

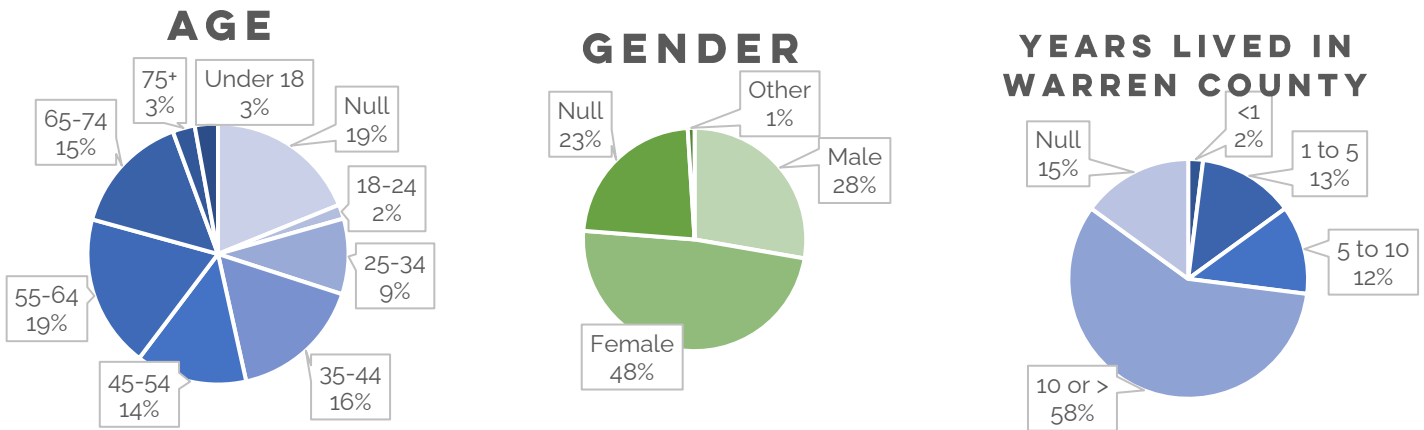
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SURVEY RESPONSE SUMMARY

Introduction: As a key component of the public engagement strategy for the Warren County 2040 Comprehensive Planning Process, a public survey was identified as a tool to capture the feedback of a diverse and representative population from across the County. The survey was available to the public from December 2023 to the end of February 2024, and asked questions about their experiences spending time and living in the County. Topics included the current challenges facing Warren County, quality of life, how respondents view the work of the County government, and what people's top priorities are for the County. It also directed several questions towards visitors in the County who are not full-time residents. Feedback from this public survey will be used to further identify priorities, issues, and opportunities of the public and help to guide recommendations in the overall plan.

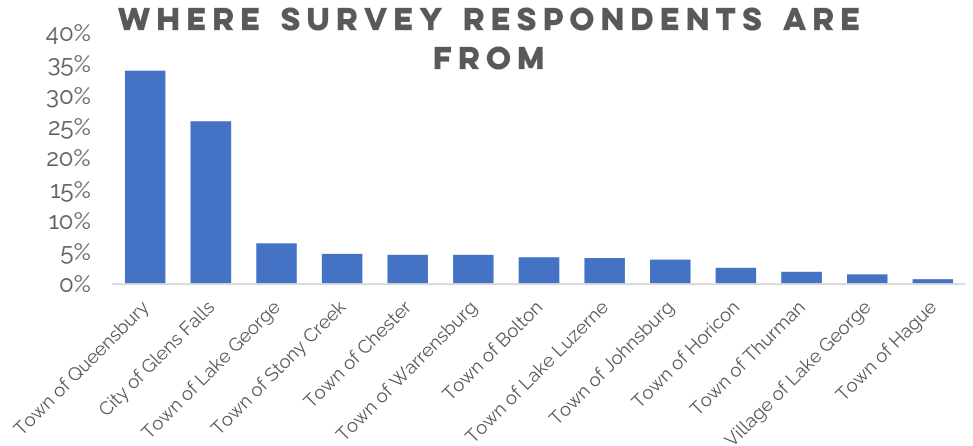
Who Responded: The public survey gathered 907 survey responses, of which 776 were from full-time residents and 123 were part-time or non-residents. Over half, 58 percent, of respondents have lived in Warren County for ten years or more, and over half of those who responded to the question (55 percent) are employed and work within Warren County, and 15 percent work outside of Warren County.

The respondents were a range of ages, the largest representation coming from ages 55-64 (172 people), which is also the most populous age-range in the County, and the smallest representation was from ages 18-24 (16 people), which is also the smallest population in the County. The rest of the age ranges were roughly proportionate to County population, with some over representation from age groups between 35 and 74 years old, and some under representation from the 75 plus population, the under 18 population, and the age 18-35 year-old age range.



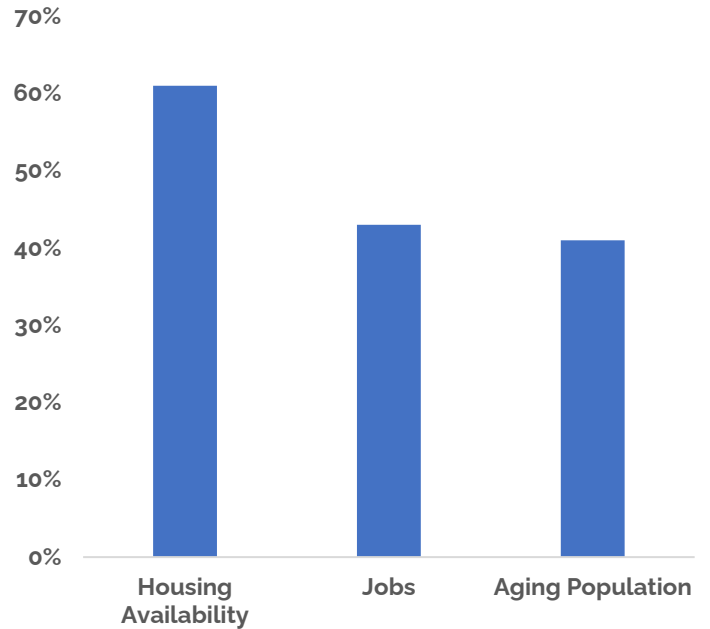
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People were also asked which municipality they are from, and, notably, the responses reflect a roughly proportionate breakdown of population by municipality in the County, with the Town of Queensbury and City of Glens Falls representing about 60 percent of the responses.



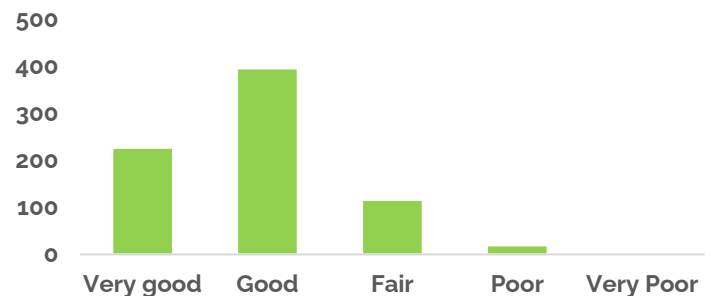
Challenges: Consistently, respondents identified the top challenges in Warren County as housing, an aging population, environmental protection, and jobs. When reviewing responses specifically by age group of the responder, and by which municipality they are from, respondents from each group still consistently ranked these four areas as major challenges facing the community. Of note however, the 18 to 24 age group and 25 to 34 age groups ranked housing as the County's biggest challenge 85 percent of the time and 77 percent of the time, respectively, compared to the overall average of 61 percent. This may indicate that housing is perceived as an even more significant challenge among younger cohorts. Extreme weather (10 percent) and transportation (15 percent) ranked lowest in response to the question of top challenges facing Warren County.

WARREN COUNTY'S THREE BIGGEST CHALLENGES TODAY



Quality of Life: Over 81 percent of responders ranked quality of life in the county as good or very good. When considering responses by location, there was a slight disparity in responses, with 82 percent of down-County responses ranking quality of life as good or very good, and 77 percent of up-County ranking it the same way.

HOW WOULD YOU RATE OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE IN WARREN COUNTY?



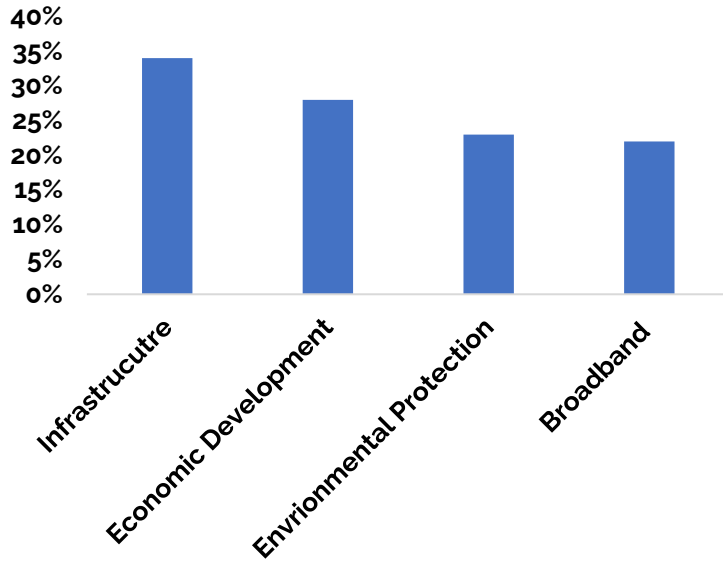
Significant contributing factors to overall quality of life in the County were identified as safety, environmental quality, and emergency

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services. Over 80 percent of respondents ranked each of these categories as “very important” to quality of life. Other common responses included cost of living, quality schools, outdoor recreation, and high-speed internet, which 75 percent or more of respondents ranked as “very important” to quality of life, as well.

Top Priorities: When the public was asked what the top priorities of Warren County’s government should be, infrastructure maintenance and economic development rose to the top of the list (at 34 percent and 28 percent, respectively). Other areas of priority identified by respondents included environmental protection (23 percent), broadband and cellular access (22 percent), sustainability and resilience (21 percent), mental health (20 percent), and the aging population (19 percent). On the other hand, areas like tourism (9 percent), public health (9 percent), childcare (7 percent), public transportation (7 percent) and history, arts, and culture (5 percent) were identified as lower priorities for Warren County’s government.

WHAT SHOULD BE THE TOP PRIORITIES OF WARREN COUNTY'S GOVERNMENT?

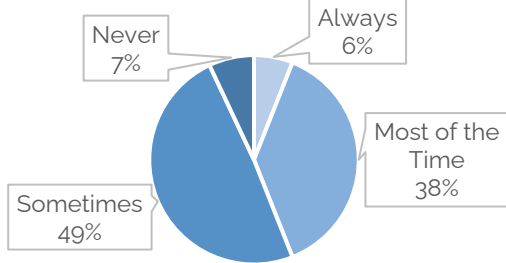


Notably, housing was identified as a top priority for the County government in 16 percent of responses, showing a significant difference in its ranking from questions on challenges facing the County and factors contributing to quality of life. Despite housing having a lower priority ranking in response to this question than others, the topics that were identified as higher priorities, like infrastructure and economic development, are closely linked with the availability of housing, especially workforce housing, which has been identified as a constraint to economic development within the County. These identified priorities, therefore, will all work in tandem with one another in future planning. There was also a gap in the responses related to broadband and cellular access between up-County and down-County responders. When looking at just up-County, respondents identified broadband as a top priority 34 percent of the time, compared to 15 percent down-County, averaging to the 22 percent noted above.

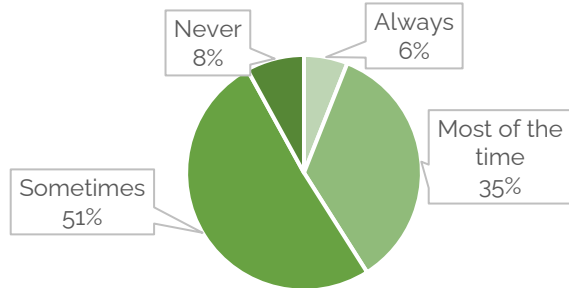
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Good Government: The survey asked several questions about County government. Feedback on good government questions were generally positive, but still mixed in responses. Just over a third of respondents said the County government welcomes resident feedback, and half said they sometimes do. One-third of respondents said the County "most of the time" keeps them well-informed, and just under half (47%) said "sometimes." Forty-five percent said that County services provide good value for the taxes paid "most of the time," and 44 percent said that the County "sometimes" provides good value for taxes paid.

"COUNTY GOVERNMENT WELCOMES RESIDENT FEEDBACK"



"I TRUST ELECTED SUPERVISORS TO DO THE RIGHT THING"



Visitors: 123 part-time and non-residents answered the survey. Seventy percent of them said they have considered moving to Warren County full-time, but 22 percent are discouraged by housing prices, 16 percent are discouraged by housing availability, and 12 percent cited work as a factor keeping them from moving to the County. Most of those who currently visit the County (74 percent) identified outdoor recreation as the reason for their visits.

What do you value most about living in Warren County? Participants were asked what they value most about living in Warren County. Responses focused largely on residents' appreciation for the County's small town charm, while still being close to all necessary amenities and services. Other themes centered around the environment, natural resources, outdoor recreation, quality of life, safety, affordability, the community, and the natural beauty of Warren County's scenery, open space, and nature.

Conclusion: This survey data, in combination with ongoing public engagement and analysis, will continue to inform the development of the Warren County 2040 Comprehensive Plan. For more information about the survey results, follow this link to the Warren County 2040 Survey Results Dashboard:

<https://warrencountyny.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/67ccef2e7d604419b8837d8ad7d2a398>