

Residential Survey Results

Age Group: 36-59

2,466 responses

1. In your opinion, how would you rate the Town of Colonie as a place to live?

50.0 Excellent
44.9 Good
4.1 Fair
0.3 Poor
0.7 Unknown

2. Would you recommend a friend or relative purchase a home in the Town?

93.0 Yes
3.2 No
3.7 Unknown

3. What do you believe is the best way for the Town of Colonie to communicate with residents?

23.4 Newspaper
12.5 Radio or television
78.8 Town Newsletters,
17.6 The Town's Website
3.9 Attendance at Town Meetings
29.0 Mailed notices of public meetings
3.6 Word of mouth

4. Should the Town encourage the construction of the following types of residential development?

66.7 Single Family Houses
11.1 Apartments, 6 units per acre or less
3.6 Apartments, more than 6 units per acre
19.9 Condominiums
30.6 Town Homes
48.3 Housing for senior citizens
30.0 Housing for young, working families

5. In your opinion, has the overall rate of growth in the Town of Colonie been:

35.7 too fast
63.1 acceptable
1.1 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?

63.2 Yes
6.4 No
30.3 Unknown

7. Should the Town investigate alternative/parallel transportation routes to reduce congestion on existing Town roads?

74.0 Yes
12.1 No
13.9 Unknown

8. From your perspective as a driver on local roads, please rate the following traffic issues in Colonie:

a. Traffic congestion	c. Design of intersections	e. Too many pedestrians and bicyclists in roadways
45.1 Serious Problem	17.5 Serious Problem	7.4 Serious Problem
16.2 Minor Problem	47.7 Minor Problem	24.2 Minor Problem
7.0 Not a Problem	31.5 Not a Problem	64.4 Not a Problem
1.6 Unknown	3.2 Unknown	3.9 Unknown
b. Road maintenance	d. Inconsiderate drivers	
13.9 Serious Problem	31.3 Serious Problem	
54.3 Minor Problem	46.0 Minor Problem	
29.5 Not a Problem	19.7 Not a Problem	
2.2 Unknown	2.8 Unknown	

9. From your perspective as a pedestrian, please circle your level of concern with the following issues:

a. Not enough sidewalks	b. Sidewalks are poorly designed	c. Inconsiderate drivers	d. Sidewalk maintenance
44.2 Serious Problem	12.8 Serious Problem	28.3 Serious Problem	10.7 Serious Problem
26.6 Minor Problem	24.1 Minor Problem	37.5 Minor Problem	27.9 Minor Problem
21.4 Not a Problem	43.0 Not a Problem	23.8 Not a Problem	40.6 Not a Problem
7.5 Unknown	19.9 Unknown	10.2 Unknown	20.6 Unknown

10. Which of the following best describes sidewalks in the vicinity of your home?

11.9 There are sidewalks in my neighborhood and they are adequate.
4.1 There are sidewalks in my neighborhood and they are not adequate.
36.3 There are no sidewalks in my neighborhood and there is need for them.
47.3 There are no sidewalks in my neighborhood and there is no need for them.

11. Should bicycle lanes/corridors be encouraged in the Town?

56.4 Yes
23.6 No
19.6 Unknown

12. Do you currently use mass transit?

3.3 Often
22.1 Seldom
74.5 Never

13. Would you use mass transit if better connections were provided to major travel corridors?

17.2 Yes
43.6 No
39.1 Maybe

14. Is noise a problem within the Town?

14.2 Serious Problem
48.2 Minor Problem
35.0 Not a Problem
2.4 Unknown

15. Is litter a problem within the Town?

8.0 Serious Problem
53.2 Minor Problem
36.7 Not a Problem
2.0 Unknown

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

67.7 Yes
18.6 No
13.6 Unknown

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

28.9 Often
44.3 Occasionally
20.7 Seldom
6.0 Never

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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	c. Expanding Town Water and Sewer Lines	e. Putting in More Sidewalks
62.4 High Priority	26.4 High Priority	31.5 High Priority
29.2 Moderate Priority	46.3 Moderate Priority	35.6 Moderate Priority
8.2 Low Priority	27.1 Low Priority	32.8 Low Priority
b. Expanding Mass Transportation Services	d. Increasing Road Capacity for Vehicles	f. Putting in More Bike Paths
18.7 High Priority	40.4 High Priority	22.9 High Priority
42.6 Moderate Priority	40.1 Moderate Priority	36.1 Moderate Priority
38.5 Low Priority	19.3 Low Priority	40.8 Low Priority

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

a. stream corridors	c. wildlife	e. prime farmlands	g. scenic views
57.2 Very important	61.3 Very important	49.0 Very important	62.0 Very important
26.7 Important	29.4 Important	36.7 Important	29.2 Important
5.5 Not Important	5.6 Not Important	9.6 Not Important	5.8 Not Important
10.6 Unknown	3.7 Unknown	4.6 Unknown	3.0 Unknown
b. wetlands	d. historic structures/sites	f. forests and woodlands	
51.0 Very important	57.7 Very important	62.6 Very important	
30.7 Important	31.8 Important	30.3 Important	
10.9 Not Important	7.2 Not Important	4.1 Not Important	
7.4 Unknown	3.2 Unknown	3.0 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)

87 Shaker Sites	28 Farms	2 Hudson River
46 Other	14 Parks	1 Trolley Station on Central Ave
45 Pine Bush	13 Latham Water Tower	1 Erie Canal
39 Ann Lee Pond	11 Riverfronts	1 Latham Schoolhouse
36 Pruyne House	4 WPTR Building	
35 Mohawk River	2 Riverfronts	

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

36.4 Yes
7.3 No
50.6 Need more Info
5.6 Unknown

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

26.0 Yes
17.9 No
51.5 Need more Info
4.5 Unknown

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

11.8 small "corner store" within walking distance (not including gas stations)
1.7 gas station
3.0 neighborhood shopping area (a group of small stores: restaurants, banks, offices, etc)
2.3 supermarket complex (large supermarket with 2 or 3 adjoining stores)
3.3 other (please write on comment page)
79.9 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)

93 High Tech	19 Recreation	7 Walmart Supercenter
59 Restaurants	19 Services	6 Farmers Market
46 Manufacturing	15 Upscale Retail	6 Book Store
42 Professional/Offices	15 Family Owned	6 Health Food
32 YMCA/Recreation Center	13 Medical	4 Home Improvement
32 Movie Theater	13 Bakery	4 Convention Center
32 Other	12 Theater	4 Educational
29 Retail	10 Entertainment	4 Target
25 Small Business	9 Outlets	3 Daycare
22 Youth/Family Oriented	8 Supermarkets	

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

4.0 Superior
76.5 Adequate
12.2 Poor
7.0 Unknown

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
2.6 Superior	13.2 Superior	29.7 Superior	8.4 Superior
53.6 Adequate	70.3 Adequate	62.4 Adequate	71.6 Adequate
40.3 Poor	12.1 Poor	0.6 Poor	15.2 Poor
3.4 Unknown	4.4 Unknown	5.3 Unknown	4.8 Unknown

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

<p>a. improve the physical appearance of buildings and streets</p> <p>33.5 Very Important 49.5 Important 11.5 Not Important 5.4 Unknown</p>	<p>c. preserve open spaces</p> <p>50.9 Very Important 34.8 Important 9.2 Not Important 5.2 Unknown</p>	<p>e. attract new businesses</p> <p>26.8 Very Important 37.2 Important 31.8 Not Important 4.2 Unknown</p>
<p>b. plant more shade trees</p> <p>34.3 Very Important 39.7 Important 21.0 Not Important 4.9 Unknown</p>	<p>d. create more pedestrian friendly neighborhoods</p> <p>42.7 Very Important 38.0 Important 14.7 Not Important 4.5 Unknown</p>	<p>f. require new development to meet design standards</p> <p>44.3 Very Important 32.3 Important 12.6 Not Important 10.8 Unknown</p>

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

68.2 Yes
12.5 No
19.2 Unknown

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

0.5 Superior
49.1 Adequate
12.4 Poor
32.2 Unknown

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

<p>a. Fire Protection</p> <p>63.2 Excellent 24.5 Good 1.6 Fair 0.8 Poor 9.8 Unknown</p>	<p>d. Road Maintenance</p> <p>19.2 Excellent 51.6 Good 21.5 Fair 5.8 Poor 1.9 Unknown</p>	<p>g. Planning Board</p> <p>10.5 Excellent 30.5 Good 14.5 Fair 8.1 Poor 36.4 Unknown</p>	<p>j. Youth Services</p> <p>17.4 Excellent 36.4 Good 10.3 Fair 4.3 Poor 31.5 Unknown</p>
<p>b. Leaf Removal</p> <p>47.4 Excellent 33.2 Good 7.9 Fair 2.8 Poor 8.7 Unknown</p>	<p>e. Sidewalk Maintenance</p> <p>10.0 Excellent 30.3 Good 15.5 Fair 6.6 Poor 37.6 Unknown</p>	<p>h. Zoning Board of Appeals</p> <p>8.5 Excellent 25.2 Good 13.5 Fair 6.9 Poor 45.9 Unknown</p>	<p>k. Recreational Services</p> <p>22.8 Excellent 46.1 Good 12.4 Fair 3.2 Poor 15.4 Unknown</p>
<p>c. Snow Removal</p> <p>39.8 Excellent 40.3 Good 13.7 Fair 3.6 Poor 2.6 Unknown</p>	<p>f. Water/Sewer Service</p> <p>36.3 Excellent 45.1 Good 8.2 Fair 3.8 Poor 6.7 Unknown</p>	<p>i. Senior Services</p> <p>14.7 Excellent 27.4 Good 8.3 Fair 2.8 Poor 46.7 Unknown</p>	

31. What is your age group?

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

32. What is the size of your household?

11.8 1 person
32.7 2 people
45.4 3 or 4
10.1 5 or more

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

47.8 Yes
52.2 No

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

90.0 Yes
10.0 No

35. Do you Own or Rent your home?

93.3 Own
6.6 Rent

36. Do you live in a:

91.7 Single Family Detached Home
4.3 Apartment or Condo
3.9 Town Home/Duplex
0.1 Group Living Arrangement

37. How long have you lived in the Town?

14.1 Less than 5 years
29.0 5-15 years
56.9 More than 15 years

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

87.0 Yes
3.0 No
10.0 Unknown

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

20.4 Larger than your current dwelling
22.6 Smaller than your current dwelling
22.6 About the same size as your current dwelling
34.3 Don't know

40. Are you employed within the Town?

25.0 Yes
74.1 No
0.9 Unknown

41. Which of these terms describes you?

98.7 Town Resident
0.6 Non-Resident Town Property Owner
0.0 Town Business Owner

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

28.5 Convenient Location	2.4 Snow Removal	0.4 Leaf Pick up
23.6 Schools	1.5 Senior Services/Programs	0.4 Landfill
20.0 Reasonable Taxes	1.5 Road Maintenance	0.4 Restaurants
13.6 Safety	1.4 Open/Green Spaces	0.3 DPW
10.7 Services	1.4 Other	0.3 Affordable Housing
9.5 Police Dept	1.3 Town Park/Pool	0.2 Highway Dept
7.7 Parks	1.3 Bike Trails/Paths	0.2 Town Board
7.0 Good Gov't	1.2 Quiet	0.2 Town Band
6.9 Shopping	1.1 Golf Course	0.2 Sidewalks
4.8 The Crossings	0.8 Growth/Development	0.1 Pure Waters Dept
4.5 Fire Depts	0.7 Town Employees	0.1 Planning Board
4.2 Library	0.6 Community Feeling	0.1 Town Times
3.6 Recreational Opportunities	0.6 Mary Brizzell	0.1 Public Transportation
3.3 Neighbors/Neighborhoods	0.5 Water/Sewer Services	0.1 Zonng Board
3.2 Clean	0.5 Airport	0.1 Pine Bush
2.8 EMS	0.4 Latham Water Dept	0.1 Hazardous Waste Day
2.4 Youth Services/Programs	0.4 Pruyn House	0.1 New Soccer Fields

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

23.0 Traffic	0.9 Recreation Center Needed	0.4 Senior services
12.1 Overdevelopment	0.9 Town Center lacking	0.4 Library
9.9 Lack of sidewalks	0.9 Schools	0.4 The Crossings
6.6 Other	0.9 Code Enforcement	0.4 Town Board
3.8 Appearance of Comm. Corridors	0.8 Police Dept	0.4 Leaf Pick up
3.3 Lack of traffic enforcement	0.8 Planning Board	0.3 Caters too much to business
3.1 Delinquent/Vacant Properties	0.8 Community feeling lacking	0.3 Too much cronyism in gov't
2.8 Road Maintenance	0.7 One Party Rule/Political Struct.	0.3 Golf Course
2.8 Airport Noise	0.7 Latham Circle Mall	0.3 Loudon Green
2.6 Lack of Green/Open Space	0.6 Litter	0.3 Water Pressure
1.7 Noise Ord. Needed	0.6 Approval Process	0.3 Teen Curfew Neede
1.6 Lack of Youth Programs/Services	0.6 Crime	0.2 Need Nightlife/Entertainment
1.4 Too Much Retail	0.5 Intersection Design	0.2 On Street Parking
1.4 Taxes	0.5 Parks Needed	0.2 Sidewalk Maintenance
1.3 Housing Too Expensive	0.5 Street lights needed	0.2 Need more Sewers
1.2 Snow removal	0.5 Strip Clubs	0.2 Lack of Diversity
1.2 Water restrictions	0.5 Town Employees	0.2 Too tough on businesses
1.2 Motels/Trailer Parks	0.5 Paid Fire Dept Needed	0.2 Pool/Town Park
1.0 Lack of Mass Transit	0.4 Lack of Senior Housing	0.1 Need More Haz. Waste Days
0.9 Garbage Pick up needed	0.4 Water Drainage	0.1 Zoning Board