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Chapter 1 INTRODUCTION

Introduction

The Healthier Barrington Project brings community leaders, organizations and interested individuals together in order to make the Barrington area and its communities healthier places to live, work and play through collaborative action. The convened group members feel that the quality of life can be improved, but only if the views of all residents are known.

The Healthier Barrington Project Needs Assessment is one method by which the Barrington Healthier Community Project receives periodic citizen input in order to learn the desires and needs of the residents of the Barrington area. The primary purposes of this survey are to learn:

- Perceptions of community assets, problems and needs.
- Assessment of community services, need for services.
- Views on housing and development.
- Shopping behaviors and retail needs.
- Situations faced by household members and services needed to assist them.
- Health status including mental health, chronic conditions.
- Preparation for disasters, bioterrorism.
- Retirement plans.

This is the fifth survey for the Healthier Community Project. Similar studies have been conducted every three years starting in 1996, allowing data comparisons for many questions. Some additions, deletions and modifications were made in the 2008 questionnaire from past surveys. Each survey has included unique elements, although some questions have been asked across all five surveys. This was the third mail survey, whereas the first two efforts were performed by telephone. The last three surveys are more similar, because of their common methodology.

This survey included an on-line element for the first time. An environmental survey was conducted through the internet. Those results are incorporated in this report.

All five surveys were conducted by Health Systems Research, an applied research unit at the University of Illinois College of Medicine. The research group specializes in community studies of quality of life, especially issues involving health and human services.

Methodology

The questionnaire conducted by mail, was an eight-page booklet consisting primarily of structured questions, but also including one major open-ended question. A cover letter describing the reasons for the survey, the survey instrument, and a postage-paid reply envelope addressed to Health Systems Research were sent to each person chosen in the random sample.

No identification number or other identifying method was used on the survey instrument so that respondents could be assured that their answers would be anonymous. The cover letter and survey instrument are included as Appendix I.

A total of 3,600 questionnaires were mailed to households in zip code 60010, plus portions of School District 220 outside 60010 including parts of Carpentersville and Hoffman Estates. The sample was obtained from a commercial mailing firm. Two weeks after the initial mailing, a reminder postcard was sent to all persons in the sample. At the cut-off date, 476 useable surveys had been returned, yielding a response rate of 13.2%, which is below the 15.7% response rate achieved for the 2005 survey. However, the number of respondents was higher than the 470 who took part in 2005 when 3,000 were mailed. In addition, 83 individuals completed the on-line environmental survey.

For the entire sample (476), chances are 95 out of 100 that the margin of error can be no greater than plus or minus 4.2%. While the reader may interpret results of the larger sample segments with confidence in their relative accuracy, smaller segments such as gender or age group should be judged in light of their own margins of error, which are considerably higher and, in fact, may be very large. Therefore, not all results are equally adequate. In general, results based on larger samples can be considered to be more truly reflective of the actual population characteristics or views than results from smaller samples.

In the interest of providing full information, data are presented and interrelationships shown for many variables having few cases. These figures are shown because of the potential interest in the relationships. The reader is again advised that some of the relationships discussed are based on small numbers, so that they should be viewed with caution. Such findings should be treated as clues to relationships, but may require further investigation and follow-up for verification.

Further Notes On Results

Key survey results are discussed in the following chapters. When questions match those asked in prior years, comparisons are shown. When questions are similar, but do not match exactly, wording differences are noted. Frequency results for all current questions may be found in Appendix II along with results for earlier years.

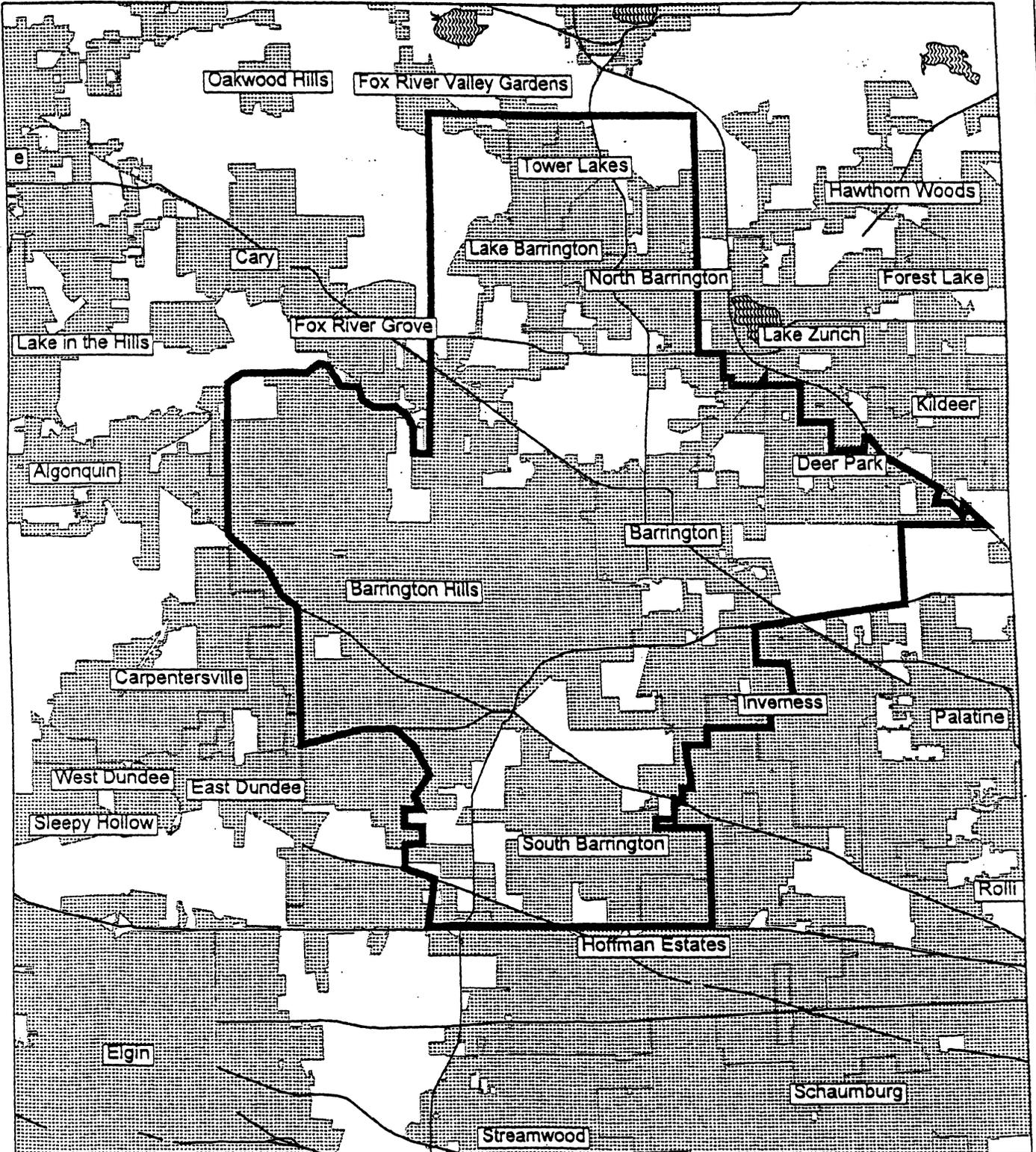
Because of very small numbers, categories for some respondent characteristics have been combined for analysis. For instance, within age groups, respondents aged 18-29 have been combined with those 30-44 because the 18 - 29 respondent group was not large enough for analysis. Communities have been combined into three geographic areas in order to have sufficient cases for comparison. Deer Park, Lake Barrington, North Barrington, Port Barrington, Tower Lakes, Unincorporated Lake County, and Unincorporated McHenry County are referred to as "Barrington Area North." Barrington Hills, Carpentersville, Hoffman Estates, Inverness, South Barrington, and Unincorporated Cook County have been combined and named "Barrington Area South" in the analysis. The terms "north" and "south" are generalized. The Village of Barrington remains separate because the response from the village is large enough to stand alone for analysis.

The 1996 and 1999 studies were conducted by telephone, possibly accounting for some differences in results. When mail was the survey method, as was the case in the last three surveys, choices were generally shown; whereas in telephone applications, in most cases, choices were not read so that the individual named only those responses that came to mind resulting in far smaller frequencies.

Figure 1.1

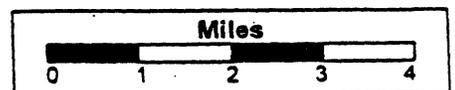
Healthier Barrington Needs Assessment

Study Area



Study area included zip code 60010 plus those positions of Carpentersville and Hoffman Estates within School District 220.

-  Incorporated Areas
-  Zip Code 60010



Another difference for the three mail surveys from the past telephone surveys is that open-ended comments received are far greater in number, longer and more detailed than took place on the telephone when more concise answers were likely to be given. Mail allows the respondent to put the questionnaire aside to complete the form at their convenience when more time can be devoted to the responses.

Representativeness Of The Sample

Tables 1.1-1.3 look at the characteristics of the responding households and compares them to the earlier samples, as well as to 2000 Census data for zip code 60010. Within certain limitations, the sample can be said to be generally representative of the Barrington area population. The average household size for the 2008 sample homes is a bit higher than Census data, 3.19 versus 2.84. The age distribution was somewhat older than the Census for area householders with a median respondent age of 55.1. In 2005, the median respondent age was 54.1.

Females comprised 58.6% of the respondents, a bit above the Census percentage for gender of the householder. This gender imbalance may be caused by one or more of the following factors: women may be more likely to open household mail and be more likely to answer questions on behalf of their family. However, the gender balance for this survey was more representative than in most past surveys, but up from 56.2% in 2005. The age distribution for household members was quite close to the Census, generally representative across all age groups.

Households represented in the survey included 1,520 persons with about a quarter (26.8%) under 18 and 15.3% aged 65 or older. Median age of household members was 44.5, slightly above the Census median of 41.3. The survey sample contained fewer persons 30-44, but more 65+ than the 2000 Census would predict. Median age has generally been rising with each survey.

Table 1.1
AGE OF RESPONDENT

Age Group	2008		2005	2002	2000	1999	1996
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Census ¹	Percent	Percent
18 - 29	4	0.8%	1.1%	0.7%	4.0%	4.8%	4.6%
30 - 44	105	22.1%	25.3%	27.3%	26.9%	29.2%	33.2%
45 - 64	250	52.5%	52.1%	50.7%	50.6%	40.0%	38.8%
65+ ^{2,3,4}	112	23.5%	19.6%	19.7%	18.5%	25.6%	23.0%
No Answer	5	1.1%	1.9%	1.7%		0.6%	0.4%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Median Age	55.1		54.1	53.4	51.4	52.9	51.2

¹Age of householder.

²Breakout for 2002 as follows: 65-74 (12.2%), 75+ (7.5%).

³Breakout for 2005 as follows: 65-74 (12.6%), 75-84 (5.7%), 85+ (1.3%).

⁴Breakout for 2008 as follows: 65-74 (13.4%), 75-84 (6.5%), 85+ (3.6%).

Table 1.2
GENDER OF RESPONDENT

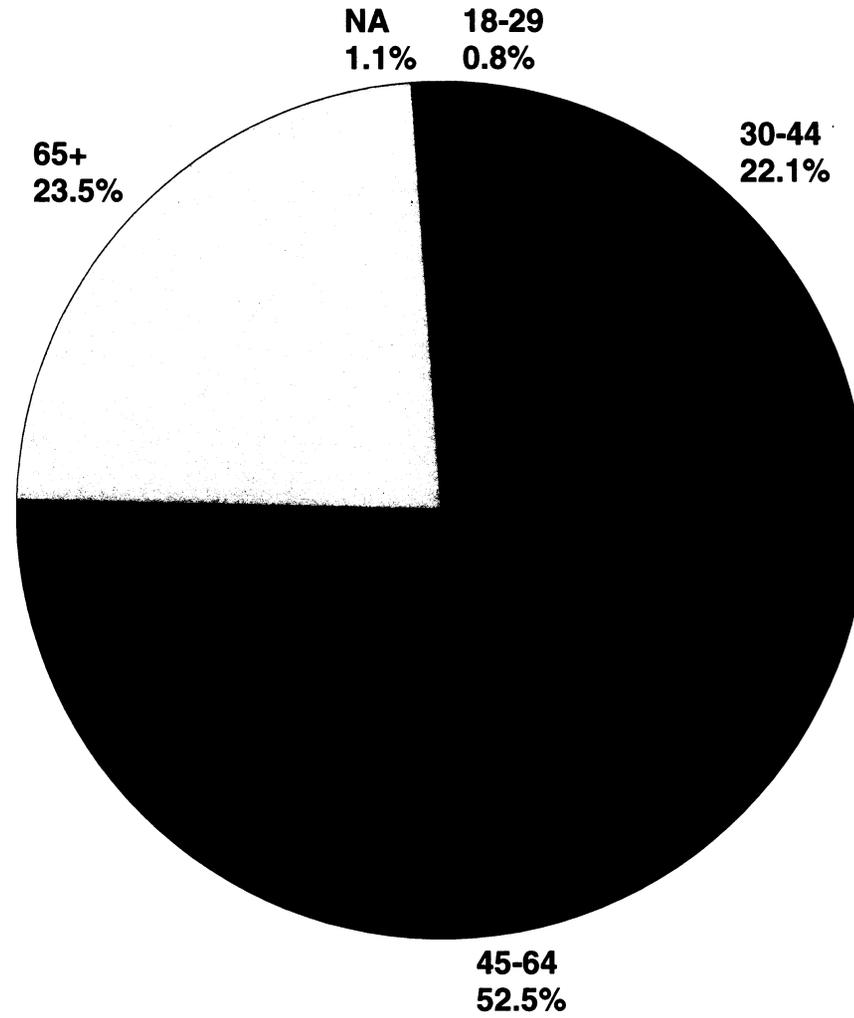
Gender	2008		2005	2002	2000 Census	1999	1996
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent		Percent	Percent
Female	278	58.4%	56.2%	63.8%	49.1%	69.7%	68.4%
Male	192	40.3%	41.3%	36.2%	50.9%	30.2%	31.6%
No Answer	6	1.3%	2.6%	0.0%		0.1%	0.0%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table 1.3
AGES OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

Age Group	2008		2005	2002	2000 Census	1999	1996
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent		Percent	Percent
0 - 4	91	6.0%	6.1%	6.4%	6.1%	5.6%	6.0%
5 - 12	180	11.8%	13.3%	12.9%	13.8%	12.1%	14.2%
13 - 17	137	9.0%	8.2%	9.1%	8.4%	11.7%	8.1%
18 - 29	121	8.0%	7.9%	8.7%	7.3%	8.2%	9.5%
30 - 44	239	15.7%	17.1%	18.7%	21.2%	19.0%	22.0%
45 - 64	520	34.2%	34.9%	32.7%	32.5%	28.1%	26.3%
65+	232	15.3%	12.5%	11.4%	10.6%	15.2%	13.8%
Total ¹	1,520	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Average HH Size	3.19		2.92	3.04	2.84	2.91	3.02
Median Age	44.5		42.7	40.2	41.3	39.8	38.3

¹Total does not include respondents who failed to indicate their age group.

Figure 1.2
AGE OF RESPONDENT



Geographic Response Rates

Table 1.4 details community response as a proportion of the estimated mail-out for that community. Actual sample size is not known because the mailed sample for each community was part of a random sample of the entire zip code. However, the proportion of the sample should be similar to the proportion that the community is of the zip code using population estimates from Mellisa Data. Exceptions are the Carpentersville and Hoffman Estates areas, which were assessed based on District 220 boundaries, so that the exact sample size is known. Only part of Hoffman Estates and Inverness are in the Barrington zip code. These are estimates only, so that figures are not precise.

The level of participation for the Village of Barrington was 20.6%, though the Barrington estimated response was below the 22.9% for 2005 and 32.7% achieved in 2002. Highest was Tower Lakes (30.1%). Also high for estimated response rates were Iverness (15.8%) and North Barrington (15.7%).

Table 1.4
ESTIMATED RESPONSE RATE BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA: 2002 - 2008

Community	2008			2005			2002		
	No. Rec.	Est. Sample	Est. Resp. Rate	No. Rec.	Est. Sample	Est. Resp. Rate	No. Rec.	Est. Sample	Est. Resp. Rate
Barrington	148	717	20.6%	164	717	22.9%	216	661	32.7%
Barrington Hills	31	252	12.3%	42	293	14.3%	23	256	9.0%
Carpentersville	17	300	5.7%	9	240	3.8%	12	198	6.1%
Deer Park	22	202	10.9%	28	222	12.6%	36	201	17.9%
Port Barrington	8	56	14.3%	14	88	15.9%	5	52	9.6%
Hoffman Estates	38	400	9.5%	27	270	10.0%	22	215	10.2%
Lake Barrington	65	454	14.3%	58	352	16.5%	92	310	29.7%
North Barrington	33	210	15.7%	24	222	10.8%	40	189	21.2%
South Barrington	29	171	17.0%	28	275	10.2%	34	243	14.0%
Tower Lakes	22	73	30.1%	17	93	18.3%	28	84	33.3%
Inverness	23	146	15.8%	10	---	---	9	----	----
Unincorporated	32	519	6.2%	42	228	18.4%	74	591	12.5%
No Answer/Other	8	100	8.0%	7	---	---	9	----	----
Total	476	3,600	13.2%	470	3,000	15.7%	600	3,000	20.0%

Table 1.5 shows the geographic distribution of numerical survey respondents, with comparison to prior studies. By far, the highest proportion of participants, (31.1%) reported residing in Barrington, followed by Lake Barrington (13.7%). Of course, the Village and Lake Barrington also had the largest mailed sample. In the earlier telephone surveys, the sample was controlled for each community.

Figure 1.3
RESPONSE RATE BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

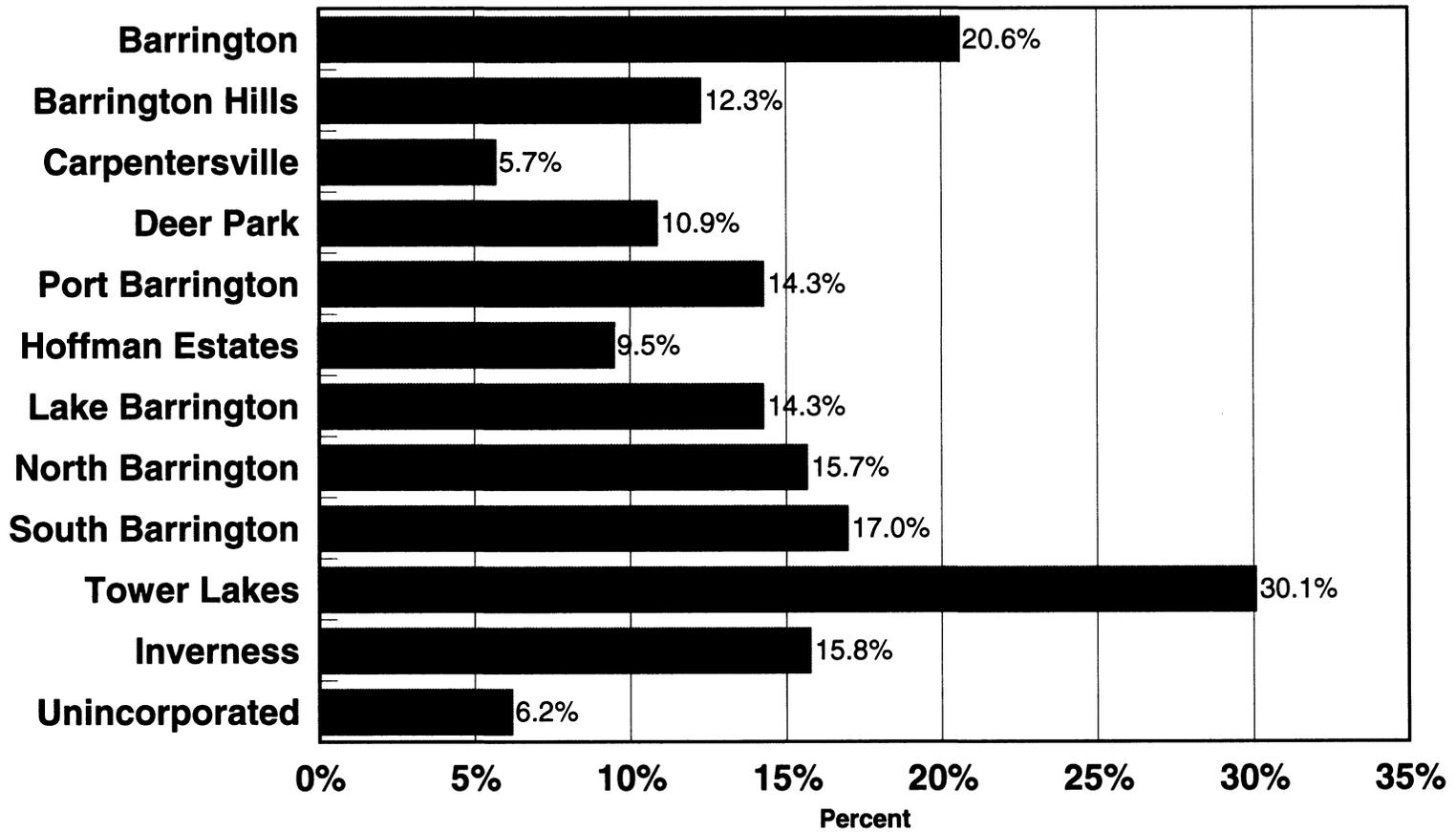


Table 1.5
GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONDENTS: 1996 - 2008

Community	2008 ¹		2005 ²	2002	1999	1996
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Barrington	148	31.1%	34.9%	36.0%	21.0%	31.8%
Lake Barrington	65	13.7%	12.3%	15.3%	10.2%	9.1%
Unincorporated Lake County	17	3.6%	6.8%	8.0%	3.8%	6.3%
North Barrington	33	6.9%	5.1%	6.7%	4.6%	7.1%
Deer Park	22	4.6%	6.0%	6.0%	6.6%	5.7%
South Barrington	29	6.1%	6.0%	5.7%	7.6%	6.7%
Tower Lakes	22	4.6%	3.6%	4.7%	2.8%	3.0%
Unincorporated Cook County	14	2.9%	1.9%	3.8%	17.8%	5.5%
Barrington Hills	31	6.5%	8.9%	3.8%	7.8%	8.5%
Hoffman Estates	38	8.0%	5.7%	3.7%	11.6%	10.3%
Carpentersville	17	3.6%	1.9%	2.0%	4.4%	4.0%
Inverness	23	4.8%	2.1%	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Port Barrington	8	1.7%	3.0%	0.8%	1.4%	1.0%
Unincorporated McHenry County	1	0.2%	0.2%	0.5%	0.4%	0.8%
Unincorporated Kane County	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%
No Answer/Other	6	1.3%	1.3%	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

¹Includes two "not sure".

²Includes one "not sure".

Length Of Residence

Respondents were asked how many years they have lived in the Barrington area. Table 1.6 shows that the largest proportions are long-term residents and new movers, those who have lived in the area for 25+ years (20.8%), followed by 0-4 years (19.3%). The median length of residence for the sample is 13.9 years, about the same as earlier surveys.

As might be expected, the pattern for length of residence differs according to the age of the respondent. Four of ten (41.5%) respondents under age 45 appear to be recent movers, having lived in the area less than five years, while over half (50.9%) of those 65 and older have been residents of the Barrington area for 25 or more years.

Table 1.6
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN THE BARRINGTON AREA: 1996 - 2008

Years	2008		2005	2002	1999	1996
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
0 - 4	92	19.3%	19.4%	15.0%	15.7%	22.8%
5 - 9	81	17.0%	19.6%	19.8%	21.0%	20.8%
10 - 14	77	16.2%	12.1%	19.2%	19.9%	15.0%
15 - 19	56	11.8%	14.7%	12.5%	11.2%	11.0%
20 - 24	62	13.0%	7.9%	10.8%	11.2%	9.0%
25+	99	20.8%	24.5%	21.0%	20.4%	21.4%
No Answer	9	1.9%	3.3%	1.7%	1.0%	0.0%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Median Years	13.9		13.7	14.1	13.3	12.0

Work Location

Participants were also asked to indicate their primary work location. Of those who are employed in the work force, Cook County outside Chicago is the site for almost half (44.4%), with a little over a quarter (28.8%) employed in Lake County, and one in eight (13.0%) traveling to the City of Chicago for work (see Table 1.7). Therefore, more than half of Barrington area workers are employed in Cook County. The 2008 sample displays virtually the same proportion of respondents working in Chicago and Cook County as 2005. Small increases were seen for employment in Kane and McHenry Counties.

Slightly fewer than one-third (29.0%) of survey participants reported that they do not work.

Table 1.7
RESPONDENT PRIMARY WORK LOCATION: 1996 - 2008

Location	2008		2005	2002	1999	1996
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cook County outside Chicago	139	44.0%	41.3%	37.4%	56.2%	42.7%
Lake County	91	28.8%	27.3%	34.2%	19.8%	43.5%
City of Chicago	41	13.0%	16.2%	13.8%	11.6%	4.8%
DuPage County	8	2.5%	4.4%	5.8%	2.9%	3.6%
McHenry County	18	5.7%	3.2%	2.7%	5.0%	1.6%
Kane County	10	3.2%	1.6%	2.7%	2.9%	3.2%
Other	9	2.8%	6.0%	3.4%	1.7%	0.5%
Total	316	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Figure 1.4
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE

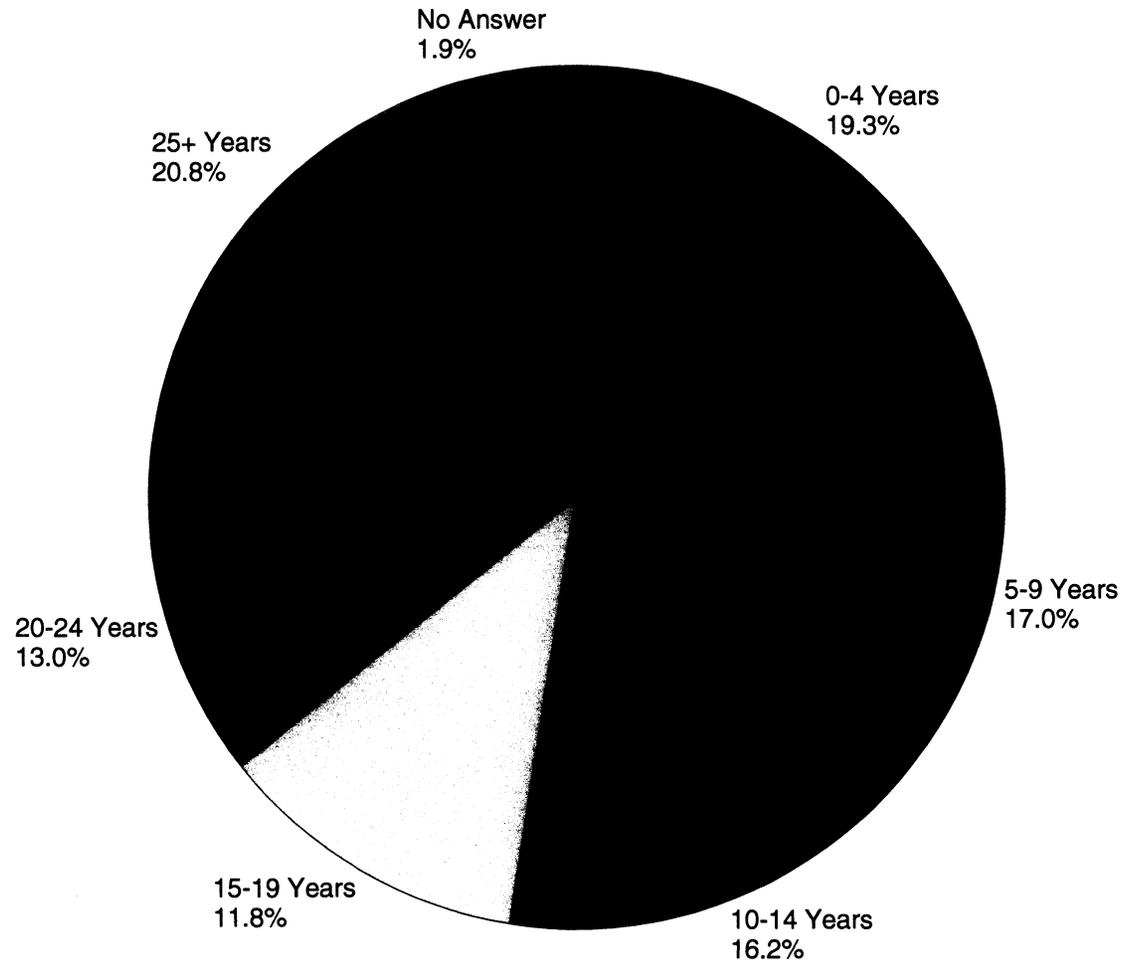
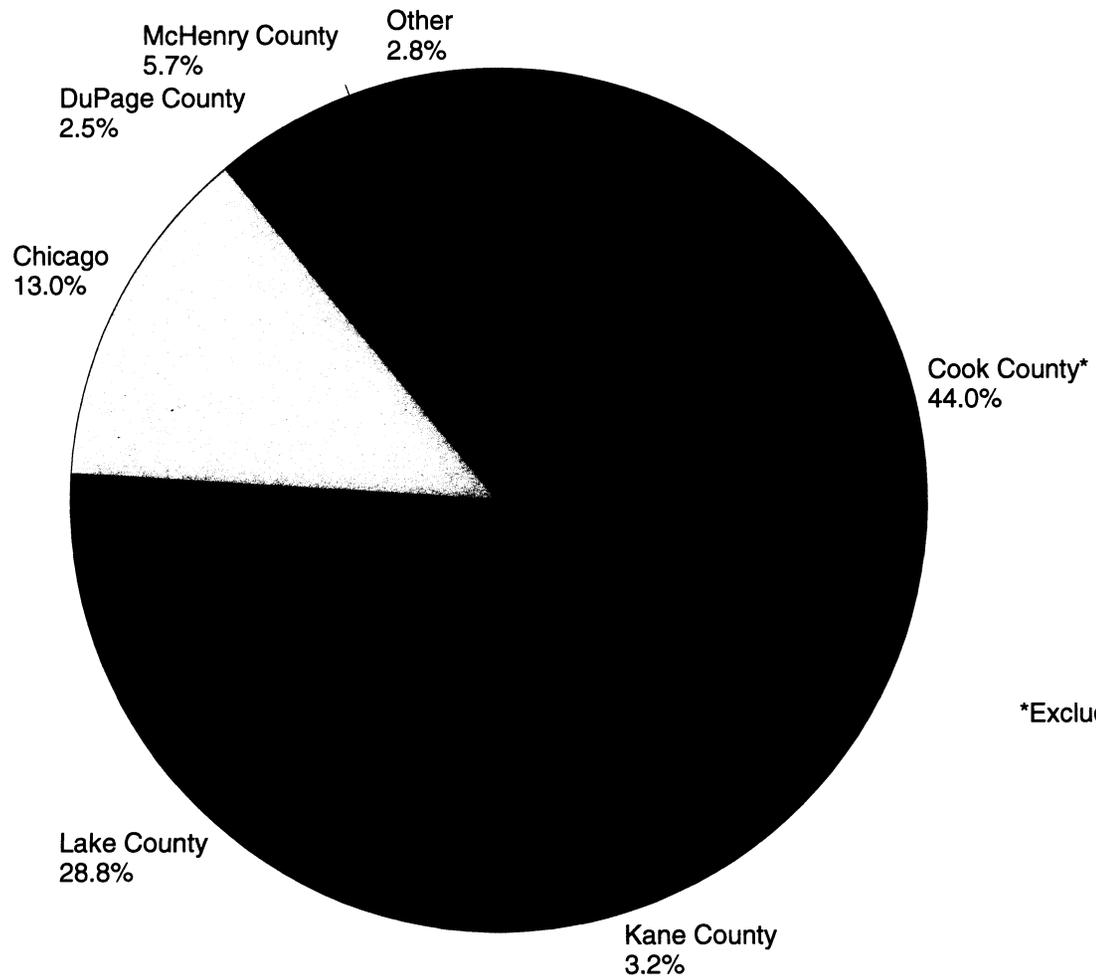


Figure 1.5
RESPONDENT PRIMARY WORK LOCATION



*Excludes Chicago

Questions regarding at-home workers were also posed. When asked if anyone in their household works at home, a quarter of respondents (25.0%) in the 2008 survey answered “yes”, virtually the same as 2005, but slightly higher than the 22.1% recorded in 2002. For all survey households, one of six (16.2%) reported someone working with home as their primary office. Having two or more household members with a primary home office were 1.5% of survey homes. About one in seven households (14.3%) say that at least one household member works at home, but also travels to other locations. The proportion working at home leveled off in this survey after increasing over the prior surveys. In the 2000 Census for the nation, only 3.3% of workers worked at home. Therefore, the Barrington area appears to have a much higher proportion of “home workers.”

The total number of individuals working at home was 161 of which 52.2% work only at home and 47.8% also travel to other locations.

Barrington Business Owner

For the first time respondents were asked whether they are a Barrington business owner or operator, that is, they own or operate a physical location at which business is conducted or services provided in the Barrington area. Forty respondents or 8.4% of the sample said that they are a Barrington business owner.

Responsibility For Older Adult Or Disabled Individual

Asked if they are responsible for the care of an older adult such as an aging spouse, parent or other relative, 21.5% of participants responded positively, the highest proportion received in any of the survey series. The greatest proportion (9.9%) are responsible for an older adult living on their own, with fewer respondents having responsibility for an older adult residing in a nursing home (5.5%) or living in a respondent’s home (5.0%). Persons acting as caregivers extended across all age groups as follows 18-44 (16.5%), 45-64 (26.0%), 65-74 (14.1%) and 75+ (18.8%). Female respondents were a bit more likely (23.7%) than male respondents (18.2%) to report that they care for an older adult.

Table 1.8
RESPONSIBILITY FOR OLDER ADULT: 1996 - 2008

Response	2008		2005	2002	1999	1996
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
No	361	75.8%	78.7%	80.7%	89.8%	87.8%
Yes, older adult living on own	47	9.9%	8.9%	7.8%	6.6%	6.6%
Yes, older adult living in my home	24	5.0%	4.9%	3.3%	1.8%	3.4%
Yes, older adult in a retirement community or nursing home	26	5.5%	4.7%	5.8%	1.6%	2.2%
Yes, other	5	1.1%	1.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%
No answer	13	2.7%	1.5%	2.0%	0.2%	0.0%

The proportion of Barrington area households responsible for an older adult has risen over the period that surveys have been conducted, now reaching more than about one in five.

Thirty-eight individuals (8.0%) are responsible for the care of a disabled or special needs person, up from 6.2% in 2005 and also 2002 when 3.6% were responsible. Of these, 21 disabled persons live in the respondents' home, with seven disabled persons in group homes, and seven living on his/her own.

Newspaper Read

Newspaper readership was assessed by asking participants what, if any, newspaper they usually read during the week, allowing multiple responses (Table 1.9). The average respondent reads nearly 1.7 daily papers, down from 1.9 three years ago. Respondents who do not read any newspaper comprised 10.9% of the sample, up from 7.9% in 2005. Non-readership is higher in younger persons 18-44 (19.3%) than 45-64 (9.6%) or 65+ (6.3%).

Though the Chicago Tribune (53.2%) and Barrington Courier-Review (47.9%) continue to be the leaders among newspapers read, both have dropped appreciably in readership since 2002. Though the Daily Herald (34.9%) also experienced a decline, the decline was smaller. Other newspapers read include Barrington Lifestyle (19.1%), Chicago Sun-Times (7.1%), and the Northwest Herald (4.2%) – the only publication with a 2005-2008 gain.

Table 1.9
NEWSPAPER READ DURING THE WEEK¹: 1996 - 2008

Newspaper	2008		2005	2002	1999	1996
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Chicago Tribune	253	53.2%	60.2%	67.0%	48.7%	54.0%
Barrington Courier-Review	228	47.9%	54.7%	65.7%	35.1%	33.0%
Daily Herald	166	34.9%	36.4%	38.8%	28.1%	34.6%
Barrington Lifestyle	91	19.1%	22.3%			
Chicago Sun-Times	34	7.1%	7.2%	5.8%	10.4%	6.2%
Northwest Herald	20	4.2%	3.6%	3.8%	6.4%	1.2%
Other	29	6.1%	7.0%	8.3%	8.6%	9.0%

¹First two named by respondent in 1996 and 1999.

Respondents were allowed to choose as many newspapers as they wished in the last three survey administrations whereas in 1996 and 1999, only the first two choices named were recorded.

Residents of the Village of Barrington are more likely to read the Barrington Courier-Review (62.2%) than are those living in the other survey areas.

Both Tribune and Courier-Review readerships rise with age, reaching 67.9% for the Tribune and 58.0% for the Courier-Review among those 65+. Nearly one-third (32.1%) of the elderly read Barrington Lifestyle. An exception to the pattern of increasing readership with age is that Daily Herald readership peaks at 41.2% among persons 45-64.

Chapter 2 QUALITY OF LIFE

Introduction

Assessment of the perceived quality of life in the Barrington area took place through inquiring about the most important community aspects of living in the Barrington area, as well as a follow-up question asking which desired characteristics local residents feel might be missing from the area.

Aspects Important To The Barrington Area

Regarding the most important aspects of living in the Barrington area, local residents were able to mark up to five answers from a checklist provided of 21 choices. Respondents could also write in characteristics not listed. The five most often mentioned important characteristics of living in the Barrington area are said to be “safe, low crime” (70.6%), followed by “good schools” (54.2%), “open, green spaces” (45.2%), “good place to bring up children” (44.1%), and “peaceful small town environment” (34.5%). Table 2.1 displays all listed characteristics in descending order of the proportion marking the choice. Good housing choices (31.3%) also displayed some strength among the options, placing sixth.

Sizable 2005-2008 gains took place for good local health care (+5.9%), lack of traffic congestion (+4.6%), good place to bring up children (+4.1%), good schools (+3.6%), and good water quality (+3.5%).

The top six have remained the same for the past three surveys. Safe; low crime rose appreciably in 2008, from (70.6%) in 2008 compared to 63.2% in 2005. On the other hand, the importance of a peaceful small town environment has been declining, from 41.8% in 2002 to 34.5% in 2008. Good library services dropped in importance from 19.6% in 2005 to 16.8% in 2008.

Apparently of far less relative importance to local residents are “available quality child care” (0.0%), “cultural activities, arts” (2.7%), and “good community leadership” (4.6%). These three also fell at the bottom of 2005 ratings.

As shown in Table 2.2, “safe; low crime,” placed at the top for all survey groups analyzed, though tied with “a good place to bring up children” for respondents 18-44. Good schools were second for most groups. Other top three choices included “good place to bring up children” (Village of Barrington, female, 5-9 and 15-19 year residents), “open green spaces” (Barrington Area North, Barrington Area South, male, 45-64 years old, 65-74 years old, 75+, 0-4 years and 25+ years), “Peaceful small town environment” (20-24 year residents) and “good local health care” (65-74, 75+).

As Table 2.3 reveals, those living in the area for 5-9 years (76.5%) and 20-24 years (75.8%) were most likely to choose “safe, low crime.” “Good schools” was named most often by respondents aged 18-44 (68.8%) plus persons living in the area for 15-19 years (62.5%), and 10-14 years (62.3%). Most likely to cite “open, green spaces” were Barrington Area North residents (55.4%), aged 65-74 (54.7%) and individuals residing in the area for 0-4 years (51.1%). The younger age group (69.7%) chose “a good place to bring up children” at a much higher level than did other

groups. "Peaceful small town environment" is most important for 20-24 year residents (50.0%) plus persons 45-64 (39.2%) and 65-74 (39.1%).

Top choice for business owners was "a good place to bring up children" (32.5%).

Table 2.1
FACTORS IMPORTANT TO LIVING IN THE BARRINGTON AREA: 1996 - 2008¹

Rank	Characteristic	2008 Percent	2005 Percent	2002 Percent	1999 Percent	1996 Percent
1.	Safe; low crime	70.6%	63.2%	64.5%	26.1%	23.8%
2.	Good schools	54.2%	50.6%	54.2%	26.7%	29.8%
3.	Open, green spaces	45.2%	47.4%	46.2%	11.6%	8.8%
4.	A good place to bring up children	44.1%	40.0%	42.0%	13.0%	7.6%
5.	Peaceful small town environment	34.5%	37.4%	41.8%	41.3%	29.2%
6.	Good housing choices	31.3%	32.1%	32.2%	4.0%	3.0%
7.	Good local health care	26.1%	20.2%	22.8%	1.0%	1.4%
8.	Close to family/friends	21.0%	20.9%			
9.	Lack of traffic congestion	17.6%	13.0%	17.2%	1.4%	1.8%
10.	Good library services	16.8%	19.6%	20.5%	1.4%	0.4%
11.	Strong family life	14.5%	15.5%	18.5%	6.6%	6.8%
11.	Close to job/training	14.5%	12.3%			
11.	Good parks, recreation opportunities	14.5%	14.0%	13.7%	4.2%	3.6%
14.	Good air quality	13.4%	10.9%	12.5%	1.0%	1.0%
15.	Strong religious and spiritual life	11.3%	10.4%	13.8%	2.2%	2.6%
16.	Good water quality	10.1%	6.6%	8.8%	0.6%	0.2%
17.	Good community services	8.4%	7.7%	9.5%	3.4%	3.2%
18.	Availability of programs and services for the elderly	5.0%	5.1%	4.5%	0.2%	0.2%
19.	Good community leadership	4.6%	3.8%	5.3%	2.4%	0.6%
20.	Cultural activities, arts	2.7%	2.8%	3.8%		
21.	Available quality child care	0.0%	1.5%			

¹When blank, the choice was not available in that year.

Figure 2.1
LEADING FACTORS IMPORTANT TO
LIVING IN BARRINGTON AREA

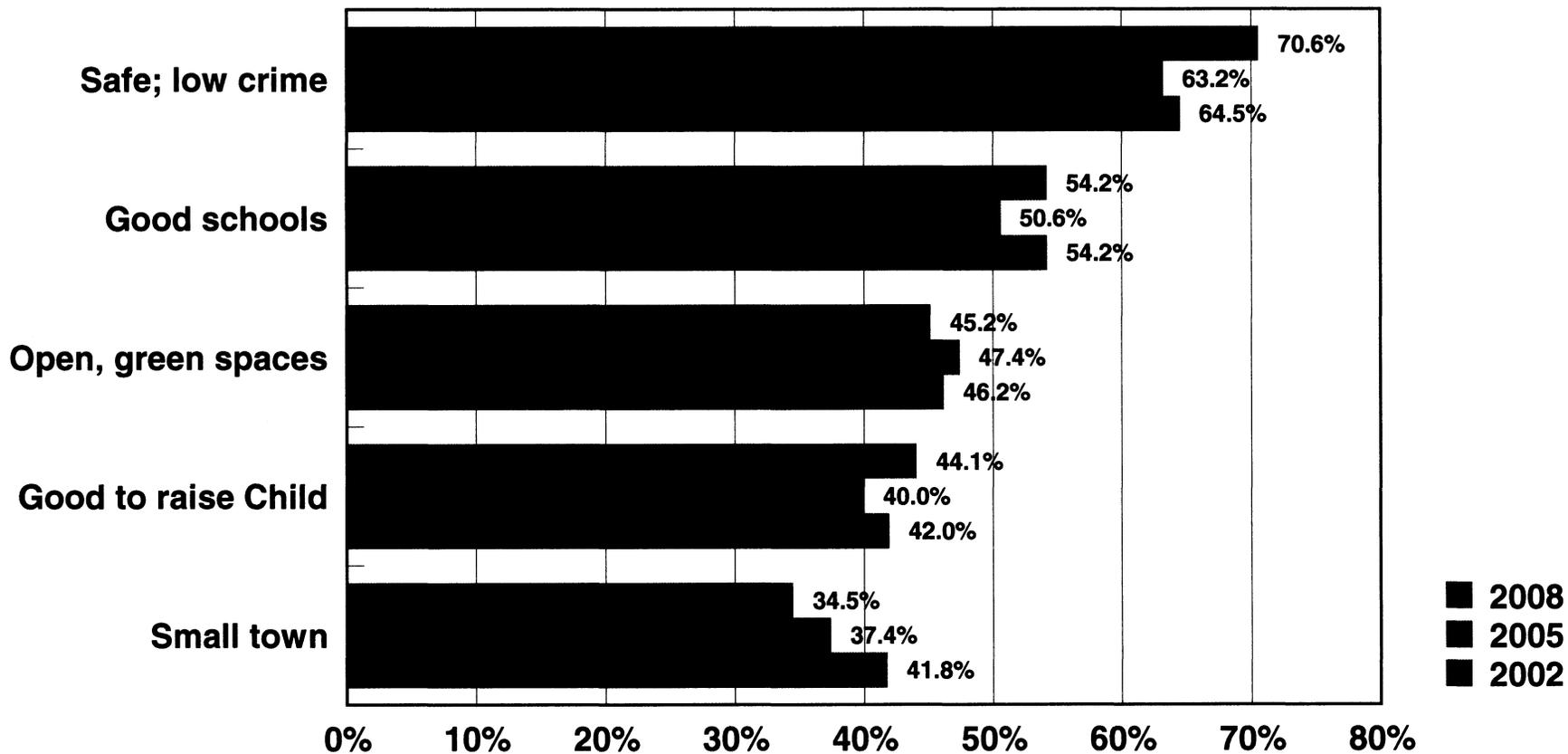


Table 2.2
THREE FACTORS NAMED MOST IMPORTANT ABOUT LIVING IN AREA
BY RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTIC: 2008

GEOGRAPHIC AREA	First	Second	Third
Village of Barrington	Safe, low crime (73.6%)	Good schools (59.5%)	A good place to bring up children (52.0%)
Barrington Area North	Safe, low crime (71.4%)	Good schools (55.4%) (T)	Open, green spaces (55.4%) (T)
Barrington Area South	Safe, low crime (67.8%)	Open, green spaces (50.7%)	Good schools (48.7%)
GENDER			
Male	Safe, low crime (68.8%)	Good schools (52.6%)	Open, green spaces (44.3%)
Female	Safe, low crime (71.9%)	Good schools (55.8%)	A good place to bring up children (48.9%)
AGE OF RESPONDENT			
18 - 44	A good place to bring up children (69.7%) (T)	Safe, low crime (69.7%) (T)	Good schools (68.8%)
45 - 64	Safe, low crime (73.6%)	Good schools (57.6%)	Open, green spaces (47.2%)
65 - 74	Safe, low crime (70.3%)	Open, green spaces (54.7%)	Good local health care (39.1%)
75+	Safe, low crime (56.3%)	Good local health care (50.0%)	Open, green spaces (35.4%)
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE			
0 - 4 years	Safe, low crime (64.1%)	Good schools (52.2%)	Open, green spaces (51.1%)
5 - 9 years	Safe, low crime (76.5%)	Good schools (55.6%)	A good place to bring up children (50.6%)
10 - 14 years	Safe, low crime (70.1%)	Good schools (62.3%)	Open, green spaces (46.8%)
15 - 19 years	Safe, low crime (71.4%)	Good schools (62.5%)	A good place to bring up children (42.9%)
20 - 24 years	Safe, low crime (75.8%)	Good schools (53.2%)	Peaceful small town environment (50.0%)
25+	Safe, low crime (71.7%)	Good schools (43.4%)	Open, green spaces (41.4%)

(T) = Tie

**TABLE 2.3
TOP THREE GROUPS NAMING
FIVE LEADING IMPORTANT FACTORS ABOUT LIVING IN AREA: 2008**

Factor	Top Three Groups Choosing This Factor
Safe; low crime	5-9 Year Residence (76.5%); 20-24 Year Residence (75.8%); Village of Barrington Resident (73.6%) (T); Aged 45-64 (73.6%) (T)
Good schools	Aged 18-44 (68.8%); 15-19 Year Residence (62.5%); 10-14 Year Residence (62.3%)
Open, green spaces	Barrington Area North (55.4%); Aged 65-74 (54.7%); 0-4 Years Residence (51.1%)
A good place to bring up children	Aged 18-44 (69.7%); Village of Barrington (52.0%); 5-9 Years Residence (50.6%)
Peaceful small town environment	20-24 Years Residence (50.0%); Aged 45-64 (39.2%); Aged 65-74 (39.1%)

(T) = Tie

Characteristics Missing In The Barrington Area

Aspects missing from the community was also asked of respondents, who then were able to name up to five characteristics which they believe are missing in the Barrington area from the checklist provided of 14 options.

As detailed in Table 2.4, "Traffic control" once again led the list of missing characteristics, cited by 43.9% of respondents while "access to sufficient stores and services or restaurants" (42.4%) placed a close second, up from 37.9% in 2005. "Equity in taxation" was named as a concern by almost one-third (32.6%) of survey participants. "Public transportation" (28.8%) and "reasonably priced goods and services" (26.7%) complete the top five missing characteristics with "affordable housing" (26.3%) placing a close sixth. In 2005 the second most cited missing characteristic was "good leadership", though it placed far down the list in 2008.

Demographic groups varied somewhat in their choice when naming the top missing aspects of local living. As Table 2.5 indicates, "Traffic control" was the leading choice for 9 of 15 respondent groups. Traffic control is especially troubling to long term residents. "Access to sufficient stores, services, or restaurants" ranked first for the remaining groups. Other than traffic control and access to stores, equity in taxation appeared among the three top issues for three groups. Also making the top three were "public transportation" (females, 75+), "reasonably priced goods, services" (75+, 25+ year residents), and "tolerance of differences" (0-4 years).

Business owners identified "access to sufficient stores, services, or restaurants" (27.5%) as the leading missing characteristic.

Table 2.4
ASPECTS MISSING FROM THE BARRINGTON AREA: 1996 - 2008¹

Rank	Characteristic	2008 Percent	2005 Percent	2002 Percent	1999 Percent	1996 Percent
1.	Traffic control	43.9%	41.3%			
2.	Access to sufficient stores, services, or restaurants	42.4%	37.9%	40.0%	7.0%	17.4%
3.	Equity in taxation	32.6%	34.7%	31.3%	1.4%	2.0%
4.	Public transportation	28.8%	27.0%	23.7%	5.2%	1.4%
5.	Reasonably priced goods, services	26.7%	25.1%	26.0%	2.4%	2.6%
6.	Affordable housing	26.3%	23.2%	22.7%	3.4%	0.8%
7.	Cultural activities, arts	17.6%	18.5%	15.0%	0.8%	
8.	Local employment	17.2%	17.0%	13.5%	0.0%	0.0%
8.	Tolerance of differences	17.2%	13.4%	13.2%	0.4%	1.0%
10.	Good leadership	14.3%	38.3%	41.5%	1.0%	0.8%
11.	Recreation opportunities	11.6%	8.9%	12.5%	2.0%	9.6%
12.	Adequate school facilities	9.5%	4.7%	18.5%	0.6%	2.8%
13.	Sufficient open spaces	6.1%	11.9%	17.8%	1.0%	0.4%
13.	Community services	6.1%	3.4%	6.0%	0.8%	1.4%

¹When blank, the choice was not available in that year.

**Figure 2.2
LEADING ASPECTS MISSING
FROM BARRINGTON AREA**

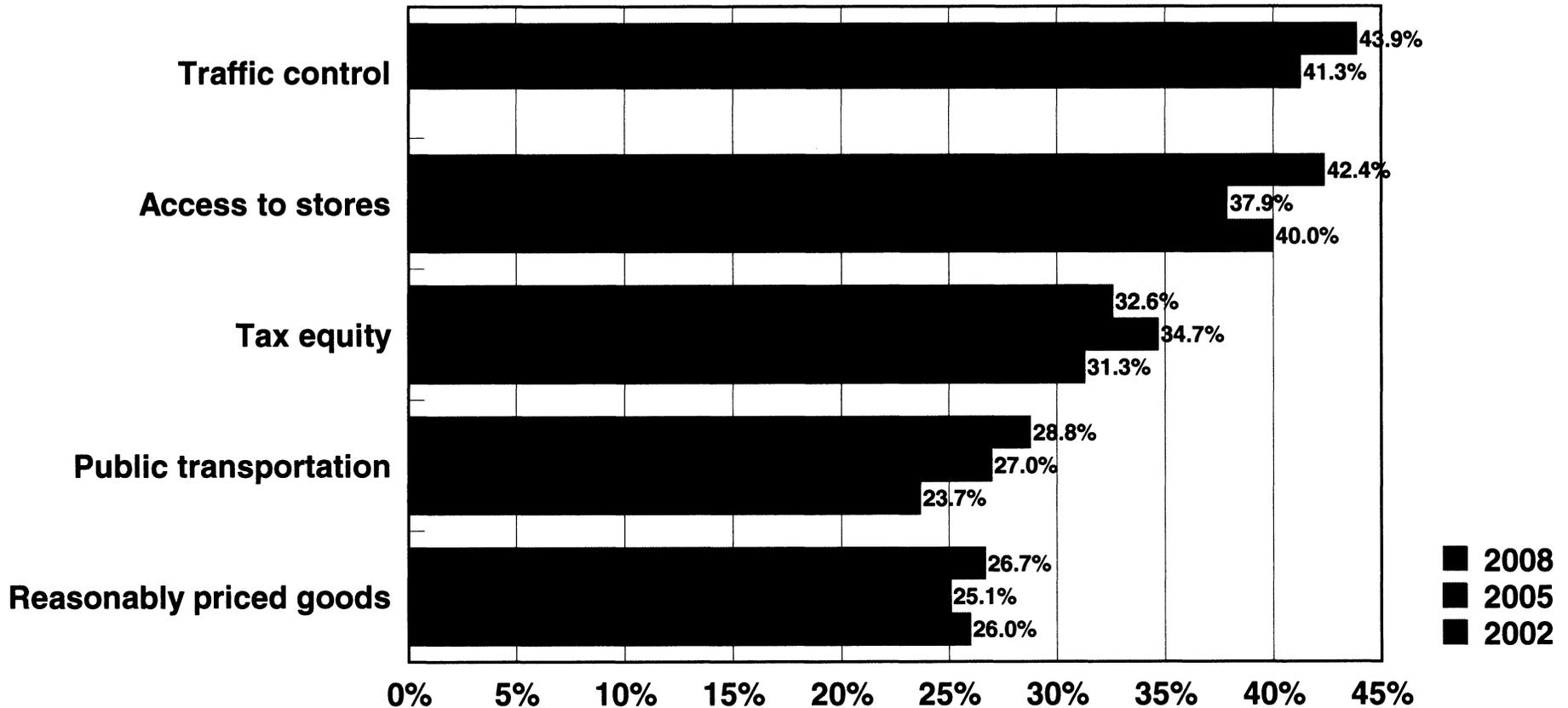


Table 2.5
THREE TOP ISSUES NAMED AS MISSING IN AREA
BY RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTIC: 2008

GEOGRAPHIC AREA	First	Second	Third
Village of Barrington	Traffic control (54.1%) (T)	Access to stores, services, etc (54.1%) (T)	Affordable housing (33.1%)
Barrington Area North	Traffic control (48.2%)	Access to stores, services, etc (35.7%)	Equity in taxation (33.9%)
Barrington Area South	Access to stores, services, etc (38.8%)	Equity in taxation (31.6%)	Traffic control (30.3%)
GENDER			
Male	Traffic control (46.9%)	Access to stores, services, etc (40.6%)	Equity in taxation (35.9%)
Female	Access to stores, services, etc (44.2%)	Traffic control (42.1%)	Public transportation (33.5%)
AGE OF RESPONDENT			
18 - 44	Access to stores, services, etc (44.0%)	Affordable housing (33.9%)	Equity in taxation & Traffic control (27.5%) (T)
45 - 64	Traffic control (50.4%)	Access to stores, services, etc (40.8%)	Equity in taxation (34.4%)
65 - 74	Traffic control (45.3%)	Access to stores, services, etc (39.1%)	Equity in taxation (32.8%)
75+	Access to stores, services, etc (50.0%)	Traffic control (45.8%)	Public transportation & Reasonably priced goods, services (41.7%) (T)
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE			
0 - 4 years	Access to stores, services, etc (37.0%)	Affordable housing & Equity in taxation & Tolerance of differences (28.3%) (T)	
5 - 9 years	Access to stores, services, etc (40.7%)	Equity in taxation (37.0%) (T)	Traffic control (37.0%) (T)
10 - 14 years	Traffic control (41.6%)	Access to stores, services, etc (39.0%)	Equity in taxation (28.6%)
15 - 19 years	Traffic control (53.6%)	Access to stores, services, etc (50.0%)	Equity in taxation (41.1%)
20 - 24 years	Traffic control (50.0%)	Access to stores, services, etc (43.5%)	Equity in taxation (37.1%)
25+	Traffic control (57.6%)	Access to stores, services, etc (44.4%)	Reasonably priced goods, services (33.3%)

(T) = Tie

As Table 2.6 illustrates, “traffic control” was most often named by those residing in the area for 25 years or more (57.6%), or for 15-19 years (53.6%), and persons living in the Village of Barrington (54.1%). Citing “access to sufficient stores, services, or restaurants” as missing more often than other groups were, Village of Barrington residents (54.1%), individuals aged 75+ (50.0%), and 15-19 year residents (50.0%). Far more persons aged 75+ (41.7%) identified “public transportation” as missing than did the overall sample (28.8%).

**Table 2.6
TOP THREE GROUPS NAMING FIVE LEADING FACTORS
MISSING IN THE BARRINGTON AREA: 2008**

Factor	Top Three Groups Choosing This Factor
Traffic control	25+ Years Residence (57.6%); Village of Barrington (54.1%); 15-19 Years Residence (53.6%)
Access to sufficient stores, services or restaurants	Village of Barrington (54.1%); Aged 75+ (50.0%); 15-19 Years Residence (50.0%)
Equity in taxation	15-19 Years Residence (41.1%); 20-24 Years Residence (37.1%); 5-9 Years Residence (37.0%)
Public transportation	Aged 75+ (41.7%); 15-19 Years Residence (33.9%); Female (33.5%)
Reasonably priced goods & services	Aged 75+ (41.7%); 25+ Years Residence (57.6%); Village of Barrington (32.4%)

The feeling that access to stores, services is missing rose from 45.1% in 2005 to 54.1% in 2008 for Village of Barrington residents.

A considerable decline took place in the proportion of respondents citing good leadership as missing, falling to 14.3% from 38.3% in 2005. Sufficient open spaces missing fell to 6.1% in 2008 from 11.9% in 2005 and 17.8% in 2002.

However, concern for tolerance of differences missing rose to 17.2% from 13.4% in 2005 (+3.8%) and adequate school facilities missing rose from 4.7% to 9.5% in 2008 (+4.8%).

Chapter 3 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ISSUES NEEDING ATTENTION

Introduction

This chapter presents results from the questions posed to assess the quality of, access to, or availability of community services as well as questions relating to those community issues which the respondent believes need further attention in the Barrington Area.

Ratings Of Community Services

Participants were asked to rate 16 community services as “excellent”, “good”, “fair” or “poor”, with the opportunity to also answer “don’t know” if they did not feel familiar enough to rate the service. Two services were new this year - “quality of attention to the environment” and “availability of wellness information.”

Apparently, many residents do not feel knowledgeable about certain services. When assessing “availability of services for the disabled,” 70.4% chose “don’t know,” as did 62.4% of those answering for “availability of transportation for the elderly and disabled.” Many (43.7%) respondents lacked enough knowledge to rate “availability of services for senior citizens.” Similarly, nearly half (45.8%) said that they don’t know enough to rate the availability of social services overall and 4.6% did not answer. For tabulations which show the proportion of “don’t know” responses, please see Appendix II.

When examining the percent rating the 16 community services as excellent or good, “quality of local primary education” received the highest rating (76.5%), up from 74.9% in 2005 and 69.0% in 2002. “Availability of health care services” (72.3%) placed second, rising from third in 2005 at 67.2%. “Quality of secondary education” received excellent or good from 69.5% of respondents, the same proportion as in 2005. One of the new items, “quality of attention to the environment” was viewed positively, placing fourth with 61.6% giving an excellent or good rating.

Lowest proportions of community services rated excellent or good were “availability of services for the disabled” (10.7%) and “transportation for the elderly and disabled” (14.3%), although both had high levels of don’t know responses. Next lowest was “cooperation among local governments” (26.1%), though the proportion was greatly improved from 12.8% received in 2005.

Table 3.1
PERCENT RATINGS OF SERVICES AS EXCELLENT OR GOOD: 1996 - 2008¹

Rank	Community Service	2008	2005	2002	1999	1996
1.	Quality of local primary education	76.5%	74.9%	69.0%	81.0%	75.0%
2.	Availability of health care services	72.3%	67.2%	70.5%	81.8%	78.8%
3.	Quality of local secondary education	69.5%	69.5%	63.0%	74.6%	71.0%
4.	Quality of attention to the environment	61.6%				
5.	Quality of local Park District services	59.0%	60.6%	71.4%	79.0%	
6.	Availability of preventive health care	57.4%	52.8%	55.8%	72.7%	66.0%
7.	Quality of local community or village services	55.0%	50.8%	54.0%	79.1%	78.0%
8.	Availability of wellness information	53.4%				
9.	Availability of services for youth	38.7%	37.7%	41.5%		
9.	Availability of services for senior citizens	38.7%	33.2%	35.5%		
11.	Availability of cultural activities, arts	34.2%	33.8%	37.5%		
12.	Availability of social services overall	33.8%	35.9%	39.7%		
13.	Access to local government decision makers	31.9%	23.9%	27.8%	51.9%	47.0%
14.	Cooperation among local governments	26.1%	12.8%	15.5%		
15.	Availability of transportation for the elderly & disabled	14.3%	9.8%			
16.	Availability of services for the disabled	10.7%	11.3%	10.4%	32.1%	15.2%

¹When blank, the community characteristic was not present in that year.

The rankings of the 16 community services by mean score are presented in Table 3.2, using a scale where “excellent” is given a value of four and “poor” is worth one. Don’t know and no answer responses were excluded from these scores.

Only three of the 16 items received a mean rating of 3.00 (good) or above - those being “quality of local primary education” (3.33), “quality of local secondary education” (3.24), and “availability of health care services” (3.06). All three were slightly improved from their respective scores in the 2005 survey.

No services, on the other hand, received mean ratings lower than 2.00 or fair, the lowest being “availability of transportation for the elderly and disabled” at 2.16, “availability of cultural activities/arts” (2.32), “availability of services for the disabled” (2.33) and “cooperation among local governments” (2.33).

Table 3.2
MEAN RATINGS OF SERVICES: 1996 - 2008¹

Characteristic	2008	2005	2002	1999	1996
Quality of local primary education	3.33	3.29	3.03	3.35	3.30
Quality of local secondary education	3.24	3.20	2.97	3.31	3.25
Availability of health care services	3.06	2.93	3.01	3.20	3.26
Availability of wellness information	2.90				
Availability of preventive health care	2.89	2.83	2.91	3.12	3.20
Availability of services for senior citizens	2.83	2.70	2.80		
Quality of, attention to the environment	2.83				
Quality of your local Park District services	2.81	2.80	2.95	3.10	
Availability of social services overall	2.75	2.71	2.83		
Quality of your local community or village services	2.73	2.58	2.67	3.03	3.08
Availability of services for youth	2.70	2.65	2.62		
Access to local government decision makers	2.51	2.19	2.31	2.77	2.87
Availability of services for the disabled	2.33	2.30	2.28	2.82	2.58
Cooperation among local governments	2.33	1.72	1.85		
Availability of cultural activities, arts	2.32	2.26	2.35		
Availability of transportation for the elderly & disabled	2.16	1.99			

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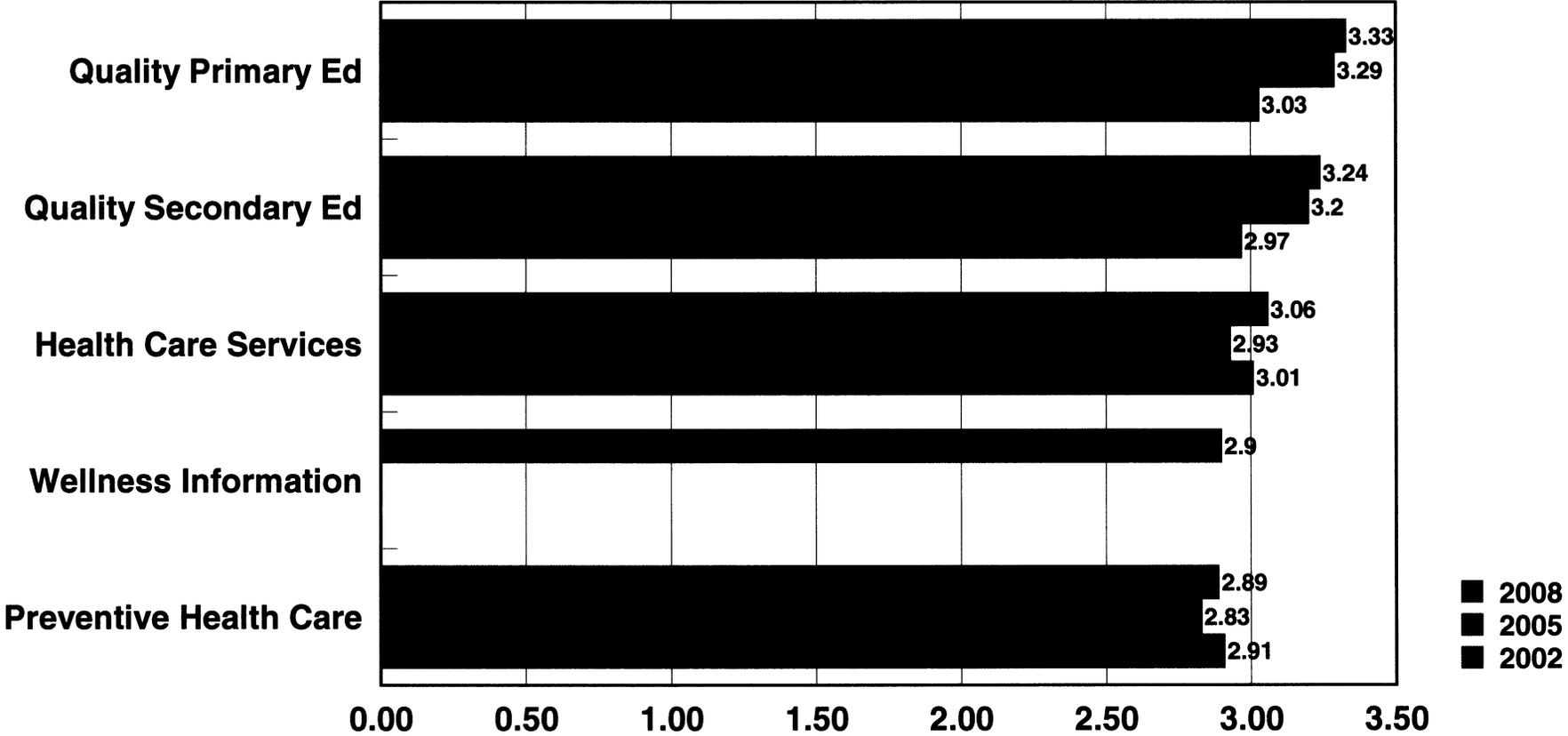
Differences in ratings for specific services were seen among demographic groups, as displayed in Table 3.3. Generally, however, ratings were similar, appearing within a small range for all groups.

The highest mean scores went to “quality primary education” by 10-14 year residents (3.46) and Barrington North residents (3.41).

The oldest respondents, those 75+, tended to give the highest ratings. They gave social services overall 3.07 compared to 2.70-2.79 for the other age groups.

For any community characteristics rated as fair or poor, respondents were asked to describe how the characteristic could be improved. Full verbatim comments can be found in Appendix III. Leading comments included “a need for more cultural activities” named by twenty-nine respondents, followed by twenty-six mentions of “a need for better Park District facilities and programs,” and sixteen comments that “the local governments need to exhibit better cooperation.” Other issues mentioned included need more teen recreation (15), more attention to environmental issues (14), need better local government (13), need more quality health care options (12), need senior transportation (12), and need more youth recreation opportunities (12).

**Figure 3.1
MEAN RATINGS OF LEADING
COMMUNITY SERVICES**



**Table 3.3
MEAN RATINGS OF COMMUNITY SERVICES BY RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTIC: 2008**

GEOGRAPHIC AREA	Social Services	Youth Services	Senior Services	Cultural Activities	Quality Primary Ed.	Quality Second Ed.	Disabled Services	Gov't. Access	Gov't. Coop.	Comm. Services	Avail. Health Care	Avail. Prev. Health	Avail. Well. Info.	Trans. for Elderly/ Disabled	Park District	Attn. To Environ.
Village of Barrington	2.67	2.76	2.87	2.27	3.34	3.30	2.29	2.70	2.44	2.89	3.04	2.93	2.92	2.16	2.86	2.80
Barrington Area North	3.00	2.72	2.98	2.43	3.41	3.30	2.32	2.45	2.42	2.73	3.21	3.04	3.04	2.33	2.80	2.88
Barrington Area South	2.59	2.59	2.59	2.26	3.24	3.12	2.37	2.35	2.12	2.59	2.90	2.70	2.68	2.00	2.78	2.78
GENDER																
Male	2.84	2.82	2.85	2.40	3.35	3.28	2.52	2.42	2.25	2.73	3.09	2.92	2.90	2.25	2.89	2.86
Female	2.70	2.64	2.81	2.27	3.32	3.21	2.17	2.55	2.37	2.73	3.04	2.89	2.90	2.08	2.75	2.80
AGE OF RESPONDENT																
18 - 44 years	2.74	2.81	2.72	2.25	3.39	3.27	2.45	2.49	2.48	2.76	3.04	2.85	2.81	2.35	2.78	2.74
45 - 64 years	2.70	2.60	2.82	2.33	3.33	3.26	2.30	2.48	2.20	2.68	3.03	2.92	2.94	2.00	2.79	2.87
65 - 74 years	2.79	2.83	2.81	2.21	3.28	3.15	2.28	2.56	2.48	2.75	3.05	2.90	2.91	2.34	2.88	2.75
75+ years	3.07	2.91	3.02	2.70	3.21	3.18	2.38	2.62	2.66	2.98	3.35	2.94	2.97	2.27	2.97	2.92
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE																
0 - 4 years	2.76	2.54	2.91	2.49	3.33	3.29	2.50	2.44	2.50	2.77	2.97	2.81	2.73	2.50	2.82	2.77
5 - 9 years	2.65	2.72	2.74	2.27	3.31	3.21	2.43	2.64	2.33	2.77	2.97	2.80	2.90	2.15	2.81	2.92
10 - 14 years	2.88	2.80	2.95	2.34	3.46	3.36	3.00	2.53	2.37	2.91	3.24	3.11	3.15	2.15	2.92	3.05
15 - 19 years	2.58	2.56	3.00	2.19	3.30	3.16	2.07	2.70	2.40	2.74	2.98	2.91	2.86	2.13	2.75	2.70
20 - 24 years	2.73	2.64	2.80	2.24	3.29	3.21	2.22	2.42	2.20	2.57	3.09	2.92	2.92	2.19	2.74	2.79
25+ years	2.84	2.56	2.71	2.33	3.28	3.18	2.06	2.38	2.23	2.63	3.09	2.83	2.85	2.06	2.80	2.72

Issues Needing Attention

Thirty-four community issues were listed on the 2008 survey instrument, with respondents asked to check each issue that they believe needs greater attention in the community. Survey respondents could mark as many as they thought appropriate. The full results for the current survey, listed in descending order of needs, along with comparisons to earlier surveys are presented in Table 3.4. Added in 2008 were four items, youth substance abuse, obesity in children, job retraining/coping with job-loss and disabled persons' employment and training.

Property tax equity (42.9%) placed first for the second year in a row, well ahead of activities for teens (33.4%). Youth substance abuse (27.1%), a new item, placed third. Other leading problems perceived as needing attention in the 2008 survey are high health care costs, named by 25.6% of the respondents, drug abuse (22.9%) and need for housing in all price ranges (22.5%).

As Table 3.5 reveals, property tax equity ranked first across all demographic groups. Most demographic groups named activities for teens as the second most important issue needing more attention. For those 65 - 74, high health costs and senior activities tied for second, while persons 75+ gave a tie between health care costs and youth substance abuse.

As compared to 2005, the greatest gains in percent marking greater attention were counseling (+4.8%), racial or ethnic discrimination (+4.3%), and support for caregivers (+3.9%). Concern also increased for teen activities (+2.8%) and gangs, delinquency (+2.8%). Declines were of a smaller magnitude, led by high health care costs (-2.3%), housing in all price ranges (-1.8%), and property tax equity (-1.8%).

Concerns about special recreation rose appreciably for both children and adults since 2002.

Table 3.4
ISSUES NEEDING GREATER COMMUNITY ATTENTION¹: 1996 - 2008

Rank	Problem	2008 Percent	2005 Percent	2002 Percent	1999 Percent	1996 Percent
1.	Property tax equity	42.9%	44.7%	38.2%	29.9%	35.4%
2.	Activities for teens	33.4%	30.6%	38.8%	49.5%	44.0%
3.	Youth substance abuse	27.1%				
4.	High health care costs	25.6%	27.9%	22.0%	41.7%	38.0%
5.	Drugs, drug abuse	22.9%	22.3%	27.7%	19.2%	21.4%
6.	Need for housing in all price ranges	22.5%	24.3%	27.0%	26.3%	16.0%
7.	Activities for seniors	16.0%	14.9%	12.2%	21.6%	0.2%
8.	Obesity in children	15.5%				
9.	Inclusion of diverse persons	14.3%	12.1%	15.2%		
10.	Alcohol abuse	13.7%	11.5%	15.2%	17.0%	30.0%
11.	Job retraining, coping with job loss	12.4%				
12.	Support for caregivers	12.0%	8.1%	8.8%	8.6%	
13.	Racial or socioeconomic discrimination	11.3%	7.0%	7.5%	15.4%	13.8%
14.	Respite services for caregivers	10.3%	8.5%	7.8%		
15.	Special education for children	10.1%	7.9%	6.2%		
16.	Special recreation programs for physically/ mentally challenged adults	9.2%	8.1%	4.7%		
17.	Gangs, delinquency, youth violence	8.8%	6.0%	7.7%	10.2%	7.2%
18.	Special recreation programs for physically/ mentally challenged children	8.4%	7.7%	5.3%		
19.	Programs for families and children in crisis	8.2%	9.6%	10.8%		
19.	Support groups for single parents	8.2%	7.9%	8.5%	15.8%	15.4%
19.	Counseling-individual, family, marital	8.2%	3.4%	4.7%		
22.	Support groups for two parent working families	6.7%	6.4%	6.8%	12.0%	4.4%
23.	Disabled persons' employment and training	6.5%				
24.	Violence involving guns	6.3%	4.3%	2.7%	10.8%	15.8%
25.	Crime	5.7%	4.9%	4.3%	9.4%	10.2%
26.	Domestic violence	4.4%	4.3%	3.7%	14.2%	14.8%
26.	Teen pregnancy	4.4%	4.3%	3.7%	10.4%	6.6%
28.	Hispanic social services	4.2%	3.4%	2.8%		
29.	AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases	4.0%	3.8%	3.7%	8.8%	20.0%
30.	Child abuse	3.8%	2.6%	3.3%	11.2%	6.2%
31.	Bereavement or help coping with death	3.6%	1.7%	4.2%	4.6%	
32.	School dropouts	3.4%	3.0%	1.5%	8.4%	3.6%
32.	Illiteracy	3.4%	1.3%	1.7%	6.0%	2.6%
34.	Duplication of local groups, agencies	3.2%	4.7%	4.8%	1.6%	1.2%

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Figure 3.2
LEADING ISSUES NEEDING GREATER
COMMUNITY ATTENTION

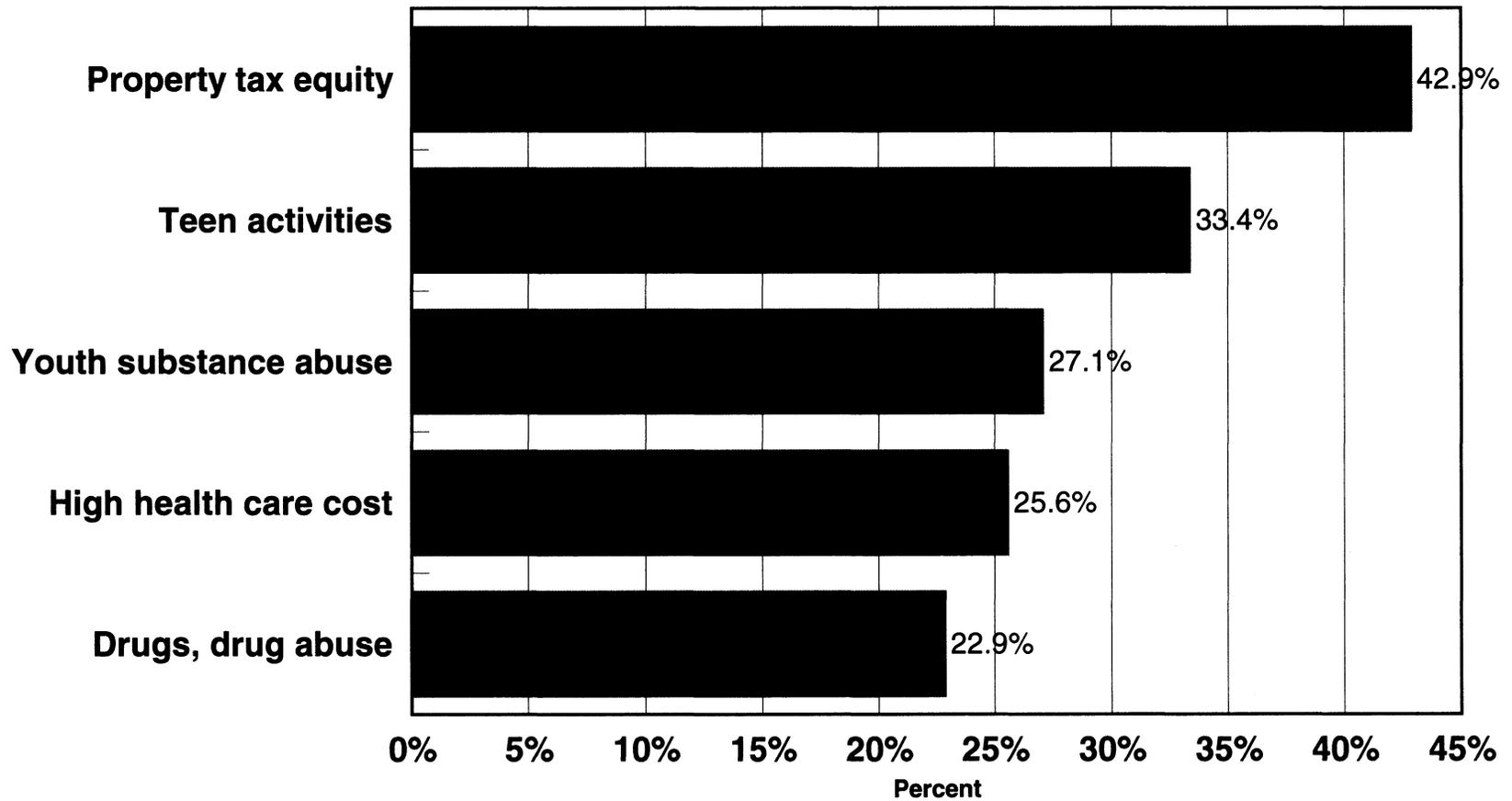


Table 3.5
THREE TOP ISSUES NAMED AS MOST NEEDING ATTENTION
BY RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTIC: 2008

GEOGRAPHIC AREA	First	Second	Third
Village of Barrington	Property tax equity (43.9%)	Teen activities (34.5%)	Youth substance abuse (33.8%)
Barrington Area North	Property tax equity (42.9%)	Teen activities (31.5%)	Two tied (25.6%): Youth substance abuse & High health care costs
Barrington Area South	Property tax equity (42.8%)	Teen activities (34.2%)	High health care costs (25.7%)
GENDER			
Male	Property tax equity (45.3%)	Teen activities (27.6%)	Youth substance abuse (26.0%)
Female	Property tax equity (41.0%)	Teen activities (37.8%)	Youth substance abuse (27.7%)
AGE OF RESPONDENT			
18 - 44 years	Property tax equity (37.6%)	Teen activities (34.9%)	Youth substance abuse (25.7%)
45 - 64 years	Property tax equity (42.4%)	Teen activities (38.0%)	Youth substance abuse (26.8%)
65 - 74 years	Property tax equity (51.6%)	Two tied (31.3%): High health care costs & Senior activities	
75+ years	Property tax equity (43.8%)	Two tied (33.3%): Youth substance abuse & High health care costs	
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE			
0 - 4 years	Property tax equity (38.0%)	Teen activities (25.0%)	Two tied (23.9%): High health care costs & Housing in all price ranges
5 - 9 years	Property tax equity (44.4%)	Teen activities (34.6%)	Two tied (25.9%): High health care costs & Youth substance abuse
10 - 14 years	Property tax equity (35.1%)	Teen activities (37.7%)	Drugs/drug abuse (26.0%)
15 - 19 years	Property tax equity (53.6%)	Teen activities (42.9%)	Youth substance abuse (37.5%)
20 - 24 years	Property tax equity (43.5%)	Two tied (35.5%): Teen activities & Youth substance abuse	
25+ years	Property tax equity (49.5%)	Teen activities (32.3%)	Two tied (31.3%): High health care costs & Senior activities

As shown below in Table 3.6, 15-19 year residents led for four of the leading concerns with the exception of high health care costs for which the elderly and long-term (20+ years) residents expressed the greatest concern.

Table 3.6
TOP THREE GROUPS NAMING ISSUES AS NEEDING ATTENTION: 2008

Problem	Top Three Groups Saying "Greater Attention Needed"
Property tax equity	15-19 Year Residence (53.6%); Aged 65-74 (51.6%); 25+ Years Residence (49.5%)
Activities for teens	15-19 Year Residence (42.9%); Aged 45-64 (38.0%); Female (37.8%)
Youth substance abuse	15-19 Year Residence (37.5%); 20-24 Year Residence (35.5%); Village of Barrington Residents (33.8%)
High health care costs	Aged 75+ (33.3%); 20-24 Year Residence (32.3%); Aged 65-74 (31.3%); 25+ Years Residence (31.3%)
Drugs, drug abuse	15-19 Year Residence (32.1%); 20-24 Year Residence (30.6%); Village of Barrington Residents (27.0%)

Affordable Housing

Survey participants were asked if they would support the development of moderate income affordable housing at an approximate unit value of \$130,000 or a rental of about \$1,100 per month.

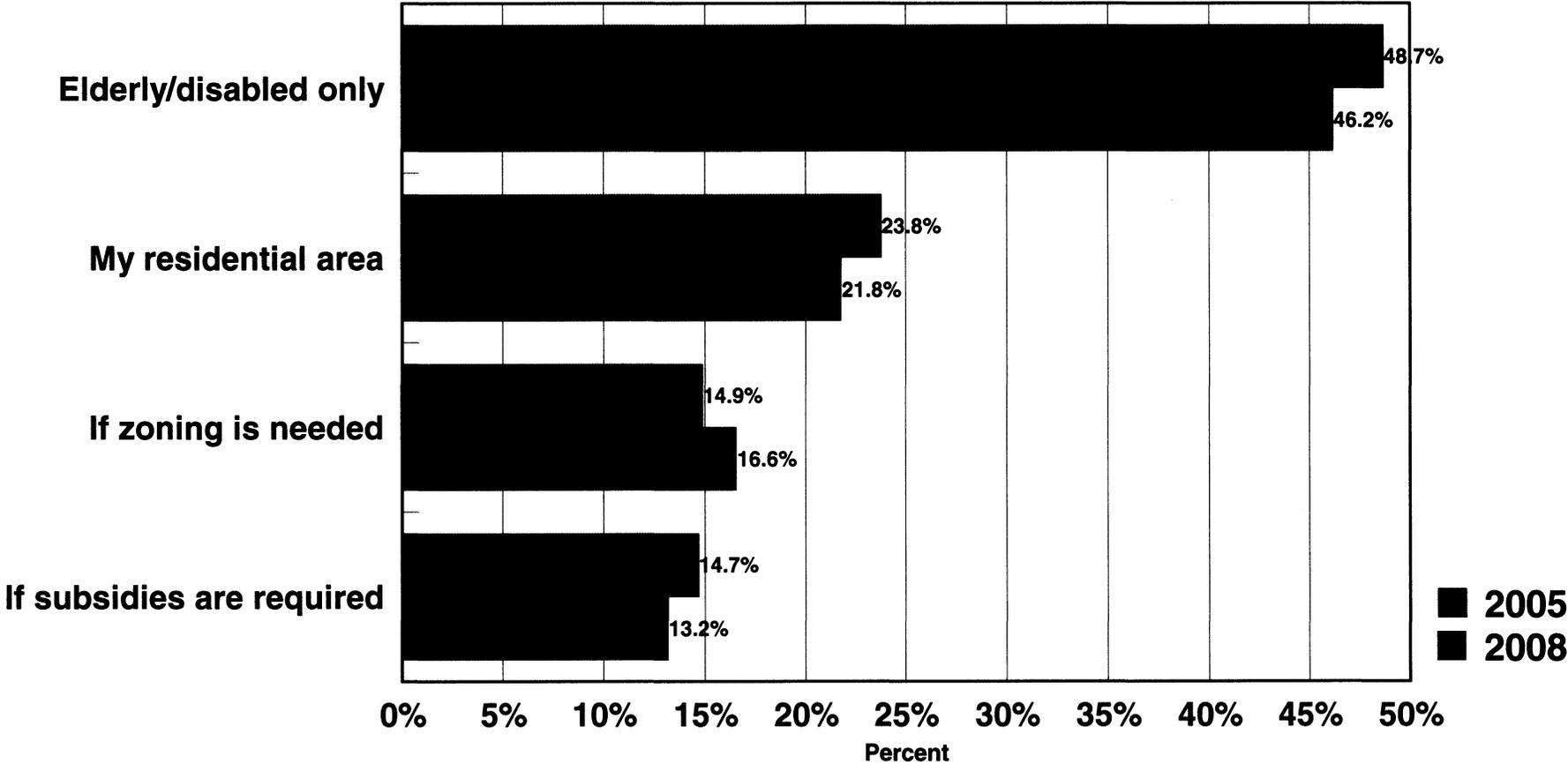
Supporting the concept of more affordable housing were 33.0%, down from 36.0% in 2005. Opposing were 41.8% versus 39.1% in 2005. Others answered don't know or did not answer.

Questions also dealt with specific types of affordable housing, the first of which found that just under half (46.2%) of the sample support the development of moderately priced housing "if only for senior citizens and disabled." Far fewer respondents support the ideas of "subsidies by local government" (13.2%) or "higher density zoning" (16.6%). Development of affordable housing in their own residential area is supported by 21.8% of respondents (Table 3.7).

Table 3.7
SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
SPECIFIC AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONCEPTS: 2005 & 2008

Rank	Support	2008		2005
		Number	Percent	Percent
1.	If only for senior citizens & disabled	220	46.2%	48.7%
2.	In my residential area	104	21.8%	23.8%
3.	If higher density zoning is needed	79	16.6%	14.9%
4.	If subsidies are required by local government	63	13.2%	14.7%

Figure 3.3 SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING



Support for greater affordable housing in the Barrington area is stronger among females (40.6%) than males (30.8%) and for South Barrington (42.0%) and Village of Barrington residents (40.9%) more so than for North Barrington residents (28.3%). Since 2005, support for greater affordable housing dropped dramatically for seniors aged 65 and older and long-term residents in the area 25 or more years (Table 3.8).

Developing affordable housing in their residential area appealed more to females (27.5%) than males (18.8%) and Village of Barrington (31.9%) and South Barrington (25.4%) residents compared to North Barrington residents (15.8%). Since 2005, support for affordable housing in their area decreased significantly for respondents living in the area 10 or more years and for those aged 65 and older.

Affordable housing subsidized by the local government was supported most strongly by respondents aged 75+, females, 5-9 year residents, and Village of Barrington residents.

Support for affordable housing if higher density zoning is needed is higher in the Village of Barrington (21.1%) and South Barrington (19.1%), as well as for 5-9 year residents and 15-24 year residents. Since 2005, support for this item decreased dramatically for residents living in the area 25 or more years and seniors aged 65 and older.

Interestingly, support for affordable housing only for seniors and the disabled was stronger for respondents aged 64 and younger than for seniors aged 65 and older and senior and disabled housing support decreased dramatically since 2005 for respondents aged 65 and older.

Table 3.8
SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIFIC AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONCEPTS
BY RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTIC: 2005 & 2008

Characteristic	Support Overall		In My Residential Area		If Subsidies Required	
	2008	2005	2008	2005	2008	2005
GENDER						
Male	30.8%	36.1%	18.8%	19.7%	9.4%	12.3%
Female	40.6%	45.2%	27.5%	32.0%	18.5%	20.0%
AREA						
Village of Barrington	40.9%	47.6%	31.9%	32.5%	17.2%	19.7%
Barrington Area North	28.3%	36.3%	15.8%	21.7%	11.6%	15.0%
Barrington Area South	42.0%	40.0%	25.4%	23.5%	15.2%	14.2%
AGE						
18 - 44 years	35.7%	34.3%	24.3%	19.3%	16.0%	14.4%
45 - 64 years	37.3%	41.6%	23.7%	27.4%	13.9%	16.3%
65 - 74 years	33.9%	52.0%	18.6%	33.3%	13.6%	23.1%
75+ years	39.0%	55.0%	29.7%	38.9%	20.0%	12.5%

Table 3.8 (cont'd.)
**SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIFIC AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONCEPTS
 BY RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTIC: 2005 & 2008**

Characteristic	Support Overall		In My Residential Area		If Subsidies Required	
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE						
0 - 4 years	31.7%	30.4%	22.1%	18.1%	11.0%	9.3%
5 - 9 years	43.7%	35.8%	33.3%	20.7%	18.2%	18.8%
10 - 14 years	37.5%	38.5%	20.9%	25.9%	14.9%	11.3%
15 - 19 years	38.9%	46.2%	18.5%	30.3%	13.2%	12.7%
20 - 24 years	41.4%	33.3%	19.0%	29.7%	14.3%	27.0%
25+ years	30.2%	58.0%	27.0%	34.8%	14.6%	22.7%
Characteristic	If Higher Density Zone		Only For Seniors/Disabled			
GENDER	2008	2005	2008	2005		
Male	18.7%	18.7%	47.5%	51.9%		
Female	17.9%	15.0%	52.2%	54.0%		
AREA						
Village of Barrington	21.1%	19.3%	49.3%	56.6%		
Barrington Area North	15.4%	12.3%	48.7%	56.6%		
Barrington Area South	19.1%	17.9%	51.1%	43.1%		
AGE						
18 - 44 years	18.6%	11.9%	54.8%	48.3%		
45 - 64 years	19.5%	15.9%	50.6%	52.2%		
65 - 74 years	15.0%	23.1%	42.6%	60.0%		
75+ years	13.9%	33.3%	47.5%	68.2%		
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE						
0 - 4 years	11.8%	5.7%	48.2%	51.7%		
5 - 9 years	26.3%	12.9%	57.7%	47.7%		
10 - 14 years	16.4%	14.8%	47.2%	45.3%		
15 - 19 years	20.4%	21.2%	43.4%	53.8%		
20 - 24 years	22.4%	20.0%	55.4%	60.0%		
25+ years	14.6%	25.8%	46.7%	58.0%		

All-Day Kindergarten

Respondents were asked whether they would support District 220 offering all-day kindergarten at one or more elementary schools. Half (50.0%) answered “yes,” over a quarter (27.3%) answered “not sure,” with 20.4% marking “no.” In 2005, the percent supporting all-day kindergarten was a bit higher at 53.0%.

The youngest residents aged 18-44 years old expressed the highest support at 69.4% (Table 3.9). Females support the idea of all-day kindergarten more than males and Barrington Area North residents are less supportive of the idea than residents of the Village of Barrington or Barrington Area South. In addition, newer residents living in the area less than 15 years voiced more support for the all-day kindergarten concept. Elderly support declined appreciably over the past three years.

**Table 3.9
SUPPORT ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN
AT ONE OR MORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS: 2005 & 2008**

GENDER	Percent Favor	
	2008	2005
Male	46.1%	49.2%
Female	54.6%	58.2%
AREA		
Village of Barrington	53.4%	56.4%
Barrington Area North	49.4%	50.0%
Barrington Area South	51.0%	56.5%
AGE GROUP		
18-44 year old	69.4%	66.9%
45-64 year old	51.4%	51.7%
65-74 year old	37.5%	44.6%
75+ years	28.3%	45.5%
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE		
0-4 years	56.8%	54.9%
5-9 years	67.5%	54.3%
10-14 years	56.6%	58.9%
15-19 years	42.9%	60.3%
20-24 years	42.6%	44.4%
25+ years	37.5%	50.9%

Terrorism And Disaster Preparedness

Respondents were first asked whether they feel prepared for future emergencies like natural disasters, terrorism, or bioterrorism, in four different locations (Table 3.10). More than four in ten feel unprepared for a future emergency at home (44.5%) or while commuting (42.9%), while just under four in ten feel unprepared for an emergency in the community (39.1%). Fewer said that they feel unprepared for an emergency at work (31.5%). Since 2005, respondents feel less prepared for all locations.

Table 3.10
CONCERN ABOUT FUTURE EMERGENCIES
PERCENT FEEL UNPREPARED: 2005 & 2008

Place	2008		2005
	Number	Percent	Percent
At home	212	44.5%	37.0%
At work	150	31.5%	28.9%
Commuting	204	42.9%	37.7%
In your community	186	39.1%	36.0%

Females appear to be more concerned than males about their preparedness for future emergencies (Table 3.11). Variation by area of residence is minor except that Barrington Area South respondents consistently indicate higher levels of concern about their preparedness. Among the age groups, the respondents feeling most unprepared are those under 65.

Table 3.11
CONCERN ABOUT FUTURE EMERGENCIES
BY RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTIC: 2008

Concern Level	Gender		Village/Area			Age of Respondent			
	Male	Female	Barrington	North	South	18-44	45-64	65-74	75+
Feel unprepared at home	35.8%	52.4%	42.8%	42.0%	54.4%	55.6%	49.6%	30.6%	20.9%
Feel unprepared at work	28.2%	38.3%	31.3%	31.2%	40.3%	39.3%	38.3%	19.3%	9.7%
Feel unprepared commuting	34.4%	53.9%	45.3%	41.0%	53.1%	58.9%	48.1%	25.0%	24.2%
Feel unprepared in the community	33.3%	45.7%	39.9%	36.3%	47.3%	46.7%	43.7%	31.7%	22.5%

Asked their feelings about worldwide problems and possible terrorism, the majority of respondents (65.1%) said they feel “somewhat uneasy about the current situation”, 26.5% voiced feeling “secure that our intelligence, police, fire, and military are taking care of us”, and only 6.7% indicated “feeling

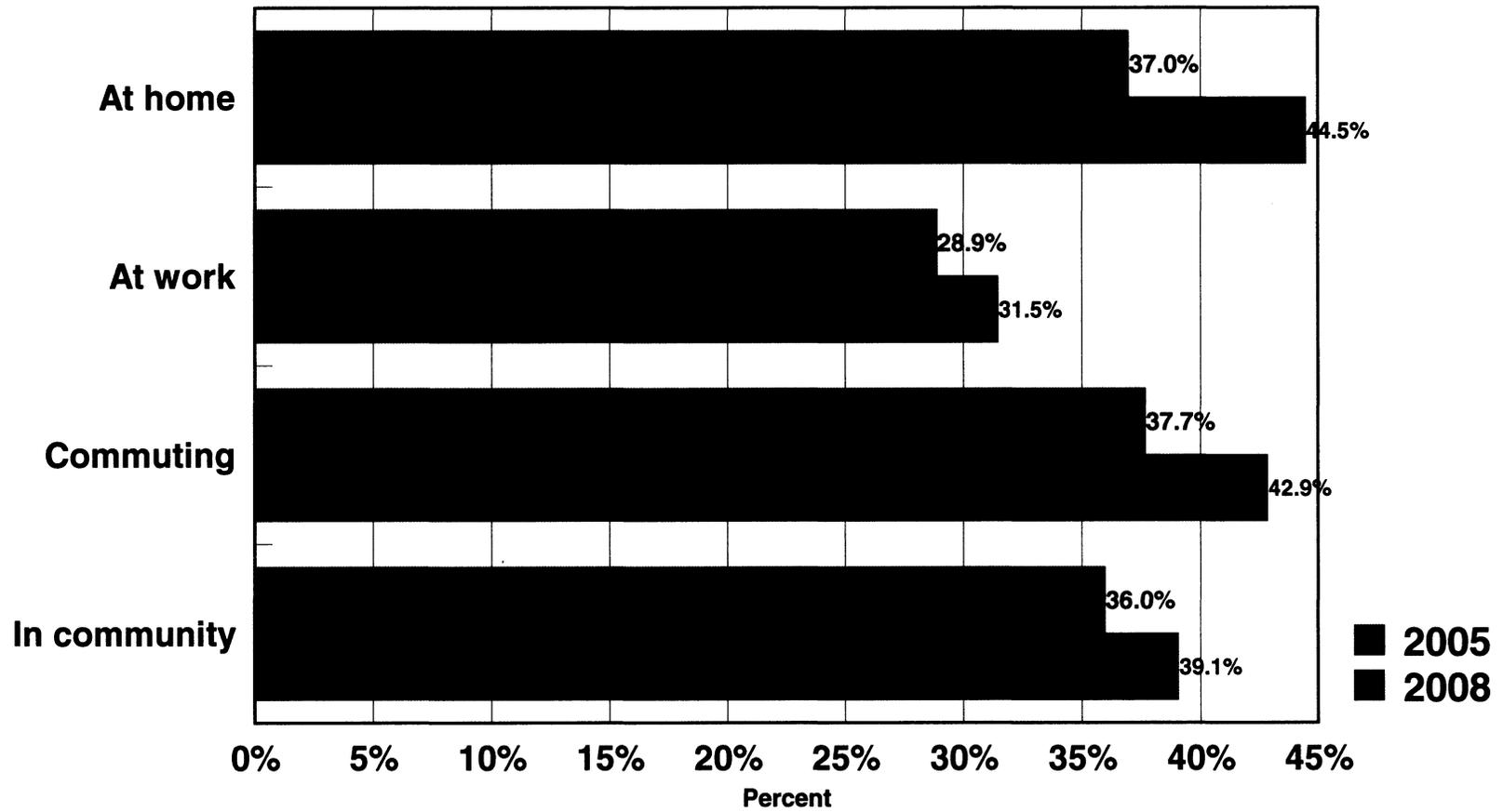
insecure and worried most of the time” (Table 3.12). Since 2005, the percent feeling somewhat uneasy about the current situation increased from 60.4% to 65.1% while the percent feeling insecure and worried all the time rose slightly from 4.5% to 6.7%.

Table 3.12
**FEELINGS ABOUT WORLDWIDE PROBLEMS,
 POSSIBLE TERRORISM: 2005 & 2008**

Response	2008		2005
	Number	Percent	Percent
I feel secure that our intelligence, police, fire, and military are taking care of us.	126	26.5%	32.6%
I feel somewhat uneasy about the current situation.	310	65.1%	60.4%
I feel insecure and worried most of the time about the current situation.	32	6.7%	4.5%

Asked whether they would like to receive information about preparations to protect and deal with natural disasters, terrorism, or bioterrorism in their community, nearly two-thirds (65.3%) responded “yes,” a slight increase from 2005 when 61.5% wanted to receive information. Among demographic groups, females and respondents aged 18-44 were most likely to request disaster preparedness information.

Figure 3.4
FEELING UNPREPARED FOR
FUTURE EMERGENCIES



Preferred Method For Receiving Information

Another question asked respondents to tell how they would most like to receive information about their family's health, the community or ways to improve their quality of life. Individuals were given a checklist of sources and asked to mark just one. However, 12.6% of survey participants still marked more than one response, though improved from 2002, when 23.5% of respondents marked more than one answer despite the instructions.

As Table 3.13 reveals, direct mail was chosen again as the preferable way for receiving information, marked by one-quarter (28.6%) of respondents. Little more than one in ten (12.2%) respondents would prefer to receive information from a weekly newspaper, while a daily newspaper is preferred by 15.1% of survey participants. Internet as a source of information was chosen by 19.1%, more than four times as often compared to the 2002 response. Few individuals chose physician, friend, television, radio, or handouts, while no one chose radio as a preferred source.

Table 3.13
PREFERRED METHOD FOR RECEIVING INFORMATION: 2002 - 2008

Source	2008 Percent	2005 Percent	2002 Percent
Direct mail	28.6%	33.6%	23.0%
Newspaper - weekly	12.2%	21.5%	24.3%
Newspaper - daily	15.1%	16.6%	17.0%
Internet, computer	19.1%	9.8%	4.2%
Physician or other health provider	1.1%	1.5%	1.2%
Friend	0.4%	0.9%	1.2%
Television	2.3%	1.5%	0.5%
Handouts around town	0.8%	1.5%	0.5%
Radio	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Multiple responses	12.6%	10.0%	23.5%
Other; no answer	7.3%	3.2%	4.7%
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

While the internet rose appreciably as an information vehicle, weekly newspapers fell the most as a preferred source.

Chapter 4 SITUATIONS EXPERIENCED BY HOUSEHOLDS AND CONNECTEDNESS

Introduction

Almost every home experiences difficult situations at some time. This chapter describes some of the situations experienced by Barrington area households over the past year, as well as the respondents' families success in receiving help for the situation and, in other cases, reasons given for not receiving help. Connectedness to family and friends is also examined in this chapter.

Situations Experienced

Participants were given a list of twelve problems or conditions that households and individuals sometimes experience, and asked which, if any, of these situations they or another household member had experienced in the past year. Added to the list this year were "difficulty finding affordable dental care" and "home mortgage foreclosed or unable to pay." Table 4.1 presents the frequency with which each situation was reported, in descending order, with comparisons to the four earlier surveys. "Difficulty paying bills" led the list reported by 18.1% of respondents, followed by "difficulty finding affordable dental services" (14.7%) and "put off health care or taking medicine because of cost or lack of insurance" (13.2%).

More than one in ten respondents experienced "difficulty finding affordable health care services" (11.8%) and "experienced unemployment due to an involuntary job loss" (10.5%). Somewhat fewer respondents were "unable to find recreation activities or park sites locally" (9.0%), or had "difficulty finding child care" (7.6%). Even smaller numbers of respondents had "difficulty finding services for family members with special needs" (6.1%), "difficulty finding supportive services for an older adult" (5.9%), "difficulty finding older adult day care program" (4.4%), or "unable to find affordable local mental health counseling or therapy" (4.2%). Only a handful of survey participants had a "home mortgage foreclosed or unable to pay" (1.5%).

Table 4.1
SITUATIONS EXPERIENCED BY HOUSEHOLDS: 1996, 1999, 2002, 2005, & 2008¹

Situation	2008	2005	2002	1999	1996
Difficulty paying bills	18.1%	15.3%	11.7%	12.8%	2.2%
Difficulty finding affordable dental services	14.7%				
Put off health care or taking medicine because of cost or lack of insurance	13.2%	14.0%	9.5%	8.0%	3.0%
Difficulty finding affordable health care services ³	11.8%	7.9%	4.0%		
Experienced unemployment due to an involuntary job loss ²	10.5%	16.4%	13.5%	8.0%	1.8%
Unable to find recreation activities or park sites locally	9.0%	8.7%	6.2%	3.0%	
Difficulty finding child care	7.6%	5.7%	10.0%	5.4%	4.0%
Difficulty finding services for family members with special needs	6.1%	3.0%	3.3%		
Difficulty finding supportive services for an older adult	5.9%	3.6%	4.8%		
Difficulty finding older adult day care program	4.4%	1.1%	1.8%	2.2%	
Unable to find affordable local mental health counseling or therapy	4.2%	4.7%	2.3%	1.6%	
Home mortgage foreclosed or unable to pay	1.5%				

¹When blank, the situation was not presented in that year.

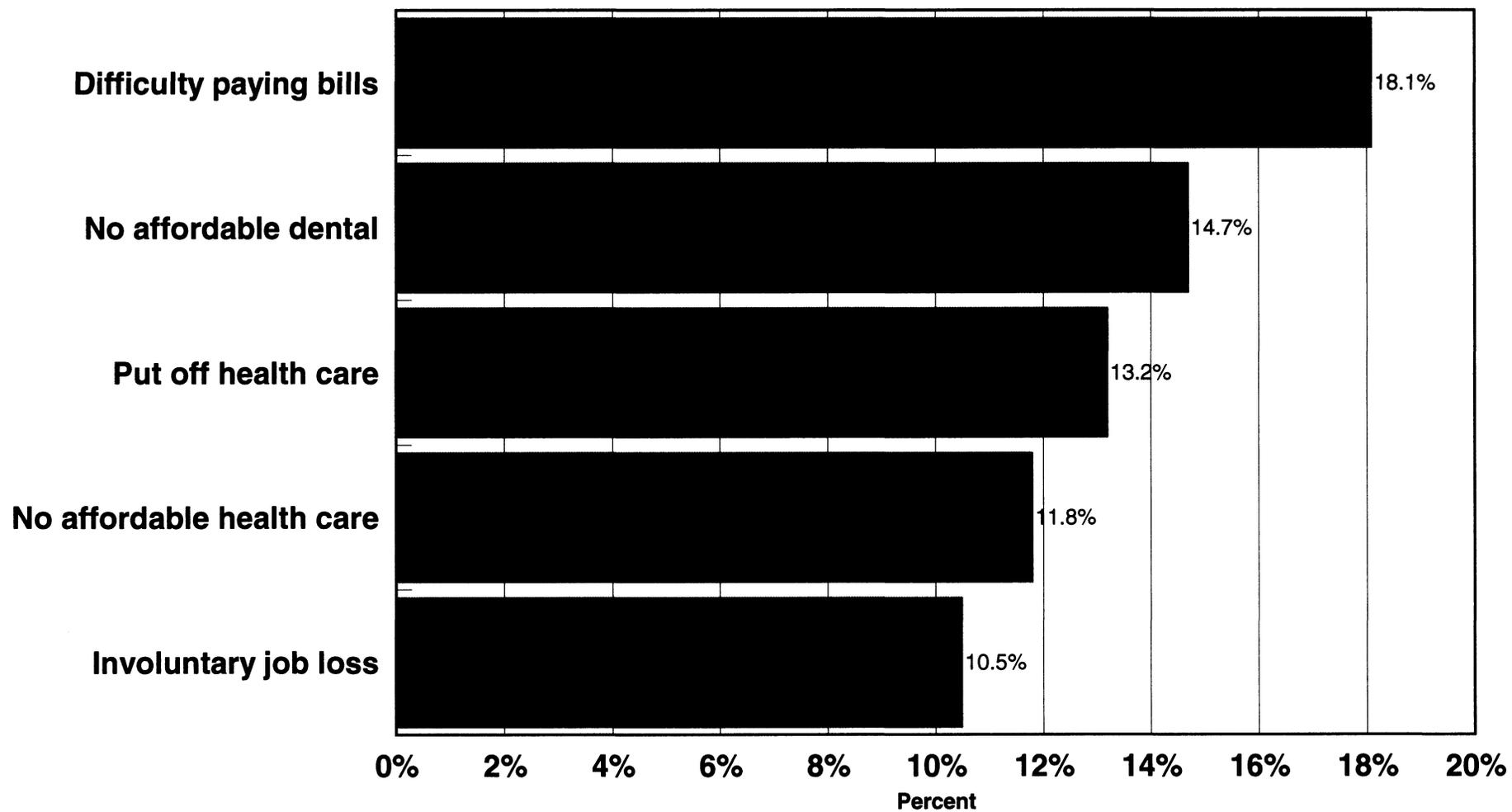
²In 2005, "Experienced an involuntary job loss due to downsizing or other reason."

³In 2005, "Difficulty gaining access to affordable health care services."

As shown in Table 4.2, certain groups were more likely than the overall sample to have difficulty paying bills including Village of Barrington residents (24.3%), females (19.8%), persons aged 18-44 (22.0%), persons aged 45-64 (18.8%), 5-9 year residents (22.2%), and 15-19 year residents. Difficulty paying bills appears to decrease with age so that only 8.3% of respondents aged 75+ reported the problem.

Finding affordable dental care was twice the problem for Village of Barrington and Barrington Area South residents than for Barrington Area North residents. The problem of finding affordable dental care also appeared more difficult for females than males and for seniors aged 65 and older than their younger counterparts.

Figure 4.1
LEADING SITUATIONS EXPERIENCED



More likely than the overall sample to put off health care due to cost were Village of Barrington residents (15.5%), Barrington Area South residents (13.8%), females (14.0%), respondents aged 45-64 (14.4%), 10-14 year residents (15.6%), 15-19 year residents (16.1%), and 20-24 year residents (14.5%).

Difficulty finding affordable health care services has affected one in five (19.4%) residents or their household members living in the area 20-24 years, much higher than the 11.8% rate for the entire sample. Residents of the Village of Barrington and the Barrington Area South appear to be having more difficulty finding affordable health care services than Barrington Area North respondents. Finding reasonable health care was reported to be somewhat more difficult for males than females.

Village of Barrington residents (12.8%) reported unemployment due to an involuntary job loss more often than residents of either Barrington Area North (8.9%) or South (10.5%). This situation also affected respondents aged 18-44 (14.7%) more often than those aged 45-64 (11.6%). Residents of the area 5-9 years reported the highest level of involuntary job loss at 14.8%.

Table 4.2
TOP FIVE SITUATIONS EXPERIENCED BY HOUSEHOLDS
BY RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTIC: 2008

Characteristic	Difficulty Paying Bills	Difficulty Finding Affordable Dental Care	Put off Health Care Due To Cost	Difficulty Finding Affordable Health Care	Involuntary Job Loss
GEOGRAPHIC AREA					
Village of Barrington	24.3%	17.6%	15.5%	14.9%	12.8%
Barrington Area North	13.7%	7.7%	11.3%	8.9%	8.9%
Barrington Area South	17.1%	19.1%	13.8%	12.5%	10.5%
GENDER					
Male	15.6%	12.0%	12.0%	14.1%	9.4%
Female	19.8%	16.5%	14.0%	10.1%	10.8%
AGE OF RESPONDENT					
18 - 44 years	22.0%	13.8%	12.8%	10.1%	14.7%
45 - 64 years	18.8%	13.6%	14.4%	12.0%	11.6%
65 - 74 years	17.2%	17.2%	10.9%	14.1%	4.7%
75+ years	8.3%	16.7%	8.3%	10.4%	2.1%
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE					
0 - 4 years	15.2%	12.0%	12.0%	8.7%	5.4%
5 - 9 years	22.2%	12.3%	8.6%	13.6%	14.8%
10 - 14 years	14.3%	11.7%	15.6%	7.8%	13.0%
15 - 19 years	23.2%	16.1%	16.1%	12.5%	12.5%
20 - 24 years	12.9%	14.5%	14.5%	19.4%	9.7%
25+ years	18.2%	18.2%	13.1%	10.1%	9.1%

Comparison To Prior Surveys

More persons reported difficulty paying bills in 2008 at 18.1%, rising from 11.7% in 2002 and 15.3% in 2005. Difficulty finding child care rose from 2005 (5.7%) to 2008 (7.6%), though both are below the 2002 level of 10.0%.

The proportion of households reporting difficulty finding affordable health care services rose from 4.0% in 2002 to 7.9% in 2005 reaching 11.8% in 2008, though the wording of the question changed slightly between the 2005 and 2008 survey administrations.

Though the numbers are small, the proportion of the sample reporting difficulty finding an older adult day care program rose from 1.1% in 2005 up to 4.4% for the 2008 survey. Also rising, though not to the same degree were two other supportive service related situations: difficulty finding supportive service for an older adult which increased from 3.6% to 5.9% and difficulty finding services for family members with special needs where the proportion rose from 3.0% to 6.1% between 2005 and 2008.

The inability to find recreation activities or park sites locally has tripled since 1999 going from 3.0% at the time of that survey administration to 9.0% in 2008.

Situations declining between 2005 and 2008 include the following: put off health care due to cost which went from 14.0% in 2005 down to 13.2% in 2008; experienced unemployment due to involuntary job loss which was reported by 16.4% in 2005 and only 10.5% in 2008; and unable to find affordable local mental health counseling or therapy dropping slightly from a 2005 level of 4.7% down to 4.2% for 2008. Wording regarding job loss changed from “experienced an involuntary job loss due to downsizing or other reason” to “experienced unemployment due to an involuntary job loss.”

Help Sought For Problem

Respondents were asked if, in the past year, they or another household member needed help for a personal situation, should have received help, but did not obtain the needed help. Only 29 households (6.1%) answered “yes” to this question, down from 7.0% in 2005. Many individuals reported that the service needed was related to counseling (8). Other services needed which could not be accessed included transportation (3), financial assistance (3), and respite care (3).

Connectedness To Family And Friends

To determine the level of isolation among local residents, survey participants were also asked whether or not they have close friends with whom they can talk other than family members. Over two-thirds (71.2%) of participants indicated having two or more close friends with whom they can confide as shown in Table 4.3. Having one close friend was reported by 14.5% of respondents, while 12.2% or nearly one in eight persons reported not having a close friend.

The percentages reporting one or two or more close friends are nearly identical between 2005 and 2008, though the proportion reporting no close friends has risen over the survey years from 8.3% in 2002 to 11.3% in 2005 to the current level of 12.2% in 2008.

Table 4.3
CLOSE FRIENDS TO WHOM RESPONDENT CAN TALK: 2002, 2005, & 2008

Response	2008		2005	2002
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent
No, I have no close friends	58	12.2%	11.3%	8.3%
Yes, I have one close friend	69	14.5%	14.7%	10.2%
Yes, I have two or more close friends	339	71.2%	71.7%	77.8%
No answer	10	2.1%	2.3%	3.7%
TOTAL	476	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

The demographic group reporting “no close friend” most often was aged 75+ (19.1%), followed by males (17.0%), survey participants aged 18-44 (15.9%), and 25+ year residents (15.5%).

Males (17.0%) were much more likely than females (9.5%) to report not having a close friend.

Personal Problem Confidant

Next, participants were asked to chose one person or source from a list to whom they would turn first if they or someone in their household had a personal problem. Leading the list by far, as was also the case in 2005 was “family” at 51.7% for 2008 (Table 4.4). One in six (16.2%) respondents said they would turn to a “friend”, followed by much smaller proportions for “church, minister, rabbi, clergy” (7.1%), “health care provider or doctor” (6.1%), and “therapist or counselor” (3.6%).

Only a handful of respondents chose “social service agency” (1.1%), “Information & Referral Service” (0.4%), or “self-help group” (0.4%). No one chose “labor union representative”, “police or sheriff”, “school counselor, teacher”, “elected official”, “someone from work”, or “United Way”.

Figure 4.2
TURN TO FIRST FOR PERSONAL PROBLEM

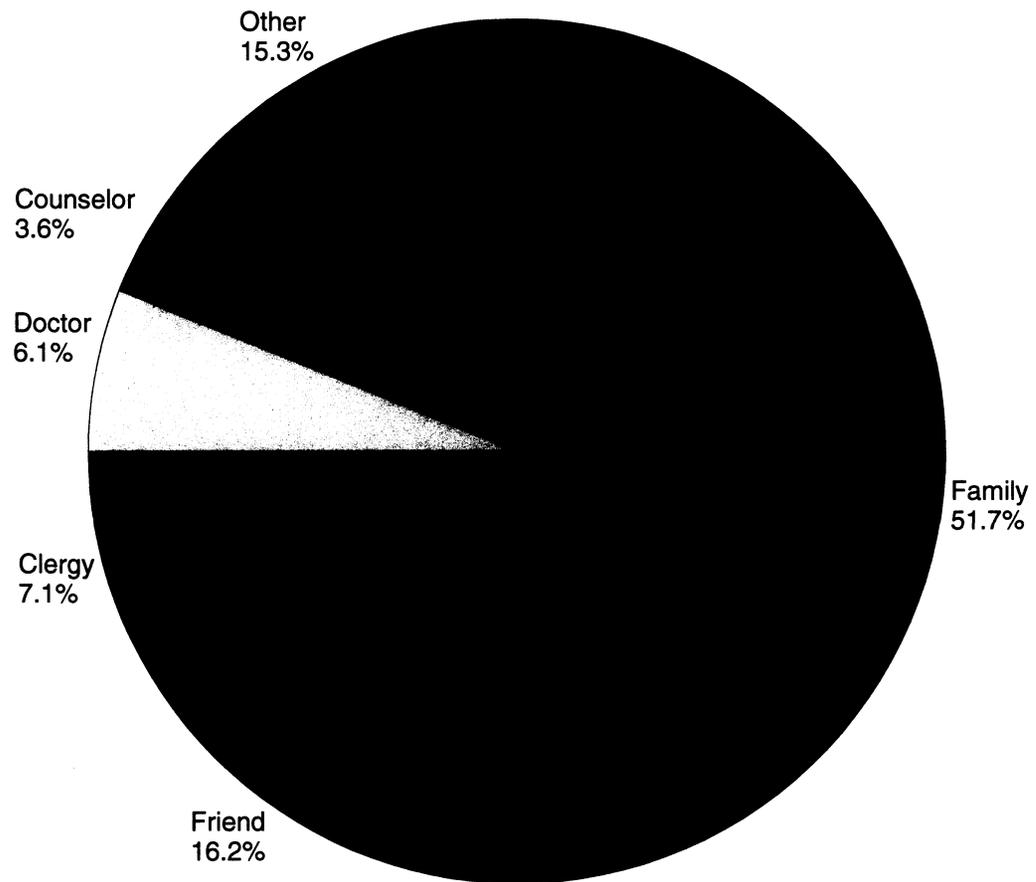


Table 4.4
WHOM RESPONDENT WOULD TURN TO FIRST
FOR PERSONAL PROBLEM: 2005 & 2008

Response	2008	2005
Family	51.7%	51.1%
Friend	16.2%	15.1%
Church, minister, rabbi, clergy	7.1%	8.7%
Health care provider or doctor	6.1%	4.3%
Therapist or counselor	3.6%	6.2%
Social service agency	1.1%	0.9%
Information & Referral Service	0.4%	0.4%
Self help group	0.4%	0.2%
Labor union representative	0.0%	0.0%
Police or sheriff	0.0%	0.2%
School counselor, teacher	0.0%	0.2%
Elected official	0.0%	0.0%
Someone at work	0.0%	0.6%
United Way	0.0%	0.0%
No one in our household would use outside help	1.9%	1.9%
Other	0.2%	1.5%
Multiple answers	8.0%	
No answer	3.4%	

Categories chosen for help were similar to 2005, though friend and doctor rose slightly while clergy and counselor declined.

Suicide

Thirty respondents or 6.3% of the entire sample reported having considered or made plans for suicide. As for the outcome, twenty-three of them only considered or planned, but seven actually attempted suicide. Table 4.5 provides the breakdown of suicide data by age and gender.

The absolute number of those answering positively about suicide attempts is so low that generalizing is open to error. The same is true about the distribution across age groups. In this particular sample, the rate for those considering suicide in the 45-64 age group (8.8%) is well above those in the other age categories.

Both males and females indicated having actually attempted suicide, with five in the 45-64 age group, and one each in the 18-44 and 65-74 age groups.

In 2005, only 4.3% of those surveyed reported having considered or made plans for suicide as compared to 6.3% in 2008.

Table 4.5
SUICIDE IDEATION AND OUTCOME: 2008

Suicide Status		Gender ¹		Age of Respondent				Total
		Male	Female	18-44	45-64	65-74	75+	
Ever considered suicide	No.	10	19	5	21	2	2	30
	Pct.	5.3%	9.1%	4.7%	8.8%	3.2%	4.3%	6.3%
Considered Only		6	16	4	16	1	2	23
Attempted Suicide		3	4	1	5	1	0	7

¹One respondent who suicidal ideation did not reveal his/her gender.

Abuse

Six males (3.2%) and nine females (3.3%) reported having been abused in some manner during the past year, yielding an overall proportion of 3.4%. Equal numbers of abused individuals were in the 18-44 and 45-64 age groups, but the highest rate of abused individuals (6.6%) was in the 18-44 age group. None of the 75+ year olds reported having been abused.

As shown in Table 4.6, the largest number of those abused were abused emotionally (13 individuals), with fewer people abused financially (7) and physically (5). Only one respondent reported being sexually abused.

In 2005, the rate of reported abuse was somewhat higher at 5.1% compared to 3.4% in 2008.

Table 4.6
ABUSE INCIDENCE AND TYPE: 2008

Abuse Status		Gender ¹		Age of Respondent			Total
		Male	Female	18-44	45-64	65-74	
Ever abused	No.	6	9	7	7	2	16
	Pct.	3.2%	3.3%	6.6%	2.9%	3.2%	3.4%
Abused emotionally		4	8	6	6	1	13
Abused physically		1	3	3	0	2	5
Abused sexually		0	1	0	1	0	1
Abused financially		3	3	4	3	0	7

¹One respondent who indicated abuse did not reveal his/her gender.

Chapter 5
SHOPPING IN THE BARRINGTON AREA

Introduction

Several survey questions related to shopping patterns and preferences in the Barrington area. Percent of purchases made in area shopping locations, barriers to shopping in the Village, and suggestions for additional stores, products, services, or restaurants are the primary issues addressed in this chapter.

Purchases Made In Area Shopping Locations

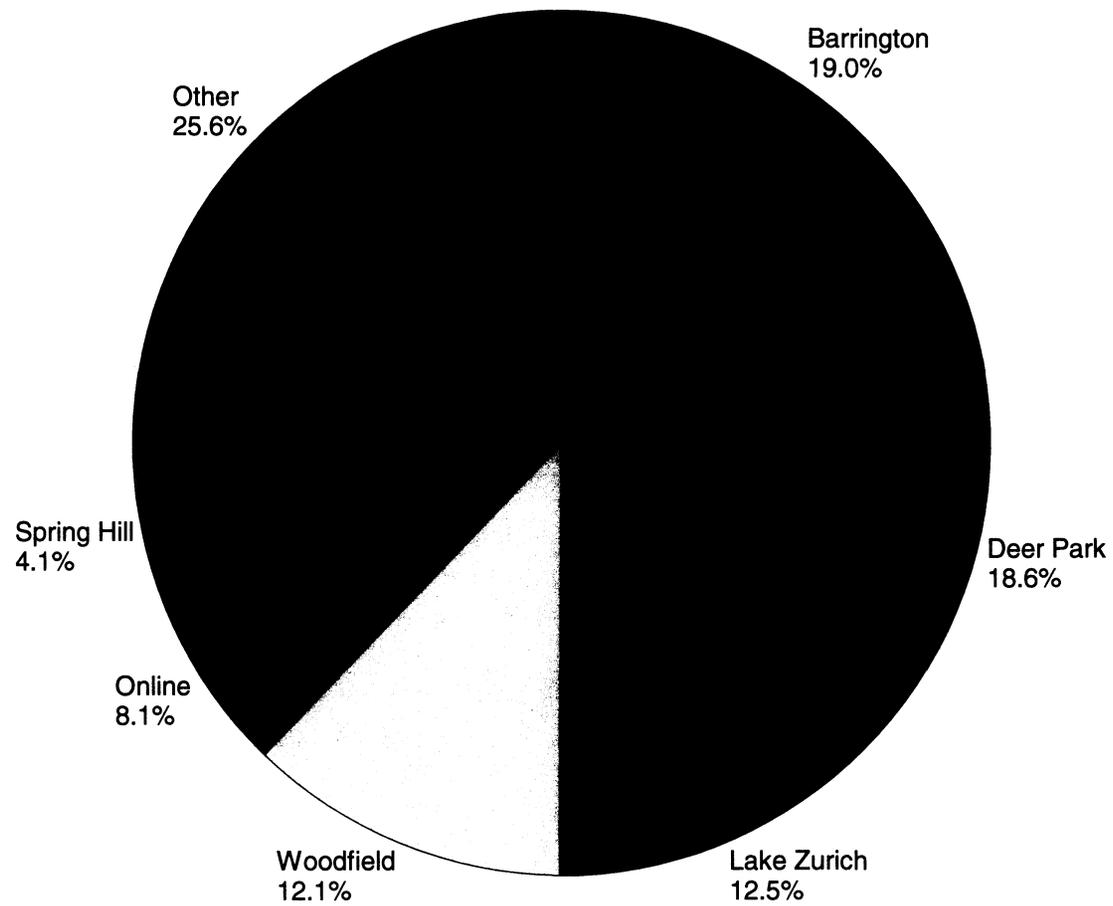
Survey participants were presented with seven potential shopping locations including the following: Barrington, Deer Park, Downtown Chicago, Randall Rd./Algonquin Commons, Spring Hill, Woodfield, and On-line. They were asked to write in what percent of their purchases are made in or near each location, with the option to write in other location. The survey requested that the percentages add up to 100%, though responses for some respondents did not total 100%. Shopping was asked differently in past surveys, so comparisons to prior surveys are limited.

Table 5.1
BARRINGTON AREA RESIDENTS
SHOPPING DESTINATIONS: 2008

Shopping Area	Percent Using	Mean Percent
Barrington	80.9%	19.0%
Deer Park	78.2%	18.6%
Lake Zurich	32.1%	12.5%
Woodfield	64.1%	12.1%
Online	54.6%	8.1%
Spring Hill	22.1%	4.1%
Randall Road	17.4%	3.7%
Downtown Chicago	26.5%	2.8%
Other	68.5%	29.5%
No Response	2.1%	

Table 5.2 gives the breakdown of answers at each location along with the mean percent of purchases at each location. Nearly thirty percent (29.5%) of purchases are made in a shopping location not listed on the survey, primarily Lake Zurich which was not an option. One-hundred and fifty-three respondents wrote in Lake Zurich for the “other” category. For those who listed Lake Zurich, 38.9% of all their purchases are made in that location. Across the entire sample, 12.5% of purchases are made in Lake Zurich.

Figure 5.1
SHOPPING DESTINATIONS: MEAN PERCENT



Barrington at 19.0% and Deer Park at 18.6% are the next highest locations in terms of the percent of purchases made. Woodfield accounts for 12.1% of the sample's purchases, followed by online purchases at 8.1%. Less than 5% of purchases are made at Spring Hill (4.1%), Randall Road/Algonquin Commons (3.7%), or downtown Chicago (2.8%).

Locations written in by more than ten respondents besides Lake Zurich included Palatine (38 mentions), Hoffman Estates (20), Crystal Lake (20), Schaumburg (14), Wauconda (12), Catalog (12), and Arlington Heights (11).

Table 5.3 breaks down the mean percent of purchases by respondent characteristic. Clearly, Village of Barrington residents do more shopping in Barrington than other area residents with a mean of 27.2% compared to 16.3% for Barrington Area North residents and 13.8% for Barrington Area South residents. Older residents also shop more often than others in Barrington. The mean percentage of purchases in Barrington for respondents aged 75 and older was twice that of under age 75 respondents.

The percent of purchases in Deer Park is three times higher for Village of Barrington (23.2%) and Barrington Area North (23.8%) residents than for Barrington Area South residents (8.7%). Seniors aged 75 and older had the second lowest mean percentage of purchases at Deer Park at only 12.6%.

The Randall Road/Algonquin Commons area is not frequented often by Village of Barrington or Barrington Area North residents as evidenced by mean percent of purchases falling below 1.5% for both. However, an average of 8.3% of Barrington Area South's residents' purchases are made in the Randall Road/Algonquin Commons area.

The situation is similar for Spring Hill where the mean purchase percent is 9.4% for Barrington Area South residents compared to only 1.3% for Barrington Area North and 1.8% for Village of Barrington residents. Spring Hill attracts more 15-19 year residents with a mean of 7.9%, above the average for the sample.

Nearly twenty percent (19.2%) of Barrington Area South's residents' purchases are made in or near Woodfield, a much higher mean than for either Village of Barrington (10.7%) or Barrington Area North (7.2%) residents. The Woodfield area is also more of a shopping destination for respondents aged 65-74 (15.2%) and 20-24 year residents (15.1%) of the area.

For respondents aged 18-44 and those living in the area less than ten years, just over ten percent of their purchases are made online. Shopping on-line is not as popular with seniors aged 65 and older for whom less than 5% of their purchases are made via computer.

The mean percent of purchases in Downtown Chicago appears to be minimal across all demographic groups.

When analyzed by the percent who ever use the shopping area, Barrington (80.9%) and Deer Park (78.2%) continue to be the leaders followed by Woodfield (64.1%) and on-line (54.6%).

In the 2005 survey, the median percent of purchases made in Barrington was 9.0%. For 2008, the percent of purchases made in Barrington was similar at 8.7%.

Table 5.2
PERCENT OF PURCHASES MADE IN OR NEAR LISTED LOCATIONS: 2008

Percent	Barrington	Deer Park	Downtown Chicago	Randall Rd./ Algonquin Commons	Spring Hill	Woodfield	On-line	Other
1-10%	35.7%	26.9%	20.6%	8.6%	11.3%	35.5%	32.8%	9.9%
11-20%	13.9%	17.4%	3.2%	2.5%	4.4%	11.3%	11.6%	9.5%
21-30%	10.7%	17.9%	1.7%	2.9%	3.2%	7.8%	7.4%	10.9%
31-40%	7.4%	6.1%	0.6%	0.6%	1.3%	3.6%	1.1%	6.7%
41-50%	5.9%	4.6%	0.2%	1.3%	0.6%	2.3%	1.1%	9.0%
51-60%	2.5%	1.5%	0.2%	0.4%	0.4%	0.6%	0.6%	6.1%
61-70%	1.3%	2.1%	0.0%	0.4%	0.4%	0.8%	0.0%	3.6%
71-80%	2.7%	0.8%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	1.3%	0.0%	6.5%
81-90%	0.4%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.2%	4.0%
91-100%	0.4%	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	2.3%
No answer	19.1%	21.8%	73.5%	82.6%	77.9%	35.9%	45.4%	31.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Mean Pct.	19.0%	18.6%	2.8%	3.7%	4.1%	12.1%	8.1%	29.5%

Table 5.3
**MEAN PERCENT OF PURCHASES MADE IN OR NEAR LISTED LOCATIONS
 BY RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTIC: 2008**

Characteristic	Barrington	Deer Park	Downtown Chicago	Randall Rd./ Algonquin Commons	Spring Hill	Woodfield	On-line	Other
GEOGRAPHIC AREA								
Village of Barrington	27.2%	23.2%	2.2%	0.8%	1.8%	10.7%	7.4%	24.4%
Barrington Area North	16.3%	23.8%	2.8%	1.4%	1.3%	7.2%	8.7%	37.0%
Barrington Area South	13.8%	8.7%	3.4%	8.3%	9.4%	19.2%	8.6%	26.3%
GENDER								
Male	20.6%	16.2%	3.4%	3.6%	4.4%	11.9%	7.3%	28.8%
Female	17.9%	20.4%	2.3%	3.6%	4.1%	11.9%	8.9%	30.1%
AGE GROUP								
18 - 44	17.7%	20.1%	2.1%	3.1%	3.3%	11.4%	10.1%	29.3%
45 - 64	16.6%	19.3%	2.8%	4.1%	4.7%	12.3%	9.1%	29.1%
65 - 74	18.2%	18.1%	4.4%	3.1%	3.8%	15.2%	4.9%	32.3%
75+	35.3%	12.6%	1.6%	2.7%	3.9%	9.1%	3.7%	28.8%
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE								
0 - 4 years	20.2%	18.5%	2.4%	4.1%	1.5%	14.2%	10.0%	27.0%
5 - 9 years	13.4%	21.3%	2.4%	2.1%	2.2%	9.1%	10.9%	34.7%
10 - 14 years	16.0%	19.7%	2.9%	2.4%	4.0%	10.5%	7.0%	35.0%
15 - 19 years	19.2%	22.0%	2.3%	3.8%	7.9%	13.2%	5.1%	26.6%
20 - 24 years	21.8%	15.7%	4.0%	3.2%	2.5%	15.1%	9.3%	25.4%
25+ years	24.1%	17.1%	3.0%	4.2%	5.9%	10.5%	6.3%	28.2%

Barriers To Shopping In The Village

Questioned about barriers which keep them from shopping more in the Village of Barrington, respondents could choose from those barriers shown in Table 5.4 and check as many as appropriate. “Lack of selection” led the list once again at 56.3%, rising dramatically from 2005's level of 46.2%, though still less than the 59.8% in 2002. Also of concern in evaluating Barrington as a shopping destination for a large number of participants are high prices (40.8%), lack of parking (40.1%), and being unable to complete most shopping in one place (40.1%). Traffic is a barrier for 38.2% of respondents.

Other barriers were chosen far less often. Only 14.5% believe that the time stores are open is a barrier while 13.4% cited the distance from Barrington as a barrier to shopping in the Village. Even fewer (5.7%) said that a need for sidewalks limited their shopping, though in 2005 the percentage choosing the barrier was half that in 2008.

Concern about high prices increased from 35.5% in 2005 to the current 2008 level of 40.8%, while the inability to complete shopping in one place seemed to have become more of a barrier in 2008 with a percentage of 40.1% compared to 37.0% in 2005.

Table 5.4
BARRIERS TO SHOPPING IN
THE VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON: 2002, 2005, & 2008

Response	2008		2005 Percent	2002 Percent
	Number	Percent		
Lack of selection	268	56.3%	46.2%	59.8%
Prices	194	40.8%	35.5%	41.8%
Unable to complete most shopping in one place	191	40.1%	37.0%	
Parking	191	40.1%	45.5%	44.3%
Traffic	182	38.2%	37.7%	40.8%
Times stores are open	69	14.5%	12.8%	13.2%
Distance from Barrington	64	13.4%	14.0%	13.0%
Need for sidewalks	27	5.7%	2.8%	4.7%

As revealed in Table 5.5, differences were found among groups for the top five barriers. Residents of the area 20-24 years marked “lack of selection” at 67.7%, while Village of Barrington residents led the groups in noting “prices” as a barrier at 52.7%.

“Parking” was most often named as a barrier by Barrington Area North residents (47.0%), while respondents aged 18-44 were more likely than others to cite as a problem being “unable to complete most shopping in one place” (47.7%). “Traffic” as a barrier seemed to be of most concern to 15-19 year residents.

Business owners also placed “lack of selection” first at 70.0% but “need for sidewalks” (67.5%) a close second.

Figure 5.2
BARRIERS TO SHOPPING IN
VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON

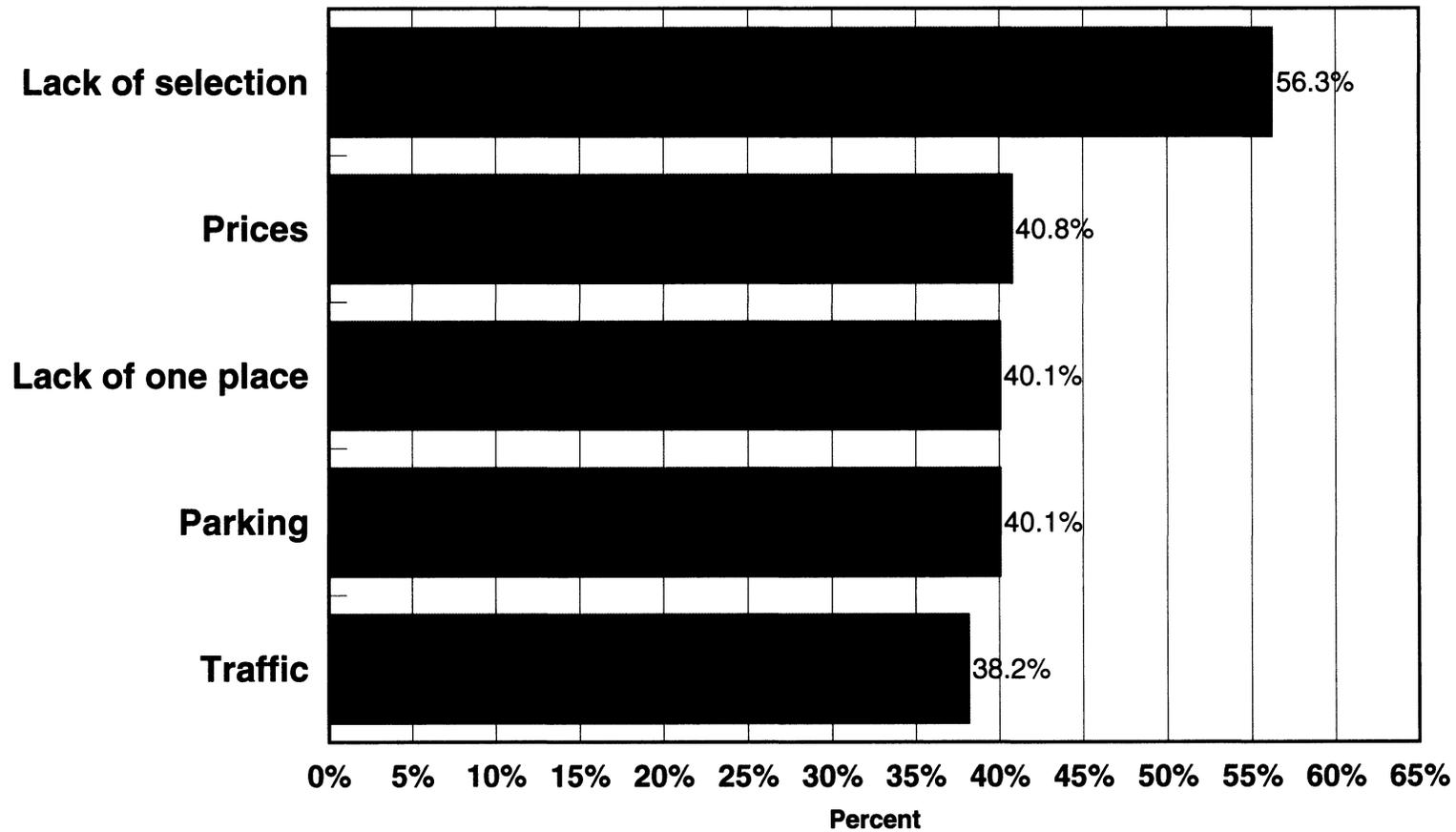


Table 5.5
**GROUPS WITH HIGHEST PERCENTAGE NAMING
 LACK OF SELECTION, PRICES, PARKING, ONE-STOP-SHOPPING, AND TRAFFIC
 AS BARRIERS: 2008**

Highest Percent Naming "Selection" As A Barrier	
Group	Percent
20-24 Year Residence	67.7%
Aged 45-64	63.2%
Village of Barrington	62.8%
10-14 Year Residence	62.3%
Male	59.4%
Highest Percent Naming "Parking" As A Barrier	
Group	Percent
Barrington North	47.0%
25+ Year Residence	46.5%
Barrington South	44.1%
Aged 65-74	43.8%
Aged 75+	43.8%
Highest Percent Naming "Traffic" As A Barrier	
Group	Percent
15-19 Year Residence	48.2%
Barrington North	47.6%
25+ Year Residence	45.5%
Aged 65-74	43.8%
20-24 Year Residence	41.9%

Highest Percent Naming "Prices" As A Barrier	
Group	Percent
Village of Barrington	52.7%
Female	47.8%
5-9 Year Residence	45.7%
10-14 Year Residence	45.5%
Aged 18-44	44.0%
Highest Percentage Naming "Unable To Complete Shopping In One Place" As A Barrier	
Group	Percent
Aged 18-44	47.7%
25+ Year Residence	46.5%
Female	45.3%
Barrington South	42.8%
Aged 65-74	42.2%

Additional Stores, Products, Services, And Restaurants Desired

Respondents were also asked to write in stores, products, services, or restaurants not presently available in the Village of Barrington which they would like to see added. The question was asked in an open-ended manner. Table 5.6 contains the results summarized for this question.

One response clearly led the list of desired additions to the Village of Barrington offerings - restaurants - which was named by over 37% of survey participants. As for the nature of the restaurant desired, most just said restaurant (15.3%) followed by chain (7.6%), family (4.6%), fast food (3.4%), ethnic (2.5%), affordable (1.9%), pizza (1.5%), and upscale (0.4%). The desire for restaurants increased from 2005 when the restaurant total was closer to 30%.

A hardware store was the second most popular choice (9.0%) for a new business. This was the first year that hardware store was mentioned prominently, most likely due to the recent closing of Ace Hardware in the community.

Some support emerged for a grocery store (4.8%), discount store (4.6%), department store (4.4%), general clothing store (4.2%), specialty food store (3.8%) which was mentioned for the first time in 2008, and organic food store (3.4%).

Fewer residents named specialty stores (2.9%), shoe store (2.3%), home improvement store (2.1%), cafe/coffee place (2.1%), and electronics store (1.3%) which was also mentioned for the first time in 2008.

Table 5.6
DESIRED ADDITIONS TO THE VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON
SHOPPING, STORES, SERVICES BY TYPE: 1999, 2002, 2005, & 2008

Store Type Desired	2008 Percent	2005 Percent	2002 Percent	1999 Percent
More restaurants	15.3%	12.3%	22.2%	21.6%
Hardware store	9.0%			
Chain restaurants	7.6%	3.4%	2.7%	
Book store	7.4%	7.2%	5.7%	1.4%
Grocery store	4.8%	4.7%	4.0%	2.2%
Family restaurants	4.6%	5.1%	7.7%	3.6%
Discount store	4.6%	3.8%	2.8%	3.6%
Department store	4.4%	3.6%	3.5%	1.8%
Clothing - general	4.2%	3.6%	6.3%	2.6%
Specialty food store	3.8%			
Fast food restaurants	3.4%	1.7%	2.3%	1.8%
Organic foods, produce	3.4%	3.6%	0.2%	0.4%
Specialty stores	2.9%	2.6%	2.2%	0.8%
Ethnic restaurants	2.5%	3.2%	2.8%	1.6%
Shoe store	2.3%	0.9%	2.0%	1.6%

Table 5.6 (cont'd.)
DESIRED ADDITIONS TO THE VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON
SHOPPING, STORES, SERVICES BY TYPE: 1999, 2002, 2005, & 2008

Store Type Desired	2008 Percent	2005 Percent	2002 Percent	1999 Percent
Home improvement store	2.1%	1.5%	2.2%	0.6%
Café/coffee place	2.1%	2.3%		
Affordable restaurants	1.9%	1.9%		
Pizza restaurant	1.5%			
Electronics store	1.3%			
Tavern/bar	1.3%	1.3%	1.5%	
Drug store	1.1%	1.5%	1.3%	0.4%
Lower priced stores	1.1%	1.1%	1.8%	1.0%
Parking	1.1%	1.5%		
Clothing - children's	1.1%	0.4%	1.5%	1.0%
Clothing - women's	1.1%	1.3%	2.5%	0.8%
Gas station	1.1%			
Bakery	0.8%	1.3%	2.3%	0.6%
Sporting goods store	0.8%	0.6%	0.8%	0.4%
Deli	0.6%			
Health club	0.6%			
Upscale restaurants	0.4%	2.3%	1.3%	1.0%
Shopping mall	0.4%	0.6%		
Music store	0.2%	0.0%	0.5%	0.4%
Antiques	0.0%	0.2%	0.8%	
Ice cream parlor	0.0%	0.9%	0.8%	0.4%
General comments	1.9%	3.6%	6.0%	13.2%

Many respondents named specific stores or restaurants which they would like to see in the Village (Table 5.7). Leading the list were Whole Foods and Panera Bread which were each named by sixteen respondents, followed by Ace Hardware with fourteen responses, Target and Trader Joe's at eleven mentions, and Barnes & Noble named by eight respondents.

The desire for Whole Foods, Panera Bread, and Trader Joe's has increased dramatically since 2002 when mentions were in the low single digits. Ace Hardware went from zero mentions in the prior two surveys to fourteen this year. Barnes & Noble has become the bookstore of choice, rising in mentions over the survey years while namings of Borders have declined.

A dramatic drop from double digits in 2002 to single digits in 2008 was seen for both Wal-Mart and The Gap.

Table 5.7
**LEADING SPECIFIC RESTAURANTS/STORES NAMED
AS DESIRABLE BY SURVEY RESPONDENTS:
2002, 2005, & 2008¹**

Response	2008	2005	2002
Whole Foods	16	9	3
Panera Bread	16	6	4
Ace Hardware	14	0	0
Target	11	10	10
Trader Joe's	11	2	3
Barnes & Noble	8	3	0
Walgreens	5	8	7
Wal-Mart	5	4	13
Corner Bakery	5	3	0
Chipotle	5	0	0
Best Buy	4	0	0
Olive Garden	4	0	0
Portillos	4	0	0
Costco	4	0	0
Dominicks	3	5	4
Home Depot	3	4	4
The Gap	3	4	12
Lowe's	3	0	0
Sweet Tomatoes	3	0	0
Borders	2	7	0
Meijer	2	1	0
Menards	2	1	3
Old Navy	2	0	0
Potbelly	2	0	0
Red Lobster	2	0	0
Lettuce Entertain You	2	0	0
Sam's Club	2	0	0
Williams Sonoma	2	0	0

¹With two or more mentions.

Respondents were asked to indicate what type of stores they would prefer to see most in the Downtown Barrington area. As in 2005, survey participants were given a choice to rate their preferences on a scale from one to ten, one being Big Box Stores, Malls, Strips, Mass Produced Goods, Self-service, and Discount Pricing; ten being High Quality, Unique Items, Personal Service, Suggested Retail Price; with five being a Mix of Both Types. The largest percentage of respondents (38.2%) indicated “a mix of both types” (5) as their choice (Table 5.8). The mean overall rating (excluding the “no answer” category) was 6.0, tending toward personal high quality stores.

Demographic groups with a mean below the 6.0 for the overall sample include the following: aged 18-44 (5.55), aged 65-74 (5.92), Village of Barrington residents (5.67), females (5.85), 0-4 year residents (5.87), 10-14 year residents (5.86), and 20-24 year residents (5.90).

The mean overall rating of 6.0 in 2008 was somewhat lower than 2005's mean of 6.3 and a lower percentage of respondents in 2008 said that they want to see exclusively high quality boutique stores at 6.9% compared to 8.7% in 2005.

Table 5.8
TYPE OF STORE RATING

	High Quality, Unique Items, Personal Service Suggested Retail Price			A Mix of Both Types				Mass Produced Goods Self-Service, Discount Pricing		
Rating	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Number	33	17	55	55	40	182	29	18	7	8
2008 Percent	6.9%	3.6%	11.6%	11.6%	8.4%	38.2%	6.1%	3.8%	1.5%	1.7%
2005 Percent	8.7%	4.3%	12.3%	14.3%	8.3%	35.3%	3.8%	2.3%	0.4%	1.7%

Mean score for type of store was similar for business owners at 6.3.

Chapter 6 HEALTH AND HEALTH INSURANCE

Introduction

Survey participants were asked two sets of health related questions, the first about their and their household members' health conditions, and the second regarding whether or not everyone in the home is covered by health insurance.

Diseases And Conditions

Thirteen selected health conditions were listed in the survey. Respondents were asked if any household members currently, or in the past suffered from any of those conditions, and if so, the number of persons in each age group with the disease or condition. The summary of the answers is presented in Table 6.1.

One in five (21.2%) respondents marked that no one in their household has or had any of the listed conditions, down appreciably from 29.8% without any conditions in 2005.

The most common disease/condition across the surveyed household members is a near tie between high blood pressure/hypertension at 14.2% and high cholesterol at 14.1%. Following these conditions are arthritis/rheumatism and chronic back pain or disc disorders both at 8.2%.

The least common conditions of those listed are Alzheimer's dementia/severe memory impairment affecting only 1.5% and Autism/Aspergers syndrome at 0.9% of the total number of persons in the surveyed households. However, Alzheimer's reaches 8.6% for persons 65+.

The percentage of persons suffering from most health conditions/diseases gradually increases with age, as can be seen from Table 6.1, except for Asthma and Autism/Aspergers. The percentage with Asthma is cut in half by age 45 and the percentage with Autism/Aspergers syndrome is minimal after age 17.

The leading health conditions and diseases, by age group, are summarized in Table 6.2. Among children and teenagers (0-17), asthma was the most commonly found health condition (7.8%). Asthma and high cholesterol were the leading health problems for those aged 18-44, both at 7.2%. High cholesterol led for persons aged 45-64 with 22.5% being affected by the condition. The largest proportion of those age 65 and above suffer from high blood pressure/hypertension at 41.8%.

High cholesterol made the top three for all three adult age groups, while the condition "dental problems not cared for due to cost" which was newly added in the 2008 survey showed up as the third most-often occurring condition for respondents aged 18-44.

Table 6.1
DISEASES AND CONDITIONS TOTAL AND BY AGE GROUP: 2005 & 2008

Disease/Condition	Age 0-17	Age 18-44	Age 45-64	Age 65+	2008 Total	2005 ² Total
Alzheimer's dementia, severe memory impairment	0.0%	0.6%	0.2%	8.6%	1.5%	0.7%
Arthritis or rheumatism	0.0%	3.1%	9.4%	28.0%	8.2%	8.8%
Asthma	7.8%	7.2%	4.0%	2.6%	5.6%	6.3%
Autism or Aspergers Syndrome	2.0%	0.0%	0.8%	0.4%	0.9%	0.7%
Cancer	1.0%	1.1%	6.5%	13.8%	4.9%	4.7%
Chronic back pain or disc disorders	0.7%	5.0%	12.5%	16.4%	8.2%	8.2%
Chronic bronchitis or emphysema	0.5%	1.4%	2.3%	4.3%	1.9%	0.9%
Chronic digestive or stomach disorders	1.2%	4.2%	5.8%	4.8%	4.0%	4.6%
Dental problems not cared for due to cost ¹	1.0%	5.0%	4.6%	6.5%	4.0%	
Diabetes	0.7%	0.6%	4.8%	10.3%	3.6%	3.5%
Heart Disease	0.2%	0.8%	3.3%	19.8%	4.4%	4.4%
High blood pressure, hypertension	0.2%	4.7%	19.4%	41.8%	14.2%	10.9%
High cholesterol	0.5%	7.2%	22.5%	29.7%	14.1%	13.2%
No one has any of these					21.2%	29.8%
Persons in Age Group	408	360	520	232	1,520	1,511

¹Condition added in 2008.

²The 2005 survey asked to mark age group not number of persons in each age group so increases for 2008 may be due to change in question format.

Table 6.2
MOST OFTEN-OCCURRING DISEASES AND CONDITIONS BY AGE GROUP: 2008

Age Group	First	Second	Third
0-17	Asthma (7.8%)	Autism or Aspergers Syndrome (2.0%)	Chronic digestive or stomach disorders (1.2%)
18-44	Asthma (7.2%)	High cholesterol (7.2%)	Chronic back pain or disc disorders & Dental problems not cared for (T) (5.0%)
45-64	High cholesterol (22.5%)	High blood pressure (19.4%)	Chronic back pain or disc disorders (12.5%)
65+	High blood pressure, hypertension (41.8%)	High cholesterol (29.7%)	Arthritis or rheumatism (28.0%)

Health Insurance Coverage

Health insurance questions were also included in the survey. Of those who answered the question, 93.0%, reported having everyone covered by some type of health insurance plan, down slightly from the 2005 level of 94.3%. Not having coverage for every person in their residence are 7.0% of those that responded to the question, up somewhat from 2005's level of 5.7%. Sixteen survey respondents did not answer the question about health insurance coverage.

Not having everyone covered by health insurance is more of a problem for Village of Barrington (8.9%) and Barrington Area South (8.2%) respondents than for Barrington Area North residents (4.3%). Lack of health insurance also appears to impact female respondent homes (7.8%) more than males (4.8%). Age plays a role as well with 8.3% of those aged 18-44 and 7.5% of respondents aged 45-64 reporting that someone in their home does not have health insurance.

The group with the highest proportion lacking coverage is 5-9 year residents where 12.5% are uninsured.

Participants responding that someone in the home did not have health insurance were also asked to enter the number of persons in each age group not covered. Full results are shown in Table 6.3. The group with the highest percentage of all persons lacking coverage is young adults 18-29 where 7.4% are uninsured. Nearly half as many residents aged 45-64 (3.5%) and aged 30-44 (3.3%) lack coverage. Only three children in the sample are not covered by health insurance and no seniors aged 65 and older are uninsured.

Between 2005 and 2008 the percentage of 18-29 year olds lacking insurance coverage dropped from 12.0% to 7.4%. However, persons aged 30-44 not covered increased slightly between survey years from 1.7% in 2005 to 3.3% in 2008.

Table 6.3
PERSONS NOT COVERED BY HEALTH INSURANCE BY AGE GROUP: 2005 & 2008

Response	2008			2005	
	Number	Percent	Number Of Persons In Age Group	Percent	Number Of Persons In Age Group
Persons ages 0-17 not covered	3	0.7%	408	0.5%	379
Persons ages 18-29 not covered	9	7.4%	121	12.0%	108
Persons 30-44 not covered	8	3.3%	239	1.7%	235
Persons ages 45-64 not covered	18	3.5%	520	3.3%	479
Persons 65+ not covered	0	0.0%	232	0.6%	172
Total	38	2.5%	1,525²	2.6%	1,382¹

¹Includes nine no answers.

²Includes five no answers.

Chapter 7 RETIREMENT

Several questions about retirement were added to this year's survey including potential retirement age, possible retirement location, and anticipated retirement activities.

Survey participants were first asked to choose from a list of ages the closest age at which they expect to retire from their job. The choices and full results are presented in Table 7.1. One-quarter (24.4%) of the sample answered that the question was not applicable as they were already retired.

If those who did not answer and those who answered "not applicable/already retired" are taken out of the calculations, nearly three in ten (29.2%) respondents said that they are unsure of their retirement age, followed by more than one-quarter (26.8%) who said they hope to retire around age 65. Interestingly, 17.2% do not expect to retire until age 70 or later. Anticipating retirement around age 60 are 11.4% of respondents, while fewer plan on retirement around 62 (6.7%) or 55 (7.3%). Only a handful of residents in the sample expect to retire around age 50 (1.5%).

Table 7.1
AGE EXPECTED TO RETIRE FROM JOB: 2008

Age	Number	Percent Of Sample	Excluding Already Retired
50	5	1.1%	1.5%
55	25	5.3%	7.3%
60	39	8.2%	11.4%
62	23	4.8%	6.7%
65	92	19.3%	26.8%
70 or later	59	12.4%	17.2%
Unsure	100	21.0%	29.2%
Not applicable/Already retired	116	24.4%	--
No answer	17	3.6%	--
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%

Table 7.2 details expected retirement age by respondent characteristic. Compared to the other geographic areas, Barrington Area North residents are more likely to be planning a retirement before age 65. Age group differences exist as well with more than half (52.8%) of respondents aged 18-44 expecting to retire before age 65 but only 34.2% of those aged 45-64 expect to do the same. In addition, more 45-64 year olds (23.4%) than 18-44 year olds (19.4%) plan to work to 70 or older. Apparently, older respondents believe that they will work longer than younger persons.

Table 7.2
AGE EXPECTED TO RETIRE FROM JOB
BY RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTIC¹: 2008

Characteristic	Under 65	65	70+
GEOGRAPHIC AREA			
Village of Barrington	34.6%	39.5%	25.9%
Barrington Area North	42.5%	28.8%	28.8%
Barrington Area South	34.5%	46.4%	19.0%
GENDER			
Male	37.6%	35.6%	26.7%
Female	38.3%	39.0%	22.7%
AGE GROUP			
18 - 44	52.8%	27.8%	19.4%
45 - 64	34.2%	42.4%	23.4%
65 - 74	0.0%	30.0%	70.0%
75+	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%

¹Excludes Not applicable/Already retired and Unsure.

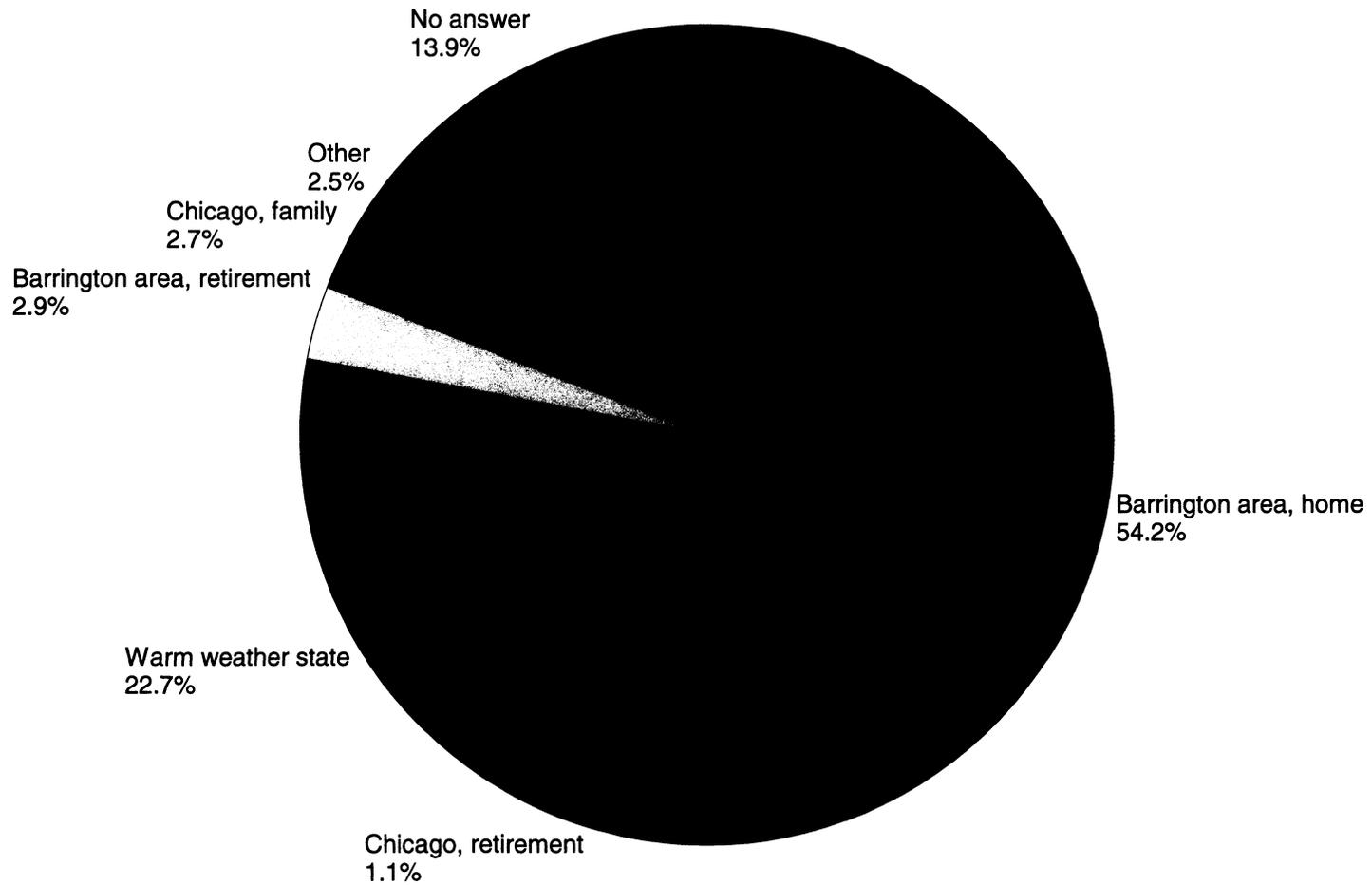
Survey participants were also asked to choose a location where they anticipate living most of the year during retirement. More than half (54.2%) expect to stay in their home in the Barrington area during retirement (Table 7.3). Far fewer (22.7%) plan to retire most of the year to a warm weather state. Only a handful of respondents will live in a retirement community in the Barrington area (2.9%), with family in the Chicago area (2.7%), or at a Chicago-area retirement community.

The “other” category included twenty-nine unsure/don’t know responses, so when combined with the twelve no answer responses, 8.6% of respondents are unsure as to where they expect to live during retirement.

Table 7.3
WHERE RESPONDENT EXPECTS TO LIVE DURING RETIREMENT: 2008

Retirement Location	Number	Percent
Barrington area, stay in home	258	54.2%
Warm weather states	108	22.7%
Barrington area, retirement community	14	2.9%
Chicago area, live with family	13	2.7%
Chicago area, retirement community	5	1.1%
No answer	12	2.5%
Other	66	13.9%
Total	476	100.0%

Figure 7.1 WHERE RESPONDENT EXPECTS TO LIVE DURING RETIREMENT



By far, the demographic group most likely to anticipate remaining in the Barrington area home are seniors aged 65-74 with a response of 85.7% (Table 7.4). On the other end of the spectrum, only 39.3% of participants aged 18-44 believe they will be living in their home in the Barrington area during retirement. Males (62.4%) were more likely than females (50.7%) to expect to stay in the Barrington area for retirement.

The appeal of retirement in warm weather states is highest for 0-4 year residents (37.4%), the youngest respondents aged 18-44 (32.7%), 15-19 year residents (28.3%), and respondents living in the southern Barrington Area (26.8%). Only a small percentage of participants 65 and older said that they will be living in a warm weather state most of the year during their retirement.

Table 7.4
WHERE RESPONDENT EXPECTS TO LIVE DURING RETIREMENT
BY RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTICS: 2008

Characteristics	Barrington Area, Stay In home	Warm Weather States
GEOGRAPHIC AREA		
Village of Barrington	48.3%	22.1%
Barrington Area North	60.1%	20.9%
Barrington Area South	57.7%	26.8%
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE		
0 - 4 years	39.6%	37.4%
5 - 9 years	45.6%	22.8%
10 - 14 years	58.7%	20.0%
15 - 19 years	50.9%	28.3%
20 - 24 years	59.0%	21.3%
25+ years	77.3%	11.3%
GENDER		
Male	62.4%	22.8%
Female	50.7%	23.3%
AGE GROUP		
18 - 44	39.3%	32.7%
45 - 64	53.3%	25.4%
65 - 74	85.7%	7.9%
75+	69.6%	6.5%

Given a list of seven statements, respondents were instructed to mark all statements that describe their expected or current retirement activities. Leading the list was “travel”, with 69.7% of participants expecting to travel or are currently traveling during retirement (Table 7.5). Following was “time with grandchildren, children” at 58.4%, “volunteer for non-profit” with 49.2% support, and “work part-time” marked by 38.9% of respondents. Nearly one-third (31.1%) would like to or are “taking courses in an area of interest”, while half as many at 15.8% would like to “work part-time as a consultant”. A small percentage (7.1%) have started or would like to start a new business during retirement.

Table 7.5
EXPECTED OR CURRENT RETIREMENT ACTIVITIES: 2008

Retirement Activity	Number	Percent
Travel	332	69.7%
Time with grandchildren, children	278	58.4%
Volunteer for non-profit, church	234	49.2%
Work part-time	185	38.9%
Take courses in an area of interest	148	31.1%
Work part-time as a consultant	75	15.8%
Start a new business	34	7.1%
Other	57	12.0%

Chapter 8
OPEN-ENDED COMMENTS

At the end of the survey participants were given the opportunity to comment on any specific change that they feel would improve the quality of life in the Barrington area. More than four in ten (41.4%) respondents chose to include a comment, somewhat fewer than the 47.0% commented in 2005. All verbatim comments for this final question may be found in Appendix III.

Categorizing verbatim comments is a subjective task, though helpful in understanding the opinions of participants. Topics mentioned by five or more respondents are listed below in Table 8.1. Most often mentioned, by far, was the need to improve the traffic situation in the area with fifty-eight respondent comments. Other issues mentioned included keeping out the CN Railroad (23), the need for retail/restaurant growth (19), the need to improve downtown Barrington (17), desire for improvement in the schools/school board (13), and the wish for lower property taxes (12). Rounding out the leading issues are the need for a friendlier community (8), protect open spaces (7), need better local government (6), and more bike/walking trails (5).

Table 8.1
LEADING FINAL COMMENTS¹

Comment	Number
Improve traffic	58
Keep out CN Railroad	23
Need retail/restaurant growth	19
Improve downtown Barrington	17
Improve schools/school board	13
Lower property taxes	12
Positive comment about area	10
Need friendlier community	8
Protect open spaces	7
Need better local government	6
More bike/walking trails	5

¹Five or more mentions.

Chapter 9
ON-LINE ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEY

Introduction

For the first time, the 2008 study included an on-line segment. The partnership chose a new topic, environmental issues as the focus and developed the survey in collaboration with Health Systems Research. Following a pre-test by members, the questionnaire was placed on-line using Survey Monkey. In publicity, interested individuals were instructed to go to the home page of the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford, then click on a link to the survey. Mail survey recipients were also informed of the environmental survey and provided with the link in the cover letter.

Demographics

More females (66.3%) than males (30.1%) answered the on-line survey. As for age of the respondents, more than six in ten (60.2%) were in the 45-64 age group, with far fewer aged 30-44 (20.5%) or aged 65-74 (16.9%). None of the on-line participants were in the 18-29 or 85+ age groups, while only one listed their age as 75-84 (Table 9.1).

Table 9.1
RESPONDENT AGE GROUP

Response	Number	Percent
18 - 29	0	0.0%
30 - 44	17	20.5%
45 - 64	50	60.2%
65 - 74	14	16.9%
75 - 84	1	1.2%
85+	0	0.0%
No answer	1	1.2%
Total	83	100.0%

The greatest percentage of on-line survey participants said that they live in Barrington (39.8%), followed by Barrington Hills (14.5%), Lake Barrington (8.4%), and North Barrington (8.4%). Five participants indicated that they live outside the Barrington area (Table 9.2).

**Table 9.2
RESPONDENT RESIDENCE**

Response	Number	Percent
Barrington	33	39.8%
Barrington Hills	12	14.5%
Carpentersville	1	1.2%
Deer Park	3	3.6%
Hoffman Estates	3	3.6%
Inverness	2	2.4%
Lake Barrington	7	8.4%
North Barrington	7	8.4%
South Barrington	3	3.6%
Unincorporated	5	6.0%
Outside of Barrington Area	5	6.0%
No answer/unsure	2	2.4%
Total	83	100.0%

Asked whether they own a business in the Barrington area, 25.3% indicated that they do own a business or operate a physical location at which business is conducted or services provided in the Barrington area.

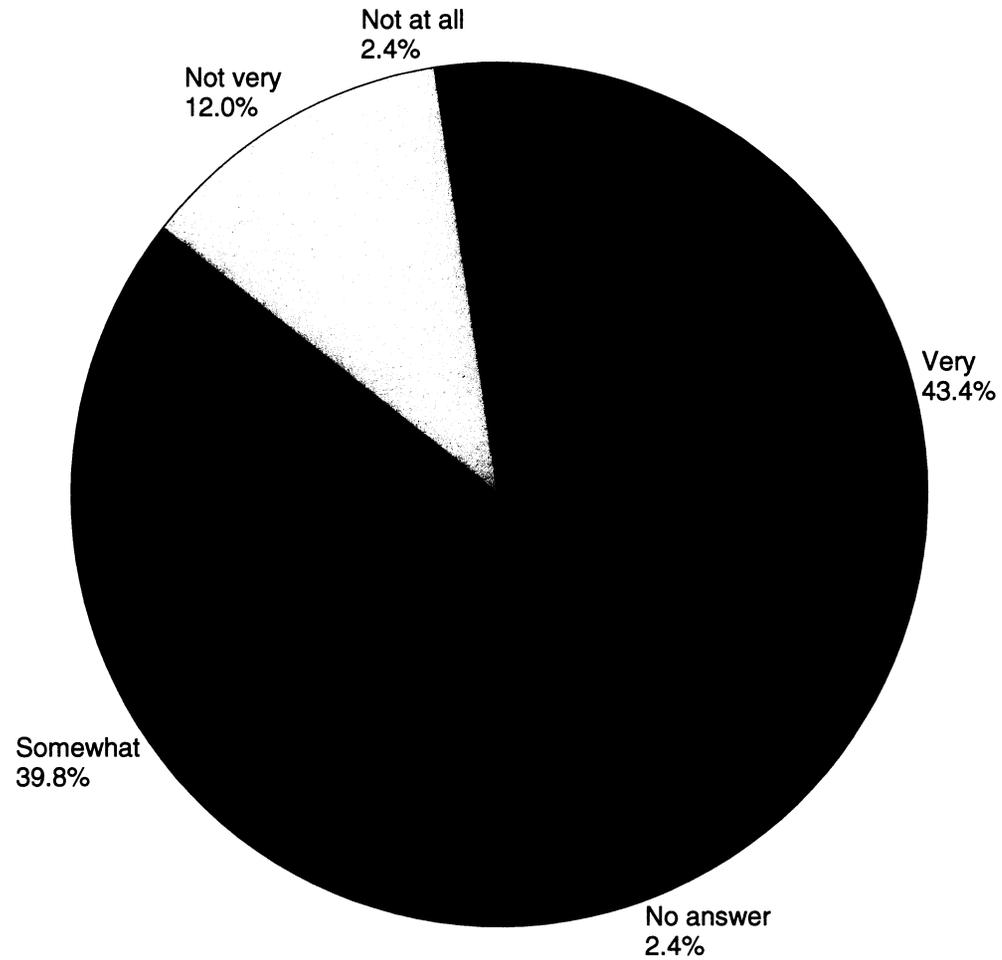
Improving The Environment

The first survey question asked how concerned residents are about the need to improve the environment in the Barrington area. More than four in ten (43.4%) are very concerned with slightly fewer being somewhat concerned (39.8%). Combining the “concerned” percentages yields a rate of 83.2% either very or somewhat concerned about the area’s environment. Only 12.0% say they are not very concerned (Table 9.3).

**Table 9.3
CONCERN ABOUT IMPROVING ENVIRONMENT IN BARRINGTON AREA**

Response	Number	Percent
Very concerned	36	43.4%
Somewhat concerned	33	39.8%
Not very concerned	10	12.0%
Not at all concerned	2	2.4%
No answer	2	2.4%
Total	83	100.0%

Figure 9.1 LEVEL OF CONCERN ABOUT IMPROVING ENVIRONMENT IN BARRINGTON AREA



Business owners were also quite concerned, including 50% being very concerned, but fewer (25.0%) were somewhat concerned and more (20.0%) not very concerned.

Nearly half (49.1%) of females said that they are very concerned about improving the area’s environment, a much higher percentage than the 33.3% for males. Strong concern also increases with age from only 35.3% answering very concerned among respondents aged 30-44 up to 61.5% for seniors aged 65+.

Table 9.4
**CONCERN ABOUT IMPROVING ENVIRONMENT IN BARRINGTON AREA
 BY RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTIC**

Characteristic	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not very concerned	Not at all concerned
GENDER				
Male	33.3%	50.0%	12.5%	4.2%
Female	49.1%	38.2%	10.9%	1.8%
AGE GROUP				
30 - 44 years	35.3%	52.9%	5.9%	5.9%
45 - 64 years	44.0%	38.0%	16.0%	2.0%
65+ years	61.5%	38.5%	0.0%	0.0%

Twenty-one steps to improve the environment were presented and participants were asked if they have already taken or would be willing to take the environmentally friendly step. Full results are presented in Table 9.5. Leading the list for steps that respondents have already taken is moving the thermostat down in winter and up in summer at 88.0%, followed closely by washing clothes in cold or warm water rather than hot at 85.5%. High levels for already conducting the practice were also seen for recycling waste at home (79.5%), using compact fluorescent bulbs (72.3%), purchasing energy efficient appliances (69.9%), buying recycled paper products (68.7%), and restricting use of water during droughts (67.5%).

Under half of respondents have already installed low-flow shower heads (43.4%), buy locally grown fresh foods (41.0%), avoid using chemical pesticides on the lawn and garden (39.8%), unplug electric devices when not in use (37.3%), use native plants to reduce watering (34.9%), avoid driving by walking, biking, car pooling, mass transit (33.7%), avoid heavily packaged products (31.3%), and engage in composting (30.1%).

Fewer said that they have already chosen a more fuel efficient vehicle (28.9%), use native plantings to control runoff (20.5%), use a clothesline instead of a dryer (18.1%), have wrapped their water heater in an insulation blanket (14.5%), or use “greywater” to water lawn, wash car (8.4%). No one responded that they have already started using wind or solar power.

More than half of respondents would be willing to take the following steps: use wind or solar power (62.7%), wrap their water heater in an insulation blanket (59.0%), use “greywater” to water lawn, wash car (54.2%), use native plantings to control runoff (53.0%), or choose a more fuel efficient vehicle (50.4%).

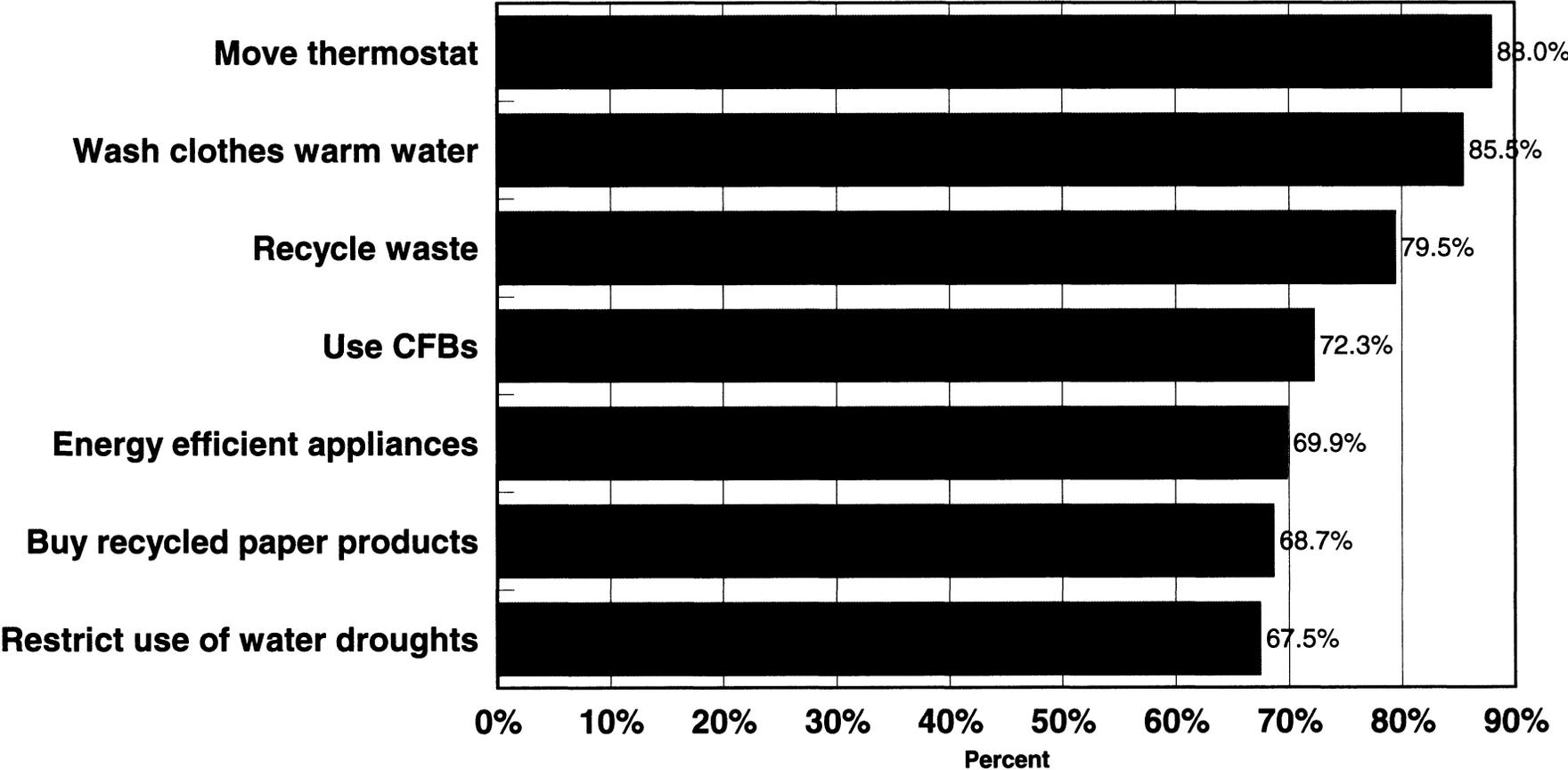
The highest “no answer” level was received for using a clothesline instead of a dryer when possible at 41.1%, suggesting that those respondents are not interested in taking this environmentally friendly step.

Table 9.5
TAKING STEPS TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Steps	Have done	Willing to do	No answer
Move thermostat down in winter, up in summer	88.0%	4.8%	7.2%
Wash clothes in cold or warm water rather than hot	85.5%	7.2%	7.2%
Recycle waste at home	79.5%	12.0%	8.4%
Use compact fluorescent bulbs	72.3%	14.5%	13.3%
Purchase energy efficient appliances	69.9%	24.1%	6.0%
Buy recycled paper products	68.7%	16.9%	14.5%
Restrict your use of water during droughts	67.5%	21.7%	10.8%
Install low-flow shower heads	43.4%	26.5%	30.1%
Buy locally grown fresh foods	41.0%	38.6%	20.5%
Avoid using chemical pesticides on your lawn, garden	39.8%	25.3%	34.9%
Unplug electric devices when not in use	37.3%	32.5%	30.1%
Use native plants to reduce the need for watering	34.9%	37.3%	27.7%
Avoid driving by walking, biking, car pooling, mass transit	33.7%	39.8%	26.5%
Avoid heavily packaged products	31.3%	43.4%	25.3%
Engage in composting	30.1%	36.1%	33.7%
Choose a more fuel efficient vehicle	28.9%	50.6%	20.5%
Use native plantings to control storm water runoff	20.5%	53.0%	26.5%
Use a clothesline instead of a dryer when possible	18.1%	41.0%	41.0%
Wrap your water heater in insulation blanket	14.5%	59.0%	26.5%
Use “greywater” to water lawn, wash cars or other uses	8.4%	54.2%	37.3%
Use wind or solar power	0.0%	62.7%	37.3%

The age group and gender breakdowns for the percentage who have already implemented each of the steps are presented in Table 9.7. A much higher percentage of males than females said that they have already implemented the following practices: move the thermostat down in winter/up in summer, use compact fluorescent bulbs, buy recycled paper products, buy locally grown fresh foods, engage in composting, and wrap water heater in insulation blanket. Practices implemented much more often by females than males include restrict use of water during droughts, avoid chemical pesticides on lawn/garden, avoid heavily packaged products, choose a more fuel efficient vehicle, and use a clothesline instead of a dryer when possible.

Figure 9.2 HAVE TAKEN STEP TO IMPROVE ENVIRONMENT



Age group variances are also apparent. Seniors aged 65 and older led those under 65 for implementing the following: use compact fluorescent bulbs, avoid using chemical pesticides on lawn/garden, use native plants to reduce watering and runoff, engage in composting, choose a more fuel efficient vehicle, and use “greywater.” Younger respondents under 65 were more likely than seniors over 65 to say that they already moved the thermostat down in winter/up in summer, purchased energy efficient appliances, bought recycled paper products, restricted use of water during droughts, unplugged electric devices when not in use, and avoided driving by walking/biking/car pooling/mass transit.

Open Space And Development

Participants were also asked whether they agree, disagree, or were unsure about their agreement concerning several statements about open space and development. Nearly all respondents (92.8%) agree that preserving open space is as important as residential or commercial growth, with somewhat fewer at 89.2% agreeing that new development should limit home lot density, impervious surfaces and design to what water sources are able to support (Table 9.6). More than seven in ten (71.1%) survey participants agreed they would support funding additional pedestrian trails and paths for walking and biking, while 66.3% agree that a priority of public investment should be to revitalize business districts and existing residential neighborhoods.

Table 9.6
LEVEL OF AGREEMENT WITH OPEN SPACE & DEVELOPMENT STATEMENTS

Statement	Agree	Not sure	Disagree
Preserving open space is as important as residential or commercial growth.	92.8%	4.8%	1.2%
New development should limit home lot density, impervious surfaces and design to what water sources are able to support.	89.2%	4.8%	3.6%
I would support funding additional pedestrian trails and paths for walking and biking.	71.1%	16.9%	9.6%
A priority of public investment should be to revitalize business districts and existing residential neighborhoods.	66.3%	20.5%	10.8%

Support for funding additional trails and paths is stronger among females (79.6%) than males (60.0%) and stronger among those aged 30-44 (70.6%) and aged 45-64 (81.6%) than seniors aged 65 and older (46.7%).

The same pattern exists for agreement that a priority of public investment should be to revitalize business districts and residential neighborhoods where 70.4% of females agreed compared to 60.0% of males. Among age groups, those aged 45-64 (79.6%) and aged 30-44 (64.7%) voiced more agreement than did seniors aged 65 and older (33.3%).

Participants were also given a list of choices and asked which one they would say is the best way to preserve open space in the Barrington area. Nearly four in ten (38.6%) said conservation easements would be the best solution, followed by expanding forest preserves (21.7%), tax referenda (12.0%), and donating to conservation groups (9.6%).

Table 9.7
**PERCENT HAVE ALREADY TAKEN STEPS TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT
 BY RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTICS**

Environment Steps	Age Group			Gender	
	30-44	45-64	65+	Male	Female
Move thermostat down in winter, up in summer	88.2%	94.0%	73.3%	100.0%	83.6%
Wash clothes in cold or warm water rather than hot	94.1%	84.0%	86.7%	88.0%	89.1%
Recycle waste at home	76.5%	82.0%	80.0%	84.0%	80.0%
Use compact fluorescent bulbs	64.7%	70.0%	93.3%	80.0%	69.1%
Purchase energy efficient appliances	76.5%	76.0%	46.7%	68.0%	70.9%
Buy recycled paper products	70.6%	72.0%	60.0%	76.0%	67.3%
Restrict your use of water during droughts	70.6%	72.0%	53.3%	52.0%	78.2%
Install low-flow shower heads	52.9%	42.0%	40.0%	48.0%	43.6%
Buy locally grown fresh foods	35.3%	44.0%	40.0%	48.0%	40.0%
Avoid using chemical pesticides on your lawn, garden	41.2%	38.0%	46.7%	32.0%	45.5%
Unplug electric devices when not in use	52.9%	38.0%	20.0%	40.0%	38.2%
Use native plants to reduce the need for watering	35.3%	34.0%	40.0%	36.0%	36.4%
Avoid driving by walking, biking, car pooling, mass transit	35.3%	36.0%	26.7%	40.0%	32.7%
Avoid heavily packaged products	35.3%	34.0%	20.0%	24.0%	36.4%
Engage in composting	17.6%	32.0%	40.0%	36.0%	29.1%
Choose a more fuel efficient vehicle	29.4%	26.0%	40.0%	24.0%	32.7%
Use native plantings to control storm water runoff	23.5%	14.0%	40.0%	20.0%	21.8%
Use a clothesline instead of a dryer when possible	11.8%	24.0%	6.7%	4.0%	25.5%
Wrap your water heater in insulation blanket	11.8%	16.0%	13.3%	20.0%	12.7%
Use "greywater" to water lawn, wash cars or other uses	0.0%	6.0%	20.0%	4.0%	9.1%
Use wind or solar power	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Water

The survey also asked several questions about water sources and use of bottled water. Participants were first given a list of choices and asked which they believe is the primary source for water in the Barrington area. Shallow aquifers (32.5%) and deep aquifers (30.1%) led the choices, though 24.1% answered that they did not know (Table 9.8). Nearly one in ten (9.6%) believe that Lake Michigan is the primary water source for the Barrington area.

Table 9.8
SOURCE FOR BARRINGTON AREA WATER

Response	Number	Percent	Municipal	Other
Lake Michigan	8	9.6%	17.5%	2.3%
Shallow aquifers	27	32.5%	32.5%	32.6%
Deep aquifers	25	30.1%	32.5%	27.9%
Rivers/reservoirs	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Don't know, not sure	20	24.1%	15.0%	32.6%
No answer	3	3.6%	2.5%	4.7%
Total	83	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Asked about their own home's water source, nearly half (48.2%) said that they use the municipal water supply, while 39.8% have their own private well. Far fewer (9.6%) depend on a neighborhood/subdivision private well (Table 9.9). Many residents on municipal supplies believe that Lake Michigan is the source, though few on wells do.

Table 9.9
SOURCE FOR HOME'S WATER

Response	Number	Percent
Your own private well	33	39.8%
Municipal water supply	40	48.2%
Neighborhood/subdivision private wells	8	9.6%
Don't know, not sure	1	1.2%
No answer	1	1.2%
Total	83	100.0%

More than half (54.2%) said that they agree with the statement that local or state government should have the authority to regulate the use of water from private wells such as the limiting of lawn watering. Half as many (25.3%) disagreed that the local or state government should have the water regulation authority.

Table 9.10
**GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO
 REGULATE THE USE OF WATER FROM PRIVATE WELLS**

Response	Number	Percent
Agree	45	54.2%
Disagree	21	25.3%
Don't know, not sure	14	16.9%
No answer	3	3.6%
Total	83	100.0%

Table 9.11 shows that more than one-quarter (26.5%) of respondents do not use bottled water at all, while half (50.6%) use bottled water for drinking only. Only a handful use bottled water for drinking and cooking (7.2%) while none said that they only use bottled water.

More than half (53.3%) of those aged 65 and older do not use bottled water at all, compared to lower percentages of not using water for respondents aged 45-64 (22.0%) and aged 30-44 (17.6%).

Table 9.11
USE OF BOTTLED WATER

Response	Number	Percent
Do not use at all	22	26.5%
Drinking only	42	50.6%
Drinking and cooking only	6	7.2%
Only use bottled water	0	0.0%
Other	12	14.5%
No answer	1	1.2%
Total	83	100.0%

Actions Needed And Information Desired

Near the end of the survey participants were given a list of environmental actions and asked to mark up to three areas most in need of action in the Barrington area and also to mark which they would most like to learn more about. Full results are presented in Table 9.12. By far, the perceived action most needed according to on-line respondents is to protect natural areas/control land use, sprawl, chosen by 65.1% of respondents. Nearly half (48.2%) believe that an important action is to restrict development to match the water supply. Around one-third chose the following actions: reduce use of energy, reduce waste through recycling/composting/less packaging, use energy alternatives, and drive less/buy fuel efficient vehicles.

Most often chosen to learn more about were reduce pesticide use, non-toxic alternatives (14.5%) and create, use energy alternatives (13.3%).

Table 9.12
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIONS NEEDED AND WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT

Areas of Action	Action Most Needed ¹		I Would Like To Learn More	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Reduce greenhouse gases, global warming	22	26.5%	7	8.4%
Reduce use of energy such as electricity, natural gas	27	32.5%	3	3.6%
Reduce waste through recycling, composting, less packaging	30	36.1%	8	9.6%
Create, use energy alternatives	28	33.7%	11	13.3%
Drive less, buy fuel efficient vehicles	27	32.5%	2	2.4%
Reduce pesticide use, use non-toxic alternatives	18	21.7%	12	14.5%
Clean air, water, less pollution	18	21.7%	6	7.2%
Protect natural areas, control land use, sprawl	54	65.1%	4	4.8%
Restrict development to match the water supply	40	48.2%	6	7.2%
Other (please specify)	9	10.8%	0	0.0%

¹Could choose up to three actions.

Asked how they would most like to learn about environmental issues and actions, the greatest number said that they would prefer on-line webinars or tutorials at 38.6% support (Table 9.13). Direct mail with educational booklets was the choice of 20.5%, while only 12.0% would like speakers at local groups. Only a handful feel that weeknight evening presentations (6.0%) or weekend presentations (7.2%) would be preferable.

Table 9.13
HOW TO LEARN ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES & ACTIONS¹

Response	Number	Percent
Weeknight evening presentations, seminars	5	6.0%
Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon presentations, seminars	6	7.2%
On-line “webinars” or tutorials	32	38.6%
Direct mail with educational booklets	17	20.5%
Speakers at local groups, clubs, PTOs	10	12.0%
Videos or DVDs about issues, actions	4	4.8%
Other (please specify)	6	7.2%
No answer	3	3.6%
Total	83	100.0%

¹Could only choose one response.

Open-Ended Comments

At the end of the survey participants were asked whether there is anything they would like to say about the local environment or environmental issues. Nearly four in ten (38.5%) chose to include a comment. The complete set of verbatim comments are presented in Appendix V.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Chapter 1: Introduction

- The Healthier Barrington Project brings community leaders, organizations and interested individuals together in order to make the Barrington area and its communities healthier places to live, work and play through collaborative action.
- A total of 3,600 questionnaires were mailed to households in zip code 60010, plus portions of School District 220 encompassing parts of Carpentersville and Hoffman Estates.
- This is the fifth survey by the Healthier Community Project. Similar studies have been conducted every three years starting in 1996, allowing data comparisons for many questions. The 1996 and 1999 studies were conducted by telephone, possibly accounting for some differences in results.
- At the cut-off date, 476 useable surveys had been returned, yielding a response rate of 13.2%.
- For the entire sample (476), chances are 95 out of 100 that the margin of error can be no greater than plus or minus 4.2%.
- The age distribution was somewhat older than the Census (51.4) for area householders with a median respondent age of 55.1.
- Females comprised 58.6% of the respondents, a bit above the Census percentage for gender of the householder.
- Households represented in the survey included 1,520 persons with about a quarter (26.8%) under 18 and 15.6% 65 or older. Median age of household members was 44.5, slightly above the Census median of 41.3.
- The level of participation for the Village of Barrington was approximately 20.6%, though the Barrington estimated response was below the 22.9% for 2005 and 32.7% achieved in 2002. Highest was Tower Lakes (30.1%). Also high for estimated response rates were Iverness (15.8%) and North Barrington (15.7%).
- The highest proportion of participants, (31.1%) reported residing in Barrington, followed by Lake Barrington (13.7%). Of course, the Village and Lake Barrington also had the largest mailed sample.
- The median length of residence for the sample is 13.9 years, about the same as earlier surveys. Four of ten (41.5%) respondents under age 45 appear to be recent movers, having lived in the area less than five years, while over half (50.9%) of those 65 and older have been residents for 25 or more years.

- Of those who are employed in the work force, Cook County outside Chicago is the site for almost half (44.4%), with a little over a quarter (28.8%) employed in Lake County, and one in eight (13.0%) traveling to the City of Chicago for work.
- When asked if anyone in their household works at home, a quarter of respondents (25.0%) in the 2008 survey answered “yes”, virtually the same as 2005, but slightly higher than the 22.1% recorded in 2002. In the 2000 Census for the nation, only 3.3% of workers work at home. Therefore, the Barrington area appears to have a much higher proportion of “home workers.”
- Forty respondents, or 8.4% of the sample said that they are a Barrington business owner.
- Asked if they are responsible for the care of an older adult such as an aging spouse, parent or other relative, 21.4% of participants responded positively, the highest proportion received in any of the survey series. Persons acting as caregivers extended across all age groups as follows 18-44 (16.5%), 45-64 (26.0%), 65-74 (14.1%), and 75+ (18.8%).
- Though the Chicago Tribune (53.2%) and Barrington Courier-Review (47.9%) continue to be the leaders among newspapers read, both have dropped appreciably in readership since 2002. The average respondent reads nearly 1.7 daily papers, down from 1.9 three years ago.

Chapter 2: Quality Of Life

- The five most often mentioned important characteristics of living in the Barrington area are said to be safe, low crime (70.6%), followed by good schools (54.2%), open, green spaces (45.2%), good place to bring up children (44.1%), and peaceful small town environment (34.5%). The top six important characteristics have remained the same for the past three surveys.
- Safe/low crime placed at the top overall for all survey groups analyzed, though tied with a good place to bring up children for respondents 18-44. Good schools were second for most groups.
- The five most often mentioned characteristics missing in the Barrington area are traffic control (43.9%), followed by access to sufficient stores and services or restaurants (42.4%), equity in taxation (32.6%), public transportation (28.8%), and reasonably priced goods/services (26.7%).
- Traffic control was the leading choice for 9 of 15 respondent groups. Traffic control is especially troubling to long term residents. Access to sufficient stores, services, or restaurants ranked first for the remaining groups.

Chapter 3: Community Services And Issues Needing Attention

- When examining the percent rating the 16 community services as excellent or good, “quality of local primary education” received the highest rating (76.5%), up from 74.9% in 2005 and 69.0% in 2002. Availability of health care services (72.3%) placed second, rising from 67.2% in 2005. Quality of secondary education received “excellent or good” from 69.5% of respondents, the same proportion as 2005. One of the new items “quality of attention to the environment” was viewed positively, placing fourth with 61.6% giving an “excellent or good” rating.
- Lowest proportions of community services rated excellent or good were availability of services for the disabled (10.7%) and transportation for the elderly and disabled (14.3%), although both had high levels of don’t know responses. Next lowest was cooperation among local governments (26.1%), though the proportion was greatly improved from 12.8% received in 2005.
- Only three of the 16 items received a mean rating of 3.00 (good) or above - those being quality of local primary education (3.33), quality of local secondary education (3.24) and availability of health care services (3.06). All three were slightly improved from scores in the 2005 survey.
- No services received mean ratings lower than 2.00 (fair), the lowest being availability of transportation for the elderly and disabled at 2.16, availability of cultural activities/arts (2.32), availability of services for the disabled (2.33) and cooperation among local governments (2.33).
- For any community characteristics rated as fair or poor, respondents were asked to describe how the characteristic could be improved. Leading the comments include a need for more cultural activities named by twenty-nine respondents, followed by twenty-six mentions of a need for better Park District facilities and programs, and sixteen comments that the local governments need to exhibit better cooperation.
- Thirty-four community issues were listed, with respondents asked to check each issue that they believe needs greater attention in the community. Property tax equity (42.9%) placed first for the second year in a row, well ahead of activities for teens (33.4%). Youth substance abuse (27.1%), a new item, placed third. Other leading problems needing attention are high health care costs, named by 25.6% of the respondents, drug abuse (22.9%) and need for housing in all price ranges (22.5%).
- Survey participants were asked if they would support the development of moderate income affordable housing at an approximate unit value of \$130,000 or a rental of about \$1,100 per month. Supporting the concept of more affordable housing were 33.0%, down from 36.0% in 2005.
- Support for greater affordable housing in the Barrington area is stronger among females (40.6%) than males (30.8%) and for South Barrington (42.0%) and Village of Barrington residents (40.9%) more so than for North Barrington residents (28.3%). Since 2005, support for greater affordable housing dropped dramatically for seniors aged 65 and older and long-term residents in the area 25 or more years.

- Just under half (46.2%) of the sample support the development of moderately priced housing if only for senior citizens and disabled. Far fewer respondents support affordable housing with subsidies by local government (13.2%) or higher density zoning (16.6%). Development of affordable housing in their own residential area is supported by 21.8% of respondents.
- Respondents were asked if they would support District 220 offering all-day kindergarten at one or more elementary schools. Half (50.0%) answered yes, over a quarter (27.3%) answered not sure, with 20.4% marking no. In 2005, the percent supporting all-day kindergarten was a bit higher at 53.0%. The youngest residents, aged 18-44 years old, expressed the highest support at 69.4%.
- More than four in ten expressed feeling unprepared for a future emergency at home (44.5%) or while commuting (42.9%), while just under four in ten feel unprepared for an emergency in the community (39.1%). Fewer said that they feel unprepared for an emergency at work (31.5%). Since 2005, respondents' level of unpreparedness increased for all types of locations.
- Asked their feelings about worldwide problems and possible terrorism, 65.1% said they feel "somewhat uneasy about the current situation", 26.5% voiced feeling "secure that our intelligence, police, fire, and military are taking care of us", and only 6.7% indicated "feeling insecure and worried most of the time."
- Asked whether they would like to receive information about preparations to protect and deal with natural disasters, terrorism, or bioterrorism in their community, nearly two-thirds (65.3%) responded yes, a slight increase from 2005 (61.5%).
- Direct mail was chosen as the preferable way for receiving information, marked by one-quarter (28.6%) of respondents. Little more than one in ten (12.2%) respondents would prefer to receive information from a weekly newspaper, while a daily newspaper is preferred by 15.1% of survey participants. Internet as a source of information was chosen by 19.1%, more than four times as often compared to the 2002 responses.

Chapter 4: Situations Experienced By Households And Connectedness

- Given a list of twelve problems or conditions that households and individuals sometimes experience, difficulty paying bills led the list reported by 18.1% of respondents, followed by difficulty finding affordable dental services (14.7%) and put off health care or taking medicine because of cost or lack of insurance (13.2%).
- More than one in ten experienced difficulty finding affordable health care services (11.8%) and experienced unemployment due to an involuntary job loss (10.5%). Somewhat fewer respondents were unable to find recreation activities or park sites locally (9.0%), or had difficulty finding child care (7.6%).
- Even smaller numbers of respondents had difficulty finding services for family members with special needs (6.1%), difficulty finding supportive services for an older adult (5.9%), difficulty finding older adult day care program (4.4%), and unable to find affordable local

mental health counseling or therapy (4.2%). Only a handful of survey participants had a home mortgage foreclosed or were unable to pay (1.5%).

- Certain groups were more likely than the overall sample to have difficulty paying bills including Village of Barrington residents (24.3%), females (19.8%), persons aged 18-44 (22.0%), persons aged 45-64 (18.8%), 5-9 year residents (22.2%), and 15-19 year residents.
- Finding affordable dental care was twice the problem for Village of Barrington and Barrington Area South residents than for Barrington Area North residents. The problem of finding affordable dental care also appeared more difficult for females than males and for seniors aged 65 and older than their younger counterparts.
- More likely than the overall sample to put off health care due to cost were Village of Barrington residents (15.5%), Barrington Area South residents (13.8%), females (14.0%), respondents aged 45-64 (14.4%), 10-14 year residents (15.6%), 15-19 year residents (16.1%), and 20-24 year residents (14.5%).
- More persons reported difficulty paying bills in 2008 at 18.1%, rising from 11.7% in 2002 and 15.3% in 2005. Difficulty finding child care rose from 2005 (5.7%) to 2008 (7.6%), though both are below the 2002 level of 10.0%.
- The proportion of households reporting difficulty finding affordable health care services rose from 4.0% in 2002 to 7.9% in 2005 reaching 11.8% in 2008, though the wording of the question changed slightly between the 2005 and 2008 survey administrations.
- The proportion of the sample reporting difficulty finding an older adult day care program rose from 1.1% in 2005 up to 4.4% for the 2008 survey. Also rising were two other supportive service related situations: difficulty finding supportive services for an older adult which increased from 3.6% to 5.9% and difficulty finding services for family members with special needs where the proportion rose from 3.0% to 6.1%.
- The inability to find recreation activities or park sites locally has tripled since 1999 going from 3.0% at the time of that survey administration to 9.0% in 2008.
- Experiencing unemployment due to involuntary job loss decreased from 16.4% in 2005 down to 10.5% in 2008, though wording regarding job loss changed from “experienced an involuntary job loss due to downsizing or other reason” to “experienced unemployment due to an involuntary job loss.”
- Respondents were asked if, in the past year, they or another household member needed help for a personal situation, should have received help, but did not obtain the needed help. Only 6.1% answered yes to this question, down from 7.0% in 2005.
- Over two-thirds (71.2%) of participants indicated having two or more close friends with whom they can confide, 14.5% have one close friend, and 12.2% reported no close friends.

- The demographic group reporting “no close friend” most often was respondents aged 75+ (19.1%), followed by males (17.0%), participants aged 18-44 (15.9%), and 25+ year residents (15.5%).
- The proportion reporting no close friends has risen over the survey years from 8.3% in 2002 to 11.3% in 2005 to the current level of 12.2% in 2008.
- Leading the list of whom they would turn to with a personal problem was family at 51.7%, followed by friend (16.2%), church, minister, rabbi, clergy (7.1%), health care provider or doctor (6.1%), and therapist or counselor (3.6%).
- Thirty respondents or 6.3% of the entire sample reported having considered or made plans for suicide. As for the outcome, twenty-three of them only considered or planned, but seven actually attempted suicide. In 2005, only 4.3% of those surveyed reported having considered or made plans for suicide.
- Only 3.4% reported having been abused in some manner during the past year. In 2005, the rate of reported abuse was somewhat higher at 5.1%.

Chapter 5: Shopping In The Barrington Area

- Survey participants were presented with seven potential shopping locations including the following: Barrington, Deer Park, Downtown Chicago, Randall Rd./Algonquin Commons, Spring Hill, Woodfield, and Online. They were asked to write in what percent of their purchases are made in or near each location, with the option to write in another location.
- Nearly thirty percent (29.5%) of purchases are made in a shopping location not listed on the survey, primarily Lake Zurich which was not listed as an option. Writing in Lake Zurich were 153 respondents or 12.5%.
- Barrington at 19.0% and Deer Park at 18.6% are the highest locations in terms of the percent of purchases made. Woodfield accounts for 12.1% of the sample’s purchases, followed by online purchases at 8.1%. Less than 5% of purchases are made at Spring Hill (4.1%), Randall Road/Algonquin Commons (3.7%), or downtown Chicago (2.8%).
- Locations written in by more than ten respondents besides Lake Zurich included Palatine (38 mentions), Hoffman Estates (20), Crystal Lake (20), Schaumburg (14), Wauconda (12), Catalog (12), and Arlington Heights (11).
- Village of Barrington residents do more shopping in Barrington than other area residents with a mean of 27.2% compared to 16.3% for Barrington Area North residents and 13.8% for Barrington Area South residents. Older residents also shop more often than others in Barrington.
- The percent of purchases in Deer Park is three times higher for Village of Barrington (23.2%) and Barrington Area North (23.8%) residents than for Barrington Area South residents (8.7%).

- The Randall Road/Algonquin Commons area is not frequented often by Village of Barrington or Barrington Area North residents with a mean percent of purchases falling below 1.5% for both. However, an average of 8.3% of Barrington Area South's residents' purchases are made in the Randall Road/Algonquin Commons area.
- The situation is similar for Spring Hill where the mean purchase percent is 9.4% for Barrington Area South residents compared to only 1.3% for Barrington Area North and 1.8% for Village of Barrington residents.
- Nearly twenty percent (19.2%) of Barrington Area South's residents' purchases are made in or near Woodfield, a much higher mean than for either Village of Barrington (10.7%) or Barrington Area North (7.2%) residents. The Woodfield area is also more of a shopping destination for respondents aged 65-74 (15.2%) and 20-24 year residents (15.1%).
- For respondents aged 18-44 and those living in the area less than ten years, just over ten percent of their purchases are made online. Shopping online is not as popular with seniors aged 65 and older for whom less than 5% of their purchases are made via computer.
- When analyzed by the percent who ever use the shopping area, Barrington (80.9%) and Deer Park (78.2%) continue to be the leaders followed by Woodfield (64.1%) and online (54.6%).
- Questioned about barriers which keep them from shopping more in the Village of Barrington, lack of selection led the list at 56.3%, rising dramatically from 2005's level of 46.2%, though still less than the 59.8% in 2002. Also of concern are high prices (40.8%), lack of parking (40.1%), being unable to complete most shopping in one place (40.1%), and traffic (38.2%).
- Concern about high prices increased from 35.5% in 2005 to the current 2008 level of 40.8%, while the inability to complete shopping in one place seemed to have become more of a barrier in 2008 with a percentage of 40.1% compared to 37.0% in 2005.
- One response clearly led the list of desired additions to the Village of Barrington offerings - restaurants - which was named by over 37% of survey participants. As for the nature of the restaurant desired, most just said restaurant (15.3%) followed by chain (7.6%), family (4.6%), fast food (3.4%), ethnic (2.5%), affordable (1.9%), pizza (1.5%), and upscale (0.4%). The desire for restaurants increased from 2005 when the restaurant total was closer to 30%.
- A hardware store was the second most popular choice (9.0%) for a new business. This was the first year that hardware store was mentioned prominently, most likely due to the recent closing of Ace Hardware in the community.
- Some support emerged for a grocery store (4.8%), discount store (4.6%), department store (4.4%), general clothing store (4.2%), specialty food store (3.8%) which was mentioned for the first time in 2008, and organic food store (3.4%).
- Many respondents named specific stores or restaurants which they would like to see in the Village. Leading the list were Whole Foods and Panera Bread which were each named by

sixteen respondents, followed by Ace Hardware with fourteen responses, Target and Trader Joe's at eleven mentions, and Barnes & Noble named by eight respondents.

- Participants were asked to rate their preferences for stores in the Downtown Barrington area on a scale from one to ten, one being Big Box Stores, Malls, Strips, Mass Produced Goods, Self-service, and Discount Pricing; ten being High Quality, Unique Items, Personal Service, Suggested Retail Price; and five being a Mix of Both Types. The largest percentage of respondents (38.2%) indicated "a mix of both types". However, the mean overall rating in 2008 at 6.0 was somewhat lower than 2005's 6.3, indicating a small shift toward the Big Box Stores end of the spectrum.

Chapter 6: Health And Health Insurance

- The most common disease/condition across the surveyed household members is a near tie between high blood pressure/hypertension at 14.2% and high cholesterol at 14.1%. Following these conditions are arthritis/rheumatism and chronic back pain or disc disorders both at 8.2%.
- The least common conditions of those listed are Alzheimer's dementia/severe memory impairment affecting only 1.5% and Autism/Aspergers syndrome at 0.9% of the total number of persons in the surveyed households. However, Alzheimer's reaches 8.6% for persons 65+.
- Among children and teenagers aged 0-17, asthma was the most commonly found health condition (7.8%). Asthma and high cholesterol were the leading health problems for those aged 18-44, both at 7.2%. High cholesterol led for persons aged 45-64 with 22.5% being affected by the condition. The largest proportion of those age 65 and above suffer from high blood pressure/hypertension at 41.8%.
- One in five (21.2%) respondents marked that no one in their household has or had any of the listed health conditions, down appreciably from 29.8% without any conditions in 2005.
- Of those who answered the question, 93.0%, reported having everyone covered by some type of health insurance plan, down slightly from the 2005 level of 94.3%. Not having coverage for every person in their residence are 7.0% of those who responded to the question, up somewhat from 2005's level of 5.7%.
- Not having everyone covered by health insurance is more of a problem for Village of Barrington (8.9%) and Barrington Area South (8.2%) respondents than for Barrington Area North residents (4.3%). Lack of health insurance also appears to impact female respondent homes (7.8%) more than males (4.8%). Age plays a role as well with 8.3% of those aged 18-44 and 7.5% of respondents aged 45-64 reporting that someone in their home does not have health insurance.
- Participants responding that someone in the home did not have health insurance were also asked to enter the number of persons in each age group not covered. The group with the highest percentage of all persons lacking coverage is young adults 18-29 where 7.4% are

uninsured. Nearly half as many residents aged 45-64 (3.5%) and aged 30-44 (3.3%) lack coverage.

Chapter 7: Retirement

- Asked to choose from a list of ages the closest age at which they expect to retire from their job, one-quarter (24.4%) of the sample answered that the question was not applicable as they were already retired.
- Of those who are not already retired, nearly three in ten (29.2%) respondents said that they are unsure of their retirement age, followed by more than one-quarter (26.8%) who said they hope to retire around age 65. Interestingly, 17.2% do not expect to retire until age 70 or later. Anticipating retirement around age 60 are 11.4% of respondents, while fewer plan on retirement around 62 (6.7%) or 55 (7.3%). Only a handful of residents in the sample expect to retire around age 50 (1.5%).
- Age group differences exist with more than half (52.8%) of respondents aged 18-44 expecting to retire before age 65 but only 34.2% of those aged 45-64 expect to do the same. In addition, more 45-64 year olds (23.4%) than 18-44 year olds (19.4%) plan to work to 70 or older.
- During retirement, more than half of respondents (54.2%) expect to stay in their home in the Barrington area. Far fewer (22.7%) plan to retire most of the year to a warm weather state. Only a handful of respondents will live in a retirement community in the Barrington area (2.9%), with family in the Chicago area (2.7%), or at a Chicago-area retirement community.
- By far, the demographic group most likely to anticipate remaining in the Barrington area home are seniors aged 65-74 with a response of 85.7%. On the other end of the spectrum, only 39.3% of participants aged 18-44 believe they will be living in their home in the Barrington area during retirement.
- From a list of statements describing expected or current retirement activities, the greatest number of respondents chose travel at 69.7%, followed by time with grandchildren, children (58.4%), volunteer for non-profit (49.2%) and work part-time (38.9%). Nearly one-third (31.1%) would like to or are taking courses in an area of interest, while half as many at 15.8% would like to work part-time as a consultant.

Chapter 8: Open-Ended Comments

- At the end of the survey participants were given the opportunity to comment on any specific change that they feel would improve the quality of life in the Barrington area. More than four in ten (41.4%) respondents chose to include a comment, somewhat fewer than the 47.0% commented in 2005.
- Most often mentioned, by far, was the need to improve the traffic situation in the area with fifty-eight respondent comments. Other issues mentioned included keeping out the CN

Railroad (23), the need for retail/restaurant growth (19), the need to improve downtown Barrington (17), desire for improvement in the schools/school board (13), and the wish for lower property taxes (12).

Chapter 9: On-line Environmental Survey

- For the first time, the 2008 study included an on-line segment. The partnership chose a new topic, environmental issues as the topic and developed the survey in collaboration with Health Systems Research.
- More females (66.3%) than males (30.1%) answered the on-line survey. As for age of the respondent, more than six in ten (60.2%) are in the 45-64 age group, with far fewer aged 30-44 (20.5%) or aged 65-74 (16.9%). None of the on-line participants were in the 18-29 or 85+ age group, while only one listed their age as 75-84.
- The greatest percentage of on-line survey participants said that they live in Barrington (39.8%), followed by Barrington Hills (14.5%), Lake Barrington (8.4%), and North Barrington (8.4%).
- More than four in ten (43.4%) are very concerned about improving the Barrington area's environment, while slightly fewer are somewhat concerned (39.8%). Combining the "concerned" percentages yields a rate of 83.2% either very or somewhat concerned about the area's environment. Only 12.0% are not very concerned.
- Leading the list for steps that respondents have already taken to improve the environment is moving the thermostat down in winter and up in summer at 88.0%, followed closely by washing clothes in cold or warm water rather than hot at 85.5%. High levels for already conducting the practice were also seen for recycling waste at home (79.5%), using compact fluorescent bulbs (72.3%), purchasing energy efficient appliances (69.9%), buying recycled paper products (68.7%), and restricting use of water during droughts (67.5%).
- Under half of respondents have already installed low-flow shower heads (43.4%), buy locally grown fresh foods (41.0%), avoid using chemical pesticides on the lawn and garden (39.8%), unplug electric devices when not in use (37.3%), use native plants to reduce watering (34.9%), avoid driving by walking, biking, car pooling, mass transit (33.7%), avoid heavily packaged products (31.3%), and engage in composting (30.1%).
- Fewer said that they have already chosen a more fuel efficient vehicle (28.9%), use native plantings to control runoff (20.5%), use a clothesline instead of a dryer (18.1%), have wrapped their water heater in an insulation blanket (14.5%), and use "greywater" to water lawn, wash car (8.4%). None responded that they have already started using wind or solar power.
- More than half of respondents would be willing to take the following steps: use wind or solar power (62.7%), wrap their water heater in an insulation blanket (59.0%), use "greywater" to water lawn, wash car (54.2%), use native plantings to control runoff (53.0%), and choose a more fuel efficient vehicle (50.4%).

- Nearly all respondents (92.8%) agree that preserving open space is as important as residential or commercial growth, with somewhat fewer at 89.2% agreeing that new development should limit home lot density, impervious surfaces and design to what water sources are able to support. More than seven in ten (71.1%) survey participants agreed they would support funding additional pedestrian trails and paths for walking and biking, while 66.3% agree that a priority of public investment should be to revitalize business districts and existing residential neighborhoods.
- Participants were given a list of choices and asked which they believe is the primary source for water in the Barrington area. Shallow aquifers (32.5%) and deep aquifers (30.1%) led the choices, though 24.1% answered that they did not know.
- Asked about their own home's water source, nearly half (48.2%) said that they use the municipal water supply, while 39.8% have their own private well. Far fewer (9.6%) have a neighborhood/subdivision private well.
- More than half (54.2%) said that they agree with the statement that local or state government should have the authority to regulate the use of water from private wells such as the limiting of lawn watering.
- More than one-quarter (26.5%) of respondents do not use bottled water at all, while half (50.6%) use it for drinking only. Only a handful use bottled water for drinking and cooking (7.2%). No none said that they only use bottled water. More than half (53.3%) of those aged 65 and older do not use bottled water at all, compared to lower percentages of not using water for respondents aged 45-64 (22.0%) and aged 30-44 (17.6%).
- The perceived action most needed in the Barrington area is to protect natural areas/control land use, sprawl, chosen by 65.1% of respondents. Nearly half (48.2%) believe that an important action is to restrict development to match the water supply. Around one-third chose the following actions: reduce use of energy, reduce waste through recycling/composting/less packaging, use energy alternatives, and drive less/buy fuel efficient vehicles.
- Asked how they would most like to learn about environmental issues and actions, the greatest number said that they would prefer on-line webinars or tutorials with 38.6% support. Direct mail with educational booklets was the choice of 20.5%, while only 12.0% would like speakers at local groups. Only a handful said that weeknight evening presentations (6.0%) or weekend presentations (7.2%) would be preferable.

APPENDIX I

MAIL SURVEY COVER LETTER & INSTRUMENT



**HEALTHIER BARRINGTON
PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS**

Advocate Good
Shepherd Hospital

Barrington Area Chamber
of Commerce

Barrington Area Council
of Governments

Barrington Area Council
on Aging

Barrington Area Library

Barrington Area United Way

Barrington Career Center

Barrington CUSD 220

Barrington/Inverness
Police Department

Barrington Park District

Barrington Township

Barrington Youth and
Family Services

Character Counts in the
Barrington Area

Citizens for Conservation

Cuba Township

Family Service of the
Barrington Area

Hospice of Northeastern
Illinois

Village of Barrington

March 2008

Dear Neighbor:

You have been selected to help The Healthier Barrington Project, a partnership of Barrington organizations working to improve the quality of life for all of us. Members of the Healthier Barrington Project are listed on the left.

This survey is our fifth assessment and includes randomly selected homes from within zip code 60015 as well as the remainder of School District 220.

Your participation helps to assure broad community representation so that all views and experiences are heard. Responses are anonymous when returned in the business reply envelope and will be grouped into a report to be made available to all local organizations. Findings will be presented in a public meeting and widely reported by the media.

The Project has once again contracted with the University of Illinois Health Systems Research Center to compile the results. Should you have any questions or need any help with the survey, please don't hesitate to call them (toll free) at 1-800-854-4461.

A companion survey of environmental quality is being conducted on-line. To take part in the survey, please go to www.uirockford.com

Thank you in advance for taking part in the ongoing running study of Barrington quality of life.



HEALTHIER COMMUNITY PROJECT BARRINGTON AREA NEEDS SURVEY: 2008

1-5. First, we would like to know what's **most important** to you about living in the Barrington area. Mark up to FIVE of these choices.

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Good local health care | <input type="checkbox"/> (13) Close to family/friends |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Good housing choices | <input type="checkbox"/> (14) Close to job/training |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (3) A good place to bring up children | <input type="checkbox"/> (15) Cultural activities, arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (4) Good air quality | <input type="checkbox"/> (16) Good schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (5) Good community leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> (17) Available quality child care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (6) Safe; low crime | <input type="checkbox"/> (18) Availability of programs and services for the elderly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (7) Strong family life | <input type="checkbox"/> (19) Good parks, recreation opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (8) Strong religious and spiritual life | <input type="checkbox"/> (20) Good library services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (9) Lack of traffic congestion | <input type="checkbox"/> (21) Peaceful small town environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (10) Good water quality | <input type="checkbox"/> (22) Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (11) Good community services | <input type="checkbox"/> (23) Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (12) Open, green spaces | |

6-10. Now, are there some things that you may feel are **missing** in the Barrington area. Please mark FIVE of these choices.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Affordable housing | <input type="checkbox"/> (9) Tolerance of differences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Equity in taxation | <input type="checkbox"/> (10) Reasonably priced goods, services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Good leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> (11) Recreation opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (4) Local employment | <input type="checkbox"/> (12) Adequate school facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (5) Community services | <input type="checkbox"/> (13) Cultural activities, arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (6) Access to sufficient stores, services, or restaurants | <input type="checkbox"/> (14) Traffic control |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (7) Sufficient open spaces | <input type="checkbox"/> (15) Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (8) Public transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> (16) Other _____ |

11-18. About what percent of your purchases are made in or near these locations? (Should add to 100%)

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|--|-------------------------|
| _____ % 11. Barrington | _____ % 16. Woodfield |
| _____ % 12. Deer Park | _____ % 17. On-line |
| _____ % 13. Downtown Chicago | _____ % 18. Other _____ |
| _____ % 14. Randall Road/Algonquin Commons | 100% Total |
| _____ % 15. Spring Hill | |

19. Are there certain stores, products, services or restaurants not presently available in the Barrington which you would like to see added?

20-28. Do any barriers keep you from shopping more in the Village of Barrington? (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 20. Distance from Barrington | <input type="checkbox"/> 25. Lack of selection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 21. Times stores are open | <input type="checkbox"/> 26. Need for sidewalks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 22. Parking | <input type="checkbox"/> 27. Traffic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 23. Prices | <input type="checkbox"/> 28. Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 24. Unable to complete most shopping in one place | |

29. Downtown Barrington prides itself on stores and boutiques with high quality and unique goods and offer deliberate personal service. Pricing is usually at or near "suggested" levels. On the other hand, larger stores and centers in other places offer self-service with discount pricing, often through mass purchasing. Please circle one number below which best reflects the type(s) of stores that you would like to see in the Downtown Barrington area.

<u>BARRINGTON</u> High Quality, Unique Items, Personal Service <u>Suggested Retail Price</u>	A Mix of Both Types					<u>BIG BOX STORES</u> <u>MALL, SUPERMARKETS</u> Mass Production Self-Service, Discount Pricing			
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

30-45. Below are some things which characterize communities. For each, please mark whether you think these things to be excellent, good, fair, or poor in your area. You may also respond "Don't Know."

<u>Characteristic</u>	(4) <u>Excellent</u>	(3) <u>Good</u>	(2) <u>Fair</u>	(1) <u>Poor</u>
30. Availability of social services overall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
31. Availability of services for youth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
32. Availability of services for senior citizens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
33. Availability of cultural activities, arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
34. Quality of local primary education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
35. Quality of local secondary education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
36. Availability of services for the disabled	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
37. Access to local government decision makers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
38. Cooperation among local governments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
39. Quality of your local community or village services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
40. Availability of health care services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
41. Availability of preventive health care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
42. Availability of wellness information	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
43. Availability of transportation for the elderly & disabled	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
44. Quality of your local Park District services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
45. Quality of, attention to the environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

46. If you rated any of these characteristics in Questions 30 - 45 on the prior page as fair or poor, what needs to be improved.

47-81. The following are problems that exist in many communities. Please mark those issues which need **greater attention** in your community. **(Mark all that apply)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 47. Activities for seniors | <input type="checkbox"/> 67. Programs for families and children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 48. Activities for teens | <input type="checkbox"/> 68. Property tax equity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 49. AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases | <input type="checkbox"/> 69. Racial or socioeconomic discrimination |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 50. Alcohol abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> 70. Respite services for caregivers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 51. Bereavement or help coping with death | <input type="checkbox"/> 71. School dropouts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 52. Job retraining, coping with job loss | <input type="checkbox"/> 72. Special education for children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 53. Child abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> 73. Special recreation programs for physically/mentally challenged |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 54. Crime | <input type="checkbox"/> 74. Special recreation programs for physically/mentally challenged |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 55. Counseling-individual, family, marital | <input type="checkbox"/> 75. Support for caregivers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 56. Domestic violence | <input type="checkbox"/> 76. Support groups for single parents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 57. Drugs, drug abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> 77. Support groups for two parent families |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 58. Duplication of local groups, agencies | <input type="checkbox"/> 78. Teen pregnancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 59. Gangs, delinquency, youth violence | <input type="checkbox"/> 79. Violence involving guns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 60. High health care costs | <input type="checkbox"/> 80. Youth substance abuse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 61. Hispanic social services | <input type="checkbox"/> 81. Any other problems? _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 62. Illiteracy | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 63. Inclusion of diverse persons | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 64. Disabled persons' employment and training | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 65. Need for housing in all price ranges | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 66. Obesity in children | |

82-86. Would you support the development of moderate-income affordable housing at an approximate cost of \$130,000 or a rental of about \$1,100 per month?

Do you support . . . ?	Yes	No	Don't Know
82. Greater affordable housing in the Barrington area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83. In your residential area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84. If subsidies are required by local government.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
85. If higher density zoning is needed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
86. If only for senior citizens and disabled	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

87. Would you support District 220 offering all-day kindergarten at one or more elementary schools?

- (1) Yes (2) No (3) Not sure

88-99. Almost every home faces difficult situations at some time. Please mark each situation that **Y**
SOMEONE IN YOUR HOME experienced during the past year. **(Mark all that apply)**

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 88. Difficulty finding child care | <input type="checkbox"/> 95. Difficulty finding affordable health care services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 89. Difficulty paying bills | <input type="checkbox"/> 96. Difficulty finding affordable dental |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 90. Home mortgage foreclosed or unable to pay | <input type="checkbox"/> 97. Experienced unemployment due to involuntary job loss |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 91. Put off health care services or taking medicine because of cost or lack of insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> 98. Unable to find affordable local mental health counseling or therapy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 92. Difficulty finding older adult day care program | <input type="checkbox"/> 99. Unable to find recreation activities or park sites locally |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 93. Difficulty finding supportive services for an older adult | <input type="checkbox"/> 100. Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 94. Difficulty finding services for family members with special needs | |

101-102. Have you or any other member of your household **ever** seriously considered or made plans for

- (1) Yes → (1) Only considered or planned (2) Actually attempted suicide
 (2) No

103. During the past year, have **you** been hit, slapped, kicked, hurt or abused emotionally or sexually by someone?

- (1) Yes (2) No (Skip to Q.108)

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104-107. What type of abuse? **(Mark all that apply)**

104. Emotionally abused (intimidated, coerced, isolated, threatened or degraded)
 105. Physically abused (hit, slapped, kicked or physically hurt)
 106. Sexually abused (forced to have sexual activity)
 107. Financially abused (used your money or assets without your permission)

108. Was there any time during the last year that you or a household member needed help for a situation, should have received help, but did not?

- (1) Yes (2) No (Skip to Q. 110) (3) Not sure (Skip to Q. 110)

109. What was the service needed? _____

110-162. Does anyone in your household now have or has had any of the diseases or conditions listed below? Please mark in the age group the **number of persons** with this disease or condition.

Disease/Condition		Ages 0-17	Ages 18-44	Ages 45-64
110.	Alzheimer's, dementia, severe memory impairment			
114.	Arthritis or rheumatism			
118.	Asthma			
122.	Autism or Aspergers Syndrome			
126.	Cancer			
130.	Chronic back pain or disc disorders			
134.	Chronic bronchitis or emphysema			
138.	Chronic digestive or stomach disorders			
142.	Dental problems, not cared for due to cost			
146.	Diabetes			
150.	Heart disease			
154.	High blood pressure, hypertension			
158.	High cholesterol			

162. **No one has any of these**

163. Do you have people you feel close to and can talk to about your problems other than your children, or other family members?

- (1) No, I have no close friends. (2) Yes, I have one close friend. (3) Yes, I have two or more close friends.

164. If you or someone in your household had a personal problem which required help, where would you go first? **(Mark only one)**

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Church, minister, rabbi, clergy | <input type="checkbox"/> (9) School counselor, teacher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Elected official | <input type="checkbox"/> (10) Self help group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Family | <input type="checkbox"/> (11) Social service agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (4) Friend | <input type="checkbox"/> (12) Someone at work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (5) Health care provider or doctor | <input type="checkbox"/> (13) Therapist or counselor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (6) Labor union representative | <input type="checkbox"/> (14) United Way |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (7) Information & Referral Service | <input type="checkbox"/> (15) No one in our household would use outside help |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (8) Police or sheriff | <input type="checkbox"/> (16) Other _____ |

165-168. Do you feel **prepared** for future emergencies like natural disasters, terrorism or bioterrorism?

Place	Yes	No	Not Sure	Doesn't Apply
165. At home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
166. At work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
167. Commuting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
168. In your community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

169. How would you describe your feelings about worldwide problems, possible terrorism?
(Mark only one)

- (1) I feel secure that our intelligence, police, fire, and military are taking care of us.
- (2) I feel somewhat uneasy about the current situation.
- (3) I feel insecure and worried most of the time about the current situation.

170. Would you like to receive information about preparations to protect and deal with natural terrorism or bioterrorism in your community?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (3) Not sure

PLEASE TELL US JUST A FEW THINGS ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

171. Your gender:

- (1) Male
- (2) Female

172. In what village or area do you live? **(Mark one)**

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Barrington | <input type="checkbox"/> (9) Port Barrington |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Barrington Hills | <input type="checkbox"/> (10) South Barrington |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Carpentersville | <input type="checkbox"/> (11) Tower Lakes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (4) Deer Park | <input type="checkbox"/> (12) Cook County Unincorporate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (5) Hoffman Estates | <input type="checkbox"/> (13) Kane County Unincorporate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (6) Inverness | <input type="checkbox"/> (14) Lake County Unincorporate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (7) Lake Barrington | <input type="checkbox"/> (15) McHenry County Unincorporate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (8) North Barrington | <input type="checkbox"/> (16) Not sure |

173. How many years have you lived in the Barrington area (within zip code 60010 or School Dist

_____ Years

174. What is your age group?

- | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) 18-29 | <input type="checkbox"/> (3) 45-64 | <input type="checkbox"/> (5) 75-84 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) 30-44 | <input type="checkbox"/> (4) 65-74 | <input type="checkbox"/> (6) 85+ |

175-183. **Other than yourself**, how **many** persons in each of these age groups live in your home?

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| _____ 175. Number of persons ages 0-4 | _____ 180. Number of persons ages 4 |
| _____ 176. Number of persons ages 5-12 | _____ 181. Number of persons ages 6 |
| _____ 177. Number of persons ages 13-17 | _____ 182. Number of persons ages 7 |
| _____ 178. Number of persons ages 18-29 | _____ 183. Number of persons ages 8 |
| _____ 179. Number of persons ages 30-44 | |

184. Where is your **primary** work location? **(Mark only one)**

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) City of Chicago | <input type="checkbox"/> (6) McHenry County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Cook County outside Chicago | <input type="checkbox"/> (7) I do not work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (3) DuPage County | <input type="checkbox"/> (8) Other (please specify): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (4) Kane County | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (5) Lake County | |

185. Are you a Barrington business owner or operator, that is you own or operate a physical location where business is conducted or services provided in the Barrington area?

- (1) Yes (2) No

186-188. Does anyone in your household work at home?

- (1) Yes (2) No → Skip to Q. 189



187. _____ Number of persons working at home as their primary office

188. _____ Number of persons working at home as well as traveling to other locations

189-194. How many persons in your home **do not have** any health insurance such as a major medical, Medicare, Medicaid, HMO, PPO, or something else?

- (1) None, everyone is covered → Skip to Q. 195
 (2) Not everyone is covered



If any persons in your home are not covered by medical insurance, please enter the number of persons in each age group who are not covered:

190. _____ Persons ages 0-17 not covered

193. _____ Persons ages 45-64 not covered

191. _____ Persons ages 18-29 not covered

194. _____ Persons ages 65+ not covered

192. _____ Persons ages 30-44 not covered

195. At what age do you expect to retire from your job? (Choose closest age.)

- | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) 50 | <input type="checkbox"/> (3) 60 | <input type="checkbox"/> (5) 65 | <input type="checkbox"/> (7) Unsure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) 55 | <input type="checkbox"/> (4) 62 | <input type="checkbox"/> (6) 70 or later | <input type="checkbox"/> (8) Not applicable/already retired |

196. During retirement, where do you anticipate living most of the year? **(Mark only one)**

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Barrington area, stay in home | <input type="checkbox"/> (4) Chicago area, live with family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Barrington area, retirement community | <input type="checkbox"/> (5) Warm weather states |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Chicago area, retirement community | <input type="checkbox"/> (6) Other _____ |

197-204. Which of the following statements describe your expected or current retirement activities? (Mark all that apply.)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 197. Work part-time | <input type="checkbox"/> 201. Volunteer for non-profit, church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 198. Start a new business | <input type="checkbox"/> 202. Travel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 199. Work part-time as a consultant | <input type="checkbox"/> 203. Time with grandchildren, children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 200. Take courses in an area of interest | <input type="checkbox"/> 204. Other _____ |

205. Are you responsible for the care of an older adult such as an aging spouse, parent or relative?

- (1) No
 (2) Yes, an older adult living in my home
 (3) Yes, an older adult living on his/her own
 (4) Yes, an older adult in a retirement community or nursing home
 (5) Yes, other (please specify): _____

206. Are you responsible for the care of a disabled or special needs individual (other than the elderly)?

- (1) No
 (2) Yes, a disabled or special needs individual living in my home
 (3) Yes, a disabled or special needs individual living on his/her own
 (4) Yes, a disabled or special needs individual living in a group home or independent living
 (5) Yes, other (please specify): _____

207-215. What, if any, **local** newspaper do you usually read during the week? (Mark all that apply)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 207. Chicago Sun Times | <input type="checkbox"/> 212. Barrington Lifestyles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 208. Chicago Tribune | <input type="checkbox"/> 213. Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 209. Daily Herald | <input type="checkbox"/> 214. Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 210. Northwest Herald | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 211. Barrington Courier-Review | <input type="checkbox"/> 215. Do not read a local newspaper |

216. How would you **most** like to receive information about the community, ways to improve your quality of life, or your family's health? (Mark only one)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Newspaper - daily | <input type="checkbox"/> (6) Handouts around town |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Newspaper - weekly | <input type="checkbox"/> (7) Internet, computer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> (8) Physician or other health provider |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (4) Television | <input type="checkbox"/> (9) Friend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (5) Direct mail | <input type="checkbox"/> (10) Other _____ |

217. Is there any specific change that you feel would improve the quality of life in the Barrington area?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

APPENDIX II

MAIL SURVEY FREQUENCY RESULTS

HEALTHIER COMMUNITY PROJECT
BARRINGTON AREA NEEDS SURVEY: 2008
(N = 476)

1-5. First, we would like to know what's **most important** to you about living in the Barrington Area. Please mark up to FIVE of these choices.

Characteristic	2008		2005	2002	1999
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Good local health care	124	26.1%	20.2%	22.8%	1.0%
Good housing choices	149	31.3%	32.1%	32.2%	4.0%
A good place to bring up children	210	44.1%	40.0%	42.0%	13.0%
Good air quality	64	13.4%	10.9%	12.5%	1.0%
Good community leadership	22	4.6%	3.8%	5.3%	2.4%
Safe; low crime	336	70.6%	63.2%	64.5%	26.1%
Strong family life	69	14.5%	15.5%	18.5%	6.6%
Strong religious and spiritual life	54	11.3%	10.4%	13.8%	2.2%
Lack of traffic congestion	84	17.6%	13.0%	17.2%	1.4%
Good water quality	48	10.1%	6.6%	8.8%	0.6%
Good community services	40	8.4%	7.7%	9.5%	3.4%
Open, green spaces	215	45.2%	47.4%	46.2%	11.6%
Close to family/friends	100	21.0%	20.9%	--	
Close to job/training	69	14.5%	12.3%	--	
Cultural activities, arts	13	2.7%	2.8%	3.8%	
Good schools	258	54.2%	50.6%	54.2%	26.7%
Available quality child care	0	0.0%	1.5%	0.1%	0.0%
Availability of programs and services for the elderly	24	5.0%	5.1%	4.5%	0.2%
Good parks, recreation opportunities	69	14.5%	14.0%	13.7%	4.2%
Good library services	80	16.8%	19.6%	20.5%	1.4%
Peaceful small town environment	164	34.5%	37.4%	41.8%	41.3%
More than five choices marked	--	--	3.2%	5.2%	
Other	24	5.0%	7.0%	4.2%	11.6%

6-10. Now, are there some things that you feel are **missing** in the Barrington area. Please select up to FIVE of these choices.

Characteristic	2008		2005	2002	1999	
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	P
Affordable housing	125	26.3%	23.2%	22.7%	3.4%	
Equity in taxation	155	32.6%	34.7%	31.3%	1.4%	
Good leadership	68	14.3%	38.3%	41.5%	1.0%	
Local employment	82	17.2%	17.0%	13.5%	0.0%	
Community services	29	6.1%	3.4%	6.0%	0.8%	
Access to sufficient stores, services, or restaurants	202	42.4%	37.9%	40.0%	7.0%	
Sufficient open spaces	29	6.1%	11.9%	17.8%	1.0%	
Public transportation	137	28.8%	27.0%	23.7%	5.2%	
Tolerance of differences	82	17.2%	13.4%	13.2%	0.4%	
Reasonably priced goods, services	127	26.7%	25.1%	26.0%	2.4%	
Recreation opportunities	55	11.6%	8.9%	12.5%	2.0%	
Adequate school facilities	45	9.5%	4.7%	18.5%	0.6%	
Cultural activities, arts	84	17.6%	18.5%	15.0%	0.8%	
Traffic control	209	43.9%	41.3%	--	--	
More than five choices marked	--	--	0.4%	0.8%	--	
Other:	33	6.9%	23.0%	15.3%	27.7%	

11-18. About what percent of your purchases are made in or near these locations?

Percent of Purchases	Barrington				
	2008		2005	2002	1999
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
0%	0	0.0%	5.3%	4.8%	20.8%
1%-10%	170	35.7%	49.6%	45.7%	33.7%
11% - 20%	66	13.9%	14.7%	15.7%	12.4%
21% - 30%	51	10.7%	9.6%	10.2%	8.4%
31% - 40%	35	7.4%	4.0%	3.0%	4.0%
41% - 50%	28	5.9%	8.3%	6.8%	8.2%
51% - 60%	12	2.5%	1.7%	1.3%	2.0%
61% - 70%	6	1.3%	1.1%	1.5%	2.4%
71% - 80%	13	2.7%	2.1%	5.5%	4.8%
81% - 90%	2	0.4%	0.9%	0.2%	1.8%
91% - 100%	2	0.4%	0.0%	0.2%	1.6%
No answer	91	19.1%	2.8%	5.0%	0.0%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Percent of Purchases	Deer Park		Downtown Chicago		Randall Road/ Algonquin Commons		Nu
	2008		2008		2008		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
1%-10%	128	26.9%	98	20.6%	41	8.6%	
11% - 20%	83	17.4%	15	3.2%	12	2.5%	
21% - 30%	85	17.9%	8	1.7%	14	2.9%	
31% - 40%	29	6.1%	3	0.6%	3	0.6%	
41% - 50%	22	4.6%	1	0.2%	6	1.3%	
51% - 60%	7	1.5%	1	0.2%	2	0.4%	
61% - 70%	10	2.1%	0	0.0%	2	0.4%	
71% - 80%	4	0.8%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	
81% - 90%	2	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
91% - 100%	2	0.4%	0	0.0%	2	0.4%	
No answer	104	21.8%	350	73.5%	393	82.6%	
Total	476	100.0%	476	100.0%	476	100.0%	

Percent of Purchases	Woodfield		Online		Other	
	2008		2008		2008	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
1%-10%	169	35.5%	156	32.8%	47	9.9%
11% - 20%	54	11.3%	55	11.6%	45	9.5%
21% - 30%	37	7.8%	35	7.4%	52	10.9%
31% - 40%	17	3.6%	5	1.1%	32	6.7%
41% - 50%	11	2.3%	5	1.1%	43	9.0%
51% - 60%	3	0.6%	3	0.6%	29	6.1%
61% - 70%	4	0.8%	0	0.0%	17	3.6%
71% - 80%	6	1.3%	0	0.0%	31	6.5%
81% - 90%	3	0.6%	1	0.2%	19	4.0%
91% - 100%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	11	2.3%
No answer	171	35.9%	216	45.4%	150	31.5%
Total	476	100.0%	476	100.0%	476	100.0%

19. Are there certain stores, products, services or restaurants not presently available in the town of Barrington which you would like to see added?

Store Type Desired	2008		2005	2002	1999
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
More restaurants	73	15.3%	12.6%	22.2%	21.6%
Book store	35	7.4%	7.2%	5.7%	1.4%
Family restaurants	22	4.6%	5.1%	7.7%	3.6%
Grocery store	23	4.8%	4.7%	4.0%	2.2%
Discount store	22	4.6%	3.8%	2.8%	3.6%
Organic foods, produce	20	4.2%	3.8%	0.2%	0.4%
Clothing - general	21	4.4%	3.6%	6.3%	2.6%
Department store	9	1.9%	3.6%	3.5%	1.8%
General comments	16	3.4%	3.6%	6.0%	13.2%
Chain restaurants	36	7.6%	3.4%	2.7%	--
Ethnic restaurants	12	2.5%	3.2%	2.8%	1.6%
Upscale restaurants	14	2.9%	2.8%	1.3%	1.0%
Specialty stores	10	2.1%	2.6%	2.2%	0.8%
Café/coffee place	2	0.4%	2.3%	--	--
Affordable restaurants	9	1.9%	1.9%	--	--
Fast food restaurants	16	3.4%	1.9%	2.3%	1.8%
Drug store	5	1.1%	1.5%	1.3%	0.4%
Home improvement store	10	2.1%	1.5%	2.2%	0.6%
Parking	5	1.1%	1.5%	--	--
Bakery	4	0.8%	1.3%	2.3%	0.6%
Clothing - women's	5	1.1%	1.3%	2.5%	0.8%
Tavern/bar	6	1.3%	1.3%	1.5%	--
Lower priced stores	5	1.1%	1.1%	1.8%	1.0%
Ice cream parlor	0	0.0%	0.9%	0.8%	0.4%
Shoe store	11	2.3%	0.9%	2.0%	1.6%
Shopping mall	2	0.4%	0.6%	--	--
Sporting goods store	4	0.8%	0.6%	0.8%	0.4%
Clothing - children's	5	1.1%	0.4%	1.5%	1.0%
Antiques	0	0.0%	0.2%	0.8%	--
Music store	1	0.2%	0.0%	0.5%	0.4%
Hardware store	43	9.0%			
Electronics store	6	1.3%			
Pizza restaurant	7	1.5%			
Specialty food store	18	3.8%			
Gas station	5	1.1%			
Deli	3	0.6%			
Fitness center	3	0.6%			

20-28. Do any barriers keep you from shopping more in the Village of Barrington?

Response	2008		2005	2002
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent
Distance from Barrington	64	13.4%	14.0%	13.0%
Times stores are open	69	14.5%	12.8%	13.2%
Parking	191	40.1%	45.5%	44.3%
Prices	194	40.8%	35.5%	41.8%
Unable to complete most shopping in one place	191	40.1%	37.0%	--
Lack of selection	268	56.3%	46.2%	59.8%
Need for upkeep	--	--	3.2%	2.8%
Need for sidewalks	27	5.7%	2.8%	4.7%
Traffic	182	38.2%	37.7%	40.8%
Other	15	3.2%	8.5%	5.5%

29. Downtown Barrington prides itself on stores and boutiques with high quality and unique items. Stores offer deliberate personal service. Pricing is usually at or near "suggested" level. On the other hand, larger stores and centers in other places offer self-service with discount pricing, often through volume purchasing. Please circle one number below which best represents the type(s) of stores that you would most like to see in the Downtown Barrington area.

Type of Stores Desired		2008	
		Number	Percent
Barrington - High Quality, Unique Items, Personal Service, Suggested Retail Price	10	33	6.9%
	9	17	3.6%
	8	55	11.6%
	7	55	11.6%
	6	40	8.4%
A Mix of Both Types	5	182	38.2%
	4	29	6.1%
	3	18	3.8%
	2	7	1.5%
Big Box Stores, Mall, Strips - Mass Produced, Goods, Self-Service, Discount Pricing	1	8	1.7%
No answer		32	6.7%
Total		476	100.0%

30-39. Below are some things which characterize communities. For each, please mark whether you find these things to be excellent, good, fair, or poor in your area. You may also respond "Don't know." (Means based on scale from 1-4 with 1=Poor and 4=Excellent)

30. Availability of social services overall

Rating	2008		2005	2002
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent
Excellent	30	6.3%	5.5%	7.0%
Good	131	27.5%	30.4%	32.7%
Fair	60	12.6%	13.8%	13.2%
Poor	15	3.2%	3.6%	1.7%
Don't know	218	45.8%	42.8%	41.3%
No answer	22	4.6%	3.8%	4.2%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Mean	2.75		2.71	2.83

31. Availability of services for youth

Rating	2008		2005	2002
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent
Excellent	45	9.5%	6.2%	7.3%
Good	139	29.2%	31.5%	34.2%
Fair	71	14.9%	18.3%	16.7%
Poor	30	6.3%	4.7%	8.0%
Don't know	170	35.7%	34.9%	30.3%
No answer	21	4.4%	4.5%	3.5%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Mean	2.70		2.65	2.62

32. Availability of services for senior citizens

Rating	2008		2005	2002
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent
Excellent	39	8.2%	6.0%	6.5%
Good	145	30.5%	27.2%	29.0%
Fair	54	11.3%	13.4%	10.7%
Poor	14	2.9%	3.8%	2.8%
Don't know	208	43.7%	46.4%	47.2%
No answer	16	3.4%	3.2%	3.8%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Mean	2.83		2.70	2.80

33. Availability of cultural activities, arts

Rating	2008		2005	2002
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent
Excellent	19	4.0%	5.1%	5.5%
Good	144	30.3%	28.7%	32.0%
Fair	165	34.7%	32.6%	34.5%
Poor	57	12.0%	17.0%	13.0%
Don't know	74	15.5%	12.8%	10.3%
No answer	17	3.6%	3.8%	4.7%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Mean	2.32		2.26	2.35

34. Quality of local primary education

Rating	2008		2005	2002	1999	1996
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Excellent	174	36.6%	30.6%	19.8%	36.9%	34.2%
Good	190	39.9%	44.3%	49.2%	44.1%	41.0%
Fair	28	5.9%	5.3%	12.5%	3.6%	6.6%
Poor	7	1.5%	1.1%	2.5%	1.4%	1.2%
Don't know	60	12.6%	15.1%	12.5%	14.0%	17.0%
No answer	17	3.6%	3.6%	3.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Mean	3.33		3.29	3.03	3.35	3.30

35. Quality of local secondary education

Rating	2008		2005	2002	1999	1996
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Excellent	155	32.6%	27.2%	18.0%	32.3%	29.0%
Good	176	37.0%	42.3%	45.0%	42.3%	42.0%
Fair	45	9.5%	8.1%	14.2%	5.2%	6.6%
Poor	9	1.9%	1.5%	3.2%	1.2%	1.2%
Don't know	71	14.9%	17.4%	16.3%	19.0%	21.2%
No answer	20	4.2%	3.4%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Mean	3.24		3.20	2.97	3.31	3.25

36. Availability of services for the disabled

Rating	2008		2005	2002	1999	1996
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Excellent	11	2.3%	0.9%	1.2%	4.8%	4.6%
Good	40	8.4%	10.4%	9.2%	27.3%	10.6%
Fair	45	9.5%	8.7%	10.5%	7.4%	7.6%
Poor	23	4.8%	4.7%	4.5%	2.4%	4.2%
Don't know	335	70.4%	71.1%	70.0%	58.1%	73.0%
No answer	22	4.6%	4.3%	4.7%	0.0%	0.0%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Mean	2.33		2.30	2.28	2.82	2.58

37. Access to local government decision makers

Rating	2008		2005	2002	1999	1996
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Excellent	31	6.5%	2.6%	4.0%	9.2%	8.8%
Good	121	25.4%	21.3%	23.8%	42.7%	38.1%
Fair	88	18.5%	21.9%	23.2%	15.2%	10.9%
Poor	41	8.6%	14.9%	12.2%	5.2%	3.9%
Don't know	174	36.6%	34.9%	30.8%	27.7%	39.1%
No answer	21	4.4%	4.5%	6.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Mean	2.51		2.19	2.30	2.77	2.87

38. Cooperation among local governments

Rating	2008		2005	2002
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent
Excellent	25	5.3%	1.7%	1.7%
Good	99	20.8%	11.1%	13.8%
Fair	92	19.3%	20.2%	24.7%
Poor	59	12.4%	33.2%	27.0%
Don't know	177	37.2%	29.6%	28.2%
No answer	24	5.0%	4.3%	4.7%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Mean	2.33		1.72	1.85

39. Quality of your local community or village services

Rating	2008		2005	2002	1999	1996
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Excellent	51	10.7%	5.7%	7.3%	18.4%	22.1%
Good	211	44.3%	45.1%	46.7%	60.7%	55.9%
Fair	104	21.8%	24.0%	25.8%	12.6%	11.2%
Poor	26	5.5%	8.5%	4.5%	1.6%	2.1%
Don't know	63	13.2%	11.9%	5.7%	6.8%	8.3%
No answer	21	4.4%	4.7%	10.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Mean	2.73		2.58	2.67	3.03	3.08

40. Availability of health care services

Rating	2008		2005	2002	1999	1996
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Excellent	117	24.6%	17.4%	19.2%	27.7%	32.1%
Good	227	47.7%	49.8%	51.3%	54.1%	46.1%
Fair	61	12.8%	14.9%	13.7%	5.4%	5.1%
Poor	16	3.4%	4.3%	2.5%	2.2%	2.1%
Don't know	36	7.6%	10.0%	10.0%	10.6%	13.1%
No answer	19	4.0%	3.6%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Mean	3.06		2.93	3.01	3.20	3.20

41. Availability of preventive health care

Rating	2008		2005	2002	1999	1996
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Excellent	84	17.6%	10.9%	15.0%	22.0%	22.1%
Good	189	39.7%	41.9%	40.8%	50.7%	43.1%
Fair	80	16.8%	15.5%	15.7%	6.8%	4.1%
Poor	22	4.6%	3.6%	3.0%	2.6%	2.1%
Don't know	82	17.2%	23.6%	21.7%	18.0%	27.1%
No answer	19	4.0%	4.5%	3.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Mean	2.89		2.83	2.91	3.12	3.20

42. Availability of wellness information

Rating	2008	
	Number	Percent
Excellent	80	16.8%
Good	174	36.6%
Fair	83	17.4%
Poor	17	3.6%
Don't know	102	21.4%
No answer	20	4.2%
Total	476	100.0%
Mean	2.90	

43. Availability of transportation for the elderly & disabled

Rating	2008		2005	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Excellent	12	2.5%	2	0.4%
Good	56	11.8%	44	9.4%
Fair	40	8.4%	54	11.5%
Poor	54	11.3%	50	10.6%
Don't know	297	62.4%	303	64.5%
No answer	17	3.6%	17	3.6%
Total	476	100.0%	470	100.0%
Mean	2.16		1.99	

44. Quality of your local Park District services

Rating	2008		2005		2002	199
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Perce
Excellent	74	15.5%	57	12.1%	17.7%	25
Good	207	43.5%	228	48.5%	53.7%	53
Fair	102	21.4%	95	20.2%	12.2%	9
Poor	24	5.0%	22	4.7%	4.8%	3
Don't know	53	11.1%	50	10.6%	8.3%	8
No answer	16	3.4%	18	3.8%	3.3%	0
Total	476	100.0%	470	100.0%	100.0%	100
Mean	2.81		2.80		2.95	3.1

45. Quality of, attention to the environment

Rating	2008	
	Number	Percent
Excellent	65	13.7%
Good	228	47.9%
Fair	91	19.1%
Poor	22	4.6%
Don't know	53	11.1%
No answer	17	3.6%
Total	476	100.0%
Mean	2.83	

46. If you rated any of these characteristics above as fair or poor, please tell what is ne

See comments.

Problem	2008		2005	2002	1999	1996
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Disabled persons' employment and training	31	6.5%	--	--	--	--
Need for housing in all price ranges	107	22.5%	24.3%	27.0%	26.3%	16.0%
Obesity in children	74	15.5%	--	--	--	--
Programs for families and children in crisis	39	8.2%	9.6%	10.8%	--	--
Property tax equity	204	42.9%	44.7%	38.2%	29.9%	35.4%
Racial or socioeconomic discrimination	54	11.3%	7.0%	7.5%	15.4%	13.8%
Respite services for caregivers	49	10.3%	8.5%	7.8%	--	--
School dropouts	16	3.4%	3.0%	1.5%	8.4%	3.6%
Special education for children	48	10.1%	7.9%	6.2%	--	--
Special recreation programs for physically/mentally challenged adults	44	9.2%	8.1%	4.7%	--	--
Special recreation programs for physically/mentally challenged children	40	8.4%	7.7%	5.3%	--	--
Support for caregivers	57	12.0%	8.1%	8.8%	8.6%	--
Support groups for single parents	39	8.2%	7.9%	8.5%	15.8%	15.4%
Support groups for two parent working families	32	6.7%	6.4%	6.8%	12.0%	4.4%
Teen pregnancy	21	4.4%	4.3%	3.7%	10.4%	6.6%
Violence involving guns	30	6.3%	4.3%	2.7%	10.8%	15.8%
Youth substance abuse	129	27.1%	--	--	--	--
Any other problems?	39	8.2%	9.8%	3.0%	--	--

82-86. Would you support the development of moderate-income affordable housing at an app unit value of \$130,000 or a rental of about \$1,100 per month?

Do you support . . .

Greater affordable housing in the Barrington area?

Response	2008		2005
	Number	Percent	Percent
Yes	157	33.0%	36.0%
No	199	41.8%	39.1%
Don't know	72	15.1%	11.1%
No answer	48	10.1%	13.8%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%

Type of Affordable Housing	"Yes"		
	2008		2005
	Number	Percent	Percent
In your residential area	104	21.8%	23.8%
If subsidies are required by local government	63	13.2%	14.7%
If higher density zoning is needed	79	16.6%	14.9%
If only for senior citizens and disabled	220	46.2%	48.7%

87. Would you support District 200 offering all-day kindergarten at one or more el schools?

Response	2008		2005	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	238	50.0%	249	53.0%
No	97	20.4%	86	18.3%
Not sure	130	27.3%	125	26.6%
No answer	11	2.3%	10	2.1%
Total	476	100.0%	470	100.0%

88-100. Almost every home faces difficult situations at some time. Please mark each situation that YOU or SOMEONE IN YOUR HOME experienced during the past year.

Situation	2008		2005	2002	1999	1996
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Difficulty finding child care	36	7.6%	5.7%	10.0%	5.4%	4.0%
Difficulty paying bills	86	18.1%	15.3%	11.7%	12.8%	2.2%
Home mortgage foreclosed or unable to pay	7	1.5%	--	--	--	--
Put off health care services or taking medicine because of cost or lack of insurance	63	13.2%	14.0%	9.5%	8.0%	3.0%
Difficulty finding older adult day care program	21	4.4%	1.1%	1.8%	2.2%	--
Difficulty finding supportive service for an older adult	28	5.9%	3.6%	4.8%	--	--
Difficulty finding services for family members with special needs	29	6.1%	3.0%	3.3%	--	--
Difficulty finding (2002 & 2005 - "gaining access to") affordable health care services	56	11.8%	7.9%	4.0%	--	--
Difficult finding affordable dental service	70	14.7%	--	--	--	--
Experienced unemployment due to an involuntary job loss	50	10.5%	--	--	--	--
Experienced an involuntary job loss due to downsizing or other reason	--	--	16.4%	13.5%	8.0%	1.8%
Unable to find affordable local mental health counseling or therapy	20	4.2%	4.7%	2.3%	1.6%	--
Unable to find recreation activities or park sites locally	43	9.0%	8.7%	6.2%	3.0%	--
Other	18	3.8%	3.8%	2.2%	--	--

101-102. Have you **ever** seriously considered or made plans for suicide?

Response	2008		2005	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	30	6	20	4.3%
No	432	91	439	93.4%
No answer	14	3	11	2.3%
Total	476	100	470	100.0%

Of those who said "Yes"

Result	2008		2005	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Only considered or planned	23	76.7%	16	80.0%
Actually attempted suicide	7	23.3%	3	15.0%
No answer	0	0.0%	1	5.0%
Total	30	100.0%	20	100.0%

103. During the past year, have you been hit, slapped, kicked, hurt or abused emotionally or physically by someone?

Response	2008		2005	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	16	3.4%	24	5.1%
No	451	94.7%	438	93.2%
No answer	9	1.9%	8	1.7%
Total	476	100.0%	470	100.0%

104-107. What type of abuse?

Type of Abuse	2008		2005
	Number	Percent	Number
Emotionally abused (intimidated, coerced, isolated, threatened or degraded)	13	81.3%	21
Physically abused (hit, slapped, kicked or physically hurt)	5	31.3%	3
Sexually abused (forced to have sexual activity)	1	6.3%	0
Financially abused (used your money or assets without your permission)	7	43.8%	7

108. Was there any time during the last year that you or a household member needed help in your personal situation, should have received help, but did not?

Response	2008		2005	2002	1999	1996
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Yes	29	6.1%	7.0%	5.5%	3.4%	1.4%
No	386	81.1%	84.5%	91.0%	96.6%	98.6%
Not sure	19	4.0%	4.5%	2.8%	0.0%	0.0%
No answer	42	8.8%	4.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

109. What was the service needed?

Service Needed	2008		2005	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Mental health counseling	8	1.7%	11	2.3%
Marital counseling	0	0.0%	3	0.6%
Transportation	3	0.6%	0	0.0%
Financial assistance	3	0.6%	0	0.0%
Respite care	3	0.6%	0	0.0%
Other	8	1.7%	0	0.0%

110-162. Does anyone in your household now have or has had any of the diseases or conditions listed below? Please mark in the age group the number of persons with this disease or condition.

Disease/Condition	Ages 0-17		Ages 18-44		Ages 45-64		Ages 65+
	2008		2008		2008		2008
	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.
Alzheimer's dementia, severe memory impairment	0	0.0%	2	0.6%	1	0.2%	20
Arthritis or rheumatism	0	0.0%	11	3.1%	49	9.4%	65
Asthma	32	7.8%	26	7.2%	21	4.0%	6
Autism or Aspergers Syndrome	8	2.0%	0	0.0%	4	0.8%	1
Cancer	4	1.0%	4	1.1%	34	6.5%	32
Chronic back pain or disc disorders	3	0.7%	18	5.0%	65	12.5%	38
Chronic bronchitis or emphysema	2	0.5%	5	1.4%	12	2.3%	10
Chronic digestive or stomach disorders	5	1.2%	15	4.2%	30	5.8%	11
Dental problems, not cared for due to cost	4	1.0%	18	5.0%	24	4.6%	15
Diabetes	3	0.7%	2	0.6%	25	4.8%	24
Heart disease	1	0.2%	3	0.8%	17	3.3%	46
Blood pressure, hypertension	1	0.2%	17	4.7%	101	19.4%	97
High cholesterol	2	0.5%	26	7.2%	117	22.5%	69
Persons in Age Group	408		360		520		2

	2008		2005
	Number	Percent	Percent
No one has any of these	101	21.2%	29.8%

163. Do you have people you feel close to and can talk to about your problems other than your spouse, children, or other family members?

Close Friend Status	2008		2005	2005
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent
No, I have no close friends	58	12.2%	11.3%	8
Yes, I have one close friend	69	14.5%	14.7%	10

Yes, I have two or more close friends	339	71.2%	71.7%	77.
No answer	10	2.1%	2.3%	3.
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%	100.

164. If you or someone in your household had a personal problem which required help, who would YOU turn **first**?

Response	2008		2005
	Number	Percent	Percent
Church, minister, rabbi, clergy	34	7.1%	8.7%
Elected official	0	0.0%	0.0%
Family	246	51.7%	51.1%
Friend	77	16.2%	15.1%
Health care provider or doctor	29	6.1%	4.3%
Labor union representative	0	0.0%	0.0%
Information & Referral Service	2	0.4%	0.4%
Police or sheriff	0	0.0%	0.2%
School counselor, teacher	0	0.0%	0.2%
Self help group	2	0.4%	0.2%
Social service agency	5	1.1%	0.9%
Someone at work	0	0.0%	0.6%
Therapist or counselor	17	3.6%	6.2%
United Way	0	0.0%	0.0%
No one in our household would use outside help	9	1.9%	1.9%
Other	1	0.2%	1.5%
Multiple answers	38	8.0%	--
No answer	16	3.4%	--

165-168. Do you feel **prepared** for future emergencies like natural disasters, terrorism or bioterrorism?

Response	At Home			At Work		
	2008		2005	2008		2005
	Number	Percent	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent
Yes	130	27.3%	30.2%	103	21.6%	23.0%
No	212	44.5%	37.0%	150	31.5%	28.9%
Not sure	118	24.8%	28.3%	74	15.5%	18.9%
Doesn't apply	3	0.6%	1.5%	112	223.5%	21.5%
No answer	13	2.7%	3.0%	37	7.8%	7.7%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%	476	100.0%	100.0%

Response	Commuting			In Your Community		
	2008		2005	2008		2005
	Number	Percent	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent
Yes	50	10.5%	13.0%	61	12.8%	16.2%
No	204	42.9%	37.7%	186	39.1%	36.0%
Not sure	109	22.9%	23.0%	201	42.2%	41.3%
Doesn't apply	80	16.8%	19.6%	8	1.7%	2.3%
No answer	33	6.9%	6.8%	20	4.2%	4.3%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%	476	100.0%	100.0%

169. How would you describe your feelings about worldwide problems, possible terrorism or bioterrorism?

Response	2008		2005
	Number	Percent	Percent
I feel secure that our intelligence, police, fire, and military are taking care of us.	126	26.5%	32.6%
I feel somewhat uneasy about the current situation.	310	65.1%	60.4%
I feel insecure and worried most of the time about the current situation.	32	6.7%	4.5%
No answer	8	1.7%	2.6%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%

170. Would you like to receive information about preparations to protect and deal with disasters, terrorism or bioterrorism in your community?

Response	2008		2005
	Number	Percent	Percent
Yes	311	65.3%	61.5%
No	87	18.3%	22.6%
Not sure	65	13.7%	13.0%
No answer	13	2.7%	3.0%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%

PLEASE TELL US JUST A FEW THINGS ABOUT YOURSELF AND HOUSEHOLD.

171. Gender of respondent:

Gender	2008		2005	2002	1999	1996
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Male	192	40.3%	41.3%	36.2%	30.1%	31.6%
Female	278	58.4%	56.2%	63.8%	69.5%	68.4%
No answer	6	1.3%	2.6%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

172. In what village or area do you live?

Community	2008		2005	2002	1999
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Barrington	148	31.1%	34.9%	36.0%	21.0%
Barrington Hills	31	6.5%	8.9%	3.8%	7.8%
Carpentersville	17	3.6%	1.9%	2.0%	4.4%
Deer Park	22	4.6%	6.0%	6.0%	6.6%
Hoffman Estates	38	8.0%	5.7%	3.7%	11.6%
Inverness	23	4.8%	2.1%	1.5%	--
Lake Barrington	65	13.7%	12.3%	15.3%	10.2%
North Barrington	33	6.9%	5.1%	6.7%	4.6%
Port Barrington	8	1.7%	3.0%	0.8%	1.4%
South Barrington	29	6.1%	6.0%	5.7%	7.6%
Tower Lakes	22	4.6%	3.6%	4.7%	2.8%
Cook County Unincorporated	14	2.9%	1.9%	3.8%	17.8%
Kane County Unincorporated	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%
Lake County Unincorporated	17	3.6%	6.8%	8.0%	3.8%
McHenry County Unincorporated	1	0.2%	0.2%	0.5%	0.4%
Not sure	2	0.4%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%
No answer	6	1.3%	1.3%	1.5%	0.0%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

173. How many years have you lived in the Barrington area (within zip code 60010 or Sch 220)?

Years	2008		2005	2002	1999	1996
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
0 - 4	92	19.3%	19.4%	15.0%	15.6%	22.8%
5 - 9	81	17.0%	19.6%	19.8%	21.0%	20.8%
10 - 14	77	16.2%	12.1%	19.2%	19.8%	15.0%
15 - 19	56	11.8%	14.7%	12.5%	11.2%	11.0%
20 - 24	62	13.0%	7.9%	10.8%	11.2%	9.0%
25+	99	20.8%	24.5%	21.0%	20.4%	21.4%
No answer	9	1.9%	1.9%	1.7%	1.0%	0.0%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

174. What is your age group?

Age Group	2008		2005	2002	1999	1996
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
18 - 29	4	0.8%	1.1%	0.7%	4.8%	4.6%
30 - 44	105	22.1%	25.3%	27.3%	29.1%	33.2%
45 - 64	250	52.5%	52.1%	50.7%	39.9%	38.8%
65 - 74 ¹	64	13.4%	12.6%	12.2%	25.5%	23.0%
75 - 84	31	6.5%	5.7%	6.2%	--	--
85+	17	3.6%	1.3%	1.3%	--	--
No answer	5	1.1%	1.9%	1.7%	0.6%	0.4%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

¹65+ in 1996 and 1999

175-183. **Other than yourself**, how many persons in each of these age groups live in your household?

Response	2008		2005	2002	1999
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Number of persons ages 0-4	91	8.7%	9.2%	9.5%	8.6%
Number of persons ages 5-12	180	17.2%	20.0%	19.2%	18.5%
Number of persons ages 13-17	137	13.1%	12.4%	13.6%	17.7%
Number of persons ages 18-29	117	11.2%	11.3%	12.6%	10.0%
Number of persons ages 30-44	134	12.8%	12.7%	14.3%	13.7%
Number of persons ages 45-64	270	25.7%	25.7%	23.7%	21.8%
Number of persons ages 65-74 ¹	74	7.1%	5.2%	3.9%	9.8%
Number of persons ages 75-84	33	3.1%	2.9%	2.9%	--
Number of persons ages 85+	13	1.2%	0.8%	0.5%	--
Total except respondent	1,049	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Total persons in household	1,525		1,382	1,815	1,457
Persons Per Household	3.20		2.94	3.04	2.91

¹65+ in 1996 and 1999.

184. Where is your **primary** work location?

Location	2008		2005	2002	1999
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
City of Chicago	41	8.6%	10.9%	8.7%	5.6%
Cook County outside Chicago	139	29.2%	27.7%	23.5%	27.1%
DuPage County	8	1.7%	3.0%	3.7%	1.4%
Kane County	10	2.1%	1.1%	1.7%	1.4%
Lake County	91	19.1%	18.3%	21.5%	9.6%
McHenry County	18	3.8%	2.1%	1.7%	2.4%
I do not work	138	29.0%	31.5%	35.2%	51.1%
Other	9	1.9%	4.0%	2.2%	0.8%
No answer	22	4.6%	1.5%	1.8%	0.6%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

185. Are you a Barrington business owner or operator, that is you own or operate a physical business at which business is conducted or services provided in the Barrington area?

Response	2008	
	Number	Percent
Yes	40	8.4%
No	426	89.5%
No answer	10	2.1%
Total	476	100.0%

186. Does anyone in your household work at home?

Working at home	2008		2005	2002	1999
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Yes	119	25.0%	25.3%	22.7%	13.4%
No	349	73.3%	72.1%	75.3%	86.2%
No answer	8	1.7%	2.6%	2.0%	0.4%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

187. Number of persons working at home as their primary office.

Response	2008		2005	2002	1999
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
1 person	70	14.7%	16.0%	13.7%	11.2%
2 people	7	1.5%	1.7%	1.7%	0.6%

188. Number of persons working at home as well as traveling to other locations.

Response	2008		2005	2002	1999
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
1 person	60	12.6%	14.5%	10.2%	2.4%
2 people	7	1.5%	1.3%	1.8%	0.2%
3 people	1	0.2%	0.9%	0.3%	--

189-194. How many persons in your home **do not have** any health insurance such as a major medical insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, HMO, PPO, or something else?

Response	2008		2005
	Number	Percent	Percent
None, everyone is covered	428	89.9%	91.9%
Not everyone is covered	32	6.7%	5.5%
No answer	16	3.4%	2.6%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%

If any persons in your home are not covered by medical insurance, please enter the persons in each age group who are not covered:

Response	2008			2005	
	Number	Percent	Number of Persons in Age Group	Percent	Number of Persons in Age Group
Persons ages 0-17 not covered	3	0.7%	408	0.5%	
Persons ages 18-29 not covered	9	7.4%	121	12.0%	
Persons 30-44 not covered	8	3.3%	239	1.7%	
Persons ages 45-64 not covered	18	3.5%	520	3.3%	
Persons 65+ not covered	0	0.0%	232	0.6%	
Total	38	2.5%	1,525 ²	2.6%	

¹Includes nine no answers

²Includes five no answers

195. At what age do you expect to retire from your job? (Choose closest age.)

Age	2008	
	Number	Percent
50	5	1.1%
55	25	5.3%
60	39	8.2%
62	23	4.8%
65	92	19.3%
70 or later	59	12.4%
Unsure	100	21.0%
Not applicable/already retired	116	24.4%
No answer	17	3.6%
Total	476	100.0%

196. During retirement, where do you anticipate living most of the year? (Mark only one.)

Age	2008	
	Number	Percent
Barrington area, stay in home	258	54.2%
Barrington area, retirement community	14	2.9%
Chicago area, retirement community	5	1.1%
Chicago area, live with family	13	2.7%
Warm weather states	108	22.7%
No answer	12	2.5%
Other	66	13.9%
Total	476	100.0%

197-204. Which of the following statements describe your expected or current retirement activities (all that apply.)

Retirement Activities	2008	
	Number	Percent
Work part-time	185	38.9%
Start a new business	34	7.1%
Work part-time as a consultant	75	15.8%
Take courses in an area of interest	148	31.1%
Volunteer for non-profit, church	234	49.2%
Travel	332	69.7%
Time with grandchildren, children	278	58.4%
Other	57	12.0%

205. Are you responsible for the care of an older adult such as an aging spouse, parent or relative?

Response	2008		2005	2002	1999	1996
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
No	361	75.8%	78.7%	80.7%	89.6%	87.8%
Yes, an older adult living in my home	24	5.0%	4.9%	3.3%	1.8%	3.4%
Yes, an older adult living on his/her own	47	9.9%	8.9%	7.8%	6.6%	6.6%
Yes, an older adult in a retirement community or nursing home	26	5.5%	4.7%	5.8%	1.6%	2.2%
Yes, other	5	1.1%	1.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%
No answer	13	2.7%	0.9%	2.0%	0.2%	0.0%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

206. Are you responsible for the care of a disabled or special needs individual (other than the elderly)?

Response	2006		2005	2002
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent
No	424	89.1%	92.1%	93.7%
Yes, a disabled or special needs individual living in my home	21	4.4%	3.8%	2.8%
Yes, a disabled or special needs individual living on his/her own	7	1.5%	1.1%	0.3%
Yes, a disabled or special needs individual living in a group home or independent living unit	7	1.5%	0.2%	0.5%
Yes, other	3	0.6%	0.9%	0.0%
No answer	14	2.9%	1.7%	2.7%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

207-215. What, if any, local newspaper do you usually read during the week?

Newspaper	2008		2005	2002	1999
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Chicago Sun Times	34	7.1%	7.2%	5.8%	10.4%
Chicago Tribune	253	53.2%	60.2%	67.0%	48.7%
Daily Herald	166	34.9%	36.4%	38.8%	28.1%
Northwest Herald	20	4.2%	3.6%	3.8%	6.4%
Barrington Courier-Review	228	47.9%	54.7%	65.7%	35.1%
Barrington Lifestyle	91	19.1%	22.3%	--	--
Other	29	6.1%	7.0%	0.8%	--
Do not read a newspaper	52	10.9%	7.9%	4.2%	8.4%

216. How would you **most** like to receive information about the community, ways to improve quality of life, or your family's health?

Source	2008		2005	2002	1999
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Newspaper - daily	72	15.1%	16.6%	17.0%	31.7%
Newspaper - weekly	58	12.2%	21.5%	24.3%	14.8%
Radio	2	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	2.6%
Television	11	2.3%	1.5%	0.5%	8.8%
Direct mail	136	28.6%	33.6%	23.0%	15.2%
Handouts around town	4	0.8%	1.5%	0.5%	3.2%
Internet, computer	91	19.1%	9.8%	4.2%	7.2%
Physician or other health provider	5	1.1%	1.5%	1.2%	11.0%
Friend	2	0.4%	0.9%	1.2%	1.0%
Other	4	0.8%	1.1%	0.5%	1.8%
Multiple responses	60	12.6%	10.0%	23.5%	--
No answer	31	6.5%	2.1%	4.2%	2.8%
Total	476	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

217. Is there any other ("specific" - 2008) change that you feel would improve the quality of Barrington area?

Response	2008		2005	2002	1999	
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	F
Respondents Commenting	197	41.4%	47.0%	44.3%	46.7%	

APPENDIX III
MAIL SURVEY VERBATIM COMMENTS

BARRINGTON AREA NEEDS SURVEY: 2008
COMMENTS

1-5. First, we would like to know what's **most important** to you about living in the Barrington area. (22-23) Other:

- Close to our church.
- Close to expressway. Affluent area.
- Not like surrounding communities.
- Close to church.
- 5 acre property.
- Metra transportation.
- Horse community.
- 5 acre zoning.
- Good service in general at commercial establishments.
- Good access to transportation (railroad expressway).
- Not a rail traffic super Hwy!
- Proximity to toll road.
- Train access to city.
- Train to Chicago.
- Close to highways.
- Close to commuter train.
- Close to Metra Station
- Equestrian activity/space.
- Close to shops and stores.
- Low costs.

6-10. Now, are there some things that you feel are **missing** in the Barrington area. (15-19)

- Real estate tax is out of control.
- Widening Rt. 59 and bypass on Hart Rd. around Barrington.
- Bike-only lanes on roads like Ela Road in Deer Park.
- Sufficient stress on environment and conservation.
- High quality athletic fields at our parks and high school.
- Sidewalks.
- Parking.
- Sidewalks so you could walk to locations.
- Friendly, unpretentious people.
- A hospital that won't kill you.

- Activities that bring the community together.
- Concerned about people moving in that don't want horses around.
- Winter snow removal – Barrington Road south of town is an unacceptable hazard like it simply isn't plowed.
- Friendly neighbors.
- Higher standards for overall aesthetics of retail establishment in downtown area.
- Lack of true downtown.
- Need leaf burning ban ordinances.
- Need fewer train tracks.
- Logical on/off ramps for I-90. There should be an eastbound off ramp for and westbound on ramp for Barrington!
- Police/Fire department.
- Better local government in charge. New officials, too many old officials in office and government that should leave who hurt this town.
- City water.
- City sewer.
- More commerce to reduce taxes.
- Welcoming to new people.
- Close fire dept.
- Clean water.
- Good water quality.
- Parking at train.
- Adequate non-rush hour parking at train station.
- Kids grow up here and can't afford to live here as adults.
- Groundwater policies.

11-18. About what percent of your purchases are made in or near these locations? 18. Other

- 60% Lake Zurich
- 50% Jewel
- 20% Telephone/catalogue/miscellaneous stores
- 75%
- 75% Palatine/Hoffman
- 20% Lake Zurich
- 15% Miscellaneous places
- 40%
- 5% Kane County
- 50% Lake Zurich
- 30% Higgins & 59

- 60% Lake Zurich
- 96%
- 92%
- 20%
- 40% Catalog
- 73% Travel
- 35% Crystal Lake/Vernon Hills
- 30% Westfield
- 60% Lake Zurich
- 30% Prairie Stone Plaza
- 25%
- 70% Lake Zurich
- 10% Miscellaneous surrounding areas
- 50% Joe Caputos grocery
- 30% Lake Zurich
- 80% Lake Zurich/Wauconda
- 5%
- 70%
- 60% Lake Zurich, Wal-Mart, Target, Trader Joe's
- 20%
- 20%
- 90% Lake Zurich/
- 25% Fox River Grove
- 25% Lake Zurich
- 30% Lake Zurich
- 100% Rand Road from Lake Zurich to Arlington Heights
- 50% Hoffman Estates
- 25% Palatine
- 95% Arlington Heights/Hoffman Estates, Schaumburg
- 45%
- 70% Lake Zurich
- 60%
- 30%
- 45% Lake Zurich
- 4% Palatine
- 80% Lake Zurich
- 10%
- 65% Lake Zurich, etc.

- 25% Lake Zurich
- 40% Lake Zurich (food)
- 50% Lake Zurich
- 10%
- 50% Local but not listed
- 20% Lake Zurich
- 5%
- 40%
- 25% Lake Zurich
- 40% Lake Zurich
- 65% Algonquin, Carpentersville, and misc.
- 45%
- 50% Lake Zurich
- 20% Lake Zurich
- 75% Mail order
- 50% Lake Zurich and Wauconda
- 60% Lake Zurich, Wauconda, McHenry
- 20% Out of state
- 55% Lake Zurich, Arlington Heights, Palatine, Hoffman Estates, etc.
- 30%
- 30%
- 60% Lake Zurich
- 5%
- 75% Lake Zurich
- None in Cook County
- 38%
- 25% Schaumburg/Hoffman
- 50% Palatine/Crystal Lake
- 45% Various in Schaumburg
- 90% Schaumburg/Palatine
- 75% Hoffman/Streamwood
- 10% Other
- 30%
- 25% Lake Zurich
- 10%
- 10% Palatine/Lake Zurich
- 15% North Shore
- 60%

- 63%
- 20% Stratford Square
- 45%
- 20% Lake Zurich
- 20%
- 50% Palatine and Lake Zurich
- 30% Lake Zurich (Costco, Trader Joe's, etc.)
- 60% Lake Zurich, Palatine, South Barrington
- 15% Fox River Grove
- 40% Costco, Wal-Mart, Target, etc.
- 60%
- 20% Hoffman Estates
- 10% Lake Zurich
- 53%
- 10% Lake Zurich
- 40% Lake Zurich or Fox River Grove
- 20% Hawthorn Mall - Vernon Hills
- 60% Lake Zurich Jewel-Osco
- 5% Phone
- 30% Lake Zurich (Target, Wal-Mart)
- 30% Palatine (Caputos, Eurofresh)
- 50% Lake Zurich
- 15% Mail order
- 10%
- 20% Hoffman Estates, Crystal Lake
- 35% Online
- 80% Crystal Lake
- 10% Lake Zurich
- 80% Lake Zurich
- 75%
- 5%
- 85% Palatine/Schaumburg
- 40% Lake Zurich
- 60%
- 20% Surrounding suburbs
- 55% Lake Zurich
- 30% Palatine
- 40% Lake Zurich

- 50% Lake Zurich
- 4% Lake Zurich/Rand Road
- 30% Lake Zurich/Schaumburg
- 20%
- 25% Oak Brook
- 10%
- 10%
- 10% Vernon Hills
- 60% Lake Zurich/ ZZ & Ela Road
- 25% Lake Zurich, Rand Road
- 50% Lake Zurich, Hoffman Estates, Schaumburg
- 40%
- 40% Various
- 13% Palatine/Lake Zurich
- 20% Crystal Lake
- 45% Lake Zurich and other suburbs
- 75% Crystal Lake area
- 93% Lake Zurich
- 75% Lake Zurich
- 10% Outside towns
- 40% Hoffman Estates
- 50% Lake Zurich
- 81% Fox River Grove, Crystal Lake, Lake Zurich
- 40% Vernon Hills/Lake Zurich
- 60% Wal-Mart
- 40% Lake Zurich Costco/Target, Wal-Mart
- 20% Lake Zurich and Palatine
- 30% Lake Zurich
- 10%
- 10% Various other suburbs.
- 30%
- 50% Lake Zurich
- 10% Lake Zurich
- 50% Lake Zurich
- 30% Lake Zurich
- 30% Lake Zurich, Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Kohl's, etc.
- 60% Palatine/Hoffman Estates
- 30% Lake Zurich

- 30% Lake Zurich
- 10% Arlington Heights, love the downtown!
- 20% Lake Zurich, Rt. 22 & 12
- 10% Palatine, Arlington Heights
- 25% Crystal Lake
- 30% Catalogue
- 80% Palatine/Arlington Heights, Schaumburg
- 65% Hoffman Estates, Arlington Heights
- 75%
- 60%
- 90% Lake Zurich
- 30% Lake Zurich
- 5% Mail order
- 10%
- 95% Target, Wal-Mart, Kohl's
- 75% Lake Zurich
- 30% Catalog
- 75% Catalogs and Lake Zurich and Wauconda
- 10% Catalog
- 60% Lake Zurich
- 10%
- 10% Hawthorn Mall, Liberty Mall/Vernon Hills, Crystal Lake
- 85% Lake Zurich
- 10% Gurnee Mills
- 10% Crystal Lake
- 80% Lake Zurich/Palatine
- 24%
- 10%
- 90% Lake Zurich, Crystal Lake
- 64%
- 40% Lake Zurich, Costco/Target, etc.
- 10% Lake Zurich, Palatine
- 30% Hoffman Estates
- 25% Hoffman Estates (Hwy 59)
- 90% Lake Zurich, Palatine
- 50% Hoffman Estates
- 10%
- 89% Lake Zurich, Crystal Lake, Wauconda, Vernon Hills, Libertyville ...

- 30% Lake Zurich
- 40% Lake Zurich
- 30% Lake Zurich
- 75% Hoffman Estates
- 10% Catalog
- 15% Northbrook Court
- 50% Palatine/Arlington Heights
- 25% Lake Zurich Shores
- 40% Lake Zurich
- 20%
- 50% Lake Zurich
- 50% Discount stores
- 15%
- 70% Lake Zurich
- 50% Ela/Hwy 22 Lake Zurich
- 50% Lake Zurich
- 40% Lake Zurich
- 5% Rand Road/Lake Zurich/Wal-Mart, Costco, Home Dept
- 40% Lake Zurich, Wauconda, Cary
- 83% Vernon Hills, Crystal Lake
- 30% Wauconda
- 30% Internet
- 30% Lake Zurich/Other
- 40% Hoffman Estates
- 40% Lake Zurich
- 89% Lake Zurich, Arlington Heights, Palatine, etc.
- 65% Lake Zurich
- 80% Lake Zurich
- 70% Lake Zurich
- 50% Wauconda/Lake Zurich
- 10% Stratford/Yorktown
- 78%
- 50% Crystal Lake, Lake Zurich
- 10% Lake Zurich
- 80% Lake Zurich
- 25% Randhurst
- 5%
- 68% Miro

- 60% Arlington Heights, Schaumburg
- 60% Schaumburg and Hoffman Estates
- 10%
- 86% Lake Zurich, Palatine, Schaumburg
- 85% Hoffman Estates/Palatine
- 75% Lake Zurich
- 10% Gurnee Mills
- 20% Hawthorn
- 10% Lake Zurich
- 100% Dundee Road, Palatine area
- 10% Arlington Heights
- 70% Lake Zurich
- 10%
- 5%
- 20% Lake Zurich
- 80% Wauconda
- 20% Lake Zurich, Palatine
- 15%
- 80% Schaumburg
- 30%
- 50% Lake Zurich Rand Road
- 20% Crystal Lake
- 35% Gurnee/Vernon Hills
- 80%
- 30%
- 40% Nearby shopping areas
- 30% Deerfield/Schaumburg
- 25%
- 50% Lake Zurich
- 35%
- 95% Lake Zurich, Wauconda, Palatine
- 70% Lake Zurich
- 50% Palatine and Lake Zurich
- 15%
- 60% Palatine and Lake Zurich
- 80% Lake Zurich
- 98%
- 50% Lake Zurich

- 20% Wal-Mart, Jewel needs some competition so expensive!
- 25% Lake Zurich
- 68%
- 90%
- 10%
- 10%
- 35% Lake Zurich
- 40% Lake Zurich
- 90% Lake Zurich
- 75% Crystal Lake, IL
- 90% Cary
- 60% Lake Zurich
- 10% Lake Zurich
- 30% Lake Zurich
- 45% Lake Zurich
- 85% Lake Zurich/Cary/Crystal Lake
- 50% Lake Zurich, Palatine, Evanston
- 15% Arlington Heights and Crystal Lake
- 50% Lake Zurich
- 10% Palatine
- 90% Hoffman Estates, Palatine, Schaumburg
- 70% Lake Zurich
- 25% Palatine
- 30% Lake Zurich/Palatine
- 80% Lake Zurich
- 20% Lake Zurich
- 80% Catalogs
- 50% Oak Brook
- 25% Lake Zurich
- 30% Palatine/Lake Zurich
- 60% Lake Zurich
- 25% Eurofresh
- 20%
- 15% Fox River Grove/Cary
- 50% Palatine, surrounding suburbs
- 12% Hawthorne
- 20% Lake Zurich
- 50%

- 40% Malls
- 25% Lake Zurich
- 50% Lake Zurich
- 10% Crystal Lake
- 50% Lake Zurich
- 10% Libertyville
- 15% Rand Road stores
- 55% Lake Zurich
- 50% Lake Zurich
- 10% Lake Zurich
- 15% Crystal Lake
- 25% Lake Zurich
- 35% Wauconda
- 95% Lake Zurich
- 70% Lake Zurich/Palatine
- 30% Lake Zurich/Palatine
- 15%
- 25% Lake Zurich (Wal-Mart)
- 40% Other suburbs
- 15%
- 20%
- 60%
- 20% Lake Zurich
- 45% Lake Zurich (Target, Costco, Wal-Mart, Kohl's)
- 40%
- 65% Rand Road area and Wauconda
- 50% Lake Zurich, Oak Brook, Antioch, Kenosha, Vernon Hills
- 10% Whole Foods (organic)
- 10% Oakbrook

19. Are there certain stores, products, services or restaurants not presently available in the town of Barrington which you would like to see added?
- We live in 220 yet are in Carpentersville so we rarely travel to Barrington. appointments only or test at Good Shepherd.
 - Shoe store.
 - Lowe's, Home Depot, Target, Walgreen.
 - Other grocery store beside Jewel, too expensive for seniors.
 - XXI, Bebe's, Guess Store.
 - Fazoli's, Chick-fil-A.
 - Other food stores, a place to buy needles, thread, etc.
 - Pizza, small restaurants.
 - Walgreen drugstore, stop lights at Garlands at NW Highway.
 - I'd like to see a nice clean Steak & Shake. I hate losing a hardware store.
 - A Best Buy, Circuit City, or Comp USA types.
 - Olive Garden.
 - Bookstore, reasonably priced clothing stores.
 - A bookstore, an Egg Harbor-type restaurant open for dinner, outdoor/active clothing store, alternative grocery store.
 - Fast food & high-end restaurants would be nice.
 - Chain restaurants (Buffalo Wild Wings, Chilis, etc.), bookstore (Barnes & Noble), - large, sit down (Gino's, etc.).
 - Affordable family restaurant with healthy food, no fast food!
 - Anything affordable.
 - Wal-Mart.
 - We desperately need more restaurants! Clothing that is affordable, too.
 - Seafood restaurant.
 - More restaurants.
 - Good fun restaurants.
 - Sweet Tomatoes.
 - Ace Hardware store leaving.
 - Bookstore, "modern" home decorating items, upscale beauty supplies, unique affordable "one-of-a-kind" home decor/artwork store, upscale kitchen supplies. who do not live in the Barrington area say that when driving down 59 into town, see is banks and depressed-looking storefronts. Nothing entices them to get out of their car and look at what is available on the other streets. Have seen new proposal for 59 & 59 on cable. Hope it happens!
 - Speciality restaurants – steak, fish, Chinese. We need more.
 - Healthy food store (Whole Foods).
 - Very few restaurants for upscale community.
 - A good Jewish deli, affordable, healthy sandwich shop.

- Department stores, chain stores, affordable restaurants.
- Target.
- Ace Hardware.
- A Trader Joe's type store, Apple Villa, or Bob Evans without big signs, men's store, moderate prices. Talbots or like women's store.
- Olive Garden, good steak house.
- Organic grocery store like Whole Foods.
- Portillo's, Boston Market, large mall specifically with a Nordstrom. More restaurants, seafood and/or southwest cuisine. A sit-down pizza restaurant.
- Restaurants, kid's activities.
- Lou Malnati's Pizza, Portillos.
- Restaurants! Chain stores.
- Nordstrom, Neiman-Marcus, Whole Foods, Weber Grill Restaurant.
- Trader Joe's.
- Bars/clubs like jazz club/piano bar, and restaurants. Francesca's was a great need more.
- Family restaurant, moderately priced stores.
- Chipotle, A tapas restaurant, an upscale Mexican restaurant like Frontera in C outdoor cafes.
- Bookstore, Nobles; restaurant - Panera Bread, Ulta, Old Navy, more restaurants.
- More cafes like Café Amici's or Yuetas which closed.
- Restaurants, hardware store, discount clothing (Gap, Old Navy).
- Hardware.
- Gourmet food stores/bakery, organic/health food choices, ethnic foods, art gallery, pathway/parks, Whole Foods grocery. Better parking facility at train station.
- More lively restaurants and clubs.
- Chain stores and chain restaurants, Ace Hardware, Corner Bakery restaurant, Joe's.
- Wal-Mart, Target, train store (hobby shop), more drive thrus.
- More family owned ethnic restaurants, movie theaters that show more independent films.
- Hardware, good restaurants, better traffic control, monitor speeders.
- Panera, Gap, Cosi, American Eagle, Ace Hardware, TGIF, Eddie Bauer.
- More restaurants, bookstores, clothing/shoe stores.
- Deer Park shopping is more convenient and has more to offer, will just go there.
- Pagliai's or Avpillo's Pizza.
- Hardware, senior center.
- Produce store, Lowe's.
- Gas stations near Inverness.
- Local restaurants – inside children playgrounds.

- No. Shopping is overrated & unnecessary.
- Best Buy, Super Menards, Meijer, Costco.
- More dining choices.
- Ace Hardware, Burger King.
- A hardware store, bookstore.
- Bookstores, shoe stores, affordable children's store, etc. No more cleaners, bank shops or florists.
- Walgreen, California Pizza Kitchen.
- Target, women's clothing stores, Best Buy.
- Restaurants for evening and/or families.
- Yes, we need to stop being so protective and develop downtown Barrington with and restaurants and stores. But you need condos to support the businesses.
- Target.
- More ethnic restaurants, bookstores, kid's shops, play places like Gymboree, pur
- Do not shop very much in the Village of Barrington.
- Decent low cost restaurants that serve dinner. Bookstore.
- Bookstore (Borders), Ace Hardware, fine but reasonable Bistro, hobby shop (not type).
- More affordable restaurants.
- More restaurants with staying power! They keep on coming and going.
- Lowe's, Nordstrom.
- Express.
- Bookstore, more cost effective grocery store.
- More restaurants/stores like Naperville.
- Hardware (when Ace leaves), bookstore.
- Home Depot, furniture.
- Clothing.
- Menards, Wal-Mart.
- Whole Foods Market, organic produce, and grass-fed meats, pastured poultry,
- Whole Foods, Trader Joe's.
- Long John Silver.
- More restaurants, more nice shops.
- A nice Italian restaurant, Barnes & Noble, Panera Bread.
- Well known, brand name stores and restaurants and shops that attract shoppers increase traffic in the small boutique shops.
- Hardware store.
- Grocery store, apparel store such as Chuck Hines.
- More kids clothing, Amazing Gracie's is too expensive, women's and kid's sho kind of restaurant.
- Bonfish Guru.

- A gas station (South Barrington)!
- Family restaurants other than hot dog places, affordable teen shops.
- Whole Foods, specialty food stores.
- Discount stores, upscale, high quality restaurants, not chains dept. store (like Liposky's).
- No more restaurants.
- Barnes & Noble, Panera Bread.
- Grocery store like Valli's or Caputo and Costco, Sam's.
- Family restaurants (non chain), bookstore, electronics.
- Need a shopping area like Deer Park.
- A large craft store, like Hobby Lobby.
- More restaurants for family/casual dining.
- More stores for clothing.
- Restaurants.
- Unless there is improved parking and pedestrian access - wouldn't matter.
- Panera Bread.
- Good Mexican and Thai restaurants, more family dining. Hardware store since going out.
- Panera, Abercrombie, big name, good brand or specialty stores.
- Dominick's Food Store.
- Hardware, more non fast food dinner restaurants.
- Local, good quality restaurants or bars.
- More restaurants.
- Library branches, Japanese restaurant (cook in front of you), low price family res shoe store.
- Target like store, Whole Foods type store, Famous Footwear type store, another pubs not fast food and more restaurants for families. Fewer or no more banks!
- Chipotle, Panera, Corner Bakery, Potbelly sandwiches – restaurants New York Pizzeria where families can dine in. Gift shops.
- Bookstore, family restaurants, really any store!
- Whole Foods or similar.
- Would like to keep the Ace Hardware!
- Shoes, sporting goods, kids. We do try to support Barrington shops, but Deer Park gotten a lot of our business.
- More family-friendly and also quick food places. Also, would like more gas stations a place like a Meijers/with convenience. They are 10-20 minute drives now.
- Bookstore, hardware (Ace is closing), fabric/craft, housewares.
- Barrington has very little in terms of restaurants and retail variety.
- Stores and restaurants people want, not cleaners, tailors, or antique shops.
- More restaurants, more shops like Gap, Williams Sonoma.

- Department store (Kohl's, JC Penny).
- Food store.
- A new Ace Hardware.
- Additional food stores.
- More restaurants, quality stores.
- Restaurants.
- More restaurants.
- Trader Joe's.
- More restaurants like Francesca's. Adult clubs. Nightly entertainment.
- More restaurants that are affordable other than Wool Street – gets old.
- More restaurants like Francesca's.
- Clothing store, department store, hardware store.
- Trader Joe's. Fresh fruit and veggies year round (farmers market) ☺.”
- Always nice to see quality restaurants.
- Restaurants.
- We're losing Ace.
- Decent restaurants.
- Deli.
- Popeye's restaurant.
- Hardware store reasonably priced, high sales tax generating store such as Target.
- There is no point. No one can park here and no one buys here. Look at all the storefronts.
- Chicken restaurant.
- Restaurants with good/adequate parking.
- Hardware/Home improvement, bookstore.
- Potbelly's Sandwich Shop.
- Convenient parking.
- Family restaurants.
- Yes.
- With our only hardware store closing, I would hope to see another one soon.
- Bookstore, TJ Maxx or Marshall's, Radio Shack.
- Yes, many like Lake Forest, Evanston, Naperville, or Geneva to name a few. Barrington lacks the cafés, restaurants, and boutiques that draw/attract the public.
- Panera, Bakery, Walgreen, replacement of Ace Hardware, health care services
- Restaurants.
- Many yes are needed, but village officials and crazy laws compared to other towns are running local business out of Barrington like Deer Park Mall.
- Portillo's or similar restaurants.
- Additional supermarket food store.

- More restaurants.
- Restaurants.
- Olive Garden, evening restaurants, fast food other than McDonald's, discount dollar stores, and clothing.
- Not enough high quality restaurants.
- Hardware store.
- Florists, non chain coffee/tea shop, children's clothing, women's shoes, car bookstore.
- Panera, Barnes and Noble or smaller bookstore, Sweet Tomatoes.
- Target.
- Restaurants.
- Yes, too many to list.
- Fresh produce (inorganic/organic). Trader Joe's, Best Buy, Sam's Club/Costco
- Dining – Chipotle, Jimmy Johns; specialty grocer – Trader Joe's.
- Bookstore, restaurants, Whole Foods, central meeting area for community.
- Less chain type restaurants, more community type restaurants.
- Walking trails, bike paths. Also, would like to see more promotion of local social especially Barrington Career Center.
- Lack of retail is now pathetic. There's not much available here any more. Good hardware, general shopping are urgently needed.
- Affordable restaurants.
- Most stores located on Randall Road with drive thru's.
- Casual family restaurants.
- Upscale grocery like Whole Foods, etc., more restaurants.
- Hardware/Home center store.
- Competitive grocery stores.
- Additional grocery store, gas station south end of area.
- Good restaurants. There are so many other bigger shopping areas within rea distance, it is redundant to have them in Barrington. Jewel and drug stores suf
- Chipotle, Corner Bakery, more selection in groceries, Trader Joe's.
- We need an Ace Hardware.
- Faster express train to Chicago. Train to O'Hare.
- Trader Joe's, Whole Foods, banking centers.
- Barrington is inconvenient from north Hoffman Estates. Single lane traffic Barrington doesn't want others there.
- Restaurant choices/quality, non-(super) chain grocery shopping, sub-par d shopping.
- Independent restaurants, Irish pub.
- Yes, hardware store, bookstore, more sit-down restaurants that aren't pizza (Bistro, Francesca's, Wool Store great), a healthy take out place (soups/salads

- More restaurants – high end not fast food, no chains.
- Gas station, smaller grocery store, more mid-price restaurants.
- More restaurant selection.
- Blockbuster Video, Panera.
- So sorry but between Lake Zurich and Deer Park it's all I need and they are near.
- Family restaurant, bakery, Wal-Mart, another grocery store.
- Good restaurants are too few.
- Panera Bread, family restaurant in town where teen could go on weekends, replace for Ace Hardware.
- Yes! Specialty stores that are affordable. Gourmet shops and cheese, olive oils and rubs. Music. Al Fresco dining. Nice bar/restaurant.
- We hate to see Ace Hardware leaving, therefore, something similar. More restaurants (Thai, Greek, Vietnamese, etc.).
- More grocery stores.
- More restaurants, a pizza place, and a local quiet bar.
- Clothing stores.
- Panera, more restaurants, Whole Foods type, family clothing store, department store.
- Ethnic restaurant, bookstore, shoe store, men and women store.
- Health food store, health clubs.
- Restaurants, less real estate offices, in "quaint" old buildings.
- Quality restaurants.
- Bookstore (Borders, Barnes & Noble), Panera, Dominick's or Whole Foods type, restaurants. Lifetime Fitness (great place for families).
- Walgreen, Jewel Foods, Stir Crazy, nail salon, dry cleaners, Jamba Juice, L.A. Tacos, Tomatoes restaurant.
- When Ace Hardware closes, there is need for another hardware store.
- Ace or Home Depot (Ace is closing), bookstore, Wal-Mart, Costco, Target.
- Chain restaurants like Taco Bell, Applebees, Portillos, etc.
- Top quality meat market, high quality restaurants.
- Hardware, Mexican restaurant.
- More restaurants, more nightlife, specialty grocery stores.
- Midrange eateries.
- More restaurants with quality food.
- Few more grocery stores, department store.
- More drive-in opportunities. Portillo's (fast food).
- Restaurants.
- More moderately priced clothing – \$150 Jeans, \$70 T-shirts are too much!
- Another grocery store besides Jewel.
- Sports equipment, camping gear, etc.
- Barnes & Noble, more restaurants, record store, bakery, real Italian deli.

- Family-friendly restaurants.
- Whole Foods, hardware store, women's clothing store.
- Ace Hardware closing, need another one.
- Downtown area doesn't seem to attract enough people. Seems more could be market this like music and folk festivals, etc.
- Indian food.
- Outback type restaurant, PF Chang quality, big box store.
- Carson Pirie Scott, anchor store or Von Maur
- Whole Food/Organic grocer.
- Popeye chicken.
- Bookstore, an after hours wine bar/jazz club. Clothing stores with more variety and affordable.
- Medium to high end restaurants.
- More/better restaurants, shopping. A good health/fitness center.
- I would like to see the Barrington library open much longer hours. There is a need for accessibility for people who work full-time. Suggestions: open 24 hours during the week and 8 a.m. until midnight on weekends or 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. seven days a week. Add satellite locations in local schools 7 p.m. to midnight with internet connectivity. Provide materials related to a few subjects such as business, taxes, periodical in numerous languages of interest.
- Only one grocery store, Jewel too expensive, Dominicks in Fox River Grove is good. Need another for competition. Hardware store (Ace closing), not enough affordable restaurants.
- Corner Bakery or Panera Bread, however should not compete with the "Village" bakery in town.
- Casual, traditional women's, men's clothing (ages 40-50). Women's shoe store.
- Bookstore, ethnic grocery store. Family-Kid restaurants.
- Family moderately priced restaurants.
- Affordable clothing, hardware (with Ace going out), reasonable priced household items like towels, linens, etc.
- Upscale grocery store option, more restaurants that are upscale with nightlife, garage at the train station, boutiques (upscale).
- More variety of stores and restaurants.
- More choice in restaurants serving dinner.
- Target like store.
- Some Lettuce Entertain You (Levy Restaurants) would be nice. More boutique style with varying price ranges like Forest Park now has. Restaurants like Forest Park has good food too.
- Specialty shops like Ann Taylor or Williams Sonoma. More restaurants.
- More mid-size chain stores for food, little dining in Barrington.
- Stores of all kinds and restaurants needed.
- Barnaby's Pizza, family restaurant with good food, reasonable prices, casual.

- Reasonably priced clothing store.
- Restaurants.
- I think we already have everything.
- European-style restaurants.
- More restaurants. Bookstore, specialty grocery store.
- Women's clothing stores, Red Lobster restaurant.
- I would like to see a better variety of restaurants like Francesca's (excellent). Growing on the North Shore I was used to having tons of food choices. Also need more stores that are not just for wealthy.
- Lodging for visitors. Top restaurants.
- Hardware store (soon), bookstore, good Chinese restaurant, theater company, history museum, art gallery, more dinner restaurants, affordable clothing shops.
- More restaurants – Chinese, Thai, fish.
- Inexpensive family restaurant like Bakers Square, Red Lobster, Olive Garden.
- Target, Traders Joe's.
- Health stores.
- Chipotle, competition for Jewel, family-oriented restaurants.
- More restaurants open in evening. Bookstore.
- Any of the Lettuce Entertain You restaurants.
- Panera, Wendy's (have to drive to Palatine, Lake Zurich, or Cary).
- Gymboree or indoor kid's play place, Spanish Griddle, eastern restaurants.
- More variety in restaurants.
- Hardware, home improvement, department store.
- I'd like to see other choices than unique specialty stores.
- Bookstore, family restaurants.
- Most stores are already close by and duplication in Barrington would not make sense. Maybe Corner Bakery or Au Bon Pain restaurant.
- More restaurants, not chains.
- Will need hardware store when Ace closes.
- No shoe store, no athletic store, soon no hardware store, no bookstore.
- More stores.
- Good Mexican restaurant, independent stores and restaurants, not chains.

20-28. Do any barriers keep you from shopping more in the Village of Barrington? 28. Other

- Village shopping would be much more appealing if overall experience was "quite good". Need enough boutique browsing shops. Should try to be similar to Geneva but without the high prices. Be more "touristy" to boost revenue.
- Trains.
- Don't do much shopping.

- Cook County sales tax.
- Support small business owners and help them upgrade image and facilities of storefronts. Refer to Geneva, IL.
- No stores.
- C'ville.
- People at stores in Barrington are not friendly.
- Lack of "true downtown" feel and offering for a community so affluent as Barrington at Hinsdale, IL.
- Main Street looks shabby! Barrington's history of "traffic management" has resulted in poor downtown development. Why do other suburbs look so much better?
- Train crossing.
- Roads.

46. If you rated any of these characteristics in Questions 30-45 on the prior page as fair or poor, please tell what needs to be improved.

- Traffic, parking spaces, congestion. We do not travel to Barrington due to congestion on the roads and no places to park.
- Elderly and disabled service.
- Availability of reasonable health care services.
- The land across the street of the post office – disgrace to residents of Park Barrington.
- Advertise more.
- Let us know about these services via flyers.
- More community health education classes, weight loss.
- Better access.
- Self known (have to) see media.
- Each group seeks more tax \$ independently of the others. Our real estate taxes are outrageous and is forcing us out of our home.
- Not enough health care in Barrington.
- More activities or youth-oriented recreation for children & teens. More options of places to go.
- Something for teens to do, all the towns need to work together (park districts) to raise funds. Boutique is too expensive, need government to expand willingness to bring in more businesses.
- Awareness of services available for disabled like newsletter.
- Significant use of autos adds to traffic and pollution problems. Leave car at home would be a unique promotion for the area.
- Local government, zoning, etc., don't seem to work together to promote new businesses.
- Would like some establishments that have nightly entertainment like piano bar.
- 1) Langendorf needs to be rebuilt, glad to see this is in the works.
2) Would like to see more theatre and cultural activities like Arlington Heights.

- Park District for Barrington Hills.
- Little or no public transportation.
- The environment – water quality and open spaces, should be primary concern at the moment in history to safeguard the earth for our children and grandchildren.
- Seems to be fighting Park District vs BAHS. Are they district government?
- Need more facilities for young kids like Gymboree, Little Gym or My Gym, children's museum.
- Health world accessibility.
- Park District building not enough room and needs major updating.
- Worried about the acquisition of E & J railroad.
- The village has been negligent in fixing flooding issues in my neighborhood for 20 years or more!
- Indifference to damage done by snowplows and salting to yards and plants, trees.
- More activities.
- Office buildings don't have recycle bins, Barrington Commons!
- The Carpentersville officials need to be unified. The village needs increased services, cultural activities (I can't think of any in town), and to beautify the village.
- More arts, concerts in the park, local Board seems unapproachable, more alliances with other local village to build something larger, environment – more "recycle days."
- Park District needs to add and upgrade athletic fields. More youth programs need to be offered. More family-oriented cultural programs needed.
- Cultural activities/art - embrace more global topics. Barrington is too stodgy - old fashioned. Village services would be much better with better customer service, they need a sense of urgency. Healthcare needs better operations (efficiency and customer service) and wellness info?
- I think, if there are social services in Barrington, they need to be more widely publicized and make available to young people (high school) discreetly.
- Bring Christmas and Easter back to grade school. I don't even know the Mayor's name.
- Less politics, more cooperation.
- More \$ into the schools! More \$ to Park District. Yes and that means more taxes.
- Some Park District facilities (Langendorf) are very run down (poor bathrooms/old).
- I'm not sure of the availability of transportation for seniors or those with disabilities. There used to be some, if there still is, I don't hear anything about it.
- More social service agencies providing resources to the community. Domestic violence counseling/addictions counseling.
- Public transportation.
- The problems for youth are extreme in the Barrington area with regard to abandoned children issues due to lack of good parenting, drug use, parties, sexually acting-out. Too many drug dealers and too much denial.
- News after election I don't even find out who won unless I check around. Barrington TV station with bad sound.

- Coop-Gov! They chose to let the Amphitheater proceed, destroying the quality of life for 100's of tax-paying citizens. (Quality I fear as well.)
- Centralized or coordinated resources for people in danger of falling through the cracks. Affordable senior day services, reduced dependence on auto transport.
- No place for teens to “hang out,” lousy water, too many lights on Main!
- Good Shepherd Hospital, you could die there.
- Health clinics, most have limited daytime hour availability. We have to work around them to make use of them.
- This community has long needed a combined center in town. During the day for seniors, evenings for teens.
- Too much politic – turf issues.
- We need the governments of South Barrington, Barrington, Barrington Hills to work together to develop the downtown area into a place to go, widen 59, expand schools, meet enrollment, and better park services.
- Improved staff of Park District. We took some programs and the leaders were very good (B ball).
- Need more activities for kids of all ages. Communities like Buffalo Grove have better district activities, community fairs than Barrington. Our E.C. building is shameful. Taxes are too high because the village restricts business.
- There is a need for better public transportation for not only the elderly, but for the general public. Barrington needs more public places where teens are welcome to hang out.
- I believe too many people can still fall between the cracks because of our lack of thinking outside the box. I think the response to the “Price of Privilege” book at the high school touched on many points. I have to go downtown or the North Shore to find a good play, or art. The local government again can't think outside the box. It's a clique that does not welcome differing opinions.
- Loss of BAAC has impacted community arts.
- No youth or senior center.
- Please stop allowing the residents to burn trees, instead waste recycle would pick up the waste.
- It would be great if Barrington(s) had art shows, live performances, theme. Social services are not as good when the demographics include affluence, no one feels sorry for the poor people.”
- Park District services – The instructor for Marital Arts didn't show up half the time. Volleyball instruction - kids found boring and didn't learn much. Swimming - ran out of the time, no make up classes provided. Kids didn't pass.
- Services and activities need to be published more and they need to offer a greater variety of programs to choose from.
- Environment needs attention. We live in the village and many children have asthma, maintenance meds, plus many Type I diabetics.
- Park District not affordable.
- We need a lecture series, music series, disabled service of all needed, Park District is somewhat rigid and narrow.

- They either don't exist or I am not aware of them.
- Have to wait much too long for an appointment, even in case of emergencies. M for Barrington Park District services, Cuba Township has none.
- Good Shepherd is a terrible hospital.
- My only experience with the Park District was fitness center at Langendorf. machines were difficult for me to use, equipment was old, and didn't look like cleaned.
- I used to live in Schaumburg. Village is much more active in the community.
- More attention for senior citizens.
- Better programs in the schools and the community at large for the disabled.
- 24 hour healthcare and Park District needs to offer free hours or a day for Ba residents, like in the Buehler YMCA in Palatine "free Fridays," third Friday of mo
- We don't like that we have to pay such high rates for "out of district" activities. V a theatre like Arlington Heights for performances.
- Access to decision makers, traffic congestion.
- Park District activities are limited and village families have to pay way too much.
- Why are Deer Park residents considered out of district for Barrington Park activities?
- We live in North Barrington and are not in the Park District. We must pay "out of fees which reduces use.
- There is no theatre or art centers/museums.
- Not enough for teens to do. Local government needs to catch up with the curri and regulations.
- 1) Please be more strict about leaf burning, causes air pollution.
2) Please do not allow humongous housing among small house neighborhood
- Lack of community discourse with little regard for the average family.
- It would be nice to have a cultural/theatre center.
- Services are lacking, taxes are too high for the low quality of services provided.
- Not much going on in the arts except at the library. Governments seem to arg than cooperate.
- The Park District offerings for youth are expensive.
- I am not aware of preventative health care services. There is no convenier transportation from my area that is affordable.
- A community with several parks and youth programs which revolve around thos
- Relations between Hoffman Estates and South Barrington.
- Regarding services for youths, a survey should be done at the schools to determ is needed. All I hear from my teenager is that Barrington is "boreington."
- Activities for kids and teens. Transportation for seniors. Local Park District nee affordable activities.
- I think North Barrington should work with South Barrington on who should w Barrington as one big community. We are part of one zip code.
- Diversity in schools. Much better traffic management.

- Nothing to do in Barrington. Local government has held Barrington back compared to Lake Zurich, Deer Park, Palatine, etc.
- Park District needs improvement, services for teens/teens (social activities) expansion. Local government needs to upgrade its stores/businesses/restaurants in the village. People/Families would like more restaurant and other places to go in the village. Instead, many families go to Deer Park or Lake Zurich.
- Would like to attend musical group events or plays in community theater.
- We need a viable arts council and we need a council of local governments that can do something done about traffic!
- Looking for more unique classes, more inspiring, same from year to year. No one has thought goes into improving. Pool should open an hour earlier for season pass holders. I've never heard or seen anything about preservation of environment and the local products sold in area attests to that.
- I do not feel that the youth have good support as far as outside activities and it seems like businesses do not get great support from the village government.
- Closing of BAAC disappointing. Crowding of middle schools, referendum nightmarish.
- Resources in early interventions. I've waited 6 months on therapists and they say in my area there aren't any resources.
- Although there are productions, etc. by BHS and local dance troupes, BAAC is still needed. Not sure how effective BACOG is or ever will be. The local villages really exist to protect their turf. Good Shepherd Wellness Center needs competition.
- The village trustees need to get off their ass and make the downtown attractive to residents.
- I feel there needs to be more contact from the Village of Lake Barrington to the rest of the county.
- It would appear that the various local government all have their own private agendas and the local concerns are concerns to all.
- Government does not seem to notice the traffic problem on Rt. 59 thru town. No service for wheelchairs. Pollution due to traffic.
- Anyone who can't drive or wants public transit, taxis are rare and very expensive. There should be for \$2.00 a shuttle to Barrington Metra Station, would ease the problem and reduce out of auto experience. A resident of North Barrington, we need more for activities that are free or pay more for activities that one must pay for.
- Local bus/taxi services.
- The local politicians are more interested in their "egos" than listening to the community.
- Decision makers need to make themselves known. A wellness center perhaps?
- Services in Barrington are good.
- Quality of attention to the environment, especially nature preservation and quality of drinking water (safety).
- No real service for disabled. Poor transportation for elderly.
- Social services all for elderly or non working, not for working poor. Disabled not supported. Youth is a joke.
- Need to ban leaf burning in Lake County villages.

- Opportunities/services for individuals with disabilities. Greater attention to environmental concerns.
- More information for self-health help, what transportation is available, and where to transport to, location in area for more cultural and services in area.
- Public transportation other than Metra is terrible. Local governments fight rather than solve regional problems (IL 59).
- Not aware of any urgent care resources in the village.
- Glad to see Park District will be improved with new facility.
- More plays, concerts, speakers, etc.
- Need to make more available.
- Teen center. Improve pool facilities.
- I would like to see huge changes in the local government people and officials. They just collect paychecks and don't work for the good of the people or citizens.
- More cooperation in solving traffic issues.
- Better/more park facilities, overcrowded schools.
- More services and affordable for youth, seniors, and disabled. No public transportation other than train and congestion. Solutions for traffic in towns.
- School class sizes too large, lack of individual attention.
- More activities/locations for youth to congregate socially from 7:30-11 p.m., on Fridays.
- Park District – too expensive for out of district. We pay up to 50% more than Palatine, Prospect, Cary, or Geneva.
- Somewhere for high school kids to go after dinner hours other than “hanging out.” Governments and village services should be able to work out differences without more of controversy in the newspaper.
- Service stations' assistance.
- I had terrible experience with Cuba Township Road Commissioner. Very difficult to deal with. He appears to be very corrupt.
- Park District is fragmented among numerous small communities as well as government services. Need to consider centralizing essential SVU fire/police/parks/roads, etc.
- General info if these services available. More programming through Park District.
- We drive to Arlington Heights to go to NW Community Hospital when needed. We have several bad experiences at Good Shepherd and will go out of our way to avoid.
- Need to be able to get around to places by bike/walking.
- Deer Park has nice parks, but probably not enough residents for park programs.
- More things to do.
- Stop making it almost impossible for productive commerce.
- No or limited transportation of elderly.
- Have not lived in area long enough to answer honestly.
- There are so many cultural and art activities that are easily accessible, I don't see the need in Barrington.
- Air quality, live near Barrington transport dispatch lot, noise pollution - trains.

- Limited activity in the arts. This is an advantage living close to Chicago so it do have to be in Barrington.
- Hoffman Estates is growth at all costs and South Barrington in very slow growth. T be a conflict.
- I have not been able to find desirable clinics nearby.
- Barrington needs to figure out what it wants to be, a town that wants to isolate its others or not. Wonder why I don't shop there, too annoying to go there. Shop a yourselves!
- Downtown fairs, festivals, art fairs, general summer activities very "bush leagu High end housing (mansions) taking up too much land/ruining access to nature.
- More concert venues. The library is very limited, too small for many crowds.
- Other than services provided through churches, I don't know if any transportation a to seniors or disabled citizens.
- More services of after-school care or summer camp care are needed.
- Barrington Park District should be available to serve the surrounding Ba communities without extra fee for out of district.
- Senior center, transportation for senior to doctors, etc.
- Could always use more and promote more.
- Cultural events.
- South Barrington should be more involved in our community.
- Unresponsiveness by local government (very pompous and all knowing). Park good for some but definitely not all. Too many new out-of-character tear down quality, just size.
- Park District needs better management. Need indoor pool and more year round a
- Secondary education.
- More health food stores like Whole Foods.
- Greater access with availability.
- A closer proximity fire department.
- Use less salt in winter, use sand or nothing on less traveled roads.
- Tower Lakes government needs to serve citizens more equally, prioritize to needs community. Very little attention to maintaining village landscape.
- More focus on youth activities without extensive prices. High school education better, too many mixes from different styles. Huge drug problem at school.
- More senior citizen activities and transportation are needed as well as Alz facilities.
- Need live theater and art films. Need music venues.
- Communication, "thinking out of the box," more upscale restaurants with class.
- Teenagers complain there are no places to go. I go to Chicago for theater.
- Limited services and activities for handicapped or disabled.
- We've always felt that local government governs to the local elite. Barrington is more than just its "money."

- Transportation for elderly.
- Downtown area not friendly to wheelchairs.
- Would like a new arts council, uneven quality of teachers, recruit teachers from colleges, not enough emphasis on math in curriculum, need more counselors.
- Seniors that can't drive have very limited options. No wheelchair transportation, no bus for the entire area. Poor taxi service. Limited options or none with FISH.
- Cultural arts center.
- Theater/Concert opportunities, improve Catlow similar to Ravinia.
- Elderly education and transportation.
- Not a wide variety of concerts and exhibits. When walking to work I see garbage trash on roadside.
- More information to residents.
- Student/Teacher ratios in schools.
- Better high school education, better hospital.
- Contactees cannot always direct you to a decision maker and even resist making an effort to find out who they are. They don't know.
- Transportation for elderly to doctors/stores. Response to concerns about flooding, etc., needs improvement. Police and detective service needs improvement. No attention to crimes, attitudes of police need to be adjusted. Too arrogant. Community of those with money.
- Average compared to other towns.
- Few activities or services for seniors.
- Early childhood school. Park District service poor for administration, quality of program.
- We need a theater here for older adults in the village for local acting, dance, music groups, not just the high school auditorium.
- High percentage of people can afford and will support higher quality events.
- Our main street area looks mismatched and dated. More attention to at least a visual blend would be much better. The whole side near the Catlow is in great need.
- Not enough options.
- A cultural center celebrating the various ethnic groups in the Barrington area would be wonderful so people can share their culture and others can learn. Our Park District is very small, maybe better discounts with Barrington Park District. Lets participate with green movement like lights out for an hour.
- There is no social service in Barrington, only a Cuba Township. Barrington Township is too caught up in bureaucracy to help anyone but their own pockets.
- Local services do not extend to our subdivision. Roads need to be widened (FISH) to improve traffic flow and decrease air pollution.
- Price improvement.
- No bus service.
- Community at large does not support institutions, like SVCS, education, individual services.
- Cooperation among surrounding Barrington – Hills, North, South, regarding transportation, land acquisitions and freight trains.

- Transportation other than Pace, township buses.
- Park services only for Barrington community proper!
- Better communication (publicity) of what services are available.
- Living in Tower Lakes we are considered “out of district” and have to pay too much. The Village of Tower Lakes should be offered a choice like being considered “in district” for the Park District.
- Needs to be more/better public transportation for all.
- Barrington High School could perform better for the bottom half of students and could do well to shape responsible and sensitive citizen.
- There is nothing that I know of that encourages knowledge of activities.
- Village leaders make decisions that are not the feelings of longtime Barrington residents.
- Could use an indoor playground/play area for small children in wintertime.
- I think Barrington should have a theater like Crystal Lake, Arlington Heights, Waukegan.
- Classroom sizes are too large, students don’t get individual attention unless they sit at both ends of spectrum. Culture and arts limited to schools.
- I live in Port Barrington, my children attend Wauconda schools. I am surprised that this questionnaire came to our home. When we receive mailings, Port Barrington is not included.
- Listen to the citizens on issues instead of going by dollar signs – Motor Werks expansion.
- Park District should include all Barrington communities. Secondary education – our schools, not enough teachers, should allow more parent involvement.
- More performing arts and more local, national, international artists exhibitions, shows.
- We desperately need to find ways to create development patterns that make public transportation practical.
- Population too small to improve. Education in all of U.S. has been poor since the 1970s. Elected officials too arrogant/too power hungry. Lack of education of workers characteristics has caused standing water problems.
- Park District building is outdated. Would like to see more recycling, no plastic (Jewel, CVS, etc.), info on composting.
- Was disappointed when BAAC left. We participated often. More needs to be done on environmental issues starting with educating children. What about point drop off about limiting phosphorus in fertilizers.

47-81. The following are problems that exist in many communities. Please mark those issues you feel need greater attention in your community. 81. Any other problems?

- Illegal aliens in my area, namely Hispanics.
- Quality of police.
- Reduction of carbon emissions and other harmful emissions and lack of conservation awareness by most citizens.
- Road cleanup for garbage.
- Road repair.

- Sales tax.
- Coyotes and foxes attacking and killing pet dogs and cats.
- There are a lot of single people, no kids, what is being done to help us! Taxes, social opportunities. I mean middle aged and older singles.
- Government leaders that cannot compromise and work together. Leadership has no term plan. Reactionary, not proactive.
- Farm exclusion in Barrington Hills abused. Significant revenue lost.
- Affordable sports for kids or gyms for adults.
- Barrington teachers are greatly overpaid. Hispanic social services – they came voluntarily and illegally, so they should fit into our culture, not us into theirs.
- Gifted education.
- Landlords that don't take care of houses they rent out.
- Overcrowded junior highs, more intramural for high school students.
- During the snow, better cleaning of sidewalks and intersections, was hard to walk to library this winter.
- Playgroup coordination for small children.
- Overcrowded schools.
- "Parenting"- teaching responsibilities.
- High school is too big! Limits opportunities for "average" kids.
- After school program for older elementary school children.
- Aid for poor.
- Curriculum that teaches financial literacy, entrepreneurship, junior achievement.
- Need bike pathways.
- Affordable assisted living facility in Barrington.
- Public transportation.
- Litter along streets and roads.
- I have to pay non resident rates to do anything in Barrington, example, pool cover user fee. Attend class.
- Water, mosquitoes.

88-100. Almost every home faces difficult situations at some time. Please mark each situation or SOMEONE IN YOUR HOME experienced during the past year. 100. Other:

- Difficulty finding top notch doctor in specialty like gastroenterology, internists.
- Huge unjustified property tax increases.
- Affordable golf.
- Unable to find good local family doctors.
- Help with snow removal, yard work.
- Because of health difficulties, I am feeling isolated from recreational activities.
- Property taxes unequal.

- Support for families with crisis.
- Can't afford programs for my kids.
- Difficulty getting to know neighbors/community. There aren't a lot of community activities.
- Transportation.
- Difficulty saving money.

108-109. Was there any time during the last year that you or a household member needed personal situation, should have received help, but did not? Yes, 109. What was the needed?

- I applied for unemployment and was denied. I was the only white person there.
- Support for caregiver of senior.
- Access to psychologist.
- Police.
- Counseling to help cope with an elderly mother who has severe depression as well as other mental disorders.
- Non-traditional (non-AA) therapy for alcohol abuse.
- Anger management.
- I am a cancer survivor and could use help with snow removal. No commercial help without a season contract - too expensive. What about transportation and mass transit.
- I had twins before my other daughter turned two. I was overwhelmed and became postpartum depressed. I needed help, support, and respite. I contacted local Baptist churches, high school, even nursing homes for volunteers. I was turned away everywhere. I thought it takes a village! Not if you live in Barrington.
- Mental health.
- (No) Two years ago, the answer would have been "yes." Our teenage son needed a certain sort of help and we didn't know what kind. A local psychologist wasn't helpful. Barrington High School and a local psychiatrist have been wonderful. But, we lost several years of valuable time.
- (No) This happened within 5 years. No unemployment. No source of income of any kind. I was rejected by Aid Human Resources. Information needed to direct where to go or how to see for help, every bill was behind. I didn't qualify even for food stamps. Born and raised here an American citizen, but no help for me.
- (Blank) My sister lives with us and needs dental/medical and doesn't have insurance.
- Help with VA benefits for a senior parent.
- Counseling for emotional abuse.
- Community support and crisis help. My daughter was one of the students critically injured in the Northern IL University shooting on February 14. No one from local government contacted us to see if we needed any governmental services or community services.
- Too personal.

- Help financially. As a single working parent, my salary does not cover rent, utilities etc. There are no secondary jobs. No help even at church for people like me. Well educated poor. If I was of color, I would get aid.
- The roof of my house leaked from ice damage and insurance wouldn't cover it. financial problems because of child support stopped (unemployed), numerous can't pay for school tuition (fees outrageous) and make too much money, foreclosed house, didn't meet deadline for grant, wasn't told about deadline.
- Counseling for depression (teen).
- Child dealing with marital conflict.
- Mother-in-law living with me needed bus service during reasonable times of day
- Needed advice to help teenager deal with depression and anxiety.
- Drug abuse.
- Respite for a caregiver.
- Crippled, can't walk, cannot drive, or take train. Need some way to get to Chicago
- Threatened and intimidated by neighbors when my property was stolen and vandalized. Live in fear of neighbors. Police no help.
- Insurance for our children. Did not qualify for "Children First."
- Dental work.

164. If you or someone in your household had a personal problem which required help, who would YOU turn first? (16) Other:
No Comments.

184. Where is your primary work location? (8) Other:

- DeKalb
- Will County
- Many places
- National consultant
- State of Illinois
- IL, WI, MO, IA
- DeKalb County
- Rockford

196. During retirement, where do you anticipate living most of the year? (6) Other:

- No idea
- Not sure yet
- Unsure
- Unknown
- My car
- Barrington in summer, warm climate in winter
- Unsure at this time
- Near my kids
- Mexico
- Half here, half in Florida
- Unsure
- Some place with a lower cost of living – lower taxes
- Wisconsin lake home
- Don't know
- Not decided
- Barrington area, retirement community and warm weather states in mid-winter
- Don't know yet
- Unsure
- South Central US/low tax state
- Don't know yet
- Abroad
- No idea
- Wisconsin
- Mixture of locations
- 50% Chicago area, 50% Los Angeles
- Not decided yet

- Where ever the bb is
- Don't know yet; 1,2, or 5
- Colorado
- TBD
- Wisconsin
- Traveling
- Half in Barrington, half in Florida
- Split between Barrington and Harbor Springs, Michigan
- Don't know
- No idea
- Multiple places including Barrington
- Wherever the future grandchildren live
- Not sure
- 80% other
- Clueless
- Northeastern U.S.
- Europe
- Door County, Wisconsin
- Barrington part-time and part-time Naples, Florida
- Not sure
- Not sure
- Mexico
- Central Wisconsin
- Sri Lanka
- Don't know
- Parent's home
- Michigan
- Not sure
- Canada
- Not sure
- Not sure
- Don't know
- Not sure
- Unknown
- Not sure, maybe return to Kentucky and family (is Kentucky "warm weather")

197-204. Which of the following statements describe your expected or current retirement activities?
(204) Other:

- Bowling, golf
- Golf, bicycling, hikes
- Hobbies, exercise
- Manage household
- Work full-time
- Hobbies
- Help parents
- Hobbies
- Golf
- Babysit
- I enjoy playing bridge, reading
- Book club and friends
- Fish
- Softball
- Not sure
- Research and writing
- Foster abused dogs
- Computer picture hobby
- Full-time work
- Follow music interests
- Time with elderly, needy relatives
- Hobbies
- Volunteer Association Board, volunteer former employer retiree club
- Hobbies
- Fish
- Sports
- Hobbies
- Personal hobbies
- Exercise/train
- Physical activity – biking, gym, etc.
- Golf
- Recreational activities
- Activities
- Sports
- Read, hobbies, friends, church
- Golf and fishing

- Loaf
- Care for parent
- Oil painting
- Sports
- Random activities
- Gardening
- Farm
- LSD, lyric, lyric lectures, Ravinia, Steppenwolf, natural history, time with friends and
- Golf
- Gardening, exercise, investing

205. Are you responsible for the care of an older adult such as an aging spouse, parent or other family member? (5) Yes, other:

- Older adult living with me temporarily, but will still need my help once moved.

206. Are you responsible for the care of a disabled or special needs individual (other than elderly)? (5) Yes, other:
No Comments.

207-215. What, if any, local newspaper do you usually read during the week? 213-214. Other:

- Whatever the free local paper is, don't know name
- On line blogs
- Lake Zurich Courier
- Wall Street Journal
- Hoffman Review
- Quintessential Barrington
- Barr Questrian
- Wall Street Journal
- Lake Zurich Courier
- Palatine Countryside
- Quintessential
- Wauconda Leader
- Quintessential Barrington
- Elgin Courier
- Hoffman Estates Review
- Reflections
- USA Today

- New York Times
- Internet
- New York Times
- USA Today, Wall Street Journal
- New York Times
- Radio news, internet
- Wall Street Journal
- New York Times
- US News, internet
- Crain's

216. How would you most like to receive information about the community, ways to improve quality of life, or your family's health? (10) Other:

- Magazine.
- In one of the local magazines.

217. Is there any specific change that you feel would improve the quality of life in the E area?

- Illegal aliens seem to be taking over our schools and now my children are being pushed to the side. I bought my house in District 220 because of the schools. Now, I am being pushed to the side. I did, and I can't sell my house because the market is so bad. People (Hispanic) are buying houses in District 220 that do not even live there, not fair!
- We are satisfied living here.
- More bike trails along major roads such as Lake Cook and Ela Roads. More walking trails.
- Lower taxes (real estate).
- More trees and plantings on streets and major thoroughfares and an underground railway to help the flow of traffic.
- Need Walgreen drug store downtown. Need to reduce traffic congestion in downtown Barrington. Need stop lights at the Garlands.
- Prevent CN RR takeover of the EJ & E.
- 1) Improve traffic situation.
2) Put in a multi-level parking deck behind Harris Bank to serve shoppers and commuters.
3) Develop bike-only lanes on busy roads to encourage biking.
4) Encourage a broad mix of retail (chains and locally-owned businesses).
- Do not put in low income or "affordable" housing!

- The section of Deer Park where we live is in District 95, very disappointing that son cannot attend Barrington High School. Include east section of Deer Park in 220. One block west of my home the children go to Barrington schools. I will have to pay for private high school education.
- We need growth – restaurants, stores, etc. People who live in Barrington spend money in other locations because there's nothing to do here.
- Decrease in traffic congestion - i.e., railroads.
- I sent my daughter to Lake Zurich for all day kindergarten because it is not offered here.
- Population diversification.
- Maybe informal/family oriented block parties in residential areas to help neighbors know each other.
- More diverse housing to accommodate singles, single parents, etc.
- Lower taxes.
 - 1) Improve emergency room care at Good Shepherd Hospital.
 - 2) More busing of high school and middle school students to ease morning traffic, emissions, and fuel use.
 - 3) Epilepsy inservice by Epilepsy Foundation for all schools to include students and staff members.
 - 4) Also, do not feel that the schools are prepared especially for terrorism. Schools should have drills for all of these situations on regular basis.
 - 5) Discrimination in school both socioeconomic and disabled among students and teachers.
- Don't raise property taxes too much.
- The Village of Barrington should be the "heart" of all of the surrounding Barrington villages. We are happy to see the movement toward improving the downtown area and would like to see this continue so that the entire Barrington region is strongly connected. We feel a revitalized and exciting "center" is the key.
- Keeping property taxes relatively low compared to other nearby areas will help increase property values.
- Traffic improvement.
- The folks in the Barrington area seem so much less aware than other wealthy areas of conservation, evidenced by preponderance of SUVs, lack of recycling opportunities, government and quasi-government facilities.
- More activities for youth and elders.
- Reasonably priced health clinic for ordinary health problems to be able to use emergency room.
 - 1) This winter's potholes.
 - 2) Trains, too many.
 - 3) Restaurant with good parking.
 - 4) Downtown is clean and nice, thank you.
- More facilities for young kids. More restaurants and stores.
- No rail congestion!
- I wish the Port Barrington area would be considered part of Barrington, both educational and recreational activities.

- Better local government, not a clique of unqualified individuals.
- Less trains!
- Better city government, fix the sewer system! Floods are a big issue and not just related.
- Reeducate people to quit voting up every tax increase and referendum on the particularly those for new initiative special services and buildings for schools. Some are not wealthy.
- Resolve train issue. Create better social scene with bars, restaurants in downtown Barrington.
- Improve traffic congestion.
- Enhance downtown area to be as appealing as other towns like Glen Ellyn and Huntley.
- 1) More restaurants, bookstore, affordable shopping (similar to Deer Park Mall)
2) Traffic solutions and no train (CN).
- Decreased “classism” and racism from more affluent parts of District 220. Carpentersville District 220 attenders.
- More focus with middle schoolers and high schoolers on ethics and morality, racial and socioeconomic tolerance.
- Yes, change in leadership and philosophy of the Barrington Park District.
- 1) Better understanding/usage/management of well water and treatment of well water.
2) Update look and feel of train station parking and surrounding area.
- Less building of homes. We are becoming too large to accommodate schools and other services.
- Work on sales tax and other issues we pay for way out here in Cook County edge city. We should not pay for Chicago City issues just because we are in Cook County.
- More businesses open in the evening and Sundays.
- Barrington Village has to support too much of the area. We have the lowest cost of living now. Let South Barrington, North Barrington, Barrington Hills, and Deer Park pay for the Canadian Railway from buying the EJ & E. Stop selling our water to areas around us. Be more concerned about us having enough water and of good quality.
- More drive-thru restaurants.
- 1) Improve traffic flow and control of speeders.
2) Discourage pass thru drives.
3) Encourage more retail development.
4) Develop a consistent plan and look for downtown areas – now just a hodgepodge of dumpy buildings.
5) Fewer banks.
- Put more money in the schools! Support working parents!
- Reduce traffic in downtown Barrington.
- Bus service to train and other suburbs on a frequent, regular basis. Also, a van service that provides transportation for local shopping for village residents other than those in retirement communities on a regularly scheduled basis.
- Roads/traffic.
- Have more creative programs for adolescents addressing teen issues.

- Get business people on the School Board (220) and not allow educators or people who never ran a business on the Board.
- I really enjoy living in Barrington. Our community is great for raising children. I don't read the new Barrington Magazine as daily and weekly papers do not interest me.
- Stop excessive economic and residential development. Preserve open land and green spaces.
- Change to "Kane" County instead of Cook.
- Kindness not arrogance.
- Reduced traffic congestion.
- Take Route 59 under the NW train tracks!
- Ability to be able to walk to a location without having to deal with busy streets and traffic that could kill you. It is a shame that there is no way that I could walk to a store and get some gas and get some exercise.
- 1) Traffic and overdevelopment have ruined much of the reason for living here
2) Rethinking the pervasive selfishness of the vast majority of residents.
- Lower property and sales tax. More activities for older single adults. Lower health care costs, transportation to hospitals and assistance after surgeries, colonoscopy and other medical communication about available services.
- Break up the special interest groups who dominate the government, school, and neighborhood decision making.
- We have great open spaces. We need a better mix of young and old, a denser downtown area with enough people to support downtown business which means more jobs. Make it easier for businesses to run and special activities to bring the community back to downtown. Widen 59 so people can get to and through downtown so they don't have to drive. Because there is a lot of space acre lots in South Barrington, five in Barrington, we do not have density of people to support bus downtown we need condos for more density.
- 1) Fix property tax structure – close loopholes, Cook/Lake differences.
2) Improve schools.
3) Block train sale.
- All day kindergarten is very important.
- 1) Continue to expand walking and biking paths.
2) Somehow figure out traffic congestion in downtown.
- In regards to Q. 29., First of all, I would disagree with the notion of high quality personal service. Some of the worst service I have ever received has been in Barrington.
- Improve traffic flow, more options for retail and dining.
- Need more multiple housing units, like condos and apartment.
- Sidewalks, so kids and caregivers can take walks. Stop burning trees.
- Resolve the E & J Railroad issue permanently.
- I sincerely hope the proposed freight trains (Canadian) don't gain access to our community.
- Less traffic and better environment.

- 1) Regarding Q. 82., Look at the neighboring towns like Palatine, Hoffman E Wauconda, etc. There is a reason that they have “gang problems,” more general.
- 2) Need better transportation. I tried taking the train to downtown Chicago this week found it very difficult to find a parking spot in the train station lot. It would also be difficult for the children in the Barrington area to be able to get around to neighboring towns on public transportation.
- Dynamite the EJ & E tracks. Relieve North-South traffic level on Barrington Road.
- Get Cook County to lower taxes (sales, property, etc.).
- Traffic congestion, especially with the trains and without a good northbound route to handle a lot of traffic.
- 1) Community should be more elderly friendly.
- 2) Parents should discipline their children more and not hand everything to the silver platter!
- 3) Too many parents want someone else to raise their children so they can both work. They can have two Mercedes in their garage instead of one. People in Barrington are judged by the size of their house instead of how well they have raised their children. Barrington school teachers and administrators are among the biggest offenders.
- Supporting all day kindergarten depends if it would increase our taxes, if it does, I do not support it.
- Include minorities.
- More road development.
- Traffic on Hough Street is becoming horrendous. Increased train traffic will make it worse yet.
- The traffic is terrible! Traffic on 12 is terrible, extend 53 to 120.
- Not enough good paying jobs.
- Fix the intersection of Lake Cook/59 – Trains.
- I want well educated people of diverse ethnicities and nationalities as neighbors. I do not want a low income project in Barrington.
- Improve the downtown congestion (traffic) especially around Main Street and Hough Street.
- Keep out the proposed Canadian National Railroad, it will kill Barrington!
- All school signs should be in English only.
- More medical, affordable dental and medical services for self pay.
- Downtown bypass for Hough Street.
- Better parking in downtown area.
- Open 59 to four lanes through town up to 176.
- Better shopping, better downtown area with parking. No trains - new CN proposal.
- Web Familia Company info@webfamilia.org.
- Improve water quality. Aggressive traffic redesign.
- Reduce traffic, improve downtown area and shopping like all of our neighboring communities.

- Regarding downtown Barrington's stores, this is what makes Barrington a great place to live.
- 1) Better Junior High facility/less crowded.
- 2) No Canadian Railroad approval. Too much traffic backup already!
- Improve the aesthetics of the village.
- Better, viable retail and restaurants but on the casual type. How about a dog park?
- All recreation sports leagues appear to be competitive whether they are supposed to be or not. Some kids truly join for a social activity. There are no social skills groups in the area to help with Asperger's or ADHD. The schools are great, but seem to struggle with (high functioning) Asperger's and ADHD. They are afraid it will hurt their scores. They expect the school to meet the challenge rather than shy away from it (my experience in Grove.).
- No, Barrington is a nice small town. It is not a Palatine or Arlington Heights.
- Protect the "open" space in Barrington. Do not allow overdevelopment.
- Improve downtown.
- Bring the village government into the 21st Century ASAP.
- Improve traffic thru Barrington.
- Downtown Barrington should remain as is, but not so overpriced and upscale.
- Keep out Canadian National Railroad.
- Traffic control.
- None at this time. I love Barrington.
- I think the quality of life in Barrington is excellent. The services provided by the community and business establishments is very good. We do not need big box stores. It is a safe community and quiet community providing surroundings that enable people to work hard and take care of your responsibilities.
- Parking and traffic.
- More involvement with others/relationally.
- Lower property tax.
- Real estate taxes are too high for everyone, especially those wanting to live in Barrington during retirement.
- None, love it.
- Improve traffic control.
- Affordable housing for families under \$1100/mo. Cut out the fluff at all levels of education. Do better in the basics and get rid of the AP, the gifted, and all that crap. Regarding Q. 29 (personal service), terrible service, you could be the only one in the area and you are ignored.
- Improve traffic. Reduce train problems. Ban leaf burning.
- Activities designed to get community members to know one another.
- Typical – loss of ACE hardware. No good "central area." Downtown is a mess. Buildings too close to street, dangerous/difficult to make left turns. Not shopper friendly.
- Lower property taxes.

- For families with small children, South Barrington is very isolating. How do we meet the needs of parents of infants (playgroups, etc.)? I would like to see more community assistance programs, message boards, etc.
- Improve traffic flow and parking so shoppers, diners, and culture seekers can more easily enjoy Barrington's offerings.
- Stop trying to find and build schools to accommodate students and traffic in the wrong places. Promote redistricting to state boundaries, particularly like Carpentersville, and force developers in South Barrington to pay more for roads and fund other infrastructure.
- Would like to see more retail options. We have so many empty storefronts and are very concerned regarding CN Railroad purchase and what that will do to our town.
- Hough Street traffic, downtown parking.
- 1) A community weekly newspaper that is owned and operated by those in an area of the community.
2) One additional food store.
- Better shopping, better and more restaurants.
- A lively downtown area, maybe a good gathering place (park or common area) where people can hang out with friends and kids can play.
- Affordable housing, traffic congestion, lack of free parking and stores.
- Traffic.
- Keep traffic congestion down, stop subdividing land, losing farms/open spaces.
- Keeping the streets clean of salt, sand, papers, garbage especially downtown. It seems to stay very long. Good Luck. 😊
- The Barrington Fire Dept. is excellent! Our ♥ and thank you.
- Increase number of affordable retail stores such as Target, fresh produce store, and a shopping retailer.
- Resolve the traffic issue in the downtown area!
- Improve the look of downtown Barrington and add more family-friendly "American" style restaurants like Wool Street. If a person considering moving to Barrington looks at Naperville or Forest Park (downtown areas of these cities) Barrington cannot compare.
- The high school tends to cater to the outstanding students and athletes as well as those with issues. The "average" kids have limited opportunities to participate in athletics despite the limited class rank data given to colleges, smart children at BHS have been getting accepted to some colleges due to the hyper-competitive environment in Barrington.
- If the Canadian rail deal is approved and rail traffic on EJ & E goes up by +20/day, please consider moving from Barrington.
- Connect Deer Park/Cuba Marsh with Barrington downtown through safe pathways and trails.
- Lower property tax, so I can stay in my home.
- 1) Slow/Stop development on previously undeveloped lands especially high density areas to improve traffic flow especially within Barrington city limits (Hough Street).
2) Additional schools to reduce overcrowding at all school levels.
- Contractual leaf pickup!

- Improved traffic flow.
- We need to improve the schools to handle the overcrowding.
- Emphasize “middle income” shopping and services. The high % of wealthy residents are isolated and secluded in their gated communities. Drastically increase property taxes on houses over \$500,000.
- Limiting train traffic, more sidewalks, more restaurants, less telephone poles.
- Our streets need to be repaired, main streets and local neighborhood streets.
- Barrington Road/Hough Street needs to be widened to accommodate the number of vehicles using it not only at peak times, but all day. Two lanes are not enough for the amount of usage it receives.
- Regarding Q.47-81., We have our share of difficulties, but I feel they are being addressed.
- Reduction of traffic through center of town.
- No CN railroad! Cultural arts, interesting places, bar/restaurants, unique and specialty shops.
- Don't know enough about community yet to comment.
- Protect the existing residences much, much better, especially in the village, versus new construction: better planning, better compliance, rail law (times), greater responsibility for flood/sewer backup ahead instead of behind the problem.
- Lower taxes!!!
- Have a more established welcoming service. It's hard to get to know people here.
- Get downtown Barrington into the 21st century architecturally and developmentally.
- Reduce traffic/congestion.
- We need to improve the village area with more restaurants and retail stores. Make it affordable for tenants to operate a business in town. Rent is too high for local business owners.
- No!
- Improve traffic on Hough Street.
- Improve business. There are too many failing/closing businesses in this area. Prices are too high compared with other communities nearby. Not everybody in Barrington is wealthy. Some of us struggle and high prices don't help.
- Better management of traffic and improve road conditions.
 - 1) Traffic, which you can't do anything about, the boom boxes in summer.
 - 2) Regarding Q. 1-5., All these things are important. We have all of them except for competitive grocery, shopping, traffic congestion.
- Less traffic.
- Better traffic control in and out of downtown Barrington. Too congested.
- More commercial activity in the village.
- Make certain that railroad doesn't expand. Hold down taxes.
- I ♥ Barrington! Downtown needs attention.
- Public transportation.
- Traffic keeps me out of Barrington, except for train.

- Reroute truck traffic and “pass through” traffic on Route 59 similar to what Lake Zurich does with Route 22.
- Lower cost for goods.
- Need help around five acre lot, can’t get kids who would like a few bucks. Professional help too expensive.
- More community activities.
- Improve the water situation in Port Barrington.
- Reign in the arrogance of the School Board. They continually float bond issues for wants and desires, not needs. They have no respect for the rights or intelligence of the taxpayers.
- A friendlier community.
- Village congestion. Limit large trucks down Hough, at least, limit hours they can travel on these routes. College streets flooding areas are dangerous. Water runs over sidewalks, floods yards, and creates standing water most of the year. Cook and railroad tracks are dangerous. I would support underground road crossings at crossways to at least one of the sets of tracks.
- Keep CN out. Improve traffic flow.
- 1) Utilize the community TV channel more.
2) Encourage “healthy living,” bike riding like bike racks.
3) Addition of high quality “community center.”
- Concern with railroad sale. Quality of school facilities.
- Yes, a moderately priced sit-down family restaurant. Just came home from Home Depot Hardware which I learn is closing for a Walgreen? This is a hardware store where knowledgeable people that can actually help you (unlike Home Depot) way more than you need a Walgreen. Maybe we can put a new hardware store in where the CVS is closing. Undoubtedly be closing. Guess we will be taking our business to Lake Zurich for hardware from now on.
- Improve traffic situation. We have a need for routing Route 59 around town not through town. Fewer cars going in and around schools delivering/picking up children 3-5pm extremely congested in the village. Have we thought about limiting BHS driving? No parent pick-up at the grade schools?
- Better restaurants.
- Improve traffic.
- I would like to have our town more like Hinsdale or Lake Forest. Pretty and a safe destination that doesn’t have “cookie cutter” mall stores. We also hate the traffic in the village and lack of overnight parking at the train station. With gas pricing as high as it is, we should have own public transportation and make parking a priority.
- 1) Improving traffic/road conditions.
2) Improving downtown Barrington (more relevant stores, restaurants, entertainment)
- Put in an overpass in key areas so the freight train issue would not be as dire as it is. Maybe at Hart Road and Hwy 14, 59 and 14.
- More restaurants in downtown Barrington.
- Every recreational activity is spread out and run by different organizations, bring them together. Park District, fitness center, soccer, gymnastics, dance, etc.

- Fix the potholes on Lake Cook between Brinker and Deepwood, expand police presence, catch speeders. No one travels 25 mph down Haegers Bend!
- Provide more parking in the downtown village area. The situation with the CN National Railroad is of special concern. The approval of the CN Plan would demolish Barrington and seriously compromise availability of health care!
- Better traffic flow. We live in LBS and often travel a circuitous route to get to or from Barrington even though Rt. 59 is a straight shot.
- Growth of downtown Barrington like downtown Palatine and downtown Arlington Heights (businesses and residential). Get rid of height restrictions for new buildings.
- 1) Grocery store competition for Jewel.
2) Fix traffic problems.
3) Make Barrington a "down to earth" village it has always been. Stop trying to turn it into Barrington Hills. Not everyone is wealthy in Barrington.
- 1) Widen Rt. 59 in downtown Barrington.
2) Create a more cohesive and centralized shopping district in downtown Barrington (has been improving though).
- Better traffic control.
- 1) Deer Park and Lake Zurich have stores now that I wish had been in Barrington.
2) Get rid of train congestion so businesses can thrive. Vote down CN railroad.
- Lower taxes.
- Political leadership that forges a community consensus on creating/supporting schools and development that is less car-dependent and more diverse.
- I can tell you that this survey was a waste of time and money. It is way too broad and the results will not give you any more sense of direction than you had before you incurred the printing and mailing costs.

APPENDIX IV
ON-LINE SURVEY FREQUENCY RESULTS

**THE HEALTHIER BARRINGTON PROJECT
SURVEY OF ENVIRONMENTAL VIEWS
FREQUENCIES (N=83)**

1. How concerned are you about the need to improve the environment in the Barrington?

Response	Number	Percent
Very concerned	36	43.4%
Somewhat concerned	33	39.8%
Not very concerned	10	12.0%
Not at all concerned	2	2.4%
No answer	2	2.4%
Total	83	100.0%

Which of the following steps would you be willing to take or have already taken?

2. Use compact fluorescent bulbs

Response	Number	Percent
Have already done this	60	72.3%
Willing to do this	12	14.5%
No answer	11	13.3%
Total	83	100.0%

3. Move thermostat down in winter, up in summer

Response	Number	Percent
Have already done this	73	88.0%
Willing to do this	4	4.8%
No answer	6	7.2%
Total	83	100.0%

4. Purchase energy efficient appliances

Response	Number	Percent
Have already done this	58	69.9%
Willing to do this	20	24.1%
No answer	5	6.0%
Total	83	100.0%

5. Wrap your water heater in insulation blanket

Response	Number	Percent
Have already done this	12	14.5%
Willing to do this	49	59.0%
No answer	22	26.5%
Total	83	100.0%

6. Install low-flow shower heads

Response	Number	Percent
Have already done this	36	43.4%
Willing to do this	22	26.5%
No answer	25	30.1%
Total	83	100.0%

7. Wash clothes in cold or warm water rather than hot

Response	Number	Percent
Have already done this	71	85.5%
Willing to do this	6	7.2%
No answer	6	7.2%
Total	83	100.0%

8. Use a clothesline instead of a dryer when possible

Response	Number	Percent
Have already done this	15	18.1%
Willing to do this	34	41.0%
No answer	34	41.0%
Total	83	100.0%

9. Unplug electric devices when not in use

Response	Number	Percent
Have already done this	31	37.3%
Willing to do this	27	32.5%
No answer	25	30.1%
Total	83	100.0%

10. Recycle waste at home

Response	Number	Percent
Have already done this	66	79.5%
Willing to do this	10	12.0%
No answer	7	8.4%
Total	83	100.0%

11. Buy recycled paper products

Response	Number	Percent
Have already done this	57	68.7%
Willing to do this	14	16.9%
No answer	12	14.5%
Total	83	100.0%

12. Use wind or solar power

Response	Number	Percent
Have already done this	0	0.0%
Willing to do this	52	62.7%
No answer	31	37.3%
Total	83	100.0%

13. Buy locally grown fresh foods

Response	Number	Percent
Have already done this	34	41.0%
Willing to do this	32	38.6%
No answer	17	20.5%
Total	83	100.0%

14. Avoid heavily packaged products

Response	Number	Percent
Have already done this	26	31.3%
Willing to do this	36	43.4%
No answer	21	25.3%
Total	83	100.0%

15. Avoid driving by walking, biking, car pooling or using mass transit

Response	Number	Percent
Have already done this	28	33.7%
Willing to do this	33	39.8%
No answer	22	26.5%
Total	83	100.0%

16. Choose a more fuel efficient vehicle

Response	Number	Percent
Have already done this	24	28.9%
Willing to do this	42	50.6%
No answer	17	20.5%
Total	83	100.0%

17. Engage in composting

Response	Number	Percent
Have already done this	25	30.1%
Willing to do this	30	36.1%
No answer	28	33.7%
Total	83	100.0%

18. Avoid using chemical pesticides on your lawn, garden

Response	Number	Percent
Have already done this	33	39.8%
Willing to do this	21	25.3%
No answer	29	34.9%
Total	83	100.0%

19. Use native plantings (rain gardens) to control storm water runoff

Response	Number	Percent
Have already done this	17	20.5%
Willing to do this	44	53.0%
No answer	22	26.5%
Total	83	100.0%

20. Use native plants to reduce the need for watering

Response	Number	Percent
Have already done this	29	34.9%
Willing to do this	31	37.3%
No answer	23	27.7%
Total	83	100.0%

21. Use "greywater" such as from the washer to water lawn, wash cars or other uses

Response	Number	Percent
Have already done this	7	8.4%
Willing to do this	45	54.2%
No answer	31	37.3%
Total	83	100.0%

22. Restrict your use of water during droughts

Response	Number	Percent
Have already done this	56	67.5%
Willing to do this	18	21.7%
No answer	9	10.8%
Total	83	100.0%

Please indicate whether you Agree, Disagree, or are Not Sure about each statement the environment, development and open space in the Barrington area by marking y

23. Preserving open space is as important as residential or commercial growth

Response	Number	Percent
Agree	77	92.8%
Not sure	4	4.8%
Disagree	1	1.2%
No answer	1	1.2%
Total	83	100.0%

24. New development should limit home lot density, impervious surfaces and design to w sources are able to support

Response	Number	Percent
Agree	74	89.2%
Not sure	4	4.8%
Disagree	3	3.6%
No answer	2	2.4%
Total	83	100.0%

25. I would support funding additional pedestrian trails and paths for walking and biking

Response	Number	Percent
Agree	59	71.1%
Not sure	14	16.9%
Disagree	8	9.6%
No answer	2	2.4%
Total	83	100.0%

26. A priority of public investment should be to revitalize business districts and existing neighborhoods.

Response	Number	Percent
Agree	55	66.3%
Not sure	17	20.5%
Disagree	9	10.8%
No answer	2	2.4%
Total	83	100.0%

27. What would you say is the best way to preserve open space in the Barrington area?

Response	Number	Percent
Conservation easements	32	38.6%
Donating to conservation groups	8	9.6%
Expanding forest preserves	18	21.7%
Tax referenda used for Citizens Park, or Village of Lake Barrington	10	12.0%
Other	10	12.0%
No answer	5	6.0%
Total	83	100.0%

28. Which do you believe is the **primary** source for water in the Barrington area?

Response	Number	Percent
Lake Michigan	8	9.6%
Shallow aquifers	27	32.5%
Deep aquifers	25	30.1%
Rivers/reservoirs	0	0.0%
Don't know, not sure	20	24.1%
No answer	3	3.6%
Total	83	100.0%

29. What is the source of your home's water?

Response	Number	Percent
Your own private well	33	39.8%
Municipal water supply	40	48.2%
Neighborhood/subdivision private wells	8	9.6%
Don't know, not sure	1	1.2%
No answer	1	1.2%
Total	83	100.0%

30. Do you agree or disagree that local or state government should have the authority to regulate the use of water from private wells such as the limiting of lawn watering.

Response	Number	Percent
Agree	45	54.2%
Disagree	21	25.3%
Don't know, not sure	14	16.9%
No answer	3	3.6%
Total	83	100.0%

31. For what purposes do you use bottled water?

Response	Number	Percent
Do not use at all	22	26.5%
Drinking only	42	50.6%
Drinking and cooking only	6	7.2%
Only use bottled water	0	0.0%
Other	12	14.5%
No answer	1	1.2%
Total	83	100.0%

32. What are the reasons that you choose to use bottled water instead of "tap water"?

33-42. Now that you have read about various environmental issues and actions, please mark **up to three** areas most in need of action in the Barrington area? Which would you most like to learn more about?

	Action Most Needed		I Would Like To Learn More	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Reduce greenhouse gases, global warming	22	26.5%	7	8.4%
Reduce use of energy such as electricity, natural gas	27	32.5%	3	3.6%
Reduce waste through recycling, composting, less packaging	30	36.1%	8	9.6%
Create, use energy alternatives	28	33.7%	11	13.3%
Drive less, buy fuel efficient vehicles	27	32.5%	2	2.4%
Reduce pesticide use, use non-toxic alternatives	18	21.7%	12	14.5%
Clean air, water, less pollution	18	21.7%	6	7.2%
Protect natural areas, control land use, sprawl	54	65.1%	4	4.8%
Restrict development to match the water supply	40	48.2%	6	7.2%
Other (please specify)	9	10.8%	0	0.0%

Please let us know just a few things about yourself.

43. Gender

Response	Number	Percent
Male	25	30.1%
Female	55	66.3%
No answer	3	3.6%

Response	Number	Percent
18 - 29	0	0.0%
30 - 44	17	20.5%
45 - 64	50	60.2%
65 - 74	14	16.9%
75 - 84	1	1.2%
85+	0	0.0%
No answer	1	1.2%
Total	83	100.0%

45. Where you live

Response	Number	Percent
Barrington	33	39.8%
Barrington Hills	12	14.5%
Carpentersville	1	1.2%
Deer Park	3	3.6%
Hoffman Estates	3	3.6%
Inverness	2	2.4%
Lake Barrington	7	8.4%
North Barrington	7	8.4%
Port Barrington	0	0.0%
South Barrington	3	3.6%
Tower Lakes	0	0.0%
Cook County Unincorporated	1	1.2%
Kane County Unincorporated	0	0.0%
Lake County Unincorporated	4	4.8%
McHenry County Unincorporated	0	0.0%
Barrington Area, Unsure	1	1.2%
Outside of Barrington Area	5	6.0%
No answer	1	1.2%
Total	83	100.0%

46. Are you a Barrington Area business owner, operator that is, do you own or operate a location at which business is conducted or services provided in the Barrington Area

Response	Number	Percent
Yes	21	25.3%
No	59	71.1%
No answer	3	3.6%
Total	83	100.0%

47. How would you **most** like to learn about environmental issues and actions?

Response	Number	Percent
Weeknight evening presentations, seminars	5	6%
Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon presentations, seminars	6	7%
On-line "webinars" or tutorials	32	38%
Direct mail with educational booklets	17	20%
Speakers at local groups, clubs, PTOs	10	12%
Videos or DVDs about issues, actions	4	4%
Other (please specify)	6	7%
No answer	3	3%
Total	83	100%

48. Is there anything that you would like to tell us about the local environment or environmental issues?

	Number	Percent
Comments Received	32	38.5%

APPENDIX V
ON-LINE SURVEY VERBATIM COMMENTS

THE HEALTHIER BARRINGTON PROJECT
SURVEY OF ENVIRONMENTAL VIEWS
COMMENTS

27. What would you say is the best way to preserve open space in the Barrington area?

- We have enough parks and like areas, just make better use of same.
- Lot size minimums i.e. 1 acre.
- I am not sure what is best.
- Enforce comprehensive plans, local & county referenda.
- Prefer private initiatives over public ones.
- Keep five acre minimum.
- Continue low real estate tax assessments for open land.
- Change the laws so developers cannot disconnect into unincorporated areas.
- All of the above are equally important.
- I don't understand how these choices relate to each other.

31. For what purposes do you use bottled water? Other:

- For mixing with my sons food or formula.
- Drinking, some cooking, and pets, i.e. fish in spring water.
- We use sparingly.
- Perhaps 2 bottles per month for drinking when I am away from home.
- Drinking only when tap is not available.
- We are trying to switch back to using tap water from bottled water after realizing bottled water wasn't any better for you.
- At the gym.
- Fish bowl.
- We reuse plastic water bottles, refilling with purified water from at-home filter system.
- Only for drinking when away from home. Use the Brita system for everyday.
- Ironing.
- In steam iron.

32. What are the reasons that you choose to use bottled water instead of "tap water"?

- Convenience/portability/cleanliness of container.
- Ease of use... if going out to exercise or to take along something to drink in car. home, filtered tap water is used.
- Convenience if on vacation or need access for water if gone from my home.
- Believe the tap water could potentially have contaminants or an excess of chlorine.
- Do not want to ingest chlorine. Do not believe the water is safe for human consumption. Know that chlorine has been linked to cancer.
- Water has iron.
- Convenience.
- We buy bottled water periodically, such as for trips, etc. But we're trying to use water bottles more for that. We drink tap water at home, but it's filtered!
- The water here is horrible... so much lime deposit... very hard as well.... I've seen it does to my faucet after so many uses.... I could only imagine how that builds up on you, let alone does to one? Not to mention that Barrington charges more than any town that I've ever lived in for water bills!
- Tastes better.
- On the go use, pets need spring water. I have a purification system for my tap water that is what I mainly use to drink and cook.
- TASTE.
- We rarely use bottled water.
- We only use bottled water for the convenience of taking iron on the road.
- Cleaner.
- For drinking when I will be away from tap water, i.e. going into the city on a trip to an opera or other function.
- No tap source conveniently available (ie. outdoor events, the car).
- Convenience.
- We have an old house with the original pipes. We are going to install an RO system. We do refill our gallon jugs from the water at Jewel.
- We thought that it was healthier than the village tap water. However, reports are out there that bottled water isn't any better than our local tap water.
- Safety, taste.
- Our tap water at home has a lot of iron in it. Does not taste good.
- Convenience, mostly in the car.
- Convenience; pressure from children and others to have it as a drink option. I think adults' perception is that bottled water is "cleaner" and "better" than tap water. It's a status thing.
- I put tap water in a plastic bottle for use when working out.
- Funny taste in the tap water.

- Taste for one family member.
- Safer drinking; eliminates impurities.
- Generally when I am at a meeting and it is the drink offered. In my home and choose tap water to save the bottle. Now if only my kids would do the same!
- Don't use filtered water.
- My well's water tastes very bad. I'm going to have it tested to isolate the cause for see if something can be done to mitigate it (e.g., filtering) so that I don't need bottled water at all.
- Perception of cleanliness of bottled water and the high lead content of local wa
- Only keep it for emergency purposes.
- Easy to grab and go. Our family is trying to refrain from purchasing bottled w starting to use plastic refillable containers.
- Ease of use.
- Well water has bad taste.
- We have a water softener for hard water, so our tap water contains excess salt
- Safety.
- Conveniently portable; ease of sharing w/ guests.
- It tastes better than our well water.
- Choose not to use it because it travels far and uses oil and energy to produce pa Filter my own water instead.
- Our well or "tap" water has a sulfur odor to it, and we prefer the taste of bottled w obtain our bottled water from a dispenser at the grocery store. The dispenser the water. The cost per gallon is roughly \$0.40.
- Cannot drink tap water, heavy iron taste. We have a H₂O filtering system.
- Convenience and concern over lead.
- Convenience.
- Taste, safety/storage.
- Lead and other toxins in water.
- Convenience.
- On the go with kids and events... slowly switching to sports bottles instead.
- No reason other than it was convenient. We are trying to get away from bottt however.
- Tap water clogs the iron eventually.
- Convenient, cold, no chlorine taste.
- Do not like the taste of our tap water and convenience of the bottled water.
- Giving children with formula, also like the taste and convenience of bottled wa
- Convenience.
- Can carry it with me.
- Distilled water has no minerals to clog the iron.

- Bottled water is the biggest scam of the 21st century.
- A rare convenience. I re-use one bottle probably 50 times until it gets too beat up along.
- Tastes better.

Now that you have read about various environmental issues and actions, please mark up areas most in need of action in the Barrington area? Which would you most like to learn about? Other:

- Had to pick six.
- Greenhouse gases & global warming are a liberal farce!!!
- Remove invasive plants that are encroaching on natural areas.
- Control/Monitor freight carried by trains, and maintenance thereof, with Federal/EPA regulations/laws.
- Public transportation.
- Use less road salt in winter.
- Prohibit the burning of leaves and other yard waste.
- Wind and solar at our houses.
- Noise pollution-trains.

42. How would you most like to learn about environmental issues and actions? Other:

- As a business owner through the Chamber.
- No preference.
- Internet, radio, and non-liberal TV.
- All of above.
- Improved community web sites.
- The most energy efficient means possible - plan to post ideas to the vbhcc website. Send ideas. Starting May 15.

43. Is there anything that you would like to tell us about the local environment or environmental issues?

- We need to promote localized living and shopping which can be accessed by walking or driving. We need to become more pedestrian friendly.
- It seems that there is incessant building of banks, strip malls, stores that we do not need in Barrington and in surrounding areas like Lake Zurich. It really bothers me when green space, bare land and trees rendered for this use. I wish there was more government intervention for the protection of the environment as well as beautification of areas that have been destroyed already.
- Overall, the community is doing a better than average job with environmental issues. Always could do more, but what is being done is good.
- Flooding issues are huge. Village has been negligent in this area for many years.
- Local authorities are too concerned about these issues, too much land ownership by the government.
- The indoctrination of our children is shameful and socialist. This is the normal cycle of the earth and not man-made. Can we do our part to help? YES! But this cycle is becoming more harmful. No opposing views are ever heard by the media, even if they are scientific. Shame on us!
- I think the Barrington communities have done a reasonably good job in protecting the environment and addressing environmental issues.
- Citizens for Conservation is an important driving and informational resource for the Barrington communities.
- There's too much stormwater runoff.
- There are many types of pollution affecting our lives; please address light pollution and noise pollution.
- I would love to be able to choose an alternative energy source other than the nuclear power plant or coal plant that ComEd uses.
- I'd like to see more in the way of environmental education integrated into the school curriculum. Not just a separate class or a single talk on Earth Day, etc.
- With the possible CNR purchase of EJ&E, we discovered the great environmental impact of train freight and the fact that it has minimal regulation (federal and state). Coincidentally, many children in our neighborhood have health issues that require maintenance medications.
- Need to create a "recycle day" where old paint, cell phones, personal computers, etc. can be brought in.
- It is essential that local, county, and state governments work together to ensure that residential development within the Barrington area (and Barrington Hills in part) is very carefully limited. Preserving private open space and our limited water resources should be the priority!
- I already recycle a lot, but am interested in getting manufacturers to stop using excessive packaging and stop the individual bottled water fad. Also need to pursue authority with state and federal governments to use groundwater information to restrict or condition local development.

- Lighting is another issue & local governments should have restrictions. Some homes are lit up at night like Deer Park Mall.
- Need to educate people on the proper and safe use of private septic and well systems.
- Would like to see Lake Barrington develop a farmers market and/or allow citizens to grow vegetables on small plots of land at the new open land on Kelsey Road.
- When water use is limited i.e. watering lawns less, why are the vast lawns in Barrington Hills still emerald green? Don't we all pull from the same aquifer?
- Thank you.
- The questions did not allow me to disagree with the basic premise that the "action" was needed at all - you should have another spot to click "don't feel is needed or not necessary." This survey is so slanted that any answer says you are for each and every question. It is obvious that the goal was to promote an agenda and not find real solutions. Very disappointed - and I am sure my response will be deleted from the survey.
- Using so much salt for snow removal is severely degrading our land and water resources. Re-election is not worth it.
- Traffic is a serious problem in Barrington Village which directly affects air pollution. Many people drive to the park or schools.
- I know many neighbors who don't use their recycling bins, they just throw their trash in the trash instead. I would support a bottle/can deposit to encourage more recycling.
- The Village of Barrington Hills is inconsistent on environmental issues. It advocates for a clean environment, but refuses to prohibit burning of yard waste.
- Developers control too many political people and local desires to protect the community are not backed up at the State level. We are penalized for wanting to maintain current zoning when developers can disconnect to allow smaller property sizes to be sold for profit after they buy land. Developers want to destroy this village for mere profit and it will destroy the local environment selfishly.
- I suggest that this year's Fourth of July parade (a big draw for Barrington) implement a "Green" campaign. Examples: more marching bands rather than bands riding on trucks; encourage (incentive with prizes) folks who bike to the parade rather than drive; provide information at the brat tent.
- We need a local transportation system for seniors and disabled, etc. to increase mobility and decrease exhaust pollution.
- Greatest concern is the impact of the CN purchase of the EJ & E because of noise and lack of access to the hospital.
- If we want to have a semi-rural environment, we must enact agricultural zoning and conservation easement legislation. One and two acre lot zoning is significantly environmentally responsible.
- There must be something more important to the community than devoting resources to an inane survey!