

APPENDIX: COMMUNITY SURVEY

In March 2000, 1,980 households (approximately 90%) in the City of Pipestone received the Resident Survey which was delivered in the Pipestone Free Star. Of the 1,980 surveys distributed, 773 (or 39%) were returned for tabulation.

The survey was developed as a means of allowing citizens to voice their opinions on issues of present and the future. The questions found within the survey were designed to obtain information on current trends in order to determine citizen's wants and needs.

The information obtained from the survey can not be considered entirely accurate. Respondents skipping questions, answering questions inaccurately, and/or answering a question more than once will skew the information, thus lessening its accuracy. The idea of this survey is to analyze related questions in order to make general assumptions that can be used to determine which areas should be studied intensely and those which warrant no concern.

The following narrative will include a brief question-by-question analysis accompanied by the quantitative results for each question listed on the survey.

Note: Even though 773 surveys were returned, none of the questions received 100% response. Questions that show more than 773 responses do so because more than one response was considered appropriate for that question.

**CITY OF PIPESTONE
RESIDENT SURVEY RESULTS
MAY 2000**

General Information

Resident Surveys Distributed 1980
 Resident Surveys Returned 773
 Resident Surveys Return Rate 39%

Recreation Surveys Distributed 1980
 Recreation Surveys Returned 773
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Narrative

Questions #1 and #2 were developed to help determine the average family size of each household in the City. The results indicate that the majority of persons answering the survey were living in one and two-family households with no children. From the results it can be assumed that 69.2% (33.4% + 35.8%) of the respondents live in one and two person family homes. 66% have no children, or children that are above 18 years of age. Large families are not very common in Pipestone which is reflected by the small percentage of families with 3 or more children (8.5%).

Question #1			
HOW MANY PERSONS, INCLUDING CHILDREN, ARE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD?			
	<u>% of Responses</u>	<u># of Responses</u>	
1 Person	33.4%	(254)	
2 Persons	35.8%	(272)	760 Total
3 Persons	12.2%	(93)	Responses
4 Persons	11.8%	(90)	
5 Persons	4.9%	(37)	1,706 Total
6 or More Persons	1.8%	(14)	People

Question #2			
HOW MANY CHILDREN (YOUNGER THAN 18) PRESENTLY LIVE AT HOME?			
	<u>% of Responses</u>	<u># of Responses</u>	
0 Children	66.4%	(503)	
1 Child	13.3%	(101)	758 Total
2 Children	11.9%	(90)	Responses
3 Children	7.0%	(53)	
4 Children	1.1%	(8)	
5 or More Children	0.4%	(3)	

Questions #3 through #5b were related to employment: where one works, how many work in each household, their employment status, and the fields in which they work, were all presented to the respondents. Question #3 reveals that the majority of the adults in Pipestone are employed full-time outside the home (55.8%). Although a larger percentage of persons in Pipestone are working full-time outside the home, 44.2% are not employed full-time outside the home. The high percent of persons not employed full-time is most likely attributed to a large number of retirees in the City, rather than a high unemployment rate. Question #5a directly asks the employment status of each adult in the household. Again, the majority are employed full-time (48%), but the second highest response was "Retired" (33.1%) which represents nearly one-third of the adult population in Pipestone. Only 1.0% responded as being unemployed, but looking for a job.

The results for Question #5b may be somewhat deceiving. The highest percent of responses were marked as "Other". The reason this category was checked so often was due to the fact that many individuals who were retired would check the "Other" category since no other option was available. If respondents had been provided with the "Retired" category, as in Question #5a, or told not to answer Question #5b if they were retired, the percentage of answers in the "Other" category would have decreased significantly. Apart from the "Other" category, the survey shows that the largest number of persons are employed in the following areas: Professional Services (16%); Sales (9%); Office & Clerical (8.7%); and Business Services (8.6%). The least number of persons work in the areas of Agriculture, Government, and Personal Services.

Question #4 asks how many adults work full-time in Pipestone. According to the results, 55.9% of adults work full-time in Pipestone. 44% indicated that they do not work full-time in the City. By subtracting the percentage of adults that are retired in Question #5a from the percentage of those that checked "0 Persons" in Questions #4, we can make the assumption that the difference equals the percentage of individuals employed full-time outside the City. By using this method, we can assume that approximately 10.9% of the adults living in Pipestone are employed full-time outside of the City. It is important to note that this percentage is based upon unknown assumptions (i.e. all respondents answering Question #4 also answered Question #5a).

Question #3

HOW MANY OF THE ADULTS (ALL THOSE 18 AND OLDER, INCLUDING YOURSELF) ARE EMPLOYED FULL-TIME OUTSIDE THE HOME?

	<u>% of Responses</u>	<u># of Responses</u>	
0 Persons	44.2%	(337)	
1 Person	29%	(221)	762 Total Responses
2 Persons	25.2%	(192)	
3 or More Persons	1.6%	(12)	

Question #4

HOW MANY OF THESE FULL TIME EMPLOYED ADULTS WORK IN PIPESTONE?

	<u>% of Responses</u>	<u># of Responses</u>	
0 Persons	44%	(299)	
1 Person	35.4%	(240)	679 Total Responses
2 Persons	19.7%	(134)	
3 or More Persons	6%	(12)	

Question #5a

HOW MANY ADULTS IN YOUR HOME ARE?

	<u>% of Responses</u>	<u># of Responses</u>	
Employed Full Time	44.9%	(565)	1,174 Total Responses
Employed Part Time	14.2%	(167)	
Unemployed, but Looking for a job	1%	(12)	
Retired	33.1%	(389)	
Other	3.5%	(41)	

Question #5b

HOW MANY ADULTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD WORK IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS?

	<u>% of Responses</u>	<u># of Responses</u>	
Agriculture	5.6%	(46)	
Manufacturing/ Skilled Trade	11.2%	(91)	
Government Employee	6.3%	(51)	815 Total Responses
Sales	9.0%	(73)	
Office/Clerical	8.7%	(71)	
Teaching	7.1%	(58)	
Professional Services	16.0%	(130)	
Business Services	8.6%	(70)	
Personal Services	4.8%	(39)	
Unskilled Labor	7.2%	(59)	
Other	15.6%	(127)	

Questions #6 and #7 are used in determining the mobility and longevity of the residents in Pipestone. In brief, the questions reveal that the majority of persons in Pipestone have lived in the City more than 20 years at the same address. However, a decrease of almost one-half from Question #6 to Questions #7 in the "More than 20 Years" category indicates that half of the population has moved at least once in the last 20 years.

Question #6			
HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN PIPESTONE?			
	<u>% of Responses</u>	<u># of Responses</u>	
Less than 6 months	2.6%	(20)	777 Total Responses
Over 6 months/ Less than 2 years	5.3%	(41)	
2 to 5 years	12.5%	(97)	
6 to 10 years	11.9%	(92)	
11 to 20 years	15.4%	(120)	
More than 20 years	52.4%	(407)	

Question #7			
HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED AT YOUR PRESENT ADDRESS?			
	<u>% of Responses</u>	<u># of Responses</u>	
Less than 6 months	5.0%	(38)	764 Total Responses
Over 6 months/ Less than 2 years	11.7%	(89)	
2 to 5 years	17.5%	(134)	
6 to 10 years	16.2%	(124)	
11 to 20 years	18.5%	(141)	
More than 20 years	31.2%	(238)	

Questions #8 and #9 are fairly straight-forward. Question #8 reveals that a large percentage of respondents are over 65 years of age (33.6%). The smallest percentage of adults are under 25 years of age (8.4%). Ages 25 ó 64 make up the remaining 58% of the adult population.

Question #9 asked residents to check the highest level of education they have completed. The results are self-explanatory; however, they may be somewhat inaccurate due to misinformation. Many respondents had checked each level of school completed and not only the highest level of school completed as asked on the survey. In many cases, the information was corrected during tabulation; however, some surveys were unclear and disregarded, or tabulated as completed by the respondent.

Question #8			
HOW MANY ADULTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD ARE:			
	<u>% of Responses</u>	<u># of Responses</u>	
Under 25 years	8.4%	(99)	
25 to 34 years	10.8%	(128)	1,184 Total Responses
35 to 44 years	18.2%	(216)	
45 to 54 years	15.9%	(188)	
55 to 64 years	13.1%	(155)	
65 years or Older	33.6	(398)	

Question #9			
HOW MUCH SCHOOLING HAS/HAVE EACH OF THE ADULT(S) IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD COMPLETED?			
	<u>% of Responses</u>	<u># of Responses</u>	
Some Grade School	1.6%	(20)	
Completed grade School	9.0%	(115)	
Some High School	7.6%	(98)	1,282 Total Responses
High School Graduate	31.8%	(408)	
Some College/ Technical School	20.0%	(256)	
College/Technical School Graduate	22.2%	(284)	
Post-Graduate or Professional Degree	7.9%	(101)	

Questions #10 and #11 were developed to identify the income range of Pipestone residents, along with their sources of income. The responses reveal that approximately 15.9% of the households in Pipestone receive annual incomes below the poverty level (\$10,700) as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. 42.1% of respondents indicated having household incomes between \$20,001 and \$50,000. Only 21% of the households earn over \$50,001.

Question #11 shows 41.1% of residents' resources are earned from wages, salary and/or commission payments. The next highest response was pension and social security retirement income (34.5%) which parallels the percentage of retired persons responding to the survey. Only 2.7% indicated receiving public assistance.

Question #10		
PLEASE ESTIMATE THE TOTAL GROSS INCOME (BEFORE TAXES) OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD FOR THE PAST YEAR		
	<u>% of Responses</u>	<u># of Responses</u>
0 - \$5,000	3.5%	(19)
\$ 5,001 - \$ 10,000	12.4%	(68)
\$ 10,001 - \$ 15,000	12.3%	(67)
\$ 15,001 - \$ 20,000	8.8%	(48)
\$ 20,001 - \$ 30,000	19.4%	(106)
\$ 30,001 - \$ 40,000	9.5%	(52)
\$ 40,001 - \$ 50,000	13.2%	(72)
\$ 50,001 - \$ 80,000	15.7%	(86)
\$ 80,001 - \$100,000	2.6%	(14)
\$100,001 and Over	2.7%	(15)
		547 Total Responses

Question #11		
WHAT IS/ARE THE MAJOR RESOURCES OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD INCOME?		
	<u>% of Responses</u>	<u># of Responses</u>
Wages, Salary, And/or Commission Payments from Employer	41.1%	(390)
Self-employed	8.9%	(84)
Savings and/or Investments	10.4%	(99)
Pension and/or Social Security Retirement Income	34.5%	(327)
Public Assistance	2.7%	(26)
Other	2.3%	(22)
		948 Total Responses

Question #12 determines the number of persons owning and not owning a vehicle. To determine the number of persons not owning a vehicle, the number of blank responses and surveys marked "none" were added together. This number equaled 31, or 4.1% of the surveys. In other words, it can be assumed that 4.1% of the respondents do not own a vehicle; 42.3% own one (1) vehicle; 38.5% own two (2) vehicles; and 15.1% own three (3) or more vehicles.

Question #12			
HOW MANY VEHICLES (CARS, TRUCKS, VANS) DO YOU OR OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD OWN?			
	<u>% of Responses</u>	<u># of Responses</u>	
0 Vehicles	4.1%	(31)	751 Total Responses
1 Vehicle	42.3%	(318)	
2 Vehicles	38.5%	(289)	
3 or More Vehicles	15.1%	(113)	

Questions #13 through #16 are all related to housing. Question #13 indicates that just over three-fourths of the respondents own their own home and under one-fourth rent their homes. Question #14 reveals that 81.3% of the respondents live in a single-family household. The second highest response was a building with 4 or more apartments (12.3%). The average household contains 2 to 3 bedrooms. The least common household in Pipestone is larger than 5 bedrooms. When describing the physical condition of the household, 91.2% of the respondents felt that they live in a home in good to very good condition. Only 8.7% felt their homes needed major repairs or replacement. In brief, it is evident that the majority of Pipestone residents own a single-family home with 3 bedrooms which is in good condition, but could be improved with minor repairs.

Question #13			
DO YOU OWN OR RENT THE PLACE IN WHICH YOU LIVE?			
	<u>% of Responses</u>	<u># of Responses</u>	
Own	76.2%	(579)	760 Total Responses
Rent	23.8%	(181)	

Question #14		
DO YOU LIVE IN:		
	<u>% of Responses</u>	<u># of Responses</u>
A Single-Family House	81.3%	(623)
Part of a 2 or 3 Family House	4.8%	(37)
A Building with 4 or More Apartments	12.3%	(94)
A Mobile Home	1.0%	(8)
A Boarding or Rooming House	0.4%	(3)
A Rented Room in A Private House	0.1%	(1)
		766 Total Responses

Question #15		
HOW MANY SEPARATE BEDROOMS DO YOU HAVE?		
	<u>% of Responses</u>	<u># of Responses</u>
0 Bedrooms	1.7%	(13)
1 Bedroom	8.3%	(64)
2 Bedrooms	32.0%	(247)
3 Bedrooms	38.3%	(296)
4 Bedrooms	16.6%	(128)
5 or More Bedrooms	3.2%	(25)
		773 Total Responses

Question #16		
HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF THE HOUSE (OR BUILDING) WHICH YOU LIVE IN?		
	<u>% of Responses</u>	<u># of Responses</u>
In very good shape	36.0%	(274)
Good, but needs minor repairs	55.2%	(420)
Poor, needs some major repairs	8.4%	(64)
In very poor condition	0.3%	(3)
		761 Total Responses

Questions #17 and #18 provide the greatest amount of citizen input as to their feelings on community needs of the present and the future. The responses listed in this question are very important and are vital when planning the future of a City. Question #17 asked respondents how they felt about facilities and conditions in Pipestone. Respondents were able to choose between categories marked "Good", "Fair", or "Poor". Question #17 also provided citizens with the opportunity to offer comment on each question by providing a space to write in their concerns.

Question #18 asked respondents whether or not they felt certain Community and Economic Development issues were "Needed", "Not Needed", or if they "Don't Know". In brief, the overwhelming responses for what the citizens feel are needed were: New Housing, Land Use Planning, Industrial Development, City Services and Historic Preservation. Services considered "Not Needed" were: New Housing, More Recreation Facilities, Population Growth, and Industrial Development. The highest percentage of the respondents were not familiar with Land Use Planning; but more citizens (46.8%) still felt Land Use Planning is needed than not needed (16.3%).

Questions 19a through #19d asked respondents for their opinions concerning economic development and residential development. In brief, the respondents felt that economic development should have a high priority and incentives should be offered to attract business and industry. The success of residential development was felt to be good to average in the past, and economic development was average to poor.

Question #19a			
SHOULD THE CITY OFFER INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT?			
	<u>% of Responses</u>	<u># of Responses</u>	
Yes	76.3%	(554)	726 Total Responses
No	7.9%	(57)	
Don't Know	15.8%	(115)	

Question #19b			
HOW HAS THE SUCCESS OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT BEEN IN THE CITY?			
	<u>% of Responses</u>	<u># of Responses</u>	
Good	17.9%	(131)	734 Total Responses
Average	55.6%	(408)	
Poor	15.1%	(111)	
Don't Know	11.4%	(84)	

Question #19c			
HOW HAS THE SUCCESS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BEEN IN THE PAST YEAR?			
	<u>% of Responses</u>	<u># of Responses</u>	
Good	7.5%	(55)	736 Total Responses
Average	37.5%	(276)	
Poor	40.2%	(296)	
Don't Know	11.4%	(109)	

Question #19d			
THE CITY'S EFFORTS TO FURTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SHOULD HAVE THIS PRIORITY			
	<u>% of Responses</u>	<u># of Responses</u>	
High	68.4%	(463)	677 Total Responses
Moderate	30.4%	(206)	
Low	1.2%	(8)	

Questions #20 and #21 were developed to determine how often residents travel outside of Pipestone for shopping, entertainment, eating out, and how far they travel for such activities. The majority indicate that they shop out of the City every 1 to 2 months and rarely or never do they go outside the City for entertainment or eating out. When they do travel outside the City, the largest number of respondents say they travel 30 to 60 miles.

By grouping the results of column one "At least once a week" and column 2 "A few times a month" we discover that nearly one-fourth of the respondents are traveling quite frequently to do their shopping, and thus, seek entertainment and dining. Since 30 to 60 miles was the most frequently marked distance traveled, it is likely that these people are shopping in Sioux Falls SD, Brookings SD, and/or Marshall MN. Traveling less than 10 miles was the second most popular response. This shows that those who do not travel to the larger cities to do their shopping, seldom venture far from Pipestone for such activities. The fewest percentage of people will travel more than 60 miles in pursuit of such things.

**CITY OF PIPESTONE'S
PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
SUPPLEMENTARY SURVEY RESULTS
MAY 2000**

The supplementary Parks and Recreation Survey was delivered to approximately 1,980 households (approximately 90%). The purpose of the survey was to receive citizen input on Park and Recreation programs, facilities, and future desires.

Question #1 simply shows that a large percentage of people are satisfied with the recreation facilities currently in place in Pipestone and apparently do not wish for any significant changes at this time.

When asked what parks are most used by the residents, Harmon Park and Southwest Park were the most often marked responses; Erickson Park the least. According to Question #7b these parks are most popular because of their location (near home) and because of the playground equipment and the pool.

When asked which type of recreation development they would like to see in the future, walking trails and a place in the park for concerts, fairs, art, etc. were most popular. The fewest responses were given to BMX track and skating board area. The following results provide a breakdown of the percentages and number of responses received in each category:

Note: Questions #2, #3, and #4 are not accompanied with a narrative response other than what is provided in the quantitative analyses below.

Question #1			
DO YOU FEEL PIPESTONE HAS ADEQUATE FACILITIES?			
	<u>% of Responses</u>	<u># of Responses</u>	
Yes	81.4%	(564)	693 Total Responses
No	18.6%	(129)	

Question #2			
ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE EWERT RECREATION CENTER?			
	<u>% of Responses</u>	<u># of Responses</u>	
Yes	13.4%	(99)	737 Total Responses
No	86.6%	(638)	

Question #3			
DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE IN SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS BY THE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT?			
	<u>% of Responses</u>	<u># of Responses</u>	
Yes	19.7%	(142)	722 Total Responses
No	80.3%	(580)	

Question #4			
ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE OFFERED?			
	<u>% of Responses</u>	<u># of Responses</u>	
Yes	27.7%	(112)	405 Total Responses
No	72.4%	293)	

Question #7a			
WHAT PARKS DO YOU USE THE MOST?			
	<u>% of Responses</u>	<u># of Responses</u>	
Harmon Park	38.9%	(300)	772 Total Responses
Southwest Park	25.8%	(199)	
Erickson Park	3.8%	(29)	
Paulsen Field	18.4%	(142)	
Leon Moore Park	4.2%	(32)	
Westview Park	9.1%	(70)	

Question #7b			
WHY?			
	<u>% of Responses</u>	<u># of Responses</u>	
Near Home	33.1%	(279)	844 Total Responses
Playground Equipment	16.2%	(137)	
Pool	18.6%	(157)	
Tennis	3.2%	(27)	
Ballfields	16.6%	(140)	
Open Space	10.7%	(90)	
Volleyball Courts	1.7%	(14)	

Question #8			
RANK ONLY THE FOLLOWING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE DEVELOPED IN THE FUTURE			
	<u>% of Responses</u>	<u># of Responses</u>	
Walking Trails	29.8%	(319)	1,070 Total Responses
Hiking/Biking Trails	26.1%	(279)	
Skating Board Area	5.9%	(63)	
BMX Track	3.5%	(37)	
Neighborhood Parks	7.8%	(83)	
Parks for Concerts, Fairs, Art	27.0%	(289)	