

PUBLIC SURVEY COMPARISON OF 2015 and 2005 RESULTS

	2015						2015		2005	
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure	Agree to some extent	Disagree to some extent	Agree to some extent	Disagree to some extent
1. Taking all things into consideration, the quality of life in the county is very good.	5.07	38.67	42.93	10.67	2.13	0.53	86.67	12.80	67.2	11.4
2. The following are major issues in Berkeley County:										
a. Location of new development	22.51	39.77	23.39	7.31	2.92	4.09	85.67	10.23	85.1	10.6
b. Affordable housing	14.62	30.41	26.61	18.71	5.56	4.09	71.64	24.27	81	13.6
c. Lack of employment opportunities	27.70	29.15	23.62	15.16	2.62	1.75	80.47	17.78	76.1	14.8
d. Protection of water resources	30.70	34.80	20.18	7.60	2.34	4.39	85.68	9.94	85.6	7.4
e. Traffic congestion	42.98	21.64	22.51	11.11	1.17	0.58	87.13	12.28	88.8	7.6
f. Pace of new development	17.49	32.94	22.74	17.49	2.92	6.41	73.17	20.41	85.7	10.6
g. Cleanliness of the county	38.01	30.12	21.64	8.19	0.88	1.17	89.77	9.07	88.2	8.6
3. The following types of housing should be encouraged in Berkeley County:										
a. Single-family detached homes	22.71	50.15	12.39	5.90	1.77	7.08	85.25	7.67	85.9	8.8
b. Multi-story Apartment Buildings	4.72	23.89	25.96	27.73	11.50	6.19	54.57	39.23	41.4	50
c. Loft units above businesses	13.57	34.51	23.60	12.68	5.90	9.73	71.68	18.58	48.6	38.6
d. Townhomes	5.01	29.79	33.63	19.47	7.37	4.72	68.43	26.84	55.2	38.4
e. Conversion of single-family homes to apartments	2.67	6.53	12.76	45.40	24.93	7.72	21.96	70.33	21.9	68.5
f. Retirement Villages/Assisted Living facilities	31.07	43.49	17.16	3.55	2.07	2.66	91.72	5.62	90.1	5.4
g. Mobile Homes	1.19	4.76	15.18	41.96	33.63	3.27	21.13	75.59	n/a	n/a
4. The availability of the following community services and utilities is adequate within the county:										
a. Police Protection	2.06	22.12	30.38	23.89	13.57	7.96	54.56	37.46	60.8	32.8
b. Fire and Ambulance services	3.27	33.63	32.14	15.48	6.55	8.93	69.04	22.03	75.2	19
c. Street and Road Maintenance	0.89	15.18	30.06	30.36	21.73	1.79	46.13	52.09	44.7	51.8
d. Public Water	3.56	34.42	30.56	10.98	4.45	16.02	68.54	15.43	67.4	22.1
e. Public Sewer	3.58	35.22	29.25	11.34	3.58	17.01	68.05	14.92	63	26.3
f. Internet Access	2.09	24.18	20.30	26.27	23.58	3.58	46.57	49.85	60.6	21.7
g. Public Library Services	5.97	33.43	25.97	19.40	8.36	6.87	65.37	27.76	80.6	9.2
h. Trash Removal/Recycling	5.95	38.99	25.60	12.50	8.04	8.93	70.54	20.54	64.7	30.5
i. Parks and Recreation	5.37	33.43	24.18	18.81	10.45	7.76	62.98	29.26	69.6	21.9
j. Cable TV	4.73	32.54	18.93	21.01	16.27	6.51	56.20	37.28	59.8	28.9
5. The following transportation related projects should be pursued by county officials:										
a. Complete planned improvements to US11 from Virginia to Potomac River.	17.91	39.40	18.81	7.46	2.09	14.33	76.12	9.55	n/a	n/a
b. Complete planned improvements to WV51 from Jefferson County line to I-81.	21.26	35.03	20.66	5.09	1.80	16.17	76.95	6.89	n/a	n/a
c. Provide bicycle and pedestrian facilities that connect neighborhoods to schools, community facilities, and rural sections of the county	33.83	30.54	21.86	7.78	2.69	3.29	86.23	10.47	80.3	13.8
d. Improve Public Transportation	25.15	38.92	21.26	6.29	1.80	6.59	85.33	8.09	87.3	4.6
e. Reduce congestion in and around Martinsburg, Hedgesville, Inwood and Tabler Station	45.05	34.23	14.71	2.10	0.60	3.30	93.99	2.70	94.6	1.8
f. Promote the use of facilities at the Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport	30.95	35.71	19.94	3.27	2.08	8.04	86.60	5.35	81.5	7
g. Provide transportation related services to elderly and the handicapped	33.13	42.09	19.10	2.09	0.90	2.69	94.32	2.99	94.6	1.6

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6. I am very satisfied with county government in regard to the following:											
a. Citizen input about community decisions	0.92	19.27	33.33	16.82	10.70	18.96	53.52	27.52	49	37.4	
b. Building permits, code enforcement and inspections	2.13	18.90	27.44	18.29	10.37	22.87	48.47	28.66	44.5	42.8	
c. Planning regulations	1.53	12.23	28.75	20.18	12.54	24.77	42.51	32.72	34.3	54.2	
d. Cooperation with other governments in the county and the state	2.15	15.34	31.29	10.43	5.52	35.28	48.78	15.95	53.2	19.6	
e. Historic and natural resource protection	2.15	19.02	34.66	15.03	7.67	21.47	55.83	22.70	64.6	18.6	
f. Keeping citizens informed on planned projects	1.83	16.21	30.58	25.08	11.62	14.68	48.62	36.70	60.7	31.5	
g. Keeping citizens informed on available assistance programs	1.53	10.74	26.38	26.69	8.59	26.07	38.65	35.28	56.3	32.1	
h. Keeping citizens informed of community activities	1.85	15.69	33.54	25.85	9.23	13.85	51.08	35.08	70.6	21.9	
7. Berkeley County needs more of the following recreational facilities/programs:											
a. Neighborhood parks and playground facilities	23.84	31.27	27.24	10.53	1.24	5.88	82.35	11.77	84.1	7.8	
b. Basketball and tennis courts	12.07	20.12	29.72	18.58	4.95	14.55	61.91	23.53	69.3	18.1	
c. Baseball and softball fields	8.64	18.21	26.54	25.31	4.01	17.28	53.39	29.32	68.1	19.5	
d. Football fields	5.86	14.51	20.06	32.72	8.02	18.83	40.43	40.74	58	29.5	
e. Soccer fields	9.63	18.32	27.64	21.43	5.28	17.70	55.59	26.71	63.6	23.5	
f. Places to walk and hike	36.53	31.58	18.89	6.81	0.93	5.26	87.00	7.74	86.1	7.2	
g. Bike trails and paths	35.69	32.00	18.46	8.31	2.15	3.38	86.15	10.46	84.5	8.2	
h. Swimming pools	19.57	20.50	21.74	19.57	3.11	15.53	61.81	22.68	75.1	15.8	
i. Arts and craft classes	15.05	20.38	26.33	16.61	3.45	18.18	61.76	20.06	68.9	17.7	
j. Fitness classes	17.50	22.19	26.88	17.50	3.75	12.19	66.57	21.25	74.9	14.4	
k. Community sports leagues	9.66	19.63	20.87	22.74	4.67	22.43	50.16	27.41	69.5	16.9	
8. Berkeley County needs more of the following community and cultural activities:											
a. Historic site tours and activities	11.56	27.50	31.87	18.13	0.94	10.00	70.93	19.07	75.3	14.4	
b. Concerts	14.06	35.94	25.00	14.06	3.13	7.81	75.00	17.19	78.5	12.2	
c. Live theater	13.48	32.60	26.65	14.11	2.82	10.34	72.73	16.93	75.1	15.2	
d. Parades	5.05	10.41	18.93	39.75	10.73	15.14	34.39	50.48	52.6	35.1	
e. Festivals	11.71	26.58	28.80	19.62	3.48	9.81	67.09	23.10	76.3	14.4	
f. Protective greenways along streams and scenic roads	32.19	38.75	16.88	5.31	1.56	5.31	87.82	6.87	87.4	5.8	