

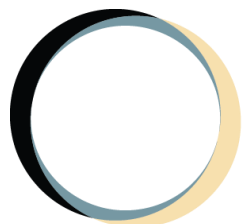


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## About this Report

As part of its participation in The National Citizen Survey™, the City of Albert Lea conducted a mailed survey of 1,500 residents. Surveys were mailed to randomly selected households on June 29, 2018 and data were collected through August 27, 2018. After the official data collection period was underway (see the report, *The National Citizen Survey: Community Livability Report, Albert Lea, MN, 2018*), the City made available a web-based survey to its residents through a link on the City's website. Visitors to the site were able to complete the survey during August and 394 surveys were received.

This report contains the results of this administration of the web-based survey that have not been weighted to current population estimates of Albert Lea.

# Complete Survey Responses

The following pages contain a complete set of responses to each question on the survey, excluding the “don’t know” responses. The percent of respondents giving a particular response is shown followed by the number of respondents (denoted with “N=”).

## Responses excluding “don’t know”

Table 1: Question 1

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Albert Lea:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Albert Lea as a place to live	15%	N=60	49%	N=193	27%	N=106	8%	N=31	100%	N=390
Your neighborhood as a place to live	29%	N=106	41%	N=149	23%	N=84	6%	N=23	100%	N=362
Albert Lea as a place to raise children	17%	N=59	51%	N=177	24%	N=82	8%	N=27	100%	N=345
Albert Lea as a place to work	6%	N=20	34%	N=116	32%	N=112	28%	N=98	100%	N=346
Albert Lea as a place to visit	12%	N=42	32%	N=112	33%	N=116	24%	N=83	100%	N=353
Albert Lea as a place to retire	20%	N=68	44%	N=147	24%	N=80	12%	N=40	100%	N=335
The overall quality of life in Albert Lea	12%	N=43	48%	N=172	31%	N=109	9%	N=32	100%	N=356

Table 2: Question 2

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Albert Lea as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Overall feeling of safety in Albert Lea	16%	N=63	53%	N=202	27%	N=104	4%	N=15	100%	N=384
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	28%	N=103	55%	N=199	14%	N=49	3%	N=11	100%	N=362
Quality of overall natural environment in Albert Lea	26%	N=94	52%	N=187	19%	N=69	3%	N=11	100%	N=361
Overall "built environment" of Albert Lea (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	9%	N=33	45%	N=163	35%	N=126	11%	N=39	100%	N=361
Health and wellness opportunities in Albert Lea	15%	N=55	37%	N=131	29%	N=103	19%	N=69	100%	N=358
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	8%	N=30	39%	N=138	38%	N=137	14%	N=51	100%	N=356
Overall economic health of Albert Lea	1%	N=4	22%	N=79	38%	N=133	39%	N=138	100%	N=354
Sense of community	11%	N=39	36%	N=131	39%	N=142	13%	N=48	100%	N=360
Overall image or reputation of Albert Lea	3%	N=11	33%	N=117	39%	N=139	26%	N=92	100%	N=359

Table 3: Question 3

Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following:	Very likely		Somewhat likely		Somewhat unlikely		Very unlikely		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Recommend living in Albert Lea to someone who asks	23%	N=87	37%	N=138	20%	N=74	20%	N=75	100%	N=374
Remain in Albert Lea for the next five years	50%	N=178	28%	N=98	12%	N=44	9%	N=33	100%	N=353

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Table 4: Question 4

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	Very safe		Somewhat safe		Neither safe nor unsafe		Somewhat unsafe		Very unsafe		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
In your neighborhood during the day	59%	N=217	29%	N=105	5%	N=17	6%	N=23	1%	N=3	100%	N=365
In Albert Lea's downtown/commercial area during the day	56%	N=201	34%	N=124	6%	N=20	4%	N=15	0%	N=1	100%	N=361

Table 5: Question 5

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Albert Lea as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Traffic flow on major streets	14%	N=51	55%	N=199	25%	N=89	6%	N=22	100%	N=361
Ease of public parking	13%	N=45	52%	N=179	26%	N=91	8%	N=29	100%	N=344
Ease of travel by car in Albert Lea	24%	N=84	56%	N=196	16%	N=57	3%	N=10	100%	N=347
Ease of travel by public transportation in Albert Lea	4%	N=8	24%	N=48	34%	N=67	38%	N=76	100%	N=199
Ease of travel by bicycle in Albert Lea	21%	N=59	47%	N=134	29%	N=83	4%	N=11	100%	N=287
Ease of walking in Albert Lea	29%	N=99	53%	N=180	15%	N=51	3%	N=9	100%	N=339
Availability of paths and walking trails	30%	N=103	49%	N=166	19%	N=65	2%	N=7	100%	N=341
Air quality	32%	N=108	52%	N=178	15%	N=51	1%	N=5	100%	N=342
Cleanliness of Albert Lea	14%	N=48	52%	N=180	27%	N=93	8%	N=27	100%	N=348
Overall appearance of Albert Lea	14%	N=49	49%	N=171	29%	N=102	7%	N=26	100%	N=348
Public places where people want to spend time	15%	N=53	50%	N=172	26%	N=91	9%	N=31	100%	N=347
Variety of housing options	3%	N=9	22%	N=69	42%	N=134	33%	N=106	100%	N=318
Availability of affordable quality housing	4%	N=11	25%	N=75	35%	N=107	36%	N=110	100%	N=303
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	25%	N=86	48%	N=163	24%	N=80	3%	N=10	100%	N=339
Recreational opportunities	20%	N=67	41%	N=138	29%	N=99	11%	N=36	100%	N=340
Availability of affordable quality food	11%	N=39	38%	N=132	31%	N=106	19%	N=66	100%	N=343
Availability of affordable quality health care	4%	N=12	17%	N=57	31%	N=104	49%	N=164	100%	N=337
Availability of preventive health services	6%	N=21	24%	N=78	38%	N=126	32%	N=106	100%	N=331
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	3%	N=8	16%	N=44	32%	N=86	48%	N=129	100%	N=267

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Table 6: Question 6

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Albert Lea as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool	7%	N=16	26%	N=63	34%	N=82	34%	N=82	100%	N=243
K-12 education	13%	N=39	53%	N=154	25%	N=72	9%	N=26	100%	N=291
Adult educational opportunities	8%	N=22	46%	N=126	36%	N=98	11%	N=30	100%	N=276
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	11%	N=34	46%	N=144	32%	N=101	12%	N=37	100%	N=316
Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	29%	N=86	52%	N=152	16%	N=48	3%	N=8	100%	N=294
Employment opportunities	3%	N=10	23%	N=74	37%	N=116	37%	N=116	100%	N=316
Shopping opportunities	1%	N=3	5%	N=18	28%	N=93	66%	N=218	100%	N=332
Cost of living in Albert Lea	11%	N=35	30%	N=97	41%	N=133	19%	N=63	100%	N=328
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Albert Lea	4%	N=14	34%	N=113	40%	N=133	21%	N=69	100%	N=329
Vibrant downtown/commercial area	7%	N=22	36%	N=119	39%	N=131	18%	N=61	100%	N=333
Overall quality of new development in Albert Lea	3%	N=9	18%	N=55	35%	N=108	45%	N=141	100%	N=313
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	11%	N=35	41%	N=135	37%	N=121	11%	N=36	100%	N=327
Opportunities to volunteer	21%	N=64	51%	N=153	23%	N=70	5%	N=14	100%	N=301
Opportunities to participate in community matters	13%	N=40	46%	N=138	30%	N=89	11%	N=33	100%	N=300
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	4%	N=12	38%	N=116	37%	N=113	22%	N=67	100%	N=308
Neighborliness of residents in Albert Lea	9%	N=31	45%	N=146	31%	N=103	15%	N=48	100%	N=328

Table 7: Question 7

Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	No		Yes		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N
Made efforts to conserve water	36%	N=121	64%	N=218	100%	N=339
Made efforts to make your home more energy efficient	28%	N=95	72%	N=245	100%	N=340
Observed a code violation or other hazard in Albert Lea (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	28%	N=95	72%	N=244	100%	N=339
Household member was a victim of a crime in Albert Lea	86%	N=290	14%	N=49	100%	N=339
Reported a crime to the police in Albert Lea	72%	N=245	28%	N=93	100%	N=338
Stocked supplies in preparation for an emergency	78%	N=265	22%	N=73	100%	N=338
Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate	63%	N=212	37%	N=127	100%	N=339
Contacted the City of Albert Lea (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information	54%	N=182	46%	N=157	100%	N=339
Contacted Albert Lea elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion	67%	N=228	33%	N=111	100%	N=339

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Table 8: Question 8

In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members done each of the following in Albert Lea?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Used Albert Lea recreation centers or their services	13%	N=41	18%	N=60	37%	N=121	32%	N=106	100%	N=328
Visited a neighborhood park or City park	22%	N=73	33%	N=107	35%	N=116	10%	N=32	100%	N=328
Used Albert Lea public libraries or their services	5%	N=16	23%	N=75	32%	N=104	41%	N=133	100%	N=328
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Albert Lea	13%	N=42	30%	N=99	21%	N=69	35%	N=115	100%	N=325
Attended a City-sponsored event	1%	N=4	25%	N=81	50%	N=162	24%	N=79	100%	N=326
Used bus, rail, subway or other public transportation instead of driving	0%	N=1	0%	N=1	1%	N=3	98%	N=323	100%	N=328
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	7%	N=24	15%	N=48	19%	N=61	59%	N=194	100%	N=327
Walked or biked instead of driving	12%	N=38	16%	N=54	28%	N=92	44%	N=144	100%	N=328
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Albert Lea	12%	N=38	24%	N=80	25%	N=81	39%	N=129	100%	N=328
Participated in a club	7%	N=24	17%	N=55	17%	N=54	59%	N=193	100%	N=326
Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	45%	N=146	29%	N=94	20%	N=64	7%	N=24	100%	N=328
Done a favor for a neighbor	17%	N=55	29%	N=95	38%	N=123	16%	N=53	100%	N=326

Table 9: Question 9

Thinking about local public meetings (of local elected officials like City Council or County Commissioners, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood watch, etc.), in the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members attended or watched a local public meeting?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Attended a local public meeting	1%	N=2	7%	N=22	27%	N=86	66%	N=212	100%	N=322
Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	2%	N=7	12%	N=38	32%	N=102	54%	N=176	100%	N=323

Table 10: Question 10

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Albert Lea:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Police services	31%	N=93	49%	N=148	15%	N=45	5%	N=14	100%	N=300
Fire services	48%	N=139	43%	N=123	8%	N=23	1%	N=3	100%	N=288
Ambulance or emergency medical services	31%	N=86	45%	N=125	17%	N=47	8%	N=21	100%	N=279
Crime prevention	16%	N=45	42%	N=119	30%	N=85	12%	N=33	100%	N=282
Fire prevention and education	29%	N=79	51%	N=142	17%	N=48	3%	N=7	100%	N=276
Traffic enforcement	13%	N=38	53%	N=156	22%	N=65	12%	N=34	100%	N=293
Street repair	3%	N=8	19%	N=59	36%	N=114	42%	N=132	100%	N=313
Street cleaning	8%	N=26	47%	N=143	30%	N=92	15%	N=46	100%	N=307
Street lighting	10%	N=31	57%	N=177	24%	N=76	9%	N=27	100%	N=311
Snow removal	11%	N=34	45%	N=140	26%	N=81	17%	N=53	100%	N=308
Sidewalk maintenance	8%	N=24	41%	N=121	33%	N=96	18%	N=54	100%	N=295

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Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Albert Lea:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Traffic signal timing	6%	N=19	49%	N=153	29%	N=91	15%	N=48	100%	N=311
Garbage collection	36%	N=108	52%	N=157	11%	N=33	1%	N=4	100%	N=302
Recycling	42%	N=129	44%	N=135	12%	N=37	1%	N=3	100%	N=304
Storm drainage	11%	N=32	50%	N=146	28%	N=82	12%	N=34	100%	N=294
Drinking water	24%	N=73	50%	N=150	21%	N=64	5%	N=16	100%	N=303
Sewer services	21%	N=61	58%	N=168	19%	N=56	2%	N=7	100%	N=292
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	26%	N=78	54%	N=164	16%	N=50	4%	N=13	100%	N=305
Utility billing	18%	N=56	48%	N=146	25%	N=77	9%	N=26	100%	N=305
City parks	35%	N=105	50%	N=151	13%	N=40	2%	N=6	100%	N=302
Recreation programs or classes	16%	N=42	53%	N=136	21%	N=53	10%	N=25	100%	N=256
Recreation centers or facilities	13%	N=34	52%	N=141	23%	N=61	13%	N=35	100%	N=271
Land use, planning and zoning	3%	N=7	31%	N=76	40%	N=98	25%	N=61	100%	N=242
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	3%	N=8	21%	N=58	40%	N=111	37%	N=103	100%	N=280
Animal control	8%	N=21	47%	N=126	28%	N=76	17%	N=45	100%	N=268
Economic development	2%	N=5	18%	N=54	23%	N=69	57%	N=168	100%	N=296
Health services	6%	N=19	19%	N=58	32%	N=96	42%	N=127	100%	N=300
Public library services	39%	N=99	46%	N=118	12%	N=31	4%	N=9	100%	N=257
Public information services	8%	N=20	52%	N=134	31%	N=79	10%	N=25	100%	N=258
Cable television	8%	N=19	28%	N=69	33%	N=82	31%	N=76	100%	N=246
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	11%	N=26	49%	N=111	30%	N=68	10%	N=22	100%	N=227
Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts	12%	N=31	52%	N=132	29%	N=73	7%	N=18	100%	N=254
Albert Lea open space	13%	N=33	48%	N=125	32%	N=85	8%	N=20	100%	N=263
City-sponsored special events	16%	N=45	47%	N=131	26%	N=73	11%	N=30	100%	N=279
Overall customer service by Albert Lea employees (police, fire, recreation, receptionists, inspections, administration, etc.)	18%	N=53	56%	N=168	20%	N=61	5%	N=16	100%	N=298

Table 11: Question 11

Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
The City of Albert Lea	12%	N=36	51%	N=147	28%	N=82	8%	N=24	100%	N=289
The Federal Government	4%	N=10	36%	N=94	40%	N=103	20%	N=53	100%	N=260
Freeborn County	11%	N=30	53%	N=145	27%	N=74	9%	N=24	100%	N=273



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Table 12: Question 12

Please rate the following categories of Albert Lea government performance:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
The value of services for the taxes paid to Albert Lea	9%	N=26	28%	N=82	37%	N=109	25%	N=74	100%	N=291
The overall direction that Albert Lea is taking	8%	N=22	22%	N=65	29%	N=84	41%	N=121	100%	N=292
The job Albert Lea government does at welcoming citizen involvement	6%	N=16	31%	N=81	35%	N=92	28%	N=72	100%	N=261
Overall confidence in Albert Lea government	5%	N=14	29%	N=83	31%	N=90	35%	N=101	100%	N=288
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	6%	N=16	32%	N=93	28%	N=80	34%	N=98	100%	N=287
Being honest	8%	N=22	33%	N=91	33%	N=90	25%	N=69	100%	N=272
Treating all residents fairly	8%	N=22	34%	N=91	27%	N=72	30%	N=79	100%	N=264

Table 13: Question 13

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Albert Lea community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years:	Essential		Very important		Somewhat important		Not at all important		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Overall feeling of safety in Albert Lea	47%	N=136	43%	N=124	10%	N=28	1%	N=2	100%	N=290
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	18%	N=53	48%	N=139	28%	N=82	5%	N=15	100%	N=289
Quality of overall natural environment in Albert Lea	24%	N=69	48%	N=140	27%	N=78	1%	N=3	100%	N=290
Overall "built environment" of Albert Lea (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	17%	N=49	52%	N=151	27%	N=78	4%	N=11	100%	N=289
Health and wellness opportunities in Albert Lea	44%	N=128	41%	N=119	13%	N=38	1%	N=3	100%	N=288
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	44%	N=128	42%	N=120	14%	N=39	0%	N=1	100%	N=288
Overall economic health of Albert Lea	62%	N=177	33%	N=95	5%	N=15	0%	N=0	100%	N=287
Sense of community	27%	N=78	52%	N=150	19%	N=56	1%	N=4	100%	N=288

Table 14: Question 14

Please indicate how much of a source, if at all, you consider each of the following to be for obtaining news and information about the City of Albert Lea:	Major source		Minor source		Not a source		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Local TV stations (e.g., KAAL, KIMT)	60%	N=171	33%	N=93	7%	N=21	100%	N=285
Albert Lea Tribune	53%	N=151	33%	N=95	13%	N=38	100%	N=284
Local radio stations (e.g., KATE, KCPI)	36%	N=101	45%	N=128	19%	N=55	100%	N=284
Word of mouth	43%	N=122	46%	N=130	12%	N=33	100%	N=285
City newsletters (e.g., Month-Lea, electronic Week-Lea)	18%	N=50	51%	N=143	32%	N=89	100%	N=282
City website (www.cityofalbertlea.org)	26%	N=74	48%	N=137	26%	N=73	100%	N=284
City's Facebook page	40%	N=115	39%	N=110	21%	N=59	100%	N=284
City's Twitter feed	8%	N=22	27%	N=77	65%	N=186	100%	N=285
Government access channel 180 (Council meetings, etc.)	8%	N=22	35%	N=100	57%	N=163	100%	N=285

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Table 15: Question 15

The City could use about one-third of the Blazing Star Landing site to build a new Community Center. To what extent would you support or oppose building this facility if paying for it required a property tax increase of \$50 per year for a home valued at \$1	Percent	Number
Strongly support	30%	N=85
Somewhat support	31%	N=87
Somewhat oppose	12%	N=34
Strongly oppose	27%	N=77
Total	100%	N=283

Table 16: Question 16

To what extent do you support or oppose each of the following improvement efforts:	Strongly support		Somewhat support		Somewhat oppose		Strongly oppose		Total	
A new property tax increase of \$20 per year on a \$100,000 home to assist with rehabilitation of existing housing stock in the community	16%	N=46	32%	N=90	21%	N=59	30%	N=85	100%	N=280
A new property tax increase of \$20 per year on a \$100,000 home to build more rental workforce housing apartments in the community	15%	N=41	29%	N=81	22%	N=61	34%	N=96	100%	N=279
A new property tax increase of \$20 per year on a \$100,000 home to attract more business, industry and jobs to the community	49%	N=139	27%	N=76	11%	N=30	13%	N=37	100%	N=282

Table 17: Question 17

Please indicate how much of a priority, if at all, each of the following should be for City leadership to focus on in the next three years.	High priority		Medium priority		Low priority		Total	
Economic development/job creation	87%	N=239	11%	N=31	2%	N=5	100%	N=275
Public safety	59%	N=157	36%	N=96	5%	N=12	100%	N=265
Infrastructure improvements (e.g. repaving roads, sidewalk repair, flooding/storm water control)	50%	N=137	46%	N=124	4%	N=11	100%	N=272
Creating programs designed to increase housing options	22%	N=61	50%	N=140	28%	N=77	100%	N=278

Table 18: Question 17 Top Priority

Top priority?	Percent	Number
Economic development/job creation	79%	N=155
Public safety	13%	N=25
Infrastructure improvements	6%	N=11
Creating programs designed to increase housing options	3%	N=6
Total	100%	N=197

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Table 19: Question 18

Please indicate whether you feel Albert Lea has too many, the right amount, or too few of each of the following:	Too many		Right amount		Too few		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Festivals, public events, etc. (e.g., Big Freeze, 4th of July, Big Island Rendezvous, Wind Down Wednesdays)	3%	N=8	74%	N=209	23%	N=66	100%	N=283
Art museums or public art	6%	N=17	66%	N=185	28%	N=80	100%	N=282
Recreational opportunities	0%	N=1	61%	N=171	39%	N=110	100%	N=282
Bars/taverns	28%	N=78	57%	N=161	15%	N=43	100%	N=282
Restaurants	2%	N=7	20%	N=57	77%	N=218	100%	N=282
Entertainment venues	1%	N=2	26%	N=74	73%	N=205	100%	N=281
Retail/shopping opportunities	1%	N=2	5%	N=13	95%	N=267	100%	N=282

Table 20: Question D1

How often, if at all, do you do each of the following, considering all of the times you could?	Never		Rarely		Sometimes		Usually		Always		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Recycle at home	1%	N=4	1%	N=2	5%	N=15	17%	N=47	76%	N=213	100%	N=281
Purchase goods or services from a business located in Albert Lea	0%	N=0	1%	N=3	21%	N=60	59%	N=165	19%	N=53	100%	N=281
Eat at least 5 portions of fruits and vegetables a day	2%	N=7	28%	N=78	38%	N=106	25%	N=70	7%	N=20	100%	N=281
Participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity	2%	N=7	21%	N=58	41%	N=115	25%	N=69	11%	N=32	100%	N=281
Read or watch local news (via television, paper, computer, etc.)	4%	N=10	9%	N=24	23%	N=66	35%	N=98	30%	N=83	100%	N=281
Vote in local elections	3%	N=8	4%	N=12	8%	N=23	29%	N=80	56%	N=157	100%	N=280

Table 21: Question D2

Would you say that in general your health is:	Percent	Number
Excellent	15%	N=42
Very good	41%	N=115
Good	37%	N=105
Fair	5%	N=14
Poor	2%	N=5
Total	100%	N=281

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Table 22: Question D3

What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:	Percent	Number
Very positive	5%	N=14
Somewhat positive	18%	N=51
Neutral	52%	N=143
Somewhat negative	21%	N=58
Very negative	4%	N=10
Total	100%	N=276

Table 23: Question D4

What is your employment status?	Percent	Number
Working full time for pay	67%	N=187
Working part time for pay	9%	N=24
Unemployed, looking for paid work	1%	N=3
Unemployed, not looking for paid work	3%	N=8
Fully retired	20%	N=57
Total	100%	N=279

Table 24: Question D5

Do you work inside the boundaries of Albert Lea?	Percent	Number
Yes, outside the home	61%	N=166
Yes, from home	7%	N=18
No	32%	N=86
Total	100%	N=270

Table 25: Question D6

How many years have you lived in Albert Lea?	Percent	Number
Less than 2 years	4%	N=10
2 to 5 years	11%	N=30
6 to 10 years	10%	N=29
11 to 20 years	13%	N=36
More than 20 years	62%	N=174
Total	100%	N=279

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Table 26: Question D7

Which best describes the building you live in?	Percent	Number
One family house detached from any other houses	87%	N=226
Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apartment or condominium)	12%	N=31
Mobile home	0%	N=1
Other	1%	N=2
Total	100%	N=260

Table 27: Question D8

Is this house, apartment or mobile home...	Percent	Number
Rented	9%	N=24
Owned	91%	N=232
Total	100%	N=256

Table 28: Question D9

About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	Percent	Number
Less than \$300 per month	9%	N=26
\$300 to \$599 per month	26%	N=72
\$600 to \$999 per month	28%	N=78
\$1,000 to \$1,499 per month	19%	N=53
\$1,500 to \$2,499 per month	13%	N=35
\$2,500 or more per month	5%	N=13
Total	100%	N=277

Table 29: Question D10

Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	Percent	Number
No	56%	N=136
Yes	44%	N=108
Total	100%	N=244

Table 30: Question D11

Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	Percent	Number
No	77%	N=188
Yes	23%	N=57
Total	100%	N=245

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Table 31: Question D12

How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Percent	Number
Less than \$25,000	11%	N=29
\$25,000 to \$49,999	25%	N=68
\$50,000 to \$99,999	36%	N=98
\$100,000 to \$149,999	19%	N=52
\$150,000 or more	9%	N=24
Total	100%	N=271

Table 32: Question D13

Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?	Percent	Number
No, not Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	97%	N=266
Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	3%	N=9
Total	100%	N=275

Table 33: Question D14

What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race(s) you consider yourself to be.)	Percent	Number
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1%	N=3
Asian, Asian Indian or Pacific Islander	0%	N=1
Black or African American	0%	N=0
White	98%	N=264
Other	2%	N=5

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

Table 34: Question D15

In which category is your age?	Percent	Number
18 to 24 years	1%	N=4
25 to 34 years	22%	N=62
35 to 44 years	26%	N=71
45 to 54 years	14%	N=38
55 to 64 years	19%	N=53
65 to 74 years	11%	N=31
75 years or older	6%	N=18
Total	100%	N=277

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Table 35: Question D16

What is your sex?	Percent	Number
Female	61%	N=112
Male	39%	N=72
Total	100%	N=184

Table 36: Question D17

Do you consider a cell phone or landline your primary telephone number?	Percent	Number
Cell	74%	N=136
Land line	13%	N=23
Both	13%	N=24
Total	100%	N=183

### Responses including “don’t know”

The following pages contain a complete set of responses to each question on the survey, including the “don’t know” responses. The percent of respondents giving a particular response is shown followed by the number of respondents (denoted with “N=”).

Table 37: Question 1

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Albert Lea:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Albert Lea as a place to live	15%	N=60	49%	N=193	27%	N=106	8%	N=31	0%	N=0	100%	N=390
Your neighborhood as a place to live	29%	N=106	41%	N=149	23%	N=84	6%	N=23	0%	N=0	100%	N=362
Albert Lea as a place to raise children	16%	N=59	49%	N=177	23%	N=82	8%	N=27	4%	N=14	100%	N=359
Albert Lea as a place to work	6%	N=20	32%	N=116	31%	N=112	27%	N=98	4%	N=13	100%	N=359
Albert Lea as a place to visit	12%	N=42	31%	N=112	33%	N=116	23%	N=83	1%	N=3	100%	N=356
Albert Lea as a place to retire	19%	N=68	41%	N=147	22%	N=80	11%	N=40	7%	N=24	100%	N=359
The overall quality of life in Albert Lea	12%	N=43	48%	N=172	31%	N=109	9%	N=32	0%	N=0	100%	N=356

Table 38: Question 2

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Albert Lea as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Overall feeling of safety in Albert Lea	16%	N=63	53%	N=202	27%	N=104	4%	N=15	0%	N=0	100%	N=384
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	28%	N=103	55%	N=199	14%	N=49	3%	N=11	0%	N=0	100%	N=362
Quality of overall natural environment in Albert Lea	26%	N=94	52%	N=187	19%	N=69	3%	N=11	1%	N=2	100%	N=363
Overall "built environment" of Albert Lea (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	9%	N=33	45%	N=163	35%	N=126	11%	N=39	0%	N=0	100%	N=361
Health and wellness opportunities in Albert Lea	15%	N=55	36%	N=131	29%	N=103	19%	N=69	1%	N=3	100%	N=361
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	8%	N=30	38%	N=138	38%	N=137	14%	N=51	2%	N=6	100%	N=362
Overall economic health of Albert Lea	1%	N=4	22%	N=79	37%	N=133	38%	N=138	2%	N=7	100%	N=361
Sense of community	11%	N=39	36%	N=131	39%	N=142	13%	N=48	1%	N=2	100%	N=362
Overall image or reputation of Albert Lea	3%	N=11	32%	N=117	39%	N=139	25%	N=92	1%	N=2	100%	N=361

Table 39: Question 3

Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following:	Very likely		Somewhat likely		Somewhat unlikely		Very unlikely		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Recommend living in Albert Lea to someone who asks	23%	N=87	37%	N=138	20%	N=74	20%	N=75	1%	N=3	100%	N=377
Remain in Albert Lea for the next five years	49%	N=178	27%	N=98	12%	N=44	9%	N=33	4%	N=13	100%	N=366



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Table 40: Question 4

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	Very safe		Somewhat safe		Neither safe nor unsafe		Somewhat unsafe		Very unsafe		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
In your neighborhood during the day	59%	N=217	29%	N=105	5%	N=17	6%	N=23	1%	N=3	0%	N=0	100%	N=365
In Albert Lea's downtown/commercial area during the day	55%	N=201	34%	N=124	5%	N=20	4%	N=15	0%	N=1	1%	N=3	100%	N=364

Table 41: Question 5

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Albert Lea as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Traffic flow on major streets	14%	N=51	55%	N=199	25%	N=89	6%	N=22	1%	N=2	100%	N=363
Ease of public parking	13%	N=45	52%	N=179	26%	N=91	8%	N=29	1%	N=2	100%	N=346
Ease of travel by car in Albert Lea	24%	N=84	56%	N=196	16%	N=57	3%	N=10	0%	N=0	100%	N=347
Ease of travel by public transportation in Albert Lea	2%	N=8	14%	N=48	19%	N=67	22%	N=76	42%	N=147	100%	N=346
Ease of travel by bicycle in Albert Lea	17%	N=59	38%	N=134	24%	N=83	3%	N=11	18%	N=62	100%	N=349
Ease of walking in Albert Lea	29%	N=99	52%	N=180	15%	N=51	3%	N=9	2%	N=8	100%	N=347
Availability of paths and walking trails	30%	N=103	48%	N=166	19%	N=65	2%	N=7	2%	N=8	100%	N=349
Air quality	31%	N=108	51%	N=178	15%	N=51	1%	N=5	2%	N=6	100%	N=348
Cleanliness of Albert Lea	14%	N=48	52%	N=180	27%	N=93	8%	N=27	0%	N=1	100%	N=349
Overall appearance of Albert Lea	14%	N=49	49%	N=171	29%	N=102	7%	N=26	0%	N=0	100%	N=348
Public places where people want to spend time	15%	N=53	50%	N=172	26%	N=91	9%	N=31	0%	N=0	100%	N=347
Variety of housing options	3%	N=9	20%	N=69	39%	N=134	31%	N=106	8%	N=29	100%	N=347
Availability of affordable quality housing	3%	N=11	22%	N=75	31%	N=107	32%	N=110	12%	N=41	100%	N=344
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	25%	N=86	47%	N=163	23%	N=80	3%	N=10	2%	N=6	100%	N=345
Recreational opportunities	19%	N=67	40%	N=138	29%	N=99	10%	N=36	1%	N=5	100%	N=345
Availability of affordable quality food	11%	N=39	38%	N=132	31%	N=106	19%	N=66	0%	N=1	100%	N=344
Availability of affordable quality health care	3%	N=12	17%	N=57	30%	N=104	48%	N=164	2%	N=8	100%	N=345
Availability of preventive health services	6%	N=21	23%	N=78	36%	N=126	31%	N=106	4%	N=15	100%	N=346
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	2%	N=8	13%	N=44	25%	N=86	37%	N=129	23%	N=78	100%	N=345

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Table 42: Question 6

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Albert Lea as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool	5%	N=16	18%	N=63	24%	N=82	24%	N=82	30%	N=102	100%	N=345
K-12 education	12%	N=39	46%	N=154	22%	N=72	8%	N=26	13%	N=43	100%	N=334
Adult educational opportunities	7%	N=22	38%	N=126	29%	N=98	9%	N=30	17%	N=57	100%	N=333
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	10%	N=34	43%	N=144	30%	N=101	11%	N=37	5%	N=17	100%	N=333
Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	26%	N=86	46%	N=152	14%	N=48	2%	N=8	12%	N=39	100%	N=333
Employment opportunities	3%	N=10	22%	N=74	35%	N=116	35%	N=116	5%	N=18	100%	N=334
Shopping opportunities	1%	N=3	5%	N=18	28%	N=93	65%	N=218	1%	N=2	100%	N=334
Cost of living in Albert Lea	11%	N=35	29%	N=97	40%	N=133	19%	N=63	2%	N=5	100%	N=333
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Albert Lea	4%	N=14	34%	N=113	40%	N=133	21%	N=69	1%	N=5	100%	N=334
Vibrant downtown/commercial area	7%	N=22	36%	N=119	39%	N=131	18%	N=61	0%	N=1	100%	N=334
Overall quality of new development in Albert Lea	3%	N=9	17%	N=55	32%	N=108	42%	N=141	6%	N=20	100%	N=333
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	11%	N=35	41%	N=135	36%	N=121	11%	N=36	2%	N=6	100%	N=333
Opportunities to volunteer	19%	N=64	46%	N=153	21%	N=70	4%	N=14	9%	N=31	100%	N=332
Opportunities to participate in community matters	12%	N=40	41%	N=138	27%	N=89	10%	N=33	10%	N=34	100%	N=334
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	4%	N=12	35%	N=116	34%	N=113	20%	N=67	8%	N=26	100%	N=334
Neighborliness of residents in Albert Lea	9%	N=31	44%	N=146	31%	N=103	14%	N=48	2%	N=6	100%	N=334

Table 43: Question 7

Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	No		Yes		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N
Made efforts to conserve water	36%	N=121	64%	N=218	100%	N=339
Made efforts to make your home more energy efficient	28%	N=95	72%	N=245	100%	N=340
Observed a code violation or other hazard in Albert Lea (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	28%	N=95	72%	N=244	100%	N=339
Household member was a victim of a crime in Albert Lea	86%	N=290	14%	N=49	100%	N=339
Reported a crime to the police in Albert Lea	72%	N=245	28%	N=93	100%	N=338
Stocked supplies in preparation for an emergency	78%	N=265	22%	N=73	100%	N=338
Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate	63%	N=212	37%	N=127	100%	N=339
Contacted the City of Albert Lea (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information	54%	N=182	46%	N=157	100%	N=339
Contacted Albert Lea elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion	67%	N=228	33%	N=111	100%	N=339

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Table 44: Question 8

In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members done each of the following in Albert Lea?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Used Albert Lea recreation centers or their services	13%	N=41	18%	N=60	37%	N=121	32%	N=106	100%	N=328
Visited a neighborhood park or City park	22%	N=73	33%	N=107	35%	N=116	10%	N=32	100%	N=328
Used Albert Lea public libraries or their services	5%	N=16	23%	N=75	32%	N=104	41%	N=133	100%	N=328
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Albert Lea	13%	N=42	30%	N=99	21%	N=69	35%	N=115	100%	N=325
Attended a City-sponsored event	1%	N=4	25%	N=81	50%	N=162	24%	N=79	100%	N=326
Used bus, rail, subway or other public transportation instead of driving	0%	N=1	0%	N=1	1%	N=3	98%	N=323	100%	N=328
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	7%	N=24	15%	N=48	19%	N=61	59%	N=194	100%	N=327
Walked or biked instead of driving	12%	N=38	16%	N=54	28%	N=92	44%	N=144	100%	N=328
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Albert Lea	12%	N=38	24%	N=80	25%	N=81	39%	N=129	100%	N=328
Participated in a club	7%	N=24	17%	N=55	17%	N=54	59%	N=193	100%	N=326
Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	45%	N=146	29%	N=94	20%	N=64	7%	N=24	100%	N=328
Done a favor for a neighbor	17%	N=55	29%	N=95	38%	N=123	16%	N=53	100%	N=326

Table 45: Question 9

Thinking about local public meetings (of local elected officials like City Council or County Commissioners, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood watch, etc.), in the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members attended or watched a local public meeting?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Attended a local public meeting	1%	N=2	7%	N=22	27%	N=86	66%	N=212	100%	N=322
Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	2%	N=7	12%	N=38	32%	N=102	54%	N=176	100%	N=323

Table 46: Question 10

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Albert Lea:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Police services	30%	N=93	47%	N=148	14%	N=45	4%	N=14	4%	N=13	100%	N=313
Fire services	44%	N=139	39%	N=123	7%	N=23	1%	N=3	8%	N=25	100%	N=313
Ambulance or emergency medical services	27%	N=86	40%	N=125	15%	N=47	7%	N=21	11%	N=34	100%	N=313
Crime prevention	14%	N=45	38%	N=119	27%	N=85	11%	N=33	10%	N=30	100%	N=312
Fire prevention and education	25%	N=79	45%	N=142	15%	N=48	2%	N=7	12%	N=37	100%	N=313
Traffic enforcement	12%	N=38	50%	N=156	21%	N=65	11%	N=34	6%	N=19	100%	N=312
Street repair	3%	N=8	19%	N=59	36%	N=114	42%	N=132	0%	N=0	100%	N=313
Street cleaning	8%	N=26	46%	N=143	30%	N=92	15%	N=46	1%	N=4	100%	N=311
Street lighting	10%	N=31	57%	N=177	24%	N=76	9%	N=27	0%	N=0	100%	N=311
Snow removal	11%	N=34	45%	N=140	26%	N=81	17%	N=53	1%	N=4	100%	N=312

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Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Albert Lea:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Sidewalk maintenance	8%	N=24	39%	N=121	31%	N=96	17%	N=54	5%	N=16	100%	N=311
Traffic signal timing	6%	N=19	49%	N=153	29%	N=91	15%	N=48	0%	N=1	100%	N=312
Garbage collection	35%	N=108	51%	N=157	11%	N=33	1%	N=4	3%	N=8	100%	N=310
Recycling	41%	N=129	43%	N=135	12%	N=37	1%	N=3	2%	N=7	100%	N=311
Storm drainage	10%	N=32	47%	N=146	26%	N=82	11%	N=34	6%	N=18	100%	N=312
Drinking water	23%	N=73	48%	N=150	21%	N=64	5%	N=16	3%	N=9	100%	N=312
Sewer services	20%	N=61	54%	N=168	18%	N=56	2%	N=7	6%	N=19	100%	N=311
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	25%	N=78	53%	N=164	16%	N=50	4%	N=13	2%	N=6	100%	N=311
Utility billing	18%	N=56	47%	N=146	25%	N=77	8%	N=26	1%	N=4	100%	N=309
City parks	34%	N=105	49%	N=151	13%	N=40	2%	N=6	2%	N=7	100%	N=309
Recreation programs or classes	14%	N=42	44%	N=136	17%	N=53	8%	N=25	18%	N=55	100%	N=311
Recreation centers or facilities	11%	N=34	45%	N=141	20%	N=61	11%	N=35	13%	N=40	100%	N=311
Land use, planning and zoning	2%	N=7	25%	N=76	32%	N=98	20%	N=61	22%	N=67	100%	N=309
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	3%	N=8	19%	N=58	36%	N=111	33%	N=103	10%	N=31	100%	N=311
Animal control	7%	N=21	41%	N=126	24%	N=76	14%	N=45	14%	N=43	100%	N=311
Economic development	2%	N=5	17%	N=54	22%	N=69	54%	N=168	5%	N=15	100%	N=311
Health services	6%	N=19	19%	N=58	31%	N=96	41%	N=127	4%	N=11	100%	N=311
Public library services	32%	N=99	38%	N=118	10%	N=31	3%	N=9	17%	N=54	100%	N=311
Public information services	6%	N=20	43%	N=134	25%	N=79	8%	N=25	17%	N=53	100%	N=311
Cable television	6%	N=19	22%	N=69	27%	N=82	25%	N=76	20%	N=62	100%	N=308
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	8%	N=26	36%	N=111	22%	N=68	7%	N=22	27%	N=84	100%	N=311
Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts	10%	N=31	43%	N=132	24%	N=73	6%	N=18	18%	N=55	100%	N=309
Albert Lea open space	11%	N=33	41%	N=125	28%	N=85	6%	N=20	15%	N=45	100%	N=308
City-sponsored special events	15%	N=45	42%	N=131	24%	N=73	10%	N=30	10%	N=31	100%	N=310
Overall customer service by Albert Lea employees (police, fire, recreation, receptionists, inspections, administration, etc.)	17%	N=53	54%	N=168	20%	N=61	5%	N=16	4%	N=11	100%	N=309

Table 47: Question 11

Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
The City of Albert Lea	12%	N=36	49%	N=147	27%	N=82	8%	N=24	3%	N=10	100%	N=299
The Federal Government	3%	N=10	31%	N=94	34%	N=103	18%	N=53	13%	N=39	100%	N=299
Freeborn County	10%	N=30	49%	N=145	25%	N=74	8%	N=24	8%	N=25	100%	N=298

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Table 48: Question 12

Please rate the following categories of Albert Lea government performance:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
The value of services for the taxes paid to Albert Lea	9%	N=26	27%	N=82	36%	N=109	25%	N=74	3%	N=9	100%	N=300
The overall direction that Albert Lea is taking	7%	N=22	22%	N=65	28%	N=84	40%	N=121	3%	N=8	100%	N=300
The job Albert Lea government does at welcoming citizen involvement	5%	N=16	27%	N=81	31%	N=92	24%	N=72	13%	N=39	100%	N=300
Overall confidence in Albert Lea government	5%	N=14	28%	N=83	30%	N=90	34%	N=101	4%	N=12	100%	N=300
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	5%	N=16	31%	N=93	27%	N=80	33%	N=98	4%	N=13	100%	N=300
Being honest	7%	N=22	30%	N=91	30%	N=90	23%	N=69	9%	N=27	100%	N=299
Treating all residents fairly	7%	N=22	30%	N=91	24%	N=72	26%	N=79	12%	N=35	100%	N=299

Table 49: Question 13

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Albert Lea community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years:	Essential		Very important		Somewhat important		Not at all important		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Overall feeling of safety in Albert Lea	47%	N=136	43%	N=124	10%	N=28	1%	N=2	100%	N=290
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	18%	N=53	48%	N=139	28%	N=82	5%	N=15	100%	N=289
Quality of overall natural environment in Albert Lea	24%	N=69	48%	N=140	27%	N=78	1%	N=3	100%	N=290
Overall "built environment" of Albert Lea (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	17%	N=49	52%	N=151	27%	N=78	4%	N=11	100%	N=289
Health and wellness opportunities in Albert Lea	44%	N=128	41%	N=119	13%	N=38	1%	N=3	100%	N=288
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	44%	N=128	42%	N=120	14%	N=39	0%	N=1	100%	N=288
Overall economic health of Albert Lea	62%	N=177	33%	N=95	5%	N=15	0%	N=0	100%	N=287
Sense of community	27%	N=78	52%	N=150	19%	N=56	1%	N=4	100%	N=288

Table 50: Question 14

Please indicate how much of a source, if at all, you consider each of the following to be for obtaining news and information about the City of Albert Lea:	Major source		Minor source		Not a source		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Local TV stations (e.g., KAAL, KIMT)	60%	N=171	33%	N=93	7%	N=21	100%	N=285
Albert Lea Tribune	53%	N=151	33%	N=95	13%	N=38	100%	N=284
Local radio stations (e.g., KATE, KCPI)	36%	N=101	45%	N=128	19%	N=55	100%	N=284
Word of mouth	43%	N=122	46%	N=130	12%	N=33	100%	N=285
City newsletters (e.g., Month-Lea, electronic Week-Lea)	18%	N=50	51%	N=143	32%	N=89	100%	N=282
City website (www.cityofalbertlea.org)	26%	N=74	48%	N=137	26%	N=73	100%	N=284
City's Facebook page	40%	N=115	39%	N=110	21%	N=59	100%	N=284
City's Twitter feed	8%	N=22	27%	N=77	65%	N=186	100%	N=285
Government access channel 180 (Council meetings, etc.)	8%	N=22	35%	N=100	57%	N=163	100%	N=285

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Table 51: Question 15

The City could use about one-third of the Blazing Star Landing site to build a new Community Center. To what extent would you support or oppose building this facility if paying for it required a property tax increase of \$50 per year for a home valued at \$1	Percent	Number
Strongly support	30%	N=85
Somewhat support	31%	N=87
Somewhat oppose	12%	N=34
Strongly oppose	27%	N=77
Total	100%	N=283

Table 52: Question 16

To what extent do you support or oppose each of the following improvement efforts:	Strongly support		Somewhat support		Somewhat oppose		Strongly oppose		Total	
A new property tax increase of \$20 per year on a \$100,000 home to assist with rehabilitation of existing housing stock in the community	16%	N=46	32%	N=90	21%	N=59	30%	N=85	100%	N=280
A new property tax increase of \$20 per year on a \$100,000 home to build more rental workforce housing apartments in the community	15%	N=41	29%	N=81	22%	N=61	34%	N=96	100%	N=279
A new property tax increase of \$20 per year on a \$100,000 home to attract more business, industry and jobs to the community	49%	N=139	27%	N=76	11%	N=30	13%	N=37	100%	N=282

Table 53: Question 17

Please indicate how much of a priority, if at all, each of the following should be for City leadership to focus on in the next three years.	High priority		Medium priority		Low priority		Total	
Economic development/job creation	87%	N=239	11%	N=31	2%	N=5	100%	N=275
Public safety	59%	N=157	36%	N=96	5%	N=12	100%	N=265
Infrastructure improvements (e.g. repaving roads, sidewalk repair, flooding/storm water control)	50%	N=137	46%	N=124	4%	N=11	100%	N=272
Creating programs designed to increase housing options	22%	N=61	50%	N=140	28%	N=77	100%	N=278

Table 54: Question 17 Top Priority

Top priority?	Percent	Number
Economic development/job creation	79%	N=155
Public safety	13%	N=25
Infrastructure improvements	6%	N=11
Creating programs designed to increase housing options	3%	N=6
Total	100%	N=197

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Table 55: Question 18

Please indicate whether you feel Albert Lea has too many, the right amount, or too few of each of the following:	Too many		Right amount		Too few		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Festivals, public events, etc. (e.g., Big Freeze, 4th of July, Big Island Rendezvous, Wind Down Wednesdays)	3%	N=8	74%	N=209	23%	N=66	100%	N=283
Art museums or public art	6%	N=17	66%	N=185	28%	N=80	100%	N=282
Recreational opportunities	0%	N=1	61%	N=171	39%	N=110	100%	N=282
Bars/taverns	28%	N=78	57%	N=161	15%	N=43	100%	N=282
Restaurants	2%	N=7	20%	N=57	77%	N=218	100%	N=282
Entertainment venues	1%	N=2	26%	N=74	73%	N=205	100%	N=281
Retail/shopping opportunities	1%	N=2	5%	N=13	95%	N=267	100%	N=282

Table 56: Question D1

How often, if at all, do you do each of the following, considering all of the times you could?	Never		Rarely		Sometimes		Usually		Always		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Recycle at home	1%	N=4	1%	N=2	5%	N=15	17%	N=47	76%	N=213	100%	N=281
Purchase goods or services from a business located in Albert Lea	0%	N=0	1%	N=3	21%	N=60	59%	N=165	19%	N=53	100%	N=281
Eat at least 5 portions of fruits and vegetables a day	2%	N=7	28%	N=78	38%	N=106	25%	N=70	7%	N=20	100%	N=281
Participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity	2%	N=7	21%	N=58	41%	N=115	25%	N=69	11%	N=32	100%	N=281
Read or watch local news (via television, paper, computer, etc.)	4%	N=10	9%	N=24	23%	N=66	35%	N=98	30%	N=83	100%	N=281
Vote in local elections	3%	N=8	4%	N=12	8%	N=23	29%	N=80	56%	N=157	100%	N=280

Table 57: Question D2

Would you say that in general your health is:	Percent	Number
Excellent	15%	N=42
Very good	41%	N=115
Good	37%	N=105
Fair	5%	N=14
Poor	2%	N=5
Total	100%	N=281

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Table 58: Question D3

What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:	Percent	Number
Very positive	5%	N=14
Somewhat positive	18%	N=51
Neutral	52%	N=143
Somewhat negative	21%	N=58
Very negative	4%	N=10
Total	100%	N=276

Table 59: Question D4

What is your employment status?	Percent	Number
Working full time for pay	67%	N=187
Working part time for pay	9%	N=24
Unemployed, looking for paid work	1%	N=3
Unemployed, not looking for paid work	3%	N=8
Fully retired	20%	N=57
Total	100%	N=279

Table 60: Question D5

Do you work inside the boundaries of Albert Lea?	Percent	Number
Yes, outside the home	61%	N=166
Yes, from home	7%	N=18
No	32%	N=86
Total	100%	N=270

Table 61: Question D6

How many years have you lived in Albert Lea?	Percent	Number
Less than 2 years	4%	N=10
2 to 5 years	11%	N=30
6 to 10 years	10%	N=29
11 to 20 years	13%	N=36
More than 20 years	62%	N=174
Total	100%	N=279



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Table 62: Question D7

Which best describes the building you live in?	Percent	Number
One family house detached from any other houses	87%	N=226
Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apartment or condominium)	12%	N=31
Mobile home	0%	N=1
Other	1%	N=2
Total	100%	N=260

Table 63: Question D8

Is this house, apartment or mobile home...	Percent	Number
Rented	9%	N=24
Owned	91%	N=232
Total	100%	N=256

Table 64: Question D9

About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	Percent	Number
Less than \$300 per month	9%	N=26
\$300 to \$599 per month	26%	N=72
\$600 to \$999 per month	28%	N=78
\$1,000 to \$1,499 per month	19%	N=53
\$1,500 to \$2,499 per month	13%	N=35
\$2,500 or more per month	5%	N=13
Total	100%	N=277

Table 65: Question D10

Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	Percent	Number
No	56%	N=136
Yes	44%	N=108
Total	100%	N=244

Table 66: Question D11

Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	Percent	Number
No	77%	N=188
Yes	23%	N=57
Total	100%	N=245

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Table 67: Question D12

How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Percent	Number
Less than \$25,000	11%	N=29
\$25,000 to \$49,999	25%	N=68
\$50,000 to \$99,999	36%	N=98
\$100,000 to \$149,999	19%	N=52
\$150,000 or more	9%	N=24
Total	100%	N=271

Table 68: Question D13

Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?	Percent	Number
No, not Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	97%	N=266
Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	3%	N=9
Total	100%	N=275

Table 69: Question D14

What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race(s) you consider yourself to be.)	Percent	Number
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1%	N=3
Asian, Asian Indian or Pacific Islander	0%	N=1
Black or African American	0%	N=0
White	98%	N=264
Other	2%	N=5

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

Table 70: Question D15

In which category is your age?	Percent	Number
18 to 24 years	1%	N=4
25 to 34 years	22%	N=62
35 to 44 years	26%	N=71
45 to 54 years	14%	N=38
55 to 64 years	19%	N=53
65 to 74 years	11%	N=31
75 years or older	6%	N=18
Total	100%	N=277

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Table 71: Question D16

What is your sex?	Percent	Number
Female	61%	N=112
Male	39%	N=72
Total	100%	N=184

Table 72: Question D17

Do you consider a cell phone or landline your primary telephone number?	Percent	Number
Cell	74%	N=136
Land line	13%	N=23
Both	13%	N=24
Total	100%	N=183