

A map of Indiana County, Pennsylvania, with various townships labeled. The townships shown include West Mahoning, North Mahoning, Canoe, Banks, South Mahoning, East Mahoning, Grant, Montgomery, Green, Armstrong, White, Cherryhill, Pine, Young, Shenandoah, Valley, Conemaugh, Blacklick, Burrell, West Wheatfield, East Wheatfield, and Buffington. The map is overlaid with the title text.

# Indiana County Pennsylvania Speaks Up!

## 2007 Needs Assessment Report

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## Introduction

When making decisions that affect the future of Indiana County, it is essential for the people who plan and provide services in the county to have input from residents. That is precisely what occurred during the distribution of the 2007 *Indiana County Pennsylvania Speaks Up!* Survey. The vital information provided to us has helped in understanding the feelings of residents in Indiana County.

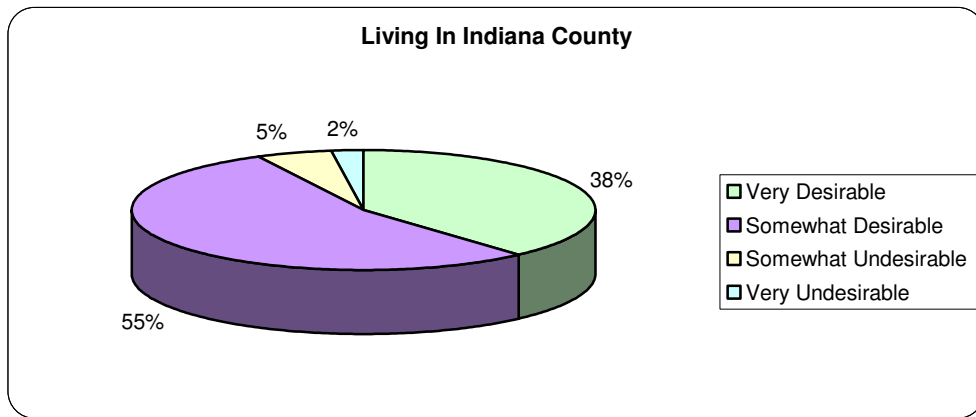
In order to get to this point, a collaborative committee was formed. Members of this committee include:

- ∞ Rodney Ruddock, Dave Frick, and Patty Evanko, – *Indiana County Commissioners*
- ∞ Kathleen Abbey-Baker – *Children’s Advisory Commission of Indiana County*
- ∞ Reed Booth – *Indiana County Head Start*
- ∞ Dr. Bonni Dunlap – *Indiana County Department of Human Services*
- ∞ Dr. Rosalyn Darling – *IUP Department of Sociology*
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- ∞ Marti Higgins – *Indiana County Child Day Care, Inc.*
- ∞ Pat Leach – *Penn State Extension, Indiana Office*
- ∞ Paula McClure – *Indiana County Children and Youth Services*
- ∞ Corrine Putt – *Pennsylvania Department of Health*
- ∞ Cindy Risinger – *Purchase Line School District*
- ∞ Laurie Schiffbauer – *Evergreen Boys and Girls Club*
- ∞ Patti Simmons – *United Way of Indiana County*

The committee worked together to formulate the survey as well as develop the best way to collect the data. Survey questions rate Indiana County in areas such as: employment, child care, health care and services, recreation, transportation and social issues. To collect this data, the needs assessment was sent to a random sample of Indiana County residents. All responses were collected anonymously and entered into a database for analysis. The results have been compiled in this summary report and compared to the results from the 2002 needs assessment to note significant changes in views on Indiana County. It is the committee’s hope that the data generated from this assessment of Indiana County will aid in future programs, services and overall changes in the county.

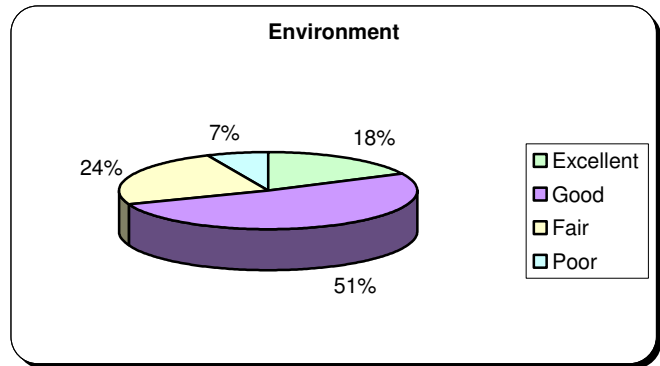
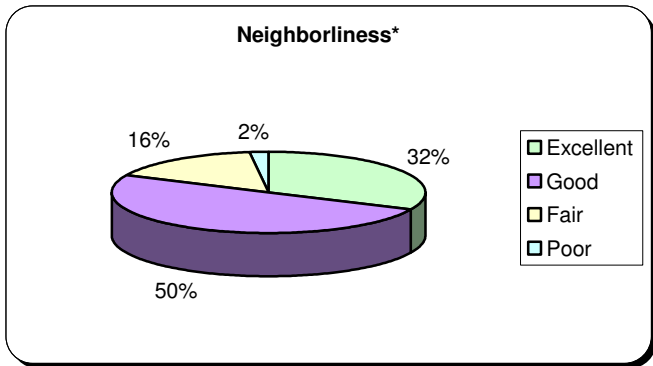
### General Assessment

The survey introduced two questions that addressed general topics about living within the county. The first of which asked respondents to rate Indiana County as a place to live.

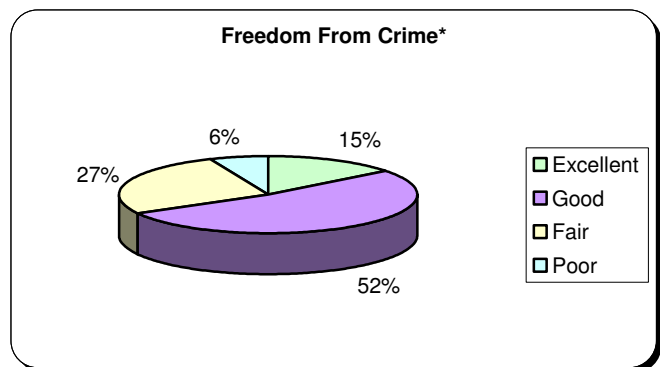
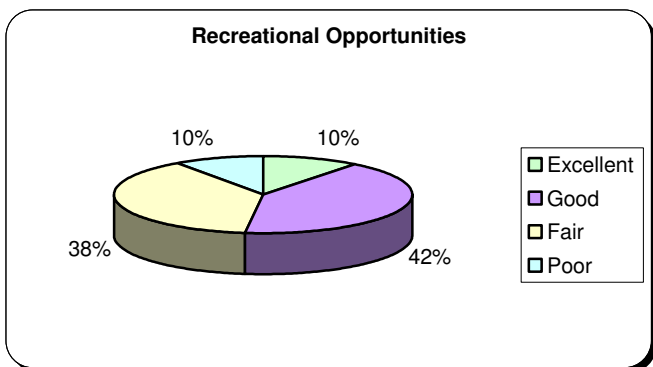
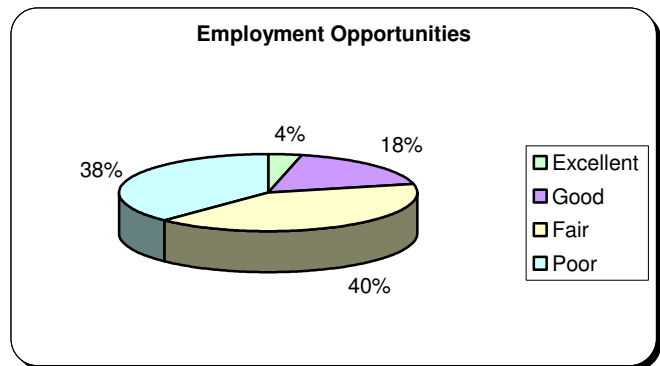
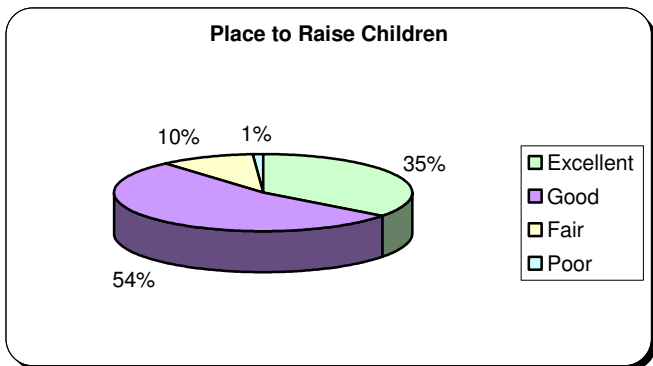


These results did not yield a significant change from the 2002 survey.

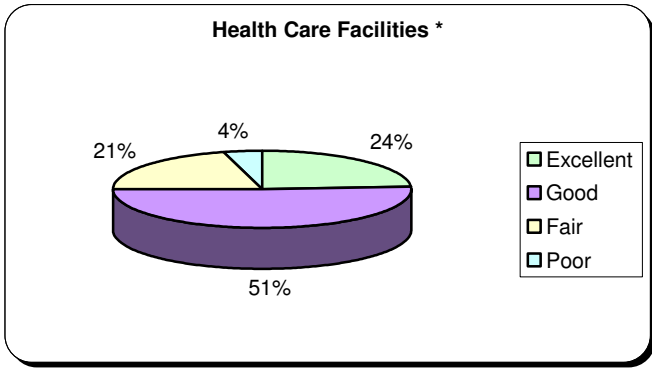
Next respondents were asked to rate Indiana County on the topics of neighborliness, the environment, as a place to raise children, employment, recreation, health care facilities/services, crime and transportation. The results were as follows with significant changes indicated:



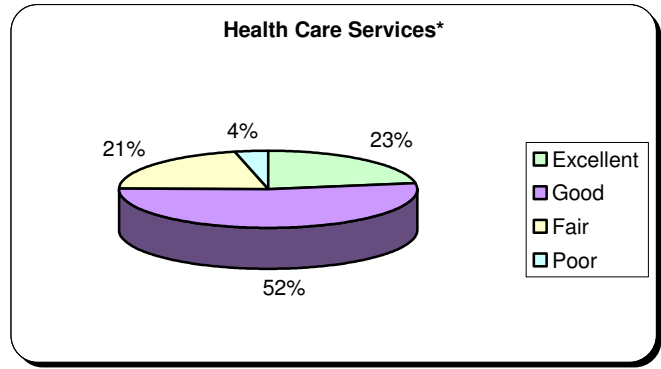
\*Excellent rating increased from 21% in 2002.



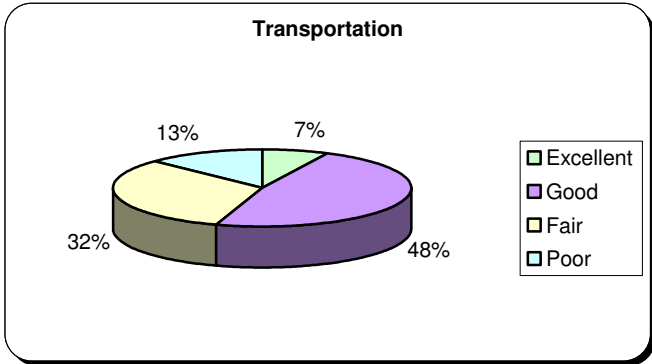
\*Fair rating decreased from 38% in 2002.



\*Excellent rating increased from 10% in 2002.  
 \*Fair rating decreased from 33% in 2002.



\*Excellent rating increased from 11% in 2002.  
 \*Fair rating decreased from 31% in 2002.



The data collected in 2007 has not significantly changed since the 2002 survey. Only in some instances was there a change large enough to note it in the report. Indiana County seems to be maintaining levels in a variety of categories. As you continue throughout the summary report, note the results of the more detailed questions regarding these key areas.

## Demographics

Included in the content of the needs assessment were certain questions measuring the demographic information of the respondents. It is essential to consider these factors when looking over the data in the sections that follow. Please note the significant changes from 2002 to 2007 as indicated by the red and blue color changes. Significant shifts in data (a difference of 10% or more) are indicated as such either in blue, showing an increase, or red, showing a decrease.

<b>Gender</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Females</b>	63%	62%
<b>Males</b>	37%	38%

<b>Marital Status</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Never Married</b>	11%	7%
<b>Married/Partner</b>	71%	71%
<b>Divorced/Separated</b>	11%	10%
<b>Widowed</b>	7%	12%

<b>Residency</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Less Than 1 Year</b>	2%	1%
<b>Less Than 10 Years</b>	14%	9%
<b>More Than 10 Years</b>	7%	6%
<b>More Than 15 Years</b>	77%	85%

<b>Education</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Not Completed High School</b>	6%	10%
<b>High School/GED</b>	23%	40%
<b>Some College/Vo-Tech</b>	29%	31%
<b>4 Year Degree</b>	18%	8%
<b>Some Grad Work</b>	4%	4%
<b>1+ Grad Degrees</b>	20%	7%

<b>Race</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>African American</b>	1%	1%
<b>White</b>	98%	98%
<b>Asian/Pacific Island</b>	0%	0.2%
<b>Native American</b>	0.2%	0.6%
<b>Latino/Hispanic</b>	0.2%	0.3%
<b>Multiracial</b>	0.5%	0%

<b>Housing</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Single Family</b>	85%	84%
<b>Apt. In Home</b>	1%	3%
<b>Apt. In Apt. Building</b>	3%	1%
<b>Room In Home</b>	1%	0%
<b>Duplex/Townhouse</b>	3%	1%
<b>Mobile Home</b>	5%	12%
<b>Other</b>	2%	1%
<b>Own</b>	88%	92%
<b>Rent</b>	12%	7%

<b>Work Location</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Inside the County</b>	84%	72%
<b>Outside the County</b>	16%	28%

Out of the households represented by the survey, a total of 451, there were 490 individuals who were employed for pay. Also, if the respondent was currently employed they were asked to indicate how many miles they traveled to work. The responses ranged from 0 miles (work from home) to 300 miles, and averages out to 6 miles per individual.

<b>Employment</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Self-Employed</b>	13%	13%
<b>Employed Full-Time</b>	39%	40%
<b>Employed Part-Time</b>	12%	12%
<b>Care of House/Children</b>	23%	20%
<b>Student</b>	2%	3%
<b>Retired</b>	32%	32%
<b>Unemployed</b>	6%	6%
<b>Other</b>	6%	5%

<b>Income</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Less Than \$7,000</b>	3%	4%
<b>\$7,000 - \$9,999</b>	3%	3%
<b>\$10,000 - \$14,999</b>	5%	9%
<b>\$15,000 - \$19,999</b>	6%	9%
<b>\$20,000 - \$24,999</b>	6%	11%
<b>\$25,000 - \$29,999</b>	6%	8%
<b>\$30,000 - \$34,999</b>	10%	9%
<b>\$35,000 - \$39,999</b>	5%	9%
<b>\$40,000 - \$74,999</b>	35%	28%
<b>\$75,000 - \$99,999</b>	10%	7%
<b>\$100,000 or More</b>	11%	4%

<b>Income Sources</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Alimony</b>	0%	2%
<b>Child Support</b>	3%	16%
<b>Employment</b>	61%	82%
<b>Investments</b>	22%	37%
<b>Other</b>	5%	22%
<b>Pension</b>	23%	43%
<b>Public Assistance</b>	2%	8%
<b>Retirement</b>	18%	37%
<b>Self-Employment</b>	10%	34%
<b>SSA</b>	12%	29%
<b>SSDI</b>	6%	14%
<b>Stipend</b>	1%	1%
<b>TANF</b>	1%	2%
<b>Unemployment Comp.</b>	2%	18%
<b>Vet Benefits</b>	2%	9%
<b>Workers Compensation</b>	1%	7%

<b>Disability</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Yes</b>	15%	14%
<b>No</b>	85%	86%

<b>Disability Work Prevention</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Yes</b>	51%	60%
<b>No</b>	49%	40%

Respondents were asked to provide the year they were born. Ages of the respondents ranged from 18 to 90 years of age with the majority of respondents falling in the age category of 45-54. Individuals were also asked to provide ages of members in the household.

<b>Household Ages</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>0-12 Months</b>	1%	3%
<b>1-6 Years</b>	5%	12%
<b>6-12 Years</b>	7%	20%
<b>13-17 Years</b>	4%	18%
<b>18-24 Years</b>	7%	24%
<b>25-34 Years</b>	8%	22%
<b>35-44 Years</b>	12%	34%
<b>45-54 Years</b>	17%	44%
<b>55-64 Years</b>	16%	32%
<b>65-74 Years</b>	12%	22%
<b>75-84 Years</b>	6%	13%
<b>85 + Years</b>	1%	5%

There were also several questions asked of the respondents regarding their household having the following: telephone, daily newspaper, running vehicle, a computer and Internet access.

<b>Household</b>				
	<b>2007</b>		<b>2002</b>	
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Telephone</b>	98%	2%	97%	3%
<b>Newspaper</b>	64%	36%	64%	36%
<b>Vehicle</b>	96%	4%	95%	5%
<b>Computer</b>	80%	20%	63%	37%
<b>Internet</b>	73%	27%	55%	45%



## Rating Indiana County

The needs assessment asked respondents to rate Indiana County on a variety of topics and in different ways. This section will take a look at questions regarding key areas including: Education/Employment, Transportation and Social Issues and Services.

### *Education and Employment*

<b>Services</b>								
	<b>No Problem</b>		<b>Some Problems</b>		<b>Unable to Obtain</b>		<b>Did Not Need</b>	
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Employment Training</b>	7%	8%	6%	5%	3%	2%	84%	85%
<b>Education</b>	47%	40%	4%	5%	1%	1%	47%	90%
<b>Literacy/Reading Help</b>	7%	5%	1%	1%	0.5%	1%	92%	92%

<b>Employment Opportunities</b>										
	<b>Excellent</b>		<b>Good</b>		<b>Fair</b>		<b>Poor</b>		<b>Don't Know</b>	
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>High School Graduates</b>	2%	0.5%	13%	9%	37%	30%	33%	50%	16%	10%
<b>College Graduates</b>	1%	1%	12%	7%	30%	28%	41%	53%	16%	12%
<b>Women</b>	3%	2%	19%	11%	41%	46%	21%	32%	16%	9%
<b>Part-Time</b>	11%	5%	33%	33%	36%	42%	9%	14%	12%	7%
<b>Young People</b>	3%	2%	17%	13%	35%	33%	27%	43%	17%	9%
<b>Government Sponsored</b>	1%	1%	7%	5%	20%	24%	27%	40%	45%	30%
<b>Local Promotion</b>	2%	0.5%	10%	5%	27%	30%	28%	43%	33%	21%
<b>Adult/Continuing Education Opportunities</b>	21%	13%	39%	43%	15%	26%	4%	7%	22%	11%

<b>Problems</b>								
	<b>Severe</b>		<b>Minor</b>		<b>Not</b>		<b>Don't Know</b>	
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Jobs Without Benefits</b>	49%	63%	22%	19%	4%	1%	26%	17%

*Transportation*

<b>Services</b>								
	<b>No Problem</b>		<b>Some Problems</b>		<b>Unable to Obtain</b>		<b>Did Not Need</b>	
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Transportation</b>	23%	18%	8%	6%	3%	5%	66%	72%

<b>Transportation</b>										
	<b>Excellent</b>		<b>Good</b>		<b>Fair</b>		<b>Poor</b>		<b>Have Not Used</b>	
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Bus Service</b>	8%	6%	22%	18%	11%	12%	5%	14%	55%	50%
<b>Taxi Service</b>	2%	1%	9%	4%	9%	8%	7%	23%	73%	64%
<b>Senior Citizens</b>	6%	6%	12%	16%	9%	14%	3%	11%	71%	54%
<b>Physical Disabilities</b>	4%	5%	11%	14%	9%	13%	3%	10%	73%	59%
<b>Airport Facilities</b>	1%	1%	9%	9%	8%	15%	12%	17%	70%	58%
<b>Availability of Bicycle Trails, Lanes, Parking</b>	11%	11%	31%	27%	19%	21%	10%	11%	30%	30%
<b>Safe Walking for Pedestrians</b>	9%	8%	36%	42%	29%	25%	16%	14%	11%	11%
<b>Parking</b>	4%	5%	27%	35%	33%	31%	31%	23%	6%	6%

*Social Issues and Services*

<b>Services</b>									
	<b>No Problem</b>		<b>Some Problems</b>		<b>Unable to Obtain</b>		<b>Did Not Need</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	
<b>Services for Victims of Abuse</b>	4%	5%	1%	1%	0.5%	0.5%	95%	94%	
<b>Crisis Information Services</b>	7%	6%	2%	1%	1%	1%	89%	92%	
<b>Food Bank/ Food Pantry</b>	9%	8%	3%	1%	1%	1%	88%	89%	
<b>Temp./Emergency Housing</b>	4%	5%	1%	1%	2%	1%	92%	94%	
<b>Legal Services</b>	27%	22%	6%	4%	3%	2%	64%	71%	
<b>Utilities</b>	66%	62%	7%	5%	1%	1%	26%	33%	
<b>Clothing</b>	60%	53%	9%	9%	1%	0.5%	29%	38%	
<b>Budgeting Information</b>	12%	8%	2%	2%	1%	1%	85%	89%	

<b>Problems</b>								
	<b>Not a Problem</b>		<b>Minor</b>		<b>Severe</b>		<b>Don't Know</b>	
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Access for People with Disabilities</b>	17%	20%	35%	48%	7%	9%	41%	23%
<b>Availability of Grocery Stores</b>	71%	74%	23%	18%	4%	6%	1%	2%
<b>Obtaining Information About Services</b>	42%	37%	28%	39%	7%	9%	23%	15%
<b>Violent Crime</b>	33%	23%	49%	60%	8%	9%	10%	8%
<b>Sewage Disposal Facilities</b>	47%	35%	20%	26%	4%	11%	29%	28%
<b>Recycling Service</b>	59%	50%	22%	28%	6%	10%	13%	12%
<b>Trash Disposal Services</b>	64%	61%	23%	26%	7%	7%	5%	7%
<b>Vandalism</b>	16%	13%	58%	59%	16%	22%	9%	7%
<b>Homelessness</b>	18%	25%	36%	38%	6%	6%	40%	31%
<b>Rental Housing Costs</b>	15%	13%	27%	30%	16%	22%	42%	36%
<b>Costs of Buying a Home</b>	22%	16%	34%	39%	20%	24%	24%	20%
<b>Poverty</b>	7%	7%	38%	39%	25%	31%	30%	24%
<b>Illiteracy</b>	10%	9%	34%	41%	11%	15%	44%	35%
<b>Houses That Need Repair</b>	5%	5%	56%	56%	27%	27%	13%	12%
<b>Abandoned Buildings</b>	11%	12%	52%	49%	17%	21%	20%	19%
<b>Homes Being Converted to Apartments</b>	17%	22%	24%	28%	17%	8%	42%	42%
<b>Building Regulations Enforcement</b>	17%	19%	28%	27%	19%	13%	36%	40%
<b>Traffic Congestion</b>	42%	34%	45%	50%	10%	11%	4%	6%
<b>Unsightly Parking Lots</b>	48%	44%	32%	36%	6%	4%	14%	15%

An addition to the needs assessment for this year was a question on disaster preparedness and the following shows the results from survey respondents.

<b>Disaster Preparedness</b>		
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Fire</b>	75%	25%
<b>Tornado</b>	50%	50%
<b>Emergency Meeting Place</b>	51%	49%

<b>Priorities</b>										
	<b>Highest</b>		<b>High</b>		<b>Moderate</b>		<b>Low</b>		<b>Don't Know</b>	
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Recreation for the Elderly</b>	12%	14%	33%	34%	35%	38%	10%	10%	10%	5%
<b>Affordable Housing for the Elderly</b>	29%	28%	40%	40%	19%	23%	5%	5%	7%	4%
<b>Affordable Housing for Moderate Incomes</b>	20%	22%	37%	32%	31%	30%	8%	12%	4%	4%
<b>Affordable Housing for Low Incomes</b>	25%	22%	34%	31%	26%	30%	9%	13%	6%	5%
<b>Emergency Shelter</b>	23%	20%	32%	33%	29%	30%	9%	10%	7%	8%
<b>Emergency Food</b>	25%	22%	36%	32%	25%	30%	8%	11%	6%	6%
<b>Domestic Violence or Abuse</b>	27%	26%	33%	33%	26%	26%	6%	9%	9%	6%
<b>Drug and Alcohol Use Among Adults</b>	41%	43%	29%	34%	18%	14%	8%	4%	5%	4%
<b>Increase Activity Levels</b>	19%	14%	31%	30%	29%	32%	13%	16%	8%	8%

<b>Miscellaneous</b>										
	<b>Excellent</b>		<b>Good</b>		<b>Fair</b>		<b>Poor</b>		<b>Don't Know</b>	
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Attractiveness of Commercial Storefronts</b>	5%	5%	46%	42%	35%	39%	11%	10%	4%	4%
<b>Fire Protection</b>	29%	15%	50%	57%	10%	22%	1%	3%	11%	3%
<b>Ambulance Service</b>	35%	19%	45%	54%	7%	18%	2%	4%	12%	4%
<b>Adult Day Care Facilities and Services</b>	2%	4%	15%	24%	9%	25%	5%	11%	69%	37%
<b>Public Library Services</b>	22%	9%	38%	41%	14%	25%	11%	11%	15%	14%
<b>Organized Recreation Activities</b>	9%	4%	31%	22%	25%	38%	11%	16%	25%	20%
<b>Parks and Recreation Facilities</b>	20%	10%	46%	44%	23%	33%	6%	8%	6%	5%
<b>Quantity of Water for Residential Use</b>	22%	10%	42%	43%	17%	25%	8%	10%	12%	12%

## Health Care and Care Giving

There were a number of questions asked throughout the needs assessment that dealt with health care issues, insurance and care giving. The following are the results of those questions.

<b>Services</b>								
	<b>No Problem</b>		<b>Some Problems</b>		<b>Unable to Obtain</b>		<b>Did Not Need</b>	
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Primary Health Care</b>	72%	66%	15%	14%	5%	3%	8%	16%
<b>Specialized Health Care</b>	53%	47%	20%	15%	5%	5%	21%	34%
<b>Family Planning</b>	17%	18%	2%	1%	1%	0.5%	80%	81%
<b>Prenatal</b>	16%	17%	1%	1%	0.5%	0.5%	83%	82%
<b>Childhood Immunizations</b>	29%	26%	1%	1%	0.5%	0.5%	70%	73%
<b>Screening/Child Development (&lt;5)</b>	18%	14%	0.5%	1%	1%	1%	81%	84%
<b>Dental Care</b>	77%	69%	11%	9%	5%	4%	7%	18%
<b>Vision Care</b>	82%	78%	7%	7%	3%	3%	8%	13%
<b>Hearing</b>	28%	23%	4%	4%	3%	2%	65%	71%
<b>Mental Health</b>	10%	9%	6%	4%	2%	2%	82%	86%
<b>Drug and Alcohol</b>	5%	6%	2%	2%	1%	0.5%	91%	93%
<b>Hospice</b>	14%	13%	0.5%	1%	0.5%	0%	86%	86%
<b>Rehabilitation</b>	34%	24%	2%	4%	1%	0.5%	63%	72%
<b>Adult Day Care</b>	3%	4%	1%	2%	1%	0.5%	94%	93%

<b>Lifestyle Changes</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Be Physically Active</b>	51%	92%
<b>Lose Weight, or Maintain Healthy Weight</b>	60%	96%
<b>Drink Alcohol Only in Moderation (if at all)</b>	8%	56%
<b>Practice Good Eating Habits</b>	50%	92%
<b>Not Smoke or Use Tobacco</b>	11%	69%
<b>Handle Stress Well</b>	30%	87%
<b>Live an Overall Healthy Lifestyle</b>	52%	93%

Health Insurance

Health Insurance												
	N/A		Private		Employer		Medicaid		Medicare/CHIP		None	
	2007	2002	2007	2002	2007	2002	2007	2002	2007	2002	2007	2002
<b>Respondent</b>	-----	-----	13%	13%	51%	57%	3%	3%	10%	17%	6%	9%
<b>Spouse or Partner</b>	16%	11%	11%	11%	48%	56%	1%	2%	7%	13%	4%	8%
<b>Children (0 months to 18 years)</b>	55%	47%	5%	5%	25%	29%	5%	5%	2%	9%	7%	9%
<b>Other Adults</b>	22%	56%	5%	6%	9%	17%	1%	1%	2%	4%	14%	16%

In addition to these basic options, the 2007 needs assessment allowed respondents the option of checking more than one type of insurance if that applied to them. The results were as follows:

Health Insurance										
	Work MCD MCR	Work MCR	MCD MCR	Private MCD	Private Work MCR	Private Work	Private MCR	Private MCD MCR	Private Work MCD MCR	
<b>Respondent</b>	1%	6%	2%	0.23%	0.23%	0.46%	6%	0.46%	1%	
	Work MCD MCR	Work MCD	Work MCR	MCD MCR	Private MCD	Private Work MCR	Private Work	Private MCR	Private MCD MCR	Private Work MCD MCR
<b>Spouse or Partner</b>	1%	0.26%	5%	1%	0.26%	0.26%	0.26%	4%	1%	1%
	Work MCD	MCD CHIP								
<b>Children (0 months to 18 years)</b>	0.32%	1%								
	Work MCR	MCD MCR	Private MCD	Private Work MCR	Private MCD MCR	Private Work MCD MCR				
<b>Other Adults</b>	1%	1%	0.33%	0.33%	0.33%	0.33%				

Note: The above table used these abbreviations. MCD – Medicaid and MCR - Medicare

*Health Related Priorities*

<b>Priorities</b>										
	<b>Highest</b>		<b>High</b>		<b>Moderate</b>		<b>Low</b>		<b>Don't Know</b>	
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Education About Healthy Lifestyles (all ages)</b>	15%	15%	33%	33%	35%	34%	11%	11%	5%	6%
<b>Mental Health Services</b>	17%	16%	32%	34%	33%	33%	7%	9%	11%	8%
<b>Increase Day Care for Elderly</b>	15%	20%	34%	32%	27%	32%	7%	8%	15%	7%
<b>Support for Family Elderly Caregivers</b>	22%	26%	35%	32%	26%	29%	6%	7%	11%	5%
<b>Services for People With Eating Disorders</b>	12%	11%	19%	20%	33%	36%	23%	24%	13%	10%

*Care giving*

In the survey, respondents were asked to indicate whether or not they or someone in their household had been an unpaid caregiver who provided care (personal hygiene, bathing, walking, etc.) or assistance (shopping, transportation, meal preparation, homemaking services, etc.) to someone with a chronic illness or disability. The results of this and several follow-up questions can be found in the tables below.

<b>Care Giver</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Yes</b>	22%	29%
<b>No</b>	78%	71%

<b>Hours/Week of Care</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Total</b>	3507	-----
<b>Average</b>	39	30

<b>Years of Care</b>	
	<b>2007</b>
<b>Total</b>	511
<b>Average</b>	6

Please Note: The data for 2002 with regards to years of care given was indicated on the final report as such, 65% of respondents spent a total of 5 years or less providing care.

<b>Care Receiver Ages</b>	
<b>6-12 Years</b>	1%
<b>25-34 Years</b>	3%
<b>45-54 Years</b>	4%
<b>55-64 Years</b>	6%
<b>65-74 Years</b>	18%
<b>75-84 Years</b>	35%
<b>85 + Years</b>	32%

<b>Support From An Agency</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Yes</b>	41%	27%
<b>No</b>	59%	73%

## Family Affairs

A variety of questions were asked regarding child care, families, and issues concerning children and teens. The results are indicated below. Please note that if there is not a distinction in the data (2007 vs. 2002) then the information is from 2007 only, a new question.

<b>Services</b>								
	<b>No Problem</b>		<b>Some Problems</b>		<b>Unable to Obtain</b>		<b>Did Not Need</b>	
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Child Care</b>	10%	8%	5%	4%	1%	1%	85%	87%

<b>Rating</b>										
	<b>Excellent</b>		<b>Good</b>		<b>Fair</b>		<b>Poor</b>		<b>Don't Know</b>	
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Child Care Facilities and Services</b>	7%	5%	22%	29%	14%	26%	5%	9%	53%	31%

<b>Families with Children</b>						
	<b>Everyday</b>	<b>4-6 Times Per Week</b>	<b>2-3 Times Per Week</b>	<b>Once a Week</b>	<b>&lt; Once a Week</b>	
<b>Read to Your Pre-School Children</b>	70%	15%	11%	2%	3%	
<b>Time Spent with Your School-Age Children Doing Parent-Child Activities</b>	60%	20%	14%	4%	2%	

Respondents of this year's survey were also asked to indicate whether or not they had heard of Keystone STARS. In an effort to improve the quality of Pennsylvania child care Keystone STARS was devised. It encourages child care providers to continuously work towards improvement at their facilities by moving through varying STARS levels.

<b>Keystone Stars</b>	
<b>Yes</b>	9%
<b>No</b>	91%



<b>Type of Child Care Used or To Be Used</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>None/Does not apply</b>	51%	76%
<b>Licensed Group Day Care</b>	3%	3%
<b>Full-Time Day Care</b>	5%	4%
<b>Before/After School Care</b>	5%	6%
<b>Evening/Overnight Care</b>	2%	2%
<b>Professional Nanny in My Home</b>	1%	1%
<b>Unregulated Friend/Family Member in Their Home</b>	13%	14%
<b>Unregulated Friend/Family Member in My Home</b>	11%	10%
<b>Licensed Day Care Center</b>	7%	6%
<b>Registered Family Day Care</b>	2%	2%
<b>Sick Child Care</b>	0%	1%
<b>Part-Time Day Care</b>	3%	3%
<b>Drop-In Care</b>	0.44%	1%
<b>Weekend Care</b>	0.44%	1%

<b>Time Spent – Computer, TV, Video Games (week)</b>					
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Most Freq.</b>	<b>Average</b>
<b>0-2 Years</b>	22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>0-2 Hours</b>	53	10	1	1	2
<b>2-5 Years</b>	34	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>2-5 Hours</b>	105	6	1	2	3
<b>5-9 Years</b>	35	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>5-9 Hours</b>	87	6	1	2	2
<b>9-13 Years</b>	39	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>9-13 Hours</b>	99	9	1	3	3
<b>13-16 Years</b>	25	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>13-16 Hours</b>	81	6	1	2	2
<b>16-18 Years</b>	19	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>16-18 Hours</b>	61	6	2	3	3

<b>Priorities</b>										
	<b>Highest</b>		<b>High</b>		<b>Moderate</b>		<b>Low</b>		<b>Don't Know</b>	
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Family Support Services</b>	12%	14%	35%	32%	31%	33%	9%	8%	14%	12%
<b>Youth Developing Life Skills</b>	24%	26%	42%	42%	22%	22%	6%	5%	6%	5%
<b>Recreation for Youth</b>	18%	21%	43%	39%	28%	27%	6%	9%	4%	4%
<b>Recreation for Families</b>	16%	18%	40%	37%	31%	32%	9%	10%	4%	4%
<b>Juvenile Delinquency</b>	27%	32%	39%	37%	21%	21%	4%	5%	9%	5%
<b>Parenting Education</b>	17%	17%	34%	38%	31%	36%	8%	12%	9%	7%
<b>Education Programs for Teen Parents</b>	20%	18%	34%	33%	29%	31%	9%	13%	8%	6%
<b>Affordable Day Care for Children</b>	23%	27%	35%	33%	26%	27%	8%	8%	9%	5%
<b>Sexual Activity Among Teens</b>	28%	25%	30%	34%	26%	27%	10%	10%	7%	5%
<b>Drug and Alcohol Use Among Youth</b>	48%	43%	31%	34%	14%	14%	5%	4%	3%	6%

## Child Care Problems

	Severe		Minor		Not		Don't Know	
	2007	2002	2007	2002	2007	2002	2007	2002
<b>Finding Full Day/Year-Round</b>	15%	12%	20%	11%	56%	48%	10%	29%
<b>Finding Part Day/Part Week</b>	17%	12%	23%	13%	41%	43%	9%	32%
<b>Finding Before/After School</b>	15%	13%	28%	12%	46%	44%	11%	31%
<b>Finding Evening, Weekend or Overnight</b>	27%	14%	15%	6%	42%	45%	16%	35%
<b>Finding Summer and Holiday</b>	22%	13%	25%	7%	44%	44%	9%	36%
<b>Location of Facilities</b>	7%	12%	27%	14%	54%	44%	12%	30%
<b>Number of Registered, Licensed Facilities</b>	14%	15%	19%	10%	49%	37%	18%	39%
<b>Quality of Care Provided</b>	12%	5%	18%	11%	56%	44%	14%	40%
<b>Cost</b>	34%	30%	38%	14%	18%	29%	11%	28%
<b>Subsidies for Low-Income Households</b>	23%	19%	11%	7%	30%	30%	36%	44%
<b>Finding Sick Child Care</b>	24%	10%	29%	13%	26%	34%	21%	44%
<b>Transportation to Facility</b>	7%	6%	23%	8%	56%	48%	14%	39%
<b>Finding Care for All Ages; Infant - School Age</b>	16%	8%	25%	15%	45%	41%	14%	36%
<b>Finding Infant Care</b>	17%	7%	15%	7%	48%	43%	20%	44%
<b>Lack of Parent/Guardian Involvement with the Facilities</b>	9%	3%	21%	44%	46%	10%	24%	43%
<b>Finding Drop-In/Last Minute</b>	32%	17%	30%	11%	22%	32%	16%	41%
<b>Lack of "Back-Up" Plan</b>	24%	18%	33%	11%	27%	32%	16%	39%
<b>How to Find Facilities</b>	7%	6%	18%	6%	59%	46%	16%	42%
<b>Finding Care for a Special Needs Child</b>	18%	5%	12%	3%	36%	38%	33%	55%

## Summary

In addition to the questions summarized throughout this report, there were also several open-ended questions asked of the respondents. Some of these responses were categorized based on the type of comment received. Categories, where applicable, include the following:

- ⌘ Basic Human Needs (BHN)
- ⌘ Personal Growth & Development (PGD)
- ⌘ Crimes (C)
- ⌘ Roads (R)
- ⌘ Environment (E)
- ⌘ Special Care Needs (SCN)
- ⌘ Family Support (FS)
- ⌘ Stores (S)
- ⌘ Miscellaneous (M)
- ⌘ Taxes (T)
- ⌘ Personal and Community Safety (PCS)
- ⌘ Work Force Needs (WFN)

A total of 2,993 comments were received in response to the questions included in this summarizing section. Samples are provided as well as comparison to 2002 data where applicable.

*Question: What one or two things do you really like about living in your immediate neighborhood; what things add to the quality of community life where you live?*

<b>Likes (671 Responses)</b>		
	%	<b>Frequent Responses</b>
<b>Basic Human Needs</b>	2%	Cost of living affordable
<b>Crimes</b>	2%	Low crime rate
<b>Environment</b>	40%	Quietness of country living
<b>Family Support</b>	1%	Taking care of each other, feeling of family
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	36%	Friendly neighbors
<b>Personal and Community Safety</b>	8%	Safe neighborhood
<b>Personal Growth and Development</b>	3%	Excellent churches
<b>Roads</b>	2%	Road upkeep
<b>Special Care Needs</b>	0.3%	Availability of healthcare services
<b>Stores</b>	2%	Lots of small businesses to meet needs
<b>Taxes</b>	0.4%	Lower taxes
<b>Work Force Needs</b>	3%	Solid school system

*Question: If you had problems obtaining or were unable to obtain a service, please identify the service and write in the reason why you feel there was a problem.*

There were 174 comments received to this question, some of the responses included:

- ⌘ Primary Health Care - no new patients
- ⌘ Hard to find oral surgeon - booked - if have pain need then, not 3 weeks later
- ⌘ Child Care Facilities - poor quality for some and waiting list for those with good reputation.
- ⌘ PCP, adults - hard to get appointments with

### Health Insurance

If a respondent indicated they or a member of the household did not have health insurance, a follow up question followed asking the individual to explain why and then indicate how long this has been the case. These are some of the results (63 responses total):

Why?	How Long?
Adult family member with no job	9 months
Can't afford	Years
Can't afford it!!!	Two and half years - so far
Too expensive	4 years
Can't afford it	Since college graduation (a few months)
Pre existing heart condition too expensive	Since 1986
Can't afford it	10 years
Employer does not offer	3 years

*Question: If you have children over the age of 12, who cares for them when they are not in school?*

There were 55 comments received to this question, some of the responses included:

- ⌘ They are at home by themselves.
- ⌘ My older child watches my younger child (ages 15 and 11)
- ⌘ They take care of themselves
- ⌘ Grandparents
- ⌘ Family or friend
- ⌘ Home alone
- ⌘ Mother or licensed family daycare or grandparents
- ⌘ I do

*Question: Name three problems or concerns you feel have an impact on your community or family.*

Problems		
	2007	2002
<b>Basic Human Needs</b>	4%	3%
<b>Crimes</b>	5%	6%
<b>Environment</b>	5%	8%
<b>Family Support</b>	4%	1%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	28%	7%
<b>Personal and Community Safety</b>	4%	13%
<b>Personal Growth and Development</b>	6%	7%
<b>Roads</b>	4%	8%
<b>Special Care Needs</b>	9%	2%
<b>Stores</b>	4%	2%
<b>Taxes</b>	7%	10%
<b>Work Force Needs</b>	20%	34%

In 2007 there were 1,014 responses received to this question. Here are some examples of the comments.

<b>Problems</b>	
<b>BHN</b>	Housing costs
<b>BHN</b>	Poor water quality for drinking
<b>C</b>	Crime
<b>C</b>	Lack of police presence in our community
<b>E</b>	Air quality in county
<b>FS</b>	Lack of parenting skills
<b>FS</b>	Lack of quality child care
<b>M</b>	Parking in Indiana is a real headache - I never shop in town...
<b>M</b>	Transportation
<b>PCS</b>	Drinking and vandalism by IUP students - drugs
<b>PCS</b>	Incidents of bigotry and discrimination
<b>PGD</b>	Children and teens having no recreational activities
<b>PGD</b>	Lack of community activities
<b>R</b>	Maintenance of roads (like plowing)
<b>S</b>	Insufficient retail
<b>SCN</b>	Drugs and alcohol
<b>SCN</b>	Health care
<b>T</b>	High taxes
<b>WFN</b>	Jobs
<b>WFN</b>	Lack of employment

*Question: Name three strengths that you feel have an impact on your community or family.*

<b>Strengths (816 Responses)</b>		
	%	<b>Frequent Responses</b>
<b>Basic Human Needs</b>	3%	Affordable housing
<b>Crimes</b>	3%	Low Crime
<b>Environment</b>	16%	Clean
<b>Family Support</b>	6%	Family Connection
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	27%	Community Involvement
<b>Personal and Community Safety</b>	6%	Friendly and safe environment
<b>Personal Growth and Development</b>	14%	Churches and volunteer groups
<b>Roads</b>	3%	Low levels of traffic
<b>Special Care Needs</b>	7%	Indiana Regional Medical Center
<b>Stores</b>	1%	Local Stores
<b>Taxes</b>	0.6%	Low taxes
<b>Work Force Needs</b>	12%	Education

## *Other*

Respondents were lastly asked for any other comments that they may have not already covered on the survey. There were 139 comments received. Here are some examples.

- ⌘ Need to improve roads - need to have stores that sell for the mid-life people (clothes, music, etc.) - need warehouse stores (like Sam's Club)
- ⌘ Indiana borough council should be aware of the community's problems. Council members each have their own agenda, Little Caesar problem. Council is ruining the great relationship they have had for the past 130 years - with the Indiana Fire Department. Indiana Police Department is out of control - not physically sound, or being effectively run, overzealous officers. Parking attendants are rude and are not good ambassadors for the community. Indiana County government is better than the best! Excellent Job
- ⌘ Please get public transportation (daily) between Indiana and Clymer. Please resume funding for mobile library.
- ⌘ I believe parking meters all over town is excessive. The meters jam and are hard to turn knobs. I avoid downtown unless absolutely necessary. I believe parking and costs are a real problem.
- ⌘ Northern Indiana County is only next to Huntington County in high unemployment. It's too bad that this hedges on political representatives from our area - Southern Indiana County gets lots of help - Where is ours?? Why no emphasis on a youth recreational program in Northern Indiana County - no place for youth to swim or gather. Also, Friday PM and Saturday PM are so dangerous for drivers in our area (Northern Indiana County) because of the drunken drivers. Yet where are the police checking the roads at that time? I am afraid to be on the roads of Northern Indiana County at these times. I could tell you more about this if someone cared. My son was a commissioner of our county for 10 years. He tried but to no avail.
- ⌘ Water quality in some areas could be improved.
- ⌘ My concern is I live on a mile of township road - there are about 45 families on this road. Why can't we have some potholes fixed? Indiana has all paved streets. We live in the same county. My taxes are much higher than most Indiana homes the same age.
- ⌘ Increase volunteerism - start at school level, involve students and teachers, seems that everyone has to be paid for their time. There are great organizations that are about volunteerism - 4-H, Little League, church groups. Need to stop paying for school coaching positions and ask for volunteers. Make it a part of job description.
- ⌘ This county needs to get some new companies to move in, not worry about the Blairsville area on route 22 where people living to the north will not drive to. Let's bring jobs and businesses to Central Indiana County.
- ⌘ Transportation in and out of Indiana is what's keeping the county from growing. 422 is the major "highway" and it is outdated by 20+ years. We need better access into Indiana for business.
- ⌘ Stimulate small business in remote areas of the county, especially "recreation-based" ones, such as video arcades. There is nothing to do for kids/teens/non-drinker adults in these areas that does not require travel; public transportation (other than medical) is non-existent.
- ⌘ Realize that issues related to parent-child activities should be the responsibility of direct parent involvement. As Indiana County continues to "grow" in population/business members it will lose its "small town" atmosphere/appearance.
- ⌘ Thank you for sending the survey.
- ⌘ Increase awareness of environmental sustainability - like trails - encourage walking, biking, recycling, etc. for health and to decrease carbon emissions - climate change will affect everyone no matter where we live.

- ⌘ I do think the Commissioners - Rodney Ruddock, Dave Frick and Patty Evanko are doing a good job - also am very pleased with Senator Don White and Representative Dave Reed who seem to be very attentive to residents' needs.
- ⌘ A big thank you for having the Canoe Creek cleaned - it helps to control high water! Workers did a good job! It looks real nice!
- ⌘ Not enough knowledge of mental illnesses in our community; especially among the medical and law enforcement!!!
- ⌘ Teachers receive excellent pay and benefits, but do not produce good results. Academics seem less important than athletics. Academic achievement needs to be celebrated promoted and published (more than just the honor roll).
- ⌘ Alcohol - need more places for young adults to have fun without the "bar scene" - some adults do choose not to consume alcohol. - more family style restaurants, where alcohol isn't the "major push" of the waiters/waitresses.
- ⌘ We need to emphasize the development of Northern Indiana County. It has "wide spaces" between us and the county seat. Get some, if possible, businesses I.e. a dollar store, small restaurants, game parlor, bowling alley for the youth. I've been complaining about this situation for the last 50 years.
- ⌘ Indiana County is like a third world country when compared to surrounding counties. Lacking in good stores for shopping, restaurants, highway, transportation, public utilities and technology services. If my job wasn't located here I would probably move to another county with more services for residents and not just college students.
- ⌘ We have dedicated county commissioners who work well together for the good of the county and are moving things forward at a rapid pace (new jail, convocation center etc.) (I just hope good employment opportunities can increase)!
- ⌘ I am very distressed that Kovalchik has been allowed to pollute a whole area of our community with impurity. Why has he not been required to keep his ugly mess at least 100 yards from the road - put up a fence, etc?
- ⌘ When we were kids growing up in Indiana, there were several dances every week, for all age levels. Now, there is nowhere for the kids to go, except for the mall, etc. Then they get in trouble for "hanging out" there. We have young grandkids, who will become teens in a few years, or so. Hopefully, they will stay in 4-H with their horses and their karate classes, cause there's not much else!!