



## La Porte County Community Survey

Department of Planning/Human Resources  
 County Complex, Room #502A  
 809 State Street  
 La Porte, Indiana 46350

Thank you for your willingness to help with this survey. The information you provide will be used by community leaders to help them as they make improvements to the County. In order for your answers to be kept anonymous, we ask that you print this survey and return it to the address above through post or submit it online as an attachment to [mbishop@laportecounty.org](mailto:mbishop@laportecounty.org), future site ([www.laportecounty.gov/planner](http://www.laportecounty.gov/planner)). If you are uncomfortable with a particular question do not feel obligated to answer it. If you need to clarify a question please call (219)326-6808, ext 253.

**1. Rank the following issues based on how important you think each are to the future of La Porte County:**

Your Rank (from 1 to 10)	Issue
	Crime and safety
	Jobs
	Education and schools
	Housing (new, historic)
	Roads, traffic, and parking
	Shopping
	Healthcare
	Sanitation (trash, water, sewer)
	Entertainment and recreation
	Other(please specify): _____

Put (1) next to the most important, (2) next to the next most important and so on...all the way down to (10) next to the last important issue.

**2. What do you think of the size (population) of the County?**

- I like it and hope it stays this size.
- Too small, I want it to grow.
- Too large, I hope it shrinks.
- Don't know.

**3. Which of the following would you support coming to La Porte County (check all that applies)?**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> "Big-Box" retail</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> More restaurants</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> More industry or manufacturing</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A By-pass</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Medical clinics or hospitals</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> New housing and expanded choices</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> More or improved park system</li> <li>Other: _____</li> </ul> |
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4. Where do you normally go for the following?

For each item below, check or "X" the appropriate town/city or unincorporated area you frequent for the following services.								
In the space below, please enter where you live. Please state whether it is a city, town or unincorporated area in La Porte County. _____	La Porte	Westville	Wanatah	La Crosse	Hanna	Michigan City	Unincorporated Areas in County	Outside County (Please Specify)
Shop for groceries								
Eat at a restaurant								
Entertainment								
Real estate service								
See a doctor, medical services								
Shop for gifts								
Visit with friends								
Work, occupation								
Take children to daycare								
Have car serviced or repaired								
Dry cleaning								
Purchase gas								
Get hair styled or cut								
Get books from the library								
Rent videos or DVD's								
Shop for tools, hardware, or appliances								
Bank								
Shop for clothing								
Postal services, mail								
Insurance								
Junk food, cigarettes, or alcohol								
See a dentist or orthodontist								
Newspaper								

5. How many times during the week do you make a special trip outside of La Porte County for goods and services? \_\_\_\_\_ (# of times per week)

6. Do you work outside of La Porte County?  Yes  No

7. Please rank your level of satisfaction with life in La Porte County?

- Very satisfied
- Moderately satisfied
- A little dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- Don't know

**8.** Are you involved with any community groups or organizations in La Porte County?

- Yes
- No
- N/A

**9.** Rate the following in La Porte County:

For each item below, check or "X" the appropriate rating. Also, please specify the city/town/unconsolidated area you are a resident of in the space below.						
Please list where you live (town/city/township/unincorporated area)	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Poor	Don't know
Police						
Fire department						
Roads						
Job opportunities						
Education, schools						
Shopping						
Housing affordability						
Housing choices						
Healthcare						
Recreation						
Entertainment						
Restaurants						
Childcare						
Personal safety						
County government						
Parks						
Property taxes						
Trash collection and recycling						
Traffic congestion						
Sidewalks						
Drinking water						
Library						
Quality of life issues						

**10.** How did you come to live in La Porte County?

- I have always lived here
- I moved here from out-of-state
- I moved here from another part of Indiana
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**11.** If you were not born in La Porte County, why did you move to here?

- Job or occupational reasons
- Family reasons
- Like the community
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**12.** How long have you lived in La Porte County? \_\_\_\_\_ years

**13.** What is your age group?

- 19 to 29
- 30 to 39
- 40 to 49
- 50 to 64
- 65 and over
- I wish not to say

**14.** What sex are you?

- Male
- Female

**15.** Which best describes your employment?

- Retired
- Industrial or construction
- Professional or educational field
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Business, sales or retail
- Farmer
- Unemployed

**16.** Household income bracket

- \$10,000 or less per year
- \$10,001-20,000 per year
- \$20,001-40,000 per year
- \$40,001-60,000 per year
- Greater than \$60,000
- Not comfortable saying

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Thank you for taking time to respond to this survey! The answers you gave will be statistically analyzed. The statistical results will aid in the planning process, and will educate community leaders on the strengths, weaknesses, wishes, and needs of its residents.

If you have any questions or concerns about this study, please contact:

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