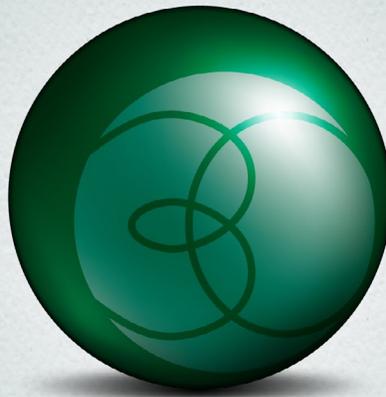


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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The people of the City of Baker City (and much of the Baker Valley) are very satisfied with the current condition of their community, the services provided by their municipality, and their expectations for the future.

Over 97% of the population considers their community desirable, and a majority of individuals believe that life will get even better in Baker City.

The community strongly supports proactive efforts to improve the economy, support existing businesses and recruit new businesses, develop the tourism industry, develop the historic district, and create jobs in a variety of industries at a variety of wage levels.

Residents are mixed on their views on land use policy and its ability and desirability to shape the future of the community.

In general, the citizenry sees itself as active, supportive, and committed to its future, and shows some signs of willingness to invest in its future.

**BACKGROUND**

The City of Baker City has taken a systematic approach to understanding the business and community development desires and interests of its populous over the past 20 years.

In both 1988 and 1998, the City of Baker City, through its Baker Industrial Development Commission, coordinated with Eastern Oregon University to conduct a public opinion survey asking questions related to the economy and economic growth.

In the fall of 2007, the City of Baker City contracted with Orbis Group, a community and business development consulting firm based in Baker City, to conduct the third iteration of the survey.

**METHODOLOGY**

Orbis Group reviewed the findings of the two previous surveys, and then contacted development-related organizations serving Baker City and Baker County to develop a broader survey that would not only replicate most of the previous questions, but also address more contemporary issues and concerns. The organizations that were contacted included:

- Baker County Chamber of Commerce/Visitor and Convention Bureau
- City of Baker City Community Development Office
- Historic Baker City
- Baker County Economic Development Council
- Baker County Development Coalition

The result was the development of a 52-item survey. A copy of the survey is presented in the attached document entitled *City of Baker City Opinion Survey*.

Sessions were set up at two centralized calling locations—Elkhorn Title and Baker City Hall.

Because of the length of the survey, the average duration of the telephone interview was 20 minutes. Although it was acknowledged early-on that the length of the survey was a challenge

to administrate, the volume and specificity of information deemed the effort worthwhile by the City.

In total, 580 telephone calls were made to generate 189 partially- or entirely-completed surveys.

Because of the challenge of recruiting sufficient volunteers to complete the survey, it was determined at the mid-point of surveying to only ask the first 35 of the 52 questions. This would allow a more complete surveying of questions consistent with prior surveys, while still providing sufficient information on "contemporary issues" for the City.

Due to the challenge of attracting sufficient volunteers to conduct the survey at one time, the survey was completed in two batches. 80 calls were successfully completed during October 2007. An additional 109 calls were completed during the month of January 2008.

The successful completion of 189 calls in a population area of approximately 5,000 households creates a 95% confidence interval level that the total population would be plus-or-minus 7% points of the results in the survey.

Respondents to the telephone survey were randomly generated by selecting individuals in the [523] and [524] Prefix from the local telephone directory. An effort to first identify survey respondents through the list of registered voters proved unsuccessful, as the list generally did not contain telephone numbers.

The 2007/2008 survey provided a slightly larger geographic base of survey respondents. Whereas the first two surveys were exclusively Baker City residents, the 2008 methodology also generated responses from the Baker Valley.

### **Volunteer-Based Data Collection**

In order to complete the survey, extensive use of volunteers was required.

Orbis Group reached out to the Ford Institute Leadership Program (FILP) class, the Baker High School Leadership class, the Baker City Rotary Club, and the Baker City Fire Department.

Although the Rotary Club and the Fire Department declined to provide volunteer services, the FILP class and the High School class were instrumental in completing the survey.

Individuals that volunteered of their time include the following:

Krista Birkmaier, Hallie Borgan, Monica Boyer, Bryan Braun, Kelsey Cole, Krysti Cole, Caleb Colton, Kim Countryman, Jackson Clarke, Melissa Clarke, Dallas Defrees, Keri Driggers, Justin Durflinger, Dianne Ellingson, Logan Ermovick, Carrie Folkman, Jeremy Haustetter, Trevor Howard, Ellen Jampolsky, Rachael Livingston, Lori McNeil, Brandon Miller, Dan Moore, Dakota Olsen, Megan Paoletti, Boo Phillips, Terry Schumacher, Gene Stackle, Toni Thompson, Peggi Timm, Don Ulrey, and Libby Wilson.

A special "thank you" goes to Dan Moore (Elkhorn Title) and Jennifer Watkins (City Hall) for the time and space they made available for the survey teams to make their calls while using the computer equipment.

## SURVEY FINDINGS

In general, the survey questions related to the opinions of the local populous with respect to the growth and development of the community. Additional questions related to contemporary City-related issues were also asked.

### General Findings

#### Desirability of Baker City

The people of Baker City consider their community to be “very desirable”. As the chart shows, fully 63.0% of the respondents consider Baker City to be “very desirable”, 34.4% consider Baker City to be “somewhat desirable”, and only 2.6% consider Baker City to be “somewhat or very undesirable”.

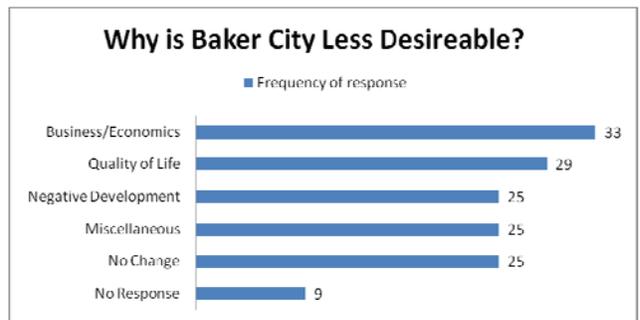
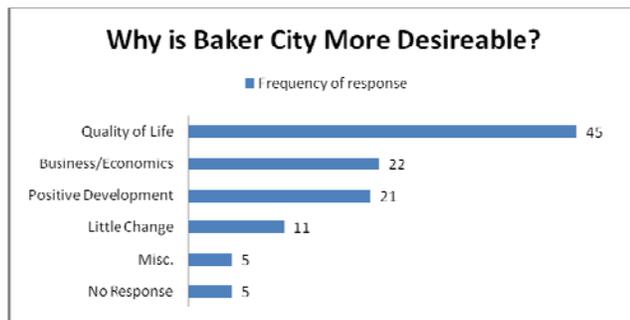
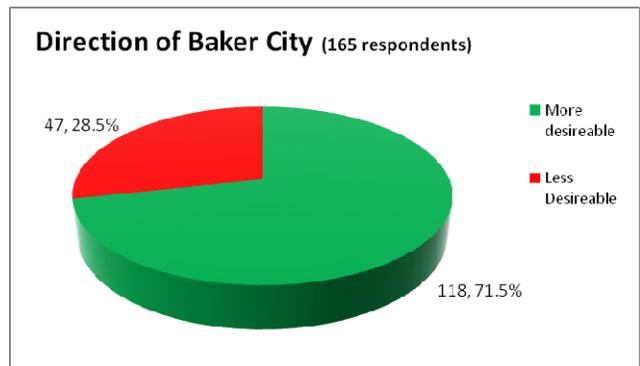
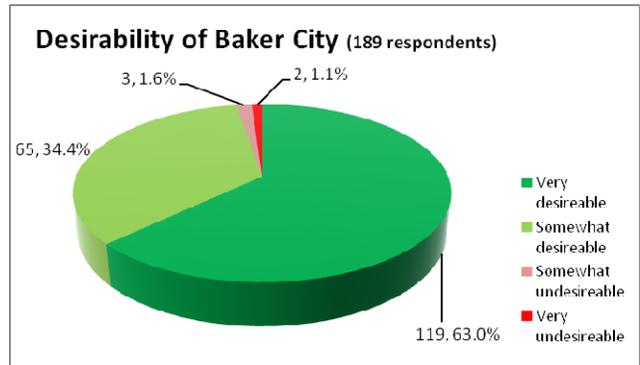
Survey respondents were then asked if they thought that the general direction of Baker City over the past five years was “more desirable” or “less desirable”. Over 70% of the respondents thought that the direction of Baker City was “more desirable”.

Quality of life factors dominated the responses of the individuals that think that Baker City is becoming more desirable.

Business and economic factors are the prevailing reasons why individuals respond with a belief that Baker City has become less desirable over the past five years.

In general, the positive outlook by the citizenry forms the basis for continued civic improvements and investment in economic development.

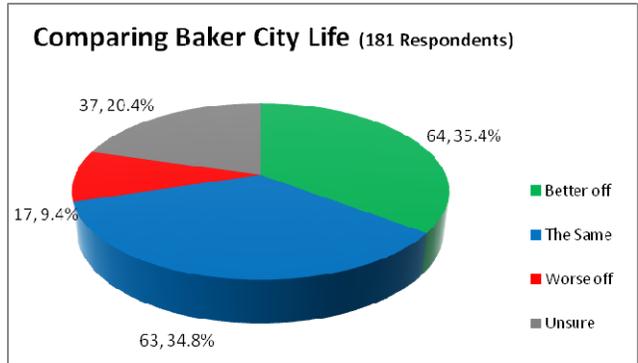
The reasons why people indicated that Baker City has become either “more” or “less desirable” are presented in the following two charts.



### Comparing Baker City Life

When it comes to comparing “life in Baker City” to ten years ago, nearly four times the respondents indicated they were “better off” than “worse off”.

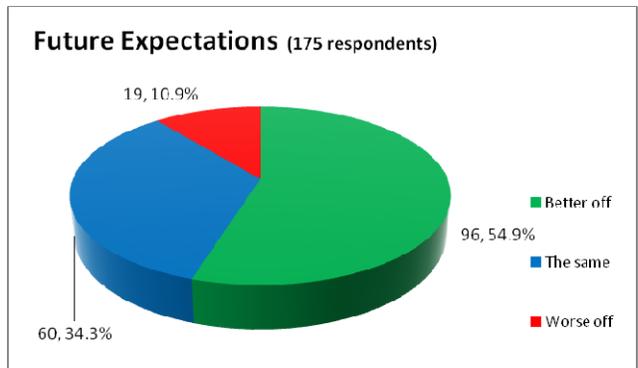
35.4% of the respondents indicated that life in Baker City is better than it was 10 years ago, as compared to 9.4% of the respondents that believe that life has gotten worse. Over one-third of the responses indicated that their life was basically unchanged from ten years ago, while approximately one-in-five respondents were “unsure”.



### Future Expectations

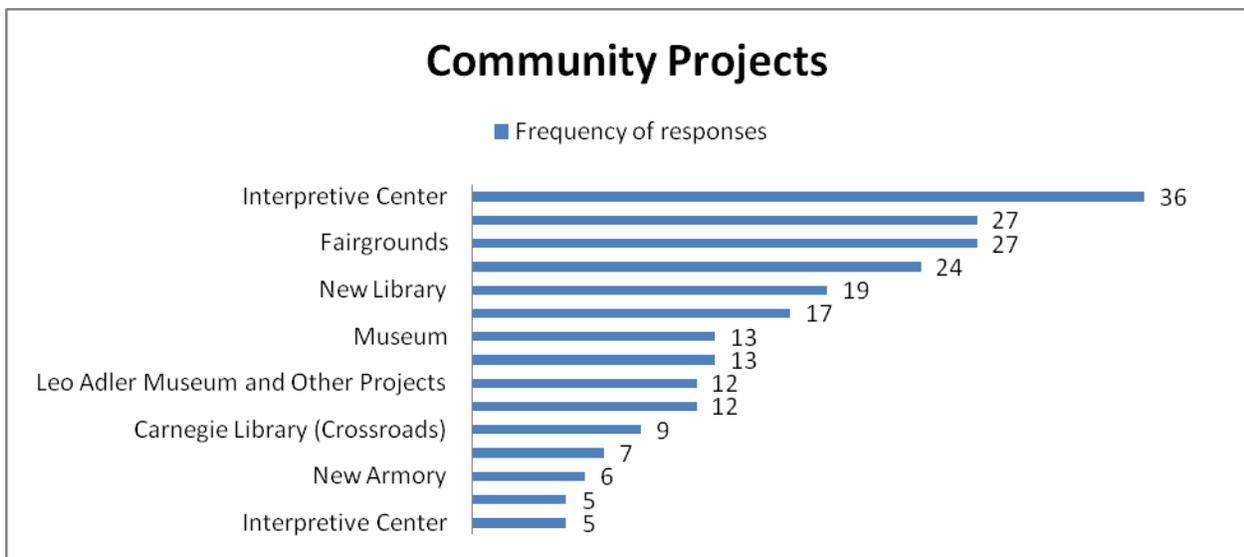
Even greater optimism exists amongst Baker City residents with respect to their future. People that believe that their life ten years from now will be “better off” exceeds that of those that believe that life will be “worse off” by a factor of 5:1.

The chart to the right summarizes the responses of people in terms of projecting their lives ten years from now.



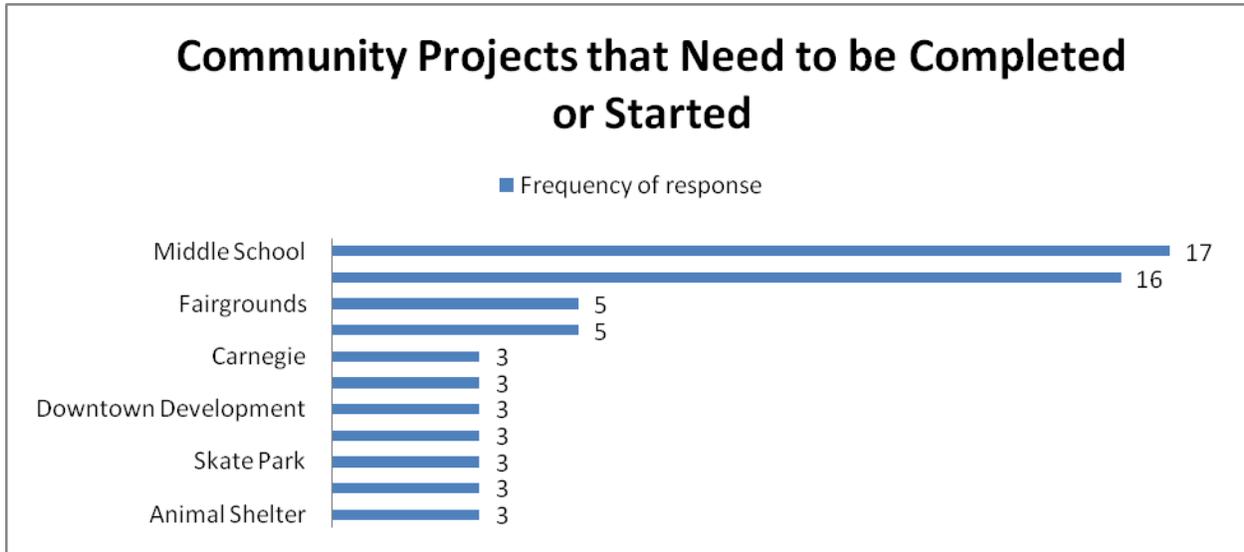
### Community Projects

Survey respondents were asked two questions related to significant community projects. The first question related to community development projects completed in the past five years. The chart below presents a summary of the top projects/responses.



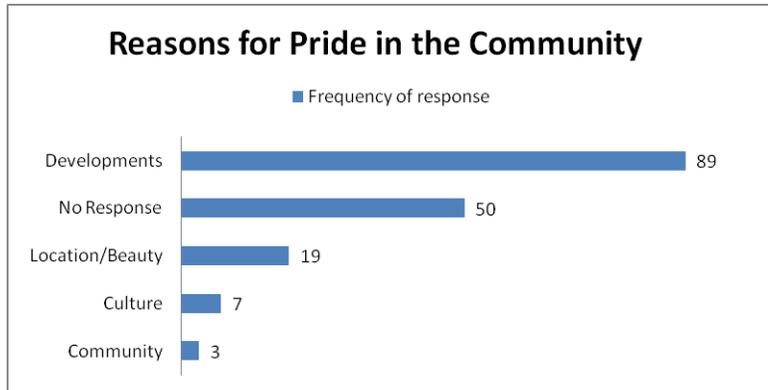
### Future Projects

A related question to projects that are either underway or should be in the design-phase was also asked. The chart below provides those responses.



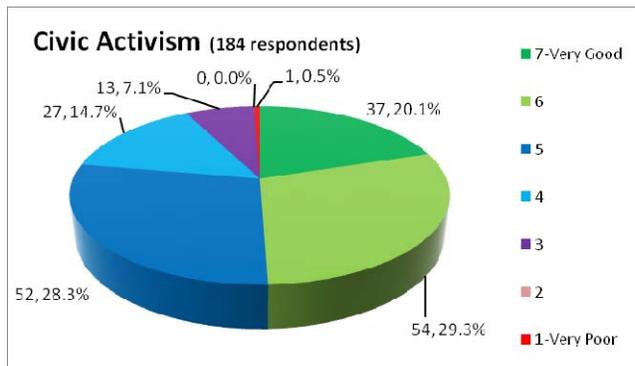
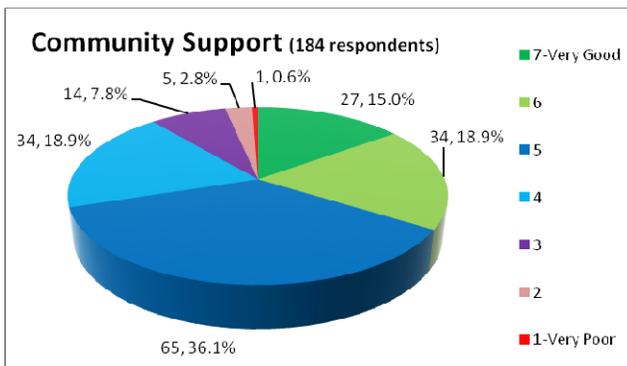
### Community Pride

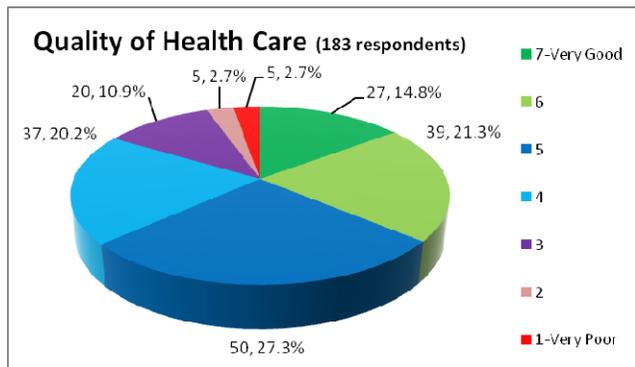
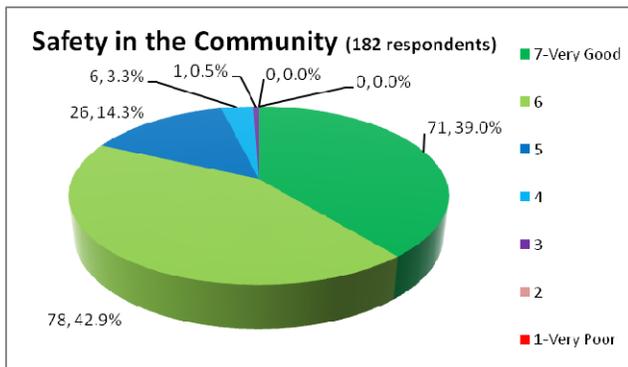
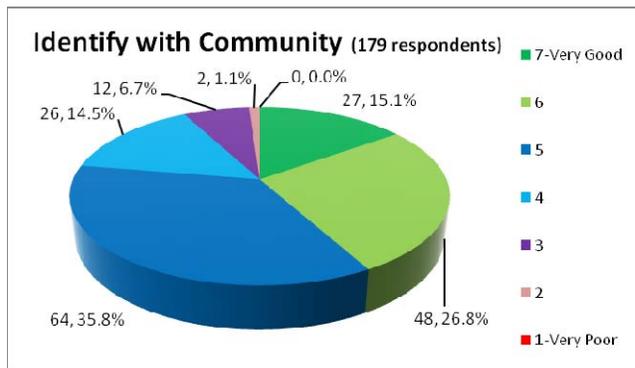
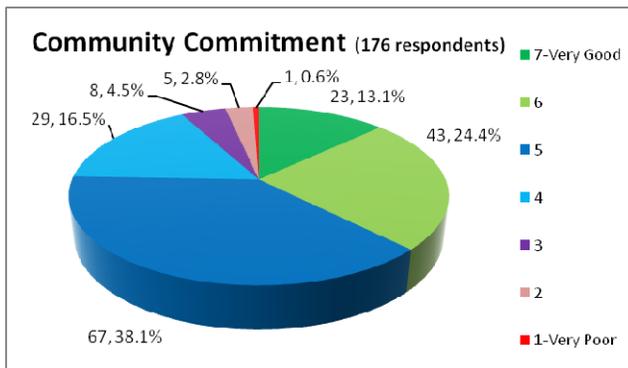
An open-ended question related to community pride was phrased: "what one thing are you most proud of in the community". The table below presents a summary of responses.



### Civic Activism and Community Support

A series of somewhat similar questions were then asked related to the *sense of place* and *commitment to community*. In general, respondents were asked to respond with a number between '1' and '7', generally with '7' relating to higher civic commitment and '1' referring to lower civic commitment. The table below presents the *weighted average* of the responses for each of the six questions.





## Specific Findings

### Direction of Baker City

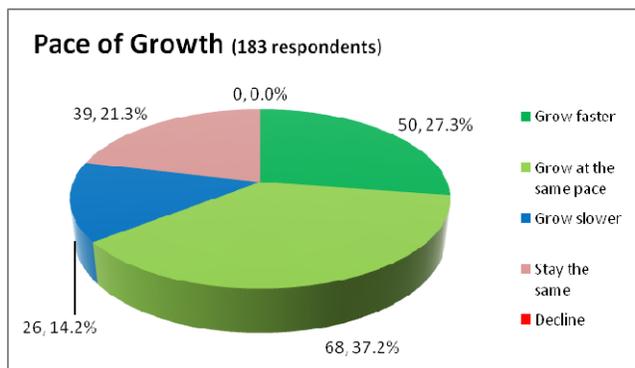
Next, a series of questions were asked to determine the preference of Baker City residents in terms of the community and economic development focus.

### Pace of Growth

Consistent with questions asked during the two previous decades, a question inquired as to the *pace* of growth desired by the citizenry.

In general, the community still supports population, job, and economic growth, albeit at a slightly slower pace than 1998, and a significantly slower pace than the desire in 1988 (when the community was recovering from a significant economic recession).

27.3% of the population would like to see Baker City “grow faster” than the recent pace, 37.2% would like to see Baker City “grow at the same pace” as recent years, 14.2% would like to see Baker City’s population “grow slower”, while 21.3% would like to see the population “stay the same”. None of the survey respondents indicated they would like to see the population of Baker City decline.



It is interesting to compare the results of this survey to the two previous surveys in 1988 and 1998. The percentage of respondents that indicated that they wanted to “grow faster” was 27.3% in 2008 as compared to 39.6% in 1988 and 23.7% in 1998.

Respondents indicating that they want Baker City to “grow at the same pace” were 37.2% of the total in 2008 as compared to 56.1% in 1988 and 46.1% in 1998.

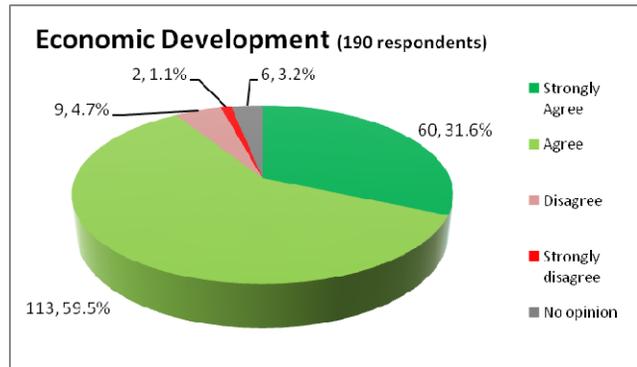
14.2% of the respondents in 2008 indicated that they wanted Baker City to “grow slower”. This compares to 13.3% in 1998 (not phrased this way in 1988).

Finally, 21.3% of the respondents in 2008 indicated that they desired to see the Baker City population “stay the same”. This compares to 4.3% in 1988 and 16.2% in 1998.

**Economic Development**

Broad support continues to exist for continued economic development activities. 91.1% of the respondents indicated that they “strongly agree or agree” in “promoting and supporting economic development.”

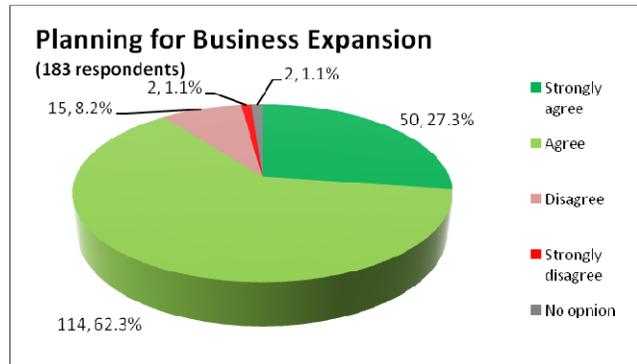
Notably, the percentage of respondents supporting economic development activities actually exceeds the percentage of respondents that desire to see some level of economic growth (78.7% desire growth).



**Planning for Business Expansion**

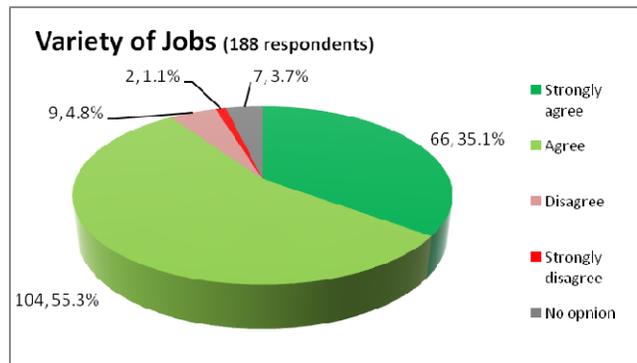
89.6% of the respondents either “strongly agree or agree” with the following statement: “in order for the City of Baker City to be a healthy and sustainable community 20 years from now, the City must plan today to attract new residents and businesses.”

Of the nearly 90% “strongly agree or agree” responses, 27.3% of the respondents “strongly agree” and 62.3% of the respondents “agree” on the notion of proactive planning for new residents and businesses.



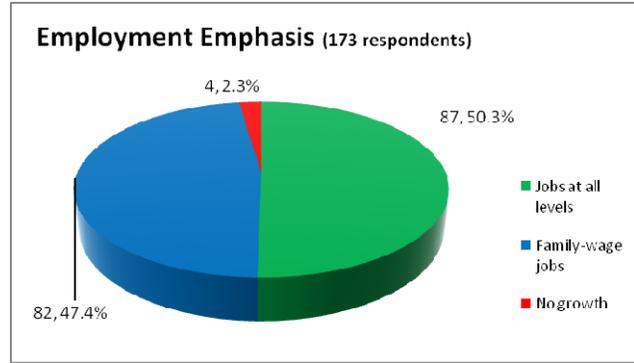
**Variety of Jobs**

Strong support continues for the creation of a variety of job opportunities. 90.4% of the respondents either “strongly agree or agree” with the following statement: “local government must increase the variety of job opportunities by promoting the growth of business and industry”.



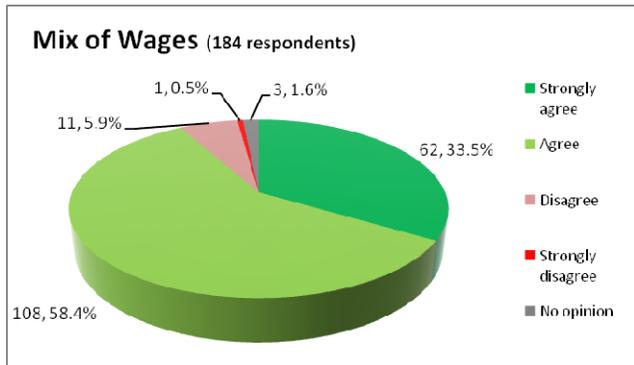
### Employment Emphasis

Survey respondents were asked if they had a preference that jobs be “created at all wage levels” or at “family wage” levels. Respondents were split in their responses.



### Mix of Wages

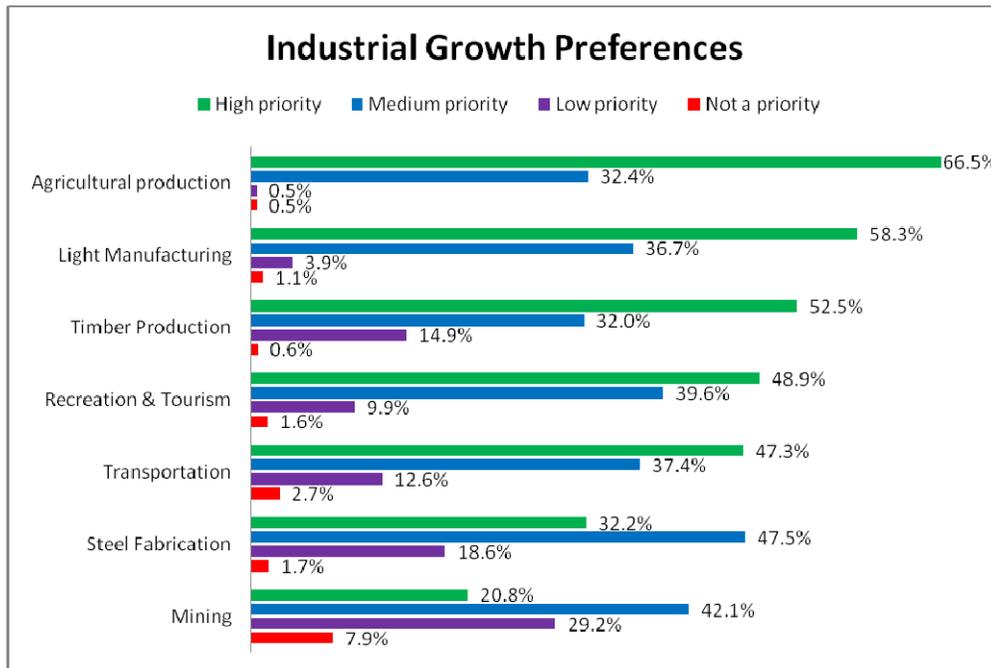
Consistent with the support of a variety of jobs is a focus on quality wages. 92.4% of the respondents either “strongly agree or agree” with the following statement: “a variety of entry-level and family-wage jobs must be created”.



### Industrial Growth Preferences

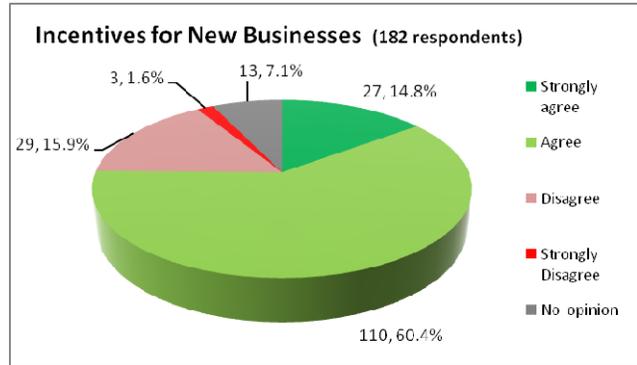
Survey respondents were asked a question related to the types of industry that they would prefer to see serve as the base for the economic growth of the community. The chart on the following page presents the findings with respect to the seven options presented.

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- Agricultural production and processing
- Timber production and processing
- Light manufacturing and secondary wood products
- Mining and mineral refining
- Light and heavy steel fabrication
- Transportation and distribution center



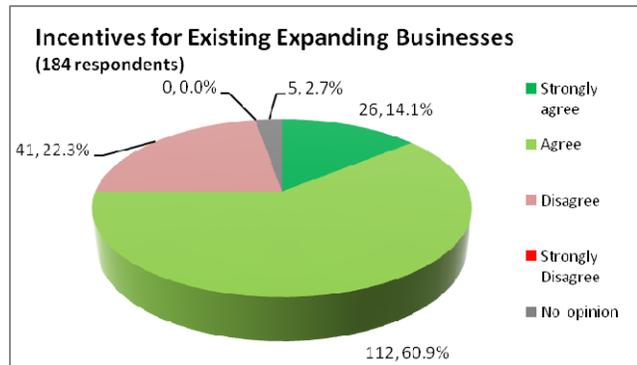
**Incentives for New Businesses**

Although less overwhelming than the positive responses to other similar questions, survey respondents still expressed general support for the provision of incentives for expanding local businesses. Specifically, 75.2% of the people either “strongly agree or agree” with the statement: “local government should give tax breaks to get new businesses to locate in Baker City”. 17.5% either “disagreed or strongly disagreed”, while 7.1% had “no opinion”.



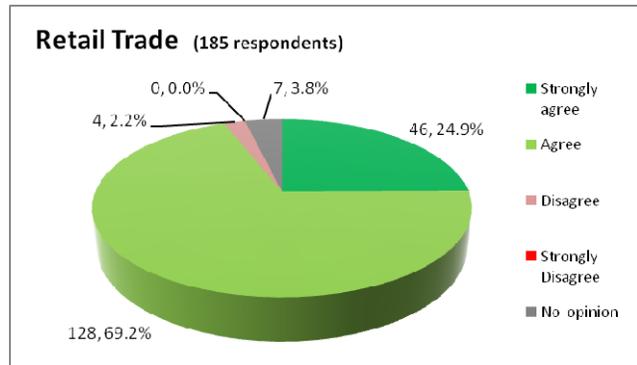
**Incentives for Existing Expanding Businesses**

Virtually an identical response to a question about incentives for *new* businesses was generated when inquiring about potential incentives for *existing expanding* businesses. Specifically, 75.0% of the respondents either “strongly agree or agree” with the following statement: “local government should give tax breaks to encourage current businesses to expand”.



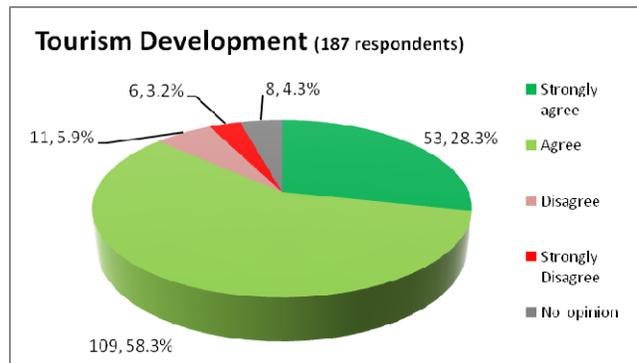
**Retail Trade**

Significant support remains for supporting the development of retail trade in Baker City. 94.1% of the respondents either “strongly agree or agree” with the statement: “local government, the Chamber of Commerce, and the downtown association must encourage the development of Baker City’s retail trade”. Only 2.2% disagreed with the statement, while 3.8% had no opinion.



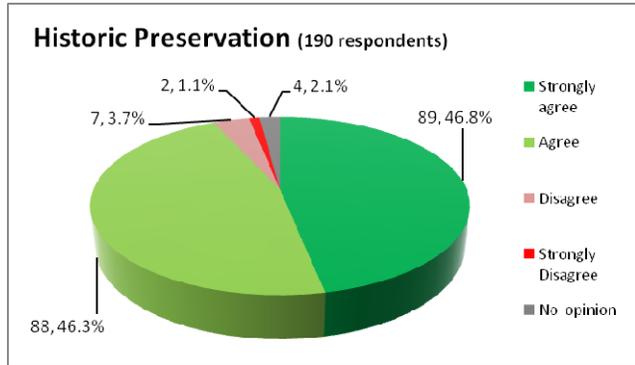
**Tourism Development**

Continued widespread support for tourism development exists amongst survey respondents. 86.6% of the respondents either “strongly agree or agree” with the statement: “tourism has been an economic development activity during the past 20 years, and this emphasis to attract more visitors to Baker County should be continued”. The table below presents these findings.



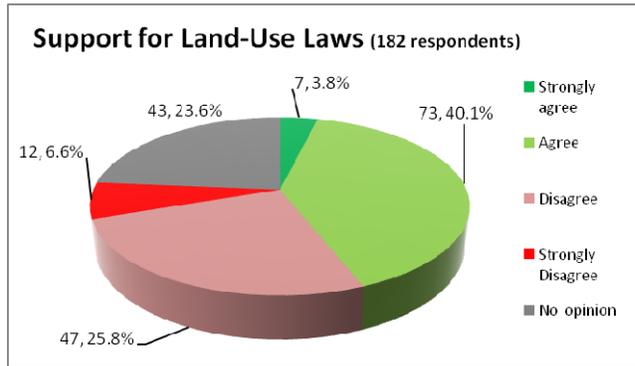
**Historic Preservation**

Over 93.1% of the respondents indicated that they “strongly agree or agree” with the statement: “it is important that Baker City’s historic assets are preserved and maintained”. The chart below presents this finding.



**Support for Land Use Laws**

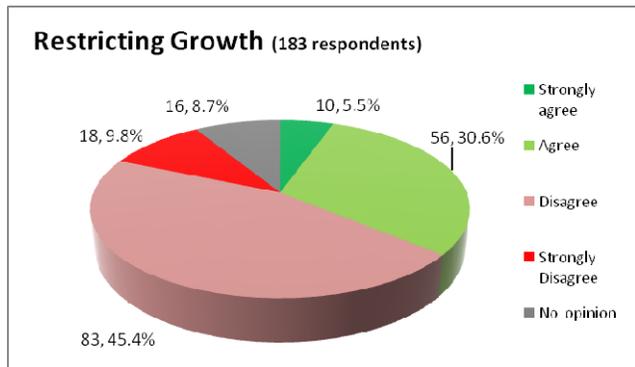
A question related to the ability of Oregon’s land use laws to balance environmental and economic development objectives generated a split of responses. 43.9% either “strongly agree or agree” with the statement: “Oregon land use laws and regulations adequately protect the natural resources and allow for industrial development”. 32.4% either “disagree or strongly disagree” with that statement, while fully 23.6% had “no opinion”.



It is notable that this survey was conducted at a time when Baker City and Oregon voters were considering Ballot Measure 49, a measure that would affect Oregon’s Land Use laws primarily governing rural residential land.

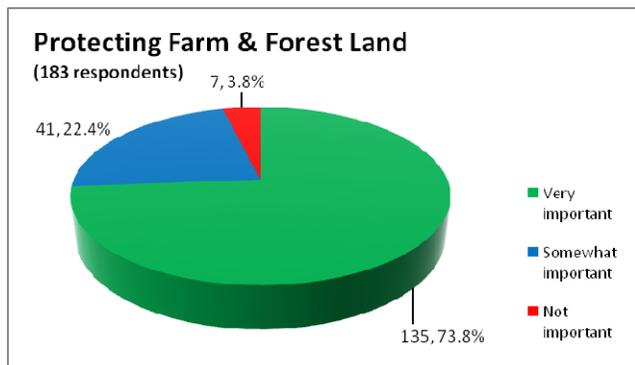
**Restricting Growth**

General opposition exists to the notion of restricting growth to preserve community livability. Specifically, 55.2% of the respondents either “disagree or strongly disagree” with the statement: “growth should be restricted in order to protect the present way of life in Baker City”.



**Protecting Farm and Forest Land**

A large majority of Baker City residents feel strongly that farm and forest land should be protected. 73.8% indicated that it is “very important” and 22.4% indicated that it is “somewhat important” to “protect and preserve the farm and forest lands and other open space around Baker City”.



## Findings Related to City Services

### Satisfaction with City Services & Policies

A series of questions was then asked related to the provision of City services and the development of City policies.

#### Overall Satisfaction

A remarkably high satisfaction level was shared with respect to the provision of City services. Fully 96.3% percent of the respondents indicated that they were either "very satisfied" or "somewhat satisfied" with how "Baker City provides services for parks, cemetery, streets, water, wastewater, public safety, law enforcement, land use planning, community development, economic development, and the airport".

#### City Value for the Dollar

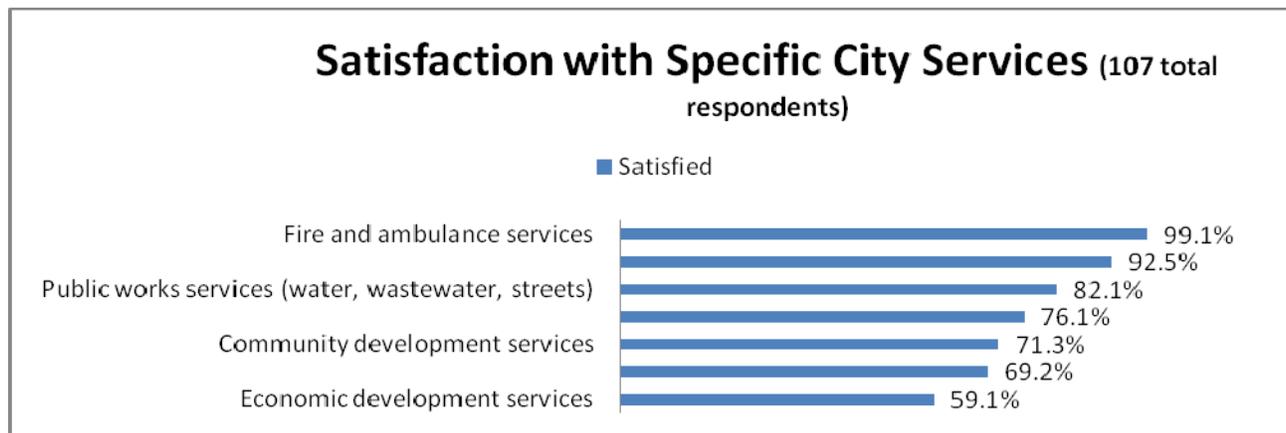
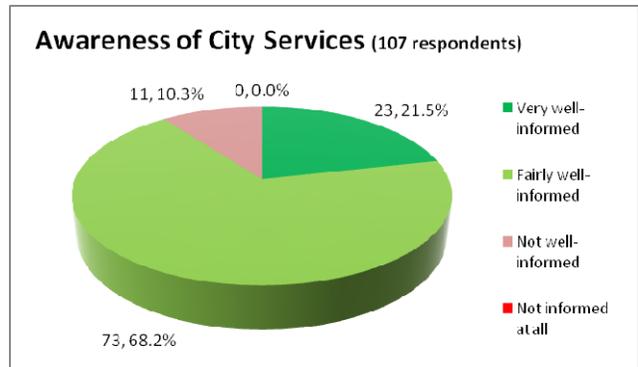
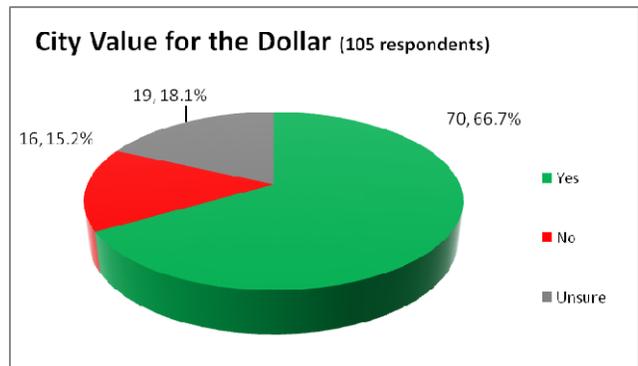
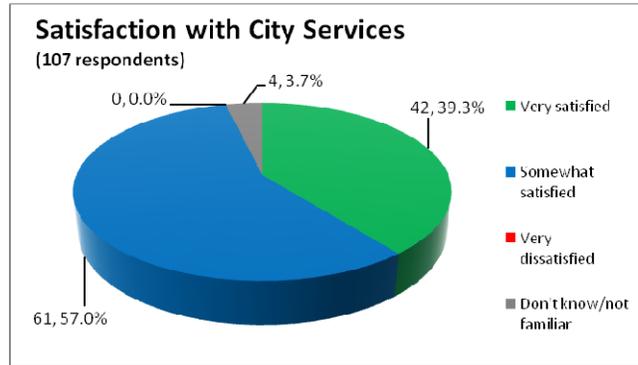
Respondents were very favorable in terms of evaluating the services that they receive for the "tax payer dollar". Over four times the number of respondents replied favorably as compared to unfavorably.

#### Awareness of City Services and Policies

In general, respondents to this survey indicated that they were relatively well informed of the City's services.

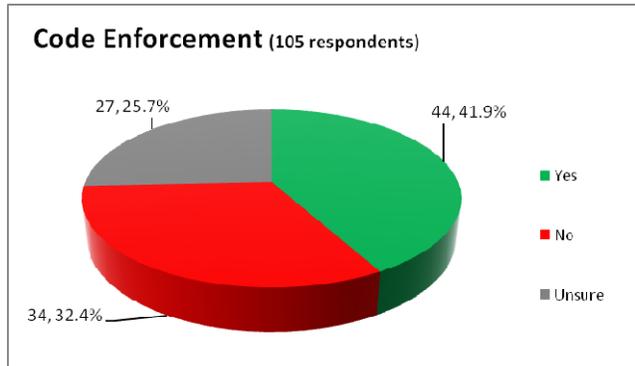
#### Satisfaction with Specific City Services

Respondents were asked if they were "satisfied" or "dissatisfied" with the provision of specific City services. The chart below presents these findings.



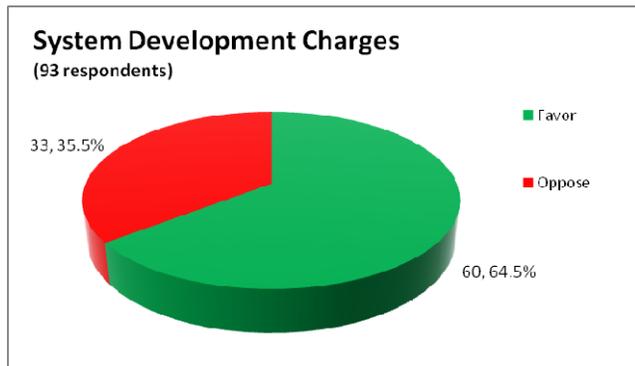
**Code Enforcement**

Respondents were generally split with respect to the question: “is the City expending enough time on code enforcement activities?” A slight majority indicated that they believed that sufficient time was spent on code enforcement activities, although a relatively large percentage (25.7%) was unsure.



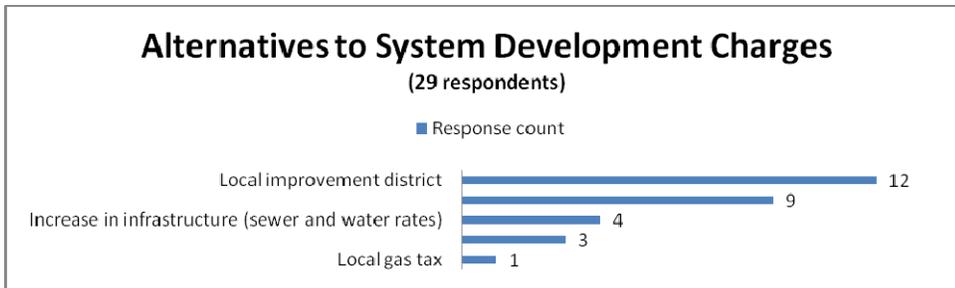
**System Development Charges (SDCs)**

The survey noted that the Baker City Council is “considering the establishment of System Development Charges to cover the cost of infrastructure”. Respondents were favorable by a ratio of nearly 2:1 of the City instituting System Development Charges.



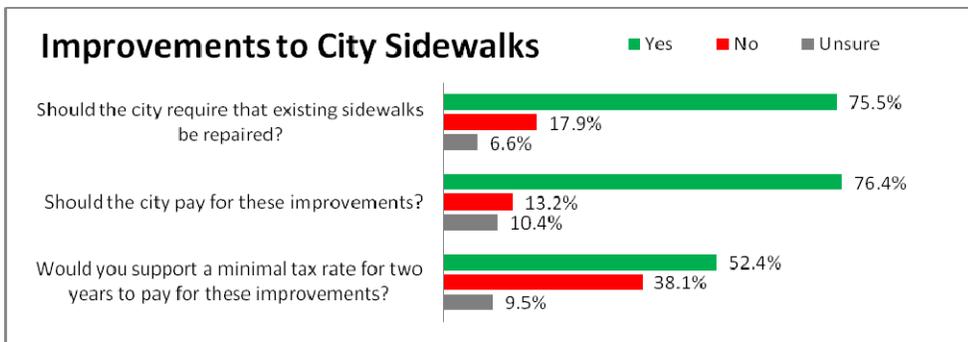
**Alternatives to SDCs**

Respondents that were unfavorable toward System Development Charges were asked about the alternatives that they would favor in lieu of such charges. The top two responses, as shown in the table below, were Local Improvement Districts and diminishing other City services.



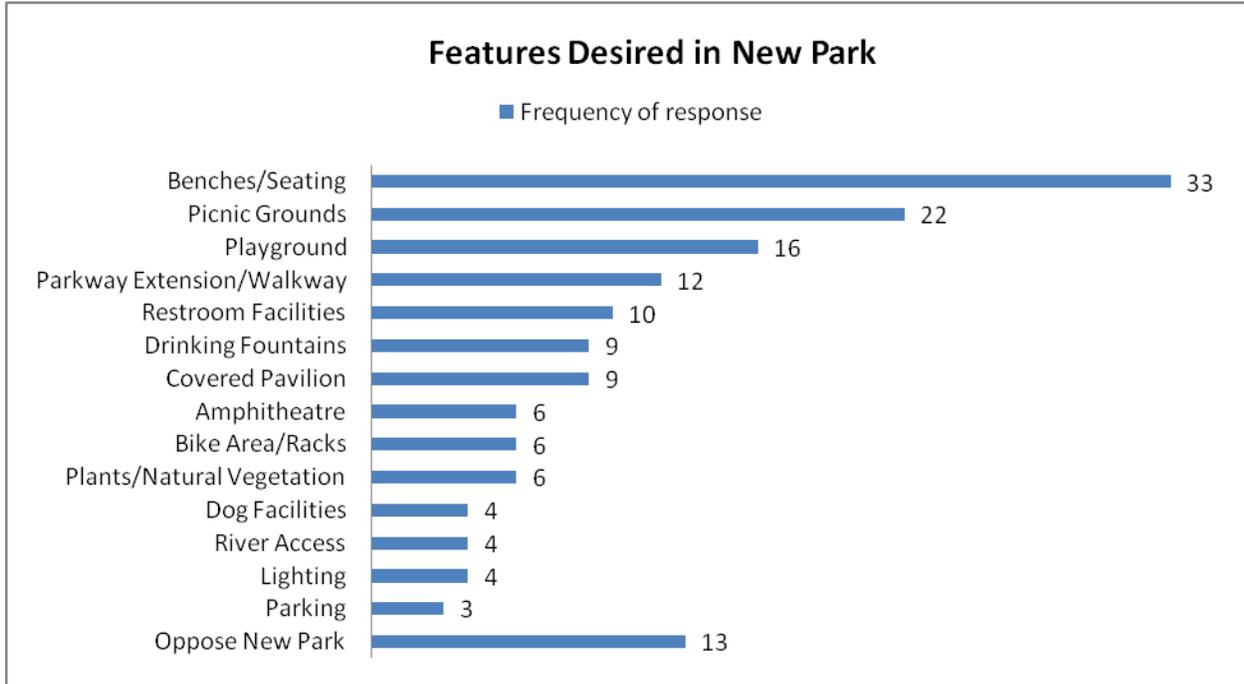
**Sidewalk Improvements**

Three questions were asked related to preferences on a City policy related to repairing—and paying for—sidewalks. As the tables below indicate, a vast majority of the respondents believed that the City should require that sidewalks be repaired, and the City should pay for these sidewalks. A slight majority of the respondents indicated they would support a “minimal tax rate for two years” to pay for such sidewalk improvements.



**New City Park Features**

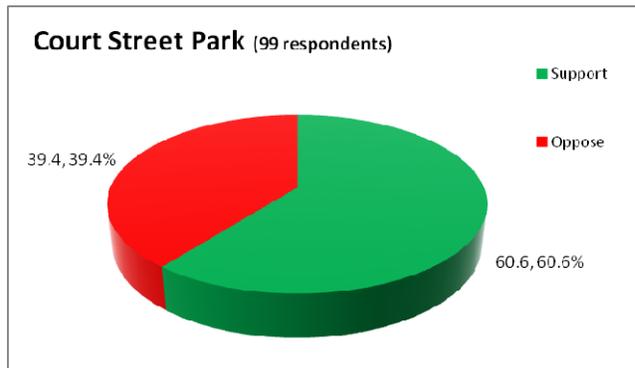
A City-appointed volunteer committee is designing the development of a new City park on City property along the Powder River near the downtown. Respondents were asked to name specific park features they would find desirable. The table below presents these responses. Benches/seating, picnic grounds, and play grounds lead the way in terms of the most responses. Many of the features identified are already targeted by the City volunteer advisory committee for the project.



**Court Street Park**

Respondents were asked if they would be supportive of closing Court Street between Main Street and Resort Street for the development of the Court Street Park. Respondents were favorable to this plan by a 3:2 margin.

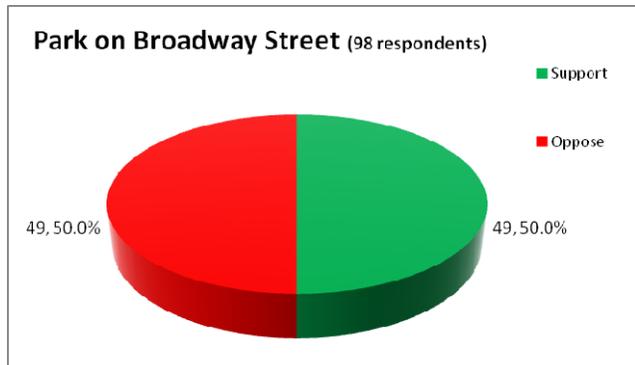
Planning and development of the Court Street Park has been envisioned by downtown advocates for over 20 years.



**Park on Broadway Street**

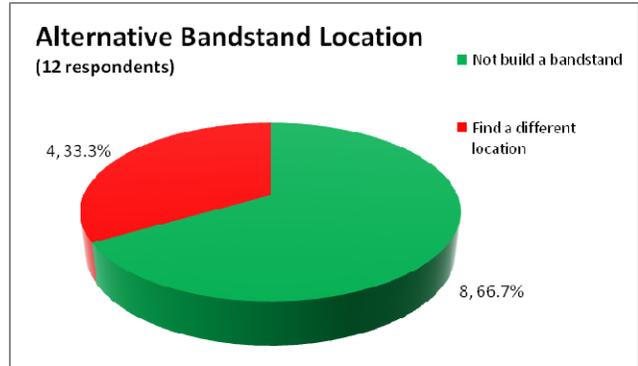
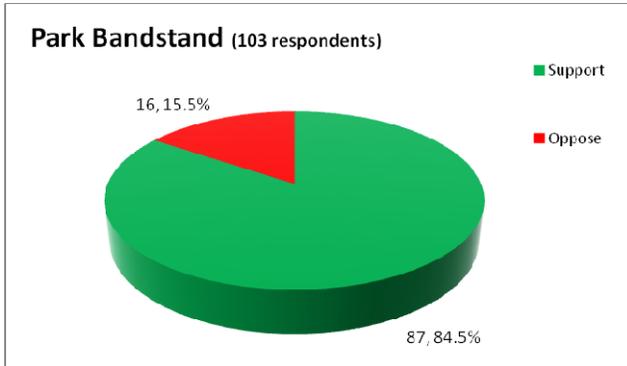
A similar question to the "Court Street Park" was asked related to closing Broadway Street between Main Street and Resort Street. Respondents were evenly split on this potential plan.

Unlike the prospective development of the Court Street Park, development of an alternate use on Resort Street has not been envisioned in previous planning efforts.



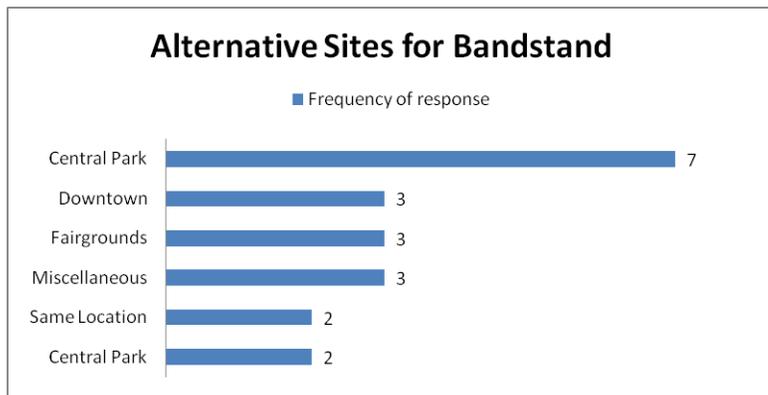
**Park Bandstand**

A local volunteer committee is working to locate and build a bandstand similar to a historic bandstand formally located in the Geiser Pollman Park. Respondents were asked if they “favored” or “opposed” locating such a bandstand in the Geiser Pollman Park.



**Alternative Bandstand Locations**

For the respondents that did not favor locating the bandstand in the Geiser Pollman Park, they were given an option of either “not building the bandstand”, or relocating the bandstand to a different location. Two out of every three respondents that did not want the bandstand built in the Geiser Pollman Park did not want the bandstand built at all.



Of the respondents that desired to locate the bandstand at an alternate location, their specific locations are presented in the chart to the right.

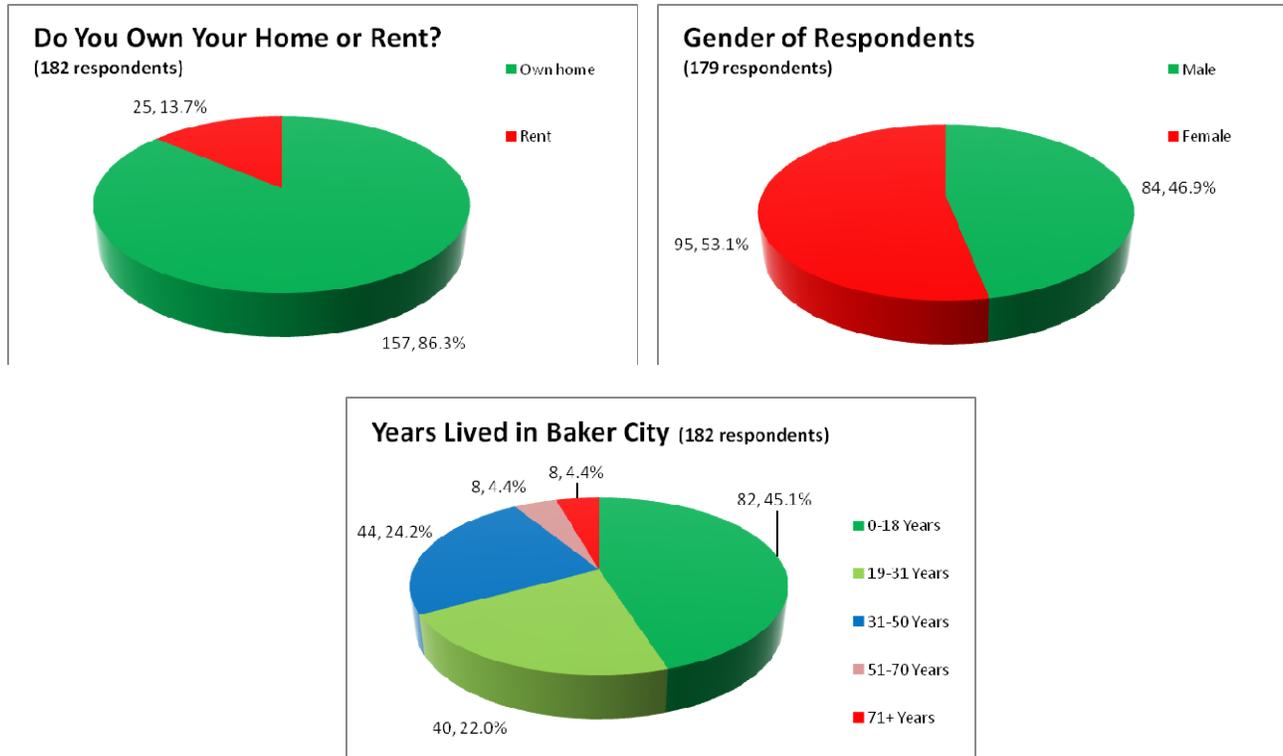
**Future Industrial Park Location**

Respondents were asked to identify their preference of new industrial park locations should the Elkhorn View Industrial Park be filled to capacity with business expansions and relocations. As seen in the chart below, five alternate locations were equally preferred by the respondents: (1) Baker Airport; (2) Land immediately south of the Elkhorn View Industrial Park; (3) Former Ellingson Lumber Mill site bordered by Broadway and Auburn streets; (4) South Baker Industrial Lands owned by Ellingson Lumber Company; (5) Property east of Interstate 84 between Exits 302 and 304.



## Demographics

Three demographic questions were asked related to gender, home ownership, and length of time in Baker City. The responses to these questions are provided in the charts below.



# City of Baker City Opinion Survey



## 1. Default Section

**1. Hello. My name is\_\_\_\_, and I am volunteering for the City of Baker City tonight to conduct an opinion survey to determine what the people of Baker City would like for their community's future. Would you have 15 minutes to answer some questions in this regard?**

**Thank you. Here is the first question... As a place to live, how desirable do you consider Baker City to be...**

1. Very desirable

3. Somewhat undesirable

2. Somewhat desirable

4. Very undesirable

**2. Over the past five years, would you say that Baker City has become more or less desirable?**

More desirable

Less desirable

**3. (IF THEY SAID "MORE DESIRABLE") What do you think is the one main reason the City of Baker City has become a MORE DESIRABLE place to live?**

**4. (IF THEY SAID "LESS DESIRABLE") What do you think is the one main reason the City of Baker City has become a less desirable place to live?**

**5. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "It is important that Baker City's historic assets are preserved and maintained". (READ THE OPTIONS FOR THE NEXT 11 QUESTIONS)**

Strongly agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

No opinion

**6. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "Tourism has been an economic development activity during the past 20 years and this emphasis to attract more visitors to Baker County should be continued".**

Strongly agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

No opinion

**7. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "Local government must be involved in promoting and supporting economic development".**

Strongly agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

No opinion

**8. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "Local government must increase the variety of job opportunities by promoting the growth of business and industry".**

Strongly agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

No opinion

**9. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "A variety of entry-level and family-wage jobs must be created".**

Strongly agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

No opinion

**10. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "Local government should give tax breaks to get new businesses to locate in Baker City".**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- No opinion

**11. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "Local government should give tax breaks to encourage current businesses to expand".**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- No opinion

**12. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "In order for the City of Baker City to be a healthy and sustainable community 20 years from now, the City must plan today to attract new residents and businesses".**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- No opinion

**13. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "Growth should be restricted in order to protect the present way of life in Baker City".**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- No opinion

**14. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "Oregon land use laws and regulations adequately protect the natural resources and allow for industrial development".**

- Strongly agree

- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- No opinion

**15. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "Local government, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Downtown Association must encourage the development of Baker City's retail trade".**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- No opinion

**16. All things considered, how does life in Baker City compare to ten years ago. (READ OPTIONS)**

- Better off
- The same
- Worse off
- Unsure

**17. Why have you answered the question above this way?**

**18. All things considered, do you think you will be better off or worse off in 10 years?**

- Better off
- About The same
- Worse off

**19. Why have you answered the question above this way?**

**20. Currently there are about 10,000 people living in Baker City. Would you most prefer the population of Baker City to DECLINE, STAY THE SAME, GROW SLOWER, GROW AT THE SAME PACE, or GROW FASTER?**

- Decline
- Stay the same
- Grow slower
- Grow at the same pace
- Grow Faster

**21. What should the emphasis be in developing local employment opportunities? (READ OPTIONS)**

- Jobs at all levels
- Family-wage jobs
- No growth

**22. How important to the future of Baker City do you think it is to protect and preserve the farm and forest lands and other open space around Baker City. (READ OPTIONS)**

- Not important
- Somewhat Important
- Very important

**23. OK, I am going to read a series of statements, and ask you to score the statement from 1 to 7 based upon your views. .... Here is the first statement... How often do people work together to get things done in our community? Please score this from 1 to 7, with 1 being "seldom, if at all" and 7 being "very often".**

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7

**24. How supportive of one another are people who live in our community? Please score this from 1 to 7, with 1 being "extremely non-supportive" and 7 being "extremely supportive".**

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7

**25. How committed are residents to our community? Please score this from 1 to 7, with 1 being "extremely uncommitted" and 7 being "extremely committed".**

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7

**26. How strongly do residents identify with and feel a part of our community? Please score this from 1 to 7, with 1 being "weakly identify" and 7 being "strongly identify".**

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7

**27. How safe do you feel in our community (police, fire, personal, and property safety)? Please score this from 1 to 7, with 1 being "extremely unsafe" and 7 being "extremely safe".**

- 1
- 2
- 3

- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7

**28. How do you feel about the quality of health care in Baker County? Please score this from 1 to 7, with 1 being "not satisfied" and 7 being "very satisfied".**

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7

**29. What one thing are you most proud of in your community?**

**30. Determining if and what kinds of industry should be encouraged to develop or locate in Baker City to provide jobs to City residents is very important. Please indicate what best represents your answer about whether you feel the sector should NOT be a priority or should be given LOW priority, MEDIUM priority, or HIGH priority for economic growth and expansion.**

	Not priority	Low priority	Medium priority	High Priority
Recreation and tourism	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural production and processing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Timber production and processing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Light manufacturing (secondary wood products)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mining and mineral refining	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Light and heavy steel fabrication	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transportation and distribution center	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**31. Please name up to five major community projects or accomplishments that local government and community civic organizations are partially or wholly**

responsible for completing over the last five years.

**32. What community projects still need to be completed--or started?**

**33. How many years have you lived in Baker City?**

**34. Do you own your home or rent?**

- Own home
- Rent

**35. Sex of respondent (FILL IN YOURSELF)**

- Male
- Female

**36. Thank you for your patience. We are way over half-way done... The City of Baker City provides services for parks, cemetery, streets, water, wastewater, public safety, law enforcement, land use planning, community development, economic development, and the airport. How satisfied are you with these services? (READ OPTIONS)**

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- Don't know/not familiar

**37. How informed are you about the City of Baker City's services? (READ OPTIONS)**

- Very well-informed
- Fairly well-informed
- Not well-informed
- Not informed at all

**38. Thinking about the specific services provided by the City of Baker City, please tell me if you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the following services:**

	Satisfied	Dissatisfied
Police services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire and ambulance services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public works services(water, wastewater, streets, parks, cemetery)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land use planning services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community development services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic development services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Airport services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**39. Do you think the City is expending enough time on Code Enforcement activities?**

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

**40. The City is currently working to develop a new park along the Powder River between Washington and Valley Streets. Name up to three PARK FEATURES you would like to see in the park.**

**41. Do you feel you are getting a good value for the property taxes that you pay in Baker City?**

- Yes
- No

Unsure

**42. The City is considering establishing System Development Charges (SDCs) to cover the cost of new infrastructure. SDCs require the developer to pay for new infrastructure. The alternatives are to shift the City's existing maintenance funds for this purpose or to increase taxes. With this in mind, do you favor or oppose SDCs?**

Favor

Oppose

**43. If you do not favor SDCs, which of the following alternative methods to pay for infrastructure would you support? (Check all that apply)**

Increase in infrastructure (sewer and water) rates

Local gas tax

Utility surcharge

Local Improvement District

Diminishing other services

**44. A local volunteer committee is working to locate and build a bandstand similar to a historic bandstand formerly located in Geiser Pollman Park. Do you FAVOR or OPPOSE locating a bandstand in the Geiser Pollman Park?**

Favor

Oppose

**45. (SKIP IF THEY SAID "FAVOR" IN #44 ABOVE) If you oppose the construction of a new bandstand in the Geiser Pollman Park, would your preference be to...**

Not build a bandstand

Find a different location for such a bandstand

**46. If you support building a bandstand at an alternate location, where would this be?**

**47. The City is considering closing Court Street between Main Street and Resort Street (to be used as a public park) as well as Broadway between Main Street and Resort Street (to be used as public parking).**

**Would you support or oppose closing COURT STREET for this purpose?**

- Support
- Oppose

**48. Would you support or oppose closing BROADWAY for this purpose?**

- Support
- Oppose

**49. Should the City be fortunate to attract new industrial business activity at the Elkhorn View Industrial Park (near OTEC), our industrial land availability could be reduced to almost nothing.**

**Several opportunities for new industrial land development exist in and near the City limits. Please indicate whether you support or oppose industrial park development in the following locations:**

	Support	Oppose
Baker Airport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land immediately south of the Elkhorn View Industrial Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Former Ellingson Lumber Mill site bordered by Broadway and Auburn Streets.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
South Baker industrial lands owned by Ellingson Lumber Company	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Property east of Interstate 84 between Exits 302 and 304	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**50. Do you think that Baker City should require that existing sidewalks be repaired?**

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

**51. Do you think that the City should pay for these sidewalk improvements?**

- Yes
- No

Unsure

**52. Would you support a minimal tax rate for two years to raise funds to pay for these sidewalks?**

Yes

No

Unsure

Thank you for participating in this survey. Results from the survey should be published in the local press in the next few weeks.

Have a good evening.

