







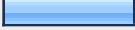


City of Plainwell Community Survey

1. Do you live within the City of Plainwell?				
			Response Percent	Response Count
Yes			91.1%	278
No			8.9%	27
			answered question	305
			skipped question	51

2. Please rate the following related to the City of Plainwell as a whole.							
	Excellent	Good	No Opinion	Fair	Poor	Response Count	
Plainwell as a place to live	17.8% (62)	78.7% (274)	0.3% (1)	2.6% (9)	0.6% (2)	348	
Plainwell as a place to raise children	17.0% (59)	76.4% (266)	4.0% (14)	2.0% (7)	0.6% (2)	348	
Plainwell as a place to work	5.2% (18)	64.3% (223)	17.6% (61)	6.3% (22)	6.6% (23)	347	
City of Plainwell services	8.7% (30)	82.9% (287)	3.2% (11)	4.3% (15)	0.9% (3)	346	
The overall quality of life in Plainwell	13.3% (46)	82.7% (286)	0.3% (1)	3.2% (11)	0.6% (2)	346	
						answered question	348
						skipped question	8

3. Please rate the following related to downtown Plainwell.						
	Excellent	Good	No Opinion	Fair	Poor	Response Count
Overall appearance of downtown	2.9% (10)	82.8% (284)	0.3% (1)	12.0% (41)	2.0% (7)	343
Cleanliness of downtown	8.5% (29)	85.4% (293)	0.6% (2)	4.4% (15)	1.2% (4)	343
Variety and quality of downtown businesses	1.5% (5)	67.0% (227)	1.5% (5)	22.4% (76)	7.7% (26)	339
Quality and character of downtown buildings	3.8% (13)	75.4% (258)	1.8% (6)	17.3% (59)	1.8% (6)	342
Availability and convenience of downtown parking	6.4% (22)	76.7% (263)	2.0% (7)	12.5% (43)	2.3% (8)	343
Convenient and consistent store hours	2.0% (7)	73.2% (251)	5.8% (20)	14.0% (48)	5.0% (17)	343
Place for public events in downtown (concerts, festivals, etc.)	8.8% (30)	80.4% (275)	1.5% (5)	8.2% (28)	1.2% (4)	342
	<i>answered question</i>					344
	<i>skipped question</i>					12

4. What types of businesses are needed in downtown Plainwell, (select all that apply)?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Restaurants		20.0%	67
Services (i.e. dry cleaners, pharmacy, flower shop, etc.)		20.0%	67
Grocery Store		13.4%	45
Gift/Specialty Shops (bakery, women's/children's clothing, outdoor, etc.)		75.8%	254
Convenience Stores		8.1%	27
Youth/Young Adult Oriented Businesses		15.2%	51
Other (please specify)		20.0%	67
		<i>answered question</i>	335
		<i>skipped question</i>	21

5. Please rate the following related to the M-89 and US-131 interchange area in Plainwell.						
	Excellent	Good	No Opinion	Fair	Poor	Response Count
Overall appearance of the interchange area	0.9% (3)	13.6% (46)	1.8% (6)	22.1% (75)	61.7% (209)	339
Perception of Plainwell upon exiting US-131/entering on M-89	0.0% (0)	10.3% (35)	1.2% (4)	28.2% (96)	60.3% (205)	340
Quality of businesses and land uses near the interchange	0.6% (2)	10.9% (37)	4.1% (14)	23.3% (79)	61.1% (207)	339
Quality of landscaping and trees in and around the interchange	0.6% (2)	8.8% (30)	1.2% (4)	20.6% (70)	68.7% (233)	339
Character and quality of existing signs near the interchange	0.9% (3)	12.1% (41)	3.5% (12)	23.5% (80)	60.0% (204)	340
The appearance of businesses near the interchange	0.9% (3)	12.9% (44)	2.1% (7)	23.8% (81)	60.3% (205)	340
	answered question					340
	skipped question					16

6. Please rate the following related to the environment and recreation in Plainwell.						
	Excellent	Good	No Opinion	Fair	Poor	Response Count
Overall quality of the natural environment in Plainwell	6.8% (23)	85.2% (288)	1.2% (4)	5.9% (20)	0.9% (3)	338
Recreational opportunities in Plainwell	4.1% (14)	77.2% (261)	1.5% (5)	12.7% (43)	4.4% (15)	338
Water quality of the Kalamazoo River through Plainwell	1.2% (4)	71.9% (243)	7.1% (24)	14.5% (49)	5.3% (18)	338
Quality and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities	11.0% (37)	80.4% (271)	1.5% (5)	6.5% (22)	0.6% (2)	337
Cleanliness of parks and recreational facilities	12.2% (41)	81.6% (275)	1.8% (6)	4.5% (15)	0.0% (0)	337
	answered question					338
	skipped question					18

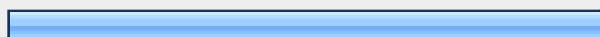


7. Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements.						
	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Response Count
The river walk should be expanded.	20.8% (70)	66.2% (223)	7.4% (25)	3.6% (12)	2.1% (7)	337
Plainwell needs more parks and open space.	5.9% (20)	68.0% (230)	10.7% (36)	13.6% (46)	1.8% (6)	338
More winter activities (swim center, ice skating, etc.) are needed.	13.4% (45)	76.6% (258)	6.2% (21)	3.0% (10)	0.9% (3)	337
The City needs more recreational opportunities/facilities.	10.1% (34)	72.8% (246)	10.4% (35)	6.2% (21)	0.6% (2)	338
There are adequate recreational opportunities for children and young adults.	0.9% (3)	68.6% (232)	11.5% (39)	16.0% (54)	3.0% (10)	338
The City should provide more access to and recreational opportunities on the Kalamazoo River.	12.1% (41)	73.7% (249)	8.3% (28)	5.3% (18)	0.6% (2)	338
	<i>answered question</i>					339
	<i>skipped question</i>					17

8. Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements.						
	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Response Count
More industrial employers are needed in Plainwell.	14.6% (49)	73.5% (247)	6.8% (23)	4.8% (16)	0.3% (1)	336
More service oriented businesses are needed in Plainwell, (repair, supply, wholesale, etc.).	9.2% (31)	77.7% (262)	8.3% (28)	4.2% (14)	0.6% (2)	337
More retail stores are needed in Plainwell.	11.3% (38)	76.1% (255)	7.5% (25)	4.8% (16)	0.3% (1)	335
The existing industrial park is attractive.	2.7% (9)	77.1% (259)	11.6% (39)	8.0% (27)	0.6% (2)	336
The City is doing a good job keeping and attracting employers in Plainwell.	1.5% (5)	65.8% (221)	19.9% (67)	9.5% (32)	3.3% (11)	336
The existing industrial park needs to be expanded.	4.5% (15)	68.5% (230)	18.5% (62)	8.3% (28)	0.3% (1)	336
The City should provide incentives, such as grants or loans, for homes and business owners to improve their properties.	14.3% (48)	75.9% (255)	5.1% (17)	3.9% (13)	0.9% (3)	336
	<i>answered question</i>					337
	<i>skipped question</i>					19

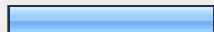
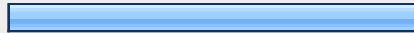

9. Please rate each of the following related to schools and education in Plainwell.						
	Excellent	Good	No Opinion	Fair	Poor	Response Count
Quality of education	9.5% (32)	81.5% (274)	4.8% (16)	3.0% (10)	1.2% (4)	336
Condition of schools and other educational facilities	9.5% (32)	81.6% (275)	3.9% (13)	3.0% (10)	2.1% (7)	337
Level of interaction between the community and the schools	5.0% (17)	19.3% (65)	7.7% (26)	11.9% (40)	56.1% (189)	337
Safe walking and bike routes to and from school	4.5% (15)	72.6% (244)	8.0% (27)	10.7% (36)	4.2% (14)	336
	<i>answered question</i>					337
	<i>skipped question</i>					19

10. Please rate each of the following related to housing and neighborhoods in Plainwell.						
	Excellent	Good	No Opinion	Fair	Poor	Response Count
Upkeep of homes and maintenance of yards	1.8% (6)	78.9% (265)	1.8% (6)	16.4% (55)	1.2% (4)	336
Enforcement of maintenance and zoning codes by the City	1.2% (4)	12.5% (42)	15.4% (52)	8.9% (30)	62.0% (209)	337
Variety of available housing choices and options	3.0% (10)	79.9% (267)	8.7% (29)	7.2% (24)	1.2% (4)	334
Overall appearance and maintenance of streets, sidewalks, and public spaces	3.3% (11)	81.8% (274)	0.6% (2)	10.4% (35)	3.9% (13)	335
	<i>answered question</i>					337
	<i>skipped question</i>					19




11. Should Plainwell have more, about the same, or fewer of the following housing types?					
	More	About the Same	Fewer	No Opinion	Response Count
Single family homes	13.2% (44)	81.7% (273)	0.6% (2)	4.5% (15)	334
Mobile home communities	0.0% (0)	12.5% (42)	83.3% (280)	4.2% (14)	336
Affordable housing for middle income families	18.6% (62)	76.0% (254)	3.0% (10)	2.4% (8)	334
Multiple family apartment units	2.7% (9)	18.5% (62)	73.2% (246)	5.7% (19)	336
Multiple family condominium units	11.0% (37)	72.3% (243)	9.8% (33)	6.8% (23)	336
Housing options for senior citizens and the elderly	20.5% (69)	70.6% (238)	4.2% (14)	4.7% (16)	337
	<i>answered question</i>				337
	<i>skipped question</i>				19

12. Should Plainwell require an annual inspection of rental properties to make sure they comply with all codes?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		91.3%	306
No		3.0%	10
No Opinion		5.7%	19
	<i>answered question</i>		335
	<i>skipped question</i>		21

13. I would support a single, City-contracted waste hauler instead of contracting with my own if it results in reducing truck traffic and is cheaper.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		31.5%	107
Disagree		62.9%	214
No Opinion		5.6%	19
		<i>answered question</i>	340
		<i>skipped question</i>	16

14. Should Plainwell more aggressively enforce maintenance codes (junk cars, tall grass, etc.)?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		88.4%	297
No		5.1%	17
No Opinion		6.5%	22
		<i>answered question</i>	336
		<i>skipped question</i>	20

15. Please rate each of the following related to motorized and non-motorized transportation in Plainwell.

	Excellent	Good	No Opinion	Fair	Poor	Response Count
Quality and condition of streets	0.9% (3)	72.7% (245)	1.2% (4)	20.2% (68)	5.0% (17)	337
Quality and condition of sidewalks	0.9% (3)	74.1% (249)	1.2% (4)	17.6% (59)	6.3% (21)	336
Ease of traveling by automobile	3.9% (13)	80.7% (271)	0.9% (3)	8.9% (30)	5.7% (19)	336
Ease of traveling by bicycle	1.8% (6)	72.1% (243)	9.8% (33)	11.3% (38)	5.0% (17)	337
Ease of walking/jogging/running	3.6% (12)	78.9% (265)	3.9% (13)	11.0% (37)	2.7% (9)	336
Degree to which sidewalks, pathways, and walking trails are interconnected	1.8% (6)	76.5% (257)	6.3% (21)	11.3% (38)	4.2% (14)	336
Traffic flow on major streets	1.2% (4)	73.9% (249)	1.2% (4)	11.0% (37)	12.8% (43)	337
	<i>answered question</i>					337
	<i>skipped question</i>					19

16. Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements related to a sense of community and quality of life.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Response Count
There is a strong sense of community in Plainwell.	7.7% (26)	82.7% (278)	5.4% (18)	3.6% (12)	0.6% (2)	336
Plainwell provides a safe, healthy, and positive environment in which to raise a family.	9.6% (32)	85.7% (287)	3.0% (10)	1.8% (6)	0.0% (0)	335
The small town atmosphere of Plainwell is important to me.	22.9% (77)	73.5% (247)	2.4% (8)	0.3% (1)	0.9% (3)	336
There are many opportunities to become involved in community matters and volunteer activities.	9.8% (33)	79.8% (268)	6.3% (21)	3.9% (13)	0.3% (1)	336
There are many opportunities to attend and participate in cultural events and activities in Plainwell.	6.5% (22)	81.0% (272)	4.2% (14)	6.8% (23)	1.5% (5)	336
Aging residents should have a variety of housing options and choices made available to them.	10.1% (34)	82.4% (277)	6.8% (23)	0.6% (2)	0.0% (0)	336
I am concerned about crime and safety in Plainwell.	57.6% (193)	19.7% (66)	8.4% (28)	12.8% (43)	1.5% (5)	335
Teenagers and young adults need more activities and opportunities to become involved in the community.	11.3% (38)	80.1% (269)	6.0% (20)	2.4% (8)	0.3% (1)	336
	<i>answered question</i>					336
	<i>skipped question</i>					20