



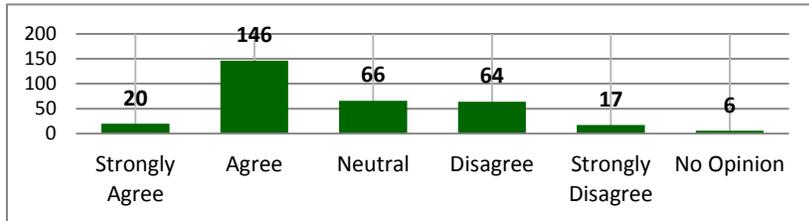
APPENDIX D

Securing Jonesville's Future

2018 Public Opinion Survey Results

Development and Growth Issues

What is your opinion of the following aspects of Jonesville?

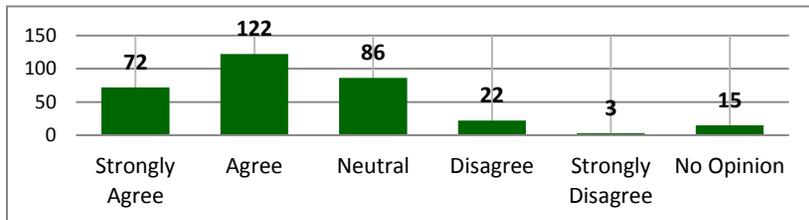
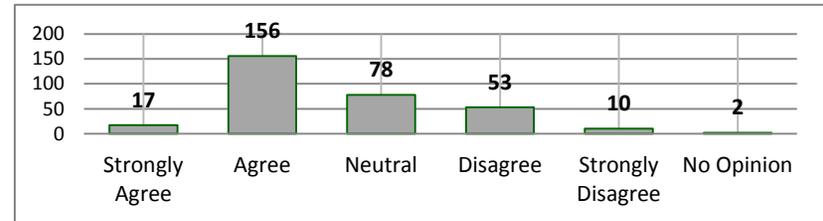


I am satisfied with the mix of business types within Downtown Jonesville.

Approximately 52.0% of respondents agreed (45.7%) or strongly agreed (6.3%). Approximately 20.7% were neutral. Approximately 25.4% disagreed (20.1%) or strongly disagreed (5.3%). Approximately 1.9% had no opinion. (n=319)

I feel there is a good mix of uses in the Downtown.

Approximately 54.8% of respondents agreed (49.4%) or strongly agreed (5.4%). Approximately 24.7% were neutral. Approximately 19.9% disagreed (16.7%) or strongly disagreed (3.2%). Approximately 0.6% had no opinion. (n=316)

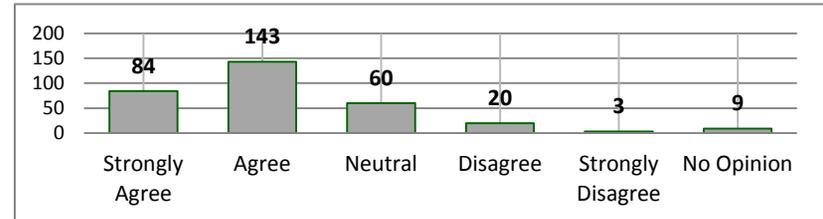


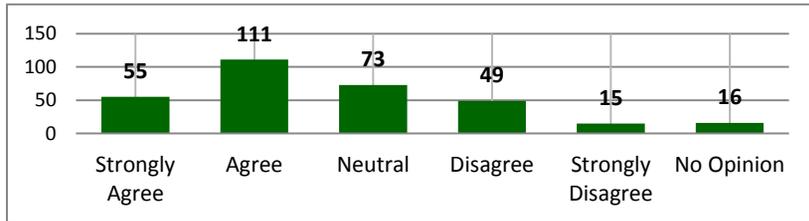
The Jonesville Industrial Park should be improved/expanded in order to attract more industry

Approximately 60.6% of respondents agreed (38.1%) or strongly agreed (22.5%). Approximately 26.9% were neutral. Approximately 7.8% disagreed (6.9%) or strongly disagreed (0.9%). Approximately 4.7% had no opinion. (n=320)

It is important for the City to work with the Michigan Department of Transportation to improve the appearance of the M-99 corridor south of US-12 in Jonesville.

Approximately 71.2% of respondents agreed (44.8%) or strongly agreed (26.4%). Approximately 18.8% were neutral. Approximately 7.2% disagreed (6.3%) or strongly disagreed (0.9%). Approximately 2.8% had no opinion. (n=319)



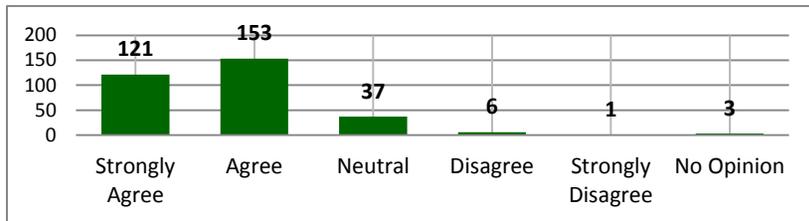
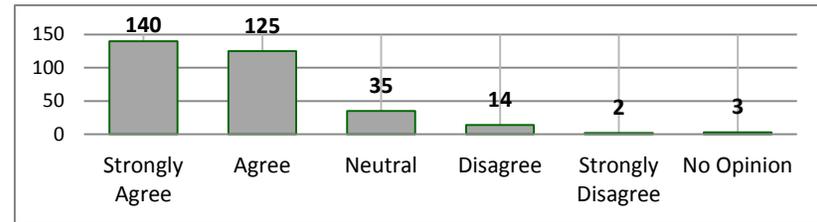


Jonesville should encourage alternatives to single-family housing and apartment complexes (e.g., duplexes, 3-plexes and 4-plexes, town-houses, work/live, etc.).

Approximately 52.0% of respondents agreed (34.8%) or strongly agreed (17.2%). Approximately 22.9% were neutral. Approximately 20.1% disagreed (15.4%) or strongly disagreed (4.7%). Approximately 5.0% had no opinion. (n=319)

Jonesville has many historic structures that should be preserved.

Approximately 83.1% of respondents agreed (39.2%) or strongly agreed (43.9%). Approximately 11.0% were neutral. Approximately 5.0% disagreed (4.4%) or strongly disagreed (0.6%). Approximately 0.9% had no opinion. (n=319)

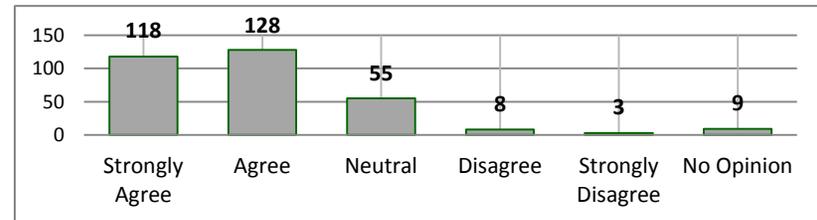


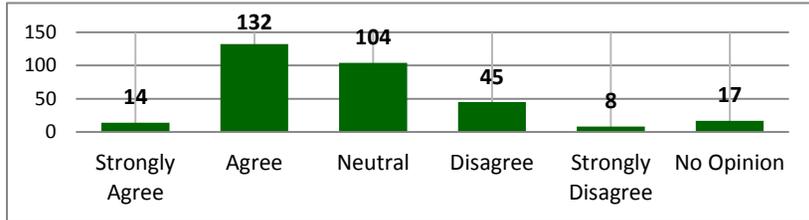
Jonesville should enhance its natural resources (e.g., river, ponds, wetlands, floodplains, etc.).

Approximately 85.4% of respondents agreed (47.7%) or strongly agreed (37.7%). Approximately 11.5% were neutral. Approximately 2.2% disagreed (1.9%) or strongly disagreed (0.3%). Approximately 0.9% had no opinion. (n=321)

Parks and Recreation – The St. Joseph River should be developed as a water trail.

Approximately 76.7% of respondents agreed (39.9%) or strongly agreed (36.8%). Approximately 17.1% were neutral. Approximately 3.4% disagreed (2.5%) or strongly disagreed (0.9%). Approximately 2.8% had no opinion. (n=321)



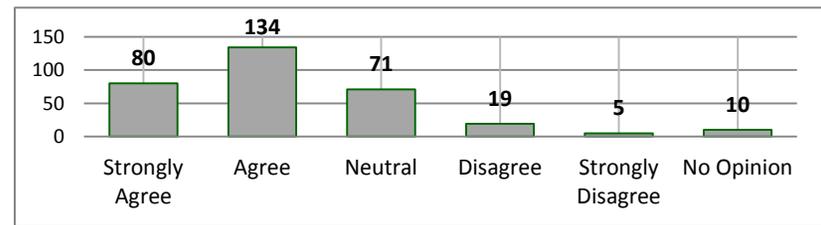


Parks and Recreation – Jonesville parks, recreation facilities, and programs meet my needs.

Approximately 45.6% of respondents agreed (41.2%) or strongly agreed (4.4%). Approximately 32.5% were neutral. Approximately 16.6% disagreed (14.1%) or strongly disagreed (2.5%). Approximately 5.3% had no opinion. (n=320)

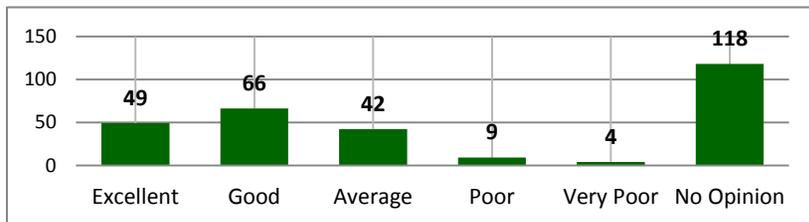
Parks and Recreation – Additional non-motorized trails should be developed in Jonesville.

Approximately 67.1% of respondents agreed (42.0%) or strongly agreed (25.1%). Approximately 22.3% were neutral. Approximately 7.5% disagreed (5.9%) or strongly disagreed (1.6%). Approximately 3.1% had no opinion. (n=319)



Community Facilities and Services

Please respond to the following statements regarding aspects of community services.

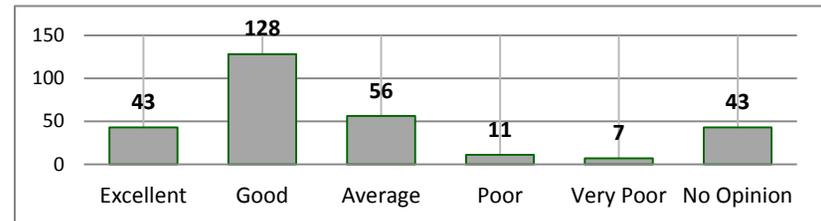


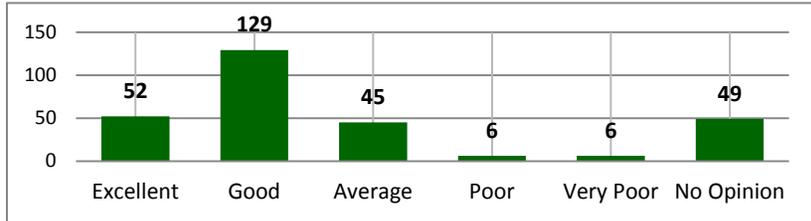
Utility and tax bill payments at Jonesville City Hall

Approximately 39.9% of respondents think payment service is good (22.9%) or excellent (17.0%). Approximately 14.6% think service is average. Approximately 4.5% think service is poor (3.1%) or very poor (1.4%). Approximately 41.0% had no opinion. (n=288)

Traffic enforcement by the Jonesville Police Department

Approximately 59.4% of respondents think that traffic enforcement service is good (44.5%) or excellent (14.9%). Approximately 19.4% think service is average. Approximately 6.3% think service is poor (3.8%) or very poor (2.5%). Approximately 14.9% had no opinion. (n=288)



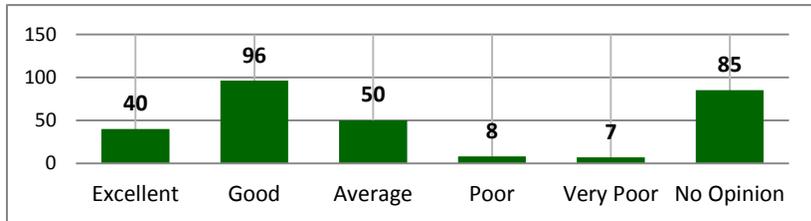
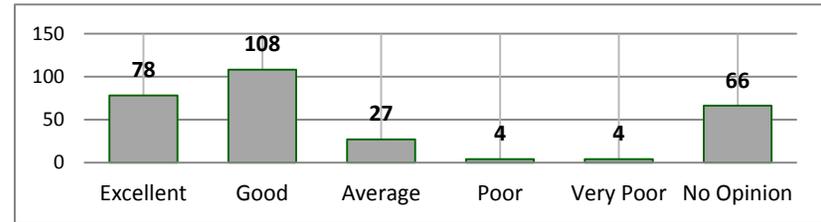


Crime prevention by the Jonesville Police Department

Approximately 63.0% of respondents think crime prevention service is good (44.9%) or excellent (18.1%). Approximately 15.7% think service is average. Approximately 4.2% think service is poor (2.1%) or very poor (2.1%). Approximately 17.1% had no opinion. (n=287)

Emergency response by the Jonesville Police and Fire Departments

Approximately 64.8% of respondents think emergency response service is good (37.6%) or excellent (27.2%). Approximately 9.4% think service is average. Approximately 2.8% think service is poor (1.4%) or very poor (1.4%). Approximately 23.0% had no opinion. (n=287)

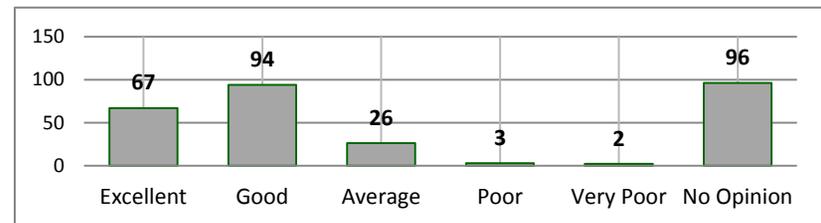


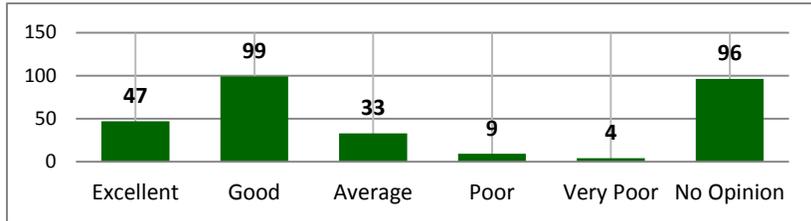
Residential trash and recycling services provided by Republic Services

Approximately 47.6% of respondents think trash and recycling services are good (33.6%) or excellent (14.0%). Approximately 17.5% think services are average. Approximately 5.2% think services are poor (2.8%) or very poor (2.4%). Approximately 29.7% had no opinion. (n=286)

Brush and leaf pickup services provided by the Jonesville DPW

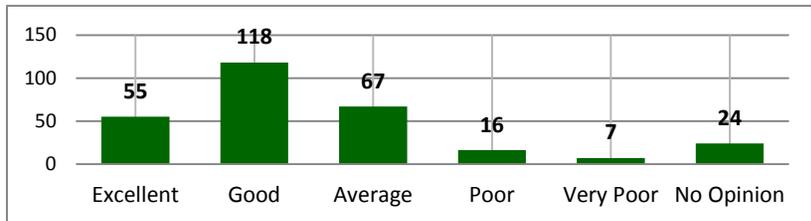
Approximately 55.9% of respondents think brush and leaf pickup services are good (32.6%) or excellent (23.3%). Approximately 9.0% think services are average. Approximately 1.7% think services are poor (1.0%) or very poor (0.7%). Approximately 33.4% had no opinion. (n=288)





Jonesville’s wastewater collection system and treatment facility

Approximately 50.2% of respondents think the wastewater collection system and treatment facility is good (33.5%) or excellent (16.7%). Approximately 11.2% think the system/facility is average. Approximately 2.7% think the system/facility is poor (1.7%) or very poor (1.0%). Approximately 35.9% had no opinion. (n=287)

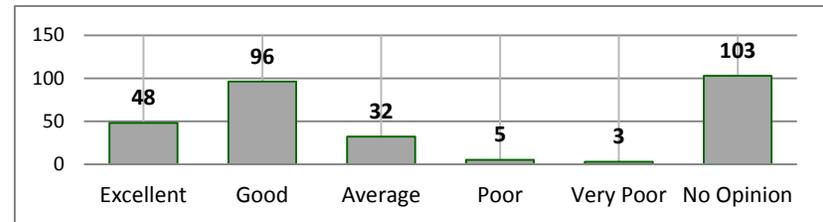


Sunset View Cemetery

Approximately 62.2% of respondents think the cemetery is good (46.8%) or excellent (15.4%). Approximately 10.5% think the cemetery is average. Approximately 0.4% think the cemetery is poor (0.0%) or very poor (0.4%). Approximately 26.9% had no opinion. (n=286)

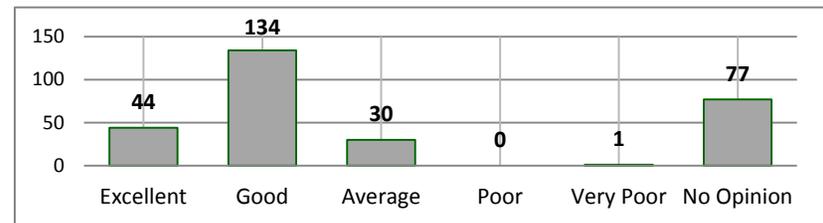
Jonesville’s public water supply and distribution system

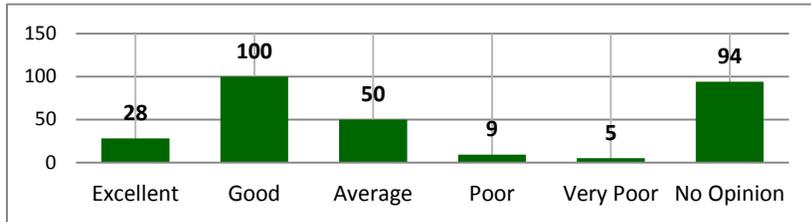
Approximately 50.7% of respondents think the public water supply and distribution system is good (34.4%) or excellent (16.3%). Approximately 11.5% think the supply/system is average. Approximately 4.5% think the supply/system is poor (3.1%) or very poor (1.4%). Approximately 33.3% had no opinion. (n=288)



Jonesville’s road and street network

Approximately 60.3% of respondents think the road and street network is good (41.1%) or excellent (19.2%). Approximately 23.3% think the network is average. Approximately 8.0% think the network is poor (5.6%) or very poor (2.4%). Approximately 8.4% had no opinion. (n=287)



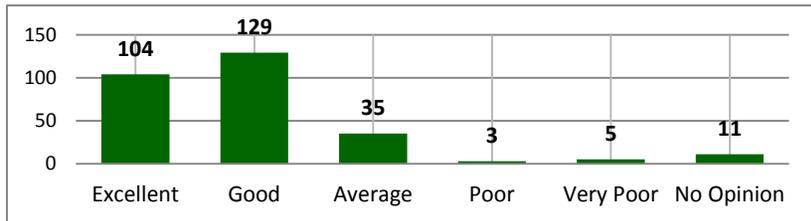
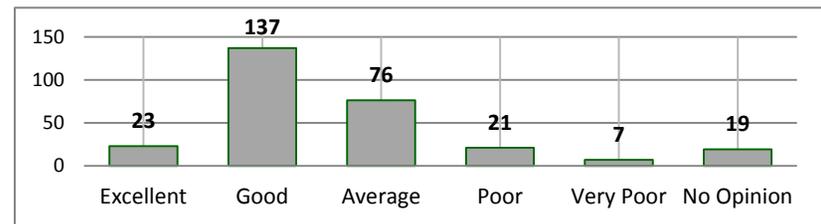


Elected and appointed boards and commissions

Approximately 44.8% of respondents think elected and appointed boards and commissions are good (35.0%) or excellent (9.8%). Approximately 17.5% think boards/commissions are average. Approximately 4.8% think boards/commissions are poor (3.1%) or very poor (1.7%). Approximately 32.9% had no opinion. (n=286)

Public sidewalks

Approximately 56.5% of respondents think public sidewalks are good (48.4%) or excellent (8.1%). Approximately 26.9% think sidewalks are average. Approximately 9.9% think sidewalks are poor (7.4%) or very poor (2.5%). Approximately 6.7% had no opinion. (n=283)



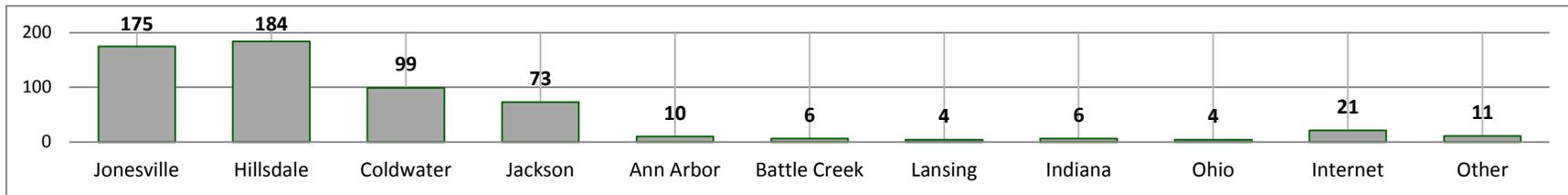
Overall, what is your opinion of Jonesville as a place to live?

Approximately 81.2% of respondents think Jonesville is a good (45.0%) or excellent (36.2%) place to live. Approximately 12.2% think Jonesville is an average place to live. Approximately 2.8% think Jonesville is a poor (1.1%) or very poor (1.7%) place to live. Approximately 3.8% had no opinion. (n=287)

Commercial Services

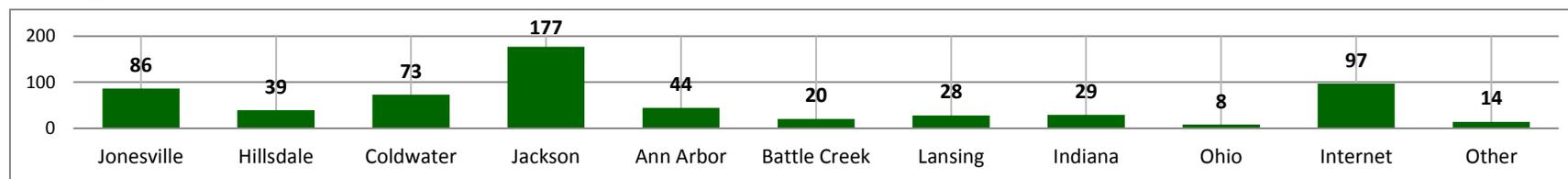
Where do you usually purchase goods and services?

Groceries



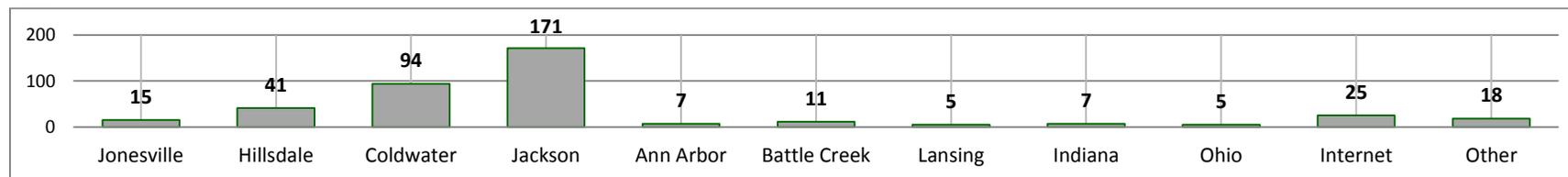
Approximately 63.2% of respondents purchased groceries in Jonesville. Approximately 66.4% and 35.7% of respondents bought them in Hillsdale and Coldwater, respectively. Approximately 26.4% procured them in Jackson. Approximately 7.2% of respondents acquired groceries in Ann Arbor (3.6%), Battle Creek (2.2%), and Lansing (1.4%). Approximately 7.2% of respondents purchased them in Indiana (2.2%) and Ohio (1.4%). Approximately 7.6% of respondents bought groceries through the Internet. Approximately 4.0% of respondents purchased them elsewhere. (n=277 - Please note that respondents shopped in multiple communities.)

Clothing



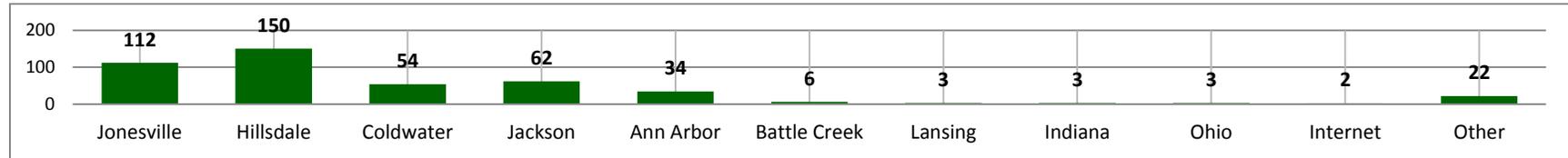
Approximately 31.1% of respondents purchased clothing in Jonesville. Approximately 14.1% and 26.4% of respondents bought them in Hillsdale and Coldwater, respectively. Approximately 63.9% procured them in Jackson. Approximately 33.2% of respondents acquired clothing in Ann Arbor (15.9%), Battle Creek (7.2%), and Lansing (10.1%). Approximately 13.4% of respondents purchased them in Indiana (10.5%) and Ohio (2.9%). Approximately 35.0% of respondents bought clothing through the Internet. Approximately 5.1% of respondents purchased them elsewhere. (n=277 - Please note that respondents shopped in multiple communities.)

Appliances



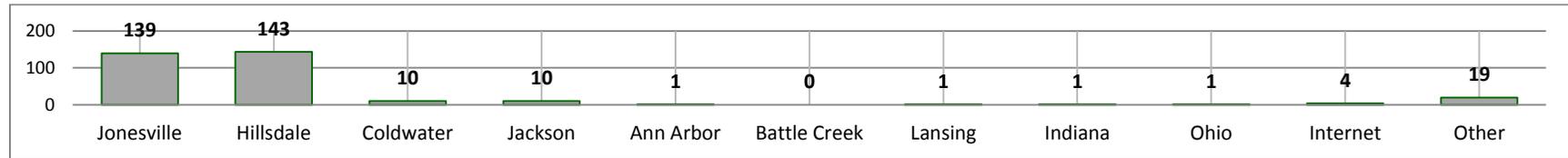
Approximately 5.6% of respondents purchased appliances in Jonesville. Approximately 15.3% and 35.1% of respondents bought them in Hillsdale and Coldwater, respectively. Approximately 63.8% procured them in Jackson. Approximately 8.6% of respondents acquired appliances in Ann Arbor (2.6%), Battle Creek (4.1%), and Lansing (1.9%). Approximately 4.5% of respondents purchased them in Indiana (2.6%) and Ohio (1.9%). Approximately 9.3% of respondents bought appliances through the Internet. Approximately 6.7% of respondents purchased them elsewhere. (n=268 - Please note that respondents shopped in multiple communities.)

Medical



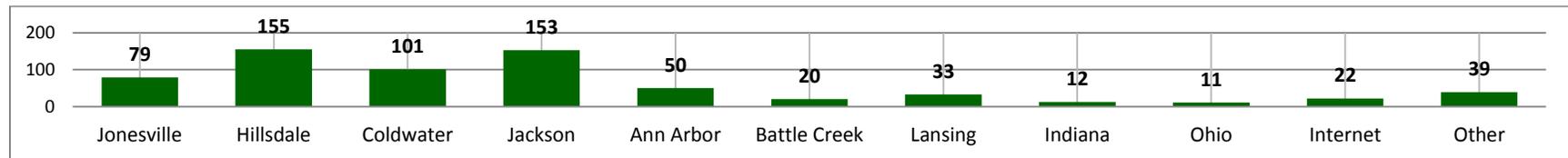
Approximately 40.6% of respondents had medical appointments in Jonesville. Approximately 54.4% and 19.6% of respondents had appointments in Hillsdale and Coldwater, respectively. Approximately 22.5% had appointments in Jackson. Approximately 15.6% of respondents had appointments in Ann Arbor (12.3%), Battle Creek (2.2%), and Lansing (1.1%). Approximately 2.2% of respondents had appointments in Indiana (1.1%) and Ohio (1.1%). Approximately 0.7% of respondents had medical appointments via the Internet. Approximately 8.0% of respondents had appointments elsewhere. (n=276 - Please note that respondents had medical appointments in multiple communities.)

Prescriptions



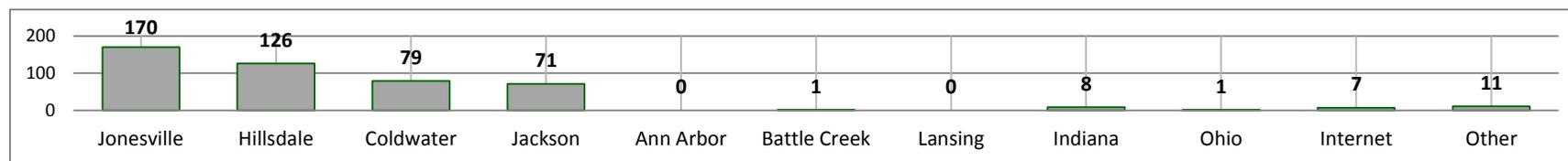
Approximately 50.2% of respondents purchased prescriptions in Jonesville. Approximately 51.6% and 3.6% of respondents bought them in Hillsdale and Coldwater, respectively. Approximately 3.6% procured them in Jackson. Approximately 0.8% of respondents acquired prescriptions in Ann Arbor (0.4%), Battle Creek (0.0%), and Lansing (0.4%). Approximately 0.8% of respondents purchased them in Indiana (0.4%) and Ohio (0.4%). Approximately 1.4% of respondents bought prescriptions through the Internet. Approximately 6.9% of respondents purchased them elsewhere. (n=277 - Please note that respondents filled prescriptions in multiple communities.)

Entertainment



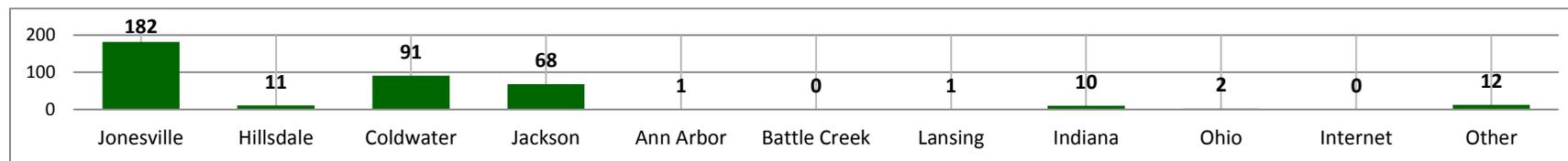
Approximately 28.9% of respondents purchased entertainment in Jonesville. Approximately 56.8% and 37.0% of respondents bought them in Hillsdale and Coldwater, respectively. Approximately 56.0% procured them in Jackson. Approximately 37.7% of respondents acquired appliances in Ann Arbor (18.3%), Battle Creek (7.3%), and Lansing (12.1%). Approximately 8.4% of respondents purchased them in Indiana (4.4%) and Ohio (4.0%). Approximately 8.1% of respondents bought entertainment through the Internet. Approximately 14.3% of respondents purchased them elsewhere. (n=273 - Please note that respondents purchased entertainment in multiple communities.)

Hardware



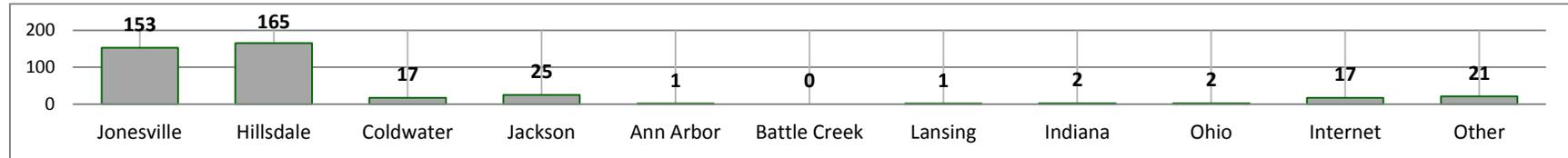
Approximately 61.8% of respondents purchased hardware in Jonesville. Approximately 45.8% and 28.7% of respondents bought it in Hillsdale and Coldwater, respectively. Approximately 25.8% procured it in Jackson. Approximately 0.4% of respondents acquired hardware in Ann Arbor (0.0%), Battle Creek (0.4%), and Lansing (0.0%). Approximately 3.3% of respondents purchased it in Indiana (2.9%) and Ohio (0.4%). Approximately 2.6% of respondents bought hardware through the Internet. Approximately 14.3% of respondents purchased it elsewhere. (n=275 - Please note that respondents shopped in multiple communities.)

Lumber



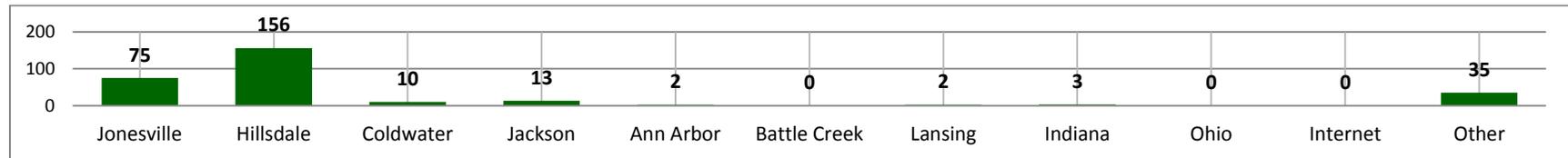
Approximately 67.7% of respondents purchased lumber in Jonesville. Approximately 4.1% and 33.8% of respondents bought it in Hillsdale and Coldwater, respectively. Approximately 25.3% procured it in Jackson. Approximately 0.8% of respondents acquired hardware in Ann Arbor (0.4%), Battle Creek (0.0%), and Lansing (0.4%). Approximately 4.4% of respondents purchased it in Indiana (3.7%) and Ohio (0.7%). No respondents bought lumber through the Internet. Approximately 4.5% of respondents purchased it elsewhere. (n=269 - Please note that respondents shopped in multiple communities.)

Banking



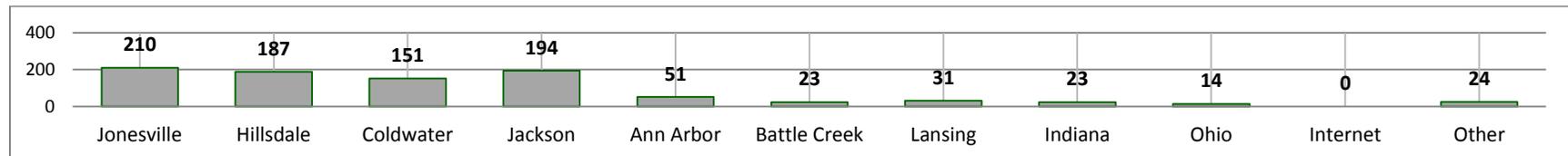
Approximately 54.8% of respondents banked in Jonesville. Approximately 59.1% and 6.1% of respondents banked in Hillsdale and Coldwater, respectively. Approximately 9.0% banked in Jackson. Approximately 0.8% of respondents banked in Ann Arbor (0.4%), Battle Creek (0.0%), and Lansing (0.4%). Approximately 1.4% of respondents banked in Indiana (0.7%) and Ohio (0.7%). Approximately 6.1% of respondents banked through the Internet. Approximately 7.5% of respondents banked elsewhere. (n=279 - Please note that respondents banked in multiple communities.)

Beauty Salon/Barber



Approximately 27.6% of respondents went to the beauty salon/barber in Jonesville. Approximately 57.4% and 3.7% of respondents went to Hillsdale and Coldwater, respectively. Approximately 4.8% went to Jackson. Approximately 1.4% of respondents went to Ann Arbor (0.7%), Battle Creek (0.0%), and Lansing (0.7%). Approximately 1.1% went to Indiana (1.1%) and Ohio (0.0%). No respondents went to the beauty salon/barber through the Internet. Approximately 12.9% of respondents went elsewhere. (n=272 - Please note that respondents visited beauty salons/barbers in multiple communities.)

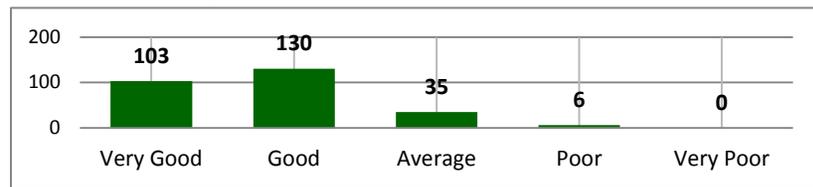
Restaurants



Approximately 75.5% of respondents went to restaurants in Jonesville. Approximately 67.3% and 54.3% of respondents went to Hillsdale and Coldwater, respectively. Approximately 69.8% went to Jackson. Approximately 37.8% of respondents went to Ann Arbor (18.4%), Battle Creek (8.3%), and Lansing (11.2%). Approximately 13.3% went to Indiana (8.3%) and Ohio (5.0%). No respondents went to restaurants through the Internet. Approximately 8.6% of respondents went elsewhere. (n=278 - Please note that respondents dined in multiple communities.)

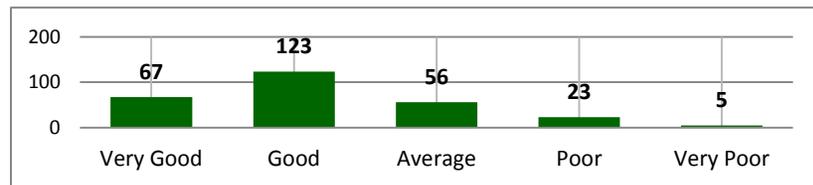
Downtown Jonesville

What is your opinion of Downtown Jonesville?



Visual Appearance of Downtown

Approximately 84.3% of respondents think the visual appearance of Downtown is good (47.1%) or very good (37.2%). Approximately 12.4% think the appearance is average. Approximately 3.3% think the appearance is poor (2.9%) or very poor (0.4%). (n=274)

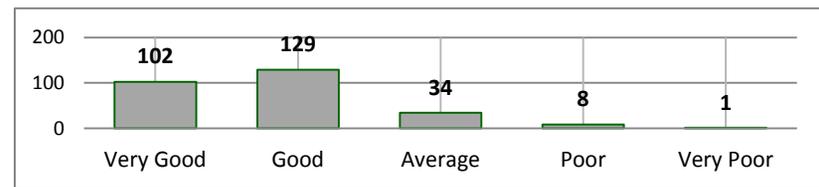


Visibility of Directional Signs in Downtown

Approximately 77.7% of respondents think the visibility of Downtown directional signage is good (52.0%) or very good (25.7%). Approximately 17.2% think the directional signage visibility is average. Approximately 5.1% think the directional signage visibility is poor (4.4%) or very poor (0.7%). (n=273)

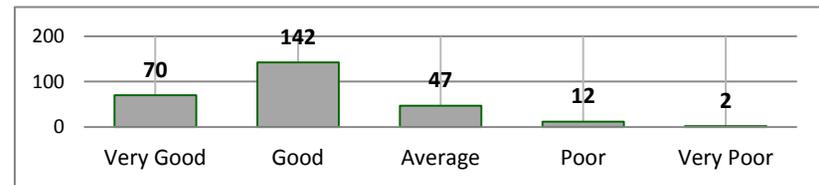
Street and Pedestrian Lighting in Downtown

Approximately 85.0% of respondents think Downtown’s street and pedestrian lighting is good (47.4%) or very good (37.6%). Approximately 12.8% think the lighting is average. Approximately 2.2% think the lighting is poor (2.2%) or very poor (0.0%). (n=274)



Parking in Downtown

Approximately 69.4% of respondents think Downtown parking is good (44.9%) or very good (24.5%). Approximately 20.4% think parking is average. Approximately 10.2% think parking is poor (8.4%) or very poor (1.8%). (n=274)



What other uses would you like to see in Downtown Jonesville?

This was an open-ended question with responses from 175 people. Additional retail stores (e.g., specialty shops, clothiers, grocers, etc.) and restaurants—especially a coffee shop—were the most common responses. The need for people-driven activities (e.g., entertainment, festivals and cultural venues, breweries/pubs, farmers market, etc.) and more recreation facilities were also very common. The need for a variety of street and other public amenities was also pointed out. *(See page 17 for all of the responses.)*



How would you like the Klein Tool/Vaco Building to be redeveloped?

This was an open-ended question with responses from 185 people. A mix of mostly retail (including farmers/flea markets) and other businesses (including industrial and offices) were proposed. Various types of recreation (including parks and gyms) and entertainment centers (including rental halls) were very common. Restaurants (including a coffee shop and brewery) were popular. Various types of housing were proposed. A wide variety of other uses were also mentioned. Many respondents proposed tearing down the existing building. *(See page 22 for all of the responses.)*



Quality of Life

What do you like best about Jonesville?

This was an open-ended question with responses from 223 people. The most common response was the small-town feel of Jonesville. Positive comments about the people which comprise the community also predominated. Downtown and its businesses (including the bakery and various eateries) were popular. The overall ‘clean’ appearance of the City was commented upon often as were feelings of safety. Recreational opportunities, the Sauk Theater, community history, and other cultural resources were remarked upon. Jonesville Community Schools were mentioned. There were many positive comments regarding the facilities and services provided by the City (including the quality of roads and streets) and its employees. The walkability of Jonesville and its ease of access/location were also mentioned as well as a variety of other assets. *(See page 28 for all of the responses.)*



Empty Buildings Drive Water Night Life River Turning onto US12
 Taxes Run Businesses Apartments Traffic
 Roads Parking Not Enough Restaurants
 Town Little Downtown Police Department
 Shopping Larger Jonesville Low Income Think
 Recreational Facilities Street Activities

What do you like least about Jonesville?

This was an open-ended question with responses from 194 people. The most common responses regarded some type of traffic or street/road issue, including sidewalks and parking. The need for more entertainment/things to do (e.g., Sundays, at night, special events) for kids and adults was noted repeatedly. Multiple calls were also made for more shopping and dining options, including a small grocery store. High taxes and utility bills were noted. The presence of cliques, gossip, insular thinking, and a lack of public involvement were pointed out. Various complaints regarding housing and municipal government were also made. (See page 36 for all of the responses.)

What three things does Jonesville need the most?

This was an open-ended question with responses from 181 people. Many responses included calls for a wider variety of shops (including a grocery store) as well as more restaurants. There were also many references regarding recreation (including a community center, access to the St. Joseph River, and trails). The need for more entertainment options that will attract residents and tourists in the evenings as well as the day was pointed out repeatedly. More development in the industrial park was mentioned as well as the general need for more jobs. Housing options were brought up repeatedly. A wide variety of transportation-related issues were identified (including traffic problems, parking lot lighting, and sidewalks). Various comments were made about City government (including the need for better water treatment). The need for Downtown upgrades was made (including the issue of vacant buildings). (See page 42 for all of the responses.)

Police Expensive High School US12 Recreational
 Middle School Side Walks High Speed Internet
 Entertainment Rec Center Housing Unsure
 Restaurants Big Park Movie Theater
 Shop Better Traffic Flow Community
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 Adults Jonesville Station Retail Stores Opinion

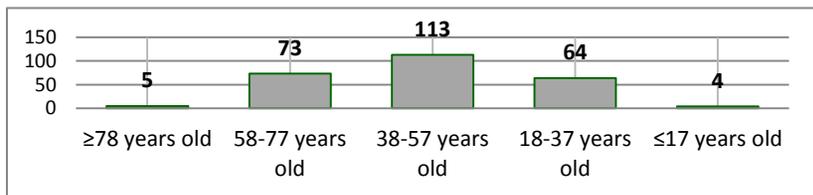
General Information

Please provide the following information about yourself.

Your relationship to the City:

Approximately 61.0% of respondents were Jonesville residents. Approximately 42.6% were employed in the City. Approximately 52.5% owned property in Jonesville. Approximately 11.7% were business owners. Approximately 8.5% were students. (n=223 - Please note that respondents had multiple relationships with the City.)



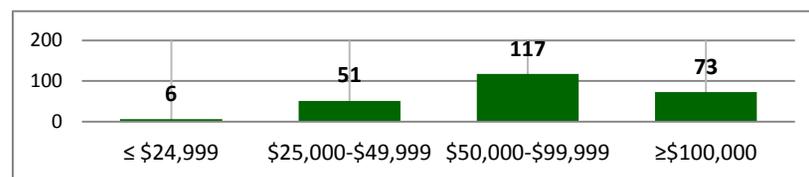


Your generation:

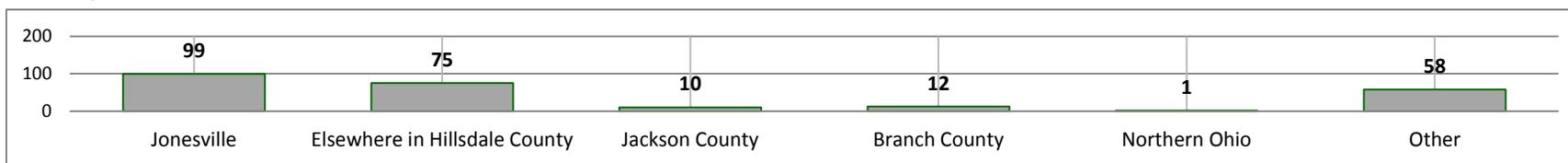
Approximately 1.9% of respondents were members of the ‘Silent’ generation or older. Approximately 28.2% were from the ‘Baby Boomer’ generation. Approximately 43.6% were from ‘Generation X’. Approximately 24.7% were from the ‘Millennial’ generation. Approximately 1.6% were from the ‘iGeneration’ or younger. (n=259)

Your household income:

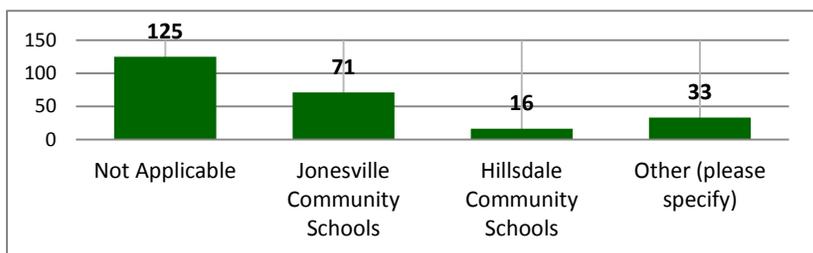
Approximately 2.4% of respondents had a household (HH) income of less than \$25,000 a year. Approximately 20.7% had a HH income of \$25,000-\$49,999. Approximately 47.4% had a HH income of \$50,000-\$99,999. Approximately 29.5% had a HH income of at least \$100,000. (n=247)



Where you work:



Approximately 38.8% of respondents worked in Jonesville and approximately 29.4% worked elsewhere in Hillsdale County. Approximately 3.9% worked in Jackson County, approximately 4.7% worked in Branch County, and approximately 0.4% worked in Northern Ohio. Approximately 22.8% worked in some other place. However, approximately 46.6% of those who indicated they worked in some other place wrote in that they were retired and 8.6% wrote in that they worked from home. (n=255 - See page 49 for all of the ‘other’ responses.)

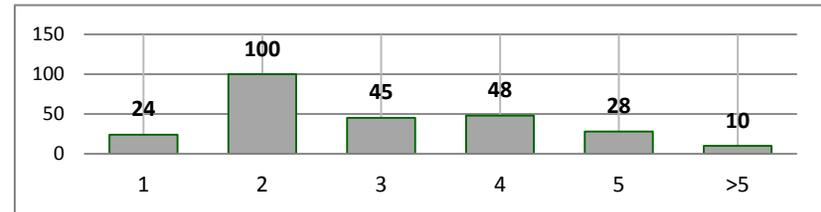


Where your children attend school:

Approximately 29.0% of respondents had children attending Jonesville Community Schools. Approximately 6.5% had children attending Hillsdale Community Schools. Approximately 13.5% had children attending some other school. The question was not applicable to approximately 51.0% of respondents. (n=245 - See page 51 for all of the ‘other’ responses.)

Number of people in your household:

Approximately 9.4% of respondents lived in a 1-person household. Approximately 39.2% lived in a 2-person household. Approximately 17.7% lived in a 3-person household. Approximately 18.8% lived in a 4-person household. Approximately 11.0% lived in a 5-person household. Approximately 3.9% lived in a household with more than 5 people. (n=255)



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Please provide any general comments:

This was an open-ended question with responses from 92 people. There were many positive comments in general, as well as specifically regarding City government, the survey, and Jonesville Community Schools. There were various calls for economic development including the need for: more recreation, more entertainment and shops/restaurants, historic/nature preservation, downtown improvements, and more shops/restaurants. (See page 52 for all of the responses.)

Responses to Open-Ended Questions

What other uses would you like to see in Downtown Jonesville?

Additional restaurants.
Retail needed - too many "businesses".
N/A - very good.
Tear down the old factory by the river.
More retail.
The old hotel brought back to life.
Women's clothing store.
More festivals.
ALDI Store
Continue with aesthetics...add artwork. Chelsea would be a great model for weekend downtown activities. Parties in the park, music, food vendors, etc. We drive there just to take part in their summer weekend festivities.
I would like to see something like a splash pad at the park on Wright Street. More stores too.
It would be so nice to have a small grocery store I could walk to. I am without a vehicle for much of the day, and can't get to Walmart or Kroger. A Dollar General would be great too.
More condos and extra retailers and culture
A gym and all women's inexpensive clothing store and a shoe store
Exercise equipment in the park and more play equipment.
A small intimate dining experience. Like Marcella's but with wine/beer available-----Maybe a book store or children's gadget store.
Bacon bldg or land use. (City Park n RIVERFEST activity area). Night markings on corner of M99 and Reading Ave. From M99. Small grocery downtown. Bird houses on Rail Trail.
More bicycle parking/ usage. More retail, less "service" businesses (insurance, attorneys, etc.). More restaurants.
More things happening in the park. More business downtown. More hiking /biking trails. A visitor center in old gas station.
Specialty retail: meat, chocolate, gifts, activities studio.
Grocery and alcohol take out. Gas station. Dollar store.
Better information for what's going on in the community... from schools, community events etc.
Jonesville is a small town but with a great school. I would like to see more children friendly businesses come to the area or an increase of events for minor children. There is no beach no pools, no watermarks. There is close to nothing for children to do in the winter months. Bounce houses, skate parks, etc.
Options for shopping. Groceries, clothing exec.
Would love to see drive through coffee shop.
Recreational

Affordable all sizes family clothing.

Cute boutiques, specialty wine/food shop, brewery.

Clothing stores

I am strongly in favor the opt-in for medical cannabis. I think it would bring tax revenue to keep the St. Joseph river clean and green. I also think it would be one of the least environmentally detrimental businesses to bring into the industrial park. Many of us in the community would like to commercialize our businesses. I would like to see something in the corner next to saucy dog.

Consider building a narrow island downtown (like Brooklyn) to provide a safety zone when crossing the street/highway.

Walkability - more restaurants/retail after hours/night life. The town basically shuts down after 5 PM. It's really sad on Sauk show nights that there is not much to see and/or do and only 2 places to eat/drink. Nothing after hours.

Coffee shop. Entertainment spots.

A brewery would be a great addition to have in the Downtown area

Better park by the river (by old tool factory)

Recreation Center and/or Gym for kids and adults to promote health and fitness. A Commons Area. A women's Clothing Store. Prettier store fronts.

The area along the river on each side of U.S. 12 could be a much more beautiful park

I would love to see Jonesville CUT down all the trees down town so we can see our local businesses,

Coffee shop, additional restaurant, trendy shop/boutique

More accommodations for people traveling, possibly with a pool. Days inn is Hillsdale and very outdated

We need more affordable housing for purchase.

More shops

na

More restaurants; small grocery store; art/gift/boutique type shops; - more things open in the evenings!

None

Not sure.

Lights down by the St. Joe River. Lights in the Carl Fast Park, throughout.

Idk

More entertainment/sit down restaurants.

Update everything, and more businesses.

More restaurants and a more welcoming look. I love Jonesville. But we need to come to together and make it better.

Jonesville is perfect just the way it is

Need a coffee shop

The City manager to learn respect for our town and these citizens. He does not even own a home here. Hides behind his desk. Talked to many people in community he isn't a well-liked man for the business owners and few citizens who know them. Mostly word of mouth is very harsh and his ways and demeanor towards our town and the citizens. His way of dealing with business and employees is using profanity and rude screaming matches. Time to grow up. And find a new job since he can't handle it being professional.

Continue with the biking/hiking trails. The river trail is a great idea!

More business which attract foot traffic i.e. specialty stores/shops example the Christmas store that encourage people traveling US12 to stop in Jonesville whether it be US 12 garage sales, Riverfest, heading to MIS and see Jonesville as a place they want to stop and visit

More commercial development opportunities for smaller businesses

Use all of the space we have to be productive with businesses but still keep the charm

Breakfast restaurant, coffee shop, fitness center. museum

Another restaurant would be nice.

Coffee shop

Hate the curbs, good for handicapped but doesn't allow cars to turn right or 2 lane traffic to flow.

Music in the Park, outdoor events.

More pedestrian/nature trails for runners and walkers. It is hard to get a good run in with all the stop lights, and the Rail Trail (while wonderful during the day) is not well lit at night, leaving very few places to exercise outdoors in the winter and night. A coffee/tea shop would be a nice addition to the downtown businesses as we have an excellent bakery, but no place for a quick hot beverage while enjoying a walk downtown with a donut. Also, THANK YOU for the electric car plugin downtown. It is so nice to grab dinner and charge the car at the same time. A lot of bigger cities do not have this available at no charge, so Jonesville is well ahead of the game!

Farmers market, additional clothing stores.

Rec Center

?

A restaurant open on Mondays, some specialty's stores. A good place to gather down town to have a coffee and bagel, etc.

Better Christmas lights on the trees. Currently, they are very poor and inadequate.

A coffee shop! Maybe also a sandwich place and/or a diner.

Restaurant

Ice skating area, perhaps in the park?

More family friendly gathering places. Bowling skating etc.

Coffee Shop

I like it just as it is. The stores all have what I need. Excellent bakery. Banks are close with wonderful. Love, love, love, my Jonesville!

More shops and something for kids to do.

We need a grocery store downtown! Maybe old Vaco bld.

More shops, vintage items for sale

more special events

Ideally, there would be more people-driven activities. This would include businesses, restaurants, and events. The buildings that are occupied are mainly businesses, not focused on retail consumers. There are only a few eating options in the city - it would be nice to have some diversity. A sandwich shop or coffee shop would be nice.

I would like to see more little shops like boutiques. I would love to open on if my own.

Almost everything is within walking distance and it's great but the lack of any public restrooms makes outings a little more difficult with kids when we do walk.

I am happy with what is here. It meets my needs.

Uber
Book store
Fall and snow festival.
N/A
More retail businesses ex shoe store deli coffee shops clubs bars
Urban grocery a coffee shop and the old Kline tool building repurposed into a farmers market
American buffet restaurant more summer family entertainment in the downtown park improve brush pickup by dpw for senior citizens
I would like to see an online bill pay that is free. More shops downtown would be nice too.
Park, better use of river
More shopping!
The park has excellent decorations during the holidays.
Coffee shop with pottery or family activity programs
I don't exactly understand what this question is asking.
Breakfast restaurant
More outdoor activities in the park, music/concerts
More activity centers for youngsters, example water park, indoor trampoline facility, etc.
Another fast food option would be nice. McD's and Udder Side are too packed to eat at during lunch when you only have a 30 minute lunch break at work. I do love the Downtown feel that Jonesville has preserved.
City Pool
Hardware open on Sunday. More options for eating, open on all days
Family entertainment, something to draw more community together on a regular basis
The Jonesville downtown, community, and present and future residents would most benefit from any manufacturer or service provider that would employ 400+ people. Jonesville needs to either produce something or provide some type of professional service(s). Otherwise, there is no reason to remain in Jonesville or return to Jonesville after leaving for college. One other option that could happen in conjunction with a larger manufacturer or professional service provider is some type of tourist attention. We need more than one reason for out-of-towners to choose to get in the car and come see/do something in Jonesville. We need something to "put us on the map". Otherwise, our residents will continue to be our only "customers". We need 2-10 answers to the question: "why would someone bring their family to Jonesville for a 3 day weekend"?
Recreational facilities for children. Updated playgrounds, skate park, etc.
na
Parks and Rec; Community pool, updated tennis and basketball courts, expanded rail trail, and additional bike trails.
Furniture store, more entertainment options
More parks and outdoor recreation options
A pub. Live music. Outdoor public space for "getting lost". The current parks are nice, but no "wild" feel to them. The trail along the river is also nice, but pavement is lame...maybe extend the trail north as a single track.
None

?
It has a great selection of restaurants. I know a few specialty shops have come and gone. It's hard to think of a development that would be successful.
Communities center with activities for children.
Coffee shop/cafe, skate park, hands on museum or something for the kids.
more scenic trails
I would like to see businesses condensed into a convenient walking distance (many are, but 99 poses challenges). It would also like to see empty portions of downtown re-claimed, so that the older buildings can be put to use. The new apartments were an excellent example. More than anything, trails connecting school facilities, business districts and the river would be ideal. I feel the area needs more incentive to be active and pedestrian friendly. Far too many students exhibit poor health before they even leave school. Community resources might help with that.
None
Coffee Shop
Coffee house/ specialty shops, i.e. fabric store, sandwich shops, farmers market, recreational rental
Larger park/play area for families,
NA
Better parking, especially when there are events such as Sauk performances, Riverfest, church services, etc. I would LOVE it if the downtown area had more B2C businesses, a retail focus could bring so many opportunities to the area. A small coffee shop/eatery would be gladly welcomed. Something along the likes of Jillybeans. It would be great to have a place for meetings rather than over lunch at Olivia's. I would also prefer to put my money for my morning coffee into my home of Jonesville rather than Hillsdale.
An off road recreational park/trails for ATV & UTV's
Convenient store...walking distance to population
Coffee PLEASE! not fast food coffee, real coffee. The bakery goods are c- Improvement especially for bread would guarantee a return visit.
I would love to see some little boutiques for shopping, more factory businesses coming to Jonesville, and restoring some of the older buildings while keeping their great features.
Clothing and convenience stores
More retail
I'd like to see the street level storefront spaces used for NON OFFICE type businesses - specialty stores (maybe something recreation related), restaurant (particularly a coffee house and a deli), and high foot traffic driven service businesses. I'd like to see complimentary businesses to Gallery 49 and the Sauk encouraged, playing off of the arts/creative theme. I'd like to see the Episcopal church preserved and used as a coffee house/live entertainment/wedding venue. A banquet center (possibly the Klein Tool building) would be a nice addition and bring in money to our town from outside areas.
Appliance stores General Merchandise Store
An art shop with classes for trendy items.
Shoe and women's clothing store. Get a full time police department!
Diner for breakfast.
More things to do.
More ice cream

Not sure

Traffic light timing

Easy port for canoeing,

Coffee shop. Women’s boutique shop. Gift / card shop

N/A

City ordinances upheld only done when convenient for city or police

Auto repair, restaurant for breakfast

We could use a grocery store, women's clothing store, shoe store, toy store. The kinds of stores real towns have.

No suggestions

More uses of abandon town buildings.

More parties in the park

more restaurants

More shopping

Coffee shop, community/event space

Pub, bar

Brewery

More sidewalks. It's hard to walk downtown when Murphy and the city portion of Jonesville Rd are unpaved and unsafe club, community, fun, etc.

Yoga class. Non-religious gathering place.

Hotel

More public events.

What other uses would you like to see in Downtown Jonesville?

City services, coffeehouse.

Community center - museum for Jonesville history.

Motel/restaurant or tear it down and put in a park/canoe livery.

Emagine Theater - theater for movies, food, bar area, serve food during shows.

Look at for low class handicap apartment?

Housing.

To old - tear down.

Farmer’s market weekends and moving to more days if needed.

Apartment housing.

Bulldoze it down, and make the area a weekly farmers market.

A year around indoor swimming pool and walking track.

Combination "mini" stores and farmers market or "coffee shop" overlooking river with local crafters and kids area.
Craft beer/restaurants - something to bring in tourists.
ALDI Store
Tear it down!!!! Clean it up!!! Put in a city park along the river. Such a beautiful piece of property along the river that is the biggest eye sore in Jonesville. How much longer do we wait for "someone" to do "something" with it?
A Park, Apartments, or more office space.
Condos retailers office space
Picnic/park area
winter famer's market until developed for housing or retail
A banquet hall (Ron Gow has some great ideas)
Sure.
1) As a market for local (Hillsdale County) vendors. 2) As a rental hall for weddings, corporate gatherings, etc.
Demo it, make city park and RIVERFEST etc. area. Beautify that riverside!
Mixed use with retail, professional, restaurants (No housing). Perhaps green space
Game room for kids and or a community center. Ping pong table, pool table etc. Maybe could do craft shows in there or some other events.
Tear it down. Market location on river to a developer.
Torn down and a park on the river.
Outdoor restaurant (Summer food carts), farmers market, apartments / condos
I think it should be funded for children uses. A skate park or arcade or indoor bounce palaces something. To save costs on employment, people on probation or sentenced to community service should be asked to take care of it for our community
Various shops, brewery, specialty shops.
Riverfront walkway, green space, additional parking, mixed use building
Tear it down and make a small park
Apartments/ small business/ coffee & Internet cafe with quiet areas for small gatherings or reading.
I think it should be green space. Playground area, picnic tables for take-out food eating, dog park, walking path, places to sit and read a book etc.
Mini mall, multi vendors
Indoor recreational
Medical Marijuana facility
Would a recreational facility support this? Gym, pool tables, table tennis, spa, laser tag, fitness center. Don't think another restaurant or brewery is the right thing. Hillsdale just opened up two more alcohol establishments -- is this really the best we can do?
Condos overlooking the river
Something really cool that would be an attraction point for both local and out of area visitors.
Factory - apartments
In addition to providing residential spaces for new tenants, there should be a rooftop bar area that would likely attract more people to the city and area.

Maybe apartments for seniors only that is not subsidized by the government and limited to couples aged 55 and older.
Better park by the river
Knocked down and used for parking/park for the river
Indoor kids play area. Large banquet hall. Bounce house \ skyzone.
Recreation Center and/or Gym for kids and adults to promote health and fitness.
Torn down and a riverwalk created
Upscale sale area with brick facade, but open air. A place to buy and sell goods, eat along the river.
Let the Private sector take care of it leave it till someone wants to buy it and spend the money to take care of it.
Anything! Could be skate park, bulldozed and use as additional shops, restaurants, or a more family friendly park.
Tear down the building and the parking lots and driveway out. Then replace it with a nice apartment building for the elderly with views and access of the river.
Anything, just don't let it sit empty.
Senior Citizen housing.
Restaurant.
Teen activity center. Anything would be better than a vacant building.
Remove the building and create a "green space", perfect spot for a Farmers market, food trucks, small coffee shop, etc. I would also like to see Jonesville its own youth recreation department.
Little shops and galleries - think Navy Pier? Cafes...
No opinion
I don't know what that building is.
No opinion.
Idk
Parking
Unknown
Yes
Into a restaurant maybe an Olive Garden.
I liked the plan that was presented a couple years ago with the area being turned into a park/walking area.
Groceries store.
I would like to see a nice restaurant & reception hall. Especially reception hall as there is a great need in the area and Olivia's is across the road. OR a space for indoor farmer market or numerous shopping under one roof?
Tear down eye sore.
How about a "higher end" indoor farm/flea market with craft booths etc.
I would like it torn down and made into a water front park. Maybe with some business along the street side. It seems too big to be downtown, I think parking, a park and maybe some store fronts.
It would be nice to have anything there. You could even tear it out and use that space for a few buildings. However anything would be better than nothing.

Career center for Jonesville Schools
Parking? Entertainment for kids
yes
Yes, it is an eye sore
Housing. The Hugh success of the "Deal Building" is an excellent example.
Torn down.
I don't know that building.
Business to bring in more local jobs.
An entertainment facility or public rec center (like a YMCA) would be a great addition to our community! There are not a lot of local places to stay fit or get a group of people together for basketball/volleyball/etc. in the fall/winter months. But if you ask my husband, he'd say a hockey rink.
Torn down
Year round markets or garage sale areas
No opinion
industrial
I would like to see the city occupy the building with a large community room that can be used for meetings, wedding receptions, etc. The Fire, Police and City staff all in one building and even invite the township to consider the advantage of being in the building also.
Develop a walkway along the river as they have in Dexter. Perhaps open it to small specialty shops and/or food shops.
I would love to have a large indoor space that could be used for a variety of activities as a community center but also for private use - rented out for private parties, but may- be also available for group activities like contradancing, bands, CAA meetings for kids, yoga, second-run movie screenings, etc.
Senior housing
New manufacturing business would be good. Someone with more vision than I possess should make suggestions! Perhaps ask Ron Gow?
n/a
A nice restaurant with indoor/outdoor seating
Maybe something for kids. Or a clothing resale shop
Unsure
grocery store
Townhouses, apartments that are not for low income, we have too many of these now.
Art and recreation center. rental hall
Torn down with public parking available
Apartments, community center, breaking up the area for multiple businesses.
I would love to see the city utilize this building and if they can't take it down and build something in its place that they can utilize.
N/a
Apartments would be nice if possible; maybe an indoor shopping mall??
A gym with courts so kids have more activities to do.

Another business
Winery or brewery
Business
Bring more jobs back
Tear it down turn it in to store fronts to attract more businessmen
Multipurpose, wedding reception, parties, mini mall, restaurant overlooking river with outside dinning be a lot of work, needs to be split up to big for one venue
Farmers market like in Lansing or Grand Rapids
Either apartments, parking, or more shops/restaurants.
Housing
Riverside park, farmers market
Yes or torn down for community parking.
It has contaminated soil, so it can't be used as industrial, but it would make a great gym space if it were rezoned as no longer industrial. Sucks sitting there empty.
Good question.
Na
Housing and retail spaces. Perhaps a community building, farmers market etc.
Combination of professional suites, eclectic shops (similar to some buildings in Shipshewana), eateries, blues bars/jazz bars... 'upscale one stop shopping'. Make it a destination that people will want to come to Jonesville
Not sure
No opinion
Needs a face lift and should be turned into a center for families that doesn't cost a lot to be a member. With sports, swimming, activities, etc.
no opinion
Ideally it would be razed and in its place see a cafe or deli sandwich type place with outdoor seating along the river. Perhaps a specialty shop or two...maybe a canoe livery.
It needs to produce a high value good or house educated family oriented professionals providing a high value service. Could be a corp. headquarter if it was renovated
retail and lofts
Na
1. Torn down and sold off. 2. Renovated for commercial space. (fitness center, weekend farmers market, store for outdoor enthusiasts). 3. Medical Building
Community co-op for fruits and vegetables, community garden, fountain or splash pad
A recreation center offering after school programs, sports leagues, etc.
Riverside Pavilion with rocks for bouldering and a band shell. Create a space to park food trucks.
More store front opportunities
Another manufacturing business.
I'm not sure if it would accommodate this senior housing or nursing home. Preschool or Daycare Center is needed also.
Maybe have it split into several different things...something for children of all ages and maybe some type of gym.
Museum? Historical or hands on? More apartments?

YMCA or other type of community building. It is an eyesore and needs to either be re-purposed or torn down.
Housing (not low income...something for middle-class housing) or Multi-use building (businesses)
Youth center
I don't have any definite ideas, but using it to house multiple businesses may be best, given its size. A gym/health facility would be nice if demand were determined to exist.
No opinion
Coffee Shop, I don't know
Shops or activity center for young people or apartment building or training center i.e. technology, Either "small" businesses like 42 south in Hillsdale, housing, event center.
NA
Breaking up the space allowing multiple small businesses to use the facility. An open community meeting/think tank area would be a great investment as well.
Tore down and made into a park by the river. Beautify with trees, flowers, playground equipment.
Unsure
affordable senior housing
If the entire building cannot be renovated, tear some of it down for additional parking and river access. A banquet hall would be fabulous or mixed commercial.
I would like to see a new factory there.
Multi-use building with stores, restaurants, and river walk.
Something other than commercial
I'd like to see it developed as mixed use, commercial spaces (including a banquet center) and market rate residential, with the possibility of incorporating some public space that could visually tie downtown to the river.
Either additional dining, and/or Housing.
A smaller version of City Centre that is coming to East Lansing.
Put more industry into it. You were stupid to buy it in the first place.
Demolish the building and take advantage of the scenic access to the river.
Something to draw tourists such as specialty shops or entertainment for families.
Don't care
It needs to be torn down and then it will be easier to decide what to do with the space
Small markets
Something that would draw tourists to the downtown area, who would also visit our unique downtown restaurants. Possible a shopping area or event center. Another idea would be apartments (see Eaton Rapids, MI- although I think theirs have not held up well).
Building should be torn down and property redeveloped
In any way. It's just taking up space. It could be a very productive location, and is vastly underutilized.
Teardown make into park
New business for starting workers or college students
Perhaps housing, restaurant

We need more business. Industrial as well as retail.

I think it's an eye sore and should be demolished

Along the same lines. It needs to be REDEVELOPED INTO A USEFUL AREA FOR THE COMUNITY.

Torn down and more businesses added

I am not sure which building this is, but can a restaurant come in there?

I think it should be torn down, maybe a small park with benches in it to sit n look at the river. It is our only downtown eye sore

Strip mall

We have plenty of industrial area for development so probably not that, so seems like it should be torn down

Medical offers and condos

I don't care, as long as it's not vacant. Marcella's building needs occupied too.

A factory. More jobs needed

Indoor fun during cold, nasty winter months

Tear it down. Clean it up. Rebuild with water-themed businesses and retail specialty stores.

Family restaurant, such as a steak house, Olive Garden.

Hotel/pool & spa and maybe an IHOP attached

Something entertainment-focused.

What do you like best about Jonesville?

Good people/neighbors.

Small community - easy access - best restaurants - help neighbors - safety.

Small town with caring recognizable people.

Cindy Means.

Very good location, good place to live?

Clean, size, roads & streets, people.

Small town ambience.

Safety, ease of walking about town, schools, restaurants, theater, people, the river, art gallery, service organizations, Grosvenor House, b&b's, library, pride people take in yard maintenance, churches.

Sauk Theater is a great treat. Our school system is very good and prepares students a chance to get into any college. Our police and fire departments are a great asset to our community.

Has a lot to offer without going out of Town! City workers are good at taking care of things!

Best streets to drive on no potholes! Clean, quiet, safe.

Easy access to ?, bank, drug store.

People, parks, streets are clean.
Small community, close to larger cities, quiet, safe, love Sauk Theater and small library! Great new Chief of Police Lance!
It's small.
Small town and a feeling of safety. I walk everywhere even at night.
I love the new trails that have gone in and other aspects of the city that offer activities for my family and I to participate in. I enjoy the continued small town feel and sense of community.
It feels safe and the City does it's best to keep it clean and safe.
Small, peaceful, well-kept. Can leave windows and doors open all hours of the day and can walk the streets without worrying about being a victim of crime! Also, a conservative group of people.
Pride of the community
Small town atmosphere
Everyone knows each other and are friendly
Friendly neighborhood.
It's quiet. Not too big. Friendly businesses and great services.
Maintaining historic value. City maintenance and beautification (summer flowers n trees). Property n personal security. City trash & leaf pickup days. City officials and public working together. Would like a nice downtown cost efficient senior housing area for us longtime residents.?? (maybe at Vaco spot). Close to food, banking, hardware, library, entertainment n city offices, n post office!
Community Pride. I also like the idea that I can walk to the bank, post office, City Hall, many restaurants and retail shops.
The friendly people and the close town feeling. It is where my heart is at. It needs more draws to town.
The small town feeling and the friendliness of the people
Great food. No crime. Nice neighborhoods. No potholes. Yard waste and leaf pickup. Quiet.
The people. The city employees. The restaurants. The summer recreation program.
Community - quiet, not crime ridden, good schools, nice presentation of downtown.
It appears clean and whole. Hillsdale seems divided into the rich side and poor side as Jonesville seems even.
Bakery
Small town, friendly.
Small town with many services. Best group of restaurants in a 30 mile radius. Small and clean downtown. Good cooperation between city and businesses. Strong business climate. Rail trail.
Nice quiet town that has friendly people.
The people and our government
Schools

The atmosphere and how clean it is kept not just downtown but even off side streets. It's an area to be proud of living around.
Sauk Theatre, Olivia's, Powers Clothing, Mill Race Golf Course.
Small town and was my home town growing up. Safe!
Good municipal services, small-town lifestyle
Small Town Feel
Nice quiet town
Weekly yard waste
Small town feeling.
The location and opportunity to develop the area over the upcoming years.
Relatively clean, friendly, functional community. Perhaps the best town in Hillsdale County.
small town, friendly atmosphere, not a lot of traffic. Clean neighborhoods.
Small town atmosphere
Homey feeling
Well maintained, good visual presence, community activities.
The school system is better than most in and around Hillsdale County. Also the downtown is relatively clean and has thriving business unless other small town downtowns. Also, the community is safe and crime is low.
My clients and family
Small town atmosphere and low crime rate. A city government that is doing a good job for the citizens.
Mostly quiet
Small town feel with amenities close enough to make it convenient.
Small town service. Easy to get around. Post office is fast. Great food. Nice parks. The new walking trail by the river. Great library.
Sense of Community
Restaurants, downtown buildings.
<i>[Personal comment was redacted.]</i>
Well kept.
The small town feeling.
Restaurants.
Great place to raise children.
It's small.
The people.
The people and sense of community.

Ease of accessibility to basic needs; walkability; access to bike trail; variety of restaurants; excellent city services.
Safe.
Restaurants, schools and the Sauk Theater.
I don't really go to Jonesville. Only once in a while so I don't know that much about these questions sadly.
It's a cute, small city. It's quiet, but eventful at the same time. I can get to places I need like Walmart or gas stations or hospitals without driving 45 minutes to hours away.
Idk
Saucy dogs
The historical features
Small town, friendliness, knowing your neighbors
It's clean and pretty
Sense of family
Jonesville is walkable, clean and kept very well. Great atmosphere and destination place for great meal and the arts.
The citizens
Very clean and no blight to speak of, just a real nice town.
Small town , quality safe place to live
I think it is a great small town, with good roads, parks and sidewalks. It is well run and managed and seems to be little crime.
Small town community with great restaurants/theater/culture/churches/businesses. The best of both worlds.
Small town feel with big town potential
I love that it is a community and the people are happy. I would like to keep that charm and passion for community.
We love Jonesville. It's a place to live life's full measure.
Community
Jonesville Hardware, and the Sauk
Safety and security
the udder side
Little crime, it's friendly, it's my hometown!
Certainly no one thing comes to mind. However, I'm proud to call Jonesville my home. Jonesville offers so much for a small community and everything is within walking distance.
Small town life.
Olivia's. The fish at the fish place across the street is too greasy. The way the door creaks at the bakery. The golf course. The small town feel.
Supportive community

My husband and I work in Kalamazoo, but we choose to live in Jonesville due to its quaint nature, nice community, excellent restaurants, and outdoor recreation (St. Joe River, access to Baw Beese via Rail Trail, close to state parks and state game areas).

Small productive town

Appearance and that individuals care about their property. Nice roads, good schools!

Small town atmosphere

low stress living

A friendly town that you can walk the streets and say Hi to your neighbors and friends and we all look out for one another and help out with any and all needs of the community.

The people. Everyone appears to work well together and are sincerely interested in improving and maintaining a strong community spirit.

The community. The cleanliness/appearance of the city

It is the perfect size: small enough that everything is maintained really well, but large enough that you have most of what you need on a day to day basis.

The school system

Quiet community

SMALL TOWN / FRIENDLY

Small town feel but still has a variety of businesses nearby.

Small town feel.

The people!

Walkability, friendliness, excellent city services

People are awesome! Everyone is very caring. Love the stores. Love the school system!

That it is an excellent place to raise kids and a great school system.

Safe, quiet, small town, everything you need except grocery store.

Nice town, nice people

Love the Park

The people and the city is well maintained

Quiet and friendly city

Overall, the city is very clean and visually appealing. The amount of 'nature' is great and the historic buildings are beautiful.

Friendly, small town atmosphere. Powers Clothing, Udder Side, Coney Hut, Sauk Theater, all good at drawing people into the community.

I love the clean appearance of our town.

Restaurants.

Town is large enough to have things to do but small enough things are within walking distance from my home.

The friendly people and easy lifestyle. And the wonderful library!

Peaceful and safe.
Safety
How clean it is and dealing with Cindy Means
Small town feel
Hard to say but it has been home for my entire life
???
Safe place to raise your kids
Small town relatively safe
It's big but not too big and it feels safe. We have really nice upkeep neighborhoods.
Small businesses downtown, bakery
Small Town
Restaurants, Sauk Theatre
Charming small town that offers a lot., especially like the great food locations
Restaurants, park, ball park, school
Small town, theater, history
The store owners/workers are great, friendly people. It is enjoyable to shop and dine downtown.
Small town
The restaurants
Small town atmosphere
Small town, great community, feel safe
Clean and pleasant
Small town, buildings and houses are generally maintained, sense of safety, feels like a good place to raise my kids based on these.
The Town.
Sense of community
The majority of the people that matter to me live here
Power clothing and the bakery
Olivia's, Jonesville Bakery, Udder Side
The Mix of small town, parks and agriculture
Small town community feeling. And the great schools
The recognition and support of local business.
Safe environment for raising a family.

Peaceful
People
Shop owners who take pride in the appearance of downtown, low crime rate
The growing school system.
Pride of residents to keep it liveable
Quiet neighborhood
The friendly atmosphere and small town feel.
People
It's small town character. The city has really taken a proactive approach to keeping Jonesville relevant and active. Taking surveys and listening to people, for instance :)
It's a great community.
Being born and raised here we know everybody and everybody's friendly and very receptive
It is a small town.
It is fairly compact and tight-knit. I enjoy that sense of community. Its existence on busy roads just poses a bit of a pedestrian hazard.
Multigenerational community that brings its youth back with families to raise. It creates a strong, family-centered community that protects the youth and helps to encourage community involvement.
Unique dining, small town atmosphere
The people
Quality of schools, long term businesses, theatre. Recreation, good restaurants, bed and breakfast
It's over all appearance is clean and the roads are better than Hillsdale.
Small town feel
The unique charm and overall activity level in the downtown area. Riverfest is always a highlight and the Sauk allows for great entertainment within a short distance from our home. The historical element of Jonesville is also very appealing.
NA
The roads and updated school
The store fronts are clean. The little touches like the flowers on the corners and brick work. The art in front of the bank.
Small town community
Warm feeling
Such a great city
Friendly, quiet atmosphere.
Jonesville is a beautifully maintained community which helps to add Hillsdale County as a destination spot. The food is unrivaled, especially on US 12 and in

Hillsdale (City).
I enjoy the fact it is nice and well-kept for a small town.
Schools, parks, quality of housing
Small town feel. Friendliness of people.
The strong sense of pride and positive attitude the majority of residents, business owners, and municipal leaders, have about our community. I like that outsiders see Jonesville as being business and community friendly. I appreciate that my tax dollars are well managed and spent wisely. I enjoy living in a small town but having quick access to larger towns (Coldwater, Lansing, Jackson, Ann Arbor) because of Jonesville's central location on US-12.
It's a Great place to live!
The people!
Rural area, small town atmosphere.
It's a safe and close-knit community.
We are a friendly town that is connected. They are helpful, especially towards helping kids.
Close to good hunting & fishing
Small town feel
Forward thinking
People, safety, schools, enjoyable community
It's safe. It's friendly. We have good schools. The city works hard to make our city clean and well kept. It has been a great place to raise our children.
The people who make up community
Downtown/sense of community. Saucy's and Olivia's is great for Jonesville.
The people
Beauty
Schools, safety, clean air, many services especially lawn refuse pickup
It's small and mostly safe. Life here is like turning back your clocks 50 years.
Small town and friendly with good streets, not like Hillsdale (relative to streets)
Small town feel
Small town feel, people
Nice little town, friendly people
The people, the friendliness of everyone, the feeling of family (even though I was not born here), small community with a big heart
Seems like a good, small, close knit community. Good place to raise a family.
Safe community
It's a small quiet town with everything I need.

Small town atmosphere

Quiet, nice places to walk, bike

The pride of the community and the businesses.

It's clean and the people are the best

Small town feel

Comfortable, friendly hometown, feels like a good old fashioned hometown.

Great restaurants. Clean neighborhoods. Absence of potholes.

It's historic nature.

Variety of businesses and easy access to them

Roads and sidewalks are well maintained.

What do you like least about Jonesville?

Too many abandoned houses (or needing repair).

Blight - empty buildings - lack of retail - We are on a main highway we should be able to draw more merchants-restaurants to fill empty buildings.

The brush company frontage is disconnected and unsightly.

Clean up St. Joseph river?

It's a long way from Missouri.

No grocery -- another bank --

None.

School taxes.

No grocery store.

When walking on side streets some of the sidewalks are in bad shape.

We are a small community . . . yet so may attitudes trying to make it seem like a "big city". Wasting \$ on fancy back parking lots (inconvenient for elderly and disabled).

Property taxes. I live in Jonesville not Fayette.

No Chinese restaurant or "coffee house".

Klein Tool building rotting in front of our eyes with nothing being done with it.

It could use more recreational outlets.

The constant and consistent way people run red lights downtown on US 12. If you're turning on your green light off a cross street onto US 12, you had better look both ways at least twice, because there's always someone, (a lot of semi-trucks), running an obvious red light! Also, the incredible amount of excessive speeding on Maumee Street, which is where I live.

Parking

Main

Intersection.

Some of the property ordinances like no fences on front or side yards. And, rather than dealing with an issue that they know is wrong, they tell you to get a lawyer and go through the courts.

Only one way across town. No convenient emergency or alternative route across the river, or around town, if and when 12 is shut down or compromised. This seems a real lack of planning-for years!

Cliques. We are all in this together. There are no small grocery stores downtown. There are too many service businesses downtown. Not a single park west of the river. More dinners and more things to do.

The traffic and lack of outlets around the elementary and high schools.

Wasted retail space at lumber company and police station. Lack of a city park on the river.

The new apartment building.

Lack of community events, i.e. Quincy downtown music pavilion, Winter festival possibly- Not everybody does the snowmobile / fishing stuff

The fact that it is a close knit community with everyone in your business. Makes it hard for the lower level civilians to make a difference or help make change. Jonesville is a high class town that exercises favoritism

Walmart plaza could use more businesses. Plaza at corner of US 12 and 99 South is in bad shape. Bike path is too close to 99 going south from town

Small town gossip.

Lack of set down restaurants

The inability to work with new businesses. If or when a new business comes into town don't make it difficult to get signage or grandfather in what was already there. I have watched many people with good business ideas come and go quickly in Jonesville over the last 18 years. Make it easier for new/small businesses to want to come and stay in Jonesville. We need a more diverse downtown as far as businesses go.

I hate what has happened to the St Joe river, breaks my heart.

Limited options for shopping and entertainment

Schools

Turning onto US12 from Nutrition Xtreme. It seems like people can't turn at the same time because they can't stay in their lane. If you're on 99 turn right you should use the RIGHT LANE and not the LEFT! We also need a pharmacy!

The drive to Coldwater or Jackson for some essentials

I only work there, so not really qualified to answer this. All of our towns struggle to some degree with the changes that have occurred over the last 20 years, loss of the multi-national employers, etc. Personally, we are always looking for more active, fun things to do, so more of that is always good. The question is, how to you make it profitable or subsidize it if it isn't? No easy answers here.

How they handle rental housing issues regarding water bills. They make you pay for a tenants unpaid bills.

Parking

I would prefer to see businesses thrive once open, not just open and close.

The lack of activities/events/things to do. The city needs to find ways to minimize its residents from having to leave to other towns/cities for entertainment, restaurants, etc. There are not enough things to do in town which causes residents to spend their money elsewhere. In addition, to having to leave town for other options, the city needs to attract tourists and out of towners in order to grow.

In town parking

Lack of more things to do as a family. You have to go outside the city for many activities.
not many places to shop and not much to do as a family
The downtown area for parking could be a little easier
Wal-Mart
I worry that policies may impede progress
The way our City members treat gordy on our Police Department he should have been the Captain
lack of options
Lack of places to shop
Lack of a bar open past 9:30
Taxes and water and sewer bills need to be reduced to make it more affordable for families.
It's dowdy
Poor police department. It would be nice if they were nice to people. Frank is the only one who is nice to people.
Not enough Shopping options.
High taxes
Only two things: high taxes (\$1K higher than the mid-sized (500K) metropolitan area I moved here from), and the lack of a grocery store.
Nothing
Walmart
Same as answer to #7.
I wish that whoever is in charge of the property down by the St. Joe River would keep it looking lovely all spring/summer, not just at Riverfest.
Idk
No parking
It's too small. Not enough stores. Maybe add a little mall.
Small town, limited access to options regarding shopping, cultural activities, etc.
Traffic
Would like more shops versus service locations in downtown
The city manager and the leave puck up sticks trees etc. They tear grass up lazy picking it up leave half piles there. When piles are too big and u can't out in road. Lazy workers roads r nasty filthy. The homes are trashy yards gross. Hope house is a waste of time. A lot of homeless people walking dogs running around unchained
Probably US 12 traffic, but I know that helps business's and kind of hard to do anything about!
speed of traffic on Maumee
The two things that I want changed are the timing on the stop lights down town, they are two short for the us12 side and we need more sidewalks in the parts of town that don't have them at all.
Static in development
It could have more to offer or better advertise what it does have.
Nada

Not enough restaurants.
Not enough choices
curb appeal
Wish it was a little larger and had more things to do here.
Can't think of a thing about Jonesville that I don't like.
<i>[Personal comment was redacted.]</i>
The traffic lights are hard to see and not timed together.
The lack of things to do. There is minimal night life, no recreational facilities nearby (Jackson), and a lack of things to get you outside in the cooler months.
Not much shopping variety
High cost of property taxes and water.
Lack of biking trails
?
People that will not get involved to help make us a better community.
We need to beat Hillsdale in sports!
Not enough community events throughout the year and not enough shops.
In the winter there isn't much to do with kids (in warm weather the parks are terrific).
The traffic patterns before and after school hours
Snobbishness if you're not born here.
Snootiness. Some businesses (and residents) have their noses up in the air and are arrogant. Potential customers should not be judged on appearance. I'm also disappointed with the condition of the Heritage Lane Apartments. I expected the apartments to be nicer and the entrances to be secure. Anyone can access the inside with no security code or fob.
n/a
Traffic noise
I don't like the fact that the noon whistle No longer blows And I understand that a lot of people did not like it.
Not a lot of options of things to do with our kids.
Could have housing for elderly..i.e. apartments
Too much low income housing!
Distance to larger communities. lack of health care
Drugs are starting to be more readily available to residents on the street
The lack of events, or things 'to-do'. Apart from Riverfest (one weekend a year) and Santa/Tree lighting (one night a year), there's nothing special to draw you downtown. The Sauk provides a good source of entertainment, but they are limited to the number of productions they perform. Saucy Dog & Olivia's don't usually have open events. There's not a cohesive community feel about the downtown area. The park is in desperate need of a facelift and the library doesn't offer the type of programs needed to engage residents.
There's no cute little shops/ stores. If I want to do a little "downtown shopping" I go to Hillsdale to Maribeth's, Maggie Annie's, Nell's Nest, small town sweet boutique,

checker records. I would rather stay in Jonesville to do this but our town doesn't have anything like this to offer. I really think it would benefit our down town.
Not enough quality clothes shopping, not enough restaurants, not enough specialty shops like shoe stores, gift shops, etc. Can't find carpenters, roofers, etc. to do smaller jobs.
The lack of public restrooms because we do things like go to the parks or walk the trail. Even port-a-johns would be helpful when you are 15 minutes from home with no vehicle.
Can't think of anything. I like it here.
nothing
Cost of water bill
Old school thinking of committee members
N/a
???
No high speed internet
lacks entertainment places for teens and family activities
Lack of shops and nicer restaurants
No night life
Downtown parking on busy nights.
traffic light set ups. parking spaces aren't marked off
Traffic lights
Lack of down town shopping.
The curbs that come out too far off of Maumee St. turning onto US12.
small town
really have no complaints there
variety of activities and food
Vaco building right in downtown, underutilization of the river area as a feature (although the new bike path helped a great deal)
not much open on Sunday
The Roads need repaired and some of the street lights need attention
Tolerance of underage drinking/drug use
Hillsdale County is "the armpit" of Michigan - a motivated hardworking person must drive at least 1 hour in any direction in order to better oneself. If you notice any major commerce will travel 30 miles North, South, East or West of us. There is no reason to drive to or through Jonesville unless you have relation here.
High school taxes
Traffic
Love Olivia's but dislike the building.
We need more to do.
The lack of outdoor recreational facilities for children.

Snooty regarding folks who are not "true comets"

na

The somewhat inconsistent road grooming during the winter, issues with utility billing

Politics playing a role in most aspects of the community (who knows who).

The insular feeling towards anything outside of Jonesville. Very resistant to contemporary ideas.

The lack of sidewalks North of 12 past Parkwood. Lack of people using the sidewalks when they are available. Lack of ordinance for parking on street in winter.

I really can't think of anything that I don't like about Jonesville.

Traffic after school is out

It would be nice if it had more businesses downtown.

There needs to be more options for restaurants. We have two GREAT places, but a couple more options would keep me here instead of going to another town.

I wish the people I interact with were more friendly. This town doesn't seem to make new people feel welcome. I feel this way in the businesses and in the residents.

The lack of pedestrian options (particularly non-motorized trails). Empty buildings could be utilized too.

Lack of advanced academics

The gossip

Uncertain

Important to keep properties looking good,

No grocery store within walking distance of downtown

The lack of retail and dining options downtown. The JBA is also very inactive, especially compared to the HBA or other local downtown associations.

Finding parking is awful

Drug use and lack of entertainment for kids/young adults

Traffic at peak times around the middle school

no opinion

high taxes

Too few shopping options. Groceries etc.

I can't say there is anything I don't like about Jonesville. Please allow for my rant, Coffee Please

I wish there were more options for clothes shopping, and a few more restaurants.

Accessibility to larger towns

The M-99 corridor coming into town is unwelcoming and unattractive and not representative of our community overall.

We need more retail businesses downtown, and less manufacturing!

Can't think of anything

High property taxes which you waste on banners, dead end trails to private property, most expensive light poles you could find.

Lack of access to the river.

We have empty restaurants that are on both sides going to Jonesville. I think more things for teenagers. The tennis courts should DEFINITELY be redone. They are in bad shape and I think if they are redone people will stop and play more. Just redoing the parks to make all kids and teenagers more interested. If there were more events for

teenagers and/or all ages it will help businesses with tourists and bring the community together.

Too much traffic

Traffic light and mail box location

Lack of eating options

Side streets, limited kids activities

That two major roads run through our city- but there isn't anything that can be done about that.

Forward thinking people work for betterment of community

Lack of entertainment. I'm recently graduated from JHS (2015), and the coolest thing to do in Jonesville is Wal Mart. Not the greatest for the youth.

the two empty buildings downtown

Police does not protect locals only when convenient for them, example nothing was done for me because the officer was retiring and did not want to make waves.

Some empty buildings, industrial park not filling up

It's dying.

A lack of respect and appreciation for the Fire and Police department. These are important people, many volunteers and I'm not seeing the appreciation they deserve.

Unsure

Water is too expensive, utilities seem to be higher than other cities around, not enough restaurants

Nothing

Low income apartment complex heritage lane

N/A

Not enough shopping options

Needs another small town pub

Timing of the traffic lights and the parking.

Not walkable

Traffic

Requirement that businesses must have paved lots.

Absence of retail downtown.

Taxes! Lack of small grocery store. Traffic at the elementary and high school location. I have seen many close calls. Not a chance i would let my child navigate this area alone.

Utility poles. Wish these were buried lines.

Having to write a physical check to pay my water bill instead of being able to do it online.

What three things does Jonesville need the most?

Focus on additional companies in industrial park, solar and/or wind power to supplement city costs. Strong support for good businesses and bus. practice.

Community center, occupancy of vacant buildings, shops to draw visitors.

Shoe store. Vintage (antique) store. Furniture store. Appliance store. "Dress barn" - disconnect the Book house east side from the Ansel house, landscape for a lawn, and turn it into a motel. We need extra when the college has parent weekends and speakers. Entrance in back.

1. Very good industrial park area? 2. Very good shopping area for food, clothes, repair, and accessory! 3. Kind and courtesy neighbors?
Jobs.
Grocery store/meat market. Reception hall -- Recycle station.
#1. A small downtown grocery store with local farm fresh products. #2. Lots to build houses within the City Limits.
Grocery store, women's clothing store,
Laundry-mat. A small grocery store or Dollar General. It will be nice not to have to go to Walmart or Hillsdale for everything. Saturday or Sunday afternoon music in the park.
(1) Drinkable water (ruined 3 coffee makers in 2 months). (2) Sadly seems our only 1 big event (Riverfest) is sure dying compared to back in 1995-2005.
Book store. Low-cost family restaurant. Museum.
Better lighting on "side streets" - north 99. Coffee house. More nature/walking trails.
More activities for teens. We have a lot of great parks and recreation for smaller kids, but not much geared toward the teenage kids. Continue to attract restaurant and dining. We have become known for dining in Jonesville, continue to attract, support, and provide assistance to new restaurants. See #8--tear down Klein Tool and develop a new park along the river.
More shops, a splash pad, and just more development.
Only two things come to mind. A General Store, and street view cameras! There is an incredible amount of speeding, running stop signs, and red lights. If we had cameras that took pictures of these vehicles in the act, the City would bill the offender (with proof of the offense), and take in a great deal of revenue. Cameras may be initially expensive, but would pay for themselves quickly, given the way people are driving in our city.
Condos retail stores office space
Maintain park along US12 throughout summer, better and brighter streets and lights on rail trail
More improved park. Exercise equipment for free in the park. Fix roads.
1) Something for kids/adults to do that would require physical exertion. A swimming pool with a dive area* (*supervised instruction), or a rock wall, racquetball.... 2) Technology services. (I know it's available in Hillsdale, but it would be nice in Jonesville.) 3) Better water quality. (Have you seen the inside of your pipes!!!!???)
Second River crossing for traffic, good truck stop, a downtown theme, such as teepees at most store fronts to promote the Sauk Trail heritage in a fun way for locals and tourist picture taking and shopping along US 12. (Teepees can be decorated tastefully as business theme or hobby of store front determines!)
Parks west of the river. Sidewalks on every public street. More community involvement (volunteerism, beautification, neighbors helping neighbors)
Something big to bring people from all parts of the county. More places to eat. More things to do.
An up to date recreation park for teenagers. More development around the river. Remodel or raise dilapidated buildings
A tourist attraction. A marijuana dispensary. A pickle ball court.
Parking lot lighting in north parking lot behind Saucy Dogs. Public restroom for events. Community building.
Kids recreational / events center, more diverse stores. Community events and announcements. Newspapers are dying and website have to be looked up to see events.
To accept that medical marijuana can make a huge change and difference if we allow people to open shop. It will generate so much income that we can use in our schools and local business as well as homelessness. More apartments that are affordable. More children programs
Hotel.
Improving view of St. Joe river (river walk to north, better signage) Rail trail continuation to Hillsdale, parking is becoming an issue at certain times, would love to see banquet hall and drive through coffee shop

More restaurant choices.
A place that highlights our river, another restaurant that serves healthy food, a fun place to go
More affordable retail shopping options to bring people to downtown. More events after attracting new business to help show what's available in our beautiful city. A strategic plan with clearly defined goals with all business owners to work together to promote each other. I forget that Jonesville Hardware is even here. A furniture and home decor or shoe or resale store would be good addition. Yes, we have had some of these in the past. If ran properly and given incentives I believe they could do well.
Make the river pretty again, more green space, more upscale shops/restaurants.
More industrial presence in industrial park. Fill downtown storefronts. Develop park near river.
Family friendly, decent priced restaurant. Better speed control on residential roads, especially around the schools.
1. Pharmacy. 2. Jobs. 3. Single family housing
1 medical marijuana opt in/ safe access to medicine. 2 healthy grocer. 3 parks
I think you mean "need". :) We come to WalMart often for the variety and price. We eat at Spicy Dogs but rarely at Olivia's. We come over to Udder Side sometimes in the summer, but usually just share a sundae due to calorie count. Not sure what you could put in that would bring us there more often outside of recreational or entertainment.
Food/drink, retail, parking
Dollar general on us 12
1. High paying jobs. No more retail/fast food but instead attracting industries with careers that can help the well-being of its citizens. We do not need to do so by providing tax cuts (as this will only lead to having to pay for the tax by cutting other services) but by improving our already over achieving school and investing in attractions that set us apart from many nearby cities and towns. 2. Make people want to come to Jonesville to spend their hard earned money! Invest in a community funded attraction that will attract people all over. Our winters are long and there are not many things available to do. Consider, asking residents to invest in an attraction big enough to not only provide entertainment for our residents but also for everyone else. An example, Grand Prairie, TX (https://www.nbcdfw.com/entertainment/the-scene/Epic-Waters--468954413.html) recently opened a massive indoor water park funded by the city and its residents that is causing people to flock to the city especially during the winter months. We all know that Texas winters are nowhere near as harsh and cold as Michigan's which is more reason to have one in MI. It does not need to be as massive but an investment in such an area would not only bring more people to Jonesville but also attract more businesses due to the increase in tourism. This is a fantastic way to increase tax revenues and immediately see the results upon completion. It would put Jonesville on the map! 3. Improve the appearance of the St Joe River. Create more accessible/walking areas. Possibly expanded it to encourage restaurants to open restaurants along side of it. The city already has a good amount of traffic that drives through town, something that even Hillsdale doesn't have. However, we need to provide those driving by to not just drive through but stop and spend their money in our town.
Snow removal on the sidewalks in the winter. Many older people have difficulty doing snow removal. Work with people more on water bills that have unknown leaks and end up paying high bills. Better postal services.
Better parks/non-motorized trails. Movie theater. Boutique stores
More developed industrial park. More selection of sit down restaurants no more fast food. More usable area downtown by the river to encourage people to stop and visit the area
Longer walking trail along the river
Recreation Center and/or Gym for kids and adults to promote health and fitness. Store Front Updates. More businesses downtown with the ability to expand.
Clothing stores, mental health support, a traffic light by the middle school to keep students safe
Less Regulation Less Regulation Less Regulation
More restaurants, activities and lodging

Condos. Bar. Develop the river area
Affordable housing, Better paying jobs, Lower taxes.
More variety in shopping, more restaurants, a facelift
Unsure
-Updated/ larger Elementary School. - Recreational Department - Farmers Market
Grocery store. Venue with food and live entertainment (not all rock bands, please!). More activity downtown in the evenings and on Sundays
No opinion
Street repair. Bigger library.
Unsure.
More Restaurants
Parking, industry,
Restaurants, activities
Restaurants, clothing stores, and maybe make the river cuter.
More fast food selections. Clothing stores.
Coffee shop, sand volleyball courts, clothing stores for teens and young adult
New city manager. New chief of police and cleaner water its cloudy smells had lime in it
Sorry, can't really say. I think you are doing a great job with a good mix between business, manufacturing and the parks. In my opinion the best city in the county! Thanks!
Young families and incentives to encourage young families to move to Jonesville, senior housing-community center/rental hall with room to have weddings, baby showers, large parties, craft /antique, trade shows and alike
I think more business opportunities down town would be great. Maybe some small shops in place of the Vaco building, with the water front and parking. Also it would be nice to see our industrial park grow. Can't have too many jobs. And more sidewalks, it would be nice if all streets had sidewalks and that the new railroad trail would connect 99 to 12.
Jobs. Affordable housing
New business, better organization for the city and a plan for growth
Recreational center/fitness center. Grocery store. Another dentist.
Restaurants, coffee place,
An actual grocery store, more parking,
entertainment, more restaurant choices, parking
More retail, and restaurants...empty buildings are ugly.
Community Center, more housing and a water area, perhaps in the Park, for children.
More community. More 'Mom and Pop shops Less big chain fast foods. More outreach for fun events.
Transportation for seniors, more jobs, and restaurants.
We are a young (early 30s) DINK family, and Jonesville really gets beat out by other areas like Kalamazoo (just because we are familiar with that area) for individuals and couples similar to us in its lack of entertainment and recreational facilities. There are no later night places to go (after 10 p.m.) to have a drink and play some darts or similar

with friends, limited activities for people our age (rec. basketball/volleyball/dodgeball/etc.) to meet. Essentially, it is nearly impossible to meet new people. In order to keep and draw in young professionals, Jonesville needs to get a bit more hip. There are lots of things to do in the area if you're retired or have a family, but the community really misses out on the young professional group. Continue to invest in our community. Jonesville is a beautiful town, and that is one reason we love living here. Beautiful architecture - both historic and new (like the redone apartments from the old toy factory). Elaborate decorations of the downtown (fall and winter). Weekend events - Riverfest, the December shopping weekends, etc. All of this adds to Jonesville's charm. Keep chains (restaurants, etc.) out of our community. Part of what makes Jonesville so wonderful are the unique dining opportunities. Chain restaurants/Dollar General stores/etc. are trashy. I hate seeing the McDonald's arch as I drive into town. Keep supporting independent entrepreneurs.

Repurpose closed businesses

Better water, lower taxes

Bike/Running Trails. Rec. Center

?

Condos, Town houses for the baby boomers. More walkable trails. More restaurants or fill the ones that are vacant

Additional clothing, shoe, deli, specialty stores.

A rec center like Coldwater's. It isn't just a need for Jonesville it is a need for Hillsdale county as a whole.

1) A coffee shop (non-Church affiliated). 2) Social gatherings (like the party in the park, etc.) during the fall/winter/spring. 3) A system of maintained sidewalks/trails for running, biking, etc.

Restaurants that aren't so expensive.

Even-handedness - treat people equally. Investigate why water/sewage rates are higher than anywhere else (in my opinion). Someone to do something with the old hotel/Marcella's building.

Would like more clothing shopping options. Craft places. Not sure.

Women's clothing or Children's clothing shop

Grocery store, senior housing

More housing for none low income. Gym open to seniors. Kentucky fried chicken

More partnerships.

Promoting of the positives of the city on more of a state level (Pure Michigan)

1. Events or upgrades to draw people downtown. It's sad to see the sidewalks and buildings so desolate. 2. Community bike share program, with the new trail, it could be a hit. 3. Retail businesses

Boutiques, a nice little coffee shop, a small grocery store

quality shopping, building trades companies willing to do smaller jobs

Unsure

1. Variety in the stores downtown. 2. A restaurant on the order of Cedars, which we enjoyed. 3. Apartments or condos for seniors which are not rent-subsidized. not sure

More parking for baseball, pool and another place to eat.

More jobs, more businesses, and more community involvement.

More night time activities, businesses ,housing
????
Farmers market, coffee house, walkable city
Family restaurants, family entertainment, shopping other than Walmart
More recreational activities, shopping, and restaurants.
24 hour restaurant and/or gas station, better downtown signage, more parking
Better traffic flow on US 12. Fill the empty buildings downtown
Chamber of Commerce In downtown, coffee shop with meeting place, bookstore
Entertainment other than Sauk Theatre
More late night options, whether eateries, entertainment, or just 'night spots'
More housing, more youth activity centers, maybe a pool.
Factory Face lift. Pool. Variety of shopping
no opinion
Nightlife opportunities, not bars though, can be a place that serves alcohol but not the traditional bar, like open air dining along the river with live music. Family entertainment. Development along river
Road Repair. Additional Shopping Areas. Street lights that actually work.
A couple of corp. headquarters. A couple high tech manufacturers that operate in an organized, long term manor. Martinrea does NOT provide this. Practical education provided in a repeated fashion - for example; any elementary student should learn household finance, taxes and how to grow a garden/raise animals, this should again be taught in Junior High, but at a little higher level, and taught again in High School at a little higher level. It doesn't need to challenge the student, it needs to produce a graduate that knows and is aware of more "real world" responsibilities than the average 21 year old of today. If I could have a 4th, I would incorporate free dental cleanings 4 times a year to all Jonesville students. Cleanings only. As we all know... "an oz. of prevention is worth a pound of cure". So, why not start something like this in our great city?
New people on boards
I'm not sure at this time
KFC, Family restaurant like the Garden, and an after school program or hang out for kids that aren't in sports.
1. More opportunities for indoor and outdoor activities = obesity prevention and quality of life improvement! 2. Increase employment. Lower poverty rate (19.7% Hillsdale county). 3. Preservation of downtown.
Attractive and safe extension of recreational facilities.
More stores
Quality housing. Affordable housing. Coffee shop
Improvement/additional sidewalks north of US-12, redevelop the Klein/Vaco lot, secure more commercial businesses for the industrial park
Parks/Recreation, Entertainment, Industry leading to jobs
1. A safe traffic crossing at US12 near the middle school...maybe a walkway over the road. 2. A pub. 3. Public Pool
Community center. Empty buildings to be filled with a business that benefits everyone in the community. Summer activities for everyone in the park.
Daycare center. Nursing home

More parks/recreational facilities, coffee shop/cafe, housing.
YMCA, more options for eating, community building of some sort for kids.
Diverse retail. Expand park/recreation. Dining options/coffee house
Pedestrian Access, greater access to healthy activities, appreciation of/access to its natural resources
Jobs with advanced pay, advanced academics, community center building
Grocery store, outdoor store, movie theater
Housing, keeping the next generation in the community, job opportunities
Coffee shop, bakery (that stays open normal hours), fix side walks
Not sure
We need more activities for kids to engage in
1. Coffee Shop/eatery. 2. Retail Shops. 3. More festivals or downtown events
Some sort of entertainment for kids that would draw from Hillsdale & surrounding areas. Expand city limits around the high school with additional lots for residential construction. Attract business to the industrial park.
More business, more jobs
Clothing stores, more employment opportunities, more industrial jobs.
Not sure-
More housing of all types. I love Powers, but another clothier would be nice, even an upscale resale shop. The something Treasures was excellent until the lady who owned it brought in a different sales force. Prices went up, selection went down. (Walmart doesn't count). Of course Coffee and a good bakery
Boutiques, Meijer, and a car wash that works
Better variety of clothing and shoes. Downtown convenience store
Retail,
Better access to high speed internet for homes and businesses. Owner occupied condos and town homes. More sidewalks
Additional sidewalks so residents can safely walk the town. A dog park. An updated Water Treatment Plant.
Entertainment. Interactive art place. Keep the great people around that run and keep the city going at such a progressive pace.
Lower property taxes, full time police department now that state police are gone, training for council members.
Mixture of restaurant types, river-front Development, second phase to the rail-trail.
More family friendly events, upgraded parks, and fill up the empty businesses.
More restaurants. More shopping options. Klein tools building gone.
Live web cam for city meetings.
It needs something to go into the old Marcella's. That building is so pretty and it sadly sits empty. Klein building- it's just not attractive and it's empty. An empty restaurant flanks our city on both ends, east and west- first impressions are lasting, and we look like a city that's not thriving when you pull into town.
Housing, industry & commercial
Something engaging and fun for young adults/preteens to do in town. Create a "hang-out" spot.
More manufacturing jobs. More jobs. High speed internet.

New police chief and uphold city ordinances
 Fill empty buildings, fill industrial park, better use of museum
 Industry, a variety of retail stores, and a full time police dept.
 More cooperation between all branches of law enforcement in the county. When a crime is committed in Jonesville we need the help of State and County law enforcement as well.
 More things for people to do after work and school other than school activities.
 More industry, Klein tool demolished, community activities.
 More restaurants, lower water/sewer costs.
 More Retail Stores (would like to see the strip mall at Wal-Mart full of different types of stores). Updated Wright Street Park playground equipment
 Clothing stores gift stores entertainment.
 A pub, a small town grocery store again (something other than having to go to wal mart), I used to shop at buds market all the time!
 Residential housing career development increased manufacturing facilities
 More restaurants. Another outlet near elementary/high school to US 12. More sidewalks.
 Another way into and out of the High School. Better Traffic Flow during morning and afternoon rush hour. Another Bridge over the river
 Jobs, things to do, family restaurant
 More sidewalks on the streets that don't have them. Less calcium in the water. KFC...nyuk nyuk nyuk!
 Park near the river. Pizza delivery. Pickle ball court.
 Small grocery store (I miss Buds!). Family restaurant (as mentioned already). A recycling center. How much cardboard, etc. do you think you are going to see at the side of the road, now that the recycler in Hillsdale is charging to drop off items, when there was no charge last year?
 Hotel, bar w/entertainment (reopen Cedars), women's clothing store
 Entertainment, young people, a finished brewery.

Your household income:

Retired.
 Retired.
 JC student - Hillsdale
 retired
 Jackson
 Primarily Hillsdale and Jonesville
 Retired
 throughout Hillsdale, Lenawee, Washtenaw and Branch counties
 Not
 Self employed
 Retired

Retired
retired, ex Jonesville resident, spend a lot of time in Jonesville
Adrian, MI
Military
Jonesville/ Hillsdale (425)
Fremont Indiana
Work from home for a company in another state
Retired
Coldwater
retired- worked in Adrian
Retired
Retired
I don't.
Brooklyn
Kalamazoo, MI
Retired
Retired
Self-employed in home
retired
retired
retired
retired
Indiana
Retired
Mt Pleasant
All over the county and state
Litchfield
Retired
Calhoun County
Retired
Provide services to Jonesville's older adults
Retired
Eaton County
Retired

Oakland County
Retired
retired
n/a
na
retired
Retired
Not Employed
My job takes me to many counties in the area
Homemaker
Remote, travel
Albion

Where your children attend school:

Countryside Montessori
Homeschool
Online school due to bullying in Jonesville Schools!
home school
Freedom Christian (Pittsford, MI)
Coldwater Schools
other
Indiana
Academy
Homer
I'm a student at Jonesville Community Schools
All 4 of our children attended and graduated from Jonesville High School
No kids
mixed one at Jonesville High and two at Will Carleton Academy
Wont state
Spring Branch Academy
Marshall/Battle Creek
Jackson College. Recent JHS grad
All graduated from JHS or Hillsdale Academy
I work in Jonesville but live an hour away

no children, grandchildren go to Jonesville

Reading Community Schools

Indiana

Harrison

All graduated, but attended JCS

Hillsdale academy

private

all three are Jonesville graduates

Academy

North Adams-Jerome

Hillsdale Academy

Graduates of Jonesville

Both JHS and Will Carleton

Please provide any general comments:

Make M-99 between Jonesville & Hillsdale all 4 lanes.

None.

I have worked in Jonesville for over 20 years. I have family and friends that live here. One of the things that I think could use some attention is the lighting on side streets. It is very dark when there is only 1 light at the intersection and there is not another light until the next intersection. If I was looking to steal something there are a lot of dark areas on the side streets.

Terrible city water.

I believe we are on the right path. We are seeing new businesses/restaurants being developed, the arts being promoted with the new downtown business and regular slate of shows at the Sauk and good programs for our youth to take part in. I've lived in Jonesville most of my life and happy to be a part of this community and raising my family here. Growth is key...support downtown businesses and continue to attract industry as much as possible.

I do have a granddaughter that attends Jonesville Elementary and a daughter that has since graduated from High School. Generally pleased with both, (as long as no "gender neutral bathrooms are proposed)! Only other place I would rather live would be Bahamas! My hope is that we are able to live in our little "berg" with all the other citizens as a conservative based, sensible, safe city.

We have lived in Jonesville for 23 years and do not plan on moving. Couldn't imagine living anywhere else!!

More stuff to do in the park.

Should be promoting Jonesville as a place of residence for Hillsdale College employees. I know there are a few professors and other employees here, but it would improve your tax base and improve property values. Also, some properties are in pretty sad shape (especially some of the rentals). There should be some sort of code to keep buildings in good repair and lawns well kept.

See above!!

Overall, Jonesville is a great place to live and raise a family.

Nice survey. Hope it helps to move forward and the direction you want.

Repurpose the unused tennis courts at Wright Street Park to new pickle ball courts. Develop a park on the river.

Not

Jonesville is far and away the best town in Hillsdale county. It's hard to find things to complain about. City government works well with citizens and business owners. Keep up the good work!!!

I love the appearance of our downtown area!

We have a great city, I'm proud to live here. We just need to improve where we can improve and keep doing what we have been doing to keep up the momentum.

We brag to all we meet about the progressiveness of our city leaders who work to improve our city while maintaining the village charm.

I just moved to Jonesville. I've always liked the city. A welcome packet would be helpful when someone new moves in. I didn't know about yard waste for a while. I also didn't know I needed a fire pit permit. Could even be a PDF on the website. Just thing newbies need to know.

Love Jonesville. People are very friendly and nice.

OPT IN!

I am semi-retired and work part-time at one of the schools. I have been overall impressed with the school system. Finally, if I had a dollar for every survey I had completed . . . take the very best ideas you get and run with them. We may not be able to do everything, but together we can do something.

I think that the City has made some really sound decisions over the last 20 years - continue on this path. Focus on Economic Development and Attraction. Become a Redevelopment Ready Community. Stand out from the rest of Hillsdale County and create your own CVB. Jonesville has the vision and the opportunity.

I like the small town feel of this city. I like that the cops take all reports serious and talk to you in person. I like that there are restaurants close to business. I like that the Drug store employees take their time to explain and help you out.

Great idea to get the thoughts from others.

Jonesville is a great place to live!

Why are Jonesville Schools allowed to take out swamp ground?

Love the city, wish there were more housing options available

Keep up the good work.

Glad you're asking questions, it is a good start.

The manager could get off his butt and go around and meet people. Do not know them not in the click who gets to meet them

I want to take this opportunity to express my delight in all of my interactions with city employees. I've had numerous instances where I needed questions answered or a service provided, and without question, I've been treated courteously, with friendliness, and with great expertise. Please pass this along to everyone in the City offices!

I really like the Jonesville Schools! I suppose I could have said that prior in an answer, but didn't think of it till now :D

Jonesville is a great place to live.

Idk

I love Jonesville

Love Jonesville and look forward to years of prosperous growth to retain and attract new residents in community.

We live just north of town but come there almost daily for something,

If everything done is done with an eye on quality- Jonesville will attract and keep the type of people and businesses that will make and keep Jonesville as place where people

want to live and visit.

I think Jonesville is a great town to live in, keep it simple and available for small business to open and grow here.

Every time I think of Jonesville I smile. I love the way the council and people try to make things happen for the best. Jeff Gray and the city council are great.

Born and raised in Jonesville, I moved to Hillsdale and now have built my dream home in Jonesville. My family plans to stay here and I hope we continue to love Jonesville.

Nice town to grow up in! We need to try and stay #1 in the county in schools!!!

Thank you for this opportunity.

A great loss of history occurred when the Manor Foundation was torn down.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our concerns about the direction of Jonesville's family. My family has lived here for 60 years, and I am so proud to call this place home.

We need to grow slowly and continually thinking what is best for Jonesville and Hillsdale County.

Great idea to conduct the survey!

I love it here. I am a transplant but have always felt welcomed. I do hope to see a Y or a rec center type in our community to become like a central hub like most RC across the nation

I love living in Jonesville, but I do wish there were more of a community spirit, and I'd love to see events that fostered that development.

While not a current Jonesville resident, I am a previous resident/property owner.

I think development of the vacant buildings should be a priority although I recognize it's a big challenge.

My husband was transferred to Hillsdale back in 78. We rented in lived in a few homes. Ended up buying in Jonesville....saying here. Its Home

The city should consider a marketing/public relations coordinator position. Someone who could focus on creating a Jonesville 'brand' and assist in drawing more people to live and bring businesses to the area. They could also help with revamping some downtown initiatives.

Love living here just wish that there were more options without the 5-30 mile drives for some goods and services other than Walmart. While there are good stores downtown sometimes they just don't have what we want/need.

This is a wonderful place to life. We appreciate that you take care of the town and the roads much better than other places.

Would like to see a new place to eat. Redo cedars

N/A

24 hour police 7 days a week more road patrolling not sitting at office better junk ordinance

Lived my entire life here good place to live although lacking in some entertainment areas I stay because it is a "small town"

I love Jonesville! Other cities in the county could learn something from this town. I wish Riverfest was a longer festival.

Thank you for making Jonesville a place that I love.

This city is a wonderful place to live and you all are doing a great job with what you are given. Thank you so much for all that you do for our little town to make it great.

Please understand I have very deep roots and heritage with Jonesville. And, I spend a significant amount of time working to make things better and more prosperous in and around our city. All with the hopes that my children can have a choice to make that includes raising their families in the area. I will understand if they choose, to move elsewhere- but, would truly enjoy it if there were additional reasons to live here besides, "it's where I grew up", or, "it's where all of my family lives". We need to generate a high-value reason or two.

Jonesville seems pretty vibrant to me. I love the small town feeling with its bakery, restaurants and streetscape. I live in Hillsdale County, but frequent Jonesville.

n/a

We like it here.

Push towards more contemporary ideas while preserving the historical and natural highlights of the area.

I think the police do a good job patrolling all around Jonesville. I think that the yard waste pick up is so helpful. I also love that Republic does the Spring Cleanup!

While I live in Hillsdale, I work and spend more time in Jonesville. I appreciate the effort Jonesville puts into making the community a place where people want to live and work.

I like the schools in Jonesville.

I appreciate the opportunity. It may be worthwhile to send this to students of the area as well (though you may have already done so).

Missed the Churches as a great and important part of the community, we also need great child care for working parents excellent technology services available.

NA

The downtown is the heart of the city- more needs to be done to make it an actual stop on US 12, not just a small town you drive through. With its beauty, historic appeal and potential, it should be a destination.

I'm a Hillsdale resident but believe Jonesville has a better opportunity to grow. Roads are well maintained and a major State road runs through it providing easy access to other locations.

Overall the Jonesville community

N/A

Love Jonesville you are a source of pride for our county. Thank you!

Jonesville is a Great place to live! I'm glad to be a resident of Jonesville!

Thank you for putting thought into what will make Jonesville better- this is why you're great already! Keep up the good work.

Very good survey

Great small town in general, but don't let it slip away. Keep things current and modern. Allow high school children to thrive. It's key to a proactive and booming local economy. Keep the restaurants. Maybe invest in public goods like potentially expanding local parks or getting equipment and toys at the parks that will keep the youth coming back. Wright St. park is really great. Maybe get some new basketball hoops that play more like regulation hoops.

Great place to live

Safety for people who live here does not have priority to paperwork that police have to fill out

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion and hopefully something good can come of this survey as Jonesville continues to improve in the future.

I love Jonesville. Would like to see some improvements but overall great place

I reside in southern Hillsdale County. I work in Hillsdale.

Jonesville is a pretty well round city, we have it all and I love living here.

My kids wanted me to add that they want sidewalks too!

Jonesville leadership has residents in mind when making decisions. Jonesville is a very well-run city.

Please let us pay bills online - it is so much easier and helps to get rid of late payments. Also, a dog park would be lovely.
