

Countywide Results

SECTION I: YOUR COMMUNITY. This is a survey of full-time and part-time residents of Antrim County. It will be important to know how different people feel about all of the issues on the questionnaire. Answers to questions in this section will make it possible to consider separately the opinions of full-time and part-time residents, as well as people in different parts of the County.

Q-1. How many months of the year do you reside in Antrim County?

n=414	0-3 months	21%
	4-6 months	11%
	7-9 months	6%
	10-12 months	62%

Q-2. Do you consider yourself a *part-time* or *full-time* resident of Antrim County?

n=416 (Check one)

n=134 32% Part-time resident

n=282 68% Full-time resident

If full-time: Were you a part-time resident or vacationer in Antrim County before you became a full-time resident?

n=281

n=94 33% Yes

n=187 67% No

Q-3. How many years *total* have you been a part-time or full-time resident of Antrim County? ___ Years

n=411	0 to 5 years	14%
	6 to 10 years	15%
	11 to 15 years	11%
	More than 16 years	60%

Q-4. Please answer *either a.. or b.* showing where you live:

n=410 a. If you live within village limits, please indicate the village you live in:
(Check one)

n=20 5% Village of Bellaire n=6 1% Village of Ellsworth

n=6 1% Village of Central Lake n=16 4% Village of Mancelona

n=29 7% Village of Elk Rapids

b. If you live *outside* village limits, please indicate which township you live in:
(Check one)

n=25 6% Banks Township n=5 1% Jordan Township

n=21 5% Central Lake Township n=24 6% Kearney Township

n=9 2% Chestonia Township n=31 8% Mancelona Township

n=25 6% Custer Township n=44 11% Milton Township

n=21 5% Echo Township n=15 4% Star Township

n=28 7% Elk Rapids Township n=32 8% Torch Lake Township

n=32 8% Forest Home Township n=2 <1% Warner Township

n=19 5% Helena Township

Q-5. Please write down the first word or phrase that comes to mind when you think of Antrim County.

SECTION II. COMMUNITY SERVICES. In this section, please give YOUR opinion on the role and usefulness of services in Antrim County, including services provided by county and local government and also local businesses and organizations.

Q-6. Please rate the quality of these services in Antrim County.

		<i>(Circle one number for each)</i>				Most like to see improved
		Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
N=352	1. County government...	4.0%	27.0%	64.2%	4.8%	2.5%
N=356	2. County planning and zoning...	11.0%	36.0%	49.2%	3.9%	7.2%
N=363	3. County sheriff...	3.9%	18.5%	65.3%	12.4%	1.8%
N=359	4. Fire protection...	4.2%	20.1%	57.1%	18.7%	2.5%
N=385	5. Road maintenance...	16.4%	32.0%	44.7%	7.0%	24.8%
N=330	6. Public transportation...	15.8%	36.4%	3.6%	4.2%	1.8%
N=336	7. Medical services...	14.3%	39%	41%	6.0%	9.7%
N=274	8. Mental Health services...	11.7%	42.7%	40.5%	5.1%	0.4%
N=262	9. Pregnancy, prenatal, and women's health services...	10.3%	38.9%	46.2%	4.6%	0.7%
n=257	10. Day care services...	9.0%	41.6%	45.9%	3.5%	1.4%
n=257	11. Youth employment training...	21.4%	42.8%	33.1%	2.7%	3.2%
n=264	12. Adult education and training...	19.7%	39.8%	37.9%	2.7%	1.4%
n=347	13. Libraries...	2.0%	23.6%	57.6%	16.7%	2.2%
n=319	14. Senior citizen services...	5.3%	23.8%	56.1%	14.7%	1.4%
n=280	15. Mich. State Univ. Extension	2.3%	27.9%	57.1%	10.7%	0.4%
Considering your own village or township in Antrim County, how would you rate these local services?						
N=366	1. Township or village government...	9.6%	31.4%	53.8%	5.2%	6.8%
n=352	2. Township or village planning and zoning...	17.6%	34.7%	41.8%	5.8%	10.1%
n=369	3. Property assessment for taxes...	21.4%	39.0%	37.1%	2.4%	13.7%
n=354	4. Schools...	4.5%	20.6%	56.5%	18.4%	6.8%
n=376	5. Postal service...	1.6%	14.4%	53.2%	30.9%	1.1%

Considering *all* of the county and local level services listed above, 1 through 19, which one would you most like to see improves?

Number: _____ Please explain: _____

Q-7. How would you rate Antrim County as a community on the following aspects?

		<i>(Circle one number for each)</i>				Most like to see improved
		Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
N=363	1. Churches...	1.1%	8.8%	62.5%	27.5%	0.0%
N=343	2. Community leadership...	6.12%	30.0%	55.4%	8.5%	3.9%
N=358	3. Community spirit...	5.6%	22.9%	55.3%	16.2%	0.7%
N=359	4. Economy...	12.3%	44.9%	39.6%	3.3%	5.9%
N=346	5. Education...	4.9%	25.1%	59.8%	10.1%	2.8%
N=343	6. Employment opportunities...	25.4%	51.6%	20.7%	2.3%	13.6%
N=370	7. Festivals and events...	4.3%	24.9%	53.5%	17.3%	1.8%
N=375	8. Friendliness and hospitality...	3.5%	15.5%	56.0%	25.1%	0.4%
N=346	9. Housing...	13.6%	32.1%	49.4%	4.9%	6.3%
N=371	10. Parks...	3.2%	18.6%	59.3%	18.9%	3.2%
N=369	11. Property tax levels...	24.1%	45.8%	28.2%	1.9%	22.0%
N=369	12. Recreation...	5.4%	16.5%	51.0%	27.1%	1.4%
N=380	13. Restaurants...	9.7%	27.4%	50.0%	12.9%	6.6%
N=371	14. Safety and security...	4.0%	17.5%	61.7%	16.7%	2.5%
N=379	15. Shopping...	17.7%	46.7%	31.1%	4.5%	4.6%
N=351	16. The art and culture...	18.2%	47.3%	29.6%	4.8%	3.9%
N=356	17. Village downtowns...	9.0%	32.6%	46.4%	12.1%	0.4%
N=328	18. Wages...	32.9%	49.4%	16.5%	1.2%	12.2%
N=295	19. Youth recreation programs...	20.3%	42.4%	33.2%	4.1%	5.2%
N=297	20. Senior Recreation Programs	10.4%	40.1%	42.8%	6.7%	2.8%
N=297	21. Other _____	%	%	%	%	%

Considering the aspects listed above, 1 through 20, which one would you most like to see improved in Antrim County?

Number: _____ Please explain: _____

Section III. ECONOMY: This section focuses on items relating to economic development issues, spending patterns, and issues relating to local businesses.

Q-8. Which of the following statements comes CLOSEST to your feeling about economic growth in Antrim County?

N=388

- 1 Economic growth in Antrim County should be limited as much as possible. 4%
- 2 Economic growth in Antrim County should be balanced with other considerations. 49%
- 3 Economic growth in Antrim County should be encouraged in most cases. 48%

Q-9. What are your priorities for the following parts of the economy in Antrim County?

(Circle one number for each)

		Not a Priority	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority
N=378	1. Agriculture...	9.0%	12.4%	45.5%	33.1%
N=374	2. Building and construction...	10.2%	29.4%	44.1%	16.3%
N=370	3. Forestry and forest products...	8.1%	23.2%	41.9%	26.8%
N=374	4. Heavy manufacturing...	42.3%	29.7%	23.3%	7.8%
N=373	5. Light manufacturing...	15.3%	23.1%	42.4%	19.3%
N=371	6. Housing...	6.5%	19.4%	45.3%	18.8%
N=377	7. Natural areas...	2.9%	6.9%	28.9%	61.3%
N=376	8. Professional services...	4.3%	14.9%	49.7%	31.1%
N=379	9. Recreation...	3.2%	11.4%	42.7%	42.7%
N=383	10. Retail stores and services...	6.3%	17.0%	50.7%	26.1%
N=377	11. Tourism...	10.1%	19.4%	36.9%	33.7%
	12. Other _____...	%	%	%	%

Q-10. How much of the following kinds of housing would you like to see in Antrim County?

(Circle one number for each)

		Less	About the same	More
N=386	1. Year-round, single family homes...	4.2%	52.9%	43.0%
N=379	2. Cottages and vacation homes...	24.8%	60.7%	14.5%
N=373	3. Apartments...	32.7%	45.0%	22.3%
N=378	4. Condominiums...	46.3%	35.5%	18.3%
N=380	5. Mobile homes...	73.7%	23.4%	2.9%
N=380	6. Manufactured homes	37.9%	49.5%	12.6%
N=386	7. Low cost housing...	11.4%	39.7%	49.0%
N=383	8. Retirement housing...	7.8%	44.9%	47.3%

Q-11. When considering new economic activity in the county how important do you consider the following factors to be?

		<i>(Circle one number for each)</i>		
		Not Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important
N=380	1. Large number of jobs...	14.2%	41.6%	44.2%
N=378	2. High paying jobs...	6.4%	42.1%	51.6%
N=375	3. High skilled jobs...	7.7%	49.9%	42.4%
N=373	4. Low skilled jobs...	26.5%	55.0%	18.5%
N=386	5. Year-round jobs...	3.4%	23.8%	72.8%
N=378	6. Local ownership...	7.7%	36.0%	56.4%
N=379	7. Supports local businesses and suppliers...	2.6%	30.3%	67.0%
n=365	8. Large contribution to the tax base...	11.0%	52.9%	36.2%
n=378	9. Low impact on the environment...	3.4%	27.5%	69.1%
	Other _____...	%	%	%

Q-12. Each of the following were named by some residents as something they would like to see more of in Antrim County. Would you favor or oppose having MORE of these in the County?

		<i>(Circle one number for each)</i>				
		Strongly Oppose	Oppose	Neutral	Favor	Strongly Favor
N=397	1. Fast food restaurants...	25.4%	21.2%	31.0%	16.6%	5.8%
N=395	2. Golf courses...	16.5%	24.8%	36.7%	17.0%	5.1%
N=400	3. Medical clinics...	0.0%	1.3%	19.3%	55.3%	24.3%
N=398	4. Large department stores...	19.6%	26.9%	27.9%	18.8%	6.8%
n=395	5. Shopping malls...	27.1%	29.1%	24.1%	14.4%	5.3%
n=390	6. Marinas...	8.0%	17.7%	43.1%	24.9%	6.4%
n=392	7. Resort development...	14.3%	24.2%	35.0%	20.9%	5.6%
n=395	8. Supermarkets...	6.3%	10.4%	34.7%	36.7%	11.9%
n=395	9. Oil and gas exploration...	32.7%	22.3%	24.8%	14.4%	5.8%
	Other _____...	%	%	%	%	%
N=396	10. Recycling Stations	1.8%	4.0%	21.0%	38.9%	34.3%
N374	11. Renewable energy Production	3.2%	3.2%	30.5%	37.2%	25.9%

Q-13. Where do you MOST often buy the following items?

(Circle one number for each)

	Antrim County	Charlevoix Petoskey Area	Traverse City area	Gaylord area	Kalkaska area	Most like more available
N=400 1. Groceries...	65.5%	10.8%	13.5%	9.3%	1.0%	10.6%
N=369 2. Prescriptions...	63.4	14	12.5	6.8	3.3	0.7%
N=376 3. Clothing...	9.0	10.9	68.6	10.9	<1.0	5.1%
N=377 4. Gifts...	23.6	13.5	50.7	11.9	<1.0	1.5%
N=385 5. Small appliances...	11.4	10.1	64.2	14.0	<1.0	0.0%
N=379 6. Party/picnic supplies	61.5	7.1	20.8	10.0	<1.0	0.4%
N=400 7. Hardware...	72.5	9.5	11.0	7.0	<1.0	0.4%
N=385 8. Building supplies...	46.5	9.9	27.5	14.8	1.3	1.1%
N=393 9. Gasoline...	62.9	8.9	17.1	7.6	3.6	2.6%
N=380 10. Major appliances...	6.8	7.9	72.9	11.6	<1.0	0.4%
N=309 11. Cars or trucks...	10.7	15.9	54.4	7.8	11.3	0.4%
N=342 12. Sports Equipment	14.9	8.5	63.7	11.7	1.2	1.1%

Where do you MOST often go for the following services?

N=389 1. Quick meals out...	65.8%	11.6%	12.9%	7.7%	2.1%	8.8%
N=372 2. Fine dining...	37.6	15.6	39.5	7.3	0.0	16.9%
N=585 3. Entertainment...	32.1	11.3	47.0	9.6	0.0	16.9%
N=369 4. Car/truck repair...	46.3	13.3	25.8	7.3	7.3	2.6%
N=370 5. Electrical or plumbing services...	77.0	6.2	9.5	7.0	0	1.8%
n=378 6. Banking...	76.0	9.5	8.2	4.8	1.6	4%
n=355 7. Routine medical services...	45.1	16.9	26.2	6.2	5.6	23.1%
n=329 8. Dentist...	45.0	15.5	27.1	7.9	4.6	0.8%
n=273 9. Lawyer...	42.9	12.5	38.1	5.9	1.0	0.8%
n=316 10. Insurance...	49.1	16.5	23.4	7.9	3.2	0.4%

Where would you recommend a visitor BEST go for:

1. Souvenirs and regional goods...	41.3%	21.2%	30.7%	6.8%	0%
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Considering the goods and services listed above, 1 through 22, which one would you most like to have more available in Antrim County?

Number: _____ Please explain: _____

Q-14. When you go outside of Antrim County for goods or services, how often do you go for these reasons?

(Circle one number for each)

		Never	Sometimes	Often	Almost Always
N=354	1. Better service...	29.7%	41.2%	19.2%	9.9%
N=352	2. Higher quality...	21.0	44.0	21.0	13.9
N=380	3. Larger selection...	2.1	15.8	42.4	39.7
N=373	4. Lower prices...	6.7	21.2	39.7	32.4
N=353	5. More cosmopolitan atmosphere...	45.3	24.7	19.6	10.5
n=367	6. More stores and services in one place...	8.2	19.9	40.3	31.6
n=341	7. Closer to home than places in Antrim County...	51.6	22.9	15.8	9.7
n=310	8. Stop to or from work...	63.2	19.0	11.0	6.8
n=337	9. Close to other activities...	30.7	35.3	26.4	8.0
n=327	10. Convenience of mail order catalogs...	49.2	29.7	14.1	7.0
	Other _____...	%	%	%	%

Section IV. ENVIRONMENT AND LAND USE. *In this section, we would like you to give your opinion on aspects relating to the natural environment and use of the land in the county.*

Q-15. Listed below are some issues that have been identified by some residents as current environmental or land use problems in the county. How much of a problem do you feel these are?

		<i>(Circle one number for each)</i>				
		Not a Problem	Small problem	Medium problem	Big problem	Most important to solve
n=387	1. Lake and stream pollution...	8.0%	21.7%	42.6%	27.7%	16.5%
n=390	2. Rapid population growth...	14.6	23.6	30.0	31.8	17.2%
n=385	3. Loss of rural character...	14.3	27.5	28.6	29.6	7.3%
n=377	4. Misuse of trees and forest resources...	16.2	30.0	33.4	20.4	2.0%
n=380	5. Shoreline erosion...	13.7	26.1	34.7	25.5	3.3%
n=382	6. Too much traffic on lakes and streams...	14.9	29.6	28.0	27.5	5.3%
n=377	7. Poorly regulated burning of trash...	31.8	36.1	22.8	9.3	2.0%
n=375	8. Groundwater (well-water) contamination...	24.8	33.3	24.5	17.3	7.3%
n=375	9. Unregulated use of ATV's...	20.5	26.7	25.3	27.5	4.62
n=379	10. Abandoned buildings...	24.8	39.1	23.2	12.9	1.3%
n=386	11. Old cars and trash on properties...	12.4	28.0	29.8	29.8	18.2%
n=381	12. Loss of land available for hunting...	25.7	28.6	22.1	23.6	4.0%
n=372	13. Loss of public access sites to lakes and streams...	20.7	27.4	24.7	27.2	11.22%
	Other	%	%	%	%	

Considering the issues listed above, 1 through 15, which one do you think is the most important environmental or land use problem to solve in Antrim County?

Number: _____ Please explain: _____

Q-16. Listed below are some actions that have been proposed to improve land use and environmental protection in Antrim County. Would you favor or oppose these actions?

(Circle one number for each)

		Strongly Oppose	Oppose	Neutral	Favor	Strongly Favor
N=386	1. More public parks...	3.6%	7.8%	32.1%	41.5%	15.0%
N=360	2. More public access sites to lakes and streams...	8.3	11.4	26.7	32.2	21.4
n=395	3. More protection for wetlands...	5.3	6.1	24.6	36.5	27.6
n=399	4. Ordinances to control junkyards & dumping...	2.3	2.5	8.3	31.6	55.4
n=399	5. More Recycling	0	1.0	12.5	36.3	50.1
n=398	6. Farmland Preservation...	1.8	1.3	22.1	36.8	38.1
n=396	7. Protections for prime Forest lands...	2.5	2.3	16.6	36.4	42.2
n=397	8. Protecting scenic views and roads...	1.5	1.0	10.9	39.4	47.7
n=397	9. Placement of non-Motorized Trails	3.3	2.8	30.7	37.0	26.2
N=397	10. Placement of Motorized Trails	14.4	12.1	35.3	24.2	14.1
N=399	11. Protecting / improv. Water Quality	1.0	1.0	7.3	33.8	57.1
N=398	12. Protect / Improv. Drinking water	0	1	9.6	34.7	55.0

Q-17. Lakes and streams are an important part of Antrim County. In your opinion, is the environmental quality better or worse in Antrim County now compared to how it was three years ago?

(Circle one number for each)

		Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	Same	About the Better	Somewhat Better	Much Know	Don't
N=369	1. Conflicts between different lake uses...	7.9%	21.1%	48.5%	6.2%	1.4%	14.9%	
n=379	2. Noise and speeding on lakes...	20.3	32.2	29.8	6.3	1.9	9.5%	
n=372	3. Access to lakes...	4.8	18.0	61.0	6.2	1.3	8.6%	
n=372	4. Lake water quality...	6.5	25.3	47.9	10.8	2.4	7.3%	
n=368	5. Septic system leaks...	4.4	17.7	41.0	7.3	4.1	25.5%	
n=374	6. Quality of fishing...	9.1	25.7	39.8	9.1	2.4	13.9%	
n=370	7. Drinking water quality...	5.1	16.5	56.2	6.0	2.4	13.8%	

Q-18. The following is a list of possible planning and zoning measures that might be useful to guide land use or protect the environment in Antrim County. Would you favor or oppose these measures?

		Strongly Oppose	Oppose	Neutral	Favor	Strongly Favor
N=399	1. Setbacks for buildings near lakes & streams...	3.0%	1.8%	15.5%	43.4%	33.3%
n=393	2. Minimum lot size...	3.3	8.9	20.1	44.3	23.4
n=395	3. Limits on dividing large parcels into smaller parcels...	7.6	9.6	24.8	34.9	23.0
n=398	4. Limits on the number of homes on a single parcel	4.8	8.0	13.6	34.9	38.7
N=391	5. Grouping similar land uses into separate districts (commercial, residential, agricultural, etc)...	3.8	8.2	27.1	36.8	24.0
N=395	6. Zoning and easements to preserve farm land...	2.0	2.5	22.5	38.7	34.2
N=399	7. Regulations to preserve prime forests on private land...	5.8	6.52	19.8	33.1	34.8
N=401	8. Limits on advertising signs and buildings to protect views along scenic roads	3.0	3.2	11.5	32.7	49.6
N=395	9. Regulations to protect groundwater quality...	1.8	1.0	8.4	34.2	55.2
N=396	10. Requiring homeowners to have their septic systems inspected and rated at the time of sale...	4.6	7.8	16.7	15.9	35.1
N=396	11. Limiting development on steep slopes and banks to control erosion...	2.8	5.8	18.2	35.9	37.
N=393	12. Limitations on the number of dwellings that can share access to a lake through one lake front parcel...	4.0	7.9	22.9	30.0	35.1
N=397	13. Regulations to preserve natural vegetation along lakes and streams, but allowing property owners to trim to maintain the view...	2.8	6.3	20.2	33.5	37.3
N=397	14. Designating and protecting sites of local historical or cultural interest...	1.5	0.0	16.6	46.4	35.3
N=398	15. County Regulations To protect Wetlands	6.0	8.0	19.1	30.4	36.4

Q-19. Please indicate your priorities for the following kinds of recreation and recreational facilities in Antrim County.

(Circle one number for each)

		Not a Priority	Low Priority	Moderate Priority	High Priority	Most like to See Improved
N=389	1. Boating...	14.1%	12.9%	40.1%	32.9%	5.3%
N=385	2. Beaches and swimming...	6.2	8.8	36.3	48.6	12.1%
N=377	3. Hiking trails...	12.7	21.8	40.9	24.7	8.5%
n=379	4. Motorized Trails	38.3	28.0	21.4	12.4	6.8%
N=381	5. Cross country ski areas...	15.5	25.7	40.4	18.4	2.5%
N=381	6. Downhill skiing areas...	20.5	31.2	31.8	16.5	1.1%
N=382	7. Campgrounds...	14.7	26.2	39.0	20.2	6.1%
N=380	8. Hunting...	21.6	20.5	30.5	27.62	6.1%
N=380	9. Fishing...	11.8	12.4	38.2	37.6	10.0%
N=382	10. Tennis...	33.5	34.0	26.4	6.0	0.0%
N=383	11. Athletic fields...	21.7	27.2	41.3	9.9	5.7%
N=380	12. Skating rink...	23.2	31.1	34.2	11.6	2.9%
N=379	13. Historic sites and museums...	10.0	18.2	47.0	24.8	5.7%
n=383	14. Concerts...	15.9	23.8	43.4	17.0	5.0%
n=382	15. Arts events...	16.0	21.7	43.5	18.9	3.9%
n=380	16. Environmental education...	5.8	5.5	45.0	33.7	11.4%
n=379	17. Picnic/rest areas...	5.3	16.4	56.2	22.2	6.8%

Considering the kinds of recreation and facilities listed above, 1 through 17, which one would you most like to see added or improved in Antrim County?

Number: _____ Please explain: _____

Q-20. How often do you use the following parks aor public lands in Antrim County?

(Circle one number for each)

	Never	Seldom	Often	Unaware of This Park
N=357 1. Mohrmann...	70.6%	7.6%	2.8%	19.1%
N=364 2. Murphy...	68.1	10.7	2.2	19.0
N=375 3. Barnes...	39.5	43.2	9.9	7.5
N=372 4. Elk Rapids Day Park...	48.9	34.7	9.1	7.3
N=353 5. Notewares landing...	66.6	8.8	2.6	22.1
N=371 6. Dead Man's Hill - Landslide Overlook...	38.0	41.5	15.9	4.6
N=370 7. Grass River	37.6	42.2	16.0	4.3
N=358 8. Antrim Creek	49.4	28.5	8.4	13.7
N=364 9. Your local township park...	27.5	50.0	22.0	<1.0
N=361 10. Your local village park...	26.9	47.7	25.2	<1.0
N=363 11. County or state forest lands...	33.9	42.7	23.4	0.0
N=382 12. Public access site on any lake in Antrim County including Lake Michigan...	21.2	41.4	37.4	0.0

Q-21. Please note any additional area or site in Antrim County that you think should become a park or be preserved as a natural area.

Q-22. How often have you used the parks or public lands in Antrim County for these activities?

		(Circle one number for each)			
		Never	Seldom	Occasionally	Often
N=386	1. Sight-seeing...	16%	44%	29%	11%
N=380	2. Nature experience or wildlife observation...	19	45	23	13
n=369	3. Camping...	66	23	9	2
n=375	4. Picnicking...	36	41	19	4
n=377	5. Hiking...	40	34	20	5
n=368	6. Biking	65	23	8	4
n=374	7. Hunting...	63	18	10	8
n=374	8. Fishing...	37	30	20	13
n=369	9. Mushroom Hunting	50	31	12	7
n=378	10. Boating...	31	30	19	21
n=376	11. Swimming or sun bathing...	65	20	8	7
n=370	12. Skiing	65	20	8	7
n=369	12. Snowmobiling	71	14	7	8
n=365	13. Athletics or organized sports...	68	17	7	8
1.	Other _____...	%	%	%	%

Q-23. Do you see a need for additional parks or improved park facilities in Antrim County?

N=353 (Check one)

55.8% No

44.2 YES

If yes, please explain: _____

Section V. FUTURE VISION FOR ANTRIM COUNTY. This section seeks specific ideas and hopes to capture a picture of what you feel Antrim County should be like in the future.

Q-24. How important is each one of the following items for you to continue living in the area?

(Circle one number for each)

		Not Important	Somewhat important	Moderately important	Very important
n=399	1. Rural, open spaces	7.3%	15.8%	26.6%	50.4%
n=401	2. Small town atmosphere...	5.5	12.2	30.2	53.1
n=396	3. Pedestrian friendly communities	4.8	15.5	30.1	49.7
n=401	4. Friendly neighbors...	2.5	11.7	29.9	55.9
n=396	5. Family in the area...	28.0	15.7	22.2	34.1
n=402	6. Crime rate/public safety...	2.0	6.2	20.6	71.1
n=399	7. Quality school system...	9.3	11.3	19.1	60.4
n=395	8. Local tax rates...	3.5	13.7	23.8	59.0
n=393	9. Business opportunities...	18.8	21.4	30.5	29.3
n=389	10. Cost of housing...	13.4	17.2	32.7	36.8
n=400	11. Environmental quality...	2.75	6.5	24.8	66.0
n=400	12. Access to lakes or streams...	8.8	12.5	28.0	50.8
n=392	13. Employment opportunities...	18.9	16.6	26.5	38.0
n=394	14. Churches	12.4	22.6	31.0	34.0
n=396	15. Shopping Locally	6.3	22.0	39.9	31.8

Q-25. Listed below are a number of possible ways to deal with planning, zoning and other regulations in Antrim County. How much do you favor or oppose these things?

(Circle one number for each)

		Strongly Oppose	Oppose	Neutral	Favor	Strongly Favor
N=388	1. Zoning by the Townships...	9.0%	10.3%	25.3%	32.2%	23.2%
N=382	2. Zoning by the County...	13.1	14.1	32.2	22.8	17.8
N=391	3. Creation of a Countywide Master plan with Twp. Ordinances	9.21	9.21	26.3	32.5	22.8
N=400	4. Requiring developers to help pay for public improvements	4.5	3.8	10.8	32.0	49.0
n=399	5. Local controls on how subdivisions are developed...	3.3	4.8	13.5	38.1	40.4
n=395	6. Limiting strip development Along roadways...	2.8	5.1	19.2	27.1	45.8

Q-26. Listed below are a number of statements about issues in the community. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each statement.

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
N=382	1. Antrim County is proficient in land use planning	5%	19%	51%	23%	1%
N=383	2. Antrim County is proficient in Natural Resource Protection	3	10	42	42	3
N=395	3. Tourism and seasonal homes make Antrim County a better place to live...	8	11	21	43	17
N=392	4. A youth center is needed in my area of Antrim County...	4	11	36	29	20
N=390	5. More planning and zoning is needed in Antrim County...	5	9	35	35	16
N=400	6. Homeowners should be required to replace septic systems if they are damaging the environment...	1	2	9	38	50
N=398	7. I approve of property restrictions or regulations in places such as wetlands or steep slopes...	4	7	12	40	37
N=397	8. Greater controls need to be adopted to protect the ground water (drinking water) or the county...	2	5	21	40	33
N=403	9. Antrim County is a good place to live...	0	2	5	42	51
N=398	10. Making US 131 into a four lane, limited-access expressway would be good for Antrim County...	14	18	25	22	22
N=394	11. Our local tax dollars are well spent...	10	20	49	17	5
N=392	12. Poverty is a serious problem in Antrim County...	3	16	39	31	11
N=397	13. Antrim County is being developed too quickly...	6	23	32	25	13
N=390	14. Strong land use restrictions will protect the quality of life in Antrim County...	7	15	25	33	19

N=394	15. With the whole region growing as it is, Antrim County really can't control its own future...	22	48	18	10	2
N=394	16. A state park should be developed along one of the big lakes in the county...	12	25	26	26	11
N=389	17. Antrim County needs to develop and promote more <i>spring</i> tourism...	8	17	42	27	6
N=392	18. Antrim County needs to develop and promote more <i>summer</i> tourism...	9	25	37	22	6
N=391	19. Antrim County needs to promote more <i>fall</i> tourism....	8	19	38	28	7
N=393	20. Antrim County needs to develop and promote more <i>winter</i> tourism...	8	17	39	28	7
N=387	21. Antrim County Should Establish a Countywide Chamber of Commerce	8.3	13.4	33.6	34.4	10.3

Q-27. Which of the following BEST expresses your view of how zoning is used?

N=376

51% Zoning is primarily used to protect property rights.

49% Zoning is primarily used to control use of private property.

Q-28. If it meant an increase in property taxes, which of the following services do you think Antrim County should add or improve?

		No, not worth a tax increase	Yes, worth a tax increase
n=381	1. Acquire and maintain additional park lands...	73.8%	26.3%
n=380	2. Support planning and zoning in townships that cannot afford it...	70.5	29.5
n=388	3. County-wide recycling program...	45.1	54.9
n=376	4. A youth center or centers...	60.4	39.6
n=382	5. Additional senior housing and services...	60.5	39.5
n=381	6. Trails to link communities together	68.8	31.2
n=383	7. Preservation of Open Space in Prime Agricultural Land	52.2	47.8

Q-29. Which of these things have you done in the last three years in Antrim County?

		No	Yes	Not Applicable
N=398	1. Voted in County or local elections...	18.4%	65.8%	15.8%
N=397	2. Called or gone to a Village or Township Hall on business...	22.4	72.0	5.5
n=397	3. Called or gone to Antrim County offices on business...	23.4	72.0	3.8
n=393	4. Attended a Village Council or Township Board meeting...	61.1	31.8	7.1
n=391	5. Attended a County Board of Commissioners meeting...	83.1	10.2	6.7
n=394	6. Had a problem dealt with by the Antrim County Sheriff's Office or a local police department...	62.9	31.7	5.3
N=395	7. Had a assistance by a fire/rescue department...	79.0	15.7	5.3
N=391	8. Run for a County or local office...	87.5	3.6	9.0
N=391	9. Served on a County or local board or commission...	83.6	7.4	9.0
N=391	10. Volunteered for a County or local community project...	64.7	27.6	7.7

Q-30. Which of the following kinds of groups do you belong to in Antrim County?

N=222

(Check all that apply)

- 32% A local civic or service organization.
- 40% A lake association.
- 28% A land trust or natural area preservation group.

Section VI. BACKGROUND. In order to find out how different kinds of people feel about different issues, your answers to some background questions are very important. As with all information in the survey, your answers to the following questions will be kept confidential.

Q-31. What is your age?

N=411

0-20 years	0.7%
21-40 years	12.4%
42-60 years	45.0%
Over 60 years	42%

Q-32. Are you:

N=410

57%	Male
43%	Female

Q-33. Are you currently:

N=411

7%	Single
75%	Married or in a permanent relationship
7%	Separated or divorced
10%	Widowed

Q-34. How many Children (18 and younger) currently live in your household?

N=119

None	58.0%
1-2	35.3%
3-4	3.4%
5 or more	3.4%

How many Adults (including yourself) currently live in your household?

N=130

1	15.4%
2	69.2%
3	9.2%
4	3.9%
5 or more	2.3%

Q-35. What is the highest level of education you completed?
N=403

(Check one)

- 3% Less than high school
- 20% High school
- 32% Some college, technical or Associates degree
- 24 Bachelor's degree
- 16 Master's degree
- 5 PhD. Or equivalent

Q-36. Do you have children who attend public schools in Antrim County?
N=410

(Check one)

- 80% No
- 20% Yes

If yes, public, private or home school?

N=83

- 94% Public
- 2.4% Private
- 3.6% Home School

If public, which school district?

N=76

- 4% Alba
- 28% Bellaire
- 0% Boyne City
- 0% Boyne Falls
- 17% Central Lake
- 1% Charlevoix
- 1% East Jordan
- 25% Elk Rapids
- 4% Ellsworth
- 0% Gaylord
- 20% Mancelona
- 0% Antrim Concord Academy

Q-37. Do you own or rent your housing?

N=408

98.0% Own

2.0% Rent

What type of housing do you live in?

N=400

(Check one)

<1% Apartment or room

2% Condominium

6% Mobile home

90% Single Family

<1% Duplex

<1% Assisted Living

Q-38. Which of the following best describes your normal or most recent employment?

N=403

31% Educational or professional worker

4% Farmer

7% Homemaker

17% Manager or proprietor

11% Sales or office worker

13% Manufacturing

0% Skilled worker, craftsman or foreman

0% Student

Q-39. Which of the following best describes your current employment situation?

N=404

(Check one)

49% Employed full-time

7% Employed part-time

<1% Seasonal worker, summer

<1% Seasonal worker, winter

<1% Unemployed, seeking work

2% Unemployed, not seeking work

40% Retired

Q-40. What percentage of your total taxable household income was earned within the county?

N=349

66.2% (0% - 19%)

4.9% (20% - 39%)

4.6% (40% - 59%)

2.6 (60% - 79%)

21.8% (80% - 100%)

Q-41. What range was your total taxable household income last year?

N=368

(Check one)

4% Less than \$10,000

8% \$10,000 to 19,000

8% \$20,000 to \$29,999

11% \$30,000 to \$39,999

12% \$40,000 to \$49,999

10% \$50,000 to \$59,999

7% \$60,000 to \$69,999

7% \$70,000 to \$79,999

32% \$80,000 or over