



Forsyth County, NC 2026 Resident Survey

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Executive Summary

Summary of Survey Methods

The 2026 Forsyth County Resident Survey offered residents the opportunity to rate the overall quality of life in Forsyth County, as well as the quality of service delivery and the performance of local government.

Surveys were mailed to 19,479 randomly selected households in February and March of 2026. A total of 1,200 surveys were completed, yielding a response rate of 6%. In addition to the scientific survey of randomly selected households, a community-wide, open-participation survey was also conducted. The key findings and body of this report focus on the responses to the scientific survey; the results to the open-participation survey have been provided separately in *Appendix H: Open Participation Survey Results*.

Survey results were weighted so that respondent demographics were represented in proportions reflective of the entire adult population of the County. The margin of error is plus or minus three percentage points around any given percentage point reported for all survey respondents.

Key Findings

Community Life Remains Strong, with Stable Quality of Life

- Forsyth County continues to be a place where residents feel connected and report a high quality of life. Strong ratings are driven in part by the County's most well-regarded services, including libraries, parks and recreation, and core public safety services such as EMS, 911, and the Sheriff's Office. These areas consistently stand out as community strengths and contribute to residents' overall sense of satisfaction and trust in County services.
- At the same time, residents hold mixed views about the direction of the community. About one-third feel quality of life is improving, another third believe it is declining, and the remaining share see conditions as largely unchanged. While overall sentiment remains positive, this split reflects differing experiences and perspectives across the community.

Family ties and housing options attract residents to Forsyth County.

- Residents are drawn to Forsyth County for a combination of personal, economic, and lifestyle reasons. Being close to family and friends stands out as the most common reason people choose to live in the County. Housing options, proximity to work or school, and access to health care also rank among the top drivers.
- Quality-of-life amenities play an important role as well. More than one-third of residents cite parks and open space as a reason for living in the County, while others point to arts and cultural amenities, manageable traffic, and employment opportunities. About a quarter highlight the overall cost of living and the blend of urban and rural environments as appealing features. Together, these factors reflect a community that offers both practical advantages and lifestyle appeal.

Residents Emphasize Safety, Core Needs, and Clear Priorities for the Future

- Looking ahead, residents place the greatest importance on foundational elements of quality of life. Safety and low crime stand out as the top priority, with nearly all residents rating it as important. Access to health care follows closely, along with the quality of public education.
- Housing, support systems for those in need, and access to parks and trails also rank highly, with large majorities of residents identifying these as important to the County's future. Natural open space and environmental stewardship are similarly viewed as key components of long-term quality of life.
- When asked where the County should place the most emphasis over the next two years, responses reflect a more focused set of priorities. The condition of K-12 education buildings emerges as the most frequently selected area, followed by preparedness for natural disasters and communication with the public. Public health services also rank among the more commonly identified areas for emphasis.
- Other services, including parks and recreation, social services, and public safety functions such as 911, EMS, and the Sheriff's Office, are selected less frequently as top priorities. This pattern aligns with their consistently strong performance ratings, suggesting they are viewed as important and reliable components of the County's service delivery.
- Overall, residents' responses highlight a balance between maintaining strong foundational services and placing greater attention on a smaller set of areas where needs are more pronounced.

Parks and Open Spaces Are Widely Used and Highly Valued

- Parks and recreation are a cornerstone of community life in Forsyth County. Residents frequently visit parks across the system, with destinations like Tanglewood Park and Triad Park drawing particularly strong use.
- Across the system, park conditions are consistently rated highly, with most visitors describing them as well-maintained and enjoyable. Residents especially value access to open space, natural areas, and signature experiences like the Festival of Lights.
- While overall satisfaction is strong, some aspects of the park experience receive more moderate ratings. Amenities such as courts and certain recreational facilities tend to score lower than natural areas and general maintenance. In addition, while many residents report feeling safe in parks, safety is also identified as an important factor in overall quality of life, reinforcing the importance of maintaining safe and welcoming park environments.

Libraries Are a Trusted and Well-Used Community Resource

- The County's library system stands out as one of its most appreciated services. Residents engage with both physical branches and online resources, with strong usage across locations.
- Facilities are consistently described as being in excellent condition, and residents continue to value physical materials alongside digital offerings. Libraries are widely viewed as reliable, high-quality resources that support learning, connection, and overall quality of life.

- At the same time, libraries are less frequently identified as a top priority for additional County emphasis. Only about one in ten residents select libraries among their highest priorities, suggesting that current services are meeting expectations for most users.

Public Safety Services Inspire Confidence

- Core public safety services are among the County's strongest-performing areas. Residents express high levels of satisfaction with emergency response services, including EMS and 911, as well as the services provided by the Sheriff's Office. These services are widely seen as dependable and effective.
- At the same time, safety stands out as one of the most important factors shaping quality of life in Forsyth County. Nearly all residents rate safety and low crime as important for the community's future, making it the top-ranked priority overall.
- Despite this, relatively few residents identify specific public safety services such as EMS, 911, or Sheriff services as areas needing additional County emphasis in the near term. This contrast suggests that while safety is a central concern at the community level, existing public safety services are generally viewed as strong and reliable.

Opportunities for Improvement and Emerging Priorities

- While many services perform well, residents identified several areas where satisfaction is lower or where greater emphasis is desired. The condition of K–12 education buildings stands out as a leading concern, along with preparedness for emergencies and the Smith Reynolds Airport received comparatively lower satisfaction ratings.
- Residents also report more moderate ratings for communication, transparency, and opportunities for public involvement in decision-making.
- When asked about potential tax increases to fund priority services, residents expressed a range of views, with support and opposition at similar levels and a notable share remaining unsure.

Consistent Performance with Select Areas of Progress

- Overall, County service ratings remain stable. Libraries, parks and recreation, and emergency medical services show notable improvements, while most other areas hold steady. A small number of services experienced declines, but overall performance reflects consistency across the organization.

Survey Background

Forsyth County contracted with Polco to conduct a community-wide resident survey. The primary goal of the survey was to assess the attitudes and opinions of residents by:

- Determining general perceptions of the quality of life in the County.
- Evaluating County programs and services.
- Identifying issues facing the County.
- Comparing survey results to other communities across the nation.
- Establishing trendlines to measure government performance over time.

The Forsyth County Resident Survey serves as a consumer report card for the Forsyth County by providing residents the opportunity to rate the quality of life in the county, as well as the community's amenities, service delivery, and their satisfaction with local government. Residents also provide feedback on what is working well and what is not, and communicate their priorities for community planning and resource allocation.

The survey's focus on the quality of service delivery helps council, staff, and the public to set priorities for budget decisions and lays the groundwork for tracking community opinions about the core responsibilities of Forsyth County government, helping to assure maximum service quality over time.

This type of survey focuses on the key services that local government controls to create a quality community. It is akin to private sector customer surveys that are used regularly by many corporations to monitor where there are weaknesses in product or service delivery before customers defect to competition or before other problems from dissatisfied customers arise.

This is the 3rd iteration of the Forsyth County Resident Survey since the baseline study conducted in 2021 and the first one conducted by Polco.

Survey Administration

Initially, a total of 10,000 Forsyth County households were randomly selected to participate in the 2026 Forsyth County Resident Survey. The 10,000 households selected to participate in the survey were contacted two times. First, an invitation postcard informing the household members that they had been selected to participate in the Forsyth County Resident Survey was sent on February 27, 2026. The postcard included a URL and a QR code to take the survey online. Approximately one week after mailing the postcard, these households were mailed a paper survey containing a cover letter enlisting participation. The cover letter also included a URL and QR code where respondents could go to complete the survey online, if desired. The packet also contained a postage-paid return envelope in which the survey recipients could return the completed questionnaire to Polco. A reminder text message, including a link to the survey, was sent by phone to residents who were matched with the randomly selected households. To boost the number of complete surveys, an additional sample of 9,479 households was mailed a postcard invitation on March 30th. Completed surveys were collected over eight weeks, with the survey closing on April 20, 2026. There were 1,200 respondents to the mailed questionnaire (with 401 undeliverable addresses), yielding a response rate

of 6%. The margin of error is plus or minus three percentage points around any given percentage for all respondents.

Survey results were weighted so that respondent gender, age, housing unit type (attached or detached), housing tenure (rent or own), race and ethnicity, and commissioner district were represented in the proportions reflective of the entire county. More information about the survey methodology can be found in *Appendix G: Survey Methodology*.

How the Results Are Reported

For the most part, the full set of frequencies, or the “percent positive,” are presented in the body and narrative of the report. The percent positive is the combination of the top two most positive response options (i.e., “excellent” and “good;” “very satisfied” and “satisfied;” “very supportive” and “supportive”).

On many of the questions in the survey, respondents could give an answer of “don’t know.” The proportion of respondents giving this reply is shown in the full set of responses included in *Appendix B: Complete Survey Frequencies* and is discussed in the body of this report if it is 30% or greater. However, these responses have been removed from the analyses presented in the body of the report, unless otherwise indicated. In other words, the majority of the tables and graphs in the body of the report display the responses from respondents who had an opinion about a specific item.

For some questions, respondents were permitted to select multiple responses. When the total exceeds 100% in a table for a multiple response question, it is because some respondents are counted in multiple categories. When a table for a question that only permitted a single response does not total to exactly 100%, it is due to the customary practice rounding values to the nearest whole number.

Precision of Estimates

It is customary to describe the precision of estimates made from surveys by a “level of confidence” and accompanying “confidence interval” (or margin of error). The margin of error for this survey is generally no greater than plus or minus three percentage points around any given percent reported for the entire sample (N=1,200).

Comparison of Results Over Time and By Subgroups

Results from previous surveys are presented when comparisons to 2026 were available. Where differences in ratings from 2023 to 2026 are five percentage points or greater, they can be considered statistically significant.

Selected survey results were compared by commissioner district, respondent length of residency, age, housing unit tenure (rent or own), income, and race. These crosstabulations are summarized and presented in tabular form in *Appendix D: Responses to Selected Survey Questions by Respondent Characteristics*. For each pair of subgroups that has a statistically significant difference, an upper-case letter denoting significance is shown in the category with the larger column proportion.

Comparing Survey Results to Other Communities

Polco's database of comparative resident opinion comprises resident perspectives gathered in citizen surveys from approximately 400 communities whose residents evaluated their services. National benchmark comparisons have been provided when similar questions on the Forsyth County Resident Survey are included in Polco's database, and where there were at least five communities in which the question was asked.

Where comparisons for quality ratings were available, Forsyth County results were categorized as "higher," "lower," or "similar" to the benchmark. When ratings differed substantially from the benchmark, they were further classified as "much higher" or "much lower." These designations are based on the difference between the Forsyth County rating and the benchmark. A rating is considered "similar" if it falls within the standard margin of error (10 points or less on a 100-point scale). Ratings are classified as "higher" or "lower" if the difference exceeds 10 points but is no more than 20 points. Differences greater than 20 points (more than twice the standard margin of error) are categorized as "much higher" or "much lower." Comparisons for a number of items on the survey are not available in the benchmark database. These items are excluded from the benchmark tables.

Survey Results

Quality of Life

In 2026, Forsyth County residents continue to rate their quality of life highly, with roughly 8 in 10 residents awarding excellent or good marks. The rating for overall quality of life in 2026 was on par with those given in 2023. Moreover, the rating was similar to national benchmark (see *Appendix F: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons*) for detailed information on benchmark comparisons).

Figure 1: Forsyth County as a place to live, 2026

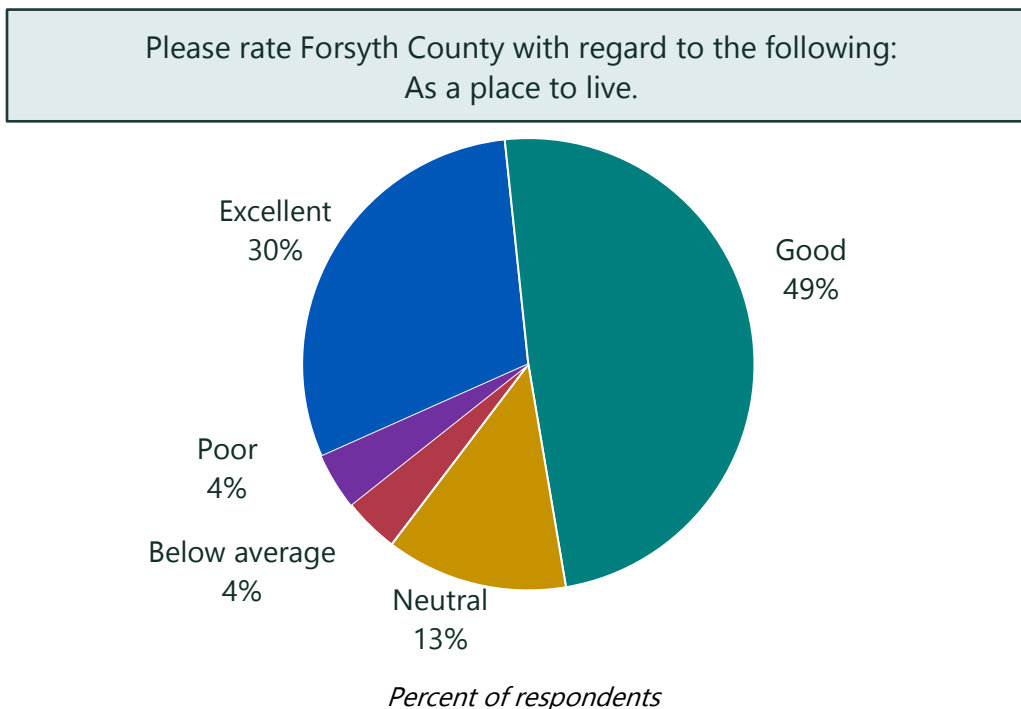
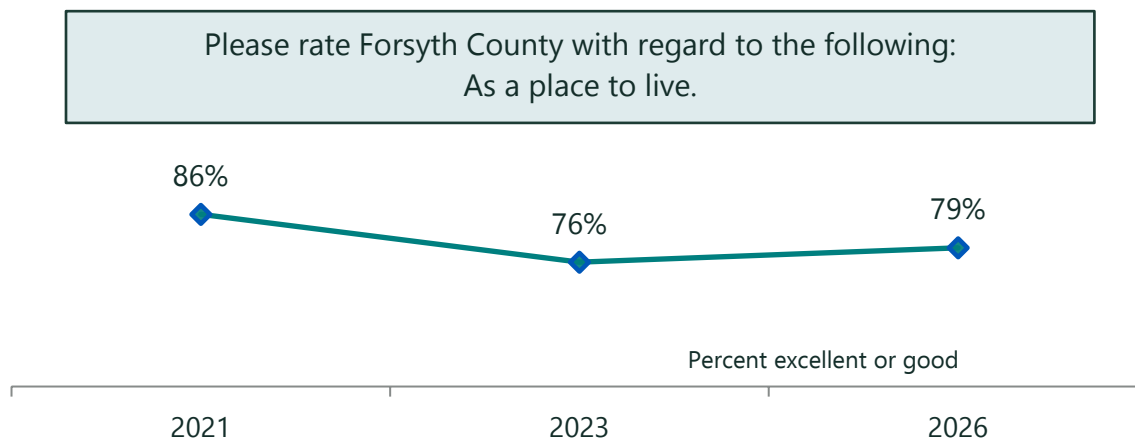
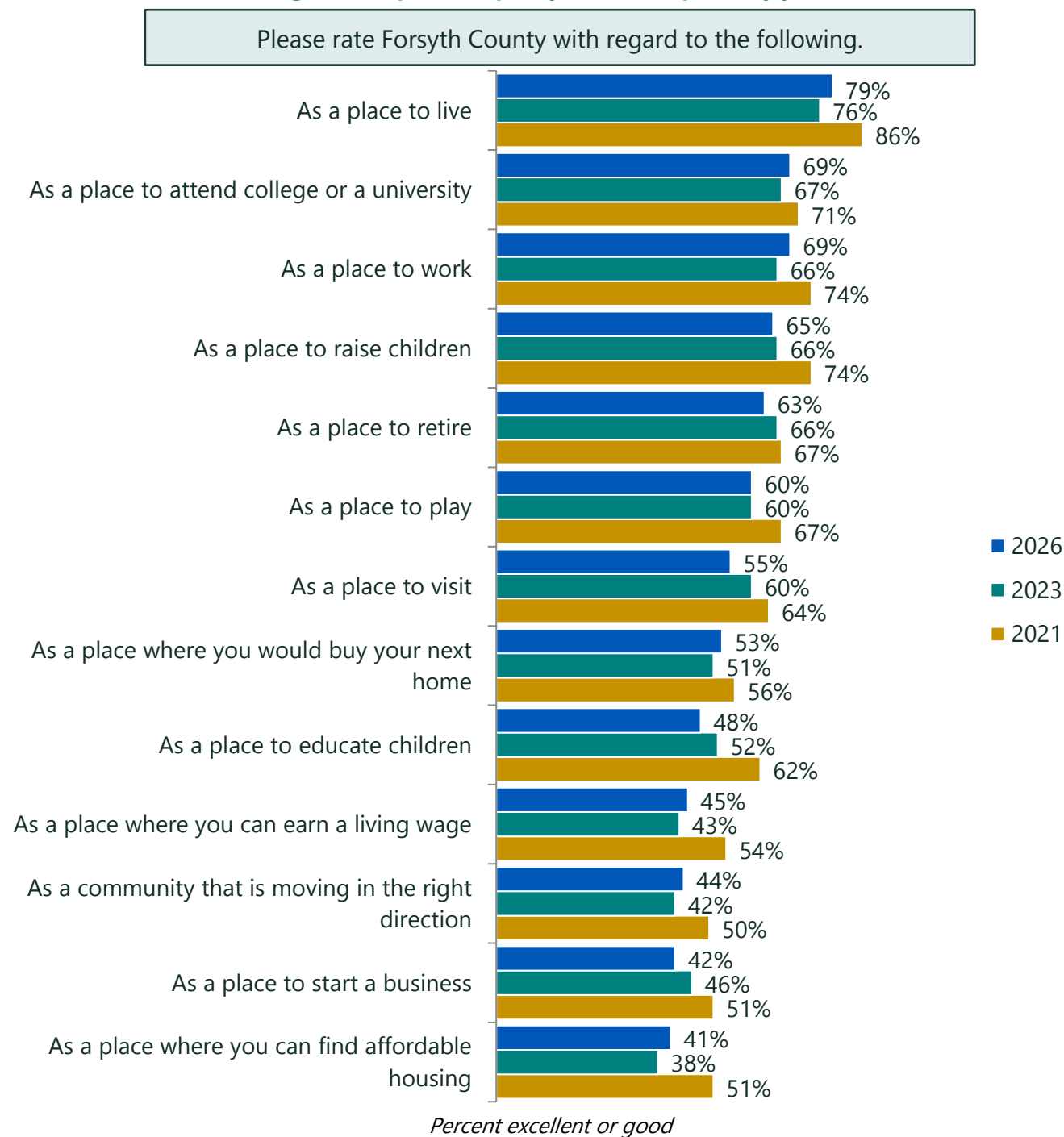


Figure 2: Forsyth County as a place to live compared by year



Residents also assessed other aspects related to quality of life in the County. About 7 in 10 residents positively rated Forsyth County as a place to attend college and to work. Two-thirds of residents rated Forsyth County as a place to raise children and retire as either excellent or good. Ratings were generally consistent with the 2023 iteration, except for Forsyth County as a place to visit, which declined by 5 points.

Figure 3: Aspects of quality of life compared by year

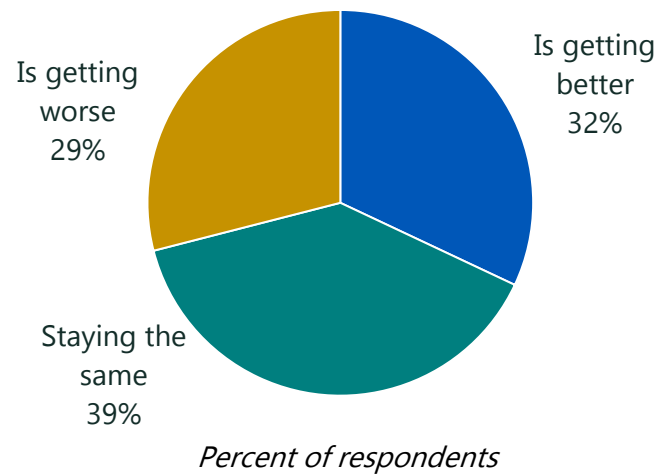


When asked about Forsyth County as a place to start a business, 19% of residents said, "don't know." The full set of responses, including "don't know," can be found in Appendix B: Complete Survey Frequencies.

Residents were asked about the overall quality of life in Forsyth County, and opinions were divided into three similarly sized groups. About 32% said the quality of life is getting better, 29% said it is getting worse, and 39% said it is staying the same.

Figure 4: Overall quality of life direction, 2026

What do you think about the overall quality of life in Forsyth County?

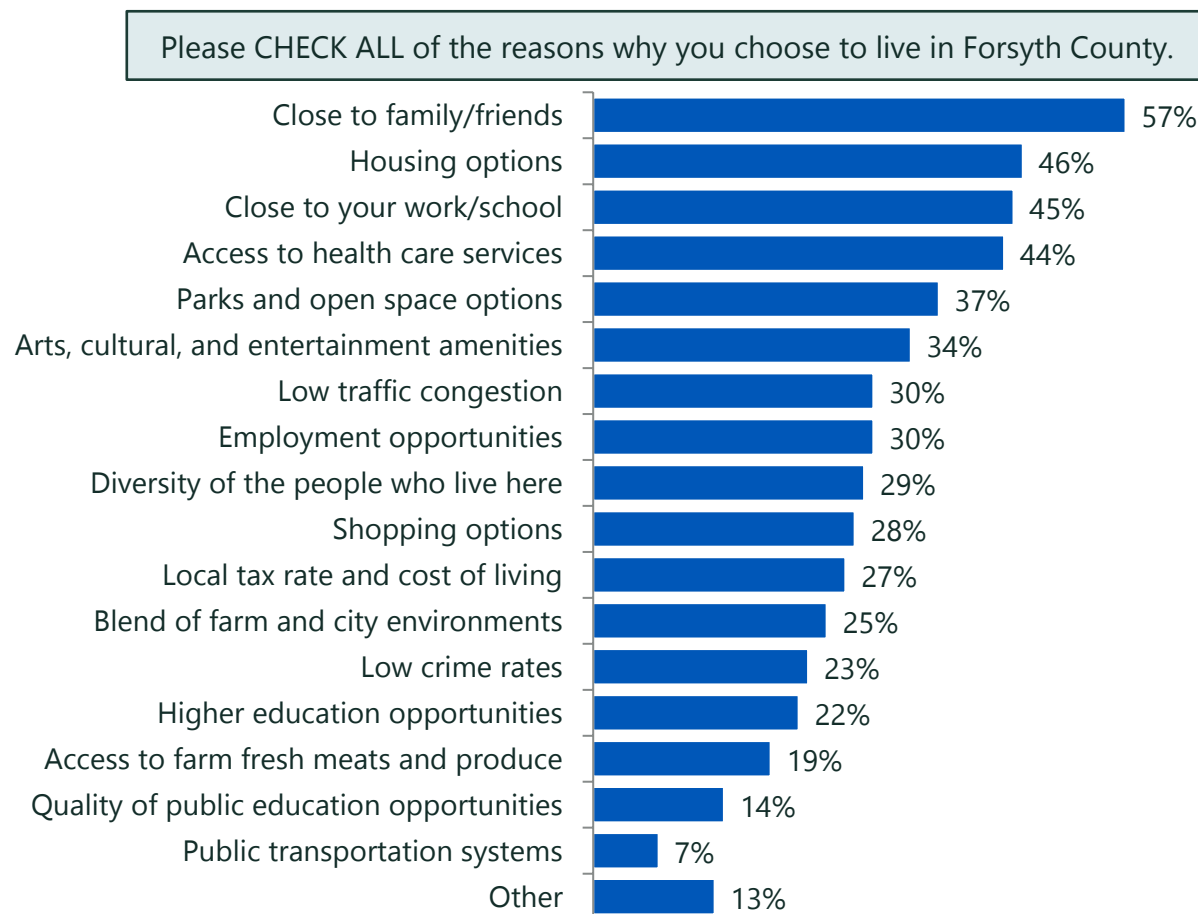


When asked why they choose to live in Forsyth County, residents most frequently cited proximity to family and friends (57%), housing options (46%), and being close to work or school (45%). Access to health care services (44%) and parks and open space options (37%) were also selected by substantial portions of respondents.

A number of additional community attributes were identified as meaningful factors in residents' decisions to live in the county, including arts, cultural, and entertainment amenities (34%), low traffic congestion (30%), employment opportunities (30%), and the diversity of people who live in the area (29%). Shopping options (28%) and local tax rates and cost of living (27%) were also selected by about 3 in 10 respondents.

Smaller but still notable shares pointed to the blend of farm and city environments (25%), low crime rates (23%), higher education opportunities (22%), and access to farm-fresh meats and produce (19%). Fourteen percent selected the quality of public education opportunities. Public transportation systems were the least frequently selected factor at 7%.

Figure 5: Reasons for living in Forsyth County, 2026

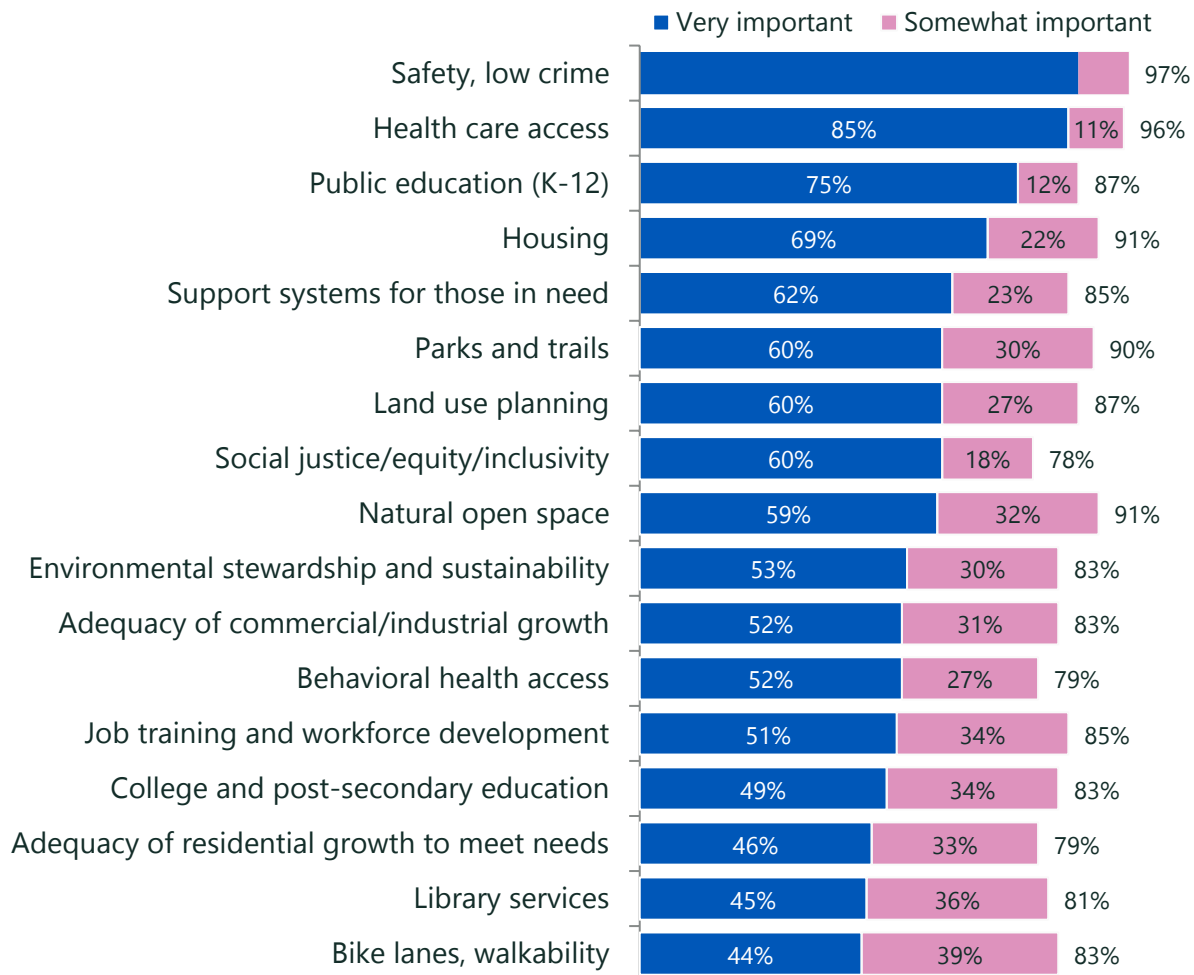


When in a subsequent question respondents were asked which of the above items would have the biggest impact on their decision to stay in Forsyth County over the next five years, proximity to family and friends topped the list of first-choice selections, followed by proximity to work and school (see the full responses in *Appendix B: Complete Survey Frequencies*).

Safety and healthcare emerged as the areas residents consider most important to Forsyth County's overall quality of life over the next 20 years, with each rated "very important" by between 8 and 9 in 10 respondents. Public education and housing also were viewed as very important by large majorities of residents (75% and 69%, respectively). Several additional areas ranked highly in residents' long-term priorities, including support systems for those in need (62%), parks and trails (60%), land use planning (60%), and social justice (60%).

Figure 6: Importance assigned to quality of life over the next 20 years, 2026

Please indicate how important you believe each of the following will be to the overall quality of life in Forsyth County over the next 20 years.



When in a subsequent question respondents were asked which of these issues will be the most important for the County to address over the next 20 years, healthcare, safety, public education and housing topped the list of first-choice selections (see the full responses in *Appendix B: Complete Survey Frequencies*).

County Services

Forsyth County residents provided feedback on the overall quality of 17 specific services provided by the County.

About 8 in 10 residents positively rated the quality of County libraries while about three-fourths gave high marks to county parks and recreation opportunities and the quality of emergency medical services (EMS). Also, three-fourths praised the quality of emergency 911 services, while two-thirds celebrated the services provided by the Sheriff's Office. Additionally, about 6 in 10 were satisfied with the quality of public health services and the County's customer service.

Among the lowest-rated services were the quality of the Smith Reynolds Airport (32% satisfied or very satisfied), the quality of K–12 education buildings (33%), Environmental Assistance and Protection services (34%), and tax administration services (34%).

Most County services remained consistent with previous years, expect for three areas showing increases in satisfaction: County libraries (+8 pts), County parks and recreation opportunities (+6 pts), and the quality of EMS (+6 pts). Only two areas showed declines: satisfaction with North Carolina Cooperative Extension services (-11 pts) and with tax administration services (-6 pts).

Figure 7: Quality of county services by year

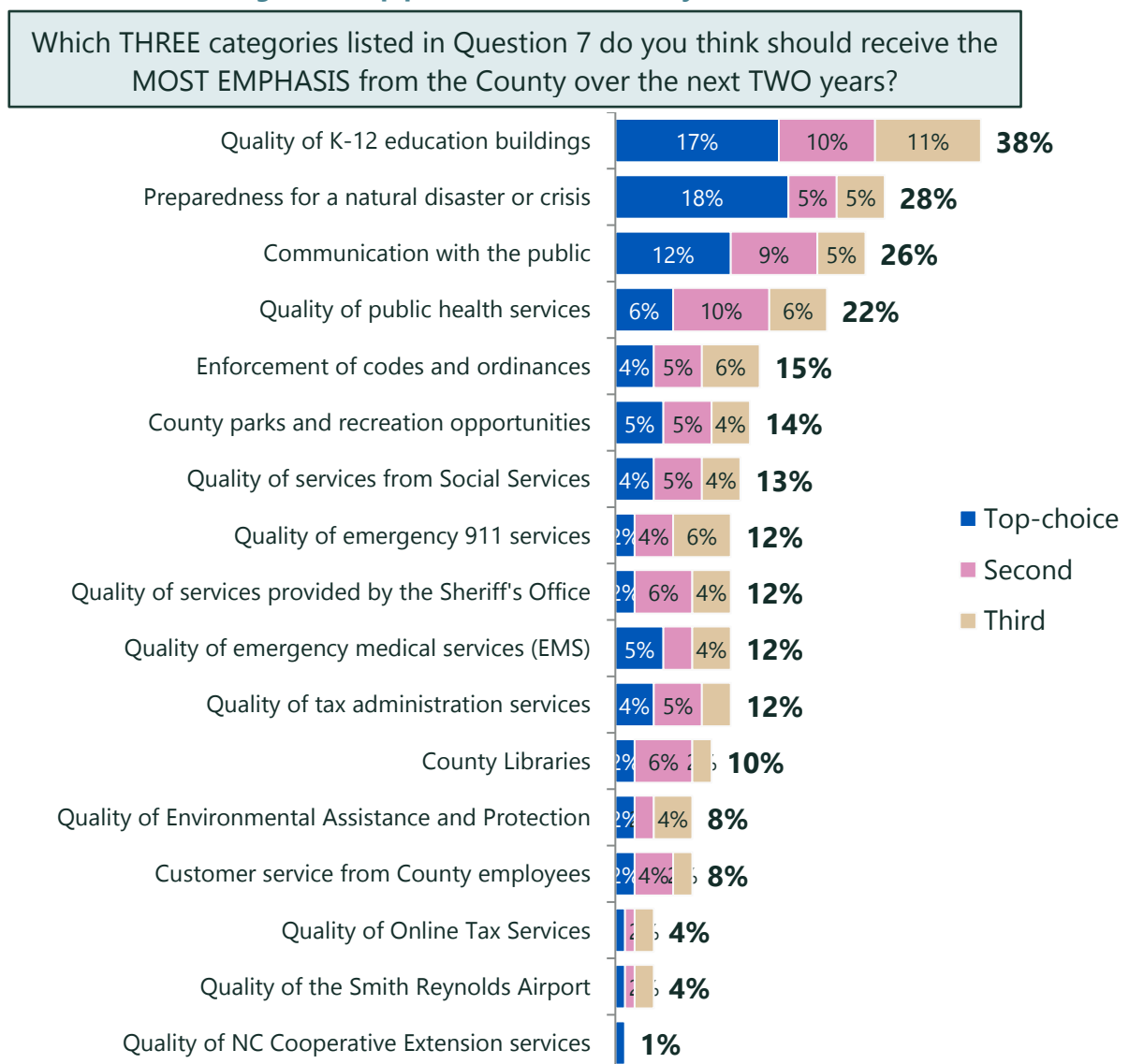
Please rate your satisfaction with each of the major categories of services provided by Forsyth County. (Percent Very satisfied or Satisfied)	2021	2023	2026
County Libraries	76%	72%	80%
County parks and recreation opportunities	74%	69%	75%
Quality of emergency medical services (EMS)	75%	69%	75%
Quality of emergency 911 services	75%	71%	72%
Quality of services provided by the Sheriff's Office	68%	65%	68%
Quality of public health services	65%	59%	62%
Customer service you receive from County employees	59%	54%	58%
County efforts to ensure the community is prepared for a natural disaster or crisis	52%	48%	46%
Communication with the public	52%	44%	45%
Quality of Online Tax Services	--	47%	43%
Quality of North Carolina Cooperative Extension services	46%	54%	43%
Enforcement of codes and ordinances	45%	39%	42%
Quality of services from the Department of Social Services	38%	40%	42%
Quality of tax administration services	41%	40%	34%
Quality of Environmental Assistance and Protection services	34%	38%	34%
Quality of K-12 education buildings	39%	35%	33%
Quality of the Smith Reynolds Airport	29%	36%	32%

For a number of services, at least 30% of respondents selected "don't know." The full set of responses, including "don't know" can be found in Appendix B: Complete Survey Frequencies.

Residents identified several clear priorities for County services emphasis over the next two years. The quality of K–12 education buildings emerged as the top concern, with 38% selecting it among their three highest-priority areas. Preparedness for a natural disaster or crisis (28%) and communication with the public (26%) followed, indicating strong interest in both community safety and transparent, accessible information from the County.

Lower-tier priorities received more modest levels of support. Public health services (22%) and enforcement of codes and ordinances (15%) formed a middle group, while categories such as parks and recreation, social services, emergency response services, and tax administration each drew between 10% and 13%. A small cluster—including online tax services, the Smith Reynolds Airport, and Cooperative Extension services—received the least emphasis, with only about 4% of respondents ranking them among their top three priorities.

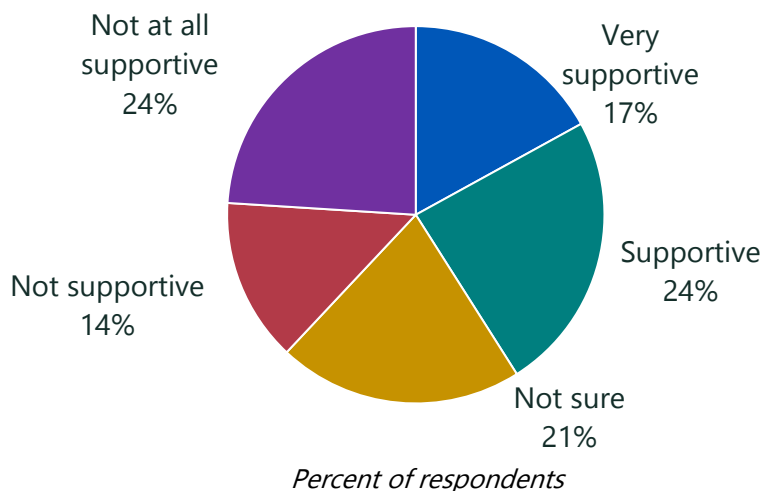
Figure 8: Top priorities for next two years, 2026



Residents were asked how supportive they would be of a tax increase if the additional revenue were dedicated to the services they identified as needing the most emphasis (see previous page). Responses were mixed. About 4 in 10 respondents indicated some level of support, including 17% who said they would be *very supportive* and 24% who said they would be *supportive*. About 2 in 10 residents were *not sure*. The remaining 4 in 10 respondents expressed opposition, with 14% saying they would be *not supportive* and 24% saying they would be *not at all supportive*.

Figure 9: Tax increase support, 2026

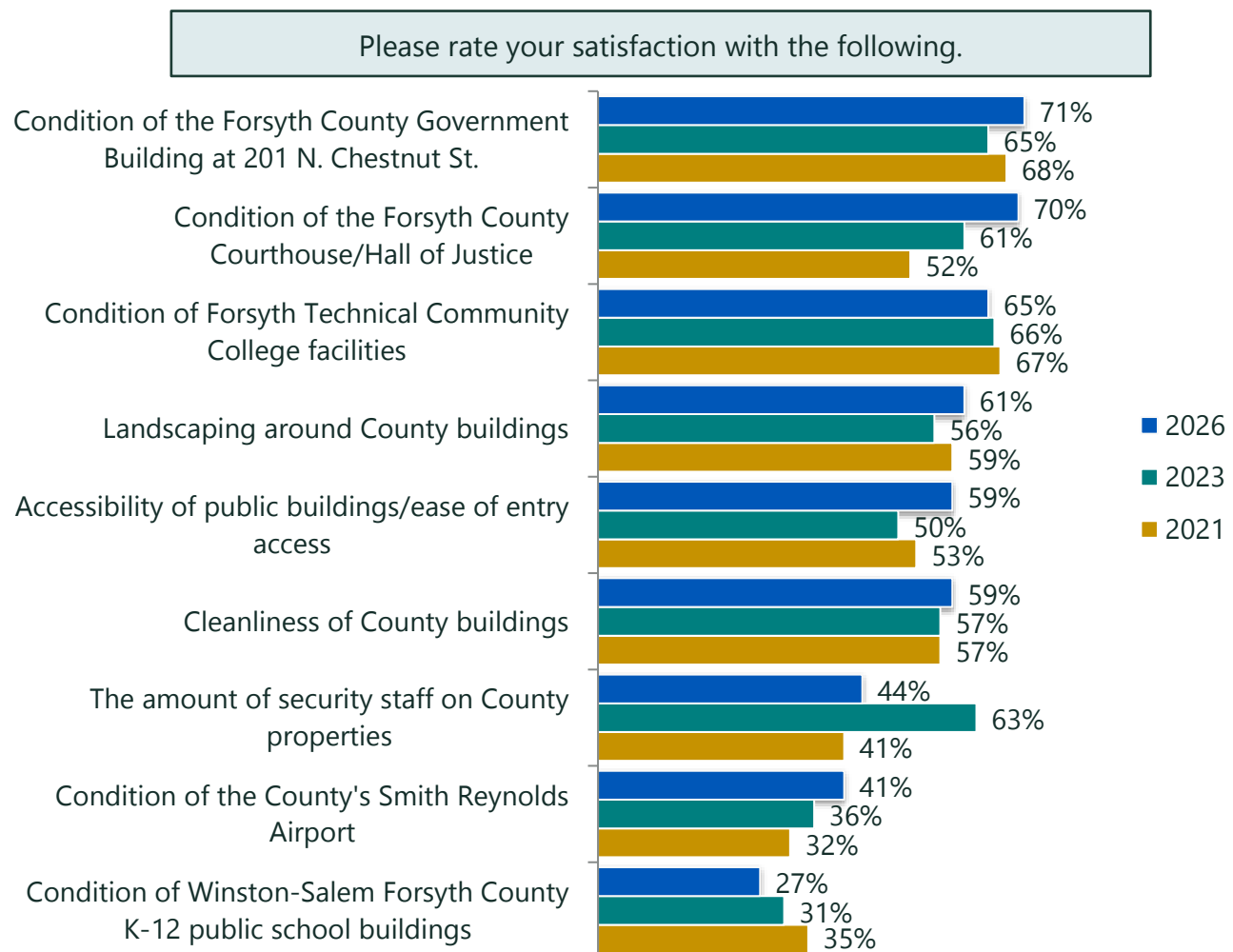
How supportive would you be of a tax increase if it were used to fund the services that you indicated should receive the most emphasis?



When asked to rate their satisfaction with several facilities though out the county, about 7 in 10 respondents reported to be satisfied with the condition of the Forsyth County Government Building at 201 N. Chestnut St. in Winston-Salem. Also 7 in 10 positively rated the condition of the Forsyth County Courthouse/Hall of Justice, while two-thirds approved the condition of Forsyth Technical Community College facilities. About 6 in 10 residents respondents reported to be satisfied with the landscaping, cleanliness and accessibility of public buildings. Conversely, less than half respondents were satisfied with the amount of security staff on County property, the condition of the County's Smith Reynolds Airport, and the condition of Winston-Salem Forsyth County K-12 public school buildings.

Compared with 2023, several areas showed improvement, including the condition of the Forsyth County Courthouse (+9 pts) and the accessibility of public buildings and ease of entry (+9). In contrast, satisfaction with the amount of security staff on County properties declined sharply (-19), a change that may be attributable to differences in how the question was worded in the 2026 survey.

Figure 10: Satisfaction with maintenance by year



Percent very satisfied or satisfied

* Prior 2026 "The amount of security staff on County properties" was worded as "Visibility of security staff on County property".

Public Safety

The survey also measured resident contact with, and attitudes about, Forsyth County Sheriff's Office. About three-fourths of the respondents reported having had no contact with Forsyth County Sheriff's Office over the last year.

Among respondents who had contact with the Sheriff's Office in the past year, the most common interaction was requesting assistance, reported by 45% of those with any contact. Other frequent types of contact included obtaining firearms permits (23%), interacting with deputies at public events (21%), reporting crimes (18%), and contacting Animal Services (18%).

Figure 11: Forsyth County Sheriff's Office contact, 2026

During the past year, have you or other members of your household had contact with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office?

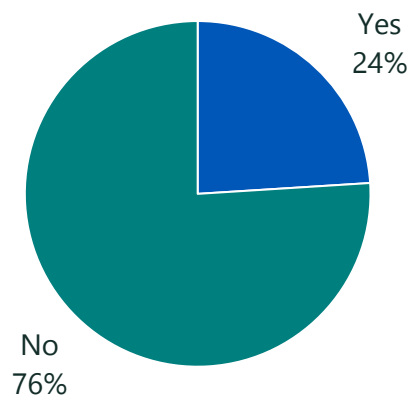
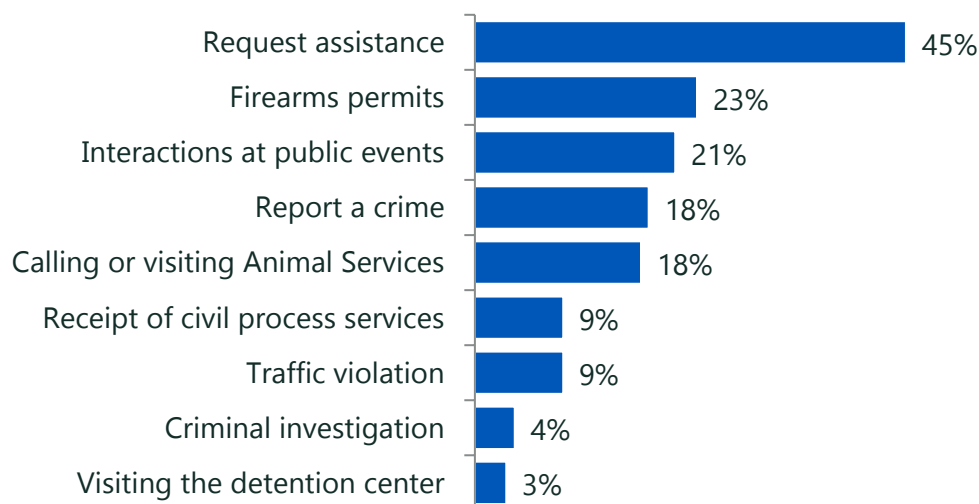


Figure 12: Types of contact with the Sheriff's Office, 2026

Please CHECK ALL of the types of contact that you or the members of your household have had with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office during the past year.



Percent of respondents who contacted the Sheriff's Office (24%)

** Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one answer.*

A majority of residents reported being satisfied with most services provided by the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office. Satisfaction was highest for the overall quality of Sheriff protection (72%), the professionalism of employees (70%), and the accessibility and responsiveness of the Sheriff's Office (68%). Response time to emergencies and non-emergencies was rated favorably by about two-thirds of respondents (65% and 63%, respectively).

Other aspects of service received moderately strong satisfaction ratings, including the visibility of deputies in the community (63%), cultural sensitivity of employees (60%), the level of transparency (58%), and the quality of social media communication (56%). Satisfaction was lowest for the quality of animal services, where only half of residents (49%) reported being very satisfied or satisfied.

Compared with the 2023 survey results, satisfaction with the visibility of Sheriff's Deputies in the community increased sharply (+14 points). Satisfaction with the Sheriff's Office's response time to non-emergencies also rose, though more modestly (+5 points). All other measured areas remained stable.

Figure 13: Quality of sheriff's services by year

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the services provided by Forsyth County Sheriff's office. (Percent Very satisfied or Satisfied)	2021	2023	2026
Overall quality of Sheriff protection	74%	68%	72%
Professionalism of Sheriff's Office employees	73%	72%	70%
Accessibility and Responsiveness of the Sheriff's Office	68%	64%	68%
Response time by the Sheriff's Office to emergencies	66%	61%	65%
Response time by the Sheriff's Office to non-emergencies	61%	58%	63%
The visibility of Sheriff's Deputies in your community	61%	49%	63%
Cultural Sensitivity of Sheriff Office employees	63%	63%	60%
The level of transparency by the Sheriff's Office	60%	56%	58%
Quality of social media communication (X, Facebook, Instagram)	51%	52%	56%
Quality of animal services	51%	48%	49%

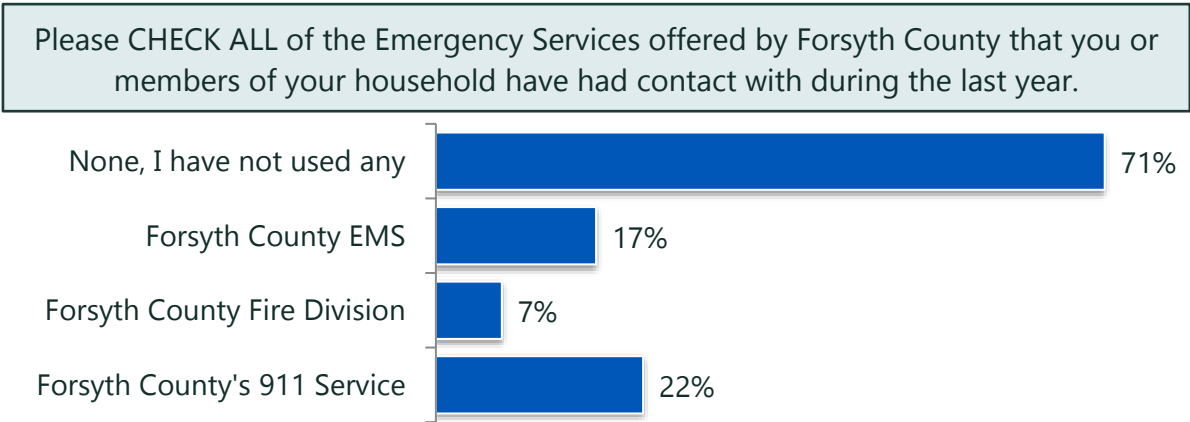
** For most services, at least 30% of respondents selected "don't know." The full set of responses, including "don't know" can be found in Appendix B: Complete Survey Frequencies.*

In a subsequent question, respondents were asked which Sheriff's Office services should receive the most emphasis from the County over the next two years. The overall quality of Sheriff protection topped the list of first-choice selections, followed by the visibility of Sheriff's Deputies and the cultural sensitivity of Sheriff Office employees. Other less frequently mentioned services were the level of transparency by the Sheriff's Office and animal services (see the full responses in *Appendix B: Complete Survey Frequencies*).

The survey also measured resident contact with, and attitudes about, Forsyth County Emergency Services. About 7 in 10 respondents reported having had no contact with the Emergency Services offered by Forsyth County over the last year.

In 2026, satisfaction with emergency services remained generally high. The best rated services were Fire Division (82% reported to be satisfied with it), the professionalism of EMS staff (82%) and the professionalism and efficiency of 911 operators (80% and 79%). Satisfaction with EMS performance indicators ranged from 73% to 76%, including cultural sensitivity of staff (76%), overall EMS quality (75%), accuracy of information provided during emergencies (74%), and EMS response time (73%). Overall, residents continued to view emergency services positively in 2026, with most measures falling in the mid-70s to low-80s.

Figure 14: Types of contact with emergency services, 2026



* Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one answer.

Figure 15: Quality of emergency services by year

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the services provided by Forsyth County. (Percent Very satisfied or Satisfied)	2021	2023	2026
Overall satisfaction with Fire Division services	90%	83%	82%
Professionalism of EMS staff	85%	86%	82%
Professionalism of 911 operator	86%	84%	80%
Efficiency of 911 operator	85%	84%	79%
Cultural sensitivity of EMS staff	78%	72%	76%
Overall quality of Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	84%	81%	75%
The accuracy of information you were given during emergencies	81%	81%	74%
Overall EMS response time	78%	73%	73%

* When asked about cultural sensitivity of EMS staff, 32% of respondents selected “don’t know.” Other services received a “don’t know” answer above 20%. The full set of responses, including “don’t know” can be found in Appendix B: Complete Survey Frequencies.

Parks and Recreation

In 2026, Tanglewood Park remained the most visited County park, with 65% of households reporting a visit. Triad Park followed at 29%, and Kernersville Lake Park saw 25% visitation. Horizons Park (22%) and Joanie Moser Memorial Park (19%) drew moderate use, while G Hill Memorial Park (17%) and Walkertown Community Park (16%) saw slightly lower but still notable visitation. Union Cross Park was visited by 15% of households, and Old U.S. 421 River Park had the lowest usage at 11%.

Figure 16: County parks usage by year

Please indicate if you or other members of your household have visited each of the libraries during the past year. (Percent Yes)	2021	2023	2026
Tanglewood Park	62%	58%	65%
Triad Park	27%	26%	29%
Kernersville Lake Park	20%	20%	25%
Horizons Park	17%	20%	22%
Joanie Moser Memorial Park	16%	12%	19%
G Hill Memorial Park	13%	14%	17%
Union Cross Park	10%	10%	16%
Walkertown Community Park	11%	14%	15%
Old U.S. 421 River Park	10%	9%	11%

When referring to the conditions of the parks, Tanglewood Park and Triad Park continued to receive the highest condition ratings in 2026, with 95% and 90% of visitors respectively rating them as excellent or good. Most other parks received strong evaluations: Joanie Moser Memorial Park (85%), Horizons Park (84%), G Hill Memorial Park (82%), and Kernersville Lake Park (81%). Union Cross Park (77%), Walkertown Community Park (75%) and Old U.S. 421 River Park had slightly lower ratings but still highly favorable.

Figure 17: Condition of the county parks by year

Please rate the condition of the facility based on your most recent experience. (Percent Excellent or Good)	2021	2023	2026
Tanglewood Park	96%	97%	95%
Triad Park	97%	98%	90%
Joanie Moser Memorial Park	95%	96%	85%
Horizons Park	91%	93%	84%
G Hill Memorial Park	94%	99%	82%
Kernersville Lake Park	87%	93%	81%
Union Cross Park	88%	83%	77%
Walkertown Community Park	91%	86%	75%
Old U.S. 421 River Park	74%	65%	71%

In 2026, satisfaction with parks and recreation services varied across amenities but was generally positive. The highest-rated services were the Festival of Lights (81%), the availability of open space and natural areas (75%), and the maintenance of County parks (73%). Several other areas—including active recreation equipment, event facilities, safety in parks, and access to walking and biking trails—clustered around 69%. Athletic fields (65%), Tanglewood golf courses (61%), dog parks (60%), and the Aquatic Center (59%) received moderately strong ratings. Lower-rated amenities included tennis courts (56%), disc golf courses (49%), and pickleball courts (47%). All 14 parks and recreation services assessed showed higher ratings in 2026 compared to 2023.

Figure 18: Satisfaction with parks and recreation services by year

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the parks and recreation services provided by Forsyth County. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	2021	2023	2026
Quality of Tanglewood Park's Festival of Lights	81%	74%	81%
Availability of open space and natural areas in County parks	70%	64%	75%
Maintenance of County parks	71%	63%	73%
Availability of active recreation equipment (e.g., playgrounds)	69%	62%	69%
Quality and availability of event facilities (e.g., picnic shelters)	67%	58%	69%
Overall feeling of safety in County parks	65%	55%	69%
Availability and access of walking and biking trails	66%	60%	69%
Quality of athletic fields (soccer, baseball/softball)	59%	58%	65%
Quality of Tanglewood golf courses	64%	54%	61%
Quality of the County's dog parks (Tanglewood, Horizons Park)	53%	55%	60%
Quality of Peter S. Brunstetter Aquatic Center at Tanglewood Park	59%	56%	59%
Quality and availability of tennis courts	45%	44%	56%
Quality of public disc golf courses (Horizons Park, Triad Park)	40%	46%	49%
Availability of pickleball courts	24%	42%	47%

Respondents were asked a subsequent question about which Forsyth County parks and recreation services should receive the most emphasis from the County over the next two years. Increasing park safety topped the list of first-choice selections, followed by the availability and access of walking and biking trails and maintenance of County parks. Other frequently cited priorities were the quality and availability of event facilities and the availability of active recreation equipment (see the full responses in *Appendix B: Complete Survey Frequencies*).

Library System

In 2026, Central Library was the most visited location, with 39% of households reporting a visit. The Library's website also saw strong engagement, with 33% of respondents accessing it during the year. Clemmons, Lewisville, Reynolda Manor and Paddison Memorial in Kernersville each drew about 17–22% of households.

Figure 19: Libraries visited by year

Please indicate if you or other members of your household have visited each of the libraries during the past year. (Percent Yes)	2021	2023	2026
Central Library	25%	29%	39%
The Library's website	16%	20%	33%
Clemmons	16%	15%	22%
Lewisville	15%	12%	18%
Reynolda Manor	14%	16%	18%
Paddison Memorial in Kernersville	11%	12%	17%
Southside	9%	13%	14%
Walkertown	9%	10%	11%
Carver School Road	5%	8%	11%
Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center	3%	4%	9%
Rural Hall	6%	8%	9%

When evaluating the condition of library facilities, most locations received strong ratings. Clemmons and Lewisville were the highest-rated branches, with 98% of visitors describing their condition as excellent or good, and Central Library also performed well at 94%. All remaining facilities received positive condition ratings from at least three-fourths of respondents.

Figure 20: Condition of the libraries by year

Please rate the condition of the facility based on your most recent experience. (Percent Excellent or Good)	2021	2023	2026
Clemmons	96%	95%	98%
Lewisville	98%	89%	98%
Central Library	94%	94%	94%
Paddison Memorial in Kernersville	95%	91%	91%
Rural Hall	79%	83%	91%
Walkertown	95%	88%	88%
Reynolda Manor	84%	81%	85%
The Library's website	89%	81%	80%
Southside	83%	80%	79%
Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center	76%	62%	76%
Carver School Road	79%	84%	75%

Checking out books and voting were the main reasons residents visited Forsyth County libraries, with about 4 in 10 respondents selecting each. Other reasons for visiting included attending a community event or a program, each chosen by roughly 15% of visitors. Using a computer, relaxing, researching topics and accessing wireless internet were also mentioned, each by about 1 in 10 residents.

Figure 21: Reasons for visiting the library system, 2026

If you have visited any of libraries listed during the past year, please CHECK ALL of the reasons for which you visited or used it.

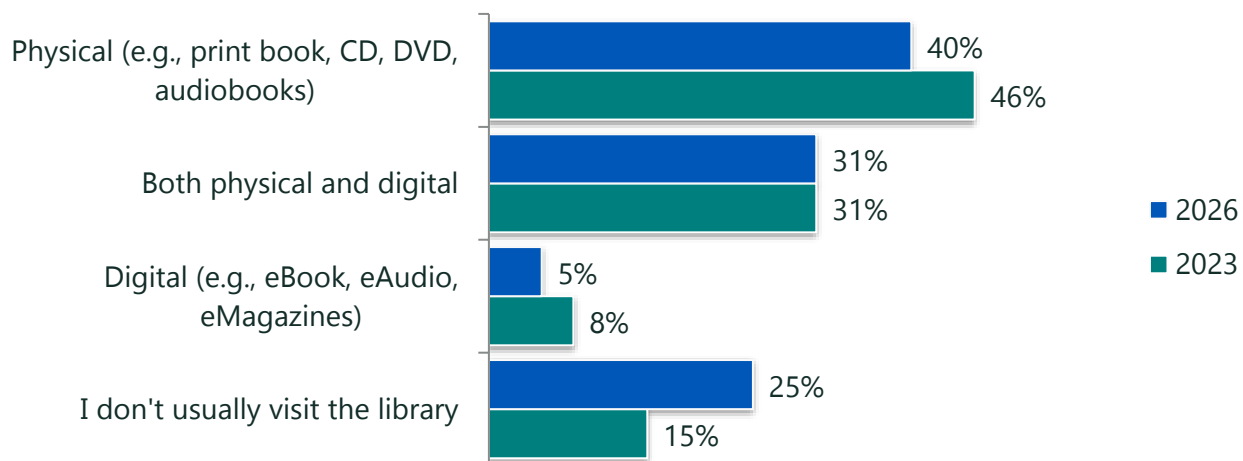


Percent of respondents.

About 4 in 10 respondents reported preferring physical library materials, while 3 in 10 said both physical and digital. Less than 1 in 10 respondents said they prefer the digital format.

Figure 22: Preferred format for accessing library materials, 2026

If you have visited any of libraries listed during the past year, which format do you MOST prefer for accessing Library materials?

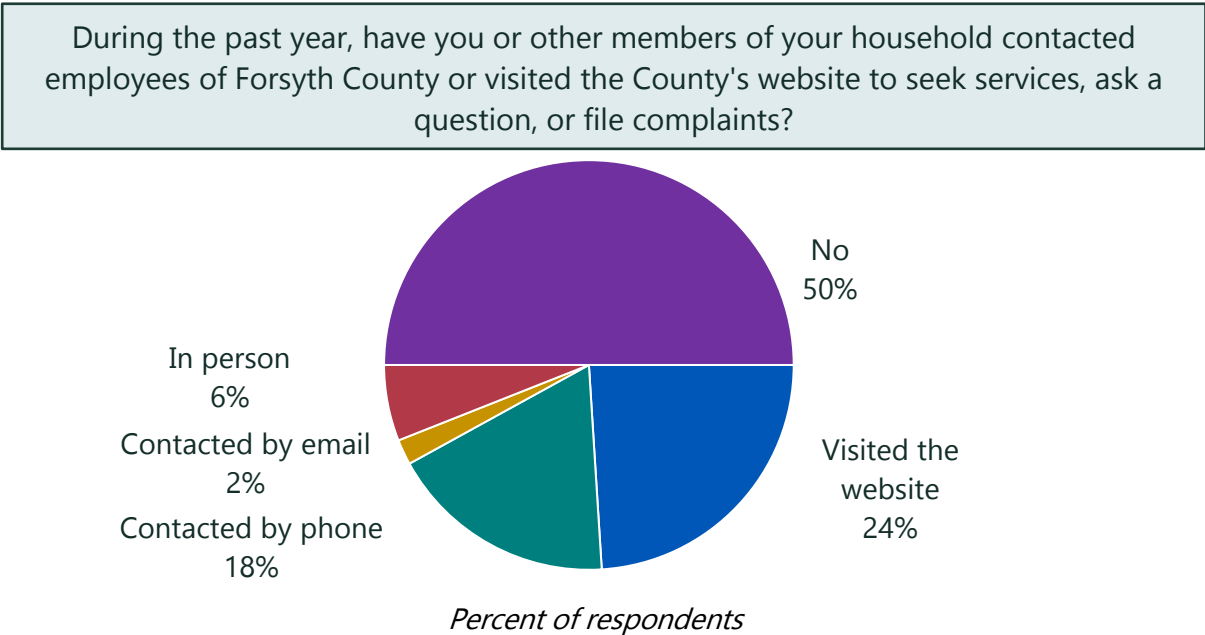


Percent of respondents.

Forsyth County Customer Service

One half of residents reported no contact with Forsyth County employees or the County’s website in the past year. Among those who did seek services, ask questions, or file complaints, the most common method of contact was through the website (24%), followed by phone (18%). In-person contact was less common but still used by 6% of respondents.

Figure 23: Contact with a county employee, 2026



In 2026, most residents who interacted with a County department reported positive experiences across several aspects of customer service. Courtesy of County employees received the highest satisfaction rating at 74%, followed by the appropriateness of employees’ responses (70%) and the accuracy of information provided (69%). Satisfaction with the overall ease of contacting the County government was scored positively by 65%. Similarly, 6 in 10 respondents (63%) also said they were satisfied with the timeliness of County employees' response and how their issue or concern was ultimately resolved. In 2026, all six customer service ratings remained consistent with those recorded in 2023.

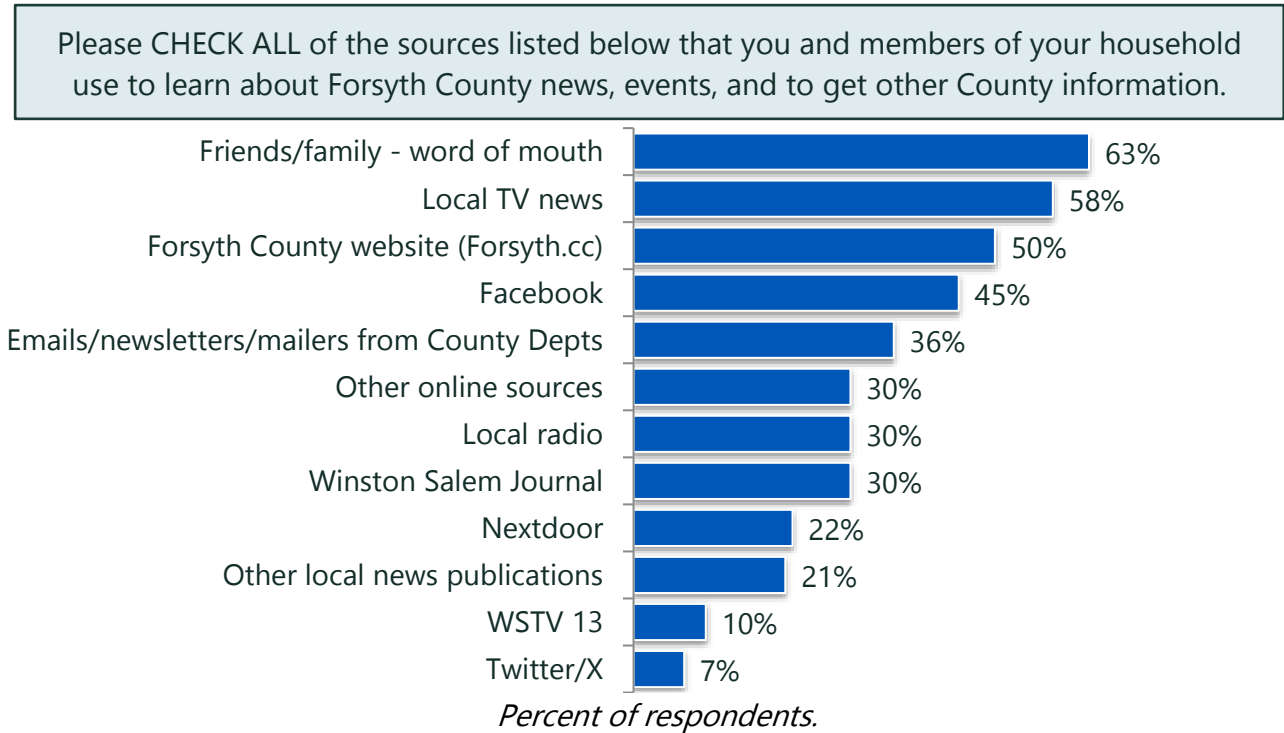
Figure 24: Satisfaction with county customer service by year

Please rate your satisfaction with your experience interacting with the county government department(s) you contacted. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	2021	2023	2026
Courtesy of county employee(s) you interacted with	80%	76%	74%
Appropriateness of county employees' response	75%	71%	70%
Accuracy of the information you were given	74%	69%	69%
How easy the county government was to contact	71%	65%	65%
Timeliness of county employees' response	73%	65%	63%
Resolution of your issue/concern	67%	66%	63%

Public Communication

Nearly two-thirds (63%) of residents surveyed indicated the primary source of information they use to learn about Forsyth County news, events, and other county information was word of mouth. Other broadly used sources include local TV news (58%), the Forsyth County website (50%), and Facebook (45%). Mailers and emails from Forsyth County were used by about a third of residents, while 3 in 10 mentioned the Winston Salem Journal, local radio, and other online sources.

Figure 25: Preferred sources for county information, 2026



About half of residents were satisfied with the ease of locating information on the County's website, while about 4 in 10 rated positively their experience engaging with the County government process. About one-third of the respondents valued the county efforts to keep residents informed about local issues and be open and transparent with public information. Finally, just a fourth of respondents were satisfied with the level of public involvement in local decisions with the County. Ratings were in line with those of 2023 and, when available, lower than the national benchmark.

Figure 26: Satisfaction with county communications by year

For each of the following, please rate your satisfaction. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	2021	2023	2026
Ease of locating information on the County's website	54%	50%	53%
Your experience engaging with the County government process	44%	44%	44%
County efforts to keep you informed about local issues	37%	33%	33%
County efforts to be open and transparent with information about County issues, services, and performance	33%	29%	30%
Level of public involvement in local decisions with the County	27%	27%	23%

Appendix A: Respondent Characteristics

The following tables summarize the demographic characteristics of the 2026 Forsyth County Resident Survey.

Table 1: Question Q32

Do you think you will be living in Forsyth County five years from now?	Percent	Number
Yes	60%	N=704
No	12%	N=141
Unsure	28%	N=327
Total	100%	N=1172

Table 2: Question Q33

Which best describes the building you live in?	Percent	Number
Single-family detached home	70%	N=822
Townhouse or duplex	8%	N=88
Condominium or apartment	19%	N=224
Mobile home	1%	N=10
Other	2%	N=24
Total	100%	N=1169

Table 3: Question Q34

Do you own or rent your current residence?	Percent	Number
Own	70%	N=816
Rent	30%	N=346
Total	100%	N=1162

Table 4: Question Q35

Approximately how many years have you lived in Forsyth County?	Percent	Number
Less than 2 years	9%	N=103
2-5 years	15%	N=180
6-10 years	11%	N=128
11-20 years	15%	N=179
More than 20 years	50%	N=582
Total	100%	N=1172

Table 5: Question 36

Which of the following best describes your race/ethnicity? [Check all that apply.]	Percent	Number
Asian or Asian Indian	5%	N=56
Black or African American	24%	N=279
American Indian or Alaska Native	3%	N=29
White or Caucasian	65%	N=744
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1%	N=9
Other	9%	N=101

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one answer.

Table 6: Question Q37

Are you of Hispanic or Latino ancestry?	Percent	Number
Yes	7%	N=75
No	93%	N=1061
Total	100%	N=1136

Table 7: Question Q38

What is the primary language spoken in your home?	Percent	Number
English	95%	N=1096
Spanish	3%	N=38
Other	2%	N=24
Total	100%	N=1157

Table 8: Question Q39

What is your total annual household income?	Percent	Number
Under \$15,000	5%	N=27
\$15,000 - \$29,999	9%	N=63
\$30,000 - \$44,999	11%	N=80
\$45,000 - \$59,999	8%	N=59
\$60,000 - \$74,999	12%	N=76
\$75,000 - \$99,999	13%	N=86
\$100,000 - \$124,999	13%	N=100
\$125,000 - \$149,999	7%	N=45
\$150,000 or more	22%	N=147
Total	100%	N=682

Table 9: Question Q40

What is the highest level of education you have completed?	Percent	Number
Some high school, no diploma	2%	N=25
High school diploma or equivalent	8%	N=95
Some college but no degree	15%	N=174
Associate's degree	10%	N=115
Bachelor's degree	32%	N=372
Graduate degree or higher	32%	N=374
Total	100%	N=1155

Table 10: Question Q41

What is your age?	Percent	Number
18-24 years	3%	N=34
25-34 years	19%	N=215
35-44 years	16%	N=182
45-54 years	18%	N=204
55-64 years	14%	N=163
65-74 years	17%	N=190
75 years or older	14%	N=163
Total	100%	N=1151

Table 11: Question Q42

What is your gender identity?	Percent	Number
Male	45%	N=521
Female	54%	N=623
Prefer to self-describe	1%	N=9
Total	100%	N=1153

Appendix B: Complete Survey Frequencies

The following pages contain a complete set of responses to each question on the survey. For questions that included a “don’t know” or “no opinion” response option, two tables for that question are provided: the first includes the “don’t know” or “no opinion” responses, and the second excludes those response options.

Table 12: Question 1

Please CHECK ALL of the reasons why you choose to live in Forsyth County	Percent	Number
Arts, cultural, and entertainment amenities	34%	N=404
Housing options	46%	N=552
Parks and open space options	37%	N=444
Shopping options	28%	N=337
Higher education opportunities	22%	N=263
Public transportation systems	7%	N=84
Diversity of the people who live here	29%	N=354
Employment opportunities	30%	N=357
Local tax rate and cost of living	27%	N=318
Low crime rates	23%	N=275
Low traffic congestion	30%	N=365
Close to family/friends	57%	N=688
Close to your work/school	45%	N=539
Access to health care services	44%	N=532
Access to farm fresh meats and produce	19%	N=229
Quality of public education opportunities	14%	N=162
Blend of farm and city environments	25%	N=295
Other	13%	N=158
None chosen	1%	N=9

Table 13: Question 2-First place

Which THREE of the items listed in Question 1 will have the BIGGEST IMPACT on your decision to stay in Forsyth County over the next five years?	Percent	Number
Arts, cultural, & entertainment amenities	5%	N=65
Housing options	8%	N=102
Parks & open space options	3%	N=33
Shopping options	1%	N=9
Higher education opportunities	2%	N=29
Public transportation systems	1%	N=7
Diversity of people who live here	3%	N=33
Employment opportunities	7%	N=84
Local tax rate & cost of living	9%	N=111
Low crime rates	5%	N=54
Low traffic congestion	2%	N=20
Close to family/friends	24%	N=282
Close to your work/school	10%	N=123
Access to health care services	4%	N=52
Access to farm fresh meats & produce	0%	N=2
Quality of public education opportunities	2%	N=22
Blend of farm & City environments	1%	N=18
Other	2%	N=18
None chosen	11%	N=136
Total	100%	N=1200

Table 14: Question 2-Second place

Which THREE of the items listed in Question 1 will have the BIGGEST IMPACT on your decision to stay in Forsyth County over the next five years?	Percent	Number
Arts, cultural, & entertainment amenities	4%	N=46
Housing options	7%	N=86
Parks & open space options	5%	N=55
Shopping options	1%	N=16
Higher education opportunities	1%	N=14
Public transportation systems	1%	N=18
Diversity of people who live here	2%	N=24
Employment opportunities	4%	N=43
Local tax rate & cost of living	6%	N=75
Low crime rates	6%	N=72
Low traffic congestion	4%	N=48
Close to family/friends	12%	N=145
Close to your work/school	10%	N=125
Access to health care services	9%	N=107
Access to farm fresh meats & produce	1%	N=9
Quality of public education opportunities	1%	N=9
Blend of farm & City environments	2%	N=22
Other	1%	N=8
None chosen	23%	N=278
Total	100%	N=1200

Table 15: Question 2-Third place

Which THREE of the items listed in Question 1 will have the BIGGEST IMPACT on your decision to stay in Forsyth County over the next five years?	Percent	Number
Arts, cultural, & entertainment amenities	3%	N=40
Housing options	4%	N=48
Parks & open space options	6%	N=69
Shopping options	3%	N=31
Higher education opportunities	1%	N=17
Public transportation systems	1%	N=6
Diversity of people who live here	2%	N=24
Employment opportunities	3%	N=34
Local tax rate & cost of living	5%	N=61
Low crime rates	4%	N=46
Low traffic congestion	6%	N=76
Close to family/friends	5%	N=62
Close to your work/school	7%	N=84
Access to health care services	12%	N=145
Access to farm fresh meats & produce	3%	N=36
Quality of public education opportunities	2%	N=25
Blend of farm & City environments	5%	N=54
Other	1%	N=8
None chosen	28%	N=334
Total	100%	N=1200

Table 16: Question 3

Please indicate how important you believe each of the following will be to the overall quality of life in Forsyth County over the next 20 years	Very important		Somewhat important		Not sure		Not important		Total	
Health care access	85%	N=1011	11%	N=132	2%	N=23	2%	N=25	100%	N=1192
Behavioral health access	52%	N=602	27%	N=317	12%	N=135	9%	N=104	100%	N=1158
Support systems for those in need	62%	N=719	23%	N=264	9%	N=106	6%	N=73	100%	N=1161
Natural open space	59%	N=686	32%	N=367	6%	N=65	4%	N=41	100%	N=1159
Parks and trails	60%	N=702	30%	N=350	6%	N=66	4%	N=49	100%	N=1166
Library services	45%	N=515	36%	N=414	10%	N=112	10%	N=112	100%	N=1154
Public education (K-12)	75%	N=879	12%	N=142	6%	N=67	7%	N=80	100%	N=1168
College and post-secondary education	49%	N=573	34%	N=397	8%	N=90	9%	N=99	100%	N=1159
Environmental stewardship and sustainability	53%	N=611	30%	N=344	11%	N=125	6%	N=71	100%	N=1151
Land use planning	60%	N=700	27%	N=308	10%	N=117	3%	N=37	100%	N=1162
Bike lanes, walkability	44%	N=510	39%	N=446	9%	N=101	9%	N=100	100%	N=1157
Adequacy of residential growth to meet the needs of the County	46%	N=530	33%	N=382	15%	N=171	6%	N=75	100%	N=1158
Adequacy of commercial/industrial growth to meet the job opportunity needs of the County	52%	N=605	31%	N=357	11%	N=125	6%	N=70	100%	N=1158
Job training and workforce development (post-secondary education and training)	51%	N=587	34%	N=390	8%	N=97	8%	N=88	100%	N=1162
Housing	69%	N=810	22%	N=260	5%	N=53	4%	N=44	100%	N=1167
Safety, low crime	87%	N=1019	10%	N=113	3%	N=34	1%	N=8	100%	N=1174
Social justice/equity/inclusivity	60%	N=697	18%	N=204	7%	N=81	15%	N=180	100%	N=1163

Table 17: Question 4-First place

Which THREE of the issues listed in Question 3 do you think will be the most important for the County to address over the next 20 years?	Percent	Number
Health care access	21%	N=257
Behavioral health access	2%	N=28
Support systems for those in need	5%	N=62
Natural open space	3%	N=35
Parks and trails	2%	N=26
Library services	1%	N=9
Public education (K-12)	14%	N=166
College and post-secondary education	0%	N=4
Environmental stewardship and sustainability	2%	N=23
Land use planning	3%	N=40
Bike lanes, walkability	2%	N=22
Adequacy of residential growth to meet the needs of the County	1%	N=12
Adequacy of commercial/industrial growth to meet the job opportunity needs of the County	4%	N=52
Job training and workforce development (post-secondary education and training)	1%	N=16
Housing	10%	N=117
Safety, low crime	15%	N=185
Social justice/equity/inclusivity	4%	N=42
None chosen	9%	N=104
Total	100%	N=1200

Table 18: Question 4-Second place

Which THREE of the issues listed in Question 3 do you think will be the most important for the County to address over the next 20 years?	Percent	Number
Health care access	6%	N=71
Behavioral health access	3%	N=36
Support systems for those in need	5%	N=64
Natural open space	4%	N=45
Parks and trails	3%	N=42
Library services	1%	N=13
Public education (K-12)	14%	N=173
College and post-secondary education	1%	N=15
Environmental stewardship and sustainability	4%	N=50
Land use planning	7%	N=88
Bike lanes, walkability	4%	N=43
Adequacy of residential growth to meet the needs of the County	4%	N=43
Adequacy of commercial/industrial growth to meet the job opportunity needs of the County	5%	N=57
Job training and workforce development (post-secondary education and training)	3%	N=36
Housing	9%	N=109
Safety, low crime	11%	N=127
Social justice/equity/inclusivity	2%	N=28
None chosen	13%	N=161
Total	100%	N=1200

Table 19: Question 4-Third place

Which THREE of the issues listed in Question 3 do you think will be the most important for the County to address over the next 20 years?	Percent	Number
Health care access	6%	N=76
Behavioral health access	2%	N=19
Support systems for those in need	4%	N=47
Natural open space	3%	N=30
Parks and trails	5%	N=57
Library services	1%	N=15
Public education (K-12)	7%	N=90
College and post-secondary education	1%	N=16
Environmental stewardship and sustainability	3%	N=37
Land use planning	4%	N=52
Bike lanes, walkability	5%	N=63
Adequacy of residential growth to meet the needs of the County	3%	N=36
Adequacy of commercial/industrial growth to meet the job opportunity needs of the County	3%	N=41
Job training and workforce development (post-secondary education and training)	5%	N=57
Housing	9%	N=104
Safety, low crime	15%	N=183
Social justice/equity/inclusivity	8%	N=95
None chosen	15%	N=179
Total	100%	N=1200

Table 20: Question 5

What do you think about the overall quality of life in Forsyth County?	Percent	Number
Is getting better	32%	N=374
Staying the same	39%	N=452
Is getting worse	29%	N=335
Total	100%	N=1162

Table 21: Question 6 - Including Don't know

Please rate Forsyth County with regard to the following.	Excellent		Good		Neutral		Below average		Poor		Don't know		Total	
As a place to live	30%	N=351	49%	N=580	13%	N=149	4%	N=51	4%	N=46	0%	N=3	100%	N=1180
As a place to work	19%	N=218	46%	N=546	19%	N=223	7%	N=87	3%	N=40	5%	N=63	100%	N=1177
As a place to play	15%	N=170	44%	N=516	22%	N=251	11%	N=131	6%	N=72	2%	N=23	100%	N=1164
As a place to raise children	21%	N=240	39%	N=452	17%	N=200	7%	N=85	7%	N=82	9%	N=110	100%	N=1169
As a place to educate children	13%	N=155	30%	N=349	17%	N=198	17%	N=195	14%	N=162	10%	N=114	100%	N=1173
As a place to retire	22%	N=254	36%	N=421	19%	N=226	7%	N=83	7%	N=86	9%	N=109	100%	N=1179
As a place to visit	15%	N=180	39%	N=460	27%	N=311	13%	N=146	5%	N=61	1%	N=11	100%	N=1170
As a place to start a business	8%	N=91	26%	N=306	32%	N=372	9%	N=107	6%	N=69	19%	N=219	100%	N=1163
As a community that is moving in the right direction	11%	N=125	31%	N=354	29%	N=333	14%	N=165	11%	N=122	5%	N=62	100%	N=1161

Please rate Forsyth County with regard to the following.	Excellent		Good		Neutral		Below average		Poor		Don't know		Total	
As a place where you can earn a living wage	9%	N=107	32%	N=377	26%	N=302	15%	N=173	10%	N=115	8%	N=98	100%	N=1171
As a place where you can find affordable housing	9%	N=101	31%	N=361	26%	N=305	17%	N=199	13%	N=156	4%	N=51	100%	N=1173
As a place where you would buy your next home	16%	N=185	34%	N=403	23%	N=269	9%	N=104	13%	N=151	5%	N=61	100%	N=1173
As a place to attend college or a university	26%	N=305	37%	N=432	19%	N=223	6%	N=65	3%	N=38	8%	N=96	100%	N=1158

Table 22: Question 6 - Excluding Don't know

Please rate Forsyth County with regard to the following.	Excellent		Good		Neutral		Below average		Poor		Total	
As a place to live	30%	N=351	49%	N=580	13%	N=149	4%	N=51	4%	N=46	100%	N=1177
As a place to work	20%	N=218	49%	N=546	20%	N=223	8%	N=87	4%	N=40	100%	N=1114
As a place to play	15%	N=170	45%	N=516	22%	N=251	12%	N=131	6%	N=72	100%	N=1140
As a place to raise children	23%	N=240	43%	N=452	19%	N=200	8%	N=85	8%	N=82	100%	N=1059
As a place to educate children	15%	N=155	33%	N=349	19%	N=198	18%	N=195	15%	N=162	100%	N=1059
As a place to retire	24%	N=254	39%	N=421	21%	N=226	8%	N=83	8%	N=86	100%	N=1070
As a place to visit	16%	N=180	40%	N=460	27%	N=311	13%	N=146	5%	N=61	100%	N=1159
As a place to start a business	10%	N=91	32%	N=306	39%	N=372	11%	N=107	7%	N=69	100%	N=945
As a community that is moving in the right direction	11%	N=125	32%	N=354	30%	N=333	15%	N=165	11%	N=122	100%	N=1098
As a place where you can earn a living wage	10%	N=107	35%	N=377	28%	N=302	16%	N=173	11%	N=115	100%	N=1073
As a place where you can find affordable housing	9%	N=101	32%	N=361	27%	N=305	18%	N=199	14%	N=156	100%	N=1122
As a place where you would buy your next home	17%	N=185	36%	N=403	24%	N=269	9%	N=104	14%	N=151	100%	N=1112
As a place to attend college or a university	29%	N=305	41%	N=432	21%	N=223	6%	N=65	4%	N=38	100%	N=1062

Table 23: Question 7 - Including Don't know

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the major categories of services provided by Forsyth County listed below.	Very satisfied		Satisfied		Neutral		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Don't know		Total	
County efforts to ensure the community is prepared for a natural disaster or crisis	9%	N=100	29%	N=335	26%	N=309	11%	N=123	7%	N=83	19%	N=223	100%	N=1173
Communication with the public	7%	N=85	35%	N=413	33%	N=383	12%	N=145	7%	N=83	6%	N=67	100%	N=1176
Enforcement of codes and ordinances	5%	N=58	30%	N=350	29%	N=342	12%	N=145	7%	N=83	16%	N=191	100%	N=1168
Customer service you receive from County employees	13%	N=147	38%	N=445	25%	N=286	5%	N=61	6%	N=73	13%	N=154	100%	N=1166
County Libraries	30%	N=355	39%	N=454	14%	N=162	2%	N=29	1%	N=17	13%	N=156	100%	N=1173
County parks and recreation opportunities	27%	N=315	44%	N=524	17%	N=198	5%	N=58	2%	N=28	5%	N=55	100%	N=1178
Quality of public health services	17%	N=196	32%	N=372	24%	N=280	4%	N=49	2%	N=22	20%	N=235	100%	N=1153

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the major categories of services provided by Forsyth County listed below.	Very satisfied		Satisfied		Neutral		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Don't know		Total	
Quality of services from the Department of Social Services	9%	N=104	16%	N=190	25%	N=290	6%	N=72	4%	N=42	40%	N=462	100%	N=1161
Quality of tax administration services	6%	N=66	21%	N=244	31%	N=351	12%	N=140	10%	N=118	20%	N=225	100%	N=1144
Quality of emergency medical services (EMS)	24%	N=282	34%	N=393	13%	N=154	3%	N=38	3%	N=31	22%	N=258	100%	N=1156
Quality of services provided by the Sheriff's Office	21%	N=247	31%	N=360	18%	N=208	4%	N=50	3%	N=32	23%	N=262	100%	N=1159
Quality of emergency 911 services	25%	N=295	28%	N=327	16%	N=187	2%	N=22	2%	N=28	26%	N=302	100%	N=1161
Quality of the Smith Reynolds Airport	5%	N=53	11%	N=127	26%	N=295	5%	N=53	3%	N=38	51%	N=592	100%	N=1158

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the major categories of services provided by Forsyth County listed below.	Very satisfied		Satisfied		Neutral		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Don't know		Total	
Quality of North Carolina Cooperative Extension services	7%	N=84	14%	N=156	25%	N=280	2%	N=21	1%	N=16	51%	N=572	100%	N=1130
Quality of K-12 education buildings	7%	N=78	18%	N=208	24%	N=278	18%	N=202	10%	N=115	23%	N=270	100%	N=1151
Quality of Environmental Assistance and Protection services	5%	N=63	14%	N=167	27%	N=313	7%	N=84	4%	N=50	42%	N=480	100%	N=1155
Quality of Online Tax Services	8%	N=93	21%	N=244	28%	N=330	5%	N=58	4%	N=52	33%	N=386	100%	N=1162

Table 24: Question 7 - Excluding Don't know

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the major categories of services provided by Forsyth County listed below.	Very satisfied		Satisfied		Neutral		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Total	
County efforts to ensure the community is prepared for a natural disaster or crisis	11%	N=100	35%	N=335	33%	N=309	13%	N=123	9%	N=83	100%	N=950
Communication with the public	8%	N=85	37%	N=413	34%	N=383	13%	N=145	7%	N=83	100%	N=1109
Enforcement of codes and ordinances	6%	N=58	36%	N=350	35%	N=342	15%	N=145	8%	N=83	100%	N=977
Customer service you receive from County employees	14%	N=147	44%	N=445	28%	N=286	6%	N=61	7%	N=73	100%	N=1012
County Libraries	35%	N=355	45%	N=454	16%	N=162	3%	N=29	2%	N=17	100%	N=1017
County parks and recreation opportunities	28%	N=315	47%	N=524	18%	N=198	5%	N=58	2%	N=28	100%	N=1123
Quality of public health services	21%	N=196	40%	N=372	30%	N=280	5%	N=49	2%	N=22	100%	N=918
Quality of services from the Department of Social Services	15%	N=104	27%	N=190	42%	N=290	10%	N=72	6%	N=42	100%	N=699
Quality of tax administration services	7%	N=66	27%	N=244	38%	N=351	15%	N=140	13%	N=118	100%	N=919
Quality of emergency medical services (EMS)	31%	N=282	44%	N=393	17%	N=154	4%	N=38	3%	N=31	100%	N=898
Quality of services provided by the Sheriff's Office	28%	N=247	40%	N=360	23%	N=208	6%	N=50	4%	N=32	100%	N=897
Quality of emergency 911 services	34%	N=295	38%	N=327	22%	N=187	3%	N=22	3%	N=28	100%	N=859

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the major categories of services provided by Forsyth County listed below.	Very satisfied		Satisfied		Neutral		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Total	
Quality of the Smith Reynolds Airport	9%	N=53	22%	N=127	52%	N=295	9%	N=53	7%	N=38	100%	N=566
Quality of North Carolina Cooperative Extension services	15%	N=84	28%	N=156	50%	N=280	4%	N=21	3%	N=16	100%	N=558
Quality of K-12 education buildings	9%	N=78	24%	N=208	32%	N=278	23%	N=202	13%	N=115	100%	N=881
Quality of Environmental Assistance and Protection services	9%	N=63	25%	N=167	46%	N=313	12%	N=84	7%	N=50	100%	N=676
Quality of Online Tax Services	12%	N=93	31%	N=244	42%	N=330	7%	N=58	7%	N=52	100%	N=776

Table 25: Question 8-First place

Which THREE categories listed in Question 7 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from the County over the next TWO years?	Percent	Number
County efforts to ensure the community is prepared for a natural disaster or crisis	18%	N=215
Communication with the public	12%	N=139
Enforcement of codes and ordinances	4%	N=49
Customer service you receive from County employees	2%	N=25
County Libraries	2%	N=20
County parks and recreation opportunities	5%	N=60
Quality of public health services	6%	N=68
Quality of services from the Department of Social Services	4%	N=42
Quality of tax administration services	4%	N=47
Quality of emergency medical services (EMS)	5%	N=56
Quality of services provided by the Sheriff's Office	2%	N=29
Quality of emergency 911 services	2%	N=27
Quality of the Smith Reynolds Airport	1%	N=6
Quality of North Carolina Cooperative Extension services	1%	N=6
Quality of K-12 education buildings	17%	N=202
Quality of Environmental Assistance and Protection services	2%	N=26
Quality of Online Tax Services	1%	N=8
None chosen	15%	N=174
Total	100%	N=1200

Table 26: Question 8-Second place

Which THREE categories listed in Question 7 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from the County over the next TWO years?	Percent	Number
County efforts to ensure the community is prepared for a natural disaster or crisis	5%	N=58
Communication with the public	9%	N=103
Enforcement of codes and ordinances	5%	N=62
Customer service you receive from County employees	4%	N=43
County Libraries	6%	N=67
County parks and recreation opportunities	5%	N=56
Quality of public health services	10%	N=115
Quality of services from the Department of Social Services	5%	N=58
Quality of tax administration services	5%	N=55
Quality of emergency medical services (EMS)	3%	N=40
Quality of services provided by the Sheriff's Office	6%	N=67
Quality of emergency 911 services	4%	N=50
Quality of the Smith Reynolds Airport	1%	N=14
Quality of North Carolina Cooperative Extension services	0%	N=4
Quality of K-12 education buildings	10%	N=115
Quality of Environmental Assistance and Protection services	2%	N=23
Quality of Online Tax Services	1%	N=7
None chosen	22%	N=263
Total	100%	N=1200

Table 27: Question 8-Third place

Which THREE categories listed in Question 7 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from the County over the next TWO years?	Percent	Number
County efforts to ensure the community is prepared for a natural disaster or crisis	5%	N=61
Communication with the public	5%	N=63
Enforcement of codes and ordinances	6%	N=69
Customer service you receive from County employees	2%	N=29
County Libraries	2%	N=23
County parks and recreation opportunities	4%	N=53
Quality of public health services	6%	N=67
Quality of services from the Department of Social Services	4%	N=49
Quality of tax administration services	3%	N=38
Quality of emergency medical services (EMS)	4%	N=49
Quality of services provided by the Sheriff's Office	4%	N=49
Quality of emergency 911 services	6%	N=73
Quality of the Smith Reynolds Airport	2%	N=23
Quality of North Carolina Cooperative Extension services	0%	N=6
Quality of K-12 education buildings	11%	N=129
Quality of Environmental Assistance and Protection services	4%	N=52
Quality of Online Tax Services	2%	N=24
None chosen	29%	N=344
Total	100%	N=1200

Table 28: Question 9

How supportive would you be of a tax increase if it were used to fund the services that you indicated should receive the most emphasis?	Percent	Number
Very supportive	17%	N=195
Supportive	24%	N=286
Not sure	21%	N=246
Not supportive	14%	N=160
Not at all supportive	24%	N=284
Total	100%	N=1170

Table 29: Question 10 - Including Don't know

Please rate your satisfaction with the following.	Very satisfied		Satisfied		Neutral		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Don't know		Total	
Condition of The Forsyth County Government Building at 201 N. Chestnut St. in Winston-Salem	19%	N=227	25%	N=296	16%	N=192	1%	N=17	0%	N=6	37%	N=432	100%	N=1168
Condition of the Forsyth County Courthouse/Hall of Justice	19%	N=217	24%	N=280	16%	N=185	2%	N=23	0%	N=5	39%	N=454	100%	N=1164
Condition of Forsyth Technical Community College facilities	14%	N=161	27%	N=314	19%	N=223	2%	N=24	1%	N=11	36%	N=419	100%	N=1151

Please rate your satisfaction with the following.	Very satisfied		Satisfied		Neutral		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Don't know		Total	
Condition of the County's Smith Reynolds Airport	5%	N=56	14%	N=159	20%	N=234	6%	N=64	1%	N=16	54%	N=626	100%	N=1156
Condition of Winston-Salem Forsyth County K-12 public school buildings	3%	N=36	17%	N=197	25%	N=290	20%	N=234	9%	N=101	25%	N=292	100%	N=1150
The amount of security staff on County properties	6%	N=63	23%	N=264	26%	N=301	9%	N=104	1%	N=13	35%	N=400	100%	N=1144
Cleanliness of County buildings	9%	N=99	32%	N=366	24%	N=274	4%	N=41	0%	N=6	32%	N=373	100%	N=1158
Accessibility of public buildings/ease of entry access	12%	N=144	31%	N=363	23%	N=269	5%	N=58	2%	N=20	27%	N=310	100%	N=1164
Landscaping around County buildings	13%	N=155	35%	N=410	27%	N=312	4%	N=44	1%	N=12	20%	N=229	100%	N=1162

Table 30: Question 10 - Excluding Don't know

Please rate your satisfaction with the following.	Very satisfied		Satisfied		Neutral		Dissatisfied		Very dissatisfied		Total	
Condition of The Forsyth County Government Building at 201 N. Chestnut St. in Winston-Salem	31%	N=227	40%	N=296	26%	N=192	2%	N=17	1%	N=6	100%	N=736
Condition of the Forsyth County Courthouse/Hall of Justice	31%	N=217	39%	N=280	26%	N=185	3%	N=23	1%	N=5	100%	N=710
Condition of Forsyth Technical Community College facilities	22%	N=161	43%	N=314	30%	N=223	3%	N=24	1%	N=11	100%	N=733
Condition of the County's Smith Reynolds Airport	11%	N=56	30%	N=159	44%	N=234	12%	N=64	3%	N=16	100%	N=530
Condition of Winston-Salem Forsyth County K-12 public school buildings	4%	N=36	23%	N=197	34%	N=290	27%	N=234	12%	N=101	100%	N=858
The amount of security staff on County properties	9%	N=63	35%	N=264	40%	N=301	14%	N=104	2%	N=13	100%	N=745
Cleanliness of County buildings	13%	N=99	47%	N=366	35%	N=274	5%	N=41	1%	N=6	100%	N=785
Accessibility of public buildings/ease of entry access	17%	N=144	43%	N=363	32%	N=269	7%	N=58	2%	N=20	100%	N=854
Landscaping around County buildings	17%	N=155	44%	N=410	33%	N=312	5%	N=44	1%	N=12	100%	N=933

Table 31: Question 11-First place

Which THREE items from Question 10 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from County leaders over the next TWO years?	Percent	Number
Condition of The Forsyth County Government Building at 201 N. Chestnut St. in Winston-Salem	4%	N=44
Condition of the Forsyth County Courthouse/Hall of Justice	4%	N=50
Condition of Forsyth Technical Community College facilities	6%	N=69
Condition of the County's Smith Reynolds Airport	4%	N=49
Condition of Winston-Salem Forsyth County K-12 public school buildings	36%	N=429
The amount of security staff on County properties	9%	N=108
Cleanliness of County buildings	3%	N=31
Accessibility of public buildings/ease of entry access	5%	N=60
Landscaping around County buildings	2%	N=21
None chosen	28%	N=340
Total	100%	N=1200

Table 32: Question 11-Second place

Which THREE items from Question 10 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from County leaders over the next TWO years?	Percent	Number
Condition of The Forsyth County Government Building at 201 N. Chestnut St. in Winston-Salem	2%	N=18
Condition of the Forsyth County Courthouse/Hall of Justice	3%	N=36
Condition of Forsyth Technical Community College facilities	8%	N=90
Condition of the County's Smith Reynolds Airport	4%	N=44
Condition of Winston-Salem Forsyth County K-12 public school buildings	13%	N=153
The amount of security staff on County properties	12%	N=149
Cleanliness of County buildings	7%	N=89
Accessibility of public buildings/ease of entry access	9%	N=105
Landscaping around County buildings	3%	N=37
None chosen	40%	N=477
Total	100%	N=1200

Table 33: Question 11-Third place

Which THREE items from Question 10 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from County leaders over the next TWO years?	Percent	Number
Condition of The Forsyth County Government Building at 201 N. Chestnut St. in Winston-Salem	3%	N=39
Condition of the Forsyth County Courthouse/Hall of Justice	4%	N=44
Condition of Forsyth Technical Community College facilities	3%	N=40
Condition of the County's Smith Reynolds Airport	3%	N=36
Condition of Winston-Salem Forsyth County K-12 public school buildings	7%	N=81
The amount of security staff on County properties	7%	N=86
Cleanliness of County buildings	8%	N=95
Accessibility of public buildings/ease of entry access	12%	N=139
Landscaping around County buildings	8%	N=90
None chosen	46%	N=549
Total	100%	N=1200

Table 34: Question 12

Please CHECK ALL of the sources listed below that you and members of your household use to learn about Forsyth County news, events, and to get other County information.	Percent	Number
Forsyth County website (Forsyth.cc)	50%	N=597
Nextdoor	22%	N=259
Twitter/X	7%	N=87
Facebook	45%	N=541
Emails/newsletters/mailers from County departments	36%	N=429
WSTV 13	10%	N=121
Winston Salem Journal	30%	N=357
Other local news publications	21%	N=250
Local radio	30%	N=365
Local TV news	58%	N=696
Friends/family - word of mouth	63%	N=760
Other online sources	30%	N=355
None chosen	3%	N=36

Table 35: Question 13-First place

Which THREE sources from Question 12 do you MOST PREFER to use to get information on County news, events, and other County information?	Percent	Number
Forsyth County website (Forsyth.cc)	21%	N=247
Nextdoor	2%	N=29
Twitter/X	2%	N=27
Facebook	12%	N=148
Emails/newsletters/mailers from County departments	10%	N=120
WSTV 13	1%	N=9
Winston Salem Journal	5%	N=58
Other local news publications	1%	N=17
Local radio	6%	N=75
Local TV news	15%	N=178
Friends/family - word of mouth	2%	N=28
Other online sources	5%	N=64
None chosen	17%	N=200
Total	100%	N=1000

Table 36: Question 13-Second place

Which THREE sources from Question 12 do you MOST PREFER to use to get information on County news, events, and other County information?	Percent	Number
Forsyth County website (Forsyth.cc)	6%	N=77
Nextdoor	2%	N=29
Twitter/X	0%	N=6
Facebook	9%	N=102
Emails/newsletters/mailers from County departments	11%	N=134
WSTV 13	1%	N=15
Winston Salem Journal	7%	N=85
Other local news publications	3%	N=36
Local radio	8%	N=96
Local TV news	15%	N=175
Friends/family - word of mouth	7%	N=81
Other online sources	3%	N=33
None chosen	27%	N=329
Total	100%	N=1200

Table 37: Question 13-Third place

Which THREE sources from Question 12 do you MOST PREFER to use to get information on County news, events, and other County information?	Percent	Number
Forsyth County website (Forsyth.cc)	6%	N=68
Nextdoor	3%	N=36
Twitter/X	1%	N=11
Facebook	5%	N=59
Emails/newsletters/mailers from County departments	4%	N=47
WSTV 13	3%	N=31
Winston Salem Journal	4%	N=45
Other local news publications	2%	N=28
Local radio	3%	N=33
Local TV news	13%	N=153
Friends/family - word of mouth	12%	N=149
Other online sources	8%	N=100
None chosen	37%	N=439
Total	100%	N=1200

Table 38: Question 14 - Including Don't know

For each of the following, please rate your satisfaction.	Very satisfied		Satisfied		Neutral		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Don't know		Total	
Ease of locating information on the County's website	9%	N=98	35%	N=393	26%	N=295	9%	N=101	4%	N=43	18%	N=199	100%	N=1130
Your experience engaging with the County government process	7%	N=79	27%	N=300	32%	N=358	7%	N=75	4%	N=51	24%	N=267	100%	N=1130
Level of public involvement in local decisions with the County	4%	N=46	14%	N=154	35%	N=390	15%	N=166	10%	N=107	23%	N=255	100%	N=1119
County efforts to keep you informed about local issues	7%	N=75	22%	N=248	35%	N=387	16%	N=177	8%	N=95	12%	N=138	100%	N=1120
County efforts to be open and transparent with information about County issues, services, and performance	7%	N=74	19%	N=215	33%	N=373	15%	N=170	11%	N=126	14%	N=159	100%	N=1116

Table 39: Question 14 - Excluding Don't know

For each of the following, please rate your satisfaction.	Very satisfied		Satisfied		Neutral		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Total	
Ease of locating information on the County's website	11%	N=98	42%	N=393	32%	N=295	11%	N=101	5%	N=43	100%	N=931
Your experience engaging with the County government process	9%	N=79	35%	N=300	42%	N=358	9%	N=75	6%	N=51	100%	N=863
Level of public involvement in local decisions with the County	5%	N=46	18%	N=154	45%	N=390	19%	N=166	12%	N=107	100%	N=864
County efforts to keep you informed about local issues	8%	N=75	25%	N=248	39%	N=387	18%	N=177	10%	N=95	100%	N=982
County efforts to be open and transparent with information about County issues, services, and performance	8%	N=74	22%	N=215	39%	N=373	18%	N=170	13%	N=126	100%	N=957

Table 40: Question 15

Please indicate if you or other members of your household have visited any of the County parks during the past year.	Yes		No		Total	
G Hill Memorial Park	17%	N=172	83%	N=842	100%	N=1014
Horizons Park	22%	N=229	78%	N=792	100%	N=1021
Joanie Moser Memorial Park	19%	N=194	81%	N=824	100%	N=1019
Kernersville Lake Park	25%	N=254	75%	N=778	100%	N=1032
Old U.S. 421 River Park	11%	N=106	89%	N=892	100%	N=997
Tanglewood Park	65%	N=709	35%	N=374	100%	N=1084
Triad Park	29%	N=301	71%	N=728	100%	N=1030
Union Cross Park	16%	N=157	84%	N=854	100%	N=1011
Walkertown Community Park	15%	N=149	85%	N=859	100%	N=1008

Table 41: Question 15

Please rate the condition of the facility based on your most recent experience.	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
G Hill Memorial Park	38%	N=88	44%	N=102	17%	N=39	0%	N=1	100%	N=231
Horizons Park	34%	N=90	51%	N=135	15%	N=39	1%	N=3	100%	N=267
Joanie Moser Memorial Park	31%	N=77	53%	N=131	15%	N=37	0%	N=1	100%	N=245
Kernersville Lake Park	27%	N=77	54%	N=155	18%	N=53	1%	N=2	100%	N=286
Old U.S. 421 River Park	13%	N=22	59%	N=103	25%	N=43	4%	N=7	100%	N=176
Tanglewood Park	59%	N=420	36%	N=253	5%	N=35	0%	N=2	100%	N=710
Triad Park	53%	N=167	37%	N=114	10%	N=30	0%	N=1	100%	N=312
Union Cross Park	18%	N=33	60%	N=112	22%	N=41	1%	N=2	100%	N=188
Walkertown Community Park	28%	N=54	47%	N=91	20%	N=38	5%	N=11	100%	N=193

Table 42: Question 16 - Including Don't know

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the parks and recreation services provided by Forsyth County.	Very satisfied		Satisfied		Neutral		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Don't know		Total	
Availability of active recreation equipment (e.g., playgrounds, all-age fitness equipment)	14%	N=142	41%	N=425	19%	N=200	4%	N=39	1%	N=14	21%	N=218	100%	N=1038
Availability of pickleball courts (Joanie Moser, Walkertown, Union Cross)	6%	N=62	15%	N=151	23%	N=220	2%	N=17	1%	N=8	53%	N=519	100%	N=977
Quality of public disc golf courses (Horizons Park, Triad Park)	6%	N=56	16%	N=154	22%	N=210	1%	N=6	0%	N=4	56%	N=540	100%	N=970
Quality and availability of event facilities (e.g., picnic shelters, indoor facilities)	14%	N=138	40%	N=408	18%	N=186	5%	N=48	1%	N=9	23%	N=231	100%	N=1020
Maintenance of County parks	18%	N=188	42%	N=441	16%	N=166	5%	N=52	1%	N=15	17%	N=179	100%	N=1041

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the parks and recreation services provided by Forsyth County.	Very satisfied		Satisfied		Neutral		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Don't know		Total	
Overall feeling of safety in County parks	20%	N=205	38%	N=402	17%	N=178	7%	N=78	2%	N=20	16%	N=165	100%	N=1047
Quality of athletic fields (soccer, baseball/softball)	10%	N=101	30%	N=303	19%	N=187	2%	N=20	1%	N=9	38%	N=382	100%	N=1003
Quality and availability of tennis courts	10%	N=101	19%	N=187	20%	N=193	3%	N=25	1%	N=5	48%	N=478	100%	N=991
Availability of open space and natural areas in County parks	26%	N=265	36%	N=372	17%	N=173	2%	N=22	1%	N=15	18%	N=184	100%	N=1031
Quality of Tanglewood Park's Festival of Lights	33%	N=333	25%	N=258	11%	N=110	2%	N=20	1%	N=13	28%	N=288	100%	N=1021
Quality of Peter S. Brunstetter Aquatic Center at Tanglewood Park	10%	N=96	12%	N=120	15%	N=142	1%	N=6	0%	N=4	62%	N=604	100%	N=972
Quality of Tanglewood golf courses	12%	N=122	13%	N=132	15%	N=152	0%	N=3	1%	N=5	58%	N=569	100%	N=983

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the parks and recreation services provided by Forsyth County.	Very satisfied		Satisfied		Neutral		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Don't know		Total	
Quality of the County's dog parks (Tanglewood, Horizons Park)	11%	N=106	18%	N=182	17%	N=171	2%	N=18	0%	N=4	51%	N=510	100%	N=991
Availability and access of walking and biking trails	22%	N=229	34%	N=351	17%	N=173	7%	N=69	2%	N=17	19%	N=202	100%	N=1041

Table 43: Question 16 - Excluding Don't know

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the parks and recreation services provided by Forsyth County.	Very satisfied		Satisfied		Neutral		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Total	
Availability of active recreation equipment (e.g., playgrounds, all-age fitness equipment)	17%	N=142	52%	N=425	24%	N=200	5%	N=39	2%	N=14	100%	N=820
Availability of pickleball courts (Joanie Moser, Walkertown, Union Cross)	14%	N=62	33%	N=151	48%	N=220	4%	N=17	2%	N=8	100%	N=458
Quality of public disc golf courses (Horizons Park, Triad Park)	13%	N=56	36%	N=154	49%	N=210	1%	N=6	1%	N=4	100%	N=430
Quality and availability of event facilities (e.g., picnic shelters, indoor facilities)	17%	N=138	52%	N=408	24%	N=186	6%	N=48	1%	N=9	100%	N=789
Maintenance of County parks	22%	N=188	51%	N=441	19%	N=166	6%	N=52	2%	N=15	100%	N=862
Overall feeling of safety in County parks	23%	N=205	46%	N=402	20%	N=178	9%	N=78	2%	N=20	100%	N=882
Quality of athletic fields (soccer, baseball/softball)	16%	N=101	49%	N=303	30%	N=187	3%	N=20	2%	N=9	100%	N=620
Quality and availability of tennis courts	20%	N=101	37%	N=187	38%	N=193	5%	N=25	1%	N=5	100%	N=512
Availability of open space and natural areas in County parks	31%	N=265	44%	N=372	20%	N=173	3%	N=22	2%	N=15	100%	N=847
Quality of Tanglewood Park's Festival of Lights	45%	N=333	35%	N=258	15%	N=110	3%	N=20	2%	N=13	100%	N=733
Quality of Peter S. Brunstetter Aquatic Center at Tanglewood Park	26%	N=96	33%	N=120	38%	N=142	2%	N=6	1%	N=4	100%	N=368

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the parks and recreation services provided by Forsyth County.	Very satisfied		Satisfied		Neutral		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Total	
Quality of Tanglewood golf courses	29%	N=122	32%	N=132	37%	N=152	1%	N=3	1%	N=5	100%	N=414
Quality of the County's dog parks (Tanglewood, Horizons Park)	22%	N=106	38%	N=182	35%	N=171	4%	N=18	1%	N=4	100%	N=481
Availability and access of walking and biking trails	27%	N=229	42%	N=351	21%	N=173	8%	N=69	2%	N=17	100%	N=840

Table 44: Question 17-First place

Which THREE of services listed in Question 16 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from the County over the next TWO years?	Percent	Number
Availability of active recreation equipment (e.g., playgrounds, all-age fitness equipment)	7%	N=88
Availability of pickleball courts (Joanie Moser, Walkertown, Union Cross)	2%	N=25
Quality of public disc golf courses (Horizons Park, Triad Park)	0%	N=5
Quality and availability of event facilities (e.g., picnic shelters, indoor facilities)	8%	N=99
Maintenance of County parks	10%	N=117
Overall feeling of safety in County parks	12%	N=149
Quality of athletic fields (soccer, baseball/softball)	2%	N=21
Quality and availability of tennis courts	1%	N=12
Availability of open space and natural areas in County parks	3%	N=30
Quality of Tanglewood Park's Festival of Lights	3%	N=33
Quality of Peter S. Brunstetter Aquatic Center at Tanglewood Park	1%	N=12
Quality of Tanglewood golf courses	1%	N=13
Quality of the County's dog parks (Tanglewood, Horizons Park)	2%	N=26
Availability and access of walking and biking trails	10%	N=121
None chosen	37%	N=447
Total	100%	N=1200

Table 45: Question 17-Second place

Which THREE of services listed in Question 16 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from the County over the next TWO years?	Percent	Number
Availability of active recreation equipment (e.g., playgrounds, all-age fitness equipment)	3%	N=42
Availability of pickleball courts (Joanie Moser, Walkertown, Union Cross)	2%	N=27
Quality of public disc golf courses (Horizons Park, Triad Park)	2%	N=28
Quality and availability of event facilities (e.g., picnic shelters, indoor facilities)	5%	N=60
Maintenance of County parks	10%	N=118
Overall feeling of safety in County parks	12%	N=147
Quality of athletic fields (soccer, baseball/softball)	3%	N=36
Quality and availability of tennis courts	1%	N=18
Availability of open space and natural areas in County parks	7%	N=86
Quality of Tanglewood Park's Festival of Lights	2%	N=25
Quality of Peter S. Brunstetter Aquatic Center at Tanglewood Park	0%	N=3
Quality of Tanglewood golf courses	1%	N=8
Quality of the County's dog parks (Tanglewood, Horizons Park)	2%	N=29
Availability and access of walking and biking trails	6%	N=67
None chosen	42%	N=506
Total	100%	N=1200

Table 46: Question 17-Third place

Which THREE of services listed in Question 16 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from the County over the next TWO years?	Percent	Number
Availability of active recreation equipment (e.g., playgrounds, all-age fitness equipment)	4%	N=50
Availability of pickleball courts (Joanie Moser, Walkertown, Union Cross)	1%	N=8
Quality of public disc golf courses (Horizons Park, Triad Park)	0%	N=3
Quality and availability of event facilities (e.g., picnic shelters, indoor facilities)	3%	N=38
Maintenance of County parks	6%	N=68
Overall feeling of safety in County parks	7%	N=83
Quality of athletic fields (soccer, baseball/softball)	2%	N=26
Quality and availability of tennis courts	1%	N=12
Availability of open space and natural areas in County parks	9%	N=113
Quality of Tanglewood Park's Festival of Lights	2%	N=26
Quality of Peter S. Brunstetter Aquatic Center at Tanglewood Park	1%	N=15
Quality of Tanglewood golf courses	2%	N=22
Quality of the County's dog parks (Tanglewood, Horizons Park)	2%	N=27
Availability and access of walking and biking trails	11%	N=138
None chosen	47%	N=570
Total	100%	N=1200

Table 47: Question 18

During the past year, have you or other members of your household contacted employees of Forsyth County or visited the County's website to seek services, ask a question, or file complaints?	Percent	Number
Visited the website	24%	N=269
Contacted by phone	18%	N=197
Contacted by email	2%	N=20
In person	6%	N=66
No	50%	N=559
Total	100%	N=1111

Table 48: Question 19 - Including Don't know

Please rate your satisfaction with your experience interacting with the county government department(s) you contacted.	Very satisfied		Satisfied		Neutral		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Don't know		Total	
How easy the county government was to contact	20%	N=129	41%	N=256	18%	N=110	9%	N=55	7%	N=43	6%	N=36	100%	N=629
Courtesy of county employee(s) you interacted with	27%	N=169	38%	N=233	15%	N=95	4%	N=26	3%	N=21	12%	N=76	100%	N=621
Accuracy of the information you were given	26%	N=163	37%	N=228	18%	N=112	6%	N=40	4%	N=28	8%	N=52	100%	N=621

Please rate your satisfaction with your experience interacting with the county government department(s) you contacted.														
	Very satisfied		Satisfied		Neutral		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Don't know		Total	
Appropriateness of county employees' response	24%	N=151	36%	N=222	17%	N=105	5%	N=31	4%	N=27	13%	N=80	100%	N=615
Timeliness of county employees' response	22%	N=138	34%	N=209	20%	N=125	7%	N=45	6%	N=35	11%	N=65	100%	N=617
The resolution of your issue/concern	26%	N=160	32%	N=196	17%	N=105	9%	N=57	8%	N=49	8%	N=48	100%	N=617

Asked to those who have contacted employees of Forsyth County or visited the County's website to seek services, ask a question, or file complaints.

Table 49: Question 19 - Excluding Don't know

Please rate your satisfaction with your experience interacting with the county government department(s) you contacted.														
	Very satisfied		Satisfied		Neutral		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Total			
How easy the county government was to contact	22%	N=129	43%	N=256	19%	N=110	9%	N=55	7%	N=43	100%	N=594		
Courtesy of county employee(s) you interacted with	31%	N=169	43%	N=233	18%	N=95	5%	N=26	4%	N=21	100%	N=545		
Accuracy of the information you were given	29%	N=163	40%	N=228	20%	N=112	7%	N=40	5%	N=28	100%	N=569		
Appropriateness of county employees' response	28%	N=151	41%	N=222	20%	N=105	6%	N=31	5%	N=27	100%	N=535		

Please rate your satisfaction with your experience interacting with the county government department(s) you contacted.	Very satisfied		Satisfied		Neutral		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Total	
Timeliness of county employees' response	25%	N=138	38%	N=209	23%	N=125	8%	N=45	6%	N=35	100%	N=551
The resolution of your issue/concern	28%	N=160	35%	N=196	19%	N=105	10%	N=57	9%	N=49	100%	N=568

Asked to those who have contacted employees of Forsyth County or visited the County's website to seek services, ask a question, or file complaints.

Table 50: Question 20

Please indicate if you or other members of your household have visited each of the libraries during the past year.	Yes		No		Total	
Carver School Road	11%	N=103	89%	N=830	100%	N=934
Central Library	39%	N=379	61%	N=605	100%	N=985
Clemmons	22%	N=213	78%	N=735	100%	N=948
Paddison Memorial in Kernersville	17%	N=166	83%	N=782	100%	N=947
Lewisville	18%	N=172	82%	N=772	100%	N=945
Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center	9%	N=86	91%	N=844	100%	N=930
Reynolda Manor	18%	N=171	82%	N=779	100%	N=951
Rural Hall	9%	N=85	91%	N=842	100%	N=927
Southside	14%	N=128	86%	N=812	100%	N=940
Walkertown	11%	N=107	89%	N=825	100%	N=932
The Library's website	33%	N=310	67%	N=637	100%	N=947
Other	7%	N=51	93%	N=673	100%	N=724

Table 51: Question 20

Please rate the condition of the facility based on your most recent experience.	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
Carver School Road	32%	N=49	42%	N=64	18%	N=28	7%	N=11	100%	N=151
Central Library	61%	N=245	33%	N=134	5%	N=19	1%	N=4	100%	N=402
Clemmons	60%	N=152	37%	N=94	1%	N=3	1%	N=3	100%	N=252
Paddison Memorial in Kernersville	49%	N=103	42%	N=88	7%	N=16	1%	N=2	100%	N=208
Lewisville	54%	N=112	43%	N=89	1%	N=1	2%	N=3	100%	N=206
Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center	35%	N=45	41%	N=52	21%	N=27	3%	N=3	100%	N=127
Reynolda Manor	35%	N=71	50%	N=102	12%	N=24	4%	N=8	100%	N=205
Rural Hall	33%	N=38	59%	N=69	6%	N=7	3%	N=3	100%	N=117
Southside	27%	N=43	52%	N=83	15%	N=24	6%	N=10	100%	N=159
Walkertown	31%	N=45	57%	N=83	10%	N=14	2%	N=4	100%	N=146
The Library's website	32%	N=91	47%	N=132	17%	N=49	3%	N=8	100%	N=279
Other	23%	N=18	50%	N=39	23%	N=17	4%	N=3	100%	N=77

Table 52: Question 21

If you have visited any of libraries listed during the past year, please CHECK ALL of the reasons for which you visited or used it.	Percent	Number
To vote	36%	N=432
Check out books	41%	N=497
Check out CDs	5%	N=61
Check out DVDs	7%	N=89
Check out other physical materials	7%	N=83
Access wireless internet	8%	N=96
Use a computer	12%	N=146
Attend a program	16%	N=193
Attend a community event	17%	N=208
Research a topic	10%	N=125
As a place to relax	12%	N=147
Other	10%	N=123
None chosen	27%	N=327

Table 53: Question 22

If you have visited any of libraries listed during the past year, which format do you MOST prefer for accessing Library materials?	Percent	Number
Physical (e.g., print book, CD, DVD, audiobooks)	40%	N=366
Digital (e.g., eBook, eAudio, eMagazines)	5%	N=45
Both physical and digital	31%	N=284
I don't usually visit the library	25%	N=227
Total	100%	N=922

Table 54: Question 23

During the past year, have you or other members of your household had contact with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office?	Percent	Number
Yes	24%	N=269
No	76%	N=875
Total	100%	N=1144

Table 55: Question 24

Please CHECK ALL of the types of contact that you or the members of your household have had with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office during the past year.	Percent	Number
Traffic violation	9%	N=30
Criminal investigation	3%	N=11
Visiting the detention center	3%	N=9
Receipt of civil process services	8%	N=25
Firearms permits	20%	N=65
Report a crime	15%	N=50
Request assistance	39%	N=128
Interactions at public events	18%	N=58
Calling or visiting Animal Services	15%	N=48
None chosen	16%	N=52

Asked to those who have contacted the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office.

Table 56: Question 25 - Including Don't know

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the services provided by Forsyth County Sheriff's office.	Very satisfied		Satisfied		Neutral		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Don't know		Total	
Overall quality of Sheriff protection	20%	N=193	32%	N=306	16%	N=155	2%	N=21	1%	N=14	29%	N=275	100%	N=963
Cultural Sensitivity of Sheriff Office employees	17%	N=162	16%	N=155	18%	N=169	3%	N=28	2%	N=16	44%	N=420	100%	N=951
Professionalism of Sheriff's Office employees	21%	N=198	25%	N=234	17%	N=159	2%	N=18	1%	N=12	34%	N=323	100%	N=944
Quality of animal services	10%	N=94	13%	N=125	15%	N=141	4%	N=39	5%	N=50	52%	N=488	100%	N=936
Quality of social media communication (X, Facebook, Instagram)	12%	N=113	16%	N=151	19%	N=174	3%	N=23	1%	N=10	49%	N=449	100%	N=921
Accessibility and Responsiveness of the Sheriff's Office	16%	N=151	24%	N=230	14%	N=129	3%	N=28	2%	N=18	41%	N=383	100%	N=939
The level of transparency by the Sheriff's Office	14%	N=137	21%	N=199	17%	N=165	5%	N=51	3%	N=27	39%	N=365	100%	N=943
Response time by the Sheriff's Office to emergencies	15%	N=137	19%	N=182	14%	N=135	2%	N=19	2%	N=18	48%	N=445	100%	N=936

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the services provided by Forsyth County Sheriff's office.	Very satisfied		Satisfied		Neutral		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Don't know		Total	
Response time by the Sheriff's Office to non-emergencies	14%	N=129	21%	N=194	16%	N=150	2%	N=21	2%	N=20	45%	N=428	100%	N=942
The visibility of Sheriff's Deputies in your community	17%	N=160	30%	N=282	19%	N=180	6%	N=57	3%	N=25	26%	N=249	100%	N=953

Table 57: Question 25 - Excluding Don't know

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the services provided by Forsyth County Sheriff's office.	Very satisfied		Satisfied		Neutral		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Total	
Overall quality of Sheriff protection	28%	N=193	44%	N=306	23%	N=155	3%	N=21	2%	N=14	100%	N=688
Cultural Sensitivity of Sheriff Office employees	30%	N=162	29%	N=155	32%	N=169	5%	N=28	3%	N=16	100%	N=531
Professionalism of Sheriff's Office employees	32%	N=198	38%	N=234	26%	N=159	3%	N=18	2%	N=12	100%	N=620
Quality of animal services	21%	N=94	28%	N=125	31%	N=141	9%	N=39	11%	N=50	100%	N=448
Quality of social media communication (X, Facebook, Instagram)	24%	N=113	32%	N=151	37%	N=174	5%	N=23	2%	N=10	100%	N=472
Accessibility and Responsiveness of the Sheriff's Office	27%	N=151	41%	N=230	23%	N=129	5%	N=28	3%	N=18	100%	N=556
The level of transparency by the Sheriff's Office	24%	N=137	34%	N=199	28%	N=165	9%	N=51	5%	N=27	100%	N=578
Response time by the Sheriff's Office to emergencies	28%	N=137	37%	N=182	27%	N=135	4%	N=19	4%	N=18	100%	N=491
Response time by the Sheriff's Office to non-emergencies	25%	N=129	38%	N=194	29%	N=150	4%	N=21	4%	N=20	100%	N=514
The visibility of Sheriff's Deputies in your community	23%	N=160	40%	N=282	26%	N=180	8%	N=57	4%	N=25	100%	N=704

Table 58: Question 26-First place

Which THREE of the Sheriff's Office services listed in Question 25 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from the County over the next TWO years?	Percent	Number
Overall quality of Sheriff protection	15%	N=183
Cultural Sensitivity of Sheriff Office employees	7%	N=87
Professionalism of Sheriff's Office employees	3%	N=33
Quality of animal services	5%	N=60
Quality of social media communication (X, Facebook, Instagram)	2%	N=30
Accessibility and Responsiveness of the Sheriff's Office	3%	N=40
The level of transparency by the Sheriff's Office	5%	N=65
Response time by the Sheriff's Office to emergencies	3%	N=37
Response time by the Sheriff's Office to non-emergencies	1%	N=8
The visibility of Sheriff's Deputies in your community	8%	N=90
None chosen	47%	N=567
Total	100%	N=1200

Table 59: Question 26-Second place

Which THREE of the Sheriff's Office services listed in Question 25 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from the County over the next TWO years?	Percent	Number
Overall quality of Sheriff protection	2%	N=29
Cultural Sensitivity of Sheriff Office employees	4%	N=48
Professionalism of Sheriff's Office employees	8%	N=90
Quality of animal services	4%	N=53
Quality of social media communication (X, Facebook, Instagram)	2%	N=29
Accessibility and Responsiveness of the Sheriff's Office	6%	N=76
The level of transparency by the Sheriff's Office	5%	N=57
Response time by the Sheriff's Office to emergencies	9%	N=108
Response time by the Sheriff's Office to non-emergencies	3%	N=37
The visibility of Sheriff's Deputies in your community	5%	N=60
None chosen	51%	N=612
Total	100%	N=1200

Table 60: Question 26-Third place

Which THREE of the Sheriff's Office services listed in Question 25 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from the County over the next TWO years?	Percent	Number
Overall quality of Sheriff protection	4%	N=42
Cultural Sensitivity of Sheriff Office employees	3%	N=31
Professionalism of Sheriff's Office employees	5%	N=59
Quality of animal services	3%	N=40
Quality of social media communication (X, Facebook, Instagram)	3%	N=34
Accessibility and Responsiveness of the Sheriff's Office	3%	N=41
The level of transparency by the Sheriff's Office	6%	N=75
Response time by the Sheriff's Office to emergencies	8%	N=91
Response time by the Sheriff's Office to non-emergencies	4%	N=47
The visibility of Sheriff's Deputies in your community	8%	N=98
None chosen	53%	N=642
Total	100%	N=1200

Table 61: Question 27

Please CHECK ALL of the Emergency Services offered by Forsyth County that you or members of your household have had contact with during the last year.	Percent	Number
Forsyth County's 911 Service	22%	N=241
Forsyth County Fire Division	7%	N=82
Forsyth County EMS	17%	N=183
None, I have not used any	71%	N=785

Table 62: Question 28 - Including Don't know

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the services provided by Forsyth County.	Very satisfied		Satisfied		Neutral		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Don't know		Total	
Overall satisfaction with Fire Division services	38%	N=141	22%	N=80	9%	N=33	4%	N=13	1%	N=2	27%	N=99	100%	N=368
Professionalism of 911 operator	44%	N=173	24%	N=95	13%	N=53	3%	N=13	1%	N=2	15%	N=59	100%	N=395
Efficiency of 911 operator	43%	N=170	24%	N=95	13%	N=51	3%	N=11	3%	N=10	15%	N=58	100%	N=396
The accuracy of information you were given during emergencies	37%	N=144	24%	N=93	16%	N=61	5%	N=18	1%	N=4	17%	N=65	100%	N=385
Overall quality of Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	41%	N=157	17%	N=63	8%	N=31	8%	N=30	3%	N=11	23%	N=90	100%	N=382
Overall EMS response time	37%	N=141	19%	N=73	11%	N=43	5%	N=19	5%	N=19	23%	N=90	100%	N=384
Professionalism of EMS staff	43%	N=167	21%	N=81	8%	N=31	2%	N=9	4%	N=14	22%	N=86	100%	N=389
Cultural sensitivity of EMS staff	34%	N=132	18%	N=68	14%	N=55	0%	N=1	1%	N=6	32%	N=122	100%	N=384

Asked to those who have contacted the Emergency Services offered by Forsyth County.

Table 63: Question 28 - Excluding Don't know

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the services provided by Forsyth County.	Very satisfied		Satisfied		Neutral		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Total	
Overall satisfaction with Fire Division services	52%	N=141	30%	N=80	12%	N=33	5%	N=13	1%	N=2	100%	N=269
Professionalism of 911 operator	52%	N=173	28%	N=95	16%	N=53	4%	N=13	1%	N=2	100%	N=336
Efficiency of 911 operator	50%	N=170	28%	N=95	15%	N=51	3%	N=11	3%	N=10	100%	N=337
The accuracy of information you were given during emergencies	45%	N=144	29%	N=93	19%	N=61	6%	N=18	1%	N=4	100%	N=320
Overall quality of Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	54%	N=157	22%	N=63	11%	N=31	10%	N=30	4%	N=11	100%	N=292
Overall EMS response time	48%	N=141	25%	N=73	15%	N=43	6%	N=19	6%	N=19	100%	N=294
Professionalism of EMS staff	55%	N=167	27%	N=81	10%	N=31	3%	N=9	5%	N=14	100%	N=302
Cultural sensitivity of EMS staff	50%	N=132	26%	N=68	21%	N=55	1%	N=1	2%	N=6	100%	N=262

Asked to those who have contacted the Emergency Services offered by Forsyth County.

Appendix C: Verbatim Responses to Open-Ended Questions

The following are verbatim responses to the open-ended question on the survey. Because these responses were written by survey participants, they are presented in verbatim form, including any typographical, grammar or other mistakes. The responses are presented in alphabetical order.

Question 1: Please CHECK ALL of the reasons why you choose to live in Forsyth County.

– Other

- 1/2 WAY TO MOUNTAIN OR BEACH
- a special community feel
- Access to quality healthcare and the center for exceptional children
- Access to Wake Forest University and all of its educational, sport, and cultural endeavors
- All the above/born here.
- APT THAT ACCEPTS MY CAT
- Away from data centers like the one being proposed in rural hall. NOT COOL!
- BACHELOR FOR 89 YEARS
- Been here all of my life
- BORN & RAISED
- Born and raised in Kernersville, was a Deputy Sheriff of Forsyth County
- BORN AND RAISED
- Born and raised here
- Born and raised here
- Born and raised here - Stayed Employed with Same Employer for over 30 Years
- Born and raised in Forsyth County
- Born and raised in Forsyth County
- Born here
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- BORN HERE / RAISED HERE
- BORN HERE NEVER CONSIDERED LEAVING
- Born here not my choice
- BORN HERE; TOO POOR TO MOVE
- Born here.
- Born here. Ancestors were first families to settle here with Moravians.
- Born in Forsyth County.
- Born in Winston-Salem. Family has been here since 1779.
- Bought a family owned home
- BROUGHT HERE AS A CHILD
- BUY HOUSE
- CANT MOVE
- Centrally located
- Church
- Church
- CHURCH
- CHURCH
- CHURCH
- Church community
- Climate resilience
- Close to church
- Close to mountains
- Cost of living
- Dedication and action of elected officials to continuous improvement of all of the above
- Diversity
- Family
- FAMILY
- FAMILY MOVING NEARBY
- farming, land and rural living
- FIANCE LIVED HERE
- Got married and moved to his home in Winston Salem (Walkertown area) in 1992. (He is deceased)
- Great cycling, community and roads
- Great local coffee shops
- Grew up here
- Grew up here
- Grew up here
- GREW UP HERE
- Grew up here, in Clemmons
- GREW UP IN FORSTYH COUNTY
- HERE 40 YRS
- Home is paid off
- HOMETOWN

- HOUSE ALMOST PAID OFF
- Housing Prices and Closeness to outdoor Recreation
- I am a university professor. We don't get much choice in terms of where to live
- I don't like it here
- I grew up here.
- I grew up in the Tobaccoville Community
- I moved here 15 years ago due to engagement. I stayed only because my children were in school and I didn't want to relocate in the middle of their education. We already moved from Guilford County area. Honestly I don't like this city and the school system is horrible. Regretfully my husband and I purchased a home. It's been a year and it has been the biggest regret. Just being honest not negative.
- I moved here from Atlanta, Georgia. Not really knowing for psych county, but i'm not a fan of a site county after living here for 2 years
- I moved here from Davidson County
- I moved to Forsyth County In 1973 because I was offered a job with the WS/Forsyth County School system. I had relatives that lived here at the time but that is no longer the case. My hope is to move closer to family.
- I was born here
- I was born here
- I would not recommend moving to Forsyth county.
- In the USA
- INHERITED PROPERTY
- It's geographic location
- IT'S WHERE I'VE LIVED FOR 35 YRS
- Its actually so unsafe I am trying to move
- Jewish Synagogue in the city
- Job brought us here
- JOB OFFER
- JOBS
- K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- Lifetime resident
- Lived here 56 years
- Lived here for 15 plus years
- Lived here my entire life
- Lived in county since I was 8 years old I am now 90 years old
- Low cost private education
- Mainly, other family members live here
- Marriage
- MARRIED SOMEONE FROM U.S.
- MOTHER MOVE FAMILY HERE & WAS A TEENAGER
- MOVED FROM CA-WORKING RJR
- Moved here in high school
- MY BIRTHPLACE

- This is my home area. Born and raised here and lived here all my life.
- This is where I grew up and I want to stay here.
- Trees and conservation
- variety of golf courses in the area
- VERY LONG LONG TIME
- volunteer with a certain nonprofit
- Was born here
- Was born here
- WAS BORN HERE
- We came here 23 years ago and haven't seen a reason to leave.2
- We initially moved here for work, quality of life, shopping, food & outdoor activities-- none of these are good anymore! We're planning to move.
- weather
- Weather
- WEATHER (WARMER)
- WILDLIFE/NATURE
- WORSHIP.

Question 21: If you have visited any of libraries listed during the past year, please CHECK ALL of the reasons for which you visited or used it. – Other

- A peaceful place to write
- AARP TAX AIDE
- As a place to study/work
- Audio Books
- AUDIO BOOKS
- BATHROOM
- BOOK DONATION
- Book fair
- book sale
- Book sale by Friends of the Central Library
- Books on tape
- Children
- Children's time
- Copies
- COPYING
- digital books, magazines
- Digitally access the Winston-Salem Journal
- Disregard answer on #22, we have not been to a library in years
- Donate
- Donate books
- Donate books
- DONATE BOOKS
- FAMILY OUTING

- Fax machine
- Get coffee somewhere that supports the library
- Get covid kits
- GET LIBRARY CARD
- GET TAXES ALONE BES AARP
- Grandkids to get books
- HAVE COPIES OF DOCUMENTS MADEE
- Have my taxes prepared by AARP
- Haven't visited
- Havent visited
- HOA meeting
- HOA MEETING
- I reserve and use their rooms to relax in a quiet, peaceful environment. I'm teaching myself how to paint with watercolors from books. I used it for studying to get certified as my husband's Certified VA caretaker. My husband and I listen to the library's audiobooks together.
- Jigsaw puzzles
- JOB SURFING
- Just checking out to see what was available
- just looking at the books they offer.
- Looking for meeting room info. Difficult to find
- Make copies
- Make copies
- meet someone
- Meeting
- meeting place
- Meeting place
- Meeting space
- Meeting Space
- Meetings in reserved conference rooms
- NEWSPAPER
- No he visitado
- No visit in past year
- NO VISITS
- NOT VISIT
- Online books and TV subscription
- online services - Ancestry
- PICKUP SEEDS
- PLAY/MEER SHINES
- POST AN EVENT
- Print
- Print
- Print off documents

- Print off documents
- Print tax documents
- Printer
- PRINTER
- PURCHASE USED BOOKS
- PUZZLES
- Question about online access
- renew card
- Renew for Libby app
- Renew library card
- Research
- See people
- Study
- Study
- Study Group
- STUDY ROOM
- Study space
- Tai chi at Central
- Take my grandchild
- TAX FORMS
- Tax preparers
- taxes
- TO LOCK AREAS
- to look around
- To pick up Reynolda House free passes
- To take grandchildren to check out books
- Tutoring
- Tutoring
- tutoring session
- TUTORING SESSION
- TUTORING-STUDY ROOMS
- UPDATE LIBRARY CARD
- USE A ROOM FOR MEETING
- Use copier
- Use Meeting Room
- Used online e-book lending
- Visit to read & relax
- Volunteer
- VOTE
- Website to check holdings, they did not have what I wanted
- Went with relative who voted
- WORK.

Question 29: What are you MOST CONCERNED about as a citizen of Forsyth County?

- Education in Forsyth County is suffering due to funds, I'm worried education is falling through the cracks as well as our ki
- (JOB/INDUSTRY CREATION)
- (Lack of) response to inclement weather is abysmal and cripples the local economy and makes every aspect of life difficult.
- (TAXES) OVER CROWDING (BUILDING ON EVERY PIECE OF LAND)
- 1) WSFC management 2) Competing poorly in attracting substantial businesses vs Davidson and Guilford counties 3) transportation options 4) disaster preparedness 5) poor infrastructure
- 911
- A lack of employment opportunities leading to an increase in criminal activity and the domino effect of that on our society and economy.
- ABILITY TO MAKE A LIVING/AFFORD HOUSING
- ability to thrive in a free environment
- Access to health care
- ACCESS TO SHOPPING/RESTAURANTS IN NE WARD (WHERE LIVE)
- Access to social services
- Access to walking, biking trails, arts and entertainment
- ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE HQ OFFICE OF SCHOOL/SYSTEM
- Accountability, raising taxes , without aquatic explanations
- AFFORDABILITY
- AFFORDABILITY
- Affordability and how the unhoused are treated in the community
- Affordability and not letting big corporations like Flow and WFU take over while not helping the community rise as a whole. Folks are drowning in bills as costs rise and salaries remain stagnant
- Affordability, Property Tax Rates, our horribly broken public school system and its budget
- Affordable and safe housing, jobs that offer living wages and benefits, top notch education for all students
- AFFORDABLE COST OF LIVING
- Affordable homes for young buyers; Tanglewood -- removing cabins behind Walnut Hall, Replacing shelter across from the swimming pool (it is a health hazard because of the musty smell and likely mold residing there -- it is disgusting!), improving the quality of the Reynolds golf course which seems to be neglected, paving the remainder of the loop around the former horse track (where cars que up for the Festival of Lights) which would provide a great opportunity for bicyclist to ride and could be a locale for bike races, more resources to allow dead and dangerous trees to be cut down.
- Affordable housing
- Affordable housing
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- Affordable housing and jobs for young people
- Affordable housing and traffic congestion downtown

- Affordable housing for working class families
- Affordable housing, Community Development of Existing housing, Taxes, Cost of Living,
- Affordable Housing, Crime, and good opportunities for employment
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, AFFORDABLE HOME REPAIRS
- affordable housing, senior housing
- Affordable living
- Affordable living/ housing, taxes and safety
- AI and digital currency
- All over safety
- ALL THE TEENAGE CRIME NEEDS TO STOP.
- Although I am retired and do not have children living in the county. I feel that the schools and educational opportunities available are most important.
- ALWAYS CONCERNED ABOUT SAFETY IN GENERAL
- AMOUNT OF TAXES I PAY-I AM DEFINITELY VERY UNHAPPY MY HIGH TAX RATE.
- ANIMAL CONTROL (FERAL CATS IN NEIGHBORHOOD)
- Appropriate housing for seniors that don't reflect a jail house look environment (no outside space) with two bedrooms or one bedrooms/ flex space.
- As a citizen of Forsyth County, I want to ensure we are building a better home for the younger generations. I want a safe community and that we invest into the public school system. I want to ensure we preserve as much nature and provide better public transportation. I am concerned that our community does not get the adequate care in all aspects.
- As a resident of Clemmons, I am concerned that County Commissioners don't have any interest in fairly representing their constituents in the west portion of the County. Commissioners consistently make decisions regarding development/ overdevelopment that negatively impacts the quality of life and residential property values and strains already burdened roadways.
- As a retired person the property tax rate is too high and cost of living is higher than social security benefits we receive. No one seems to care.
- As a senior, I am concerned about safety, and more tax increases on my fixed income.
- ASTRONOMICAL PROPERTY TAXES, GIVEN I LIVE IN UNION CORPORATED AREA
- At this time it is the threat of data centers being built in the county using excessive resources and driving up the cost of living
- Attracting young professionals
- Availability of health services.
- Available jobs
- BECOMING TOO 'LEFTY'-WANT TO AVOID POLITICAL ANTRAVITY
- Beggars on the streets
- BEING AN EMPLOYEE OF KERNESVILLE PARKS & REC & PROPERTY TAXES BEING ELIMINATED BY STATE GOVERNMENT
- Being annexed
- BEING BLACK
- BEING KEPT SAFE RESPONSE TIME IN AN EMERGENCY BY POLICE
- Being privatized

- BEING SAFE
- BEING SAFE ON THE STREETS DAY OR NIGHT
- Big businesses leaving the county. Lack of opportunity for job growth.
- Bike lanes, walkability, parks, open space, schools
- Black on white violent crime is out of control. Judges releasing and leniency towards criminals, and being soft on crime. Lack of support for ICE and removing illegal aliens.
- Bloated budgets, taxes too high, elected officials (board of commissioners) don't take resident's concerns and complaints seriously. They favor business owners who have repeatedly lied about their intended actions after being proven to be liars. I'm sure that's how they continue to be re-elected.
- BUDGET-SCHOOL BOARD-LACK OF FUNDS/OVERSPENDING
- Building code enforcement for NEW construction. It takes 2.5 minutes for hot water to reach the kitchen in some new construction at Weldon Village. This results in incredible waste of energy, as large amounts of heated water are left in the pipes and wasted. Either the water pipes need to be rerouted as part of the design, or point-of-use water heaters installed.
- Building new housing developments without proper roads to handle the traffic
- Bus station in town
- BUSINESSES ETC ARE BEING HURT BY HIGH BARKING COSTS
- care of homeless and those with mental problems. Shelters and affordable housing
- Cater to the median and do not over-invest in resources or areas which benefit the few.
- CHANGE, CURRENTLY COMFORTABLE WITH MY COMMUNITY
- Clean highways
- Cleanliness of neighborhoods (neighbors yards) and safety
- climbing tax bills
- Community and Law Enforcement cooperation
- community engagement opportunities with local government
- Community growth
- Competent governance
- CONSTANT PROPERTY TAX INCREASES
- Constant violence
- CONSTRUCTION LIVE ONLY LIVES HERE A GOV I THINK IT WILL BE PRETTY WHEN FINISHED
- Continually increasing taxes either through millage or property reassessment. Done without input or explanation and without improvement of services
- Continued influx of people and strain on the infrastructure and services
- Control of crime. Feeling safe.
- Controlled growth
- Corrupt government, misuse of funds, schools
- COS PRICES
- Cost of living
- Cost of living
- Cost of living
- COST OF LIVING
- Cost of living - increase in cost of water has created unexpected burden

- Crime
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- Crime and taking land to built on
- crime , gangs, kids out late
- CRIME (SHOOTINGS)
- CRIME & EDUCATION
- CRIME & INCREASE IN TAXES
- CRIME & PROPERTY TAX, INCREASES
- Crime & Safety
- Crime and deterioration of our neighborhood
- Crime and drivers without license and insurance
- CRIME AND ENVIRONMENT
- Crime and high taxes
- CRIME AND HOMELESS PEOPLE
- CRIME AND HOMELESSNESS
- Crime and lack of support for EMS, fire and police by the county. More of each are needed but the county doesn't pay far wages.
- Crime and no planning on new construction, just letting big companies build ugly cookie cutter buildings without enhancing the curb appeal and letting big box retail build buildings with no character or charm.
- Crime and over crowding and taxes
- Crime and personal safety.
- Crime and Property Taxes
- CRIME AND RISE IN SHOOTINGS
- Crime and safety.
- Crime and stealing from businesses
- Crime and visible homelessness, especially downtown, driving away businesses that would otherwise choose Forsyth County due to its attractiveness as a place to live.
- Crime not controlled

- Crime rate
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- Crime rate & increasing homelessness
- crime rate and employment opportunities.
- Crime rate going up and more people being murdered. Also pollution of the environment from too many cars just passing thru our community.
- CRIME RATE, HOMELESS CAMPS ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD
- CRIME RATES INCREASING
- Crime taxes prices going up
- Crime traffic and removal of trees to add housing
- Crime, animal code enforcement
- CRIME, CHALLENGE GETTING NO GOOD ANSWERS TO WHEN THE SHERIFF'S DEPT WILL HELP WITH PROBLEM.
- CRIME, CORRUPT JUDGES, VERY LITTLE JAIL TIME FOR CRIMINALS.
- Crime, drugs, proposed data center in Rural Hall
- crime, healthcare, parks & rec
- Crime, homelessness and taxes
- Crime, homelessness, affordable housing
- CRIME, HOUSING FOR HOMELESS
- Crime, purse snatching in broad daylight Traffic offendersSkyrocketing property taxesNo benefits to tax increases justified to the publi
- Crime, road conditions during snow and ice
- crime, safety, upward mobility
- crime, taxes
- CRIME, TAXES
- crime, traffic
- Crime.
- CRIME.
- Crime/ Safety, affordability
- CRIME/LITTER
- CRIME/TAGSON CARE'S EXPIRED (NO INSURANCE)
- CRIME/THREAT OF A TERROIST ATTACK
- criminal element increasing - personal safety in public areas
- CRUMBLING INFRASTRUCTURE LACK OF PROACTIVE MAINTENANCE
- Data centers and rural hall Homer Dearmin trying to expand rural hall city limits. SAD
- Data centers using community resources
- Degraded infrastructure
- DEI
- Democrats
- Deveolpment of commercial sector
- Distance to ambulance for help to our home

- Diverting money form public schools to private schools.
- DO SOMETHING ABOUT RUNNING RED LIGHTS/STOP SIGNS & EXCESSIVE SPEEDING
- DOGS NOT ON LEASHS; ESPECIALLY IN PARKS
- DON'T WANT TO LOSE THE SMALL INTIMATE, COUNTRY FEEL-LOVE SMALL COMMUNITIES
- Drug crimes
- DRUGS
- DRUGS
- drugs & crime
- Drugs and crime
- Economic growth and affordable living in a safe community
- Economy
- Educating our children with public education
- education
- EDUCATION
- Education and Safety of all residents of Forsyth County and taxes.
- Education for the future generations, safe and affordable housing, and healthcare for the homeless
- EDUCATION OF CHILDREN
- education quality in public schools
- Education system.
- Education, starting with better teachers
- Elect a new Sheriff
- Emergency services
- Emergency Services is crumbling from the inside out, and I see it on both sides. I work in a neighboring county in emergency services, so I have seen how things should and should not operate. The fact that Emergency Services is typically forgotten about by county or municipal management until a life is lost and/or there is a lawsuit on the table, is heart breaking. There should be a heavy emphasis on People Driven Leadership in these agencies, including retention and recruitment, correction with education, continuing education, substantial pay increases and benefit increases, and adding more staff. In the 911 center there should NEVER be only 3 operators!!! During those times, management should step in and help! In a county this size, there should be a minimum of at least 6 or 7 Telecommunicators on duty in the 911 center, and the sheriff's dispatch. This also goes for EMS and FCFD with their own respective minimum staffing levels. Minimum staffing shouldn't be the bare minimum of what is needed to preform, it should be a safe net of staffing that can handle the job and not burn out or implicate those who are having to work.
- Employment opportunities
- EMS STAFF NEED TO PRACTICE WHAT THEY LEARNED IN TAKING THE COURSES
- Enforcement of laws and criminal ordinances
- Environment, housing
- Environmental protection, services for poor/unhoused community
- Equity and inclusion
- Equity for all citizens, safety for all citizens.

- Erosion of tax base due refusal to raise tax rate to adequately fund programs.
- Every inch of available space is being chopped up and turned into apartments. There is no affordable housing being built it is all \$400,000+ new build homes. There is too much emphasis on "progress" building the whole area up and destroying the rural and community feel of Kernersville especially. Abbotts creek has been polluted by all of the new housing communities that have been built around it who aren't using proper drainage systems. Animal control isnt available past 5pm for emergencies. All in all the charm of the area is being undermined to compete with larger cities like greensboro and Winston Salem without care for the people who have loved this area for generations. We don't want 3500 housing communities, we want OUR community to thrive. Gentrification of the rural or less wealthy areas to make way for more and more people warehoused in apartments is disgusting to watch.
- excessive high density developments in previously rural areas. Lack of adequate Sheriff presence and patrol in areas of county outside of Winston Salem.
- excessively high property value rates and ridiculously high taxes
- Failure to be willing to spend money on the RIGHT THINGS.
- Fair elections & good representation.
- Fairness as to services offered by the Sheriff's Department relative to location or residence in the county.
- FEELING SAFE AT HOME
- Finding a job
- Fiscal management and future planning
- Fix school system funding, and safety.
- FLOODS & HURRICANES
- Food and housing cost. Civil liberties.
- forced annexation
- FORSYTH COUNTY BEING AN ILLEGAL SANCTUARY COUNTY HIGH PROPERTY TAXES
- Forsyth county is still have some very big racial Injustice. It still has some police insensitivity EMS insensitivity it's behind a wall
- Forsyth county school system
- Forsyth County Schools and the Board
- Freedom from interference by state and federal entities with County plans
- functioning of school board, quality and budget management of K-12 public education
- Funding for K-12 education
- future growth
- Future growth
- Future growth
- gang activity, taxes out of control
- Gang Violence, Gun Violence, Graffiti,
- GANGS (SAFETY)
- GANGS & CRIMINALS
- Gangs, Drug Usage in the county, safety of our children. Youth having no outlet and getting into trouble.

- GARBAGE & LITTER ON STREETS, PARKS
- Giving seniors over the age of 75 & 80 NO REAL ESTATE OR STATE TAX OR TAX ON OUR CARS. We paid tax when we purchased the car and paid tax when we registered it. STOP IT!
- Governing by ideology over the real needs of the people
- GOVERNMENT INEFFICIENCY
- Governmental fiscal responsibility and personal safety
- Growing crime rates, TERRIBLE public schools --these are connected issues.
- Growing population and resulting increase in traffic congestion
- growing the tax base by increasing businesses, adequate funding for public schools
- Growth and Development exceeding resources
- Growth and housing affordability
- GROWTH SAFETY OF OUR COUNTY
- GUN CONTROL
- Gun Crime
- gun violence
- GUN VIOLENCE
- GUNSHOTS & NOT KNOWING WHERE THEYRE COMING FROM, GRAFITTI
- Having a performance venue built in Kernersville
- Having more officers available when you call for assistance with non emergency, but important to you and others around you. They have given excuses for not coming out when called for problems in your neighborhood.
- HAVING THE BEST EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN
- Having to pay for parking to visit free county facilities such as central library. The crime rate and understanding of departments
- HEALTH CARE
- HEALTH, TAXES, COST OF LIVING, CRIME
- HEAVY TRAFFIC IN K VILLE.
- Help for the unhoused
- HIGH PROPER JAX DOLLARS
- High property taxes
- High tax rate
- High tax rates
- HIGH TAXES
- HIGH TAXES
- HIGH TAXES
- High taxes and crime
- High taxes and our children becoming dumber for being educated here.
- High taxes and raising taxes
- High Taxes and Road, Street Improvements
- High taxes and the way those monies are spent.
- High taxes and utility cost and the inability for schools to punish students and control students that continually brake rules
- high taxes, doing too much for those who do not contribute

- High taxes, no logical break for seniors
- HIGH TAXES!
- HIGHER TAXES
- Home break ins
- HOME TAXES, CRIME, CITY TOO SLOW ABOUT INNOVATIVE IDEAS SUCH AS TINY HOUSES/MODULAR HOMES.
- Homelessness
- HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT - THEY ARE TAKEN OVER !
- HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS AND GROWING CRIME RATES
- HOMELESS MENTAL HEALTH
- HOMELESS PEOPLE
- Homeless people on the street.
- Homeless services
- HOMELESS, PEOPLE, LACK OF HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY, LACK OF FOOD FOR CHILDREN AND TOWN HOME PEOPLE.
- homelessness
- HOMELESSNESS
- HOMELESSNESS ACCESS TO EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OF EQUITY GROWTH
- Homelessness and affordable housing for lower income (I MEAN LOWER)
- Homelessness, drugs, crime
- Homelessness, Mental Health Services, School System
- HONEST & TRUTHFUL LAWFUL REPRESENTATION IN ALL PUBLIC SERVICE - !
- Honest and fair elections
- Honesty and Transparency. A perfect example of this is the near catastrophic explosion due to the fire a few years ago. There is absolutely no excuse for the lack of closure on that.
- HOUSES AND APARTMENTS ARE BEING BUILT TOO CLOSE
- Housing
- Housing
- HOUSING
- Housing affordability
- Housing affordability
- Housing availability, K-12 education, safety/crime management
- HOUSING CONTINUES TO STAY AFFORDABLE
- Housing issue and school
- Housing prices and availability
- Housing pricing and availability, private equity firms buying housing and inflating pricing.
- Housing revaluation and tax rates
- HOUSING, AND HELP ORGANIZATION FOR SENIORS WITHOUT RED TAPE
- HOUSING, COST OF LIVING, REC
- HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS
- Housing. There is no place for a person to have a tiny home, or other alternative housing. Most housing being built is too expensive for a lot of people, myself included
- HOW MUCH DRUGS THAT'S GOING AROUND

- how the education department got in such a big debt and no one noticed before it got to \$42 million
- HUGE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE
- I am concerned that too many people are moving into Forsyth County. Our roads and infrastructure are not supportive of the growth. Property taxes are outrageously high and continue to increase yet services and quality of service diminish. Raising property taxes is a simple way to increase revenue but there needs to be a greater focus on EFFICIENCY and PRODUCTIVITY of employees and processes. From my experiences visiting the Forsyth County Government Center on Chestnut Street, there are more people than needed to serve the public. The Forsyth County commissioners need to do better advocating for the citizens they represent. Outdated or under-utilized services or programs need to be abolished. Parking accessibility for the Sheriff's department office is difficult with no clear directions where to park. The new downtown parking "Pay by Phone" process has been a failure. This is a good example of the county (or perhaps city) needing to close a \$700K budget gap and implementing a system to essentially charge citizens more.
- I am most concerned about our public school system- funding, teacher quality and pay, safety
- I AM MOST CONCERNED ABOUT SAFETY ON THE STREETS AND AT HOME.
- I don't go downtown as much as I used to because I find the parking app highly annoying; plus if you miss your deadline by a couple of minutes you owe a big ticket. I preferred the parking situation downtown prior to the introduction of the app.
- I want my non-white neighbors and immigrant neighbors and LGBTQ neighbors and my unhoused neighbors to feel safe here.
- I would like to see crime lessened using neighborhood watches that have been at risk to thefts, and would like to see more sidewalks in Clemmons
- I'm a lifetime resident living on Butler St (Southside). I have watched my neighborhood getting run down, trashy streets, terrible street conditions and potholes. Gangs crime disrespect of property and fast cars flying up and down Butler St.
- ICE operations superseding local policing
- ICE threatening the community
- ICE, MAGA affiliates
- IF NEEDED, HOW QUICKLY WILL THEY RESPOND
- If someone commits a serious crime I think they should be kept in prison and not let out
- Illegal immigrants
- Illegal immigration, demographic decline
- ILLEGALS AND GANGS and Drugs
- Illegals shooting and touching children here.
- illegals voting. illegals taking housing, illegal crime.
- IMMIGRATION-HOMELESS.
- IMPROVING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- Inclusivity
- INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES
- INCREASE OF TAXES
- INCREASE OF TAXES

- increase property taxes
- Increase taxes,
- Increased crime
- INCREASED CRIME/DRUG RELATED GANGS
- Increased property tax
- Increased property taxes. Our property taxes increased dramatically. If property taxes are reassessed and lowered, we'll be moving within 5 years.
- increased taxes
- Increased taxes, too much new housing and decrease in residential lot size.
- Increases in property taxes
- INCREASING COST OF HOUSING/TAXES TOO HIGH
- increasing cost of living
- Increasing homeless population/camps in areas where there are children
- Increasing tax on homes
- Inflationary pressures affecting what it is like to live here.
- Infrastructure
- INSENSITIVE POLICE OFFICERS
- Insufficient funding for public schools, lack of affordable and workforce housing
- Integrity of School Resource Officers
- IS BETTER PROTECTION OF SERVICES TO ASSURE THEIR SAFETY
- Job availability
- JOB OPPORTUNITIES
- JOB OPPORTUNITIES - WELL - PAYING JOBS
- Jobs
- Jobs, housing, and public education
- K 12 EDUCATION
- k-12 education
- K-12 education
- k-12 public education
- K-12 public school education - we do not give proper funding, leaders have not been held accountable for their mismanagement of the funds, teachers are suffering and as a result, the children are. We need to have more fund going to the EC programs, teacher's aides, and support staff. Students with disabilities are probably suffering the most with lack of funds and properly trained individuals.
- K-12 schools
- KEEP CRIMES DOWN
- Keeping crime low
- Keeping Forsyth County safe, beautiful, accessible for all
- KEEPING LOW INCOME COMMUNITY CLEAN
- Keeping taxes low
- KEEPING THE TAX RATE LOW-I AM ON DISABILITY.
- Lack of accessible, free or low cost, multimodal public transit
- LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING-VERY LIMITED PARSING DOWNTOWN!!!
- lack of affordable housing, poor quality and poorly managed public schools
- lack of competition for utilities and internet providers
- Lack of control over residents in regard to their animals (mostly dogs) running loose/lack of consequences for those who repeatedly violate city ordinances regarding waste management, pets.
- LACK OF COPS IN MY AREA
- Lack of financial controls within county government which result in the spending \$46 million more than budgeted. Glaring example of bureaucratic incompetence.
- Lack of frequency of brush and Christmas tree pickup. Christmas tree has been on my curb since January 5th as of Feb 28
- Lack of future planning for progress and communication from Mayor and his staff
- Lack of housing for the homeless.
- Lack of interest in enforcing ordinances on the east side of town
- Lack of new businesses coming to the area. They all seem to locate in Greensboro. We do not have a progressive city government
- LACK OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL CITIZENS IN FORSYTH CO.
- LACK OF PROGRESS/GROWTH
- Lack of quality of the roads
- LACK OF SERVICES SINCE COVID & HIGHER TAXES
- LAND OVERDEVELOPMENT - DESTROYING OPEN LAND
- LAND USE PLANNING RELATED TO RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS/LOSS OF WILDLIFE HABITAT
- Large property taxes assessmen, utilities & Duke Energy, need more doggie parks, more aging services . Don't understand why County residents don't pay a percentage of city taxes like city pay county taxes.
- LAW ENFORCEMENT, ART, CULTURE ALTERNATIVES
- LEADERSHIP BY COUNTY ELECT OFFICIALS
- LESS EMPHASIS ON MERIT IN DECISION MAKERS.
- Life threatening Emergency preparedness.Standards and practices concerning this.
- Limited work opportunities
- Limpieza de la nieve en las calles.
- Litter along roadways and invasive plants
- LIVE OUT TO MY SELF IN A GREAT SMALL NEIGHBOURHOOD AND DON'T HAVE ANY CONCERNS
- LOCAL TAX ARE TOO HIGH, THE STREETS, AND ROADS NEEDS LIGHTS UP
- LOCAL TAX RATE AND COST OF LIVING
- LOSING BEAUTIFUL LAND PROPERTIES TO DEVELOPERS
- Losing large businesses to cities like Charlotte
- LOSS OF FARMLAND IN RURAL AREAS
- loss of natural open land
- Loss of wooded areas to development.

- Lots of unused buildings in Winston-Salem downtown, and I don't know if/when they are going to be filled. It makes a lot of wasted space that could go towards business or housing, and it's a shame to see them empty.
- LOW CRIME
- Low minimum wage
- LOW RETRY RATE NEW PARKING RULES TELL ME NOT TO COMEDOWN TOWN
- LOWER PROPERTY TAX
- Lowering my real estate taxes. Valuation is WAY too high.
- MAINTAINING SMALL TOWN FEEL
- MAINTENANCE OF DEMOCRACY & ADHERENCE TO RULE OF LAW
- MAINTENANCE OF SERVICES AND NON DIGITAL COMMUNICATION
- Making adjustments to make things more affordable for all
- Management of school system, equal services available to all, resolution of problem of unhoused citizens.
- Managing growth so we're not another Mecklenburg County
- Managing growth while retaining services and small town feeling
- Managing growth, not becoming another Charlotte, balancing growth with quality of life issues
- MEET NEEDS OF CHILDREN FOOD EDUCATION
- MENTAL HEALTH PEOPLE WALKING AROUND IN THE CITY
- Mental Health Support
- misappropriation/mis-spending of tax \$ and not stopping fraud and abuse of county services
- Mismanagement of WS/FCS and its ongoing impact on the quality of education
- More attention to public education
- MORE BUILDING AT FACTORIES
- MORE DEVELOPMENT
- Mortgage rates going up due to local taxes
- MOSTLY SAFETY IN THE COMMUNITY
- My main concern is affordability. We have amazing rural and natural areas that need to be protected, but also a great need for new housing. We need to start thinking of density, not only in the urban core. And building smarter transit networks to keep the county connected.
- My most concerned is about the car chase. It scares me when there is a car chase and kids might be playing outside or walking. Also, a car chase can cause a crash with other vehicles.
- my neighbors constantly shooting guns all hours of the day and night.
- my property tax is too much
- My safety
- n/a
- N/A
- Need more support of our public school system K-12
- Neighborhood infrastructure (no sidewalks, no sewer lines, infrequent street repair)
- No Behavioral Health response team
- NO COMMENTS

- Not being able to find white collar employment & needing to relocate elsewhere for professional growth
- Not everyone is paid a living wage for the work they do, therefore, those people are stuck at the bottom of the population and cannot possibly rise up.
- Not letting educational department incompetence force an overreaction against priorities.
- NOT MUCH AVAILABLE FOR SENIORS COUNTY WIDE
- Not prepared for snow, dangerous and disrupt life
- Not punishing people that commit crimes. Lack of jobs
- nothing
- NOTHING
- Opportunity and protection for ALL THE RESIDENTS of our county
- Orphan Roads
- Our community is covered with trash and looks dirty. It has degraded.
- OUR COMMUNITY NATURE AND WILDLIFE BEING PLOWED DOWN FOR HOMES AND BOY STORES.
- OUR CROWDING/TRAFFIC
- our current public school system situation (as a retired public school educator who sees public education as valuable to a thriving community)
- Our k-12 school facilities
- Our public schools. I had to pull my autistic son last year for homeschooling because the school couldn't handle him in a way that made him want to go to school. He had to start anxiety medication and it was not a good situation for him.
- Our school system
- Our taxes our going up while the quality of service is going down. I have lived here almost 40 years and am newly retired. This is the first time I have seriously considered moving out of Forsyth County because of higher taxes and deteriorating county service, communication, and leadership. The WSFCS budget crisis left a stain on this community that hasn't been fully acknowledged by the BOE or County Commissioners. Taxpayers were made to bear the burden of others' grotesque mismanagement -- that still doesn't sit well with a lot of citizens. It feels like county leadership is hoping we will forget.
- Over building in rural areas
- OVER DEVELOPMENT, INCREASED CRIME, SCHOOL SAFETY
- Over populated, illegals
- Over population
- OVER RELIANCE ON PROPERTY TAXES AS SOURCE OF REVENUE
- Overall cost of living, particularly affordable housing.
- Overall crime rate
- OVERALL EMS RESPONSE TIME
- Overall quality of life, increasing population puts stains on services e.g. EMS response time and a lack of interconnected greenway system compared to other urban NC communities.
- overcrowding
- Overcrowding
- Overdevelopment

- overgrowth
- Overpopulation
- Overpriced home values/property taxes.
- PARK SAFETY
- PARKING and safety
- Parking, charging for parking, safety
- People come to Forsyth County from other areas because they are unhappy where they are but try to change what is here to mimic what they left. People come here for a reason but the more people that come here the reason for coming here goes away.
- People following the Laws
- People need to be more friendly and get to know each other especially their neighbors.
- PEOPLE WHO PUT POLITICAL PARTY ABOVE WHAT'S RIGHT FOR ALL CITIZENS
- Personal Safety, Auto Safety & driving issues, High Taxes
- Personal safety/protection in the community, employment opportunities, and behavioral health services.
- Petty crime in neighborhoods and people shooting each other on almost a daily basis
- Planning
- Planning: how new areas are planned; need for wider roads in lower-income areas; need for sidewalks and safe places to walk; serious need for environmentally sound landscaping.
- POLICE PROTECTION & TAXES
- policing, housing, homelessness rate
- Politicians, and taxes
- Politicians.
- Pollution, litter, open spaces, schools, arts funding
- Poor land management and kowtowing to developers without considering all aspects of what is best for the overall environment. Not thinking through full development for 15 to 20 years out with traffic patterns, growth, bike lanes, walking (sidewalks & connections)
- POOR PUBLIC EDUCATION & LACK OF FUNDING
- POOR RESPONSE TO SERVICE WINTER WEATHER, OF SCHOOL BUDGETS
- POOR SCHOOLING SYSTEM
- POOR SERVICE OF CLEARING ROADS (SNOW/ICE), LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY OF LEADERS I.E, SCHOOL BOARD
- POOR SNOW REMOVAL, POOR TRASH PICK UP, BIG HOMELESS PROBLEM
- Population growth
- Population growth exceeding sustainability.
- Population growth, And expansion into suburbs. We don't need more people in Winston and definitely not in Kernersville or Walkertown
- Potential loss of medical school to Charlotte
- Poverty and lack of opportunity
- PRESERVING TREES & NATURAL AREA; HELP ANIMALS, PRESERVE HISTORIC BUILDINGS
- PRICE OF HOMES; INCREASED TAXATION; DIMINISHED SERVICES
- Prices are rising but quality of living isn't
- PRICES OF PRODUCTS B/C SHOP LITTERS COMMIT CRIME AT WILL

- Prices on everything keeps going up and it is becoming harder and harder to make it. It's pushing people out. We love Winston Salem, it's our home and our community. Taxes have gone up, gas (heat) prices have gone up, electricity prices have gone up and are going up again soon possible, post office prices are increasing at an unprecedented rate, gas (car) prices are going up, food and restaurant prices are going up, car taxes are going up...and I am sure I missed things. They are going up at a rate that is not sustainable. As an educator, my pay has not increased for six years, as there is a freeze in our county for educators with 15-25 years experience. How do we make it? The amount of litter around Winston Salem has increased substantially. I saw an initiative through the parks department for a few clean up days/time, but it is at 9:00 during the work week. Many people can't make it, we are working. Big initiatives on the weekends for clean up and spreading the word in a big way- could make an impact. I know my family would be there. I take pride in my community and I know many do. Let's make Winston Salem the best it can be. Downtown has been amazing and revitalized, but now there are many more crime concerns. I know the police and sheriff's departments are working on it. But we have come such a long way, I don't want us to move backward. Many restaurants and businesses are closing because rent prices are way too high. Housing prices are too high.
- PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL
- Professionalism and dispatch time
- Promotion of Woke ideology. Use of county resources by illegal immigration.
- Property evaluation & public safety
- Property tax and business leaving
- Property tax increase
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- Property tax increases and corruption in the school board
- PROPERTY TAX IS NOT FAIR BASED ON NEW HOUSES, NOT FAIR FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
- PROPERTY TAX RATE
- Property tax ripping homeowners off to offset misused money they had and then increasing taxes to pay for their greed with bonus monies given to officials
- PROPERTY TAX-TO HIGH TAXES OVERALL
- Property tax, annual reports on drinking water, protecting wild life, road repair.
- PROPERTY TAXER
- property taxes
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- Property taxes and personal taxes forcing people to move outside city
- Property taxes are high
- PROPERTY TAXES ARE TOO HIGH

- PROPERTY TAXES HAVE BEEN RAISED TWICE IN THE LAST 2 YEARS AND I LIVE IN A UNINCORPORATED PART OF WINSTON SALEM i PAY MINERAL SPRINGS TAX AS WELL WHY?
- Property taxes will most likely drive me from Forsyth County
- Property taxes. WSFCS lacking funding/poor education for children.
- Propertytaxes
- proposed data center in Rural Hall and impact on quality of life
- Prosecution after arrest.
- prosperity & growth
- Protecting the diversity of this community from the fascists in the federal government
- Providing needed services economically so that excessive tax rates are not levied.
- Pubic Education Budget problems, how/why it happened and preventative measures for the future
- Public education
- Public education
- PUBLIC EDUCATION & HOUSING
- Public education, affordable housing, public safety
- Public education, taxes, safety and the homeless population
- PUBLIC HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, TAXES, EDUCATION HOUSING
- Public safety
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- PUBLIC SAFETY
- Public safety & transparency
- PUBLIC SAFETY, AVAILABLE MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACCOUNTABILITY
- Public school disaster
- Public school education and lack of support for teachers and students
- public school issues, recent property tax increases
- PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
- Public school system, zoning and planning, violent crimes
- Public school system's current problems
- Public school's financial crisis
- public schools
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- Public schools and ensuring they stay uncensored and apolitical.
- PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEED TO IMPROVE-DECLINE IN STUDENTS-LEAD
- Public schools- misuse of funds and failure to make appropriate cuts (should all be from Central office- admin, not student facing roles) Public Schools, Public Schools, Public Schools

- Public schools, housing, development plans for larger areas
- Public transportation and it's availability
- Quality activities and events
- Quality and safety of downtown area - Has to be an inviting place - a hub for the community - with thriving/diverse businesses
- Quality education, healthcare, and job opportunities for everyone, not just those who already have a lot.
- Quality Housing
- quality of and expanding biking and walking trails, getting more services for the amount of taxes we pay and or reducing taxes
- QUALITY OF EDUCATION LEADER K-12
- QUALITY OF EDUCATION, COST OF LIVING
- Quality of health care
- Quality of Health Care
- Quality of life
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- quality of life and cost of living
- QUALITY OF LIFE, AFFORDABILITY, WISE SPENDING OF TAX REVENUES, LOWERING PROPERTY TAXES
- Quality of life: 1) Medical, 2) physical safety, 3) and, as I age, expand my world by being involved in the community with people of all ages, race, and nationalities.
- QUALITY OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- Quality of public schools and the budget crisis
- quality of schools
- Quality, consistency, and reputation of public schools
- Que crezca la delincuencia,
- Que mi hijo regrese sin problema a casa despues de la escuela.
- RACE RELATIONS, OUR SCHOOLS JUDICIAL OPERATION
- Racial equality
- Racism
- RAPID GROWTH, TRAFFIC
- Rapid, thoughtless development and destruction of all vacant land.
- RE-ZONING OF MY ROOM BOYHOOD TO A DIFFERENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
- REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAX RATES ARE HIGH FOR SVCS. RECEIVED
- REAL ESTATE VALUE (HOME)
- Reasonable property taxes
- Recent property tax increase
- Rent costs, City ignoring and criminalizing homelessness, police do not help anyone and are only a source of fear for most people, corporations having control over multiple town/city councils and county commissioners, corrupt mayor, winston salem inc having winston salem control over city council, wake forest having control over winston salem city council
- Republicans

- Response
- Response times for ems
- Response to extreme weather events
- RETIRED, SO HOUSING, MEDICAL
- Rise in crime
- Rise of Crime/gang activity, loss of employers, homelessness
- Rise of scams and scam attempts posing as authority figures such as police officers
- RISING COST
- Rising cost of living including taxes and invisibility of city police
- RISING COSTS
- Rising costs in our retirement
- Rising crime, especiaally the increase in juvenile crime and mischief, rising property tax rates,more emphasis on economic development
- RISING NEED FOR HELP FOR FAMILIES IN FINANCIAL NEED.
- rising population
- rising taxes
- Road conditions
- Road conditions, gang behavior
- Road infrastructure with relation to the growth of population.
- road maintenance after an ice storm
- Roads have become dangerous- too many people
- ROADS, CAR TAXES-OUTRAGEOUS!
- Roads, safety
- ROADS, SEWER, WATER
- roads, water quality, open space
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- Safe and clean senior housing
- safe community
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- SAFETY - FIRE PROTECTION - LOW TAXES - ELECTRIC POWER STAYS ON!
- SAFETY - LOW CRIME
- SAFETY / LOW CRIME
- safety & wasted tax dollars
- SAFETY + AFFORD ABILITY - RENT IS VERY HIGH
- safety and crime
- Safety and crime rate AND state of public education/the school system
- Safety and economic growth
- Safety and education
- SAFETY AND HELPING THE UNHOUSED
- safety and high tax rate
- Safety and police visibility
- Safety and protection
- SAFETY AND RESPONSIVENESS
- Safety and security around my residence.
- Safety and Traffic in Kernersville increasing
- Safety and well being of ALL residents
- SAFETY AWARENESS ANIMAL CONTROL LACKING CONCERN
- Safety crime
- SAFETY CRIME/TAXES
- Safety for all members of our community.
- Safety for my family
- Safety for the elderly
- SAFETY FROM GANG RELATED ACTIVITY. PREVALENCE OF DRUGS
- SAFETY HEALTHCARE
- safety in public places
- SAFETY IN PUBLIC PLACES NEIGHBOURHOODS TRASH ON GROUND AREAS AROUND TOWN
- SAFETY NEED LOWER TAXES
- SAFETY OF CHILDREN
- SAFETY OF CITIZEN IMPROVEMENT OF SCHOOL SITUATION STRONG POLICE & SHERIFFS
- SAFETY OF COMMUNITY
- Safety of forsyth
- SAFETY ON STREETS DOWN TOWN
- SAFETY PARKING SITUATION DOWN TOWN
- SAFETY WITH GUNS AND WRECKLESS DRIVERS
- SAFETY-INCREASE OF CRIME
- Safety, crime, housing, jobs
- SAFETY, DRUGS
- Safety, education, property maintenance
- SAFETY, GANGS, PEOPLE RUNNING RED LIGHTS POTENTIAL FOR ACCIDENTS
- Safety, health care, animal laws being enforced (leash law, etc) and not bringing in too many expensive housing developments. We need more green space and homes for first time buyers if we're going to add houses. We have way too many expensive developments!

- SAFETY, HIGH PROPERTY TAXES
- Safety, Homelessness and Commercial Growth
- SAFETY, KEEPING LOW CRIME RATE
- Safety, overgrowth of the population, lack of concern for others within the county, excessive taxes, lack of quality education from K-12, lack of care for the school buildings & buildings being built in questionable environments
- SAFETY, PARKS/GREEN SPACE, LOW TAXES
- Safety, property tax increases
- safety, quality of life
- safety, road rage, affording to live here.
- safety, security, taxes
- Safety; behavior of Sheriff officers on the road; cleanliness of the county roads and overall environment; quality and upkeep of walking trails and outdoor parks.
- Safety.
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- sales and property taxes need to be reasonable and affordable to citizens, as well as sufficient to meet the county's needs and obligations
- School Board
- School board mismanagement of finances
- School budget
- School buses bulling in school need more activity for kids in school and out summer jobs and all.
- School financial mismanagement
- SCHOOL FUNDING & FISCAL MANAGEMENT
- School safety
- School shootings and adequate safety at schools
- School system
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- School system and safety
- SCHOOL SYSTEM BUDGET
- School system financial debacle
- school system for K - high school
- SCHOOL SYSTEMS SAFETY
- School violence
- Schools
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- Schools
- SCHOOLS & PUBLIC SAFETY
- SCHOOLS, TEACHER PAY AND RETENTION
- Security
- security and EMS
- seguridad

- Services for low income families and return of animal shelter to management by Humane Society to decrease number of animals euthanized.
- SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE
- Sheriff's office presents
- SHOOTINGS
- sidewalks and stray animals - I live in a senior community. Large unleashed dogs wander the property and scare residents - no response to calls
- Sky high taxes
- SNOW, ICE REMOVAL
- SO MANY NEW APARTMENTS
- social/economic values of upcoming generations (concern extends beyond Forsyth County)
- SPEEDERS, THIRD CARS, FAST-LAND MOTOR CYCLES
- Speeding , homeless issues
- SPEEDING AND AGGRESSIVE DRIVING ON SILAS CREEK PARKWAY
- spiraling property taxes.
- State politics
- STAYING SAFE
- STAYING SAFE IN MY HOME & WHEN OUT & ABOUT.
- STORM WATER RUN OFF CAUSING SIGNIFICANT PROPERTY EROSION
- STREET REPAIRS
- Sustainability principles for city planning
- TAX
- TAX AND HOUSING INCENTIVES FOR RETIREES
- TAX CONCERNS-HOME AND AUTO
- TAX HEIGHTS, SAFETY
- TAX INCREASES
- TAX INCREASES
- Tax increases and lower service levels
- Tax increases BEFORE eliminating handouts, incentives, and funding to all sorts of pet projects government (taxpayers) should never have to support. It never ends.
- TAX INCREASES ON PROPERTY ARE OUTRAGES!
- TAX RATE!
- Tax rates
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- Tax rates - my property taxes increased DRASTICALLY for a 1200 SF townhome, I pay nearly \$4000 in taxes.
- Tax rates too high and how you are spending our tax dollars. We can't continue to give money to every organization. We need to spend on safety, roads, education. Public property and communication. Private money should be raised for supplement to our arts, sports
- TAX rates, \$1000 increase over last year. We're retired and on a fixed income. Crime, more people more crime. Kids killing Kids. Too many apartments being built. More traffic. DA and judges soft on crime.
- Tax revenue drop

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- Taxes & safety
- Taxes and fiscal responsibility by the government.
- Taxes and inflated tax value for my home
- taxes and property reevaluation in the city
- Taxes and schools
- Taxes are too high and the county is not using the taxes appropriately
- Taxes are too high. My taxes doubled with no increase in services
- TAXES ARE WAY TOO HIGH - ROADS ARE HORRIBLE - CALL FOR A COMMISSIONER 14 MONTHS AGO & NEVER GOT A CARE BACK
- Taxes being raised yet again. We will be moving from Forsyth County if they continue to be raised. Life here has become unaffordable.
- Taxes going so high
- TAXES GOING UP AS INSURANCE RATES SKY ROCKET
- Taxes increasing
- TAXES NO NEED TO BE SO HIGH
- TAXES TO HIGH
- TAXES TOO HIGH
- Taxes too high for what we get
- taxes, schools, protection
- Taxes, taxes, taxes; bailing out the WSFCS system for mismanagement of budget; rising crime
- Taxes, Taxes, Taxes. value for taxes.

- Taxes,houses,Wages
- TAXES!! MORE THAN DOUBLE IN 5 YEARS!
- Taxes. The increase in property taxes is outrageous. If this survey results in further increases, we will be selling our home and moving out of this county. Property tax on a car is ridiculous. We are tired of paying high taxes. Everything has gone up in price except our pay checks. Citizens cannot continue to pay more for services. The police and sheriff offices & officers should be supported 100% and not reduced. They are very much needed and should be praised for their work and willingness to put their lives on the line. Stop with this DEI nonsense as it causes more division. Everyone matters. Lastly, a major concern is the influx of foreigners and illegal immigrants. I don't want them here. Living in America means assimilating to our culture and language not the other way around. Being here illegally is breaking the law.
- Taxes. Become too expensive
- Taxes. Police presence . Adequate housing
- TEEN CRIME
- That my tax dollars are going towards the police department and fire departments
- THAT SO MANY CRIMES INVOLVE GUNS.
- That the area can continue to grow, make sure that its citizens can live in the county affordably and not be overburdened with taxation, especially the elderly, haven't they already provided their fair share, cut them a break on property taxes, especially if they own their home outright
- That the businesses in downtown Winston-Salem will shut down due to paid parking and too high of building lease cost.
- That the parks and wildlife are taken care of.
- That the school district did not manage their costs. Did not review them, allowed monetary fraud, allowed the Superintendent and CFO to retire rather than being fired or disciplined. That the board and others were not aware of this mismanagement over the years.
- That we continue to elect quality officials for all departments of our county and city government.
- That we fall below other major cities in all areas. The amount of poverty our county now has.
- that we keep making good decisions for the community regarding growth, allocation of resources, anticipation of future needs
- THAT WE MIGHT LOSE THE MEDICAL SCHOOL TO CHARLOTTE & SCHOOLS ARE UNDERFUNDED.
- That we won't keep up with the changing times
- The amount of apartments being built in small residential areas.
- The amount of taxes we're paying while the city seems to be declining overall. We're paying some of the highest taxes in the state of NC. And for what? Where is that money even going? We're losing small, local businesses left and right, people are being priced out of their homes that they've owned for years, the city as a whole looks trashier than ever, the unhoused are forced out of any place they can find and given next to no resources to alleviate their issues. I WANT my money to go towards helping people. I WANT my money to go towards the Fire

Department's raises AND benefits. I WANT my money to help attract and KEEP local businesses around.

- The amount of trash on the roadsides throughout the county. Please focus on cleaning up this disgusting eyesore. It's embarrassing to the residents who have visitors and even they comment on the condition of the excessive trash on roadsides.
- The apparent disconnect between urban and rural elements of the county; we do not seem to see ourselves as a real grownup county with attendant concerns.
- THE CAST OF TAXES AND THE INCREASE IN MY UTILITY BILLS
- The conditions of the schools in my community (Ashley Academy) . The safety of the community from crimes. Also the homeless people need more services from sleeping on yhe streets . Lastly the building of the concert hall downtown is going to aide in problems if not under control.
- The congestion of people, the speeds of people driving, and loss of natural areas.
- The continuing fear experienced by immigrants to false incarceration and/or deportation which impacts local work force and loss of skilled labor for local businesses and farmers causing price increases and lost income. Families broken and separated because of such cruelty.
- THE CRIME
- The crime rate
- THE CRIME RATE, NO CASH BAIL-CRIMINALS BELONG IN JAIL OR IN THE GROUND SEE ABOVE
- The decline of public education, as well as the increase in homeless and the empty buildings/lack of growth in downtown Winston-Salem
- The education provided to the EMS and being sure to have competent team caring for loved one during transport to the hospital.
- The environment
- The EPA given more authority to enforce regulations and Code Enforcement to do their jobs.
- The excessive tax burden on home and property.The lack of accountability for School system funds. The useless spending on boondoggle projects around the city.The emphasis on DEI mandates and LGBTQ programs has gone too far.
- The failing school district.
- The failure to enforce laws concerning panhandlers
- the financial situation at WSFCS and how that impacts the next decade of public school education in our county
- The financial stability of our school systems, response times by the City of WS to clear our roads after the ice storm, how effectively are we using our tax dollars
- THE FRAUD IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM (MONEY PROBLEMS)
- The gross mismanagement of taxpayer dollars for pet-programs and initiatives that do not serve in the best or even expected interests of the constituents. Taxes go up with little to nothing to show for it other than reduced service quality and public value.
- The gross waste of tax dollars and the "it's not my money so I don't care" attitude of Forsyth County employees in general.
- The growing population of uneducated people who don't work and live on welfare

- The high level of taxation compared to the level and quality of services. I moved here from Nashville, TN expecting Winston-Salem to be more affordable and it is not; taxes are just as high, housing just as expensive.
- The high rate of undocumented aliens who have put a tremendous burden on our school system and entire county
- THE HOMELESS + HUNGRY CITIZENS
- The homeless camps
- THE HOMELESS POPULATION
- THE HOMELESS POPULATION. THEY NEED HELP NOT TO BE HARASSED BY COPS FOR NOT HAVING IT (I SAW THAT HAPPEN)
- The housing and the unfair treatment of different ethnic groups of ppeople here in Winston Salem by Law enforcement . Racial profiling especially .
- The income gap where too many folks are not paid a living wage with benefits and the issues that creates for the family and county.
- The incompetence of the County
- THE INCREASE AND 'NEW' TAXES EVEN YEAR ON SOMETHING ELSE
- The increasing presence of homeless camps and their debris across town, homeless individuals wandering the streets and panhandling, and the impact that has to our residents feeling comfortable and safe being out and about in WS/forsyth county
- The intersection ofLewisville-Clemmons Road and Village Point Drive!!!!
- The K-12 School System
- The K-12 school system, teacher salaries, affordable housing, respect for the unhoused.
- THE LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING/HEALTHCARE
- The lack of effort with in enforcing animal abuse, negligent laws and holding owners accountable.
- THE LACK OF PARENTAL CONTROL OF KIDS/DISRAELIAN
- THE NUMBER OF SPEEDY AND PEOPLE SMOKING WOOD WHILE DRIVE
- The quality of pavement on our road is poor and contributes to floods on the property, damaged to basements; there is a lack of drainage system at the end of Ivy Trace Ct in Clemmons NC; as the other areas are leveled due to increased construction, the lack of trees and wooded lots increases water flow from heavy rains in the wrong places.
- THE RAISING OF TAXES
- The rising costs of taxes
- The safety
- THE SAFETY OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
- THE SAME GOOD OLD BOY GOVT SHORT SIGNED NETWORK OF FRIENDS THAT CONTINUES
- The school district and the upkeep of their buildings and the increase in my property taxes every year.
- THE SCHOOL FINANCIAL CRISIS
- THE SCHOOL SYSTEM
- The school system and board's lack of transparency and accountability about the mismanaged money. Firing teachers to get their money back. The school board, financial office, and former superintendent should be held responsible and people should be able to

work in their schools without fear of being cut. Especially since the people who caused it still have jobs.

- The school system is in crisis over funding, job cuts, and also behavior of students. My son's middle school seems to do well. Other schools, especially high schools, seem to be overwhelmed.
- THE SCHOOL SYSTEM OVERFUND AND LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY/RESPONSIBILITY
- THE SCHOOLS AND STUDENT LEARNING
- The schools, the budget and handling of that has been atrocious
- The situation of our public schools. If my kids were younger, we would most likely attend private schools or move out of county. As a retired teacher, it's embarrassing and we are losing a lot of families to other school systems.
- THE SNOW REMOVAL WAS ABYSMAL
- The south side of Winston-Salem where I live, which is considered 27107. We paying very high property taxes with nothing to show for it. Yes, we have Winston lake, which is very beautiful, but that's it. There's about 25 old rundown, tire garage. Businesses, empty strip malls and fast food joints. I like to know what my taxes is paying for 2 years ago. I contacted the city to see if they can cut down a tree. At least cut it back because it's interfering with the property line. And they refuse to do it. So, what is my property taxes paying for the neighborhood? 's always dirty. There's trash in the streets, there's not even any grants offering in WinstonSalem to help folks to fix up their homes.
- The State not properly funding public education. Diverting public money to private and charter schools.
- The state of public education. The county could be a better advocate of this with the state legislators.
- THE STATE OF PUBLIC EDUCATION. TO START WITH, TEACHERS NEED TO EARN MORE MONEY + MORE RESPECT.
- The state of the public schools and the budget crisis
- The tax office coming after farmers and the open farmland of Forsyth county. They've only attempted to do this to me and 5 or 6 other farmers in my community.
- The terrible condition of the streets & roads in the city of Winston-Salem! I have to drive like a drunk to avoid hazards, especially sunken manhole covers.
- THE THREAT OF TEENS BRINGING WEAPONS TO SCHOOL
- The tremendous debt that was accumulated by Forsyth County Schools over the last few years, which led to severe cutbacks.
- THE UN HOUSED POPULATION
- THE UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE BEING HARASSED BY ICE.
- the wait in the Forsyth County Medical Center emergency room
- TO BE TREATED AS A EQUAL
- TONS OF NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT & NO PAGE/WALKING LANES
- TOO MANY APPARTMENT COMPLEXES BEING BUILT/BUILD HOUSES.
- TOO MANY CONDOS & APTS BEING BUILT
- Too many houses are being built.
- TOO MANY ILLEGALS RUNNING AROUND

- TOO MANY PEOPLE TO CONGESTED TOO MUCH GROWTH
- TOO MUCH CRIME. TYPES AND AFFORDABILITY OF HOUSING. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
- Too much growth and crime
- TOO MUCH UNNECESSARY CONSTRUCTION THAT DOESN'T BENEFIT LOCAL RESIDENTS AND MAY DAMAGE THE ENVIRONMENT.
- TRAFFIC IN WINSTON-SALEM
- Traffic
- Traffic
- TRAFFIC
- TRAFFIC AND BUILDING EVERYWHERE
- traffic and overbuilding in Clemmons
- Traffic congestion is getting worse
- Traffic Control. Excessive speeding. Racing on Union Cross Road. Daily Flagrant and dangerous Red Light Violations all over the city..
- Traffic enforcement seems non existent. I do not feel safe on our roads with the level of speeding, reckless driving, running red lights and fake tags. I almost never see enforcement and the only time I do it is on 421 near Clemmons and I think the city streets need greater priority.
- TRAFFIC ISSUES - CONGESTION/GENERAL RECKLESS DRIVING
- Traffic law enforcement
- TRAFFIC NOISE, SAFETY
- Traffic on secondary roads are unpredictable or overcrowded during certain hours.
- TRAFFIC ROAD CONDITIONS
- TRAFFIC SPEEDERS
- TRAFFIC-CRIME
- TRAFFIC, UNSAFE INTERSECTION W/O STOP LIGHTS, BIKERS PEDESTRIANS IN ROADWAY, SCHOOLS SAFETY FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
- Transparency and accountability in school leadership
- TRANSPORTATION I DON'T DRIVE - NEED BUS SERVICES HERE
- TRASH EVERY WHERE!! ROADS TO SMALL FOR GROWING NEIGHBOURHOODS, BAD ROADS CONDITION
- Trash pickup in public spaces and along roads
- TREAT EVERYONE FAIR
- Tshed
- UNCONTROLLED COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
- uncontrolled growth
- UNCONTROLLED GROWTH
- Uncontrolled or poorly planned growth. We don't need to compete with Charlotte. Just the opposite.
- Under-funding of schools, under-funding of animal control, interference in election access by state and federal government
- Unfair property taxes!
- Unregulated growth without community input

- UNRESPONSIVENESS OF SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES IN RURAL FORSYTH CO. 1 AM NOT IMPRESSED.
- UNRESTRICTED BUILDING & CROWDED ROADS
- Urban sprawl
- URBANIZATION ARE THE LOOS OF NATURAL SPACE
- VALUE OF MY HOME DUE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT
- Violent crimes
- VOTING ACCESS
- Walkability
- Want a safe city with good green spaces, lots of recreation opportunities, and wonderful places for seniors to enjoy their retirement
- WASTE & FRAUD
- Waste of tax money
- WAY THE CURRENT STATE LEGISLATORS ENACT LAWS; GERRYMANDERING
- WE NEED ON OVERHAUL ON HOW PROPERTY TAXES ARE CALCULATED
- Welcoming, friendly nature of personnel
- Well trained, well equipped law enforcement, peace and safety
- Where the **** all my taxes went? How the **** did you all lose almost \$50 million dollars to the detriment of my children and the children of this county. Then you have the audacity to increase our taxes upwards of 30%. You are the most corrupt group of people I have ever seen in a city that's not even that big! To top it all off you crimes getting worse, your spending money on programs that do nothing for tax paying working class citizens
- Why those who live within the WS City Limits pay Forsyth County Taxes, why are we double taxed?
- Wildfires
- WORSENING HOMELESS CAMPS AND PANHANDLERS
- Wrongful prosecution of innocent people / police corruption.
- WS/FC Schools and the lack of services for my EC child
- WSFCS are dangerous and underfunded and mismanaged
- WSFCS K-12 EDUCATION/SCHOOL SYSTEM!!!
- ZONING
- Zoning violations that are not addressed..

Question 30: What do you perceive to be the BIGGEST THREAT to quality of life in Forsyth County?

- 1 IN HOUSING/BUSINESS WITHOUT APPROPRIATE INFRASTRUCTURE
- 1) disaster preparedness 2)fiscal management 3)inadequate infrastructure 4)lack of direct rail access
- 3rd places where people can gather and be a community
- Absence of police from communities.
- access to affordability of housing
- Access to quality education
- Affordability

- Affordability
- Affordability, or lack thereof.
- affordability.
- Affordability/ cost of living crushing people
- Affordable housing
- Affordable housing
- Affordable housing and jobs for young people
- Affordable housing and low wages
- Affordable housing and traffic congestion
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING COST/RENT ALL INCREASING WHILE INCOME IS STAGNANT/FIXED
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR MIDDLE TO LOW INCOME FAMILIES & INDIVIDUALS
- Affordable housing.
- Again crime, traffic and traffic violations
- Again, the crime rate
- Again, uncontrolled growth
- Aggressive pan handlers
- AIR POLLUTION
- All of the same things as above. We need people to stand up for Winston Salem-the community overall, as well as the schools and fight back. Stand up for the people here. It's worth it. Prices on everything seem to be going up and it is becoming harder and harder to make it. We love Winston Salem and our home and our community. Taxes on our houses have gone up in a huge, unbelievable way, gas (heat) prices have gone up, electricity prices have gone up (and are possibly going up again soon), post office prices are increasing at an unprecedented rate, gas (car) prices are going up, food and restaurant prices are going up, car taxes are going up...and I am sure I missed many others. They are going up at a rate that is not sustainable. People are struggling. As an educator, my pay has not increased for years, since there is a freeze in our county for educators with 15-25 years experience. That makes no sense. All of the issues with the school board/district misallocation and millions of dollars and the negative impact on the school system. I am a parent of a school age child and an educator with 21 years experience. It's scary, overwhelming, and sad. We love Winston Salem, it's our home and our community. Taxes have gone up, gas (heat) prices have gone up, electricity prices have gone up and are going up again soon possible, post office prices are increasing at an unprecedented rate, gas (car) prices are going up, food and restaurant prices are going up, car taxes are going up..
- All the gangs and guns.
- ALLOWING BUSINESSES TO OPERATE IN NEIGHBOURHOODS
- ALLOWING DESTRUCTIVE AND UNSAFE ACTS TO GO WITHOUT PUNISHMENT
- Allowing developers to build densely populated developments without requiring them to invest in updating the existing traffic infrastructure.
- Allowing illegal immigrants in having a church home to go to in this county with criminal backgrounds
- Allowing the developers cram a house on 1/8 and acre. Go back to 1/4 acre. Give residents some breathing room.

- ALWAYS CRIME AND SHOOTINGS
- AN INCREASE IN CRIME WOULD BE VERY NEGATIVE
- Any gang or illicit drug activity.
- Availability of jobs
- Balancing gentrification with advancing housing availability and affordability while keeping the city modern and appealing to new residents and business opportunities. Also the risk of cooperation with ICE and other "overenthusiastic" law enforcement.
- Being annexed
- BEING OUT PRICED NOT BEING ABLE TO AFFORD LIVING
- Bigotry
- BIGOTRY
- Bigotry. (Keep ICE out. Take care of the poor. Celebrate PRIDE. Keep DEI in schools.)
- BREAKING
- Building homes to close together in new developments
- Building too much
- BUILDINGS BUILT/STRUCTURES LEAVING NO PLACE FOR WILDLIFE - DEER ETC./HIGH PRICES OF EVERYTHING
- Bus station
- Business expansion, data center interest, growth for growth's sake
- Businesses being ran from their homes and code enforcement not enforcing the laws.
- Businesses pulling out of the area causing our home owners taxes to rise too much.
- Can't think of any!
- CARBON COMMISSIONS
- Children not being raised with morals.
- City/county planning for new areas; see #31 above.
- CLEANLINESS
- Commercial sprawl
- COMMON ACTIVITY
- Compared to many others parts of the United States and urban areas, this is a beautiful, safe place to live. Providing for those people with lesser income is important.
- CONCERN FOR OTHERS
- CONGESTION
- Continued inequities for black/brown citizens; WSFCS leadership incompetence and inequities
- Continuing rise in crime in certain areas
- CONTROL PRICES, AND COST OF LIVING
- corporate control driving gentrification and causing people leave their homes
- Corporate greed (especially the lack of taxes paid by big corporations)
- Corrupt government, horrible schools
- Cost of housing / living
- cost of living
- Cost of living
- Cost of living
- Cost of living

- [illegible]

- [illegible]

- CRIME
- CRIME
- CRIME
- CRIME
- CRIME (JUVENILE & GANG), LACK OF MENTAL HEALTH
- CRIME & CRAZY DRIVERS
- CRIME & EDUCATION
- Crime & Safety
- CRIME & SAFETY
- Crime & uncontrolled growth
- Crime and citizenship as a American.
- Crime and criminals.
- Crime and drugs
- Crime and government leaders greed
- crime and higher taxes
- Crime and lack of support for EMS, fire and police by the county. More of each are needed but the county doesn't pay far wages.
- Crime and over development
- Crime and people that just break law and nothing done to them.
- Crime and prices
- Crime and removal of natural landscapes to add apartments and housing
- crime and safety
- Crime and taxes
- Crime and Taxes
- Crime and waste of tax dollars
- Crime associated with homelessness, failure of the federal government to provide safety net for our most vulnerable citizens, including immigrants who contribute to our success
- CRIME BV YOUTHS
- CRIME IN OUT OF CONTROL
- crime rate
- crime rate
- CRIME RATE
- Crime rate & increasing homelessness
- Crime rate increase
- Crime rates
- Crime related to people in desperate situations with mental health issues and homeless
- CRIME SAFETY
- CRIME-GUNS
- Crime, and government mismanagement of funds.
- CRIME, GANGS, YOUNG PEOPLE NOT CARING ABOUT OTHERS AND STEALING AND UP TO NO GOOD SALEM GARDENS COLE RD AREAS
- Crime, homelessness
- CRIME, HOUSING, MENTAL HEALTH HOMELESSNESS

- Crime, illegals
- CRIME, INCREASING HOUSING COSTS, COST OF LIVING
- crime, lack of businesses, concerns about school system
- Crime, loss of farmland
- crime, no job promotion, homelessness
- CRIME, NOT ENOUGH SHERIFFS IN AND AROUND NEIGHBOURHOODS
- Crime, open drug use, no enforcement of codes and ordinances leading to less than desired appearance of local/rural communities
- CRIME, SPEEDING CARS ON NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS, LACK OF LAW ENFORCE OFFICERS HIM VIEW OR TRYING TO CONTROL SPEEDING CARS
- Crime, such as assaults, thief. disrespect and discrimination
- crime, taxes
- CRIME, TAXES TOO HIGH. POOR K-12 EDUCATION (PUBLIC).
- Crime, unmanaged/removal of homeless camps.
- crime, vandalism
- Crime.
- Crime. Lack of jobs. People that beg all over the county
- CRIME/DRUG/HOMELESS POPULATION
- Crime/drugs
- CRIME/NOT ENOUGH POLICE OFFICERS & NEED MORE MONEY TO TEACHERS.
- Crime/safety
- Crimes
- CRIMES COMMITTED - CONSTANT TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS
- CRIMES RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH & HOMELESSNESS.
- criminal element increasing - personal safety in public areas
- CRIMINAL ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS/GANGS/DEI INITIATIVES
- CrimpG
- CROSSING THE STREETS AT WALK
- Crowding, increased taxes
- CROWDING, TRAFFIC
- Crowds and traffic
- Currently County and City focusing on the building up of Wake Forest University & Affiliates. They are one of the largest Real Estate Holders in the City / County, however they are not paying their share in Property Taxes due to their tax status. They have communities of homes and duplexes, but not contributing towards Property Taxes. They are receiving same services too!
- Cuts in social services
- CUTTING OUR SERVICES TO THOSE IN WOOD
- Data center moving in
- DECEITFUL POLITICIANS, COMMISSIONERS, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS.
- DECLINE IN QUALITY OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
- Decline of jobs that will allow families to have a living wage and good standard of living.
- declining public services

- DECLINING QUALITY OF SCHOOLS
- Declining Winston Salem, crime
- DEI
- DEI
- DEI & DEMOCRAT POLICIES
- DEI and apathy
- DEI initiatives
- DEI initiatives and poor money management
- DEI practices
- Demonizing immigrants
- Descontrol en la limpieza de nieve en las calles.
- deteriorating infrastructure
- Deterioration of public education due to lack of investment in teachers and public infrastructure.
- Deterioration of public schools
- DEVELOPERS CLARITY LAND FOR OVERPRICED HOUSES
- DEVELOPERS W/INTEREST IN ONLY MAKING MONEY
- Development driving taxes up as well as causing congestion thus loosing it charm and appeal to live peacefully
- DHS (ICE, CBP, FLOCK AND OTHER ANTI-DEMOCRACY AI SYSTEMS)
- Discrimination, marginalization, ICE, loss of Constitutional rights
- Diversity, equity, and inclusion programs and LGBT in schools.
- Divisive attitudes
- DO NOT KNOW.
- Domestic and foreign terrorism
- Donald Trump
- DOWNTOWN-HAVE TO PAY TO PARK ANYWHERE-AND BY PHONE APP.
- Driving in poorly managed traffic
- Driving issues and drivers Driving while impaired
- drought and hot weather
- Drug crimes
- Drug related crimes
- Drug use
- DRUG USE
- Drugs
- Drugs
- Drugs
- DRUGS
- DRUGS
- DRUGS
- DRUGS (TEEN AGES GANGS)
- drugs & crime
- DRUGS ON THE STREETS

- DUKE ENERGY-NO MAINTENANCE OF EASEMENT SITES)
- DUKE POWER RUNNING UNCHECKED, NO CONTROL
- EASY LIFE
- economic downturn
- Economic inequality and instability.
- ECONOMIC SHIFT - COMPANIES MOVING ONT.
- Economic uncertainty.
- Economy
- Economy
- ECONOMY AND CRIME
- Education
- EDUCATION 15-12 SCHOOL BOARD
- employment
- employment opportunities.
- EMPLOYMENT, AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- Ensuring adequate job opportunities, quality of public education & keeping reasonable housing costs
- Environmental changes
- Environmental ignorance, air and water quality must be improved
- Environmental issues. Intelligent planning of roads, and giving permits to build when it should be limited due to accessibility
- Environmental issuesclean air and water. Being under attack or under foreign occupation.
- Environmental threats due to construction and housing developments and highways
- Everything being privatized. No longer run by county
- EXCESSIVE DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH
- Excessive growth
- Excessive growth without public transportation planning
- Excessive industrialization
- EXCESSIVE ROAD NOISE ON MY STREET (EBERT)
- Excessive taxation and cost of living for families will force families to leave. Example- the cost of electric, natural gas, cable or internet services.
- Expensive. People will leave for more affordable
- FAILURE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- Failure to address the County's poor standing in upward mobility, i.e., the isolation of "pockets" of low-income neighborhoods from county-wide educational and vocational opportunities.
- Failure to be willing to spend money on the RIGHT THINGS.
- FAILURE TO PRESERVE GREENSPACES, TREES AND PARKS
- Failure to stay abreast of our rapidly changing life. Technology, environment, healthcare, educational needs, and relationships with other countries are out of sync with our current system.
- falling behind in pedestrian and biking paths that appeal to citizens of all ages.
- falta de control de conductores sin licencia y manejo con maniobras peligrosas

- Far right wing politics
- FAST DRIVING-WALL ARE NOT NASCAR DRIVERS LOCK OF SIDEWALKS NOT ENOUGH FULL OFFS ON ROADS.
- FEDERAL GOVERNMENT & FINDING FOR SOCIAL SERVICES
- Fewer tax dollars to support the level of service we've come to expect
- Folks can't afford to stay in their current homes
- Food deserts
- Food Insecurity, lack of entry level jobs, mental health resources available in outlying communities, homelessness, income disparity, more on the top tier and less for the lower tier
- forced annexation and homeless people
- fraud
- Gang activity
- Gang crime
- Gang violence.
- GANGES, MEMBER'S HOMELESS PEOPLE
- Gangs
- GANGS
- GANGS
- GANGS
- Gangs and related crimes
- GANGS IN THE COMMUNITY
- gangs, taxes
- GAS PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION
- General crime involving homes
- Gerrymandered elections supressing the voice of the majority
- GETTING KILLED
- GETTING TOO BIG & TOO DEVELOPED!
- GOOD QUALITY EDUCATION IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS HAS DECLINED.
- GOP/MAGA
- GOVERNMENT HOUSING IN ALL NEIGHBOURHOODS.
- Government mismanagement.
- GOVERNMENTAL VIEWS THAT DO NOT LINE UP WITH MY WAY OF LIFE
- GROWING CRIME A HOMELESS PEOPLE
- Growing crime rates, terrible public schools. Very expensive housing/tax rates for little return
- Growing too fast
- Growing too fast.
- growth faster than infrastructure can handle
- Growth of Diverse employment opportunities
- Growth without corresponding infrastructure improvements
- GUN SAFETY
- Gun violence
- Gunfire
- Guns

- GUNS
- Guns in schools
- Guns, Unsupervised teenagers
- HABITAT LOSS-LOWERED QUALITY OF LIFE-UNCLEAN AIR, WATER LAND.
- Hate and greed
- HAVING HOMES FOR LOVE INCOME
- Health care cost, property taxes and utilities cost.
- HEALTHCARE, PARTICULARLY MENTAL HEALTH
- HIGH COST OF LIVING
- HIGH COST OF LIVING; TOO MANY GUNS ON THE STREETS!!!
- High crime rates
- HIGH CRIME RATES
- High density and congestion creating housing crisis and strain on services.
- high property taxes
- HIGH PROPERTY TAXES
- HIGH REAL ESTATE TAXES
- High Tax rate and poor education No children were held back that didn't honestly pass a grade. Our ranking is embarrassing
- high taxes
- High taxes
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- HIGH TAXES
- HIGH TAXES
- High taxes, crime
- HIGH TAXES, LOW SERVICES
- HIGH TAXES, PRICES, GAS
- High taxes; county leadership not adequately addressing the poor business environment that had led many employers to close or leave this area; BOE and county leadership still not acknowledging the lingering damage of the budget crisis -- I can't imagine anyone with school-aged children wanting to live or move here.
- His agenda does not match the culture of rural hall.
- HOME INNOVATION
- Home invasion familiarity
- Homeless
- Homeless population
- Homeless population.
- Homeless. Whatever money that is spent is not solving problems. A good part of the city looks like a ghetto.
- Homelessness
- Homelessness

- Homelessness
- Homelessness
- Homelessness in downtown
- Housing
- HOUSING
- HOUSING
- Housing accessibility
- Housing affordability
- HOUSING AFFORDABILITY (RENT RATES)
- Housing and living wages.
- Housing cost
- HOUSING COST
- Housing cost increases
- housing costs
- Housing costs, tax rates
- housing market
- Housing opportunities
- Housing prices
- HOUSING PRICES
- Housing prices and availability
- HOUSING-LIVING WISE
- HUNGER NEAT HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS
- I don't know to much
- I hear of unsupervised teens being problems. I do not want to see data centers built in the area.
- I think the biggest problem with the county currently is perception, they see the school system and its financial woes and the sheriffs department with their issues with over spending, raise the sales tax rate so we can fully fund these services since the state is clearly never going to fully fund schools anymore
- I WAS BITTEN BY A DOG IN HATHAWAY PARK
- Ice agents
- if property taxes get too expensive
- If safety went down or crime went up, that would be a threat. Need to make sure we have housing and social supports for those who need it.
- ILLEGAL ALIENS FLOODING THE SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, TAKING, JOBS, VIOLENCE, AND THEN RECOMMENDS PREFERENCE TREATMENT
- Illegal citizens, Higher Property taxes, Driver's without car insurance, Homeless People
- Illegal Imagrents
- Illegal immigrants
- Illegal immigrants
- Illegal immigrants committing crimes and taking away services from citizens.
- Illegal immigrants using county resources and overcrowding schools.
- Illegal immigrarion

- Illegal immigration, demographic decline
- Illegal immigration,backfiring cars
- illegals
- Illegals
- ILLEGALS AND GANGs, drugs
- illegals committing crime. illegals in our schools,
- Illegals.
- Imagrants
- IMMIGRATION
- IMMIGRATION-UNVENTED
- Immigration. From other states and definitely other countries
- IN ADEQUATE ROADS
- Inability of local governments to articulate a plan (land use, recruitment, etc) to attract environmentally sustainable business to the area.
- Inaccessible outdoor spaces, trails, and paths (due to several factors, including above mentioned homeless presence, as well as physical barriers)
- Inadequate budget for first responders
- Inadequate funding for schools and public spaces
- Income disparity
- INCOMPACT COUNTY MANAGEMENT
- incompetent politicians
- Increase in crime and homelessness
- INCREASE IN ILLEGALS
- INCREASE IN POPULATION AND MINIMAL ACTIVITY
- increase in taxes
- INCREASE IN TAXES, POOR JOB OUTLOOK, CRIME
- INCREASE IN THE COST OF LIVING.
- Increase in Traffic
- Increase of crime. Proper urban planning to avoid so many forests being leveled and displacement of wild life. Increase of cost of living.
- Increased cost of living
- Increased crime
- Increased population density with apartments and small residential lot size.
- Increased taxes
- Increased traffic and a dysfunctional public school system
- Increased traffic and congestion
- INCREASING CRIME
- increasing crime especially by young people downtown
- INCREASING CRIME RATES
- Increasing homeless population
- INCREASING POVERTY & EFFECTS HOMELESSNESS, HUNGER
- Increasing tax rates, worsening road conditions
- Incremento en el costo de vivienda y servicios.

- Increased congestion, very concerned about the continuation of the beltway (do not want it)
- Indifference to those in need, homeless, low income and elderly.
- INDISCRIMINATE SPRAWL & DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT PLANNING FOR IMPACT.
- inequality
- Inequality in education, poor education resources, lack of affordable housing
- inflation
- Inflation
- INFLATION
- INFLUX OF IMMIGRANTS-BOTH LEGAL AND ILLEGAL
- INFLUX OF NON WORKERS DEMANDING GOVERNMENTAL ASSISTANCE
- Job availability, School system
- JOB/INDUSTRY CREATION
- Jobs, housing, public education
- K-12 education
- K-12 EDUCATION
- K-12 EDUCATION CURRENT STATUS IS A DETRIMENT.
- K-12 education system budgetary struggles, not only on the impact to multiple generations of children regarding quality of education, but also the fact that the shortfall is influencing philanthropic giving to other nonprofit affiliations that depend on this type of funding. It is a silent story that people are giving to the school system but it is hurting other organizations in the county. In some cases it might mean that these programs are discontinued.
- K-12 EDUCATION/WSFCS
- KEEPING CRIMINALS OFF OUR STREET ST OUT OF ONE NEIGHBOURHOODS
- KNOWING WHERE TO GET SERVICES (HEALTH)
- LACK OF A GOOD QUALITY EDUCATION IN OUR SCHOOLS.
- Lack of a growing business sector
- LACK OF ACCESS TO RESOURCES
- Lack of accountability by those in charge of our \$ (schools most publicly of late, but in all areas of our infrastructure),
- Lack of accountability in school leadership
- LACK OF ACTIVITY TO UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE IN RESPONSE TO ADMISTRATION POLICE.
- Lack of affordability leading to homelessness etc
- Lack of affordable housing
- LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- lack of affordable housing and poor quality public schools
- Lack of affordable housing, job opportunities
- Lack of affordable housing, safety from violence
- LACK OF ATTEND ON TO PHYSICAL APPEARANCE OF PUBLIC SPACES, ESP STREETS
- LACK OF BIKE PATHS. SHOULD HAVE A SYSTEM THAT CONNECTS W-S K VILLE, ABOVE HIGH PART
- Lack of businesses in cities
- Lack of communication.

- Lack of consistent application of the letter of the law, enforcement
- Lack of definitive governmental plan for land use and greenspaces
- Lack of economic opportunities for working-class and middle-class households.
- Lack of education funding and adequate public school safety
- LACK OF EDUCATION, FOOD, HOUSING
- Lack of employment opportunities, cultural divisions, cost of living
- LACK OF EMPLOYMENT, HIGH COST OF LIVING
- LACK OF ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY CITY TOWN PLANNING
- lack of good paying jobs
- lack of growth in housing and work opportunities
- lack of growth, safety issues, and homeless living in our open spaces/wooded areas
- LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE
- Lack of innovation of businesses, cultural programming or infrastructure. Everything ends up in Greensboro.
- Lack of job growth and economic growth in the city. Several companies have left the area and with it, good paying jobs. This county also makes it very hard for small businesses to open and thrive. We need to be supported local talented and small businesses why more than we are. Several places have closed Downtown recently and the city does not seem to be addressing these issues. I work remotely for a company based in Raleigh. If it were not for remote work, I would have to leave Winston.
- Lack of jobs for recent college graduates
- Lack of mental health support
- LACK OF MORE ENTERTAINMENT FOR TEENS.
- Lack of planning
- LACK OF PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDS LACK OF LOW-INCOME HOUSING.
- Lack of public transportation options
- Lack of quality and equitable education and housing.
- lack of quality jobs
- Lack of safety in the literal sense of the word (our per capita crime rates are abysmal) and the ability to start, grow and support new and existing businesses in this area. The cost of living benefit is eroding, but the quality and safety of life isn't improving.
- Lack of services/solutions for homeless and jobless populations
- Lack of social mobility / lack of economic opportunity
- Lack of support services
- lack of things to do
- Lack of traffic enforcement. The longer it goes on, the worse people get making things increasingly more dangerous
- Lack of transparency, accountability and funding
- Lack of visionaries.
- Lack of well paying jobs outside of health care;
- lack of well-paying jobs and the desire of young adults to remain living in this county
- LADE OF A STRONG SCHOOL SYSTEM AND GOOD JOBS
- LAKH OF ACCESS TO VOTING\OBSTACLES & EXCLUSION TO VOTING SITES

- Land use
- Large Increase in my taxes
- LAW BREAKERS' IN ALL AREAS OF THAT RESIDENCY!
- Leadership of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school system
- Letting quality of education slip further
- LIBERAL COUNCIL
- LIGHTING BEING IN YOUR EYES, BAD AIR QUALITY NEAR CITIES
- Living conditions/Homeless
- LOCK OF INDUSTRY TO ATTRACT NEW PEOPLES
- Los accidentes de autos
- Losing large businesses
- Losing our mix of rural character, the potential erosion of community support as a place to enjoy the arts, and the competition for intellectual talent to further our goals as a center for scientific and medical innovation
- LOSING PRODUCTIVE RESIDENTS DUE TO IMMIGRATION POLITICS
- Losing the small town feel
- Loss of affordable housing
- Loss of businesses
- loss of farmland
- Loss of green spaces to commercial activity
- LOSS OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES
- loss of jobs
- Loss of key employers in the county
- Loss of large employers
- Loss of students in our public school system
- LOUD VEHICLES WITH MODIFIED MUFFLERS
- low cost housing, immigration services
- LOW CRIME
- Low emphasis on public education
- LOW LITERACY RATE
- LOW PAYING JOBS - NO GROWTH!
- Low-income housing
- Lower median income. Job effects of AI. Tax base diminished by large not for profit healthcare facilities
- MAGA
- Medical
- MEDICAL HELP
- MINIMUM OR NO ENFORCEMENT OF TRAFFIC LAWS
- Minimum wage
- Mismanagement of resources
- Money mismanagement in Winston-Salem resulting in higher taxes plus the high cost of food and housing
- more drugs coming in to the county - traffic

- MORE FACTORIES
- MORE HEALTH CORE
- MORE HOMELESS LOOKING FOR HANDOUTS/OVER BUILDING
- Most things getting too expensive
- Need to improve the quality of public transportation, needs to be safe for all residents.
- NEW GANG ACTIVITY
- NEW HOUSING DEVELOPERS BUILDING CRAPPY HOMES
- No
- NO COMMENTS
- NO NEW BUSINESSES
- no opinion
- No safety net / hard to access services for people who are struggling impacts public safety
- NO SMALL FARMS
- NO SNOW PLOWING (OR VERY LITTLE ON STONEBRIDGE & NO LIGHT AT COUNTY CLUB/STONEBRIDGE
- NOISE
- NOISE FROM CARS LOUD RADIOS AND MUFFLERS AT NIGHT ESPECIALLY SPEED IN 25TH ST.
- NOISE POLLUTION
- NONE
- Not affordable for seniors
- Not attracting new business
- NOT BEING ABLE TO STAY IN MY HOME BECAUSE OF RISING COSTS
- Not being progressive enough to attract young talent
- Not controlling growth and forcing developers to pay fair share in new developments
- Not enough affordable quality housing that doesn't reflect jailhouse environment.
- NOT ENOUGH HOUSING (AFFORDABLE)
- Not enough medical staff
- NOT ENOUGH POLICE OFFICERS
- not follow the law especially road laws
- NOT GOOD & SAFETY HELP IN ALL PROFESSIONAL AREAS
- not having clean, safe water
- Not maintaining high standards for construction. Not adhering to local codes. there are several folks' in my neighborhood that have construction without permits. Zoning violations.
- NOT PROTECTING ITS CITIZENS.
- Not sure.
- OUR SCHOOLS AND OUR CHILDREN.
- Out of control development of undeveloped land
- OUT OF CONTROL GROWTH TO RURAL AREAS
- Over building
- OVER BUILDING OF NEW HOUSING/PARKING IN DOWNTOWN WINSTON SAFETY
- OVER BUILDINGS WITHOUT A GOOD MASTER PLAN
- OVER CROWDING/TRAFFIC
- Over development

- OVER DEVELOPMENT
- OVER DEVELOPMENT & DISTRACTION OF TREES NATURE
- Over expansion
- Over growth, urban sprawl, poor planning, outdated and over used infrastructure. Not every square foot of space needs a building on it. Each of these create environments where safety and security are compromised. Cost of living/taxes increasing due to people moving from higher cost of living areas to our lower cost of living market making it hard for exiting home owners to keep what they have. My property evaluation went up more than what I paid to build my house. When my 84 year old neighbor who lives in a 4000 square foot home wanted to down size and found out it would cost more than what they paid to build their home she decided to stay. If we continue in the way we are going, we will be just like any other over grown urban community. A good example of urban sprawl is the redevelopment of the intersection of Burke Mill and Griffith Road. The closing of Meyers Grocery and redeveloping that area as a large convenience store instead of mixed use. The Growth Plan is useless when politicians see tax dollars instead of protecting home owners. Politicians are great at making problems worse and expecting the state to fix the problems they create. Example overloading existing infrastructure.
- Over population
- over population of fast food restaurants
- OVER POPULATION TRAFFIC ISSUES
- Over reach of Winston Salem city government
- OVER USE OF RESOURCES-LAND, WATER, ENERGY
- Over-commercialization. While I am a proponent of having businesses and allowing growth to happen, I also think it is the role of government to manage growth and be proactive in how land is developed and managed.
- over-development
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- overcrowding
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- Overcrowding / proper urban planning for growth
- Overcrowding, crime
- Overdevelopment
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- OVERDEVELOPMENT
- Overdevelopment and destruction of open spaces because of Poor zoning.
- Overdevelopment, lack of respect
- Overgrowth
- Overpopulation
- OVERSPENDING, HIGH TAXES, POOR SCHOOLS CRUMBLING INFRASTRUCTURE
- PARENTS HAVING LITTLE OR NO CONTROL OVER THEIR CHILDREN.
- People

- PEOPLE CAN'T AFFORD HOUSING, TAXES, GAS, GROCERIES, MEDICAL CARE, ETC UTILITIES WATER
- People don't want to move to Winston, they have to for work for family. Greensboro gets better attractions, shopping, restaurants, but is a subpar city. There is also nearly zero daycare options in this town. It is not a place young people or people with young children want to move. Companies are returning to office and Winston does not have many options. The city is also very segregated. What is Winston doing to attract people of color? I live in a lower upper class area and it is all white- why would a person of color pick Winston over ATL, CLT, Richmond, Raleigh?
- PEOPLE LOOKING OUT FOR EACH OTHER
- People not able to pay taxes on their income
- PEOPLE NOT CONTROLLING THEIR PITBULLS
- People who do not have a license to drive, no insurance, and can't read English.
- People who have and people who don't have money, power, and influence.
- PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO RESPECT IN AT LEAST
- PHIL BERGER (IF ELECTED AGAIN AND ELIMINATES PROPERTY TAX)
- Planning board approving anything a developer thinks of. Results in too many apartments, too many similar retail stores, unattractive development. Losing the area's rural quality. Much of it seems like there isn't a plan. Or the long range plan is ignored.
- polarization of different groups (that is true all over the country)
- police corruption
- POLITICAL DIVISION/NOT BEING ABLE TO PULL TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY
- Political divisiveness
- Political divisiveness
- POLITICAL ISSUES
- political pressure to reduce tax rates, which results in a lower budget to provide public services
- Political schemes, high taxes, illegal immigrants
- Politicians
- Politicians, and taxes
- Politicians.
- POLITICS & A VERY DIVIDED COMMUNITY
- Politics invading our schools and libraries.
- Politics leading to violence
- Pollution and lack of fresh food / groceries
- Pollution and noise from so much traffic coming thru my community
- Poor crisis planning
- POOR EDUCATION
- Poor education leading to higher crime rate.
- Poor Education system
- POOR EMS RESPONSE TIME
- Poor infrastructure for population growth (e.g. traffic, parking etc.)
- poor public education

- Poor public education
- POOR PUBLIC EDUCATION
- Poor roads and road congestion
- POOR SCHOOL SYSTEM
- POOR SCHOOLING SYSTEMS
- POPULATION
- Population growth
- POPULATION GROWTH
- POPULATION GROWTH WITHOUT INVESTMENT IN TRANSIT & WALKABILITY, INCREASING TRAFFIC
- Possible increase in crime and safety issues.
- Potholes and poor quality roads and lack of sidewalks and crosswalks on high traffic roads
- Poverty
- POVERTY & BAD SCHOOLS, EDUCATION FIXES GENERATIONAL POVERTY
- Poverty and lack of opportunity
- Poverty. Inability for one born in poverty to move up the economic ladder
- Price and inflation, with all the homes being built are huge homes and I liked Walkertown for the small or build the size you want homes, stairs are an issue for elderly and disabled in those big homes. We dont need that much room to take care of along with ourselves.
- PROBABLY DRUGS
- Property tax increases
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- Property tax increases and corruption in the school board
- Property tax, traffic congestion in Clemmons
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- Property taxes levied on old folks living on Social Security
- proposed data center
- PROTECTION OF PROPERTY FROM EROSION AND CRIME.
- Public education
- Public education / teachers union
- Public education and the fact that they spent money they did not have. Not aware of any person/persons being held accountable. Looking to the tax payers for more money vs fixing the education system. I believe you need to consolidate/close schools. Treat the educational system like a business that has enforceable KPI's and is profitable.
- PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING/ACCOUNTABILITY FOR SAFETY OF CHILDREN
- Public education- school system
- Public funding is directed to already developed area instead of underdeveloped area
- public safety
- Public safety (crime)
- PUBLIC SAFETY-TOTAL DISREGARD/IGNORANCE OF TRAFFIC LAW

- public school collapse
- Public schools
- Public schools....poor quality will be a hindrance to attracting talent for jobs
- Quality and availability of Housing
- QUALITY OF EDUCATION, COST OF LIVING
- Quality of public schools.
- quality of the schools
- Racism
- Racism
- Racism and MAGA
- RAGISM!
- RAISE OF TAXES, ELECTRICITY CRIME
- Raising costs of everything and lack of good employment opportunities. This increases disenfranchisement, which leads to greater social issues.
- Rampant development and lack of infrastructure to support it
- Rapid growth beyond infrastructure
- Rapid population growth
- Rapid, thoughtless development and destruction of all vacant land.
- RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE (ICONS), HOMELESSNESS.
- Red lining
- Reduction of corporate headquarters and especially health system headquarters present and the resulting reduction of attention and benefits to a community that ensue.
- REFUSAL TO AD EQUALLY FUND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- Rent Increases from Non local Owners, pricing Fixed income Long time residents Out. Affordable went to Unaffordable in our neighborhoods. There's nowhere to go but out. At least higher prices get quality housing in different City. Not patched up housing going 3 times what your rent was last year. Pay or Move is a Bullying Tactic.
- Republican agendas putting party before people.
- Republican efforts to undermine constitutional and individuals' rights
- Republican led congress and POTUS
- Republican Party
- Republicans
- REPUTATION OF FISCAL MANAGEMENT MAKES COMMUNITY LESS ATTRACTIVE
- Retreat from downtown
- RISING COST
- rising cost of living
- Rising crime, particularly among young people who don't appear to be supervised
- RISING CRIMS
- Rising home and rental prices
- Rising housing cost and lack of higher paying jobs.
- Rising taxes
- ROAD CONDITIONS
- ROADS EXTREMELY BUSY ALL NIGHT DAY

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- Safety , of course , the crime in the rundown condition of the neighborhood
- Safety and Cleanliness of neighborhoods (neighbors yards)
- safety and cost of living
- Safety and crime
- safety and high tax rate
- SAFETY COST OF LIVING TAX INCREASE
- SAFETY CRIME/TAXES
- SAFETY HOME BREAK IN AND PROPERTY SECURITY
- SAFETY HOUSING DISCRIMINATION
- safety in public places
- SAFETY IN PUBLIC SPACES
- SAFETY OF CHILDREN
- Safety- in my mid to upper class neighborhood we had a drive by shooting. This county is getting out of control. It feels like you are not safe anywhere anymore.
- Safety, Cleanliness, Infrastructure
- Safety, cost of living, overgrowth of area
- Safety, gangs, and homelessness
- Safety, homeless population
- SAFETY, LESS VIOLENCE.
- Safety! For this to be a mid-sized town it's scary to be out at night after dark.
- SAME AS #29
- Same as #31
- SAME AS ABOVE
- SAME AS ABOVE-CRIME

- SANCTUARY COUNTY PERCEPTION
- SCAMMING
- School board
- SCHOOL SHOULD HAVE MORE CONTROL DISCIPLINE
- School system
- School System
- School system and crime
- Schools
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- Schools, low wages/lack of job opportunity
- Security
- SEE #29
- Seniors able to afford to live with the increase of real estate taxes
- Sewage
- SHERIFF OFFICES PUTTING ILLEGALS UNDER WHITE GROUPS INSTEAD OF HISPANICS
- Shootings
- SHOOTINGS
- SHOOTINGS & CRIME OCCURRING IN PUBLIC AREAS
- Shortage of health care for the elder citizens of FORSYTH County
- SINGLE OUT PEOPLE BECAUSE THE COLOR OF SKIN
- SO MANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS WITH NOT ENOUGH INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT THE GROWTH
- So many rentals and not enough homes being purchased
- SOCIAL SERVICES NEEDED
- SOCIAL SPENDING
- Socioeconomic inequality
- SPEEDING
- Spending money on private schools instead of public schools.
- Sprawl
- stagnant wages
- State politics
- stray animals
- Substantial cost of living and affordability
- Tax rates driving people out of Forsyth Co and lowering available income for the county
- Tax rates increase inside the city of Winston-Salem
- TAX SALES TAX BIKES
- TAX TO HIGH - EDUCATION VERY POOR.
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- Taxes and crime
- Taxes and duke energy
- Taxes and safety
- Taxes and services delivery
- taxes are incredibly high
- Taxes forcing mortgage rates up and pricing people out of the community. I'm a teacher working on last year's pay rate because of the state, so I can't keep handling increases.
- TAXES GETS TO HIGH.
- TAXES GOING UP
- TAXES GOING UP, HOUSING NOT AFFORDABLE
- taxes increases, poor public schools, over development
- TAXES, CRIME, OVER CROWDING
- Taxes, spending
- Taxes,houses,Wages
- taxes,housing (lack of)
- Teen-age gangs and downtown parking fees (which are ridiculous and could kill downtown business)
- TEENAGERS CARRYING GUNS
- The biggest threat is someone with a mental crisis meltdown.
- The biggest threat to quality of life in Forsyth County is the lack of response to the public schools and investing there.
- The constant waste of money on more facilities that dont benefit things. The lack of backbone to hold builders of housing accountable for the damage they do. The over construction of the area. We need to keep the balance of rural and metropolitan, at the moment the metro is the only thing being prioritized. Tax rates are skyrocketing, wasted spending from the gvt is covered up and dismissed, and the COMMUNITY suffers.
- The continuing fear experienced by immigrants to false incarceration and/or deportation which impacts local work force and loss of skilled labor for local businesses and farmers causing price increases and lost income. Families broken and separated because of such cruelty.

- THE COST OF EVERYTHING GOING UP.
- THE COST OF LIVING LACK OF COUNTY HELP/CARE IN RADICALIZED/JUNKY AREAS. DRUG ADDICTS.
- The crime rate and the crumbling of emergency services
- The decline of the school system
- The economy and job loss resulting in lower tax revenue during times of higher revenue needs. The county needs to manage financial resources responsibly.
- The education system not being able to balance and regulate their budget.
- The education/funding problem we're having with WSFCS. Low education rates=high crime rates
- THE GOMES UP & UP
- The growing wealth gap
- THE HIGH COST OF HOUSING
- The homeless camps
- The idea that there has to be some sort of building, development, or cement slab on every available parcel, simply to increase the tax base.
- The incompetence of the County
- THE INCREASE AND NEW TAXES EVERY YEAR ON SOMETHING ELSE
- The increased property tax
- The intersection of Lewisville-Clemmons Road and Village Point Drive!!!!
- The issues with the school system
- The lack of decent paying jobs. If we aren't bringing in the jobs, families will leave. Right now WSFCS is predicting a decline of 1,500 students in their schools. This impacts numbers of teachers and other positions. You have to ask yourself, where are these families going? Probably Guilford County, who is actively recruiting businesses. If we don't work to bring in businesses, we are going to end up like Binghamton, NY or Encicott, NY when IBM left. (Google it). A lack of nice park system. We have the space, but they are just okay. The best one, Tanglewood, costs \$2 to get in and use the playgrounds and picnic shelters. There are few places to run long distances safely.
- The lack of resources for public education
- THE LIMITED ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITY
- The local biotech jobs market
- THE LOSS OF PRIMARY FORESTS.
- The number of republicans that live here
- the overall economy and how it will impact us
- The overall economy.
- The people acting in the government leading, increased crime, unaffordable housing (more houses on smaller lots and duplex style housing is not the fix for this)
- The planning board and county commissioners.
- the possibility of "woke" actions taking place in Forsyth County decisions
- The poverty level in the county and the seemingly endless cycle within the family units.
- The public school system no longer attracting families to the area
- The racial profiling and unfair housing

- The ranking of the school system not only affects our children/grandchildren but also the willingness of new families moving into the community.
- The recent fiscal meltdown at WSFCS and its long-term effects on attracting qualified educators to the county.
- The rise of fascism in the country is an existential threat to us all
- The sad state of public education causing fewer businesses to move here leading to a decline in overall quality of life.
- THE SAFETY OF PEOPLE
- THE SCHOOL ISSUE
- The school system is imploding due to lack of accountability and responsibility. I'm a teacher here, I love what I do. But the way our school board and offices handled this has pushed people to do home and private schools. We need to protect our public schools, students, and employees.
- The schools not being able to educate children because they must bend to the woke.
- THE STATE OF PUBLIC EDUCATION.
- the trend of employing AI, eliminating human input and replacing it with a machine I've been to over 50 countries and most states, in my life
- THE WAY HOMELESS BAG ON STREET CORNERS
- THIEVES (ON-LINE & REAL LIFE)
- THINGS ARE GOING TO BECOME TOO EXPENSIVE, AND KEEPING CRIME RATE DOWN
- TO MAKE POOR DECISIONS ABOUT GROWTH BUDGETS.
- Too much growth, too fast, without thought to if it's what's actually needed. Progress for progress sake is not what is needed. We need progress that is actually needed, not just what's done so that we can say we have it.
- TOO MUCH TRAFFIC
- TOO EXPENSIVE
- TOO MANY BIG COMPANIES MOVING IN CAUSING TRAFFIC/HOUSING CONCERNS
- Too many bonds and taxes are high. No one thinks about giving citizens a break from fees and taxes. Why do you make us pay high property taxes
- TOO MANY BUILDINGS GOING UP TAKING UP ALL FOREST
- too many immigrants
- Too many outdoor businesses operating in communities. There are business districts for a reason.
- Too many people and additional crime
- Too many people coming in with not enough resources
- Too many people. Too many houses being built. Leave some trees/land untouched.
- TOO MANY SOURCES OF RECREATIONAL WATERS ARE INACCESSIBLE FOR SWIMMING. IT'S NOT ALLOWED BECAUSE LAKE IS DANGEROUS WITH ALL THE MOTOR BOATS
- Too much growth that would impact roads and housing
- too much growth, too fast without enough planning and infrastructure
- TOO MUCH WASTE
- traffic
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- Traffic and affordability
- Traffic congestion
- Traffic congestion
- Traffic growth and affordable housing
- Traffic in Kernersville, speeding
- TRAFFIC ON 40
- TRAFFIC, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT W/POOR INFRASTRUCTURE FOR POPULATION INCREASES, POOR MANAGEMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT
- traffic, crime
- TRAFFIC, PEOPLE MANY HERE.
- Traffic; excessive building.
- TRANS SYSTEM-EQUALITY OF ROADS, CRIME
- trump & his minions
- TRUMP-OUR RESIDENT OF US
- Unaccountable federal government
- Unaddressed crime and homelessness issues. Forsyth County's selling point is quality of life, employers will not choose here if the perception is that Forsyth is crime-ridden or dirty.
- Unaffordability, especially for the elderly--in housing, utilities like gas and electricity, as well as internet service and telephone service, and general inflation, (gas, groceries, etc.).
- UNAFFORDABLE HOUSING
- Unchecked development and destruction of habitats
- Uncontrolled homeless population, cost of living (housing costs) spiraling out of control
- Uncontrolled or poorly planned growth. Let's stop thinking big and start thinking small and local.
- Underfunded schools, It will detract from attracting new businesses and residents
- Understaffed county departments that might not meet residents' needs
- UNEDUCATED CITIZENS
- UNEDUCATED YOUNG ADULTS W/NO JOB OR INTEREST GETTING JOB
- UNFAIR PROPERTY TAX INCREASES FOR OLDER HOMES.
- Unfair property taxes!
- Unhoused situation and what is underneath it.
- Unmanaged growth
- Unplanned sprawl development
- Unregulated, carelessly planned growth

- UNSAFE DOWNTOWN EVEN IT AFTER DARK
- Unsupervised juveniles
- Urban creep
- Urban sprawl
- URBAN SPRAWL
- use of Forsyth County tax dollars
- Utility services not being able to keep up with growth
- VIOLENCE
- VIOLENCE
- VOTING RESTRICTIONS
- Wages to attract more educated individuals and the performance on 3rd grade to 12th grades on NC testing.
- waste of tax payers money
- water and air pollution from industry
- Water/sewer rates and property taxes
- WATER/SEWER SYSTEM TRILLING/LAND LOSS TO DEVELOPMENT
- We have food, housing, and internet insecurity/scarcity when there should be little to none with the combined wealth of our county.
- Weak governing; fear of being decisive leaders
- WEATHER (HATE ITS HOT WEATHER.)
- Wildfires
- WINTER ROAD KEPT CLEAN AT SNOW, ICE
- woke social agendas that take away from our freedoms from a false sense of virtue
- WSFC School issues
- YOUNG ADULTS BEING LAWLESS AND RECKLESS/NEED TO ENFORCE STRICTER CORRECT
- Youth crime
- youth gangs
- YOUTH LAWLESSNESS IN PUBLIC GATHERINGS
- Youth vilence
- YOUTH VIOLENCE
- zoning
- Zoning -- we have communities making poor decisions about where they allow businesses to locate. Example, the storage building at the corner of Clemmons Road and Lewisville Clemmons. That location should be the heart of the Clemmons community. That building makes it seem quite different. An unfortunate decision. Similarly, planning for communities seems rather haphazard without considerable to where streets should go or what traffic flow will be when building large housing tracts..

Question 31: What is the BEST thing about living in Forsyth County?

- 1-MY FAMILY LIVES HERE. 2-MOST PEOPLE ARE KIND & HELPFUL HERE!
- 4 HOURS FROM THE COASTAL BEACHES!
- 4 seasons of weather
- A BEAUTIFUL CITY-FRIENDS NEARBY

- A EMPTY LOT NEXT DOOR
- A good mix of things to do without being oppressively big.
- A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS TO DO
- A small city with many things to do
- A very pretty area
- Access to medical care
- ACCESS
- ACCESS ABILITY TO EVERYTHING OF MY NEEDS.
- Access for health services
- Access to all Amenities and also being near the country side
- Access to all the things I enjoy and need.
- ACCESS TO ENTERTAINMENT, RESTAURANTS
- ACCESS TO EVERYTHING W/O BIG CITY BRANT
- Access to great healthcare
- Access to health care
- Access to health care and local farm meat and produce
- access to health care options
- Access to health care, cultural opportunities, easily accessible to our children by car and air.
- Access to healthcare
- ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE
- Access to healthcare & parks
- ACCESS TO HEATHER CARE, SHOPPING, RESTAURANTS
- ACCESS TO MANY GOOD THINGS-CLOSE TO BEACH MOUNTAIN
- Access to many health care, higher education, and the arts
- Access to many parks libraries and community events
- Access to medical care, work
- Access to medical facilities/doctors
- access to modern conveniences while still rural
- Access to natural resources
- Access to parks, restaurants, entertainment
- Access to recreational facilities, location within the state of NC (access to beaches and mountains), community engagement
- Access to restaurants, events without living near a big city
- ACCESSABILITY TO MOUNTAINS, COAST, OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES.
- Accessibility
- Accessibility of everything
- ACCESSIBILITY TO ARTS AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
- Accessibility to everything
- Accessibility to parks and outdoor amenities
- ACCESSIBILITY TO PARKS, LIBRARIES, SHOPPING, FARMFOOD
- Accessibility, a lot of things available to do, many colleges near by
- Advantages of small city living without disadvantages of large city living.
- affordability

- Affordability
- Affordability
- AFFORDABILITY
- AFFORDABILITY
- Affordability - compared to surrounding Counties
- Affordability and ease of access to metropolitan level services.
- Affordability.
- affordable
- Affordable
- Affordability
- ALWAYS BEEN MY HOME
- AMENITIES
- Amenities, shopping and getting most anywhere in 15 mins. Great restaurants are also plentiful, for which we should be very lucky.
- Anything from farm land to city life
- Area
- arguably a really good quality of life (parks, entertainment, community) for the overhead and complication of living here
- Arts
- ARTS
- ARTS
- ARTS
- ARTS & CULTURE, OUTDOOR SPACES, NOT TOO MUCH TRAFFIC.
- arts and cultural opportunities
- Arts and cultural opportunities
- Arts and culture
- Arts focus
- ARTS, CLEAN STREETS
- Arts, entertainment, sports, live music and the breweries
- Arts, parks, small town feel with big city amenities
- ARTS; WEATHER, MODERATE TAXES
- As of right now , I can't think of anything
- ATRIVM HEALTH - FAMILY MEMBERS
- Attraction
- AVAILABILITY
- availability of healthcare
- Availability of excellent medical care, a variety of outdoor parks and adequate choices of places to shop.
- availability of healthcare and restaurants
- Availability of housing
- availability of medical care
- Availability of parks and walking trails
- Availability of services and entertainment

- AVAILABILITY TO SERVICES
- available healthcare facilities
- Away from city life
- balance
- BALANCE
- Balance of cost of living, access to outdoor spaces/amenities/activities/culture/other interesting places for visiting, ease of mobility
- Balance of work and life
- BASICALLY A MAGNIFICENT PLACE TO LIVE
- BEAUTIFUL AND SAFE
- beautiful county with access to the small city
- Beautiful open space
- Beautiful weather and place, calm and peaceful
- Beautiful, diverse, accessible
- Beauty
- BEAUTY AND PEACEFULNESS
- Being close to medical facilities. Being in a city that has a small town feeling to it.
- Being close to my family
- BEING IN K'VILLE ONE CAN GET ANY WHERE EARLY
- Being near my family
- Being overtaxed
- being safe
- Besides a few friends still in the area, nothing at this point and we're planning to move after being her for over 30 years. It's very disappointing the direction the area has taken & especially with safety, lack of bicycle greenway growth, lack of nice shopping/restaurant options and the taxes are way too high!!!
- Best of big and small town living
- BIG CITY FEEL-FOR THE MOST PART VERY FRIENDLY THE ACTS.
- Big enough and not too big
- Big enough to have many Medical, shopping and dining/ entertainment options; but small enough to be easy to navigate and feel like home'.
- Blend of city and rural
- BLEND OF CITY VS COUNTY LIVING.
- Blend of city vs. rural
- BORN AND RAISED HERE
- Born and raised in Forsyth
- BORN HERE, AL ENJOY BEING ABLE TO GET TO WHERE WANT TO GO.
- By providing this survey, the county is indicating that it is interested in improving areas and services for the county's residents,- to make the county a more-liveable place to work, be educated, play, find affordable housing, find excellent healthcare, and feel safe.
- CAN ACCESS ANY COMMUNITY IN 15 MINUTES ON LESS
- Can't really say at this time
- Can't think of anything

- CARING CITIZENS CLIMATE CLEANLINESS
- Central access to other communities and areas that have more to offer.
- Central location
- CENTRAL LOCATION IN NC & QUALITY OF LIFE
- Central location in the state
- CENTRALLY LOCATED
- CENTRALLY LOCATED IN THE STATE. STILL NOT A BIG CITY
- CHANGE OF SEASONS!
- CHIP LIFE
- church
- Church
- CHURCH I GO TO
- Churches
- CITY FEEL WITH RURAL AREAS
- City/ country life
- Clean
- Cleanliness
- cleanliness of the streets, parks, outdoor environments
- climate
- climate
- Climate
- Climate
- CLIMATE
- CLIMATE & LORRAIN
- close proximity to my needs
- Close to a lot of great recreational opportunities
- close to everything
- CLOSE TO EVERYTHING
- CLOSE TO EVERYTHING I NEED
- Close to family
- Close to family
- Close to family
- CLOSE TO FAMILY
- CLOSE TO FAMILY
- Close to family and reasonable cost of living
- Close to family, enjoying the usage of parks
- Close to family, work I enjoy
- Close to friend and family and familiarity with the city.
- Close to friends & family, size of city / traffic, accessibility to the things I need / am interested in, small businesses / city culture
- Close to friends and family
- Close to King

- CLOSE TO MANY THINGS - CITY COUNTRY RECREATION CULTURAL EVENTS BEACH MOUNTAINS
- Close to medical
- CLOSE TO MEDICAL CENTERS, GROWTH OF JOBS
- CLOSE TO MEDICAL SERVICES
- CLOSE TO MEDICAL SERVICES, & LOOK
- Close to mountains. Good climate overall. Safety
- Close to my family
- Close to my family & friends
- Close to my job.
- Close to relatives
- CLOSE TO RESOURCES.
- Close to the resources we need
- Closeness to services and arts
- combo of rural and urban areas so close to shopping and good medical facilities
- Communities are well established and frequent community events
- community
- community
- community
- Community
- Community
- Community
- COMMUNITY
- COMMUNITY AMONG NEIGHBOURS.
- COMMUNITY EASE OF LIVING
- COMMUNITY FEELING
- Community involvement
- Community spirit, small town feel in a bigger city
- CONFIDENCE
- convenience
- Convenience
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- CONVENIENCE
- Convenience of hospitals
- Convenience of necessities
- CONVENIENCE OF SERVICES IN

- Convenience of shops, hospitals, highways.
- CONVENIENCE TO ALL THE NECESSITIES THAT I NEED
- CONVENIENCE TO EVERYTHING
- Convenience to grocery store, Costco, Healthcare services, and Tanglewood Park
- CONVENIENCE TO HEALTHCARE & STORES
- Convenience to what I require
- convenience to work and family
- CONVENIENCE W/HIGH WAY
- convenience, access to health care, As a care giver being close to medical care is great. I have friends that live in out lying counties that drive an hour for a doctors appointment.
- Convenience, low traffic
- Conveniences of a city and lifestyle of a rural area
- CONVENIENT TO SHOPPING AND GROCERY STORE
- Convenient to the mountains and the beaches
- Convience
- Convience
- Cost of living
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- COST OF LIVING
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- COST OF LIVING
- COST OF LIVING AND GREAT PLACE TO RAISE FAMILY
- COST OF LIVING AND PROXIMITY
- cost of living and proximity to outstanding health care, esp. by hospitals
- cost of living, local theater, libraries
- Cost of living, nice geographical environment
- COSTE-CLIMATE
- Country living, small not so conjested
- Country Side communities and rural environment
- County Commissioners and staff that listen and act.
- CULTURAL
- CULTURAL ACTIVITIES (SYMPHONY, CONCERTS, MUSEUM, ETC)
- cultural amenities, including those connected to colleges & universities
- Cultural diversity and recreational opportunities
- Cultural experiences

- cultural offerings
- Cultural opportunities
- Cultural Opportunities and Availability of Shopping Facilities
- Culture
- CULTURE
- CULTURE
- Culture of community
- CULTURE OPPORTUNITIES & PARKS
- Culture, Community and Cost of Living
- Currently not much. Probably my commute to work.
- Disenfranchised people
- DIVERSE ACTIVITIES
- DIVERSE TEMPERATURES AND WEATHER
- Diversity
- Diversity
- Diversity
- Diversity and amenities
- DIVERSITY OF CULTURAL RECOGNITION
- Diversity of living, working and recreational opportunities and low vehicular congestion
- Diversity of population and diversity of options for work and recreational. Position between mountains and beaches. Access to nearby airports.
- Diversity of residents
- Diversity of the residents.
- DIVERSITY, ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES
- Diversity, culture, entertainment, opportunity
- Diversity, there is always something to do. The people are friendly & helpful when needed. And it's just a beautiful county overall.
- DOCTOR AND EVERYTHING IS CLOSE BY.
- Don't know.
- Downtown
- DOWNTOWN
- Downtown crime at night
- Driving to work to another county.
- Ease
- EASE OF 'GETTING AROUND' BY CAR
- ease of access
- Ease of access to commercial services, except for downtown
- ease of access to most stores and schools.
- Ease of access to most things
- Ease of accessing necessary services.
- Ease of living
- EASE OF TRAVEL
- Easy access to arts, dining, culture, entertainment, and recreation

- Easy access to entertainment
- EASY ACCESS TO EVERYTHING (FOOD, SHOPPING, CHARACTER, PARKS)
- EASY ACCESS TO MEDICAL SERVICES. POLICE PROTECTION
- Easy access to work with reasonable taxes
- easy accessibility of everything and low traffic
- Easy living
- EASY PLEASANT SAFE, WING
- EASY TO GET AROUND
- Easy to get around town
- EASY TO GET AROUND. CLOSE TOO MAJOR ROADS.
- EASY TO GET TO STORES.
- Easy to navigate
- easy to travel
- Easy to travel around different parts/decent traffic flow, excellent arts opportunities, availability of walkable parks
- EDUCATION (K-12)
- EMS HAS HELPED ME MANY TIMES; WEATHER
- Enjoying the seasons
- entertainment
- ENVIRONMENT GREEN SPACES & ARTS
- Established community with educational, cultural and health care services
- Even though the population has grown, it still feels like a small community.
- Everything is close to where I live
- everything is close; no traffic
- Everything that is not the government
- Everything we need is available and close by
- EXCELLENT SERVICE & PERSONAL SERVICE
- Fairly safe community for kids
- Familiarity
- Familiarity. That's it and fading fast. Not much to do in this City anymore
- family
- family
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- FAMILY
- FAMILY

- FAMILY
- FAMILY & FRIENDS
- Family and cultural life
- family and friends
- Family is here
- FAMILY LIFE. SPORTS & CULTURAL EVENTS EASY TO GO TO.
- FAMILY ONLY
- Family shopping and medical
- Family, Church, Friends, Work.
- Family, entertainment, medical services availability, parks, shops.
- FAMILY, FRIENDS TO NEIGHBORS
- Family/friends; parks and libraries; cultural opportunities
- Farm land
- FC IS MULTI CULTURAL AND A SAFE PLACE DOWNTOWN.
- FEEL SAFE IN COMMUNITY HAS LIFE ESSENTIALS LOCALLY
- FEEL SAFE LIVING HERE
- feeling of community
- FEELING OF FAMILY ATMOSPHERE AVAILABILITY
- FEELING SAFE SECURE IN MY HOME
- Feels like home.
- food stores and other mega stores for shopping for items needed for everyday living and health care.
- FOR THE MOST PART ITS A QUITE PLACE TO LINE
- Forsyth County is populated by wonderful people diverse in race, culture, and religion, but more similar than different in our humanity as observed and stated by the late resident, Maya Angelou.
- FREEDOM FOR PEOPLE
- FRESH AIR - HISTORICAL BUILDINGS LOW CRIME - NATURE (PLANTS, ANIMALS, TREES)
- Friendliness if it's citizens
- Friendly interaction with neighbors
- FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS - HEALTH CARE
- Friendly people
- Friendly people
- Friendly people
- FRIENDLY PEOPLE & SCENERY
- FRIENDLY PEOPLE, CITY WORKERS WHO CARE & COUNTY WORKERS
- FRIENDLY, FAMILY ATMOSPHERE
- Friends
- FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS
- Friends and family are here, nice without being a huge city
- FROM NYE 72 YEARS OF AGE BEING LIVING HERE 2 1/2 YEARS
- fun events in Winston Salem
- General quality of life

- Genuinely compassionate residents, particularly public service, educational, and healthcare workers, who work for the safety and health of the population, and to maintain environmental quality.
- GET TO KNOW NEIGHBORS; PEOPLE ARE FRIENDLY
- Good cost of living, low traffic, close to lots of good attractions
- GOOD EDUCATION, ENTERTAINMENT, AND GOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES
- Good healthcare
- Good kind people
- Good law enforcement personnel
- GOOD LIFE
- good medical and WS has some good facilities to go to.
- GOOD MEDICAL CARE + WFY + NCSA + PARKS.
- GOOD MEDICAL CARE; FRIENDLY PEOPLE
- good people
- Good people
- Good people.
- Good quality medical care
- Good quality of life
- GOOD QUALITY OF LIFE TO RAISE CHILDREN
- GOOD QUESTION.
- Good traffic
- GREAT HISTORY AND GROWTH/EASY GOING BUT FAST PASS
- Great parks
- GREAT PARKS AND HOUSING
- Great place to raise a family
- Great place to raise a family
- Great quality of life here
- GREAT RESTAURANTS, LITTLE TRAFFIC, GREEN SPACES PARKS
- Great suburban area to live
- GREATLY FRIENDLY CHURCHES
- Green Space
- Green spaces
- Green spaces & trees
- Greenspace
- GREW UP IN ADJUSTING COUNTY
- Growing Downtown!
- Has all I need, but nothing is too far away to get to in under 30 minutes
- HAS THE NECESSARY COMMUNION AND SMALL TOWN REL.
- Having a church home to go to going to the park with family visiting the mountains on vacation
- HAVING A HOUSE
- HAVING ACCESS TO ABOUT ANYTHING YOU CAN NEED.

- Having lived here for 40 years, we were able to experience a simpler Forsyth County and can appreciate improvements such as the improved medical facilities. We see dedicated folks trying to push to advance solutions that would make life better for the community and subsectors living here.
- health cae
- health care
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- Health care access
- Health care access, public library, activities for retirees
- Health care and higher efucstion
- Health Care Availability
- HEALTH CARE, EASY TO GET AROUND
- HEALTH CARE, THE ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT & THE BEAUTY OF THE AREA
- HEALTH SERVICES, SHOPPING AREAS (CLOSE TO HOME)
- Healthcare
- Healthcare access and affordable housing.
- HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE
- HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE (FLOWERS)
- HISTORY
- HISTORY OF LIVING HERE FOR 40 YEARS
- Hiways are Nice, overall well organized and pleasant area. Good mix of people and for the most part whole area is well kept up and people are overall friendly.
- Hospital
- HOSPITAL (WAKE)
- housing
- HOUSING LACK OF TRAFFIC REGISTRATION
- Housing prices
- Housing value & good neighbors
- HOUSING, PEOPLE TRANSPORTATION AFFORDABILITY
- HOW MUCH THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE AND IS IN TEXT
- I AM 4 HOURS FROM THE BEACH & 4 HOURS TO THE MOUNTAINS
- I am near my children and grandchildren.
- I am not in the city of Winston-Salem.
- I AM VERY CLOSE TO MY HUSBAND.
- I don't have any answers for that. I miss the old Forsyth county. People were friendly. I'm in Kernersville and don't hardly recognize it anymore.
- I dont know
- I FEEL SAFE
- I feel that Forsyth County representatives try to keep the people happy.
- I have lived here for 70 years , it is Home , until I go Home for good!
- I JUST HAVE W-S / FORSYTH CITY BEEN HERE MY WHOLE LIFE.

- I like small city
- I like the atmosphere of Forsyth County. Traffic is easy to navigate. Proximity to services I need.
- I like the fact that it is geographically in a wonderful area, only a few hours from the mountains and the coast, I also like the fact that the region is reasonably affordable
- I LIKE WHERE I LIVE BECAUSE EVERYTHING IS CLOSE.
- I LIVE IN A GRANT NEIGHBORHOOD
- I live in Kernersville. Very good police department that keeps the community safe
- In my case, it feels safe, high availability of activities for older adults
- I think Winston-Salem is a nice size city
- I'm fortunate to own my home but housing is horrific for renters.
- I've been to over 50 countries and most states in my life...now I'm relaxing
- IT HAS EVERYTHING A PENSIONER NEEDS FROM MEDICAL TO CULTURAL EVENTS AND EASY TO GET AROUND
- It has grown and invested in its buildings/technology. It is a beautiful place.
- It is a good mix of both city and rural living.
- It is a great place to live with great cultural and community assets, and it is relatively easy to get from one side of the county to the other. This allows people to be able to feel a part of the place and make be connected.
- It is absolutely beautiful here and the availability of services and things to do is phenomenal, especially since in general the traffic is not a problem
- It is easy to get around, there are lots of parks
- It is home.
- IT IS LIBRANT & CLINICAL-BETWEEN MOUNTAIN THE SEA
- IT IS MY HOME WITH GOOD FRIENDS AND REASONABLE COST OF LIVING
- It is populated enough to have medical, educational, recreational and entertainment options without being crowded, high-density, "big city" living.
- It is still a small community.
- It just feels comfortable and relatively safe
- It still has a community feel. We continue to spread our emphasis to many different areas so that all the needs of the county are met.
- IT USED TO BE GOOD BUT NOW ITS QUESTIONABLE
- IT WAS PEACEFUL LIVING
- IT WAS THE LOW TAXES BUT NOT ANYMORE
- It was the people until this influx of foreigners.
- It's a good place to live, work, and raise a family with access to other areas of the state without the urban sprawl, traffic, and unregulated growth of other urban areas like Charlotte or the Triangle.
- It's beautiful
- IT'S BEEN MY HOME MOST ALL MY LIFE.
- It's cool I like the housing
- It's country and city all in one
- It's home

- It's home
- IT'S HOME
- IT'S HOME
- IT'S HOME, ALL YOU NEED IS CLOSE BY.
- It's home!
- It's home! Resurgent downtown area. Good parks
- It's location
- It's not Guilford County or Charlotte
- It's not New Jersey
- It's peaceful where I want it to be and busy where I'd like it to be (aka downtown)
- It's quiet and clean
- It's reasonably easy to get around.
- It's still relatively a small city (compared to Charlotte, Raleigh, etc.)
- It's very lush and green
- ITS A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE.
- ITS AN AWESOME PLACE TO LIVES, I LOVE EVERYTHING ABOUT IT.
- ITS EASY TO LIVE HERE.
- Its outdoor beauty
- Its the cheapest biggest county close to the Pilot Mountain, Hanging Rock, and the Appalachian Mountains
- Job
- JUST ANOTHER PLACE TO LIFE
- Kernersville
- Kind community
- Kind people
- La ciudad es tranquila.
- la tranquilidad
- LACK & CONGESTION
- Lack of congestion, traffic
- LACK OF TRAFFIC
- LACK OF TRAFFIC CONGESTION, COST OF LIVING
- LAID BACK
- Land
- LARGE CITY, BUT NOT EXTREMELY LARGE
- large enough to provide diversity of services and experiences, small enough that these services and experiences are easily accessible
- Large number of locally-owned businesses, especially restaurants and farms
- Less crime than in some areas in Nc.
- LIGHT TRAFFIC, AFFORDABILITY
- LIVED IN FORSYTH CO ALL MY YEARS
- LIVING BESIDE A WORKING FARM
- LIVING GORE TO A PARK
- LOCAL AMENITIES FOR CULTURE, RECREATION & EXCELLENT HEALTHCARE

- Local restaurants
- Local veterans benefits
- Location
- Location
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- LOCATION
- Location - close to mountains, easy access to beaches
- LOCATION (NOT TOO FAR FROM THE OCEAN & THE MOUNTAINS) & GREAT PARKS.
- LOCATION & PROXIMITY TO SERVICES
- location and access to other parts of the State and other states to visit
- location and accessibility to different landscapes and experiences
- Location and convenience
- Location and Variety of Services
- Location geographically
- location itself
- Location of schools, health care and shopping.
- Location to other areas
- Location, and safety
- Location!
- Lots of places to eat out
- LOVE THE PEOPLE.
- Lovely area to live in
- Low cost for living
- Low cost of living
- LOW COST OF LIVING
- LOW COST OF LIVING
- LOW COST OF LIVING UNDER RELATIVELY SAFE CONDITIONS.
- Low cost of living, low traffic, easy to get to Charlotte, the beach, and the mountains
- LOW CRIME
- Low crime in Kernersville and access to health care
- LOW CRIME RATE

- LOW CRIME RATES
- LOW EASY IT 13 TO GET AROUND
- Low taxes
- Low taxes, low crime
- Low traffic
- LOW TRAFFIC
- Low traffic congestion, easy access to green spaces
- LOW TRAFFIC CONGESTION, TAXES
- Low traffic volume
- Low traffic volumes, convenience to many businesses and restaurants.
- Low volume of traffic. The highways are maintained and designed to rarely ever encounter congestion.
- Lower cost of living and safety
- LOWER TAX RATE COMPARED TO GUILFORD COUNTY
- Lower tax rates and lower crime than other counties.
- Lower taxes, a solid arts district. I enjoy attending plays at the Winston Salem Theatre Alliance. I think we have a solid food scene as well.
- Many natural areas and general safety
- Medical
- MEDICAL & SHOPPING
- Medical facility availability
- MEMORIES
- Mid-size town that still feels like a small town with some nice amenities and world class health care.
- Mid-sized city living with access to cultural and academic resources.
- MIDSIZE, ARTS, LEGAL & FIRE PROTECTION
- minimal traffic compared to larger metro areas-close proximity to mountains/coast
- mix between city and country
- Mix of city - country living
- Mix of city and country
- Mix of country and city
- mix of rural and urban
- Mix of urban and rural life
- Mix of urban and rural life.
- MOM DAD LIVE CLOSE
- MORAL QUIET LIFESTYLE
- more centralized location in NC
- MOST EVERYTHING IS A 10 MINUTE DRIVE AWAY.
- Most of my neighbors
- Most of the citizens are very nice people
- MOST PEOPLE ARE FRIENDLY
- MOST THINGS ARE CONVENIENT
- Most things I want to do are within 30 to 40 minutes and are easily accessible.

- My church is here
- MY COMMUNITY AND ACCESS TO PUBLIC HEALTH
- My family
- My family is here.
- my friends
- MY GRANDCHILDREN
- My hometown
- My house for now .
- MY JOB @ PARKS & RECREATION FOR THE TOWN OF KERNERSVILLE!
- MY LOCATION IN CLEMMON
- MY NEIGHBORHOOD
- My neighbors
- MY NEIGHBORS
- my people are here, highways are good
- my property, close to amenties and highway
- MY WORK FAMILY ARE HERE; CITIZENS THAT CARE
- Natural areas with trees and open spaces.
- NATURAL ENVIRONMENT & ACCESS TO IT.
- Nature, ease of driving
- NEAR FAMILY MEMBERS AND HOMETOWN
- NEAR W-SALEM, GBORO & HIGH POINT
- Neighborhood living within the city limits feels connected and very livable. It is a great place to raise a family not too big, not too small.
- Neighborhood spirit
- Neighbors
- Neighbors
- NICE MIX OF RURAL URBAN LIVING-NICE PEOPLE OVERALL
- NICE PEOPLE CONVIENT TO DOCTORS GOOD SHOPPING
- NICE PLACE THAT IS SAFE
- NICE PLACE TO LIKE GOOD EDUCATION.
- No traffic
- NONE
- NONE COMES TO MIND
- Not a lot anymore
- Not being in the city
- Not being inside a city
- NOT LIVING IN THE CITY
- Not overcrowded
- Not overcrowded.
- NOT SURE
- Not sure, I live in the city limits
- Nothing
- Nothing

- Nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing anymore
- nothing in particular
- Nothing really
- Nothing. It is a terrible place to live.
- Old Salem
- Old Salem and the Moravians
- Old Salem, Reynolda Gardens and Graylyn
- One is free to vote
- Open space
- opportunities
- Options for healthcare, retail and hospitality services. Since I live in Kernersville, it's convenient to both downtown Winston Salem and Greensboro. Convenient to the interstates.
- Our diversity.
- Our sheriff
- Out door life
- Out in the country, but close to shopping, doctors, etc.
- Outside the city
- Outskirts of town
- OVER ALL GOOD PLACE TO RAISE A FAMILY
- OVERALL ENVIRONMENT
- Overall living conditions
- OVERALL PEACEFUL LIVING, GOOD PLACE TO RAISE A FAMILY
- Overall quality of life
- Overall quality of life
- OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE & MEDICAL SHADIER
- Overall quality of life. Not too big, not too small.
- OWN HOME, NEAR DOCTOR, GOOD SHOPPING
- pace of life and ease of getting places(low traffic)
- Parks
- Parks
- Parks
- Parks
- Parks
- Parks
- PARKS
- PARKS (TANGLEWOOD) ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE
- PARKS & ARTS
- PARKS & COMMUNITY
- Parks and public open areas
- Parks, Cost of Living
- Parks, Higher Education

- parks, rec, libraries
- PARKS/JOBS
- PEACE AND QUIET
- Peace and quiet, Easy to get around. Central location in the state.
- Peaceful
- Peaceful and pleasant
- peaceful living
- Peaceful most of the time
- PEACEFULNESS
- Peacefulness in the county
- People
- People
- People
- People
- People
- People
- PEOPLE
- PEOPLE
- PEOPLE ARE SO NICE, REYNOLDA, MEDICAL SERVICES
- People oriented community, friendly; open to the differences between ethnicity, political parties and religious beliefs.
- PEOPLE PARKS CHURCHES
- people who care
- PEOPLE-PROXIMITY TO MOUNTAINS AND CREST
- Pleasant atmosphere, nice housing and close to medical care
- PLENTY OF JOBS
- Political leaning and striving to be inclusive of all community members. Has a small city feeling, trees. Also, I like that we are striving to improve everything for the benefit of the community
- pretty temperate weather
- PROXIMITY TO 40 YARDS
- PROXIMITY TO ACTIVITIES, MTNS, AND OCEAN
- Proximity to beaches and mountains
- proximity to interstates and PTI airport
- Proximity to mountains.
- Proximity to my place of work before I retired.
- Proximity to nearby towns
- proximity to other cities
- proximity to services, mountains/scenic attractions,
- Proximity to the high country, vineyards, Charlotte, history
- Proximity to work and shopping. Lucky low rent.
- Proximity to family and friends; four distinct weather seasons

- PUBLIC SCHOOL RATING
- Public spaces and services
- Quality of life
- Quality of life
- Quality of life
- QUALITY OF LIFE
- QUALITY OF LIFE
- Quality of life - extremely balanced across the board due to thoughtful planning
- Quality of life - low traffic- multiple choices in entertainment, higher education
- Quality of life and community engagement
- Quality of life and cost of living
- Quality of life in general
- quality of life without the large city feel
- QUALITY OF LIFE-COST IF LIVING, SERVICES(LIKE PARTS), EDUCATION
- QUALITY OF SERVICES, PALACE, FINE, SENIOR SERVICES
- Quarry park Salem lake facilityBeing centrally located to other cities
- Que todo est cerca, tiendas, escuela, trabajo
- Quick access to medical services
- Quiet
- QUIET
- QUIET AND MINIMAL TRAFFIC
- QUIET IN THE RIGHT PLACES AREA RESTAURANTS
- QUIET LIVING OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS.
- QUIET MIX OF FOLKS
- quiet rural lifestyle but close to medical and other services
- Quiet slow pace of living.
- QUIET WHERE I LIVE
- QUIET, ACCESSIBILITY TO STORES, DOCTORS, GROCERIES-SMALL COMMUNITY FEEL
- Really good healthcare
- REASONABLE RE TAXES ON HOMES & UTILITIES TOO.
- Recreation, getting around
- RELATIVELY LOW COST OF LIVING-COMPOUND TO CHARLOTTE OR RALEIGH
- Relatively safe community
- Relatively small town feel with plenty of amenities, very easy and quick to get around, and high quality breweries.
- Relatives and Health Care
- Relaxed atmosphere
- Relaxed nature of living and high quality of public services
- Resources
- resources and availability
- RESTAURANTS & PARKS
- RETIREMENT
- Right balance of city and country life

- RIGHT NOW, NOTHING.
- Right size, well run, good weather
- Robust community nonprofits and organizations who are committed to helping people, open areas and parks
- Rural an urban mix of people and places
- Rural and urban mix of life
- RURAL AREAS
- Rural housing
- RURAL LIVING
- Rurality
- safe and affordable living with easy commutes
- SAFE, QUIET, ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE, SHOPPING, FARM FRESH PRODUCE.
- safety
- Safety
- Safety
- Safety
- SAFETY
- SAFETY
- Safety and affordability
- Safety and economical compared to other areas of state and USA
- Salem Lake
- Sawtooth School of Arts, and arts in general
- scale, pace of life, big enough but not Charlotte/Raleigh level congestion and craziness
- Schools and open spaces. Landscapes
- Schools are trying so hard, just take better care of the kids, teachers, and administrators. The kids suffer for your mismanagement.
- Seems to be safe living in the county
- Sense of city and countryside together
- Sense of community.
- Simple life
- Simple with community feel
- Since I have lived here since I was 8 yrs Old and now I am 90 I really don't know what it is like to live anywhere else.
- SIZE
- SIZE AND ARTS
- size and location - not too big not too small - central location in NC
- size of city & nearby access to cities w other offerings
- Size, amenities, and proximity to other larger cities
- Size, cost of living, lack of congestion, superb health care, the moderate four seasons
- SIZE/LOCATION
- Slow pace
- Slower pace of life than Guilford, Charlotte/Mecklenburg, and Raleigh/Durham areas (sorry, not sure what county that is).

- SMALL CITY WINSTEN SALEM
- Small city with many of the benefits of a big city
- SMALL CLOSE KNIT COMMUNITY
- Small community with city amenities, beautiful and affordable neighborhoods.
- SMALL ENOUGH NOT TO HAVE MAJOR TRAFFIC PROBLEMS, LARGE ENOUGH TO PROVIDE PLENTY TO DO.
- Small town feel with a diverse and highly educated community
- Small town feel with a great cultural vibe.
- small town feel with close proximity to big cities
- Small town feel, ease of living here while having many resources
- SMALL TOWN FEELING OF LIVING IN KERNERSVILLE
- SMALL TOWN FEELING, FOCUS ARE STILL FRIENDLY
- Small town living with big city conveniences.
- Small town vibe
- smaller feel but with lots of amenities
- Smaller town feel with big town amenities
- so many things readily available
- Socializing with other people
- Some of my family members also live here.
- SOME OF THE PEOPLE
- some quiet areas, landscaping
- Some sense of community and belonging
- SOME WHAT CENTRALIZED TO THE MOUNTAINS AND BEACHES
- Space
- SPACIOUS
- STILL A RELATIVE SMALL COMMUNITY
- STILL FEELS A LITTLE LIKE A SMALL COMMUNITY
- STILL IS SAFE, AND QUIET PLACE TO LIVE.
- Still not overpopulated.
- Survey too long and tedious. Others like I will opt out or just quit. Your results may be meaningless
- Tanglewood
- Tanglewood Park is a huge asset for County residents. Living and working in communities that blend modern conveniences with open and natural green spaces is satisfying. Managing development in a manner that maintains Quality of Life is critical to continuing vitality for Forsyth County.
- Taxes, low congestion, nice small quaint areas in the city, events downtown, clean safe parks
- the ability to have many places to worship GOD
- The abundance of arts and cultural opportunities that are affordable and easy to access.
- THE AIR-QUICK ASSESS TO W/S KERNERSVILLE, ETC.
- The amount of nature and good local theater
- The arts , restaurants, medical
- THE ARTS (and i hope they can continue to expand here)

- The arts and music scenes
- THE ARTS!
- THE ATMOSPHERE AND COMMUNITIES AND PEOPLE.
- The beauty of the country
- The best thing about living in Forsyth County is the balance of nature and city life. We have a lot of great parks and space.
- The best thing about living in Forsyth County is: not too much traffic, affordable living (except house tax), and friendly environment.
- THE CHURCH
- The citizens
- THE CITY BUT COUNTY FEELING
- The city of Winston Salem's unique blend of history, arts, trees/beauty, and southern culture.
- The climate, culture
- THE CLOSENESS TO EVERYTHING YOU NEED STORE-WISE
- The community and ease of access to things you need
- The cost of living compare to other cities in the country, the ease of getting around town and commute time to work/school.
- The cost of living is satisfactory
- The County Commission cares about the quality of life of its citizens.
- The county infrastructure is big enough to accomodate amenities and services without being overwhelmed.
- The county still has a small town feel that makes living here very rewarding.
- The county use to be a blend of urban and rural areas. Sadly, this is changing quickly with all rural areas being compromised. Overbuilding with poor planning.
- THE CULTURAL #2 THE WEATHER PATTERN
- The diverse population and access to arts and entertainment
- The diversity of people from not only the United States but also from all over the world.
- The diversity of this community is its greatest strength. It doesn't matter where we come from or what color our skin is, we are all precious, miraculous humans and Forsyth County has such a rich diversity that needs to be, not just protected, but grown.
- The farmland that keeps sadly disappearing
- The four seasons, hopefully the county will be better prepared for harsh weather in the future.
- THE FRIENDLESS OF OUR POLICE AND SHERIFF DEPT.
- The friendliness of Kernersville
- The friendly people and quality of life.
- THE GOOD NEIGHBORS & LAWFUL PEOPLE
- The history.
- The Koi pond in Kernersville
- The land, the people
- The locally owned restaurants
- THE LOCATION
- The location - love the trees
- The location and climate with access to world class healthcare and education.

- THE LOCATION OF THE COUNTY IN THE STATE
- THE NATURAL HABITATS, WILDLIFE, PARKS, FARMS
- The nature and Proximity to surroundings
- THE NUMBER OF
- The open air, agricultural areas
- The open spaces and parks are wonderful.
- The outdoors
- The outskirts, smaller towns around the city that feel welcoming.
- the parks
- The parks
- The past it appears before this data center was coming to fruition.
- THE PEACE SPACE & QUITE OF THE AREA I LIVE IN
- the people
- the people
- The people
- The people
- The people
- The people
- The people
- The people
- The people
- THE PEOPLE
- THE PEOPLE
- THE PEOPLE
- THE PEOPLE
- THE PEOPLE ACTIVITIES, AND HELP OF VARIOUS BIRDS. ALSO HEALTH FACILITIES.
- The people and Diversity! Winston-Salem proves that there is Strength in Diversity. I think we should recognize it and celebrate it ever day.
- the people and quality of living
- the people and the amenities that are available
- the people I met who agree with me and are not in favor of the county or city government
- THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE
- The people, lack of congestion, trees and nature, cleanliness
- the people!
- The people!
- The people.
- THE PEOPLE. SHE BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY SIDE CHURCHES & SECURITY
- the physical beauty, the great mix of young and old, our universities, the access to artistic and cultural events and activities
- The right balance of affordability, access to employment opportunities and access to lifestyle/entertainment options

- The rolling hills
- the rural area where I've lived all my life(Union Cross area)
- The rural areas that are so close to modern amenities. I can go buy a whole cow to feed my family that was born and raised 5 miles from me.
- The rural living with city conveniences.
- The semi-rural environment (what's left of it)
- THE SIMPLE, QUIET LIFE.
- THE SLOW PACE, TRAFFIC ISN'T TERRIBLE, YOU CAN FIND PARKING
- The small town feel plus big city conveniences - great hospitals, thriving arts and entertainment areas, and legitimately beautiful areas with plenty of trees, natural areas, parks, etc.
- THE SMALL TOWN FEEL W/ALL THE ENTERTAINMENT OF A BIGGER CITY.
- THE STORES ARE CLOSE BY
- The trees, the healthcare facilities, parks/ libraries
- The Triad area has almost all the thing anyone could want.
- The weather, The Human Society
- THE WEATHER.
- There are a good amount of options on things to do, proximity to nature while being close to the city
- there are many beautiful areas and parks
- There is a lot to do here. It's where I grew up and I love the mixture of people here. My family is here.
- THERE IS STILL A SENSE OF COMMUNITY
- THERE'S A LOT OF GOOD PEOPLE GOOD VIBE
- things to do
- Things to do
- This is a nice area to be in
- This is HOME.
- This is where I was born and all my family still lives here. It is still my favorite place.
- Thriving arts community
- traffic
- TRAFFIC
- traffic is ok, shopping opportunities, balance of city vs rural areas
- TRAFFIC ISN'T BAD.
- TRAFFIC SHOPPING, MEDICAL SERVICES
- Trails and greenways
- Tranquilidad
- Transportation
- TRANSPORTATION
- Transportation Services
- Uncrowded size, cost and quality of life
- Unsure
- Unsure

- urban and rural environments
- Urban-farm feeling. Easy access to health care facilities, groceries, etc. Friendliness of community.
- VA MEDICAL CENTER K' VILLE
- Variety of culture and activities with our diverse population.
- variety of living like natural creeks and open spaces and good shopping
- VARIETY OF PLACES TO VISIT, THINGS TO DO
- Variety of shopping, restaurants
- VARIETY OF SHOPPING, RESTAURANTS, ENTERTAINMENT
- Versatile of community offerings/amenities.
- Very "livable"
- Very Accessible
- Very little traffic and cost of living
- VERY QUIET, LOW CRIME, NOT POLITICAL HETTED
- W-S
- WAKE FOREST UNIV- AND THE EXCELLENT OUT DOOR SPACES & PARKS
- Wake Forest University and all of its sports, recreation and educational opportunities
- Walkability and availability of restaurants and coffee shops
- Walkability, lovely scenery, places to visit, good people
- Walking trails
- Walking trails if anyone needs them.
- WAS BORN HERE
- WE DIDN'T DO OUR HOME. WORK ON FORSYTH CTY BEFORE WE MOVED HERE - MOVING HERE DON'T RECOMMENDS ANYBODY
- We have people who will volunteer to create programs for communities.
- we have safe, clean spaces (parks, neighborhoods) to spend time outdoors and exercise outdoors
- We lived in the county for many years, then the City of Winston got us.
- We love Winston- the people, the opportunities, the community in generally.
- WE STILL HAVE THE CITY/FARM, THE ARTS, & ACCESS DO TOP TIER MEDICAL FAC.
- WEAR FAMILY
- weather
- Weather
- Weather
- Weather
- Weather
- Weather
- Weather
- WEATHER
- WEATHER
- WEATHER
- WEATHER
- WEATHER

- WEATHER & ACCESS TO SERVICE & DINING
- Weather and traffic
- WEATHER COST OF LIVING
- Weather, accessibility to health care, accessibility to arts and entertainment.
- Weather, ease of movement, outdoor activities
- Weather, easy going pace:environment as a whole!
- WEATHER, FRIENDLESS OF CITIZENS
- weather, nature
- weather, parks,
- Where I live is very safe with lots of natural space
- Where there is a good will there is a good way
- Where we live in Clemmons it is the availability of business that meet our daily needs as well as the quality of the health care.
- WIDE VARIETY OF SHOPPING OPTIONS
- Wonderful community feeling all around town
- YMCA SYSTEM-LOW TRAFFIC HEALTH CARE
- You can drive anywhere in 15 minutes (usually!).
- YOU CAN FIND AFFORDABLE, DECENT HOUSING.
- YOU WON'T STARVE IF EMERGENCY FOR SERVICE.

Question 36: Which of the following best describes your race/ethnicity? [Check all that apply.] – Other

- American
- AMERICAN
- BLACK AMARICAL
- Choose not to answer
- descended from the UK, western Europe including France and Scandinavia, and Nigeria --- we are all related!
- Does not matter
- Don't want to say
- HIS PARISH
- HIS PARK/WHITE
- Hispanic
- HISPANIC
- HISPANIC
- Human
- Latino
- latino americano
- Mexican/Jew
- mix
- MIX
- MIXED
- Mixed race

- Multiple
- NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN
- Native USA citizen
- not specified
- NOYB
- Other
- Prefer not to answer
- PREFER NOT TO RESPOND
- should not matter.
- White Hispanic
- why does this matter??
- WILL NOT DISCLOSE.

Question 42: What is your gender identity? – Prefer to self-describe:

- He-man babe magnet.
- HUMAN
- HUMAN
- It really doesn't matter
- No Comment
- NONSENSE QUESTION
- NOYB
- ONLY 2 GENDER
- SILLY QUESTION
- THERE'S ONLY TWO GENDERS!

Appendix D: Responses to Selected Survey Questions by Respondent Characteristics

The subgroup comparison tables contain the cross tabulations of selected survey questions by respondent characteristics. Chi-square or ANOVA tests of significance were applied to these breakdowns of survey questions. A “p-value” of 0.05 or less indicates that there is less than a 5% probability that differences observed between groups are due to chance; or in other words, a greater than 95% probability that the differences observed in the selected categories of the sample represent “real” differences among those populations.

For each pair of subgroups that has a statistically significant difference, an upper-case letter denoting significance is shown in the category with the larger column proportion. The letter denotes the category with the smaller column proportion from which it is statistically different. Differences were marked as statistically significant if the probability that the differences were due to chance alone were less than 5%. Categories were not used in comparisons when a column proportion was equal to zero or one.

Items that have no upper-case letter denotation in their column and that are also not referred to in any other column were not statistically different.

For example, Table 64 on the following page shows that 59% of respondents who have lived in Forsyth County for five years or less (A) selected housing options as one of the reasons they choose to live in the county. This proportion was statistically higher than among residents who have lived in the county for 6 to 20 years (B) and those who have lived in the county for more than 20 years (C), as indicated by the letters “B C” below the 59%.

Comparisons by Length of Residency, Housing Tenure, and Age.

Table 64: Q1 by Respondent Demographics

Please CHECK ALL of the reasons why you choose to live in Forsyth County.	Respondent length of residency			Housing tenure		Age		
	5 years or less	6-20 years	More than 20 years	Own	Rent	18-34	35-54	55+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)
Arts, cultural, and entertainment amenities	31%	31%	36%	33%	36%	33%	29%	38% B
Housing options	59% B C	48% C	39%	44%	50%	58% B C	43%	43%
Parks and open space options	34%	38%	38%	39% B	33%	40%	31%	40% B
Shopping options	25%	21%	33% B	27%	30%	20%	21%	37% A B
Higher education opportunities	24%	17%	23%	20%	27% A	32% B C	17%	21%
Public transportation systems	8% B	3%	8% B	3%	15% A	7%	3%	9% B
Diversity of the people who live here	36% B	18%	33% B	28%	34% A	30%	28%	32%
Employment opportunities	23%	29%	33% A	30%	27%	28%	35%	28%
Local tax rate and cost of living	24%	32%	25%	28%	23%	25%	29%	26%
Low crime rates	24%	24%	22%	22%	25%	21%	23%	24%
Low traffic congestion	33%	30%	30%	31%	29%	27%	32%	31%

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	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)
Close to family/friends	45%	49%	68% A B	58%	56%	56%	53%	62% B
Close to your work/school	48%	50%	42%	42%	52% A	72% B C	54% C	27%
Access to health care services	36%	36%	53% A B	46%	41%	36%	34%	56% A B
Access to farm fresh meats and produce	17%	15%	22%	18%	22%	17%	17%	21%
Quality of public education opportunities	14%	12%	14%	14%	13%	13%	14%	14%
Blend of farm and city environments	26%	23%	25%	26%	24%	24%	22%	27%
Other	13%	13%	14%	15% B	10%	14%	13%	13%
None chosen	0%	0%	1%	0%	1% A	0%	0%	1%

Table 65: Q3 by Respondent Demographics

Please indicate how important you believe each of the following will be to the overall quality of life in Forsyth County over the next 20 years. (Percent Very or Somewhat important)	Respondent length of residency			Housing tenure		Age		
	5 years or less	6-20 years	More than 20 years	Own	Rent	18-34	35-54	55+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)
Health care access	97%	94%	96%	95%	97%	92%	95%	98% A B
Behavioral health access	81%	78%	80%	76%	87% A	88% B C	77%	79%
Support systems for those in need	87%	82%	85%	82%	92% A	87%	84%	86%
Natural open space	95% C	96% C	87%	90%	92%	97% C	94% C	85%
Parks and trails	96% C	95% C	85%	90%	92%	94% C	94% C	86%
Library services	86% B C	79%	78%	79%	85% A	83%	82%	79%
Public education (K-12)	85%	91% A	87%	88%	87%	93% C	89%	85%
College and post-secondary education	85%	82%	85%	84%	85%	83%	89% C	82%
Environmental stewardship and sustainability	89% C	86% C	78%	81%	89% A	94% B C	84% C	77%
Land use planning	90% C	92% C	83%	88%	85%	96% B C	87% C	82%

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	5 years or less	6-20 years	More than 20 years	Own	Rent	18-34	35-54	55+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)
Bike lanes, walkability	93% B C	83% C	77%	78%	93% A	96% B C	79%	78%
Adequacy of residential growth to meet the needs of the County	81% C	84% C	75%	77%	82%	83%	79%	77%
Adequacy of commercial/industrial growth to meet the job opportunity needs of the County	79%	87% A	83%	81%	87% A	84%	83%	84%
Job training and workforce development (post-secondary education and training)	81%	81%	88% A B	82%	88% A	80%	85%	87% A
Housing	94%	92%	91%	89%	99% A	95%	91%	92%
Safety, low crime	93%	99% A	97% A	96%	97%	92%	98% A	98% A
Social justice/equity/inclusivity	83% B	74%	77%	73%	88% A	79%	76%	80%

Table 66: Q5 by Respondent Demographics

What do you think about the overall quality of life in Forsyth County?	Respondent length of residency			Housing tenure		Age		
	5 years or less	6-20 years	More than 20 years	Own	Rent	18-34	35-54	55+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)
Is getting better	45% B C	25%	30%	27%	44% A	41% C	33%	29%
Staying the same	39%	42%	37%	41% B	34%	36%	35%	43% B
Is getting worse	16%	33% A	33% A	32% B	21%	23%	32% A	28%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 67: Q6 by Respondent Demographics

Please rate Forsyth County with regard to the following. (Percent Excellent or Good)	Respondent length of residency			Housing tenure		Age		
	5 years or less	6-20 years	More than 20 years	Own	Rent	18-34	35-54	55+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)
As a place to live	81%	80%	78%	79%	79%	74%	75%	85% A B
As a place to work	72%	65%	69%	70% B	64%	71%	70%	67%
As a place to play	63% B	54%	62% B	60%	60%	60%	59%	61%
As a place to raise children	61%	62%	69% A B	67% B	60%	55%	64% A	71% A B
As a place to educate children	48% B	33%	55% B	45%	54% A	34%	48% A	54% A
As a place to retire	57%	61%	67% A	62%	67%	51%	57%	73% A B
As a place to visit	51%	45%	63% A B	54%	59%	51%	45%	65% A B
As a place to start a business	32%	39%	47% A B	39%	49% A	39%	42%	44%
As a community that is moving in the right direction	52% B C	39%	43%	41%	51% A	44%	42%	46%
As a place where you can earn a living wage	34%	51% A	47% A	43%	49%	48%	46%	44%

Please rate Forsyth County with regard to the following. (Percent Excellent or Good)	Respondent length of residency			Housing tenure		Age		
	5 years or less	6-20 years	More than 20 years	Own	Rent	18-34	35-54	55+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)
As a place where you can find affordable housing	42%	42%	40%	38%	49% A	42%	43%	40%
As a place where you would buy your next home	60% B C	51%	51%	51%	59% A	58% B	50%	54%
As a place to attend college or a university	73% B	64%	71% B	68%	72%	72%	67%	71%

Table 68: Q7 by Respondent Demographics

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the major categories of services provided by Forsyth County listed below. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	Respondent length of residency			Housing tenure		Age		
	5 years or less	6-20 years	More than 20 years	Own	Rent	18-34	35-54	55+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)
County efforts to ensure the community is prepared for a natural disaster or crisis	42%	47%	47%	45%	48%	39%	47%	49% A
Communication with the public	43%	41%	48%	43%	50% A	45%	43%	48%
Enforcement of codes and ordinances	36%	38%	46% A B	38%	50% A	46%	41%	41%
Customer service you receive from County employees	62%	54%	60%	57%	62%	69% B	52%	61% B
County Libraries	79%	83%	79%	82% B	75%	90% B C	77%	77%
County parks and recreation opportunities	80% B	72%	74%	72%	81% A	82% B C	71%	74%
Quality of public health services	65%	62%	61%	59%	68% A	78% B C	54%	60%
Quality of services from the Department of Social Services	37%	44%	43%	36%	55% A	53% B C	42%	39%
Quality of tax administration services	33%	32%	35%	31%	40% A	38%	33%	33%
Quality of emergency medical services (EMS)	74%	70%	78% B	73%	80% A	82% B	69%	77% B

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	5 years or less	6-20 years	More than 20 years	Own	Rent	18-34	35-54	55+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)
Quality of services provided by the Sheriff's Office	60%	68%	70% A	67%	70%	66%	68%	68%
Quality of emergency 911 services	65%	75% A	75% A	71%	77% A	75%	68%	75% B
Quality of the Smith Reynolds Airport	38%	32%	31%	33%	29%	45% B C	30%	30%
Quality of North Carolina Cooperative Extension services	40%	44%	45%	48% B	32%	40%	39%	46%
Quality of K-12 education buildings	37% B	26%	34% B	29%	41% A	33%	26%	38% B
Quality of Environmental Assistance and Protection services	35%	25%	37% B	30%	42% A	30%	33%	37%
Quality of Online Tax Services	40%	38%	47% B	44%	43%	55% B C	42%	41%

Table 69: Q9 by Respondent Demographics

How supportive would you be of a tax increase if it were used to fund the services that you indicated should receive the most emphasis?	Respondent length of residency			Housing tenure		Age		
	5 years or less	6-20 years	More than 20 years	Own	Rent	18-34	35-54	55+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)
Very supportive	28% B C	14%	13%	14%	24% A	27% C	21% C	9%
Supportive	25%	30% C	22%	24%	26%	25%	24%	25%
Not sure	15%	20%	24% A	20%	24%	21% B	13%	28% B
Not supportive	17% B	9%	14%	15%	11%	8%	15% A	15% A
Not at all supportive	14%	27% A	28% A	28% B	15%	19%	26%	23%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 70: Q10 by Respondent Demographics

Please rate your satisfaction with the following. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	Respondent length of residency			Housing tenure		Age		
	5 years or less	6-20 years	More than 20 years	Own	Rent	18-34	35-54	55+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)
Condition of The Forsyth County Government Building at 201 N. Chestnut St. in Winston-Salem	64%	69%	75% A	69%	77%	79% C	72%	69%
Condition of the Forsyth County Courthouse/Hall of Justice	67%	67%	73%	70%	71%	82% B C	72%	67%
Condition of Forsyth Technical Community College facilities	55%	62%	70% A	62%	76% A	72%	66%	64%
Condition of the County's Smith Reynolds Airport	52% B	27%	43% B	40%	43%	64% B C	42%	34%
Condition of Winston-Salem Forsyth County K-12 public school buildings	30% B	19%	30% B	26%	31%	21%	28%	30% A
The amount of security staff on County properties	52% B	37%	44%	44%	43%	55% B C	43%	41%
Cleanliness of County buildings	62%	55%	61%	60%	61%	63%	62%	58%
Accessibility of public buildings/ease of entry access	67% C	58%	58%	59%	61%	68% C	63% C	55%
Landscaping around County buildings	65% B	55%	62%	59%	66% A	65%	62%	59%

Table 71: Q12 by Respondent Demographics

Please CHECK ALL of the sources listed below that you and members of your household use to learn about Forsyth County news, events, and to get other County information.	Respondent length of residency			Housing tenure		Age		
	5 years or less	6-20 years	More than 20 years	Own	Rent	18-34	35-54	55+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)
Forsyth County website (Forsyth.cc)	49%	47%	52%	53% B	42%	52%	53%	47%
Nextdoor	20%	21%	23%	24% B	17%	20%	21%	24%
Twitter/X	9%	6%	7%	6%	11% A	9% C	11% C	4%
Facebook	48%	49%	43%	46%	45%	54% C	50% C	38%
Emails/newsletters/mailers from County departments	39%	37%	35%	37%	35%	37%	35%	37%
WSTV 13	16% B C	7%	9%	10%	12%	15% C	10%	8%
Winston Salem Journal	26%	31%	32%	31%	27%	35%	28%	30%
Other local news publications	25%	20%	20%	18%	27% A	23%	21%	20%
Local radio	29%	26%	33%	31%	29%	35%	30%	30%
Local TV news	32%	54% A	72% A B	55%	65% A	41%	53% A	70% A B
Friends/family - word of mouth	62%	66%	64%	65%	63%	80% B C	65% C	57%
Other online sources	28%	34%	28%	28%	34% A	37% C	37% C	20%
None chosen	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	0%	3%	3%

Table 72: Q14 by Respondent Demographics

For each of the following, please rate your satisfaction. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	Respondent length of residency			Housing tenure		Age		
	5 years or less	6-20 years	More than 20 years	Own	Rent	18-34	35-54	55+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)
Ease of locating information on the County's website	54%	49%	54%	50%	60% A	53%	56%	51%
Your experience engaging with the County government process	47%	39%	45%	41%	51% A	53% B C	42%	43%
Level of public involvement in local decisions with the County	26%	20%	23%	20%	33% A	22%	23%	25%
County efforts to keep you informed about local issues	34%	30%	34%	30%	42% A	29%	36%	34%
County efforts to be open and transparent with information about County issues, services, and performance	36% B	25%	30%	27%	39% A	24%	35% A	30%

Table 73: Q15 by Respondent Demographics

Please indicate if you or other members of your household have visited any of the County parks during the past year. (Percent Yes)	Respondent length of residency			Housing tenure		Age		
	5 years or less	6-20 years	More than 20 years	Own	Rent	18-34	35-54	55+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)
G Hill Memorial Park	16%	16%	18%	18% B	13%	20%	17%	15%
Horizons Park	11%	29% A	25% A	25% B	17%	23%	26% C	19%
Joanie Moser Memorial Park	10%	22% A	22% A	23% B	10%	13%	25% A C	17%
Kernersville Lake Park	25%	28%	22%	22%	31% A	29%	22%	24%
Old U.S. 421 River Park	9%	11%	11%	10%	12%	8%	11%	12%
Tanglewood Park	54%	82% A C	63% A	69% B	57%	72% C	70% C	58%
Triad Park	27%	32%	29%	31%	25%	33%	29%	27%
Union Cross Park	21% B C	12%	14%	13%	21% A	25% B C	12%	14%
Walkertown Community Park	16%	15%	13%	13%	19% A	13%	17%	13%

Table 74: Q15' by Respondent Demographics

Please rate the condition of the facility based on your most recent experience. (Percent Excellent or Good)	Respondent length of residency			Housing tenure		Age		
	5 years or less	6-20 years	More than 20 years	Own	Rent	18-34	35-54	55+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)
G Hill Memorial Park	83%	81%	83%	84%	77%	73%	84%	91% A
Horizons Park	89%	77%	87%	86%	77%	78%	87%	85%
Joanie Moser Memorial Park	98% B C	80%	82%	87% B	73%	82%	84%	86%
Kernersville Lake Park	91% B	72%	82%	83%	78%	82%	79%	83%
Old U.S. 421 River Park	95% B C	56%	67%	73%	66%	76%	67%	71%
Tanglewood Park	94%	92%	97% B	96% B	91%	97%	93%	96%
Triad Park	100% B C	86%	87%	91%	86%	86%	89%	94%
Union Cross Park	93% B C	67%	70%	76%	78%	88% B	66%	76%
Walkertown Community Park	95% B C	69%	66%	73%	77%	87% B	64%	80% B

Table 75: Q16 by Respondent Demographics

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the parks and recreation services provided by Forsyth County. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	Respondent length of residency			Housing tenure		Age		
	5 years or less	6-20 years	More than 20 years	Own	Rent	18-34	35-54	55+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)
Availability of active recreation equipment (e.g., playgrounds, all-age fitness equipment)	74% C	72%	65%	69%	70%	83% B C	71% C	58%
Availability of pickleball courts (Joanie Moser, Walkertown, Union Cross)	55% C	49%	41%	48%	43%	58% C	55% C	34%
Quality of public disc golf courses (Horizons Park, Triad Park)	53%	46%	48%	50%	47%	53% C	61% C	37%
Quality and availability of event facilities (e.g., picnic shelters, indoor facilities)	78% B C	61%	70% B	69%	69%	77% B C	68%	65%
Maintenance of County parks	81% B C	71%	70%	73%	74%	84% B C	73% C	66%
Overall feeling of safety in County parks	79% B C	67%	65%	67%	74%	77% B C	67%	66%
Quality of athletic fields (soccer, baseball/softball)	83% B C	59%	62%	63%	72%	87% B C	63%	58%
Quality and availability of tennis courts	59%	53%	57%	59%	51%	78% B C	50%	51%
Availability of open space and natural areas in County parks	85% B C	75%	70%	74%	78%	90% B C	73%	68%
Quality of Tanglewood Park's Festival of Lights	85% C	84% C	77%	80%	83%	95% B C	80%	75%

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the parks and recreation services provided by Forsyth County. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	Respondent length of residency			Housing tenure		Age		
	5 years or less	6-20 years	More than 20 years	Own	Rent	18-34	35-54	55+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)
Quality of Peter S. Brunstetter Aquatic Center at Tanglewood Park	57%	59%	59%	61%	54%	86% B C	60% C	49%
Quality of Tanglewood golf courses	51%	66% A	63%	65% B	54%	74% C	66% C	52%
Quality of the County's dog parks (Tanglewood, Horizons Park)	52%	73% A C	57%	61%	61%	76% B C	61%	51%
Availability and access of walking and biking trails	74% B	64%	69%	67%	76% A	75% B	66%	67%

Table 76: Q18 by Respondent Demographics

During the past year, have you or other members of your household contacted employees of Forsyth County or visited the County's website to seek services, ask a question, or file complaints?	Respondent length of residency			Housing tenure		Age		
	5 years or less	6-20 years	More than 20 years	Own	Rent	18-34	35-54	55+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)
Visited the website	19%	24%	27% A	28% B	16%	16%	29% A	24%
Contacted by phone	13%	19%	19%	19%	14%	19%	14%	20%
Contacted by email	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%
In person	8% B	3%	7%	6%	7%	8%	6%	5%
No	58% C	52%	46%	46%	62% A	55%	50%	49%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 77: Q19 by Respondent Demographics

Please rate your satisfaction with your experience interacting with the county government department(s) you contacted. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	Respondent length of residency			Housing tenure		Age		
	5 years or less	6-20 years	More than 20 years	Own	Rent	18-34	35-54	55+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)
How easy the county government was to contact	61%	65%	66%	64%	68%	67%	63%	66%
Courtesy of county employee(s) you interacted with	77%	71%	74%	72%	81% A	85% B	67%	74%
Accuracy of the information you were given	67%	67%	69%	65%	81% A	79% B C	66%	67%
Appropriateness of county employees' response	80% C	70%	66%	66%	81% A	88% B C	63%	67%
Timeliness of county employees' response	64%	64%	62%	59%	76% A	71% B	57%	65%
The resolution of your issue/concern	65%	66%	60%	60%	72% A	73% B C	60%	62%

Table 78: Q20 by Respondent Demographics

Please indicate if you or other members of your household have visited each of the libraries during the past year. (Percent Yes)	Respondent length of residency			Housing tenure		Age		
	5 years or less	6-20 years	More than 20 years	Own	Rent	18-34	35-54	55+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)
Carver School Road	10%	6%	14% B	9%	15% A	10%	9%	13%
Central Library	48% B C	38%	35%	36%	44% A	45% C	43% C	32%
Clemmons	24%	25%	21%	24%	19%	27% B	20%	22%
Paddison Memorial in Kernersville	17%	16%	18%	18%	17%	21% B	13%	20% B
Lewisville	14%	18%	20%	21% B	11%	19%	19%	16%
Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center	10% B	3%	12% B	7%	15% A	10%	7%	11%
Reynolda Manor	19%	12%	21% B	17%	20%	15%	16%	21%
Rural Hall	7%	5%	12% A B	9%	8%	10%	9%	8%
Southside	11%	9%	17% A B	14%	13%	9%	10%	19% A B
Walkertown	10%	12%	12%	11%	12%	10%	14%	10%
The Library's website	42% C	34%	28%	37% B	24%	35%	38% C	27%
Other	10%	6%	7%	6%	10%	4%	10%	6%

Table 79: Q20' by Respondent Demographics

Please rate the condition of the facility based on your most recent experience. (Percent Excellent or Good)	Respondent length of residency			Housing tenure		Age		
	5 years or less	6-20 years	More than 20 years	Own	Rent	18-34	35-54	55+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)
Carver School Road	97% B C	60%	69%	79%	69%	58%	76% A	84% A
Central Library	96%	92%	94%	97% B	90%	91%	94%	96%
Clemmons	96%	100%	97%	97%	100%	100% B	95%	99%
Paddison Memorial in Kernersville	87%	99% A	90%	95% B	84%	79%	97% A	98% A
Lewisville	100%	99%	96%	98%	98%	100%	96%	98%
Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center	82% B	54%	78% B	80%	73%	73%	72%	83%
Reynolda Manor	88%	77%	85%	79%	94% A	94% B	76%	86%
Rural Hall	100%	89%	89%	90%	94%	100%	88%	88%
Southside	87% B	67%	78%	82%	72%	73%	73%	88% B
Walkertown	84%	89%	90%	81%	100% A	84%	90%	90%
The Library's website	77%	83%	80%	79%	79%	64%	83% A	88% A
Other	90% C	97% C	48%	67%	80%	65%	72%	81%

Table 80: Q21 by Respondent Demographics

If you have visited any of libraries listed during the past year, please CHECK ALL of the reasons for which you visited or used it.	Respondent length of residency			Housing tenure		Age		
	5 years or less	6-20 years	More than 20 years	Own	Rent	18-34	35-54	55+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)
To vote	24%	35% A	43% A	41% B	25%	32%	30%	43% A B
Check out books	49% C	48% C	35%	43%	39%	46%	45%	38%
Check out CDs	5%	6%	5%	4%	7% A	11% B C	4%	4%
Check out DVDs	9%	9%	6%	7%	8%	12% C	8%	5%
Check out other physical materials	9%	8%	6%	7%	7%	14% B C	6%	4%
Access wireless internet	9%	8%	8%	6%	12% A	6%	11%	7%
Use a computer	18% B	7%	12%	8%	24% A	13%	13%	12%
Attend a program	18%	16%	15%	19% B	9%	21%	16%	15%
Attend a community event	17%	18%	17%	19% B	13%	21% C	21% C	13%
Research a topic	8%	8%	13%	11%	10%	11%	9%	12%
As a place to relax	14%	11%	12%	9%	20% A	24% B C	9%	10%

If you have visited any of libraries listed during the past year, please CHECK ALL of the reasons for which you visited or used it.	Respondent length of residency			Housing tenure		Age		
	5 years or less	6-20 years	More than 20 years	Own	Rent	18-34	35-54	55+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)
Other	13%	10%	10%	10%	11%	6%	14% A	11%
None chosen	29%	30%	23%	24%	30%	32% B	23%	26%

Table 81: Q22 by Respondent Demographics

If you have visited any of libraries listed during the past year, which format do you MOST prefer for accessing Library materials?	Respondent length of residency			Housing tenure		Age		
	5 years or less	6-20 years	More than 20 years	Own	Rent	18-34	35-54	55+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)
Physical (e.g., print book, CD, DVD, audiobooks)	40%	42%	38%	42% B	32%	45%	39%	36%
Digital (e.g., eBook, eAudio, eMagazines)	7%	3%	5%	5%	5%	4%	6%	4%
Both physical and digital	32%	31%	30%	31%	31%	30%	35%	29%
I don't usually visit the library	21%	24%	27%	22%	32% A	20%	20%	31% A B
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 82: Q23 by Respondent Demographics

During the past year, have you or other members of your household had contact with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office?	Respondent length of residency			Housing tenure		Age		
	5 years or less	6-20 years	More than 20 years	Own	Rent	18-34	35-54	55+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)
Yes	17%	22%	27% A	26% B	18%	20%	29% A C	21%
No	83% C	78%	73%	74%	82% A	80% B	71%	79% B
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 83: Q24 by Respondent Demographics

Please CHECK ALL of the types of contact that you or the members of your household have had with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office during the past year	Respondent length of residency			Housing tenure		Age		
	5 years or less	6-20 years	More than 20 years	Own	Rent	18-34	35-54	55+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)
Traffic violation	0%	2%	4% A	2%	3%	4%	3%	2%
Criminal investigation	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Visiting the detention center	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%
Receipt of civil process services	1%	1%	3% B	2%	3%	1%	3%	2%
Firearms permits	0%	4% A	9% A	7% B	1%	1%	7% A	6% A

Please CHECK ALL of the types of contact that you or the members of your household have had with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office during the past year	Respondent length of residency			Housing tenure		Age		
	5 years or less	6-20 years	More than 20 years	Own	Rent	18-34	35-54	55+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)
Report a crime	3%	5%	5%	5%	3%	4%	6%	3%
Request assistance	10%	14%	10%	11%	11%	16% C	14% C	6%
Interactions at public events	5%	5%	5%	6%	3%	7%	5%	5%
Calling or visiting Animal Services	1%	6% A	4%	5% B	2%	3%	6%	3%
None chosen	83% C	77%	73%	74%	82% A	79%	72%	78%

Table 84: Q25 by Respondent Demographics

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the services provided by Forsyth County Sheriff's office. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	Respondent length of residency			Housing tenure		Age		
	5 years or less	6-20 years	More than 20 years	Own	Rent	18-34	35-54	55+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)
Overall quality of Sheriff protection	63%	71%	76% A	74%	70%	71%	73%	73%
Cultural Sensitivity of Sheriff Office employees	61%	61%	59%	62%	53%	59%	61%	59%
Professionalism of Sheriff's Office employees	70%	65%	72%	74% B	58%	72%	66%	71%
Quality of animal services	35%	52% A	51% A	46%	56%	52%	50%	48%
Quality of social media communication (X, Facebook, Instagram)	52%	50%	60%	59%	49%	53%	64% C	52%
Accessibility and Responsiveness of the Sheriff's Office	65%	63%	72%	70%	64%	75%	70%	66%
The level of transparency by the Sheriff's Office	62%	60%	57%	61% B	48%	55%	58%	59%
Response time by the Sheriff's Office to emergencies	73%	71%	62%	67%	60%	67%	66%	64%
Response time by the Sheriff's Office to non-emergencies	71%	63%	61%	66% B	55%	64%	65%	62%
The visibility of Sheriff's Deputies in your community	57%	67%	63%	63%	60%	65%	69% C	58%

Table 85: Q27 by Respondent Demographics

Please CHECK ALL of the Emergency Services offered by Forsyth County that you or members of your household have had contact with during the last year.	Respondent length of residency			Housing tenure		Age		
	5 years or less	6-20 years	More than 20 years	Own	Rent	18-34	35-54	55+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)
Forsyth County's 911 Service	21%	22%	22%	21%	25%	25%	21%	21%
Forsyth County Fire Division	5%	9%	8%	9% B	5%	6%	10%	6%
Forsyth County EMS	11%	13%	21% A B	16%	17%	11%	15%	20% A
None, I have not used any	73%	71%	70%	72%	67%	71%	73%	69%
None chosen	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Table 86: Q28 by Respondent Demographics

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the services provided by Forsyth County. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	Respondent length of residency			Housing tenure		Age		
	5 years or less	6-20 years	More than 20 years	Own	Rent	18-34	35-54	55+
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)
Overall satisfaction with Fire Division services	89%	79%	81%	81%	84%	89% B	75%	83%
Professionalism of 911 operator	74%	88% A	79%	83% B	73%	79%	80%	80%
Efficiency of 911 operator	75%	87%	77%	81%	73%	79%	77%	79%
The accuracy of information you were given during emergencies	64%	82% A	75%	77%	67%	62%	75%	77% A
Overall quality of Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	67%	69%	81% A B	75%	76%	80% B	56%	83% B
Overall EMS response time	66%	67%	78%	72%	72%	80% B	53%	78% B
Professionalism of EMS staff	80%	83%	83%	81%	83%	90% B	72%	84% B
Cultural sensitivity of EMS staff	71%	78%	78%	77%	74%	80%	77%	74%

Comparisons by Race and Household Income

Table 87: Q1 by Respondent Demographics

Please CHECK ALL of the reasons why you choose to live in Forsyth County.	Race			Annual Income			
	White	Black or African American	Other races	Less than \$60,000	Between \$60,000 and \$99,999	Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	\$150,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Arts, cultural, and entertainment amenities	36% C	34%	23%	35%	32%	37%	30%
Housing options	45%	52%	42%	50% B	39%	50%	51% B
Parks and open space options	39%	35%	30%	34%	31%	44% B	43%
Shopping options	25%	35% A	28%	34% D	25% D	33% D	15%
Higher education opportunities	21%	26%	21%	20%	22%	22%	20%
Public transportation systems	3%	16% A C	7%	14% B C D	3%	3%	0%
Diversity of the people who live here	22%	46% A	36% A	40% B D	23%	32%	22%
Employment opportunities	28%	32%	35%	27%	26%	30%	43% A B C
Local tax rate and cost of living	24%	28%	34% A	27%	23%	25%	37% B
Low crime rates	20%	22%	35% A B	29% B	16%	20%	26% B

Please CHECK ALL of the reasons why you choose to live in Forsyth County.	Race			Annual Income			
	White	Black or African American	Other races	Less than \$60,000	Between \$60,000 and \$99,999	Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	\$150,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Low traffic congestion	28%	39% A	29%	29%	29%	32%	37%
Close to family/friends	57% C	70% A C	44%	62% D	59% D	66% D	41%
Close to your work/school	48% B	36%	47%	39%	47%	50%	57% A
Access to health care services	41%	53% A	44%	49%	40%	47%	39%
Access to farm fresh meats and produce	14%	28% A	24% A	26% B C	12%	15%	17%
Quality of public education opportunities	10%	21% A	18% A	13%	8%	13%	20% B
Blend of farm and city environments	25%	25%	22%	31%	23%	22%	23%
Other	12%	11%	21% A B	11%	12%	18% D	10%
None chosen	0%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%

Table 88: Q3 by Respondent Demographics

Please indicate how important you believe each of the following will be to the overall quality of life in Forsyth County over the next 20 years. (Percent Very or Somewhat important)	Race			Annual Income			
	White	Black or African American	Other races	Less than \$60,000	Between \$60,000 and \$99,999	Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	\$150,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Health care access	96%	99% A C	94%	96%	99% A C D	95%	94%
Behavioral health access	78%	83%	82%	86% D	81%	80%	75%
Support systems for those in need	84%	90% A C	80%	89% D	86% D	88% D	79%
Natural open space	93% B	81%	95% B	87%	93% A	91%	96% A
Parks and trails	92% B	85%	90%	87%	93% A	92% A	95% A
Library services	79%	83%	84%	86% D	81% D	80%	74%
Public education (K-12)	87%	91%	87%	85%	91% A	86%	94% A C
College and post-secondary education	82%	92% A C	84%	81%	89% A	83%	90% A
Environmental stewardship and sustainability	85%	80%	84%	82%	86%	88%	84%
Land use planning	91% B	76%	88% B	81%	89% A	90% A	94% A

Please indicate how important you believe each of the following will be to the overall quality of life in Forsyth County over the next 20 years. (Percent Very or Somewhat important)	Race			Annual Income			
	White	Black or African American	Other races	Less than \$60,000	Between \$60,000 and \$99,999	Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	\$150,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Bike lanes, walkability	83%	79%	86%	87% D	84%	85%	79%
Adequacy of residential growth to meet the needs of the County	78%	80%	82%	81%	79%	84%	78%
Adequacy of commercial/industrial growth to meet the job opportunity needs of the County	81%	89% A	86%	84%	81%	90% B D	83%
Job training and workforce development (post-secondary education and training)	81%	92% A	88% A	89% C D	87% D	82%	79%
Housing	92%	94%	93%	96% B C D	91%	91%	92%
Safety, low crime	96%	98% A	98%	98% D	99% D	97%	94%
Social justice/equity/inclusivity	74%	93% A C	78%	87% B C D	79% D	79% D	65%

Table 89: Q5 by Respondent Demographics

What do you think about the overall quality of life in Forsyth County?	Race			Annual Income			
	White	Black or African American	Other races	Less than \$60,000	Between \$60,000 and \$99,999	Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	\$150,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Is getting better	28%	44% A	38% A	39% C	30%	27%	37%
Staying the same	45% B C	33%	28%	35%	39%	48% A	38%
Is getting worse	28%	24%	34%	26%	31%	25%	24%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 90: Q6 by Respondent Demographics

Please rate Forsyth County with regard to the following. (Percent Excellent or Good)	Race			Annual Income			
	White	Black or African American	Other races	Less than \$60,000	Between \$60,000 and \$99,999	Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	\$150,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
As a place to live	84% B C	77% C	67%	80% B	72%	84% B	86% B
As a place to work	68%	66%	75%	66%	71%	71%	75% A
As a place to play	65% C	60% C	47%	58%	64%	65%	57%

Please rate Forsyth County with regard to the following. (Percent Excellent or Good)	Race			Annual Income			
	White	Black or African American	Other races	Less than \$60,000	Between \$60,000 and \$99,999	Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	\$150,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
As a place to raise children	67% C	73% C	53%	62%	61%	73% A B	71% A B
As a place to educate children	43%	70% A C	38%	57% B C D	40%	47%	43%
As a place to retire	65% C	67% C	55%	68%	63%	64%	62%
As a place to visit	57% C	59% C	43%	62% D	60% D	59% D	37%
As a place to start a business	40% C	55% A C	28%	50% C D	44% C	33%	38%
As a community that is moving in the right direction	43%	52% A C	41%	48% B	39%	43%	49% B
As a place where you can earn a living wage	45%	45%	46%	45%	42%	45%	56% A B C
As a place where you can find affordable housing	36%	49% A	51% A	45%	37%	38%	48% B
As a place where you would buy your next home	55% C	58% C	42%	44%	54% A	64% A B	59% A
As a place to attend college or a university	71% C	75% C	61%	76% D	74% D	70%	62%

Table 91: Q7 by Respondent Demographics

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the major categories of services provided by Forsyth County listed below. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	Race			Annual Income			
	White	Black or African American	Other races	Less than \$60,000	Between \$60,000 and \$99,999	Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	\$150,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
County efforts to ensure the community is prepared for a natural disaster or crisis	46%	50%	45%	50% D	44%	52% D	38%
Communication with the public	47% C	51% C	34%	48%	52% D	45%	41%
Enforcement of codes and ordinances	42%	42%	44%	50% B D	35%	46% B	37%
Customer service you receive from County employees	59%	65% C	52%	59%	59%	65%	59%
County Libraries	82% C	79%	71%	75%	85% A	85% A	80%
County parks and recreation opportunities	78% C	73% C	63%	75%	76%	75%	79%
Quality of public health services	63%	64%	54%	61%	67%	65%	59%
Quality of services from the Department of Social Services	33%	51% A	56% A	52% B C D	34%	32%	41%
Quality of tax administration services	30%	41% A	37%	37%	29%	38%	36%
Quality of emergency medical services (EMS)	77%	74%	69%	79%	73%	73%	76%

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the major categories of services provided by Forsyth County listed below. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	Race			Annual Income			
	White	Black or African American	Other races	Less than \$60,000	Between \$60,000 and \$99,999	Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	\$150,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Quality of services provided by the Sheriff's Office	69%	72% C	61%	70%	67%	68%	73%
Quality of emergency 911 services	73%	74%	72%	77% B	69%	73%	74%
Quality of the Smith Reynolds Airport	31%	36%	29%	35%	30%	36%	30%
Quality of North Carolina Cooperative Extension services	47% C	41%	32%	42%	39%	47%	54% B
Quality of K-12 education buildings	29%	42% A	33%	39% B D	29%	31%	26%
Quality of Environmental Assistance and Protection services	27%	45% A	37%	41% B	26%	35%	32%
Quality of Online Tax Services	44%	45%	40%	41%	46%	43%	48%

Table 92: Q9 by Respondent Demographics

How supportive would you be of a tax increase if it were used to fund the services that you indicated should receive the most emphasis?	Race			Annual Income			
	White	Black or African American	Other races	Less than \$60,000	Between \$60,000 and \$99,999	Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	\$150,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Very supportive	15%	19%	21%	16%	16%	19%	21%
Supportive	28% C	23%	17%	21%	28%	28%	29%
Not sure	20%	22%	22%	26%	19%	21%	18%
Not supportive	15%	13%	9%	13%	14%	14%	11%
Not at all supportive	21%	23%	31% A	23%	23%	19%	21%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 93: Q10 by Respondent Demographics

Please rate your satisfaction with the following. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	Race			Annual Income			
	White	Black or African American	Other races	Less than \$60,000	Between \$60,000 and \$99,999	Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	\$150,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Condition of The Forsyth County Government Building at 201 N. Chestnut St. in Winston-Salem	67%	79% A	77% A	73%	67%	77%	75%
Condition of the Forsyth County Courthouse/Hall of Justice	67%	75% A	77% A	69%	72%	81% A D	69%
Condition of Forsyth Technical Community College facilities	65%	71%	62%	72% D	65%	66%	62%
Condition of the County's Smith Reynolds Airport	41%	47% C	34%	42%	40%	44%	42%
Condition of Winston-Salem Forsyth County K-12 public school buildings	25%	34% A	26%	29%	25%	23%	31%
The amount of security staff on County properties	41%	54% A C	40%	46%	45%	46%	43%
Cleanliness of County buildings	56%	70% A C	59%	63%	57%	66%	60%
Accessibility of public buildings/ease of entry access	58%	66%	58%	63%	55%	58%	69% B
Landscaping around County buildings	59%	70% A C	57%	62%	58%	64%	63%

Table 94: Q12 by Respondent Demographics

Please CHECK ALL of the sources listed below that you and members of your household use to learn about Forsyth County news, events, and to get other County information.	Race			Annual Income			
	White	Black or African American	Other races	Less than \$60,000	Between \$60,000 and \$99,999	Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	\$150,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Forsyth County website (Forsyth.cc)	49%	51%	53%	42%	49%	56% A	63% A B
Nextdoor	21%	21%	25%	20%	23%	21%	21%
Twitter/X	7%	8%	8%	8%	7%	6%	7%
Facebook	46%	47%	41%	50%	43%	49%	43%
Emails/newsletters/mailers from County departments	37%	32%	38%	38%	35%	37%	35%
WSTV 13	8%	15% A	12%	6%	14% A	9%	18% A C
Winston Salem Journal	31%	33%	25%	32%	25%	33%	33%
Other local news publications	18%	26% A	26% A	23%	21%	19%	21%
Local radio	31% C	36% C	20%	30%	36%	30%	32%
Local TV news	56% C	74% A C	44%	72% B C D	57% D	50%	44%
Friends/family - word of mouth	65%	64%	63%	58%	67%	74% A	65%
Other online sources	28%	25%	44% A B	28%	30%	30%	33%
None chosen	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	1%	3%

Table 95: Q14 by Respondent Demographics

For each of the following, please rate your satisfaction. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	Race			Annual Income			
	White	Black or African American	Other races	Less than \$60,000	Between \$60,000 and \$99,999	Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	\$150,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Ease of locating information on the County's website	49%	66% A C	53%	55%	54%	51%	55%
Your experience engaging with the County government process	41%	55% A C	39%	47% D	47% D	52% D	35%
Level of public involvement in local decisions with the County	19%	32% A	24%	34% B C D	25%	16%	18%
County efforts to keep you informed about local issues	29%	46% A C	32%	47% B C D	32%	27%	27%
County efforts to be open and transparent with information about County issues, services, and performance	25%	44% A C	33% A	43% B C D	31%	25%	23%

Table 96: Q15 by Respondent Demographics

Please indicate if you or other members of your household have visited any of the County parks during the past year. (Percent Yes)	Race			Annual Income			
	White	Black or African American	Other races	Less than \$60,000	Between \$60,000 and \$99,999	Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	\$150,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
G Hill Memorial Park	19% C	15%	10%	12%	25% A C D	17%	14%
Horizons Park	20%	32% A C	15%	21%	24%	20%	27%
Joanie Moser Memorial Park	21% C	17%	13%	15%	14%	23% A B	26% A B
Kernersville Lake Park	21%	26%	30% A	31% B D	18%	28% B	20%
Old U.S. 421 River Park	12% C	9%	3%	9%	11%	11%	11%
Tanglewood Park	70% B C	56%	60%	55%	58%	82% A B	79% A B
Triad Park	30% C	37% C	16%	25%	29%	34% A	32%
Union Cross Park	17% C	17% C	9%	16%	16%	19%	15%
Walkertown Community Park	13%	21% A C	11%	17% C D	20% C D	9%	8%

Table 97: Q15' by Respondent Demographics

Please rate the condition of the facility based on your most recent experience. (Percent Excellent or Good)	Race			Annual Income			
	White	Black or African American	Other races	Less than \$60,000	Between \$60,000 and \$99,999	Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	\$150,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
G Hill Memorial Park	84%	80%	74%	78%	76%	81%	95% A B
Horizons Park	89% C	88% C	58%	80%	82%	83%	94% A
Joanie Moser Memorial Park	88%	78%	76%	75%	70%	85% B	96% A B
Kernersville Lake Park	85% C	85% C	71%	82% B	69%	89% B	82%
Old U.S. 421 River Park	72%	73%	65%	70% B	49%	74% B	81% B
Tanglewood Park	96% C	97% C	89%	92%	96%	97% A	95%
Triad Park	95% B C	86%	78%	87%	90%	85%	98% A C
Union Cross Park	83% C	70%	64%	76%	61%	75%	95% A B C
Walkertown Community Park	83% C	73%	58%	73%	82% C	62%	71%

Table 98: Q16 by Respondent Demographics

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the parks and recreation services provided by Forsyth County. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	Race			Annual Income			
	White	Black or African American	Other races	Less than \$60,000	Between \$60,000 and \$99,999	Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	\$150,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Availability of active recreation equipment (e.g., playgrounds, all-age fitness equipment)	72% C	67%	62%	66%	69%	75%	73%
Availability of pickleball courts (Joanie Moser, Walkertown, Union Cross)	47%	43%	50%	45%	43%	54%	54%
Quality of public disc golf courses (Horizons Park, Triad Park)	51%	44%	49%	49%	53%	54%	47%
Quality and availability of event facilities (e.g., picnic shelters, indoor facilities)	69%	72%	64%	68%	59%	76% B	75% B
Maintenance of County parks	75% C	73%	65%	70%	71%	77%	80% A B
Overall feeling of safety in County parks	71% C	70% C	60%	68%	65%	71%	76% B
Quality of athletic fields (soccer, baseball/softball)	67%	63%	66%	73% B D	56%	74% B D	61%
Quality and availability of tennis courts	55%	55%	63%	51%	47%	69% A B	65% A B
Availability of open space and natural areas in County parks	78% B C	70%	67%	73%	70%	83% A B	78%

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the parks and recreation services provided by Forsyth County. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	Race			Annual Income			
	White	Black or African American	Other races	Less than \$60,000	Between \$60,000 and \$99,999	Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	\$150,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Quality of Tanglewood Park's Festival of Lights	83%	78%	75%	78%	77%	83%	86% A B
Quality of Peter S. Brunstetter Aquatic Center at Tanglewood Park	56%	61%	59%	57%	58%	61%	58%
Quality of Tanglewood golf courses	61%	64%	59%	53%	52%	72% A B	70% A B
Quality of the County's dog parks (Tanglewood, Horizons Park)	64% C	63% C	46%	55%	64%	63%	68% A
Availability and access of walking and biking trails	70%	66%	69%	73%	70%	67%	71%

Table 99: Q18 by Respondent Demographics

During the past year, have you or other members of your household contacted employees of Forsyth County or visited the County's website to seek services, ask a question, or file complaints?	Race			Annual Income			
	White	Black or African American	Other races	Less than \$60,000	Between \$60,000 and \$99,999	Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	\$150,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Visited the website	23%	25%	26%	16%	27% A	30% A	27% A
Contacted by phone	17%	21%	14%	18%	15%	15%	19%
Contacted by email	2%	1%	0%	1%	3%	2%	1%
In person	7%	6%	3%	7%	8%	6%	3%
No	51%	46%	57%	58%	47%	46%	49%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 100: Q19 by Respondent Demographics

Please rate your satisfaction with your experience interacting with the county government department(s) you contacted. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	Race			Annual Income			
	White	Black or African American	Other races	Less than \$60,000	Between \$60,000 and \$99,999	Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	\$150,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
How easy the county government was to contact	67% C	71% C	47%	65%	72%	69%	62%
Courtesy of county employee(s) you interacted with	77%	70%	71%	77% D	78% D	78% D	66%
Accuracy of the information you were given	72% C	70% C	50%	72%	74%	76% D	62%
Appropriateness of county employees' response	73%	66%	63%	72%	67%	79% D	65%
Timeliness of county employees' response	68% C	62% C	47%	68% D	67%	70% D	55%
The resolution of your issue/concern	65% C	66% C	48%	67% D	66%	72% D	56%

Table 101: Q20 by Respondent Demographics

Please indicate if you or other members of your household have visited each of the libraries during the past year. (Percent Yes)	Race			Annual Income			
	White	Black or African American	Other races	Less than \$60,000	Between \$60,000 and \$99,999	Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	\$150,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Carver School Road	4%	32% A C	10% A	21% B C D	10%	5%	6%
Central Library	37%	43%	37%	32%	40%	40%	45% A
Clemmons	25% B	12%	23% B	15%	22%	30% A	26% A
Paddison Memorial in Kernersville	20% B C	13%	12%	17%	17%	21%	16%
Lewisville	19% B	9%	24% B	11%	18% A	24% A	21% A
Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center	5%	22% A C	7%	13% C D	10% C	4%	6%
Reynolda Manor	19% B	12%	20% B	13%	22% A	22% A	16%
Rural Hall	7%	11%	12%	9%	10%	7%	10%
Southside	11%	22% A C	11%	15% D	18% D	17% D	4%
Walkertown	9%	14%	15%	12%	16% C	7%	11%
The Library's website	36% B C	28%	22%	26%	30%	43% A B	37% A

Please indicate if you or other members of your household have visited each of the libraries during the past year. (Percent Yes)	Race			Annual Income			
	White	Black or African American	Other races	Less than \$60,000	Between \$60,000 and \$99,999	Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	\$150,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Other	4%	11% A	12% A	7%	9%	8%	5%

Table 102: Q20' by Respondent Demographics

Please rate the condition of the facility based on your most recent experience. (Percent Excellent or Good)	Race			Annual Income			
	White	Black or African American	Other races	Less than \$60,000	Between \$60,000 and \$99,999	Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	\$150,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Carver School Road	68%	89% A C	54%	70%	61%	94% A B	96% A B
Central Library	95% C	98% C	85%	91%	92%	98%	94%
Clemmons	98%	100%	95%	99%	97%	96%	99%
Paddison Memorial in Kernersville	90%	100% A C	85%	87%	83%	100% A B	98% A B
Lewisville	96%	100%	100%	99% B	92%	100% B	98%
Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center	72%	86%	67%	75% B	45%	92% B	88% B
Reynolda Manor	82%	94%	83%	92%	81%	87%	77%

Please rate the condition of the facility based on your most recent experience. (Percent Excellent or Good)	Race			Annual Income			
	White	Black or African American	Other races	Less than \$60,000	Between \$60,000 and \$99,999	Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	\$150,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Rural Hall	85%	92%	100% A	98% B	72%	98% B	93% B
Southside	76%	87%	69%	79% B	61%	95% B	95% B
Walkertown	89%	90%	86%	98% B D	81%	100% B D	77%
The Library's website	81% C	88% C	67%	82%	80%	76%	85%
Other	72%	77%	68%	74% B	45%	91% B	94% B

Table 103: Q21 by Respondent Demographics

If you have visited any of libraries listed during the past year, please CHECK ALL of the reasons for which you visited or used it.	Race			Annual Income			
	White	Black or African American	Other races	Less than \$60,000	Between \$60,000 and \$99,999	Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	\$150,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
To vote	37% C	43% C	26%	34%	37%	45% A D	27%
Check out books	48% B	26%	40% B	35%	37%	52% A B	51% A B
Check out CDs	4%	6%	8%	7% B	1%	6% B	7% B
Check out DVDs	7%	4%	15% A B	11% C	8%	4%	7%
Check out other physical materials	7%	3%	11% B	7%	5%	9%	8%
Access wireless internet	5%	13% A	12% A	13% C D	10% C D	3%	3%
Use a computer	8%	21% A	16% A	23% C D	15% C D	2%	3%
Attend a program	16%	17%	15%	11%	14%	24% A B	22% A
Attend a community event	16%	17%	22%	12%	15%	24% A	23% A
Research a topic	10%	10%	10%	9%	14%	9%	8%
As a place to relax	13%	9%	15%	16% D	11%	13%	8%

If you have visited any of libraries listed during the past year, please CHECK ALL of the reasons for which you visited or used it.	Race			Annual Income			
	White	Black or African American	Other races	Less than \$60,000	Between \$60,000 and \$99,999	Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	\$150,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Other	8%	16% A	10%	13%	11%	8%	11%
None chosen	28% B	19%	30% B	28%	29%	20%	26%

Table 104: Q22 by Respondent Demographics

If you have visited any of libraries listed during the past year, which format do you MOST prefer for accessing Library materials?	Race			Annual Income			
	White	Black or African American	Other races	Less than \$60,000	Between \$60,000 and \$99,999	Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	\$150,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Physical (e.g., print book, CD, DVD, audiobooks)	47% B	23%	35% B	37%	39%	46%	34%
Digital (e.g., eBook, eAudio, eMagazines)	5%	4%	5%	1%	8% A	3%	7% A
Both physical and digital	30%	40% A C	21%	28%	34%	34%	38%
I don't usually visit the library	18%	33% A	39% A	34% B C D	19%	17%	20%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 105: Q23 by Respondent Demographics

During the past year, have you or other members of your household had contact with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office?	Race			Annual Income			
	White	Black or African American	Other races	Less than \$60,000	Between \$60,000 and \$99,999	Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	\$150,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Yes	23%	27%	21%	23%	28%	26%	20%
No	77%	73%	79%	77%	72%	74%	80%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 106: Q24 by Respondent Demographics

Please CHECK ALL of the types of contact that you or the members of your household have had with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office during the past year	Race			Annual Income			
	White	Black or African American	Other races	Less than \$60,000	Between \$60,000 and \$99,999	Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	\$150,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Traffic violation	3%	4%	1%	4%	1%	3%	2%
Criminal investigation	2%	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Visiting the detention center	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Receipt of civil process services	1%	7% A C	1%	4%	2%	1%	0%
Firearms permits	4%	9% A	4%	5%	5%	6%	7%
Report a crime	5%	5%	4%	5%	3%	6%	4%
Request assistance	11%	9%	13%	12%	15%	10%	9%
Interactions at public events	7% C	4%	2%	6%	4%	6%	6%
Calling or visiting Animal Services	5%	4%	0%	4%	3%	8%	3%
None chosen	77%	72%	82%	76%	73%	73%	81%

Table 107: Q25 by Respondent Demographics

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the services provided by Forsyth County Sheriff's office. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	Race			Annual Income			
	White	Black or African American	Other races	Less than \$60,000	Between \$60,000 and \$99,999	Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	\$150,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Overall quality of Sheriff protection	74% C	80% C	57%	76%	71%	78%	69%
Cultural Sensitivity of Sheriff Office employees	61%	63%	50%	59%	57%	60%	68%
Professionalism of Sheriff's Office employees	74% C	71% C	54%	62%	75% A	82% A D	67%
Quality of animal services	49% C	57% C	34%	48%	49%	58%	49%
Quality of social media communication (X, Facebook, Instagram)	54% C	72% A C	36%	55%	54%	61%	60%
Accessibility and Responsiveness of the Sheriff's Office	70% C	77% C	57%	69%	70%	81% A B D	63%
The level of transparency by the Sheriff's Office	61% C	58%	49%	54%	60%	67% A	58%
Response time by the Sheriff's Office to emergencies	66%	68%	58%	65%	67%	77% A D	59%
Response time by the Sheriff's Office to non-emergencies	64% C	70% C	51%	59%	68%	71% A	64%
The visibility of Sheriff's Deputies in your community	61%	65%	72%	59%	59%	74% A B	66%

Table 108: Q27 by Respondent Demographics

Please CHECK ALL of the Emergency Services offered by Forsyth County that you or members of your household have had contact with during the last year.	Race			Annual Income			
	White	Black or African American	Other races	Less than \$60,000	Between \$60,000 and \$99,999	Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	\$150,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Forsyth County's 911 Service	22%	21%	23%	32% B C D	21%	20%	14%
Forsyth County Fire Division	8%	9%	4%	6%	9%	7%	9%
Forsyth County EMS	15%	22% A	15%	20% D	22% D	14%	9%
None, I have not used any	73%	67%	69%	61%	68%	74% A	80% A B
None chosen	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Table 109: Q28 by Respondent Demographics

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the services provided by Forsyth County. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	Race			Annual Income			
	White	Black or African American	Other races	Less than \$60,000	Between \$60,000 and \$99,999	Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	\$150,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Overall satisfaction with Fire Division services	88% B	77%	77%	82% D	91% D	90% D	64%
Professionalism of 911 operator	85% C	76%	70%	76%	84%	92% A	81%
Efficiency of 911 operator	84% B C	72%	71%	75%	87% A	89% A	75%
The accuracy of information you were given during emergencies	75%	71%	73%	71%	77%	89% A D	67%
Overall quality of Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	82% C	80% C	47%	86% B D	71%	72%	65%
Overall EMS response time	77% C	81% C	49%	81%	73%	66%	70%
Professionalism of EMS staff	87% C	81%	72%	91% B D	73%	86%	75%
Cultural sensitivity of EMS staff	79%	74%	73%	87% B C	61%	65%	88% B C

Comparisons by Commissioner District

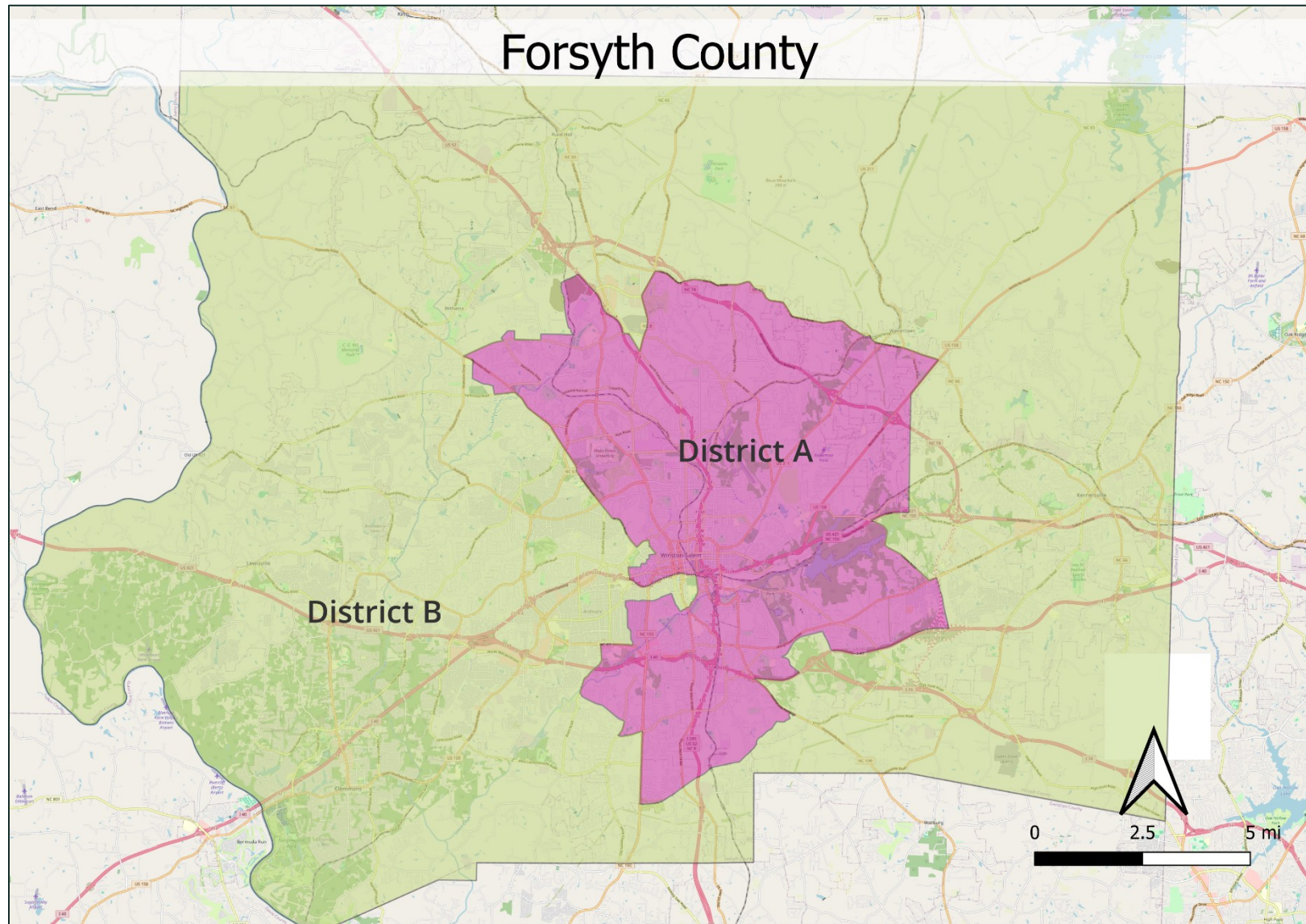


Table 110: Q1 by Respondent District

Please CHECK ALL of the reasons why you choose to live in Forsyth County.	District A	District B	Overall
	(A)	(B)	(A)
Arts, cultural, and entertainment amenities	41% B	31%	34%
Housing options	50%	45%	46%
Parks and open space options	36%	37%	37%
Shopping options	30%	28%	28%
Higher education opportunities	30% B	19%	22%
Public transportation systems	14% B	4%	7%
Diversity of the people who live here	42% B	25%	29%
Employment opportunities	28%	30%	30%
Local tax rate and cost of living	24%	27%	27%
Low crime rates	18%	25% A	23%
Low traffic congestion	26%	32%	30%
Close to family/friends	65% B	54%	57%
Close to your work/school	44%	45%	45%
Access to health care services	50% B	42%	44%
Access to farm fresh meats and produce	24% B	17%	19%
Quality of public education opportunities	15%	13%	14%

	District A	District B	Overall
Please CHECK ALL of the reasons why you choose to live in Forsyth County.	(A)	(B)	(A)
Blend of farm and city environments	23%	25%	25%
Other	10%	14%	13%
None chosen	1%	1%	1%

Table 111: Q3 by Respondent District

Please indicate how important you believe each of the following will be to the overall quality of life in Forsyth County over the next 20 years. (Percent Very or Somewhat important)	District A	District B	Overall
	(A)	(B)	(A)
Health care access	99% B	95%	96%
Behavioral health access	84% B	77%	79%
Support systems for those in need	90% B	83%	85%
Natural open space	85%	93% A	91%
Parks and trails	85%	92% A	90%
Library services	82%	80%	81%
Public education (K-12)	90%	86%	87%
College and post-secondary education	90% B	81%	84%
Environmental stewardship and sustainability	85%	82%	83%
Land use planning	86%	87%	87%
Bike lanes, walkability	84%	82%	83%

Please indicate how important you believe each of the following will be to the overall quality of life in Forsyth County over the next 20 years. (Percent Very or Somewhat important)	District A	District B	Overall
	(A)	(B)	(A)
Adequacy of residential growth to meet the needs of the County	80%	78%	79%
Adequacy of commercial/industrial growth to meet the job opportunity needs of the County	83%	83%	83%
Job training and workforce development (post-secondary education and training)	89% B	82%	84%
Housing	95% B	91%	92%
Safety, low crime	96%	97%	96%
Social justice/equity/inclusivity	92% B	72%	78%

Table 112: Q5 by Respondent District

What do you think about the overall quality of life in Forsyth County?	District A	District B	Overall
	(A)	(B)	(A)
Is getting better	41% B	29%	32%
Staying the same	35%	41%	39%
Is getting worse	24%	31% A	29%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Table 113: Q6 by Respondent District

Please rate Forsyth County with regard to the following. (Percent Excellent or Good)	District A	District B	Overall
	(A)	(B)	(A)
As a place to live	77%	80%	79%
As a place to work	69%	69%	69%
As a place to play	62%	60%	60%
As a place to raise children	66%	65%	65%
As a place to educate children	56%	44%	48%
As a place to retire	71%	60%	63%
As a place to visit	64%	52%	55%
As a place to start a business	47%	40%	42%
As a community that is moving in the right direction	51%	41%	44%
As a place where you can earn a living wage	50%	43%	45%
As a place where you can find affordable housing	47%	39%	41%
As a place where you would buy your next home	59%	50%	53%
As a place to attend college or a university	76%	67%	69%

Table 114: Q7 by Respondent District

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the major categories of services provided by Forsyth County listed below. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	District A	District B	Overall
	(A)	(B)	(A)
County efforts to ensure the community is prepared for a natural disaster or crisis	54% B	42%	46%
Communication with the public	49%	44%	45%
Enforcement of codes and ordinances	48% B	39%	42%
Customer service you receive from County employees	61%	57%	58%
County Libraries	80%	79%	80%
County parks and recreation opportunities	75%	75%	75%
Quality of public health services	68% B	59%	62%
Quality of services from the Department of Social Services	51% B	37%	42%
Quality of tax administration services	39% B	32%	34%
Quality of emergency medical services (EMS)	78%	74%	75%
Quality of services provided by the Sheriff's Office	68%	67%	68%
Quality of emergency 911 services	74%	72%	72%
Quality of the Smith Reynolds Airport	34%	31%	32%
Quality of North Carolina Cooperative Extension services	48%	41%	43%
Quality of K-12 education buildings	40% B	29%	33%
Quality of Environmental Assistance and Protection services	39%	32%	34%

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the major categories of services provided by Forsyth County listed below. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	District A	District B	Overall
	(A)	(B)	(A)
Quality of Online Tax Services	50% B	41%	43%

Table 115: Q9 by Respondent District

How supportive would you be of a tax increase if it were used to fund the services that you indicated should receive the most emphasis?	District A	District B	Overall
	(A)	(B)	(A)
Very supportive	18%	16%	17%
Supportive	27%	24%	24%
Not sure	28% B	18%	21%
Not supportive	8%	16% A	14%
Not at all supportive	20%	26%	24%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Table 116: Q10 by Respondent District

Please rate your satisfaction with the following. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	District A	District B	Overall
	(A)	(B)	(A)
Condition of The Forsyth County Government Building at 201 N. Chestnut St. in Winston-Salem	75%	69%	71%
Condition of the Forsyth County Courthouse/Hall of Justice	77% B	67%	70%
Condition of Forsyth Technical Community College facilities	74% B	61%	65%
Condition of the County's Smith Reynolds Airport	45%	39%	41%
Condition of Winston-Salem Forsyth County K-12 public school buildings	33% B	25%	27%
The amount of security staff on County properties	51% B	41%	44%
Cleanliness of County buildings	63%	58%	59%
Accessibility of public buildings/ease of entry access	60%	59%	59%
Landscaping around County buildings	67% B	58%	61%

Table 117: Q12 by Respondent District

Please CHECK ALL of the sources listed below that you and members of your household use to learn about Forsyth County news, events, and to get other County information.	District A	District B	Overall
	(A)	(B)	(A)
Forsyth County website (Forsyth.cc)	39%	54% A	50%
Nextdoor	18%	23% A	22%
Twitter/X	8%	7%	7%
Facebook	41%	47%	45%
Emails/newsletters/mailers from County departments	40% B	34%	36%
WSTV 13	9%	11%	10%
Winston Salem Journal	33%	29%	30%
Other local news publications	26% B	19%	21%
Local radio	34%	29%	30%
Local TV news	62%	57%	58%
Friends/family - word of mouth	64%	63%	63%
Other online sources	35% B	28%	30%
None chosen	3%	3%	3%

Table 118: Q14 by Respondent District

For each of the following, please rate your satisfaction. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	District A	District B	Overall
	(A)	(B)	(A)
Ease of locating information on the County's website	54%	52%	53%
Your experience engaging with the County government process	54% B	40%	44%
Level of public involvement in local decisions with the County	29% B	21%	23%
County efforts to keep you informed about local issues	38% B	31%	33%
County efforts to be open and transparent with information about County issues, services, and performance	37% B	27%	30%

Table 119: Q15 by Respondent District

Please indicate if you or other members of your household have visited any of the County parks during the past year. (Percent Yes)	District A	District B	Overall
	(A)	(B)	(A)
G Hill Memorial Park	14%	18%	17%
Horizons Park	20%	23%	22%
Joanie Moser Memorial Park	6%	24% A	19%
Kernersville Lake Park	23%	25%	25%
Old U.S. 421 River Park	7%	12% A	11%
Tanglewood Park	56%	69% A	65%
Triad Park	24%	31% A	29%
Union Cross Park	12%	17%	16%
Walkertown Community Park	23% B	12%	15%

Table 120: Q15' by Respondent District

Please rate the condition of the facility based on your most recent experience. (Percent Excellent or Good)	District A	District B	Overall
	(A)	(B)	(A)
G Hill Memorial Park	81%	83%	82%
Horizons Park	81%	86%	84%
Joanie Moser Memorial Park	71%	87% A	85%
Kernersville Lake Park	70%	85% A	81%
Old U.S. 421 River Park	67%	73%	71%
Tanglewood Park	90%	96% A	95%
Triad Park	82%	93% A	90%
Union Cross Park	68%	81%	77%
Walkertown Community Park	75%	74%	75%

Table 121: Q16 by Respondent District

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the parks and recreation services provided by Forsyth County. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	District A	District B	Overall
	(A)	(B)	(A)
Availability of active recreation equipment (e.g., playgrounds, all-age fitness equipment)	57%	73% A	69%
Availability of pickleball courts (Joanie Moser, Walkertown, Union Cross)	45%	47%	47%
Quality of public disc golf courses (Horizons Park, Triad Park)	35%	54% A	49%
Quality and availability of event facilities (e.g., picnic shelters, indoor facilities)	62%	72% A	69%
Maintenance of County parks	66%	75% A	73%
Overall feeling of safety in County parks	66%	70%	69%
Quality of athletic fields (soccer, baseball/softball)	62%	66%	65%
Quality and availability of tennis courts	49%	59% A	56%
Availability of open space and natural areas in County parks	67%	78% A	75%
Quality of Tanglewood Park's Festival of Lights	78%	81%	81%
Quality of Peter S. Brunstetter Aquatic Center at Tanglewood Park	53%	61%	59%
Quality of Tanglewood golf courses	59%	62%	61%
Quality of the County's dog parks (Tanglewood, Horizons Park)	63%	59%	60%
Availability and access of walking and biking trails	65%	70%	69%

Table 122: Q18 by Respondent District

During the past year, have you or other members of your household contacted employees of Forsyth County or visited the County's website to seek services, ask a question, or file complaints?	District A	District B	Overall
	(A)	(B)	(A)
Visited the website	22%	25%	24%
Contacted by phone	20%	17%	18%
Contacted by email	2%	2%	2%
In person	4%	7% A	6%
No	53%	49%	50%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Table 123: Q19 by Respondent District

Please rate your satisfaction with your experience interacting with the county government department(s) you contacted. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	District A	District B	Overall
	(A)	(B)	(A)
How easy the county government was to contact	67%	64%	65%
Courtesy of county employee(s) you interacted with	77%	73%	74%
Accuracy of the information you were given	71%	68%	69%
Appropriateness of county employees' response	72%	69%	70%
Timeliness of county employees' response	68%	61%	63%
The resolution of your issue/concern	68%	60%	63%

Table 124: Q20 by Respondent District

Please indicate if you or other members of your household have visited each of the libraries during the past year. (Percent Yes)	District A	District B	Overall
	(A)	(B)	(A)
Carver School Road	23% B	7%	11%
Central Library	43%	37%	39%
Clemmons	11%	27% A	22%
Paddison Memorial in Kernersville	7%	21% A	17%
Lewisville	10%	21% A	18%
Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center	18% B	6%	9%
Reynolda Manor	16%	19%	18%
Rural Hall	6%	10% A	9%
Southside	24% B	10%	14%
Walkertown	19% B	9%	11%
The Library's website	26%	35% A	33%
Other	8%	7%	7%

Table 125: Q20' by Respondent District

Please rate the condition of the facility based on your most recent experience. (Percent Excellent or Good)	District A	District B	Overall
	(A)	(B)	(A)
Carver School Road	79%	71%	75%
Central Library	89%	97% A	94%
Clemmons	99%	98%	98%
Paddison Memorial in Kernersville	85%	93%	91%
Lewisville	98%	98%	98%
Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center	79%	74%	76%
Reynolda Manor	94% B	81%	85%
Rural Hall	84%	94%	91%
Southside	75%	83%	79%
Walkertown	87%	89%	88%
The Library's website	85%	78%	80%
Other	68%	76%	73%

Table 126: Q21 by Respondent District

If you have visited any of libraries listed during the past year, please CHECK ALL of the reasons for which you visited or used it.	District A	District B	Overall
	(A)	(B)	(A)
To vote	35%	36%	36%
Check out books	34%	44% A	41%
Check out CDs	5%	5%	5%
Check out DVDs	8%	7%	7%
Check out other physical materials	6%	7%	7%
Access wireless internet	9%	8%	8%
Use a computer	15%	11%	12%
Attend a program	12%	17% A	16%
Attend a community event	19%	17%	17%
Research a topic	12%	10%	10%
As a place to relax	15%	11%	12%
Other	15% B	8%	10%
None chosen	26%	28%	27%

Table 127: Q22 by Respondent District

If you have visited any of libraries listed during the past year, which format do you MOST prefer for accessing Library materials?	District A	District B	Overall
	(A)	(B)	(A)
Physical (e.g., print book, CD, DVD, audiobooks)	27%	45% A	40%
Digital (e.g., eBook, eAudio, eMagazines)	4%	5%	5%
Both physical and digital	32%	30%	31%
I don't usually visit the library	36% B	20%	25%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Table 128: Q23 by Respondent District

During the past year, have you or other members of your household had contact with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office?	District A	District B	Overall
	(A)	(B)	(A)
Yes	24%	23%	24%
No	76%	77%	76%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Table 129: Q24 by Respondent District

Please CHECK ALL of the types of contact that you or the members of your household have had with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office during the past year	District A	District B	Overall
	(A)	(B)	(A)
Traffic violation	4%	2%	2%
Criminal investigation	1%	1%	1%
Visiting the detention center	1%	1%	1%
Receipt of civil process services	3% B	2%	2%
Firearms permits	8%	5%	6%
Report a crime	6% B	3%	4%
Request assistance	12%	10%	11%
Interactions at public events	4%	6%	5%
Calling or visiting Animal Services	3%	4%	4%
None chosen	76%	77%	77%

Table 130: Q25 by Respondent District

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the services provided by Forsyth County Sheriff's office. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	District A	District B	Overall
	(A)	(B)	(A)
Overall quality of Sheriff protection	71%	73%	72%
Cultural Sensitivity of Sheriff Office employees	62%	59%	60%
Professionalism of Sheriff's Office employees	63%	72% A	70%
Quality of animal services	49%	48%	49%
Quality of social media communication (X, Facebook, Instagram)	53%	57%	56%
Accessibility and Responsiveness of the Sheriff's Office	71%	68%	68%
The level of transparency by the Sheriff's Office	53%	60%	58%
Response time by the Sheriff's Office to emergencies	64%	66%	65%
Response time by the Sheriff's Office to non-emergencies	58%	65%	63%
The visibility of Sheriff's Deputies in your community	67%	61%	63%

Table 131: Q27 by Respondent District

Please CHECK ALL of the Emergency Services offered by Forsyth County that you or members of your household have had contact with during the last year.	District A	District B	Overall
	(A)	(B)	(A)
Forsyth County's 911 Service	23%	21%	22%
Forsyth County Fire Division	5%	8% A	7%
Forsyth County EMS	18%	16%	17%
None, I have not used any	67%	72%	71%

Table 132: Q28 by Respondent District

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the services provided by Forsyth County. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	District A	District B	Overall
	(A)	(B)	(A)
Overall satisfaction with Fire Division services	75%	85%	82%
Professionalism of 911 operator	76%	81%	80%
Efficiency of 911 operator	69%	83% A	79%
The accuracy of information you were given during emergencies	63%	79% A	74%
Overall quality of Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	77%	75%	75%
Overall EMS response time	73%	73%	73%
Professionalism of EMS staff	86%	80%	82%
Cultural sensitivity of EMS staff	81%	74%	76%

Appendix E: Survey Results by Year

Table 133: Question #1 by year

Please CHECK ALL of the reasons why you choose to live in Forsyth County.	2021	2023	2026
Arts, cultural, and entertainment amenities	37%	34%	34%
Housing options	41%	42%	46%
Parks and open space options	40%	39%	37%
Shopping options	31%	30%	28%
Higher education opportunities	22%	20%	22%
Public transportation systems	4%	6%	7%
Diversity of the people who live here	25%	25%	29%
Employment opportunities	33%	33%	30%
Local tax rate and cost of living	32%	33%	27%
Low crime rates	19%	15%	23%
Low traffic congestion	27%	25%	30%
Close to family/friends	57%	63%	57%
Close to your work/school	40%	37%	45%
Access to health care services	49%	53%	44%
Access to farm fresh meats and produce	16%	20%	19%
Quality of public education opportunities	13%	14%	14%
Blend of farm and city environments	27%	28%	25%

Table 134: Question #3 by year

Please indicate how important you believe each of the following will be to the overall quality of life in Forsyth County over the next 20 years.			
Percent rating as very important	2021	2023	2026
Health care access	95%	97%	85%
Behavioral health access	74%	79%	52%
Support systems for those in need	83%	84%	62%
Natural open space	87%	85%	59%
Parks and trails	87%	83%	60%
Library services	74%	74%	45%
Public education (K-12)	83%	83%	75%
College and post-secondary education	82%	78%	49%
Environmental stewardship and sustainability	81%	78%	53%
Land use planning	83%	84%	60%
Bike lanes, walkability	76%	71%	44%
Adequacy of residential growth to meet the needs of the County	74%	73%	46%
Adequacy of commercial/industrial growth to meet the job opportunity needs of the County	82%	76%	52%
Job training and workforce development (post-secondary education and training)	84%	82%	51%
Housing	88%	85%	69%
Safety, low crime	95%	94%	87%
Social justice/equity/inclusivity	76%	75%	60%

Table 135: Question #5 by year

What do you think about the overall quality of life in Forsyth County?	2021	2023	2026
Getting better	25%	18%	32%
Staying the same	32%	41%	39%
Getting worse	43%	41%	29%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Table 136: Question #6 by year

Please rate Forsyth County with regard to the following. Percent rating as excellent or good			
	2021	2023	2026
As a place to live	86%	76%	79%
As a place to work	74%	66%	69%
As a place to play	67%	60%	60%
As a place to raise children	74%	66%	65%
As a place to educate children	62%	52%	48%
As a place to retire	67%	66%	63%
As a place to visit	64%	60%	55%
As a place to start a business	51%	46%	42%
As a community that is moving in the right direction	50%	42%	44%
As a place where you can earn a living wage	54%	43%	45%
As a place where you can find affordable housing	51%	38%	41%
As a place where you would buy your next home	56%	50%	53%
As a place to attend college or a university	71%	67%	69%

Table 137: Question #7 by year

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the major categories of services provided by Forsyth County listed below. Percent rating as very satisfied or satisfied	2021	2023	2026
County efforts to ensure the community is prepared for a natural disaster or crisis	52%	48%	46%
Communication with the public	52%	44%	45%
Enforcement of codes and ordinances	45%	39%	42%
Customer service you receive from County employees	59%	54%	58%
County Libraries	76%	72%	80%
County parks and recreation opportunities	74%	69%	75%
Quality of public health services	65%	59%	62%
Quality of services from the Department of Social Services	38%	40%	42%
Quality of tax administration services	41%	40%	34%
Quality of emergency medical services (EMS)	75%	69%	75%
Quality of services provided by the Sheriff's Office	68%	65%	68%
Quality of emergency 911 services	75%	71%	72%
Quality of the Smith Reynolds Airport	29%	36%	32%
Quality of North Carolina Cooperative Extension services	46%	54%	43%
Quality of K-12 education buildings	39%	35%	33%
Quality of Environmental Assistance and Protection services	34%	38%	34%
Quality of Online Tax Services	.	47%	43%

Table 138: Question #9 by year

How supportive would you be of a tax increase if it were used to fund the services that you indicated should receive the most emphasis?	2021	2023	2026
Percent rating as very supportive or supportive	.	45%	41%

Table 139: Question #10 by year

Please rate your satisfaction with the following. Percent rating as very satisfied or satisfied.	2021	2023	2026
Condition of The Forsyth County Government Building at 201 N. Chestnut St. in Winston-Salem	68%	65%	71%
Condition of the Forsyth County Courthouse/Hall of Justice	52%	61%	70%
Condition of Forsyth Technical Community College facilities	67%	66%	65%
Condition of the County's Smith Reynolds Airport	32%	36%	41%
Condition of Winston-Salem Forsyth County K-12 public school buildings	35%	31%	27%
The amount of security staff on County properties	41%	36%	44%
Cleanliness of County buildings	57%	54%	59%
Accessibility of public buildings/ease of entry access	53%	50%	59%
Landscaping around County buildings	59%	56%	61%

Table 140: Question #12 by year

Please CHECK ALL of the sources listed below that you and members of your household use to learn about Forsyth County news, events, and to get other County information. Percents add to more than 100% as respondents could choose more than one answer.	2021	2023	2026
Forsyth County website (Forsyth.cc)	.	53%	50%
Nextdoor	.	30%	22%
Twitter/X	.	9%	7%
Facebook	.	53%	45%
Emails/newsletters/mailers from County departments	.	33%	36%
WSTV 13	.	8%	10%
Winston Salem Journal	.	38%	30%
Other local news publications	.	14%	21%
Local radio	.	25%	30%
Local TV news	.	63%	58%
Friends/family - word of mouth	.	54%	63%
Other online sources	.	21%	30%
Other (not included on 2026 survey)	.	2%	-

Table 141: Question #14 by year

For each of the following, please rate your satisfaction. Percent rating as very satisfied or satisfied.	2021	2023	2026
Ease of locating information on the County's website	54%	50%	53%
Your experience engaging with the County government process	44%	44%	44%
Level of public involvement in local decisions with the County	27%	28%	23%
County efforts to keep you informed about local issues	37%	33%	33%
County efforts to be open and transparent with information about County issues, services, and performance	33%	29%	30%

Table 142: Question #15 visitation by year

Please indicate if you or other members of your household have visited any of the County parks during the past year" If "Yes," please rate the condition of the facility based on your most recent experience. Percent who had visited.	2021	2023	2026
G Hill Memorial Park	13%	14%	17%
Horizons Park	17%	20%	22%
Joanie Moser Memorial Park	16%	12%	19%
Kernersville Lake Park	20%	20%	25%
Old U.S. 421 River Park	10%	9%	11%
Tanglewood Park	62%	58%	65%
Triad Park	27%	26%	29%
Union Cross Park	10%	10%	16%
Walkertown Community Park	11%	14%	15%

Table 143: Question #15 quality by year

Please indicate if you or other members of your household have visited any of the County parks during the past year" If "Yes," please rate the condition of the facility based on your most recent experience.			
Percent rating as excellent or good	2021	2023	2026
G Hill Memorial Park	94%	99%	82%
Horizons Park	91%	93%	84%
Joanie Moser Memorial Park	95%	96%	85%
Kernersville Lake Park	87%	93%	81%
Old U.S. 421 River Park	74%	65%	71%
Tanglewood Park	96%	97%	95%
Triad Park	97%	98%	90%
Union Cross Park	88%	83%	77%
Walkertown Community Park	91%	86%	75%

Table 144: Question #16 by year

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the parks and recreation services provided by Forsyth County.			
Percent rating as very satisfied or satisfied	2021	2023	2026
Availability of active recreation equipment (e.g., playgrounds, all-age fitness equipment)	69%	62%	69%
Availability of pickleball courts (Joanie Moser, Walkertown, Union Cross)	24%	42%	47%
Quality of public disc golf courses (Horizons Park, Triad Park)	40%	46%	49%
Quality and availability of event facilities (e.g., picnic shelters, indoor facilities)	67%	58%	69%
Maintenance of County parks	71%	63%	73%
Overall feeling of safety in County parks	65%	55%	69%
Quality of athletic fields (soccer, baseball/softball)	59%	58%	65%
Quality and availability of tennis courts	45%	44%	56%
Availability of open space and natural areas in County parks	70%	64%	75%
Quality of Tanglewood Park's Festival of Lights	81%	74%	81%
Quality of Peter S. Brunstetter Aquatic Center at Tanglewood Park	59%	56%	59%
Quality of Tanglewood golf courses	64%	54%	61%
Quality of the County's dog parks (Tanglewood, Horizons Park)	53%	55%	60%
Availability and access of walking and biking trails	66%	60%	69%

Table 145: Question #18 matching 2023 by year

During the past year, have you or other members of your household contacted employees of Forsyth County or visited the County's website to seek services, ask a question, or file complaints? In 2026, respondents were asked one question about whether and how they had contacted Forsyth County	2021	2023	2026
Percent who had contacted a Forsyth County employee or visited website	.	39%	50%

Table 146: Question #19 by year

Please rate your satisfaction with your experience interacting with the county government department(s) you contacted. Percent rating as very satisfied or satisfied.	2021	2023	2026
How easy the county government was to contact	71%	65%	65%
Courtesy of county employee(s) you interacted with	80%	76%	74%
Accuracy of the information you were given	74%	69%	69%
Appropriateness of county employees' response	75%	71%	70%
Timeliness of county employees' response	73%	65%	63%
The resolution of your issue/concern	67%	66%	63%

Table 147: Question #20 visitation by year

Please indicate if you or other members of your household have visited each of the libraries during the past year. If "Yes," please rate the condition of the facility based on your most recent experience. Percent who had visited.	2021	2023	2026
Carver School Road	5%	8%	11%
Central Library	25%	29%	39%
Clemmons	16%	14%	22%
Paddison Memorial in Kernersville	11%	12%	17%
Lewisville	15%	12%	18%
Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center	3%	4%	9%
Reynolda Manor	14%	16%	18%
Rural Hall	6%	8%	9%
Southside	9%	13%	14%
Walkertown	9%	10%	11%
The Library's website	16%	20%	33%
Other	.	2%	7%

Table 148: Question #20 quality by year

Please indicate if you or other members of your household have visited each of the libraries during the past year. If "Yes," please rate the condition of the facility based on your most recent experience. Percent rating as excellent or good.	2021	2023	2026
Carver School Road	79%	84%	75%
Central Library	96%	95%	94%
Clemmons	94%	93%	98%
Paddison Memorial in Kernersville	95%	91%	91%
Lewisville	98%	89%	98%
Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center	76%	62%	76%
Reynolda Manor	84%	81%	85%
Rural Hall	79%	83%	91%
Southside	83%	80%	79%
Walkertown	95%	88%	88%
The Library's website	89%	81%	80%
Other	.	80%	73%

Table 149: Question #21 by year

If you have visited any of libraries listed during the past year, please CHECK ALL of the reasons for which you visited or used it. Percents add to more than 100% as respondents could choose more than one answer.	2021	2023	2026
To vote	.	45%	36%
Check out books	.	60%	41%
Check out CDs	.	4%	5%
Check out DVDs	.	6%	7%
Check out other physical materials	.	7%	7%
Access wireless internet	.	7%	8%
Use a computer	.	14%	12%
Attend a program	.	21%	16%
Attend a community event	.	23%	17%
Research a topic	.	19%	10%
As a place to relax	.	10%	12%
Other	.	4%	10%

Table 150: Question #22 by year

If you have visited any of libraries listed during the past year, which format do you MOST prefer for accessing Library materials?	2021	2023	2026
Physical (e.g., print book, magazines, CD, DVD, audiobooks)	.	46%	40%
Digital (e.g., eBook, eAudio, eVideo, eMagazines)	.	8%	5%
Both physical & digital	.	31%	31%
I don't usually visit library to access any materials	.	15%	25%
Total	.	100%	100%

Table 151: Question #23 by year

During the past year, have you or other members of your household had contact with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office?	2021	2023	2026
Percent who had contact with Sheriff's Office	.	26%	24%

Table 152: Question #24 by year

Please CHECK ALL of the types of contact that you or the members of your household have had with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office during the past year. Percents add to more than 100% as respondents could choose more than one answer.	2021	2023	2026
Traffic violation	.	5%	9%
Criminal investigation	.	5%	3%
Visiting the detention center	.	5%	3%
Receipt of civil process services	.	6%	8%
Firearms permits	.	26%	20%
Report a crime	.	16%	15%
Request assistance	.	34%	39%
Interactions at public events	.	30%	18%
Calling or visiting Animal Services	.	13%	15%

Table 153: Question #25 by year

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the services provided by Forsyth County Sheriff's office. Percent rating as very satisfied or satisfied.	2021	2023	2026
Overall quality of Sheriff protection	74%	68%	72%
Cultural Sensitivity of Sheriff Office employees	63%	63%	60%
Professionalism of Sheriff's Office employees	73%	72%	70%
Quality of animal services	51%	48%	49%
Quality of social media communication (X, Facebook, Instagram)	51%	52%	56%
Accessibility and Responsiveness of the Sheriff's Office	68%	64%	68%
The level of transparency by the Sheriff's Office	60%	56%	58%
Response time by the Sheriff's Office to emergencies	66%	61%	65%
Response time by the Sheriff's Office to non-emergencies	61%	58%	63%
The visibility of Sheriff's Deputies in your community	61%	49%	63%

Table 154: Question #27 by year

Please CHECK ALL of the Emergency Services offered by Forsyth County that you or members of your household have had contact with during the last year. Percents add to more than 100% as respondents could choose more than one answer.	2021	2023	2026
Forsyth County's 911 Service	.	20%	22%
Forsyth County Fire Division	.	9%	7%
Forsyth County EMS	.	17%	17%
None, I have not used any	.	72%	71%

Table 155: Question #28 by year

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the services provided by Forsyth County. Percent rating as very satisfied or satisfied Only asked of those who had had contact with Emergency Services	2021	2023	2026
Overall satisfaction with Fire Division services	90%	83%	82%
Professionalism of 911 operator	86%	84%	80%
Efficiency of 911 operator	85%	84%	79%
The accuracy of information you were given during emergencies	81%	81%	74%
Overall quality of Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	84%	81%	75%
Overall EMS response time	78%	73%	73%
Professionalism of EMS staff	86%	85%	82%
Cultural sensitivity of EMS staff	78%	72%	76%

Appendix F: Detailed Benchmark Comparisons

Comparison Data

Polco’s database of comparative resident opinion includes perspectives gathered through surveys from more than 400 communities whose residents evaluated the same types of topics as those included in the Forsyth County Resident Survey. The comparison evaluations are from the most recent survey completed in each community; most communities conduct surveys every year or in alternating years. Polco adds the latest results quickly upon survey completion, keeping the benchmark data fresh and relevant. The communities in the database represent a wide geographic and population range. National benchmark comparisons have been provided when similar questions on the Forsyth County Resident Survey are included in Polco’s database.

Interpreting the Results

Ratings are compared when there are at least five communities in which a similar question was asked. Where comparisons are available, four columns are provided in the table. The first column is Forsyth County’s “percent positive.” The percent positive is the combination of the top two most positive response options (i.e., “excellent” and “good,” “very safe” and “somewhat safe,” “essential” and “very important,” etc.). The second column is the rank assigned to Forsyth County’s rating among communities where a similar question was asked. The third column is the number of communities that asked a similar question. The final column shows the comparison of Forsyth County’s rating to the benchmark.

In that final column, Forsyth County’s results are noted as being “higher” than the benchmark, “lower” than the benchmark or “similar” to the benchmark, meaning that the average rating given by residents is statistically similar to or different (greater or lesser) than the benchmark. Being rated as “higher” or “lower” than the benchmark means that Forsyth County’s average rating for a particular item was more than 10 points different than the benchmark. If a rating was “much higher” or “much lower,” then Forsyth County’s average rating was more than 20 points different when compared to the benchmark.

National Benchmark Comparisons

Table 156: Quality of Life

Quality of Life Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
As a place to live	79%	260	381	Similar

Table 157: Economy

Economy Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
As a place to visit	55%	206	348	Similar
As a place to work	69%	138	380	Similar

Table 158: Community Design

Community Design Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
As a place where you can find affordable housing	41%	43	366	Higher
Enforcement of codes and ordinances	42%	187	366	Similar

Table 159: Natural Environment

Natural Environment Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Availability of open space and natural areas in County parks	75%	71	327	Similar

Table 160: Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
County parks and recreation opportunities	75%	225	337	Similar
Availability and access of walking and biking trails	69%	213	351	Similar

Table 161: Health and Wellness

Health and Wellness Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Quality of public health services	62%	153	325	Similar

Table 162: Education, Arts, and Culture

Education, Arts, and Culture Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Quality of Tanglewood Park's Festival of Lights	81%	54	337	Similar
County Libraries	80%	289	355	Similar
As a place to educate children	48%	265	350	Lower

Table 163: Inclusivity and Engagement

Inclusivity and Engagement Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
As a place to raise children	65%	286	385	Similar
As a place to retire	63%	204	380	Similar

Table 164: Safety

Safety Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Quality of services provided by the Sheriff's Office	68%	293	393	Similar
Quality of emergency medical services (EMS)	75%	281	361	Similar
Overall satisfaction with Fire Division services	82%	309	373	Similar
County efforts to ensure the community is prepared for a natural disaster or crisis	46%	342	345	Similar
Quality of animal services	49%	293	347	Lower

Table 165: Governance

Governance Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
As a community that is moving in the right direction	44%	214	360	Similar
County efforts to be open and transparent with information about County issues, services, and performance	30%	284	337	Lower
Level of public involvement in local decisions with the County	23%	334	361	Lower
Customer service you receive from County employees	58%	354	376	Lower
County efforts to keep you informed about local issues	33%	347	356	Lower

Appendix G: Survey Methodology

About the Survey

General resident surveys, such as this one, ask recipients their perspectives about the quality of life in the jurisdiction, their use of local amenities, their opinions on policy issues facing the County and their assessment of public service delivery. Forsyth County funded this research. Please contact Ed McNeal at mcnealej@forsyth.cc if you have any questions about the survey.

Developing the Questionnaire

The 2026 survey instrument was developed by starting with the version from the previous implementation in 2023. Very few changes were made to the survey in order to maximize comparisons over time. In an iterative process between County staff and Polco staff, a final five-page questionnaire was created.

Selecting Survey Recipients

"Sampling" refers to the method by which survey recipients are chosen. The "sample" refers to all those who were given a chance to participate in the survey. A list of all households within the zip codes serving Forsyth County was purchased from a vendor based on updated listings from the United States Postal Service, updated every three months, providing the best representation of all households in a specific geographic location. Polco used the USPS data to select the survey recipients.

A larger list than needed was pulled so that a process referred to as "geocoding" could be used to eliminate addresses from the list that were outside Forsyth's boundaries. Geocoding is a computerized process in which addresses are compared to electronically mapped boundaries and coded as inside or outside desired boundaries, in this case, within Forsyth County. Each address identified as being within county boundaries was further identified as being within one of the two commissioner districts. All addresses determined to be outside the study boundaries were eliminated from the list of potential households. A random selection was made of the remaining addresses to create a mailing list of 19,479 addresses.

To choose the 19,479 survey recipients, a systematic sampling method was applied to the list of households previously screened for geographic location. Systematic sampling is a procedure whereby a complete list of all possible households is culled, selecting every Nth one, giving each eligible household a known probability of selection, until the appropriate number of households is selected. Multi-family housing units were selected at a higher rate as residents of this type of housing typically respond at lower rates to surveys than do those in single-family housing units. In general, because of the random sampling techniques used, the displayed sampling density will closely mirror the overall housing unit density (which may be different from the population density). While the theory of probability assumes no bias in selection, there may be some minor variations in practice.

In addition to the scientific, random sample, a link to an online “opt-in” survey was publicized through various channels including the Forsyth County website and social media. This opt-in survey was identical to the scientific survey and open to all county residents.

Survey Administration and Response Rate

The initial 10,000 households selected to participate in the survey were contacted two times. First, an invitation postcard informing the household members that they had been selected to participate in the 2026 Forsyth County Resident Survey was sent on February 27, 2026. The postcard included a URL and a QR code to take the survey online. Approximately one week after mailing the postcard, these households were mailed a paper survey containing a cover letter enlisting participation. The cover letter also included a URL and QR codes where respondents could go to complete the survey online, if desired. The packet also contained a postage-paid return envelope in which the survey recipients could return the completed questionnaire to Polco. A reminder text message, including a link to the survey, was sent by phone to residents who were matched with the randomly selected households. On March 30, 2026, an invitation postcard was sent to an additional sample of 9,479 households to boost the number of complete surveys. The survey officially closed on April 20, 2026.

About 2% of the 19,479 survey invitations mailed were returned because the housing unit was vacant, or the postal service was unable to deliver the survey as addressed. Of the 19,078 households presumed to have received a survey, 1,200 completed the survey (796 of which were completed online and 404 on paper), providing a response rate of 6%. Additionally, responses were tracked by commissioner district: District A achieved a 4% response rate and District B an 7% response rate. Response rates were calculated using AAPOR’s Response Rate #2 for mailed surveys of unnamed persons.

Response Rate by Commissioner District for Mailed Surveys

	Total sample	Undeliverable	Completed surveys	Response rate
District A	6,099	208	225	4%
District B	13,380	193	975	7%
Overall	19,479	401	1,200	6%

Margin of Error

The 95% confidence interval (or “margin of error”) quantifies the “sampling error” or precision of the estimates made from the survey results. A 95% confidence interval can be calculated for any sample size and indicates that in 95 of 100 surveys conducted like this one, for a particular item, a result would be found that is within three percentage points of the result that would be found if everyone in the population of interest was surveyed. The practical difficulties of conducting any resident survey may introduce other sources of error in addition to sampling error. Despite best efforts to boost participation and ensure potential inclusion of all households, some selected households will decline participation in the survey (referred to as non-response error) and some eligible households may be unintentionally excluded from the listed sources for the sample (referred to as coverage error).

While the margin of error for the survey is generally no greater than plus or minus three percentage points around any given percent reported for the entire sample, results for subgroups will have wider confidence intervals. Where estimates are given for subgroups, they are less precise.

Survey Processing (Data Entry)

Upon receipt, completed surveys were assigned a unique identification number. Additionally, each survey was reviewed and “cleaned” as necessary. For example, a question may have asked a respondent to pick two items out of a list of five, but the respondent checked three; in this case, Polco would use protocols to randomly choose two of the three selected items for inclusion in the dataset.

All surveys then were entered twice into an electronic dataset; any discrepancies were resolved in comparison to the original survey form. Range checks as well as other forms of quality control were also performed.

Polco uses its own online public engagement tool to collect online survey data. The Polco platform includes many features of online survey tools, but also includes elements tailored to the civic environment. For example, surveys on Polco are presented with the City or County name, logo (or other image) and a description, so residents understand who is asking for input and why.

A series of quality control checks were also performed in order to ensure the integrity of the web data. Steps may include and not be limited to reviewing the data for clusters of repeat IP addresses and time stamps (indicating duplicate responses) and removing empty submissions (questionnaires submitted with no questions answered).

Weighting the Data

The demographic characteristics of the survey sample were compared to those found in the 2020 Census and the 2024 American Community Survey estimates for adults in Forsyth County. The primary objective of weighting survey data is to make the survey sample reflective of the larger population of the community.

The characteristics used for weighting were respondent gender, age, housing unit type (attached or detached), housing tenure (rent or own), race and commissioner district.

A special software program using mathematical algorithms is used to calculate the appropriate weights. Several different weighting “schemes” are tested to ensure the best fit for the data.

2026 Forsyth County Resident Survey Weighting Table – Random Sample Survey

Characteristic	Population Norm	Unweighted Data	Weighted Data
Housing			
Own home	64%	86%	70%
Rent home	36%	14%	30%
Detached unit	69%	84%	71%
Attached unit	31%	16%	29%
Race and Ethnicity			
White	59%	83%	62%
Not white	41%	17%	38%
Hispanic	12%	4%	7%
Not Hispanic	88%	96%	93%
Sex and Age			
Male	47%	44%	46%
Female	53%	56%	54%
18-34 years of age	30%	5%	22%
35-54 years of age	32%	20%	34%
55+ years of age	38%	75%	45%
Males 18-34	14%	2%	9%
Males 35-54	15%	8%	16%
Males 55+	17%	35%	20%
Females 18-34	16%	3%	12%
Females 35-54	17%	12%	18%
Females 55+	21%	41%	24%
Commissioner District			
District A	31%	19%	28%
District B	69%	81%	72%

* 2020 U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 American Community Survey Population Estimates

Analyzing the Data

The electronic dataset was analyzed by Polco staff using the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS). For the most part, frequency distributions and mean ratings are presented in the body of the report. A complete set of frequencies for each survey question is presented in *Appendix B: Complete Survey Frequencies*. Also included are results by respondent characteristics (*Appendix D: Responses to Selected Survey Questions by Respondent Characteristics*). Chi-square or ANOVA tests of significance were applied to these breakdowns of selected survey questions. A “p-value” of 0.05 or less indicates that there is less than a 5% probability that differences observed between groups are due to chance; or in other words, a greater than 95% probability that the differences observed in the selected categories of the sample represent “real” differences among those populations. Where differences between subgroups are statistically significant, they have been denoted with capital letters.

Appendix H: Open Participation Survey Results

About the Open Participation Survey

After data collection for the address-based survey was underway, a web-based survey was made available to Forsyth County residents through a link publicized by the County. Residents were able to complete the survey from March 27 to April 20, 2026.

A total of 72 responses were received. This section contains results of this open participation, web-based survey. It is presented along the responses to the probability survey for context. The data from the open participation survey was not collected through a random sample, and it is unknown who in the community was aware of the survey; therefore, a level of confidence in the representativeness of the sample cannot be estimated. However, to reduce bias where possible, these data were weighted to match the U.S. Census and American Community Survey (ACS) population norms for Forsyth County. The results of the weighting scheme for the open participation survey are presented in the table.

2026 Forsyth Resident Survey Weighting Table – Open Participation Survey

Characteristic	Population Norm	Unweighted Data	Weighted Data
Housing			
Own home	64%	91%	70%
Rent home	36%	9%	30%
Detached unit	69%	87%	69%
Attached unit	31%	13%	31%
Race and Ethnicity			
White	59%	94%	66%
Not white	41%	6%	34%
Sex and Age			
Male	47%	29%	49%
Female	53%	71%	51%
18-34 years of age	30%	4%	19%
35-54 years of age	32%	49%	32%
55+ years of age	38%	47%	48%
Males 18-34	14%	3%	11%
Males 35-54	15%	7%	17%
Males 55+	17%	19%	22%
Females 18-34	16%	1%	9%
Females 35-54	17%	42%	16%
Females 55+	21%	28%	26%

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Open Participation Survey Responses

Table 166: Q1 by Respondent District

Please CHECK ALL of the reasons why you choose to live in Forsyth County.	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Arts, cultural, and entertainment amenities	34%	33%
Housing options	46%	47%
Parks and open space options	37%	37%
Shopping options	28%	38%
Higher education opportunities	22%	17%
Public transportation systems	7%	10%
Diversity of the people who live here	29%	21%
Employment opportunities	30%	42% A
Local tax rate and cost of living	27%	34%
Low crime rates	23%	28%
Low traffic congestion	30%	32%
Close to family/friends	57% B	40%
Close to your work/school	45%	54%
Access to health care services	44%	53%
Access to farm fresh meats and produce	19%	22%
Quality of public education opportunities	14% B	3%
Blend of farm and city environments	25% B	14%
Other	13% B	5%
None chosen	1%	0%

Table 167: Q2 by Respondent District (First place)

Which THREE of the items listed in Question 1 will have the BIGGEST IMPACT on your decision to stay in Forsyth County over the next five years?	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Arts, cultural, & entertainment amenities	5%	3%
Housing options	8%	3%
Parks & open space options	3%	0%
Shopping options	1%	0%
Higher education opportunities	2%	0%
Public transportation systems	1%	0%
Diversity of people who live here	3%	0%
Employment opportunities	7%	10%
Local tax rate & cost of living	9%	9%
Low crime rates	5%	0%
Low traffic congestion	2%	0%
Close to family/friends	24%	31%
Close to your work/school	10%	18% A
Access to health care services	4%	11% A
Access to farm fresh meats & produce	0%	1%
Quality of public education opportunities	2%	3%
Blend of farm & City environments	1%	0%
Other	2%	0%
None chosen	11%	10%
Total	100%	100%

Table 168: Q2 by Respondent District (Second place)

Which THREE of the items listed in Question 1 will have the BIGGEST IMPACT on your decision to stay in Forsyth County over the next five years?	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Arts, cultural, & entertainment amenities	4%	11% A
Housing options	7%	6%
Parks & open space options	5%	1%
Shopping options	1%	0%
Higher education opportunities	1%	0%
Public transportation systems	1%	0%
Diversity of people who live here	2%	0%
Employment opportunities	4%	2%
Local tax rate & cost of living	6%	11%
Low crime rates	6% B	0%
Low traffic congestion	4%	5%
Close to family/friends	12%	5%
Close to your work/school	10%	5%
Access to health care services	9%	11%
Access to farm fresh meats & produce	1%	1%
Quality of public education opportunities	1%	4% A
Blend of farm & City environments	2%	10% A
Other	1%	0%
None chosen	23%	27%
Total	100%	100%

Table 169: Q2 by Respondent District (Third place)

Which THREE of the items listed in Question 1 will have the BIGGEST IMPACT on your decision to stay in Forsyth County over the next five years?	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Arts, cultural, & entertainment amenities	3%	3%
Housing options	4%	3%
Parks & open space options	6%	1%
Shopping options	3%	9% A
Higher education opportunities	1%	0%
Public transportation systems	1%	0%
Diversity of people who live here	2%	0%
Employment opportunities	3%	17% A
Local tax rate & cost of living	5%	5%
Low crime rates	4%	0%
Low traffic congestion	6%	4%
Close to family/friends	5%	2%
Close to your work/school	7%	14% A
Access to health care services	12%	5%
Access to farm fresh meats & produce	3%	0%
Quality of public education opportunities	2%	0%
Blend of farm & City environments	5%	1%
Other	1%	0%
None chosen	28%	37%
Total	100%	100%

Table 170: Q3 by Respondent District

Please indicate how important you believe each of the following will be to the overall quality of life in Forsyth County over the next 20 years. (Percent Very or Somewhat important)		
	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Health care access	96%	97%
Behavioral health access	79%	97% A
Support systems for those in need	85%	83%
Natural open space	91%	85%
Parks and trails	90%	83%
Library services	81%	83%
Public education (K-12)	87%	82%
College and post-secondary education	84% B	54%
Environmental stewardship and sustainability	83%	80%
Land use planning	87%	88%
Bike lanes, walkability	83%	80%
Adequacy of residential growth to meet the needs of the County	79%	82%
Adequacy of commercial/industrial growth to meet the job opportunity needs of the County	83%	82%
Job training and workforce development (post-secondary education and training)	84%	89%
Housing	92%	97%
Safety, low crime	96%	97%
Social justice/equity/inclusivity	78%	75%

Table 171: Q4 by Respondent District (First place)

Which THREE of the issues listed in Question 3 do you think will be the most important for the County to address over the next 20 years?	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Health care access	21%	18%
Behavioral health access	2%	2%
Support systems for those in need	5%	9%
Natural open space	3%	3%
Parks and trails	2%	0%
Library services	1%	0%
Public education (K-12)	14%	30% A
College and post-secondary education	0%	0%
Environmental stewardship and sustainability	2%	3%
Land use planning	3%	2%
Bike lanes, walkability	2%	0%
Adequacy of residential growth to meet the needs of the County	1%	0%
Adequacy of commercial/industrial growth to meet the job opportunity needs of the County	4%	0%
Job training and workforce development (post-secondary education and training)	1%	0%
Housing	10%	5%
Safety, low crime	15%	11%
Social justice/equity/inclusivity	4%	0%
None chosen	9%	18% A
Total	100%	100%

Table 172: Q4 by Respondent District (Second place)

Which THREE of the issues listed in Question 3 do you think will be the most important for the County to address over the next 20 years?	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Health care access	6%	7%
Behavioral health access	3%	0%
Support systems for those in need	5%	3%
Natural open space	4%	0%
Parks and trails	3%	10% A
Library services	1%	3%
Public education (K-12)	14%	7%
College and post-secondary education	1%	0%
Environmental stewardship and sustainability	4%	3%
Land use planning	7%	14% A
Bike lanes, walkability	4%	1%
Adequacy of residential growth to meet the needs of the County	4%	0%
Adequacy of commercial/industrial growth to meet the job opportunity needs of the County	5%	8%
Job training and workforce development (post-secondary education and training)	3%	10% A
Housing	9%	2%
Safety, low crime	11%	12%
Social justice/equity/inclusivity	2%	0%
None chosen	13%	19%
Total	100%	100%

Table 173: Q4 by Respondent District (Third place)

Which THREE of the issues listed in Question 3 do you think will be the most important for the County to address over the next 20 years?	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Health care access	6%	5%
Behavioral health access	2%	4%
Support systems for those in need	4%	3%
Natural open space	3%	2%
Parks and trails	5%	0%
Library services	1%	0%
Public education (K-12)	7%	14% A
College and post-secondary education	1%	0%
Environmental stewardship and sustainability	3%	2%
Land use planning	4%	2%
Bike lanes, walkability	5%	9%
Adequacy of residential growth to meet the needs of the County	3%	15% A
Adequacy of commercial/industrial growth to meet the job opportunity needs of the County	3%	0%
Job training and workforce development (post-secondary education and training)	5%	0%
Housing	9% B	0%
Safety, low crime	15%	10%
Social justice/equity/inclusivity	8%	7%
None chosen	15%	27% A
Total	100%	100%

Table 174: Q5 by Respondent District

What do you think about the overall quality of life in Forsyth County?	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Is getting better	32% B	18%
Staying the same	39%	30%
Is getting worse	29%	52% A
Total	100%	100%

Table 175: Q6 by Respondent District

Please rate Forsyth County with regard to the following. (Percent Excellent or Good)	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
As a place to live	79% B	67%
As a place to work	69%	76%
As a place to play	60%	54%
As a place to raise children	65% B	44%
As a place to educate children	48% B	19%
As a place to retire	63%	77% A
As a place to visit	55%	54%
As a place to start a business	42%	35%
As a community that is moving in the right direction	44%	32%
As a place where you can earn a living wage	45%	46%
As a place where you can find affordable housing	41% B	17%
As a place where you would buy your next home	53% B	32%
As a place to attend college or a university	69%	60%

Table 176: Q7 by Respondent District

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the major categories of services provided by Forsyth County listed below. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
County efforts to ensure the community is prepared for a natural disaster or crisis	46%	50%
Communication with the public	45%	61% A
Enforcement of codes and ordinances	42%	50%
Customer service you receive from County employees	58%	62%
County Libraries	80%	84%
County parks and recreation opportunities	75%	72%
Quality of public health services	62% B	34%
Quality of services from the Department of Social Services	42% B	24%
Quality of tax administration services	34% B	15%
Quality of emergency medical services (EMS)	75%	73%
Quality of services provided by the Sheriff's Office	68%	65%
Quality of emergency 911 services	72%	83%
Quality of the Smith Reynolds Airport	32%	38%
Quality of North Carolina Cooperative Extension services	43%	59% A
Quality of K-12 education buildings	33% B	16%
Quality of Environmental Assistance and Protection services	34%	37%
Quality of Online Tax Services	43%	34%

Table 177: Q8 by Respondent District (First place)

Which THREE categories listed in Question 7 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from the County over the next TWO years?	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
County efforts to ensure the community is prepared for a natural disaster or crisis	18% B	6%
Communication with the public	12%	7%
Enforcement of codes and ordinances	4%	0%
Customer service you receive from County employees	2%	0%
County Libraries	2%	2%
County parks and recreation opportunities	5%	0%
Quality of public health services	6%	17% A
Quality of services from the Department of Social Services	4%	0%
Quality of tax administration services	4%	7%
Quality of emergency medical services (EMS)	5%	11% A
Quality of services provided by the Sheriff's Office	2%	2%
Quality of emergency 911 services	2%	0%
Quality of the Smith Reynolds Airport	1%	0%
Quality of North Carolina Cooperative Extension services	1%	0%
Quality of K-12 education buildings	17%	26% A
Quality of Environmental Assistance and Protection services	2%	2%
Quality of Online Tax Services	1%	0%
None chosen	15%	21%
Total	100%	100%

Table 178: Q8 by Respondent District (Second place)

Which THREE categories listed in Question 7 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from the County over the next TWO years?	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
County efforts to ensure the community is prepared for a natural disaster or crisis	5%	11% A
Communication with the public	9%	7%
Enforcement of codes and ordinances	5% B	0%
Customer service you receive from County employees	4%	0%
County Libraries	6%	0%
County parks and recreation opportunities	5%	1%
Quality of public health services	10%	10%
Quality of services from the Department of Social Services	5%	8%
Quality of tax administration services	5%	9%
Quality of emergency medical services (EMS)	3%	1%
Quality of services provided by the Sheriff's Office	6%	7%
Quality of emergency 911 services	4%	1%
Quality of the Smith Reynolds Airport	1%	0%
Quality of North Carolina Cooperative Extension services	0%	0%
Quality of K-12 education buildings	10%	15%
Quality of Environmental Assistance and Protection services	2%	2%
Quality of Online Tax Services	1%	0%
None chosen	22%	27%
Total	100%	100%

Table 179: Q8 by Respondent District (Third place)

Which THREE categories listed in Question 7 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from the County over the next TWO years?	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
County efforts to ensure the community is prepared for a natural disaster or crisis	5%	1%
Communication with the public	5%	2%
Enforcement of codes and ordinances	6%	9%
Customer service you receive from County employees	2%	0%
County Libraries	2%	0%
County parks and recreation opportunities	4%	0%
Quality of public health services	6%	1%
Quality of services from the Department of Social Services	4%	3%
Quality of tax administration services	3%	0%
Quality of emergency medical services (EMS)	4%	7%
Quality of services provided by the Sheriff's Office	4%	2%
Quality of emergency 911 services	6%	1%
Quality of the Smith Reynolds Airport	2%	0%
Quality of North Carolina Cooperative Extension services	0%	2%
Quality of K-12 education buildings	11%	19% A
Quality of Environmental Assistance and Protection services	4%	10% A
Quality of Online Tax Services	2%	0%
None chosen	29%	43% A
Total	100%	100%

Table 180: Q9 by Respondent District

How supportive would you be of a tax increase if it were used to fund the services that you indicated should receive the most emphasis?	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Very supportive	17%	29% A
Supportive	24%	35% A
Not sure	21% B	3%
Not supportive	14%	8%
Not at all supportive	24%	25%
Total	100%	100%

Table 181: Q10 by Respondent District

Please rate your satisfaction with the following. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Condition of The Forsyth County Government Building at 201 N. Chestnut St. in Winston-Salem	71%	67%
Condition of the Forsyth County Courthouse/Hall of Justice	70%	60%
Condition of Forsyth Technical Community College facilities	65%	84% A
Condition of the County's Smith Reynolds Airport	41%	38%
Condition of Winston-Salem Forsyth County K-12 public school buildings	27%	16%
The amount of security staff on County properties	44%	51%
Cleanliness of County buildings	59%	73% A
Accessibility of public buildings/ease of entry access	59%	80% A
Landscaping around County buildings	61%	81% A

Table 182: Q11 by Respondent District (First place)

Which THREE items from Question 10 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from County leaders over the next TWO years?	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Condition of The Forsyth County Government Building at 201 N. Chestnut St. in Winston-Salem	4%	0%
Condition of the Forsyth County Courthouse/Hall of Justice	4%	19% A
Condition of Forsyth Technical Community College facilities	6%	3%
Condition of the County's Smith Reynolds Airport	4%	2%
Condition of Winston-Salem Forsyth County K-12 public school buildings	36%	41%
The amount of security staff on County properties	9%	0%
Cleanliness of County buildings	3%	0%
Accessibility of public buildings/ease of entry access	5%	3%
Landscaping around County buildings	2%	0%
None chosen	28%	33%
Total	100%	100%

Table 183: Q11 by Respondent District (Second place)

Which THREE items from Question 10 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from County leaders over the next TWO years?	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Condition of The Forsyth County Government Building at 201 N. Chestnut St. in Winston-Salem	2%	0%
Condition of the Forsyth County Courthouse/Hall of Justice	3%	0%
Condition of Forsyth Technical Community College facilities	8%	2%
Condition of the County's Smith Reynolds Airport	4%	0%
Condition of Winston-Salem Forsyth County K-12 public school buildings	13%	14%
The amount of security staff on County properties	12%	16%
Cleanliness of County buildings	7%	11%
Accessibility of public buildings/ease of entry access	9% B	2%
Landscaping around County buildings	3%	0%
None chosen	40%	54% A
Total	100%	100%

Table 184: Q11 by Respondent District (Third place)

Which THREE items from Question 10 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from County leaders over the next TWO years?	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Condition of The Forsyth County Government Building at 201 N. Chestnut St. in Winston-Salem	3%	0%
Condition of the Forsyth County Courthouse/Hall of Justice	4%	0%
Condition of Forsyth Technical Community College facilities	3%	2%
Condition of the County's Smith Reynolds Airport	3%	2%
Condition of Winston-Salem Forsyth County K-12 public school buildings	7%	0%
The amount of security staff on County properties	7%	3%
Cleanliness of County buildings	8% B	0%
Accessibility of public buildings/ease of entry access	12%	20% A
Landscaping around County buildings	8%	2%
None chosen	46%	72% A
Total	100%	100%

Table 185: Q12 by Respondent District

Please CHECK ALL of the sources listed below that you and members of your household use to learn about Forsyth County news, events, and to get other County information.	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Forsyth County website (Forsyth.cc)	50%	75% A
Nextdoor	22%	21%
Twitter/X	7%	9%
Facebook	45%	53%
Emails/newsletters/mailers from County departments	36%	49% A
WSTV 13	10%	15%
Winston Salem Journal	30%	47% A
Other local news publications	21%	23%
Local radio	30%	35%
Local TV news	58%	59%
Friends/family - word of mouth	63% B	51%
Other online sources	30%	27%
None chosen	3%	2%

Table 186: Q13 by Respondent District (First place)

Which THREE sources from Question 12 do you MOST PREFER to use to get information on County news, events, and other County information?	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Forsyth County website (Forsyth.cc)	21%	20%
Nextdoor	2%	0%
Twitter/X	2%	0%
Facebook	12%	22% A
Emails/newsletters/mailers from County departments	10%	14%
WSTV 13	1%	0%
Winston Salem Journal	5%	9%
Other local news publications	1%	0%
Local radio	6%	9%
Local TV news	15%	9%
Friends/family - word of mouth	2%	0%
Other online sources	5%	6%
None chosen	17%	10%
Total	100%	100%

Table 187: Q13 by Respondent District (Second place)

Which THREE sources from Question 12 do you MOST PREFER to use to get information on County news, events, and other County information?	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Forsyth County website (Forsyth.cc)	6%	6%
Nextdoor	2%	2%
Twitter/X	0%	0%
Facebook	9%	4%
Emails/newsletters/mailers from County departments	11% B	0%
WSTV 13	1%	0%
Winston Salem Journal	7%	15% A
Other local news publications	3%	20% A
Local radio	8%	9%
Local TV news	15%	14%
Friends/family - word of mouth	7%	5%
Other online sources	3%	9% A
None chosen	27% B	16%
Total	100%	100%

Table 188: Q13 by Respondent District (Third place)

Which THREE sources from Question 12 do you MOST PREFER to use to get information on County news, events, and other County information?	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Forsyth County website (Forsyth.cc)	6%	2%
Nextdoor	3%	0%
Twitter/X	1%	0%
Facebook	5%	10% A
Emails/newsletters/mailers from County departments	4%	1%
WSTV 13	3%	2%
Winston Salem Journal	4%	0%
Other local news publications	2%	0%
Local radio	3%	1%
Local TV news	13%	22% A
Friends/family - word of mouth	12%	22% A
Other online sources	8%	11%
None chosen	37%	29%
Total	100%	100%

Table 189: Q14 by Respondent District

For each of the following, please rate your satisfaction. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Ease of locating information on the County's website	53%	63%
Your experience engaging with the County government process	44%	45%
Level of public involvement in local decisions with the County	23%	40% A
County efforts to keep you informed about local issues	33%	53% A
County efforts to be open and transparent with information about County issues, services, and performance	30%	51% A

Table 190: Q15 by Respondent District

Please indicate if you or other members of your household have visited any of the County parks during the past year. (Percent Yes)	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
G Hill Memorial Park	17%	12%
Horizons Park	22% B	7%
Joanie Moser Memorial Park	19% B	4%
Kernersville Lake Park	25%	27%
Old U.S. 421 River Park	11%	25% A
Tanglewood Park	65%	63%
Triad Park	29%	46% A
Union Cross Park	16%	12%
Walkertown Community Park	15%	22%

Table 191: Q15' by Respondent District

Please rate the condition of the facility based on your most recent experience. (Percent Excellent or Good)	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
G Hill Memorial Park	82%	100%
Horizons Park	84%	100%
Joanie Moser Memorial Park	85%	100%
Kernersville Lake Park	81%	100%
Old U.S. 421 River Park	71%	87%
Tanglewood Park	95%	96%
Triad Park	90%	100%
Union Cross Park	77%	87%
Walkertown Community Park	75%	100% A

Table 192: Q16 by Respondent District

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the parks and recreation services provided by Forsyth County. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Availability of active recreation equipment (e.g., playgrounds, all-age fitness equipment)	69%	71%
Availability of pickleball courts (Joanie Moser, Walkertown, Union Cross)	47%	95% A
Quality of public disc golf courses (Horizons Park, Triad Park)	49%	95% A
Quality and availability of event facilities (e.g., picnic shelters, indoor facilities)	69%	82%
Maintenance of County parks	73%	83%
Overall feeling of safety in County parks	69%	76%
Quality of athletic fields (soccer, baseball/softball)	65%	91% A
Quality and availability of tennis courts	56%	85% A
Availability of open space and natural areas in County parks	75%	87%
Quality of Tanglewood Park's Festival of Lights	81%	89%
Quality of Peter S. Brunstetter Aquatic Center at Tanglewood Park	59%	60%
Quality of Tanglewood golf courses	61%	79%
Quality of the County's dog parks (Tanglewood, Horizons Park)	60%	67%
Availability and access of walking and biking trails	69%	77%

Table 193: Q17 by Respondent District (First place)

Which THREE of services listed in Question 16 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from the County over the next TWO years?	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Availability of active recreation equipment (e.g., playgrounds, all-age fitness equipment)	7%	2%
Availability of pickleball courts (Joanie Moser, Walkertown, Union Cross)	2%	0%
Quality of public disc golf courses (Horizons Park, Triad Park)	0%	0%
Quality and availability of event facilities (e.g., picnic shelters, indoor facilities)	8% B	0%
Maintenance of County parks	10% B	2%
Overall feeling of safety in County parks	12% B	2%
Quality of athletic fields (soccer, baseball/softball)	2%	0%
Quality and availability of tennis courts	1%	10% A
Availability of open space and natural areas in County parks	3%	3%
Quality of Tanglewood Park's Festival of Lights	3%	3%
Quality of Peter S. Brunstetter Aquatic Center at Tanglewood Park	1%	0%
Quality of Tanglewood golf courses	1%	0%
Quality of the County's dog parks (Tanglewood, Horizons Park)	2%	0%
Availability and access of walking and biking trails	10%	17%
None chosen	37%	62% A
Total	100%	100%

Table 194: Q17 by Respondent District (Second place)

Which THREE of services listed in Question 16 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from the County over the next TWO years?	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Availability of active recreation equipment (e.g., playgrounds, all-age fitness equipment)	3%	4%
Availability of pickleball courts (Joanie Moser, Walkertown, Union Cross)	2%	0%
Quality of public disc golf courses (Horizons Park, Triad Park)	2%	0%
Quality and availability of event facilities (e.g., picnic shelters, indoor facilities)	5%	1%
Maintenance of County parks	10%	5%
Overall feeling of safety in County parks	12% B	2%
Quality of athletic fields (soccer, baseball/softball)	3%	1%
Quality and availability of tennis courts	1%	0%
Availability of open space and natural areas in County parks	7%	11%
Quality of Tanglewood Park's Festival of Lights	2%	0%
Quality of Peter S. Brunstetter Aquatic Center at Tanglewood Park	0%	0%
Quality of Tanglewood golf courses	1%	0%
Quality of the County's dog parks (Tanglewood, Horizons Park)	2%	0%
Availability and access of walking and biking trails	6%	2%
None chosen	42%	75% A
Total	100%	100%

Table 195: Q17 by Respondent District (Third place)

Which THREE of services listed in Question 16 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from the County over the next TWO years?	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Availability of active recreation equipment (e.g., playgrounds, all-age fitness equipment)	4%	1%
Availability of pickleball courts (Joanie Moser, Walkertown, Union Cross)	1%	1%
Quality of public disc golf courses (Horizons Park, Triad Park)	0%	0%
Quality and availability of event facilities (e.g., picnic shelters, indoor facilities)	3%	0%
Maintenance of County parks	6%	7%
Overall feeling of safety in County parks	7%	2%
Quality of athletic fields (soccer, baseball/softball)	2%	0%
Quality and availability of tennis courts	1%	0%
Availability of open space and natural areas in County parks	9% B	0%
Quality of Tanglewood Park's Festival of Lights	2%	0%
Quality of Peter S. Brunstetter Aquatic Center at Tanglewood Park	1%	0%
Quality of Tanglewood golf courses	2%	0%
Quality of the County's dog parks (Tanglewood, Horizons Park)	2%	0%
Availability and access of walking and biking trails	11%	12%
None chosen	47%	75% A
Total	100%	100%

Table 196: Q18 by Respondent District

During the past year, have you or other members of your household contacted employees of Forsyth County or visited the County's website to seek services, ask a question, or file complaints?	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Visited the website	24%	27%
Contacted by phone	18%	9%
Contacted by email	2%	17% A
In person	6%	12%
No	50% B	35%
Total	100%	100%

Table 197: Q19 by Respondent District

Please rate your satisfaction with your experience interacting with the county government department(s) you contacted. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
How easy the county government was to contact	65%	55%
Courtesy of county employee(s) you interacted with	74%	81%
Accuracy of the information you were given	69%	60%
Appropriateness of county employees' response	70%	87% A
Timeliness of county employees' response	63%	81% A
The resolution of your issue/concern	63%	60%

Table 198: Q20 by Respondent District

Please indicate if you or other members of your household have visited each of the libraries during the past year. (Percent Yes)	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Carver School Road	11%	4%
Central Library	39%	36%
Clemmons	22%	25%
Paddison Memorial in Kernersville	17%	16%
Lewisville	18%	28%
Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center	9%	14%
Reynolda Manor	18%	14%
Rural Hall	9% B	1%
Southside	14%	9%
Walkertown	11%	21% A
The Library's website	33%	55% A
Other	7%	2%

Table 199: Q20' by Respondent District

Please rate the condition of the facility based on your most recent experience. (Percent Excellent or Good)	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Carver School Road	75%	100%
Central Library	94%	100%
Clemmons	98% B	73%
Paddison Memorial in Kernersville	91%	100%
Lewisville	98%	100%
Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center	76%	81%
Reynolda Manor	85%	90%
Rural Hall	91%	100%
Southside	79%	100%
Walkertown	88% B	53%
The Library's website	80% B	34%
Other	73%	100%

Table 200: Q21 by Respondent District

If you have visited any of libraries listed during the past year, please CHECK ALL of the reasons for which you visited or used it.	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
To vote	36%	42%
Check out books	41%	45%
Check out CDs	5%	9%
Check out DVDs	7%	5%
Check out other physical materials	7%	4%
Access wireless internet	8%	2%
Use a computer	12% B	2%
Attend a program	16%	8%
Attend a community event	17%	17%
Research a topic	10%	11%
As a place to relax	12% B	2%
Other	10%	12%
None chosen	27%	30%

Table 201: Q22 by Respondent District

If you have visited any of libraries listed during the past year, which format do you MOST prefer for accessing Library materials?	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Physical (e.g., print book, CD, DVD, audiobooks)	40% B	20%
Digital (e.g., eBook, eAudio, eMagazines)	5%	13% A
Both physical and digital	31%	50% A
I don't usually visit the library	25%	17%
Total	100%	100%

Table 202: Q23 by Respondent District

During the past year, have you or other members of your household had contact with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office?	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Yes	24% B	12%
No	76%	88% A
Total	100%	100%

Table 203: Q24 by Respondent District

Please CHECK ALL of the types of contact that you or the members of your household have had with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office during the past year	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Traffic violation	2%	0%
Criminal investigation	1%	0%
Visiting the detention center	1%	0%
Receipt of civil process services	2%	0%
Firearms permits	6% B	0%
Report a crime	4%	0%
Request assistance	11% B	3%
Interactions at public events	5%	1%
Calling or visiting Animal Services	4%	0%
None chosen	77%	96% A

Table 204: Q25 by Respondent District

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the services provided by Forsyth County Sheriff's office. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Overall quality of Sheriff protection	72% B	54%
Cultural Sensitivity of Sheriff Office employees	60% B	34%
Professionalism of Sheriff's Office employees	70% B	43%
Quality of animal services	49%	41%
Quality of social media communication (X, Facebook, Instagram)	56%	54%
Accessibility and Responsiveness of the Sheriff's Office	68%	60%
The level of transparency by the Sheriff's Office	58%	51%
Response time by the Sheriff's Office to emergencies	65%	60%
Response time by the Sheriff's Office to non-emergencies	63%	46%
The visibility of Sheriff's Deputies in your community	63% B	33%

Table 205: Q26 by Respondent District (First place)

Which THREE of the Sheriff's Office services listed in Question 25 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from the County over the next TWO years?	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Overall quality of Sheriff protection	15%	19%
Cultural Sensitivity of Sheriff Office employees	7%	4%
Professionalism of Sheriff's Office employees	3%	0%
Quality of animal services	5%	2%
Quality of social media communication (X, Facebook, Instagram)	2%	0%
Accessibility and Responsiveness of the Sheriff's Office	3%	0%
The level of transparency by the Sheriff's Office	5%	10%
Response time by the Sheriff's Office to emergencies	3%	2%
Response time by the Sheriff's Office to non-emergencies	1%	0%
The visibility of Sheriff's Deputies in your community	8%	14%
		A
None chosen	47%	49%
Total	100%	100%

Table 206: Q26 by Respondent District (Second place)

Which THREE of the Sheriff's Office services listed in Question 25 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from the County over the next TWO years?	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Overall quality of Sheriff protection	2%	5%
Cultural Sensitivity of Sheriff Office employees	4%	1%
Professionalism of Sheriff's Office employees	8%	8%
Quality of animal services	4%	0%
Quality of social media communication (X, Facebook, Instagram)	2%	0%
Accessibility and Responsiveness of the Sheriff's Office	6%	0%
	B	
The level of transparency by the Sheriff's Office	5%	4%
Response time by the Sheriff's Office to emergencies	9%	10%
Response time by the Sheriff's Office to non-emergencies	3%	2%
The visibility of Sheriff's Deputies in your community	5%	2%
None chosen	51%	68%
		A
Total	100%	100%

Table 207: Q26 by Respondent District (Third place)

Which THREE of the Sheriff's Office services listed in Question 25 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from the County over the next TWO years?	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Overall quality of Sheriff protection	4%	0%
Cultural Sensitivity of Sheriff Office employees	3%	4%
Professionalism of Sheriff's Office employees	5%	3%
Quality of animal services	3%	0%
Quality of social media communication (X, Facebook, Instagram)	3%	1%
Accessibility and Responsiveness of the Sheriff's Office	3%	0%
The level of transparency by the Sheriff's Office	6% B	0%
Response time by the Sheriff's Office to emergencies	8% B	1%
Response time by the Sheriff's Office to non-emergencies	4%	3%
The visibility of Sheriff's Deputies in your community	8%	9%
None chosen	53%	79% A
Total	100%	100%

Table 208: Q27 by Respondent District

Please CHECK ALL of the Emergency Services offered by Forsyth County that you or members of your household have had contact with during the last year.	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Forsyth County's 911 Service	22%	39% A
Forsyth County Fire Division	7%	7%
Forsyth County EMS	17%	49% A
None, I have not used any	71% B	46%
None chosen	0%	0%

Table 209: Q28 by Respondent District

Please rate your satisfaction with each of the services provided by Forsyth County. (Percent Very Satisfied or Satisfied)	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Overall satisfaction with Fire Division services	82% B	30%
Professionalism of 911 operator	80%	100% A
Efficiency of 911 operator	79%	100% A
The accuracy of information you were given during emergencies	74%	97% A
Overall quality of Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	75%	83%
Overall EMS response time	73%	83%
Professionalism of EMS staff	82%	83%
Cultural sensitivity of EMS staff	76%	96% A

Open Participation Verbatim Responses

Following are verbatim responses to the open-ended question on the open-participation survey. Because these responses were written by survey participants, they are presented here in verbatim form, including any typographical, grammar or other mistakes. The responses are presented in alphabetical order.

Question 1: Please CHECK ALL of the reasons why you choose to live in Forsyth County.

– Other

- because Kernersville was smaller than Greensboro and still close to work
- Education
- I'm still living with my parents and I was born here. Also, I do like it here so that plays a role
- Strong public school system
- We used to have quality education, but the county and state have let all public education go down.

Question 21: If you have visited any of libraries listed during the past year, please CHECK ALL of the reasons for which you visited or used it. – Other

- A place for my son to explore books and play
- attend a meeting
- Meeting
- Meeting
- Place to study
- Professional meeting space
- Renew library card
- Renew my library card
- Rented the rooms
- Tutor
- Tutoring
- Work.

Question 29: What are you MOST CONCERNED about as a citizen of Forsyth County?

- Ability of low income people to find adequate housing.
- Action to improve quality of life and environment.
- Affordable housing, inequality
- Being able to afford living here.
- Crime in the Old Town area
- Crime seems to have escalated.
- Emergency medical services support
- having enough affordable housing!
- High taxes safty
- Housing for the unhoused
- How poorly the County and Schools have prioritized funds for special programs over providing basic services

- I'm most concerned about the quality of the public school system. I don't like that my public school tax dollars are turned into vouchers for private schools
- Ice and the environment
- inadequate planning for housing and roadwork
- K-12 schools
- Keeping teachers because of the debt
- Lack of adequate funding for public schools
- lack of sheriff,s and deputies making an effort to address concerns and arrest underage offenders. animal control is a joke
- Lack of walkable and bikeable main roads
- Law enforcement wearing masks, presence of ICE
- loss of farmland and open space
- Our county needs to be vocal to force our state government to do their fair share! We pay taxes to both and the state is not paying its fair share to the counties and schools. We need counties to speak up!
- Overall quality of life
- Parking
- Property and other tax increases
- property apprasials
- Property tax are too high! I'm getting ready to move to a less expensive county!
- Property tax has risen too sharply in the last year. I can barely pay my bills, given that I also have not seen a pay increase as an employee of WSFCS.
- Property tax increases and the additional funding the county is already getting from that not being used effectively that you would even consider doing a survey about another tax increase
- Public education
- Public education and safety
- Public education and schools
- Public school district retaining and recruiting experienced professionals to assist students
- Public schools
- Public Schools
- Quality education. Without good schools I'm worried that people won't be willing to move to the area.
- Quality of K-12 education
- Quality of public education K-12
- Quality of schools, safety
- Rise in property tax especially for seniors
- Rising cost of property taxes and cost of living but no salary increase
- Rising taxes and cost of living
- safety
- Safety
- Safety
- safety and homelessness

- Safety downtown. Having safe events for our youth to attend so these 'Darties' don't have to happen and get out is hand. Supporting our schools with funding. You raised it taxes, now put your money where your mouth is.
- Schools and Housing
- Security and safety
- Sheriff's deputies treating Black and Brown people like criminals simply for existing in Southeast Winston. Pulling people over/detaining/cuffing them for no reason. Officers wearing masks. As a white person, none of this is acceptable to me.
- State of the economy and job prospects in the county.
- Taxes are atrocious. Property re-evaluations were over inflated. My mortgage went up \$135 a mth bc of it. I appealed and you dropped it \$7000 even though you only allow 5 pictures
- Teacher salaries too low and school buildings not well maintained and need for environmental protection and more affordable housing.
- The abysmal quality of our public schools
- The constant cuts from public education.
- The pace of housing growth, combined with poor planning, gives the impression that these decisions are being made to benefit a select group of stakeholders rather than the broader community.
- The public schools
- The quality of our public schools
- The quality of public education and our k-12 schools
- The school system!!!!
- Unattended youth making for unsafe conditions
- Wasteful spending by the Sheriff
- wsfcs - our kids are taking the hit and its just not right.
- Wsfcs schools.

Question 30: What do you perceive to be the BIGGEST THREAT to quality of life in Forsyth County?

- Building low income, no income properties to be destroyed like the last two the county built! Nothing but drug infested money eating slumlords! Stop taking money from these hard working people to appease the won't workers!
- Cost
- Cost of living
- Cost of living and taxes
- County Commissioners' self interests
- Crime
- Crime and gang related violence - from common car break in thugs to more violent crimes.
- Crime and safety
- Crime and the abysmal quality of our public schools
- crime going on
- crimes that are not being address. only lip service
- Current state of WSFCS

- Data centers and the pipeline
- Education k12, mental health
- Education system failures, safety of the unhoused population, lack of job opportunities
- Environmental issues
- Failing public education due to lack of funding
- Federal government cutting social services and spending on war.
- flight of our top employers leaving empty buildings and lack of taxes coming in
- Gangs, traffic, and crime
- Healthcare access
- High taxes safety
- homelessness
- ICE and the environment
- Inadequate school funding
- Increases in the cost of housing, utilities, groceries and other necessities.
- Inequality
- Inequality
- Lack of affordable housing
- Lack of funding for our schools
- Lack of funds and support for public education and law enforcement
- Lack of quality education for our children
- MAGA
- Medical services
- National politics
- Not funding public education
- Not investing in our public schools and the budget crisis for WS/fcs
- Poor management of resources
- Public education
- Public education
- raising property taxes will cause me to move out of forsyth after living here 79 years
- Rising cost of property taxes and cost of living but no salary increase
- Run down areas in the North Ward
- Safety
- Safety and security-less availability than before
- School system, lack of accountability from politicians to parents to children
- Tax increases, and losing corporate headquarters of several companies
- The biggest threat to quality of life in Forsyth County is rapid, poorly managed growth that is reshaping the rural character of outlying areas. Development decisions increasingly appear to be driven by financial interests rather than thoughtful, community-centered planning, which risks eroding the balance between growth and the quality of life that originally drew many residents to these areas.
- The constant cuts to education.
- The deficit in the school system budget. The lack of support for families and lack of events and programs for teens to keep them out of trouble.

- The focus on lowering taxes comes at the expense of supportive services and is increasing social problems.
- The growing gap between what people need to live and what our county is investing in the systems that support them especially public education, housing, and essential services.
- The impact of poverty & inequality showing up in the classroom
- The mindset that good enough is good enough.
- the presence of ICE and the threat of collaboration with ICE within the Sheriff's department
- The youth
- too many rural areas being consumed by housing and apartment constructions without adequate road construction
- Too much highway expansion and development of the areas surrounding such.
- Uncontrolled growth
- unfettered growth of housing developments and businesses without consideration of quality of life.
- Unreasonable and monumental property tax increases.

Question 31: What is the BEST thing about living in Forsyth County?

- access to parks
- Arts, activities
- Beautiful parks
- close to entertainment in the city
- Close to family
- Close to family and friends
- Closeness to the racing seen and my friends
- Convenience, safety
- Cost of living
- Cost of living with community activities.
- Culture,
- Diversity
- Diversity
- Diversity
- Diversity
- Diversity of neighborhoods and culture
- dont know never lived any where else
- Ease of getting around
- Employment opportunities
- Everything you need within a 15 minute drive!
- Farm and City
- Great support
- Home
- I have a good job here.
- I like the people that I've met here, mostly pleasant people
- Idk

- It's a beautiful place to be.
- Low crime
- Medical services
- Most people are wonderful!
- My job is here
- None!
- Nothing
- Our grandkids are here
- Parks and people.
- Peaceful at times
- Physical beauty, downtown (except for parking changes), higher ed schools,
- Proximity to many amenities
- quality of health services and doctors
- Quality of life balance
- Quiet neighborhood and friendly neighbors
- Size
- Size
- size of the place and pace of life here
- smaller communities
- Tanglewood
- The Arts. Downtown WS growing more family friendly.
- The balance of urban/rural, wealthy/poor, etc.
- The beautiful Spring plant blooms
- The best thing about living in Forsyth County is the unique blend of peaceful, rural living in smaller towns with the convenience of being just minutes from the Winston-Salem metro area.
- The diversity and welcoming vibe
- The diversity, rich history, dedication to the arts, natural beauty
- The great cultural and arts opportunities. A few years ago I would have said the school system, but too many people are using vouchers to use private schools now and are draining resources from the public schools.
- The people
- The people
- The people who also live here.
- The weather.
- There are so many great local places to go & fun events. There is something for everyone here.
- Walkable downtown.

Appendix I: Survey Materials

The following pages contain copies of the survey materials sent to randomly selected households within Forsyth County.

2026 Forsyth County Community Survey

Please complete this survey if you are an adult (18 years older) living in the household.
Your answers are completely anonymous and will only be shared as part of combined, group results.

1. Please CHECK ALL of the reasons why you choose to live in Forsyth County.

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| ☐ 01. Arts, cultural, and entertainment amenities | ☐ 10. Low crime rates |
| ☐ 02. Housing options | ☐ 11. Low traffic congestion |
| ☐ 03. Parks and open space options | ☐ 12. Close to family/friends |
| ☐ 04. Shopping options | ☐ 13. Close to your work/school |
| ☐ 05. Higher education opportunities | ☐ 14. Access to health care services |
| ☐ 06. Public transportation systems | ☐ 15. Access to farm fresh meats and produce |
| ☐ 07. Diversity of the people who live here | ☐ 16. Quality of public education opportunities |
| ☐ 08. Employment opportunities | ☐ 17. Blend of farm and city environments |
| ☐ 09. Local tax rate and cost of living | ☐ 18. Other: _____ |

2. Which THREE of the items listed in Question 1 will have the BIGGEST IMPACT on your decision to stay in Forsyth County over the next five years? (Use the numbers from Q1 to answer)

First: _____ Second: _____ Third: _____ ☐ None

3. Please indicate how important you believe each of the following will be to the overall quality of life in Forsyth County over the next 20 years.

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not sure	Not important
01. Health care access.....	4	3	2	1
02. Behavioral health access	4	3	2	1
03. Support systems for those in need	4	3	2	1
04. Natural open space.....	4	3	2	1
05. Parks and trails	4	3	2	1
06. Library services	4	3	2	1
07. Public education (K-12)	4	3	2	1
08. College and post-secondary education	4	3	2	1
09. Environmental stewardship and sustainability	4	3	2	1
10. Land use planning	4	3	2	1
11. Bike lanes, walkability	4	3	2	1
12. Adequacy of residential growth to meet the needs of the County.....	4	3	2	1
13. Adequacy of commercial/industrial growth to meet the job opportunity needs of the County	4	3	2	1
14. Job training and workforce development (post-secondary education and training)	4	3	2	1
15. Housing.....	4	3	2	1
16. Safety, low crime.....	4	3	2	1
17. Social justice/equity/inclusivity.....	4	3	2	1

4. Which THREE of the issues listed in Question 3 do you think will be the most important for the County to address over the next 20 years? (Use the numbers from Q3 to answer)

First: _____ Second: _____ Third: _____

5. What do you think about the overall quality of life in Forsyth County?

- ☐ Is getting better ☐ Staying the same ☐ Is getting worse

6. Please rate Forsyth County with regard to the following.

	Excellent	Good	Neutral	Below average	Poor	Don't know
As a place to live	5	4	3	2	1	9
As a place to work.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
As a place to play	5	4	3	2	1	9
As a place to raise children	5	4	3	2	1	9
As a place to educate children.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
As a place to retire	5	4	3	2	1	9
As a place to visit.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
As a place to start a business.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
As a community that is moving in the right direction.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
As a place where you can earn a living wage.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
As a place where you can find affordable housing	5	4	3	2	1	9

(cont.)	Excellent	Good	Neutral	Below average	Poor	Don't know
As a place where you would buy your next home.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
As a place to attend college or a university.....	5	4	3	2	1	9

7. Please rate your satisfaction with each of the major categories of services provided by Forsyth County listed below.

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Don't know
01. County efforts to ensure the community is prepared for a natural disaster or crisis.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
02. Communication with the public.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
03. Enforcement of codes and ordinances.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
04. Customer service you receive from County employees.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
05. County Libraries.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
06. County parks and recreation opportunities.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
07. Quality of public health services.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
08. Quality of services from the Department of Social Services.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
09. Quality of tax administration services.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
10. Quality of emergency medical services (EMS).....	5	4	3	2	1	9
11. Quality of services provided by the Sheriff's Office.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
12. Quality of emergency 911 services.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
13. Quality of the Smith Reynolds Airport.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
14. Quality of North Carolina Cooperative Extension services.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
15. Quality of K-12 education buildings.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
16. Quality of Environmental Assistance and Protection services.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
17. Quality of Online Tax Services.....	5	4	3	2	1	9

8. Which THREE categories listed in Question 7 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from the County over the next TWO years? (Use the numbers from Q7 to answer)

First:_____ Second:_____ Third:_____

9. How supportive would you be of a tax increase if it were used to fund the services that you indicated should receive the most emphasis?

☐ Very supportive ☐ Supportive ☐ Not sure ☐ Not supportive ☐ Not at all supportive

10. Please rate your satisfaction with the following.

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Don't know
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01. Condition of The Forsyth County Government Building at 201 N. Chestnut St. in Winston-Salem.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
02. Condition of the Forsyth County Courthouse/Hall of Justice.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
03. Condition of Forsyth Technical Community College facilities.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
04. Condition of the County's Smith Reynolds Airport.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
05. Condition of Winston-Salem Forsyth County K-12 public school buildings.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
06. The amount of security staff on County properties.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
07. Cleanliness of County buildings.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
08. Accessibility of public buildings/ease of entry access.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
09. Landscaping around County buildings.....	5	4	3	2	1	9

11. Which THREE items from Question 10 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from County leaders over the next TWO years? (Use the numbers from Q10 to answer)

First:_____ Second:_____ Third:_____

12. Please CHECK ALL of the sources listed below that you and members of your household use to learn about Forsyth County news, events, and to get other County information.

- 01. Forsyth County website (Forsyth.cc)
- 02. Nextdoor
- 03. Twitter/X
- 04. Facebook
- 05. Emails/newsletters/mailers from County departments
- 06. WSTV 13
- 07. Winston Salem Journal
- 08. Other local news publications
- 09. Local radio
- 10. Local TV news
- 11. Friends/family - word of mouth
- 12. Other online sources

13. Which THREE sources from Question 12 do you MOST PREFER to use to get information on County news, events, and other County information? (Use the numbers from Q12 to answer)

First: _____ Second: _____ Third: _____

14. For each of the following, please rate your satisfaction.

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Don't know
Ease of locating information on the County's website.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
Your experience engaging with the County government process ...	5	4	3	2	1	9
Level of public involvement in local decisions with the County .	5	4	3	2	1	9
County efforts to keep you informed about local issues.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
County efforts to be open and transparent with information about County issues, services, and performance	5	4	3	2	1	9

15. Please indicate if you or other members of your household have visited any of the County parks during the past year." If "Yes," please rate the condition of the facility based on your most recent experience.

	Yes	No	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
CG Hill Memorial Park	2	1	4	3	2	1
Horizons Park	2	1	4	3	2	1
Joanie Moser Memorial Park	2	1	4	3	2	1
Kernersville Lake Park	2	1	4	3	2	1
Old U.S. 421 River Park	2	1	4	3	2	1
Tanglewood Park	2	1	4	3	2	1
Triad Park	2	1	4	3	2	1
Union Cross Park.....	2	1	4	3	2	1
Walkertown Community Park	2	1	4	3	2	1

16. Please rate your satisfaction with each of the parks and recreation services provided by Forsyth County.

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Don't Know
01. Availability of active recreation equipment (e.g., playgrounds, all-age fitness equipment)	5	4	3	2	1	9
02. Availability of pickleball courts (Joanie Moser, Walkertown, Union Cross).....	5	4	3	2	1	9
03. Quality of public disc golf courses (Horizons Park, Triad Park)	5	4	3	2	1	9
04. Quality and availability of event facilities (e.g., picnic shelters, indoor facilities)	5	4	3	2	1	9
05. Maintenance of County parks.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
06. Overall feeling of safety in County parks	5	4	3	2	1	9
07. Quality of athletic fields (soccer, baseball/softball) ..	5	4	3	2	1	9
08. Quality and availability of tennis courts.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
09. Availability of open space and natural areas in County parks	5	4	3	2	1	9
10. Quality of Tanglewood Park's Festival of Lights.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
11. Quality of Peter S. Brunstetter Aquatic Center at Tanglewood Park	5	4	3	2	1	9
12. Quality of Tanglewood golf courses	5	4	3	2	1	9
13. Quality of the County's dog parks (Tanglewood, Horizons Park)	5	4	3	2	1	9
14. Availability and access of walking and biking trails ..	5	4	3	2	1	9

17. Which THREE of services listed in Question 16 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from the County over the next TWO years? (Use the numbers from Q16 to answer)

First: _____ Second: _____ Third: _____

18. During the past year, have you or other members of your household contacted employees of Forsyth County or visited the County's website to seek services, ask a question, or file complaints?

☐ Visited the website ☐ Contacted by phone ☐ Contacted by email ☐ In person ☐ No → skip to question 20

19. Please rate your satisfaction with your experience interacting with the county government department(s) you contacted.

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Don't Know
How easy the county government was to contact.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
Courtesy of county employee(s) you interacted with.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
Accuracy of the information you were given.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
Appropriateness of county employees' response.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
Timeliness of county employees' response.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
The resolution of your issue/concern.....	5	4	3	2	1	9

20. Please indicate if you or other members of your household have visited each of the libraries during the past year. If "Yes," please rate the condition of the facility based on your most recent experience.

	Yes	No	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Carver School Road	2	1	4	3	2	1
Central Library.....	2	1	4	3	2	1
Clemmons	2	1	4	3	2	1
Paddison Memorial in Kernersville	2	1	4	3	2	1
Lewisville.....	2	1	4	3	2	1
Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center	2	1	4	3	2	1
Reynolda Manor	2	1	4	3	2	1
Rural Hall	2	1	4	3	2	1
Southside	2	1	4	3	2	1
Walkertown.....	2	1	4	3	2	1
The Library's website	2	1	4	3	2	1
Other:	2	1	4	3	2	1

21. If you have visited any of libraries listed during the past year, please CHECK ALL of the reasons for which you visited or used it.

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| ☐ To vote | ☐ Check out other physical materials | ☐ Attend a community event |
| ☐ Check out books | ☐ Access wireless internet | ☐ Research a topic |
| ☐ Check out CDs | ☐ Use a computer | ☐ As a place to relax |
| ☐ Check out DVDs | ☐ Attend a program | ☐ Other _____ |

22. If you have visited any of libraries listed during the past year, which format do you MOST prefer for accessing Library materials,?

- | | |
|--|---|
| ☐ Physical (e.g., print book, CD, DVD, audiobooks) | ☐ Both physical and digital |
| ☐ Digital (e.g., eBook, eAudio, eMagazines) | ☐ I don't usually visit the library |

23. During the past year, have you or other members of your household had contact with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No → skip to question 25

24. Please CHECK ALL of the types of contact that you or the members of your household have had with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office during the past year.

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|--|--|--|
| ☐ Traffic violation | ☐ Receipt of civil process services | ☐ Request assistance |
| ☐ Criminal investigation | ☐ Firearms permits | ☐ Interactions at public events |
| ☐ Visiting the detention center | ☐ Report a crime | ☐ Calling or visiting Animal Services |

25. Please rate your satisfaction with each of the services provided by Forsyth County Sheriff's office.

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Don't Know
01. Overall quality of Sheriff protection	5	4	3	2	1	9
02. Cultural Sensitivity of Sheriff Office employees	5	4	3	2	1	9
03. Professionalism of Sheriff's Office employees.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
04. Quality of animal services.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
05. Quality of social media communication (X, Facebook, Instagram)....	5	4	3	2	1	9
06. Accessibility and Responsiveness of the Sheriff's Office	5	4	3	2	1	9
07. The level of transparency by the Sheriff's Office	5	4	3	2	1	9
08. Response time by the Sheriff's Office to emergencies.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
09. Response time by the Sheriff's Office to non-emergencies	5	4	3	2	1	9
10. The visibility of Sheriff's Deputies in your community	5	4	3	2	1	9

26. Which THREE of the Sheriff's Office services listed in Question 25 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from the County over the next TWO years?

First: _____ Second: _____ Third: _____

27. Please CHECK ALL of the Emergency Services offered by Forsyth County that you or members of your household have had contact with during the last year.

- ☐ Forsyth County's 911 Service ☐ Forsyth County EMS
☐ Forsyth County Fire Division ☐ None, I have not used any →skip to question 29

28. Please rate your satisfaction with each of the services provided by Forsyth County.

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't Know
Overall satisfaction with Fire Division services	5	4	3	2	1	9
Professionalism of 911 operator.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
Efficiency of 911 operator	5	4	3	2	1	9
The accuracy of information you were given during emergencies ..	5	4	3	2	1	9
Overall quality of Emergency Medical Services (EMS).....	5	4	3	2	1	9
Overall EMS response time.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
Professionalism of EMS staff.....	5	4	3	2	1	9
Cultural sensitivity of EMS staff.....	5	4	3	2	1	9

29. What are you MOST CONCERNED about as a citizen of Forsyth County?

30. What do you perceive to be the BIGGEST THREAT to quality of life in Forsyth County?

31. What is the BEST thing about living in Forsyth County?

32. Do you think you will be living in Forsyth County five years from now?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

33. Which best describes the building you live in?

- ☐ Single-family detached home
☐ Townhouse or duplex
☐ Condominium or apartment
☐ Mobile home
☐ Other

34. Do you own or rent your current residence?

- ☐ Own ☐ Rent

35. Approximately how many years have you lived in Forsyth County?

- ☐ Less than 2 years ☐ 11-20 years
☐ 2-5 years ☐ More than 20 years
☐ 6-10 years

36. Which of the following best describes your race/ethnicity? [Check all that apply.]

- ☐ Asian or Asian Indian
☐ Black or African American
☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
☐ White or Caucasian
☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
☐ Other: _____

37. Are you of Hispanic or Latino ancestry?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

38. What is the primary language spoken in your home?

- ☐ English ☐ Spanish ☐ Other

39. What is your total annual household income?

- ☐ Under \$15,000 ☐ \$75,000 - \$99,999
☐ \$15,000 - \$29,999 ☐ \$100,000 - \$124,999
☐ \$30,000 - \$44,999 ☐ \$125,000 - \$149,999
☐ \$45,000 - \$59,999 ☐ \$150,000 or more
☐ \$60,000 - \$74,999

40. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- ☐ Some high school, no diploma
☐ High school diploma or equivalent
☐ Some college but no degree
☐ Associate's degree
☐ Bachelor's degree
☐ Graduate degree or higher

41. What is your age?

- ☐ 18-24 years ☐ 55-64 years
☐ 25-34 years ☐ 65-74 years
☐ 35-44 years ☐ 75 years or older
☐ 45-54 years

42. What is your gender identity?

- ☐ Male ☐ Female
☐ Prefer to self-describe: _____

Dear Forsyth County Resident,

It won't take much of your time to make a big difference!

Your household has been randomly selected to participate in Forsyth County's 2026 Community Survey. To ensure we hear from a diverse group of residents, the member of your household who had the most recent birthday (and is over age 18) should complete the survey. You can complete the confidential survey online using the link below (enter the survey link exactly as it appears into your web browser's address bar) or by scanning the QR code on the reverse side.

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Please do not share your survey link. This survey is for randomly selected households only. The County will conduct a separate survey that is open to all residents just a few weeks from now. You can also wait a few days for the survey to arrive in the mail.

If you have any questions about the Forsyth County Community Survey please email FCsurvey@forsyth.cc or call 336.703.2091.

Thank you for your participation. We appreciate your time and effort to help improve the future of Forsyth County!

Sincerely,

Shontell Robinson
Forsyth County Manager



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We want to know what you think! Forsyth County hopes to gain feedback from residents about our community and about our County government.

You have been randomly selected to participate in Forsyth County's 2026 Community Survey. Please take a few minutes to fill out the enclosed survey. Your answers will help the Forsyth County Commissioners and staff learn about opportunities and challenges facing our community. Your participation is very important! (If you have already completed the online survey, we thank you for your time and ask you to recycle this survey. Please do not respond twice.)

Please have an adult (anyone 18 years or older) in your household complete this survey. After completion, you can use the enclosed postage paid envelope to return your survey, or you may complete the confidential survey online at:

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Interested in Participating Further? We will be conducting a few focus groups after the survey closes. If you would be interested in participating, please sign up using the small QR code / URL on the right. Participants will receive compensation.



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