

2024 Comprehensive Plan Jackson County, Iowa

Adopted _____, 2024

APPENDIX

Draft April 1, 2024



Jackson County Courthouse

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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/>

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.

Please send questions or comments on the comprehensive plan to ECIA Senior Planner Laura Carstens at lcarstens@ecia.org.

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.

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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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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 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.



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>.

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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...

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Laura Carstens at lcarsstens@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?

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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.

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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:

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

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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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Check out these draft chapters...

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Let us know!



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Community Survey

Jackson County, 2023

Thank you for participating in Jackson County’s community survey. Your ideas are important. You can help shape the future of Jackson County. All answers are confidential and cannot be traced back to you.

Your input will help create the Jackson County Comprehensive Plan. A comprehensive plan presents a shared vision for the future, with long-range community goals. Information about the Jackson County Comprehensive Plan is available at: https://eciatrans.org/jackson_county_comprehensive_plan.php

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
 - Somewhat Close
 - Somewhat Far Away
 - Very far Away
 - Uncertain
4. How happy are you with current economic conditions in Jackson County?
 - Very Happy
 - Happy
 - Unhappy
 - 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

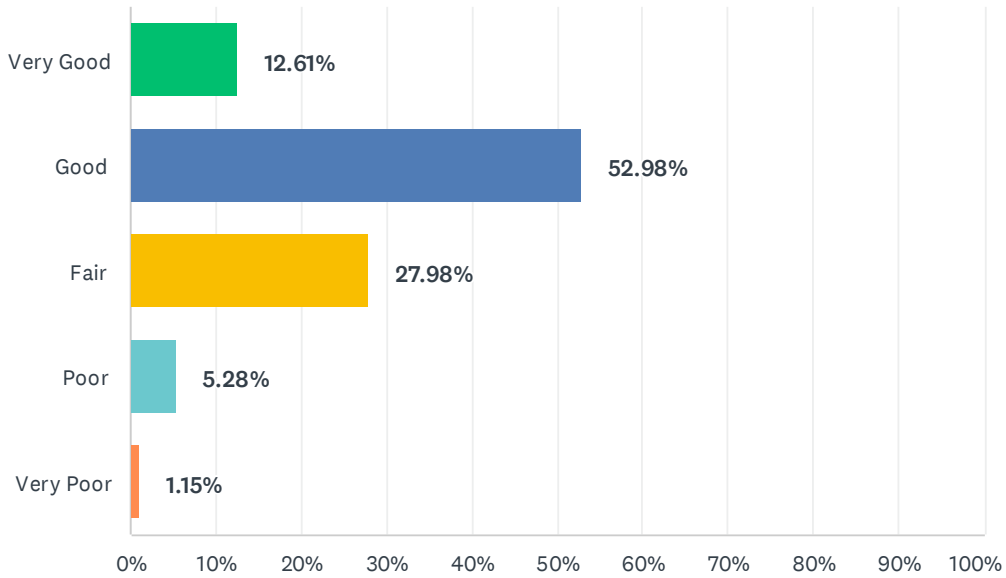
Comments

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

For more information on the Plan, go to https://eciatrans.org/jackson_county_comprehensive_plan.php

Q1 How would you describe the quality of life in Jackson County today?

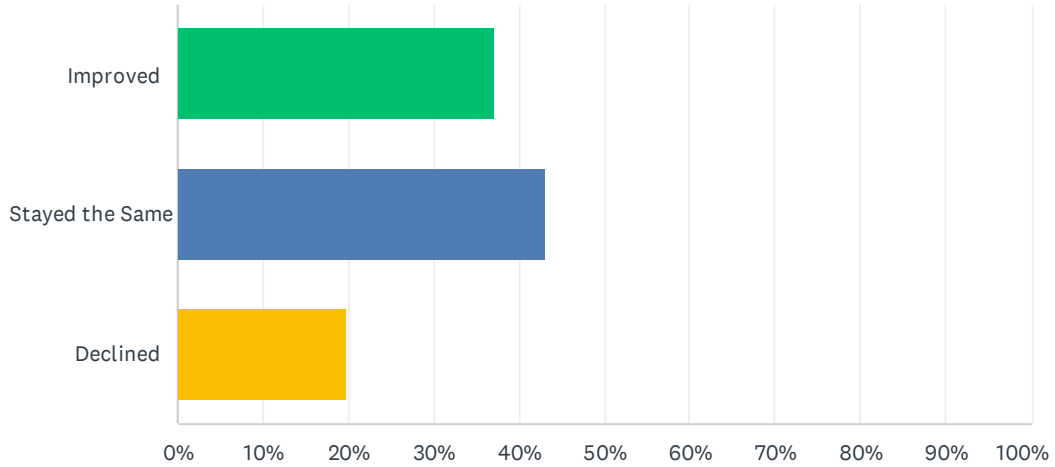
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Good	12.61%	55
Good	52.98%	231
Fair	27.98%	122
Poor	5.28%	23
Very Poor	1.15%	5
TOTAL		436

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

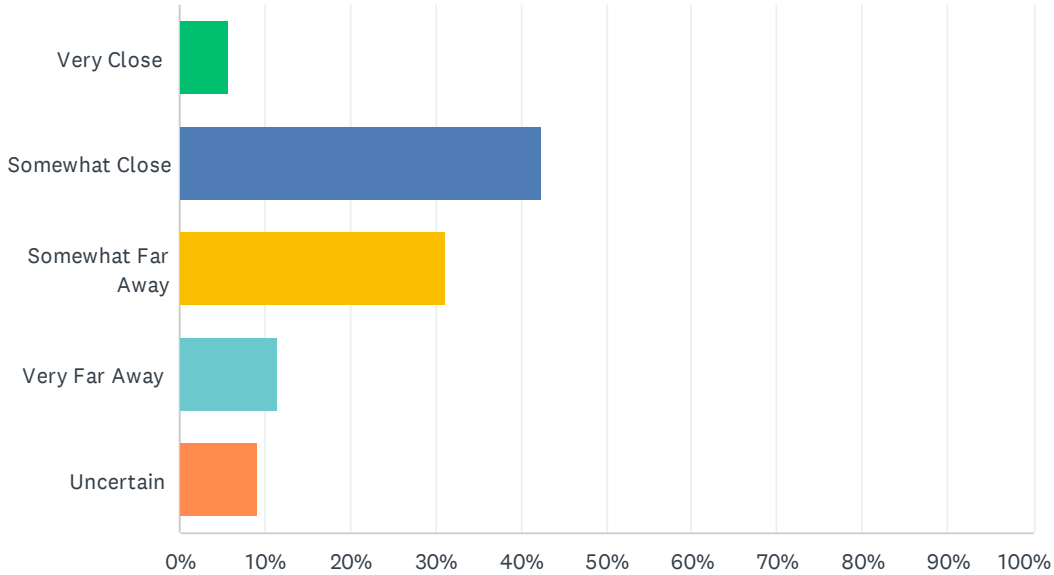
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Improved	37.10% 161
Stayed the Same	43.09% 187
Declined	19.82% 86
TOTAL	434

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

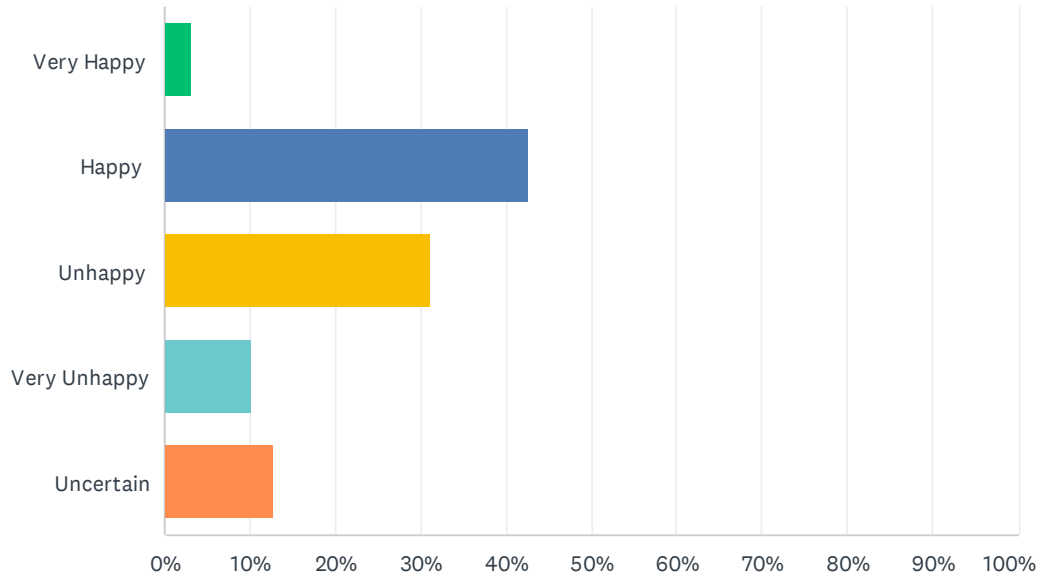
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Close	5.75%	25
Somewhat Close	42.53%	185
Somewhat Far Away	31.03%	135
Very Far Away	11.49%	50
Uncertain	9.20%	40
TOTAL		435

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

Answered: 430 Skipped: 11



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Happy	3.26%	14
Happy	42.56%	183
Unhappy	31.16%	134
Very Unhappy	10.23%	44
Uncertain	12.79%	55
TOTAL		430

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

Answered: 347 Skipped: 94

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

Open-Ended Response

Need more restaurants

Hard top all gravel roads. Maintain roads during spring thaw.

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.

More Local Resources, More Job opportunities, a Homeless shelter, Appropriate Teen Entertainment.

More daycare

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.

More jobs , better paying jobs, more recreation

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.

Investment in Natural Resources and outdoor recreation. Update and investment in infrastructure. Development of affordable housing and childcare

get rid of meth heads, improve funding for streets and water system, funding for law enforcement, fire, and ems

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.

Cheaper housing, cheaper property taxes

The changes that I have seen are improvements done to roads and sidewalks and parks, etc

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

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.

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.

Continue finding ways to involve/entertain youth. Keep Families here. Affordable housing.

Lower Taxes

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.

Bring in more family oriented things to do. Make Jackson Co appealing to visit.

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.

economic development, better paying jobs, housing, and public safety

Higher wages, more housing options

Housing for the homeless. More factories with good pay.

Keep taxes in line. Been some big increases.

Higher paying employers Less poverty Less dependence on Government (Disability, Welfare)

help people financially, low income people, elderly, that anyone can go to the food pantry no matter how many you go to or where

More info to help people in need. Have town meeting for public to come hear things how to better them.

Better roads and protection

-I hope that we can keep the movie theater in downtown Maquoketa. -Add bike/walking trails -additional affordable housing

Fix some paved roads, better snow plowing

Better rural town infrastructure improvements.

Better gravel, highway roads

Lower utility rates in Miles. Take care of streets

Advanced work opportunities are minimal.

more industry/ job choices

Get rid of the druggies.

1. Less taxes 2. Less county spending

More employment opportunities

More metal concerts

Lower property taxes

Public Employees held more accountable in their jobs Control Spending at county level by supervisors Government needs to listen to the taxpayers

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

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.

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

more daycare options

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

Expanded options for dining In Bellevue specifically: Robust farmers market Marina with fuel for purchase

More entertainment options in town. Improved parks. Better paying jobs.

Programs for kids, especially teens. Help stop the cycle of drugs and overdoses. Follows through families. Something like a boys/girls club for mentoring.

Housing, jobs and more businesses that will stick around not open and close within a year.

With the addition of space, places for young people 13-18 to hang out be active and use their time constructively

No vacant storefronts. Continue enhancing access to the natural resources in our county (bike trails, camping sites, river access)

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.

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.

more white-collar jobs

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!

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.

Cut back in low income housing Get tougher on crime

More access more hours to current outdoor pools . More internet in rural areas. More grocery stores

Repave city of Maquoketa roads and also add in popular fast food restaurants in Maquoketa

Lower my property taxes. If you need more money spend less that's what I have to do.

We need more businesses that would attract more visitors to come and spend their money. More of a tourist center.

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.

More opportunities and things to do

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.

Take care of the state park with the Indian Burial. What happened there?

Improve services to elderly. Improve youth services by collaborating with other towns in county

Schooling daycare jobs low income housing

More housing development, particularly condos, and apartments (market rate and lmi).

More opportunities and things to do

1. More safe places for kids and families to have indoor entertainment 2. More quality restaurants 3. More job opportunities

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.

More middle income homes. More things for teenagers to do. Movie theatre open more.

More emphasis on sustainable and innovative agriculture, particularly food related agriculture and diversity in crops and foods grown here. More tolerance of different people.

Q 5. Please provide us with two or three ways the quality of life in Jackson County might be improved.
Increased real estate opportunities Connect and extend bike/walking path onto Summit...or create a bike path like Preston's on western side of county.
Get rid of the low income housing you keep bringing in and the people!
Childcare, taxes, road quality
More job opportunities that pay to attract young families and young adults. Attractions for younger generations
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.
More conservation employment opportunities in the county.
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.
More housing options; more diversity
More affordable housing and better highway roads.
Increased access to Mental Health care.
Jackson county conservation should me more aggressive in acquiring more public land for recreation.
Take better care of parks and recreation areas Improve roads.
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Additional bike trails Land for development Increased salary & wage structure
Recreational expansion Housing Options city and municipality improvements
an educated workforce middle to upper class housing forward thinking town governments allowing more small businesses
Lower property taxes!!!!!!!!!!!!
Better media resources to keep people engaged and informed.
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.
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.
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.
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 Sundays. We always went to the Wednesday night showings.
Lowering price of housing. Lowering interest rates.
Lower elderly property taxes Better rural roads
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.
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.
community events Festivals like the car cruise from years ago
Need a retail area with nice shops and restaurants. Lower property taxes.
I would love sidewalks throughout Maquoketa. More inexpensive shopping choices.
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.
More fairs and festivals, more things for young people to do

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

Fill green space with a business - we have parks for events

More affordable housing. Better parks.

Get new company that pays decent wages, get communities to clean up neighborhoods (old houses, etc), get people off of welfare.

No mow May, native landscape actions, more family oriented places

restore more natural prairies

Family and child health promotion. Mental health support, activities, education, awareness. Parenting programs but free offerings

Lower taxes. More affordable housing. More fruitful job opportunities

Lower taxes. More fruitful employment opportunities.

More affordable transportation to grocery stores or other shops. Most of us are on a fixed income and no way of transportation.

Something for kids to do. More of a variety of restaurants. New building for middle school. Outdoor splash pad, pool, mini golf, etc

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.

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

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.

Get rid of the Republicans!!!

Mental health care Roads improved More individuals to volunteer

Stop the growth. The traffic is horrendous, the schools are overflowing. It takes triple the time to get anywhere now.

Lower taxes. Better roads. Better commercial infrastructure.

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.

Slow the growth, preserve the character, no more gas stations, automotive repair or car washes.

Stop over development. Stop building subdivisions. Stop building warehouses. Improve roads and traffic flow.

Better planning, slow the growth, preserve the character

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.

Limit new development to at least 1/2 an acre per house. Stop raising taxes!

Stop building cookie cutter homes/apartments and warehouses without updating roads/schools FIRST

Put sealant on all gravel roads!!! The dust is not good to breathe!

Improving secondary roads. Current "improvements" have made zero impact and more dangerous to travel.

Yards could be cleaner in Jackson county. Get the cat populations under control .

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.

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.

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!

Clean up Maquoketa, lower taxes or don't keep raisin them, don't let Bellevue turn into galena

Everything is so expensive here. Taxes, real estate, groceries, ect.

Better job opportunities with much better pay, besides manufacturing.

Drugs are a major issue in Jackson Co. This needs to be fixed sooner then 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.

Quality daycares Consistency in enforcing rules/laws Dog parks

*More quality daycares *Dog parks *Consistency in enforcing rules/laws

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

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

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. Its a really tough call for us.

More mental health support. Reduction of drug use.

1) Big boys, big toys. Prohibit ATVs on city streets. Creates a perception of "podunk". 2) Cleanup the towns. Cars and other junk in the yards have become lawn ornaments. Zero pride.

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.

Community Collaboration Events, small business support

We need more child care. We need more affordable housing More available housing

Pave more gravel roads.

Give people a reason to live here. That way you get people to live,work,grow here.

Better employment opportunities, more diverse restaurants and activities to enjoy.

Curb shoplifting Promote better family units More community involvement

AFFORDABLE homes- under \$100,000, consequences for teens/adults, new sidewalks on all streets - not handicap/stroller safe or accessible

Police could stop drugs and asshole kids. Make the parents be responsible

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.

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.

Expanding natural areas and public land. Making an outdoor hockey rink and flooding it during winter season.

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.

More available activities or places for kids to hang out

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.

Stop building new stuff that's not necessary like a hospital and a jail and stop moving in low income housing

Stop building new stuff that's not necessary like a hospital and a jail and stop moving in low income housing

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.

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.

Wages Available medical care

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.

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

LOWER PROPERTY TAXES, SOME GET BY EASY, MOST DO NOT.

More eating establishment options and ones that serve healthier food options

Stop wasting taxpayers money on frivolous projects

clean up junky properties & Plant more trees

Swings like Bellevue had by river at locations people would relax Improve affordable mobile home parks. More artistic projects/ murals like Creston, Ia Finish walk path More for aging persons to do outside- all parks and activities geared towards youth.

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.

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

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.

Better Jobs That Pay well and provide a decent work-life balance. A bigger Focus on Local businesses that provide to locals.

-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)

Better landlords and more affordable housing and more job opportunities

Better paying jobs Clean up slum areas Fewer rental properties (Maq)

More affordable housing. Outdoor swimming pool. Public transportation for those without transportation.

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.

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.

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.

More paved roads Lower taxes

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.

More Jobs and drug control over heavy drugs in town. More tax money towards the schools.

Jackson County would be improved if there was more recreational activities for example a camping area at Prairie Creek or an outdoor pool.

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.

More opportunities for families, better communication

Increase choices for daycare. More manufacturing

More variety of businesses, people living in the area. More focus on the arts, creative industries.

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.

The EG stuff and the high payment on everything.

More space for elementary schools.

I don't know

Up wages, lower drinking and smoking age, legal weed, legal abortions.

More things like the outdoor bikes to rent, outdoor things, ect.

I really couldn't say, it has been the same overall

Need more residents

Affordable childcare, better access to senior transportation, senior activities.

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

I think that we could plant more trees and clean more.

Have more benefits to living in the county.

-More modern fast food. -More modern stores.

-adding another store or some other building -less stop signs

I think the quality of life here is good.

You could improve it by maybe having more wildlife centers. Make sure to keep some of the forest/wooden areas.

More countryside Fewer people

Fix some of the roads

add more stuff like playgrounds. and add more rec centers

1) Gas prices 2) Insurance

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

Uncertain

Keep it clean by less garbage in the waters or roads.

I think the quality is good.

The quality is pretty good because they place is clean and people are good and places are pretty good to live.

I think its fine the way it is

Lots of Agriculture and Rural areas. Good town-to-country ratio.

diversity, that's it other wise everything is fine

- More effort put into gravel/county roads - Better clean up/ mowing in road ditches would clean this county up a lot

Stop building so many houses in places where trees were tore down.

Stop ruining farm land that could be used for farmers to grow subdivisions.

all good

More public land to hunt on and hike on.

road services recreation trails

Update, improve, MAINTAIN roads. (Gravel included)

Wish for more retail but need more population to make it profitable.

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.

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.

More recreation, more jobs

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.

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.

Public schools need help, better use of funding and more funding. Those students are our future.

Wages need to improve, so people can survive. Making housing accomodate and affordable.

More focus on the residents living here than the ones people are trying to bring in. It's gotten much more busy..

Quit wasting money on dumb projects like the green space art.

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.

More restaurants, more shopping, more entertainment

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.

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.

Mental Health, les alcohol sales to kids, no drugs.

More family event places that are permanent - not just weekend activities More child care places More eating places - a good steak place

Better child care options Housing additions

More restaurant options. Higher quality businesses. More recreational oppotunities.

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*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 *

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.

focus on education , higher paying jobs.

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.

Encourage more pasture and hay land landscape, row cropping our hills is ruining our waterways. Establish visitor signs for Hurstville Interpretive Center.

More opportunities for good paying jobs. More affordable childcare. Better government help. A better facility than Mill Valley for nursing home care.

More pride in the community. Higher paying jobs. More pride in property

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.

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.

Improved air, water and soil health

More senior activities. More daycare centers for preschool age children.

Gear decisions to help people who live here.

More outdoor activities Disc golf Bike trails

1. More Economic Development 2. Use of Mississippi River for tourism 3. Develop SxS trails

Affordable housing options, childcare options, cultural diversity/opportunities

More restaurants

More paved walking paths Senior housing in Maquoketa

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.

More available housing for moderate income families More activities to draw people to the area More visibility outside the area

More restaurant options Senior housing - condo development Outdoor swimming pool

More community spaces/events, more outdoor recreation access

More hiking and camping spots. A public outdoor pool or beach area on the Maquoketa river.

More job opportunities.

Clean up the towns, punish the "thug" children running around destroying everything.

Increase to quality hunting and fishing. Supporting county opportunities to host larger, frequent events to support local tourism. Better communication of opportunities.

Outside swimming, pool or splash pad may be waterpark slides.

better jobs less HUD approved housing to stop bringing in people that don't want to work

Reduce monopolies on downtown properties and banks. They own too much and do very little with it. tax loss for them but a hindrance for start ups

There are a lot of people who could use more mental health services as well as help with employment.

More retail More community pride in homes and businesses (upkeep of buildings and landscape)

Camping, bike trails, disc golf,

Bike trails connecting the cities Wind turbines More housing within city limits

more higher paying wages and places to work and more variety of places to eat and shop and visit.

Increased law enforcement (9 or 10 guys can't cover this large of a county), take advantage of outdoor beauty, add childcare opportunities.

-Continuing building bike trails -Finish downtown facade project -Bring in more restaurants -Improve childcare options/availability

Trails for walking and biking. Get Maquoketa connected to Interpretive Center...then to the Caves. Connect our people to our parks.

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-income housing for senior citizens. Better transportation for those in-need (like a local bus service) is important for elderly and handicapped individuals.

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

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.

It would be good if people decided to accept change instead of always doing things the same way. Diversity needed.

1. Retail stores open more hours. Most are closed Monday and Tuesday. 2. More restaurants. More

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

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

More industry w higher wages and benefits

More and better jobs which allow people to make a good living Ensure our education system is the best it can be.

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

Affordable housing and more restaurants available to choose from

Insist that some yards, get cleaned up. Help for the poor home owners to improve their property Help poor to find jobs.

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

Enhance river walks, camping/cabins, bike trails

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.

1: Affordable Childcare 2: Higher paying jobs 3:

housing, childcare, education, industry/entrepreneurship (4 legs to the stool)

Groceries have exceeded inflation. Those with only social security have to be having a difficult time.

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.

investment in upgrading owner-occupied AND rental properties. Increase incentives for housing developers. Welcome newcomers to the area like they were already your neighbor.

Increasing trail connectivity between parks and urban centers, and stewarding youth and veteran attraction to Jackson County communities

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.

INCREASE AVAILABLE JOBS AND MORE HOUSING.

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

Help with housing improvement or more affordable housing Better paying jobs More recreation opportunities - bike path expansion - Prairie Creek Development

Bring a business like Target to the community.

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?

Need jobs. More safety for kids and seniors.

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.

More Senior Housing Downtown Stores Clean Maquoketa River

Lower Taxes. Better downtown businesses. Any repairs do at night.

Lower Taxes, better downtown businesses, any repairs do at night.

Lower taxes. More jobs with affordable living. Raises. Better downtown businesses.

More cohesiveness and working together amongst communities. More people realizing we are in this together. more people taking care of each other.

Eliminate run down houses. Improve food business variety More housing options

1. Outdoor pool or splash pad 2. Increased employment opportunities 3. Quality child care of children 0-5

Housing-condos-in Maquoketa

Better spending. More outlook for the future. More ways to attract more population.

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More attractions for younger individuals

Continue with road improvements and nuisance reports

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.

improve county roads.

Get junky area cleaned up make people responsible for maintaining their property especially if they have neighbors

More senior housing. Downtown stores. Clean Maquoketa River

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.

Prices of things in Maquoketa are to high that why people go out of town. Unsafe for little kids.

Housing is in need of upgrading. There are so many dilapidated homes. Roads need to be improved to help bring commerce to the communities.

More stores and restaurants available.

People would take more pride in the appearance of their housing; more downtown retail shopping; more options for mid-priced dining

Better downtown More visible restaurants. Restaurants that stay open. Most restaurants are in bars making it hard to get anything other than a cheeseburger.

child care, transportation from rural areas, rigor and precision within our law enforcement

more restaurants better community support of existing amenities

More recreation and entertainment for youth.

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!

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.

Focus on housing availability in Cities because there is none. Encourage recreational opportunities.

Jackson County could offer a higher level of support for public lands/areas.

More activities for kids / better use of the green space / splash pad

More things for families/kids. Other than just the YMCA and Stockcar races. Cleanliness and safety.

Finish Hurstville trail. Continue to find ways for family involvement.

Bringing more businesses to the smaller towns.

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.

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

More jobs and housing. More restaurants. More entertainment.

Higher paying jobs. Community activities & involvement.

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.

To bring in an outdoor public pool and splash pad for families.

More activities for kids Community activities

Keep getting new buisnesses less crime better schools

More businesses More equal job opportunities More cop's

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

Answered: 358 Skipped: 83

Q 6. Please provide us with two or three reasons you decided on Jackson County as a place to live.
Open-Ended Response
Great school, community, and family.
Born here and work here.
Great place to raise a family
Grew up here - family Affordable rural properties
Went to School here, most of my Family is Still Local, wanted my Daughter to Experience Small Town Living and Learn Small Town Values
Family oriented, good cost of living, friendly people
out.
Born and raised here
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.
Access to Mississippi river Areas parks and natural resources Friendly communities
quieter than Clinton County, more open areas for recreation
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.
cheaper than Illinois, family, slower pace of life
Lived here my entire life Nice area to raise family
Good school district
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.
Business opportunity in 1969. Been here 53 years - love it!
I was born here, educated here, and found employment after high school. I never thought about moving.
Family, Convenience
Better than Illinois
Small and nice community
quality of life for us all.
Bellevue School System Small town living River
I came here for a job married a local and now stuck here.
employed by Maquoketa Community School District and small town living
Family, small communities with small school systems
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.
Was raised here. Came back because I like small towns.
Feel safe and good school system
Beautiful county, a place to grow, a lot of potentials
Close to my hometown Job opportunity
was brought up here, was born here
Parents moved to Jackson 20 years ago so I stay because I love the country.
Lived here all my life, with the exception of 3 months.
-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.
It is where I grew up, just never left
My child lived in Preston I love tiny town living
Lower property taxes (not anymore) Lower cost of living (no longer valid)
Family, small schools
Family.
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 '
Grew up here. Married someone who lived and worked here.
Born and raised here. Friends and family. Terrain - Mississippi River, Good hunting timbers, simple life
Moved

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

Grew up here. Cost of living is less expensive

family it is what I know

born here

Went to school in Jackson County. Like small town living and small school districts.

small communities, good schools, I've always lived here.

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.

Recreational activities Bellevue specifically: Location on the river Friendly residents

My job. I own a home. Close to where I grew up. Family and friends.

Husbands hometown. Housing was affordable compared to Dubuque. Thought there would be less crime in a smaller town.

I grew up here. People are genuine, compassionate and for the most part honest.

Born, raised and basically lived here all my life. Raised my family here and three of my four children live here currently.

Sense of community Rural values Safety/good place to raise kids

I grew up here and I live in Andrew and it's very quiet and peaceful up here.

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

love living in the country

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!

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.

Close to family

Love the mostly rural countryside. Few fast food places. Family heritage has been in Jackson county since 1860's.

I lived here all my life and it's been my home county!

I was born and raised here

It was closer to family in the quad cities and friends in Dubuque.

Beautiful rural scenery. Open spaces. Economical.

Grew up here family is everywhere

Because of a job.

Close to Dubuque. Rent. Scenery.

Born here - Family is here

Work, found a great house, natural landscape (access to Mississippi)

Grew up here family is everywhere

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

Safer communities, decent schooling. We can always improve schooling, but that doesn't mean not keeping parents in the loop.

I have lived here all my life.

I grew up here. I think Jackson County has great potential

Family is here. Beautiful environment

Born and raised here. My parents are still here unfortunately

Family, family values, small school system

County.

Small communities that create generational friendships Great area to raise my kids

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.

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.

Economic, Nature, Safety

Job; home we like; close to nature

Grew up here, wanted to raise kids in a smaller community.

The access to quality outdoors and activities.

Born and raised here. Good place to raise a family.

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Born and raised here. Good place to raise a family.
Quality of life for family Job opportunity
-safe place to live -location to natural resources -quality of education and family upbringing
Owner operator of a Jackson Co business
My family lives here, homey, great community
Have been here most of our lives. Like the people-know a wide variety.
Born & raised Safe Beautiful
Nature, good people, farming and agricultural county.
Caring community, beautiful geography and family roots
Came here for a job and to be close to my parents. Not sure if I will stay if something happens to them.
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.
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.
We bought one of the Bear River cottages and moved here from North Carolina.
Lived in Jackson County all my life. My friends all live in Jackson County.
Country living Small towns
Tremendous people. Beautiful natural surroundings. Low cost of living.
Because I was born and raised in Jackson County.
Housing costs, family in area.
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.
We moved to Jackson County because of a job offer for my partner.
Family has been in Jackson County for many, many years, less stressful than living in a bigger city
Schools Slower pace
My husband is from here
Born and raised, married wife there
Grew up here, want to see the place prosper, and I can surround myself with Nature
Work is here. I like the landscape in Eastern Iowa.
Family and small community
I was born here
My wife was born and raised in Jackson County and when I met her I fell in love with the small town
I was born here. And my wife won't move.
My family lives here and I like that I feel safe living in Bellevue.
Job
Cheap living and house prices at the time, at time was neutral location for employment in Dubuque and Quad Cities.
always worked here so didn't need to drive; most people great
1. I was born here and returned after 30yrs in CR-IC, so for me, familiarity. 2. Property taxes are blissfully low.
Born here
Born here Enjoy volunteer possibilities Beauty of area cost of living
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.
Cheap. Only housing market we could afford
I grew up here and like the small town life.
Larger lots (no longer applicable) Small town character- lost
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.
Larger lots for ranch homes. It's about time to move again.
My family is from here. My husband won't leave.

Q 6. Please provide us with two or three reasons you decided on Jackson County as a place to live.
It was quiet, reasonable taxes and hardly any traffic.
When we moved here it was a quiet county. Our youngest graduates in two years and then we will be leaving this dump.
Close to Dubuque and Davenport
Family farm is here.
My family is here
The friendships you make and family.
- Family - Rural Life
Kind people, Natural Resources
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.
Small town, cheap good quality of living,
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.
I like small town farm life. My husband is from here.
Truely 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.
Close to family Small town community Schools
Small town community Close to family Schools
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.
Family, small class sizes for my kids, grew up here and loved the experience I had and want my children to have the same.
Was born here. Stay here while my parents are still living here, as they are getting up there is age.
1) Cheaper property taxes.
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.
smaller community, safe surroundings, beautiful landscape
I grew up here. (Bellevue) My friends & family are here. I like knowing my neighbors & how nice & kind people are in a small community.
Family, low crime schools.
Born here, life is great here, things to do here.
My significant other inherited property here.
Family Relatively quiet
Family is here, Have job here, moved during right market
Born here. That's all.
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.
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.
It has the essential business and more with maintaining a small town feel.
Family
My husband grew up here. We think it's a great place to raise a family and it's affordable.
Small towns
1. Family 2. Cost of living 3. Cost of living
I'm from here and work here and the hunting
I'm from here and work here
Location, size, cost of living
I found an affordable home that fit my needs when I was in extreme hardship.
Family
I grew up here and moved back after being gone. I wanted my kids to be raised here.

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Jobs brought us here, rural, small town, non-industrial atmosphere keeps us here.

Born here, family business here

My parents are getting older I grew up here I will die here

Family

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.

I was Born Here I was raised here

My family is born and raised in Jackson County. Beautiful area, lots of outdoor areas to explore. Great people!!

Landscape, location

Born and raised here, most of family still here but more moving away soon

Home area

I was born here. Moved to DFW for 22 years and moved back to be closer to elderly parents. It's my hometown

Place to raise a family similar to where I grew up. Job was offered within Jackson County. Scenic location.

like the rural life Kids slower pace

Small town to raise our family

Family here Low cost of living Great place to raise our family

The river. The people. The beauty.

restaurants, shopping, etc.

I was born here

My job. Cost of my home.

Born and raised here. Can't afford to leave if I wanted to. Topography of the county.

Grew up here, can't beat the friendliness, support, and pride in communities.

Family

Clean/low crime Beautiful cities and country

Family, nature/scenery

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.

It is really cool, there's a lot that you can do in Jackson county.

my parents

Great community,& location.

My parents live here.

Don't want to leave, don't want to learn new city.

My parents live here and raising me here

Nice, decent area to have decided to stay at

Centered between big city and small town. Quiet town for retirement.

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.

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.

My parents grew up here and I was born here, I don't really have a choice in where I live.

I grew up in Jackson County, my parents have lived in the county for over twenty years.

-Small town _ Not too much traffic

-small town -in the country

I live here because I live with my parents and this is where they chose to live.

I was born in Jackson County. Another reason would be that it's overall a smaller county.

It's more of a country place People are nice and you are not too close to people

i was raised here and still live with my parents

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

I don't have a choice I live with my parents

I did not have a choice as i was born here and am under 18.

I was born and raised here, so were my parents.

My parents are here and it's a small place to live.

My parents live here.

Its a good place that is usually nothing bad happens and you have everything you need to live.

Im a kid with no choice Family The community is great

I was born here

small place and good comiunnitcation

live with parents

Because it is a small county. has a lot of ag

Great place to live because of the great people

all good nice

lived here all my life

Born and raised here. Scenery/landscape and things to do.

Good schools. Clean environment. Friendly people.

1995 moved here husband job. Decided on living in county seat. DeWitt was a choice and much cleaner town but Maquoketa was bigger.

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

Born and raised here

Born here. Good life in general. Love the country. Not crowded.

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.

Cost of urban housing with living expenses. Relatives until son passed.

Lived here all our lives, but are looking to move. Family is here.

Affordable housing, small town, and quiet.

Hospital in town. Catholic school and church active in town. Housing available although limited.

I was born here my roots are here people are for the most part friendly and courteous.

Rural, small town atmosphere. Friendly people.

I didn't. My father followed his mother to maquoketa then moved to Iowa City.

Beauty of the area, parks and outdoor activities. Great neighbors. Responsive government departments, being able to talk to a person.

here, that's the specialness.

Born here, cheaper living, rural

job family

Family atmosphere opportunity

Family is here. Was born here. Close to Quad cities and Dubuque.

*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.

Close to employment. Lower cost of living than surrounding communities.

FAMILY, WORK, FARM OWNED

Mississippi River, Maquoketa River, Interesting bluff/valley terrain, fishing, tubing, canoeing and hunting opportunities.

Moved here because of the Mississippi River is close. Small town vibe, less traffic, no traffic jams.

Job.

Family is here. Want a small close-knit community to raise kids.

I love the farm life of JC. I love the small town life of JC

Peaceful and beautiful.

Close to dr., dentist and cheaper cost of living.

Q 6. Please provide us with two or three reasons you decided on Jackson County as a place to live.
Parents came when I was little. I stayed to be near.
My family moved here when I was a child I grew up here
1. Family 2. Near Dubuque for jobs
Low population density, lower cost of living
family here
Born here
Was moved here as a child in our family started a business that I know helped run
Great people- community engagement
My husband refuses to relocate. I would prefer DeWitt or Bettendorf.
Small community, work
I wanted to live outside of a bigger city, but close enough to drive to one for a day trip.
Family
Cost of living, close to work
Grew up here and family still living here.
Family.
Good place to raise children Centrally located for commuting to work for spouse and myself Family here
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.
centrally located between Davenport, Dubuque and Cedar Rapids. Nice place to raise family.
Medical care, education, feel safe from crime
Safe Friendly Short drives to major cities
my husband was born and raised in Jackson County and he was not willing to leave here so that's why were here.
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.
-Hometown -Family -Cost of Living
safety
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.
This really isn't applicable to me. I moved here because of family.
I owned a small acreage in Jackson Co and wanted to be closer to it.
1. Family in Maquoketa. 2. Cost of living. 3. Live small town atmosphere.
by the county
Born and raised in Jackson county Like the local community togetherness Love the agricultural opportunities here
grew up here
Generations of my family has lived here. One of the most beautiful places in the state Love the rural lifestyle
Born and raised in Jackson County Love the beauty of the scenery/outdoors in Jackson County Like smaller town living
We retired here from the Quad Cities...family here and cost of living is less.
Progressive, good for groups, good grocery stores, good locations, good electric, great restaurants.
I have always lived in this area. It is my home. My family was here.
Natural resources--fishing, hunting, canoeing, etc. Old friends--I grew up here and decided to return to be closer to family and old friends
Location. Size. Beauty
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.
1: The People 2: The way they raise their children
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
Like a small town. Schools were very good in 1990, not so much now thanks to Iowa government.
I love the communities involvement with art and how supportive the community is
My family lived here and we raised our children here. Beautiful area with low cost of living.
It's my home - friends and family. It's where I found my career. It has so many natural attractions and parks.

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

WAS BORN HERE AND DECIDED TO LIVE HER WHEN MARRIED 65 YEARS AGO

Location to work in Clinton and Dubuque

Halfway between jobs in Clinton and Dubuque and good roads to get back and forth

Forward thinking people, updating facilities.

River Recreation, County Parks are great, New Hospital, Paved roads have improved, need to upgrade gravel roads.

My job. Moved here to be with husband.

not be scared.

Trees. Job. Scenic Area.

Small town atmosphere People

Raise here whole life. Family

Raised here my whole life Family

lived here my whole life. it was decent living back in the days.

it is rural, it is close to bigger cities I liked the schools

Closeness to Dubuque and Quad Cities Relatively low taxes

It was a good central location

42 years ago Hospital good and good schools

My hometown. Close proximity to both DBQ and QCA.

Born and raised here. Happy to raise family here. My wife's and my career are both in Jackson County

Small town with quick commutes to Dubuque, Cedar Rapids and Davenport.

peaceful. not bad traffic.

Love the beautiful scenery and the location between the QC and Dubuque

Trees, job, scenic area

Born and raised here

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

Lower cost of living.

Grew up here, Family is close

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.

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.

Jobs, Small Town Appeal, Safety

Lower cost of living; amenities such as fine arts center, YMCA, outdoor recreation options; employment opportunities

Small communities but not too small.

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.

natural beauty, family, not highly populated

job opportunity recreation

Grew up here. I have a job that pays decent for size of community/opportunities within this area. My family is close.

Looking to relocate as we speak!

Born and raised here, but quality education, low crime rate and beauty of the landscape are the best reasons to live here.

Career location.

I was raised in Jackson County, and I moved back to Jackson County to work to be closer to family.

because of family

Grew up here, moved away but had to come back for family and found a job. Just haven't moved away since.

We have a beautiful, peaceful county. People are usually friendly, honest, and helpful.

My mother did that for me now my life is here

To be close to family.

Where i grew up. Don't want to see it decline and go backwards

Grew up here.

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

Back in the day, smaller community with great values.

I moved here for my job, but it is a beautiful area with lots of trail systems, fishing opportunities and most people are friendly

Close to work

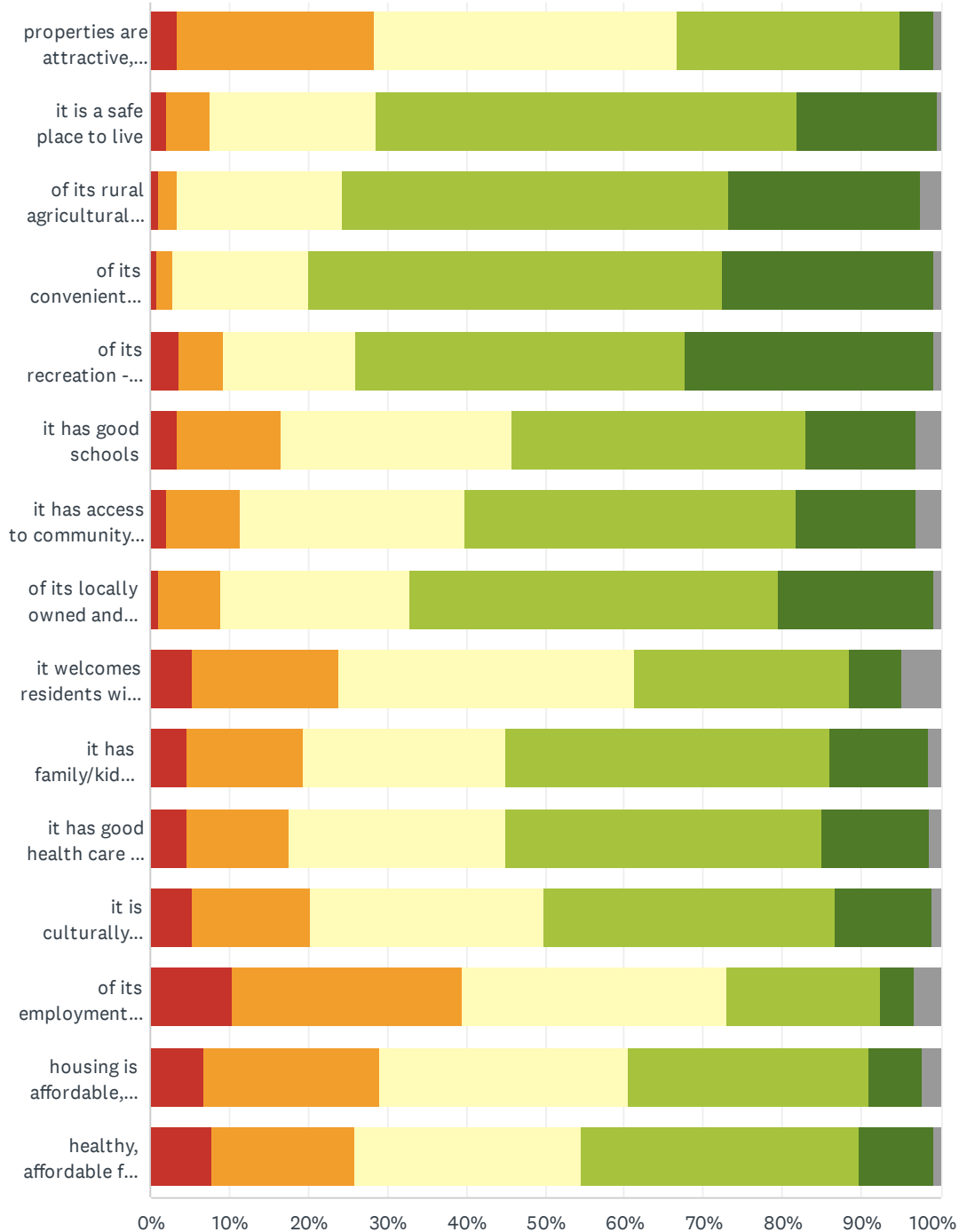
Born here

I'm good

I grew up here

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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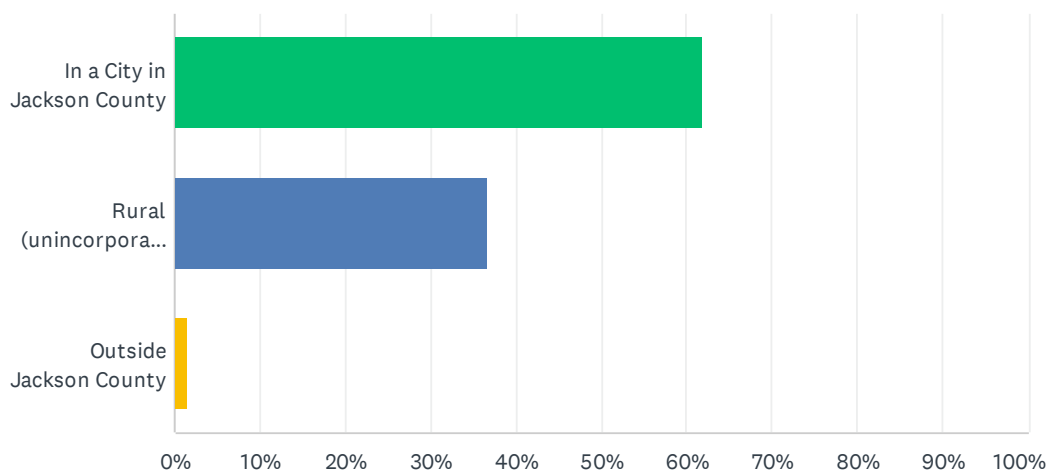
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 ■ Neutral
 ■ Agree
■ Strongly Ag...
 ■ Don't Know

Jackson County Community Survey

	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEUTRAL	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
properties are attractive, clean, and well maintained.	3.47% 14	25.00% 101	38.12% 154	28.22% 114	4.46% 18	0.74% 3	404	3.07
it is a safe place to live	1.98% 8	5.68% 23	20.99% 85	53.09% 215	17.78% 72	0.49% 2	405	3.80
of its rural agricultural character	0.99% 4	2.48% 10	20.84% 84	48.88% 197	24.32% 98	2.48% 10	403	4.00
of its convenient location - highway access	0.74% 3	2.22% 9	17.04% 69	52.35% 212	26.91% 109	0.74% 3	405	4.05
of its recreation - state and county parks, trails, rivers, forests	3.72% 15	5.46% 22	16.87% 68	41.69% 168	31.51% 127	0.74% 3	403	3.94
it has good schools	3.48% 14	13.18% 53	29.10% 117	37.31% 150	13.93% 56	2.99% 12	402	3.54
it has access to community colleges and higher education	1.99% 8	9.43% 38	28.54% 115	41.94% 169	15.14% 61	2.98% 12	403	3.68
of its locally owned and operated shops and restaurants	0.99% 4	7.92% 32	24.01% 97	46.53% 188	19.80% 80	0.74% 3	404	3.78
it welcomes residents with racial and ethnic diversity	5.22% 21	18.66% 75	37.56% 151	27.11% 109	6.47% 26	4.98% 20	402	3.26
it has family/kid friendly activities	4.74% 19	14.71% 59	25.44% 102	41.15% 165	12.47% 50	1.50% 6	401	3.46
it has good health care and facilities	4.70% 19	12.87% 52	27.48% 111	40.10% 162	13.37% 54	1.49% 6	404	3.49
it is culturally vibrant - interpretive centers, museums, historic sites, art and music venues	5.24% 21	14.96% 60	29.68% 119	36.91% 148	12.22% 49	1.00% 4	401	3.39
of its employment opportunities	10.50% 42	29.00% 116	33.50% 134	19.50% 78	4.25% 17	3.25% 13	400	2.88
housing is affordable, safe, and decent	6.72% 24	22.41% 80	31.37% 112	30.53% 109	6.72% 24	2.24% 8	357	3.15
healthy, affordable food is easy to get everywhere	7.79% 31	18.09% 72	28.64% 114	35.18% 140	9.55% 38	0.75% 3	398	3.23

Q8 Where do you live?

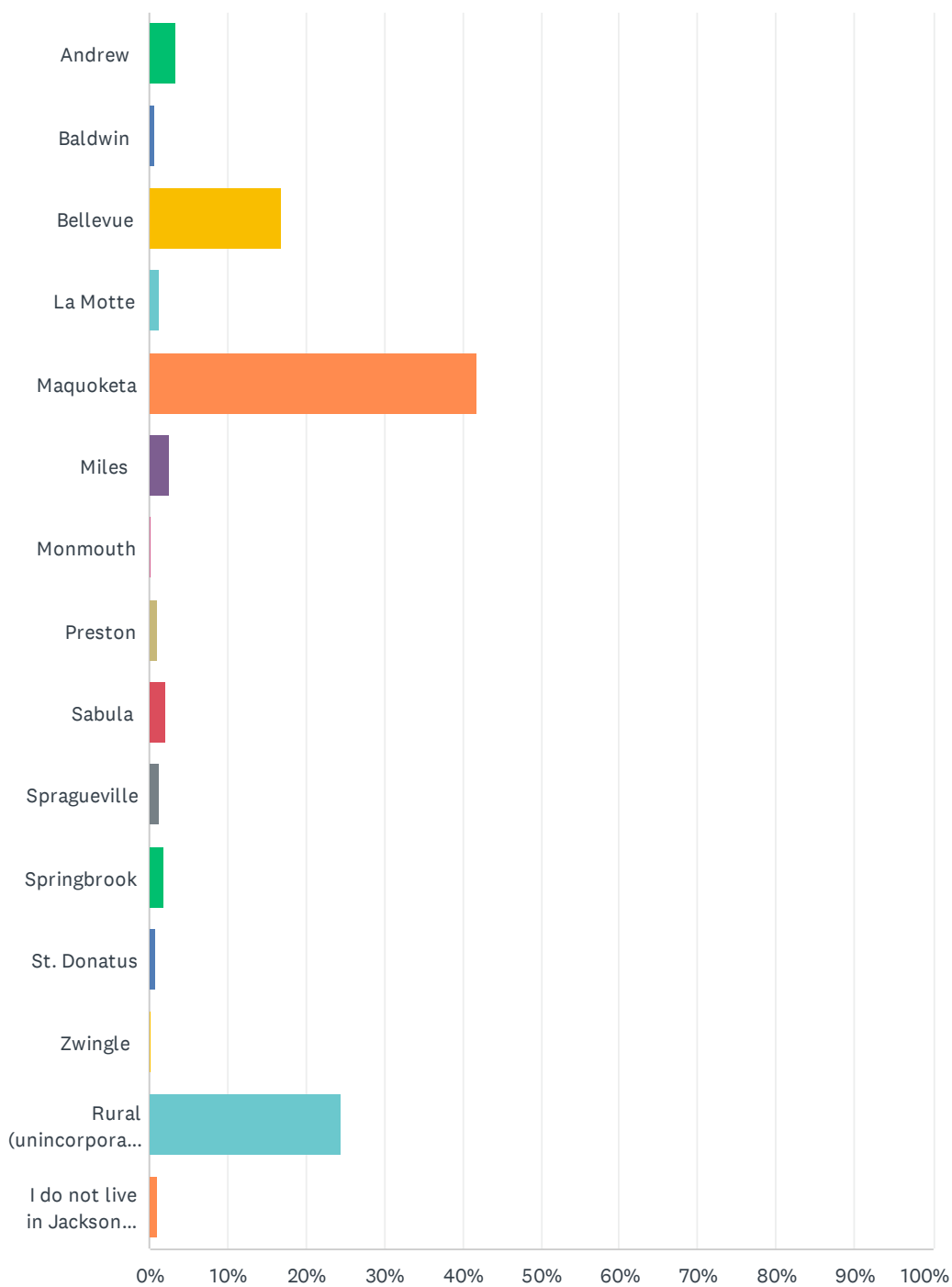
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
In a City in Jackson County	61.79%	241
Rural (unincorporated) Jackson County; outside the limits of a city	36.67%	143
Outside Jackson County	1.54%	6
TOTAL		390

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

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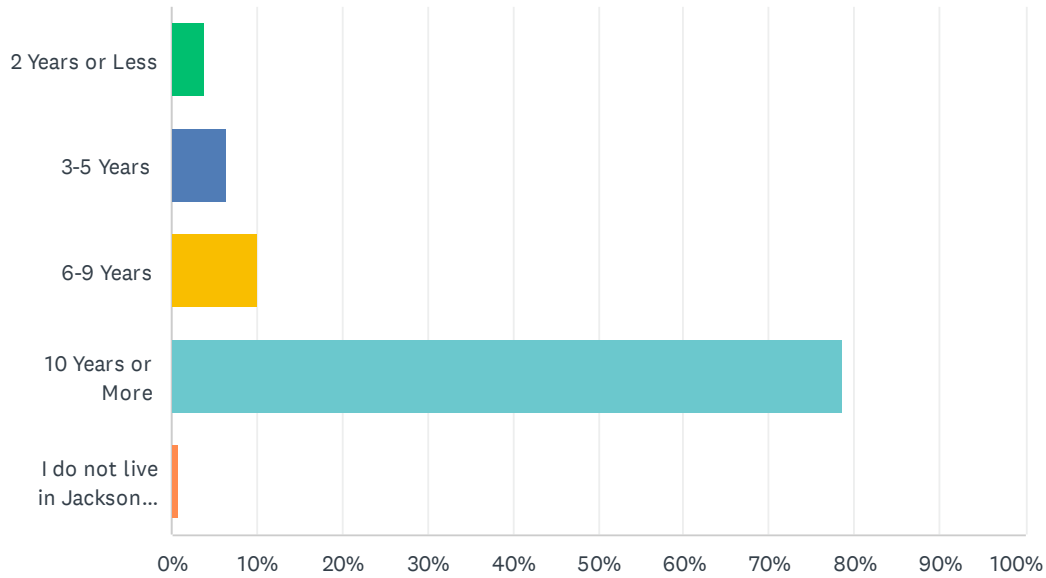


Jackson County Community Survey

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Andrew	3.31%	12
Baldwin	0.55%	2
Bellevue	16.80%	61
La Motte	1.38%	5
Maquoketa	41.87%	152
Miles	2.48%	9
Monmouth	0.28%	1
Preston	1.10%	4
Sabula	2.20%	8
Spragueville	1.38%	5
Springbrook	1.93%	7
St. Donatus	0.83%	3
Zwingle	0.28%	1
Rural (unincorporated) Jackson County; outside the limits of a city	24.52%	89
I do not live in Jackson County	1.10%	4
TOTAL		363

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

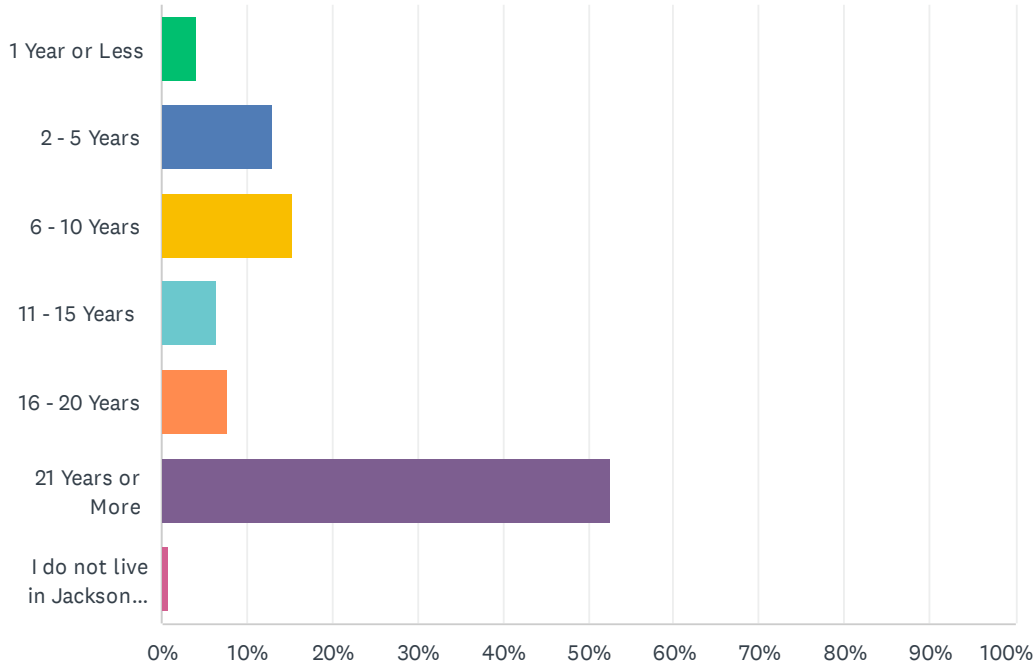
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
2 Years or Less	3.93%	14
3-5 Years	6.46%	23
6-9 Years	10.11%	36
10 Years or More	78.65%	280
I do not live in Jackson County	0.84%	3
TOTAL		356

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

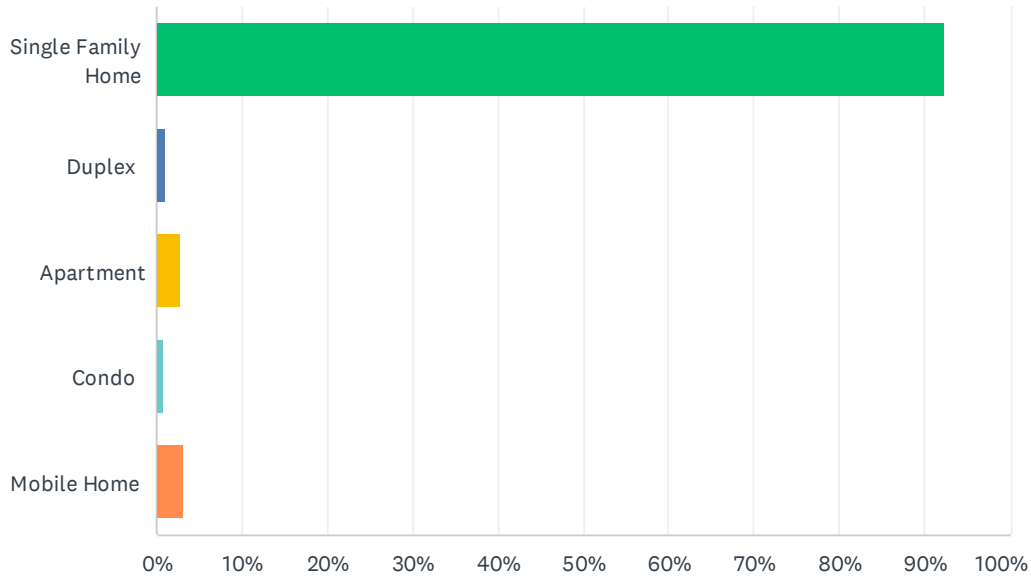
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1 Year or Less	4.13%	16
2 - 5 Years	12.92%	50
6 - 10 Years	15.25%	59
11 - 15 Years	6.46%	25
16 - 20 Years	7.75%	30
21 Years or More	52.71%	204
I do not live in Jackson County	0.78%	3
TOTAL		387

Q12 What type of housing do you currently occupy

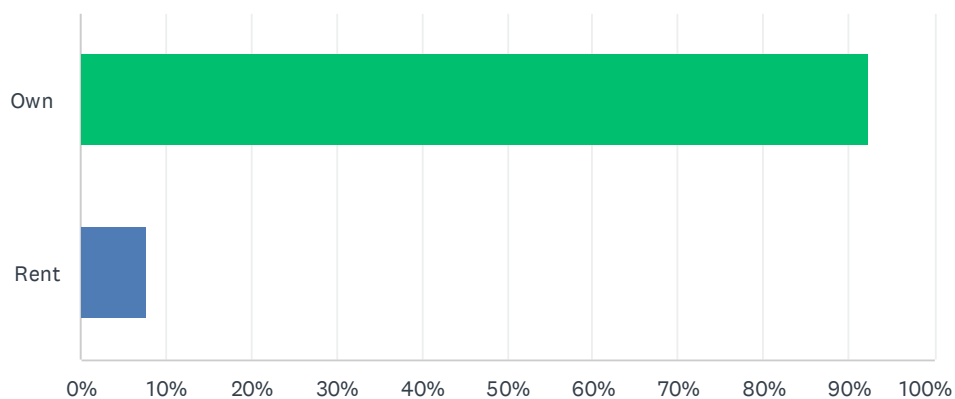
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Single Family Home	92.25%	357
Duplex	1.03%	4
Apartment	2.84%	11
Condo	0.78%	3
Mobile Home	3.10%	12
TOTAL		387

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

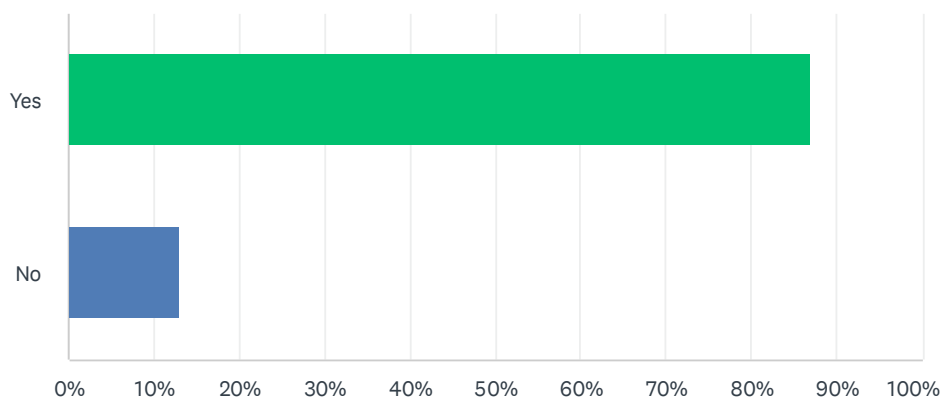
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Own	92.27%	346
Rent	7.73%	29
TOTAL		375

Q14 Are you satisfied with your current housing situation?

Answered: 384 Skipped: 57



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	86.98%	334
No	13.02%	50
TOTAL		384

Q 14. Are you satisfied with your current housing situation?
Please tell us why.
I'd like an acreage
Comfortable and paid for
Because I live out in the country and property taxes are on the lower side. But then again, they're getting kind of ridiculous.
I love my Victorian house.
High taxes
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.
That's where I lived all my life
We built a new house 6 years ago.
I have a nice home in a good community.
family owned
I live in a safe neighborhood, good neighbors
Live close to family and work.
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.
Nice people live by me, ready to help
Live with my parents
could use larger, affordable single family home
My rent is cheap
We live in the country on a dead end road.
How the city has changed
Neighbors do not take pride in their property
House is paid off
not enough affordable houses for young couples to buy, too many slum lords
Would like to move but interests rates are too high and property taxes are too high due to properties being assessed to high.
Location on the Mississippi River
We need a roof really bad and can't even afford patching.
Property taxes too high
But...I would like to change from a 2 story to a ranch, but there is not much available
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
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
Currently remodeling
Beautiful country
Except for the High property taxes
Rent is \$850! For a SMALL house.
Rural
Too many rentals not kept up.
Nice quiet neighborhood
Home is on a nice private rural setting
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.
We love our home.
It is inspirational, beautiful.
I would like to live in the country
Out in the woods
Outgrowing home and would like to move but housing is ridiculously overpriced in Bellevue.
I built my own

Q 14. Are you satisfied with your current housing situation?
Nice neighborhood
built it myself
We built our home
affordable and easy access
Property taxes are way too high.
River view
Quiet neighborhood, nice views
Neighbors do do not maintain properties
i own , don't have to answer to any one's standards.
it's a family home and we've been here forever
We have a new small house in Bear River Cottages
I have acquired and renovated our home to exactly how we wanted it.
Good quality home, safe area, good neighbors.
Right size, right location, right price
We own our home
Built it ourselves
The lot rent keeps going up. Currently looking for a home
Neighbors too close, bad neighbors
I am satisfied, but knowing that nearly every home beside/around me is a multi-family Rental really makes me sad
It is affordable and its easy access to local shops
Own home.
Would like a new house but prices are too high
Nice home in a quiet area.
I built it
City utilities are ridiculously expensive, as are the taxes
Amazing landlord. Always willing to help if things need fixed.
Nice neighborhood and community
Just bought a beautiful home
Buck Koos is spiking everyone property taxes
Building new house in Preston as selling farm
I was fortunate to buy before increase in prices, however very disappointed in landlords buying up affordable housing vs a small family
I chose the house and bought. It will not be paid for by the time I die, but is mine.
With our tax increase that definitely was an impact though
I own.
I love living in Bellevue & I love our neighborhood
Located in the country.
I own it
It is a newer home on nice property.
Need a safer home but nothing is affordable
I own it.
It is affordable and in a safe neighborhood
We were able to purchase a beautiful historic home in a great neighborhood for a reasonable price back in 2012
It works for our family for farming.
We live in several acres with privacy but very close to town.
Our landlord(s) are absolutely fantastic to us and our rent is affordable compared to other homes.
Location and size

Q 14. Are you satisfied with your current housing situation?

You steal money from us and realtors jack up the price on housing

too restrictive

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.

Location and cost

Multi level-need more ground level in Maquoketa

Meets our needs

I would like to downsize but there is not any decent (in my opinion) affordable apartments available to move to.

Our house meets the needs of our growing family.

happy here

House is paid for. Taxes are reasonable.

Historic and affordable

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.

Need major repairs - not enough income for costs

Nice house in nice neighborhood.

Country living, good neighbors

Na

I don't know.

its ok

No rent when I do work for my dad.

I live on a farm so the place where I live is quiet.

because its nice

It is out in the country and good community.

It is not to central, but far away

it is in a small town and quite

I like the house that me and my family live in and I don't have any problems with it.

My family is all together and we all just agree and enjoy time together.

It is next to the river, I just wish it was out in the country

Amazing property

because I live in a nice house

It's a house and it's mostly safe.

We built the home back in 2018 and my parents designed it to be perfect for our family.

It a nice house.

idk

no

Fits my family well

its a great place

rural, quiet, cleaned up

because it i out in the country

Great small town with great people

rather not

its my home

It's mine

Size, location and paid for

Love my house and neighborhood

For older retired people there are few options when it comes to have garage and everything on one level

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.

Q 14. Are you satisfied with your current housing situation?

We just like it here.

It's a nice home

On the farm

Private and wildlife in the area.

Love our farm but taxes went up a lot in the last few years and that's hard on us.

I own a house in the country with an acreage on a paved road

It's a comfortable and affordable home.

adequate

View of Mississippi River, lots of greenery and wildlife.

Acreage

We found a home suitable for two seniors.

I own it

It is paid for

Not easy for senior to get around

I built

Like location and home.

Great landlord and price

It is more affordable than other near by counties

It's modern and affordable

In a flood plain. No help available from community or county.

Need more garage space

We found a old, well-maintained house that I really love.

Rural living

Nice town with plenty of activities

I like where we live and my house is paid for.

Location

Nice neighborhood, safe, quiet, friendly

no debt. Quiet.

too much for me to manage

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.

all paid for and handicapped accessible

20year old new building

I love the location and neighborhood I live in

We have a small acreage in the country and love the lifestyle

Great landlord, location good rate

Live in the country with wooded area surrounding me

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

It's mine.

Only 9 more payments!

I own my house and it is manageable and in good condition in a good location

We need to do a lot more updates to it.

I was able to find and purchase a good home within my budget. That is very hard to do nowadays, for most folks.

We purchased this home in 1968. We have taken care of it and added on and find it very comfortable.

Nice place, no mortgage, nice neighbors

Close to work

I own it and can take care of it ourselves, for now

Q 14. Are you satisfied with your current housing situation?

Great house good neighborhood

Need a bigger yard & garage

Location

I live in one of the nicer neighborhoods of Maquoketa

Nice quiet neighborhood close to schools and businesses.

from my residence.

The landlord don't take care of anything.

I have all of the necessities and many extra options that I enjoy.

Great neighborhood

There is adequate housing to meet the needs of most residents.

Could use more affordable condos for Seniors.

it was a last ditch option since we couldn't afford anything else

We would like to own our own house but have not been able to due to financial restrictions.

Want to own my own home.

It's been my home for 40 years

I wish there were more nice houses available for under \$200,000.

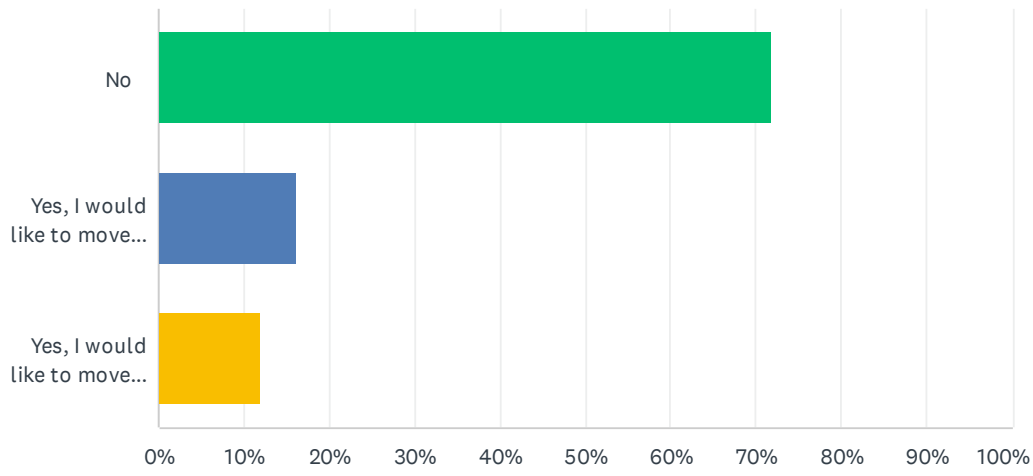
It satisfies my needs

Because we built it

I would like to own my own place, but it is difficult to find anything decent for a reasonable price

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

Answered: 383 Skipped: 58



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	71.80%	275
Yes, I would like to move to a different house or apartment in Jackson County	16.19%	62
Yes, I would like to move to a different house or apartment outside of Jackson County	12.01%	46
TOTAL		383

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

Please tell us why.

See #14

My Daughter wants to Graduate from here. 2 1/2 more years

I would like to own land and build there

As I age and my property taxes keep going up, I may not be able to afford the maintenance and up keep.

my grandchildren

Would like to live with less responsibility for all maintenance.

I love my house

I am comfortable in my home.

not happy

School issues

Neighbors need to clean up their property

I like my set up

affordability of homes

Would like to live in the country but the prices are too high. School also wants to raise property taxes.

Love our townhouse

Too much petty stealing in town, drugs.

I am maturing and would like to situate myself for the future

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

There isn't any available that my children can still go to school in Bellevue.

South where it is warm

In the future for potential employment opportunity

To own instead of rent.

I would like to build closer to Maquoketa

Love my location

The taxes are lower

Taxes are too high to move

Happy where we are for a while.

Outgrowing home and would like to move but housing is ridiculously overpriced.

see above

I miss having a home.

Neiyo do not maintain properties

like my rural community / neighbors... extremely conservative , communicative, supportive.

we just moved into this house and it is a good size for us

See comment above.

Near family

Not interested in moving

Born and raised

Happy where I am and being disabled I have a safe apartment.

There is little in the area to do

Ours is an old house and in 2 floors

Our dream is to own a home with hunting land.

Lower taxes, larger lots

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.

Taxes and population growth

Need a larger garage and more land.

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

Once we outgrow this house

Selling farm moving in 30 days

Explained in previous comment section. The super low income residents keep growing as the middle class and upper seem to become lesser.

Not currently, however may in future to get away from city politics

Not moving unless there is a need because of retirement, income, health

Something more affordable

Zero pride in residents of Maquoketa. It only takes a few that city officials do not deal with.

After school I will be moving to a larger city for my career.

Eventually to QC area for schools, kids activities

I like this house

My home has so many safety risks as lots was diy before we moved in

Not my ideal forever area. I plan to put my money where I will be happy.

We're building on our property outside of city limits

Bullying bullshit in middle/ highschool fights in school you letting in worthless ppl in here

Want a rural property

Farm

Prefer not to

Meets our needs

As above

Our house meets the needs of our growing family and moving is such a pain.

too difficult to move to another location

Happy in my neighborhood

I would like to live on a hard surface road

I like living in the country.

cause could be better

my parents almost have their house paid off

I would like to feel a little space for just me past a room.

Downsizing

because I like my current house

I am only 16 I am not sure where I want to go.

I can't afford it right now.

I don't like being away from family

I am fine with my current house

Since I have grown up in Jackson County I think it would be interesting to have a change.

I would like to live in Wyoming

because I live in a nice house

Because the people here are not it same with the schools.

Once I graduate I would like to move out of Bellevue/Jackson County

I like my house, I grew up in it.

idk

my house is fine

I would like to experience a different community

I like our house now

great people in the county

This was grandparents house.

I like where I live

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

Maybe, if I could find a place with everything on one level

More than a bigger city for things to do as in adult

Moving is difficult.

It's home to me.

Farm

Not happy

Built my home the way we want it.

I am in a good location

Would love to move out to the country.

I would like some land.

I love my house and location.

I like what I have

See last response

Something more accessible for a senior

Would like to downsize.

Interest rates

To exit the flood plain and upgrade to a home suitable for retirement.

I'm satisfied with our current situation.

My house is paid for and i am happy right where I am.

Opportunities

Need larger community with more elderly services

My home is over 105 years old and would like to have a newer smaller house

too many silos within communities and cliques

I love my house the negative is the property taxes are too high

Very satisfying where we are.

Hoping to buy our own home

it's my ancestral family home. I won't move until I have to.

My house will treat my family nicely for the foreseeable future. Moving somewhere else and starting over would be too expensive.

Retirement - Independent Living - Senior Living

It suits our needs for now, but may eventually move closer to our children.

It is to costly to keep living here in Maquoketa. Keep raising prices on MMEU, water, gas and cable.

1 story house with full basement

1 story house with full basement

1 story house with full basement

House and yard becoming too much work.

Want to stay in Maq area

Working in dubuque

Potentially we would for the opportunity of a bigger property.

Closer to family

Be safer.

I like this area.

I would like to move further into the rural area of Jackson County.

Want to live in the country/rural area of county

Our current home meets our basic needs.

Not sure at this time.

safer, better quality, fewer pests, fewer maintenace issues

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

My wife works in the quad cities and my social center is in Dubuque.

I would like to own my own place so I can gain equity, rather than wasting money on rent

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

Answered: 116 Skipped: 325

Q 16. If you would like to move, but have not, please tell us why.
Open-Ended Response
A eages not affordable based on current income at a Jackson County based factory
N/A
The reason I continue to live here is because I have prime crop ground.
No one is selling in the Miles area
Family still in the area.
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.
Not quite ready
can't afford or able
affordable housing in a town with more amenities
Better careers
Currently looking
Interest rates are too high
To get away from the cliky 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
Costs
Family
Can't find a property or a house in my price range.
Can't afford to move
Money
Ranch style homes are not on the market for long and are usually in the sale pending state when information is available.
I would like to keep my children in Bellevue school district but I can't find a house that we can afford.
Dubuque and DeWitt are more attractive however we have family and friends here now.
Warmth. More friendly, open minded people.
Cannot afford it
Life stage
The cost of land is too expensive and the interest rates are high.
Taxes are too high
No affordable housing in the area. Everything is was overpriced and unattainable for working middle class family.
No riverfront homes for sale and land is not available for building.
I am taking care of my mother who is in her 90's. I will stay as long as I am needed.
hawaii or washington state would be awesome . sticker shock realty prices
Many oppotunities to invest in renovating incredible and affordable houses here.
Trying to find something affordable
Money
I recently moved to my first home in 2022, prior to I lived in rural Jackson County
Waiting for daughter to graduate
Cost and less yard space with most areas
Land prices in Iowa are expensive.
Haven't found the right home yet.
My father in law and parents
Interest rates
Can't afford to pay the current cost of housing.
More oppotunities for my children. Maquoketa doesn't offer much for them; town sports teams again, outside pool, acitivities.
Family
I have family who would like to, however, landlords are buying up affordable housing

Q 16. If you would like to move, but have not, please tell us why.
Looking for land to build on, outside the city for privacy.
Can't afford anything
Waiting for retirement.
N/A
Saving for my "ideal forever"
There are not new home available
Covid prices on building materials have to come down a bit more
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
Availability and expense
cost of renting
NA
Would like to move closer to family but that is probably not happening anytime soon.
Searching.
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.
cost, prefer to stay in current area, nothing available
Just bought a lot to build a new house. It will depend on the cost of building materials and interest
Everything is so expensive.
cause I'm 17
Still too young.
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.
I am not old enough.
I plan to go to college out of state.
I want to see more of the world. Experience more diversity
Staying with my mom until 18
I am still in highschool.
I am only 16
I'm a minor.
Too young
bc im to young to move
I am still in high school
still in high school,
to get away from the people around this area
We need some condos with elevators for older people.
Bad economy all over. World is in turmoil and will be for some time.
We like our home. Yes, we would like to fix it up, but its our home.
n/a
I'm not happy living here.
N/A
Can't afford to buy a property with a little land.
Land prices were high when I moved here and have only gone up precipitously since.
N/a
Bigger cities have a lot more opportunities
Lack of choices
Would like a 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo - none available!
Financial situation, cost of housing, interest rates, poor economy.

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

Cheap housing but yes, I would like to build a garage, but do not have the space.

Kids are in school

Interest Rates

To costly to move from current location

farm

N/A

Not quite ready

Still looking out of Maquoketa

One with no steps

Can't afford prices.

Can't afford prices

Can't afford housing and property taxes.

No condos available.

Prices

Cost

There is nothing wrong with where we currently live, very nice neighborhood.

High interest rate, high housing costs.

Have moved out of town.

The cost of land is high.

Cost of land

I would move closer to Maq. But I would need to travel to bigger city for healthcare

I am incredibly under paid for my skill level and years of experience

Financial restrictions.

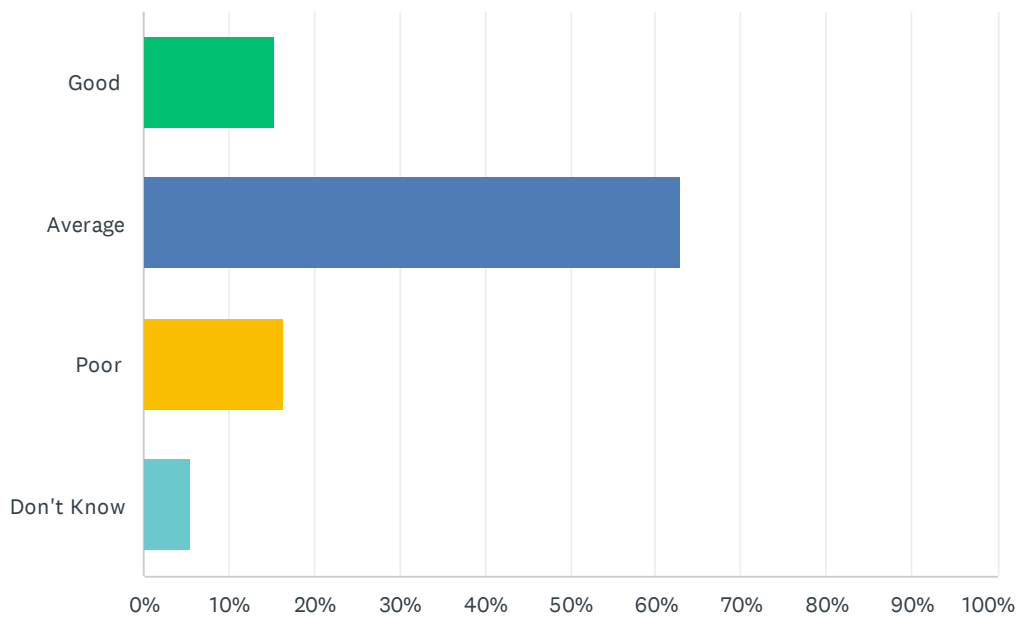
Housing market is crazy!

No good alternatives

It is difficult to find anything decent in Jackson County for a reasonable price

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

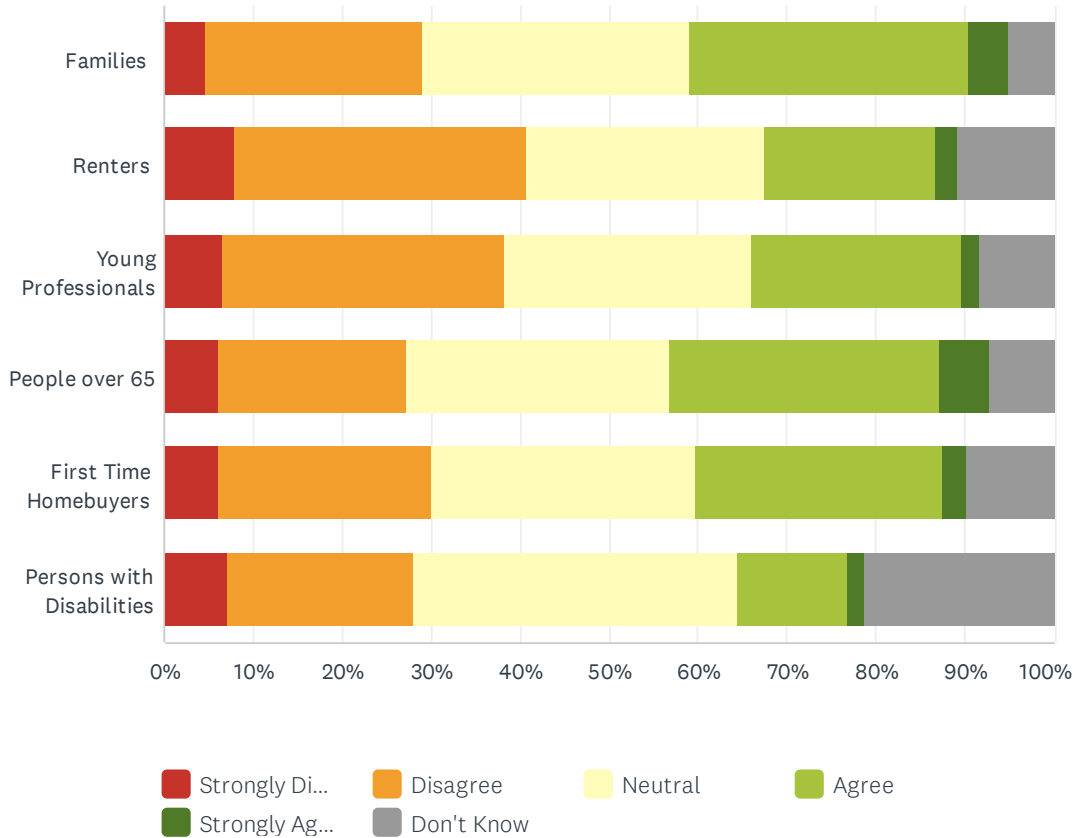
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Good	15.32%	59
Average	62.86%	242
Poor	16.36%	63
Don't Know	5.45%	21
TOTAL		385

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...

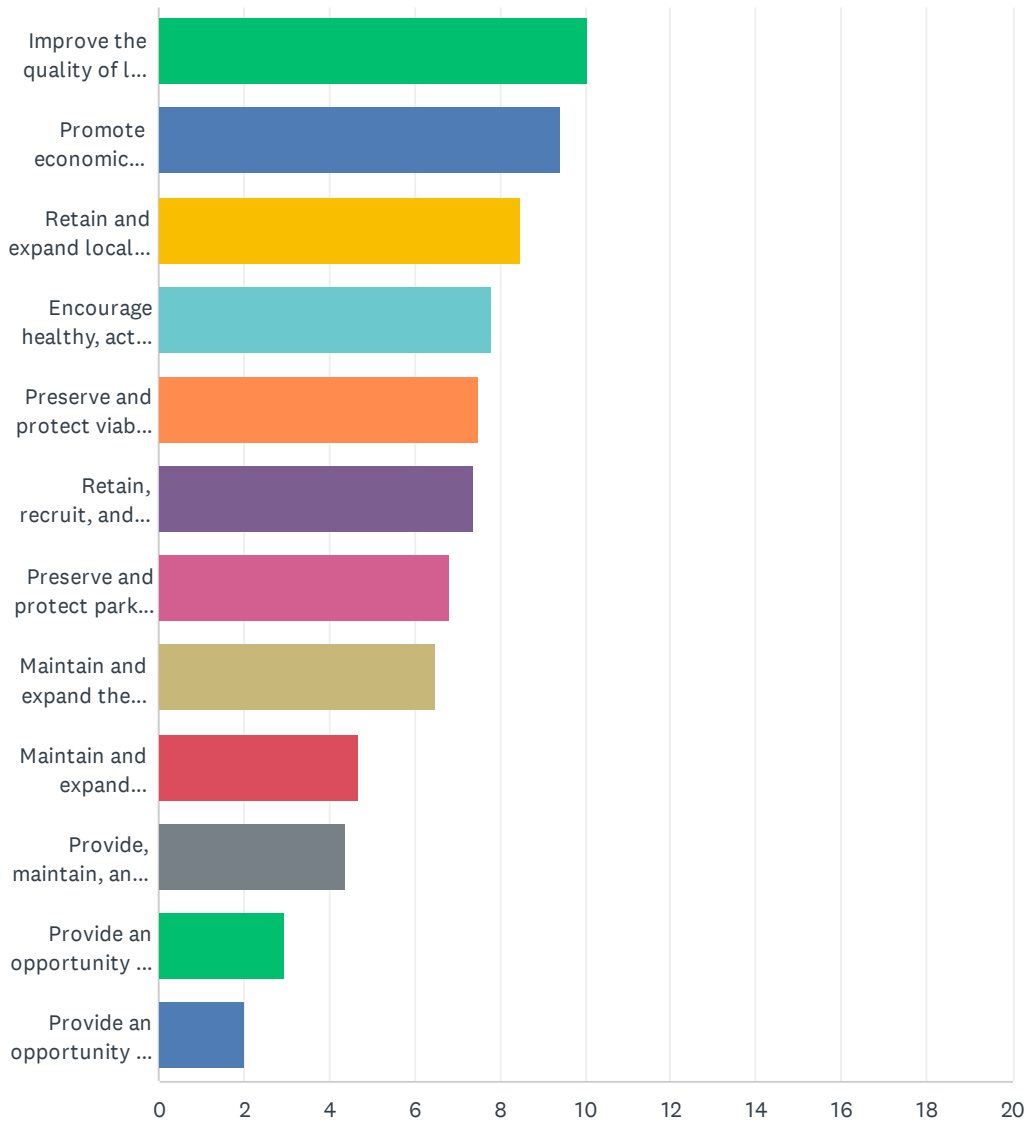
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	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEUTRAL	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Families	4.64% 18	24.48% 95	29.90% 116	31.44% 122	4.38% 17	5.15% 20	388	3.22
Renters	8.05% 31	32.73% 126	26.75% 103	19.22% 74	2.34% 9	10.91% 42	385	3.08
Young Professionals	6.48% 25	31.87% 123	27.72% 107	23.58% 91	2.07% 8	8.29% 32	386	3.08
People over 65	6.20% 24	20.93% 81	29.72% 115	30.23% 117	5.68% 22	7.24% 28	387	3.30
First Time Homebuyers	6.23% 24	23.90% 92	29.61% 114	27.79% 107	2.60% 10	9.87% 38	385	3.26
Persons with Disabilities	7.25% 28	20.73% 80	36.53% 141	12.44% 48	1.81% 7	21.24% 82	386	3.45

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.

Answered: 346 Skipped: 95



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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	39.88% 138	19.65% 68	8.38% 29	10.69% 37	5.78% 20	4.91% 17	4.62% 16	2.31% 8	2.02% 7	0.58% 2	0.29% 1
Promote economic development within and around cities	22.25% 77	23.70% 82	13.29% 46	13.29% 46	6.65% 23	8.09% 28	2.60% 9	4.05% 14	2.31% 8	2.02% 7	0.58% 2
Retain and expand local businesses and jobs	5.20% 18	11.85% 41	14.16% 49	15.03% 52	29.77% 103	10.98% 38	5.20% 18	3.18% 11	3.18% 11	1.16% 4	0.00% 0
Encourage healthy, active living for all residents	3.47% 12	8.67% 30	14.45% 50	22.25% 77	8.96% 31	12.43% 43	10.12% 35	8.67% 30	5.49% 19	3.18% 11	1.45% 5
Preserve and protect viable land for agriculture	10.69% 37	10.12% 35	16.18% 56	9.83% 34	8.67% 30	8.38% 29	8.09% 28	6.07% 21	4.62% 16	6.94% 24	2.31% 8
Retain, recruit, and build a highly skilled workforce	2.31% 8	7.80% 27	11.85% 41	7.51% 26	14.74% 51	23.12% 80	14.45% 50	7.23% 25	6.07% 21	2.60% 9	1.45% 5
Preserve and protect parks, open spaces, and natural resources	4.91% 17	7.23% 25	6.65% 23	5.49% 19	6.94% 24	12.72% 44	27.75% 96	14.16% 49	6.07% 21	6.07% 21	1.73% 6
Maintain and expand the variety of housing types, costs, and locations	5.78% 20	3.76% 13	7.51% 26	7.51% 26	7.80% 27	6.94% 24	11.56% 40	30.06% 104	10.12% 35	5.49% 19	2.31% 8
Maintain and expand attractions for tourists and residents	2.31% 8	3.47% 12	1.73% 6	4.91% 17	5.78% 20	6.07% 21	6.07% 21	8.09% 28	15.03% 52	32.66% 113	6.36% 22
Provide, maintain, and improve the safety and efficiency of the transportation network	2.31% 8	1.73% 6	2.31% 8	1.73% 6	2.02% 7	3.76% 13	5.49% 19	11.27% 39	35.84% 124	20.81% 72	5.20% 18
Provide an opportunity for solar	0.29% 1	1.45% 5	1.45% 5	1.16% 4	1.45% 5	2.02% 7	2.60% 9	3.76% 13	6.07% 21	13.58% 47	59.25% 205

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energy facilities

Provide an opportunity for wind energy facilities	0.58% 2	0.58% 2	2.02% 7	0.58% 2	1.45% 5	0.58% 2	1.45% 5	1.16% 4	3.18% 11	4.91% 17	19.08% 66
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Q20 What else do you think should be a growth and development priority?

Answered: 135 Skipped: 306

Q 20. What else do you think should be a growth and development priority?
Open-Ended Response
The community College should offer classes in manufacturing skills. Ie. Auto Cad, Excel, Basic carpentry skills, welding and fabricating.
Schools Jobs Amenities
Make Mental Health a Priority, Improving schools and Educational Opportunities, More Local Entertainment/Activities/Restaurants
Encourage diversity. Increase education opportunities, graduation rates.
Limits.
Better funding for law enforcement, fire and ems. Better roads. Better funding for smaller towns.
environment.
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.
I don't know
Schools, parks, restaurants, nightlife activities, and retail shopping.
Bringing in industry businesses Job availability Drive down poor / drugs
More childcare availability
Go forward with the improvement of the greenspace in Maquoketa - rest rooms, stage. Could other towns improve public outdoor spaces?
maintain parks and trails; keep downtown shopping/amenities vibrant and growing
Rural road improvement (blacktop/asphalt)
Entrepreneur incentives
This survey is already too long
Support for small business development and retention
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.
Focus on families with young children, if we cannot provide jobs, homes, and child care we will wither and die
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.
Reduce property tax rates.
More access to farmers markets and fresh foods locally grown w/ 25 mi. Not big corporate grocery stores.
We as a county need to make healthy groceries more affordable! Make fast food pay more and less for healthier options!
Daycare
maintained and not breaking apart.
More shopping in Maquoketa.
Childcare and tax break for small business
Continuing to maintain and advance the school systems
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.
Lower Taxes, Improved Roads,
The previous list looks pretty good to me.
Better support of emergency medical services in small towns
Attract young professionals
Advertising what the area has to offer
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
promoting the well-being of our children! Creating spaces and positive atmospheres and positive role models for children is the key to healthy future!
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.

Q 20. What else do you think should be a growth and development priority?
Don't know
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).
Housing the cost much less, for the elderly and disables
Lowering taxes. With lower taxes people retain more of their own money and will spend that money in the communities.
Nothing I can think of. I think you pretty much covered everything with the categories above.
Money to pave roads. Most have been done but the Caves Road is horrible.
City streets
Services for the disabled / handicapped, as not many are to be found in Maquoketa.
No more apartments or low price homes that encourage rentals- high density housing brings crime.
More business within the town
- 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)
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
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.
This was difficult to prioritize as all of the above are important to me
Childcare, getting workforce to help with our childcare
Paved roads.
If WE build it. They will come. Look at Peosta! I remember when it was a gravel road thru town.
New sidewalks on both sides of streets- currently many are not wheelchair or stroller friendly
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
Improving our education. String education leads to a string community and attracts a higher quality of people when they are deciding where to live.
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
Jobs jobs jons
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.
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.
Housing
on the 1-12 list.
Mental health and substance abuse care.
Industry jobs. City should NOT own land parcels!!
Perhaps a market or grocery store near the East end of Maquoketa so that area has access to purchasing food.
clean energy.
Schooling
Retaining businesses and attracting more manufacturing in Jackson County
How expensive everything is. The prices for everything needs to go down because people are struggling to make payments.
the food services and places to work
Education of the younger generations, jobs that have a good wage for 13-16 year olds
I don't know
Get more name brand restaurants like McDonalds and Dairyqueen.
solar power should be developed everywhere
I am not sure
I am not sure
I think that just jobs having a higher pay or having a better section/area to live.

Q 20. What else do you think should be a growth and development priority?
nope
Forcing people to clean up their scrummy property
Uncertain
I dont know.
Idk
fix gravel roads
Keep it going for years. Sustainability.
Get rid of/offer less welfare housing
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.
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.
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.
Public Schools
Specialty clinics at JCRHC.
Limiting the amount of rental houses. Far too high of a percentage of rental homes vs owned homes.
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Rural healthcare
Family things to do. Need some indoor/winter options for sure.
Less junk sitting on farms and former stores and factories.
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
Make sure our schools have quality staff and facilities
Diversifying the county
restaurant choices
Senior housing Biking/walking paths
Bike trail to Maquoketa caves
Attractions
Better education for the kids.
Improving infrastructure.
Outside swimming pool, splash pad, and water park.
Mental health and social services.
Activities for families
Address, support the Child Care CRISIS
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!!!
Strong economic development director for Jackson County
Fiber optic internet access
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.
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.
child care! education at all life and career stages.
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.
Clean water
Activities for kids and family
Activities for family and kids
Activities for kids and adults

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

we should be able to feed our people easily

be attributed to the lack of 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.

Why do we have a hydroelectric dam in Maquoketa but we do not see a kickback off of it?

Things for seniors to do in town and more help for seniors with heat, water and food.

There needs to be more senior and disability housing available as our population ages.

up, mowed, trimmed, etc

Sustainability of natural resources and support renewable fuel options in our community.

I think recruiting a highly skilled workforce it unlikely since they are few jobs that require brains. Where will these people work?

More campgrounds, we lack the sites to entice campers to spend time in Jackson County

there is nothing on this list for children / trying to keep children out of trouble / activities to get kids involved / splash pad

Families.

There are too many things to rank.

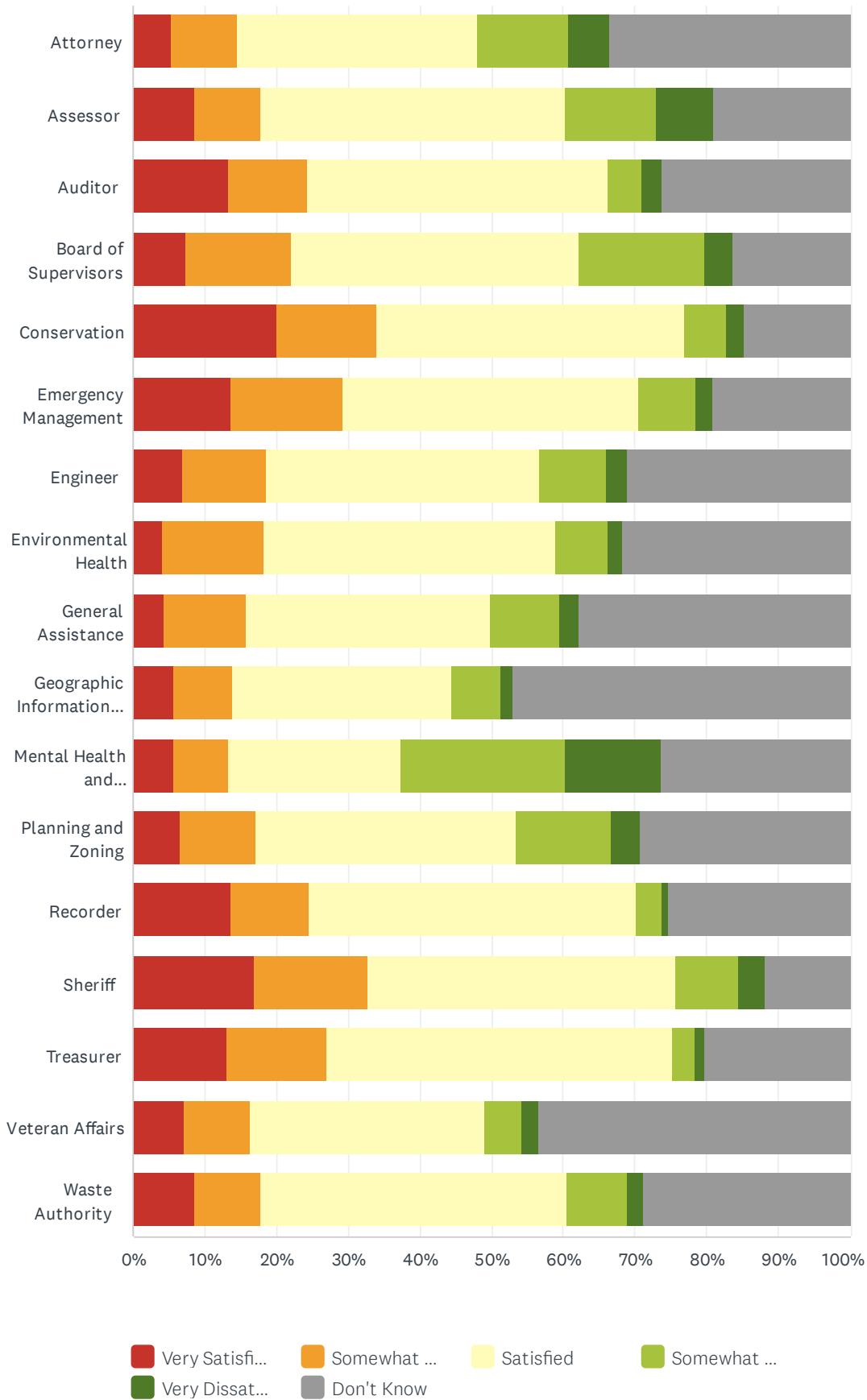
Jobs that pay well enough to promote financial gain and independence to move away from rental properties

More local businesses with fun activities for families with kids

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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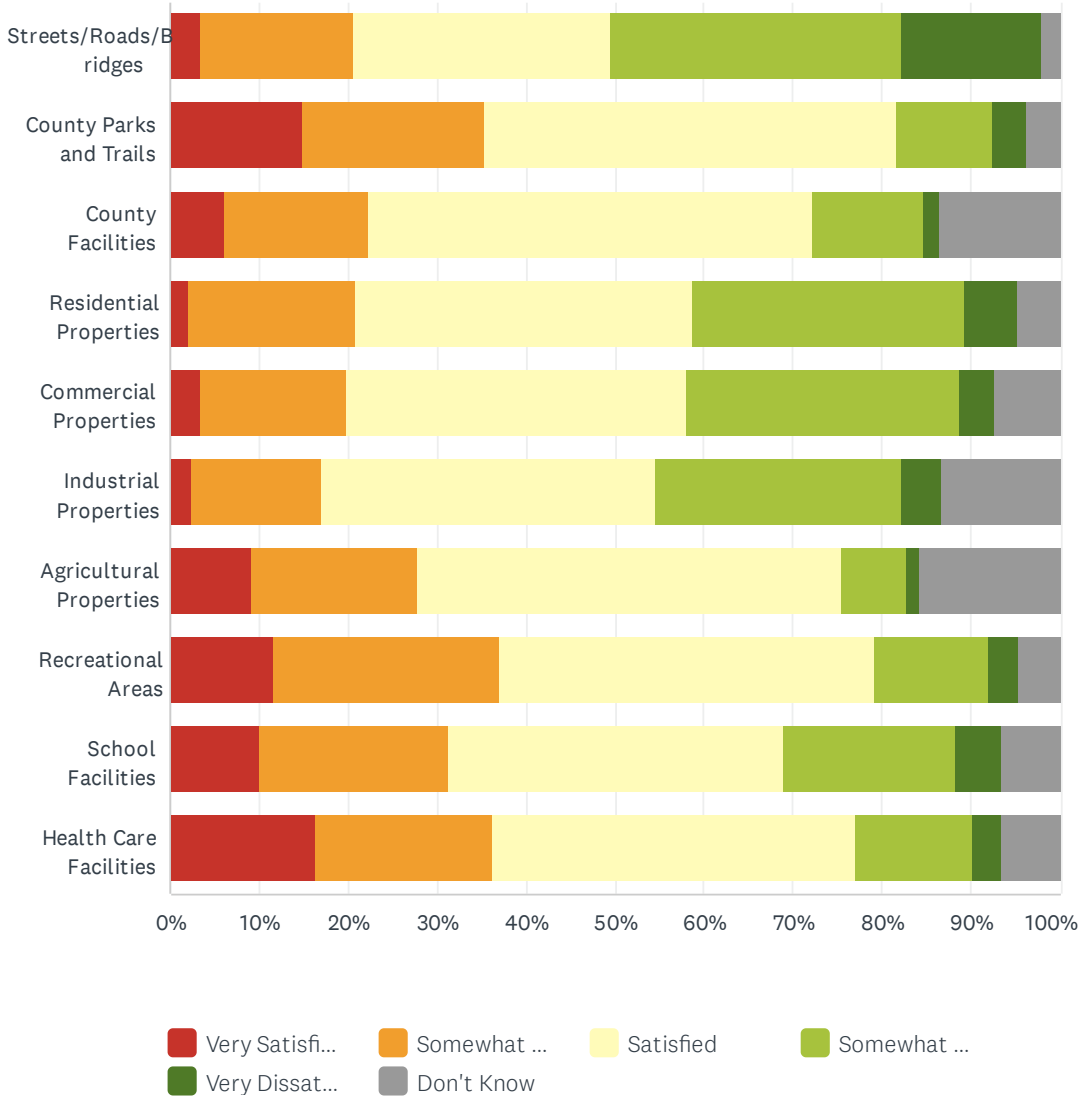


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	VERY SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	VERY DISSATISFIED	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Attorney	5.41% 19	9.12% 32	33.62% 118	12.54% 44	5.70% 20	33.62% 118	351	4.05
Assessor	8.50% 30	9.35% 33	42.49% 150	12.75% 45	7.93% 28	18.98% 67	353	3.59
Auditor	13.35% 47	11.08% 39	41.76% 147	4.83% 17	2.84% 10	26.14% 92	352	3.51
Board of Supervisors	7.45% 26	14.61% 51	40.11% 140	17.48% 61	4.01% 14	16.33% 57	349	3.45
Conservation	19.94% 70	13.96% 49	43.02% 151	5.98% 21	2.28% 8	14.81% 52	351	3.01
Emergency Management	13.71% 48	15.43% 54	41.43% 145	8.00% 28	2.29% 8	19.14% 67	350	3.27
Engineer	6.86% 24	11.71% 41	38.00% 133	9.43% 33	2.86% 10	31.14% 109	350	3.83
Environmental Health	4.00% 14	14.29% 50	40.57% 142	7.43% 26	2.00% 7	31.71% 111	350	3.84
General Assistance	4.27% 15	11.40% 40	34.19% 120	9.69% 34	2.56% 9	37.89% 133	351	4.09
Geographic Information System (GIS)	5.67% 20	8.22% 29	30.59% 108	6.80% 24	1.70% 6	47.03% 166	353	4.32
Mental Health and Disabilities	5.68% 20	7.67% 27	24.15% 85	22.73% 80	13.35% 47	26.42% 93	352	4.10
Planning and Zoning	6.55% 23	10.54% 37	36.18% 127	13.39% 47	3.99% 14	29.34% 103	351	3.86
Recorder	13.68% 48	10.83% 38	45.58% 160	3.70% 13	0.85% 3	25.36% 89	351	3.43
Sheriff	17.05% 60	15.63% 55	42.90% 151	8.81% 31	3.69% 13	11.93% 42	352	3.02
Treasurer	13.07% 46	13.92% 49	48.30% 170	3.13% 11	1.42% 5	20.17% 71	352	3.26
Veteran Affairs	7.08% 25	9.35% 33	32.58% 115	5.10% 18	2.55% 9	43.34% 153	353	4.17
Waste Authority	8.50% 30	9.35% 33	42.78% 151	8.22% 29	2.27% 8	28.90% 102	353	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.

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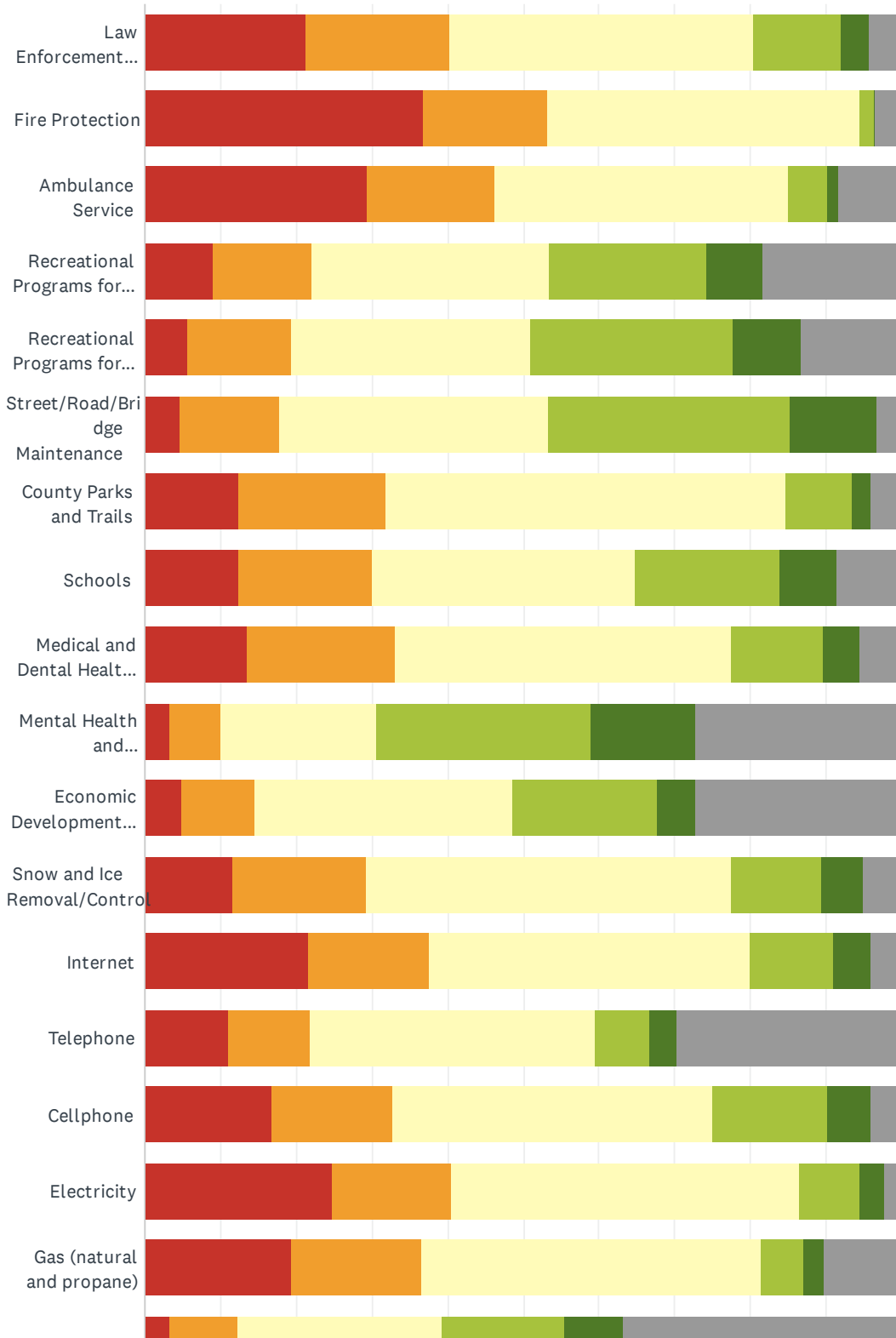


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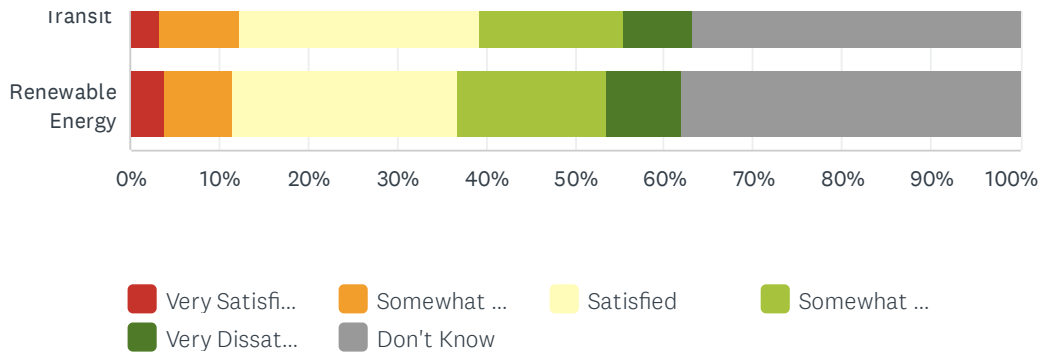
	VERY SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	VERY DISSATISFIED	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Streets/Roads/Bridges	3.40% 12	17.28% 61	28.90% 102	32.58% 115	15.86% 56	1.98% 7	353	
County Parks and Trails	15.01% 53	20.40% 72	46.18% 163	10.76% 38	3.97% 14	3.68% 13	353	
County Facilities	6.23% 22	16.15% 57	49.86% 176	12.46% 44	1.70% 6	13.60% 48	353	
Residential Properties	1.97% 7	18.87% 67	37.75% 134	30.70% 109	5.92% 21	4.79% 17	355	
Commercial Properties	3.40% 12	16.43% 58	38.24% 135	30.59% 108	3.97% 14	7.37% 26	353	
Industrial Properties	2.54% 9	14.41% 51	37.57% 133	27.68% 98	4.52% 16	13.28% 47	354	
Agricultural Properties	9.30% 33	18.59% 66	47.61% 169	7.32% 26	1.41% 5	15.77% 56	355	
Recreational Areas	11.58% 41	25.42% 90	42.09% 149	12.99% 46	3.11% 11	4.80% 17	354	
School Facilities	9.97% 35	21.37% 75	37.61% 132	19.37% 68	5.13% 18	6.55% 23	351	
Health Care Facilities	16.43% 58	19.83% 70	40.79% 144	13.03% 46	3.40% 12	6.52% 23	353	

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	21.33% 74	19.02% 66	40.06% 139	11.53% 40	3.75% 13	4.32% 15	347	2
Fire Protection	36.78% 128	16.38% 57	41.38% 144	1.72% 6	0.29% 1	3.45% 12	348	2
Ambulance Service	29.48% 102	16.76% 58	38.73% 134	5.20% 18	1.45% 5	8.38% 29	346	2
Recreational Programs for Youth	8.91% 31	13.22% 46	31.32% 109	20.69% 72	7.47% 26	18.39% 64	348	3
Recreational Programs for Adults	5.81% 20	13.66% 47	31.40% 108	26.74% 92	9.01% 31	13.37% 46	344	3
Street/Road/Bridge Maintenance	4.61% 16	13.26% 46	35.45% 123	31.99% 111	11.53% 40	3.17% 11	347	3
County Parks and Trails	12.39% 43	19.60% 68	52.74% 183	8.65% 30	2.59% 9	4.03% 14	347	2
Schools	12.43% 43	17.63% 61	34.68% 120	19.08% 66	7.51% 26	8.67% 30	346	3
Medical and Dental Health Care	13.54% 47	19.60% 68	44.38% 154	12.10% 42	4.90% 17	5.48% 19	347	2
Mental Health and Disabilities	3.18% 11	6.94% 24	20.52% 71	28.32% 98	13.87% 48	27.17% 94	346	4
Economic Development Services	4.96% 17	9.62% 33	34.11% 117	18.95% 65	5.25% 18	27.11% 93	343	3
Snow and Ice Removal/Control	11.56% 40	17.63% 61	48.27% 167	11.85% 41	5.49% 19	5.20% 18	346	2
Internet	21.74% 75	15.94% 55	42.32% 146	11.01% 38	4.93% 17	4.06% 14	345	2
Telephone	11.08% 38	10.79% 37	37.61% 129	7.29% 25	3.50% 12	29.74% 102	343	3
Cellphone	16.81% 58	15.94% 55	42.32% 146	15.07% 52	5.80% 20	4.06% 14	345	2
Electricity	24.78% 85	15.74% 54	46.06% 158	7.87% 27	3.21% 11	2.33% 8	343	2
Gas (natural and propane)	19.48% 67	17.15% 59	44.77% 154	5.81% 20	2.62% 9	10.17% 35	344	2
Transit	3.21% 11	9.04% 31	27.11% 93	16.03% 55	7.87% 27	36.73% 126	343	4
Renewable Energy	3.80% 13	7.60% 26	25.44% 87	16.67% 57	8.48% 29	38.01% 130	342	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: 141 Skipped: 300

Q 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.

Open-Ended Response
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.
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.
Longer hours at courthouse, stop giving raises to county employees, stop employing friends in the courthouse
Free bikes to rent or, however, they do those share options. I encourage an Uber.
More funding for law enforcement, fire and ems. Better roads. More funding for smaller towners - water, sewer and roads.
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
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.
I don't know
mental health access
solar power, wind power
Lower prices, help for low income people with housing, way to get to a job if got one when you are low income
Get more info out to town for people to see changes and what Jackson County would like to do.
Electric - Alliant Energy costs a lot
-transit assistance available after 4:00 PM for evening classes -make sure all trails are lighted -prompt snow/ice removal
Jackson County needs additional officers.
County gravels need better attention
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?
Way too long I've lost interest considering it will fall on deaf ears
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
Expanded options for internet service Expanded options for electronic interface with county offices
their way. Very disgraceful.
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.
Think for the future....be proactive. Maquoketa needs to grow.
improve them.
Broader internet access
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.
Less garbage pick up.
conitnue to invest in recreation areas, cabins, renewable energy development
Better Roads. Pave more gravel roads and improve the maintenance on the hard surface ones we have.
Better cellphone coverage. Faster internet.
More wind power. Better roads. Better deer control
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.
Reassess property taxes
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.
Don't subsidize renewable energy. It should be a investment by individuals not paid for by customers that don't want it.
Unsure on thus topic.
Better support small town emergency services. More economic support for river communities.
Improve road infrastructure Develop bike trails
Streets and roads improved
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
Don't know

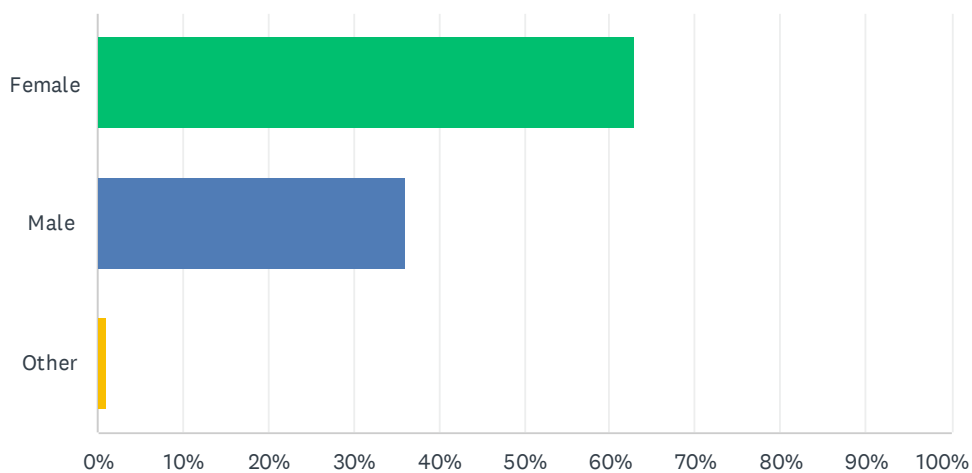
<p>Q 24. Please provide us with two or three ways we can improve Jackson County Government Offices, Countywide Conditions, and/or Services and Utilities Available within Jackson County.</p>
<p>Parents would love to see an obstetrician who could deliver babies in Maquoketa and see them for prenatal appointments (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</p>
<p>teachers and schools need more financial support</p>
<p>I feel that the highway from Bellevue to Andrew should be repaired. I feel there should be more phone options.</p>
<p>Caves Road and other country roads need paved</p>
<p>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 its 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</p>
<p>Offer county facilities on this side of the county *West"</p>
<p>Fix roads a lot of the back roads are not very well kept up</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>Utilities are not affordable to live here.</p>
<p>More options for cell phone that actually work I. The hills only us cell work around Preston.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>Consistency in law enforcement Renewable energy Improving roads however that's everywhere not just here</p>
<p>At this time I have no ideas.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>Seek further federal highway funds to pave roads.</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>Expand fiber internet to all of Jackson county.</p>
<p>I wish I knew.</p>
<p>More mental health services in Jackson county. We don't really have any for people that are not on Medicaid. Even that is limited.</p>
<p>Keep them out of people's business</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>water splash pad</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>Improvement to Elementary schools!! Not safe for 2023.</p>
<p>Pave more of the roads and replace restricted bridges. A mental treatment facility that can handle inpatient care/detox services</p>
<p>Stay away from "green energy" as the infrastructure is not there and do more for better jobs in Maquoketa!</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>Sheriff actually live in the county and not lie about it. Cops stop letting people off when they shouldn't</p>
<p>More charging stations for hybrid/electric cars</p>
<p>see those properties.</p>
<p>More funding for mental health services.</p>
<p>Be friendly and kind Be patient -</p>
<p>Just to have more farming stuff and lands.</p>
<p>better school system</p>
<p>I don't know</p>
<p>I don't know their current state, so I can't say if they need improvement.</p>
<p>Better internet opportunities. County offices and city offices do a fine job.</p>
<p>Nothing really its fine</p>
<p>any emotion.</p>

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More countryside More places for people to hike
Uncertain
idk
fix gravel roads, fix county roads
do an occasional random personal survey of residents on their roads and how they are maintained
Improve roads! Gravel included. New expensive graders don't work if there is no gravel!
Improve access to mental health counseling, improve side streets in Maquoketa.
Regulate and fine abusers of the environment. Invest in renewables. Get more businesses that have workers who are educated and would be good citizens.
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.
Solar energy, wind energy,
Provide better information.
Better roads. Renewable energy OK but not reliable, have to keep the balance with dependable energy.
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
Fix or replace more bridges. Cut brush along roads.
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
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.
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.
Get a tourism director or atleast more hwy signage for visitor center at Hurstville. Hundreds more will learn there than Sabula Marina.
I would like to see us remain a farming community and not renewable energy.
Utilities could offer more rebates.
Talk to residents
1. Better tourism 2. Assessments that are balanced throughout the county.
Pave more gravel roads
Get wind power
Faster response times for emergency, more availability for fiber optics on outskirts of town
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.
Open evening hours one or two days a week for those who work day hours
Elect a new sheriff Work on streets and road maintenance
Conservation needs to improve canoe accesses on the Maquoketa river. They are terrible!
Iowa leads in wind power yet Jackson County does not seem to have any. Obviously a leadership issue at the county level.
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.
Advocate for better Child Care.
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!!
The smell from the factory in the industrial Park in Maquoketa The smell of farm animals in the towns Junk yards in Maquoketa
More money spent that the general public will notice not just for courthouse comfort and fancy office equipment. Recycling county ran
appearance of poor housing
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.
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.

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Utilize more renewable energy, i.e. solar, wind energy
resources for Jackson County.
cleaner energy future.
to mental health care.
improvement.
I like what the Zoning office has done.
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.
Keep personal contact. Keep records open.
Lower cost on things Bring up wages and more jobs Reasonable houses
Lower cost on merchandise, etc. Bring wages up and more jobs around here. Reasonable housing, etc
the courthouse could be open more hours, supervisors could have evening meetings, school boards should tape their meetings.
Maquketa roads need big improvement
Step up PR with LE. Keep improving county roads.
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. Our communities need to support
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
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.
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.
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
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.
the hell
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.
improve maintenance of gravel roads, bring solar to the county

Q25 What is your gender?

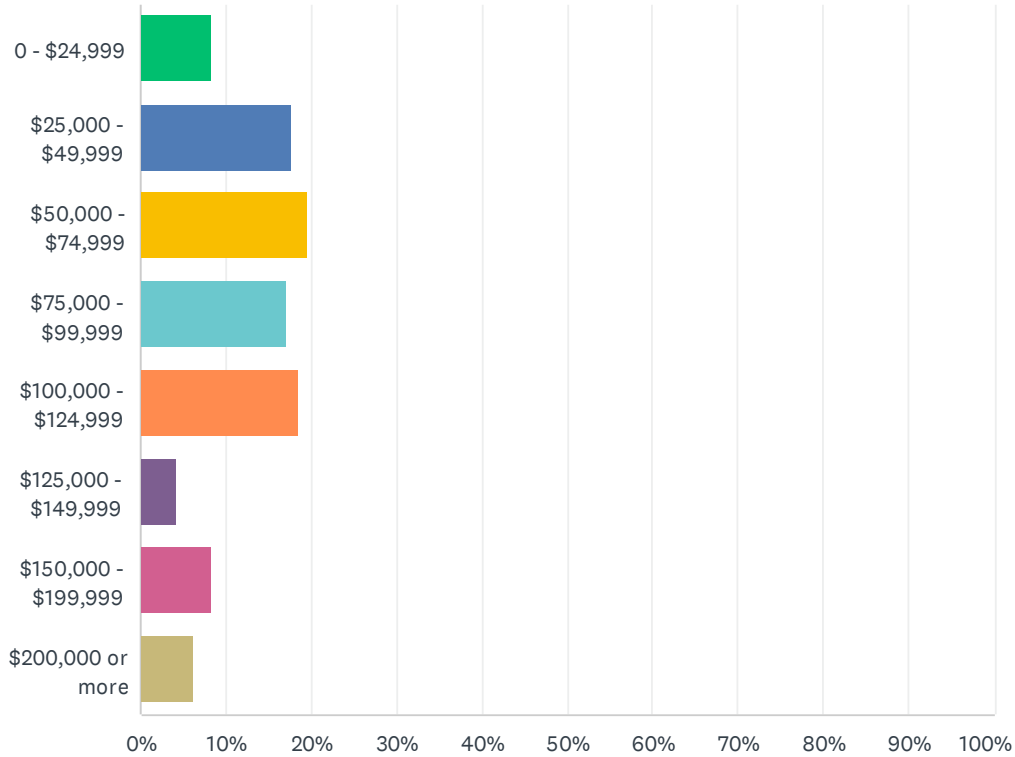
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Female	62.85% 225
Male	36.03% 129
Other	1.12% 4
TOTAL	358

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

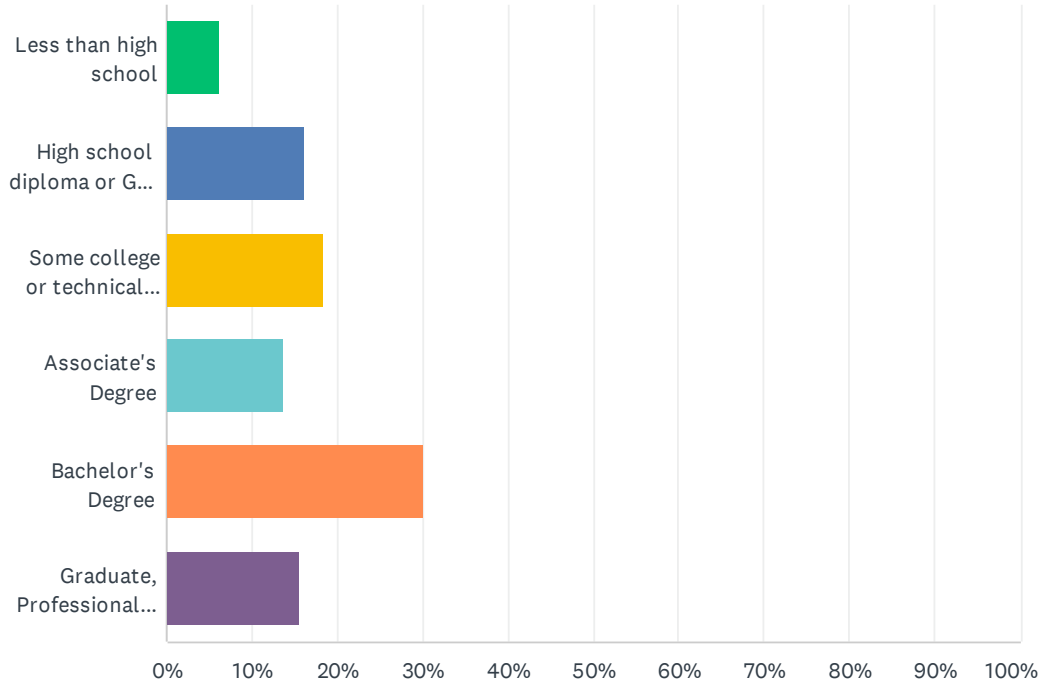
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0 - \$24,999	8.36%	28
\$25,000 - \$49,999	17.61%	59
\$50,000 - \$74,999	19.70%	66
\$75,000 - \$99,999	17.01%	57
\$100,000 - \$124,999	18.51%	62
\$125,000 - \$149,999	4.18%	14
\$150,000 - \$199,999	8.36%	28
\$200,000 or more	6.27%	21
TOTAL		335

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

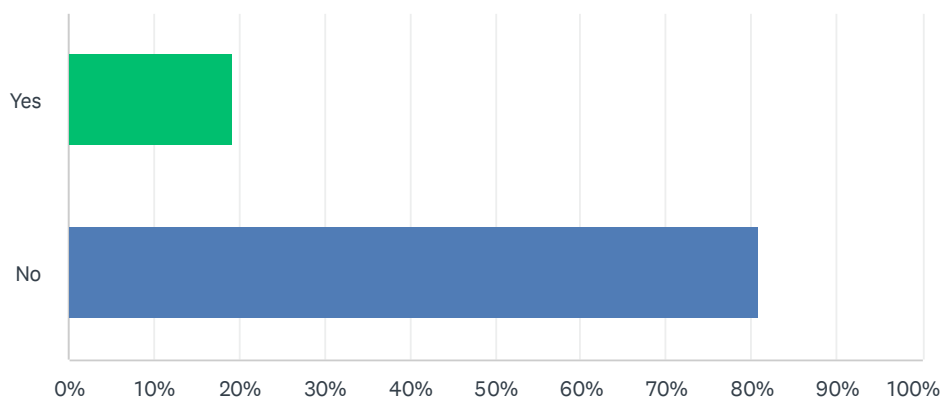
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than high school	6.09%	21
High school diploma or GED certificate	16.23%	56
Some college or technical school (no degree)	18.26%	63
Associate's Degree	13.62%	47
Bachelor's Degree	30.14%	104
Graduate, Professional or doctorate degree	15.65%	54
TOTAL		345

Q28 Do you own a business in Jackson County?

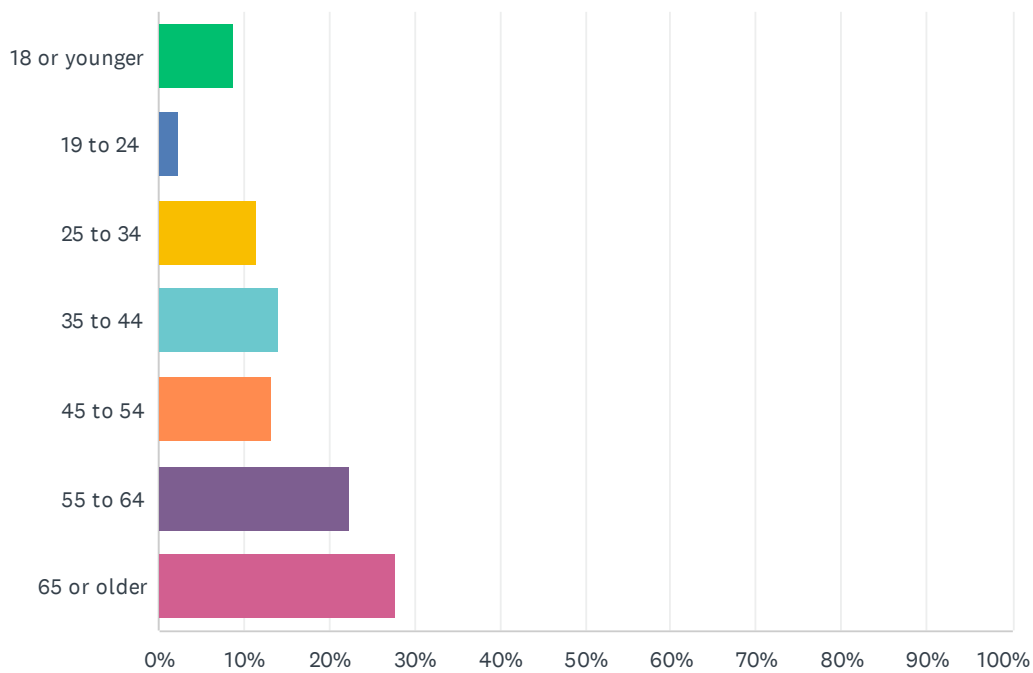
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	19.25%	67
No	80.75%	281
TOTAL		348

Q29 Which of the following categories includes your age?

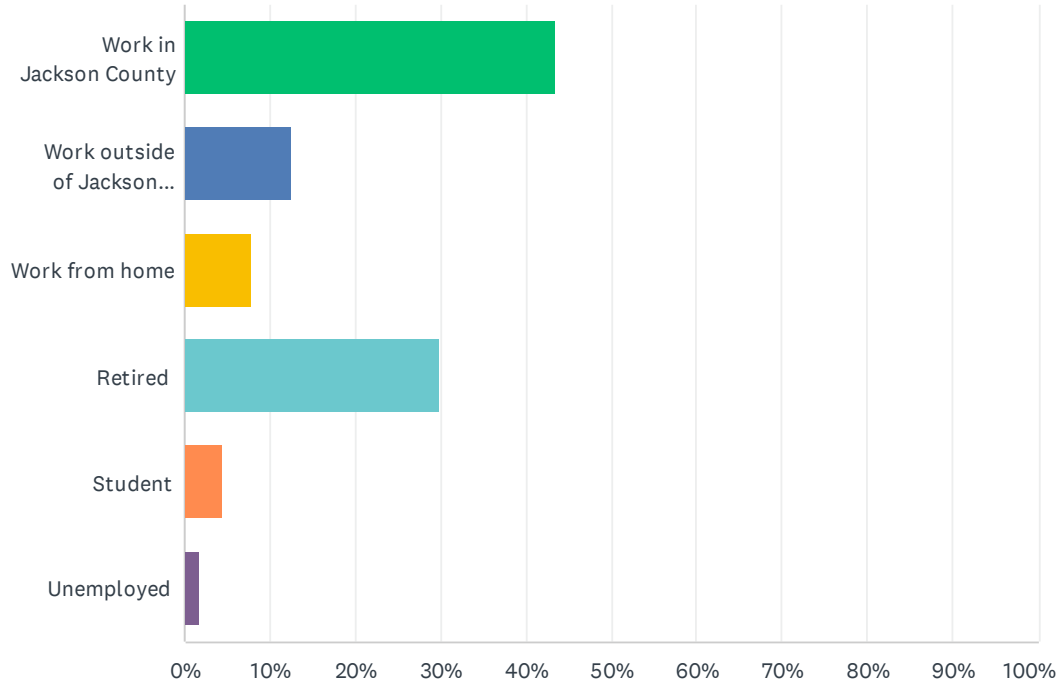
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
18 or younger	8.76%	31
19 to 24	2.26%	8
25 to 34	11.58%	41
35 to 44	14.12%	50
45 to 54	13.28%	47
55 to 64	22.32%	79
65 or older	27.68%	98
TOTAL		354

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

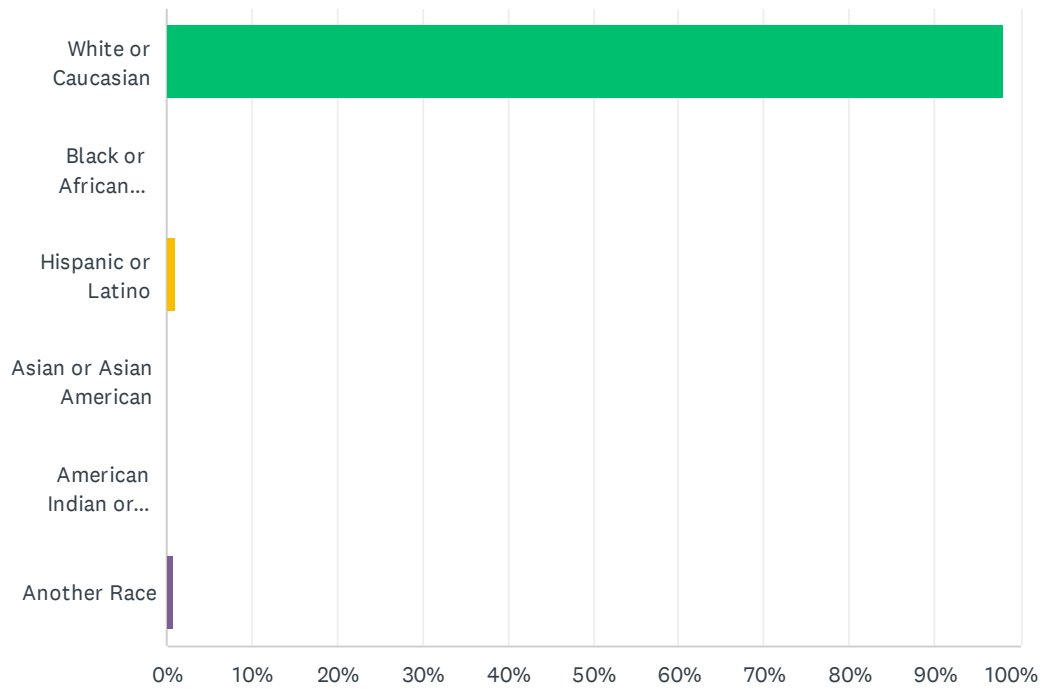
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Work in Jackson County	43.47%	153
Work outside of Jackson County	12.50%	44
Work from home	7.95%	28
Retired	29.83%	105
Student	4.55%	16
Unemployed	1.70%	6
TOTAL		352

Q31 Which race/ethnicity best describes you?

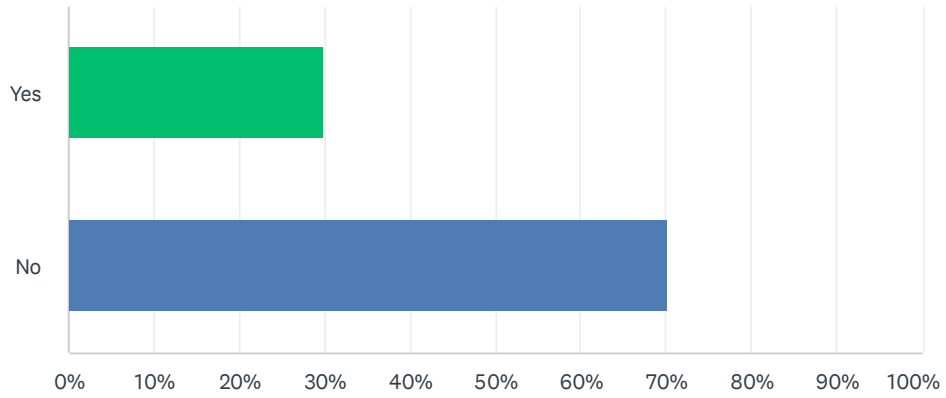
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
White or Caucasian	97.99%	342
Black or African American	0.00%	0
Hispanic or Latino	1.15%	4
Asian or Asian American	0.00%	0
American Indian or Pacific Islander	0.00%	0
Another Race	0.86%	3
TOTAL		349

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

Answered: 349 Skipped: 92



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	29.80%	104
No	70.20%	245
TOTAL		349

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

Answered: 71 Skipped: 370

Q 33. Thank you for participating in our survey. Please provide us with any additional comments on Jackson County or the survey questions.
Open-Ended Response
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.
I do have a small business, and I teach communications
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.
Bridges are really bad and some streets really need work in Maquoketa
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.
Thank you for providing this survey! I think it really helps to gain feedback from your stakeholders.
I think the location of the new jail and hospital are in horrible location(S)
Oh ya. Either fix green Island or let it burn down. The gravel roads are another than any road in that hell hole
Improvements noted in recent years, applaud efforts to enhance more
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."
This is something that needs to occur more than once in a lifetime. Ask, question, push for help and bout.
I will simply emphasize the fact that the cost of property taxes needs to be evaluated and lessened!
alive.
I hope these surveys are actually used and not just a waste of taxpayer dollars and time.
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!!!!!!
Well done
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.
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.
Nothing more to add. The survey was well structured.
This is an excellent survey and I hope you receive many responses.
This is for Jackson County Georgia, not Iowa...the cities listed are incorrect.
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towards a better future.
Thank you for reaching out for opinions and thoughts
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.
Great place to live but just need to continue adding services while maintaining our agricultural and natural resources.
As above. (1) Build new housing. (2) provide public transportation.
Keep striving for more housing. Continue to keep county bridges safe.
I have no comment.
I do not have any comments.
I owned a business in Jackson County before I retired.
You are welcome
idk
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. Brad Kornada doing a good job. Finally getting some places cleaned up, way too long. We need to keep fixing side streets.
We appreciate the opportunity to get some of our thoughts into the hands of folks who can make a difference. We hope it helps.
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.
We need to work on creating better public schools. Happier work force on all levels of public schools.
We need to talk install a curfew for young kids, because of the trouble they get into after 11pm.
Good people and beautiful area!

Q 33. Thank you for participating in our survey. Please provide us with any additional comments on Jackson County or the survey questions.

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.

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.

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.

Great place to live.

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.

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.

More paved roads would increase property values and encourage people to live in the county

Would like to see cleanup of homes in Maquoketa. Also Mark Edwards commercial properties.

Thank you.

they need small homes.

Please share results with John Q. Public.

How about getting some disc golf, bike trails between cities, and housing within city limits

Trails to connect people to parks. Child daycare

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Hope this helps.

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.

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.

Jackson county has more going for it than some people realize.

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.

community.

Like the survey and thanks for asking the questions, but we really need more campgrounds in Jackson County.

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.

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.