

HUMAN SERVICES NEEDS ASSESSMENT PROVIDER AND CITIZEN SURVEY RESULTS



Report to Bradford County:
Commissioned by Partners in Family & Community
Development and United Way of Bradford County



United Way of Bradford County



Mansfield, PA 16933

December
2015

Mansfield University of Pennsylvania

As Pennsylvania's Premier Public Liberal Arts University and a College of Distinction, Mansfield University offers the best the state has to provide, along with unmatched opportunities through our Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC) affiliation



Mansfield, PA 16933

This publication was produced by the
Department of Social Work and Sociology

Mansfield University

Pinecrest Manor

Mansfield, PA 16933

Call 570-662-4661

Or visit Website: [http://www.mansfield.edu/
anthropology-sociology/](http://www.mansfield.edu/anthropology-sociology/)

Authors:

Janice K. Purk, Ph. D.

Timothy J. Madigan, Ph. D.

John Mansfield, Ph.D., LISW

Any part of this report may be reproduced or used
as part of another publication with proper attribu-
tion to the authors of this report and the university.

This project was supported and commissioned by
United Way of Bradford County and
[Partners in Family and Community Development.](#)

Respondents: Insights from three stakeholder groups were sought using survey techniques. A total of 500 questionnaires were distributed to a target audience of providers and service users, online survey collection was also available and shared with providers and employers throughout the county. There was special measure taken with this target audience to be able to have participation from people from the entirety of the county. 526 surveys were completed-196 in paper copy and 330 in e-survey tool.

Questionnaire Design

Copies of both the citizen and the provider questions were drafted based on systematic review of previously conducted needs assessment surveys from other jurisdictions. The draft survey solicited information from advisory groups for the study. These included those that served: 1) healthcare, 2) childcare, 3) basic needs (e.g. food, rent, housing, financial, transportation) , and 4) mental health/substance abuse. Through focus groups held with local community members from different service providers, questions were also generated. Additionally, questions were asked about various “other” services. The draft questionnaires were circulated to the advisory group members for their review and comment. The final survey contained 75 questions and asked respondents to indicate their perceptions regarding the need, accessibility, and effectiveness of a variety of services within Bradford County. Respondents were asked to provide their perceptions regarding the need, accessibility, and effectiveness of a variety of services within the county. They were also asked about their personal use of human services and their familiarity with how to access services if needed, as well as a variety of demographic questions.

Introduction

Needs assessments, also called community profiles, needs and resource surveys, or similar designation seek to inform those that have the ability to implement changes. The scope of the assessment may be broad, where communities have concerns about issues and services. Bradford County Pennsylvania is located in the northeastern section of the Commonwealth.

County Demographics

DEMOGRAPHICS

Bradford County is located in the heart of the Endless Mountains Region in northeastern Pennsylvania. It is the home of breath-taking vistas and winding country roads. Bradford County is home to nearly 63,000 residents and the second largest county geographically in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania containing over 1161 square miles.

United States Census information from 2015 indicates:

Population estimate is 61,784

Female population 50.5%

Male population 49.5%

24,453 households

31% of households have children under the age of 18

19.6% of the population is over 65

Median age –39

17,312 families

Ethnic background

White 96.2%

Black .6%

Native American .3%

Asian .6%

County Demographics (cont.)

DEMOGRAPHICS

Foreign born 1.5%

Language other than English 3.1%

Education

High School graduates 87.3%

Bachelor's degree or higher 17.1%

Veterans 2009-2013 5.8%

Households

Housing units 30,129

Homeownership rates 2009-2013 74.9%

Median value of owner-occupied housing-
\$119,900.

Median household income 2009-2013- \$46,963.

Person below poverty level 2009-2013– 13.3%

Business facts

Private non farm employed—19,558

Private non-farm establishments– 1,394

Geography facts

Land area—1147.40 square miles

Persons per square mile– 54.6

Schools

Public school districts –7

Private schools-12

Libraries– 11

Public transportation– BeST– serving Bradford,

Sullivan and Tioga County

County Parks– Mt. Pisgah, Sunfish Pond, Larnard
Hornbrook

Table of Contents

Introduction	page 2
Executive Summary	page 7
Results	page 14
Appendix 1- survey document	page 43
Appendix 2- All written answers	page 52

BRADFORD COUNTY SURVEY

Executive Summary

Needs as Indicated by the Survey Respondents

The results of the survey of Bradford County's social service needs reveal many people in the county have needs. A little over one-quarter of the respondents said that they needed social services within the last year. Of those who needed services, health care was the first and mental health was the second most commonly needed service. Emergency or crisis service, along with child care and transportation were commonly mentioned needs. Senior and day care services were least mentioned needed services.

When asked about being able to access the social services that the respondent needed, roughly 4 out of 5 said that they were able to do so. One out of five, however, reported that they were unable to do so. These two groups were then asked another question about how they gained access to services or what prevented them from accessing services.

The most frequently occurring answer to how respondents were able to learn about needed services was referral from a health care professional followed closely by referral from a friend or from the phone book. Social service agencies were responsible for a large number of respondents finding out about needed services. County directory, church and online rounded out least used ways respondents indicated that they found out about services. Hotlines were mentioned by the fewest number of respondents.

Various reasons were chosen or written in for why respondents were prevented from accessing needed social services. Given the list of specific response choices, having no money was the most checked reason. Having no health insurance was the second most commonly checked reason. A long waiting list and lack of transportation were also reasons frequently checked. The choice labelled as "Other" received more checks than the specific choice of having no money. Respondents frequently wrote in answers such as lack of coverage, lack of providers, service not available, not eligible and lack of knowledge.

Bradford County residents had a wide array of thoughts about services which they thought were lacking in the county. The answers were similar to the ones given above where individuals reported on their own needs as opposed to broader needs of the county.

Overall, 2 out of 3 respondents indicated that they thought Bradford County is lacking services. Only 1 out of 3 thought that the county was not lacking any services.

The top two services that respondents felt were lacking were transportation and mental health. The next two most frequently mentioned services checked were child care and senior care. Day care and health care were two types of services that substantial numbers of respondents thought were lacking in the county. Many respondents also checked the "Other" response choice. Among the written in responses, the most frequently occurring were: drug and alcohol services, housing, homeless shelter and services, and psychiatry.

Given the high level of belief among the respondents that Bradford County is lacking services, it is no surprise that many thought that a directory of social services would be helpful. Some 9 out of 10

respondents thought such a directory is needed. Only 17 percent of the respondents were aware of existing directories or specifically “211”, “Helpline” and the website www.Helpline-NEPa.info.com.

Health Issues of the Survey Respondents

Around 1 out of 4 respondents indicated that they exercise. The remaining respondents do not exercise. Of those who exercise, around half of them exercise 2 or 3 times a week. One out of three exercise 4 or more times a week. Finally, 1 out of 10 exercise only once a week. In terms of intensity level, nearly 1 out of 10 respondents who exercise do so with high intensity. Moderate intensity is the most frequent intensity type with around half of those who exercise engaging in such. Around 1 out of 3 indicates that they exercise with low intensity.

Most of the respondents who took the survey indicated that they had health insurance coverage (97%). Only a few respondents said that they did not have such coverage. The top reason they wrote for not having coverage was not being able to afford it. Although nearly everyone has coverage, many people do not fully use it. One out of three respondents indicated that their co-pay or deductible cost negatively influences their use of services.

Half of the respondents reported that they know someone who is receiving mental health services in Bradford County. Almost a third of the respondents reported that they know someone who could benefit from the use of mental health services but cannot access them. The most common reasons for not accessing them were lack of insurance or cost of treatment, transportation issues and lack of doctors to treat the needs.

In terms of receiving mental health services, only 1 out of 20 respondents indicated that they were currently receiving such. Three out of four of these service users were outpatients. Almost 1 out of 5 respondents indicated that a family member was receiving mental health services. Again, the majority of these service recipients were outpatients.

Besides themselves and outside their family, a fair number of the respondents seem to know someone who is dealing with mental health issues. For example, half of them know someone who is autistic. Almost a third of them know a child who is receiving mental health services. Almost a third of them know a child who is depressed. Many of the above respondents know several youth who have such issues.

Children’s Activities and Care

Two out of three survey respondents believe that there are not enough non-school related activities for children 18 years old or younger in their community. Half of them believe that there were enough school activities for children. However, 1 out of 4 believes the opposite. Nearly the same number is unsure. When asked to list the type of after school activities that they would like to see be made available, the top two responses were exercise/sport activities and outdoor activities. Other frequently occurring responses included recreational facilities, YMCA, a swimming pool and places to hang out.

A majority of the survey participants who answered the question about their children participating in any of the following three programs, namely Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts, Big Brother/Big Sister or Rainbow Riders, indicated that they did. Some of the respondents indicated that several of their children participated in such mentoring or therapeutic programs.

In terms of whether there are enough family friendly places in the community for adults and children to enjoy, over half of the respondents said no. Only around a quarter of them said yes. The remainder was unsure. When given a list of activities or places that could be added to the community, the ones most frequently desired by respondents were by far hobbies and playgrounds. Museums came in third place. Ball fields, sports teams and libraries rounded out the remaining choices. Some respondents wrote in their own ideas under the "Other" choice. Outdoor activities, recreation center and indoor public pool came up as the most frequently occurring answers.

When asked about services and activities for gifted children in the area, the most frequent response was "Unsure". One out of four respondents indicated that there are no gifted children services. One out of three said the same about activities for gifted children. A third or fewer of the respondents thought that services and activities were available for gifted children.

The respondents were asked two questions about day care. Around 1 out of 10 report that they use day care. Nearly 2 out of 3 think that day care is not affordable to those in need of it. Only 1 out of 10 think it is affordable. Many of the respondents reported that they were unsure whether day care was affordable since they did not use such services.

Transportation

Three out of four respondents indicated that there are public transportation services available in their community. Some 14% of the respondents said there were no such services. One out of ten was unsure.

The primary method of transportation for those in the survey was privately owned motor vehicle. Nearly 90% of the respondents checked the choice for vehicle. Some 4% of the respondents checked public bus. A few respondents reported using each of the following methods of transportation: walk, bike, ride share, neighbor and disability service transportation. A few respondents reported using a combination of the above methods.

A question was asked about whether public transportation was available at times when the respondent needed it. Only 16% responded that it was. One out of four said that it was not. The remainder said either they are unsure or do not care.

Private vehicle was the most common method of transportation. But vehicles can break down. When asked if they can get their vehicle repaired when it needs it, 7% of the sample said no. Among those who said yes, a small number (3%) indicated that they need assistance with paying the bill. Family members are the main providers of such assistance followed by credit card or borrowing money.

Housing

The survey participants were asked about housing problems. A list of outcomes was included in the housing section of the questionnaire. The first question asked them if they ever had any of the problems. One out of ten reported that they experienced homelessness. One out of four respondents reported relocating to cheaper accommodations or sharing housing. Some 60% of the respondents indicated that they provided help to family or friends who had housing needs. Around the same number reported that they had to cut back on basic necessities in order to afford housing.

The second housing question was similar to the first. However, it asked them if they experienced any of the problems in the present year. One out of twenty reported that they experienced homelessness. Three out of twenty respondents reported relocating to cheaper accommodations or sharing housing. Some 55% of the respondents indicated that they provided help to family or friends who had housing needs. Two out of three respondents reported that they had to cut back on basic necessities in order to afford housing.

Religion

Respondents were asked if they attended a religious organization. Some 58% checked yes while 42% checked no. Of those who attended, 68% attended on a weekly basis, 13% on a monthly basis and 19% on special occasions. All of the religious organizations were reported to be Christian Churches.

Natural Gas

Over the past ten years or so the natural gas industry has entered Bradford County in order to extract gas from the Marcellus Shale. Several questions on the survey tap into the effects of the natural gas industry on local residents and their communities.

Overall, two out of three respondents indicated that the gas industry has not negatively affected them. However, 1 out of 3 said that it has negatively affected them. When asked how it negatively affected them, among the provided list of responses the two most common responses were environment and housing. The next two frequently checked responses were economy and values. Families and employment rounded out the checked responses. A significant number of respondents wrote in remarks under the "Other" choice. They included traffic, housing and home prices, road conditions and water.

The question was reversed somewhat in order to uncover how the industry positively affected Bradford County communities. Overall, 93% of respondents indicated that the gas industry has positively affected their community. Only 7% said that it has not positively affected their communities. When asked how it positively affected them, among the provided list of responses the two most common responses were economy and employment. The next frequently checked response was housing followed by families and environment. Values rounded out the checked responses.

Drugs

Respondents were asked about illegal drug use. Some 87% of the respondents indicated that they never used illegal drugs. Some 13% said that they did use illegal drugs. Among the users, the age range when they first used such drugs varied from 12 to 25 years old. In a majority of the cases marijuana was the illegal drug used most often. Following marijuana was underage use of alcohol. The main reason cited by the users for using illegal drugs was peer pressure.

Many types of drugs appear to be the illegal drug of choice among adults in Bradford County according to the survey respondents. Alcohol was at the top of the list followed closely by meth, bath salts and marijuana. Cocaine was marked less frequently than all others.

A majority of respondents believed that the public could be educated about prescription drug abuse (95%). The most frequently checked method in the minds of the respondents for educating the public about this drug problem was through schools. Classes, pamphlets/flyers and town meetings were popular methods to use according to the respondents. Others thought that the media could be used to fight prescription drug abuse.

According to 94% of the respondents, drug and alcohol abuse negatively impacts their community. It does so through negatively impacting families, the social fabric, people's health and the economy and business. In addition, significant numbers of respondents wrote that it led to crime and traffic problems.

The following activities were checked by respondents as activities which would be beneficial to reduce substance abuse in their communities. Therapy, classes on drug use and physical activity. Under the "Other" category the written in responses focused on more law enforcement, better jobs, rehabilitation and drug testing.

Education

When asked about how positive cultural values can be developed in education, the respondents marked many of the choices provided on the questionnaire. They thought it best to help students if they are having trouble and to teach children at younger ages. Some thought it best to educate students about the importance of finishing school to get a job. A few thought that a reward system should be built for students that get good grades. Many of the respondents wrote in under "Other" category that all of the above things should be done. Many of them also wrote in that parents should be worked with in order to develop positive cultural values.

In the minds of the survey respondents, the best way to foster family support towards the schools was through education. Another way to foster support was through cultural values. Some respondents thought that extra-curricular activities would help improve support.

Respondents were asked how regular attendance in school can be encouraged. The most frequent reply was through education. Cultural values was the next most checked option followed by extra-curricular activities. Among the written in answers for the “Other” category, parent or family responsibility/care were the most frequent type of responses. Creating a positive atmosphere and imposing stronger penalties were other penned in suggestions.

Respondents checked multiple answer choices about how to provide affordable post high school education to the youth of Bradford County. Scholarships and loans were the most frequently checked answers. Tuition waivers and grants also received checks. A significant group of respondents wrote in under “Other” that all of the above methods should be used.

Regarding the consolidation of public schools in the area, the most common attitude toward such a policy was negative. Some 43% of the respondents believed it would have a negative impact on small communities in the long term. Only 25% of those surveyed thought it would have a positive impact. The remaining respondents were unsure of the type of impact. Respondents wrote in under the “Other” category that they were concerned about consolidation leading to longer bus rides, larger classes and loss of extra-curricular activities near home.

Managing Money

The residents of Bradford County were asked a bunch of questions about managing their money. The results indicate that half of them have trouble saving money and the other half does not. Two out of three indicate that they use a budgeting system. One out of three does not. Of those who do not use a budgeting system, some 41% think it would be useful for them to have a budgeting center to help them out. Around 70% of the respondents say that they succeed at using their budgeting system while 30% say the opposite.

When asked if money management services would make the county a better place to live about 8 out of 10 respondents indicated that it would. Two out of ten checked that it would not. Of those who thought it would make the county a better place to live, a high number believed it would lead to financially stable households. Many believed it would lead to better management of money in the economy. Some believed it would lead to less poverty. Written in responses included the belief that jobs are the issue and that money management classes should be mandatory for those on assistance.

Some 14% of the respondents indicated that they searched for a job without success within the past twelve months. All other respondents checked that they did not look for a job in the past year.

Meals and Groceries

Do families in Bradford County have enough food for each day? Some 7% of survey participants indicated no. The rest checked yes. The reason cited most frequently for not having enough food to eat each day is poverty. A small number of respondents indicated that they did not have time to travel and buy groceries. Under the “Other” category some wrote in that they did not have transportation while others noted the high cost of food.

One out of twenty respondents indicated that they do not have access to a nearby grocery store to buy food. The rest of the respondents do have access to a nearby store. The reason checked most often by the respondents who did not have access was not being close enough. Others indicated that the problem was with no money or no transportation.

Volunteering

The residents of Bradford County were asked a number of questions about volunteering. Only a quarter of the respondents indicated that they did not participate in a volunteer activity in the last twelve months. One-third of the respondents indicated that they participated in one or two volunteer opportunities. Some 16% participated in three or four such opportunities while one-fifth answered five or more. The most common type of volunteer activity was church events. The number of hours that they volunteered ranged from half an hour to sixty hours per week on average.

Those who were not involved in volunteer activities were asked if they would like to be involved. Nearly half of them indicated yes they would. They were further asked what information or services do they need. The item checked most frequently was to know where volunteers are needed. They also indicated that they needed time to be able to volunteer. Some respondents indicated that transportation was a problem.

In the minds of the survey respondents, the greatest need for volunteers in the community was for the following: fire and EMS, elderly and nursing homes, children and clean up the area. The largest barriers to becoming a volunteer were time and money.

Overall Needs and Strengths

At the end of the survey all respondents were asked to write what were the greatest needs and strengths of their communities. In the area of needs the most frequent responses were the following: services and programming for children and disabled, housing, affordable childcare and better transportation. In the area of strengths the most frequent responses were the following: strong families, strong churches, friendly people, beautiful community, caring people, libraries, parks and recreation and healthcare.

Demographics

The demographic characteristics of the respondents were ascertained at the end of the survey. From their responses a picture emerges of their demographic profile. Some 98% of the respondents were white. A majority had graduated from college. A majority of the respondents were married. Most of the respondents were registered to vote and the most frequent party affiliation was Republican. Two out of three participants indicated that their household income was above \$50,000 per year. Eight out of ten respondents indicated that children live in their household. Of those with children in the

household some 43% had children less than eighteen years of age. Almost one out of ten of the respondents indicated that they had a disability. Only fourteen respondents indicated that they planned on moving out of the county in the next year.

Results

1. Have you needed any social services within the last year?

Number of participants: 516

Yes- 141 (27.3%)

No 375 (72.7%)

If yes, what kind of services did you need? (Check all that apply)

___ Transportation - 26 (17.15%)

___ Healthcare – 91(59.9%)

___ Mental health – 47 (30.9%)

___ Childcare – 29 (19.1%)

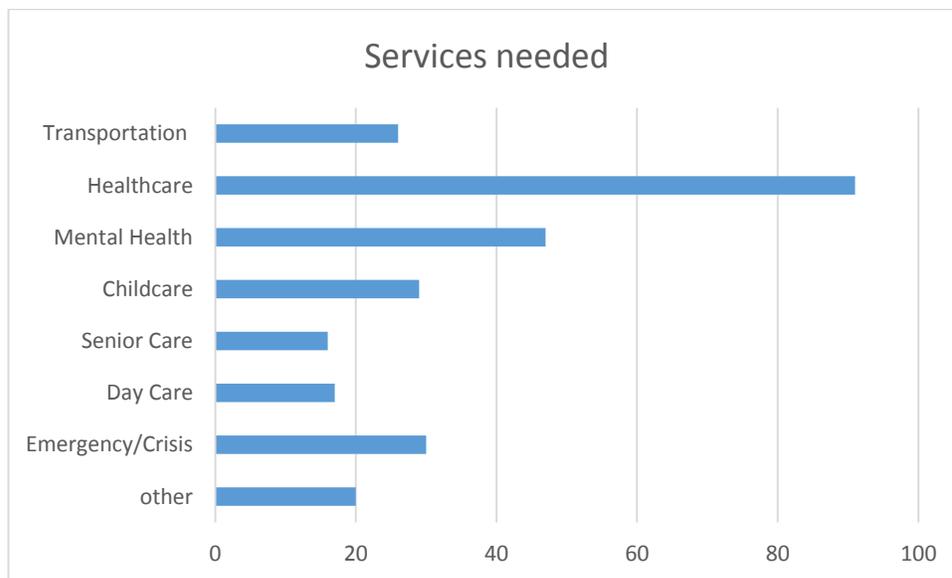
___ Senior care – 16 (10.5%)

___ Day care – 17 (11.2%)

___ Emergency/Crisis – 30 (19.7%)

___ Other (please describe): - 20 (13.2%)

Number of participants 152



For those 26 that responded other the answers were very diverse with two respondents needing services for children with autism and three respondents needing housing. All answers are located in the appendix.

2. Are you able to access the social services you need?

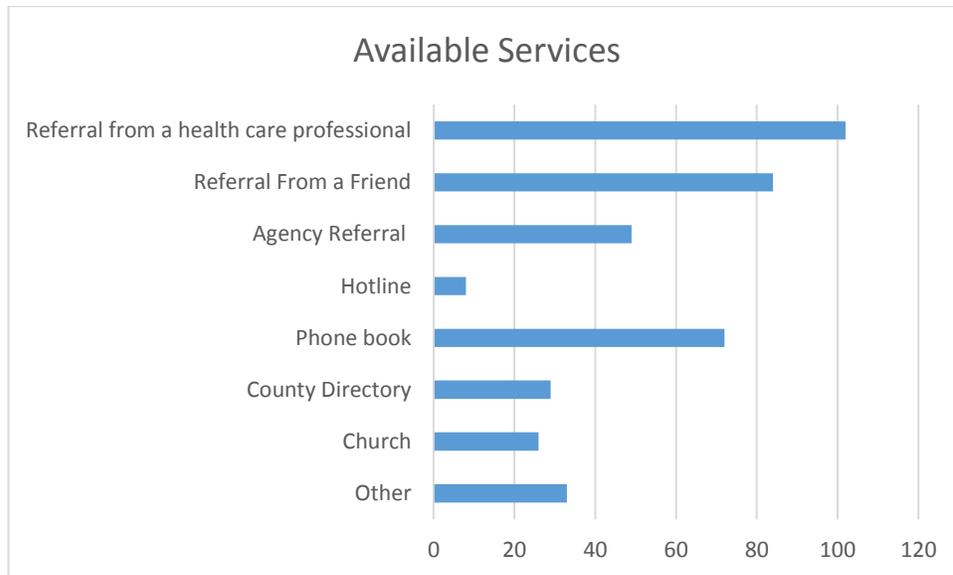
Number of participants 345

Yes- 280 (81.2%)

No- 65 (18.8%)

If yes, how have you learned about the services available? (Check all that apply)

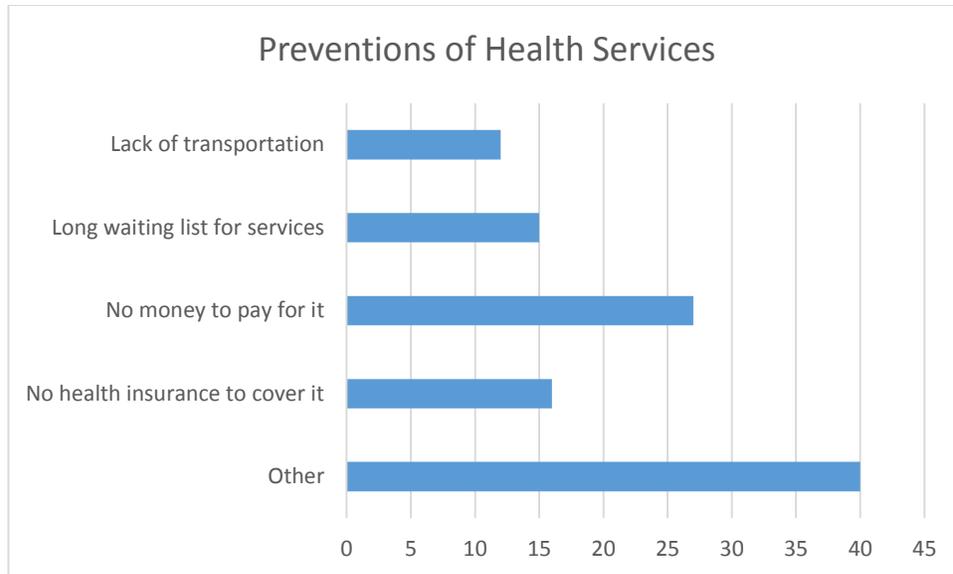
- ___ Referral from a healthcare professional – 102 (41.0%)
- ___ Referral from a friend – 84 (33.7%)
- ___ Agency referral – 49 (19.7%)
- ___ Hotline – 8 (3.2%)
- ___ Phone book - 72 (28.9%)
- ___ County directory – 29 (11.6%)
- ___ Church – 26 (10.4%)
- ___ Other (please describe): - 33 (13.3%)



The top responses in other was (n=63): online-6

If no, what prevented you from accessing needed social services?

- ___ Lack of transportation – 12 (15.6%)
- ___ Long waiting list for services – 15 (19.5%)
- ___ No money to pay for it – 27 (35.1%)
- ___ No health insurance to cover it – 16 (20.8%)
- ___ Other (please describe): - 40 (51.9%)



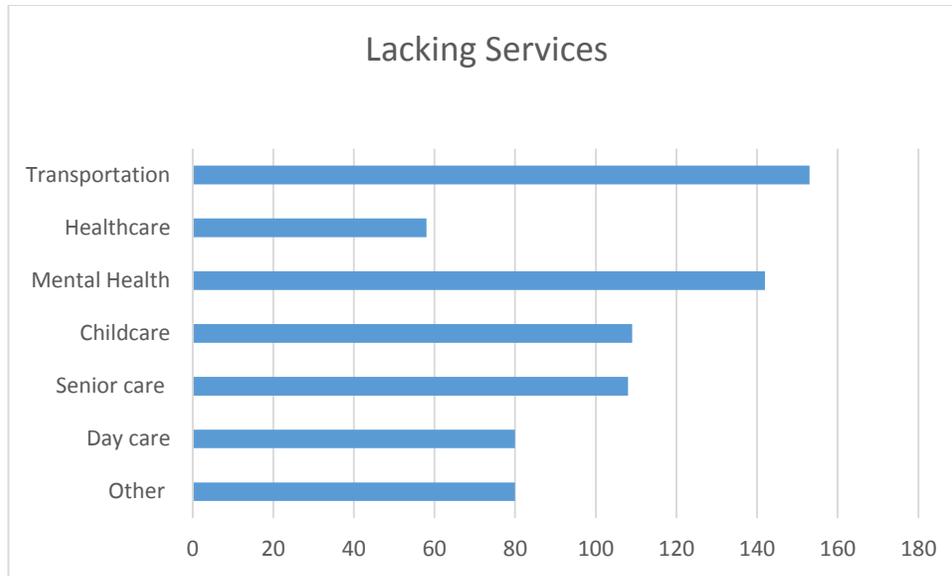
The top responses in other (n=63) were: Lack of providers/physicians
 Lack of coverage
 Service not available or waiting lists
 Not eligible
 Lack of Knowledge
 Complete list of other response in the appendix

3. Do you think Bradford County is lacking any services?
 Number of participants- 475

Yes- 313 (65.9%) No- 162 (34.1%)

If yes, what services do you feel are still lacking in Bradford County?

- ___ Transportation - 153 (47.7%)
- ___ Healthcare – 58 (18.1%)
- ___ Mental health – 142 (44.2%)
- ___ Childcare – 109 (34.0%)
- ___ Senior care – 108 (33.6%)
- ___ Day care – 80 (24.9%)
- ___ Other (please describe): - 80 (24.9%)



Those that responded other (n=110) top responses were: Drug and Alcohol Services
 Housing
 Homeless shelter and services
 Mental Health and Psychiatry
 Complete list of other response in the appendix

4. Do you think a directory of social services would be helpful?
 Number of participants 511
 Yes- 471 (92.2%) No- 40 (7.8%)
5. Are you aware of 211 or Helpline or www.Helpline-NEPa.info.com?
 Number of participants 522
 Yes- 91 (17.4%) No- 386 (73.9%) Not Sure- 45 (8.6%)

Healthcare

6. Do you exercise?
 Number of participants 515
 Yes-394 (76.5%) No- 121 (23.5%)

If yes, how many times per week? (n=389)
 Once- 43 (11.1%) 2-3 times- 210 (54.0%) 4 or more- 138 (35.5%)

7. Thinking of when you exercise, what would you characterize your exercise as? (please circle one)
Number of participants 426
High intensity- 34 (8.0%) Moderate intensity- 228 (53.5%) Low intensity- 168 (39.4%)

8. Do you have health insurance coverage?
Number of participants 516
Yes- 499 (96.7%) No- 17 (3.3%)

If no, why don't you have coverage? (n=17) top reasons Can't afford it. All answers available in the appendix

9. Does your co-pay/deductible cost negatively influence your use of services?
Number of participants 498
Yes- 173 (34.7%) No- (65.3%)

10. If you have used mental health services recently how long is the wait list for services?
Number of participants 183
1-3 months- 31 (16.9%) 3-6 months- 11 (6.0%) 6 months or longer- 2 (1.1%)
Don't know- 139 (76.0%)

11. Do you know someone receiving mental health services in Bradford County?
Number of participants 474
Yes- 231 (48.7%) No- 243 (51.3%)

12. Do you know someone who could benefit from the use of services but can't access them?
Number of participants 456
Yes- 139 (30.5%) No- 317 (69.5%)

If yes, why? (n=113) – The top responses: 45 lack of insurance or cost of treatment
37 transportation issues
12 Lack of doctors to treat needs
Complete list of other response in the appendix

If yes, how many people? (n=88) 22 responded one person
17 responded two persons
12 responded three persons
Complete list of other response in the appendix

13. Are you receiving mental health services?
Number of participants 504

Yes- 31 (6.2%) No- 473 (93.8%)

If yes, what services are you receiving? (n=37)

In-patient- 3 (8.1%) Outpatient- 28 (75.7%) Unsure- 9 (24.3%)

14. Is a family member receiving mental health services?
Number of participants 476

Yes- 86 (18.1%) No- 390 (81.9%)

If yes, what services are they receiving? (n=89)

In-patient- 7 (7.9%) Outpatient- 80 (89.9%) Unsure- 7 (7.9%)

15. Do you know someone who is autistic or has an autism spectrum disorder?
Number of participants 482

Yes- 229 (47.5%) No- 253 (52.5%)

If yes, how many people? (n=206)

16. Do you know a child who is 18 years old or younger receiving mental health services?
Number of participants 500

Yes- 149 (29.8%) No- 351 (70.2%)

If yes, how many children? (n=132) 46 responded one person
45 responded two persons
Complete list of other response in the appendix

17. Do you know a child who is 18 or younger and depressed?

Number of participants 490

Yes- 147 (30.0%)

No- 343 (70.0%)

If yes, how many children? (n=121) 35 responded one person

28 responded two persons

Complete list of other response in the appendix

18. Do you believe there are enough activities for children 18 years old or younger that are not school related?

Number of participants 476

Yes- 148 (31.1%)

No- 328 (68.9%)

If no, please list the activity or activities you would like to see be available (n=192)

Top needs were: 28 exercise/sport activities

25 outdoor activities

17 Recreation facilities

16 YMCA

13 Swimming pool

13 Places to hang out

Complete list of other response in the appendix

19. Do you believe there are enough school activities for children in your community?

Number of participants 502

Yes- 259 (51.6%)

No- 127 (25.3%)

Unsure- 120 (23.9%)

20. How many children in your family have participated in any of the following programs over the last 3 years: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Big Brother/Big Sister, or Rainbow Riders?

Number of participants 99

1 Child- 65 (65.7%)

2 Children- 13 (13.1%)

3 or more children- 21 (21.2%)

21. Do you think your community has enough family friendly places for adults and children to enjoy?

21 of 100

Number of participants 503

Yes- 141 (28.0%)

No- 284 (56.5%)

Unsure- 81 (16.1%)

If no, what types of activities do you think should be added? (n=308)

___Playgrounds – 181 (58.8%)

___Ball fields – 71 (23.1%)

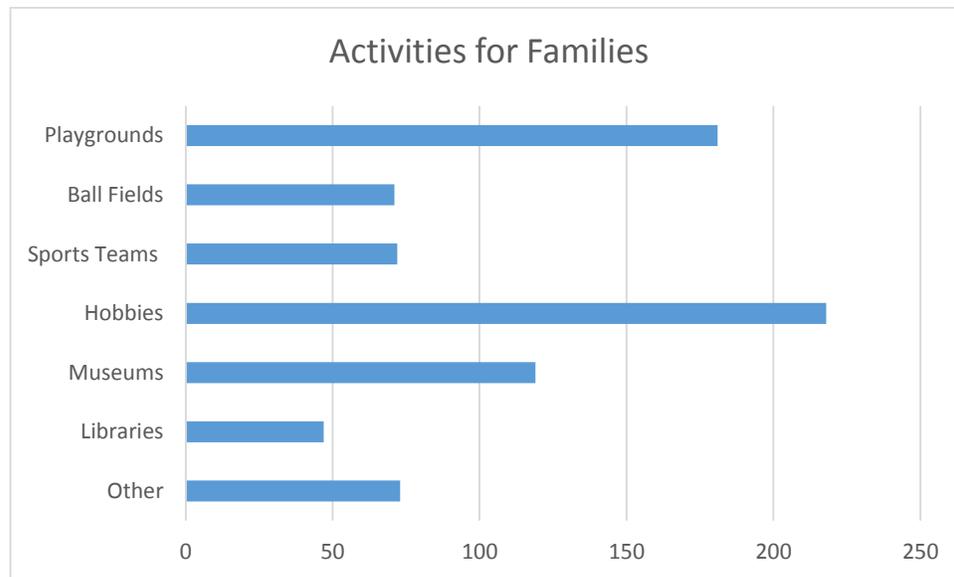
___Sports Teams – 72 (23.4%)

___Hobbies – 218 (70.8%)

___Museums – 119 (38.6%)

___Libraries – 47 (15.3%)

___Other (please describe): - 73 (23.7%)



Other (n=89) top answers include: Outdoor activities- 10

Recreation center- 9

Indoor public pool-6

Complete list of other response in the appendix

22. Do you currently use daycare?

Number of participants 512

Yes- 46 (9.0%)

No- 466 (91.0%)

23. Do you think that child care is affordable to those in need of it?

Number of participants 481

Yes- 52 (10.8%)

No- 289 (60.1%)

Unsure- 143(29.7%)

If you are unsure please explain why below. (n=90) Most replied they did not use the services and therefore did not know. Complete list of other response in the appendix

24. Do you think there are gifted children services in your county?
Number of participants 541

Yes-172 (33.5%)

No- 121 (23.5%)

Unsure- 224 (43.6%)

25. Do you think there are activities for gifted children in your community?
Number of participants 503

Yes-90 (17.8%)

No- 170 (33.7%)

Unsure- 247 (48%)

Transportation

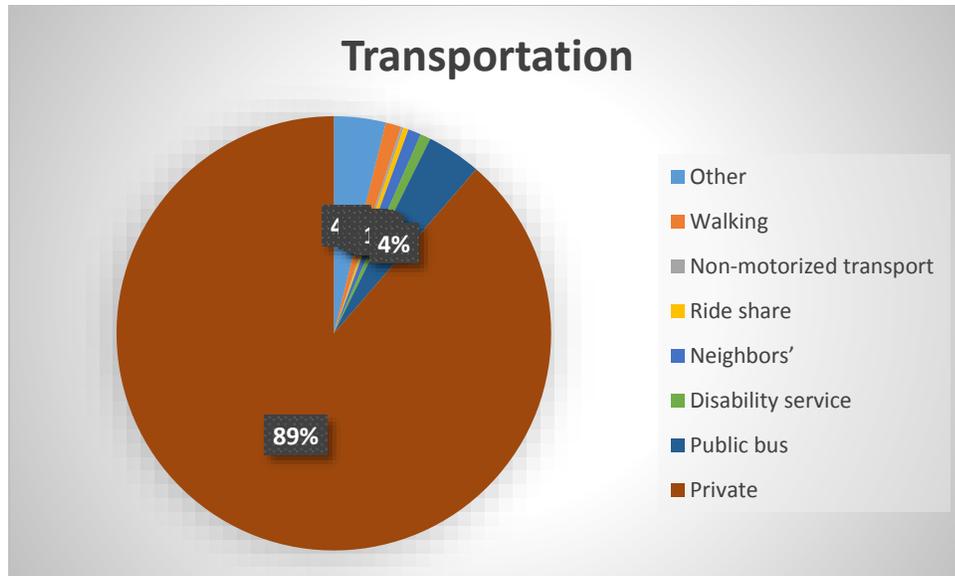
26. Are there public transportation services available in your community?
Number of participants 514

Yes- 391 (76.1%)

No- 74 (14.4%)

Unsure- 53 (10.3%)

27. What is the primary method of transportation that you use? **(Check the one that applies).**
- ___ Privately owned motor vehicle- 460 (88.5%)
 - ___ Public bus-21 (4%)
 - ___ Disability service transportation- 4 (.8%)
 - ___ Neighbors' transportation- 5 (1%)
 - ___ Ride share- 2 (.4%)
 - ___ Non-motorized transport (bike, horse, etc.)-1 (.2%)
 - ___ Walking-6 (1.2%)
 - ___ Other (please describe):-20 (3.8%) most response include a combination of the above-
- Complete list of other response in the appendix



28. Is public transportation available at the times you need it?
Number of participants 474

Yes- 75 (15.8%) No- 120 (25.5%) Don't Care-92 (19.4%) Unsure- 187 (39.5%)

29. If you have your own vehicle can you get it repaired when it needs it?

Yes- 454 (89.7%) No- 37 (7.3%) Don't have a Vehicle- 15 (3.0%)

If yes, do you get assistance with paying the bill?

Yes- 16 (3.4%) No- 451 (96.6%)

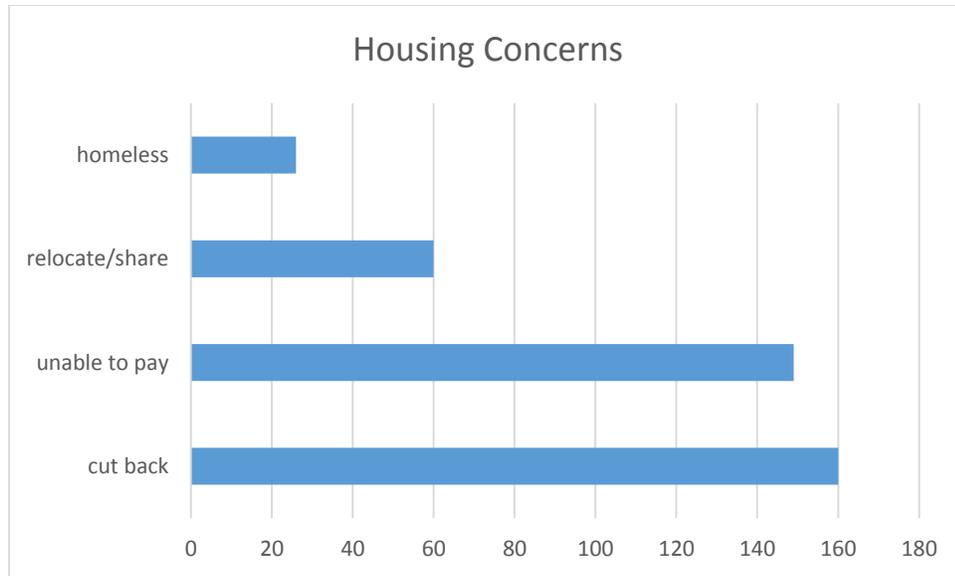
How do you get that assistance? (n=28) The main response was family members follow by credit or borrowing money. Complete list of other responses is located in the appendix.

Housing

30. While living in Bradford County have you **ever** experienced any of the following as a result of housing costs or concerns about accommodation? (**Check all that apply**)

Number of participants 249

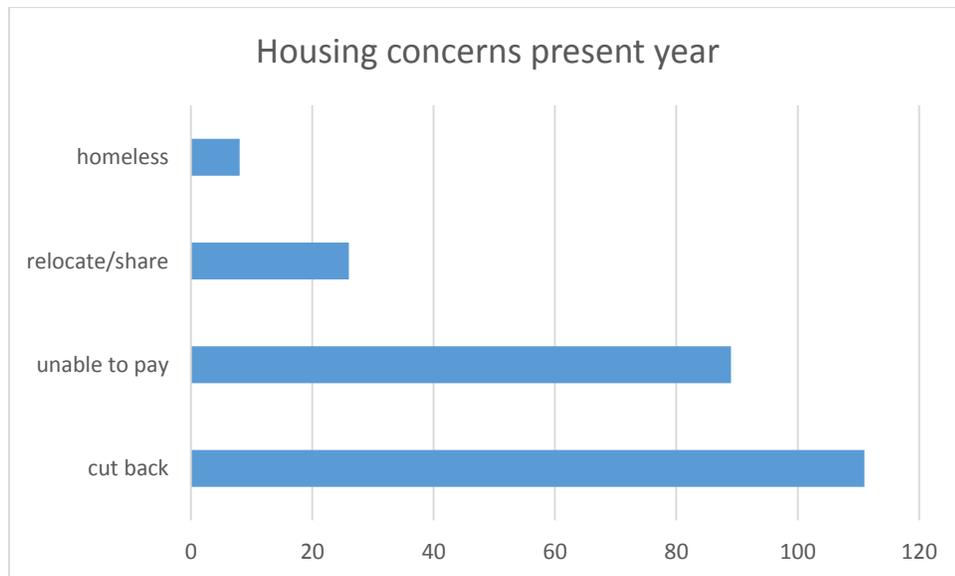
- ___ Homelessness- 26 (10.4%)
- ___ Had to relocate to cheaper accommodation or share housing- 60 (24.1%)
- ___ Had to provide help to friends or family who were unable to pay their rent and/or who lost their accommodation- 149(59.8%)
- ___ Cut back on basic necessities (i.e. food, clothing, education or healthcare) to afford housing- 160 (64.3%)



31. In the **present year** have you experienced any of the following as a result of housing costs or concerns about accommodation? (**Check all that apply**)

Number of participants: 163

- Homelessness- 8(4.9%)
- Had to relocate to cheaper accommodation or share housing- 26(16.0%)
- Had to provide help to friends or family who were unable to pay their rent and/or who lost their accommodation- 89(54.6%)
- Cut back on basic necessities (i.e. food, clothing, education or healthcare) to afford housing- 111(68.1%)



Religion

32. Do you attend a religious organization?

Number of participants: 503

Yes- 291(57.9%)

No- 212(42.1%)

If yes, how often do you attend?

Weekly- 201(68.1%)

Monthly- 39(13.2%)

Special Occasions- 55(18.6%)

If yes, what organization? (n=216)- All response were Christian Churches.
Complete list of other responses is located in the appendix.

Natural Gas

33. Has the natural gas industry negatively affected you?

Number of participants: 501

Yes- 168(33%)

No- 333(66.5%)

34. How has the natural gas industry negatively affected you? **(Please check all that apply)**

Number of participants: 202

___Economy- 75(37.1%)

___Housing- 95(47.0%)

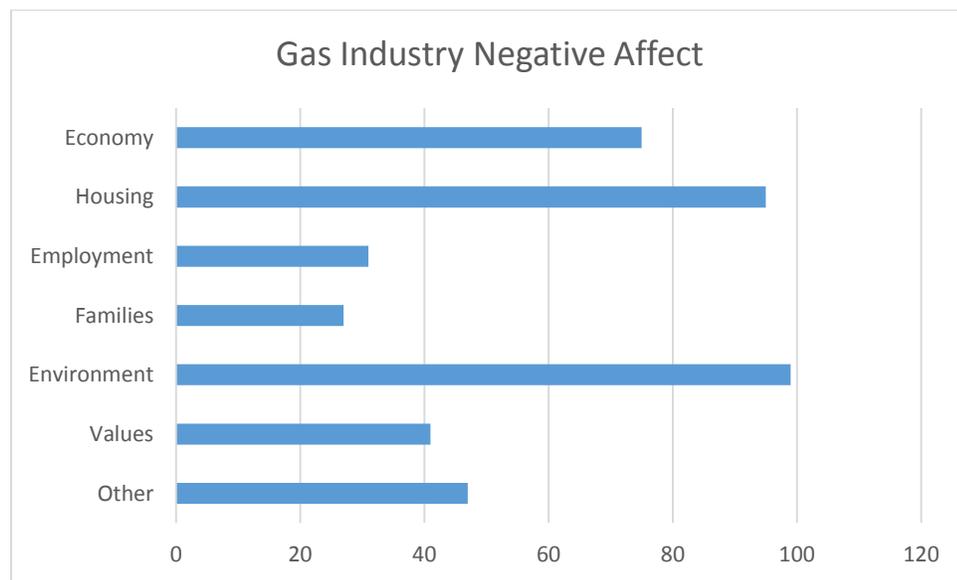
___Employment- 31(15.3%)

___Families- 27(13.4%)

___Environment- 99(49.0%)

___Values- 41(20.3%)

___Other (please describe): 47(23.3%)



Other primary concerns were (n=62): traffic
 housing and home prices
 road conditions
 water

Complete list of other responses is located in the appendix

35. Has the gas industry affected your community?

Number of participants: 506

Yes- 470(92.9%)

No- 36(7.1%)

36. How has the gas industry positively affected your community? **(Please check all that apply)**

Number of participants: 452

___Economy- 343(75.9%)

___Housing- 166(36.7%)

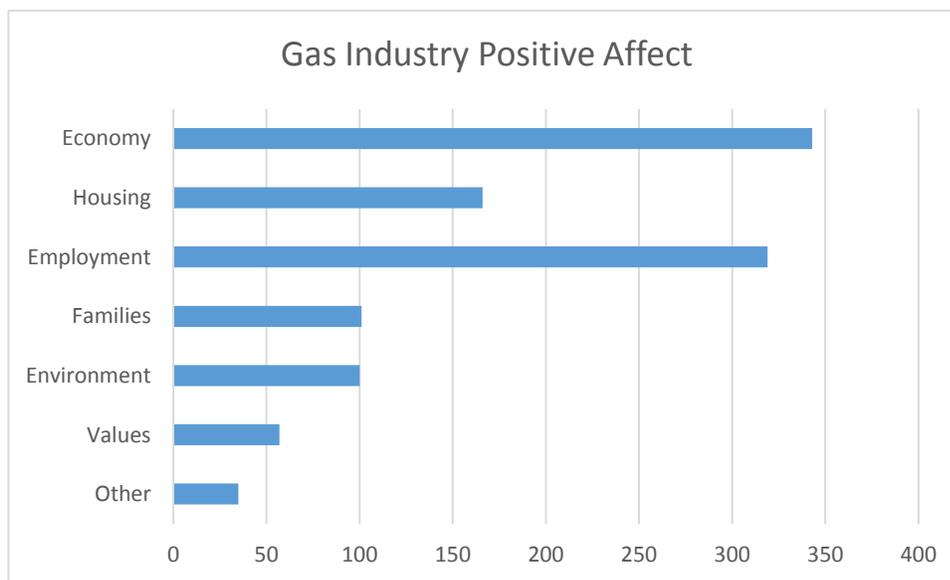
___Employment- 319(70.6%)

___Families- 101(22.3%)

___Environment-100(22.1%)

___Values- 57(12.6%)

___Other (please describe):- 35(7.7%)



Others positive statements (n=45) main answers were: Roads improvement, increase financial funding, and increase housing value.

Drugs

37. Have you ever used illegal drugs?
Number of participants: 506

Yes- 67(13.2%) No- 439(86.8%)

If yes, what was your age when you first started using drugs? (n=67) –responses ranged from 12 to 25. Average age at starting drug use was 15.42
Complete list of other responses is located in the appendix.

If yes, what was the drug(s)? (n=64)

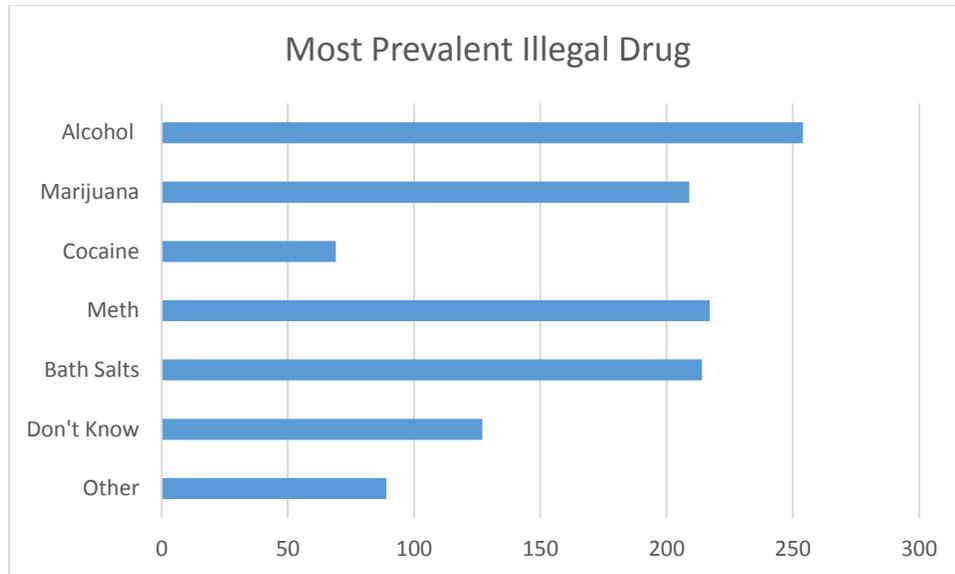
Marijuana was the top used drug at 85.9% responding that they used it. Follow by underage alcohol at 10%.
Complete list of other responses is located in the appendix.

38. What was your main reason for using illegal drugs?
Number of participants: 64

The most cited reason was peer pressure at 43.7% of the respondents.
Complete list of other responses is located in the appendix.

39. What is the most prevalent illegal drug of choice among adults in Bradford County? (**Please check all that apply**)
Number of participants: 475

- ___Alcohol- 254(53.3%)
- ___Marijuana- 209(44.0%)
- ___Cocaine- 69(14.5%)
- ___Meth- 217(45.7%)
- ___Bath Salts- 214(45.1%)
- ___Don't know- 127(26.7%)
- ___Other (please describe):- 89(18.7%)



40. Can we educate the public about prescription drug abuse?

Number of participants: 499

Yes- 473(94.5%)

No- 26(5.2%)

If yes, how do you think this can be done? (**Check all that apply**)

(n=466)

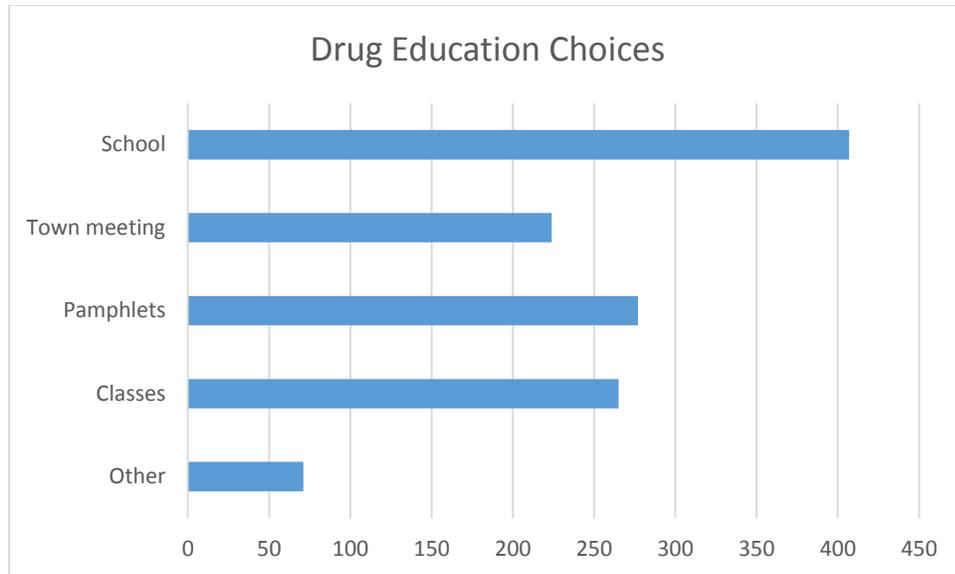
School- 407(87.3%)

Town meetings- 224(48.7%)

Pamphlets/flyers- 277(59.4%)

Classes on drug use- 265(56.9%)

Other (please describe):- 71(15.2%)



Those that responded other (n=83) primary response was television, news media, social media, and radio advertising and programing, followed by regular health care visits. Complete list of other responses is located in the appendix.

41. Does drug and alcohol abuse negatively impact the community?

Number of participants: 506

Yes- 465(91.9%)

No- 5(1.0%)

Unsure- 36 (7.1%)

If yes, how does drug and alcohol abuse negatively (n=466)

___Social- 407(87.3%)

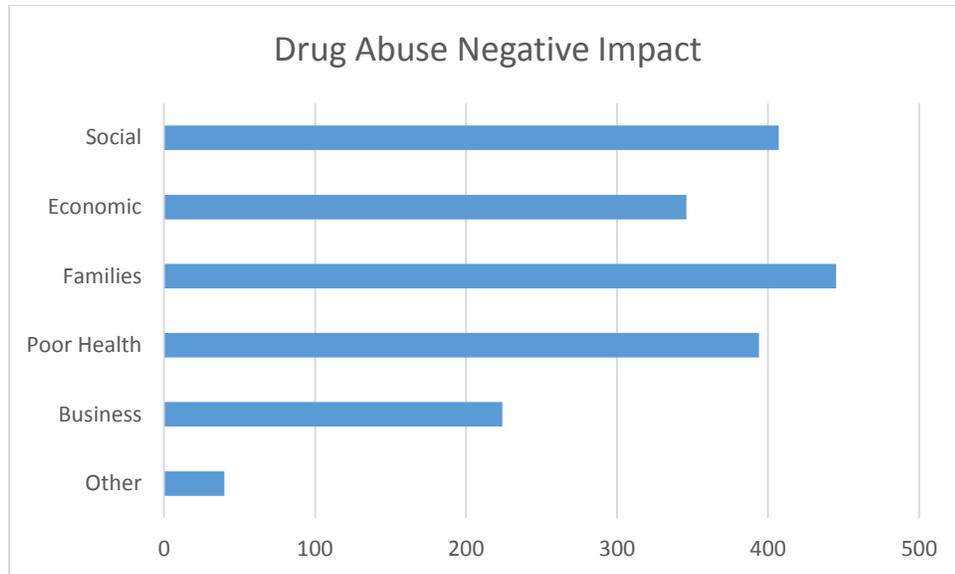
___Economic- 346(74.2%)

___Families- 445(95.5%)

___Poor Health- 394(84.5%)

___Businesses- 224(48.1%)

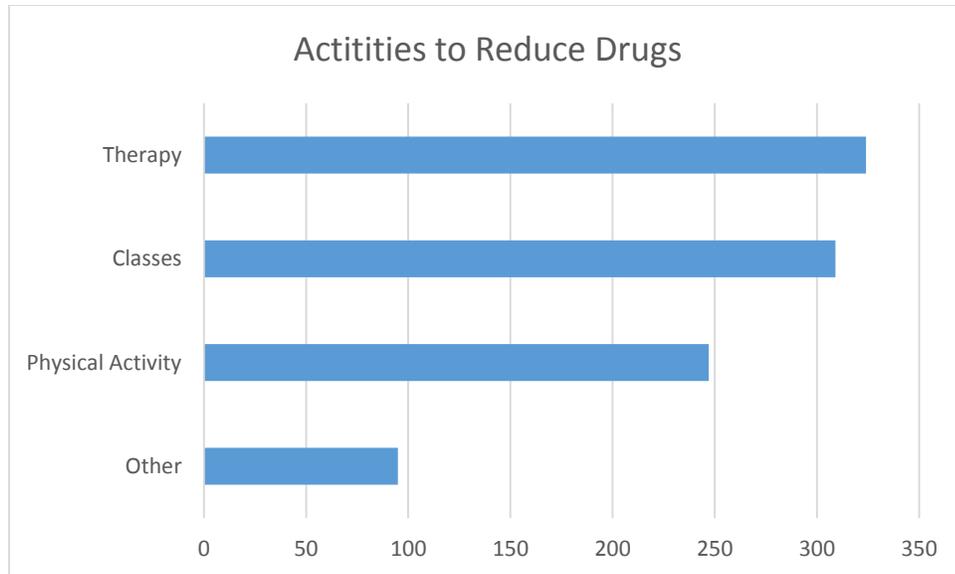
___Other (please describe):- 40(8.6%)



The primary other response (n=45) was crime and traffic crime.
 Complete list of other responses is located in the appendix.

42. What activities would be beneficial to reduce substance abuse in your community?
 Number of participants: 467

- ___ Therapy- 324(69.4%)
- ___ Classes on drug use- 309(66.2%)
- ___ Physical activity- 247(52.9%)
- ___ Other (please describe):- 95(20.3%)

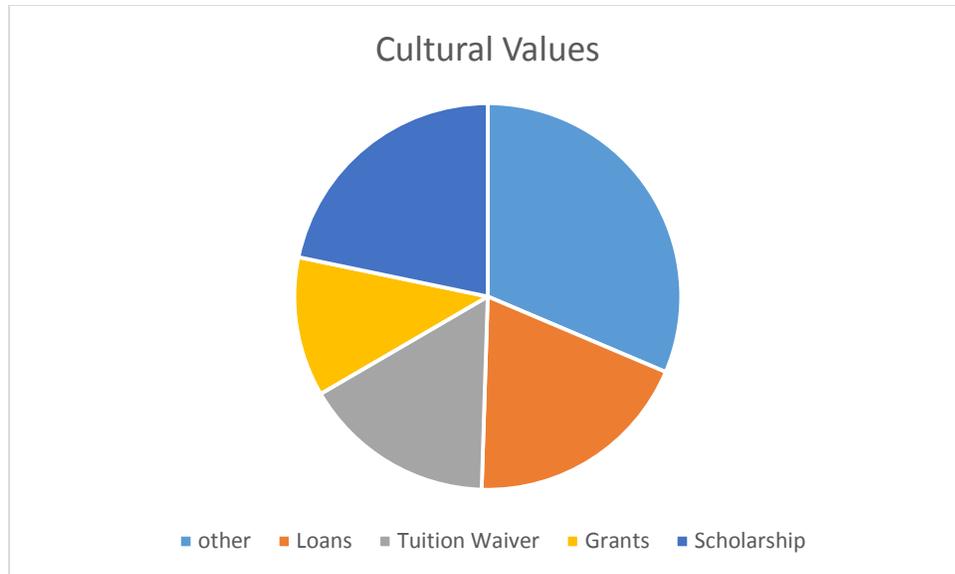


Those that responded in the other category (n=110) focused on more law enforcement, better jobs, rehabilitation, and drug testing.
 Complete list of other responses is located in the appendix.

Education

43. How can positive cultural values in education be developed?
 Number of participants: 502

- ___ Teach children at younger ages- 124(24.7%)
- ___ Educate them that they need to finish school to get a job- 51(10.2%)
- ___ Build a reward system for students that get good grades- 30(6.0%)
- ___ Help students if they are having trouble-133(26.5)
- ___ Other (please specify): -164(32.7%)

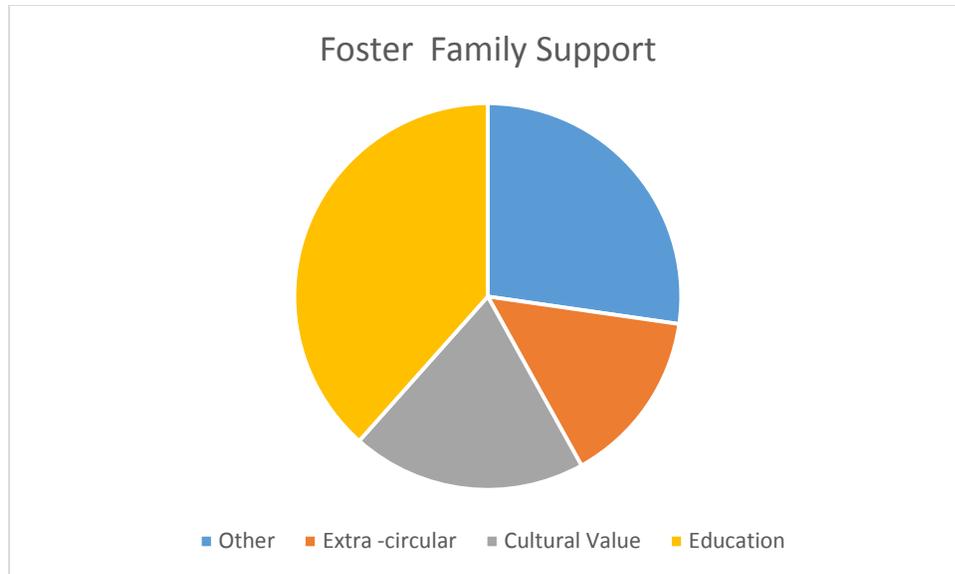


The top responses of those who answers other (n=164): All of the above
 Work with parents
 Teach children at younger ages

Complete list of other responses is located in the appendix.

44. How can we foster family support towards the schools?
 Number of participants: 484

- ___ Education- 186(38.4%)
- ___ Cultural values- 95(19.6%)
- ___ Extra-Circular Activities- 71(14.7%)
- ___ Other (please describe):- 132(27.3%)

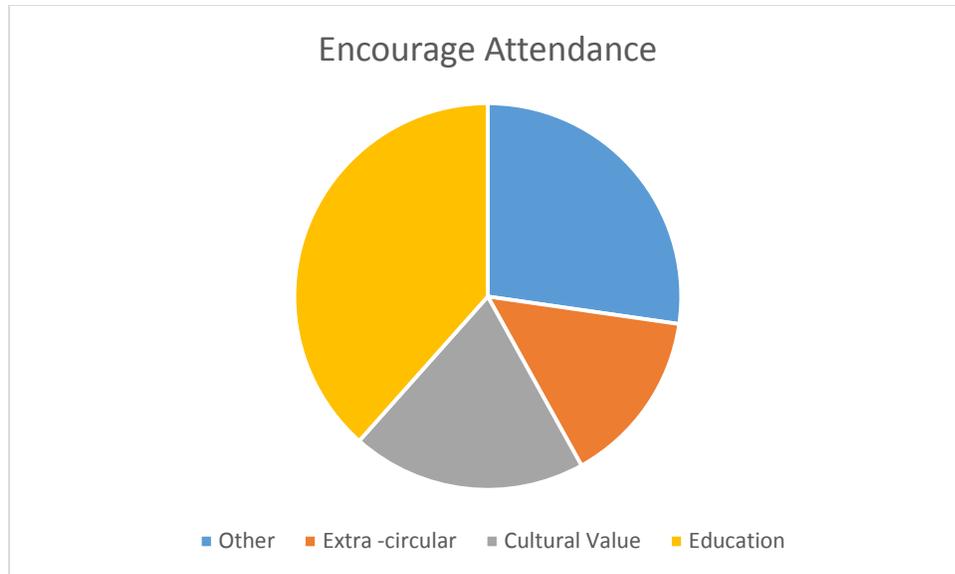


Those that answered other (n=132) primary responses were:

45. How can we encourage regular attendance in school?

Number of participants: 479

- ___ Education- 148(30.9%)
- ___ Cultural values- 107(22.3%)
- ___ Extra-Circular Activities- 75(15.7%)
- ___ Other (please describe):-149(31.1%)



Those that responded with other primary responses included:

Parent/family responsibility/families that care

Create positive atmosphere

Stronger penalties

Complete list of other responses is located in the appendix.

46. How can we provide affordable post high school education to the youth of Bradford County? (I.E. college or trade school.)

Number of participants: 497

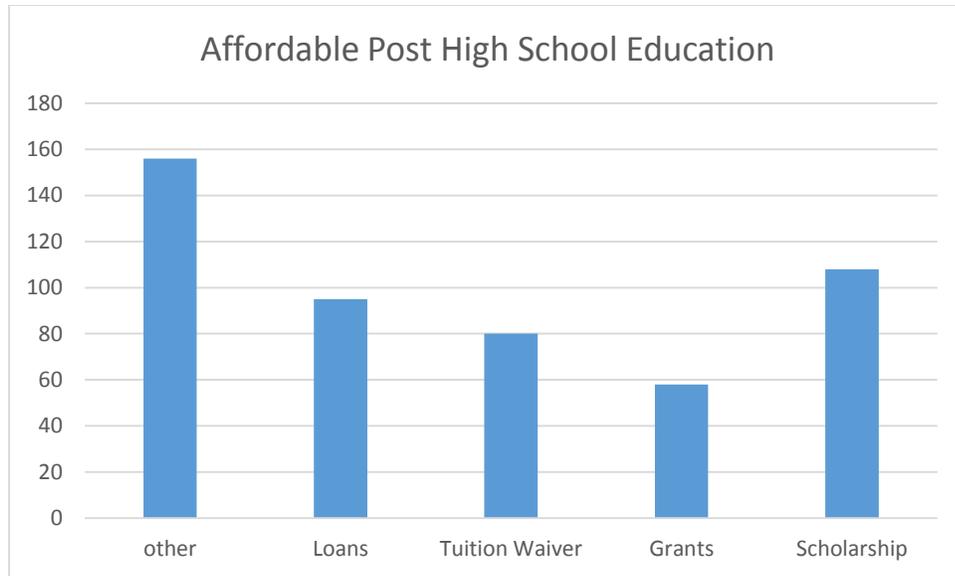
___ Scholarships- 108(21.7%)

___ Grants- 58(11.7%)

___ Tuition waivers- 80(16.1%)

___ Low Interest Loans- 95(19.1%)

___ Other (please describe):-156(31.4%)



Those that answered other main response was all of the above.
Complete list of other responses is located in the appendix.

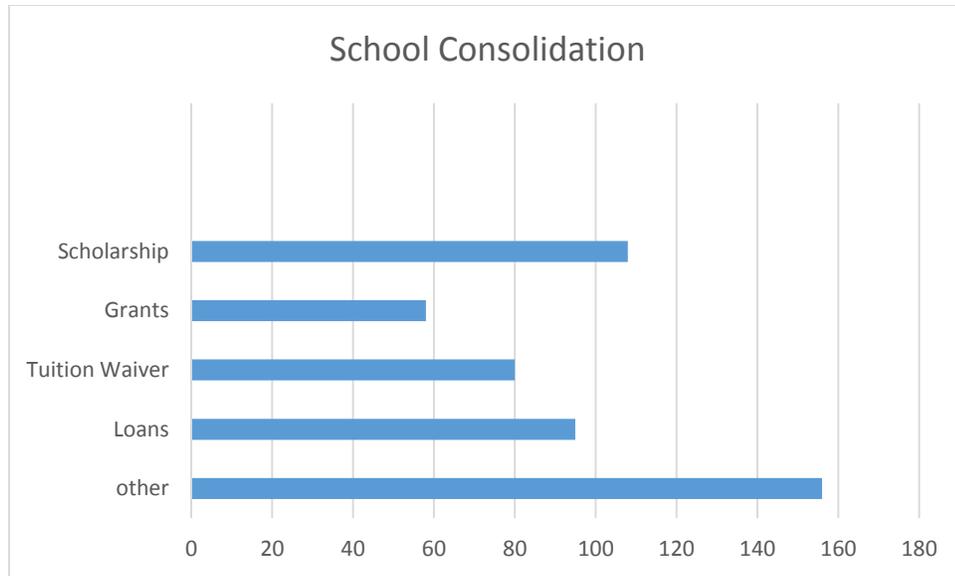
47. In your view will the consolidation of schools have a negative or positive impact on our smaller communities in the long term?

Number of participants: 497

Positive- 125(25.7%) Negative- 214(43.1%) Unsure-158(31.8%)

Check which areas you feel will be impacted:

- ___ Socially- 302(73.5%)
- ___ Economically- 221(54.0%)
- ___ Employment- 157(38.4%)
- ___ Families- 230(56.2%)
- ___ Business/Jobs- 97(23.7%)
- ___ Participation in extra circulars-246(60.7%)
- ___ Other (please describe):- 26(6.4%)



In the other response the major concerns were about longer bus rides, larger classes, and the loss of extra circular activities near home.

Complete list of other responses is located in the appendix.

Why do you feel this way? (n=152)

The highest response in this question was due to travel issues, followed by in larger schools children get lost. Other top responses included

- Money Issues
- Employment
- Smaller is not better
- Bigger is not better

Complete list of other responses is located in the appendix.

48. How many family members have utilized the following services in the last 3 years: Bradford County Libraries, Museums, or Children’s Workshops?

Number of participants: 371

1- 143(38.5%)

2- 86(23.2%)

3 or more-142(38.3%)

Money

49. Do you have trouble saving money?

Number of participants: 371

Yes- 261(51.3%)

No- 248(48.7%)

50. Do you use a budgeting system?

Number of participants: 506

Yes- 331(65.7%)

No- 175(34.6%)

If no, do you think if there was a center that helped with budgeting that you would use the service? (n=270)

Yes- 110(40.7%)

No- 160(59.3%)

51. Do you succeed at using your budgeting system?

Number of participants: 404

Yes- 285(70.5%)

No- 119(29.5%)

52. Do you think that money management services would make the county a better place to live in?

Number of participants: 476

Yes- 378(79.4%)

No- 98(20.6%)

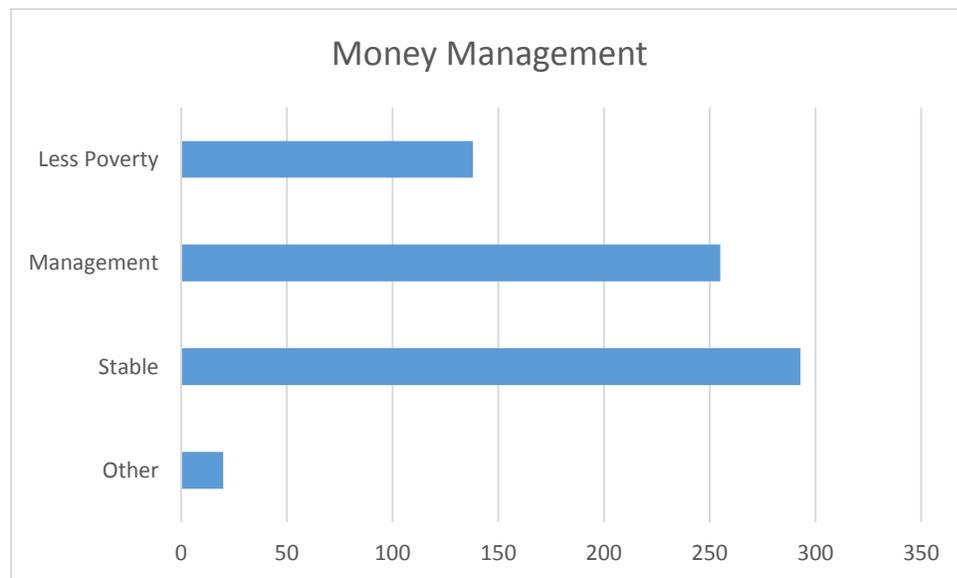
If yes, why do you think it would make the county a better place?

___ Less Poverty- 138(35.8%)

___ Better Management of Money in the Economy- 255(66.1%)

___ Financial Stable Households-293(75.9%)

___ Other (please describe):- 20(5.8%)



Those that responded other top responses:

Jobs are the issue

Money management classes should mandatory for those on assistance

Complete list of other responses is located in the appendix.

53. Have you actively searched for a job without success within the last twelve months?

Number of participants: 493

Yes- 67(13.6%)

No- 426(86.4%)

Meals & Groceries

54. Does your family or household have enough food for each day?

Number of participants: 514

Yes- 477(92.8%)

No- 37(7.2%)

If no, what is the cause of not having food to be able to eat?

(n=44)

___Poverty- 34(77.3%)

___Didn't have time to travel and buy groceries- 6(13.6%)

___Other (please describe):- 20(45.4%)

Those that responded other primary responses were:

No transportation

High cost of food

Complete list of other responses is located in the appendix.

55. Does your family have access to a nearby grocery store to buy food?

Number of participants: 504

Yes- 476(94.4%)

No- 28(5.6%)

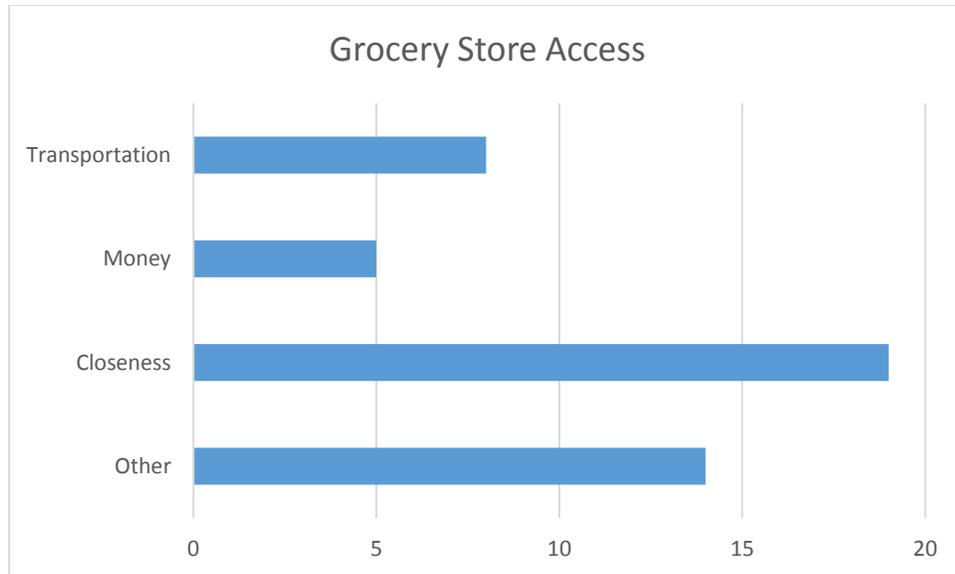
If no, why don't you have access to a grocery store? (n=34)

___No transportation- 8(23.5%)

___No money- 5(14.7%)

___Nothing is close enough- 19(55.9%)

___Other (please describe): 14(41.2%)



Those that responded other primary varied but include travel to store- store too far away, high cost or food and no food stamps.
Complete list of other responses is located in the appendix.

Volunteering

56. How many volunteer opportunities have you participated in during the last 12 months
Number of participants: 496

0- 136(27.4%) 1-2- 169(34.1%) 3-4- 81(16.3%) 5 or more- 110(22.2%)

If yes,

- a. What type of volunteer work do you do? (n=287)-
Those that answered volunteered in many ways, highest number was for church events.
Complete list of other responses is located in the appendix.

- b. How many hours do you volunteer during an average week? (n=237)
Responses ranged from a half an hour to 60 hours per week
For those that gave time they volunteered a week the average was 6.7 hours (n=212)
Complete list of other responses is located in the appendix.

57. If you are not involved as a volunteer would you like to be involved in volunteer activities?
Number of participants: 211

Yes- 96(45.5%) No- 115(54.5%)

If yes, what information or services do you need: **(Check all that apply) (n=116)**

- To know where volunteers are needed- 87(75.0%)
- Time to be able to volunteer- 66(56.9%)
- Transportation- 15(12.9%)

___Other (please describe):- 6(5.1%)

The four answers given were:

- [More appreciative recipients](#)
- [willingness of organizations to accept new and more effective ideas.](#)
- [I plan on volunteering when I retire](#)
- [no time](#)

58. What are the greatest need for volunteers in our community?

Number of participants: 162

The largest responses were:

- Fire and EMS volunteers
- Working with Elderly and Nursing Homes
- Working with children
- Clean up in the area

Complete list of other responses is located in the appendix.

59. What is your greatest barrier to becoming a volunteer?

Number of participants: 199

The largest response was: Time and Money

Complete list of other responses is located in the appendix.

60. Tell us what you think are the greatest needs in your community?

Number of participants: 220

For those that answered the responses were varied. The top responses included:

- Services and programing for children and disabled
- Housing
- Affordable childcare
- Better transportation

Complete list of other responses is located in the appendix.

61. Tell us what you think are the greatest strengths in your community?

Number of participants: 180

For those that answered the responses were varied. The responses included:

Strong Families, Strong churches, friendly people, beautiful community, caring people, libraries, parks and recreation, healthcare and many more.

Complete list of other responses is located in the appendix.

Demographics of those who participated in the needs assessment. (Summarizing questions 62-75 on survey tool)

AGE

Number of participants: 481

Age ranged from 19-88

Average Age- 49.7

Racial or Ethnic Background.

Number of participants: 503

White/Caucasian- 494(98.2%)

Black/African American- 1(.2%)

Hispanic- 1(.2%)

Asian- 0

Other- 9(1.8%)- only stated they were Native American the rest of the responses where offered by the question

Education

Number of participants: 505

High school graduates- 490

College graduates-319

Marital Status

Number of participants: 500

Married- 337

Divorced- 190

Separated- 8

Widowed- 29

Voting Status

Number of participants: 502

Registered to vote- 461

Party affiliation-(n=426)

Republican- 250(58.7%)

Democrat- 134(31.5%)

Independent- 37(8.7%)

Other- 13(3.0%)

Occupation- Complete list of other responses is located in the appendix.

Household Income

Number of participants: 493

Above \$25,000/year- 403(81.7%)

Above \$50,000/year- 404(67.6%)

Children in the Household

Number of participants: 501

Yes- 403(80.4%)

No- 98(19.6%)

Children under 18 years of age in the household

Number of participants: 419

Yes- 182(43.4%)

Children attending public school

Number of participants: 299

Yes-139(46.5%)

Length of time living in Bradford County ranged from 0- 75 years

Data related to zip code and Borough are in appendix

Highest Number was 142 from 18848

Do you plan on moving out of the county in the next year?

Number of participants: 488

Yes- 14(2.9%)

No- 386(79.1%)

Maybe- 88(18.0%)

Do you have a disability?

Number of participants: 506

Yes- 47(9.3%)

Unsure- 7(1.4%)

Complete list of disabilities responses is located in the appendix.

Appendix 1: Survey Documents

April 15, 2015

Hello

Thank you for agreeing to be part of the United Way of Bradford County and the Partners in Family and Community Development needs assessment. The goal of this study is to determine the service needs of Bradford County. When the data are analyzed the results will be shared with Bradford County residents. A final summary document will be prepared on the information collected and will be available through the United Way.

Please read the survey questions carefully and answer each question to the best of your ability. This survey collection is anonymous and you should not place your name anywhere it.

Your participation is completely voluntary. You must be over 18 years of age to complete it. There are no known risks. You do not have to take part in this study and, should you change your mind, you may withdraw at any time. The project collection and analysis will be completed by faculty from the Mansfield University Department of Social Work and Sociology and has been approved by the Internal Review Board at Mansfield University. The data collected will be held in a secure environment at Mansfield University.

For more information you may contact Joyce P. Kerrick

Executive Director

Partners in Family and Community Development

4 Bridge Street

Towanda PA 18848

570-265-6246

Regarding questions or concerns about the survey and/or data analysis you may contact

Mansfield University

The Department of Social Work and Sociology
Mansfield, PA 16933

Telephone: 570-662-4486

Email: jpurk@mansfield.edu

tmadigan@mansfield.edu

jmansfie@mansfield.edu

Again, thank you for agreeing to be part of this project.

Please answer all the questions with the answer(s) that most applies to you with a check or fill in the blank.

Social services

1. Are you able to access the social services you need?

Yes

No

If yes, how have you learned about the services available? **(Check all that apply)**

Referral from a healthcare professional

Referral from a friend

Agency referral

Hotline

Phone book

County directory

Church

Other: _____

2. Have you needed any social services within the last year?

Yes

No

If yes, what kind of services have you used? **(Check all that apply)**

Transportation

Healthcare

Mental health

Childcare

Senior care

Day care

Other: _____

3. Do you think Bradford County is lacking any services?

Yes

No

If yes, what services do you feel are still lacking in Bradford County?

Transportation

Healthcare

Mental health

Childcare

Senior care

Day care

Other: _____

Please answer all the questions with the answer(s) that most applies to you with a check or fill in the blank.

Healthcare

4. Do you exercise?
___ Yes
___ No
If yes, how many times per week?
___ Once
___ 2-3 times
___ 4 or more
5. Thinking of when you exercise, what percent of time do you spend in high-intensity exercise?
___ 100-80%
___ 79-50%
___ 49-20%
___ 19-0%
6. Thinking of when you exercise, what percent of time do you spend in moderate intensity exercise?
___ 100-80%
___ 79-50%
___ 49-20%
___ 19-0%
7. Thinking of when you exercise, what percent of time do you spend in low-intensity exercise?
___ 100-80%
___ 79-50%
___ 49-20%
___ 19-0%
8. Do you have health insurance coverage?
___ Yes
___ No
9. If yes, does your co-pay/deductible cost negatively influence your use of services?
___ Yes
___ No

Mental Health: Professionals

10. How long is the wait list for services?
___ 1-3 months
___ 3-6 months
___ 6 months or longer.

Please answer all the questions with the answer(s) that most applies to you with a check or fill in the blank.

Mental Health: Family

11. Do you know someone receiving mental health services?
___ Yes

___No

If yes, how many people do you know receiving mental Health services?

Do you know someone who is in need of services but can't access them?

___Yes

___No

If yes why?

If yes how many people?

12. Are you receiving mental health services?

___Yes

___No

13. If yes what services are you receiving? Check all that apply

___In-patient

___Outpatient

___Unsure

14. Is a family member receiving mental health services?

___Yes

___No

If yes what services are you receiving? Check all that apply

15. Do you know someone who is autistic?

___Yes

___No

If yes how many people?

Children

16. Do you know a child who is 18 years old or younger receiving mental health services?

___Yes

___No

If yes, how many children?

17. Do you know a child who is 18 or younger and depressed?

___Yes

___No

If yes, how many children?

Please answer all the questions with the answer(s) that most applies to you with a check or fill in the blank.

18. Do you believe there are activities for children 18 years old or younger that are not school related?

___Yes

___No

If yes, please list the activity or activities _____

19. Do you believe there are enough school activities for children?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

20. Do you think the community has enough family friendly places for adults and children to play?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

If no, what types of activities do you think should be added?

- Playgrounds
- Ball fields
- Sports Teams
- Hobbies
- Other: _____

21. Do you currently use daycare?

- Yes
- No

22. Do you think that child care is affordable to those in need of it?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

If you are unsure please explain why below.

Transportation

23. Are there transportation services available in your community?

- Yes
- No

If yes, what is the primary method of transportation that you use?

- Privately owned motor vehicle
- Public bus
- Disability service transportation
- Neighbors' transportation
- Ride share
- Non-motorized transport (bike etc.)
- Walking
- Other

Please answer all the questions with the answer(s) that most applies to you with a check or fill in the blank.

24. If you have your own vehicle can you get it repaired when it needs it?

- Yes
- No

If yes, do you get assistance with paying the bill?

- Yes
- No

How do you get that assistance? (Please write out your answer)

Housing

25. Have you ever experienced any of the following as a result of housing costs or concerns about accommodation? (**Check all that apply**)
- Homelessness
 - Had to relocate to cheaper accommodation or share housing
 - Had to provide help to friends or family who were unable to pay their rent and/or who lost their accommodation
 - Cut back on basic necessities (i.e. food, clothing, education or healthcare) to afford housing
26. In the present year have you experienced any of the following as a result of housing costs or concerns about accommodation? (**Check all that apply**)
- Homelessness
 - Had to relocate to cheaper accommodation or share housing
 - Had to provide help to friends or family who were unable to pay their rent and/or who lost their accommodation
 - Cut back on basic necessities (i.e. food, clothing, education or healthcare) to afford housing

Religion

27. Do you attend a religious organization?
- Yes
 - No
- If yes, how often to you attend?
- Weekly
 - Monthly
 - Special Occasions
- If yes, what organization?

Natural Gas

28. Has the gas industry negatively affected you? Please check all that apply
- Economy
 - Housing
 - Employment
 - Families
 - Environment
 - Values
 - Other: _____

Please answer all the questions with the answer(s) that most applies to you with a check or fill in the blank.

29. Has the gas industry positively affected you? Please check all that apply
- Economy
 - Housing
 - Employment
 - Families
 - Environment
 - Values

___ Other: _____

Drugs

30. Have you ever used drugs?

___ Yes

___ No

If yes, what was your age when you first started using drugs?

If yes, what was the drug(s)?

31. What is the most prevalent drug of choice among adults in Bradford County? Please check all that apply

___ Alcohol

___ Marijuana

___ Cocaine

___ Meth

___ Bath Salts

___ Other: _____

___ Don't know

32. Can we educate the public about prescription drug abuse?

___ Yes

___ No

If yes, how do you think this can be done?

___ School

___ Mandatory town meetings

___ Pamphlets/flyers

___ Classes on drug use

___ Other: _____

33. What is the impact of bath salt abuse in the community?

___ Social

___ Economic

___ Families

___ Poor Health

___ Businesses

___ Other: _____

Please answer all the questions with the answer(s) that most applies to you with a check or fill in the blank.

34. What activities would be beneficial to reduce substance abuse?

___ Therapy

___ Classes on drug use

___ Physical activity

___ Other: _____

Education

35. How can we help to develop a cultural value in education?

___ Teach children at younger ages

- Educate them that they need to finish school to get a job
 - Build a reward system for students that get good grades
 - Help students if they are having trouble
 - Other: _____
36. How can we foster family support towards the schools and encourage regular attendance in school?
- Education
 - Cultural values
 - Extra Circulars
 - Other: _____
37. What part of the population has schooling above a high school diploma or GED?
- None
 - One Quarter
 - One Third
 - One half
 - Three Quarters
 - Two thirds
 - All
38. How can we provide affordable education to the youth? I.E. college or trade school.
- Scholarships
 - Grants
 - Tuition waivers
 - Other: _____
39. How will the consolidation of schools impact our smaller communities in the long term?
- Socially
 - Economically
 - Employment
 - Families
 - Business/Jobs
 - Participation in extra circulars
 - Other: _____

Please answer all the questions with the answer(s) that most applies to you with a check or fill in the blank.

Money

40. Do you feel people in the county have issues saving money?
- Yes
 - No
41. Do you think most people use a budgeting system and succeed at it?
- Yes
 - No
- If no, do you think if there was a center that helped with budgeting that people would use the service?

- Yes
- No

42. Do you think that money management services would make the county a better place to live in?

- Yes
- No

If yes, why do you think it would make the county a better place?

- Less Poverty
- Better Management of Money in the Economy
- Financial Stable Households
- Other: _____

Meals & Groceries

43. Does your family or household have a way to gets meals every day?

- Yes
- No

If no, what is the cause of not having food to be able to eat?

- Poverty
- Didn't have time to travel and buy groceries
- Other: _____

44. Does your family have access to a close grocery store to buy food?

- Yes
- No

If no, why don't you have access to a grocery store?

- No transportation
- No money
- Nothing is close enough
- Other: _____

Volunteering

45. How many volunteer opportunities have you participated in the last 12 months

- 0
- 1-2
- 3-4
- 5 or more

Please answer all the questions with the answer(s) that most applies to you with a check or fill in the blank.

If yes,

i. What type of volunteer work do you do? (maybe a list here?)

_____ more space is needed

ii. Estimate how many hours you volunteered in the past 12 months_____

46. Would you like to be involved in volunteer activities

Yes

No

If yes what do you need

_____ to know where volunteers are needed

_____ time to be able to volunteer

_____ transportation

47. What are the greatest need for volunteers in our community?

48. Tell us what you think are the greatest needs in the community?

49. Tell us what you think are the greatest strengths in the community?

Appendix 2: Bradford County- written responses

Question 1. Needed Social Services Other

- Children and youth agency
- Autism and spectrum disorder services -2
- Ambulance
- Drug and Alcohol support services
- Disability Care
- Counseling
- Out of pocket cost's for prescription's for people on Medicare/Social Security leaves you short on costs of living which is higher than the raises you get every year taken up by medical insurance rates from secondary insurance. NO DENTAL which when you get older you will NEED
- Personally I did not need any of the above services however, I work with many families who need these services. One of the biggest challenges I face in trying to help these families is that of housing. I have several families enrolled in my program who are homeless and have no recourse. I work across the northern counties including Susquehanna, Bradford, Tioga and Potter and I find this to be the case throughout this region. Certainly I believe it is due to the region being so rural. The waiting list for housing seems infinite. I will address this survey on behalf of the families I serve.
- Help with co pays and deductibles for medical insurance
- Non-medical in-home post-surgical care, e.g. housekeeping, cooking and errands.
- Early Intervention
- contacted PFCD to assist me in helping a student's family
- Education, GED, and Housing
- Drug and Alcohol
- Surgery
- Breastfeeding support
- Adult education
- Help with repairs
- Housing 2

Question 2. access the social services - other

- Online/Internet -6
- Walk in
- I did my research when I moved
- County Human Services
- Lack of proper physician/providers - 4
- Didn't know where to turn
- Service not available or waiting list closed - 3
- Need more help with medical bills and medications
- No pay for experts to have programs
- Stigma

- Not eligible - 2
- Senior day care centers
- Lack of Knowledge - 2
- Lack of Coverage - 3
- The Bridge of the Valley Churches
- United Way
- Facility provides service if CPR is preformed there
- Agency access
- Self-need
- Shelter

Question 3. – Lacking services- other

- More resources
- Disabled Services - 2
- Autism Spectrum Services – 2
- Veterans Assistance
- Good providers of services
- Mental Health – 6
- Fun things for families to do
- Parenting education
- Greater demand that services
- Christian Counseling
- Indoor exercise/Fitness - 4
- Eating healthy
- Children and youth services - 7
- Housing -19
- Youth programs – 3
- I.D. - 2
- Services for a younger population of MH IDD clientele (younger group homes)
- Transportation – 5
- Temporary needs
- Drug and Alcohol services - 22
- Homeless Shelter/services - 15
- Affordable child care
- Cheaper Healthcare – 2
- More frequent access to food pantry
- Support groups for anxiety/depression
- Employment
- Taxi - 2
- Adult day care
- More day care centers - 2
- Dentist for everyone 1
- breastfeeding support
- More frequent access to food pantry

- Family support
- Property tax help for seniors on low incomes
- Psychiatry – 7
- Personal care homes
- Support for victims of crimes
- Adult Education

Question 8.- healthcare insurance – why do you not have coverage.

- Work 2 "part time" (10 hours total per day) jobs - neither offers insurance.
- Through Obamacare...
- The families I work with are typically covered through assistance
- Can't afford it - 11
- Started a new job and do not qualify for 90 day - 2
- No dental coverage
- Don't make enough and limited for PA

Question 12.- Some who would benefit from services but cannot access them

If yes

- Case management can no longer bill CCBHO for travel time
- My father
- Lack of insurance or cost problems- 45
- Fear - 4
- Lack of right doctor/ Limited doctors - 12
- Transportation – 37
- Lack of service - 5
- Time Available - 4
- Everyone could benefit
- Do not know who to contact - 2
- No child care
- Dementia
- Court order
- Stigma - 2
- Can't get an appointment/waiting list - 4

If yes, number

- 22 people answered 1 person
- 17 people answered 2 people
- 12 people answered 3 people
- 4 people answered 4 people
- 7 people answered 5 people
- 2 people answered 6 people
- 1 person answered 7 people
- 2 people answered 8 people
- 1 person answered 9 people
- 4 people answered 10 people

- 1 person answered 15 people
- 1 person answered 20 people
- 1 person answered 40 people

Question 16. If yes, how many people (autism or spectrum)

- 46 people answered 1 person
- 45 people answered 2 people
- 25 people answered 3 people
- 18 people answered 4 people
- 25 people answered 5 people
- 9 people answered 6 people
- 3 people answered 7 people
- 4 people answered 8 people
- 2 people answered 9 people
- 8 people answered 10 people
- 1 person answered 12 people
- 1 person answered 15 people
- 3 people answered 20 people
- 1 person answered 23 people
- 1 person answered 25 people

Question 17. Children receiving mental services

- 32 people answered 1 person
- 23 people answered 2 people
- 16 people answered 3 people
- 6 people answered 4 people
- 9 people answered 5 people
- 5 people answered 6 people
- 3 people answered 8 people
- 1 person answered 9 people
- 7 people answered 10 people
- 2 people answered 14 people
- 1 person answered 15 people
- 2 people answered 16 people
- 1 person answered 17 people
- 1 person answered 18 people
- 1 person answered 19 people
- 1 person answered 20 people
- 1 person answered 25 people
- 1 person answered 62 people

Question 18. Enough activities that are not school related

- Exercise/sports – 28

- Arts programs (art, music, theatre, etc.) – 27
- Outdoor activities - 25
- Recreation/Recreation facilities – 17
- YMCA - 16
- Places to hang out - 13
- Swim/pool - 13
- Facilities where children could have dances and socialize - 10
- Summer camps – 10
- Affordable– 8
- Roller rink - 7
- Clubs (4H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc.) – 7
- Skateboarding – 6
- Games - 6
- Youth centers – 5
- Parks/Playgrounds - 5
- Arcade – 5
- Church activities - 5
- Bike trail - 4
- Non-competitive sports - 4
- Tutoring - 4
- Bike trail - 4
- Helping elderly – 4
- Community center/activities – 4
- Cleaning the community/Community service - 3
- Book discussions/Reading - 3
- Bowling alley - 3
- Volunteer - 3 STAP camps – 3
- Golf/Mini golf – 3
- Community gardens/Yard work - 2
- Life skills classes - 2
- Trips for kids in the summer - 2
- Nature activities – 2
- Cultural learning - 2
- Autism spectrum disorder activities - 2
- Free activities for low income families
- Gymnastics
- Children need to do something for others to feel better about themselves.
- Helping animals
- Small group activities
- Learning activities
- Community centers that offer physical education and STEM activities. - 3
- Yoga for kids
- School related camps
- Promote literacy
- Weekend activities

- Group for hobby interests
- Better access to what is already here
- Competitive individual activities
- Rail-to-rail
- Robotics
- Winter activities (transportation to ski areas)
- Developing programs
- Horseshoes
- Community gatherings put on by children
- Crafts
- Play groups
- Drop in centers
- STEM
- Job development
- Concerts
- Billiards

Question 21. Family friendly that adults and children would enjoy

- Enjoy the outdoors/outdoor activities - 10
- Recreation centers – 9
- Indoor public pool/pools - 6
- More playgrounds/parks - 4
- Art facilities/activities – 3
- Dances - 3
- Amusement parks - 2
- Picnics - 2
- Sports - 2
- YMCA or a sports complex - 2
- Restaurants and shops - 2
- Gymnasiums - 2
- Indoor public pool/pools - 6
- Game room (billiards, pin pong, etc.) - 2
- Bowling – 2
- Special needs activity for families - 2
- Rail-to-Trail - 2
- STEM summer camps
- Exercise Clubs
- Chess
- Robotics
- Areas for all ages
- Music venues
- Theatre groups
- Safe place for kids
- Public gyms
- Places for non-competitive physical activities.
- Family or youth friendly sites for social gathering.

- Library
- Bike trail
- Family events through BCRAC,
- Community bus trips to places surrounding Bradford Co.
- Skating rink
- Recreational sports
- Coffee places to hang out with access to music and wifi
- Nature Museum/Center
- Fun Park (miniature golf, rock climbing wall, indoor play area, picnic area etc.)
- Water Play Park area
- Tennis courts
- YMCA locations in more communities
- Roller skating
- Community centers animal education/introduction/interaction - 4
- Community Gardens
- Classes/hobbies,
- Leisure interest for adults outdoor concerts,
- Plays or entertainment
- Go karts
- Zip lines
- Space for youth sports.
- Autism Challenger League Baseball programs.. Autism theatre.. Autism Social Skills training..
- Life skill activities/classes
- Indoor playgrounds for winter months
- Mom and baby drop in center
- More programs for kids
- Affordable recreation
- Music events-Have a park host classical music for families

Question 23. Explain why you are unsure

- Payment – 46
- Don't have a use for it/or knowledge of others using it - 40
- Unsure if sliding scale for child care reasonable for all families.
- Transportation
- I mean qualified day care!
- I just wanted to add that there is a strong need for good qualified Day Care for children in this area. Since Bradford County Day Care closed, parents have had a hard time finding good child care. It's extremely limited here. And then recently The Edge closed their doors too.
- Sometimes a waiting period

Question 27- transportation- other

- Catch a ride with whoever is available
- Work truck

- Ask for a ride
- Mother – 2

Question 29 Assistance with auto repair

- Family/Friends help - 8
- Make Payments - 2
- Credit - 2
- Put the repair off as long as we can until we save up for it.
- My church owns the vehicle and the upkeep
- My work owns the vehicle
- We do our own repairs - 3
- Borrow - 2
- X'na Care (MEO)
- LHEP
- Insurance, warranty
- When I volunteer service

Question 32. Religious organizations attended.

- Church - 67
- Roman Catholic - 32
- UMC (United Methodist Church) – 17
- Waverly United Methodist Church
- Methodist church - 12
- Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) – 5
- Epiphany Church - 5
- Baptist Church - 4
- Lutheran Church - 3
- Encounter Church - 3
- Non-denominational church - 2
- The Salvation Army - 2
- Episcopal Church – 2
- Grace Baptist Church - 2
- Protestant Church
- Episcopal - Church of the Redeemer Sayre PA
- AG
- various
- Church of the redeemer
- Community Alliance Church
- Victory church, Troy pa
- First Baptist Church, Waverly, NY
- Shepard's Chapel (Christian)

- Canton Mennonite Church
- Waverly First Baptist
- Towanda Presbyterian
- Victory church in Troy
- First Baptist Waverly, New York
- Calvary Chapel in Wyalusing
- The Truth Fellowship of Jesus Christ
- Quaker Meeting
- Community Alliance Church
- Religious Soc of Friends (Quaker)
- North Rome Wesleyan Church
- Rome Presbyterian church
- Liberty Church
- New Life Church in Canton, 12 years previous Fellowship Bible in Troy
- Mosherville Baptist church
- Family Haven Church & Endless Mountain Mission Center
- Christian Church
- Athens Wesleyan
- Fellowship Bible Church
- Wysox Presbyterian church
- Federated Church
- CAC Monroeton
- AWC
- Christ Episcopal Church
- Christs Church
- Valley United Presbyterian Church
- Assembly of God
- Eastern Delaware Nations
- North Rome Wesleyan
- Faith Baptist Church Canton
- Unitarian universalist church Athens
- First Presbyterian
- Christ Episcopal Church
- Independent Baptist Church
- Calvary Alliance Chapel-Christian Missionary Alliance
- North Orwell Union Church
- Valley United Presbyterian Church
- New Life Church
- Victory- Great facility- excellent for kids
- 1st Methodist Church Troy
- Canton Mennonite Church
- Victory Church
- Standing Stone United Methodist Church
- Church of Christ
- New Generation Church Milan, PA

- Victory Church
- Church of Christ
- Standing Stoner United Methodist Church
- S.D.A
- Hope Baptist Church

Question 34. How has the gas industry negatively affect your community?

- Traffic/Accidents – 29
- Personal Problems – 11
- Raised cost for housing – 9
- Employment – 8
- Noise/Nuisance – 8
- Crime – 7
- Taxes – 5
- Damage to environment – 3
- Built buildings – 4
- Feeling safe – 4
- Brought health concerns for people.
- Grocery costs - 2
- The cost of vehicles has increased greatly since the increase in the gas industry.
- Culture
- Gas prices
- Move in and move out children in district, low academic achievement due to lack of stability.
- Thanks
- They have been wonderful for our economy and for providing income to struggling land owners and the lease moneys have allowed land owners to pay off debt and buy stuff to help the local economy.
- I wouldn't know
- Prices are going up

Question 36. How has the gas industry positively affected your community?

- Roads/Traffic – 22
- Financial/Taxes – 8
- Housing costs – 4
- Jobs – 3
- Safety/Crime – 3
- Donations – 3
- Water issues – 2
- Families (new or old) – 2
- Gas industry has made the price of everything go through the roof – 2
- It hasnt

- Though it is boom/bust I know several small businesses that either would have closed, or would not have been created because of the gas hard to know. Most gas people have left to work other areas. Surely some individuals and organizations have benefited and continue to benefit from fees and residual income.
- It is hard to really look at it positively since I am a native of the Towanda area. I do have to say, "I liked things the way they were" before the gas industry arrived.
- Growth is nice to see, but I would rather it be due to the beauty of our county, and the small business owners that are here. We need to draw people here because we have places to stay, things to see & do for all (couples and families).
- I love the gas business
- I'm not sure, I've hear mixed thoughts
- Farmers
- It's over now/ not applicable
- none

Question 37. What was your age when you first start using drugs?

- 2 people answered age 12
- 8 people answered age 13
- 12 people answered age 14
- 10 people answered age 15
- 9 people answered age 16
- 6 people answered age 17
- 12 people answered age 18
- 2 people answered age 19
- 1 person answered age 20
- 2 people answered age 21
- 1 person answered age 25

What was the drug?

- Marijuana – 55
- Alcohol – 7
- Speed – 6
- Cocaine – 5
- Pharmaceuticals – 4
- Methamphetamine – 4
- Acid/ LSD – 4
- Mushrooms – 3
- Bath Salts – 1
- Smoking – 1
- Special Brownies – 1
- Hash-1

Question 38- What was your main reason for using illegal drugs?

- Social/Peer pressure – 28
- Curiosity/Experimenting – 12
- Fun – 8
- Recreation – 7
- Energy – 3
- Boredom – 7
- Wanted to – 5
- To self-medicate/Escape – 5
- Immature kid
- I don't know
- Because they are illegal

Question 39.- Prevalent illegal drug- other

- Heroin – 72
- Prescription Pills – 22
- Alcohol/Not illegal for adults – 10
- Not sure – 6

- Synthetic Marijuana – 4
- Realize this is happening – 3
- Everything
- LSD
- PCP

Question 40.- Educate about prescription drug- other

- Media – 26
- Doctor/Pharmacist Education or Training – 17
- Groups/Places to go if you need help – 7
- Education Classes – 6
- Parents – 5
- PSA – 4
- Things to teach children – 4
- Meetings – 3
- Harsher Punishment – 2
- Currently being done
- Work Place
- Mandatory drug test for athletes
- No they would attend

Question 41.- Drug negative impact- other

- Crime – 23
- Accidents/Dangerous drivers – 5
- Increase need for emergency services – 4
- Safety – 4
- Brings society down along with them – 4
- Children affected – 3
- People who are dying – 2
- Main Street now has a "vapor" shop and personal protection firearm store.
- Just drugs like meth, heroin, pills, and alcohol. Not Marijuana.
- Legal
- welfare program
- all areas

Question 42. Activities to reduce substance abuse- other

- **Coping Techniques – 25**
- **Law Enforcement/Jail Time – 21**
- Employment – 17
- Activities – 14
- Education – 13
- Knows it is a problem but not sure how to fix it – 12
- Parents – 7
- Family – 7
- Tests to get Benefits - 6
- Media values – 4
- Church/God – 3
- Art/Music – 2
- Better trained doctors
- Decrease availability
- Shutting down bars
- Transportation
- Mental health affordable
- Addressing the core issues that lead to substance abuse

Question 43.- How can positive cultural values in education be developed? other

- **All of the above – 67**
- Parents/Families – 22
- Teach, Educate, and Help – 19
- Teach and Help – 11
- Educate, Build, and Help – 8
- Teach this more often/Education – 8
- Educate and Help – 6

- Stop teaching to test – 3
- Values – 3
- Build and Help – 3
- Educate and Build – 2
- Teach, Build and Help – 2
- Religious Beliefs – 2
- Media – 2
- Make education important to people – 2
- Welfare System Information – 2
- Don't treat other differently – 2
- Community Events – 2
- Teach and Educate – 2
- Educate
- Teach and Build
- Have student mentors
- Change the culture of the schools to be open and welcoming to all. Training and incentives for schools to serve and engage all families
- Teach manners and focus on feelings, actions impacting others, early in public education
- More than 1 of the above
- Teach communication skills and positive behaviors plus 49% of children in BC live below the poverty level close the income gap
- Help and Reach out to parents in non-...
- Focus on high risk kids-early intervention; access to programs such as BB/BS

Question 44.-Support for schools other

- All of the above – 58
- Families – 22
- Education and Extra-Curricular – 20
- Education and Cultural Values – 16
- Don't know – 5
- Cultural Values and Extra-Curricular – 2
- Morals/Cultural Values – 2
- Accepting of differences – 2
- Get rid of Standardized Testing – 2
- Not have the education system "force" students that don't perform well to drop out. (they "suggested" this to my daughter) I gave her no choice but to graduate. They tried doing this with my nephew also.
- More than 1 of the above
- There needs to be more support for public schools. CYS needs to do their job and help kids.
- Involve them
- More volunteer opportunities in schools; Knock off the negative press regarding public education and teachers!!!
- Help
- I wish I knew

- Through education and helping those populations that are seeking help
- Accountability
- Get the schools to listen to the parents whom do care and try
- Pray. And pray in school.
- Close the income gap
- The lack of a moral foundation has created dysfunctional families
- Go to church (with them along) family style

Question 45.- Regular attendance in school- other

- **All of the Above – 43**
- **Begins with the family and parents – 29**
- Education and Cultural Values – 15
- Education and Extra-curricular Activities – 15
- Cultural Values and Extra-curricular Activities – 9
- Rewards and Praise – 9
- Punishment/Strict – 6
- Positive School Atmosphere – 5
- Social Involvement – 5
- Reduce Bullying – 3
- Help Struggling Children – 3
- Education Privilege Not A Right – 2
- Truancy – 2
- Extra-circular? – 2
- Education – 2
- Take away welfare benefits
- Mental health treatment ...many kids miss school due to anxiety and depression, family issues and stressors
- See answer above
- Close monitoring of absentees
- More....
- Invest in homework support and community glue
- I wish I knew
- That is tough-- when so many other stimuli are more attractive
- Relationships
- Less standardized testing
- Education, cultural values, and extra-circular activities
- 49% of children in BC live below the poverty level close the income gap
- Change to meet children's need, don't force children to conform
- Transportation options
- Bring back the officer that goes to the home
- Cultural

Question 46.- Affordable education- other

- **All of the Above – 35**
- Affordability – 6
- Scholarships, Grants and Tuition Waivers – 5
- Scholarships and Low Interest Loans – 3
- Scholarships and Grants – 3
- Guidance – 3
- Bringing training programs to the valley area.
- More.....
- do away with college, in the old days you only needed a diploma and you were taught the job on the site
- Stop pushing that college is necessary. Right now there is a lack of high paying skilled labor jobs. Votech courses for electricians, carpenters, welders should be made viable options for students.
- You could graduate school and start making decent wages right out of school and not have a mountain of debt to overcome after 4 years of college.
- More Education
- Scholarships and Tuition waivers
- offer info on no interest schools
- Tuition waivers, Low interest loans, and help with child care
- Scholarships, grants, and Low interest loans
- plus housing, food, clothing, 49% of children in BC live below the poverty level

Question 47.- Consolidation of schools- other

- **Transportation: Time, Distance, and Money – 10**
- **Bigger Schools: Class sizes/Behaviors – 10**
- Lower Taxes – 4
- More Options – 3
- Education Quality – 3
- There will be much public resistance to consolidation because people will not want to lose their home town school, sports teams, etc. In the very rural areas, the school is often the focal point of their social lives, and reflects the unique culture of their community.
- WHAT are "extra circulars" ??????????
- Engagement and pride in the school. Which impacts time for free play (mental health requires this for everyone, especially children), homework, family involvement, sleep (how many of our kids are sleep deprived?) and ability to be a part of the school community for everyone.
- less time for family and enjoyment of life in general
- There is nothing academic that can't be taught in a small school today as well as a big one.
- I believe the teacher to student ratios that are suggested for quality education need to be maintained. The savings and efficiencies can be gained with the reduction of administrative personnel. The management of the school from a business stand point can be done with one business office for multiple schools.
- Savings on administrative costs could allow additional funding for technology and other things that benefit the students.

- it's worth exploring
- This question is unclear. Are we talking about county consolidation? If so what will the structure look like? School administrators are already taxed to the max and it is important to know what consolidation may look like to consider the impact. Keeping kids busy in things they like- this will go down due to just not having enough "room on the team". They will then spend more time doing things they shouldn't be doing.
- Reduce the number of administrators/principals to 1 per school. There are too many overpaid principals in every district. Make that person someone with a business degree and not a teacher's degree and your outcomes will improve. Educators should educate and business people should run the business of a school system.
- Reduce Sports programs that keep driving the taxes up for all these new stadiums, etc.
- Reduce teachers necessary and keep those with a good track record of teaching based on peer and student and family input and get rid of the dead beat teachers that can't teach and no one will let go so they just keep getting a check and aren't helping the kids learn.
- WE ARE SMALL COMMUNITIES THUS WE HAVE SMALL SCHOOLS
- It has to happen for the economy.
- Parents cannot take part in their children's activities
- It will introduce children to different lifestyles and cultures
- The smaller schools have a better group of children. They seem more family oriented.

Question 47.- Why do you feel this way?

- **Travel Issues – 28**
- Larger School Children Get Lost – 20
- Money Issues – 19
- Employment – 18
- Smaller Is Better – 17
- Bigger Is Not Better – 14
- School is Community Center – 7
- Social Experiences – 7
- Increase Opportunities/Social Life - 7
- Unsure – 6
- Time for anything other than school – 4
- Less money given to the administrative positions – 3
- Sports More Competitive/Less Kids Playing - 3
- Common Sense – 2
- Could use some of duplicated administration, salaries to increase, options for students - 2
- Size of school population and class attendance will make the reduction.
- The administrators are too worried about test scores instead of the needs of the teachers and children under their care.
- Where I live the consolidation has already been done. Not there is no school or playground in Camptown--not sure what has happened to the school in Laceyville.
- Consolidation is not the solution. Expensive mega schools replaced every 20-25 years. Bring back schools in the smaller communities. There used to be a high school in Camptown, Monroeton, Rome, Orwell, etc. and a county superintendent of schools who had an office in the county

courthouse and a secretary. Generations of young people got educated in Bradford County using this system. Now we have several school districts with many employees and high property taxes to finance the system.

- Higher student to teacher ratio, WE NEED TO FOCUS ON BASIC CORE SUBJECTS THAT INCLUDE PENNEMSHIP!!! TEACH OUR CHILDREN HOW TO WRITE COMPLETE, ACCURATE, DETAILED REPORTS BASED ON FACTS!!
- Athens School District did a great disservice to their citizens living outside the town, the rural townships. When they weighed the benefits of keeping rural schools open or installing a state of the art sports field/stadium, the sports stadium won over the rural students and citizens.
- Services, activities, extra help, etc. is available to all equally
- What is the purpose of a school? What is being gained by lumping larger numbers of kids in a bigger one? The benefits are not for academic reasons. So if your primary purpose is not academic, then bigger schools are the way to go.
- My limited experience in this area has been positive. The consolidation of Wyalusing schools seems to have created more community both on the larger scale while smaller communities have still maintained their identity. Activities across the county which have crossed school district lines (theatre, forensics, camps) have all been extremely positive with kids building friendships that are sustained across school districts.
- This has already happened in Wyalusing
- People will not think they are as closely connected with the school
- It keeps going on and on. We need to get back to basics and make the jobs and the environment for the kids...not the staff.
- Schools are about learning and getting an education.
- All teacher need to be able to work together in order to educate socially, emotionally, and academically to the best of our abilities. This was the best decision ever, in today's educational climate.
- Local schools continue to cut the range of class offerings and activities offered.
- Loss of the personal feelings associated with a smaller school.
- Families bond through school related activities. All the students in one common place encourages participation and the view that the school district is a community hub.
- Because have had life experience and lived in multiple states to see what works better in certain areas. I have also owned and ran business while having children attend public school.
- Tradition.
- School enrollments are dwindling and the overhead for many buildings is too high in relation to the government funding. Participation in school sports and clubs is dwindling as students seem to take jobs at an earlier age, money being the priority over participation.
- Seen it happen in the past.
- I watched the neighborhood schools get closed. They were places where teachers truly new each family and could offer supports and help easier.
- The district ended up with three super schools but over 100 in each grade level instead of 100 in a building.
- It makes sense to not have duplicated "services" by having several schools
- People of limited means experiences discrimination in this county
- Personal past experience

- If school population grows, the students are less likely to get one on one attention that may be needed. Teachers will be overwhelmed.
- Education is already cut to the bare bones,
- I'm concerned about our Commonwealth attempts to turn all school districts into a ghetto schools IE all he children would 6 yrs. ... school
- more kids in class less personal attention
- Big schools help poor parents to feel less responsibility they let others take over
- By doing this I don't feel some students that need the special attention won't get it.
- mix with local kids.....Hard copy 99
- Watched did happen in other areas those with name-talents get better treatment
- By consolidating the school people are in large classrooms making education not as good. Also they are teaching toward tests
- Leads to more interaction and exposure to different life situations
- This year I notice we have had three graduating classes that are very small with less than 75 and as low as 50 grads
-Hard copy 124
- The more kids in a class room the less time a teacher has to help who needs it
- Smaller schools create competition
- I was raised in a large diverse city
- Wyalusing closed 3 of their elementary schools/ built a new one and the kids had to change schools
- Less opportunity with larger classes
- The families in these small areas have stronger family values
- Hard times on family
- I loved the smaller schools. The teachers/staff knew all of the kids. Now they can't due to the numbers. The teachers also knew the parents/families. That no longer applies either.
- Small classes and schools nurture and build self-confidence, able to give 1 on 1 services as needed

Question 52.-Money management services (if yes)- other

- **Money Management – 8**
- Poor Money Choices with what They Do Get Paid – 6
- Need Paid More to be Able to Manage Money – 4
- Focus on Education is Needed – 4
- Employment – 2
- Please see comment under "gas industry concerns".
- Help those who continually ask for handouts
- Any time we can offer adults an opportunity to better their lives, the more enriched our community will be!
- PENSIONS
- it all about priorities
- The costs of housing have also become an obstacle since rents sky rocketed some years ago
- Be able to get a better picture of why people struggle financially.

- Less corruption
- Reduce cultural poverty
- there is so much more to this.....WOW
- ...needed thing to do
- Possible incentive for working toward goals (ie. renter to homeowner)
- Younger children need this

Question 54.- Cause for not having enough food-other

- **Transportation Issues – 8**
- No Money/Higher Costs – 6
- Too much in a hurry
- can only use food bank once a month or
- no food bank
- working too much to cook right

Question 55.- Lack of access to grocery store-other

- **Distance/Transportation - 6**
- High Costs – 4
- - I don't like the quality of grocery stores locally
- - The convenient store is NOT adequate
- - I work Mon-Fri no bus after work or weekends

Question 56.-What type of volunteer work do you do?

- **Church/Religiously Affiliated – 104**
- School – 50
- Sports – 29
- EMS/EMT/Aux – 22
- Community – 21
- Scouts – 19
- Food – 18
- Library – 12
- Foster Grand parenting – 12
- Work – 10
- Literacy – 9
- Fundraisers – 9
- Hospital – 8
- Veterans – 7
- Blood Donation/Red Cross – 6
- Whatever Is Needed/Anything – 6
- Non-profit – 6
- Animal Shelter – 5
- United Way – 5
- YMCA – 5
- Elderly – 5

- Historical Associations – 5
- Museums – 5
- Clean ups – 5
- Rotary – 4
- Bridge – 4
- Civic – 4
- Theatre – 4
- American Cancer Society – 3
- Disabled People – 3
- Alumni Associations – 2
- American Heart Association – 2
- Mentoring/Advising – 2
- Health fair
- Wish I could find something to volunteer for not much in Bradford county
- Race events and personal help
- Suicide prevention, environmental(clean up)
- Mental health
- Cultural
- Serve on boards;
- Social services
- We volunteer at the thrift shop in town,
- Supporting Gleaner/Greener
- mowing, cleaning, assisting in construction
- Healthcare related
- Big brother big sister
- Sayre Summer Concert Series
- Sayre Fireworks Committee
- Sayre Christmas Parade
- political,
- Prefer not to say
- Food for Thought (backpack program for students,
- committees, Women’s group
- driving friends to hospital and doctor appointments
- charity
- hunter safety
- PTG
- parks, disaster relief,
- Planting and maintaining gardens for my library.
- Rainbow End Thrift store, recycling
- venture crew
- Quarry Glen Board
- Pennsylvania Music Clubs
- Futurescapes, borough government,

- Lions club
- Have therapy dog
- POLITICAL
- Financial, social
- service organizations
- organizations boards
- events
- PTA
- youth activities
- Election and political volunteer, arts judging, more than I can think of right off. I get asked a lot.
- Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees
- Heritage Village
- St. John's Altar and Rosary Society
- ARCC.
- service organizations and cultural events
- Research, counseling, administration
- Camp
- TACO,
- crisis services
- kids activity
- Offer free children's art/music workshops with grant money from UW, offer events & lead church youth group, provide a day of free babysitting to mothers of three or more children in our area to give them a day off & the children are provided a safe & active day of age appropriate activities at my home during their day with our family.
- Women of the Moose
- Hezekiah's Hands
- SUSAN KOMEN FOUNDATION FOR BREAST AWARENESS
- Administrative/leadership
- Bake Sales, and helping neighbors
- Boards of directors
- Elective office
- Appointive office
- I help show animals at Troy Fair in open show because I am too old for 4-H. I am the assistant director & assistant treasurer for the Endless Mountain Mission Center
- Car shows for local social programs
- WRP
- 4H
- babysitting
- Chamber of Commerce
- Rotary Veterans memorial park.
- OTHER RELATED COMMUNITY GROUPS, GROUPS ASSOCIATED WITH MY EMPLOYMENT
- Secretary treasurer of LLC
- 4-H

- helping neighbors, helping young adults with planning future education
- Redskin club (hard copy survey 8)
- Rush Township R.P. (check hard copy survey 10)
- Foster Care
- Mental Health Awareness
- volunteer for our local park
- Committee, social gatherings
- shade the commission, pool (refer to hard copy survey 55)
- college events
- volunteering
- The Children's House
- Pregnant care center
- Child care
- BB/BS
- No transportation or feel alienated
- Internships
- Homeless advocacy; affordable housing
- President of many groups
- Guardian Angel
-Hard copy 124
- 4H
- ARC
- Teaching, and Campaigning
- Women's Center in Mansfield
- Volunteer at Cargill functions, Rod and Gun club
- Board of Directors for a local organization,

Question 56.- Volunteer hours

- 3 people answered .5 hours
- 36 people answered 1 hour
- 3 people answered 1 ½ hours
- 5 people answered 2 hours
- 1 person answered 2 ½ hours
- 31 people answered 3 hours
- 20 people answered 4 hours
- 25 people answered 5 hours
- 7 people answered 6 hours
- 1 person answered 7 hours
- 7 people answered 8 hours
- 1 person answered 9 hours
- 22 people answered 10 hours
- 4 people answered 12 hours
- 6 people answered 15 hours

- 2 people answered 16 hours
- 12 people answered 20 hours
- 1 person answered 25 hours
- 1 person answered 30 hours
- 2 people answered 35 hours
- 1 person answered 37 hours
- 2 people answered 40 hours
- 2 people answered 60 hours
- 1 person answered 5 days

Question 57.- If yes

- More appreciative recipients
- Willingness of organizations to accept new and more effective ideas.
- I plan on volunteering when I retire
- No time

Question 58.- great need for volunteers

- **Helping with Children – 61**
- Helping the Elderly – 35
- Fire/EMS – 25
- Community – 9
- Everything – 7
- Clean ups – 7
- Homeless – 5
- Not Sure – 4
- Libraries – 4
- Foster Grandparents-4
- Jobs – 3
- Food – 3
- Social volunteers – 2
- Churches – 2
- Respect-2
- Highly qualified experts to volunteer their time and talent to agencies who have a need for their specific specialty.
- Working with youth to help guide them to becoming successful adults. Need positive role models when they are young.
- Aid to veterans, shut ins need help the most.
- tutors at the prison, community education on drugs/alcohol
- Human services
- I do not know. I would love to know the answer and perhaps I would help out closer to home.
- Non-profit organizations.

- non- profit organizations, American Cancer Society, Red Cross, Tutoring literacy- we need a literate society to improve everybody's living/working situations. You can't get a job if you can't read and write effectively or use computers.
- HELP WITH GETTING BACKGROUND CHECKS
- Answering as myself now- I feel that any time spent educating anyone is important. shut ins is also necessary.
- Most anything - but no one actually looks for well educated, actively engaged citizens -- it is usually a special clique that doesn't really like outsiders to serve on their Boards, etc. The hospital auxiliary may be an exception.
- Hospital
- Leadership roles in non-profits,
- reading instructors, life skills instruction
- Sayre Historical Society, all the museums, really
- To have more volunteers - many hands make light work!
- To be available to develop relationships with people who may need services. Before people will utilize services, they must feel comfortable about seeking services and want to make a change in their lives. Most people I come across are not willing to volunteer at this level because it is very hard.
- Help with property
- Education
- Information of how and where to volunteer.
- I fear volunteerism is a dying service. The average age of people who are volunteering is over 60. Young families are forced to have both parties working just to keep their heads above water and they don't have time to devote to it. This is an ongoing problem and I don't see an end in sight.
- All needs are great. Go to where you are called in spirit and pray that you are accepted.
- The damage our last governor did financially to the social services needed in our community is disgusting.
- YMCA, Drug education
- Ease of finding a place to volunteer/marketing on volunteer opportunities
- support for breastfeeding, drug, depression post par-tum
- 1. Information about various agencies that use and need volunteers 2. training for volunteers 3. recognition for work volunteers do for the agency
- We need leaders to volunteer to help community prosper
- To help people
- With opportunities for families to do more together
- activities leaders (refer to hard copy survey 33)
- young moms
- hospital
- Literacy
- People with disabilities
- To help people succeed and accomplish goals
- The help they provide to others
- help people get driver's license

- Education & information
- transportation, assist with moving
- Blood donors-animal shelters
- Literacy
- Foster Grandparents-4
- Respect-2
-

Question 59.- What is the greatest barrier to volunteering

- Time – 131
- Knowledge/No Options – 19
- Health/Age – 11
- Transportation – 12
- Clearance Costs/Needs – 8
- Red Tape – 2
- Money – 7
- None – 6
- Energy – 4
- Dealing with others – 3
- Training – 2
- Getting started
- Getting people to attend
- Don't even get me started on this one! I have filled out paperwork with the County and the Towanda Public Library to serve on their Board and have actually heard nothing from anyone. How does this inspire anyone to volunteer for anything?
- Ambition
- I don't have any
- THE CHILDRENS PARENTS
- Afraid
- helping people and animals
- Priorities
- people wondering why you are volunteering
- Lack of respect
- Few interested in doing volunteer work
- Already involved
- I don't have one I'd love to.
- Doing what i can
- No one wants to work for free

Question 60. Tell us what you think are the greatest needs in your community?

Transportation

- More reliable & increased bus routes or transportation options
- Transportation. Awareness of what is available.
- Public Transportation
- Public transportation
- Elderly transportation, child care that is easier on the wallet
- Transportation, housing, cultural activities
- Transportation - Housing
- Transportation, housing, cultural activities
- Transportation - Housing
- Frequent public transportation between all of our county communities
- Better public transportation-more routes at more reasonable cost
- That are accessible or transportation to get there. And county reps that care about our needs and not their pockets
- Public transportation out of the county, the ability to travel across the county using good public transportation...trains???
- Better public transportation.
- Public transportation that is reliable and timely 2. competition among grocery stores
- I think we need more transportation options- low cost taxi service, low cost reliable automobiles
- A stop light cars drive to fast, post office closes to early, shelter for bus stops, community yard sales
- Transportation
- Public Transportation
- A more reliable transportation service- unreliable on the weekends

Education

- Need affordable post-secondary education for kids who will stay here.
- Education. Our children need educated as to how they can compete for competitive employment in the future.
- Evening education for GED needs
- Education on kids having kids...real stories real people telling teens or younger on the realities of their decisions. Also, drug abuse...they need to see how alcohol and drugs effect you in long and short term...again real people real situations. Not a movie or paper but person to person.
- Literacy - if people can't read/write or understand what they are reading, they have a very hard time making informed decisions for their life.
- Public schools need to improve curriculum
- Education and jobs
- Education- school districts are behind + the quality of education is lacking
- Negative view of education
- More value on education
- EDUCATED PARTICIPANTS
- Education
- Education
- Education of the adults
- Education of Services
- Education on life skills, budgeting

- Driver's education needs to be put back in the school system. What can be more important than to educate our youth on how to drive? It shouldn't be up to the parents. Every day I see people who have terrible driving skills, it's scary.
- Educated adults that aren't living off the government rather than going out and getting jobs. Poor housing, parenting. Need major drug control in this county.
- education- money budgeting, more access to programs on the fore mentioned items

Family Support

- Strong families.
- Families learning to budget the money they have –pay utility bills and provide food before cable and expensive
- Lack of parenting skills that support all aspects of a child's growth - physical, emotional, educational, social and spiritual.
- AUTISM SUPPORT SERVICES, ACTIVITIES,
- Affordable child care, affordable housing
- Reliable and safe daycare.
- Keeping children active, safe, educated, away from drugs
- I see a lot of children coming from homes that are affected by alcohol, drugs and poverty.
- Activities for families
- More opportunities for children and teens; more competition in the grocery business to make food more affordable
- Free or affordable childcare, especially for single-parent homes
- Parents learning to be parents that educate their children in manners, accountability, respect, good work ethics, taking responsibility. Teaching individuals that they should work to support themselves and their families. Many just want disability and social programs to support them when they could work.
- Preschool / Day care support
- Head Start continued funding
- Senior Day Care
- A place for young people to go to have some socializing with each other, other than school
- Keeping youth positively influenced and busy, keeping people from being homeless
- Something for "tweens" and young adults.
- senior's/ disabled vet's and people
- Mentoring programs for youth and adults
- Having opportunities for high school students during the summer. Breaking the cycle of young people being on government programs. Having more jobs for people.
- MORALS AND VALUES
- More activities for youth/young adults to participate in.
- Children being protected. Safe houses, or something where kids can go, be safe and possibly educated as well, within our public school systems. I know there are many laws that dictate things but I feel our local CYS should do more to stand up for children and their safety.
- Selfish/lack of parenting
- Services for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders... Education for parents that haven't a clue... Otherwise your detention centers will be filled with kids that don't deserve to be there... It's that simple...
- Patience/Professionalism/Kindness of teachers regarding a child with autism spectrum disorders...

- Pride in neighborhoods, more attention to needs of teenagers.
- Family support. Budgeting. Stopping Drug abuse. Stopping domestic violence. Allow teachers to teach students and not to teach to a test.
- Daycare/childcare, more jobs, counseling and mental health services.
- Child care, things to do
- Child care, Transportation, and places to work on a GED
- Kids are bored
- For families to be "pushed" in to working instead of living off of "EBT" - role modeling this for their families instead of paving the way for future EBT recipients. Also activities for children that are free
- Have more around for children and young adults to do
- Child care and transportation
- Elderly and youth
- Things for kids/adults to do
- Daycare
- Access to affordable childcare
- Youth and elderly bases activities
- Youth and elderly based activities
- Adequate funding to provide services for the elderly population.
- Moral foundation; involvement in a faith community; value for higher education
- Working with youth
- Children functions w/ transportation to quality daycare!
- A place for young people to go to have some socializing with each other, other than school

Recreation

- More things for children to do. Skating, tennis courts, sports
- Activities for young people, actually adults too as I think about it, info and help re drugs and alcohol, education evading local and national government- not enough people vote
- More programs for children
- THE ARTS. Seriously. Free activities for youth in the areas of theatre, music, visual arts, computer arts. Not all children want/can do athletic activities.
- YOUTH AND ADULT RECREATION CENTER
- Arts and cultural activities
- Activities for teen-age children to participate in. Affordable childcare services for lower-middle class working families who are above the guidelines for subsidies.
- We need more healthy activities and health facilities for the youth and adults. We have spent enough on Veteran Memorials. It is now time to spend money on the living people of this community so they can develop into healthy people socially and physically.
- Arts education, places where teens and young adults can belong with a healthy environment
- Safe, community play areas for children and families
- Our community needs more for people to do that is inexpensive. We have a playground and community pool. Have of the area can't afford to go to the pool. Not much else for entertainment and keeping kids off the streets.
- Free or super low cost strenuous activities for teens
- With the long Bradford County winters in-door facilities for Soccer, Baseball, and Softball etc. The school limit access and require expensive insurance for anyone to use them.
- An Athletic Dome similar to the one in Binghamton would be a giant asset for youths.

- Fish and Game to stock more gamebirds and other small game to give youths the opportunity to enjoy hunting on all of the available public state game lands. A nice public lake that is stocked with fish for youths to learn and enjoy fishing.
- Things for teens to do
- More stuff for people to do
- Lack of youth activities
- Free activities (fun and educational) for families and kids
- Arts activities for all, more non-school related activities for children, free or lower-cost exercise options for all ages. Add to this COMMUNICATION. I have heard folks say they didn't know where to go for a yoga class. They want to volunteer but don't know how to go about it. Perhaps a greater web and/or social media presence for our County with links to find agencies and activities in a simple, quick manner?
- Helping children of lower income families, Helping the elderly
- More family and community activities to prevent boredom drug use in community and school engagement
- Troy needs a place where kids who setting and on supervision
- More extra-curricular activities, transportation
- Community centers where kids can go for help or after school when no one is home
- Activities
- Recreational activities for youth

Drug & Alcohol

- Drug and alcohol education and counseling services.
- Need a better c.y.s. agency and judges who will hold drug addicted parents responsible for their actions.
- Drugs, suicides, people just don't seem to care about one another any more
- Drug intervention
- D&A and MH services for teens that are easily accessed
- Drug usage! This effects everything we do.
- Education on drugs and stronger penalties for those that sell it.
- Drug educational prevention
- Drug rehabilitation in patient
- Clean up drugs, jobs, low income housing, being in good business for jobs, don't vote for.....
- Reduction in drug and alcohol use
- More drug notice
- Drug & Alcohol, Poverty
- Drug Rehabilitation Center
- Drug and alcohol treatment, building skill set in adults to help them be more marketable, activities for teens, programs for high risk children
- Drug + alcohol
- Drug/alcohol Education and Help for Addicts
- drug use, getting people off welfare and getting jobs
- Drug enforcement, poverty, homelessness.

Housing

- Same as greatest needs for volunteers noted above, but also affordable rentals for families
- Need affordable housing

- Housing, the gas industry pushed up rental costs where the average income cannot afford to rent.
- I feel the some of the greatest needs in our community are: Housing, budgeting, affordable daycare and childcare.
- Affordable housing
- Affordable, decent housing for low income families.
- Food and housing
- Homeless and food
- Affordable housing affordable dental
- Housing for low income and homeless
- Affordable housing, we desperately need homeless shelters
- Affordable housing
- A halfway house for those coming out of jail. I think that's half the reason the jail is overcrowded. They have no place to go.
- Homeless shelters/daycare
- Affordable housing
- Housing (affordable)
- Cheaper rent
- Affordable Housing
- Foster care homes

Jobs/Employment/Businesses

- Jobs, drug and alcohol prevention, mental health treatment
- Jobs
- Employment
- Build work ethics, morals, sense of value and importance, personal pride and pride in community, less drug use.
- More businesses. More job opportunities.
- We need a place that serves good coffee!!
- Restaurants
- Good Restaurants
- Stores
- Economic growth
- Department stores
- Family friendly restaurants, Aldis
- There needs to be greater emphasis on getting quality paying jobs in the community and folks to fill those jobs.
- The area needs to look alive with businesses that are succeeding and housing in a desirable state of upkeep.
- My community has more than a few indigents. I feel this is a pattern they have learned. Work ethic and striving to earn a living are not traits that are present in many of these people- not because they are insolent but because they are simply unaware of that option. Typically they are just following the example set forth by their parents.
- Revitalization of businesses in downtown. Affordable work force housing in the community. Additional funding for infrastructure (street paving). Funding for play land upgrade. Funding for Diahoga River Trail.

- When new businesses are being built... the barriers in the exit and entrance areas are tight, poorly marked and just plain difficult.
- A service that could help those that want to work get a job.
- More jobs, more businesses, especially since the gas industry has slowed down.
- More employment opportunities.
- My guess is a decent paying job, but I don't know that. I have been able to find that job, put food on the table, be financially independent, save money, etc. I have not spent money on alcohol, cigarettes or lotto tickets. I believe it can be done. We need to have realistic expectations and work hard.
- A vision for economic development and employment.
- Better paying jobs. It would be nice to have factories move in to the area that need skilled labor. Jobs that pay more than \$15/hr. And I'm not talking about raising burger flipping pay. I'm talking skilled labor.
- Work and better pay
- Economic opportunity lacks
- Employment and help for those to obtain it.
- Giving people less fortunate jobs who are more than capable of working. Make welfare and food stamps harder to get.
- To gain employment and independence (Roadwork also)

Services

- Libraries and Fire companies need funding
- firemen ems
- Fire company volunteers
- Fire dept.
- Volunteer fire fighters
- Fire services, Day Care, Mental Health Services

Cell Phones

- Cell phones
- Better cell service. Roads need to be maintained better (line painting on roads).
- Better cell phone coverage, many areas have no coverage and in an emergency you cannot receive timely help. More affordable child care and senior care.

Other

- Breaking the endless cycle of poverty by giving people the tools to help themselves.
- More rep payee services
- More/better psychiatrist, psychologists & counselors
- Publicize services more/better
- Don't let people fall thru the cracks
- There should be no guns allowed in any public establishment
- Need social and cultural and economic opportunities so young people will stay here.
- Positive attitudes and acceptance of one another. Opportunities to come together as a community. Not only tolerance, but openness to children and youth being in outdoor and public space. Job opportunities. Local point of service places people can go to talk to a worker face to face and get help applying for services rather than having to schedule an appt., find a way to get to Towanda, do a bunch of paperwork online without help, and being bounced around on the phone. People in crisis need to be able to walk in and have their questions answered patiently and be walked through the application process.

- I think we have many strengths here...not sure that the weaknesses we face are specifically in our community. In general, I feel that we have a high SSI population and that is frustrating as a tax payer. But changes need to be made in the state and federal welfare programs that might encourage people to not abuse the system.
- Lack of motivation and interest in our younger adults to get jobs and become productive members of society.
- Cultural values that promote poor health choices.
- New volunteers with fresh ideas.
- Changing the culture that they are entitled to things without doing something to earn them. Being that I moved to this area many years ago that is the first thing I noticed and do not understand.
- Poverty. Hunger. Homelessness.
- providing help to those in need- financially, emotionally, medical help, transportation, housing
- Community needs information, someone to coordinate these needs and bring others together for a common cause or some community building time.
- Systems of accountability for people receiving services
- Responsible leadership - that means someone who is well educated, successful in business and actually cares about the community
- Good community planning and ordinance enforcement - too many slum lords and low income housing - nothing for middle income seniors.
- Knowledgeable people in responsible positions
- Something to interest tourism - this whole thing in Bradford County is a joke! There are small towns in the area that are actually interesting places to visit, i.e., Wellsboro, Tunkhannock.....why is Towanda not figuring out how other towns appeal to tourists?
- Unsure
- Neighborhood friendships - no longer in vogue
- In my opinion our Mental Health system needs to be better and protect our mentally ill, from use of their medications to crimes committed.
- People who will volunteer for reasons other than their children are participating in a sport
- Police awareness and action on known problem areas in communities
- mental health services and drug abuse prevention/awareness
- kids who have nowhere to go and parents who don't much care
- Lack of purpose
- Less bickering and more coming together. A sense of what we all have in common and what we value. Less partisanship. Need more oversight of the gas industry - they are going to leave us with a horrible legacy. We need more ESL classes and outreach and help for the many undocumented immigrants here that no-one seems to be aware of.
- More resources
- For the commissioners to take the traffic problem on route 6 seriously.
- Opportunity and information. There are many needs that come about from a rural county with a scattered population attempting to live in a modern society with ever rising costs. Education about culture and diversity and the opportunity to engage with others in ways that can breakdown the artificial barriers that we carry.
- More police patrol
- We need to do a better job at rehabilitating our prisoners. So many have underlying mental health issues that are not properly addressed.

- What about a county fair? That would pull all the communities together. Yes, some areas in the county have carnivals and such, but wouldn't it be grand to have a County Fair that would bring people to the area to visit. What about an amusement park, we have plenty of open vacant land. Real estate taxes are too high!! How will we keep our youth here if they can't afford to live here?? I am excited that we have a new tourism committee, hope that really gets the "ball rolling" in promoting our county.
- More volunteers
- People who aren't exposed to issues or people who don't have issues mentioned above don't believe there is an issue. People have blinders on. People ignore the problems out there. We are a reactive county, not a proactive county.
- We need to become a community. The kids can't even walk down the street without being harassed by the illegals hooting and hollering at them. Drug use is ridiculous. Nothing for children to do in our small area.
- Volunteering at nursing homes or in the community to help those in needs, like at shelters, food places, mission centers, churches, etc.
- Hope.
- Programs, money, etc. don't seem to make it to our area, tend to stay in Towanda and the Valley where the industry is. We need industry, we have no reason for anyone to live in our community because there are no jobs.
- More activities and willingness for persons to volunteer
- Need to come up with a method to instantly vaporize people who litter our roadways and dump their unwanted cats.
- More religion and less laws
- support for reading and reaching out to others
- Getting people off of welfare, building self-esteem, helping people find jobs, (getting them off drugs so they can pass a drug test and work)
- Importance of volunteers
- Commissioners that truly care about their employees and will stand by them
- Control of unruly youth because of unfit parents who have no respect
- A recreation center, a dog park
- People unaware of greater potential
- Everything/Equality
- Income gap, Corruption
- Hospital
- More volunteers with teens and kids
- Getting folks from rural locations to events
- Support people
- Work on getting people away from welfare and SSD
- Decrease school taxes
- Decrease teacher retirement and benefits
- People that have mental health and drug and alcohol issues that don't know how to seek help, can't afford help or feel scared to ask for help.
- Community business development, more activities for kids to do.
- Free things
- Clean up
- Not sure not much caring (respect from 1 or 2)

- More security before it gets worse
- Cheaper grocery store
- To utilize the resources and activities provided
- Taking part of the local area resources, "owning" their community both strengths and weaknesses
- Better roads, less drugs, cheaper gas
- Middle class should be able to thrive, not just get by
- Sex offender treatment, Sex offender punishment, inadequate court, psychiatry, housing and transportation
- More help for those who need it
- Helping the needy people
- People to find ambition
- Care for people
- Poverty
- Helping needy people
- F.G.P
- Everything
- Less police officers

Question 61. - Tell us what you think are the greatest strengths in your community?

Families

- Strong families.
- Families
- Family
- Feeling of family

Small community/People

- Love small town living where people generally treat each other well, typically safe place to live
- It's small and friendly.
- Close ties, everyone knows each other, strong support to help each other out.
- Small town - people know one another, are more apt to help one another.
- It is well knitted together
- We are a community.
- Family and friendly little villages with what are fast becoming 'old-fashioned' values.
- Small town...everyone knows everyone may seem not good but we all watch out for each other which is positive and negative
- Small town, everyone knows someone and our community comes together in time of crisis (i.e. the 2011 flood)
- Small communities where people know each other and do reach out to those in need
- Our community has a lot of good, kind people. For the most part folks will help folks.
- Close-knit communities that help each other in times of need
- Generous and friendly people
- Friendly people
- People truly love where they live.
- Close knit community, very supportive
- We are a close knit community, and really step up to help when needed. We are located in the beautiful Endless Mountains and people do what they can to preserve this area.

- It's small... I think many people do care about others
- Friendliness
- Small community, everyone knows everyone else,
- Small community
- The community
- I think our community as a whole, is extremely compassionate. In times of trouble, people tend to come together. Not every community has that.
- Close knit people and we all know each other (to a certain extent).
- Everyone knows everyone so it's a very close community.
- Small town atmosphere, natural beauty, fascinating history.
- Most people getting along well with each other, churches, having lots of friends and family.
- Everyone knows each other, supportive, friendly
- Close knit community, good schools, and overall friendly people.
- In our community a great strength is community involvement. In Troy, we put on the fair, have the cruiser show, etc. These are things where our community can get together as one.
- Close knit community
- It's a county with small close communities
- The people
- People have big hearts, they just get misguided
- Small town feel, get to know many people, Networking
- People, traditions, history
- The people
- Close knit small town
- Beauty of county pride
- People
- Communication
- Peer support
- Everyone knows each other
- Small communities - easier to know and participate
- Basically a stable population
- Small
- Spirit- The community is proud
- Everyone knows each other
- Close knit, wholesomeness
- Friendly
- Happy people
- Caring people
- Caring people

Jobs/Business

- There are a LOT of jobs available, but also too many lazy people working various forms of welfare instead of working!
- Good Jobs
- New business, jobs
- Making downtown attractive and user friendly.
- People supporting local businesses even with a lack of good paying local jobs.
- Area businesses being supportive to the community.

- Ability to have employment, many places hiring
- The gas industry
- Natural gas jobs
- Number of businesses, small hometown shops
- Lots of jobs
- Lots of jobs.

Volunteering/Help Others in Need

- Volunteering and people rallying to support those in need in times of disaster.
- The churches, the bridge, the ability to come together to help anyone, like after the last flood.
- Community spirit and pride, willingness to assist neighbors.
- Communities coming together to help out local individuals in need with fund raising events and providing hands on help and emotional support when needed.
- In this county we have deep pockets for the needy. Look at United Way fund drive, WATS Christmas is for kids, etc. Our communities always answer the bell when people are in need. The Children's house serviced over 100 children last year. The list goes on. There are many organizations in our county to assist people
- Incredible folks who have a community spirit and are willing to volunteer.
- Our EMS, fire, police, volunteer rescue services and personnel are the greatest.
- Emergency Services
- Very giving in time of crisis
- So many of these people are volunteers and/or are underpaid compared to other parts of this state and country. They truly need to be supported and recognized far above other services.
- People help each other out when really needed.
- In all seriousness I would say the non-profits, whom I know are struggling to keep going every year, are our communities' greatest strengths. The animal shelter, the library, the fire company, the ambulance association etc... We wouldn't be a community anymore without them.
- People willing to help when there is a specific need - disasters such as fires, medical emergencies, floods, storms, financial crisis
- Pulling together to help family members in need
- Emergency Services
- Willingness to help where ever it is needed. Friendliness.
- Coming together for those in need.
- Children that are willing to help if they just knew where the help was needed.
- This community rallies for those in need. I believe that is our greatest strength. Period. Those of us that truly care about people are willing to donate our extra pennies, time, etc. to help those in need.
- I feel that the neighborhood in which I live goes out of its way to watch out for one another. We have a large number of seniors in our neighborhood and we all help to watch over and take care of them. I.e. snow shoveling, keeping an eye on their pets. Watching their homes for strangers.
- Caring people who pull together in time of need despite many differences.
- Number of good people who are willing to help make community a better place to live
- Community awareness and get together in time of need.
- When catastrophe strikes, people help. But they seem to forget that every day can be a catastrophe for some families...
- Often people in this community help people in need.
- We help out people when they need it.

- Caring folks who want to help.
- The community will work together when needed, but it's always the same people that have to do everything
- Community members come together in a time of need.
- If you look for help and accept help it is out there
- Help others
- Neighbors help each other in bad weather on bus route, nearby post office
- Giving back, pulling together when tragedy strikes
- Come together in time of need
- There are many in our community who have a great heart for the people of our community who are in need
- Community pulling together in time of need
- Good volunteers-coaches, etc.,
- The passion from those who work and do services for the community i.e. Drug and Alcohol, department of health, ARCC, etc.
- The passion from those who work and do services for the community i.e.; drug + alcohol, Department of Health, ARCC, etc.

Education/ Opportunities for children

- Good Schools
- We do have good schools which provide an opportunity for those who want to take advantage of them
- Schools
- Small town schools ... (kids are known)
- Head Start
- Literacy
- All of the opportunities available for kids - We live in Towanda and we have dance studios, music lessons, library, WRP, Missoula, soccer, little league, youth wrestling, gymnastics, film opportunities, cultural opportunities...it's all here if you want it!
- The school system is wonderful
- having the small town schools with less population of graduates,,

Cultural Values/Traditions

- Our strength comes from our cultural values and our rural geographic location.
- The culture is one that has strong bonds to each other and the land that we inhabit. Large extended families and lifelong friendships are common. We have open spaces and low crime, very little traffic, fresh produce and farm goods.
- History and traditions
- Stubbornness. Unique rural culture. A lot of opportunity for grazing farmers.
- Traditions
- Family values/small town atmosphere

Housing

- Quality Housing
- I believe the greatest strengths in my community is: Our area is increasing housing needs. Especially for low-income, elderly population.

Things to Do/Services

- Library. Playground. Church.
- Parks/Open Spaces

- Community Events
- Our library, our community center and the activities within it, the support of businesses in the community center's activities, the businesses that are offered here.
- Libraries
- Parks and recreation, many churches, availability of everyday services, local hospital, libraries and museums, theater, good people
- Libraries
- Libraries, local parks, number of jobs available
- Concern
- Community services...library/schools/churches, etc.
- Guthrie, Sayre heater, Sayre library, food programs, a caring faith community, River Front Park
- Services
- Availability of needed services and facilities
- YMCA, public schools, sports, community play grounds, children's library, community cup, Ben Franklin, First Friday, Fair
- Social activities available. Most people do not take part.
- Churches, schools, \$1.00 General Store, good pharmacies, day care, VFW, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts,.....2 banks, thrift store
- There are lots of resources and activities
- Feral Cat Program
- feral cats program
- F.G.P
- First Friday activities and other various family friendly activities throughout the year
- Grief outreach, people with health issues being taken care of, "sense of community"
- Many resources available

Natural Beauty

- Natural beauty
- Beauty
- Peace and quiet.
- Beautiful scenic areas
- Bradford County is a beautiful place with many natural attributes that can make it a great place to live a work again ... if only the powers that be will allow the ideas of others to be heard and then act upon them in a focused, long term manner.
- Our natural beauty. It's a great location. Family history. Small town USA :)
- Wildlife and nature
- Natural Beauty
- Beautiful area to live in, close community means for the most part you know your neighbors
- Beautiful area to live in, close community, means (for the most part) you know your neighbors

Church

- Strong churches
- Church and faith
- Church families, free activities for children
- Churches
- Can't think of any outside the churches
- Churches and church activities

Unsure

- Unsure
- I'm not sure, but what I've observed is too much leniency given to drug offenders. I know we can't constantly police neighborhoods, but if someone is a known drug addict, surely they could be observed once in a while!!
- I can't focus on one certain area or thing.
- Unknown
- I don't know
- None right now
- Unsure
- unsure
- Not certain, nothing stands out in my mind - we do status and older population greatest strength in community help
- I am not sure there are any - but there are some people who care, but aren't part of the "establishment".

Other

- 1. Relatively safe place to live. 2. Availability of healthcare services in our rural area.
- Low Taxes
- Access to Infrastructure
- Access to Highways
- Those in leadership positions. Hospital based community. Variety of retail businesses and restaurants.
- Hmm...In the past five years our school has closed, two churches have closed, the bank had pulled out.
- Pride
- There aren't any if your poor
- Rebounding after the 2011 flood.
- A sense of place for many. A good place to live not I'm here because I have no other choice.
- Clean and safe
- Our parents and grandparents were part of the greatest generation, activities focused on work, family and the church. We have gotten away from the church and focused more on "me". Too much emphasis is placed on what feels good to "me". It still can be a great place to live and raise a family, but things have got to be more affordable and their needs to be jobs, so our young people want to remain here.
- Unity
- Agriculture
- Hard workers, beautiful environment, open to change
- 1. Exceptional healthcare facilities 2. Quality of life 3. the people who live in Bradford County
- The amount of resources available IF You Qualify
- IDIC
- From when I was younger, I don't see any. It's for the rich, if you have money you can do anything. That is wrong.
- Lack of Urbanization
- Pride
- farmers

- Kinship
- Close knit families
- Kinship
- Awesome kids with many talents

Question 64.- race other

- Actually I'm spotted.
- American
- Human
- Seriously, this is a ridiculous question. Race was invented by the imperialists in the 1600's to rationalize conquering others and is still used as a tool by the elite to divide and conquer us today.
- Europe
- American Indian
- This question offends me

Question 67.- other

- Rather not say
- Registered as democrat in order to participate in primary elections. No strong party affiliation
- An inappropriate question
- Registered republican but vote according to qualifications of candidates.
- Democrat but seriously thinking I should be an Independent-so disgusted with both parties.
- A rational thinker who refuses to be told what to do by any party. I think on my own.
- Non-citizen
- No party
- Prefer not to answer

Question 68.- Occupation

- **Retired – 77**
- Teacher – 36
- Secretary – 16
- Healthcare – 13
- Management – 12
- Social Work – 12
- Education – 9
- Insurance – 9
- Probation Officers – 9
- Administration – 7
- Clerical – 7
- Laborer – 7
- Retail – 7
- Caseworker – 6

- Librarian – 6
- No Employment/Unemployed – 6
- Government – 5
- Homemaker – 5
- Mom (Stay at home) – 5
- Accountant – 4
- County Employee – 4
- Human Services – 4
- Marketing – 4
- Minister/Pastor – 4
- Self-employed – 4
- Supervisor – 4
- Banker – 3
- Counselor – 3
- Director – 3
- Finance – 3
- Food services – 3
- Foster Care – 3
- Human Resources – 3
- Office Worker – 3
- Advocate (Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault) – 2
- Assessor – 2
- Attorney – 2
- Bank Teller – 2
- Cashier – 2
- Customer Service – 2
- Full Time Social Services – 2
- General Labor Production – 2
- Law Enforcement – 2
- Material Planner – 2
- Mental Health Services – 2
- Office Clerk – 2
- Office Manager – 2
- Program Director – 2
- Therapist – Mental Health – 2
- Volunteer – 2
- Accounts payable clerk rep payee for SS beneficiaries – 1
- Agricultural Technician – 1
- Aide – 1
- Assistant Activity Director – 1
- Borough Employee – 1
- Business Manager – 1
- Certified Peer Specialist – 1

- CFO – 1
- Child Care – 1
- Claims Representative – 1
- Clerk – 1
- Cosmetologist – 1
- County Auditor, Wegman's Customer Service – 1
- Decline to Answer – 1
- Diet Technician – 1
- Director of Medical Records – 1
- Domestic Engineer – 1
- DSW – Supervisor – 1
- Education Coordinator in Health Care – 1
- Eligibility Specialist – 1
- Employment Specialist – 1
- ER Team leader – 1
- Executive Director – 1
- Extension Community Educator – 1
- FGP – 1
- Fiscal tech at a mental health/drug and alcohol facility – 1
- Front Desk Receptionist – 1
- Gas and Oil Field – 1
- Grant Administrator – 1
- Group Leader/Technician – 1
- Health and Safety for Gas Industry – 1
- Health Educator – 1
- Higher Education – 1
- House Cleaner (self-employed) – 1
- House Wife – 1
- IT Technician – 1
- Lease Operator for Chesapeake – 1
- Licensed Veterinary Technician and Bradford City Courthouse Employee – 1
- Line Leader – 1
- Sales Cashier – 1
- Mapping Technician – 1
- Medical Technologist – 1
- Municipal Administrator – 1
- Non-Profit Organization Worker – 1
- Numbers – 1
- Nutritionist – 1
- Odd Jobs – 1
- Operator at DuPont – 1
- Personal Care Aide – 1
- Physical Therapist – 1
- Production/Inventory Control – 1
- Program Specialist – 1

- Publisher – 1
- Purchasing manager/central supply – 1
- Quality Technician – 1
- Small Business Owner/Insurance Agent – 1
- Social Services Employee – 1
- Speech-Language Pathologist – 1
- SSI – 1
- Stay at home dad – 1
- Stay at home mom & have a direct sales business – 1
- Street Department – 1
- Student – 1
- Student Support for Migrant Education Program – 1
- Student & Mother – 1
- Superintendent of a Public School – 1
- Teacher's Aide – 1
- Transcriptionist – 1
- Waitressing – 1
- Writer – 1

Question 72.- Zip Codes

- 142 people answered 18848
- 77 people answered 18840
- 44 people answered 18853
- 37 people answered 16947
- 32 people answered 17724
- 31 people answered 18810
- 18 people answered 18854
- 15 people answered 18832
- 10 people answered 18850
- 10 people answered 18623
- 9 people answered 16925
- 9 people answered 18837
- 6 people answered 18833
- 6 people answered 18846
- 6 people answered 18831
- 5 people answered 16926
- 5 people answered 18829
- 4 people answered 16914
- 3 people answered 18817
- 2 people answered 18851
- 1 person answered 13734
- 1 person answered 18614
- 1 person answered 18829
- 1 person answered 16822

- 1 person answered 18828
- 1 person answered 18657
- 1 person answered 18845

Question 73.- Township/Borough

- Albany- 3
- Armenia- 1
- Asylum- 11
- Athens- 46
- Beech- 1
- Bradford-5
- Burlington-10
- Canton-27
- Cherry- 1
- Columbia- 1
- East Smithfield- 1
- Franklin-3
- Gayle- 1
- Gillett-2
- Granville- 4
- Herrick- 6
- Laceyville- 1
- Le Raysville-2
- Leroy- 5
- Litchfield- 4
- Milan- 1
- Monroe- 17
- Monroeton- 4
- Moyal- 2
- New Albany- 2
- North Towanda- 11
- Orwell- 4
- Pike- 3
- Ridgebury- 8
- Rome- 9
- Sayre-45
- Sheshequin-3
- Smithfield- 5
- South Creek- 1
- South Waverly- 5
- Springfield-2
- Standing Stone- 10
- Stevens- 2

- Sylvania- 1
- Terry- 3
- Towanda- 79
- Troy- 29
- Tunkhannock- 1
- Tuscarora- 10
- Ulster- 6
- Warren- 1
- Wells-1
- West Burlington 5
- Wilmot- 7
- Windham- 2
- Wyalusing- 25
- Wysox-13

Question 75.- Disability

- Heart disease
- R. A. and fibromyalgia with intractable migraines
- PTSD/ depression
- Intellectual Disability
- myopathy
- Diabetes/ vascular disease/blood disease
- back pain
- Mental health diagnosis
- at the moment walk with difficulty
- orthopedic; longer term temporary
- back
- HEARING LOSS
- Springfield
- Rheumatoid Arthritis
- Bipolar, ADD, PDD, ODD, Dual Personality
- Back issues but I work
- CP and Depression
- Learning Disability
- Balance Disorder
- however know several people who are on disability and still function quite well working under the table or farming. Believe it is a very abused system.
- medical
- Autism, PTSD
- many
- Obese, Osteio-Arthritis, Type 2 Diabetes, Pacemaker, Sleep Apnea, High Blood Pressure,(in heart failure etc.)
- R. Arthritis

- Bipolar, severe depression, PTSD
- Sever spinal problems and several other medical problems
- Arthritis, Mobility issues, Breathing (on O2), Eye sight, hearing
- Legally Blind
- Back and Leg trouble
- Diabetes, hearing loss, clot in leg, heart attack
- Unstable due to surgery- use a cane
- neck injuries-back-psd
- Congestive Heart Failure
- congestive heart failure
- Fibromyalgia
- Back