

2024 Comprehensive Plan Jackson County, Iowa

Adopted June 25, 2024

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1. Directory of County Government Offices and Community Partners

Directory of Jackson County Government Offices and Community Partners (April 2024)

Assessor's Office

Jackson County Courthouse
201 West Platt Street
Maquoketa, IA 52060
Phone Number: (563) 652-4935
<https://www.jacksoncountyassessor.org/>

Attorney's Office

Jackson County Courthouse
201 West Platt Street
Maquoketa, IA 52060
Phone Number: (563) 652-3214
<https://jacksoncounty.iowa.gov/attorney/>

Auditor's Office

Jackson County Courthouse
201 West Platt Street
Maquoketa, IA 52060
Phone Number: (563) 652-3144
<https://jacksoncounty.iowa.gov/auditor/>

Board of Supervisors

Jackson County Courthouse
201 West Platt Street
Maquoketa, IA 52060
Phone Number: (563) 652-3181
<https://jacksoncounty.iowa.gov/board-of-supervisors/>

Conservation Office

Hurstville Interpretive Center
18670 63rd Street
Maquoketa, IA 52060
Phone Number: (563) 652-3783
<https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/jackson.aspx>

Emergency Management Agency

Jackson County Courthouse
201 West Platt Street
Maquoketa, IA 52060
Phone Number: (563) 542-3911
<https://jacksoncounty.iowa.gov/emergency-management/>

Engineer's Office & Secondary Roads

Jackson County Courthouse
201 West Platt Street
Maquoketa, IA 52060
Phone Number: (563) 652-4782
<https://jacksoncounty.iowa.gov/engineer/>

Environmental Health Department

Jackson County Courthouse
201 West Platt Street
Maquoketa, IA 52060
Phone Number: (563) 652-5658
<https://jacksoncounty.iowa.gov/health-department/>

General Assistance Office

Jackson County Courthouse Annex
311 West Platt Street
Maquoketa, IA 52060
Phone Number: (563) 652-1710
<https://jacksoncounty.iowa.gov/general-assistance/>

Geographic Information System (GIS)

Jackson County Courthouse
201 West Platt Street
Maquoketa, IA 52060
Phone Number: (563) 652-4935
<https://jacksoncounty.iowa.gov/gis/>

Human Resources

Jackson County Courthouse Annex
311 West Platt Street
Maquoketa, IA 52060
Phone Number: (563) 652-1710
<https://jacksoncounty.iowa.gov/human-resources/>

Information Technology Department

201 West Platt Street
Maquoketa, IA 52060
Phone Number: (563) 652-3144
<https://jacksoncounty.iowa.gov/information-technology/>

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Maintenance Department

Jackson County Courthouse
201 West Platt Street
Maquoketa, IA 52060
Phone Number: (563) 652-5948
<https://jacksoncounty.iowa.gov/maintenance/>

Mental Health Office

Jackson County Courthouse Annex
311 West Platt Street
Maquoketa, IA 52060
Phone Number: (563) 652-1743
<https://jacksoncounty.iowa.gov/mental-health/>

Planning and Zoning Office

Jackson County Courthouse
201 West Platt Street
Maquoketa, IA 52060
Phone Number: 563-652-4512
<https://jacksoncounty.iowa.gov/planning-and-zoning-office/>

Public Health Department

Jackson County Courthouse
201 West Platt Street
Maquoketa, IA 52060
Phone Number: (563) 242-7165
<https://jacksoncounty.iowa.gov/public-health/>

Recorder's Office

Jackson County Courthouse
201 West Platt Street
Maquoketa, IA 52060
Phone Number: (563) 652-2504
<https://jacksoncounty.iowa.gov/recorder/>

Sheriff's Office

Law Enforcement Center
104 South Niagara Street
Maquoketa, IA 52060
Phone Number: (563) 652-3312
<https://jacksoncounty.iowa.gov/sheriff/>

Solid Waste Agency

25146 184th Street
Maquoketa, Iowa 52060
Phone Number: (563) 672-3431
<https://www.wasteauthority.org/site/>

Treasurer's Office

Jackson County Courthouse
201 West Platt Street
Maquoketa, IA 52060
Phone Number: (563) 652-5649
<https://jacksoncounty.iowa.gov/treasurer/>

Veterans Affairs Office

Jackson County Courthouse Annex
311 West Platt Street
Maquoketa, IA 52060
Phone Number: (563) 652-0070
<https://jacksoncounty.iowa.gov/veterans-affairs/>

Clerk of Court

Jackson County Courthouse
201 West Platt Street
Maquoketa, IA 52060
Phone Number: (563) 652-4946
<https://www.iowacourts.gov/iowa-courts/district-court/judicial-district-7/district/7/county/jackson>

Adult Probation

Phone Number (563) 652-2751

Juvenile Probation

Phone Number: (563) 652-4249

Eastern Iowa Mental Health and Disability Services – County Office

Contact Jackson County Mental Health Office

Jackson County Area Tourism Association

305 South Street
Sabula, Iowa 52070
Phone Number: (563) 687-2237
<https://www.jacksoncountyiowa.com/>

Jackson County Economic Alliance

120 South Main Street
Maquoketa, IA 52060
Phone Number: (563) 652-4549
<https://www.theicea.org/>

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2. Project Website Content

Jackson County Comprehensive Plan

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Jackson County Comprehensive Plan

Welcome

Jackson County, Iowa is creating its first comprehensive plan. The plan will chart a course for the future of the county. This website will be used to share project information and progress updates, collect public input from the county, and list meeting notices. Check back often to track progress of the plan.

Draft Shared Vision

The shared vision is a statement that is designed for Jackson County to declare where the community wants to be in the future. To see the shared vision, click the link [here](#).

Draft Chapters

Draft chapters for the comprehensive plan can be reviewed [here](#).

Survey

Jackson County is collecting ideas for the comprehensive plan through a survey. Click below to take the survey. [Take the Survey](#)

Your Ideas

Click [here](#) to provide your ideas for the comprehensive plan.

More Information

Visit the [What is a Comprehensive Plan?](#) page to learn about the value of comprehensive planning. Visit the [Planning Process](#) page for additional details on the process of updating Jackson County's Comprehensive Plan.

ECIA

The East Central Intergovernmental Association (ECIA) is helping the County with the plan. ECIA is a regional council of governments that serves 5 counties in Northeast Iowa in 6 broad categories: Community Development, Economic Development, Housing Assistance, Special Programs, Transit, and Transportation and Planning. Learn more at www.ecia.org.

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Draft Shared Vision



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Draft Shared Vision

The Comprehensive Plan presents a unified and compelling vision for the future of Jackson County. The vision defines aspirations of what the community hopes to achieve in the future.

Shared Vision Statement

The shared vision statement for Jackson County declares where the community wants to be in the future:

Jackson County is an engaging community, enthusiastically creating opportunity, supporting growth, and enhancing quality of life for all who live, work, and visit.

This community vision helps local governments, organizations, businesses, and individuals to make strategic decisions, aligning their efforts with the following broad goals and future priorities that will enable Jackson County to reach the destination described in the shared vision statement.

Broad Goals and Future Priorities

1. Rural quality of life and safe communities that compete well with larger cities
2. Recreational opportunities, historic sites, natural resources, unique amenities, and river access points
3. Business retention, expansion, and recruitment
4. Available, trained workforce of professionals, skilled trades, and labor in general
5. Locally owned and operated shops and restaurants engaged in their communities
6. Quality, affordable, and accessible housing options and pathways, especially for underserved populations
7. Affordable childcare available countywide
8. Strong volunteerism

Comments and questions about the draft shared vision statement and the broad goals and priorities can be submitted through the **Your Ideas** link on this website. Click [here](#) to provide your comments.

Comments and questions also can be emailed to ECIA Senior Planner Laura Carstens at lcarstens@ecia.org.

Draft Chapters

DRAFT CHAPTERS

Chapter 1. Introduction

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Draft Chapters

Comprehensive Plan Chapters

The Comprehensive Plan is organized into chapters. Chapter 1 is the Introduction, Chapter 2. Jackson County Snapshot describes current community characteristics, and Chapter 3. Public Participation reviews community outreach efforts and outcomes. Chapters 4. through 13. are an overview of existing conditions and trends; local, state, and federal programs; issues and opportunities; and goals and objectives for these key planning elements: 4. Community Facilities and Services; 5. Infrastructure and Utilities; 6. Transportation; 7. Economic Development; 8. Housing; 9. Agriculture and Natural Resources; 10. Parks, Recreation, Cultural Resources; 11. Hazard Mitigation; 12. Land Use; and 13. Intergovernmental Collaboration. Chapter 14. implementation brings together the goals and objectives of each chapter into a strategy for the future.

Comments and questions about one or more of the draft chapters can be submitted through the **Your Ideas** link on this website. Click [here](#) to provide your comments on any of the Comprehensive Plan chapters.

Comments and questions also can be emailed to ECIA Senior Planner Laura Carstens at lcarstens@ecia.org.

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Your Ideas - Jackson County Comprehensive Plan

We want to include your ideas in the Jackson County Comprehensive Plan. What do you like about life in Jackson County? What could be improved? Let us know in the form below. Your ideas are important for the plan and for the future of Jackson County.

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Comments

Your answer

Name and Contact Information (Optional)

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What Is A Comprehensive Plan?

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

Jackson County is creating a comprehensive plan that will chart a course for the future of the county.

- The comprehensive plan is an important document that is used to guide the future growth and development of the county.
- The comprehensive plan presents a vision for the future, with long-range goals and objectives for all activities that affect growth and development of the county.
- The plan is “comprehensive” because it covers a wide range of issues.
- The process of creating the plan gives the entire community a chance to be involved in shaping the future of the county.
- The plan is a policy guide, not regulations.
- Policies recommended in the plan are shaped by public participation.

Planning Process

The planning process will work to bring people together and build a community consensus around a vision for the future of Jackson County. Important opportunities for the entire community to be involved and to shape the future of the Jackson County are:

- Project Website – “Your Ideas” page
- Community Survey – online format and paper copies
- Public Workshops
- Social Media
- Public Meetings
- Public Hearings

Key Jackson County partners in this planning process are:

- Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee
- Zoning Commission
- Board of Supervisors

The planning process is expected to take 12 months; from July 2023 through June 2024.

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Planning Process

The comprehensive planning process will work to bring people together and build a community consensus around a vision for the future of Jackson County. This page describes the strategies that Jackson County will use to get the community involved in creating the plan.

Community Survey

To create a plan that accurately reflects the needs of our county, we need to know what you think. Your response to this short survey will help us identify the issues that are important to our residents and community partners. Your input will help us determine how those issues should be addressed in the comprehensive plan. All answers are confidential and cannot be traced back to you. Please take a few minutes to take this brief survey, and remember, your opinion counts!

- Click [here](#) for the online version of the community survey.
- Paper copies of the survey are available at the Jackson County Courthouse and at public libraries in Bellevue, Maquoketa, Preston, and Sabula.

Public Workshops

During the planning process ECIA will lead a series of public workshops to collect public input for the plan; information about the public workshops will be listed on this page when finalized.

Workshop 1 - October 23, 2023

[Workshop Posters](#)

Social Media

Follow ECIA's [Facebook page](#) for project information, progress updates, and meeting notices.

Public Hearings

The Zoning Commission and the Board of Supervisors will each hold a public hearing on the final draft of the Jackson County Comprehensive Plan. These hearings are open to the public. Information about the public hearings will be posted at the Jackson County Courthouse and on the Jackson County website, published as a legal notice in the county's local newspapers, and listed on this page when finalized.

Steering Committee

The Board of Supervisors has appointed a Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee that represents a broad spectrum of stakeholder groups with a variety of skill sets and perspectives. The committee will meet 2 or 3 times during the planning process and will focus on the community vision and broad goals.

Zoning Commission

State law requires that zoning, subdivision, and other land use regulations be in conformance with a comprehensive plan and requires the county zoning commission's involvement in the comprehensive plan's development. State law spells a role for the Jackson County Zoning Commission in the comprehensive planning process that includes the following responsibilities:

- Prepare the Comprehensive Plan, reviewing draft chapters and maps.
- Hold a public hearing on the final draft of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Recommend adoption of the Comprehensive Plan to the Board of Supervisors.

Board of Supervisors

The role of the Jackson County Board of Supervisors in the comprehensive planning process is spelled out in state law. The board's responsibilities include:

- Set a public hearing on the final draft of the Comprehensive Plan, after receiving the Zoning Commission's recommendation.
- Hold a public hearing on the final draft of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Adopts the final Comprehensive Plan.
- Make copies of the adopted comprehensive plan to neighboring counties, regional councils of governments, cities and public libraries in the county, and the public.

Public Meetings

The Zoning Commission and the Board of Supervisors will receive monthly updates on the planning process during their regularly scheduled meetings. These meetings are open to the public. Check [Jackson County's website](#) for agendas for upcoming Board of Supervisors and Zoning Commission meeting agendas.



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Public Hearing - June 25th, 2024

The Jackson County Board of Supervisors will hold a public meeting on June 25th, 2024 at 9:00 AM in the Supervisors Boardroom of the Jackson County Courthouse. For more information see the release [here](#).

Draft Plan

You can review the current draft of the full comprehensive plan [here](#).

Draft Shared Vision

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Draft Chapters

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[Executive Summary Draft](#)

Survey

The survey process for the plan has been completed. We are no longer accepting responses at this time.
[Final Survey Results Report](#)

Your Ideas

The form has been closed at this time.

More Information

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3. Media Releases and Project Flyers



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

ECIA Contact: Laura Carstens

lcarstens@ecia.org

New survey asks for ideas about the future for Jackson County Comprehensive Plan

The public are invited to share their opinions on the future of Jackson County by participating in a new survey, available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3DVXLLV>.

Working with Jackson County, East Central Intergovernmental Association (ECIA) is developing a comprehensive plan for the county. A comprehensive plan presents a shared vision for the future, with long-range community goals. It is a policy guide for future policies, services, public improvements, growth and development.

To create a comprehensive plan that accurately reflects the future needs of Jackson County, ECIA needs input from the community. This short survey will help identify the issues and opportunities that are important to county residents, businesses, farmers, and community partners. Public input will help determine how those issues and opportunities should be addressed in the comprehensive plan.

The public can learn more about the comprehensive plan at https://eciains.org/jackson_county_comprehensive_plan.php.

Additional information is provided in the attached project handout and survey flyer.

For more information on the survey or the plan, please contact Laura Carstens at lcarstens@ecia.org.

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Attachments

Jackson County, Iowa *Comprehensive Plan*



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Why a Plan?

If you're headed into the future without a plan, a guide, or a road map, you could end up somewhere you don't want to be.

People make plans to reach their goals for home, business, farm, vacation, and retirement. Plans help guide you to where you want to be.

Counties make plans, too. These plans help community set goals, so their county is where people want to live, work, do business, have fun.

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

A comprehensive plan presents a shared vision for the future, with long-range community goals. It is a policy guide for future policies, services, public improvements, growth and development.

Its **comprehensive** because it covers a wide range of issues and activities.

With a **shared vision** everyone has a common destination and common goals. People then can work together as a team, supporting and encouraging each other to reach community goals.

Its **long-range** because it looks forward 20 years.

It's a **policy guide**, a road map, shaped by public participation. It's *not* rules or regulations.



Your Ideas are Important!

We need your help to complete the plan. Your ideas will help create a guide for the future of Jackson County. The County wants your input on topics including:

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Economic Development | Public Safety |
| Parks and Recreation | Housing |
| Transportation | Agriculture |
| Natural Resources | Land Use |
| Cultural Resources | Utilities |
| Public Infrastructure | Services |

The project website provides a **Your Ideas** page and a **Community Survey** where you can tell us what you want the future of Jackson County to look like. Check it out!

https://eciatrans.org/jackson_county_comprehensive_plan.php

For More Information...

The East Central Intergovernmental Association (ECIA) is helping Jackson County with the plan. Please send questions or comments to: **Laura Carstens at lcarstens@ecia.org**





YOUR IDEAS
are Important

SHAPE THE FUTURE OF JACKSON COUNTY



QUALITY OF LIFE

How do you rate your quality of life? How can it be improved?



LIVE, WORK, PLAY

How do you rate the places where you live, work, play? How can they be improved?



WHAT'S YOUR VISION?

Vision is not just seeing what's here, it's seeing what can be in the future.



TAKE THE SURVEY!



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3DVXLLV>



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, October 6, 2023

ECIA Contact: Laura Carstens, Senior Planner

Email: lcarstens@ecia.org

Help Shape the Future of Jackson County at an Open House on October 23

Everyone is invited to share their ideas to shape the future of Jackson County during an Open House on October 23, 2023 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM in the Community Room at the Jackson County Courthouse, 201 West Platt Street, Maquoketa, Iowa.

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People make plans to reach their goals for their home, education, business, farm, vacation, and retirement. Plans help guide you to where you want to be.

Counties make plans, too. This Open House will help to create a shared vision and set goals so that Jackson County is the place where people want to live, work, do business, and have fun.

People can learn more about the Jackson County Comprehensive Plan at https://eciatrans.org/jackson_county_comprehensive_plan.php.

Can't make the Open House? Want to share more of your ideas?

Take the Jackson County Community Survey, available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3DVXLLV>.

For more information, please contact ECIA Senior Planner Laura Carstens at lcarstens@ecia.org.

Additional information is provided in the attached project handout and Open House flyer.

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SHAPE THE FUTURE OF JACKSON COUNTY

OPEN HOUSE



SHARE YOUR IDEAS

**OCTOBER 23, 2023
4 TO 6 PM**

**Community Room
Jackson County Courthouse
201 W Platt Street, Maquoketa, IA**

**CAN'T MAKE IT?
TAKE THE SURVEY!**



Surveys available at Courthouse, Public Libraries and Chambers of Commerce

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3DVXLLV>



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, March 8, 2024

ECIA Contact: Laura Carstens, Senior Planner

Email: lcarstens@ecia.org

Input needed on Draft Shared Vision and Draft Chapters for Jackson County Comprehensive Plan

Everyone is invited to share their comments about the draft shared vision and draft chapters for the Jackson County Comprehensive Plan.

Working with Jackson County, East Central Intergovernmental Association (ECIA) is developing a comprehensive plan for the county. A comprehensive plan presents a shared vision for the future, with long-range community goals. It is a policy guide for future services, public improvements, growth and development.

Why plan? If you're headed into the future without a plan, a guide, or a road map, you could end up somewhere you don't want to be. The shared vision statement for Jackson County declares what the community hopes to achieve and where the community wants to be in the future:

Jackson County is an engaging community, enthusiastically creating opportunity, supporting growth, and enhancing quality of life for all who live, work, and visit.

This community vision helps local governments, organizations, businesses, and individuals to make strategic decisions, aligning their efforts with the following broad goals and future priorities that will enable Jackson County to reach the destination described in the shared vision statement.

Broad Goals and Future Priorities

1. Rural quality of life and safe communities that compete well with larger cities
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Comprehensive Plan Chapters

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Chapter 2. Jackson County Snapshot describes current community characteristics.

Chapter 3. Public Participation reviews community outreach efforts and outcomes. This chapter provides results of the community survey.

Chapters 4 through 13 are an overview of existing conditions and trends; local, state, and federal programs; issues and opportunities; and goals and objectives for these key planning elements:

Chapter 4. Community Facilities and Services

Chapter 5. Infrastructure and Utilities

Chapter 6. Transportation

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Chapter 10. Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources

Chapter 11. Hazard Mitigation

Chapter 12. Land Use

Chapter 13. Intergovernmental Collaboration

Chapter 14. Implementation brings together the goals and objectives of Chapters 4 through 13 into a strategy for the future.

Comments and questions about the draft shared vision and draft chapters can be submitted through the **Your Ideas** link on the plan website https://eciatrans.org/jackson_county_comprehensive_plan.php

Information about the Jackson County Comprehensive Plan is available through the ECIA Facebook page.

Comments and questions also can be emailed to ECIA Senior Planner Laura Carstens at lcarstens@ecia.org.

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Do You Share this Future Vision?

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Let us know!

https://eciitrans.org/jackson_county_comprehensive_plan.php



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Let us know!

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

ECIA Contact: Laura Carstens, Senior Planner

Email: lcarstens@ecia.org

Public Hearing on Jackson County Comprehensive Plan set for May 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM

The Jackson County Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on the final draft of the Jackson County Comprehensive Plan. The hearing is open to the public to attend in person on Monday, May 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Community Room, Jackson County Courthouse, 201 West Platt Street, Maquoketa, Iowa or via zoom.

TO Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89606225510?pwd=SHQxU1RkejNubWhza2RVM1U4a0t3UT09>

Meeting ID: 896 0622 5510 Passcode: 783861 **OR** Dial In +312-626-6799

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The public is invited to ask questions or to comment on the proposal at the public hearing. Written comments may be presented to the Zoning Commission at or before the public hearing.

Comments and questions also can be before the public hearing to ECIA Senior Planner Laura Carstens at lcarstens@ecia.org or to Zoning Administrator Lori Roling, Jackson County Courthouse, 201 West Platt Street, Maquoketa, Iowa, (563) 652-4512, lroling@jacksoncounty.iowa.gov.

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Enclosed is the Executive Summary of the final draft of the Jackson County Comprehensive Plan.

JACKSON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

What is the purpose of the Comprehensive Plan?

The plan presents a shared vision for the future, with long-range goals and objectives for all activities that affect growth and development of the county. It is a 20-year policy guide shaped by public input that covers a wide range of issues.

How was the plan created?

To bring people together to build a community consensus around a vision for the future, a transparent and inclusive community outreach process provided diverse interests with the opportunity to participate in a variety of settings and formats: websites, public meetings, Facebook, contact cards, community survey, direct contacts with stakeholders and the general public, and media contacts.

What is the Shared Vision?

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BROAD GOALS AND FUTURE PRIORITIES

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

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Public Hearing on Jackson County Comprehensive Plan set for June 25, 2024 at 9:00 AM

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TO Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89606225510?pwd=SHQxU1RkejNubWhza2RVM1U4a0t3UT09>

Meeting ID: 896 0622 5510 Passcode: 783861 **OR** Dial In +312-626-6799

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The public is invited to ask questions or to comment on the proposal at the public hearing. Written comments may be presented to the Board of Supervisors at or before the public hearing.

Comments and questions also can be before the public hearing to ECIA Senior Planner Laura Carstens at lcarstens@ecia.org or to Zoning Administrator Lori Roling, Jackson County Courthouse, 201 West Platt Street, Maquoketa, Iowa, (563) 652-4512, lroling@jacksoncounty.iowa.gov.

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Enclosed is the Executive Summary of the final draft of the Jackson County Comprehensive Plan.

JACKSON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

What is the purpose of the Comprehensive Plan?

The plan presents a shared vision for the future, with long-range goals and objectives for all activities that affect growth and development of the county. It is a 20-year policy guide shaped by public input that covers a wide range of issues.

How was the plan created?

To bring people together to build a community consensus around a vision for the future, a transparent and inclusive community outreach process provided diverse interests with the opportunity to participate in a variety of settings and formats: websites, public meetings, Facebook, contact cards, community survey, direct contacts with stakeholders and the general public, and media contacts.

What is the Shared Vision?

The shared vision statement for Jackson County declares where the community wants to be in the future:

Jackson County, Iowa is an engaging community, enthusiastically creating opportunity, supporting growth, and enhancing quality of life for all who live, work, and visit.

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4. Community Survey Report

- Survey Form
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Jackson County, 2023

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Please complete this form and return to Zoning Office, Jackson County Courthouse, 201 West Platt Street, Maquoketa, IA 52060. Thank you!

Quality of Life

1. How would you describe the quality of life in Jackson County today?
 - Very Good
 - Good
 - Fair
 - Poor
 - Very Poor
2. How would you say the quality of life in Jackson County has changed over the past five years?
 - Improved
 - Stayed the Same
 - Declined
3. How far is the Jackson County of today from the ideal Jackson County you envision for the future?
 - Very Close
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 - Uncertain
4. How happy are you with current economic conditions in Jackson County?
 - Very Happy
 - Happy
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 - Very Unhappy
 - Uncertain

5. Please provide us with two or three ways the quality of life in Jackson County might be improved.

6. Please provide us with two or three reasons you decided on Jackson County as a place to live.

Jackson County at Present

7. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Please mark (x) the column that best describes your opinion.

Jackson County stands out when compared to other Iowa counties because.....	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
properties are attractive, clean, and well maintained						
it is a safe place to live						
of its rural agricultural character						
of its convenient location – highway access						
of its recreation – state and county parks, trails, rivers, forests						
it has good schools						
it has access to community colleges and higher education						
of its locally owned and operated shops and restaurants						
it welcomes residents with racial and ethnic diversity						
it has family/kid friendly activities						
it has good health care and facilities						
it is culturally vibrant—interpretive centers, museums, historic sites, art and music venues						
of its employment opportunities						
housing is affordable, safe, and decent						
healthy, affordable food is easy to get everywhere						

Residential Development

8. Where do you live?

- In a City in Jackson County
- Rural (unincorporated) Jackson County; outside the limits of a city
- Outside Jackson County

9. If you live in a city in Jackson County, which one?

- Andrew
- Baldwin
- Bellevue
- La Motte
- Maquoketa
- Miles
- Monmouth
- Preston
- Sabula
- Spragueville
- Springbrook
- St. Donatus
- Zwingle
- I do not live in Jackson County

10. If you live in Jackson County, how many years have you lived here?

- 2 Years or Less
- 3-5 Years
- 6-9 years
- 10 years or More
- I do not live in Jackson County

11. If you live in Jackson County, how long do you see yourself living here?

- 1 Year or Less
- 2-5 Years
- 6-10 Years
- 11-15 Years
- 16-20 Years
- 21 Years or More
- I do not live in rural Jackson County

12. What type of housing do you currently occupy?

- Single Family Home
- Duplex
- Apartment
- Condo
- Mobile Home

13. Do you own or rent your current place of residence?

- Own
- Rent

14. Are you satisfied with your current housing situation?

- Yes
- No

Please tell us why.

15. Would you like to move to a different house or apartment?

- No
- Yes, I would like to move to a different house or apartment in Jackson County.
- Yes, I would like to move to a different house or apartment outside of Jackson County.

Please tell us why.

16. If you would like to move, but have not, please tell us why.

17. How would you rate the quality of housing in Jackson County overall?

- Good
- Average
- Poor
- Don't Know

18. Please think for a moment about the mix of housing in Jackson County today. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Please mark (x) the column that best describes your opinion.

Jackson County has good quality, affordable housing options for...	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
Families						
Renters						
Young professionals						
People over 65						
First time homebuyers						
Persons with disabilities						

Growth and Development Priorities

19. Please think for a moment about what you want Jackson County to focus on in the future. Rank the following items from 1 to 12 based on their importance to the future growth and development. 1 is the *most important* and 12 is the *least important*.

Only use each number once, using the same number more than once or skipping a number won't produce usable data.

- _____ Improve the quality of life for current and future residents
- _____ Promote economic development within and around cities
- _____ Preserve and protect viable land for agriculture
- _____ Encourage healthy, active living for all residents
- _____ Retain and expand local businesses and jobs
- _____ Retain, recruit, and build a highly skilled workforce
- _____ Preserve and protect parks, open spaces, and natural resources
- _____ Maintain and expand the variety of housing types, costs, and locations
- _____ Provide, maintain, and improve the safety and efficiency of the transportation network
- _____ Maintain and expand attractions for tourists and residents
- _____ Provide an opportunity for solar energy facilities
- _____ Provide an opportunity for wind energy facilities

20. What else do you think should be a growth and development priority?

Jackson County Government Offices

21. Please think for a moment about the services provided by the government offices of Jackson County. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with each of the County offices listed below. *Please mark (x) the column that best describes your opinion.*

County Government Office	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Don't Know
Attorney						
Assessor						
Auditor						
Board of Supervisors						
Conservation						
Emergency Management						
Engineer						
Environmental Health						
General Assistance						
Geographic Information System (GIS)						
Mental Health and Disabilities						
Planning and Zoning						
Recorder						
Sheriff						
Treasurer						
Veteran Affairs						
Waste Authority						

Countywide Conditions

22. Please think for a moment about the conditions of public and private properties in Jackson County. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with each of the items listed below. *Please mark (x) the column that best describes your opinion.*

Condition	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Don't Know
Streets/roads/bridges						
County parks and trails						
County facilities						
Residential properties						
Commercial properties						
Industrial properties						
Agricultural properties						
Recreational areas						
School facilities						
Health care facilities						

Services and Utilities Available within Jackson County

23. Please think for a moment about the quality of services and utilities available within Jackson County. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with each of the services listed below. *Please mark (x) the column that best describes your opinion.*

Service	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Don't Know
Law enforcement protection						
Fire protection						
Ambulance service						
Recreational programs for youth						
Recreational programs for adults						
Street/road/bridge maintenance						
County parks and trails						
Schools						
Medical and dental health care						
Mental health and disabilities						
Economic development services						
Snow and ice removal/control						
Internet						
Telephone						
Cellphone						
Electricity						
Gas (natural and propane)						
Transit						
Renewable Energy						

24. Please provide us with two or three ways we can improve Jackson County Government Offices, Countywide Conditions, and/or Services and Utilities Available within Jackson County.

Demographic Information

Please tell us a little about yourself. Your answers will help us understand how different groups of citizens feel about the directions Jackson County might take. As with all the questions in this survey, your answers are confidential and cannot be traced back to you.

25. What is your gender?
- Male
 - Female
 - Other
- Optional: If you selected "Other" please specify.

26. Which of the following categories includes your total annual household income before taxes.
- 0 - \$24,900
 - \$25,000 - \$49,999
 - \$50,000 – \$74,999
 - \$75,000 – \$99,999
 - \$100,000 – \$124,999
 - \$125,000 - \$149,999
 - \$150,000 - \$199,999
 - \$200,000 or more
27. What is the highest level of formal education that you have completed?
- Less than high school
 - High school diploma or GED certificate
 - Some college/technical school (no degree)
 - Associate’s Degree
 - Bachelor’s Degree
 - Graduate, Professional or doctorate degree
28. Do you own a business in Jackson County?
- Yes
 - No
29. Which of the following categories includes your age?
- 18 or younger
 - 19 to 24
 - 25 to 34
 - 35 to 44
 - 45 to 54
 - 55 to 64
 - 65 or older
30. Please select the option below that best reflects your current work situation.
- Work in Jackson County
 - Work outside of Jackson County
 - Work from home
 - Retired
 - Student
 - Unemployed
31. Which race/ethnicity best describes you?
- White or Caucasian
 - Black or African American
 - Hispanic or Latino
 - Asian or Asian American
 - American Indian or Alaska Native
 - Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
 - Another Race
32. Do you have any children under age 18 living at home?
- Yes
 - No

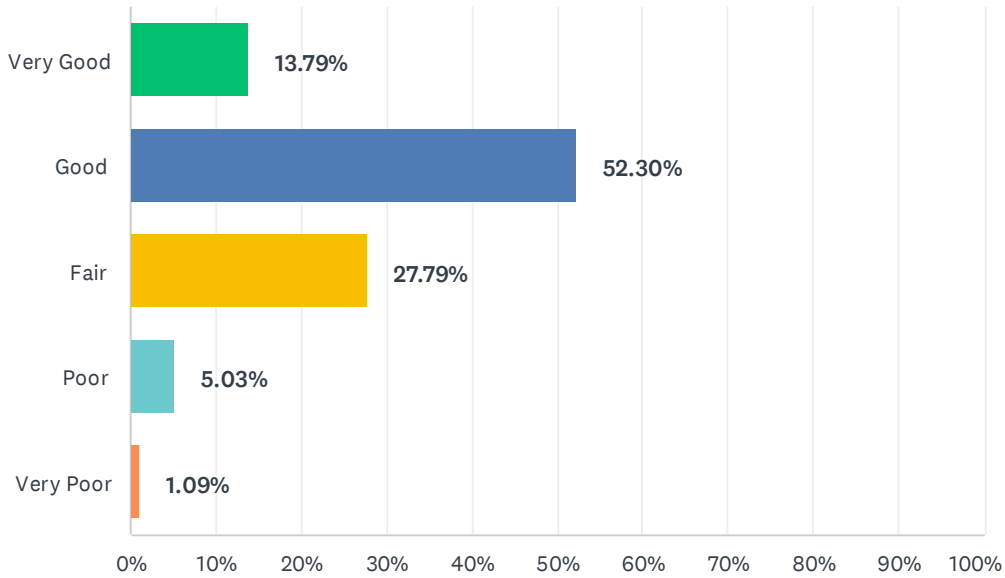
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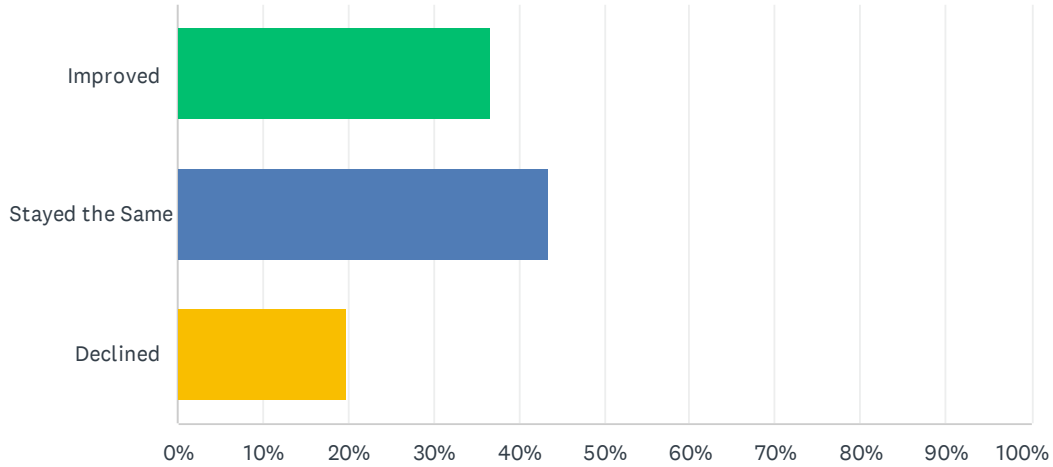
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Good	13.79%	63
Good	52.30%	239
Fair	27.79%	127
Poor	5.03%	23
Very Poor	1.09%	5
TOTAL		457

Q2 How would you say the quality of life in Jackson County has changed over the past five years?

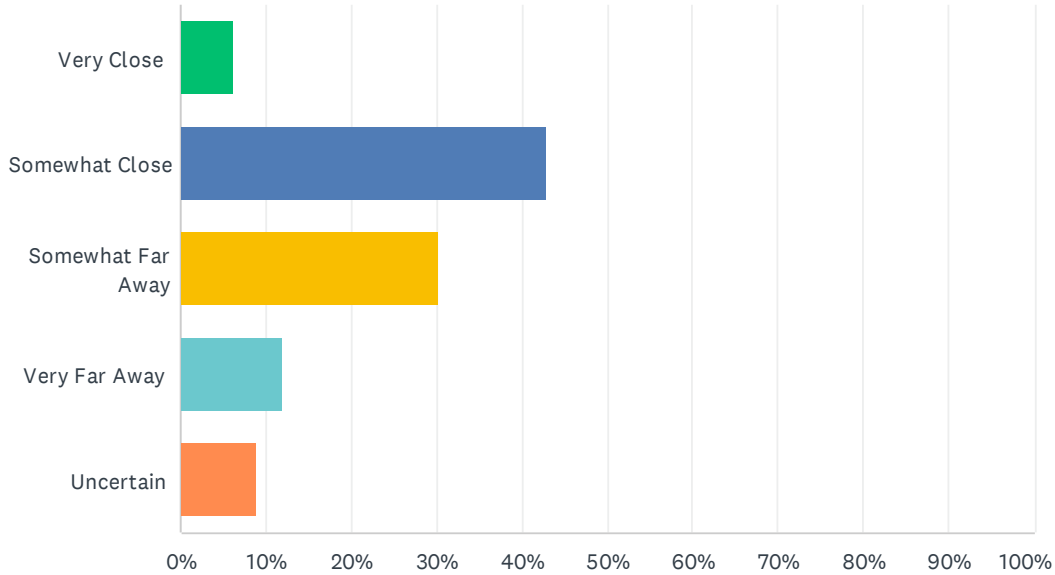
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Improved	36.70% 167
Stayed the Same	43.52% 198
Declined	19.78% 90
TOTAL	455

Q3 How far is the Jackson County of today from the Jackson County you envision for the future?

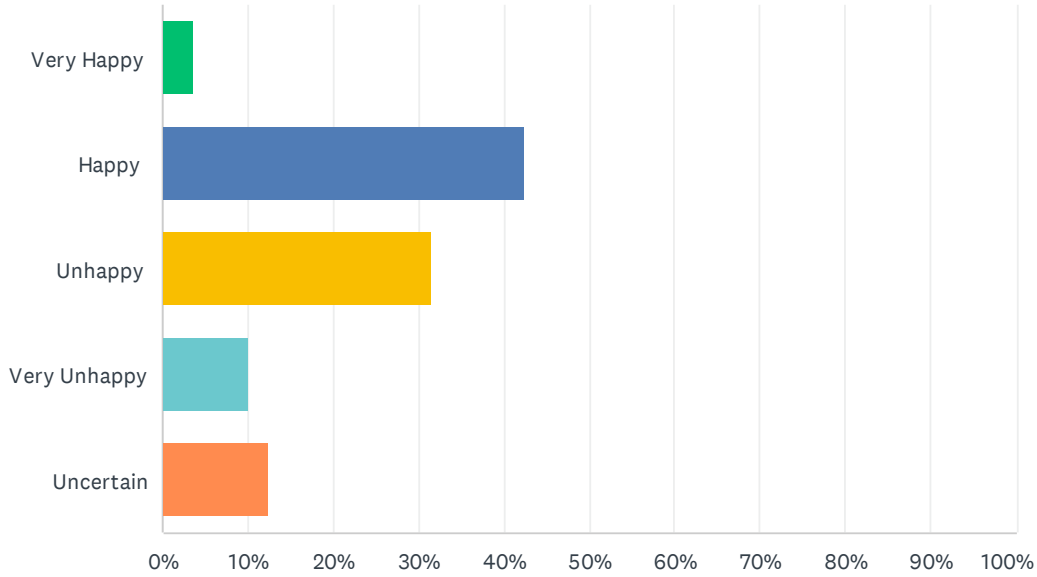
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Close	6.14%	28
Somewhat Close	42.76%	195
Somewhat Far Away	30.26%	138
Very Far Away	11.84%	54
Uncertain	8.99%	41
TOTAL		456

Q4 How happy are you with current economic conditions in Jackson County?

Answered: 450 Skipped: 13



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Happy	3.56%	16
Happy	42.44%	191
Unhappy	31.56%	142
Very Unhappy	10.00%	45
Uncertain	12.44%	56
TOTAL		450

Q5 Please provide us with two or three ways the quality of life in Jackson County might be improved.

Answered: 365 Skipped: 98

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	River access places,	5/17/2024 10:19 AM
2	More and better paying jobs.	5/14/2024 1:47 PM
3	No wind turbines	5/12/2024 10:51 AM
4	Better health and Healthcare choices	5/12/2024 10:27 AM
5	Less junk in people's yards Community gardens	5/8/2024 9:03 PM
6	More quantity and diversity of food options. Support for public schools and maintaining high standards within them	5/8/2024 8:39 PM
7	1. Private property owners should not feel vulnerable that state or federal governments can take their property. 2. Maintain the natural landscapes. 3. EMS support for volunteer services.	5/8/2024 9:47 AM
8	We need to preserve our environment and valuable farm ground. Large wind turbines and large solar fields need to stay out of Jackson County. I don't have any issue with smaller solar installations on roofs and yards. Large wind farms rely on government subsidies and only benefit a small number of large landowners. The effects easements signed by landowners state: "Owner grants to Operator an easement for sound, noise, visual, view, light, flicker, shadow, vibration, air turbulence, wake, electromagnetic, electrical and radio frequency interference, and any other effects attributable to the Wind Farm or activity located on the Owner's Property or on adjacent properties over and across Owner's Property." I don't want to suffer with any of these effects that I did not sign up for. This will negatively affect my property value and health as I could potentially be surrounded by very large turbines. It will negatively affect Bald Eagles and waterfowl as some of the current easement options are directly in the flight path and migration routes of these birds.	5/8/2024 8:25 AM
9	Please keep wind turbines away. Not enough is known about the adverse health effects of living near turbines. Promote farm ground for agricultural use to give young farmers a chance.	5/7/2024 10:28 AM
10	1. Healthy restaurant 2. Yoga Studio 3. Splash pad for kids or outdoor pool	5/6/2024 3:09 PM
11	- Lead the county more progressively, rather than simply reacting to the complex issues happening in urban and rural areas. - Embrace the natural and culultural assets of the county to elevate recreational and tourism benefits. -Reorienting the vision of the county to be more world-facing rather than repeating the current rhetoric that drives out young people and visitors.	3/28/2024 9:59 AM
12	1. There are businesses that have been looking to hire more staff for a long period of time. Many are looking for staff (sometimes because of high turnover rates) periodically throughout the past few years. If we could have a better indication of the types of qualities needed to fill many of the different types of open positions within the county we may have a better chance to recruit those qualified people into the county - either by commuting or moving. 2. Daycare continues to be a challenge in many areas. Is there a way we can better develop options to more aggressively pursue solutions to expand daycare in some/most/all areas?	3/26/2024 8:17 PM
13	Population density does not provide adequate reasons for business to look at JC as a potential place to set up shop. Farming communities also don't sell land as it is their lively hood. Proximity to jobs is noy as convenient as it is in Dubuque County. Drug problems have increased over the last 25 years.	3/21/2024 10:39 PM
14	lower property taxes, spend money on roads instead of recreational things	3/13/2024 10:23 AM
15	Decreased taxes. Increased salaries to be compatible with surrounding cities to retain workers living and working g in county. Less local government nepotism.	3/11/2024 3:07 PM

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16	Government money not being taken from city owned facilities and going to private business (i.e., Offshore Resort and Bellevue city pool)	3/11/2024 9:53 AM
17	Need more restaurants	1/30/2024 11:44 AM
18	Hard top all gravel roads. Maintain roads during spring thaw.	1/29/2024 3:25 PM
19	Generational poverty is much too high- need a better plan - human development encouragement programs city managers and county supervisors must identify unsafe properties and work with landlords and owners.	1/3/2024 12:33 PM
20	More Local Resources, More Job opportunities, a Homeless shelter, Appropriate Teen Entertainment.	1/1/2024 3:06 AM
21	More daycare	12/23/2023 6:00 PM
22	Better housing options. There is a lot of substandard housing and I think people would be very surprised how much housing is not owner occupied.	12/15/2023 9:55 AM
23	More jobs , better paying jobs, more recreation	12/14/2023 2:07 PM
24	Provide more opportunity for children 18, then build on that from the 18 to 23-year-olds. And then invest more in the schools so you can bring in families they want to build the community.	12/12/2023 9:19 PM
25	Investment in Natural Resources and outdoor recreation. Update and investment in infrastructure. Development of affordable housing and childcare	12/11/2023 2:02 PM
26	get rid of meth heads, improve funding for streets and water system, funding for law enforcement, fire, and ems	12/6/2023 10:11 AM
27	1. Lower property taxes. 2. You need restaurants that have better hours. 3. Clean up yards that are trash looking, especially on Platt and Main Street. 4. Better transportation for people without cars, taxi service.	12/4/2023 9:07 AM
28	Cheaper housing, cheaper property taxes	11/30/2023 9:42 AM
29	The changes that I have seen are improvements done to roads and sidewalks and parks, etc	11/30/2023 9:38 AM
30	Grocery Store in Bellevue that's more affordable and has a better selection (small Hyvee or Fareway) Better city pool New elementary school in Bellevue for all students, not just 3-5	11/28/2023 7:36 AM
31	The taxes are becoming extreme. Jackson County has a lot to give in needs to look at what is extreme and what is not that's what sad.	11/27/2023 4:53 PM
32	More and better housing for low income and senior citizens. More youth oriented activities to help kids stay active and involved and perhaps avoid getting caught up in drugs and gangs.	11/27/2023 10:21 AM
33	Continue finding ways to involve/entertain youth. Keep Families here. Affordable housing.	11/27/2023 10:09 AM
34	Lower Taxes	11/27/2023 10:05 AM
35	Bellevue school improvements - massive changes needed in addition to the "scaled down" 3rd to 5th grade addition that has been approved. Updated Bellevue public pool for children. Improved trails, parks, green space for families to be outdoors together.	11/25/2023 11:55 AM
36	Bring in more family oriented things to do. Make Jackson Co appealing to visit.	11/25/2023 11:42 AM
37	I live on a gravel road and with in less than a mile the hills all have rumble strips. The roads in the county could improve.	11/20/2023 9:43 AM
38	economic development, better paying jobs, housing, and public safety	11/18/2023 2:26 PM
39	Higher wages, more housing options	11/15/2023 9:45 AM
40	Housing for the homeless. More factories with good pay.	11/15/2023 9:38 AM
41	Keep taxes in line. Been some big increases.	11/14/2023 10:16 AM
42	Higher paying employers Less poverty Less dependence on Government (Disability, Welfare)	11/10/2023 9:19 AM
43	help people financially, low income people, elderly, that anyone can go to the food pantry no matter how many you go to or where	11/9/2023 9:48 AM

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44	More info to help people in need. Have town meeting for public to come hear things how to better them.	11/9/2023 9:32 AM
45	-I hope that we can keep the movie theater in downtown Maquoketa. -Add bike/walking trails - additional affordable housing	11/9/2023 9:13 AM
46	Better roads and protection	11/9/2023 9:10 AM
47	Fix some paved roads, better snow plowing	11/9/2023 8:58 AM
48	Better rural town infrastructure improvements.	11/9/2023 8:52 AM
49	Better gravel, highway roads	11/9/2023 8:43 AM
50	Lower utility rates in Miles. Take care of streets	11/7/2023 5:36 PM
51	Advanced work opportunities are minimal.	11/7/2023 5:31 PM
52	more industry/ job choices	11/7/2023 2:44 PM
53	Get rid of the druggies.	11/7/2023 2:03 PM
54	1. Less taxes 2. Less county spending	11/7/2023 1:28 PM
55	More employment opportunities	11/2/2023 9:56 AM
56	More metal concerts	10/31/2023 7:27 PM
57	Lower property taxes	10/31/2023 3:57 PM
58	Public Employees held more accountable in their jobs Control Spending at county level by supervisors Government needs to listen to the taxpayers	10/30/2023 10:30 AM
59	Road improvements, more law enforcement officers on the roads and focusing on drug and burglary types of crimes, improving conservation efforts improving parks, walking paths, boat ramps (Maquoketa River) fishing & hunting areas.	10/29/2023 12:57 PM
60	Still nothing for teens and kids to do. We need a community center. The YMCA is too expensive. Also need a splash pad or outdoor pool. Again the Y isn't a great alternative and who wants to swim indoors during the summer. Most adults have fond memories of swimming at the city pool regardless of where they grew up	10/27/2023 5:39 PM
61	more daycare options	10/27/2023 2:59 PM
62	Put them rumble strips on hwy 52, like the ones on hwy 64. Cant see the lines when the pavements wet. More clear/visible signs of public atv trails. Signs along roads for when atv/side by sides have group rides. Oh and make the postal drivers have visible signs/ or working lights	10/26/2023 4:46 PM
63	Expanded options for dining In Bellevue specifically: Robust farmers market Marina with fuel for purchase	10/26/2023 12:28 PM
64	More entertainment options in town. Improved parks. Better paying jobs.	10/25/2023 2:46 PM
65	Programs for kids, especially teens. Help stop the cycle of drugs and overdoses. Follows through families. Something like a boys/girls club for mentoring.	10/25/2023 10:12 AM
66	Housing, jobs and more businesses that will stick around not open and close within a year.	10/25/2023 9:25 AM
67	With the addition of space, places for young people 13-18 to hang out be active and use their time constructively	10/25/2023 8:35 AM
68	No vacant storefronts. Continue enhancing access to the natural resources in our county (bike trails, camping sites, river access)	10/24/2023 6:58 PM
69	I believe we need to have some sort of place like the coveted house someplace for homelessness and helping them. Another thing would be nice to have a couple more like fast food restaurants so people have a choice just having McDonald's lot of people don't like it you know what's wrong with like Long John silver's or Hardee's or something combined. Lastly we really have no place like a roller skating rink anymore for kids or anything like that and there is a lot of kids that would go to a roller skating rink there's a lot of adults that would go to a roller skating rink.	10/24/2023 6:51 PM

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70	Better and improved schools. More focus on classes offered, structures, and pay for teachers. Outdoor Swimming Pool or splash pad is a necessity. Stricter policies and enforcement on drugs and criminal behavior.	10/24/2023 1:23 PM
71	more white-collar jobs	10/24/2023 1:03 PM
72	I remember when we still had the outdoor pool in town! That was always the hangout spot all summer long for the kids and family's to enjoy the day. That's where I had taken swim lessons. Jumped off a diving board for my very first time! Do many unbelievable memories being at the outdoor pool! It was a huge disappointment to see the outdoor pool shut down! I strongly feel we need to bring that back to Maquoketa!! Yes the YMCA is nice but the prices are not manageable for all families. The outdoor pool you paid for a summer swim pass and you were covered all season long. They had the snack concession stand... I'd get dropped off at the pool when it opened And I would typically stay until close! The kids had a fun place to hangout and it was a fun safe environment!	10/24/2023 9:50 AM
73	Address the high cost of property taxes! This is the NUMBER ONE complaint and no one seems to address it or even know how to begin to address it. There needs to be an annual, public meeting specifically related to the county budget. The communities in the country seem disconnected, so try making some connections to feel more like a county with common goals. This includes SIUC. Better signage at the courthouse. It's confusing how/where people with wheelchairs and such need to come in.	10/24/2023 9:27 AM
74	Cut back in low income housing Get tougher on crime	10/24/2023 9:13 AM
75	More access more hours to current outdoor pools . More internet in rural areas. More grocery stores	10/24/2023 7:32 AM
76	Repave city of Maquoketa roads and also add in popular fast food restaurants in Maquoketa	10/24/2023 1:26 AM
77	Lower my property taxes. If you need more money spend less that's what I have to do.	10/23/2023 1:55 PM
78	We need more businesses that would attract more visitors to come and spend their money. More of a tourist center.	10/23/2023 9:32 AM
79	There needs to be cost effective places for businesses to build - industrial areas. If not, the county is allowing businesses to use agricultural land and change the 'landscape' of Jackson County. The county needs to figure out how to not charge farmers disproportionately for school taxes.	10/20/2023 8:10 PM
80	More opportunities and things to do	10/20/2023 1:23 PM
81	Make Jackson County Maquoketa more attractive by enforcing laws against junk yards- they are at almost every entrance to the city of Maquoketa and in the country.	10/20/2023 11:33 AM
82	Take care of the state park with the Indian Burial. What happened there?	10/20/2023 8:33 AM
83	Improve services to elderly. Improve youth services by collaborating with other towns in county	10/19/2023 7:48 PM
84	Schooling daycare jobs low income housing	10/19/2023 6:44 PM
85	More housing development, particularly condos, and apartments (market rate and lmi).	10/19/2023 4:52 PM
86	More opportunities and things to do	10/19/2023 1:38 PM
87	1. More safe places for kids and families to have indoor entertainment 2. More quality restaurants 3. More job opportunities	10/18/2023 10:24 PM
88	Business growth from larger companies. Upgrading infrastructure for more fiber and rural internet. General facelifts on main streets. Improved roads. Wosconsin has almost 0 gravel roads, we look like a 3rd world country with level b's and gravel everywhere and we're 20 minutes from Wisconsin.	10/18/2023 5:46 PM
89	More middle income homes. More things for teenagers to do. Movie theatre open more.	10/17/2023 8:42 PM
90	More emphasis on sustainable and innovative agriculture, particularly food related agriculture and diversity in crops and foods grown here. More tolerance of different people.	10/17/2023 2:48 PM
91	Get rid of the low income housing you keep bringing in and the people!	10/17/2023 8:49 AM
92	Increased real estate opportunities Connect and extend bike/walking path onto Summit...or	10/17/2023 8:36 AM

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	create a bike path like Preston's on western side of county.	
93	Childcare, taxes, road quality	10/17/2023 8:10 AM
94	More job opportunities that pay to attract young families and young adults. Attractions for younger generations	10/16/2023 1:41 PM
95	Bring jobs to the county that have pay enough for a family to live on. Teach life skills to children in high school. They know nothing about insurance or banking, but they know gender identity. Teach things they will use in the real world. Build an outdoor pool and recreation area. Children flock to it in the summer and it keeps them out of trouble. Advertise community service in the paper and you may get more people to volunteer. I do not belong to a church so I am unaware of opportunities to volunteer in the community. Hire from outside the community for some of the county jobs. There is a lot of "good old boy" mentality here. The court house has nepotism and if you are "not from around here" then you are treated differently. This does nothing to encourage those from other communities to feel welcome and want to stay in Jackson county.	10/15/2023 9:38 AM
96	More conservation employment opportunities in the county.	10/15/2023 7:58 AM
97	Spend money for infrastructure improvements and don't fund businesses that should be responsible for their own improvements. For example facade improvements and aesthetic/ art.	10/15/2023 7:03 AM
98	More housing options; more diversity	10/14/2023 7:57 PM
99	More affordable housing and better highway roads.	10/13/2023 10:20 PM
100	Increased access to Mental Health care.	10/13/2023 6:06 PM
101	Jackson county conservation should be more aggressive in acquiring more public land for recreation.	10/13/2023 7:08 AM
102	Take better care of parks and recreation areas Improve roads.	10/12/2023 7:41 PM
103	Take better care of parks and recreation areas Improve roads.	10/12/2023 7:37 PM
104	Additional bike trails Land for development Increased salary & wage structure	10/12/2023 4:53 PM
105	Recreational expansion Housing Options city and municipality improvements	10/12/2023 2:37 PM
106	an educated workforce middle to upper class housing forward thinking town governments allowing more small businesses	10/12/2023 12:07 PM
107	Lower property taxes!!!!!!!!!!!!	10/11/2023 9:27 AM
108	Better media resources to keep people engaged and informed.	10/11/2023 7:41 AM
109	More affordable rental housing for older citizens. More options for shopping besides dollar stores. Improved movie theater open more often. Filling of empty buildings down town.	10/10/2023 3:33 PM
110	Jackson County OUTDOOR Aquatic Center ,,,, FEATURING: Large Swimming Pool with zero entry for young families with children, low dives, Deep End for Lifeguard Training.... at least one to two Water Slides with other water features, a picnic area for Families, Bath House/ Showers/ restrooms / concession stand... This would be a magnet to attract families from many near by small towns /rural communities, and also Cities.... like QCA, DubQ, Clinton, ETC. Thanks for Taking Notes on this... it has been needed for years... since the two outdoor pools in Maquoketa, were demolished and filled in ??? Towns / communities smaller than Maquoketa... seem to support an outdoor Pool Venue, and those communities thrive. In Summer WEATHER... most Families prefer to swim in an outdoor pool option.... not indoor pool. Brings Revenue and \$\$\$\$\$\$ into Maquoketa/ Jackson County Area.... to restaurants, shopping, hotels/ Bed+breakfast vacation areas... as well as other natural attractions and historic sites. Think About It. If You Build it They will Come !!!! Dyersville, Iowa. The Baseball field... in Field of Dreams movie Quote. Pretty elementary.	10/10/2023 11:23 AM
111	connections in our communities. While there are many things to do in Jackson county, I believe people still feel like they're not connected to each other. Inviting people to some thing versus welcoming people to events. Making sure all parts of the community are encouraged to belong and take part in activities.	10/10/2023 11:21 AM
112	Try to have a little more lively downtown area with businesses open not just 10-2 each day. maybe the movie theater could show some current movies and not just on Saturdays and	10/10/2023 11:05 AM

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Sundays. We always went to the Wednesday night showings.

113	Lowering price of housing. Lowering interest rates.	10/10/2023 9:18 AM
114	Lower elderly property taxes Better rural roads	10/10/2023 7:54 AM
115	Build higher income, higher skilled jobs that dramatically boosts the average income in the community. Renovate and enable the purchase of rental properties to convert to single family homeowner properties. Raise expectations and opportunities in our public schools. Overall, we should expect more to create better opportunities and build a more sustainable and vibrant community.	10/9/2023 7:58 PM
116	To provide more opportunities that would entice the younger population that would help them stay in the community instead of moving to the bigger cities.	10/9/2023 7:38 PM
117	community events Festivals like the car cruise from years ago	10/9/2023 5:43 PM
118	Need a retail area with nice shops and restaurants. Lower property taxes.	10/9/2023 4:10 PM
119	I would love sidewalks throughout Maquoketa. More inexpensive shopping choices.	10/9/2023 12:17 PM
120	Provide bike trails between communities along old railroad right of ways. There are is only one place to ride bike off roads or streets. I no longer feel safe riding with road traffic. Too many drivers use their phones or other distractions while driving. I have been struck while riding one time, and had numerous near misses. A trail from Maquoketa to Delmar would be a great connection for these two town.	10/9/2023 11:39 AM
121	More fairs and festivals, more things for young people to do	10/9/2023 8:51 AM
122	Fill green space with a business - we have parks for events	10/9/2023 8:32 AM
123	More affordable housing. Better parks.	10/9/2023 6:30 AM
124	Get new company that pays decent wages, get communities to clean up neighborhoods (old houses, etc), get people off of welfare.	10/8/2023 7:20 PM
125	No mow May, native landscape actions, more family oriented places	10/8/2023 4:14 PM
126	restore more natural prairies	10/6/2023 11:40 AM
127	Family and child health promotion. Mental health support, activities, education, awareness. Parenting programs but free offerings	10/6/2023 11:06 AM
128	Lower taxes. More affordable housing. More fruitful job opportunities	10/6/2023 8:51 AM
129	Lower taxes. More fruitful employment opportunities.	10/6/2023 8:46 AM
130	More affordable transportation to grocery stores or other shops. Most of us are on a fixed income and no way of transportation.	10/5/2023 10:07 PM
131	Something for kids to do. More of a variety of restaurants. New building for middle school. Outdoor splash pad, pool, mini golf, etc	10/5/2023 8:29 PM
132	More retail and restaurants stores. Better paying jobs, get rid of slum lords, improve run down properties. Give homeowners incentive or grants to improve properties no matter income guidelines.	10/5/2023 5:39 PM
133	enforce laws that have not been so in the past; get younger people involved; clean up yards; fill pot holes; paid senior center staff and provide meals fixed in Maquoketa; utilize the center better	10/5/2023 4:13 PM
134	Although books are not in vogue with the younger people, a book store here would be or at least might be an attraction to some folks. Used would be great.	10/5/2023 2:31 PM
135	Get rid of the Republicans!!!	10/5/2023 2:23 PM
136	Mental health care Roads improved More individuals to volunteer	10/5/2023 9:46 AM
137	Stop the growth. The traffic is horrendous, the schools are overflowing. It takes triple the time to get anywhere now.	10/5/2023 3:32 AM
138	Lower taxes. Better roads. Better commercial infrastructure.	10/4/2023 9:29 PM

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139	I don't know. Guess this would depend on what a person values as quality. Driving down Platt street and seeing homes taken care of.	10/4/2023 8:00 PM
140	Stop over development. Stop building subdivisions. Stop building warehouses. Improve roads and traffic flow.	10/4/2023 7:52 PM
141	Slow the growth, preserve the character, no more gas stations, automotive repair or car washes.	10/4/2023 7:48 PM
142	Better planning, slow the growth, preserve the character	10/4/2023 7:46 PM
143	Stop moving low income people in from other states. Get more things to encourage kids to stay active and out of trouble. Put more funding towards mental illness in communities and more attention to it.	10/4/2023 7:36 PM
144	Limit new development to at least 1/2 an acre per house. Stop raising taxes!	10/4/2023 7:31 PM
145	Stop building cookie cutter homes/apartments and warehouses without updating roads/schools FIRST	10/4/2023 7:28 PM
146	Put sealant on all gravel roads!!! The dust is not good to breathe!	10/4/2023 4:35 PM
147	Improving secondary roads. Current "improvements" have made zero impact and more dangerous to travel.	10/4/2023 3:29 PM
148	Yards could be cleaner in Jackson county. Get the cat populations under control .	10/4/2023 3:23 PM
149	More things to do for the children. More job opportunities. Our community doesn't have many fast food. Outside pool to keep kids entertained in summer.	10/4/2023 2:49 PM
150	- Raising taxes so that low housing and renters are unable to afford our community. - Create more committees that rural Jackson County can be a part of. I live 2 miles out of town and cannot be on any boards because I'm not a Maquoketa resident yet the issues are county issues where I pay taxes. - Enforcing community service / fines on those who are harassing others , including children , hurting property , or obviously impaired by drugs. Let's clean up our community.	10/4/2023 2:35 PM
151	More opportunity for renewable energy and better access to it for all residents. Create an initiative to promote small businesses and help them succeed—fill our downtown stores!	10/4/2023 12:01 PM
152	Clean up Maquoketa, lower taxes or don't keep raising them, don't let Bellevue turn into Galena	10/3/2023 8:40 PM
153	Everything is so expensive here. Taxes, real estate, groceries, ect.	10/3/2023 7:39 PM
154	Better job opportunities with much better pay, besides manufacturing.	10/3/2023 6:49 PM
155	Drugs are a major issue in Jackson Co. This needs to be fixed sooner than later. Better paying jobs. Maquoketa had this large industrial area south of town yet we really have no incentive to draw larger industries. One being not able to produce enough water for most and second it seems our government leaders such as council and supervisor do not want to see the better wages established here.	10/3/2023 12:14 PM
156	Quality daycares Consistency in enforcing rules/laws Dog parks	10/3/2023 10:40 AM
157	*More quality daycares *Dog parks *Consistency in enforcing rules/laws	10/3/2023 10:39 AM
158	1 - need for housing for older people at lower or fixed income, that may be needed by myself if the house has to be sold because of the taxes. I can't work forever. 2 - programs for poverty folks to get out of poverty	10/3/2023 9:18 AM
159	Bringing in workforce, improved quality of childcare facilities, if at all possible less costs. Things are just so expensive in general to keep up, the cost of living has gone up, but wages have not. That isn't necessarily the city's fault and very well out of reach of repair, but that is the hardest part about our current financial situation is just overall keep up. It has guided us to think about relocating just for the improvement of financial hardships we are experiencing. My job does not pay much here, paying gas to go to a higher paying job out of town doesn't make a lot of sense either. It's a really tough call for us.	10/3/2023 7:23 AM
160	More mental health support. Reduction of drug use.	10/2/2023 1:34 PM
161	1) Big boys, big toys. Prohibit ATVs on city streets. Creates a perception of "podunk". 2)	10/2/2023 10:35 AM

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	Cleanup the towns. Cars and other junk in the yards have become lawn ornaments. Zero pride.	
162	Expansion of recreational trails and continued progress towards quality county parks. More health and wellness focused programs and facilities. Stronger tourism focus that will bring in needed economic business and greater long-term diversity.	10/2/2023 10:20 AM
163	Community Collaboration Events, small business support	10/2/2023 8:53 AM
164	We need more child care. We need more affordable housing More available housing	10/2/2023 8:22 AM
165	Pave more gravel roads.	10/2/2023 2:50 AM
166	Give people a reason to live here. That way you get people to live,work,grow here.	10/1/2023 10:22 PM
167	Better employment opportunities, more diverse restaurants and activities to enjoy.	10/1/2023 7:37 PM
168	Curb shoplifting Promote better family units More community involvement	10/1/2023 6:36 AM
169	AFFORDABLE homes- under \$100,000, consequences for teens/adults, new sidewalks on all streets - not handicap/stroller safe or accessible	9/30/2023 11:45 PM
170	Police could stop drugs and asshole kids. Make the parents be responsible	9/30/2023 9:15 PM
171	1. Living wage jobs with above average health insurance. 2. Affordable housing options for all people. 3. Affordable childcare options and top notch public education.	9/30/2023 7:25 PM
172	Continued investments and reinvestment into regional recreational amenities. Investment into the regions large inventory of historic structures and marketing of said buildings, other regions of Iowa, i.e the villages of Van Buren county, have done a great job with this.	9/30/2023 6:34 PM
173	Expanding natural areas and public land. Making an outdoor hockey rink and flooding it during winter season.	9/30/2023 3:45 PM
174	I think we could have stronger schools but that comes down to leadership and families-it takes a long time to change the mindset on the importance of education.	9/30/2023 9:54 AM
175	More available activities or places for kids to hang out	9/30/2023 8:15 AM
176	Quality of life in Jackson County may be improved if individuals didn't have to travel to bigger towns for work. Additionally, those of us that travel out of town for work cannot participate in most town/county meetings and activities as they are generally hosted at times that we are working or traveling from work.	9/30/2023 6:40 AM
177	Stop building new stuff that's not necessary like a hospital and a jail and stop moving in low income housing	9/30/2023 6:32 AM
178	Stop building new stuff that's not necessary like a hospital and a jail and stop moving in low income housing	9/30/2023 6:32 AM
179	Focus on reducing property taxes and stop raising wages/benefits for county and city employees when the ready of the public sector is on a wage freeze or in decline (like during 2008) and again during pandemic.	9/30/2023 5:17 AM
180	Jackson Co specifically Maquoketa has some serious cleaning up to do. The people we are attracting are making the area decline. Kids and adults alike are ignorant and unruly. Dogs loose left and right. High prices. Minimal quality "everyday" businesses. All could be greatly improved.	9/30/2023 3:21 AM
181	Wages Available medical care	9/29/2023 10:42 PM
182	Jackson County needs to be more proactive with moving forward. Think big. We need to put more money into our schools and have people want to move here to raise a family. Put more money into bike trails, campgrounds, swimming pool.	9/29/2023 9:22 PM
183	1. Outdoor waterpark like DeWitt has 2. Fix the infrastructure on roads throughout Maquoketa, not just downtown 3. Stop raising taxes so much to make up for lost time	9/29/2023 8:17 PM
184	More eating establishment options and ones that serve healthier food options	9/29/2023 6:41 PM
185	Stop wasting taxpayers money on frivolous projects	9/29/2023 6:06 PM
186	clean up junky properties & Plant more trees	9/29/2023 4:53 PM

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187	Swings like Bellevue had by river at locations people would relax Improve affordable mobile home parks. More artistic projects/ murals like Creston,la Finish walk path More for aging persons to do outside- all parks and activities geared towards youth.	9/29/2023 4:44 PM
188	Swings by seating areas like Bellevue has by river. Enforcing more cleanup of junk. Too many empty buildings n old houses. Utilize or get rid of. Upgrade affordable mobile home parks . More artistic projects. Check Crestons murals.	9/29/2023 4:38 PM
189	Higher-paying jobs with better benefits. Will draw more people into our school districts (increasing enrollment), retain more tax dollars for community projects. Also would like to see more outdoor facilities, particularly bike trails. Jackson County is beautifully scenic, but sadly we don't have enough bike-friendly areas OR bike-friendly attitude to promote this, and even sadder is people will drive to Dubuque/Scott counties to use those bike trails because they are safer and more accessible. This would also draw tourism which leads to outside money pouring into our communities. Trails that connect cross-county to multiple communities/municipalities also helps commerce in those places, as well as promotes healthier lifestyles for our own residents. Hate to see this beautiful resource wasted and kept a secret.	9/29/2023 3:53 PM
190	Better Jobs That Pay well and provide a decent work-life balance. A bigger Focus on Local businesses that provide to locals.	9/29/2023 2:54 PM
191	LOWER PROPERTY TAXES, SOME GET BY EASY, MOST DO NOT.	9/29/2023 2:48 PM
192	-Better Campground area (Prairie Creek?) -Improved outdoor areas for children (splash pad at park? Several have large grass spaces) -improved waterways (better inputs and outs throughout whole county)	9/29/2023 1:21 PM
193	Better landlords and more affordable housing and more job opportunities	9/28/2023 9:33 PM
194	Better paying jobs Clean up slum areas Fewer rental properties (Maq)	9/28/2023 8:59 PM
195	More affordable housing. Outdoor swimming pool. Public transportation for those without transportation.	9/28/2023 7:40 PM
196	I cannot really think of any... Entertainment options come to mind but I'd rather have the benefits of a small town than the benefits that come with a big city.	9/28/2023 8:38 AM
197	stronger law enforcement. Good ol' boy system needs to stop. Calls have been unanswered by law enforcement when notified of issues in county this past year.	9/28/2023 6:31 AM
198	More first time home buyer options in the Bellevue area and less rentals. So many people are buying the cheap houses to rent them and that makes it hard for lower income families to afford to find a place.	9/28/2023 12:31 AM
199	More paved roads Lower taxes	9/27/2023 10:30 PM
200	Better paying long-term jobs for young people. Also create a culture for people to want to live and work from home. Improve the quality of life by moving away from bigger cities.	9/27/2023 2:07 PM
201	More Jobs and drug control over heavy drugs in town. More tax money towards the schools.	9/27/2023 1:34 PM
202	Jackson County would be improved if there was more recreational activities for example a camping area at Prairie Creek or an outdoor pool.	9/27/2023 1:22 PM
203	Wages on average have not really raised in fifty years-still poor county (low tier). Need to work on tourism as an industry. Work on advertising county - all of it - not just the usual's. Really invest in promoting all of us.	9/27/2023 1:16 PM
204	More opportunities for families, better communication	9/25/2023 12:02 PM
205	Increase choices for daycare. More manufacturing	9/21/2023 2:34 PM
206	More variety of businesses, people living in the area. More focus on the arts, creative industries.	9/20/2023 6:26 PM
207	I think the justice system needs to be updated and we need to be more strict and charge people for the crimes they have done instead of letting them off on a free run.	9/20/2023 12:02 PM
208	I really couldn't say, it has been the same overall	9/20/2023 12:01 PM

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209	The EG stuff and the high payment on everything.	9/20/2023 12:00 PM
210	More things like the outdoor bikes to rent, outdoor things, ect.	9/20/2023 12:00 PM
211	More space for elementary schools.	9/20/2023 11:59 AM
212	I don't know	9/20/2023 11:58 AM
213	Up wages, lower drinking and smoking age, legal weed, legal abortions.	9/20/2023 11:58 AM
214	Need more residents	9/20/2023 11:35 AM
215	Affordable childcare, better access to senior transportation, senior activities.	9/20/2023 11:28 AM
216	Have more benefits to living in the county.	9/20/2023 11:03 AM
217	it can't be improved its already amazing but in Andrew they made a new forestation and they aren't making anything recreational out of the old one. But I think they should so more people get active	9/20/2023 11:02 AM
218	add more stuff like playgrounds. and add more rec centers	9/20/2023 11:02 AM
219	Fix some of the roads	9/20/2023 11:01 AM
220	-More modern fast food. -More modern stores.	9/20/2023 11:01 AM
221	The quality is pretty good because they place is clean and people are good and places are pretty good to live.	9/20/2023 11:01 AM
222	1) Gas prices 2) Insurence	9/20/2023 11:01 AM
223	I think that we could plant more trees and clean more.	9/20/2023 11:00 AM
224	Keep it clean by less garbage in the waters or roads.	9/20/2023 11:00 AM
225	I think its fine the way it is	9/20/2023 11:00 AM
226	-adding another store or some other building -less stop signs	9/20/2023 11:00 AM
227	More countryside Fewer people	9/20/2023 11:00 AM
228	You could improve it by maybe having more wildlife centers. Make sure to keep some of the forest/wooden areas.	9/20/2023 10:59 AM
229	I think the quality of life here is good.	9/20/2023 10:59 AM
230	Uncertain	9/20/2023 10:59 AM
231	I think the quality is good.	9/20/2023 10:59 AM
232	diversity, that's it other wise everything is fine	9/20/2023 9:59 AM
233	Lots of Agriculture and Rural areas. Good town-to-country ratio.	9/20/2023 9:59 AM
234	all good	9/20/2023 9:57 AM
235	- More effort put into gravel/county roads - Better clean up/ mowing in road ditches would clean this county up a lot	9/20/2023 9:53 AM
236	Stop ruining farm land that could be used for farmers to grow subdivisions.	9/20/2023 9:52 AM
237	Stop building so many houses in places where trees were tore down.	9/20/2023 9:52 AM
238	More public land to hunt on and hike on.	9/20/2023 9:51 AM
239	.	9/20/2023 9:51 AM
240	.	9/20/2023 9:51 AM
241	road services recreation trails	9/18/2023 8:59 AM
242	Update, improve, MAINTAIN roads. (Gravel included)	9/17/2023 7:16 AM
243	Wish for more retail but need more population to make it profitable.	9/16/2023 3:58 PM

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244	Better parks- which I know is being worked on. Bring in another factory-more jobs. Clean up the three horrible trailer parks (not Fawn Brook) Burn down, grants for new trailers? Get rid of Ken Moore section 8 slums.	9/15/2023 8:19 AM
245	We should do more to encourage fresh air and beauty. Currently, Maquoketa residents never know what awful smell will hit them when they walk out their doors. Animal manure from CFO's, overwhelming silage stench, the horrible smell from the Sonac plant, or the sewer system. It used to smell like trees and flowers and mown grass. This should be remedied. We have had a decimation of our large trees, major tree planting should continue and grow. Our streets in town are third world, this should be remedied. We could look into directing the excessive night lighting of homes, businesses, and the city hall downward. We should access how many of these light are projected outward and ask MMEU and homeowners to consider their neighbors. Loud vehicles could be ticketed and fined and the new ATV access to our streets should be required to have a license and fees for usage of the streets. ATV and these four wheel vehicles have created a noise blitz in our town. Since their arrival on our streets-any and every type of vehicle from two wheel mini bikes to six seater ATVs are cruising our streets without any awareness of speed or loudness. It also seems we have lost civility. It seems we are living in the after-shocks of no longer educating students as to what it is to be a good citizen and neighbor. Our residents seem less inclined to consider their neighbors.	9/13/2023 10:02 AM
246	More recreation, more jobs	9/12/2023 6:40 PM
247	Clinton Engines built this community with good paying jobs and we have never had a company that compared to Clinton Engines with good jobs. I see too many people working two jobs to make ends meet. We have lost too many jobs, businesses closed. Bowmans Gas, Taco Johns, Feather factory for example and no new jobs to replace them. Our biggest export is our children because we lack good paying jobs in Maquoketa. Good cities grow 1-2% per year. In 1967 our population was about 6,000 we are still at 6,000 in 2023. Get some good quality jobs that pay 20-30 per hour to attract young people to this community. If we don't our schools will be closing.	9/7/2023 10:48 AM
248	Quit wasting money on a new jail (put in prisons) and hap hazard so called hospital. Bring in a roller skating rink for youngsters and oldsters that would help get all off computer and cell phones and help occupy older folks. Keep dementia ect at bay. We need a nicer/adopt and adopter animal shelter for cats, dogs, others one can view them and associate with them on a larger level/rooms. Quit wasting money for dangerous bump outs (curbs) and those dumb tall brick structures that you've recently erected. They serve no purpose.	9/7/2023 10:38 AM
249	Public schools need help, better use of funding and more funding. Those students are our future.	9/7/2023 10:27 AM
250	Wages need to improve, so people can survive. Making housing accommodate and affordable.	9/7/2023 5:15 AM
251	More focus on the residents living here than the ones people are trying to bring in. It's gotten much more busy..	9/6/2023 11:08 AM
252	Quit wasting money on dumb projects like the green space art.	9/6/2023 10:42 AM
253	More funds for the Sheriff Department to hire more and pay better. Quash illegal drug activity. Make sure rural new construction zoning codes are in place and adhered to.	9/1/2023 3:24 PM
254	More restaurants, more shopping, more entertainment	8/31/2023 2:23 PM
255	Better gravel roads. Sealcoat or blacktop. I understand they will cost more but last spring was dangerous. Appreciate the work the roads department did to try and keep them open. Better cell phone coverage in some areas.	8/29/2023 6:06 PM
256	Interesting places to go inside with the family in winter months. Bellevue arcade disappeared years ago, Happy Joe's closed - few places to bring kids these days where they can have fun. Housing/property taxes have risen so high in the last few years, lower taxes.	8/28/2023 10:05 AM
257	Mental Health, les alcohol sales to kids, no drugs.	8/28/2023 9:55 AM
258	More family event places that are permanent - not just weekend activities More child care places More eating places - a good steak place	8/26/2023 1:35 PM
259	Better child care options Housing additions	8/25/2023 8:18 PM
260	More restaurant options. Higher quality businesses. More recreational opportunities.	8/25/2023 1:35 PM

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261	*Increase in affordable housing (rental, starter homes) in towns throughout Jackson County. We hope our adult children might choose to return and the lack of starter housing is a concern. (Addressing conversion of these homes to Air BNB/VRBO in river towns for example) *Continue work in Leisure Lake - why not make this a desirable place to live or own a cottage with elevated property values? *Electric costs within the city of Maquoketa need to be addressed *	8/25/2023 9:27 AM
262	Work to bring more manufacturing or technology jobs into the county. Develop source(s) of entertainment for the teen community outside of school such as robotics clubs, outdoor summer activities like pools, etc.	8/24/2023 2:31 PM
263	focus on education , higher paying jobs.	8/24/2023 8:06 AM
264	GARNER JOBS WITH INCREASED PAY RATED. DECREASE SUBSIDIZED PROGRAMS TO ENCOURAGE PERSONS TO WORK. ENCOURAGE COUNTY RESIDENCE TO WORK COUNTY JOBS SO OUR MONEY STAYS IN THE COUNTY.	8/23/2023 3:19 PM
265	Encourage more pasture and hay land landscape, row cropping our hills is ruining our waterways. Establish visitor signs for Hurstville Interpretive Center.	8/23/2023 12:55 PM
266	More opportunities for good paying jobs. More affordable childcare. Better government help. A better facility than Mill Valley for nursing home care.	8/23/2023 11:41 AM
267	More pride in the community. Higher paying jobs. More pride in property	8/22/2023 7:14 PM
268	Amenities to attract and retain young families and support the kids of Jackson County. Improved communications to residents on what is happening in the area. Events to create a buzz and draw from surrounding communities to the Jackson County area.	8/22/2023 8:37 AM
269	I would like to see some business come into JC that provides good paying jobs. Would like to see less low income housing and more middle income housing. Would like to see farms to stay away from big businesses corporations.	8/22/2023 2:32 AM
270	Improved air, water and soil health	8/21/2023 3:40 PM
271	More senior activities. More daycare centers for preschool age children.	8/21/2023 11:16 AM
272	Gear decisions to help people who live here.	8/21/2023 11:11 AM
273	More outdoor activities Disc golf Bike trails	8/21/2023 9:31 AM
274	1. More Economic Development 2. Use of Mississippi River for tourism 3. Develop SxS trails	8/20/2023 8:35 PM
275	Affordable housing options, childcare options, cultural diversity/opportunities	8/20/2023 6:36 PM
276	More restaurants	8/20/2023 9:39 AM
277	More paved walking paths Senior housing in Maquoketa	8/18/2023 12:40 PM
278	Cleaning up the town starting with residential homes. Improving county roads as well as city streets. Get expenditures under control so that property taxes don't continue to escalate.	8/18/2023 11:11 AM
279	More available housing for moderate income families More activities to draw people to the area More visibility outside the area	8/18/2023 10:07 AM
280	More restaurant options Senior housing - condo development Outdoor swimming pool	8/17/2023 8:22 PM
281	More hiking and camping spots. A public outdoor pool or beach area on the maquoketa river.	8/17/2023 7:27 PM
282	More community spaces/events, more outdoor recreation access	8/17/2023 7:26 PM
283	More job opportunities.	8/17/2023 6:27 PM
284	Clean up the towns, punish the "thug" children running around destroying everything.	8/17/2023 4:38 PM
285	Increase to quality hunting and fishing. Supporting county opportunities to host larger, frequent events to support local tourism. Better communication of opportunities.	8/17/2023 12:10 PM
286	Outside swimming, pool or splash pad may be waterpark slides.	8/16/2023 10:29 PM
287	better jobs less HUD approved housing to stop bringing in people that don't want to work	8/16/2023 1:49 PM
288	Reduce monopolies on downtown properties and banks. They own too much and do very little	8/16/2023 1:33 PM

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with it. tax loss for them but a hindrance for start ups

289	More retail More community pride in homes and businesses (upkeep of buildings and landscape)	8/16/2023 11:00 AM
290	There are a lot of people who could use more mental health services as well as help with employment.	8/16/2023 10:25 AM
291	Camping, bike trails, disc golf,	8/16/2023 7:08 AM
292	Bike trails connecting the cities Wind turbines More housing within city limits	8/16/2023 7:00 AM
293	more higher paying wages and places to work and more variety of places to eat and shop and visit.	8/15/2023 3:37 PM
294	Increased law enforcement (9 or 10 guys can't cover this large of a county), take advantage of outdoor beauty, add childcare opportunities.	8/15/2023 3:26 PM
295	-Continuing building bike trails -Finish downtown facade project -Bring in more restaurants - Improve childcare options/availability	8/15/2023 3:16 PM
296	Trails for walking and biking. Get Maquoketa connected to Interpretive Center...then to the Caves. Connect our people to our parks.	8/15/2023 2:03 PM
297	I'd love to see more of main street Maquoketa (and probably all the little town too) attract more businesses. I also think there's a need for senior housing (nice middle/upper-class) apartments; and also low-incoming housing for senior citizens. Better transportation for those in-need (like a local bus service) is important for elderly and handicapped individuals.	8/15/2023 12:54 PM
298	1. We need to reverse the population decline by doing a better job of identifying and marketing the opportunities here in Jackson County. 2. We need to be more supportive of and attract a more diversified population who could potentially supplement our employee pool. We need more childcare options in our county area. Employers are missing out on qualified employees because they can't find affordable quality childcare. We also need to attract and retain more workers in the trades. I find it impossible to find a contractor who can perform any work in a timely manner. They are all backlogged for months which isn't practical depending on the type of repair that is needed.	8/15/2023 8:47 AM
299	It would be good if people decided to accept change instead of always doing things the same way. Diversity needed.	8/14/2023 10:11 AM
300	1. Retail stores open more hours. Most are closed Monday and Tuesday. 2. More restaurants. More	8/14/2023 9:33 AM
301	Educate local residents on the tourism beauty of Jackson County Work on the cultural , and its importance to improve economy Towns in the county to work more together in promoting	8/13/2023 5:47 PM
302	More industry w higher wages and benefits	8/12/2023 1:17 PM
303	More and better jobs which allow people to make a good living Ensure our education system is the best it can be.	8/12/2023 6:31 AM
304	Less low income housing (County currently has too much low income housing/slumlords) Bring in business and industry that would offer better wages and benefits than what the county currently has More affordable housing	8/11/2023 8:02 PM
305	Competitive job market opportunities and better wages More restaurants/ hang out areas (splash pads/ pools) More monthly/ weekly events such as music, comedy events for family's	8/11/2023 3:34 PM
306	Affordable housing and more restaurants available to choose from	8/11/2023 10:35 AM
307	Insist that some yards, get cleaned up. Help for the poor home owners to improve their property Help poor to find jobs.	8/11/2023 8:31 AM
308	More locally owned, renewable energy-- which can only be achieved through policy changes at MMEU and Maquoketa Valley Coop--will drive economic growth. Compared to other comparable communities, wages in Maquoketa are depressed; we need higher paying employers/jobs	8/11/2023 7:26 AM
309	Enhance river walks, camping/cabins, bike trails	8/11/2023 6:48 AM

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310	I'm excited about the direction of our local community while at the same time I'm concerned with recent decisions at the state level that adversely affect our local financial picture in the near term and will increase the tax burden in the future.	8/11/2023 6:22 AM
311	Groceries have exceeded inflation. Those with only social security have to be having a difficult time.	8/10/2023 6:25 PM
312	1: Affordable Childcare 2: Higher paying jobs 3:	8/10/2023 6:18 PM
313	I think it could be improved with more community outreach for teenagers, either safe spaces for them to be after school and during summer and weekends or more positive events geared for their age to participate in.	8/10/2023 5:51 PM
314	Increasing trail connectivity between parks and urban centers, and stewarding youth and veteran attraction to Jackson County communities	8/10/2023 5:31 PM
315	More investment in the natural amenities. Jackson County of offers beautiful travel and tourism opportunities we should be capitalizing on. More investment in upgrading owner-occupied AND rental properties. Increase incentives for housing developers. Welcome newcomers to the area like they were already your neighbor.	8/10/2023 5:30 PM
316	housing, childcare, education, industry/entrepreneurship (4 legs to the stool)	8/10/2023 3:19 PM
317	Stop giving extensions to the properties in Leisure Lake, the properties around me have slowed to almost a stop on their clean up and they are not even mentioned anymore in the Tuesday meetings. "Marshall's properties" things get moved from one property to the next and back again.	8/10/2023 3:17 PM
318	INCREASE AVAILABLE JOBS AND MORE HOUSING.	8/10/2023 1:36 PM
319	Additional affordable housing More recreation opportunities such as a bike path to Hurstville and Maquoketa Caves State Park Clean up abandoned junk in neighborhoods. The old Pamida and Junkyard on Jacobsen is an eyesore. Better paying jobs	8/10/2023 12:29 PM
320	Help with housing improvement or more affordable housing Better paying jobs More recreation opportunities - bike path expansion - Prairie Creek Development	8/10/2023 12:19 PM
321	Bring a business like Target to the community.	8/10/2023 12:14 PM
322	Finish bike trail from Maquoketa to HIC. Provide more bike trails. Restrict UTV's and ATV's from going everywhere. Noisy, unsafe, too many Trump Flags and beer coolers but that seems to be okay?	8/10/2023 12:05 PM
323	Need jobs. More safety for kids and seniors.	8/10/2023 11:51 AM
324	Reopen Senior Center More Senior Activities Prices in Maquoketa to live is too high for seniors like MMEU, Black Hills Energy, Dish, Direct TV, even the water is higher.	8/10/2023 11:44 AM
325	More Senior Housing Downtown Stores Clean Maquoketa River	8/10/2023 11:34 AM
326	Lower Taxes. Better downtown businesses. Any repairs do at night.	8/10/2023 11:26 AM
327	Lower Taxes, better downtown businesses, any repairs do at night.	8/10/2023 9:39 AM
328	Lower taxes. More jobs with affordable living. Raises. Better downtown businesses.	8/10/2023 9:30 AM
329	More cohesiveness and working together amongst communities. More people realizing we are in this together. more people taking care of each other.	8/10/2023 12:39 AM
330	Eliminate run down houses. Improve food business variety More housing options	8/9/2023 8:42 PM
331	1. Outdoor pool or splash pad 2. Increased employment opportunities 3. Quality child care of children 0-5	8/9/2023 5:58 PM
332	Housing-condos-in Maquoketa	8/9/2023 2:23 PM
333	Better spending. More outlook for the future. More ways to attract more population.	8/9/2023 11:35 AM
334	More attractions for younger individuals	8/9/2023 11:22 AM
335	Continue with road improvements and nuisance reports	8/8/2023 8:06 PM

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336	Enforced noise ordinance. Between races testing at home and then racing and the number of people driving around without tail pipes and mufflers, we're an embarrassment. City pool.	8/8/2023 6:51 PM
337	improve county roads.	8/8/2023 5:01 PM
338	Get junky area cleaned up make people responsible for maintaining their property especially if they have neighbors	8/8/2023 3:14 PM
339	More senior housing. Downtown stores. Clean Maquoketa River	8/8/2023 2:43 PM
340	1. The Maquoketa area in particular, needs to work harder to change their image. That starts by having policies on the number of rental properties allowed and then how they are managed. When you examine certain wards of the city and the overwhelming majority are rentals, many of which are in a state of disrepair, it presents the image that the city is rundown. Coupling with the state of disrepair, is the amount of nefarious activity that happens in these parts of the city. It is embarrassing to think of how people view the city and county when they drive into town and see rundown properties and some of the characters walking the streets. This can impact potential residents decision on whether to live in town or not. 2. Continue to work to bring industry and new businesses into the county that in turn will bring people with fresh ideas and help contribute to the tax base. 3. Take steps to really promote the positives our county has to offer. Whether it is our many community celebrations or our tourist attractions, these are things that may draw people to our county or make younger people want to come back to Jackson County.	8/8/2023 10:22 AM
341	Prices of things in Maquoketa are to high that why people go out of town. Unsafe for little kids.	8/7/2023 12:51 PM
342	Housing is in need of upgrading. There are so many dilapidated homes. Roads need to be improved to help bring commerce to the communities.	8/3/2023 3:54 PM
343	More stores and restaurants available.	8/2/2023 11:23 AM
344	People would take more pride in the appearance of their housing; more downtown retail shopping; more options for mid-priced dining	7/31/2023 5:30 PM
345	Better downtown More visible restaurants. Restaurants that stay open. Most restaurants are in bars making it hard to get anything other than a cheeseburger.	7/30/2023 11:23 AM
346	child care, transportation from rural areas, rigor and precision within our law enforcement	7/28/2023 3:26 PM
347	more restaurants better community support of existing amenities	7/28/2023 1:02 PM
348	More recreation and entertainment for youth.	7/28/2023 10:40 AM
349	I don't know that it can be improved. It revolves around making farmer happy. In my opinion, the farmers are important, but they are only willing to do what benefits them. If they are not going to get something out of it then they will make sure the county doesn't do it!	7/28/2023 10:31 AM
350	Provide more opportunities for visitors to realize they should live here. Utilize county owned properties to the best possible use, more campgrounds to entice people to visit for longer periods of time.	7/27/2023 3:08 PM
351	Jackson County could offer a higher level of support for public lands/areas.	7/27/2023 2:43 PM
352	Focus on housing availability in Cities because there is none. Encourage recreational opportunities.	7/27/2023 12:57 PM
353	More activities for kids / better use of the green space / splash pad	7/27/2023 9:27 AM
354	Finish Hurstville trail. Continue to find ways for family involvement.	7/26/2023 1:41 PM
355	More things for families/kids. Other than just the YMCA and Stockcar races. Cleanliness and safety.	7/26/2023 1:38 PM
356	Bringing more businesses to the smaller towns.	7/26/2023 1:13 PM
357	1. Better paying jobs 2. Government entities need to function more correctly and professionally 3. Better safety and security for residents by supporting law enforcement's proactivity in the community	7/26/2023 11:38 AM
358	More jobs and housing. More restaurants. More entertainment.	7/26/2023 9:16 AM
359	Higher paying jobs. Community activities & involvement.	7/26/2023 9:09 AM

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360	Plenty of recreational opportunities to allow individuals to stay healthy and a good variety of job opportunities for people looking to move to this area.	7/26/2023 7:18 AM
361	More activities for kids Community activities	7/25/2023 6:34 PM
362	Keep getting new buisnesses less crime better schools	7/25/2023 6:09 PM
363	More businesses More equal job opportunities More cop's	7/25/2023 5:57 PM
364	To bring in an outdoor public pool and splash pad for families.	7/25/2023 5:50 PM
365	Better hiking trails. More public lands available for recreation such as hunting and fishing. More swimming beaches on the Mississippi that can be accessed without a boat. Better paying jobs.	7/25/2023 3:01 PM

Q6 Please provide us with two or three reasons you decided on Jackson County as a place to live.

Answered: 374 Skipped: 89

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Peaceful, quiet, slow moving, no wind turbines or new pipelines.	5/17/2024 10:19 AM
2	Price of houses being cheaper. Closer to family	5/14/2024 1:47 PM
3	Family roots	5/12/2024 10:27 AM
4	Close to my job Can be beautiful at times	5/8/2024 9:03 PM
5	Grew up here. Beautiful place to live. Not an urban area.	5/8/2024 8:39 PM
6	1. Property ownership with limited governmental ownership, in other words privacy. 2. Natural landscapes for hunting, fishing and farming are very accessible.	5/8/2024 9:47 AM
7	Highway 61, honestly. It's great to have a nice 4-lane highway.	5/7/2024 10:28 AM
8	1. Family here 2. Cost of living 3. Safe	5/6/2024 3:09 PM
9	The unobstructed Views of the country side. NO wind turbines obstructing my views, causing health issues, nor taking farm land out of production	5/5/2024 8:45 PM
10	-Recreation and natural beauty specifically in the areas closest to the Mississippi River. - Relatively lower cost of living	3/28/2024 9:59 AM
11	1. Came back to Jackson County to raise my family at the end of my military career because I saw it as a safe & tightknit place with good schools & plenty of recreational opportunities. 2. There are plenty of places within the county and within commuting distance to find employment. Everything from part-time, seasonal, post retirement, full-time & professional career opportunities exist within the county or near-by.	3/26/2024 8:17 PM
12	Cheap housing in 1999. Close enough to big cities, yet far enough to not be in them, but I was raised here and don't mind.	3/21/2024 10:39 PM
13	Live here and farmland	3/11/2024 3:07 PM
14	Cheaper taxes and small close-knit community	3/11/2024 9:53 AM
15	Great school, community, and family.	1/30/2024 11:44 AM
16	Born here and work here.	1/29/2024 3:25 PM
17	Great place to raise a family	1/4/2024 7:34 PM
18	Grew up here - family Affordable rural properties	1/3/2024 12:33 PM
19	Went to School here, most of my Family is Still Local, wanted my Daughter to Experience Small Town Living and Learn Small Town Values	1/1/2024 3:06 AM
20	Family oriented, good cost of living, friendly people	12/23/2023 6:00 PM
21	I married a Jackson County farmer 45 years ago. No longer farming but we both had good jobs and raised our kids here. Very happy with how that worked out.	12/15/2023 9:55 AM
22	Born and raised here	12/14/2023 2:07 PM
23	The only reason I stay in Jackson county is because I own land. My children do not plan on staying here they think about returning but only if the school system has improved but all you have seen is a decline. There's nothing here for the young people or the children. When I moved here, there was more opportunities with activities for my children.	12/12/2023 9:19 PM
24	Access to Mississippi river Areas parks and natural resources Friendly communities	12/11/2023 2:02 PM

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25	quieter than Clinton County, more open areas for recreation	12/6/2023 10:11 AM
26	The Victorian house I live in, brought me from Wisconsin back to Iowa in 2006. I fell in love with the house when I saw it online.	12/4/2023 9:07 AM
27	cheaper than Illinois, family, slower pace of life	11/30/2023 9:42 AM
28	Lived here my entire life Nice area to raise family	11/30/2023 9:38 AM
29	Good school district	11/28/2023 7:36 AM
30	I live in the country and I love it. It seems as though they don't treat the elderly with considerate to be able to live without being Tax the heck out of.	11/27/2023 4:53 PM
31	Business opportunity in 1969. Been here 53 years - love it!	11/27/2023 10:21 AM
32	I was born here, educated here, and found employment after high school. I never thought about moving.	11/27/2023 10:14 AM
33	Family, Convenience	11/27/2023 10:09 AM
34	Better than Illinois	11/27/2023 10:05 AM
35	Small and nice community	11/25/2023 1:45 PM
36	To be close with family. We help take care of my parents and my mother in law. We want to be part of the journey Jackson County takes on to improve the quality of life for us all.	11/25/2023 11:55 AM
37	Bellevue School System Small town living River	11/25/2023 11:42 AM
38	I came here for a job married a local and now stuck here.	11/20/2023 9:43 AM
39	employed by Maquoketa Community School District and small town living	11/18/2023 2:26 PM
40	Family, small communities with small school systems	11/15/2023 4:14 PM
41	I grew up in Jackson County. My family live in Jackson County or nearby. Family is very important to me. My family that lives farther away has much higher income and expenses than the ones in Jackson County.	11/15/2023 9:45 AM
42	Was raised here. Came back because I like small towns.	11/15/2023 9:38 AM
43	Feel safe and good school system	11/14/2023 10:16 AM
44	Beautiful county, a place to grow, a lot of potentials	11/13/2023 9:34 AM
45	Close to my hometown Job opportunity	11/10/2023 9:19 AM
46	was brought up here, was born here	11/9/2023 9:48 AM
47	Parents moved to Jackson 20 years ago so I stay because I love the country.	11/9/2023 9:32 AM
48	-I work in Jackson County and live in Jones County. We find ourselves spending most of our time in Jackson County/Maquoketa. :-) The YMCA, dining, and shopping are the main reasons we spend more time in Jackson County.	11/9/2023 9:13 AM
49	Lived here all my life, with the exception of 3 months.	11/9/2023 9:10 AM
50	It is where I grew up, just never left	11/9/2023 8:58 AM
51	My child lived in Preston I love tiny town living	11/8/2023 12:25 AM
52	Lower property taxes (not anymore) Lower cost of living (no longer valid)	11/7/2023 5:36 PM
53	Family, small schools	11/7/2023 5:31 PM
54	Family.	11/7/2023 2:03 PM
55	1. I thought cheaper living but it is not 2. To get away from big city with crime and higher taxes however it's high here also '	11/7/2023 1:28 PM
56	Grew up here. Married someone who lived and worked here.	11/7/2023 1:11 PM
57	Born and raised here. Friends and family. Terrain - Mississippi River, Good hunting timbers,	11/2/2023 9:56 AM

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	simple life	
58	Moved	10/31/2023 7:27 PM
59	Grew up here. Cost of living is less expensive	10/31/2023 3:57 PM
60	family it is what I know	10/30/2023 3:12 PM
61	born here	10/30/2023 10:30 AM
62	Went to school in Jackson County. Like small town living and small school districts.	10/29/2023 12:57 PM
63	small communities, good schools, I've always lived here.	10/27/2023 2:59 PM
64	I was born here but i like the theres no big cities like clinton. There's plenty of small family business that carry the everyday necessities. Except bellevue. Theyre expensive! And snooty.	10/26/2023 4:46 PM
65	Recreational activities Bellevue specifically: Location on the river Friendly residents	10/26/2023 12:28 PM
66	My job. I own a home. Close to where I grew up. Family and friends.	10/25/2023 2:46 PM
67	Husbands hometown. Housing was affordable compared to Dubuque. Thought there would be less crime in a smaller town.	10/25/2023 10:12 AM
68	I grew up here. People are genuine, compassionate and for the most part honest.	10/25/2023 9:25 AM
69	Born, raised and basically lived here all my life. Raised my family here and three of my four children live here currently.	10/25/2023 8:35 AM
70	Sense of community Rural values Safety/good place to raise kids	10/24/2023 8:20 PM
71	I grew up here and I live in Andrew and it's very quiet and peaceful up here.	10/24/2023 6:51 PM
72	I grew up here and then moved away thinking it would be better to raise my family here. It is but we need to step it up and improve our community	10/24/2023 1:23 PM
73	love living in the country	10/24/2023 1:03 PM
74	I was born and raised here. Maquoketa has always been my hometown. I have ventured to other places in my life but Maquoketa will always be Home sweet home! This is where I am truly the most comfortable I know these streets like the back of my hand. I feel safe here and know my family is safe aswell!	10/24/2023 9:50 AM
75	I was born and raised here and stayed. I live in a mobile home because I can't afford the taxes for a house in this county.	10/24/2023 9:27 AM
76	Close to family	10/24/2023 9:13 AM
77	Love the mostly rural countryside. Few fast food places. Family heritage has been in Jackson county since 1860's.	10/24/2023 7:32 AM
78	I lived here all my life and it's been my home county!	10/24/2023 1:26 AM
79	I was born and raised here	10/23/2023 1:55 PM
80	It was closer to family in the quad cities and friends in Dubuque.	10/23/2023 9:32 AM
81	Beautiful rural scenery. Open spaces. Economical.	10/20/2023 8:10 PM
82	Grew up here family is everywhere	10/20/2023 1:23 PM
83	Because of a job.	10/20/2023 11:33 AM
84	Close to Dubuque. Rent. Scenery.	10/20/2023 8:33 AM
85	Born here - Family is here	10/19/2023 7:48 PM
86	Work, found a great house, natural landscape (access to Mississippi)	10/19/2023 4:52 PM
87	Grew up here family is everywhere	10/19/2023 1:38 PM
88	1. Proximity to larger cities, but is a small town of 5,000 to 10,000 people. 2. Beautiful scenery 3. Local hospital, church, library 4. Available building and employees for our business	10/18/2023 10:24 PM

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89	Safer communities, decent schooling. We can always improve schooling, but that doesn't mean not keeping parents in the loop.	10/18/2023 5:46 PM
90	I have lived here all my life.	10/17/2023 8:42 PM
91	I grew up here. I think Jackson County has great potential	10/17/2023 2:48 PM
92	Born and raised here. My parents are still here unfortunately	10/17/2023 8:49 AM
93	Family is here. Beautiful environment	10/17/2023 8:36 AM
94	Family, family values, small school system	10/17/2023 8:10 AM
95	I grew up here, proud to be from here, and I really do like living here. I choose to drive to Dubuque to work because I have no desire to live in Dubuque County.	10/16/2023 6:40 PM
96	Small communities that create generational friendships Great area to raise my kids	10/16/2023 1:41 PM
97	It is half way between Dubuque and Davenport to commute for work. The taxes are lower than the surrounding wealthier counties. The schools are safer.	10/15/2023 9:38 AM
98	1. A nice beautiful county where there isn't a whole lot of people. 2. It is where my family is. 3. People that live here share the same values as I do.	10/15/2023 7:58 AM
99	Economic, Nature, Safety	10/15/2023 7:03 AM
100	Job; home we like; close to nature	10/14/2023 7:57 PM
101	Grew up here, wanted to raise kids in a smaller community.	10/13/2023 10:20 PM
102	The access to quality outdoors and activities.	10/13/2023 6:06 PM
103	Born and raised here. Good place to raise a family.	10/12/2023 7:41 PM
104	Born and raised here. Good place to raise a family.	10/12/2023 7:37 PM
105	Quality of life for family Job opportunity	10/12/2023 4:53 PM
106	-safe place to live -location to natural resources -quality of education and family upbringing	10/12/2023 2:37 PM
107	Owner operator of a Jackson Co business	10/12/2023 12:07 PM
108	My family lives here, homey, great community	10/11/2023 11:31 AM
109	Have been here most of our lives. Like the people-know a wide variety.	10/11/2023 9:50 AM
110	Born & raised Safe Beautiful	10/11/2023 9:27 AM
111	Nature, good people, farming and agricultural county.	10/11/2023 7:41 AM
112	Caring community, beautiful geography and family roots	10/10/2023 8:43 PM
113	Came here for a job and to be close to my parents. Not sure if I will stay if something happens to them.	10/10/2023 3:33 PM
114	Reasonable small town economic living with some very nice hometown down to earth folks in rural communities. Not into the big brother clubs of business in Jackson County. Do ALL private business elsewhere.	10/10/2023 11:23 AM
115	Jackson County is a beautiful place to live! It's mostly a safe place to raise families but there are horrible things happening to some of our families such as domestic violence, substance and alcohol abuse, drug manufacturing, and are young people are truly suffering with a lot of things that we don't notice. We really need to reach people where they are and encourage them to use the gifts that they have for the betterment of everyone.	10/10/2023 11:21 AM
116	We bought one of the Bear River cottages and moved here from North Carolina.	10/10/2023 11:05 AM
117	Lived in Jackson County all my life. My friends all live in Jackson County.	10/10/2023 9:18 AM
118	Country living Small towns	10/10/2023 7:54 AM
119	Tremendous people. Beautiful natural surroundings. Low cost of living.	10/9/2023 7:58 PM
120	Because I was born and raised in Jackson County.	10/9/2023 7:38 PM

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121	Housing costs, family in area.	10/9/2023 4:10 PM
122	Close to family. Safety. Not worried about crime or the safety of my kids. Small town values. People care about others, help each other out.	10/9/2023 12:17 PM
123	We moved to Jackson County because of a job offer for my partner.	10/9/2023 11:39 AM
124	Family has been in jackson country for many, many years, less stressful than living in a bigger city	10/9/2023 8:51 AM
125	Schools Slower pace	10/9/2023 8:32 AM
126	My husband is from here	10/9/2023 6:30 AM
127	Born and raised, married wife there	10/8/2023 7:20 PM
128	Grew up here, want to see the place prosper, and I can surround myself with Nature	10/8/2023 4:14 PM
129	Work is here. I like the landscape in Eastern Iowa.	10/8/2023 3:18 PM
130	Family and small community	10/6/2023 11:06 AM
131	My wife was born and raised in Jackson County and when I met her I fell in love with the small town	10/6/2023 8:56 AM
132	I was born here	10/6/2023 8:51 AM
133	I was born here. And my wife won't move.	10/6/2023 8:46 AM
134	My family lives here and I like that I feel safe living in Bellevue.	10/5/2023 10:07 PM
135	Job	10/5/2023 8:29 PM
136	Cheap living and house prices at the time, at time was neutral location for employment in Dubuque and Quad Cities.	10/5/2023 5:39 PM
137	always worked here so didn't need to drive; most people great	10/5/2023 4:13 PM
138	1. I was born here and returned after 30yrs in CR-IC, so for me, familiarity. 2. Property taxes are blissfully low.	10/5/2023 2:31 PM
139	Born here	10/5/2023 2:23 PM
140	Born here Enjoy volunteer possibilities Beauty of area cost of living	10/5/2023 9:46 AM
141	I moved here years ago because of the country life and the beauty of the surrounding area. Now everything has been torn down and neighborhoods are built everywhere around my house.	10/5/2023 3:32 AM
142	Cheap. Only housing market we could afford	10/4/2023 9:29 PM
143	I grew up here and like the small town life.	10/4/2023 8:00 PM
144	I was born here. I want my kids and grandkids to stay here as well, but it is going downhill fast. I'm not sure if any of us will be here five years from now.	10/4/2023 7:52 PM
145	Larger lots (no longer applicable) Small town character- lost	10/4/2023 7:48 PM
146	Larger lots for ranch homes. It's about time to move again.	10/4/2023 7:46 PM
147	My family is from here. My husband won't leave.	10/4/2023 7:36 PM
148	It was quiet, reasonable taxes and hardly any traffic.	10/4/2023 7:31 PM
149	When we moved here it was a quiet county. Our youngest graduates in two years and then we will be leaving this dump.	10/4/2023 7:28 PM
150	Close to Dubuque and Davenport	10/4/2023 4:35 PM
151	Family farm is here.	10/4/2023 3:29 PM
152	My family is here	10/4/2023 3:23 PM
153	The friendships you make and family.	10/4/2023 2:49 PM

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154	- Family - Rural Life	10/4/2023 2:35 PM
155	Kind people, Natural Resources	10/4/2023 12:01 PM
156	I moved to Maquoketa in June from Fayette county. Our biggest determining factor was how nice and friendly everyone was. This mindset is usually a result of good economic and social environment. People are happier when they have jobs and things to do in their leisure. I don't know much about Jackson County as I am new. But I did choose it because visiting two times had me convinced this was a beautiful and friendly place.	10/4/2023 11:55 AM
157	Small town, cheap good quality of living,	10/3/2023 8:40 PM
158	I've lived here my whole life. Wish there were more job opportunities here. Also, I wish real estate was reasonable so my kids could move back.	10/3/2023 7:39 PM
159	I like small town farm life. My husband is from here.	10/3/2023 6:49 PM
160	Truly plan to move outta Jackson Co. Within next several years. It has been a good place to reside but as far as Maquoketa goes the drugs and individuals that are moving into Maquoketa has led me to decide to move on.	10/3/2023 12:14 PM
161	Close to family Small town community Schools	10/3/2023 10:40 AM
162	Small town community Close to family Schools	10/3/2023 10:39 AM
163	1 - job upon college graduation 2 - liked the area I live and the job 3 - roots grown in the area of Bellevue, job, even after 1st husband died was not going to move. Now married again to Jackson county resident and staying here.	10/3/2023 9:18 AM
164	Family, small class sizes for my kids, grew up here and loved the experience I had and want my children to have the same.	10/3/2023 7:23 AM
165	Was born here. Stay here while my parents are still living here, as they are getting up there is age.	10/2/2023 1:34 PM
166	1) Cheaper property taxes.	10/2/2023 10:35 AM
167	Beautiful landscape and sense of place, especially in Bellevue, St. Donatus, and other historic communities. Location adjacent to cultural and commercial centers such as Dubuque while enjoying a more quiet location.	10/2/2023 10:20 AM
168	smaller community, safe surroundings, beautiful landscape	10/2/2023 8:53 AM
169	I grew up here. (Bellevue) My friends & family are here. I like knowing my neighbors & how nice & kind people are in a small community.	10/2/2023 8:22 AM
170	Family, low crime schools.	10/2/2023 2:50 AM
171	Born here, life is great here, things to do here.	10/1/2023 10:22 PM
172	My significant other inherited property here.	10/1/2023 7:37 PM
173	Family Relatively quiet	10/1/2023 6:36 AM
174	Family is here, Have job here, moved during right market	9/30/2023 11:45 PM
175	Born here. That's all.	9/30/2023 9:15 PM
176	1. I was born in Jackson County and wanted to raise our family here. 2. Love small town living with access to nature, arts and community activities. 3. Affordable housing - well we once had it.	9/30/2023 7:25 PM
177	Like many we moved to Maquoketa due to how affordable it was while still having a large amount of quality of life amenities (i.e a functioning hospital, schools in the community, multiple grocery stores, etc) but have stayed due to how great the area is. Jackson county is beautiful and is located very conveniently to some of the larger cities so you never feel deprived by living in a smaller community. Considering that many people I know moved to Maquoketa due to the low cost of living it may be more beneficial to ask folks why they've stayed in Maquoketa.	9/30/2023 6:34 PM
178	It has the essential business and more with maintaining a small town feel.	9/30/2023 3:45 PM

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179	Family	9/30/2023 3:17 PM
180	My husband grew up here. We think it's a great place to raise a family and it's affordable.	9/30/2023 9:54 AM
181	Small towns	9/30/2023 8:15 AM
182	1. Family 2. Cost of living 3. Cost of living	9/30/2023 6:40 AM
183	I'm from here and work here and the hunting	9/30/2023 6:32 AM
184	I'm from here and work here	9/30/2023 6:32 AM
185	Location, size, cost of living	9/30/2023 5:17 AM
186	I found an affordable home that fit my needs when I was in extreme hardship.	9/30/2023 3:21 AM
187	Family	9/29/2023 10:42 PM
188	I grew up here and moved back after being gone. I wanted my kids to be raised here.	9/29/2023 9:22 PM
189	Jobs brought us here, rural, small town, non-industrial atmosphere keeps us here.	9/29/2023 8:17 PM
190	Born here, family business here	9/29/2023 6:41 PM
191	My parents are getting older I grew up here I will die here	9/29/2023 6:06 PM
192	Family	9/29/2023 5:07 PM
193	1. I was born and raised here, these are my roots, and we are raising our family here. 2. I have a business here, so between commerce and raising a family I get a good scope of the economic/financial experience here. 3. While the sweltering summers and raging winters nearly kill me, I can't give up these sunsets on our rivers or the sunrises from camping in our timbers, hiking these areas, appreciating a slower paced peaceful life.	9/29/2023 3:53 PM
194	I was Born Here I was raised here	9/29/2023 2:54 PM
195	My family is born and raised in Jackson County. Beautiful area, lots of outdoor areas to explore. Great people!!	9/29/2023 1:21 PM
196	Landscape, location	9/29/2023 1:57 AM
197	Born and raised here, most of family still here but more moving away soon	9/28/2023 9:33 PM
198	Home area	9/28/2023 8:59 PM
199	I was born here. Moved to DFW for 22 years and moved back to be closer to elderly parents. It's my hometown ❤️	9/28/2023 7:40 PM
200	Place to raise a family similar to where I grew up. Job was offered within Jackson County. Scenic location.	9/28/2023 8:38 AM
201	like the rural life Kids slower pace	9/28/2023 6:31 AM
202	Small town to raise our family	9/28/2023 12:31 AM
203	Family here Low cost of living Great place to raise our family	9/27/2023 10:30 PM
204	The river. The people. The beauty.	9/27/2023 2:07 PM
205	I was born here	9/27/2023 1:34 PM
206	I moved here twenty-one years ago after my husband passed away. I love living in Maquoketa it's so convenient to every thing. We do need a few more restaurants, shopping, etc.	9/27/2023 1:33 PM
207	My job. Cost of my home.	9/27/2023 1:22 PM
208	Born and raised here. Can't afford to leave if I wanted to. Topography of the county.	9/27/2023 1:16 PM
209	Grew up here, can't beat the friendliness, support, and pride in communities.	9/27/2023 12:48 PM
210	Family	9/25/2023 12:02 PM
211	Clean/low crime Beautiful cities and country	9/21/2023 2:34 PM
212	Family, nature/scenery	9/20/2023 6:26 PM

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213	Everyone seems to get a long, stuff like the "Jackson County" one finger wave you go out of the county and you don't see it very often and I just love that about the county. I also love how the county is always keeping up on the roads and making sure they get redone when they start to get bad instead of letting them get really bad.	9/20/2023 12:02 PM
214	Nice, decent area to have decided to stay at	9/20/2023 12:01 PM
215	It is really cool, there's a lot that you can do in Jackson county.	9/20/2023 12:00 PM
216	My parents live here and raising me here	9/20/2023 12:00 PM
217	Great community,& location.	9/20/2023 11:59 AM
218	my parents	9/20/2023 11:58 AM
219	My parents live here.	9/20/2023 11:58 AM
220	Don't want to leave, don't want to learn new city.	9/20/2023 11:58 AM
221	Centered between big city and small town. Quiet town for retirement.	9/20/2023 11:35 AM
222	Born and raised and worked here. Raised family and former business owner. Close to large communities. Maquoketa is becoming more progressive. City council did a good job in hiring city manager.	9/20/2023 11:28 AM
223	I grew up in Jackson County, my parents have lived in the county for over twenty years.	9/20/2023 11:03 AM
224	I will say that it was not really my choice. But I love living in a small town because I don't really get bothered by too many people who want to just bother me. I like living here because there are a few good spots for hobbies such as skating and other stuff.	9/20/2023 11:02 AM
225	I don't have a choice I live with my parents	9/20/2023 11:02 AM
226	i was raised here and still live with my parents	9/20/2023 11:01 AM
227	-Small town _ Not too much traffic	9/20/2023 11:01 AM
228	Its a good place that is usually nothing bad happens and you have everything you need to live.	9/20/2023 11:01 AM
229	I did not have a choice as i was born here and am under 18.	9/20/2023 11:01 AM
230	My parents grew up here and I was born here, I don't really have a choice in where I live.	9/20/2023 11:00 AM
231	My parents are here and it's a small place to live.	9/20/2023 11:00 AM
232	Im a kid with no choice Family The community is great	9/20/2023 11:00 AM
233	-small town -in the country	9/20/2023 11:00 AM
234	It's more of a country place People are nice and you are not too close to people	9/20/2023 11:00 AM
235	I was born in Jackson County. Another reason would be that it's overall a smaller county.	9/20/2023 10:59 AM
236	I live here because I live with my parents and this is where they chose to live.	9/20/2023 10:59 AM
237	I was born and raised here, so were my parents.	9/20/2023 10:59 AM
238	My parents live here.	9/20/2023 10:59 AM
239	small place and good comiunnitcation	9/20/2023 9:59 AM
240	I was born here	9/20/2023 9:59 AM
241	all good nice	9/20/2023 9:57 AM
242	live with parents	9/20/2023 9:53 AM
243	Great place to live because of the great people	9/20/2023 9:52 AM
244	Because it is a small county. has a lot of ag	9/20/2023 9:52 AM
245	.	9/20/2023 9:51 AM
246	.	9/20/2023 9:51 AM

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247	lived here all my life	9/18/2023 8:59 AM
248	Born and raised here. Scenery/landscape and things to do.	9/17/2023 7:16 AM
249	Good schools. Clean environment. Friendly people.	9/16/2023 3:58 PM
250	1995 moved here husband job. Decided on living in county seat. DeWitt was a choice and much cleaner town but Maquoketa was bigger.	9/15/2023 8:19 AM
251	We choose to live here because we like the location between larger metro areas yet we like living in a smaller city that has numerous resources. We love the landscape and the environs, we love our buildings and our yards, the simplicity of shopping, the general sense of safety and community. We enjoy riding bikes on the trails in our county, hiking the DNR parks, and the Maquoketa Caves. This is similar to the lifestyle of quite nice suburbs yet so very affordable. If people here knew how good they had it and what it would cost to have this lifestyle in most of the rest of the country they would value and protect it more.	9/13/2023 10:02 AM
252	Born and raised here	9/12/2023 6:40 PM
253	Born here. Good life in general. Love the country. Not crowded.	9/7/2023 10:59 AM
254	I was born here and have a farm here or I would have never come back. I graduated high school in 1967 and came back in 2019 to retire.	9/7/2023 10:48 AM
255	Cost of urban housing with living expenses. Relatives until son passed.	9/7/2023 10:38 AM
256	Lived here all our lives, but are looking to move. Family is here.	9/7/2023 10:27 AM
257	Affordable housing, small town, and quiet.	9/7/2023 5:15 AM
258	Hospital in town. Catholic school and church active in town. Housing available although limited.	9/6/2023 11:08 AM
259	I was born here my roots are here people are for the most part friendly and courteous.	9/6/2023 10:42 AM
260	Rural, small town atmosphere. Friendly people.	9/1/2023 3:24 PM
261	I didn't. My father followed his mother to maquoketa then moved to Iowa City. 🙄	8/31/2023 2:23 PM
262	Beauty of the area, parks and outdoor activities. Great neighbors. Responsive government departments, being able to talk to a person.	8/29/2023 6:06 PM
263	I married a lifelong resident. However, I love the rural area and appreciate the small communities here I've grown to love. Keep the rural, laid back vibe here, that's the specialness.	8/28/2023 10:05 AM
264	Born here, cheaper living, rural	8/28/2023 9:55 AM
265	job family	8/26/2023 1:35 PM
266	Family atmosphere opportunity	8/25/2023 8:18 PM
267	Family is here. Was born here. Close to Quad cities and Dubuque.	8/25/2023 1:35 PM
268	*We are near Dubuque County. Property taxes are lower here. Let's keep it that way. *Small schools. We open enroll out of Dubuque and into our preferred Jackson County school. *Great technology and broadband access in our rural areas is a strength of our county.	8/25/2023 9:27 AM
269	Close to employment. Lower cost of living than surrounding communities.	8/24/2023 2:31 PM
270	FAMILY, WORK, FARM OWNED	8/23/2023 3:19 PM
271	Mississippi River, Maquoketa River, Interesting bluff/valley terrain, fishing, tubing, canoeing and hunting opportunities.	8/23/2023 12:55 PM
272	Moved here because of the Mississippi River is close. Small town vibe, less traffic, no traffic jams.	8/23/2023 11:41 AM
273	Job.	8/22/2023 7:14 PM
274	Family is here. Want a small close-knit community to raise kids.	8/22/2023 8:37 AM
275	I love the farm life of JC. I love the small town life of JC	8/22/2023 2:32 AM

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276	Peaceful and beautiful.	8/21/2023 3:40 PM
277	Close to dr., dentist and cheaper cost of living.	8/21/2023 11:16 AM
278	Parents came when I was little. I stayed to be near.	8/21/2023 11:11 AM
279	My family moved here when I was a child I grew up here	8/21/2023 9:31 AM
280	1. Family 2. Near Dubuque for jobs	8/20/2023 8:35 PM
281	Low population density, lower cost of living	8/20/2023 6:36 PM
282	family here	8/20/2023 9:39 AM
283	Born here	8/18/2023 12:40 PM
284	Was moved here as a child in our family started a business that I know helped run	8/18/2023 11:11 AM
285	Great people- community engagement	8/18/2023 10:07 AM
286	My husband refuses to relocate. I would prefer DeWitt or Bettendorf.	8/17/2023 8:22 PM
287	I wanted to live outside of a bigger city, but close enough to drive to one for a day trip.	8/17/2023 7:27 PM
288	Small community, work	8/17/2023 7:26 PM
289	Family	8/17/2023 6:27 PM
290	Cost of living, close to work	8/17/2023 4:38 PM
291	Grew up here and family still living here.	8/17/2023 12:10 PM
292	Family.	8/16/2023 10:29 PM
293	Good place to raise children Centrally located for commuting to work for spouse and myself Family here	8/16/2023 1:33 PM
294	centrally located between Davenport, Dubuque and Cedar Rapids. Nice place to raise family.	8/16/2023 11:00 AM
295	This is where I grew up and I came back for a job opportunity after living away for a number of years. My family is here.	8/16/2023 10:25 AM
296	Medical care, education, feel safe from crime	8/16/2023 7:08 AM
297	Safe Friendly Short drives to major cities	8/16/2023 7:00 AM
298	my husband was born and raised in Jackson County and he was not willing to leave here so that's why were here.	8/15/2023 3:37 PM
299	Grew up here. My kids are in school here, or we would probably move. That is the only thing, other than elderly parents, that are keeping us here.	8/15/2023 3:26 PM
300	-Hometown -Family -Cost of Living	8/15/2023 3:16 PM
301	safety	8/15/2023 2:03 PM
302	I was born and raised here. We never moved away because my husband's job required him to live in the county and we've never regretted that.	8/15/2023 12:54 PM
303	This really isn't applicable to me. I moved here because of family.	8/15/2023 8:47 AM
304	I owned a small acreage in Jackson Co and wanted to be closer to it.	8/14/2023 10:11 AM
305	1. Family in Maquoketa. 2. Cost of living. 3. Live small town atmosphere.	8/14/2023 9:33 AM
306	Job, marriage and friendly people, and economy was good 61 yrs ago Safe to raise a family, schools, volunteers and quality of life. Strong economic efforts by the county	8/13/2023 5:47 PM
307	grew up here	8/12/2023 1:17 PM
308	Generations of my family has lived here. One of the most beautiful places in the state Love the rural lifestyle	8/12/2023 6:31 AM
309	Born and raised in Jackson County Love the beauty of the scenery/outdoors in Jackson County Like smaller town living	8/11/2023 8:02 PM

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310	Born and raised in Jackson county Like the local community togetherness Love the agricultural opportunities here	8/11/2023 3:34 PM
311	We retired here from the Quad Cities...family here and cost of living is less.	8/11/2023 10:35 AM
312	Progressive, good for groups, good grocery stores, good locations, good electric, great restaurants.	8/11/2023 9:25 AM
313	I have always lived in this area. It is my home. My family was here.	8/11/2023 8:31 AM
314	Natural resources--fishing, hunting, canoeing, etc. Old friends--I grew up here and decided to return to be closer to family and old friends	8/11/2023 7:26 AM
315	Location. Size. Beauty	8/11/2023 6:48 AM
316	Employment and small town living. We underestimate the draw we have while people are looking for 'Americana,' a safe community, good schools, and a place where you can know your neighbors and really be a part of a community.	8/11/2023 6:22 AM
317	Like a small town. Schools were very good in 1990, not so much now thanks to Iowa government.	8/10/2023 6:25 PM
318	1: The People 2: The way they raise their children	8/10/2023 6:18 PM
319	I love the communities involvement with art and how supportive the community is	8/10/2023 5:51 PM
320	It's my home - friends and family. It's where I found my career. It has so many natural attractions and parks.	8/10/2023 5:31 PM
321	My family lived here and we raised our children here. Beautiful area with low cost of living.	8/10/2023 5:30 PM
322	my ancestral roots are here, the cost of living is low, there is tremendous potential here -- perfectly located amidst Dubuque, Quad Cities, IC/CR; and Des Moines/Chicago; and then Mnpls/St Louis	8/10/2023 3:19 PM
323	WAS BORN HERE AND DECIDED TO LIVE HER WHEN MARRIED 65 YEARS AGO	8/10/2023 1:36 PM
324	Location to work in Clinton and Dubuque	8/10/2023 12:29 PM
325	Halfway between jobs in Clinton and Dubuque and good roads to get back and forth	8/10/2023 12:19 PM
326	Forward thinking people, updating facilities.	8/10/2023 12:14 PM
327	River Recreation, County Parks are great, New Hospital, Paved roads have improved, need to upgrade gravel roads.	8/10/2023 12:05 PM
328	My job. Moved here to be with husband.	8/10/2023 11:51 AM
329	At the time the town had some good factories. The crime was very little. You was able to leave your door unlocked and kids was able to play outside and not be scared.	8/10/2023 11:44 AM
330	Small town atmosphere People	8/10/2023 11:34 AM
331	Trees. Job. Scenic Area.	8/10/2023 11:34 AM
332	Raise here whole life. Family	8/10/2023 11:26 AM
333	Raised here my whole life Family	8/10/2023 9:39 AM
334	lived here my whole life. it was decent living back in the days.	8/10/2023 9:30 AM
335	it is rural, it is close to bigger cities I liked the schools	8/10/2023 12:39 AM
336	Closeness to Dubuque and Quad Cities Relatively low taxes	8/9/2023 8:42 PM
337	It was a good central location	8/9/2023 5:58 PM
338	42 years ago Hospital good and good schools	8/9/2023 2:23 PM
339	My hometown. Close proximity to both DBQ and QCA.	8/9/2023 11:35 AM
340	Born and raised here. Happy to raise family here. My wife's and my career are both in Jackson County	8/9/2023 11:22 AM

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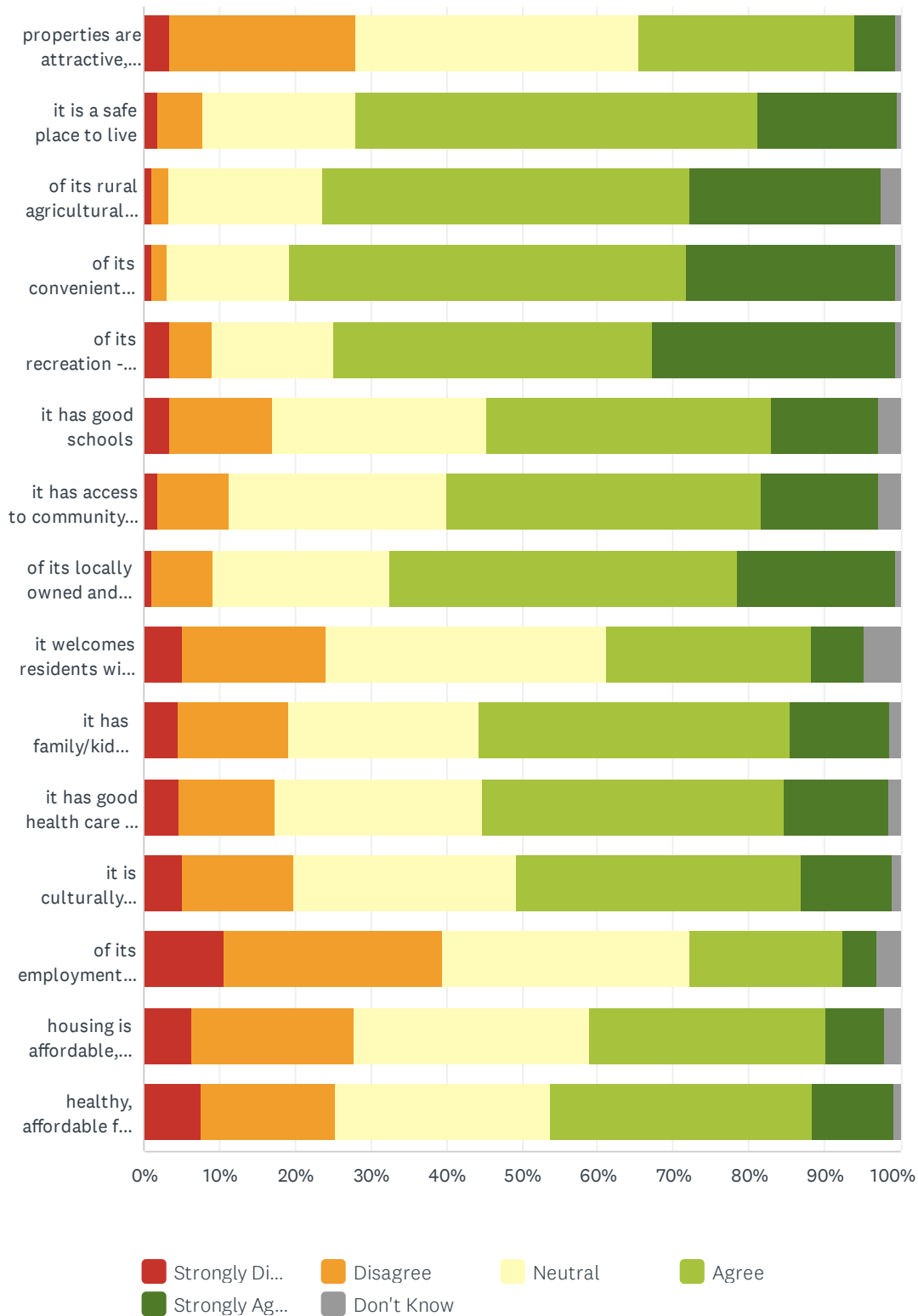
341	Small town with quick commutes to Dubuque, Cedar Rapids and Davenport.	8/8/2023 6:51 PM
342	peaceful. not bad traffic.	8/8/2023 5:01 PM
343	Love the beautiful scenery and the location between the QC and Dubuque	8/8/2023 3:14 PM
344	Trees, job, scenic area	8/8/2023 2:43 PM
345	Born and raised here	8/8/2023 10:56 AM
346	Lower cost of living.	8/8/2023 10:31 AM
347	1. The ability to raise a family in a small community that still instills good values such as hard work and pride in our children. 2. Family	8/8/2023 10:22 AM
348	Grew up here, Family is close	8/8/2023 10:17 AM
349	At the time it was safe for my kids to be outside or in the park. Didn't have to drive far to a job.	8/7/2023 12:51 PM
350	I was looking for employment near Dubuque family. My town has the necessary support of doctors, dentists, chiro, etc. Several businesses provide service for vehicles and household needs. Restaurants and exercise options are plentiful.	8/3/2023 3:54 PM
351	Jobs, Small Town Appeal, Safety	8/2/2023 11:23 AM
352	Lower cost of living; amenities such as fine arts center, YMCA, outdoor recreation options; employment opportunities	7/31/2023 5:30 PM
353	Small communities but not too small.	7/31/2023 9:19 AM
354	I wanted the small town atmosphere. I don't like big cities. Maq. had enough stores that had what I wanted without going to a big city.	7/30/2023 11:23 AM
355	natural beauty, family, not highly populated	7/28/2023 3:26 PM
356	job opportunity recreation	7/28/2023 1:02 PM
357	Grew up here. I have a job that pays decent for size of community/opportunities within this area. My family is close.	7/28/2023 10:40 AM
358	Looking to relocate as we speak!	7/28/2023 10:31 AM
359	Born and raised here, but quality education, low crime rate and beauty of the landscape are the best reasons to live here.	7/27/2023 3:08 PM
360	I was raised in Jackson County, and I moved back to Jackson County to work to be closer to family.	7/27/2023 2:43 PM
361	Career location.	7/27/2023 12:57 PM
362	because of family	7/27/2023 9:27 AM
363	We have a beautiful, peaceful county. People are usually friendly, honest, and helpful.	7/26/2023 1:41 PM
364	Grew up here, moved away but had to come back for family and found a job. Just haven't moved away since.	7/26/2023 1:38 PM
365	My mother did that for me now my life is here	7/26/2023 1:13 PM
366	Where i grew up. Don't want to see it decline and go backwards	7/26/2023 11:38 AM
367	Grew up here.	7/26/2023 9:16 AM
368	Back in the day, smaller community with great values.	7/26/2023 9:09 AM
369	I moved here for my job, but it is a beautiful area with lots of trail systems, fishing opportunities and most people are friendly	7/26/2023 7:18 AM
370	Born here	7/25/2023 6:34 PM
371	I'm good	7/25/2023 6:09 PM
372	I grew up here	7/25/2023 5:57 PM

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373	Close to work	7/25/2023 5:50 PM
374	To be close to family.	7/25/2023 3:01 PM

Q7 Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements: Jackson County stands out when compared to other Iowa counties because...

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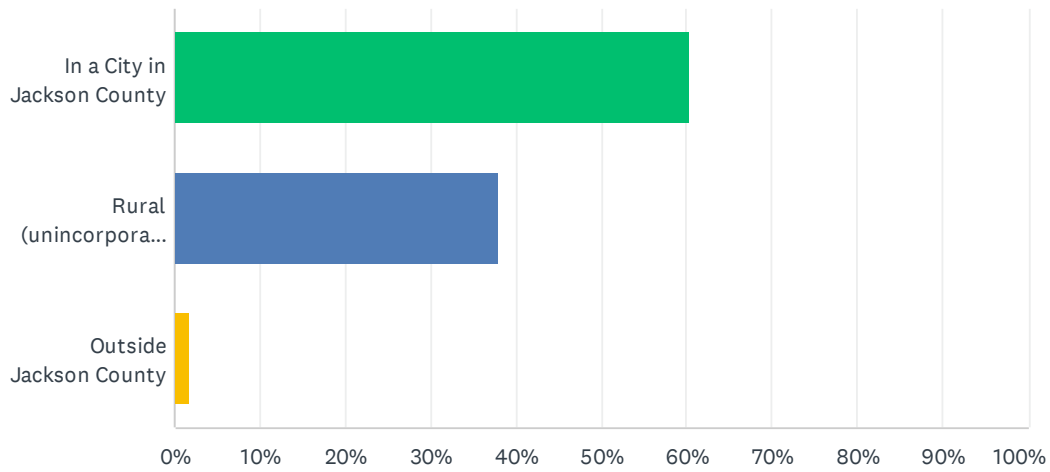


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	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEUTRAL	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
properties are attractive, clean, and well maintained.	3.53% 15	24.47% 104	37.41% 159	28.71% 122	5.18% 22	0.71% 3	425	3.10
it is a safe place to live	1.88% 8	5.87% 25	20.19% 86	53.29% 227	18.31% 78	0.47% 2	426	3.82
of its rural agricultural character	0.94% 4	2.36% 10	20.52% 87	48.35% 205	25.47% 108	2.36% 10	424	4.02
of its convenient location - highway access	0.94% 4	2.11% 9	16.20% 69	52.58% 224	27.46% 117	0.70% 3	426	4.06
of its recreation - state and county parks, trails, rivers, forests	3.54% 15	5.42% 23	16.27% 69	41.98% 178	32.08% 136	0.71% 3	424	3.96
it has good schools	3.55% 15	13.48% 57	28.37% 120	37.59% 159	14.18% 60	2.84% 12	423	3.54
it has access to community colleges and higher education	1.89% 8	9.43% 40	28.77% 122	41.51% 176	15.57% 66	2.83% 12	424	3.68
of its locally owned and operated shops and restaurants	0.94% 4	8.24% 35	23.29% 99	46.12% 196	20.71% 88	0.71% 3	425	3.80
it welcomes residents with racial and ethnic diversity	5.20% 22	18.91% 80	37.12% 157	27.19% 115	6.86% 29	4.73% 20	423	3.26
it has family/kid friendly activities	4.50% 19	14.69% 62	25.12% 106	41.23% 174	13.03% 55	1.42% 6	422	3.48
it has good health care and facilities	4.71% 20	12.71% 54	27.29% 116	40.00% 170	13.88% 59	1.41% 6	425	3.50
it is culturally vibrant - interpretive centers, museums, historic sites, art and music venues	5.21% 22	14.69% 62	29.38% 124	37.68% 159	12.09% 51	0.95% 4	422	3.40
of its employment opportunities	10.69% 45	28.74% 121	32.78% 138	20.19% 85	4.51% 19	3.09% 13	421	2.88
housing is affordable, safe, and decent	6.35% 24	21.43% 81	31.22% 118	31.22% 118	7.67% 29	2.12% 8	378	3.19
healthy, affordable food is easy to get everywhere	7.64% 32	17.66% 74	28.40% 119	34.61% 145	10.98% 46	0.72% 3	419	3.26

Q8 Where do you live?

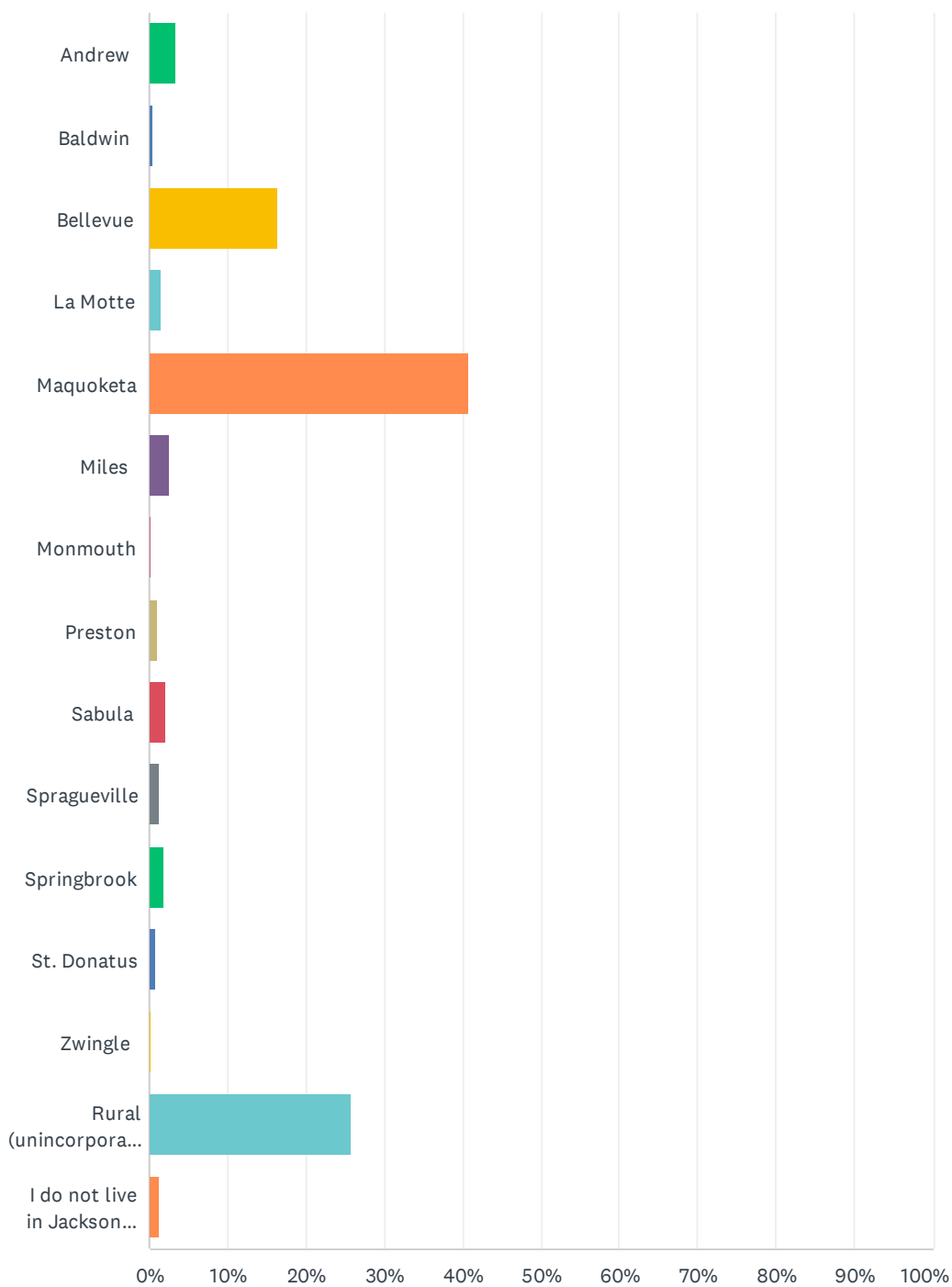
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
In a City in Jackson County	60.24%	247
Rural (unincorporated) Jackson County; outside the limits of a city	38.05%	156
Outside Jackson County	1.71%	7
TOTAL		410

Q9 If you live in a city in Jackson County, which one?

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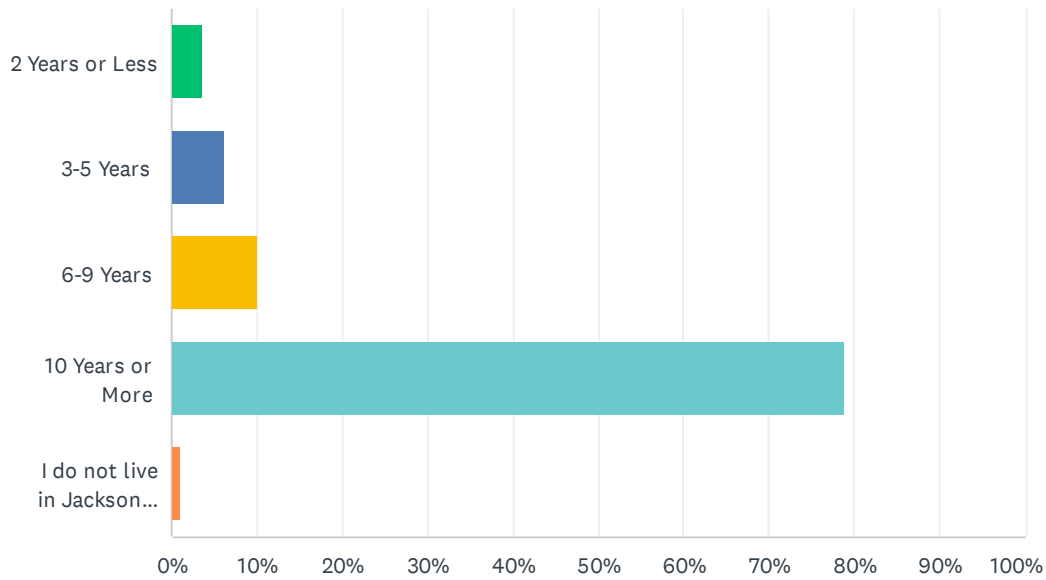


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Andrew	3.42%	13
Baldwin	0.53%	2
Bellevue	16.32%	62
La Motte	1.58%	6
Maquoketa	40.79%	155
Miles	2.63%	10
Monmouth	0.26%	1
Preston	1.05%	4
Sabula	2.11%	8
Spragueville	1.32%	5
Springbrook	1.84%	7
St. Donatus	0.79%	3
Zwingle	0.26%	1
Rural (unincorporated) Jackson County; outside the limits of a city	25.79%	98
I do not live in Jackson County	1.32%	5
TOTAL		380

Q10 If you live in Jackson County, how many years have you lived here?

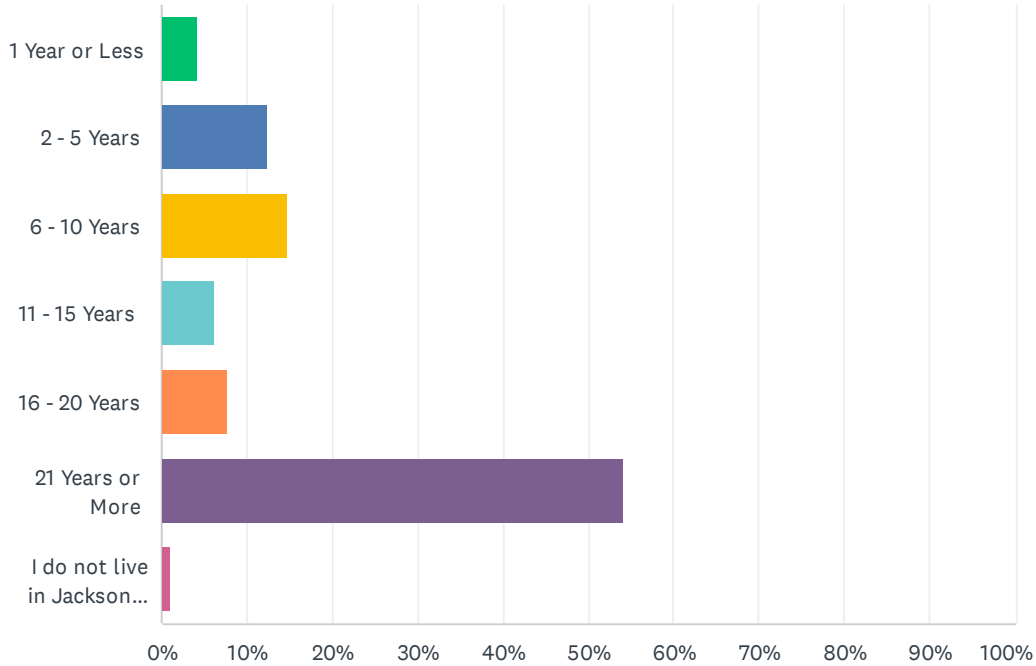
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
2 Years or Less	3.72%	14
3-5 Years	6.12%	23
6-9 Years	10.11%	38
10 Years or More	78.99%	297
I do not live in Jackson County	1.06%	4
TOTAL		376

Q11 If you live in Jackson County, how long do you see yourself living here?

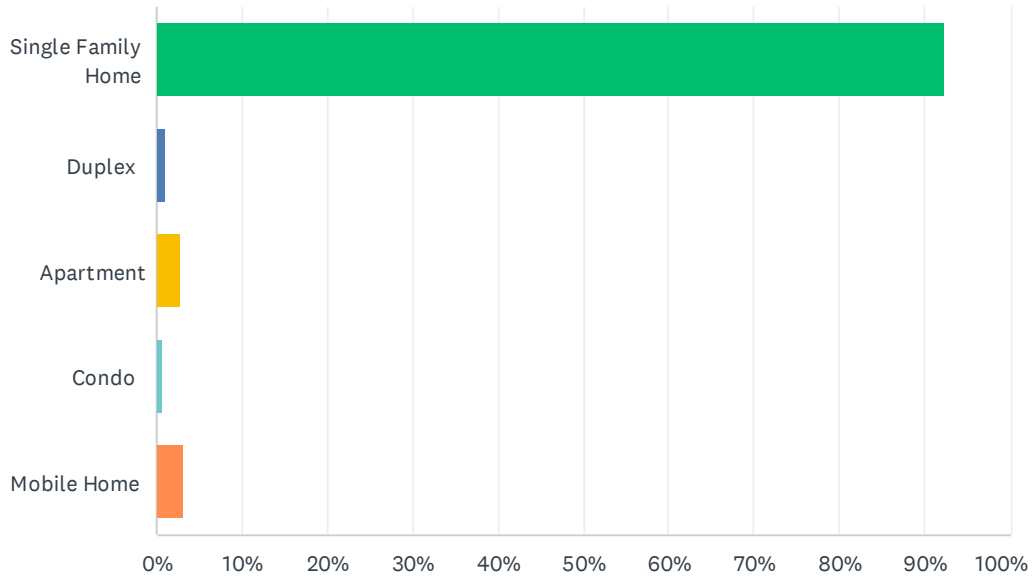
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1 Year or Less	4.18%	17
2 - 5 Years	12.29%	50
6 - 10 Years	14.74%	60
11 - 15 Years	6.14%	25
16 - 20 Years	7.62%	31
21 Years or More	54.05%	220
I do not live in Jackson County	0.98%	4
TOTAL		407

Q12 What type of housing do you currently occupy

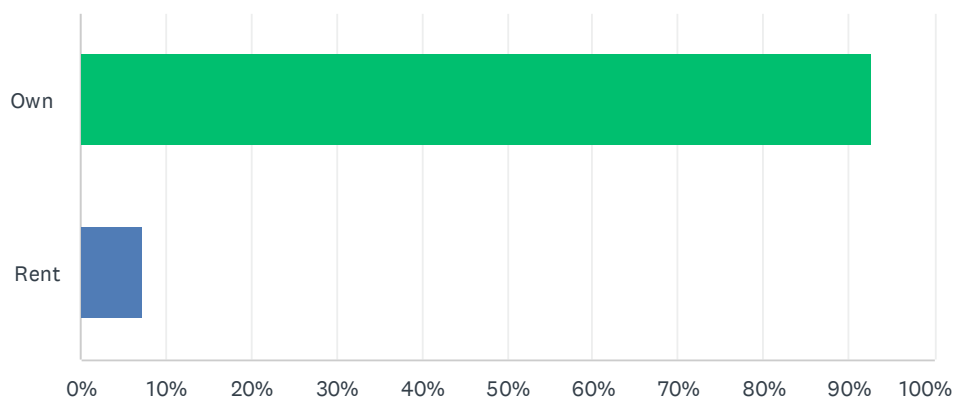
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Single Family Home	92.38%	376
Duplex	0.98%	4
Apartment	2.70%	11
Condo	0.74%	3
Mobile Home	3.19%	13
TOTAL		407

Q13 Do you own or rent your current place of residence?

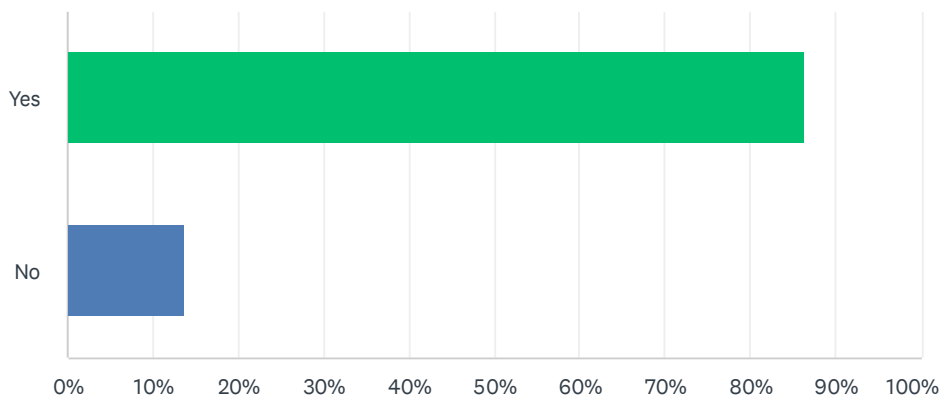
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Own	92.66%	366
Rent	7.34%	29
TOTAL		395

Q14 Are you satisfied with your current housing situation?

Answered: 404 Skipped: 59



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	86.39%	349
No	13.61%	55
TOTAL		404

#	PLEASE TELL US WHY.	DATE
1	Contractors do not do good work, unaffordable, and some are dishonest	5/12/2024 10:31 AM
2	Taxes are too high along with everything else. Everything goes up but people's wages.	5/8/2024 9:10 PM
3	Privacy	5/8/2024 9:50 AM
4	I'm satisfied as long as wind turbines are kept away.	5/8/2024 8:28 AM
5	Would like to have basement for safety reasons	5/6/2024 3:28 PM
6	Family home	5/5/2024 8:48 PM
7	I live in a good neighborhood & home is almost paid off. :)	3/26/2024 8:21 PM
8	Simple, noncompetitive environment.	3/21/2024 10:47 PM
9	Clean, modernized old home	3/11/2024 3:11 PM
10	Love the land, privacy and tax rates	3/11/2024 9:56 AM
11	I'd like an acreage	1/29/2024 3:30 PM
12	Comfortable and paid for	12/14/2023 2:10 PM
13	Because I live out in the country and property taxes are on the lower side. But then again, they're getting kind of ridiculous.	12/12/2023 9:22 PM
14	I love my Victorian house.	12/4/2023 9:10 AM
15	High taxes	11/30/2023 9:43 AM
16	I do not like the constant raising of taxes. and need. They need to be understanding of the elderly and they're doing fair to good on the veterans but that's more of a Washington decision. They need to be open to education so you learn more not restricted because I myself was taught all of what they're trying to hide.	11/27/2023 5:03 PM

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17	That's where I lived all my life	11/25/2023 1:49 PM
18	We built a new house 6 years ago.	11/25/2023 11:57 AM
19	I have a nice home in a good community.	11/25/2023 11:45 AM
20	family owned	11/20/2023 9:48 AM
21	I live in a safe neighborhood, good neighbors	11/18/2023 2:32 PM
22	Live close to family and work.	11/15/2023 4:23 PM
23	I love my house but we are four generations under one roof. My father in law, adult daughter and her child live with us because of the limited affordable housing available. He needs a low income apartment and she needs a single family home.	11/15/2023 9:47 AM
24	Nice people live by me, ready to help	11/15/2023 9:39 AM
25	Live with my parents	11/9/2023 9:34 AM
26	could use larger, affordable single family home	11/9/2023 9:17 AM
27	My rent is cheap	11/8/2023 12:28 AM
28	We live in the country on a dead end road.	11/7/2023 5:34 PM
29	How the city has changed	11/7/2023 1:34 PM
30	Neighbors do not take pride in their property	11/7/2023 1:14 PM
31	House is paid off	11/2/2023 9:57 AM
32	not enough affordable houses for young couples to buy, too many slum lords	10/30/2023 10:35 AM
33	Would like to move but interests rates are too high and property taxes are too high due to properties being assessed to high.	10/29/2023 1:04 PM
34	Location on the Mississippi River	10/26/2023 12:33 PM
35	We need a roof really bad and can't even afford patching.	10/25/2023 10:14 AM
36	Property taxes too high	10/25/2023 9:23 AM
37	But...I would like to change from a 2 story to a ranch, but there is not much available	10/25/2023 8:41 AM
38	My address is Maquoketa but live just over the border in Clinton county. I shop and eat in maq. My kids went to school in maq	10/24/2023 7:03 PM
39	Because I am on disability and there are no programs to help us kind of people get help with Windows fixing up that sort of thing	10/24/2023 6:56 PM
40	Currently remodeling	10/24/2023 9:21 AM
41	Beautiful country	10/24/2023 7:36 AM
42	Except for the High property taxes	10/23/2023 2:00 PM
43	Rent is \$850! For a SMALL house.	10/23/2023 8:35 AM
44	Rural	10/20/2023 8:13 PM
45	Too many rentals not kept up.	10/20/2023 11:35 AM
46	Nice quiet neighborhood	10/19/2023 7:50 PM
47	Home is on a nice private rural setting	10/18/2023 10:24 PM
48	I'd like to buy a house but the market and cost of living has made it impossible with the level of income and jobs in the area.	10/18/2023 5:49 PM
49	We love our home.	10/17/2023 8:45 PM
50	It is inspirational, beautiful.	10/17/2023 2:51 PM
51	I would like to live in the country	10/15/2023 9:44 AM

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52	Out in the woods	10/14/2023 8:00 PM
53	Outgrowing home and would like to move but housing is ridiculously overpriced in Bellevue.	10/13/2023 10:26 PM
54	I built my own	10/12/2023 7:46 PM
55	Nice neighborhood	10/12/2023 4:57 PM
56	built it myself	10/12/2023 2:40 PM
57	We built our home	10/12/2023 12:11 PM
58	affordable and easy access	10/11/2023 9:52 AM
59	Property taxes are way too high.	10/11/2023 9:30 AM
60	River view	10/11/2023 7:46 AM
61	Quiet neighborhood, nice views	10/10/2023 8:47 PM
62	Neighbors do do not maintain properties	10/10/2023 8:38 PM
63	i own , don't have to answer to any one's standards.	10/10/2023 11:27 AM
64	it's a family home and we've been here forever	10/10/2023 11:25 AM
65	We have a new small house in Bear River Cottages	10/10/2023 11:10 AM
66	I have acquired and renovated our home to exactly how we wanted it.	10/9/2023 8:03 PM
67	Good quality home, safe area, good neighbors.	10/9/2023 12:17 PM
68	Right size, right location, right price	10/9/2023 11:42 AM
69	We own our home	10/9/2023 8:56 AM
70	Built it ourselves	10/9/2023 8:37 AM
71	The lot rent keeps going up. Currently looking for a home	10/9/2023 6:33 AM
72	Neighbors too close, bad neighbors	10/8/2023 7:22 PM
73	I am satisfied, but knowing that nearly every home beside/around me is a multi-family Rental really makes me sad	10/8/2023 4:18 PM
74	It is affordable and its easy access to local shops	10/5/2023 10:13 PM
75	Own home.	10/5/2023 5:44 PM
76	Would like a new house but prices are too high	10/5/2023 9:52 AM
77	I built it	10/4/2023 8:25 PM
78	Nice home in a quiet area.	10/4/2023 8:18 PM
79	City utilities are ridiculously expensive, as are the taxes	10/4/2023 7:52 PM
80	Amazing landlord. Always willing to help if things need fixed.	10/4/2023 2:53 PM
81	Nice neighborhood and community	10/4/2023 12:03 PM
82	Just bought a beautiful home	10/4/2023 12:01 PM
83	Buck Koos is spiking everyone property taxes	10/3/2023 8:44 PM
84	Building new house in Preston as selling farm	10/3/2023 6:53 PM
85	I was fortunate to buy before increase in prices, however very disappointed in landlords buying up affordable housing vs a small family	10/3/2023 10:47 AM
86	I chose the house and bought. It will not be paid for by the time I die, but is mine.	10/3/2023 9:22 AM
87	With our tax increase that definitely was an impact though	10/3/2023 7:27 AM
88	I own.	10/2/2023 10:38 AM

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89	I love living in Bellevue & I love our neighborhood	10/2/2023 8:25 AM
90	Located in the country.	10/2/2023 2:54 AM
91	I own it	10/1/2023 10:28 PM
92	It is a newer home on nice property.	10/1/2023 7:44 PM
93	Need a safer home but nothing is affordable	9/30/2023 11:49 PM
94	I own it.	9/30/2023 9:18 PM
95	It is affordable and in a safe neighborhood	9/30/2023 7:29 PM
96	We were able to purchase a beautiful historic home in a great neighborhood for a reasonable price back in 2012	9/30/2023 6:37 PM
97	It works for our family for farming.	9/30/2023 9:57 AM
98	We live in several acres with privacy but very close to town.	9/30/2023 6:43 AM
99	Our landlord(s) are absolutely fantastic to us and our rent is affordable compared to other homes.	9/30/2023 3:26 AM
100	Location and size	9/29/2023 10:46 PM
101	too restrictive	9/29/2023 4:58 PM
102	A small house but we can afford it if one of us gets sick or dies. Large yard so we can enjoy our own outdoor space and small scale homesteading.	9/29/2023 3:58 PM
103	You steal money from us and realtors jack up the price on housing	9/29/2023 3:00 PM
104	Location and cost	9/29/2023 2:01 AM
105	Multi level-need more ground level in Maquoketa	9/28/2023 9:37 PM
106	Meets our needs	9/28/2023 9:04 PM
107	I would like to downsize but there is not any decent (in my opinion) affordable apartments available to move to.	9/28/2023 7:51 PM
108	Our house meets the needs of our growing family.	9/28/2023 8:41 AM
109	happy here	9/28/2023 6:34 AM
110	House is paid for. Taxes are reasonable.	9/27/2023 10:33 PM
111	Historic and affordable	9/27/2023 2:10 PM
112	Yes and no. I love my house but I'm near the trailer court which is an embarrassment. People coming to town see the dumps which are poorly maintained.	9/27/2023 1:24 PM
113	Need major repairs - not enough income for costs	9/27/2023 1:18 PM
114	Nice house in nice neighborhood.	9/27/2023 12:51 PM
115	Country living, good neighbors	9/21/2023 2:38 PM
116	Na	9/20/2023 6:28 PM
117	I don't know.	9/20/2023 12:05 PM
118	its ok	9/20/2023 12:02 PM
119	I live on a farm so the place where I live is quiet.	9/20/2023 12:02 PM
120	No rent when I do work for my dad.	9/20/2023 12:01 PM
121	It's a house and it's mostly safe.	9/20/2023 11:07 AM
122	because its nice	9/20/2023 11:06 AM
123	It is out in the country and good community.	9/20/2023 11:06 AM

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124	It is not to central, but far away	9/20/2023 11:05 AM
125	because I live in a nice house	9/20/2023 11:04 AM
126	it is in a small town and quite	9/20/2023 11:04 AM
127	It is next to the river, I just wish it was out in the country	9/20/2023 11:04 AM
128	Amazing property	9/20/2023 11:03 AM
129	idk	9/20/2023 11:03 AM
130	no	9/20/2023 11:02 AM
131	My family is all together and we all just agree and enjoy time together.	9/20/2023 11:02 AM
132	I like the house that me and my family live in and I don't have any problems with it.	9/20/2023 11:02 AM
133	We built the home back in 2018 and my parents designed it to be perfect for our family.	9/20/2023 11:02 AM
134	It a nice house.	9/20/2023 11:02 AM
135	its a great place	9/20/2023 10:05 AM
136	Fits my family well	9/20/2023 10:02 AM
137	rural, quiet, cleaned up	9/20/2023 9:57 AM
138	because it i out in the country	9/20/2023 9:56 AM
139	Great small town with great people	9/20/2023 9:55 AM
140	rather not	9/20/2023 9:55 AM
141	.	9/20/2023 9:53 AM
142	.	9/20/2023 9:53 AM
143	its my home	9/18/2023 9:03 AM
144	It's mine	9/17/2023 7:20 AM
145	Size, location and paid for	9/16/2023 4:02 PM
146	Love my house and neighborhood	9/15/2023 8:20 AM
147	For older retired people there are few options when it comes to have garage and everything on one level	9/7/2023 10:51 AM
148	Because we own it and even though it's difficult, we are able to pay taxes, but not do all the upkeep. Taxes keep going up, fixed income.	9/7/2023 10:29 AM
149	We just like it here.	9/6/2023 11:14 AM
150	It's a nice home	9/6/2023 10:57 AM
151	On the farm	9/1/2023 3:27 PM
152	Private and wildlife in the area.	8/29/2023 6:11 PM
153	Love our farm but taxes went up a lot in the last few years and that's hard on us.	8/28/2023 10:06 AM
154	I own a house in the country with an acreage on a paved road	8/26/2023 1:38 PM
155	It's a comfortable and affordable home.	8/24/2023 2:38 PM
156	adequate	8/24/2023 8:15 AM
157	View of Mississippi River, lots of greenery and wildlife.	8/23/2023 11:42 AM
158	Acreage	8/22/2023 2:38 AM
159	We found a home suitable for two seniors.	8/21/2023 11:18 AM
160	I own it	8/21/2023 11:12 AM

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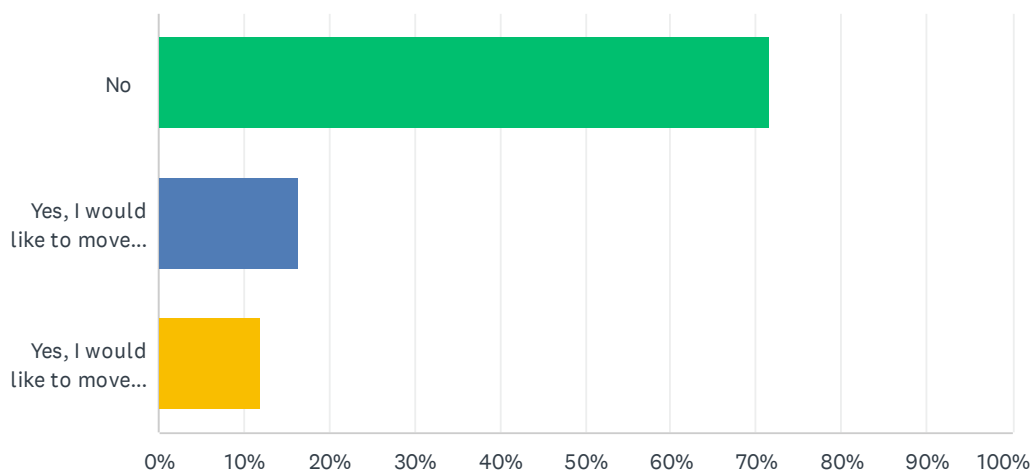
161	It is paid for	8/21/2023 9:33 AM
162	Not easy for senior to get around	8/18/2023 12:45 PM
163	I built	8/18/2023 11:14 AM
164	Like location and home.	8/17/2023 8:27 PM
165	It is more affordable than other near by counties	8/17/2023 7:31 PM
166	Great landlord and price	8/17/2023 7:29 PM
167	It's modern and affordable	8/17/2023 6:31 PM
168	In a flood plain. No help available from community or county.	8/17/2023 12:15 PM
169	Need more garage space	8/16/2023 10:35 PM
170	We found a old, well-maintained house that I really love.	8/16/2023 10:30 AM
171	Rural living	8/16/2023 7:11 AM
172	Nice town with plenty of activities	8/16/2023 7:03 AM
173	I like where we live and my house is paid for.	8/15/2023 3:45 PM
174	Location	8/15/2023 3:27 PM
175	Nice neighborhood, safe, quiet, friendly	8/15/2023 3:19 PM
176	no debt. Quiet.	8/15/2023 2:05 PM
177	too much for me to manage	8/14/2023 10:13 AM
178	I own my own home. It is centrally located and I can walk to alit if the places I need to go. Grandkids are a quick walk or car drive away.	8/14/2023 9:37 AM
179	all paid for and handicapped accessible	8/13/2023 5:56 PM
180	20year old new building	8/12/2023 1:21 PM
181	I love the location and neighborhood I live in	8/11/2023 8:28 PM
182	We have a small acreage in the country and love the lifestyle	8/11/2023 10:43 AM
183	Great landlord, location good rate	8/11/2023 9:29 AM
184	Live in the country with wooded area surrounding me	8/11/2023 7:30 AM
185	quality, affordable house in a safe community; don't underestimate the importance of being able to go to bed at night and not worry about your safety	8/11/2023 6:27 AM
186	Only 9 more payments!	8/10/2023 6:29 PM
187	It's mine.	8/10/2023 6:28 PM
188	I own my house and it is manageable and in good condition in a good location	8/10/2023 5:53 PM
189	I was able to find and purchase a good home within my budget. That is very hard to do nowadays, for most folks.	8/10/2023 5:34 PM
190	We need to do a lot more updates to it.	8/10/2023 5:33 PM
191	We purchased this home in 1968. We have taken care of it and added on and find it very comfortable.	8/10/2023 1:42 PM
192	Nice place, no mortgage, nice neighbors	8/10/2023 12:21 PM
193	Close to work	8/10/2023 12:00 PM
194	I own it and can take care of it ourselves, for now	8/10/2023 12:42 AM
195	Great house good neighborhood	8/9/2023 8:45 PM
196	Need a bigger yard & garage	8/9/2023 11:38 AM

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197	Location	8/8/2023 3:46 PM
198	I live in one of the nicer neighborhoods of Maquoketa	8/8/2023 10:59 AM
199	Nice quiet neighborhood close to schools and businesses.	8/8/2023 10:25 AM
200	Tell you why I'm satisfied with my house???? Because I live on a dead end which seems to be keeping the crackhead thieves that ride around on bikes away from my residence.	8/7/2023 7:20 PM
201	The landlord don't take care of anything.	8/7/2023 12:58 PM
202	I have all of the necessities and many extra options that I enjoy.	8/3/2023 4:02 PM
203	Great neighborhood	7/31/2023 5:36 PM
204	There is adequate housing to meet the needs of most residents.	7/31/2023 9:23 AM
205	Could use more affordable condos for Seniors.	7/30/2023 11:30 AM
206	it was a last ditch option since we couldn't afford anything else	7/28/2023 3:30 PM
207	We would like to own our own house but have not been able to due to financial restrictions.	7/27/2023 2:47 PM
208	Want to own my own home.	7/26/2023 1:42 PM
209	It's been my home for 40 years	7/26/2023 1:18 PM
210	It satisfies my needs	7/26/2023 11:43 AM
211	Because we built it	7/26/2023 9:19 AM
212	I would like to own my own place, but it is difficult to find anything decent for a reasonable price	7/26/2023 7:23 AM
213	I wish there were more nice houses available for under \$200,000.	7/25/2023 3:05 PM

Q15 Would you like to move to a different house or apartment

Answered: 403 Skipped: 60



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	71.71%	289
Yes, I would like to move to a different house or apartment in Jackson County	16.38%	66
Yes, I would like to move to a different house or apartment outside of Jackson County	11.91%	48
TOTAL		403

#	PLEASE TELL US WHY.	DATE
1	Maybe someplace smaller with less work.	5/8/2024 9:10 PM
2	Would like to move out of town to rural property	5/8/2024 8:42 PM
3	I would like to build a different house with a basement on my acreage	5/6/2024 3:28 PM
4	No opportunities for profession after college graduation	3/28/2024 10:02 AM
5	Spouse wants a warmer climate at some point.	3/21/2024 10:47 PM
6	See #14	1/29/2024 3:30 PM
7	My Daughter wants to Graduate from here. 2 1/2 more years	1/1/2024 3:12 AM
8	I would like to own land and build there	12/6/2023 10:12 AM
9	As I age and my property taxes keep going up, I may not be able to afford the maintenance and up keep.	12/4/2023 9:10 AM
10	my grandchildren	11/27/2023 5:03 PM
11	Would like to live with less responsibility for all maintenance.	11/27/2023 10:23 AM
12	I love my house	11/25/2023 1:49 PM
13	I am comfortable in my hopme.	11/18/2023 2:32 PM
14	not happy	11/9/2023 9:49 AM
15	School issues	11/7/2023 11:05 PM

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16	Neighbors need to clean up their property	11/7/2023 1:14 PM
17	I like my set up	11/2/2023 9:57 AM
18	affordability of homes	10/30/2023 10:35 AM
19	Would like to live in the country but the prices are too high. School also wants to raise property taxes.	10/29/2023 1:04 PM
20	Love our townhouse	10/26/2023 12:33 PM
21	Too much petty stealing in town, drugs.	10/25/2023 10:14 AM
22	I am maturing and would like to situate myself for the future	10/25/2023 8:41 AM
23	Because I like my house and where it's at it's just impossible to get any grants or anything to help fix it up	10/24/2023 6:56 PM
24	There isn't any available that my children can still go to school in Bellevue.	10/23/2023 8:35 AM
25	South where it is warm	10/20/2023 8:34 AM
26	In the future for potential employment opportunity	10/19/2023 4:55 PM
27	To own instead of rent.	10/18/2023 5:49 PM
28	I would like to build closer to Maquoketa	10/17/2023 8:45 AM
29	Love my location	10/16/2023 1:45 PM
30	The taxes are lower	10/15/2023 9:44 AM
31	Taxes are too high to move	10/15/2023 7:09 AM
32	Happy where we are for a while.	10/14/2023 8:00 PM
33	Outgrowing home and would like to move but housing is ridiculously overpriced.	10/13/2023 10:26 PM
34	see above	10/12/2023 7:46 PM
35	I miss having a home.	10/11/2023 7:46 AM
36	Neiydo not maintain properties	10/10/2023 8:38 PM
37	like my rural community / neighbors... extremely conservative , communicative, supportive.	10/10/2023 11:27 AM
38	we just moved into this house and it is a good size for us	10/10/2023 11:10 AM
39	See comment above.	10/9/2023 8:03 PM
40	Near family	10/9/2023 4:14 PM
41	Not interested in moving	10/9/2023 8:56 AM
42	Born and raised	10/8/2023 7:22 PM
43	Happy where I am and being disabled I have a safe apartment.	10/5/2023 10:13 PM
44	Their is little in the area to do	10/5/2023 8:35 PM
45	Ours is an old house and in 2 floors	10/5/2023 9:52 AM
46	Our dream is to own a home with hunting land.	10/4/2023 8:18 PM
47	Lower taxes, larger lots	10/4/2023 7:52 PM
48	I live where I live to help take care of my father in law but it needs a lot of work and he isn't putting the money into it that it needs.	10/4/2023 7:39 PM
49	Taxes and population growth	10/4/2023 7:36 PM
50	Need a larger garage and more land.	10/4/2023 3:33 PM
51	Once we outgrow this house	10/3/2023 8:44 PM
52	Selling farm moving in 30 days	10/3/2023 6:53 PM

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53	Explained in previous comment section. The super low income residents keep growing as the middle class and upper seem to become lesser.	10/3/2023 12:18 PM
54	Not currently, however may in future to get away from city politics	10/3/2023 10:47 AM
55	Not moving unless there is a need because of retirement, income, health	10/3/2023 9:22 AM
56	Something more affordable	10/3/2023 7:27 AM
57	Zero pride in residents of Maquoketa. It only takes a few that city officials do not deal with.	10/2/2023 10:38 AM
58	After school I will be moving to a larger city for my career.	10/2/2023 10:22 AM
59	Eventually to QC area for schools, kids activities	10/2/2023 9:36 AM
60	I like this house	10/1/2023 10:28 PM
61	My home has so many safety risks as lots was diy before we moved in	9/30/2023 11:49 PM
62	Iowa has become extremely conservative. We don't feel as if we belong here anymore.	9/30/2023 7:29 PM
63	Not my ideal forever area. I plan to put my money where I will be happy.	9/30/2023 3:26 AM
64	We're building on our property outside of city limits	9/29/2023 8:21 PM
65	Want a rural property	9/29/2023 6:43 PM
66	Bullying bullshit in middle/ highschool fights in school you letting in worthless ppl in here	9/29/2023 3:00 PM
67	Farm	9/29/2023 2:01 AM
68	Prefer not to	9/28/2023 9:37 PM
69	Meets our needs	9/28/2023 9:04 PM
70	As above	9/28/2023 7:51 PM
71	Our house meets the needs of our growing family and moving is such a pain.	9/28/2023 8:41 AM
72	too difficult to move to another location	9/28/2023 6:34 AM
73	Happy in my neighborhood	9/27/2023 10:33 PM
74	I would like to live on a hard surface road	9/21/2023 2:38 PM
75	I like living in the country.	9/20/2023 12:05 PM
76	cause could be better	9/20/2023 12:02 PM
77	my parents almost have their house paid off	9/20/2023 12:01 PM
78	I would like to feel a little space for just me past a room.	9/20/2023 12:01 PM
79	Downsizing	9/20/2023 11:31 AM
80	Because the people here are not the same with the schools.	9/20/2023 11:07 AM
81	because I like my current house	9/20/2023 11:06 AM
82	I am only 16 I am not sure where I want to go.	9/20/2023 11:06 AM
83	I can't afford it right now.	9/20/2023 11:05 AM
84	because I live in a nice house	9/20/2023 11:04 AM
85	I don't like being away from family	9/20/2023 11:04 AM
86	I would like to live in Wyoming	9/20/2023 11:04 AM
87	idk	9/20/2023 11:03 AM
88	my house is fine	9/20/2023 11:02 AM
89	Since I have grown up in Jackson County I think it would be interesting to have a change.	9/20/2023 11:02 AM

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90	I am fine with my current house	9/20/2023 11:02 AM
91	Once I graduate I would like to move out of Bellevue/Jackson County	9/20/2023 11:02 AM
92	I like my house, I grew up in it.	9/20/2023 11:02 AM
93	I like our house now	9/20/2023 10:05 AM
94	I would like to experience a different community	9/20/2023 10:02 AM
95	great people in the county	9/20/2023 9:57 AM
96	.	9/20/2023 9:53 AM
97	.	9/20/2023 9:53 AM
98	This was grandparents house.	9/17/2023 7:20 AM
99	I like where I live	9/16/2023 4:02 PM
100	Maybe, if I could find a place with everything on one level	9/7/2023 10:51 AM
101	More than a bigger city for things to do as in adult	9/7/2023 10:40 AM
102	Moving is difficult.	9/6/2023 11:14 AM
103	It's home to me.	9/6/2023 10:57 AM
104	Farm	9/1/2023 3:27 PM
105	Not happy	8/31/2023 2:30 PM
106	Built my home the way we want it.	8/29/2023 6:11 PM
107	I am in a good location	8/26/2023 1:38 PM
108	Would love to move out to the country.	8/25/2023 1:39 PM
109	I would like some land.	8/24/2023 2:38 PM
110	I love my house and location.	8/23/2023 11:42 AM
111	I like what I have	8/22/2023 2:38 AM
112	See last response	8/21/2023 9:33 AM
113	Something more accessible for a senior	8/18/2023 12:45 PM
114	Would like to downsize.	8/17/2023 8:27 PM
115	Interest rates	8/17/2023 6:31 PM
116	To exit the flood plain and upgrade to a home suitable for retirement.	8/17/2023 12:15 PM
117	I'm satisfied with our current situation.	8/16/2023 10:30 AM
118	My house is paid for and i am happy right where I am.	8/15/2023 3:45 PM
119	Opportunities	8/15/2023 3:27 PM
120	Need larger community with more elderly services	8/14/2023 10:13 AM
121	too many silos within communities and cliques	8/12/2023 1:21 PM
122	I love my house the negative is the property taxes are too high	8/11/2023 8:28 PM
123	My home is over 105 years old and would like to have a newer smaller house	8/11/2023 3:43 PM
124	Very satisfying where we are.	8/11/2023 10:43 AM
125	Hoping to buy our own home	8/11/2023 9:29 AM
126	it's my ancestral family home. I won't move until I have to.	8/10/2023 7:21 PM
127	My house will treat my family nicely for the foreseeable future. Moving somewhere else and starting over would be too expensive.	8/10/2023 5:34 PM

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128	Retirement - Independent Living - Senior Living	8/10/2023 12:30 PM
129	It suits our needs for now, but may eventually move closer to our children.	8/10/2023 12:21 PM
130	It is to costly to keep living here in Maquoketa. Keep raising prices on MMEU, water, gas and cable.	8/10/2023 12:00 PM
131	1 story house with full basement	8/10/2023 11:27 AM
132	1 story house with full basement	8/10/2023 9:41 AM
133	1 story house with full basement	8/10/2023 9:32 AM
134	House and yard becoming too much work.	8/9/2023 2:27 PM
135	Want to stay in Maq area	8/9/2023 11:38 AM
136	Working in dubuque	8/8/2023 10:47 AM
137	Closer to family	8/8/2023 10:35 AM
138	Potentially we would for the opportunity of a bigger property.	8/8/2023 10:25 AM
139	Be safer.	8/7/2023 12:58 PM
140	I like this area.	8/3/2023 4:02 PM
141	I would like to move further into the rural area of Jackson County.	8/2/2023 11:25 AM
142	Want to live in the country/rural area of county	8/1/2023 1:59 PM
143	Our current home meets our basic needs.	7/31/2023 9:23 AM
144	Not sure at this time.	7/30/2023 11:30 AM
145	safer, better quality, fewer pests, fewer maintenace issues	7/28/2023 3:30 PM
146	My wife works in the quad cities and my social center is in Dubuque.	7/27/2023 2:47 PM
147	I would like to own my own place so I can gain equity, rather than wasting money on rent	7/26/2023 7:23 AM

Q16 If you would like to move, but have not, please tell us why.

Answered: 122 Skipped: 341

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I like where I am.	5/8/2024 9:10 PM
2	Availability and cost in preferred location	5/8/2024 8:42 PM
3	Family	5/6/2024 3:28 PM
4	n/a	3/26/2024 8:21 PM
5	Family ties and we have made a life here, but others struggle.	3/21/2024 10:47 PM
6	A eages not affordable based on current income at a Jackson County based factory	1/29/2024 3:30 PM
7	N/A	1/1/2024 3:12 AM
8	The reason I continue to live here is because I have prime crop ground.	12/12/2023 9:22 PM
9	No one is selling in the Miles area	12/6/2023 10:12 AM
10	Family still in the area.	12/4/2023 9:10 AM
11	Everything's been come to unaffordable, and it seems like Jackson County is raising taxes on everybody when the houses are up pricewise. Now they're starting to live off and go down but your taxes don't change.	11/27/2023 5:03 PM
12	Not quite ready	11/27/2023 10:23 AM
13	can't afford or able	11/9/2023 9:49 AM
14	affordable housing in a town with more amenities	11/9/2023 9:17 AM
15	Better careers	11/9/2023 9:00 AM
16	Currently looking	11/7/2023 11:05 PM
17	Interest rates are too high	11/7/2023 5:39 PM
18	To get away from the clicky city council , the neighbors who don't follow rules and get away with it and also to get away from us giving into people who make things difficult for everyone else	11/7/2023 1:34 PM
19	Costs	11/7/2023 1:14 PM
20	Family	10/30/2023 10:35 AM
21	Can't find a property or a house in my price range.	10/29/2023 1:04 PM
22	Can't afford to move	10/25/2023 10:14 AM
23	Money	10/25/2023 9:23 AM
24	Ranch style homes are not on the market for long and are usually in the sale pending state when information is available.	10/25/2023 8:41 AM
25	I would like to keep my children in Bellevue school district but I can't find a house that we can afford.	10/23/2023 8:35 AM
26	Dubuque and DeWitt are more attractive however we have family and friends here now.	10/20/2023 11:35 AM
27	Warmth. More friendly, open minded people.	10/20/2023 8:34 AM
28	Cannot afford it	10/18/2023 5:49 PM
29	Life stage	10/17/2023 8:45 AM

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30	The cost of land is too expensive and the interest rates are high.	10/15/2023 9:44 AM
31	Taxes are too high	10/15/2023 7:09 AM
32	No affordable housing in the area. Everything is was overpriced and unattainable for working middle class family.	10/13/2023 10:26 PM
33	No riverfront homes for sale and land is not available for building.	10/11/2023 7:46 AM
34	I am taking care of my mother who is in her 90"s. I will stay as long as I am needed.	10/10/2023 3:36 PM
35	hawaii or washington state would be awesome . sticker shock realty prices	10/10/2023 11:27 AM
36	Many opportunities to invest in renovating incredible and affordable houses here.	10/9/2023 8:03 PM
37	Trying to find something affordable	10/9/2023 6:33 AM
38	Money	10/8/2023 7:22 PM
39	I recently moved to my first home in 2022, prior to I lived in rural Jackson County	10/8/2023 4:18 PM
40	Waiting for daughter to graduate	10/5/2023 8:35 PM
41	Cost and less yard space with most areas	10/5/2023 9:52 AM
42	Land prices in Iowa are expensive.	10/4/2023 8:18 PM
43	Haven't found the right home yet.	10/4/2023 7:52 PM
44	My father in law and parents	10/4/2023 7:39 PM
45	Interest rates	10/4/2023 7:36 PM
46	Can't afford to pay the current cost of housing.	10/4/2023 3:33 PM
47	More opportunities for my children. Maquoketa doesn't offer much for them; town sports teams again, outside pool, acitivities.	10/4/2023 2:53 PM
48	Family	10/3/2023 12:18 PM
49	I have family who would like to, however, landlords are buying up affordable housing	10/3/2023 10:47 AM
50	Looking for land to build on, outside the city for privacy.	10/2/2023 1:44 PM
51	Can't afford anything	9/30/2023 11:49 PM
52	Waiting for retirement.	9/30/2023 7:29 PM
53	N/A	9/30/2023 6:43 AM
54	Saving for my "ideal forever"	9/30/2023 3:26 AM
55	There are not new home available	9/29/2023 9:25 PM
56	Covid prices on building materials have to come down a bit more	9/29/2023 8:21 PM
57	Availability and expense	9/29/2023 6:43 PM
58	cost of renting	9/29/2023 4:58 PM
59	NA	9/29/2023 3:58 PM
60	Same above, no one wants to do thier public duty in schools and crack the whip on lame bullshit but they're happy to take the check they get	9/29/2023 3:00 PM
61	Would like to move closer to family but that is probably not happening anytime soon.	9/29/2023 2:56 PM
62	Searching.	9/28/2023 9:37 PM
63	As above. Nothing available to rent that is "decent" or pet friendly. I would like amenities as most larger cities have. Gated community with covered parking or garages. Swim pool / hot tub. Club room, fitness center. A NICE new apartment complex with restricted access, security and cameras.	9/28/2023 7:51 PM
64	cost, prefer to stay in current area, nothing available	9/27/2023 1:18 PM

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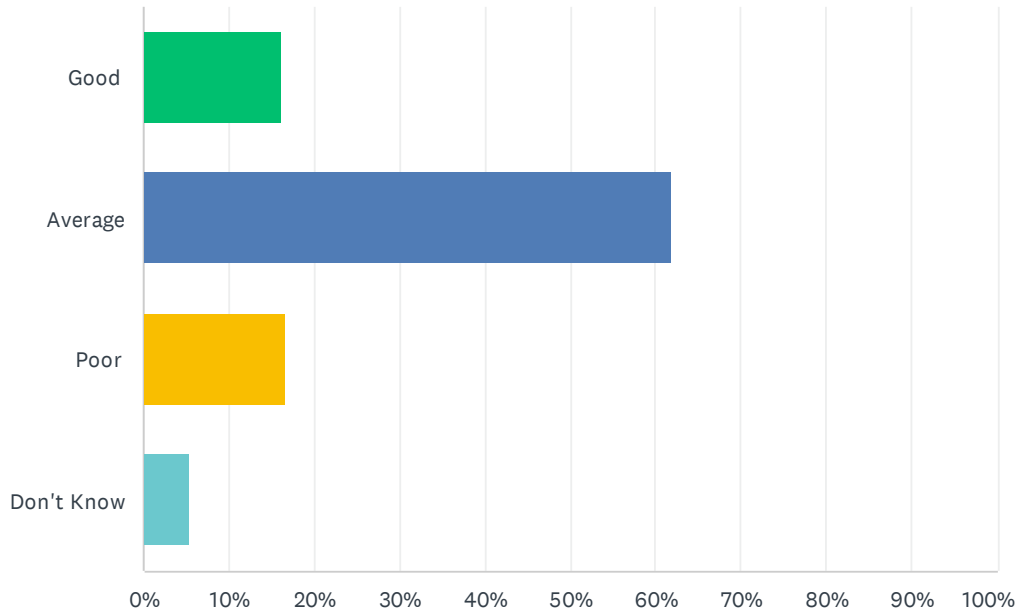
65	Just bought a lot to build a new house. It will depend on the cost of building materials and interest	9/21/2023 2:38 PM
66	Everything is so expensive.	9/20/2023 12:05 PM
67	cause I'm 17	9/20/2023 12:02 PM
68	Still too young.	9/20/2023 12:01 PM
69	Have not found housing that we feel fits our lifestyle. Many houses are an eyesore and nothing seems to be getting done to improve the current problems. There are grants available to help fund some of these needs.	9/20/2023 11:31 AM
70	I plan to go to college out of state.	9/20/2023 11:07 AM
71	I'm a minor.	9/20/2023 11:07 AM
72	I am not old enough.	9/20/2023 11:06 AM
73	I want to see more of the world. Experience more diversity	9/20/2023 11:05 AM
74	Staying with my mom until 18	9/20/2023 11:04 AM
75	I am only 16	9/20/2023 11:04 AM
76	bc im to young to move	9/20/2023 11:03 AM
77	I am still in highschool.	9/20/2023 11:02 AM
78	Too young	9/20/2023 11:02 AM
79	I am still in high school	9/20/2023 10:02 AM
80	still in high school,	9/20/2023 9:57 AM
81	to get away from the people around this area	9/20/2023 9:55 AM
82	.	9/20/2023 9:53 AM
83	.	9/20/2023 9:53 AM
84	We need some condos with elevators for older people.	9/7/2023 10:51 AM
85	Bad economy all over. World is in turmoil and will be for some time.	9/7/2023 10:40 AM
86	We like our home. Yes, we would like to fix it up, but its our home.	9/7/2023 5:24 AM
87	n/a	9/1/2023 3:27 PM
88	I'm not happy living here.	8/31/2023 2:30 PM
89	N/A	8/26/2023 1:38 PM
90	Can't afford to buy a property with a little land.	8/25/2023 1:39 PM
91	Land prices were high when I moved here and have only gone up precipitously since.	8/24/2023 2:38 PM
92	N/a	8/22/2023 2:38 AM
93	Bigger cities have a lot more opportunities	8/21/2023 9:33 AM
94	Lack of choices	8/18/2023 12:45 PM
95	Would like a 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo - none available!	8/17/2023 8:27 PM
96	Financial situation, cost of housing, interest rates, poor economy.	8/17/2023 12:15 PM
97	Cheap housing but yes, I would like to build a garage, but do not have the space.	8/16/2023 10:35 PM
98	Kids are in school	8/15/2023 3:27 PM
99	Interest Rates	8/14/2023 10:13 AM
100	farm	8/12/2023 1:21 PM

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101	To costly to move from current location	8/11/2023 3:43 PM
102	N/A	8/11/2023 10:43 AM
103	Not quite ready	8/11/2023 9:29 AM
104	Still looking out of Maquoketa	8/10/2023 12:00 PM
105	One with no steps	8/10/2023 11:38 AM
106	Can't afford prices.	8/10/2023 11:27 AM
107	Can't afford prices	8/10/2023 9:41 AM
108	Can't afford housing and property taxes.	8/10/2023 9:32 AM
109	No condos available.	8/9/2023 2:27 PM
110	Prices	8/9/2023 11:38 AM
111	Cost	8/8/2023 10:47 AM
112	High interest rate, high housing costs.	8/8/2023 10:35 AM
113	There is nothing wrong with where we currently live, very nice neighborhood.	8/8/2023 10:25 AM
114	Have moved out of town.	8/7/2023 12:58 PM
115	The cost of land is high.	8/2/2023 11:25 AM
116	Cost of land	8/1/2023 1:59 PM
117	I would move closer to Maq. But I would need to travel to bigger city for healthcare	7/30/2023 11:30 AM
118	I am incredibly under paid for my skill level and years of experience	7/28/2023 3:30 PM
119	Financial restrictions.	7/27/2023 2:47 PM
120	No good alternatives	7/26/2023 9:19 AM
121	It is difficult to find anything decent in Jackson County for a reasonable price	7/26/2023 7:23 AM
122	Housing market is crazy!	7/25/2023 3:05 PM

Q17 How would you rate the quality of housing in Jackson County overall?

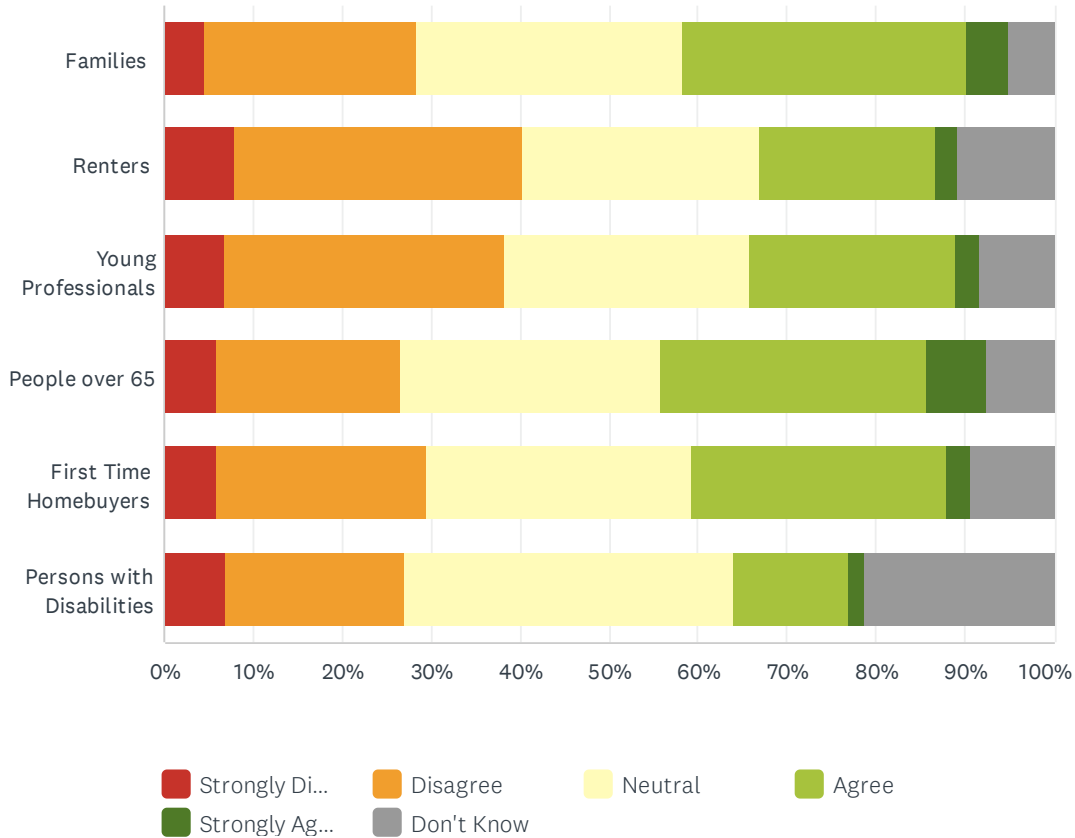
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Good	16.30%	66
Average	61.73%	250
Poor	16.54%	67
Don't Know	5.43%	22
TOTAL		405

Q18 Please think for a moment about the mix of housing in Jackson County today. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. Jackson County has good quality, affordable housing options for...

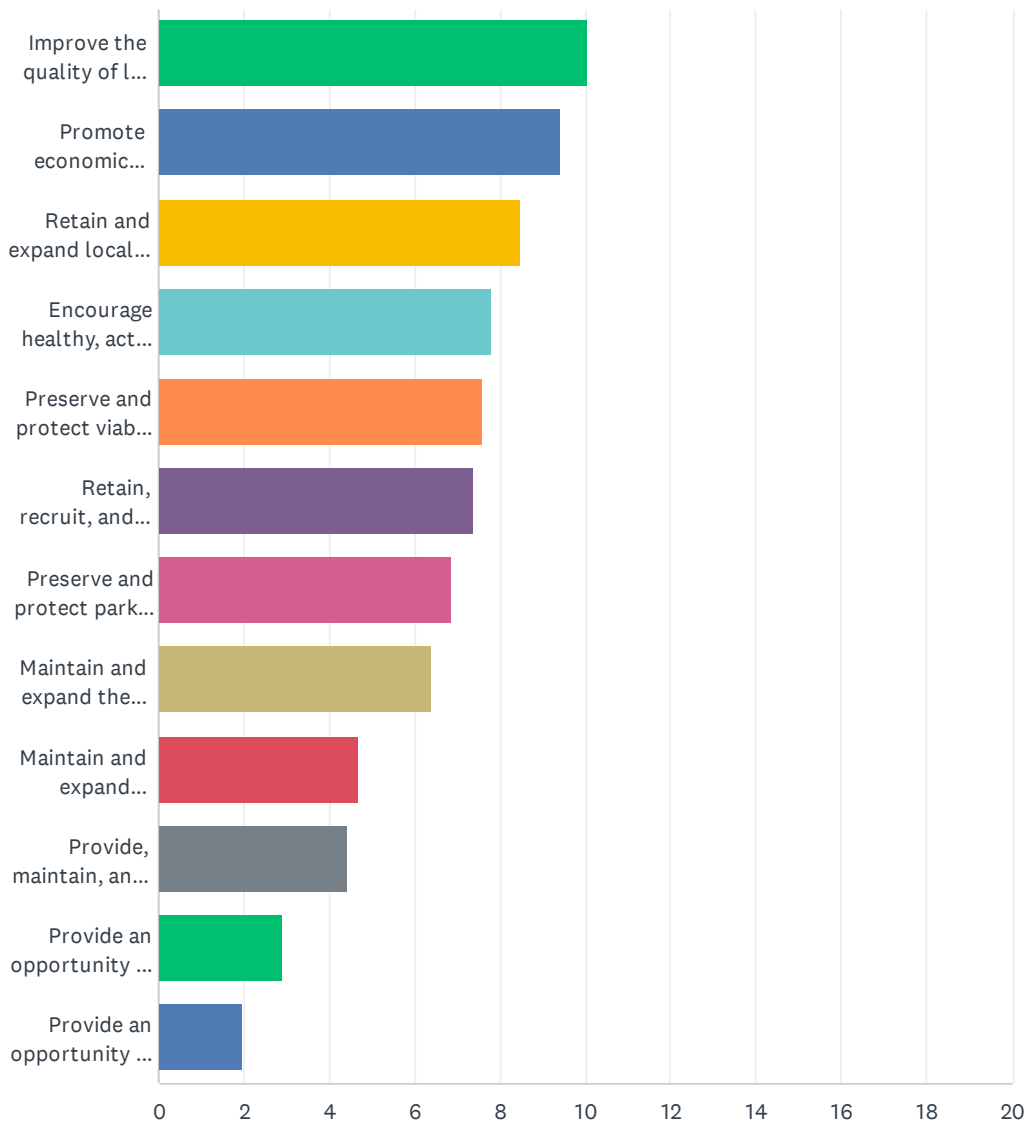
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	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEUTRAL	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Families	4.41% 18	24.02% 98	29.90% 122	31.86% 130	4.66% 19	5.15% 21	408	3.24
Renters	7.90% 32	32.35% 131	26.67% 108	19.75% 80	2.47% 10	10.86% 44	405	3.09
Young Professionals	6.65% 27	31.53% 128	27.59% 112	23.15% 94	2.71% 11	8.37% 34	406	3.09
People over 65	5.90% 24	20.64% 84	29.24% 119	29.98% 122	6.63% 27	7.62% 31	407	3.34
First Time Homebuyers	5.93% 24	23.46% 95	29.88% 121	28.64% 116	2.72% 11	9.38% 38	405	3.27
Persons with Disabilities	6.90% 28	20.20% 82	36.95% 150	12.81% 52	1.97% 8	21.18% 86	406	3.46

Q19 Please think for a moment about what you want Jackson County to focus on in the future. Rank the following items from 1 to 12 based on their importance to the future growth and development. 1 is the most important and 12 is the least important. Use the arrows on the right side of each item to move it up and down in the list or click and hold on the four line symbol on the right side of the item to drag it to its place on the list.

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Improve the quality of life for current and future residents	39.07% 143	19.40% 71	9.56% 35	10.11% 37	6.28% 23	5.19% 19	4.64% 17	2.19% 8	1.91% 7	0.55% 2	0.27% 1
Promote economic development within and around cities	21.58% 79	23.50% 86	12.84% 47	14.48% 53	6.83% 25	8.74% 32	2.46% 9	3.83% 14	2.19% 8	1.91% 7	0.55% 2
Retain and expand local businesses and jobs	4.92% 18	11.75% 43	14.75% 54	15.30% 56	29.51% 108	11.20% 41	5.19% 19	3.01% 11	3.01% 11	1.09% 4	0.00% 0
Encourage healthy, active living for all residents	3.55% 13	9.02% 33	14.21% 52	22.13% 81	8.74% 32	12.30% 45	10.66% 39	8.47% 31	5.46% 20	3.28% 12	1.37% 5
Preserve and protect viable land for agriculture	12.57% 46	10.11% 37	15.85% 58	9.29% 34	8.20% 30	8.47% 31	7.65% 28	6.01% 22	4.64% 17	6.83% 25	2.19% 8
Retain, recruit, and build a highly skilled workforce	2.19% 8	7.92% 29	11.48% 42	7.65% 28	15.03% 55	23.22% 85	15.03% 55	7.10% 26	5.74% 21	2.46% 9	1.37% 5
Preserve and protect parks, open spaces, and natural resources	4.64% 17	7.65% 28	6.83% 25	5.74% 21	7.92% 29	12.57% 46	27.32% 100	13.39% 49	5.74% 21	6.28% 23	1.64% 6
Maintain and expand the variety of housing types, costs, and locations	5.74% 21	3.83% 14	7.10% 26	7.10% 26	7.38% 27	6.56% 24	11.20% 41	31.15% 114	10.66% 39	6.01% 22	2.19% 8
Maintain and expand attractions for tourists and residents	2.19% 8	3.28% 12	1.91% 7	4.92% 18	5.46% 20	5.74% 21	6.28% 23	7.92% 29	15.57% 57	33.06% 121	6.28% 23
Provide, maintain, and improve the safety and efficiency of the transportation network	2.73% 10	1.64% 6	2.19% 8	1.64% 6	1.91% 7	3.55% 13	5.74% 21	12.02% 44	36.07% 132	20.49% 75	4.92% 18
Provide an opportunity for solar	0.27% 1	1.37% 5	1.37% 5	1.09% 4	1.37% 5	1.91% 7	2.46% 9	3.83% 14	5.74% 21	13.39% 49	60.66% 222

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energy facilities

Provide an opportunity for wind energy facilities	0.55% 2	0.55% 2	1.91% 7	0.55% 2	1.37% 5	0.55% 2	1.37% 5	1.09% 4	3.28% 12	4.64% 17	18.58% 68
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Q20 What else do you think should be a growth and development priority?

Answered: 146 Skipped: 317

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Good paying union jobs. Stop pushing unions out/ making safe haven for not union jobs	5/14/2024 1:54 PM
2	Prioritize infants and young children's health and parenting. Mentor parents.	5/12/2024 10:36 AM
3	I know that it is out of everyone's control, but lower prices on food items and other things would be greatly appreciated.	5/8/2024 9:14 PM
4	Asphalt highly trafficked gravels roads	5/8/2024 9:55 AM
5	Imrpove focus on good education and stop building facilities for extra curricular activities	5/5/2024 8:50 PM
6	Daycare! Nursing homes!	3/26/2024 8:27 PM
7	A major transportation route east-west to connect sides of county.	3/21/2024 10:53 PM
8	Encourage building within city limits, stop taking good/productive ground out of production	3/13/2024 10:27 AM
9	Water quality and adequate zoning and limitation of DNR and conservation acquisitions of ag land	3/11/2024 3:15 PM
10	Healthcare facilities	3/11/2024 10:06 AM
11	The community College should offer classes in manufacturing skills. Ie. Auto Cad, Excel, Basic carpentry skills, welding and fabricating.	1/29/2024 3:34 PM
12	Schools Jobs Amenities	1/3/2024 12:36 PM
13	Make Mental Health a Priority, Improving schools and Educational Opportunities, More Local Entertainment/Activities/Restaurants	1/1/2024 3:19 AM
14	Encourage diversity. Increase education oportunities, graduation rates.	12/15/2023 9:58 AM
15	When Iowa becomes legal, allow a dispensary. Bring in higher paying jobs. Ons on healthcare. Bring more activities for children that are inside the City Limits.	12/12/2023 9:24 PM
16	Better funding for law enforcement, fire and ems. Better roads. Better funding for smaller towns.	12/6/2023 10:13 AM
17	Because Jackson County has a good future if it does the right things and makes this area available at a reasonable cost, and a great scenic and peaceful environment.	11/27/2023 5:05 PM
18	Promote tourism attractions/businesses. Tourism seeds the entire economy of Jackson County. Tourists spend dollars in businesses which therefore provide jobs for residents which in turn gives them money to spend in local business. Tourism dollars go full circle. That is a fact that cannot be denied.	11/27/2023 10:25 AM
19	I don't know	11/25/2023 1:51 PM
20	Schools, parks, restaurants, nightlife activities, and retail shopping.	11/25/2023 11:59 AM
21	Bringing in industry businesses Job availability Drive down poor / drugs	11/25/2023 11:48 AM
22	More childcare availability	11/15/2023 9:48 AM
23	Go forward with the improvement of the greenspace in Maquoketa - rest rooms, stage. Could other towns improve public outdoor spaces?	11/15/2023 9:41 AM
24	maintain parks and trails; keep downtown shopping/amenities vibrant and growing	11/9/2023 9:22 AM
25	Rural road improvement (blacktop/asphalt)	11/9/2023 8:54 AM
26	Entrepreneur incentives	11/7/2023 5:36 PM

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27	This survey is already too long	10/27/2023 5:42 PM
28	Support for small business development and retention	10/26/2023 12:40 PM
29	Education. No bullying. We need a Burger King, Domino's Pizza, Go Kart track, multiple places to play Bingo. Make up for the dump Clinton Engines turned out to be- contaminated soil, air, water.	10/25/2023 10:16 AM
30	Focus on families with young children, if we cannot provide jobs, homes, and child care we will wither and die	10/25/2023 8:44 AM
31	SCHOOLS - focus on our youth and build up our schools. We have way too many kids going to other communities for school. Young families should want to move here for our schools. Build and maintain young family activities (pools, splash pads, parks, campgrounds, etc) as well. Promoting our existing great features for families as well -- excellent library, medical facilities, shopping. We just need to add to it with better schools.	10/24/2023 1:32 PM
32	Reduce property tax rates.	10/24/2023 9:33 AM
33	More access to farmers markets and fresh foods locally grown wi 25 mi. Not big corporate grocery stores.	10/24/2023 7:43 AM
34	We as a county need to make healthy groceries more affordable! Make fast food pay more and less for healthier options!	10/24/2023 1:30 AM
35	Daycare	10/20/2023 8:16 PM
36	Ensuring that our transportation focus is road improvement. Our roads are horrible. More people want to live on hard surface roads that are well maintained and not breaking apart.	10/18/2023 5:54 PM
37	More shopping in Maquoketa.	10/17/2023 8:48 PM
38	Childcare and tax break for small business	10/17/2023 8:16 AM
39	Continuing to maintain and advance the school systems	10/16/2023 1:48 PM
40	Police the county better. Jackson county has a bad reputation. People from the surrounding areas think Jackson county has a drug problem. There is a reason it is referred to as meth-quoketa. Crack down on drugs in the community.	10/15/2023 9:54 AM
41	Lower Taxes, Improved Roads,	10/15/2023 7:11 AM
42	The previous list looks pretty good to me.	10/13/2023 10:31 PM
43	Better support of emergency medical services in small towns	10/12/2023 7:54 PM
44	Attract young professionals	10/12/2023 5:01 PM
45	Advertising what the area has to offer	10/12/2023 12:16 PM
46	retain public and private teachers ; educators / teachers / public library / museum / law enforcement: public service staff, and affiliated promotions, improvements / renovations/ construction - staff in these facilities & organizations with more benefits / perks / \$\$\$\$\$\$ for classrooms, park programs, historic restoration, small business development and also assist under-privileged students. the local Maquoketa Ohnward or Ohnward inc. that is involved in managing \$\$\$\$\$\$\$ estates donated... need to allocate A much higher percentage of donated estate monies that were donated trusting honest donors to the designated causes intended ...to their donated actual cause.... instead of OhnwardBancshares inc , this entity and entities associated with Ohnward... hoarding donated \$\$\$\$\$\$ for it's own private use / by accumulating interest % from it's private sector of loans , in business format... this practice seems like a conflict of interest with Ohnward \$ management/ estate services. When hard working peoples' estates were meant to be distributed toward the actual donated cause... like a museum , library , church , etc. Makes me go...Hmmm.	10/10/2023 11:45 AM
47	promoting the well-being of our children! Creating spaces and positive atmospheres and positive role models for children is the key to healthy future!	10/10/2023 11:28 AM
48	First, create a city that people want to visit. This will be attractive to the higher income residents that we want to attract. encourage and support the types of businesses that will be desirable to visitors and residents. Expect more from everything.	10/9/2023 8:05 PM

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49	Don't know	10/9/2023 4:17 PM
50	Quality sidewalks connected to residential neighborhoods (the sidewalks along Platt St in Maquoketa are AWESOME, but without them being connected to every residential neighborhood nearby, a mom still has to push her stroller in the street to get to them).	10/9/2023 12:35 PM
51	Housing the cost much less, for the elderly and disables	10/9/2023 8:58 AM
52	Lowering taxes. With lower taxes people retain more of their own money and will spend that money in the communities.	10/6/2023 8:56 AM
53	Nothing I can think of. I think you pretty much covered everything with the categories above.	10/5/2023 10:18 PM
54	Money to pave roads. Most have been done but the Caves Road is horrible.	10/5/2023 8:41 PM
55	City streets	10/5/2023 5:46 PM
56	Services for the disabled / handicapped, as not many are to be found in Maquoketa.	10/5/2023 2:38 PM
57	No more apartments or low price homes that encourage rentals- high density housing brings crime.	10/4/2023 7:54 PM
58	More business within the town	10/4/2023 2:54 PM
59	- Public Pool - Betterment Committee with young people !! - Resources for educators to deal with the bad students without punishing the greater population. - Incentives for our industrial loop so we attract new businesses (tax cuts)	10/4/2023 2:39 PM
60	Don't waste money on green energy. No one wants their taxes going up. The housing in Jackson county is fine don't be letting more section 8 slums in	10/3/2023 8:47 PM
61	As stated. Invite larger industry. Expand the utilities of each community to support better industry.. take a good look at what the community of Dyersville has created as far as industrial growth.	10/3/2023 12:22 PM
62	This was difficult to prioritize as all of the above are important to me	10/3/2023 10:51 AM
63	Childcare, getting workforce to help with our childcare	10/3/2023 7:28 AM
64	Paved roads.	10/2/2023 2:57 AM
65	If WE build it. They will come. Look at Peosta! I remember when it was a gravel road thru town.	10/1/2023 10:33 PM
66	New sidewalks on both sides of streets- currently many are not wheelchair or stroller friendly	9/30/2023 11:52 PM
67	Maquoketa needs to continue to invest in the arts, the murals, concerts, festival etc. have really begun to give the community a really unique flavor	9/30/2023 6:39 PM
68	Improving our education. String education leads to a string community and attracts a higher quality of people when they are deciding where to live.	9/30/2023 10:02 AM
69	This is one of the most beautiful counties in Iowa. Build upon that for tourism by offering more places to stay in the county for visitors so they stay here and do not take their money to another county to stay/eat. More local jobs. We cannot keep people here if they have to travel for work to larger cities. I grew up here, moved away for over 25 years and moved back. I am glad I did. However, even 30 years ago I couldn't have stayed in this area and have the career I have today. I had to leave to get the career and financial stability I have now to move back. I would not have wanted to spend 2 hours a day driving to my job while raising a family. That is a common thread. More jobs, brings more people and keeps more people. Everything else comes after that. If we don't have the people none of the improvements really matter.	9/30/2023 6:49 AM
70	Jobs jobs jons	9/30/2023 6:40 AM
71	Cleaning up the town outside of direct downtown as well. Holiday decors and banners. Attractions. Think of Dewitt - and expand on their ideas! The town is so nice. The people are great. Businesses are booming. Lots of options to eat that aren't just holes in the wall.	9/30/2023 3:29 AM
72	Definitely put more into our schools. More gym space. More class options. Bigger/more athletic options. Better schools will make more people want to live here. We have too many families leaving our school district.	9/29/2023 9:29 PM

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73	Housing	9/29/2023 4:51 PM
74	Conservation. I support agriculture because it's our dominating industry locally, BUT it needs to be sustainable in order to achieve some of the other goals on the 1-12 list.	9/29/2023 4:01 PM
75	Mental health and substance abuse care.	9/29/2023 2:07 AM
76	Industry jobs. City should NOT own land parcels!!	9/28/2023 9:39 PM
77	Perhaps a market or grocery store near the East end of Maquoketa so that area has access to purchasing food.	9/28/2023 8:00 PM
78	clean energy.	9/28/2023 6:39 AM
79	Schooling	9/27/2023 1:36 PM
80	Retaining businesses and attracting more manufacturing in Jackson County	9/21/2023 2:50 PM
81	How expensive everything is. The prices for everything needs to go down because people are struggling to make payments.	9/20/2023 12:06 PM
82	the food services and places to work	9/20/2023 12:04 PM
83	Education of the younger generations, jobs that have a good wage for 13-16 year olds	9/20/2023 12:03 PM
84	I don't know	9/20/2023 12:02 PM
85	Get more name brand restaurants like McDonalds and Dairyqueen.	9/20/2023 12:02 PM
86	solar power should be developed everywhere	9/20/2023 11:07 AM
87	I am not sure	9/20/2023 11:07 AM
88	I am not sure	9/20/2023 11:06 AM
89	Forcing people to clean up their scrummy property	9/20/2023 11:05 AM
90	I dont know.	9/20/2023 11:05 AM
91	nope	9/20/2023 11:05 AM
92	I think that just jobs having a higher pay or having a better section/area to live.	9/20/2023 11:04 AM
93	Uncertain	9/20/2023 11:04 AM
94	Idk	9/20/2023 11:03 AM
95	fix gravel roads	9/20/2023 9:59 AM
96	.	9/20/2023 9:54 AM
97	Keep it going for years. Sustainability.	9/17/2023 7:22 AM
98	Get rid of/offer less welfare housing	9/15/2023 8:20 AM
99	We obviously need some improvement of our sewer system. We could definitely make our towns greener and require the air polluting factories and businesses to curb their emissions and noxious smells. perhaps they should be required to plant trees around their facilities and build natural wind breaks to keep us from paying the cost of their business externalities. We make sure our public schools are well funded and giving students a broad sense of civic responsibility. We could regulate vehicles, night lighting, and other polluting sources, Be they- sound smell, light, water.	9/13/2023 10:19 AM
100	Wind won't work well in this area, research will tell you that. The top reasons people move are jobs, family and climate. If we don't get good jobs in this community we will die. The best paying jobs are government court house, city and county. When these are the best paying jobs you have a county in crisis.	9/7/2023 10:53 AM
101	Bring in some new blood for ideas. Retire all those that have locally been in office over three years and especially if over age 50.	9/7/2023 10:41 AM
102	Public Schools	9/7/2023 10:31 AM
103	Specialty clinics at JCRHC.	9/7/2023 5:29 AM

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104	Limiting the amount of rental houses. Far too high of a percentage of rental homes vs owned homes.	9/6/2023 11:20 AM
105	?	9/6/2023 11:05 AM
106	Rural healthcare	8/29/2023 6:17 PM
107	Family things to do. Need some indoor/winter options for sure.	8/28/2023 10:07 AM
108	Less junk sitting on farms and former stores and factories.	8/28/2023 9:58 AM
109	Make the Y affordable to everyone to become a member. Help with more in home affordable care for the elderly - such as daily visiting nurses. That may be more cost effective than paying for them in a nursing home	8/26/2023 1:42 PM
110	Make sure our schools have quality staff and facilities	8/21/2023 11:19 AM
111	Diversifying the county	8/21/2023 9:35 AM
112	restaurant choices	8/20/2023 9:45 AM
113	Senior housing Biking/walking paths	8/18/2023 12:46 PM
114	Attractions	8/17/2023 7:34 PM
115	Bike trail to Maquoketa caves	8/17/2023 7:32 PM
116	Better education for the kids.	8/17/2023 4:43 PM
117	Improving infrastructure.	8/17/2023 12:19 PM
118	Outside swimming pool, splash pad, and water park.	8/16/2023 10:40 PM
119	Mental health and social services.	8/16/2023 10:32 AM
120	Activities for families	8/16/2023 7:15 AM
121	Address, support the Child Care CRISIS	8/15/2023 2:07 PM
122	The Edwards properties that are in the city limits really have to get cleaned up. It's embarrassing for our city and its residents that we can't present our city in a more positive light. The property along Hwy 61 needs to be given immediate attention; followed by his other properties. Please, please do something about this!!!	8/15/2023 1:01 PM
123	Strong economic development director for Jackson County	8/13/2023 6:12 PM
124	Fiber optic internet access	8/11/2023 8:45 PM
125	Clean up the town. Take care of weeds. Private property needs to be de-junked. Fix green space. It has been a mess too long.	8/11/2023 6:54 AM
126	All items listed are important - tough to rank order. Top priorities for me are building the infrastructure to support the current and future population, making us more appealing for business growth and new business opportunities.	8/11/2023 6:31 AM
127	child care! education at all life and career stages.	8/10/2023 7:26 PM
128	I like what has been done so far in the downtown area of Maquoketa. I think having a vibrant downtown is essential for attracting people to live and visit. I support preservation of the greenspace area and building improvement.	8/10/2023 12:23 PM
129	Clean water	8/10/2023 11:39 AM
130	Activities for kids and family	8/10/2023 11:28 AM
131	Activities for family and kids	8/10/2023 9:41 AM
132	Activities for kids and adults	8/10/2023 9:33 AM
133	we should be able to feed our people easily	8/10/2023 12:47 AM
134	Prioritize mental health funding and availability to residents. Most of the issues associated with the lower income and higher crime areas of the county can be attributed to the lack of	8/8/2023 10:29 AM

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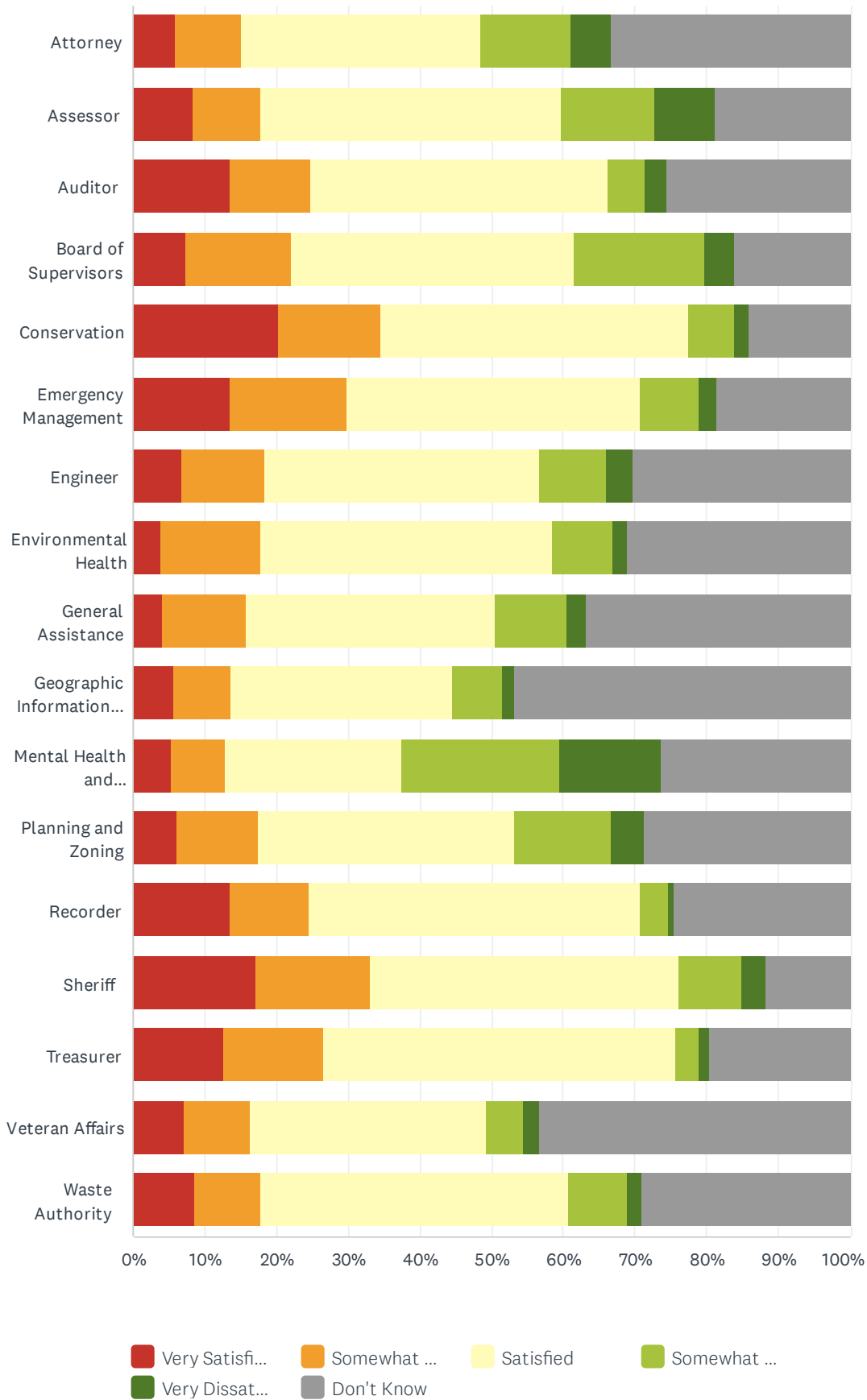
services provided to some of those residents. Especially coming out of a pandemic, there are needs in our schools and communities to address this properly.

135	Why do we have a hydroelectric dam in Maquoketa but we do not see a kickback off of it?	8/7/2023 7:24 PM
136	Things for seniors to do in town and more help for seniors with heat, water and food.	8/7/2023 12:59 PM
137	There needs to be more senior and disability housing available as our population ages.	8/3/2023 4:11 PM
138	Encourage people to take pride in where they live by taking care of their property- I am not suggesting needing to spend a lot money, but keeping it cleaned up, mowed, trimmed, etc	7/31/2023 5:45 PM
139	Sustainability of natural resources and support renewable fuel options in our community.	7/31/2023 9:27 AM
140	I think recruiting a highly skilled workforce it unlikely since they are few jobs that require brains. Where will these people work?	7/28/2023 10:36 AM
141	More campgrounds, we lack the sites to entice campers to spend time in Jackson County	7/27/2023 3:18 PM
142	there is nothing on this list for children / trying to keep children out of trouble / activities to get kids involved / splash pad	7/27/2023 10:43 AM
143	Families.	7/26/2023 1:43 PM
144	There are too many things to rank.	7/26/2023 1:17 PM
145	Jobs that pay well enough to promote financial gain and independence to move away from rental properties	7/26/2023 11:49 AM
146	More local businesses with fun activities for families with kids	7/25/2023 5:58 PM

Q21 Please think for a moment about the services provided by the government offices of Jackson County. Please indicate you level of satisfaction with each of the County offices listed below.

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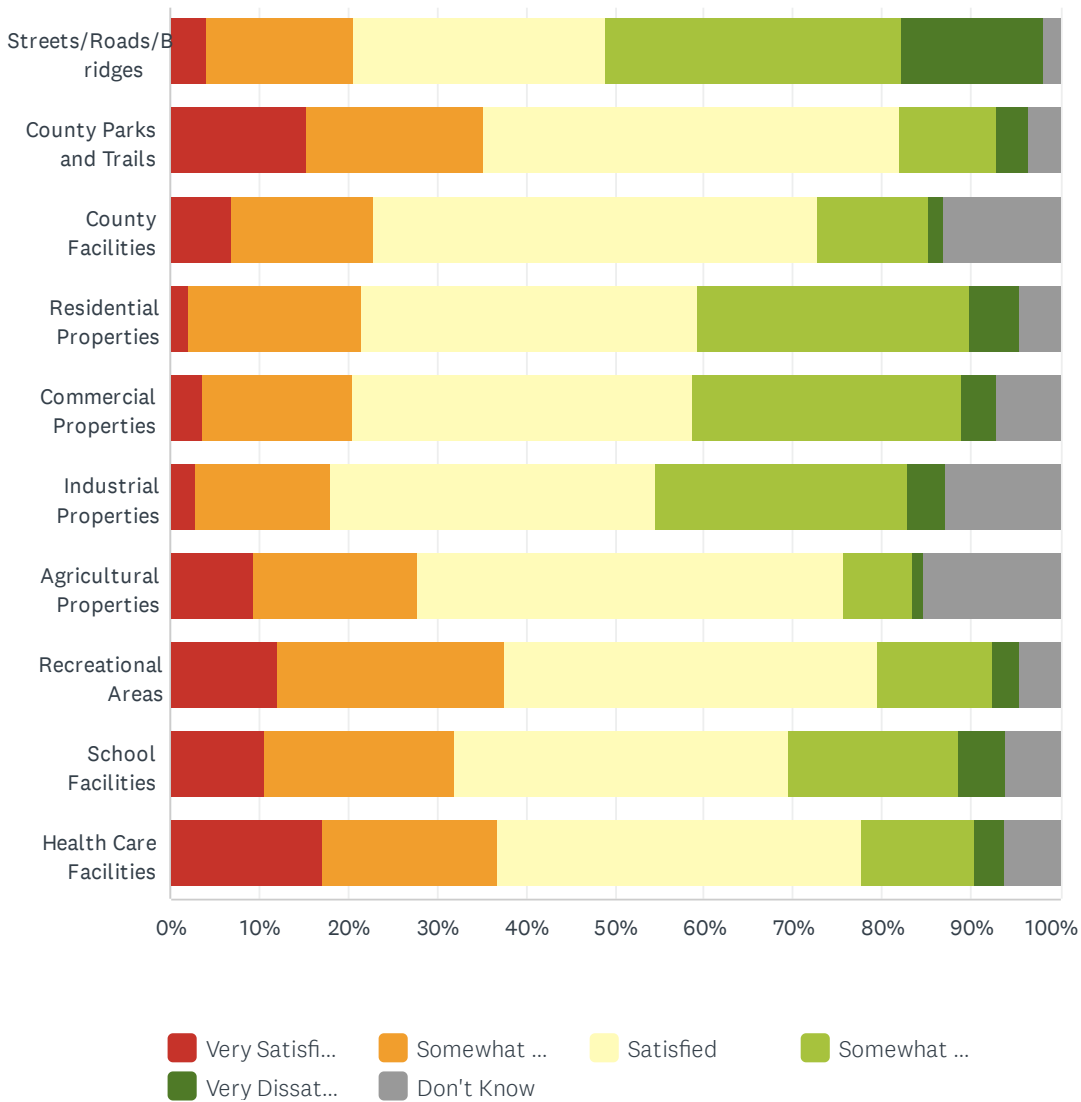


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	VERY SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	VERY DISSATISFIED	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Attorney	5.95% 22	9.19% 34	33.24% 123	12.70% 47	5.68% 21	33.24% 123	370	4.03
Assessor	8.33% 31	9.41% 35	41.94% 156	13.17% 49	8.33% 31	18.82% 70	372	3.60
Auditor	13.48% 50	11.32% 42	41.51% 154	5.12% 19	2.96% 11	25.61% 95	371	3.50
Board of Supervisors	7.36% 27	14.71% 54	39.51% 145	18.26% 67	4.09% 15	16.08% 59	367	3.45
Conservation	20.27% 75	14.32% 53	42.97% 159	6.22% 23	2.16% 8	14.05% 52	370	2.98
Emergency Management	13.55% 50	16.26% 60	40.92% 151	8.13% 30	2.44% 9	18.70% 69	369	3.26
Engineer	6.78% 25	11.65% 43	38.21% 141	9.49% 35	3.52% 13	30.35% 112	369	3.82
Environmental Health	3.79% 14	14.09% 52	40.65% 150	8.40% 31	1.90% 7	31.17% 115	369	3.84
General Assistance	4.05% 15	11.62% 43	34.86% 129	10.00% 37	2.70% 10	36.76% 136	370	4.06
Geographic Information System (GIS)	5.65% 21	8.06% 30	30.91% 115	6.99% 26	1.61% 6	46.77% 174	372	4.31
Mental Health and Disabilities	5.39% 20	7.55% 28	24.53% 91	22.10% 82	14.02% 52	26.42% 98	371	4.11
Planning and Zoning	6.22% 23	11.08% 41	35.95% 133	13.51% 50	4.59% 17	28.65% 106	370	3.85
Recorder	13.51% 50	11.08% 41	46.22% 171	3.78% 14	0.81% 3	24.59% 91	370	3.41
Sheriff	17.25% 64	15.90% 59	42.86% 159	8.89% 33	3.50% 13	11.59% 43	371	3.00
Treasurer	12.67% 47	14.02% 52	49.06% 182	3.23% 12	1.35% 5	19.68% 73	371	3.26
Veteran Affairs	7.26% 27	9.14% 34	32.80% 122	5.11% 19	2.42% 9	43.28% 161	372	4.16
Waste Authority	8.60% 32	9.14% 34	43.01% 160	8.06% 30	2.15% 8	29.03% 108	372	3.73

Q22 Please think for a moment about the conditions of public and private properties in Jackson County. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with each of the items listed below.

Answered: 374 Skipped: 89

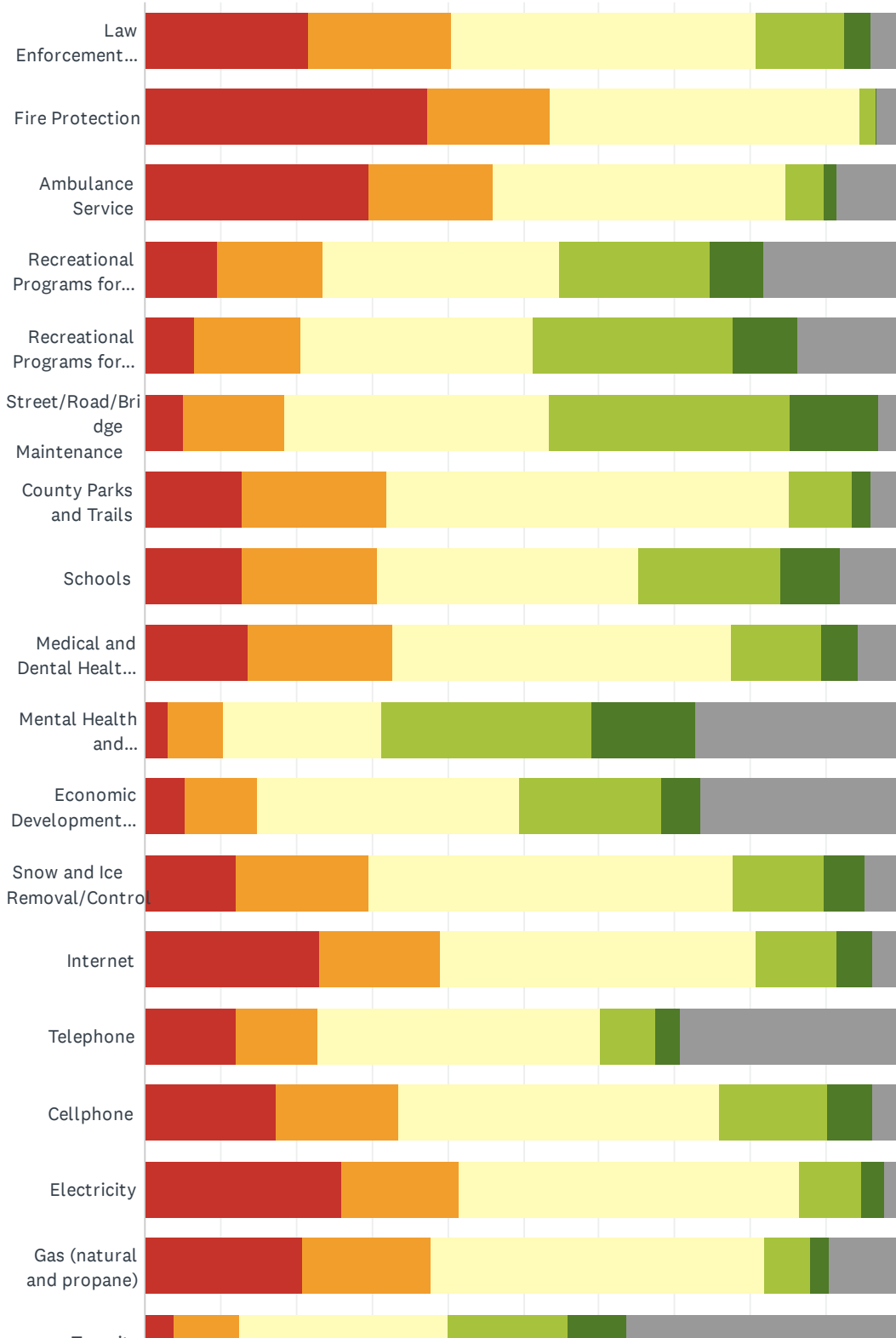


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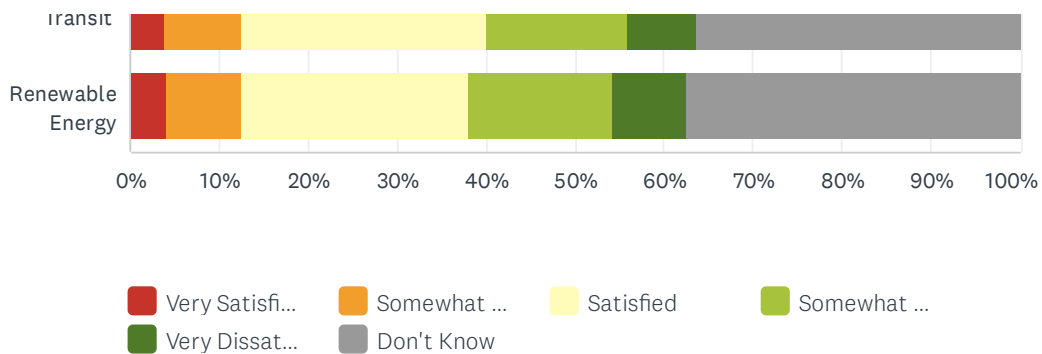
	VERY SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	VERY DISSATISFIED	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Streets/Roads/Bridges	4.03% 15	16.67% 62	28.23% 105	33.33% 124	15.86% 59	1.88% 7	372	
County Parks and Trails	15.32% 57	19.89% 74	46.77% 174	10.75% 40	3.76% 14	3.49% 13	372	
County Facilities	6.99% 26	15.86% 59	50.00% 186	12.37% 46	1.61% 6	13.17% 49	372	
Residential Properties	2.14% 8	19.25% 72	37.97% 142	30.48% 114	5.61% 21	4.55% 17	374	
Commercial Properties	3.76% 14	16.67% 62	38.17% 142	30.38% 113	3.76% 14	7.26% 27	372	
Industrial Properties	2.95% 11	15.01% 56	36.73% 137	28.15% 105	4.29% 16	12.87% 48	373	
Agricultural Properties	9.36% 35	18.45% 69	47.86% 179	7.75% 29	1.34% 5	15.24% 57	374	
Recreational Areas	12.06% 45	25.47% 95	42.09% 157	12.87% 48	2.95% 11	4.56% 17	373	
School Facilities	10.54% 39	21.35% 79	37.57% 139	19.19% 71	5.14% 19	6.22% 23	370	
Health Care Facilities	17.20% 64	19.62% 73	40.86% 152	12.63% 47	3.49% 13	6.18% 23	372	

Q23 Please think for a moment about the quality of services and utilities available within Jackson County. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with each of the services listed below.

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	VERY SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	VERY DISSATISFIED	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHT AVERAG
Law Enforcement Protection	21.58% 79	18.85% 69	40.44% 148	11.48% 42	3.55% 13	4.10% 15	366	2
Fire Protection	37.33% 137	16.35% 60	40.87% 150	1.91% 7	0.27% 1	3.27% 12	367	2
Ambulance Service	29.59% 108	16.44% 60	38.63% 141	5.21% 19	1.64% 6	8.49% 31	365	2
Recreational Programs for Youth	9.54% 35	13.90% 51	31.34% 115	19.89% 73	7.08% 26	18.26% 67	367	3
Recreational Programs for Adults	6.61% 24	14.05% 51	30.58% 111	26.45% 96	8.54% 31	13.77% 50	363	3
Street/Road/Bridge Maintenance	5.21% 19	13.15% 48	35.07% 128	31.78% 116	11.78% 43	3.01% 11	365	3
County Parks and Trails	12.84% 47	19.13% 70	53.01% 194	8.47% 31	2.46% 9	4.10% 15	366	2
Schools	12.88% 47	17.81% 65	34.52% 126	18.90% 69	7.67% 28	8.22% 30	365	3
Medical and Dental Health Care	13.66% 50	19.13% 70	44.81% 164	11.75% 43	4.92% 18	5.74% 21	366	2
Mental Health and Disabilities	3.01% 11	7.40% 27	20.82% 76	27.95% 102	13.70% 50	27.12% 99	365	4
Economic Development Services	5.25% 19	9.67% 35	34.53% 125	18.78% 68	5.25% 19	26.52% 96	362	3
Snow and Ice Removal/Control	12.05% 44	17.53% 64	48.22% 176	12.05% 44	5.21% 19	4.93% 18	365	2
Internet	23.08% 84	15.93% 58	41.76% 152	10.71% 39	4.67% 17	3.85% 14	364	2
Telephone	12.15% 44	10.77% 39	37.29% 135	7.18% 26	3.31% 12	29.28% 106	362	3
Cellphone	17.31% 63	16.21% 59	42.31% 154	14.29% 52	6.04% 22	3.85% 14	364	2
Electricity	25.97% 94	15.47% 56	45.03% 163	8.29% 30	3.04% 11	2.21% 8	362	2
Gas (natural and propane)	20.94% 76	16.80% 61	44.08% 160	6.06% 22	2.48% 9	9.64% 35	363	2
Transit	3.87% 14	8.56% 31	27.62% 100	15.75% 57	7.73% 28	36.46% 132	362	4
Renewable Energy	4.16% 15	8.31% 30	25.48% 92	16.34% 59	8.31% 30	37.40% 135	361	4

Q24 Please provide us with two or three ways we can improve Jackson County Government Offices, Countywide Conditions, and/or Services and Utilities Available within Jackson County.

Answered: 150 Skipped: 313

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	We make improvements on our homes, so that they can generate attractiveness in case we want to sell. Lower the taxes. I pay taxes on everything...	5/8/2024 9:18 PM
2	Maintenance of rural roads and bridges.	5/8/2024 8:46 PM
3	Asphalt highly trafficked gravel roads	5/8/2024 9:59 AM
4	The way some of the gravel roads (17TH ST East of Miles) have been crowned in the last year has made them unsafe. The drivable portion of the road is now much narrower, and you are forced to drive in the center. This can and will cause accidents while vehicles are meeting at the top of hills. The benefits of how the water runs off are not worth the extra risk.	5/8/2024 8:41 AM
5	Cell phone coverage is weak between Bellevue and Preston.	5/7/2024 10:33 AM
6	1. If we have not yet invested much time, energy or \$ in renewable energy, why not. If its good enough for Warren Buffet, we should probably be looking at it. 2. I believe Jackson County government offices, Services & utilities serve us well & deserve our thanks!	3/26/2024 8:36 PM
7	Allow secondary roads to go out at night instead of letting everyone drive on snow and pack it down and take longer to peel it up. As well as helping fire and ambulance in case of emergency.	3/13/2024 10:30 AM
8	Educate county road crew on how to grade gravel to prevent the creation of ripples and raised road edges that prevent water escaping	3/11/2024 3:20 PM
9	Sheriff's Dept - communicate when imminent danger is around Open an acute care/ health clinic in Bellevue	3/11/2024 10:08 AM
10	I Think There should be a Homeless Shelter/Program Available in Jackson County, as well as More Programs Available for Assistance, Public Transportation, and Bringing in More Businesses for job Opportunities.	1/1/2024 3:29 AM
11	I have little contact with law enforcement which is a good thing but every contact I've had in the last years has been unsatisfactory. They have not returned phone called, laughed about complaints on chronic speeding, didn't return a call about a wallet I found. I finally contacted the person through Facebook myself.	12/15/2023 10:01 AM
12	Longer hours at courthouse, stop giving raises to county employees, stop employing friends in the courthouse	12/14/2023 2:17 PM
13	Free bikes to rent or, however, they do those share options. I encourage an Uber.	12/12/2023 9:28 PM
14	More funding for law enforcement, fire and ems. Better roads. More funding for smaller towners - water, sewer and roads.	12/6/2023 10:16 AM
15	Worker said before the taxes are way too high for the elderly, and sometimes the veterans who need a place to stay and try to find a home for themselves	11/27/2023 5:11 PM
16	The x's in Don't Know column are services etc that I do not use. However an effort should be made to acquired and maintain enough staff for all governmental jobs so service for citizens is maintained.	11/27/2023 10:28 AM
17	I don't know	11/25/2023 1:55 PM
18	mental health access	11/18/2023 2:45 PM
19	solar power, wind power	11/15/2023 9:43 AM

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20	Lower prices, help for low income people with housing, way to get to a job if got one when you are low income	11/9/2023 9:51 AM
21	Get more info out to town for people to see changes and what Jackson County would like to do.	11/9/2023 9:35 AM
22	Electric - Alliant Energy costs a lot	11/9/2023 9:28 AM
23	-transit assistance available after 4:00 PM for evening classes -make sure all trails are lighted -prompt snow/ice removal	11/9/2023 9:26 AM
24	Jackson County needs additional officers.	11/9/2023 8:49 AM
25	County gravels need better attention	11/7/2023 5:40 PM
26	I'm not sure how the county can get information out to the communities but not everyone gets the local newspapers. Possibly a summary of activities every couple months via a newsletter either posted online?	10/31/2023 4:12 PM
27	Way too long I've lost interest considering it will fall on deaf ears	10/27/2023 5:43 PM
28	I take hwy 52 to z40 to miles everyday for work and the condition is terrible. The pot holes keep getting bigger and the poor patch work barely last a month	10/26/2023 5:05 PM
29	Expanded options for internet service Expanded options for electronic interface with county offices	10/26/2023 12:47 PM
30	Root out corruption. Police need to take responsibility for their actions. The tasing death is one horrible example. Some of them used their positions to get their way. Very disgraceful.	10/25/2023 10:18 AM
31	Communicate better. In a more timely manner. Seems as though the information is shared after the decisions have been made by the supervisors. If more public participation is expected we need information about the situation prior to decisions being inacted.	10/25/2023 8:50 AM
32	Think for the future....be proactive. Maquoketa needs to grow.	10/24/2023 1:35 PM
33	I think most residents are unaware of what's available, so getting the word out is important. I don't know enough about services to comment on how to improve them.	10/24/2023 9:36 AM
34	Broader internet access	10/24/2023 7:46 AM
35	Find a legal way to find out why homes are not kept up. Landlords don't care, lazy homeowners, older people who need help with their homes. Are they drug dealers? We had one who had trucks unmarked coming to their homes during the night.	10/20/2023 11:41 AM
36	Less garbage pick up.	10/20/2023 8:37 AM
37	conitnue to invest in recreation areas, cabins, renewable energy development	10/19/2023 5:05 PM
38	Better Roads. Pave more gravel roads and improve the maintenance on the hard surface ones we have.	10/18/2023 5:58 PM
39	Better cellphone coverage. Faster internet.	10/17/2023 8:52 PM
40	More wind power. Better roads. Better deer control	10/17/2023 3:23 PM
41	Gravel road improvement and maintenance needs to be highest priority. Yearly trainings and performance review based off PUBLIC comments needs to be done. I'm tired of being ignored by the county engineer and county road maintenance crew.	10/17/2023 9:11 AM
42	Reassess property taxes	10/17/2023 8:20 AM
43	Provide reliable transportation for the elderly. Stop the nepotism at the courthouse. Set limits on how long a person can serve in an elected position. This stops the "you do me a favor, and I do you a favor" mentality. People need to do what is best for the community not because if they stay in their position long enough they can get IPERS.	10/15/2023 10:08 AM
44	Don't subsidize renewable energy. It should be a investment by individuals not paid for by customers that don't want it.	10/15/2023 7:18 AM
45	Unsure on thus topic.	10/13/2023 10:34 PM

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46	Better support small town emergency services. More economic support for river communities.	10/12/2023 8:04 PM
47	Improve road infrastructure Develop bike trails	10/12/2023 5:05 PM
48	Streets and roads improved	10/11/2023 9:55 AM
49	Not a very big selection of doctors in town to meet our needs, we must go to Dewitt, which by the way is a very nice small town	10/10/2023 11:19 AM
50	Don't know	10/9/2023 4:21 PM
51	Parents would love to see an obstetrician who could deliver babies in Maquoketa and see them for prenatal appointments (The Group comes to the hospital on occasion but not weekly, and they don't deliver here). Our schools could use a larger technology staff. We've done a great job providing laptops and tech to students and teachers but have not expanded the staff required to adequately manage it all. Thus the tech staff—who are very good at their jobs—are always behind on everything that needs to be done.	10/9/2023 12:44 PM
52	teachers and schools need more financial support	10/6/2023 12:03 PM
53	I feel that the highway from Bellevue to Andrew should be repaired. I feel there should be more phone options.	10/5/2023 10:25 PM
54	Caves Road and other country roads need paved	10/5/2023 8:47 PM
55	The Decker House is a historical treasure for this area. However, it is only partially accommodating to disabled guests. While the elevator will accommodate a walker, it will not accept a wheelchair. While I realize the hotel is not owned by the city, considering it's historical value and unique appeal, consideration might be given to grant funding or monies obtained through the national register of historic places or other appropriate agency so that the expenses of renovation to the owner could be defrayed. Isn't it fitting that an attraction which might bring tourists dollars to Maquoketa be updated to appeal to all visitors regardless of mobility?	10/5/2023 2:45 PM
56	Offer county facilities on this side of the county *West"	10/4/2023 7:57 PM
57	Fix roads a lot of the back roads are not very well kept up	10/4/2023 2:57 PM
58	Require growth within those positions. Many have been in their current roles for decades , without their growth our community does not grow. Enforce personal and career development.	10/4/2023 2:42 PM
59	Utilities are not affordable to live here.	10/3/2023 7:51 PM
60	More options for cell phone that actually work I. The hills only us cell work around Preston.	10/3/2023 6:57 PM
61	Don't use private companies to contract for service. Like Alliance Water Resources. Many issues have occurred like completely running the water tower out of water. Keep jobs within city government as this can be supervised and over seen in better ways. Also creates great jobs with great benefits.	10/3/2023 12:27 PM
62	Consistency in law enforcement Renewable energy Improving roads however that's everywhere not just here	10/3/2023 10:57 AM
63	At this time I have no ideas.	10/3/2023 9:36 AM
64	Not outsourcing everything which costs customers more like natural gas. Also, too many rental properties that are run down as well as residential homes. Allow other businesses to develop beside McDonalds. Low income area and low paying jobs and property taxes went up based on cedar rapid rates.	10/2/2023 2:16 PM
65	Seek further federal highway funds to pave roads.	10/2/2023 3:02 AM
66	Better access to broadband, broader availability to housing. More recreation opportunities. You want to grow your county. The ya need good paying jobs. To get business to come, they need good,well trained, family oriented, well rounded employees. Employees want good schools, good housing, entertainment, recreation. Ya just gotta start	10/1/2023 10:45 PM
67	Expand fiber internet to all of Jackson county.	10/1/2023 7:56 PM
68	I wish I knew.	9/30/2023 9:24 PM
69	More mental health services in Jackson county. We don't really have any for people that are	9/30/2023 6:53 AM

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	not on Medicaid. Even that is limited.	
70	Keep them out of people's business	9/30/2023 6:43 AM
71	Roads are horrible condition along with their horrible set up, and they've recently got this weird "bandaid" fixes that isn't even enough to really be a bandaid. Save the money and don't mess with it until you're ready to do it right. We need more attractive parks for all ages and occasions not just playgrounds for kids.	9/30/2023 3:33 AM
72	Definitely schools. More money put into schools. Also more money out into prairie creek for camping. More opportunities for young families ... pool or water splash pad	9/29/2023 9:33 PM
73	Utilities publicly owned, or locally privately owned, vs all/mostly private companies out of town/state. I'd rather pay a little more for my \$ to go back into my own community and have a more personalized business relationship as this usually results in faster and better quality service.	9/29/2023 4:10 PM
74	Improvement to Elementary schools!! Not safe for 2023.	9/29/2023 1:30 PM
75	Pave more of the roads and replace restricted bridges. A mental treatment facility that can handle inpatient care/detox services	9/29/2023 2:17 AM
76	Stay away from "green energy" as the infrastructure is not there and do more for better jobs in Maquoketa!	9/28/2023 9:43 PM
77	I don't know the answer to this. We need affordable housing for all. We need new housing (like 30 years ago) as a nurse I work with many healthcare workers that leave town due to inability to find decent housing and also lacking public transportation. It is sad that after all these years our town still lacks these basic necessities.	9/28/2023 8:11 PM
78	Sheriff actually live in the county and not lie about it. Cops stop letting people off when they shouldn't	9/28/2023 12:38 AM
79	More charging stations for hybrid/electric cars	9/27/2023 10:39 PM
80	Be more aggressive with properties that are not maintained. They diminish the value of the whole town. It's embarrassing when out of town friends visit and see those properties.	9/27/2023 1:31 PM
81	More funding for mental health services.	9/27/2023 1:00 PM
82	Be friendly and kind Be patient -	9/21/2023 3:12 PM
83	Just to have more farming stuff and lands.	9/20/2023 12:09 PM
84	better school system	9/20/2023 12:05 PM
85	I don't know	9/20/2023 12:03 PM
86	I don't know their current state, so I can't say if they need improvement.	9/20/2023 12:03 PM
87	Better internet opportunities. County offices and city offices do a fine job.	9/20/2023 11:33 AM
88	Nothing really its fine	9/20/2023 11:08 AM
89	The Government Offices can be better by being more vocal and friendly with their clients. Last time we went to one they were kind of strict and didn't show any emotion.	9/20/2023 11:08 AM
90	More countryside More places for people to hike	9/20/2023 11:06 AM
91	Uncertain	9/20/2023 11:06 AM
92	idk	9/20/2023 11:04 AM
93	fix gravel roads, fix county roads	9/20/2023 10:01 AM
94	.	9/20/2023 9:55 AM
95	do an occasional random personal survey of residents on their roads and how they are maintained	9/18/2023 9:17 AM
96	Improve roads! Gravel included. New expensive graders don't work if there is no gravel!	9/17/2023 7:30 AM
97	Improve access to mental health counseling, improve side streets in Maquoketa.	9/16/2023 4:17 PM

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98	Regulate and fine abusers of the environment. Invest in renewables. Get more businesses that have workers who are educated and would be good citizens.	9/13/2023 10:30 AM
99	Maquoketa needs a video to advertise on tv or radio ad so when there is a disaster, hurricane, etc we send it to that area and say move to Maquoketa. We have about 2 months of hot weather and 2 months of cold weather but no hurricanes and the 4 months of bad weather isn't really that bad.	9/7/2023 10:56 AM
100	Solar energy, wind energy,	9/7/2023 5:38 AM
101	Provide better information.	9/6/2023 11:20 AM
102	Better roads. Renewable energy OK but not reliable, have to keep the balance with dependable energy.	8/29/2023 6:24 PM
103	Local internet/cell phone service is better than five years ago but still frustrating in rural areas. I can't make calls from different areas of my farm or even certain spots in my house. I'm forced to pay high rates for Dish because I can't connect to my local town (1 mile away) cable service. Local internet company uses a local tower to ping my service but it is extremely unpredictable and often stalls. Broadband was physically installed at the end of each local driveway yet we cannot access ours because we were formerly with Iowa Telecom so local company will not let us access that. We're still worlds away from tech service that works decent.	8/28/2023 10:12 AM
104	Fix or replace more bridges. Cut brush along roads.	8/28/2023 10:00 AM
105	Have the RTA bus affordable for people beyond Maquoketa such as Sprinbrook to Bellevue. We do not have a Verizon store in Maquoketa and that is a main carrier. The county trucks are pulled off the road fairly early in the evening; however people still travel after that and have to do it on icy or snow packed roads	8/26/2023 1:52 PM
106	The drivers license station needs to return to walk-in status. They exist to serve the people - not make the schedule convenient for them. I know of a young adult who is waiting for an appointment to get their license back after an alcohol conviction. They are waiting on employment until after their appointment with DMV. It was fine for Covid but it needs to end now. Electric rates in the city of Maquoketa need to be addressed.	8/25/2023 9:39 AM
107	Several older communities which have nice natural beauty for housing are in areas which are not buildable due to the inability to install septic and the lack of local sewer systems. Any opportunity to provide this would greatly improve the usefulness of that land.	8/24/2023 2:56 PM
108	Get a tourism director or atleast more hwy signage for visitor center at Hurstville. Hundreds more will learn there than Sabula Marina.	8/23/2023 1:00 PM
109	I would like to see us remain a farming community and not renewable energy.	8/22/2023 2:43 AM
110	Utilities could offer more rebates.	8/21/2023 11:21 AM
111	Talk to residents	8/21/2023 11:14 AM
112	1. Better tourism 2. Assessments that are balanced throughout the county.	8/20/2023 8:54 PM
113	Pave more gravel roads	8/20/2023 10:29 AM
114	Get wind power	8/18/2023 12:49 PM
115	Faster response times for emergency, more availability for fiber optics on outskirts of town	8/17/2023 4:47 PM
116	Better promotion and communication or available opportunities. More frequent input from residents. Making research based decisions that flow with the county residence feelings and not the personal agenda of county employees and elected officials.	8/17/2023 12:26 PM
117	Open evening hours one or two days a week for those who work day hours	8/16/2023 10:46 PM
118	Elect a new sheriff Work on streets and road maintenance	8/16/2023 11:13 AM
119	Conservation needs to improve canoe accesses on the Maquoketa river. They are terrible!	8/16/2023 7:21 AM
120	Iowa leads in wind power yet Jackson County does not seem to have any. Obviously a leadership issue at the county level.	8/16/2023 7:09 AM

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121	we need more affordable health insurance for the lower and middle class people. we need more services for the mentally disturbed and affordable medicine for them. need more choices for out of area internet services.	8/15/2023 4:02 PM
122	Advocate for better Child Care.	8/15/2023 2:09 PM
123	As stated earlier, the Edwards properties -- especially the one along Hwy 61 (the old Pamida building), need to be cleaned up. It's an embarrassment to our community that his properties are allowed to look like junkyards within the city limits. Ugh....please, please, make something happen to improve this!!	8/15/2023 1:06 PM
124	The smell from the factory in the industrial Park in Maquoketa The smell of farm animals in the towns Junk yards in Maquoketa	8/13/2023 6:23 PM
125	More money spent that the general public will notice not just for courthouse comfort and fancy office equipment. Recycling county ran	8/12/2023 3:45 PM
126	Street signs in Maquoketa are unreadable in parts of the city...some of the smaller towns in the county are economically disadvantaged given the appearance of poor housing	8/11/2023 11:03 AM
127	Power government buildings with renewable energy such as solar. Make the Ozark Wildlife Area accessible to the public--there is no convenient access and no trails in this underutilized treasure.	8/11/2023 7:36 AM
128	I love the small town service minded staff - you can tell that staff care and want to help! I would look to invest more heavily in mental health services - too much is put on local law enforcement without the needed services to care for those in a mental health crisis.	8/11/2023 6:36 AM
129	Utilize more renewable energy, i.e. solar, wind energy	8/10/2023 6:38 PM
130	Increasing renewable energy systems in the county would save the county money on electricity and would also show young people our county's interest in a cleaner energy future.	8/10/2023 5:41 PM
131	Additional visibility, additional funding for staff and staff training/conferences-help know what other communities are doing/network. Bring back new resources for Jackson County.	8/10/2023 5:41 PM
132	Provide affordable internet to all Jackson County Residents including private housing developments. Prioritize Streets/Roads/Bridges. Provide better access to mental health care.	8/10/2023 12:34 PM
133	Government offices would be better if they were not affiliated with political parties. Continued efforts to remove eyesores. Rundown property improvement.	8/10/2023 12:26 PM
134	I like what the Zoning office has done.	8/10/2023 12:10 PM
135	Stop leaving the thieves and vandalism out of jail. Stop bringing people from Chicago because they just use the funds until it run out then they move back to Chicago. So how is that helping our town.	8/10/2023 12:03 PM
136	Keep personal contact. Keep records open.	8/10/2023 11:41 AM
137	Lower cost on things Bring up wages and more jobs Reasonable houses	8/10/2023 11:30 AM
138	Lower cost on merchandise, etc. Bring wages up and more jobs around here. Reasonable housing, etc	8/10/2023 9:36 AM
139	the courthouse could be open more hours, supervisors could have evening meetings, school boards should tape their meetings.	8/10/2023 12:50 AM
140	Maquoketa roads need big improvement	8/9/2023 8:49 PM
141	Step up PR with LE. Keep improving county roads.	8/9/2023 11:41 AM
142	1. Rural health care access needs to be a top priority. The county either needs to work harder in recruitment and retention of volunteer EMS services or find the next step forward in insuring that those services remain available. For as rural as our county is, it should be concerning to anyone living in one of those areas how far help may be away if needed. 2. The Sheriff needs to focus more on how to combat crime in our county than worry about what the previous administration did or didn't do. He has been in office long enough now that these are his issues. It starts with the need for him to start actually living in Jackson County rather than giving his constituents the illusion he is living where he serves, which isn't Scott County. 3.	8/8/2023 10:40 AM

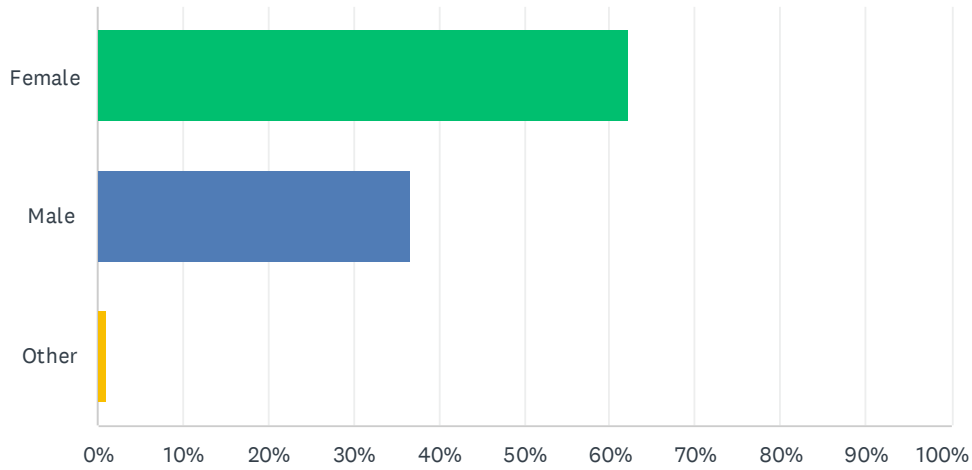
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Our communities need to support our schools. Even if that means increases in property taxes, our school systems are vital.

143	1. Remove all the snow off of the road. It seems on pleasant for example they do 2 swipes and then finish it 2days later after the whole neighborhood has cleared their walls only to have ice and snow piled on it after the plow finishes the road 2 days later. 2. Idk who came up with this halfbutted plan for a bike path but it has zero rhyme or reason. Coming from Des Moines to hear and hearing people say we have a bike path was laughable. It doesn't go anywhere lol ten minute ride and then you turn around I guess. But there isn't much of a need I guess the only people that ride bikes here are only doing so because they don't have a license and need to find more stuff to steal.	8/7/2023 7:32 PM
144	Stop raising prices, you don't get any better service. Stop leaving the dealers and thieves get by put them in jail not for a day or two. Stop all the vandalism.	8/7/2023 1:03 PM
145	Improve the roads that are like wash boards and have potholes. Encourage more economic growth to provide more and better paying jobs for residents and to draw more young people to stay in the county.	8/3/2023 4:23 PM
146	Look at options on how to address the shortage of volunteer emergency response personnel, especially in rural areas; transportation options for elderly and disabled populations, especially in rural areas	7/31/2023 5:55 PM
147	County offices need to leave their desks and make sure they are familiar with all the areas they represent. If you haven't visited a city or territory that is bound by Jackson County laws within a 5 year period how can you represent those citizens.	7/30/2023 11:43 AM
148	Dont know people just don't want to work anymore. When you see the state boys standing on the side of the road doing nothing you have to wonder what the hell	7/26/2023 1:25 PM
149	Govt. entities need to catch up legitimate practices of doing things the correct and legal way. Too many things are handled by "winging it" the good 'ol boy way, and that's going to result in taxpayers paying for it through lawsuits when get called out on it. Things like contracts should be written or approved through 3rd party/disinterested parties for professional protection from liability.	7/26/2023 12:01 PM
150	improve maintenance of gravel roads, bring solar to the county	7/26/2023 9:35 AM

Q25 What is your gender?

Answered: 377 Skipped: 86

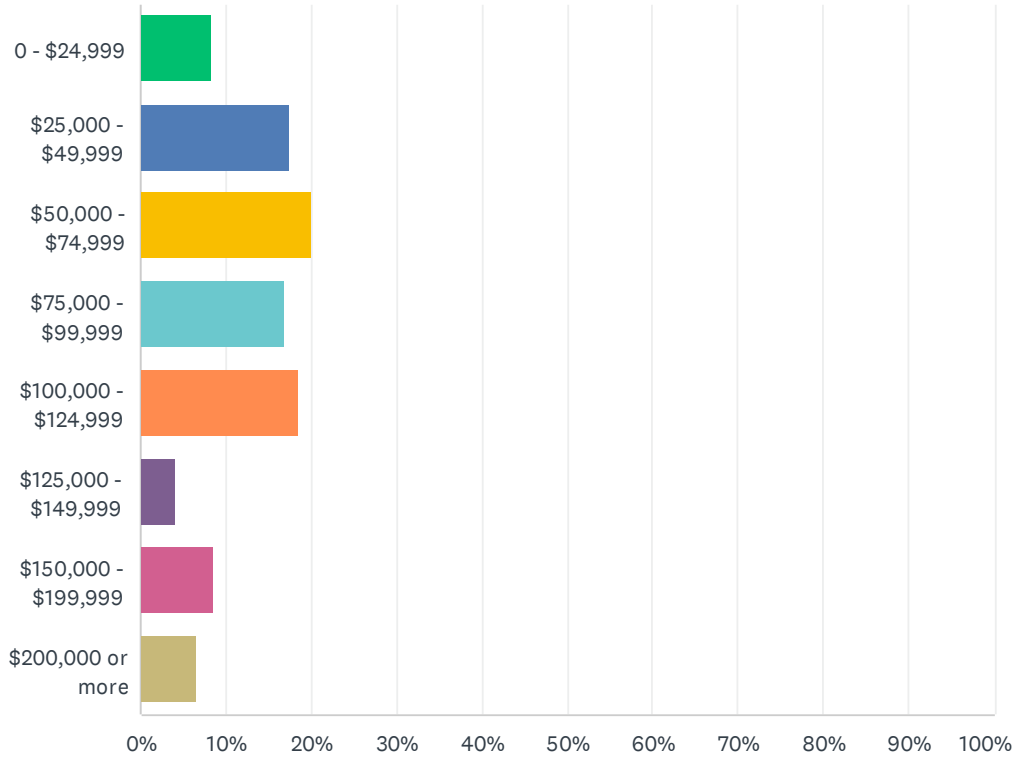


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Female	62.33% 235
Male	36.60% 138
Other	1.06% 4
TOTAL	377

#	OPTIONAL: IF YOU SELECTED "OTHER" PLEASE SPECIFY.	DATE
1	Utilities	10/3/2023 12:28 PM
2	Dog	9/20/2023 9:54 AM
3	The idea that you even put this on the survey you are a idiot!	9/6/2023 11:26 AM
4	Wife & Husband did together	8/22/2023 7:28 PM

Q26 Which of the following categories includes your total annual household income before taxes.

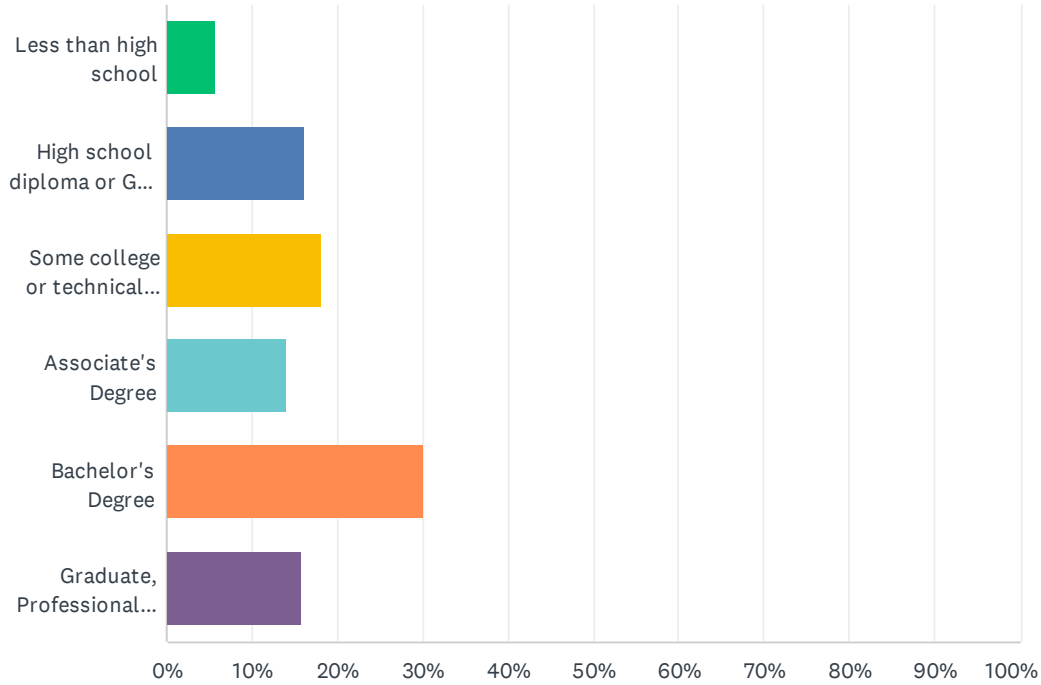
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0 - \$24,999	8.26%	29
\$25,000 - \$49,999	17.38%	61
\$50,000 - \$74,999	19.94%	70
\$75,000 - \$99,999	16.81%	59
\$100,000 - \$124,999	18.52%	65
\$125,000 - \$149,999	3.99%	14
\$150,000 - \$199,999	8.55%	30
\$200,000 or more	6.55%	23
TOTAL		351

Q27 What is the highest level of formal education that you have completed?

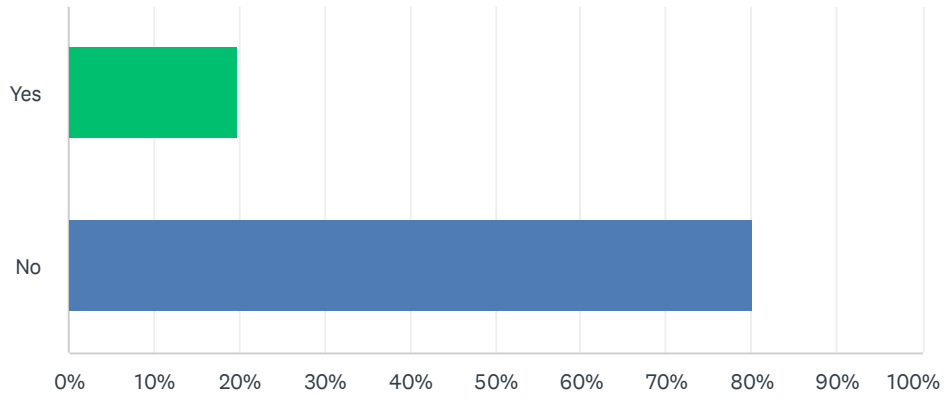
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than high school	5.79%	21
High school diploma or GED certificate	16.25%	59
Some college or technical school (no degree)	18.18%	66
Associate's Degree	14.05%	51
Bachelor's Degree	30.03%	109
Graduate, Professional or doctorate degree	15.70%	57
TOTAL		363

Q28 Do you own a business in Jackson County?

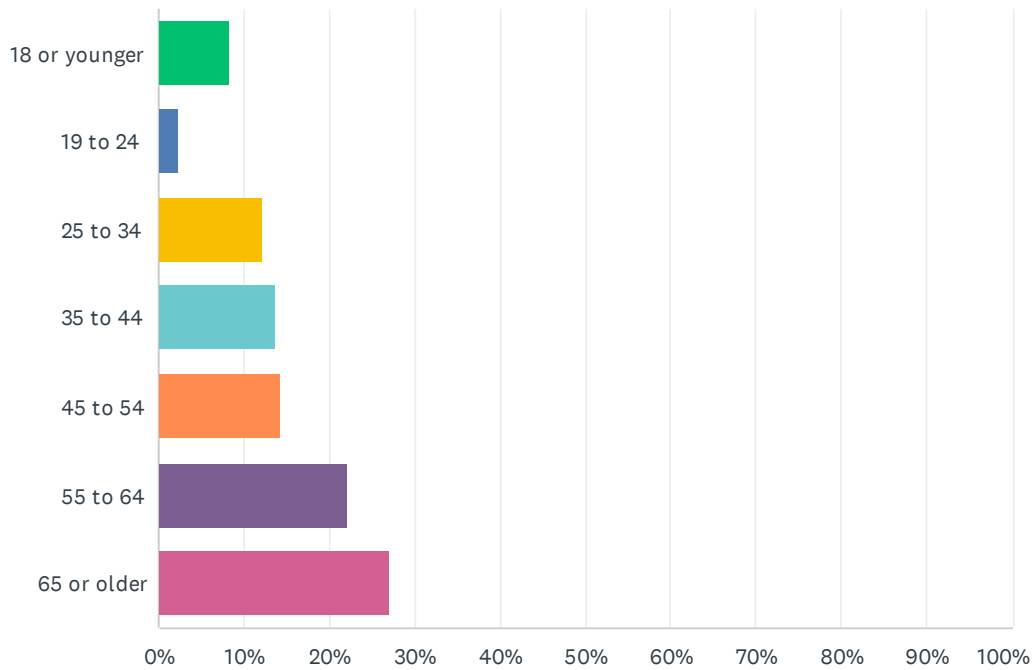
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	19.89%	73
No	80.11%	294
TOTAL		367

Q29 Which of the following categories includes your age?

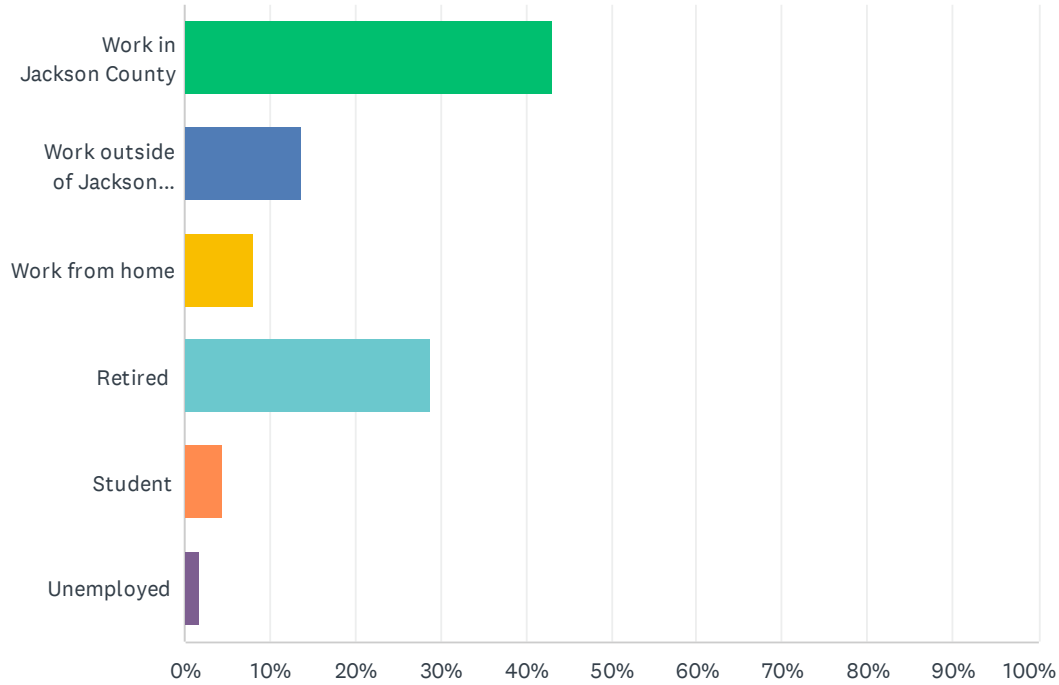
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
18 or younger	8.31%	31
19 to 24	2.41%	9
25 to 34	12.06%	45
35 to 44	13.67%	51
45 to 54	14.21%	53
55 to 64	22.25%	83
65 or older	27.08%	101
TOTAL		373

Q30 Please select the option below that best reflects your current work situation.

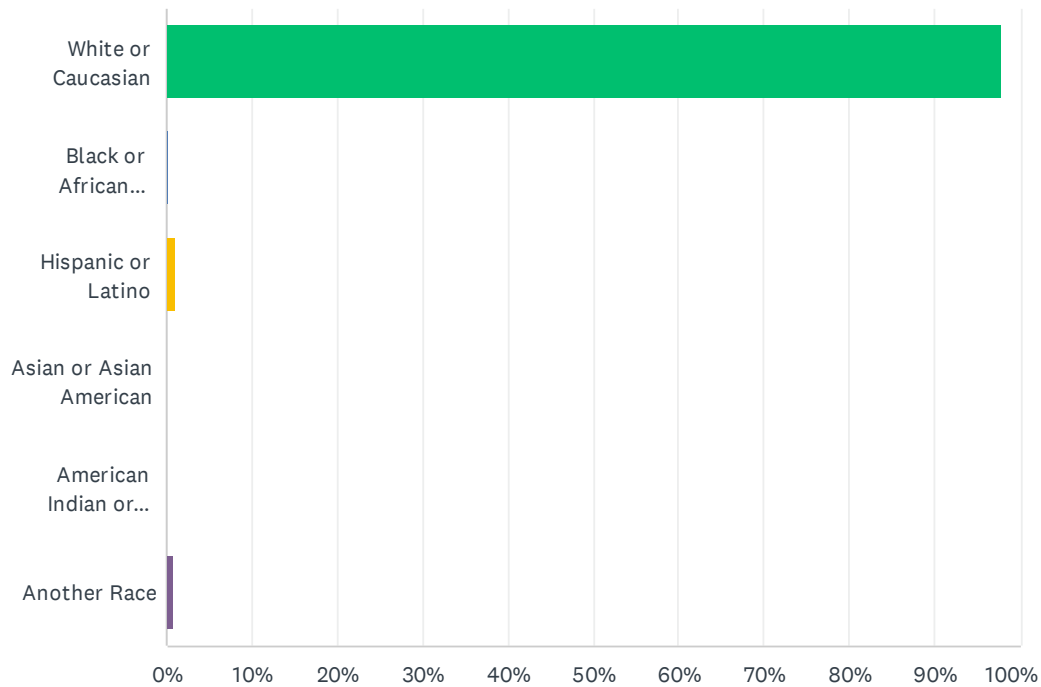
Answered: 371 Skipped: 92



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Work in Jackson County	43.13%	160
Work outside of Jackson County	13.75%	51
Work from home	8.09%	30
Retired	28.84%	107
Student	4.58%	17
Unemployed	1.62%	6
TOTAL		371

Q31 Which race/ethnicity best describes you?

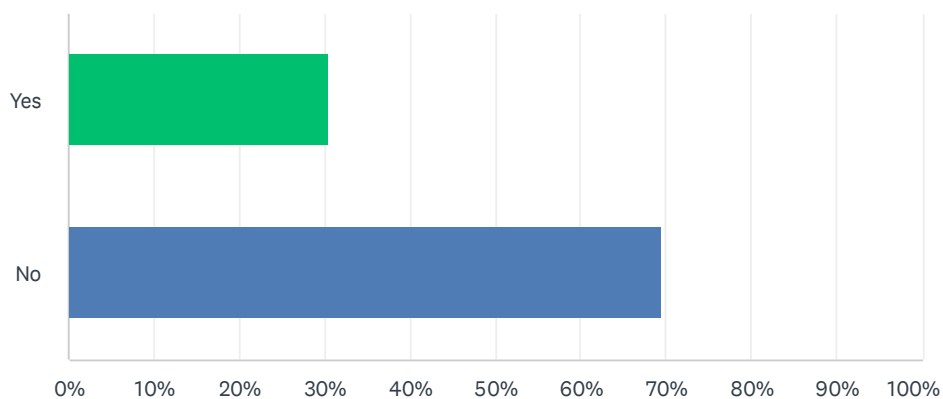
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
White or Caucasian	97.82%	359
Black or African American	0.27%	1
Hispanic or Latino	1.09%	4
Asian or Asian American	0.00%	0
American Indian or Pacific Islander	0.00%	0
Another Race	0.82%	3
TOTAL		367

Q32 Do you have any children under age 18 living at home?

Answered: 368 Skipped: 95



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	30.43%	112
No	69.57%	256
TOTAL		368

Q33 Thank you for participating in our survey. Please provide us with any additional comments on Jackson County or the survey questions.

Answered: 79 Skipped: 384

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Please help those of us who live a meager life by lowering things...	5/8/2024 9:21 PM
2	Please take care and consideration when developing new policies for renewable energy (solar and wind) in Jackson County. Jackson County is a unique and beautiful landscape with agriculture history and productivity that should not be carelessly degraded with mechanical renewable energy for short term gains. Let Jackson County be on the forefront of renewable energy policies that work for the whole community so we can collectively look back in future decades and know the right decisions were made.	5/8/2024 8:52 PM
3	Thanks for the opportunity to let my voice be heard.	5/8/2024 10:00 AM
4	Please be sure to write at least 1/2 mile setbacks from non-participating property lines in your wind turbine ordinance. This is the proper distance because if there is ice throw on a wind farm, all personnel must vacate the premise at least 1/2 mile.	5/7/2024 10:36 AM
5	Thank you for your efforts!	5/6/2024 3:51 PM
6	NO TO WIND TURBINE FARMS!!!	5/5/2024 10:01 PM
7	Stop wind turbines and solar from ruining our county. Jist to supply big citoes woth energy .	5/5/2024 8:57 PM
8	Daycare, daycare, daycare.....	3/26/2024 8:37 PM
9	It's hard to improve in this area when certain people have so much power with family names to exclude other people that want to thrive and because they don't meet their criteria they don't get to promote a diversity in Jackson county. Stop being so clicky around here and you would draw more people.	12/12/2023 9:29 PM
10	I do have a small business, and I teach communications	11/27/2023 5:13 PM
11	Would like to see a parks & rec person added to City of Bellevue. Currently has great volunteers running baseball/softball/t-ball, youth football and soccer but those volunteers are looking to step away. These programs provide activities young families are looking for when choosing where to live.	11/15/2023 4:32 PM
12	Bridges are really bad and some streets really need work in Maquoketa	11/15/2023 9:44 AM
13	That anyone can get food at food cupboard no matter where you are from and won't get turned down like I was at the Bellevue Bread Basket.	11/9/2023 9:52 AM
14	Thank you for providing this survey! I think it really helps to gain feedback from your stakeholders.	11/9/2023 9:28 AM
15	I think the location of the new jail and hospital are in horrible location(S)	10/29/2023 1:14 PM
16	Oh ya. Either fix green Island or let it burn down. The gravel roads are another than any road in that hell hole	10/26/2023 5:07 PM
17	Improvements noted in recent years, applaud efforts to enhance more	10/26/2023 12:49 PM
18	This town needs some entertainment, for kids too. The biased attitude needs to end too. People are so judgemental of others. What's sad is the slogan for Maquoketa "Where fun goes to die."	10/25/2023 10:19 AM
19	This is something that needs to occur more than once in a lifetime. Ask, question, push for help and bout.	10/25/2023 8:52 AM
20	I will simply emphasize the fact that the cost of property taxes needs to be evaluated and lessened!	10/24/2023 9:37 AM

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21	It's a beautiful rural area with so many historical buildings in tact. The limestone buildings and old barns are irreplaceable. Please keep this county's history alive.	10/24/2023 7:48 AM
22	I hope these surveys are actually used and not just a waste of taxpayer dollars and time.	10/18/2023 6:00 PM
23	We are like the federal government, wasteful spending on unneeded projects. City council in Maquoketa is a joke. Supervisors aren't far behind. Property accesments are ridiculous and tax asking not bad yet. Spend our tax money responsibly!!!!!!	10/15/2023 7:25 AM
24	Well done	10/12/2023 5:06 PM
25	Enforce housing and building codes to clean up the residential and commercial eyesores that send a message of decline to visitors and promote apathy among residents. Encourage programs that promote growth and thiniing to build an the communities unique advantages.	10/9/2023 8:10 PM
26	I hope checking "satisfied" or "somewhat satisfied" on these various items isn't construed as "well, people think we have enough parks, housing, etc." because they chose satisfied. I chose that answer because I value those items and would like to see improvements/additional opportunities.	10/9/2023 11:51 AM
27	Nothing more to add. The survey was well structured.	10/5/2023 10:36 PM
28	This is an excellent survey and I hope you receive many responses.	10/5/2023 2:46 PM
29	This is for Jackson County Georgia, not Iowa...the cities listed are incorrect.	10/4/2023 7:58 PM
30	Schools around maquoketa and Preston need to get better along with drug patrols sheriff has gotten better for patrols around here. Sad when kids call maquoketa methaquketa	10/3/2023 7:00 PM
31	We should learn from other counties and and communities that have had substantial growth and greater development. It's ok to ask questions to work towards a better future.	10/3/2023 12:30 PM
32	Thank you for reaching out for opinions and thoughts	10/3/2023 10:58 AM
33	We do not need poor housing development. We need to bring businesses to the county where they can sustain jobs and not be forced to leave. Mental health care needs to be figured out at school level. Not counselors but psychologically trained professionals. Hold students accountable and back teachers. Also, building a new hospital was a slap to taxpayers without allowing a vote. This is not staffed properly and what a waste.	10/2/2023 2:19 PM
34	Its attracting slums n bums from other states. Increasing problems in our schools and stores. Look at walmart they got stuff in locked cases now. Whats that tell ya.	9/29/2023 7:53 PM
35	Great place to live but just need to continue adding services while maintaining our agricultural and natural resources.	9/29/2023 2:20 AM
36	I question why the sheriffs dept has added so many jailers and why has the jail administration budget has increased so much, not counting the new jail. Why had the law suit against the sheriffs dept not been made public?	9/28/2023 9:19 PM
37	As above. (1) Build new housing. (2) provide public transportation.	9/28/2023 8:14 PM
38	Keep striving for more housing. Continue to keep county bridges safe.	9/27/2023 10:41 PM
39	I have no comment.	9/20/2023 12:13 PM
40	I do not have any comments.	9/20/2023 12:04 PM
41	I owned a business in Jackson County before I retired.	9/20/2023 11:34 AM
42	You are welcome	9/20/2023 11:08 AM
43	idk	9/20/2023 11:05 AM
44	.	9/20/2023 9:55 AM
45	Maquoketa has finally shown much improvement in the last 10-15 years. Finally spending money on streets, etc. Platt St huge. Still need street signs. Could really use good "haircut". Help people trim trees, bushes, many can't afford. Grants to tear down/burn old homes. My home town never lets an old dilapidated house stay. They move the people, build a new place.	9/15/2023 8:23 AM

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Brad Kornada doing a good job. Finally getting some places cleaned up, way too long. We need to keep fixing side streets.

46	We appreciate the opportunity to get some of our thoughts into the hands of folks who can make a difference. We hope it helps.	9/13/2023 10:32 AM
47	Maquoketa used to be a bedroom community when gas was cheap but no more. Rather than spend 400-600 per month in gas driving to the Quad Cities or other places they move to the Quad Cities. This is another reason our schools will be closing unless we get good paying jobs here.	9/7/2023 10:58 AM
48	We need to work on creating better public schools. Happier work force on all levels of public schools.	9/7/2023 10:34 AM
49	We need to talk install a curfew for young kids, because of the trouble they get into after 11pm.	9/7/2023 5:42 AM
50	Good people and beautiful area!	8/29/2023 6:27 PM
51	Jackson County is a great place to raise kids. It's safe and the rural environment allowed our kids to really expand their wings. It has just enough opportunity that my husband and I and our two older kids work locally which is great. A little growth is good but to get too big would take away some of the safety and charm.	8/28/2023 10:15 AM
52	Some good qualities in the county are the many towns with their annual activities. In the 50's there were a few high schools in the county - we are back to about that number. We had a skate place, we could use a place for kids to just "hang out" - a jump park, game room or just a community place. The Y is a good place but not everyone can afford the fees.	8/26/2023 1:56 PM
53	Please do not build more low income/slum housing. We already are attracting too many low lifes and people from Chicago/Illinois who are bringing crime and drugs in. We don't need to bring in low income people. Need more high end professionals.	8/25/2023 1:53 PM
54	Great place to live.	8/23/2023 1:01 PM
55	We need some type of transit for the county. Need better. Education on ambulances are not taxi services. I like the Jackson County is a small town role farming community would like to see less big corporations buying out farms.	8/22/2023 2:46 AM
56	As a relatively new resident of Jackson County (6 years), I feel that we are missing out on promoting the Mississippi River with tourism and economic development. We have a lot of drugs and poverty in many areas of the county. Better education opportunities. Ag related industries should be sought out to provide employment opportunities.	8/20/2023 8:59 PM
57	More paved roads would increase property values and encourage people to live in the county	8/20/2023 10:32 AM
58	Would like to see cleanup of homes in Maquoketa. Also Mark Edwards commercial properties.	8/17/2023 8:38 PM
59	Thank you.	8/17/2023 12:27 PM
60	Maquoketa is looking up but keep improving structure for young families and their children. Also, the elderly population since the baby boomers are retiring, they need small homes.	8/16/2023 10:49 PM
61	Please share results with John Q. Public.	8/16/2023 7:23 AM
62	How about getting some disc golf, bike trails between cities, and housing within city limits	8/16/2023 7:11 AM
63	Trails to connect people to parks. Child daycare	8/15/2023 2:10 PM
64	It would be great if there was one "central calendar" or "site" where county residents could go to see an updated list of activities, concerts, and events. Something like Dubuque has with their DUBUQUE 365 publication, which is also maintained online. It sure makes for a nice one-stop-shop where you can search for activities near you. Search by topic, date, location, etc. It would not only be nice for county residents, but it would be invaluable to county visitors.	8/15/2023 1:09 PM
65	Jackson County needs to STOP welcoming all of the low income/welfare folks to our county. We need people who are willing to work to provide for themselves and quit asking for handouts. In return Jackson County needs to make sure these folks are compensated for their work by getting jobs here that pay a decent wage (above making welfare benefits more inviting than working) and benefits. Jackson County also needs to make sure there is affordable housing to attract people to Jackson County.	8/11/2023 9:24 PM

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66	A comprehensive survey. I do think that the rating labels were wrongly ordered: "Satisfied" should have been to the left of "Somewhat satisfied". Unfortunately, the responses to these items may be invalid.	8/11/2023 7:39 AM
67	Green space on Main is nice but we have green space in 1st and 2nd ward parks that could be used for music venues. Need a business(s) such as Walgreens, CVS or similar in green space to boost economy.	8/10/2023 6:42 PM
68	Thank you for doing this! I would also like to know what the county plans to do with the Senior Center. It doesn't seem to get utilized like it used to. Maybe it could be expanded into a community center for all ages.	8/10/2023 5:43 PM
69	There are many things that make Jackson County a great place to live. The county is beautiful and has some great recreation areas but also has a negative reputation for some things like excess poverty, drugs, low standard of living for many.	8/10/2023 12:27 PM
70	Hope this helps.	8/10/2023 11:42 AM
71	Jackson County changed since the YMCA came in. Since you have to go through them bring back city sports and pool or splash pad for families to do. Cost to join YMCA is ridiculous, the pool is down or their hours don't work with some families.	8/10/2023 11:31 AM
72	Jackson County isn't the same since I've lived here. More crimes, drugs, etc. And nothing here for families to enjoy. Plus you guys want us to shop local then some of the businesses need to respect people. Since the YMCA came in everyone has to go thru them for sports. Bring back city sports thru schools etc. Also bring outdoor pool back for families and kids.	8/10/2023 9:38 AM
73	Jackson county has more going for it than some people realize.	8/10/2023 12:52 AM
74	For the last few questions I have to say there is close to no way to work in Jackson county and have a decent life. None of the big employers are paying anything because they don't have to. The county makes sure one place doesn't pay more than the other it's crazy. We need unions at these places.	8/7/2023 7:35 PM
75	Jackson County has improved in many ways since we have lived here. We have seen growth in new businesses and opportunities for people in the community.	8/2/2023 11:30 AM
76	Like the survey and thanks for asking the questions, but we really need more campgrounds in Jackson County.	7/27/2023 3:27 PM
77	These little towns along the river need to be brought back to life. The people that come to visit my castle come to see the Mississippi river, and all these little towns on this river need to be revamped.	7/26/2023 1:27 PM
78	We need to catch up to the professional standards of the other counties in the state	7/26/2023 12:03 PM
79	We need to provide to bring young people back to the area; housing, jobs, entertainment. There isn't much to do here if you don't drink alcohol. Alcohol seems to be a common thread in Jackson County.	7/26/2023 9:38 AM