate walking	8/29/2023 1:04 PM
28	Transit and walkability/bikeability outside of downtown is very poor	8/29/2023 10:15 AM
29	I believe your rural towns need more sidewalks put in.	8/25/2023 2:48 PM
30	Need more walkable layouts in every town in the county, though again this is more of a statewide/national issue. Improved busses, including more routes and more sensible routes would be great. Better bikelanes and sidewalks, especially around schools, would make a huge difference. A light rail in Columbia that could connect to Ashland, Centralia, Hallsville, and Strugeon would significantly increase quality of living for the whole county. While this would be costly, it would also allow for county residents to get to work in Columbia without having to live there, and could help support rural lifestyles rather than forcing assimilation into the urban environment.	8/25/2023 12:55 PM
31	I think the public transit system could use some improvements.	8/25/2023 11:36 AM
32	Our public transit system needs a major overhaul that touches more citizens. Our roads are overload and poorly maintained. there have been major potholes on a stretch of Providence before the Stewart/Providence intersection heading north for years that have not been addressed and are extremely unsafe. With all the taxes we're paying, the roads should be in much better condition.	8/25/2023 10:58 AM
33	There definitely needs to be resources put into transit and pedestrian facilities throughout Boone County. In Columbia in particular, more accessible walkways and bicycle lanes are needed.	8/25/2023 10:11 AM
34	Please fix the giant potholes	8/25/2023 8:22 AM
35	Our roads suck, the sewer system downtown sucks and anytime there's a big rain the streets are flooded and have standing water, the changing of bus schedules/combining routes is a problem for people who rely on this service	8/24/2023 4:16 PM
36	The city obviously use the highway to segment certain sections of the county. And the lack of side walks increases the disparity of access to the city and it's resources for it's citizens with out vehicles.	8/22/2023 6:19 AM
37	Expand i70 to three lanes. Expand Clark Lane to double lanes with a round about at Hanover.	8/22/2023 3:49 AM
38	There are not enough safe bicycle, walking, and wheelchair connections between Columbia and neighboring communities throughout Boone County. 14-foot-wide shared-use paths will be an excellent addition and will be a perfect counterpart to the lovely rail trails in Boone County. The transit situation is tragic here--Columbia's public transit Go COMO was slashed in half, with no insight as to whether it will be returned. There also need to be regional connections to neighboring small towns in Boone County and Columbia, as well as regional links to Jefferson City. Furthermore, there should be an increased frequency of bus trips between Columbia to Kansas City and St. Louis. The overreliance on car infrastructure is concerning. With the new I-70 Rocheport Bridge being built without a bicycle connection even though it goes over the Katy Trail, and land that will be seized for I-70 interstate expansion even though traffic is fine	8/20/2023 3:52 PM

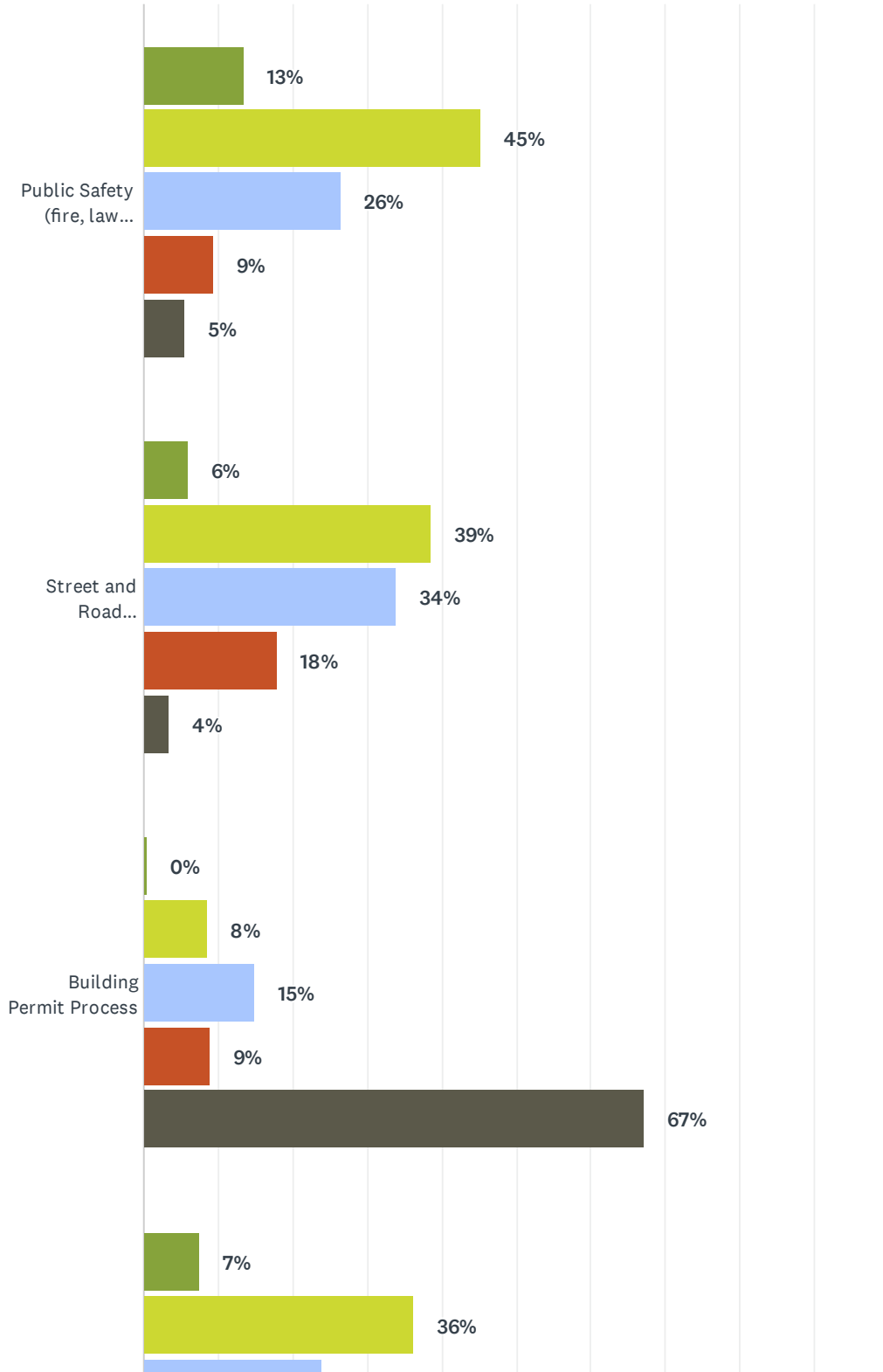
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with existing lanes and these are our most deadly roadway areas, the transportation opportunities seem to be reducing quickly to a car-only focus.

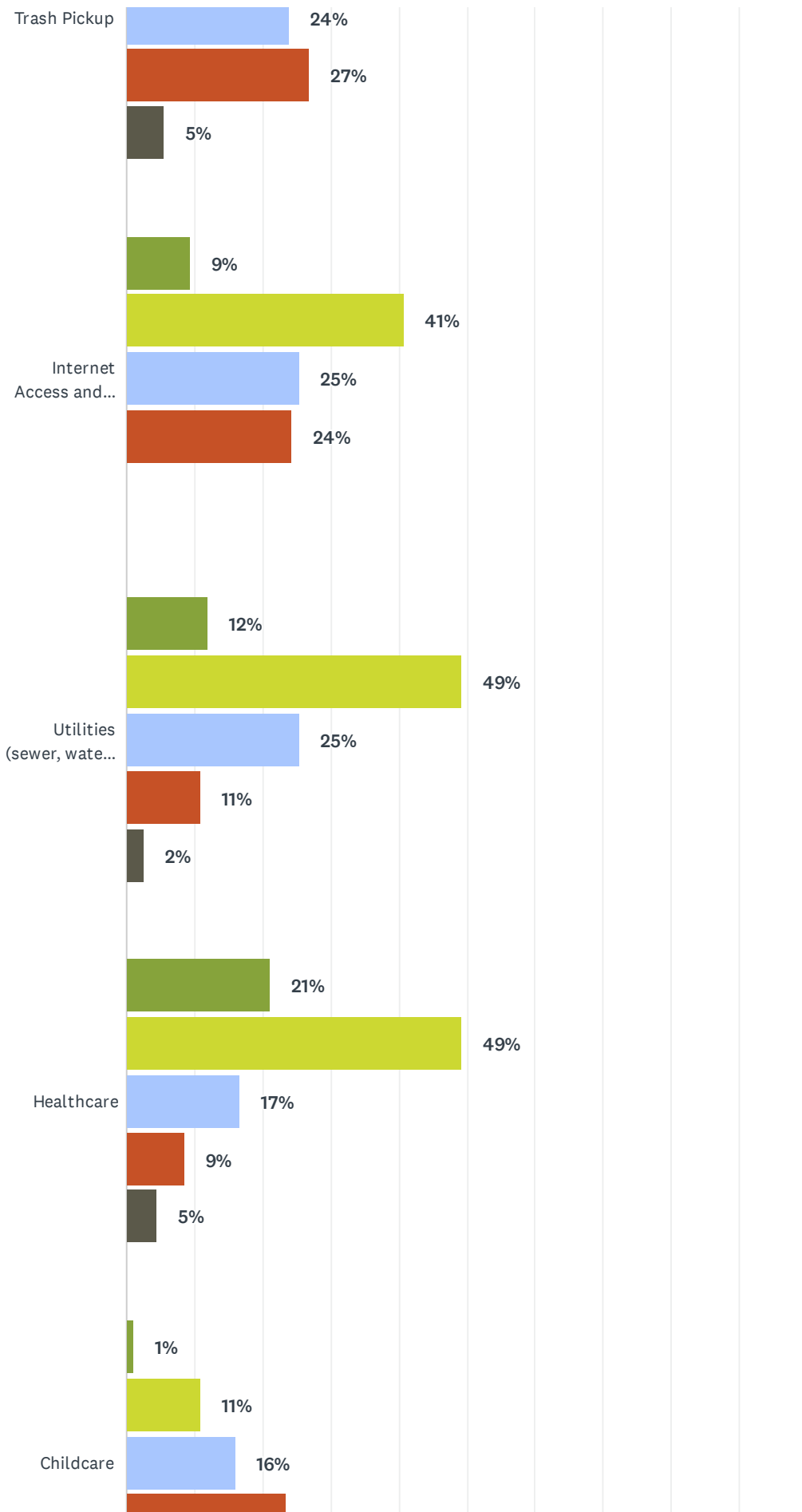
39	70 & 63 are okay independently but the interchange is terrible	8/15/2023 12:30 PM
40	Columbia particularly lacks a cohesive pedestrian/bicycle network. "Sharrows" and painted bike lines are not enough. Bus uses needs better marketing encouraging drivers to get out of cars.	8/15/2023 9:51 AM

Q23 How would you rate the following community services and facilities for your home or immediate community (in terms of quality, proximity, availability, etc.)?

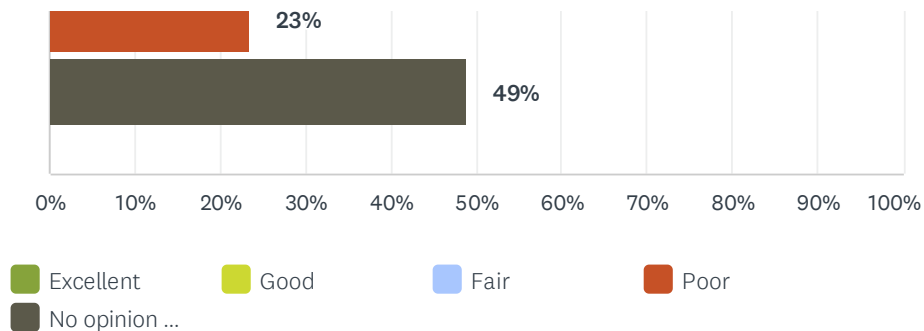
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Public Safety (fire, law enforcement, ambulance, etc.)	13% 27	45% 91	26% 53	9% 19	5% 11	201
Street and Road Maintenance / Snow Removal	6% 12	39% 77	34% 68	18% 36	4% 7	200
Building Permit Process	0% 1	8% 17	15% 30	9% 18	67% 135	201
Trash Pickup	7% 15	36% 73	24% 48	27% 54	5% 11	201
Internet Access and Speed	9% 19	41% 82	25% 51	24% 49	0% 0	201
Utilities (sewer, water, electric, etc.)	12% 24	49% 99	25% 51	11% 22	2% 5	201
Healthcare	21% 42	49% 98	17% 33	9% 17	5% 9	199
Childcare	1% 2	11% 22	16% 32	23% 47	49% 98	201

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1	Snow response has not been good to county roads and even some city streets don't get plowed until days later especially in poorer neighborhoods. Streets will vary in quality with sections that are new and others with potholes. Trash pick up we pay for recycling pick up but have not received the service for some time in Columbia. High Internet speeds are still not available in some of the county areas without paying high installation costs. Access to childcare is difficult.	10/2/2023 7:20 AM
2	Healthcare is impossible here because doctors don't stay. I keep having to get a new doctor each year because they leave. Childcare is too expensive	9/29/2023 9:00 AM
3	Internet access needs to be better for more rural folks. With the University of Missouri, Boone Hospital, Women's and Children's, and the VA in Columbia the access to healthcare is pretty amazing for those who are able to utilize them. I go to the VA and receive great care there. Childcare doesn't apply directly to me, but many of my friends have children and they have all struggled to find a facility they like enough to leave their child there. When they do find a place they really like the waitlists are long and the costs high. I've heard very serious complaints about multiple childcare facilities in Columbia that are honestly very concerning. I don't know the solution here, but I do think things need to be better.	9/29/2023 2:28 AM
4	Few openings and ridiculously expensive.	9/28/2023 9:20 PM
5	Regional hospitals in my area have been closing at alarming rates. You have to travel to Columbia for most all healthcare. That's a big problem for elderly, people with small children, people who work outside of Columbia.	9/28/2023 10:10 AM
6	Water service is quite bad. Internet options are as well, with only option being Spectrum.	9/28/2023 9:09 AM

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7	Not nearly enough competitively priced centers. Terribly long waitlists. Almost zero access for healthcare workers working long hours.	9/26/2023 9:26 PM
8	Childcare is not affordable and the wifi options in our area are nearly non-existent.	9/25/2023 10:29 AM
9	Can't wait for trash to switch over to the trash bin service. When people set their bags out at night, bags tend to rip and more litter goes everywhere.	9/25/2023 9:45 AM
10	Childcare options are non-existent. Building permit process is too expensive - drives up cost to build / develop.	9/24/2023 4:36 PM
11	Roads need updated from gravel to chip seal or other form of road.	9/17/2023 8:33 AM
12	We have very slow internet and no other options for faster internet. We had difficulty getting permit to replace old septic system.	9/15/2023 8:41 AM
13	There needs to be an improvement in emergency services. I waited on hold for 5 minutes when calling 911.	9/11/2023 8:33 PM
14	Finding quality and reasonably priced child care for a infant is almost close to impossible if you don't start calling places the second you find out you are pregnant. There are not enough daycare facilities with openings in the area.	9/10/2023 1:35 PM
15	Please transition to renewable energy. Like, yesterday. None of the things prompted in any part of this survey matter one bit if we as a society cannot stop pouring greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere through our daily activities and making our county unlivable without wealth and resources, and eventually unlivable entirely. Address this problem before it is too late.	9/9/2023 5:39 PM
16	I'm really disappointed that MU is no longer providing gender affirming Healthcare. I know that's a private buisness making a decision, but it still felt like a punch to the gut for our community. One of the best things about our town is it's diversity, and we're going to lose a lot of wonderful families because of this decision	9/8/2023 1:21 PM
17	I appreciate my utilities and find them to be readily accessible and manageable, however it does concern me that power can periodically go out for brief amounts of time for no apparent reason. Response time from public safety units I've seen as taking 10 minutes or more in cases of emergency, which is unreasonable, and I have seen a number of reported police brutality issues that make me extremely disappointed with law enforcement. Internet access can be difficult when it rains which I don't understand but find problematic. Healthcare is lacking in the wait times for specialist care (over a month to receive a scheduling call), and worse, despite being allowed to continue healthcare for patients requiring hormones for gender conforming care, MU Health withdrew this, which is going to create a care crisis for a crucial part of our community. And while I don't have children myself, I am aware that childcare has high wait times for getting off of wait lists and we need more dedicated supportive care throughout the county.	9/7/2023 6:34 PM
18	MU healthcare is taking advantage of citizens and charging them for level 5 visits when they only had a level 2. Crooked system.	9/6/2023 4:46 PM
19	Public safety seems to be lacking especially on the traffic enforcement. See a lot of vehicles without any license plates (front and back), speeding and red light running/ reckless driving. Would love to see red light cameras or dedicated traffic enforcement more often in urban areas which pedestrian/cyclists are commonly present along with added traffic calming measures (curb extensions, narrowed lanes etc ..) where applicable. Also, protected bike lanes are non-existent, paint doesn't protect bike riders.	9/5/2023 12:27 PM
20	Very hard to go good healthcare when needed	8/26/2023 9:35 PM
21	Too much money wasted on a bloated police budget. Recycling pickup's been discontinued in Columbia for months, causing an awful backup. Road maintenance is not equitable throughout the county, let alone the city. Columbia's about to waste \$985,000 on new police cars that are totally unnecessary rather than spending that money where it's actually needed.	8/25/2023 1:00 PM
22	Trash pick up could be better since they don't pick up my neighbor's trash.	8/25/2023 11:40 AM
23	We need to attract more health professionals, there is a year+ long wait for my primary physician. Trash pickup has been a mess for years, but I have the city making more changes with roll carts coming and pay increases so there's hope. Columbia should have fiber everywhere at this point with us being a college town. Columbia city utilities are a scam--	8/25/2023 11:00 AM

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constant increases making it harder for the average family to afford their bills. Random increases when my home's usage hasn't gone up hardly at all during the warm months.

24	Childcare facilities need greater attention as more families migrate to Boone County. The roads in Boone County definitely need to be maintained better and invested in more often than currently allocated.	8/25/2023 10:13 AM
25	Too many people, not enough cops, fire fighters and ambulances. Please hire more and pay them what they're worth	8/25/2023 8:23 AM
26	Healthcare appears accessible given the number of providers in Columbia, however when the rest of the state relies on Columbia for care too, it's impossible to get in with a primary care doctor without a long wait. Utilities are way too expensive. In an 900 sq ft apartment my utility bill was easily over \$200/month and the suggestion to save money by keeping the thermostat at 78° is crap. Internet sucks unless you are on campus or have fiber, snow removal in the winter is reactive and never feels like there is enough people working, crime has only worsened since Covid started so I cannot provide a good rating for law enforcement	8/24/2023 4:19 PM
27	It's clear the county incarcerates it's own population and restricts it local growth to clear it for industrial growth.	8/22/2023 6:24 AM
28	I do not like the trash bin ban in Columbia. I'm looking forward to the trash bin change next year	8/22/2023 6:23 AM
29	Need more police and faster emt response time	8/21/2023 3:17 PM
30	We have good people that provide it, but we need more providers.	8/20/2023 7:04 PM
31	Public universal healthcare system for Boone County residents would be excellent.	8/20/2023 3:53 PM
32	Finding affordable childcare is very difficult.	8/16/2023 9:57 AM
33	Why do residential streets only get the snow scraped off? Why can't they be treated? I live on a hill and it is just so unsafe even when plowed.	8/16/2023 7:28 AM
34	Childcare is lacking in my area for both 0-5 years old and after school care for elementary students.	8/15/2023 9:36 PM
35	Not enough affordable options which makes this a difficult place to raise a family. CPS only provides preschool to a small amount of the population. Universal pre k is needed here	8/15/2023 7:46 PM
36	Not enough of it. What childcare exists is not the quality that I would want for my kids	8/9/2023 8:33 PM

Q24 Are there any other comments you would like to share with the planning team about the Boone County Master Plan?

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1	I love the Ashland/Hartsburg/Wilton/Easley/Gutherie area and I hope you do too.	10/14/2023 9:33 AM
2	Please increase the bus system frequency/the number of routes in Columbia! It's incredibly difficult to get around without a car, especially as a college student. Additionally, it's very difficult to access intercity transport--a bus between Jefferson City and Columbia for access to Amtrak is a must.	10/4/2023 3:31 PM
3	Ground bid to be hayed should rather be grazed where appropriate in a controlled system to better manage vegetation. Done so in fashion this can also help restore the environment and encourage water retention to lessen flooding and benefit additional natural ecosystem processes needed.	9/29/2023 12:05 PM
4	Make faster internet everywhere a priority. My best option is 10mbps and that makes it hard to live and run my home business.	9/29/2023 9:01 AM
5	Please consult with conservationists and naturalists on how to continue the growth within Boone county in a way that holds space for our natural environment. This is so very important and I feel has been very neglected in my lifetime. I hope to see us do better so that we can all thrive - human and nature alike.	9/29/2023 2:54 AM
6	I think our focus should be on public schools and public spaces to improve the quality of life for the people of our community and to draw in people from other areas. With the increase of severe weather, we also need to focus on securing utilities (like getting lines buried in older parts of the county). We may also need to stop relying so much on farming only. With changes in weather we need to either adapt what crops we grow or focus on how else we can use our farmland in a economical and beneficial way. Even if it means going a new direction in agriculture-our farmers can handle the shift, we do not need to outsource our land to other states or countries.	9/28/2023 10:28 AM
7	The Midway area is developing fast but our roads are not keeping up that growth. The most direct way to Midway is by I-70, which is full of dangerous semis and traffic jams. It would be a relief if a bridge could be built over Perche Creek on the north or south side of I-70, and then connect the outer roads making it easier and safer for local traffic to move between Columbia and Midway.	9/28/2023 9:29 AM
8	Pleaseeee build a train or public transit going to jeff city	9/27/2023 11:36 PM
9	no	9/27/2023 6:04 PM
10	I would like to see Columbia try to aim a little higher. This is a growing community primed to take off that needs to attract more jobs, more amenities/entertainment options for families, more affordable housing, address the homelessness issue (not unique to Columbia), increase reliability of public transportation, and beautify our highways and other highly visible spaces.	9/27/2023 12:53 PM
11	Often it feels like Boone Co only makes choices based off of Columbia residents wants, making the county less desired by rural families.	9/25/2023 10:30 AM
12	We need more family farms to produce food for our community. Without food, we are relying on outside sources to sustain our community. We need a strong food system to continue growth and a great life.	9/25/2023 9:48 AM
13	Property taxes are 2x higher than surrounding counties and are detrimental to cost of living in Boone County. Allocate funding to roads not new businesses.	9/24/2023 4:37 PM
14	There needs to be more parks that is close to rural areas.	9/20/2023 7:50 AM
15	Thank you for considering both current and future residents when considering zoning and	9/19/2023 5:37 PM

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effluent management. I don't know how to make this happen, but I'd really like an Amtrak spur or bus to Jefferson City. I think that is probably outside of the scope of this committee, but it would be so nice.

16	Lower taxes and interest rates, update gravel roads to chip seal or other forms of road.	9/17/2023 8:34 AM
17	We love living in Boone County, love all the park and other recreation activities. We do have concerns about future growth especially with the housing market.	9/15/2023 8:42 AM
18	Columbia city limits cannot expand without budgeting for more emergency services and retaining that personnel.	9/14/2023 11:20 PM
19	I would like to prioritize the removal of fossil fuels from our energy supply. The design of this survey makes it clear this isn't a priority at the time. Please prioritize this in any and all future planning.	9/9/2023 5:46 PM
20	We need better bicycle infrastructure	9/8/2023 10:22 PM
21	Students make up a huge portion of the population of Columbia. You should ensure that they are receiving adequate services.	9/8/2023 11:06 AM
22	I would love to see mixed use land developments in the urban areas.	9/8/2023 10:58 AM
23	Please dedicate more efforts to sustainable public infrastructure and affordable housing, it is incredibly crucial to building a strong community capable of rapid development.	9/7/2023 6:39 PM
24	I would like to see more areas north of Hallsville be opened up for public recreation.	9/6/2023 4:48 PM
25	Focus on the workers and the people. If you make the city and county enjoyable to live in, the business and enterprise will follow. Focus on walkability and housing affordability. The county should be building public housing instead of relying on these snake, corporate landlords.	9/6/2023 3:18 PM
26	Bike lanes are a good start, adding more greens paint and maybe some protection in some places for cycling would help. Also Paris road is very dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists. Crosswalks are desperately needed, especially near the bus stops.	9/5/2023 1:02 PM
27	Don't k or the city limits any farther north	9/4/2023 4:05 PM
28	More development; mainstream businesses and stores in Ashland, MO.	9/4/2023 10:20 AM
29	More bikeability and public transit options please!	8/29/2023 10:20 AM
30	There really needs to be a better recycling program in Boone County. Quit trying to appease everyone and do what needs to be done.	8/29/2023 10:02 AM
31	No	8/28/2023 12:01 PM
32	- childcare in rural area -more housing for centralia - growth for small businesses to survive post Covid -restoring downtown buildings - job opportunities - school consolidation - focus on other areas besides COLUMBIA for Boone county	8/27/2023 5:38 AM
33	Really just boils down to increasing money available to our farmers, investing in public transit, and improving infrastructure. Growth's coming whether we want it or not. Investing in public resources today saves us headache tomorrow, and doing it at the county level helps save us from privatization later. Need more affordable housing options, and more affordable options to start farming. Need better educational resources available to our schools and public, especially surrounding natural spaces like parks. Need more walkable designs as the incorporated communities continue to grow. Finding a way to better connect Ashland, Columbia, Centralia, and Hallsville via public transit could allow better access to resources while maintaining rural living. Capping police budgets and cutting extraneous police spending in favor of money for fire departments, hospitals, schools, parks, and public transit would save the county a massive headache.	8/25/2023 1:04 PM
34	N/A	8/25/2023 10:27 AM
35	I think with climate change barreling down upon us, a key focus should be on renewable energy projects, sustainable development and transportation options, a space for local producers to grow food and bolster local economies, and preparing for devastating impacts of climate change (burying electric lines, focus on water preservation, LEED certification requirements, wastewater and runoff impact focus, etc)	8/25/2023 7:48 AM

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36	I feel the city should look to be an advantage for all it's citizens. The outer county should have sidewalk and clear and publicly made procedure that coordinate private and public participating in municipal affairs.	8/22/2023 6:28 AM
37	More bike routes would be a great improvement to Boone county infrastructure. I live about two miles from my workplace as the crow flies but have to take Highway 63. It would be nice to have a connecting bike route!	8/21/2023 8:34 AM
38	Please don't forget about the small towns in the county. I think a majority of the county focus is Columbia. This is county government, not city government.	8/20/2023 7:05 PM
39	Please put an immediate moratorium on urban sprawl in Boone County (just as the state of Arizona did with Phoenix due to environmental concerns).	8/20/2023 4:34 PM
40	thanks!	8/18/2023 9:34 PM
41	Please don't focus only (or even like 80%) on rural areas are farmers. They already get a lot of attention in this region and state, and living in a city it feels like every level of government in this state ignores us. If rural areas of Missouri is in trouble, talk to the folks in Jeff City because they're the ones elected to help rural Missouri and they overwhelmingly represent the overwhelmingly rural land area in Missouri.	8/17/2023 10:22 AM
42	N/A	8/16/2023 9:34 PM
43	We must designate nature preserves as we grow. Once the land is destroyed for development, there's no going back. We already have so much beautiful habitat, but we must actively designate it as such.	8/16/2023 9:58 AM
44	Please incorporate noise walls to protect citizens from road noise with I-70 lane increases.	8/16/2023 8:20 AM
45	Farming is important to the economy of the county!	8/15/2023 6:14 PM
46	I'm not sure of our current zoning plan, but more 5-over-1s in COMO downtown will help preserve surrounding park/farmland. Endless growth of single family homes eats up our natural environment and must be prevented as much as possible.	8/15/2023 9:53 AM
47	Need to relocate the bus station out of downtown	8/15/2023 8:44 AM
48	I feel affordable housing should be a top priority as Columbia continues to grow we need to ensure all citizens have access to safe and affordable housing.	8/15/2023 7:42 AM
49	Keep Columbia away	8/15/2023 6:55 AM
50	Roads -- specifically gravel -- are not regularly evaluated in terms of the need to be surfaced (paved, chip and sealed, etc.) or as well maintained or cared for compared to what they used to be. Your work and effort is greatly appreciated, but we would wholeheartedly welcome (and very much NEED) increased evaluation and consideration for gravel roads that can no longer be properly maintained and handle the increased amount of traffic in the last few years due to new residential development. The gravel Old Plank -- S Warren School Road -- Mount Celestial loop off of Route K is no longer able to sustain the gravel due to steep grading, public access to two county-responsible sights (river access and the Eagle Bluff trail) that have caused an increase in traffic over the years, and increased residential development which has caused increased traffic. When new gravel is poured (big thank you to those who work hard to get this done), there is washboarding, ruts, and gravel wash out within 1-2 weeks and the roads stay in poor condition until the next round of gravel is poured. Public school buses are not able to safely access residents on the roads in the winter months when all other roads are safe and passable. It is a problem that feels ignored, and consideration and care would be much appreciated. Thank you for all that you do.	8/14/2023 4:47 PM