

Residential Survey Results

Age Group: 18-35

402 Responses

1. In your opinion, how would you rate the Town of Colonie as a place to live?
- 44.8 Excellent
 - 49.0 Good
 - 5.2 Fair
 - 0.0 Poor
 - 1.0 Unknown
2. Would you recommend a friend or relative purchase a home in the Town?
- 93.0 Yes
 - 0.7 No
 - 6.0 Unknown
3. What do you believe is the best way for the Town of Colonie to communicate with residents?
- 14.4 Newspaper
 - 11.4 Radio or television
 - 75.1 Town Newsletters,
 - 16.7 The Town's Website
 - 3.5 Attendance at Town Meetings
 - 30.8 Mailed notices of public meetings
 - 3.2 Word of mouth
4. Should the Town encourage the construction of the following types of residential development?
- 72.4 Single Family Houses
 - 10.7 Apartments, 6 units per acre or less
 - 3.0 Apartments, more than 6 units per acre
 - 14.7 Condominiums
 - 23.6 Town Homes
 - 29.1 Housing for senior citizens
 - 40.5 Housing for young, working families
5. In your opinion, has the overall rate of growth in the Town of Colonie been:
- 25.1 too fast
 - 72.1 acceptable
 - 2.2 too slow
6. Do you believe the Town should require commercial properties to use less or share curb cuts to assist in improving traffic circulation on Town roads?
- 56.5 Yes
 - 7.0 No
 - 36.6 Unknown
7. Should the Town investigate alternative/parallel transportation routes to reduce congestion on existing Town roads?
- 64.4 Yes
 - 19.4 No
 - 16.2 Unknown
8. From your perspective as a driver on local roads, please rate the following traffic issues in Colonie:
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| a. Traffic congestion | c. Design of intersections | e. Too many pedestrians and bicyclists in roadways |
| 32.6 Serious Problem | 9.7 Serious Problem | 8.0 Serious Problem |
| 51.7 Minor Problem | 40.8 Minor Problem | 17.2 Minor Problem |
| 14.9 Not a Problem | 47.0 Not a Problem | 72.6 Not a Problem |
| 0.7 Unknown | 2.5 Unknown | 5.2 Unknown |
| b. Road maintenance | d. Inconsiderate drivers | |
| 14.9 Serious Problem | 24.4 Serious Problem | |
| 53.7 Minor Problem | 48.8 Minor Problem | |
| 29.6 Not a Problem | 25.1 Not a Problem | |
| 1.5 Unknown | 1.7 Unknown | |
9. From your perspective as a pedestrian, please circle your level of concern with the following issues:
- | | | | |
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| a. Not enough sidewalks | b. Sidewalks are poorly designed | c. Inconsiderate drivers | d. Sidewalk maintenance |
| 43.3 Serious Problem | 13.9 Serious Problem | 21.6 Serious Problem | 11.2 Serious Problem |
| 28.9 Minor Problem | 20.4 Minor Problem | 41.3 Minor Problem | 23.1 Minor Problem |
| 19.2 Not a Problem | 42.3 Not a Problem | 27.1 Not a Problem | 40.3 Not a Problem |
| 8.7 Unknown | 23.4 Unknown | 10.0 Unknown | 25.4 Unknown |
10. Which of the following best describes sidewalks in the vicinity of your home?
- 13.4 There are sidewalks in my neighborhood and they are adequate.
 - 6.5 There are sidewalks in my neighborhood and they are not adequate.
 - 44.5 There are no sidewalks in my neighborhood and there is need for them.
 - 35.6 There are no sidewalks in my neighborhood and there is no need for them.
11. Should bicycle lanes/corridors be encouraged in the Town?
- 55.5 Yes
 - 23.1 No
 - 21.4 Unknown
12. Do you currently use mass transit?
- 1.7 Often
 - 11.9 Seldom
 - 86.1 Never
13. Would you use mass transit if better connections were provided to major travel corridors?
- 13.4 Yes
 - 53.7 No
 - 32.3 Maybe
14. Is noise a problem within the Town?
- 9.0 Serious Problem
 - 35.6 Minor Problem
 - 52.0 Not a Problem
 - 3.0 Unknown
15. Is litter a problem within the Town?
- 6.7 Serious Problem
 - 47.5 Minor Problem
 - 42.3 Not a Problem
 - 3.0 Unknown

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16. Would you like to see more public trails and greenways throughout the Town?

69.7 Yes
16.9 No
12.9 Unknown

17. How often does anyone in your home use Town Park/Recreation facilities?

29.6 Often
45.3 Occasionally
18.7 Seldom
6.0 Never

18. Considering various priorities facing the Town of Colonie for the future, do you think the following should be a high priority, moderate priority or a low priority?

a. Preserving Open Spaces

57.0 High Priority
35.1 Moderate Priority
7.7 Low Priority

c. Expanding Town Water and Sewer Lines

17.2 High Priority
47.3 Moderate Priority
35.3 Low Priority

e. Putting in More Sidewalks

39.6 High Priority
34.8 Moderate Priority
25.4 Low Priority

b. Expanding Mass Transportation Services

9.2 High Priority
37.8 Moderate Priority
52.7 Low Priority

d. Increasing Road Capacity for Vehicles

34.3 High Priority
39.8 Moderate Priority
25.6 Low Priority

f. Putting in More Bike Paths

25.4 High Priority
34.3 Moderate Priority
40.0 Low Priority

19. How important is it to preserve/protect the following:

a. stream corridors

49.8 Very important
31.6 Important
3.0 Not Important
15.4 Unknown

c. wildlife

63.4 Very important
28.4 Important
3.0 Not Important
5.0 Unknown

e. prime farmlands

43.8 Very important
38.8 Important
10.2 Not Important
7.0 Unknown

g. scenic views

54.5 Very important
36.1 Important
5.5 Not Important
3.7 Unknown

b. wetlands

45.5 Very important
33.8 Important
10.9 Not Important
9.5 Unknown

d. historic structures/sites

53.0 Very important
37.1 Important
5.0 Not Important
4.7 Unknown

f. forests and woodlands

58.2 Very important
35.1 Important
3.0 Not Important
3.5 Unknown

20. Are there any special or unique buildings, landscapes or landmarks within the Town that need to be protected from future development? (Number of Mentions)

11 Shaker Sites
8 Pine Bush
8 Mohawk River
8 Pruyn House

8 Other
6 Farms
2 Ann Lee Pond
2 Latham Water Tower

2 Parks
2 Riverfronts
2 Latham Schoolhouse
1 Erie Canal

21. Should the Town of Colonie fund initiatives for the preservation and acquisition of Open Space?

33.8 Yes
7.0 No
48.0 Need more Info
10.7 Unknown

22. Would you be willing to pay towards a future fund that would purchase land for the preservation of Open Space?

21.1 Yes
17.9 No
54.7 Need more Info
6.0 Unknown

23. The following commercial facilities are needed in the area where I live:

16.7 small "corner store" within walking distance (not including gas stations)
3.5 gas station
5.0 neighborhood shopping area (a group of small stores: restaurants, banks, offices, etc)
3.0 supermarket complex (large supermarket with 2 or 3 adjoining stores)
3.7 other (please write on comment page)
74.4 No additional commercial facilities are needed in my area

24. What types of businesses would you like to see come to the Town?

(Number of Mentions)

19 Restaurants
14 High Tech
10 Other
8 Recreation
7 Youth/Family Oriented
7 Small Business
7 Retail
6 Professional/Offices

5 Services
4 Entertainment
3 YMCA/Recreation Center
3 Outlets
3 Bakery
2 Family Owned
1 Walmart Supercenter
1 Upscale Retail

1 Theater
1 Supermarkets
1 Daycare
1 Movie Theater
1 Manufacturing
1 Home Improvement

25. Overall, how do you feel about the appearance of commercial signs for businesses in the Town?

4.5 Superior
75.6 Adequate
11.4 Poor
7.7 Unknown

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26. Overall, how do you feel about the appearance of the Town's commercial corridors?

a. Central Avenue/Route 5	b. Loudon Road/Route 9	c. Wolf Road	d. Troy Schenectady Road
3.0 Superior	16.7 Superior	31.3 Superior	8.5 Superior
46.5 Adequate	70.9 Adequate	62.9 Adequate	70.4 Adequate
45.8 Poor	7.7 Poor	3.5 Poor	14.9 Poor
4.5 Unknown	4.5 Unknown	2.5 Unknown	6.0 Unknown

27. How important is it for the Town to do the following:

a. improve the physical appearance of buildings and streets	c. preserve open spaces	e. attract new businesses
36.6 Very Important	44.8 Very Important	23.9 Very Important
48.8 Important	39.8 Important	39.1 Important
10.7 Not Important	6.5 Not Important	32.8 Not Important
3.7 Unknown	8.7 Unknown	4.0 Unknown
b. plant more shade trees	d. create more pedestrian friendly neighborhoods	f. require new development to meet design standards
0.2 Very Important	46.8 Very Important	30.6 Very Important
31.1 Important	38.3 Important	40.3 Important
44.5 Not Important	9.2 Not Important	14.2 Not Important
19.7 Unknown	5.5 Unknown	14.7 Unknown

28. Should there be architectural review and design guidelines for new development throughout the Town?

65.2 Yes
12.7 No
21.9 Unknown

29. Overall, how do you feel about the employment opportunities available within the Town of Colonie?

3.0 Superior
47.8 Adequate
14.4 Poor
28.9 Unknown

30. Please rate the following services that are provided by the Town of Colonie:

a. Fire Protection	d. Road Maintenance	g. Planning Board	j. Youth Services
47.3 Excellent	11.7 Excellent	5.7 Excellent	12.2 Excellent
26.6 Good	44.0 Good	21.6 Good	28.4 Good
1.5 Fair	30.6 Fair	9.7 Fair	7.2 Fair
1.5 Poor	9.7 Poor	5.0 Poor	4.2 Poor
21.4 Unknown	3.2 Unknown	57.2 Unknown	47.0 Unknown
b. Leaf Removal	e. Sidewalk Maintenance	h. Zoning Board of Appeals	k. Recreational Services
32.1 Excellent	8.5 Excellent	5.5 Excellent	18.2 Excellent
38.3 Good	28.1 Good	16.2 Good	43.3 Good
7.7 Fair	16.7 Fair	8.2 Fair	8.2 Fair
2.0 Poor	9.5 Poor	4.2 Poor	3.2 Poor
19.2 Unknown	36.6 Unknown	64.9 Unknown	26.4 Unknown
c. Snow Removal	f. Water/Sewer Service	i. Senior Services	
27.1 Excellent	24.6 Excellent	6.5 Excellent	
40.0 Good	47.3 Good	15.7 Good	
19.2 Fair	9.7 Fair	5.7 Fair	
4.7 Poor	3.0 Poor	1.7 Poor	
8.2 Unknown	14.7 Unknown	69.7 Unknown	

31. What is your age group?

100.0 18-35
0.0 36-59
0.0 60 & over

32. What is the size of your household?

12.7 1 person
32.1 2 people
46.8 3 or 4
6.7 5 or more

33. Does anyone under 19 years of age live in your home?

52.2 Yes
46.3 No

34. Do you have access to the internet/email?

94.0 Yes
5.5 No

35. Do you Own or Rent your home?

74.9 Own
24.4 Rent

36. Do you live in a:

76.4 Single Family Detached Home
17.4 Apartment or Condo
5.5 Town Home/Duplex
99.3 Group Living Arrangement

37. How long have you lived in the Town?

48.5 Less than 5 years
21.9 5-15 years
29.1 More than 15 years

38. Do you expect to be living in the Town of Colonie five years from now?

75.1 Yes
7.5 No
16.7 Unknown

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39. When you are considering options for your next residential move, will the next home be:

- 67.2 Larger than your current dwelling
- 2.0 Smaller than your current dwelling
- 13.4 About the same size as your current dwelling
- 16.9 Don't know

40. Are you employed within the Town?

- 25.6 Yes
- 73.4 No
- 0.5 Unknown

41. Which of these terms describes you?

- 98.8 Town Resident
- 0.2 Non-Resident Town Property Owner
- 0.0 Town Business Owner

42. In your opinion, what are the most positive aspects of the Town of Colonie?

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| 30.2 Convenient Location | 3.1 Other | 0.8 Open/Green Spaces |
| 24.8 Schools | 2.8 Town Park/Pool | 0.8 Landfill |
| 23.8 Reasonable Taxes | 2.6 Library | 0.5 Airport |
| 11.9 Safety | 2.6 Quiet | 0.5 Pruyne House |
| 11.9 Parks | 2.3 EMS | 0.5 Mary Brizzell |
| 10.3 Services | 2.1 Youth Services/Programs | 0.5 Restaurants |
| 10.1 Shopping | 2.1 Snow Removal | 0.5 Sidewalks |
| 8.0 Police Dept | 1.8 Bike Trails/Paths | 0.3 Latham Water Dept |
| 6.5 The Crossings | 1.6 Road Maintenance | 0.3 Town Employees |
| 4.4 Good Gov't | 1.3 Community Feeling | 0.3 Town Board |
| 4.4 Recreational Opportunities | 1.0 Senior Services/Programs | 0.3 Town Times |
| 4.1 Fire Depts | 1.0 Golf Course | 0.3 Town Band |
| 4.1 Neighbors/Neighborhoods | 1.0 Growth/Development | |
| 3.4 Clean | 0.8 Water/Sewer Services | |

43. In your opinion, what are the least positive aspects of the Town of Colonie?

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| 21.7 Traffic | 1.0 Lack of Mass Transit | 0.3 One Party Rule/Political Struct. |
| 14.5 Lack of sidewalks | 1.0 Code Enforcement | 0.3 Intersection Design |
| 9.6 Overdevelopment | 1.0 Motels/Trailer Parks | 0.3 Need Nightlife/Entertainment |
| 7.2 Other | 0.8 Too Much Retail | 0.3 Garbage Pick up needed |
| 4.4 Appearance of Comm. Corridors | 0.8 Water Drainage | 0.3 Litter |
| 3.9 Delinquent/Vacant Properties | 0.8 Planning Board | 0.3 Street lights needed |
| 3.6 Road Maintenance | 0.8 Taxes | 0.3 Senior services |
| 2.8 Airport Noise | 0.8 Need More Haz. Waste Days | 0.3 Approval Process |
| 2.6 Lack of Green/Open Space | 0.8 Sidewalk Maintenance | 0.3 Library |
| 2.3 Lack of traffic enforcement | 0.8 Loudon Green | 0.3 Town Board |
| 2.3 Housing Too Expensive | 0.5 Lack of Youth Programs/Services | 0.3 Leaf Pick up |
| 1.8 Police Dept | 0.5 Parks Needed | 0.3 Crime |
| 1.8 Noise Ord. Needed | 0.5 Recreation Center Needed | 0.3 Teen Curfew Neede |
| 1.8 Schools | 0.5 Snow removal | 0.3 Need more Development |
| 1.6 Latham Circle Mall | 0.5 Water restrictions | 0.3 Too tough on businesses |
| 1.6 Community feeling lacking | 0.5 On Street Parking | 0.3 Pool/Town Park |
| 1.3 Strip Clubs | 0.5 Need more Sewers | |