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# About this Report

As part of its participation in The National Community Survey™, the Village of Niles conducted a mailed survey of 1,700 residents. Surveys were mailed to randomly selected households in June and July 2019 and data were collected through August 7, 2019 (see the report, *The National Community Survey: Community Livability Report, Niles, IL, 2019*). The results from this main survey effort represent the most robust estimate of your residents' opinions.

After the above data collection period was underway, the Village made available a web-based survey to its residents through a link on the Village's website. Visitors to the site were able to complete the survey during July and August 2019 and 378 surveys were received. This report contains the results of this opt-in administration of the web-based survey. These data were not collected through a random sample and it is unknown who in the community was aware of link on the Village's website; therefore a level of confidence in the representativeness of the sample cannot be estimated. However, to reduce bias where possible, these data were weighted to match the demographic characteristics of the 2010 Census and 2017 American Community Survey estimates for adults in the Village of Niles.

The results of the weighting scheme for the opt-in survey are presented in the following table.

Table 1: Niles, IL 2019 Weighting Table

Characteristic	Population Norm	Unweighted Data	Weighted Data
<b>Housing</b>			
Rent home	25%	5%	13%
Own home	75%	95%	87%
Detached unit*	55%	85%	69%
Attached unit*	45%	15%	31%
<b>Race and Ethnicity</b>			
White	78%	90%	82%
Not white	22%	10%	18%
Not Hispanic	93%	91%	88%
Hispanic	7%	9%	12%
<b>Sex and Age</b>			
Female	53%	71%	58%
Male	47%	29%	42%
18-34 years of age	22%	17%	19%
35-54 years of age	32%	40%	36%
55+ years of age	46%	43%	45%
Females 18-34	10%	13%	13%
Females 35-54	17%	28%	22%
Females 55+	26%	29%	23%
Males 18-34	12%	4%	6%
Males 35-54	16%	11%	13%
Males 55+	20%	14%	22%

\* U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 2017 5-year estimates

# Complete Survey Responses

## Responses excluding “don’t know”

The following pages contain a complete set of responses to each question on the survey, excluding the “don’t know” responses. The percent of respondents giving a particular response is shown followed by the number of respondents (denoted with “N=”).

Table 2: Question 1

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Niles:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
Niles as a place to live	39%	N=147	52%	N=193	9%	N=34	0%	N=0	100%	N=374
Your neighborhood as a place to live	40%	N=143	48%	N=170	9%	N=32	3%	N=10	100%	N=356
Niles as a place to raise children	38%	N=125	50%	N=165	11%	N=35	1%	N=5	100%	N=330
Niles as a place to work	28%	N=68	49%	N=118	17%	N=41	5%	N=12	100%	N=239
Niles as a place to visit	20%	N=69	39%	N=130	31%	N=105	10%	N=33	100%	N=336
Niles as a place to retire	29%	N=91	39%	N=122	23%	N=72	9%	N=27	100%	N=312
The overall quality of life in Niles	30%	N=106	56%	N=200	12%	N=41	2%	N=7	100%	N=354

Table 3: Question 2

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Niles as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
Overall feeling of safety in Niles	34%	N=123	53%	N=189	9%	N=31	4%	N=16	100%	N=358
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	39%	N=133	49%	N=170	11%	N=40	1%	N=4	100%	N=346
Quality of overall natural environment in Niles	23%	N=78	52%	N=179	21%	N=72	4%	N=13	100%	N=342
Overall "built environment" of Niles (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	20%	N=69	45%	N=153	27%	N=93	8%	N=28	100%	N=343
Health and wellness opportunities in Niles	29%	N=91	50%	N=154	16%	N=49	5%	N=16	100%	N=310
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	26%	N=80	52%	N=157	17%	N=53	4%	N=13	100%	N=303
Overall economic health of Niles	14%	N=42	57%	N=168	19%	N=57	9%	N=27	100%	N=293
Sense of community	19%	N=64	46%	N=150	26%	N=85	9%	N=29	100%	N=327
Overall image or reputation of Niles	23%	N=76	48%	N=156	22%	N=71	7%	N=24	100%	N=327

Table 4: Question 3

Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following:	Very likely		Somewhat likely		Somewhat unlikely		Very unlikely		Total	
Recommend living in Niles to someone who asks	51%	N=170	38%	N=126	7%	N=25	4%	N=14	100%	N=335
Remain in Niles for the next five years	59%	N=190	29%	N=92	6%	N=18	6%	N=20	100%	N=321

Table 5: Question 4

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	Very safe		Somewhat safe		Neither safe nor unsafe		Somewhat unsafe		Very unsafe		Total	
In your neighborhood during the day	61%	N=200	32%	N=105	3%	N=10	3%	N=10	1%	N=4	100%	N=329
In Niles's commercial area during the day	53%	N=172	34%	N=111	10%	N=32	2%	N=7	0%	N=0	100%	N=323

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Table 6: Question 5

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Niles as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Traffic flow on major streets	10%	N=34	47%	N=155	33%	N=108	9%	N=31	100%	N=328
Ease of public parking	19%	N=58	58%	N=177	20%	N=63	3%	N=8	100%	N=307
Ease of travel by car in Niles	27%	N=84	50%	N=157	21%	N=67	3%	N=8	100%	N=316
Ease of travel by public transportation in Niles	33%	N=75	48%	N=108	15%	N=33	3%	N=8	100%	N=224
Ease of travel by bicycle in Niles	17%	N=36	41%	N=86	26%	N=56	16%	N=34	100%	N=212
Ease of walking in Niles	24%	N=73	47%	N=143	19%	N=58	9%	N=27	100%	N=300
Availability of paths and walking trails	23%	N=65	42%	N=117	18%	N=50	17%	N=47	100%	N=278
Air quality	22%	N=66	56%	N=165	19%	N=57	3%	N=10	100%	N=297
Cleanliness of Niles	31%	N=97	49%	N=154	17%	N=53	3%	N=9	100%	N=313
Overall appearance of Niles	23%	N=72	51%	N=160	21%	N=66	4%	N=14	100%	N=311
Public places where people want to spend time	22%	N=64	38%	N=112	25%	N=74	15%	N=43	100%	N=293
Variety of housing options	18%	N=49	57%	N=158	19%	N=53	7%	N=19	100%	N=279
Availability of affordable quality housing	15%	N=39	46%	N=120	27%	N=71	12%	N=31	100%	N=261
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	39%	N=117	42%	N=126	15%	N=45	4%	N=12	100%	N=299
Recreational opportunities	32%	N=94	44%	N=129	16%	N=48	7%	N=22	100%	N=292
Availability of affordable quality food	23%	N=71	50%	N=153	18%	N=55	8%	N=26	100%	N=305
Availability of affordable quality health care	24%	N=61	54%	N=138	18%	N=46	4%	N=11	100%	N=255
Availability of preventive health services	26%	N=62	49%	N=119	19%	N=46	6%	N=15	100%	N=242
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	25%	N=40	41%	N=65	23%	N=37	11%	N=18	100%	N=159

Table 7: Question 6

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Niles as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool	25%	N=38	45%	N=68	16%	N=24	15%	N=22	100%	N=152
K-12 education	32%	N=68	44%	N=95	17%	N=36	7%	N=15	100%	N=214
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	12%	N=31	45%	N=119	30%	N=78	14%	N=37	100%	N=265
Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	29%	N=72	52%	N=127	17%	N=41	2%	N=5	100%	N=245
Employment opportunities	14%	N=26	44%	N=82	34%	N=64	8%	N=15	100%	N=187
Shopping opportunities	21%	N=65	42%	N=128	23%	N=71	13%	N=40	100%	N=304
Cost of living in Niles	9%	N=28	48%	N=144	33%	N=97	9%	N=28	100%	N=298
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Niles	16%	N=48	40%	N=122	36%	N=110	8%	N=23	100%	N=303
Vibrant commercial area	7%	N=20	36%	N=101	36%	N=101	21%	N=59	100%	N=280
Overall quality of new development in Niles	9%	N=24	36%	N=97	32%	N=86	23%	N=61	100%	N=269
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	16%	N=43	45%	N=122	29%	N=80	10%	N=29	100%	N=274
Opportunities to volunteer	24%	N=49	40%	N=83	29%	N=61	7%	N=15	100%	N=208
Opportunities to participate in community matters	24%	N=56	37%	N=85	31%	N=71	8%	N=19	100%	N=231
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	30%	N=83	47%	N=128	16%	N=45	6%	N=17	100%	N=273
Neighborliness of residents in Niles	20%	N=59	39%	N=118	29%	N=88	11%	N=34	100%	N=298

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Table 8: Question 7

Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	No		Yes		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N
Made efforts to conserve water	17%	N=51	83%	N=256	100%	N=307
Made efforts to make your home more energy efficient	14%	N=43	86%	N=264	100%	N=306
Observed a code violation or other hazard in Niles (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	51%	N=155	49%	N=151	100%	N=305
Household member was a victim of a crime in Niles	90%	N=275	10%	N=30	100%	N=305
Reported a crime to the police in Niles	75%	N=229	25%	N=77	100%	N=305
Stocked supplies in preparation for an emergency	70%	N=213	30%	N=93	100%	N=305
Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate	71%	N=217	29%	N=88	100%	N=304
Contacted the Village of Niles (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information	34%	N=105	66%	N=201	100%	N=305
Contacted Niles elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion	69%	N=211	31%	N=94	100%	N=305

Table 9: Question 8

In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members done each of the following in Niles?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Used Niles Family Fitness Center or its services	16%	N=47	6%	N=17	18%	N=53	61%	N=182	100%	N=298
Visited a neighborhood park or Village park	26%	N=77	22%	N=65	33%	N=97	19%	N=57	100%	N=295
Used Niles public libraries or their services	15%	N=43	22%	N=66	39%	N=115	24%	N=72	100%	N=297
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Niles	10%	N=30	21%	N=62	15%	N=44	54%	N=159	100%	N=294
Attended a Village-sponsored event	4%	N=11	5%	N=14	56%	N=164	36%	N=106	100%	N=294
Used bus or other public transportation instead of driving	4%	N=12	4%	N=12	15%	N=45	77%	N=227	100%	N=296
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	10%	N=28	8%	N=23	16%	N=47	67%	N=199	100%	N=297
Walked or biked instead of driving	15%	N=45	20%	N=61	23%	N=69	41%	N=121	100%	N=296
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Niles	5%	N=16	9%	N=27	11%	N=31	75%	N=219	100%	N=293
Participated in a club	3%	N=8	8%	N=24	8%	N=23	81%	N=237	100%	N=292
Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	53%	N=155	22%	N=66	18%	N=54	7%	N=20	100%	N=295
Done a favor for a neighbor	20%	N=59	29%	N=85	35%	N=103	16%	N=45	100%	N=292

Table 10: Question 9

Thinking about local public meetings (of local elected officials like Village Board or County Commissioners, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood watch, etc.), in the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members attended or watched a local public meeting?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Attended a local public meeting	0%	N=0	2%	N=7	32%	N=94	65%	N=189	100%	N=289
Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	7%	N=19	8%	N=24	30%	N=87	55%	N=158	100%	N=288

Table 11: Question 10

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Niles:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Police services	55%	N=149	29%	N=80	12%	N=32	5%	N=12	100%	N=273
Fire services	77%	N=178	22%	N=50	1%	N=2	1%	N=1	100%	N=232

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Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Niles:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
Ambulance or emergency medical services	78%	N=176	21%	N=48	1%	N=3	0%	N=0	100%	N=226
Crime prevention	34%	N=83	43%	N=105	16%	N=38	7%	N=17	100%	N=243
Fire prevention and education	47%	N=101	45%	N=98	7%	N=15	1%	N=3	100%	N=217
Traffic enforcement	28%	N=69	47%	N=117	17%	N=43	8%	N=21	100%	N=250
Street repair	13%	N=35	40%	N=111	37%	N=104	10%	N=28	100%	N=278
Street cleaning	29%	N=80	50%	N=137	15%	N=42	6%	N=16	100%	N=275
Street lighting	19%	N=53	50%	N=136	24%	N=67	7%	N=18	100%	N=274
Snow removal	46%	N=127	39%	N=107	12%	N=32	3%	N=9	100%	N=275
Sidewalk maintenance	14%	N=37	46%	N=123	28%	N=74	12%	N=31	100%	N=265
Traffic signal timing	13%	N=34	51%	N=140	26%	N=70	10%	N=28	100%	N=273
Bus services	50%	N=88	40%	N=71	9%	N=16	1%	N=1	100%	N=176
Garbage collection	45%	N=122	48%	N=130	6%	N=16	1%	N=2	100%	N=269
Recycling	41%	N=105	47%	N=122	9%	N=24	3%	N=7	100%	N=258
Yard waste pick-up	36%	N=76	54%	N=114	6%	N=13	4%	N=8	100%	N=211
Storm drainage	21%	N=53	45%	N=112	23%	N=58	10%	N=26	100%	N=248
Drinking water	46%	N=121	40%	N=105	12%	N=32	3%	N=7	100%	N=264
Sewer services	32%	N=78	50%	N=124	12%	N=29	6%	N=15	100%	N=247
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	36%	N=98	50%	N=136	12%	N=33	1%	N=4	100%	N=271
Utility billing	26%	N=69	53%	N=140	19%	N=50	3%	N=7	100%	N=265
Village parks	42%	N=109	44%	N=115	9%	N=24	5%	N=12	100%	N=260
Recreation programs or classes	36%	N=72	46%	N=91	14%	N=29	4%	N=8	100%	N=200
Recreation centers or facilities	36%	N=82	49%	N=112	11%	N=25	3%	N=8	100%	N=227
Land use, planning and zoning	10%	N=20	43%	N=90	30%	N=62	17%	N=35	100%	N=207
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	16%	N=35	38%	N=86	27%	N=60	20%	N=45	100%	N=227
Animal control	16%	N=33	52%	N=102	21%	N=42	11%	N=21	100%	N=198
Economic development	10%	N=22	38%	N=88	34%	N=79	18%	N=41	100%	N=230
Health services	26%	N=55	49%	N=105	18%	N=39	6%	N=13	100%	N=211
Public library services	66%	N=155	29%	N=70	5%	N=11	0%	N=1	100%	N=236
Public information services	26%	N=63	56%	N=134	16%	N=39	1%	N=3	100%	N=238
Cable television	17%	N=34	43%	N=85	30%	N=60	10%	N=21	100%	N=200
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	23%	N=42	55%	N=98	16%	N=30	6%	N=10	100%	N=180
Preservation of natural areas such as open space	17%	N=37	51%	N=109	21%	N=45	10%	N=22	100%	N=213
Niles open space	17%	N=37	45%	N=101	21%	N=48	17%	N=38	100%	N=224
Village-sponsored special events	24%	N=54	44%	N=99	25%	N=56	8%	N=18	100%	N=227
Overall customer service by Niles employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	33%	N=89	44%	N=117	17%	N=45	6%	N=16	100%	N=267

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Table 12: Question 11

Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
The Village of Niles	34%	N=90	48%	N=125	14%	N=37	4%	N=10	100%	N=262
The Federal Government	7%	N=18	29%	N=69	38%	N=91	25%	N=60	100%	N=238

Table 13: Question 12

Please rate the following categories of Niles government performance:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
The value of services for the taxes paid to Niles	20%	N=51	45%	N=114	25%	N=62	10%	N=25	100%	N=252
The overall direction that Niles is taking	18%	N=44	46%	N=112	22%	N=55	14%	N=34	100%	N=246
The job Niles government does at welcoming citizen involvement	16%	N=34	35%	N=73	34%	N=71	15%	N=30	100%	N=208
Overall confidence in Niles government	11%	N=28	45%	N=112	20%	N=51	24%	N=60	100%	N=250
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	14%	N=35	46%	N=113	22%	N=54	17%	N=42	100%	N=244
Being honest	11%	N=25	41%	N=93	25%	N=56	23%	N=53	100%	N=226
Treating all residents fairly	13%	N=28	46%	N=99	21%	N=46	20%	N=44	100%	N=217

Table 14: Question 13

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Niles community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years:	Essential		Very important		Somewhat important		Not at all important		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Overall feeling of safety in Niles	71%	N=181	25%	N=64	4%	N=10	1%	N=1	100%	N=256
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	43%	N=111	46%	N=120	9%	N=24	2%	N=5	100%	N=259
Quality of overall natural environment in Niles	43%	N=111	40%	N=103	17%	N=45	0%	N=0	100%	N=259
Overall "built environment" of Niles (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	38%	N=98	44%	N=115	18%	N=46	1%	N=2	100%	N=260
Health and wellness opportunities in Niles	30%	N=77	45%	N=115	23%	N=58	3%	N=8	100%	N=258
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	44%	N=113	42%	N=107	14%	N=37	0%	N=0	100%	N=257
Overall economic health of Niles	57%	N=146	39%	N=100	4%	N=10	0%	N=1	100%	N=257
Sense of community	39%	N=98	51%	N=128	10%	N=26	0%	N=1	100%	N=254



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Table 15: Question 14

Please indicate how much of a source, if at all, you consider each of the following to be for obtaining information about the Village government and its activities, events, and services:	Major source		Minor source		Not a source		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Village website (www.vniles.com)	62%	N=155	35%	N=87	3%	N=7	100%	N=249
Local media outlets (newspapers, radio, TV)	28%	N=70	53%	N=132	19%	N=47	100%	N=249
Niles TV on local government cable channels	15%	N=36	42%	N=104	44%	N=108	100%	N=248
Niles TV online streaming service	11%	N=27	42%	N=104	47%	N=114	100%	N=244
Printed quarterly Focus on Niles newsletter	49%	N=120	40%	N=99	11%	N=27	100%	N=247
VON E-newsletter	23%	N=55	25%	N=59	52%	N=125	100%	N=239
Village Board meetings and other public meetings	27%	N=66	44%	N=108	29%	N=71	100%	N=245
Talking with Village officials	26%	N=64	34%	N=84	40%	N=99	100%	N=246
Village communications via social media (i.e., Facebook, Twitter)	45%	N=111	24%	N=60	31%	N=76	100%	N=247
Word of mouth	36%	N=88	47%	N=114	17%	N=42	100%	N=244

Table 16: Question 15

The Village of Niles is exploring options to improve our neighborhoods. Please indicate how much you would support or oppose the Village implementing each of the following:	Strongly support		Somewhat support		Somewhat oppose		Strongly oppose		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Create a “neighborhood ambassador” program (designated residents who communicate information to neighbors and help organize events)	38%	N=83	50%	N=110	9%	N=19	3%	N=6	100%	N=218
Improve and/or replace sidewalks	69%	N=164	29%	N=70	2%	N=5	0%	N=0	100%	N=239
Create signage to identify neighborhoods	28%	N=63	45%	N=103	13%	N=29	14%	N=33	100%	N=227
Increase beautification efforts (planter boxes, street tree plantings, etc.)	52%	N=126	42%	N=101	5%	N=12	1%	N=2	100%	N=242
Increase residential code enforcement (property maintenance, landscaping, etc.)	56%	N=127	30%	N=69	12%	N=28	1%	N=2	100%	N=226
Create more neighborhood events (block parties, etc.)	44%	N=104	42%	N=100	12%	N=27	2%	N=4	100%	N=235

Table 17: Question 16

How important, if at all, do you think each of the following are to help boost teen attendance at the Niles Teen Center?	Essential		Very important		Somewhat important		Not at all important		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Location/accessibility of the Teen Center	36%	N=66	34%	N=63	19%	N=35	11%	N=20	100%	N=184
Availability of specialty classes (cooking, archery, etc.)	23%	N=45	39%	N=77	30%	N=60	7%	N=15	100%	N=197
Facility amenities (recording studio, gym, kitchen, etc.)	22%	N=45	42%	N=84	27%	N=54	9%	N=18	100%	N=201
School-based educational assistance/homework help	41%	N=78	37%	N=71	16%	N=32	6%	N=12	100%	N=192
Off-site events	22%	N=40	28%	N=50	38%	N=69	11%	N=20	100%	N=179

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Table 18: Question 17

How much would you support or oppose the creation of a dog park in Niles?	Percent	Number
Strongly support	55%	N=130
Somewhat support	22%	N=53
Somewhat oppose	11%	N=27
Strongly oppose	11%	N=26
Total	100%	N=236

Table 19: Question 18

Please indicate how likely, if at all, you and/or members of your household would be to attend each of the following events:	Very likely		Somewhat likely		Not at all likely		Total	
	Percent	N	Percent	N	Percent	N	Percent	N
Holly Jolly Christmas Market and Tree Lighting	50%	N=123	32%	N=79	19%	N=47	100%	N=249
Niles Community Block Party	41%	N=100	40%	N=97	19%	N=47	100%	N=244
Fourth of July Parade	55%	N=136	32%	N=79	14%	N=34	100%	N=249
Niles Fire Department Open House	34%	N=85	41%	N=102	24%	N=60	100%	N=247
Public Works Open House	24%	N=59	37%	N=92	39%	N=98	100%	N=248
Cycling Classic	15%	N=37	34%	N=82	51%	N=126	100%	N=245

Table 20: Question D1

How often, if at all, do you do each of the following, considering all of the times you could?	Never		Rarely		Sometimes		Usually		Always		Total	
	Percent	N	Percent	N	Percent	N	Percent	N	Percent	N	Percent	N
Recycle at home	7%	N=16	4%	N=10	6%	N=14	18%	N=43	66%	N=163	100%	N=247
Purchase goods or services from a business located in Niles	2%	N=5	5%	N=13	24%	N=59	49%	N=120	20%	N=49	100%	N=247
Eat at least 5 portions of fruits and vegetables a day	5%	N=12	22%	N=54	30%	N=75	33%	N=82	10%	N=24	100%	N=246
Participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity	2%	N=5	19%	N=47	36%	N=88	28%	N=69	15%	N=38	100%	N=246
Read or watch local news (via television, paper, computer, etc.)	0%	N=0	6%	N=14	21%	N=52	32%	N=80	41%	N=102	100%	N=247
Vote in local elections	4%	N=9	2%	N=6	9%	N=23	19%	N=48	65%	N=161	100%	N=247

Table 21: Question D2

Would you say that in general your health is:	Percent	Number
Excellent	19%	N=46
Very good	49%	N=122
Good	25%	N=61
Fair	6%	N=15
Poor	1%	N=3
Total	100%	N=248

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Table 22: Question D3

What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:	Percent	Number
Very positive	13%	N=31
Somewhat positive	24%	N=60
Neutral	42%	N=104
Somewhat negative	17%	N=42
Very negative	3%	N=8
Total	100%	N=247

Table 23: Question D4

What is your employment status?	Percent	Number
Working full time for pay	61%	N=149
Working part time for pay	7%	N=18
Unemployed, looking for paid work	1%	N=3
Unemployed, not looking for paid work	1%	N=2
Fully retired	30%	N=73
Total	100%	N=245

Table 24: Question D5

Do you work inside the boundaries of Niles?	Percent	Number
Yes, outside the home	22%	N=51
Yes, from home	3%	N=7
No	75%	N=172
Total	100%	N=230

Table 25: Question D6

How many years have you lived in Niles?	Percent	Number
Less than 2 years	10%	N=24
2 to 5 years	19%	N=46
6 to 10 years	12%	N=31
11 to 20 years	19%	N=47
More than 20 years	41%	N=101
Total	100%	N=249

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Table 26: Question D7

Which best describes the building you live in?	Percent	Number
One family house detached from any other houses	69%	N=251
Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apartment or condominium)	27%	N=100
Mobile home	0%	N=0
Other	4%	N=14
Total	100%	N=365

Table 27: Question D8

Is this house, apartment or mobile home...	Percent	Number
Rented	13%	N=48
Owned	87%	N=318
Total	100%	N=366

Table 28: Question D9

About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	Percent	Number
Less than \$300 per month	1%	N=2
\$300 to \$599 per month	11%	N=24
\$600 to \$999 per month	15%	N=34
\$1,000 to \$1,499 per month	30%	N=66
\$1,500 to \$2,499 per month	29%	N=63
\$2,500 or more per month	14%	N=31
Total	100%	N=220

Table 29: Question D10

Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	Percent	Number
No	65%	N=143
Yes	35%	N=77
Total	100%	N=219

Table 30: Question D11

Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	Percent	Number
No	65%	N=160
Yes	35%	N=88
Total	100%	N=248

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Table 31: Question D12

How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Percent	Number
Less than \$25,000	8%	N=16
\$25,000 to \$49,999	19%	N=41
\$50,000 to \$99,999	30%	N=64
\$100,000 to \$149,999	29%	N=64
\$150,000 or more	15%	N=32
Total	100%	N=217

Table 32: Question D13

Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?	Percent	Number
No, not Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	88%	N=211
Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	12%	N=28
Total	100%	N=239

Table 33: Question D14

What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race(s) you consider yourself to be.)	Percent	Number
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0%	N=1
Asian, Asian Indian or Pacific Islander	5%	N=13
Black or African American	1%	N=2
White	86%	N=201
Other	11%	N=27

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

Table 34: Question D15

In which category is your age?	Percent	Number
18 to 24 years	4%	N=16
25 to 34 years	15%	N=56
35 to 44 years	18%	N=67
45 to 54 years	18%	N=67
55 to 64 years	21%	N=79
65 to 74 years	14%	N=52
75 years or older	10%	N=38
Total	100%	N=376

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Table 35: Question D16

What is your sex?	Percent	Number
Female	58%	N=212
Male	42%	N=151
Total	100%	N=363

Table 36: Question D17

Do you consider a cell phone or landline your primary telephone number?	Percent	Number
Cell	61%	N=151
Land line	18%	N=45
Both	21%	N=52
Total	100%	N=249

## Responses including “don’t know”

The following pages contain a complete set of responses to each question on the survey, including the “don’t know” responses. The percent of respondents giving a particular response is shown followed by the number of respondents (denoted with “N=“).

Table 37: Question 1

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Niles:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
Niles as a place to live	39%	N=147	52%	N=193	9%	N=34	0%	N=0	0%	N=0	100%	N=374
Your neighborhood as a place to live	40%	N=143	48%	N=170	9%	N=32	3%	N=10	0%	N=0	100%	N=356
Niles as a place to raise children	35%	N=125	46%	N=165	10%	N=35	1%	N=5	7%	N=26	100%	N=356
Niles as a place to work	19%	N=68	33%	N=118	12%	N=41	3%	N=12	33%	N=119	100%	N=358
Niles as a place to visit	19%	N=69	37%	N=130	29%	N=105	9%	N=33	5%	N=19	100%	N=355
Niles as a place to retire	26%	N=91	34%	N=122	20%	N=72	8%	N=27	12%	N=44	100%	N=355
The overall quality of life in Niles	30%	N=106	56%	N=200	11%	N=41	2%	N=7	1%	N=4	100%	N=357

Table 38: Question 2

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Niles as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
Overall feeling of safety in Niles	34%	N=123	53%	N=189	9%	N=31	4%	N=16	0%	N=0	100%	N=358
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	39%	N=133	49%	N=170	11%	N=40	1%	N=4	0%	N=0	100%	N=346
Quality of overall natural environment in Niles	23%	N=78	52%	N=179	21%	N=72	4%	N=13	0%	N=1	100%	N=343
Overall "built environment" of Niles (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	20%	N=69	45%	N=153	27%	N=93	8%	N=28	0%	N=0	100%	N=343
Health and wellness opportunities in Niles	27%	N=91	46%	N=154	15%	N=49	5%	N=16	8%	N=27	100%	N=337
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	24%	N=80	47%	N=157	16%	N=53	4%	N=13	10%	N=33	100%	N=335
Overall economic health of Niles	12%	N=42	50%	N=168	17%	N=57	8%	N=27	12%	N=41	100%	N=334
Sense of community	19%	N=64	45%	N=150	25%	N=85	9%	N=29	2%	N=8	100%	N=335
Overall image or reputation of Niles	23%	N=76	47%	N=156	21%	N=71	7%	N=24	3%	N=9	100%	N=336

Table 39: Question 3

Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following:	Very likely		Somewhat likely		Somewhat unlikely		Very unlikely		Don't know		Total	
Recommend living in Niles to someone who asks	49%	N=170	37%	N=126	7%	N=25	4%	N=14	3%	N=10	100%	N=345
Remain in Niles for the next five years	57%	N=190	28%	N=92	5%	N=18	6%	N=20	3%	N=10	100%	N=331

Table 40: Question 4

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	Very safe		Somewhat safe		Neither safe nor unsafe		Somewhat unsafe		Very unsafe		Don't know		Total	
In your neighborhood during the day	61%	N=200	32%	N=105	3%	N=10	3%	N=10	1%	N=4	0%	N=0	100%	N=329
In Niles's commercial area during the day	52%	N=172	34%	N=111	10%	N=32	2%	N=7	0%	N=0	2%	N=6	100%	N=329

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Table 41: Question 5

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Niles as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Traffic flow on major streets	10%	N=34	47%	N=155	33%	N=108	9%	N=31	0%	N=1	100%	N=329
Ease of public parking	19%	N=58	56%	N=177	20%	N=63	3%	N=8	3%	N=8	100%	N=315
Ease of travel by car in Niles	27%	N=84	50%	N=157	21%	N=67	3%	N=8	0%	N=0	100%	N=316
Ease of travel by public transportation in Niles	24%	N=75	34%	N=108	11%	N=33	2%	N=8	29%	N=90	100%	N=315
Ease of travel by bicycle in Niles	11%	N=36	27%	N=86	18%	N=56	11%	N=34	32%	N=102	100%	N=313
Ease of walking in Niles	23%	N=73	45%	N=143	18%	N=58	8%	N=27	4%	N=13	100%	N=314
Availability of paths and walking trails	21%	N=65	37%	N=117	16%	N=50	15%	N=47	12%	N=37	100%	N=314
Air quality	21%	N=66	53%	N=165	18%	N=57	3%	N=10	5%	N=14	100%	N=311
Cleanliness of Niles	31%	N=97	49%	N=154	17%	N=53	3%	N=9	0%	N=0	100%	N=313
Overall appearance of Niles	23%	N=72	51%	N=160	21%	N=66	4%	N=14	0%	N=0	100%	N=311
Public places where people want to spend time	21%	N=64	36%	N=112	24%	N=74	14%	N=43	6%	N=19	100%	N=312
Variety of housing options	16%	N=49	51%	N=158	17%	N=53	6%	N=19	10%	N=31	100%	N=310
Availability of affordable quality housing	13%	N=39	39%	N=120	23%	N=71	10%	N=31	16%	N=49	100%	N=310
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	37%	N=117	40%	N=126	14%	N=45	4%	N=12	4%	N=13	100%	N=311
Recreational opportunities	30%	N=94	42%	N=129	15%	N=48	7%	N=22	6%	N=17	100%	N=310
Availability of affordable quality food	23%	N=71	49%	N=153	18%	N=55	8%	N=26	2%	N=6	100%	N=311
Availability of affordable quality health care	20%	N=61	44%	N=138	15%	N=46	3%	N=11	18%	N=56	100%	N=311
Availability of preventive health services	20%	N=62	38%	N=119	15%	N=46	5%	N=15	22%	N=68	100%	N=310
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	13%	N=40	21%	N=65	12%	N=37	6%	N=18	48%	N=150	100%	N=309

Table 42: Question 6

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Niles as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool	12%	N=38	22%	N=68	8%	N=24	7%	N=22	51%	N=158	100%	N=310
K-12 education	23%	N=68	32%	N=95	12%	N=36	5%	N=15	29%	N=85	100%	N=300
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	10%	N=31	39%	N=119	26%	N=78	12%	N=37	13%	N=38	100%	N=303
Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	24%	N=72	42%	N=127	14%	N=41	2%	N=5	19%	N=57	100%	N=301
Employment opportunities	9%	N=26	27%	N=82	21%	N=64	5%	N=15	39%	N=118	100%	N=305
Shopping opportunities	21%	N=65	42%	N=128	23%	N=71	13%	N=40	0%	N=1	100%	N=305
Cost of living in Niles	9%	N=28	47%	N=144	32%	N=97	9%	N=28	2%	N=6	100%	N=304
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Niles	16%	N=48	40%	N=122	36%	N=110	8%	N=23	1%	N=2	100%	N=305
Vibrant commercial area	7%	N=20	33%	N=101	33%	N=101	19%	N=59	7%	N=22	100%	N=303
Overall quality of new development in Niles	8%	N=24	32%	N=97	28%	N=86	20%	N=61	11%	N=34	100%	N=303
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	14%	N=43	40%	N=122	26%	N=80	9%	N=29	10%	N=29	100%	N=303
Opportunities to volunteer	16%	N=49	27%	N=83	20%	N=61	5%	N=15	31%	N=95	100%	N=303



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Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Niles as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Opportunities to participate in community matters	18%	N=56	28%	N=85	23%	N=71	6%	N=19	24%	N=72	100%	N=304
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	27%	N=83	42%	N=128	15%	N=45	6%	N=17	10%	N=31	100%	N=304
Neighborliness of residents in Niles	20%	N=59	39%	N=118	29%	N=88	11%	N=34	2%	N=5	100%	N=304

Table 43: Question 7

Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	No		Yes		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N
Made efforts to conserve water	17%	N=51	83%	N=256	100%	N=307
Made efforts to make your home more energy efficient	14%	N=43	86%	N=264	100%	N=306
Observed a code violation or other hazard in Niles (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	51%	N=155	49%	N=151	100%	N=305
Household member was a victim of a crime in Niles	90%	N=275	10%	N=30	100%	N=305
Reported a crime to the police in Niles	75%	N=229	25%	N=77	100%	N=305
Stocked supplies in preparation for an emergency	70%	N=213	30%	N=93	100%	N=305
Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate	71%	N=217	29%	N=88	100%	N=304
Contacted the Village of Niles (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information	34%	N=105	66%	N=201	100%	N=305
Contacted Niles elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion	69%	N=211	31%	N=94	100%	N=305

Table 44: Question 8

In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members done each of the following in Niles?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Used Niles Family Fitness Center or its services	16%	N=47	6%	N=17	18%	N=53	61%	N=182	100%	N=298
Visited a neighborhood park or Village park	26%	N=77	22%	N=65	33%	N=97	19%	N=57	100%	N=295
Used Niles public libraries or their services	15%	N=43	22%	N=66	39%	N=115	24%	N=72	100%	N=297
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Niles	10%	N=30	21%	N=62	15%	N=44	54%	N=159	100%	N=294
Attended a Village-sponsored event	4%	N=11	5%	N=14	56%	N=164	36%	N=106	100%	N=294
Used bus or other public transportation instead of driving	4%	N=12	4%	N=12	15%	N=45	77%	N=227	100%	N=296
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	10%	N=28	8%	N=23	16%	N=47	67%	N=199	100%	N=297
Walked or biked instead of driving	15%	N=45	20%	N=61	23%	N=69	41%	N=121	100%	N=296
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Niles	5%	N=16	9%	N=27	11%	N=31	75%	N=219	100%	N=293
Participated in a club	3%	N=8	8%	N=24	8%	N=23	81%	N=237	100%	N=292
Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	53%	N=155	22%	N=66	18%	N=54	7%	N=20	100%	N=295
Done a favor for a neighbor	20%	N=59	29%	N=85	35%	N=103	16%	N=45	100%	N=292

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Table 45: Question 9

Thinking about local public meetings (of local elected officials like Village Board or County Commissioners, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood watch, etc.), in the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members attended or watched a local public meeting?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
	0%	N=0	2%	N=7	32%	N=94	65%	N=189	100%	N=289
Attended a local public meeting	0%	N=0	2%	N=7	32%	N=94	65%	N=189	100%	N=289
Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	7%	N=19	8%	N=24	30%	N=87	55%	N=158	100%	N=288

Table 46: Question 10

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Niles:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
Police services	53%	N=149	28%	N=80	11%	N=32	4%	N=12	4%	N=11	100%	N=284
Fire services	63%	N=178	18%	N=50	1%	N=2	1%	N=1	17%	N=49	100%	N=281
Ambulance or emergency medical services	62%	N=176	17%	N=48	1%	N=3	0%	N=0	20%	N=55	100%	N=282
Crime prevention	29%	N=83	37%	N=105	13%	N=38	6%	N=17	14%	N=40	100%	N=283
Fire prevention and education	36%	N=101	35%	N=98	5%	N=15	1%	N=3	23%	N=65	100%	N=282
Traffic enforcement	25%	N=69	42%	N=117	15%	N=43	7%	N=21	11%	N=31	100%	N=281
Street repair	12%	N=35	40%	N=111	37%	N=104	10%	N=28	1%	N=3	100%	N=281
Street cleaning	28%	N=80	49%	N=137	15%	N=42	6%	N=16	2%	N=5	100%	N=281
Street lighting	19%	N=53	49%	N=136	24%	N=67	6%	N=18	2%	N=7	100%	N=281
Snow removal	46%	N=127	38%	N=107	12%	N=32	3%	N=9	2%	N=4	100%	N=280
Sidewalk maintenance	13%	N=37	44%	N=123	26%	N=74	11%	N=31	5%	N=15	100%	N=280
Traffic signal timing	12%	N=34	50%	N=140	25%	N=70	10%	N=28	2%	N=6	100%	N=279
Bus services	31%	N=88	25%	N=71	6%	N=16	0%	N=1	37%	N=104	100%	N=280
Garbage collection	43%	N=122	47%	N=130	6%	N=16	1%	N=2	4%	N=10	100%	N=280
Recycling	37%	N=105	44%	N=122	9%	N=24	2%	N=7	8%	N=22	100%	N=280
Yard waste pick-up	27%	N=76	41%	N=114	5%	N=13	3%	N=8	25%	N=69	100%	N=280
Storm drainage	19%	N=53	41%	N=112	21%	N=58	9%	N=26	9%	N=25	100%	N=273
Drinking water	44%	N=121	38%	N=105	11%	N=32	2%	N=7	5%	N=14	100%	N=278
Sewer services	28%	N=78	45%	N=124	11%	N=29	6%	N=15	11%	N=30	100%	N=277
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	35%	N=98	49%	N=136	12%	N=33	1%	N=4	3%	N=7	100%	N=278
Utility billing	25%	N=69	51%	N=140	18%	N=50	2%	N=7	4%	N=10	100%	N=275
Village parks	39%	N=109	41%	N=115	8%	N=24	4%	N=12	7%	N=21	100%	N=280
Recreation programs or classes	26%	N=72	33%	N=91	10%	N=29	3%	N=8	29%	N=80	100%	N=280
Recreation centers or facilities	30%	N=82	40%	N=112	9%	N=25	3%	N=8	18%	N=52	100%	N=279
Land use, planning and zoning	7%	N=20	33%	N=90	22%	N=62	13%	N=35	25%	N=70	100%	N=277
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	13%	N=35	31%	N=86	22%	N=60	16%	N=45	18%	N=50	100%	N=277
Animal control	12%	N=33	37%	N=102	15%	N=42	8%	N=21	29%	N=80	100%	N=277
Economic development	8%	N=22	31%	N=88	28%	N=79	15%	N=41	17%	N=48	100%	N=279
Health services	20%	N=55	38%	N=105	14%	N=39	5%	N=13	24%	N=67	100%	N=279
Public library services	56%	N=155	25%	N=70	4%	N=11	0%	N=1	15%	N=43	100%	N=279

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Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Niles:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
Public information services	22%	N=63	48%	N=134	14%	N=39	1%	N=3	15%	N=41	100%	N=279
Cable television	12%	N=34	31%	N=85	22%	N=60	7%	N=21	28%	N=77	100%	N=277
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	15%	N=42	35%	N=98	11%	N=30	4%	N=10	35%	N=99	100%	N=279
Preservation of natural areas such as open space	13%	N=37	39%	N=109	16%	N=45	8%	N=22	24%	N=66	100%	N=279
Niles open space	13%	N=37	36%	N=101	17%	N=48	14%	N=38	20%	N=54	100%	N=278
Village-sponsored special events	19%	N=54	36%	N=99	20%	N=56	7%	N=18	19%	N=52	100%	N=279
Overall customer service by Niles employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	32%	N=89	42%	N=117	16%	N=45	6%	N=16	4%	N=10	100%	N=277

Table 47: Question 11

Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
The Village of Niles	34%	N=90	48%	N=125	14%	N=37	4%	N=10	1%	N=2	100%	N=264
The Federal Government	7%	N=18	26%	N=69	35%	N=91	23%	N=60	10%	N=25	100%	N=264

Table 48: Question 12

Please rate the following categories of Niles government performance:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
The value of services for the taxes paid to Niles	19%	N=51	43%	N=114	23%	N=62	9%	N=25	5%	N=14	100%	N=266
The overall direction that Niles is taking	17%	N=44	42%	N=112	21%	N=55	13%	N=34	8%	N=20	100%	N=266
The job Niles government does at welcoming citizen involvement	13%	N=34	27%	N=73	27%	N=71	11%	N=30	22%	N=57	100%	N=266
Overall confidence in Niles government	10%	N=28	42%	N=112	19%	N=51	22%	N=60	6%	N=15	100%	N=266
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	13%	N=35	43%	N=113	20%	N=54	16%	N=42	8%	N=21	100%	N=264
Being honest	10%	N=25	35%	N=93	21%	N=56	20%	N=53	15%	N=38	100%	N=265
Treating all residents fairly	10%	N=28	37%	N=99	17%	N=46	17%	N=44	18%	N=48	100%	N=265

Table 49: Question 13

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Niles community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years:	Essential		Very important		Somewhat important		Not at all important		Total	
Overall feeling of safety in Niles	71%	N=181	25%	N=64	4%	N=10	1%	N=1	100%	N=256
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	43%	N=111	46%	N=120	9%	N=24	2%	N=5	100%	N=259
Quality of overall natural environment in Niles	43%	N=111	40%	N=103	17%	N=45	0%	N=0	100%	N=259
Overall "built environment" of Niles (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	38%	N=98	44%	N=115	18%	N=46	1%	N=2	100%	N=260
Health and wellness opportunities in Niles	30%	N=77	45%	N=115	23%	N=58	3%	N=8	100%	N=258
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	44%	N=113	42%	N=107	14%	N=37	0%	N=0	100%	N=257
Overall economic health of Niles	57%	N=146	39%	N=100	4%	N=10	0%	N=1	100%	N=257
Sense of community	39%	N=98	51%	N=128	10%	N=26	0%	N=1	100%	N=254

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Table 50: Question 14

Please indicate how much of a source, if at all, you consider each of the following to be for obtaining information about the Village government and its activities, events, and services:	Major source		Minor source		Not a source		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Village website (www.vniles.com)	62%	N=155	35%	N=87	3%	N=7	100%	N=249
Local media outlets (newspapers, radio, TV)	28%	N=70	53%	N=132	19%	N=47	100%	N=249
Niles TV on local government cable channels	15%	N=36	42%	N=104	44%	N=108	100%	N=248
Niles TV online streaming service	11%	N=27	42%	N=104	47%	N=114	100%	N=244
Printed quarterly Focus on Niles newsletter	49%	N=120	40%	N=99	11%	N=27	100%	N=247
VON E-newsletter	23%	N=55	25%	N=59	52%	N=125	100%	N=239
Village Board meetings and other public meetings	27%	N=66	44%	N=108	29%	N=71	100%	N=245
Talking with Village officials	26%	N=64	34%	N=84	40%	N=99	100%	N=246
Village communications via social media (i.e., Facebook, Twitter)	45%	N=111	24%	N=60	31%	N=76	100%	N=247
Word of mouth	36%	N=88	47%	N=114	17%	N=42	100%	N=244

Table 51: Question 15

The Village of Niles is exploring options to improve our neighborhoods. Please indicate how much you would support or oppose the Village implementing each of the following:	Strongly support		Somewhat support		Somewhat oppose		Strongly oppose		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Create a "neighborhood ambassador" program (designated residents who communicate information to neighbors and help organize events)	34%	N=83	44%	N=110	8%	N=19	2%	N=6	12%	N=29	100%	N=247
Improve and/or replace sidewalks	67%	N=164	28%	N=70	2%	N=5	0%	N=0	3%	N=6	100%	N=245
Create signage to identify neighborhoods	26%	N=63	42%	N=103	12%	N=29	13%	N=33	7%	N=18	100%	N=246
Increase beautification efforts (planter boxes, street tree plantings, etc.)	52%	N=126	41%	N=101	5%	N=12	1%	N=2	1%	N=3	100%	N=246
Increase residential code enforcement (property maintenance, landscaping, etc.)	52%	N=127	28%	N=69	11%	N=28	1%	N=2	8%	N=19	100%	N=245
Create more neighborhood events (block parties, etc.)	43%	N=104	41%	N=100	11%	N=27	1%	N=4	4%	N=10	100%	N=245

Table 52: Question 16

How important, if at all, do you think each of the following are to help boost teen attendance at the Niles Teen Center?	Essential		Very important		Somewhat important		Not at all important		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Location/accessibility of the Teen Center	26%	N=66	25%	N=63	14%	N=35	8%	N=20	26%	N=66	100%	N=250
Availability of specialty classes (cooking, archery, etc.)	18%	N=45	32%	N=77	25%	N=60	6%	N=15	19%	N=47	100%	N=244
Facility amenities (recording studio, gym, kitchen, etc.)	18%	N=45	34%	N=84	22%	N=54	7%	N=18	19%	N=47	100%	N=248
School-based educational assistance/homework help	32%	N=78	28%	N=71	13%	N=32	5%	N=12	23%	N=56	100%	N=249
Off-site events	16%	N=40	21%	N=50	28%	N=69	8%	N=20	27%	N=66	100%	N=245

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Table 53: Question 17

How much would you support or oppose the creation of a dog park in Niles?	Percent	Number
Strongly support	52%	N=130
Somewhat support	21%	N=53
Somewhat oppose	11%	N=27
Strongly oppose	10%	N=26
Don't know	6%	N=14
Total	100%	N=250

Table 54: Question 18

Please indicate how likely, if at all, you and/or members of your household would be to attend each of the following events:	Very likely		Somewhat likely		Not at all likely		Total	
	Percent	N	Percent	N	Percent	N	Percent	N
Holly Jolly Christmas Market and Tree Lighting	50%	N=123	32%	N=79	19%	N=47	100%	N=249
Niles Community Block Party	41%	N=100	40%	N=97	19%	N=47	100%	N=244
Fourth of July Parade	55%	N=136	32%	N=79	14%	N=34	100%	N=249
Niles Fire Department Open House	34%	N=85	41%	N=102	24%	N=60	100%	N=247
Public Works Open House	24%	N=59	37%	N=92	39%	N=98	100%	N=248
Cycling Classic	15%	N=37	34%	N=82	51%	N=126	100%	N=245

Table 55: Question D1

How often, if at all, do you do each of the following, considering all of the times you could?	Never		Rarely		Sometimes		Usually		Always		Total	
	Percent	N	Percent	N	Percent	N	Percent	N	Percent	N	Percent	N
Recycle at home	7%	N=16	4%	N=10	6%	N=14	18%	N=43	66%	N=163	100%	N=247
Purchase goods or services from a business located in Niles	2%	N=5	5%	N=13	24%	N=59	49%	N=120	20%	N=49	100%	N=247
Eat at least 5 portions of fruits and vegetables a day	5%	N=12	22%	N=54	30%	N=75	33%	N=82	10%	N=24	100%	N=246
Participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity	2%	N=5	19%	N=47	36%	N=88	28%	N=69	15%	N=38	100%	N=246
Read or watch local news (via television, paper, computer, etc.)	0%	N=0	6%	N=14	21%	N=52	32%	N=80	41%	N=102	100%	N=247
Vote in local elections	4%	N=9	2%	N=6	9%	N=23	19%	N=48	65%	N=161	100%	N=247

Table 56: Question D2

Would you say that in general your health is:	Percent	Number
Excellent	19%	N=46
Very good	49%	N=122
Good	25%	N=61
Fair	6%	N=15
Poor	1%	N=3
Total	100%	N=248

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Table 57: Question D3

What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:	Percent	Number
Very positive	13%	N=31
Somewhat positive	24%	N=60
Neutral	42%	N=104
Somewhat negative	17%	N=42
Very negative	3%	N=8
Total	100%	N=247

Table 58: Question D4

What is your employment status?	Percent	Number
Working full time for pay	61%	N=149
Working part time for pay	7%	N=18
Unemployed, looking for paid work	1%	N=3
Unemployed, not looking for paid work	1%	N=2
Fully retired	30%	N=73
Total	100%	N=245

Table 59: Question D5

Do you work inside the boundaries of Niles?	Percent	Number
Yes, outside the home	22%	N=51
Yes, from home	3%	N=7
No	75%	N=172
Total	100%	N=230

Table 60: Question D6

How many years have you lived in Niles?	Percent	Number
Less than 2 years	10%	N=24
2 to 5 years	19%	N=46
6 to 10 years	12%	N=31
11 to 20 years	19%	N=47
More than 20 years	41%	N=101
Total	100%	N=249

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Table 61: Question D7

Which best describes the building you live in?	Percent	Number
One family house detached from any other houses	69%	N=251
Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apartment or condominium)	27%	N=100
Mobile home	0%	N=0
Other	4%	N=14
Total	100%	N=365

Table 62: Question D8

Is this house, apartment or mobile home...	Percent	Number
Rented	13%	N=48
Owned	87%	N=318
Total	100%	N=366

Table 63: Question D9

About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	Percent	Number
Less than \$300 per month	1%	N=2
\$300 to \$599 per month	11%	N=24
\$600 to \$999 per month	15%	N=34
\$1,000 to \$1,499 per month	30%	N=66
\$1,500 to \$2,499 per month	29%	N=63
\$2,500 or more per month	14%	N=31
Total	100%	N=220

Table 64: Question D10

Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	Percent	Number
No	65%	N=143
Yes	35%	N=77
Total	100%	N=219

Table 65: Question D11

Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	Percent	Number
No	65%	N=160
Yes	35%	N=88
Total	100%	N=248

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Table 66: Question D12

How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Percent	Number
Less than \$25,000	8%	N=16
\$25,000 to \$49,999	19%	N=41
\$50,000 to \$99,999	30%	N=64
\$100,000 to \$149,999	29%	N=64
\$150,000 or more	15%	N=32
Total	100%	N=217

Table 67: Question D13

Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?	Percent	Number
No, not Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	88%	N=211
Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	12%	N=28
Total	100%	N=239

Table 68: Question D14

What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race(s) you consider yourself to be.)	Percent	Number
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0%	N=1
Asian, Asian Indian or Pacific Islander	5%	N=13
Black or African American	1%	N=2
White	86%	N=201
Other	11%	N=27

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

Table 69: Question D15

In which category is your age?	Percent	Number
18 to 24 years	4%	N=16
25 to 34 years	15%	N=56
35 to 44 years	18%	N=67
45 to 54 years	18%	N=67
55 to 64 years	21%	N=79
65 to 74 years	14%	N=52
75 years or older	10%	N=38
Total	100%	N=376



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Table 70: Question D16

What is your sex?	Percent	Number
Female	58%	N=212
Male	42%	N=151
Total	100%	N=363

Table 71: Question D17

Do you consider a cell phone or landline your primary telephone number?	Percent	Number
Cell	61%	N=151
Land line	18%	N=45
Both	21%	N=52
Total	100%	N=249