## Polk County, TX - Resident Survey

Complete Responses: 414

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|  | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | TOTAL | SCORE |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Economic | $22.71 \%$ | $17.15 \%$ | $17.39 \%$ | $19.81 \%$ | $22.95 \%$ |  |  |
| development | 94 | 71 | 72 | 82 | 95 | 414 | 2.97 |
| Education | $16.91 \%$ | $22.95 \%$ | $24.64 \%$ | $20.05 \%$ | $15.46 \%$ |  |  |
|  | 70 | 95 | 102 | 83 | 64 | 414 | 3.06 |
| Healthcare | $13.04 \%$ | $22.71 \%$ | $20.05 \%$ | $19.57 \%$ | $24.64 \%$ |  |  |
|  | 54 | 94 | 83 | 81 | 102 | 414 | 2.80 |
| Infrastructure | $25.85 \%$ | $21.01 \%$ | $17.87 \%$ | $16.18 \%$ | $19.08 \%$ |  |  |
| (roads, bridges, | 107 | 87 | 74 | 67 | 79 | 414 | 3.18 |
| utilities) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public safety | $21.50 \%$ | $16.18 \%$ | $20.05 \%$ | $24.40 \%$ | $17.87 \%$ |  |  |
|  | 89 | 67 | 83 | 101 | 74 | 414 | 2.99 |

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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Natural resources (forests, <br> waterways, etc.) | $71.22 \%$ | 292 |
| Community involvement and <br> volunteerism | $44.15 \%$ | 181 |
| Small-town charm and character | $63.66 \%$ | 261 |
| Quality of schools and education | $19.27 \%$ | 79 |
| Access to healthcare | $12.68 \%$ | 52 |
| Other (please specify) | $8.05 \%$ | 33 |
| TOTAL |  | 898 |

## Q3: What do you think are the county's greatest challenges? (Please select up to three.)

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Answered:412 Skipped: 2
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Answered: 412 Skipped: 2

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Limited job opportunities | $68.45 \%$ | 282 |
| Inadequate infrastructure | $48.06 \%$ | 198 |
| Limited access to healthcare | $38.83 \%$ | 160 |
| Poor public transportation options | $35.92 \%$ | 148 |
| Limited access to affordable <br> housing | $33.74 \%$ | 139 |
| Other (please specify) | $22.82 \%$ | 94 |
| TOTAL |  | 1021 |

Q4: What improvements would you like to see in the county's infrastructure? (Please select up to three.)

## Answered: 409 Skipped: 5



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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Improved road conditions | $73.59 \%$ | 301 |
| More sidewalks and bike paths | $31.05 \%$ | 127 |
| Expanded high-speed internet <br> access. | $50.61 \%$ | 207 |
| Improved public transportation <br> options. | $36.19 \%$ | 148 |
| More affordable housing options | $36.43 \%$ | 149 |
| Other (please specify) | $18.58 \%$ | 76 |
| TOTAL |  | 1008 |

Q5: What can be done to improve the economy of the County (Please select up to three.)
Answered: 408 Skipped: 6


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## Answered: 408 Skipped: 6

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Encourage the growth of existing <br> business and industrial. | $44.85 \%$ | 183 |
| Attracting new businesses and <br> industries. | $64.71 \%$ | 264 |
| Supporting small businesses and <br> entrepreneurs. | $62.99 \%$ | 257 |
| Investing in workforce <br> development and training. | $27.99 \%$ | 155 |
| Expanding access to high-speed <br> internet. | $29.17 \%$ | 119 |
| Improving transportation <br> infrastructure. | $9.80 \%$ | 115 |
| Other (please specify) |  | 40 |
| TOTAL |  | 1133 |

Q6: Please rate each of the following characteristics of Quality of Life as they relate to the County. (Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor, Do not Know)
Answered: 414 Skipped: 0


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|  | EXCELLENT | GOOD | FAIR | POOR | DO NOT KNOW | TOTAL | WEIGHTED AVERAGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Overall Quality of Life | $\begin{array}{r} 11.66 \% \\ 47 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 52.11 \% \\ 210 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 29.78 \% \\ 120 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.71 \% \\ 23 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 0.74 \% \\ 3 \end{array}$ | 403 | 3.68 |
| Access to healthcare | $\begin{array}{r} 2.51 \% \\ 10 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 29.57 \% \\ 118 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 41.35 \% \\ 165 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 23.06 \% \\ 92 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3.51 \% \\ 14 \end{array}$ | 399 | 3.05 |
| Employment and enrichment opportunities | $\begin{array}{r} 1.26 \% \\ 5 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 13.35 \% \\ 53 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 37.78 \% \\ 150 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 42.57 \% \\ 169 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.04 \% \\ 20 \end{array}$ | 397 | 2.63 |
| Overall safety | $\begin{array}{r} 4.49 \% \\ 18 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 42.89 \% \\ 172 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 38.15 \% \\ 153 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 11.47 \% \\ 46 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2.99 \% \\ 12 \end{array}$ | 401 | 3.34 |
| Cultural, entertainment, and outdoor options | $\begin{array}{r} 4.73 \% \\ 19 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 18.66 \% \\ 75 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 35.32 \% \\ 142 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 38.56 \% \\ 155 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2.74 \% \\ 11 \end{array}$ | 402 | 2.84 |
| Overall economic health | $\begin{array}{r} 0.99 \% \\ 4 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 23.02 \% \\ 93 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 47.28 \% \\ 191 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 25.25 \% \\ 102 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3.47 \% \\ 14 \end{array}$ | 404 | 2.93 |

## Q7: How can we best engage residents in the county's decision-making processes

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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Town hall meetings | $41.65 \%$ | 172 |
| Social media outreach | $56.17 \%$ | 232 |
| Surveys and feedback forms | $52.54 \%$ | 217 |
| Community forums and events | $57.63 \%$ | 238 |
| Other (please specify) | $6.78 \%$ | 28 |
| TOTAL |  | 887 |

