

IOWA COUNTY SMART GROWTH PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY  
**Town of Mineral Point**

**QUALITY OF LIFE**

1. What are the three most important reasons for you and your family to live in Iowa County? (Because of three selections per person the totals will be greater than 100%.)

a. Agriculture	27%
b. Appearance of homes	4%
c. Community services	1%
d. Cost of home	10%
e. Historical significance	7%
f. Low crime rate	32%
g. Natural beauty	44%
h. Near family and friends	46%
i. Near job or employment opportunities	25%
j. Property taxes	4%
k. Quality neighborhoods	8%
l. Quality schools	10%
m. Recreational opportunities	10%
n. Small town atmosphere	51%

**COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES**

3. Please rate each of the following services excellent, good, fair, or poor. Choose “not applicable” (NA) if the item does not pertain to you or you are not sure about an item. “NR” means No Response

	<b>E</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NR</b>
a. Ambulance service	64%	29%	3%	0%	4%	1%
b. Fire protection	65%	28%	1%	1%	4%	1%
c. Garbage collection	36%	44%	10%	2%	5%	2%
d. Municipal water supply	14%	28%	7%	1%	41%	8%
e. Park and recreation facilities	34%	48%	7%	2%	7%	1%
f. Police protection	25%	56%	12%	4%	1%	2%
g. Public library	36%	42%	13%	4%	3%	2%
h. Public schools system	24%	50%	15%	1%	7%	1%
i. Recycling program	10%	61%	16%	4%	7%	4%
j. Sanitary sewer service	8%	30%	7%	1%	46%	7%
k. Snow removal	19%	53%	16%	4%	7%	1%
l. Storm water management	7%	29%	16%	4%	36%	8%
m. Street and road maintenance	10%	48%	29%	10%	4%	0%

**NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

4. The following questions ask your opinion about the importance of natural and cultural resources in your community. How important is it to protect the following?

(Your responses are Essential (E), Very Important (VI), Important (I), Not Important (NI), Not Applicable (NA) and No Response (NR).)

	<b>E</b>	<b>VI</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>NI</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NR</b>
a. Air quality	51%	29%	12%	1%	1%	5%
b. Farmland	43%	30%	19%	4%	0%	4%
c. Forested lands	38%	33%	20%	3%	1%	5%
d. Groundwater	59%	27%	10%	1%	0%	4%
e. Historic and cultural sites	18%	25%	41%	7%	3%	5%
f. Open space	27%	26%	33%	5%	1%	7%
g. Rivers and streams	47%	33%	13%	2%	0%	4%
h. Rural character	30%	28%	30%	4%	1%	7%
i. Scenic views and undeveloped hills/bluffs	33%	25%	27%	9%	1%	5%
j. Wetlands	32%	19%	31%	10%	2%	6%
k. Wildlife habitat	34%	24%	29%	7%	1%	4%

**HOUSING**

Housing is an important part of how a community grows. We would like your opinion about the development of housing in your community.

Your choices are: Strongly Agree (SA), Agree (A), Disagree (D), Strongly Disagree (SD), No Opinion (NO), and No Response (NR).

5. Your local jurisdiction should focus on improving existing housing quality.

<b>SA</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>SD</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NR</b>
13%	36%	19%	5%	13%	13%

6. The following types of housing are needed:

a. Single family housing

<b>SA</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>SD</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NR</b>
15%	30%	17%	6%	24%	9%

b. Duplexes (2 units)

<b>SA</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>SD</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NR</b>
4%	29%	21%	7%	27%	13%

c. Apartments (3 or more)

<b>SA</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>SD</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NR</b>
2%	25%	23%	10%	27%	12%

7. Affordable housing is needed in your local jurisdiction.

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
17%	39%	16%	6%	16%	7%

8. Elderly housing is needed in your local jurisdiction.

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
11%	44%	13%	5%	21%	5%

9. Starter (first time buyer) homes are needed in your local jurisdiction.

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
15%	36%	19%	7%	19%	6%

10. Would you prefer housing built in a traditional design (option a) or a cluster design (option b)?

Option A (traditional design)	21%
Option B (cluster design)	59%
No response	20%

**AGRICULTURE AND LAND USE**

The following questions are asking for your opinion about agriculture and land use in Iowa County.

11. Productive agricultural land should be allowed to be used for:

Your choices are: Strongly Agree (SA), Agree (A), Disagree (D), Strongly Disagree (SD), No Opinion (NO), and No Response (NR).

a. Agricultural use

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
67%	24%	1%	0%	2%	6%

b. Residential use

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
7%	36%	21%	19%	4%	12%

c. Commercial use

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
2%	21%	33%	24%	5%	13%

d. Any use

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
6%	5%	23%	41%	10%	15%

12. Large scale farms (500 or more animal units) should be allowed to expand:

a. Anywhere in Iowa County

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
7%	17%	25%	33%	3%	14%

b. Nowhere in Iowa County

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
21%	10%	31%	13%	7%	19%

c. Outside a 2 mile radius of incorporated areas

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
16%	30%	11%	18%	6%	19%

13. Landowners should be allowed to develop land any way they want.

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
14%	20%	36%	22%	3%	4%

14. The visual impacts (view of the landscape) of development are an important consideration when evaluating proposed development.

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
30%	47%	7%	4%	4%	8%

15. It is important to require driveways that will meet standards for providing emergency services.

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
29%	48%	10%	4%	4%	5%

16. There should be a minimum lot size on residential development in rural areas.

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
28%	36%	13%	12%	5%	5%

17. In your opinion what should be the minimum lot size for rural residential development?

Less than 1 acre	12%
One to 5 acres	45%
5 to 10 acres	10%
11 to 40 acres	7%
40 or more acres	13%
No limitation	4%
No response	8%

**TRANSPORTATION**

18. The overall road network (roads, streets, and highways) in Iowa County meets the needs of its citizens.

Your choices are: Strongly Agree (SA), Agree (A), Disagree (D), Strongly Disagree (SD), No Opinion (NO), and No Response (NR).

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
17%	72%	4%	2%	0%	5%

19. The condition of local roads and streets in your community is adequate for intended uses.

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
15%	58%	16%	4%	1%	7%

20. Biking and walking are important modes of transportation in your community.

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
7%	30%	35%	12%	9%	7%

21. There should be more biking and walking lanes along public roadways.

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
10%	20%	34%	21%	9%	6%

22. Rate the following in your local jurisdiction.

Your choices are Excellent (E) Good (G), Fair (F), Poor (P), Not Applicable (NA), and No Response (NR).

	E	G	F	P	NA	NR
a. Roads	13%	64%	13%	5%	0%	5%
b. Sidewalks	3%	32%	20%	4%	33%	7%
c. Bike trails	8%	29%	16%	5%	30%	13%
d. Airports	12%	41%	13%	4%	24%	7%
e. Bus service	1%	2%	7%	17%	61%	13%
f. Shared ride van services	0%	7%	14%	14%	54%	11%
g. Railroads	1%	1%	3%	12%	73%	10%

**COMMUNICATION**

23. Check the two most effective ways your local jurisdiction could provide smart growth information to its landowners and residents. (Because more than one response was asked for the totals will be more than 100%.)

a. Direct mailings	64%
b. Newspaper articles	42%
c. Radio	15%
d. Newsletters	33%
e. Public meetings	30%
f. Internet	30%

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The following questions are asking about how you view economic development in your local community.

24. Commercial or industrial buildings and activities involving truck traffic and manufacturing should be located:

(Your choices are: Strongly Agree (SA), Agree (A), Disagree (D), Strongly Disagree (SD), No Opinion (NO), and No Response (NR).)

a. In an existing city or village

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
23%	34%	15%	4%	2%	21%

b. Near a city or village

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
17%	49%	8%	4%	2%	20%

c. Anywhere in Iowa County

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
10%	10%	27%	34%	1%	17%

25. Iowa County should work to coordinate efforts to actively recruit new businesses and industry.

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
47%	33%	7%	1%	1%	10%

26. All Iowa communities should provide at least some land with infrastructure (water, sewer, access, etc.) for industrial and commercial uses either owned publicly or privately.

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
24%	39%	13%	11%	6%	8%

27. Development at the edge of cities and villages should be required to have municipal water and sewer services.

SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
23%	39%	18%	3%	7%	10%

28. Iowa County jurisdictions should pursue the following energy alternatives as a form of economic development.

	SA	A	D	SD	NO	NR
a. Ethanol plants	19%	22%	18%	9%	19%	13%
b. Solar energy	27%	38%	10%	2%	11%	13%
c. Wind energy	39%	41%	4%	2%	6%	9%

29. Rate the importance of the following.

Your choices are Essential (E), Very Important (VI), Important (I), Not Important (NI), No Opinion, (NO), and No Response (NR).

	<b>E</b>	<b>VI</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>NI</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NR</b>
a. Agricultural related businesses	48%	25%	17%	4%	0%	6%
b. Commercial and retail development	21%	37%	33%	4%	0%	5%
c. Downtown development – main street	25%	30%	35%	3%	1%	7%
d. Home based businesses	7%	24%	36%	19%	4%	10%
e. Industrial and manufacturing development	22%	26%	39%	7%	1%	6%
f. Tourism and recreation	25%	27%	35%	5%	1%	6%

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

Please tell us some things about you:

<b>1. Gender</b>	
Male	52%
Female	36%
No response	12%
<b>2. Age</b>	
18 to 24	1%
25 to 34	5%
35 to 44	21%
45 to 54	27%
55 to 64	23%
65 and older	22%
No response	1%

<b>3. Employment status</b>	
a. Employed full time	41%
b. Employed part time	10%
c. Unemployed	0%
d. Self-employed	24%
e. Retired	18%
f. Other	6%
g. No response	1%

<b>4. Place of residence</b>	
a. Own	93%
b. Rent	1%
c. Other	0%
d. No response	6%

5. Number of adults (over 18) in household	
a. None	7%
b. One	13%
c. Two	73%
d. Three	6%
e. Four	0%
f. Five or more	0%
g. No response	1%

6. Number of children (under 18) in household	
a. None	54%
b. One	16%
c. Two	11%
d. Three	7%
e. Four	1%
f. Five or more	0%
g. No response	10%

7. Income range	
a. Less than \$15,000	5%
b. \$15,000 to \$24,999	12%
c. \$25,000 to \$49,999	29%
d. \$50,000 to \$74,999	21%
e. \$75,000 to \$99,999	10%
f. \$100,000 or more	14%
g. No response	9%

8. How long have you lived in Iowa County?	
a. Less than 1 year	1%
b. 1 to 4 years	4%
c. 5 to 9 years	7%
d. 10 to 24 years	21%
e. 25 years or more	64%
f. No response	3%

9. How many acres of land do you own in Iowa County?	
a. Less than 1 acre	21%
b. 1 to 10 acres	33%
c. 11 to 100 acres	21%
d. 100 acres or more	22%
e. No response	4%

**END OF SUMMARY**