City of St. Charles Priorities Survey 2011



1. How would you describe St. Charles as a place to live? Response Response **Percent** Count Excellent 56.8% 271 Good 39.6% 189 Fair 3.1% 15 Poor 0.4% 2 Very Poor 0.0% 0 answered question 477 skipped question 24

2. During the time that you have lived in St. Charles, how has life in the City lived up to your expectations?

	Improved	Slightly Improved	Remained the Same	Some Decline	Declined	Rating Average	Response Count
Attractive / Vital Downtown	37.4% (186)	33.0% (164)	17.1% (85)	10.3% (51)	2.2% (11)	2.07	497
City Character	26.9% (133)	30.9% (153)	33.9% (168)	7.1% (35)	1.2% (6)	2.25	495
City Communication	26.0% (129)	29.8% (148)	38.5% (191)	4.6% (23)	1.0% (5)	2.25	496
City Services	17.9% (89)	19.4% (96)	47.2% (234)	11.9% (59)	3.6% (18)	2.64	496
Community Appearance	38.1% (188)	33.6% (166)	21.3% (105)	6.1% (30)	1.0% (5)	1.98	494
Community Spirit	24.8% (123)	25.2% (125)	44.6% (221)	4.8% (24)	0.6% (3)	2.31	496
Housing Stock	12.8% (62)	21.3% (103)	37.8% (183)	18.2% (88)	9.9% (48)	2.91	484
Public Safety	20.5% (101)	21.3% (105)	52.1% (257)	4.3% (21)	1.8% (9)	2.46	493
Economic Vitality (business & industry)	15.5% (77)	25.7% (128)	20.1% (100)	29.5% (147)	9.2% (46)	2.91	498
					answere	ed question	499
					skippe	d question	2

3. Approximately 11 percent of every property tax dollar paid goes to the City to fund general government, public safety, and community development. The remaining 89 percent goes to other taxing bodies including Kane County, Forest Preserve, School District #303, St. Charles Park District, and St. Charles Library District. Knowing this information, do you believe the level of City services you receive justifies the taxes you pay?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	11.5%	57
Agree	40.6%	202
Neutral	28.4%	141
Disagree	15.1%	75
Strongly Disagree	4.4%	22
	answered question	497
	skipped question	4

4. How would you rate the City's efforts to communicate with citizens? Response Response Percent Count Excellent 17.1% 76 60.0% Good 267 Fair 19.8% 88 Poor 2.7% 12 Very Poor 0.4% 2 answered question 445 skipped question 56

5. Please rank your primary means of obtaining information about City services or activities (1 being MOST frequently utilized and 10 being LEAST utilized). For example, select a "1" next to whichever you prefer most, "2" for your second choice, and so on. Remember, no two communication methods should have the same ranking.

	1 (USED MOST)	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12 (USED LEAST)	Response Count
Personal Visit to City Hall	4.3% (19)	3.6% (16)	2.7% (12)	4.3% (19)	6.1% (27)	7.9% (35)	7.2% (32)	7.4% (33)	10.4% (46)	12.0% (53)	8.4% (37)	25.7% (114)	443
Public meeting	0.9% (4)	2.8% (12)	2.1% (9)	3.4% (15)	8.3% (36)	6.9% (30)	9.2% (40)	8.3% (36)	11.2% (49)	12.6% (55)	21.3% (93)	13.1% (57)	436
Phone Call to City Hall / Department	7.6% (33)	6.5% (28)	9.7% (42)	12.5% (54)	11.3% (49)	11.6% (50)	6.5% (28)	8.1% (35)	6.5% (28)	14.4% (62)	3.9% (17)	1.4% (6)	432
"From the Den" City Newsletter	27.9% (121)	22.2% (96)	14.3% (62)	10.9% (47)	6.2% (27)	3.7% (16)	3.5% (15)	1.8% (8)	5.1% (22)	2.1% (9)	1.2% (5)	1.2% (5)	433
St. Charles City Website (www.stcharlesil.gov)	20.0% (85)	21.4% (91)	13.2% (56)	10.1% (43)	8.7% (37)	8.2% (35)	4.9% (21)	4.7% (20)	3.8% (16)	1.6% (7)	1.9% (8)	1.4% (6)	425
Twitter	0.5%	0.2% (1)	0.7%	1.0% (4)	1.4% (6)	1.9% (8)	4.8% (20)	7.7% (32)	11.3% (47)	11.0% (46)	19.2% (80)	40.3% (168)	417
Facebook	2.4% (10)	1.7% (7)	3.6% (15)	2.4% (10)	1.4% (6)	5.5% (23)	8.2% (34)	10.6% (44)	11.0% (46)	10.1% (42)	31.4% (131)	11.8% (49)	417
St. Charles Community Website (www.st-charles.il.us)	8.2% (35)	13.6% (58)	17.1% (73)	14.1% (60)	11.3% (48)	11.0% (47)	7.5% (32)	8.5% (36)	4.0% (17)	3.5% (15)	0.9% (4)	0.2% (1)	426
City Administrator Blog (www.insidestcharles.com)	0.0%	0.2% (1)	2.1% (9)	4.5% (19)	8.3% (35)	8.1% (34)	17.8% (75)	17.3% (73)	14.9% (63)	17.5% (74)	6.4% (27)	2.8% (12)	422
E-mail list serve	2.6% (11)	2.6% (11)	5.0% (21)	9.5% (40)	8.3% (35)	14.7% (62)	13.7% (58)	13.5% (57)	13.5% (57)	10.4% (44)	2.4% (10)	4.0% (17)	423

	(37)	(37)	(69)	(58)	(64)	(46)	(46)	(28)	(16)	(15) ar	(7) nswered ((10) question	456
Word of Mouth	8.5%	8.5%	15.9%	13.4%	14.8%	10.6%	10.6%	6.5%	3.7%	3.5%	1.6%	2.3%	433
Local Newspaper	20.3% (89)	16.9% (74)	14.1% (62)	13.0% (57)	14.4% (63)	9.1% (40)	3.6% (16)	3.4% (15)	2.3% (10)	1.8% (8)	0.9% (4)	0.2% (1)	439

6. How would you rate the usefulness of information provided by the following communication tools? (Please select N/A if you have not used a particular tool.)

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
City Website	21.3% (95)	43.1% (192)	16.2% (72)	1.6% (7)	0.4% (2)	17.3% (77)	1.99	445
Community Website	13.6% (61)	37.6% (169)	19.4% (87)	1.1% (5)	0.7% (3)	27.6% (124)	2.14	449
Public meeeting	2.9% (13)	15.4% (69)	17.1% (77)	1.6% (7)	1.1% (5)	61.9% (278)	2.54	449
"From the Den" City Newsletter	34.2% (155)	41.7% (189)	13.0% (59)	0.2% (1)	0.9% (4)	9.9% (45)	1.80	453
E-mail list serve	2.5% (11)	11.9% (53)	13.3% (59)	1.1% (5)	0.9% (4)	70.3% (312)	2.53	444
City Administrator Blog	0.2% (1)	7.7% (34)	9.0% (40)	1.1% (5)	1.6% (7)	80.4% (356)	2.80	443
						answered	454	
						skipped	47	

7. Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement: "I believe it is easy to find information on the City website?"

	Response Percent	e Response Count
Strongly Agree	6.6%	30
Agree	50.4%	230
Neutral	21.9%	100
Disagree	5.5%	25
Strongly Disagree	1.1%	5 5
N/A (I don't use the City website)	14.5%	66
	answered question	456
	skipped question	45

8. Please provide any other comments you may have regarding the City's efforts to communicate with you:

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answered question	101
skipped question	400

Response

9. Overall, how would you rate the appearance of the following areas within City limits?

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor	Rating Average	Response Count
Main St Rt. 64 East (east of 7th Avenue)	2.9% (13)	22.4% (100)	33.9% (151)	32.1% (143)	8.7% (39)	3.21	446
Main St Rt. 64 West (west of 7th Street)	5.9% (26)	46.7% (207)	36.3% (161)	10.2% (45)	0.9% (4)	2.53	443
Main St Rt. 64 Downtown (between 7th St. and 7th Ave.)	30.9% (137)	50.1% (222)	16.5% (73)	2.0% (9)	0.5% (2)	1.91	443
Kirk Road	7.0% (31)	48.0% (212)	39.6% (175)	4.5% (20)	0.9% (4)	2.44	442
Randall Road	10.1% (44)	51.9% (227)	30.9% (135)	5.9% (26)	1.1% (5)	2.36	437
Illinois St. (between 7th St. and 7th Ave.)	11.1% (49)	52.8% (233)	33.1% (146)	2.7% (12)	0.2% (1)	2.28	441
Prairie St. (between Randall and Riverside)	11.3% (50)	53.5% (236)	31.7% (140)	2.5% (11)	0.9% (4)	2.28	441
Downtown Riverfront	40.1% (178)	42.8% (190)	11.9% (53)	4.3% (19)	0.9% (4)	1.83	444
					answere	d question	446
					skippe	d question	55

10. Overall, how would you rate the following items, in terms of the neighborhood where you reside? If you do not have one or more of these items at your home, please select N/A.

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
Upkeep of Private Property	26.7% (119)	42.9% (191)	21.1% (94)	5.6% (25)	0.9% (4)	2.7% (12)	2.09	445
Safety / Security	27.3% (121)	47.5% (211)	21.2% (94)	2.7% (12)	0.5% (2)	0.9% (4)	2.01	444
Ease of Walking	38.5% (172)	42.1% (188)	13.0% (58)	3.8% (17)	2.5% (11)	0.2% (1)	1.89	447
Ease of Cycling	23.9% (106)	37.6% (167)	19.6% (87)	5.2% (23)	2.5% (11)	11.3% (50)	2.15	444
Maintenance of Curbs	22.2% (99)	46.2% (206)	21.3% (95)	2.9% (13)	0.9% (4)	6.5% (29)	2.08	446
Maintenance of Streets	20.6% (92)	50.9% (227)	20.4% (91)	4.0% (18)	2.0% (9)	2.0% (9)	2.14	446
Maintenance of Sidewalks	20.2% (90)	43.3% (193)	23.1% (103)	5.2% (23)	1.8% (8)	6.5% (29)	2.20	446
Maintenance of Trees	21.6% (96)	40.2% (179)	23.8% (106)	7.2% (32)	3.1% (14)	4.0% (18)	2.27	445
Maintenance of Storm drains	17.8% (79)	45.8% (204)	23.4% (104)	6.7% (30)	0.9% (4)	5.4% (24)	2.23	445
						answered	d question	447
						skipped	d question	54

11. Please rate your satisfaction with the following community events that you attended in the past 2 years.

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor	Did Not Attend	Rating Average	Response Count
St. Patrick's Day Parade	15.8% (70)	22.1% (98)	4.1% (18)	0.5% (2)	0.0% (0)	57.7% (256)	1.74	444
Fine Arts Fair	14.0% (62)	23.3% (103)	8.1% (36)	0.7% (3)	0.0% (0)	53.8% (238)	1.90	442
Memorial Day Parade/Ceremony	9.4% (41)	18.9% (83)	5.9% (26)	0.5% (2)	0.0% (0)	65.3% (286)	1.93	438
Concerts in the Park	29.1% (129)	25.5% (113)	5.6% (25)	0.2% (1)	0.0% (0)	39.5% (175)	1.62	443
Pride of the Fox Riverfest	25.8% (115)	32.4% (144)	8.5% (38)	0.7% (3)	0.2% (1)	32.4% (144)	1.77	445
Farmers Market	10.4% (46)	27.7% (123)	16.2% (72)	4.5% (20)	2.5% (11)	38.7% (172)	2.36	444
4th of July Celebration	32.3% (142)	27.0% (119)	6.4% (28)	0.5% (2)	0.2% (1)	33.6% (148)	1.63	440
Kane County Fair	11.4% (50)	21.9% (96)	8.4% (37)	2.5% (11)	0.9% (4)	54.9% (241)	2.11	439
1st Street Cruise Night	3.9% (17)	11.7% (51)	4.1% (18)	0.5% (2)	0.9% (4)	78.9% (345)	2.18	437
Scarecrow Festival	43.8% (196)	30.6% (137)	5.6% (25)	0.9% (4)	0.4% (2)	18.6% (83)	1.57	447
Holiday Homecoming	20.2% (89)	14.5% (64)	4.1% (18)	0.2% (1)	0.7% (3)	60.2% (265)	1.66	440
Fox Valley Marathon	6.8% (30)	7.7% (34)	2.0% (9)	0.5% (2)	0.9% (4)	82.2% (364)	1.94	443
						answered	l question	447
						skipped	question	54

12. Please describe any experience you had over the past 2 years with the following City departments. First, select a rating related to the level of service, and, second, if your concern was resolved to your satisfaction. If you have not had any contact with a particular department, please leave blank.

Courteous Service

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor	Response Count
Mayor	58.7% (27)	19.6% (9)	8.7% (4)	8.7% (4)	4.3% (2)	46
City Administrator	32.3% (10)	48.4% (15)	12.9% (4)	6.5% (2)	0.0% (0)	31
Building and Code Enforcement	41.4% (46)	34.2% (38)	13.5% (15)	8.1% (9)	2.7% (3)	111
Community Development / Planning	23.3% (7)	36.7% (11)	26.7% (8)	10.0% (3)	3.3% (1)	30
Community Development / Engineering	19.0% (4)	42.9% (9)	28.6% (6)	4.8% (1)	4.8% (1)	21
Economic Development	28.6% (4)	21.4% (3)	42.9% (6)	7.1% (1)	0.0% (0)	14
Public Works / Engineering	54.9% (73)	30.8% (41)	8.3% (11)	4.5% (6)	1.5% (2)	133
Finance	29.4% (5)	35.3% (6)	29.4% (5)	0.0% (0)	5.9% (1)	17
Fire / Ambulance	84.6% (66)	10.3% (8)	5.1% (4)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	78
Police	58.0% (94)	26.5% (43)	6.2% (10)	6.8% (11)	2.5% (4)	162
Utility Billing	46.2% (80)	39.3% (68)	9.8% (17)	2.9% (5)	1.7% (3)	173

Concern Resolved

	Yes	No	Response Count
Mayor	66.7% (22)	33.3% (11)	33
City Administrator	76.0% (19)	24.0% (6)	25
Building and Code Enforcement	81.8% (72)	18.2% (16)	88
Community Development / Planning	62.5% (15)	37.5% (9)	24
Community Development / Engineering	60.0% (9)	40.0% (6)	15
Economic Development	57.1% (4)	42.9% (3)	7
Public Works / Engineering	85.6% (95)	14.4% (16)	111
Finance	70.0% (7)	30.0% (3)	10
Fire / Ambulance	95.1% (58)	4.9% (3)	61
Police	82.3% (116)	17.7% (25)	141
Utility Billing	93.0% (133)	7.0% (10)	143
		answered question	335
		skipped question	166

13. Please rate the following services the City currently provides based on your experience over the past 2 years. If you have not had any experience with a particular service, please indicate this by marking N/A: POLICE SERVICES

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
Response to call for service	22.0% (95)	16.0% (69)	5.6% (24)	0.9% (4)	0.0% (0)	55.6% (240)	1.67	432
Investigating and solving crimes	7.3% (31)	7.8% (33)	6.4% (27)	1.4% (6)	0.7% (3)	76.5% (325)	2.17	425
Enforcement of traffic laws	10.1% (43)	17.1% (73)	11.0% (47)	3.5% (15)	0.7% (3)	57.6% (246)	2.24	427
Crime prevention information	6.8% (29)	14.8% (63)	9.8% (42)	3.3% (14)	0.7% (3)	64.6% (276)	2.33	427
Enforcement of parking laws	6.8% (29)	11.9% (51)	9.6% (41)	2.3% (10)	2.3% (10)	67.0% (286)	2.44	427
						answered	question	433
						skipped	question	68

14. Please rate the following services the City currently provides based on your experience over the past 2 years. If you have not had any experience with a particular service, please indicate this by marking N/A: FIRE SERVICES

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor	N/A	Response Count
Fire prevention and safety education	9.5% (41)	9.7% (42)	1.9% (8)	0.2% (1)	0.0% (0)	78.7% (340)	432
Fire prevention and life safety inspection	6.1% (26)	5.6% (24)	1.4% (6)	0.2% (1)	0.2% (1)	86.5% (371)	429
Response time to emergency ambulance requests	16.7% (72)	3.7% (16)	0.9% (4)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	78.7% (340)	432
Response time to fires or fire alarms	9.7% (42)	4.2% (18)	0.9% (4)	0.2% (1)	0.0% (0)	85.0% (368)	433
Quality of ambulance service	14.6% (63)	3.5% (15)	0.7% (3)	0.2% (1)	0.0% (0)	81.0% (350)	432
Quality of fire protection and firefighting services	10.7% (46)	6.3% (27)	1.2% (5)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	81.8% (351)	429
					á	answered question	438
						skipped question	63

15. Please rate the following services the City currently provides based on your experience over the past 2 years. If you have not had any experience with a particular service, please indicate this by marking N/A. Please note that this question applies to City streets only and NOT State or County roadways (e.g. IL 64, IL 25, IL 31, Kirk Road, and Randall Road) TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
Maintenance of streets (free of bumps, cracks, and potholes)	9.1% (40)	44.5% (196)	29.3% (129)	8.9% (39)	3.2% (14)	5.0% (22)	2.50	440
Maintenance of sidewalks (free of cracks and trip hazards)	12.3% (54)	44.5% (196)	27.0% (119)	6.1% (27)	2.0% (9)	8.0% (35)	2.36	440
Snow and Ice removal	25.4% (112)	43.1% (190)	21.1% (93)	4.1% (18)	1.6% (7)	4.8% (21)	2.09	441
Traffic circulation (for trips across the Fox River)	4.5% (20)	25.9% (114)	33.6% (148)	21.1% (93)	7.7% (34)	7.0% (31)	3.02	440
Traffic circulation (for trips not crossing the Fox River)	8.4% (37)	41.8% (184)	34.3% (151)	5.9% (26)	2.3% (10)	7.3% (32)	2.48	440
						answered	I question	443
						skipped	l question	58

16. Please rate the following services the City currently provides based on your experience over the past 2 years. If you have not had any experience with a particular service, please indicate this by marking N/A: UTILITY SERVICES

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
Quality of drinking water	16.0% (71)	34.5% (153)	25.7% (114)	13.1% (58)	6.5% (29)	4.3% (19)	2.58	444
Maintenance of storm water drainage system (flooding)	15.5% (69)	34.7% (154)	16.4% (73)	5.9% (26)	1.8% (8)	25.7% (114)	2.24	444
Response time to disruptions in electric service	26.4% (117)	34.8% (154)	12.4% (55)	2.0% (9)	0.7% (3)	23.7% (105)	1.90	443
Refuse / Recycling services	33.3% (148)	42.2% (188)	13.0% (58)	4.0% (18)	2.2% (10)	5.2% (23)	1.94	445
Leaf collection	23.3% (103)	32.6% (144)	17.2% (76)	3.4% (15)	1.1% (5)	22.4% (99)	2.05	442
						answered	question	445
						skipped	question	56

17. Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement: "I believe that St. Charles should be a leader in environmental stewardship and sustainability even if it requires higher taxes?"

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	9.0%	40
Agree	18.8%	84
Neutral	26.5%	118
Disagree	27.1%	121
Strongly Disagree	18.6%	83
	answered question	446
	skipped question	55

18. What suggestions do you have for improving the quality of services provided by the City of St. Charles?

	Count
	144
answered question	144
skipped question	357

Response

19. The City provides utility services such as electricity, water, and waste water collection & treatment. These services are funded by fees charged to users, not taxes. Please rate the following utilities in terms of VALUE of service received:

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor	Rating Average	Response Count
Electric	40.4% (180)	38.4% (171)	17.5% (78)	3.1% (14)	0.4% (2)	1.85	445
Water	31.0% (138)	40.7% (181)	19.1% (85)	7.0% (31)	2.2% (10)	2.09	445
Sanitary Sewer	33.0% (146)	39.4% (174)	22.2% (98)	4.1% (18)	1.4% (6)	2.01	442
	answered question						
skipped question							56

20. Now, please rate the following utilities in terms of RELIABILITY of service received:

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor	Rating Average	Response Count
Electric	52.4% (233)	35.3% (157)	9.4% (42)	2.5% (11)	0.4% (2)	1.63	445
Water	54.4% (240)	34.2% (151)	9.1% (40)	1.6% (7)	0.7% (3)	1.60	441
Sanitary Sewer	54.8% (242)	33.7% (149)	10.0% (44)	1.4% (6)	0.2% (1)	1.59	442
answered question							
skipped question							56

21. The City of St. Charles is considering the establishment of a stormwater utility (like the existing water, electric, and wastewater utilities) to address drainage and flooding concerns. This utility would be supported by a monthly fee. Knowing this information, how much would you be willing to pay to improve drainage and flooding situations in the community?

	Respons Percent	
\$0	43.5	6 194
\$1-2/month	25.8	6 115
\$2-3/month	14.6	65
\$3-4/month	7.6	6 34
\$4-5/month	4.9	% 22
\$5-6/month	3.6	6 16
	answered question	n 446
	skipped questio	n 55

22. Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement: "I believe the level of code enforcement (i.e. unkempt properties, parking on lawns, etc.) is appropriate."

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	11.5%	51
Agree	45.2%	200
Neutral	24.2%	107
Disagree	14.9%	66
Strongly Disagree	4.1%	18
	answered question	442
	skipped question	59

23. Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement: "I believe the City is appropriately managing development to maintain community values."

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	9.3%	41
Agree	48.3%	214
Neutral	27.8%	123
Disagree	12.2%	54
Strongly Disagree	2.5%	11
	answered question	443
	skipped question	58

24. Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement: "I believe the City has appropriate regulations to ensure attractive buildings and structures."

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	9.0%	40
Agree	55.5%	246
Neutral	26.4%	117
Disagree	6.8%	30
Strongly Disagree	2.3%	10
	answered question	443
	skipped question	58

25. Please rate your agreement with the following statement. "The City of St. Charles should require all newly constructed homes to be built with a residential fire sprinkler system."

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	6.1%	27
Agree	14.9%	66
Neutral	33.8%	150
Disagree	29.3%	130
Strongly Disagree	16.0%	71
	answered question	444
	skipped question	57

26. Please indicate your preference for the following types of development or redevelopment in St. Charles at this time:

	Greatly Needed	Needed	Neutral	Not Needed	Rating Average	Response Count
Single-family Homes	6.9% (30)	21.6% (94)	36.3% (158)	35.2% (153)	3.00	435
Multi-family Homes (Townhomes or Condos)	3.7% (16)	16.0% (70)	32.6% (143)	47.7% (209)	3.24	438
Rental Apartments	3.9% (17)	12.9% (56)	27.1% (118)	56.1% (244)	3.35	435
Retail Businesses	31.8% (139)	38.4% (168)	20.8% (91)	8.9% (39)	2.07	437
Restaurant/Entertainment	17.7% (77)	29.1% (127)	34.6% (151)	18.6% (81)	2.54	436
Mixed Use (retail/restaurant, office, and/or residential within the same building or property)	13.0% (57)	30.7% (134)	38.4% (168)	17.8% (78)	2.61	437
Industrial Businesses	21.4% (94)	32.3% (142)	30.8% (135)	15.5% (68)	2.40	439
Office Businesses	19.0% (83)	38.2% (167)	32.3% (141)	10.5% (46)	2.34	437
				answer	444	
				skippe	57	

27. Recognizing the current state of the economy, how satisfied are you with the City's efforts to attract appropriate commercial development?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Very Satisfied	4.1%	18
Satisfied	32.3%	142
Neutral	41.9%	184
Dissatisfied	18.2%	80
Very Dissatisfied	3.4%	15
	answered question	439
	skipped question	62

28. Please indicate what the City of St. Charles can do to improve your level of satisfaction with development in St. Charles. Please suggest any specific strategies or examples that the City should consider.

	Response Count
	157
answered question	157
skipped question	344

29. In general, how would you describe the flow of traffic (i.e. the timing of traffic signals and your ability to make turns) in the following areas within City limits?

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor	Rating Average	Response Count
Main St Rt. 64 East (east of 7th Avenue)	5.9% (26)	29.8% (132)	37.2% (165)	22.1% (98)	5.0% (22)	2.91	443
Main St Rt. 64 West (west of 7th Street)	6.5% (29)	38.6% (171)	40.9% (181)	11.3% (50)	2.7% (12)	2.65	443
Main St Rt. 64 Downtown (between 7th St. and 7th Ave.)	4.8% (21)	27.7% (122)	36.1% (159)	24.5% (108)	6.8% (30)	3.01	440
Kirk Road	14.1% (62)	50.8% (223)	30.5% (134)	3.0% (13)	1.6% (7)	2.27	439
Randall Road	8.4% (37)	40.0% (175)	34.5% (151)	13.9% (61)	3.2% (14)	2.63	438
Illinois St. (between 7th St. and 7th Ave.)	7.3% (32)	43.2% (190)	37.7% (166)	9.5% (42)	2.3% (10)	2.56	440
Prairie St. (between Randall and Riverside)	8.8% (39)	50.6% (223)	35.6% (157)	4.1% (18)	0.9% (4)	2.38	441
					answere	d question	443
		skipped question				58	

30. Although the City does not own and maintain all roadways in St. Charles (i.e. state and county roads), are there any particular areas where you feel improvements could be made to enhance safety or improve traffic flow?

	Count
	176
answered question	176
skipped question	325

Response

31. How important is the City's goal to create a welcoming and pleasing experience in Downtown St. Charles?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Very Important	51.0%	224
Important	40.3%	177
Neutral	7.5%	33
Less Important	0.9%	4
Not at all Important	0.2%	1
	answered question	439
	skipped question	62

32. In general, how often do you visit Downtown St. Charles?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Frequently (daily or weekly)	45.0%	199
Moderately (several times a month)	35.7%	158
Occasionally (once a month or less)	18.3%	81
Never	0.9%	4
	answered question	442
	skipped question	59

33. When visiting downtown, what is your most frequent activity? Please rank the following choices 1-7, using each digit only once. (1 being the MOST frequent and 7 the LEAST frequent) Select "1" for whichever activity you do the most, "2" for your second choice, and so on. Remember, no activities should have the same ranking.

	1 (MOST FREQUENT)	2	3	4	5	6	7 (LEAST FREQUENT)	Response Count
Work	4.2% (18)	2.5% (11)	0.7% (3)	2.3% (10)	3.0% (13)	6.0% (26)	81.3% (352)	433
Dining/Entertainment	44.4% (191)	18.6% (80)	14.9% (64)	9.1% (39)	7.2% (31)	5.8% (25)	0.0% (0)	430
Shopping	9.9% (42)	17.9% (76)	12.5% (53)	18.2% (77)	19.8% (84)	16.3% (69)	5.4% (23)	424
Personal Business	3.7% (16)	8.4% (36)	15.0% (64)	15.4% (66)	20.3% (87)	32.2% (138)	4.9% (21)	428
Library	22.8% (98)	17.7% (76)	15.9% (68)	14.2% (61)	12.6% (54)	13.1% (56)	3.7% (16)	429
Park / Recreation	9.8% (42)	23.0% (98)	24.1% (103)	18.5% (79)	14.1% (60)	8.7% (37)	1.9% (8)	427
Festivals / Special Events	6.9% (29)	12.3% (52)	18.0% (76)	21.3% (90)	22.2% (94)	15.4% (65)	4.0% (17)	423
						ansv	441	
						ski	pped question	60

34. Please rank the following items in terms of which would most encourage you to spend more time Downtown St. Charles. Please choose 1-6, using each digit only once (1 being the MOST likely and 6 being LEAST likely). Select "1" for whichever you prefer most, "2" for your second choice, and so on. Remember, none of the options should have the same ranking.

	1 (MOST LIKELY)	2	3	4	5	6 (LEAST LIKELY)	Response Count
More Specialty Shops	20.8% (91)	19.2% (84)	18.1% (79)	18.3% (80)	12.1% (53)	11.4% (50)	437
More Dining Options	27.7% (119)	21.4% (92)	16.1% (69)	15.2% (65)	11.4% (49)	8.2% (35)	429
More Clothing Stores	9.9% (42)	13.7% (58)	20.8% (88)	16.8% (71)	17.0% (72)	21.7% (92)	423
More Cultural & Entertainment Venues	15.0% (64)	23.0% (98)	23.7% (101)	22.8% (97)	11.5% (49)	4.0% (17)	426
More Parking	7.3% (31)	8.9% (38)	11.1% (47)	12.2% (52)	25.9% (110)	34.6% (147)	425
More Open Space / Parks / Trails	20.7% (89)	13.8% (59)	11.2% (48)	13.3% (57)	20.7% (89)	20.3% (87)	429
					а	nswered question	441
						skipped question	60

35. Please tell us what specific type of retail store (e.g. shoes, furniture, clothing, toys, pharmacy, bakery, candy) would cause you to visit downtown St. Charles to shop.

Count
207

Response

answered que	estion 207	
skipped que	estion 294	

36. Which of the following best describes your residence?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Single-family Home	74.2%	328
Townhouse / Duplex	15.6%	69
Condo / Apartment Building (less than 6 units)	3.8%	17
Condo / Apartment Building (with 6 or more units)	6.3%	28
	answered question	442
	skipped question	59

37. Do you own or rent you	r residence?	
	Response Percent	Response Count
Own	87.6%	387
Rent	12.4%	55
	answered question	442
	skipped question	59

38. On a typical workday, how much time does the person in your household with the longest commute spend driving from home to work?

	Response Percent	Response Count
15 minutes or less	17.2%	76
16 to 30 minutes	15.6%	69
31 to 45 minutes	20.6%	91
46 to 60 minutes	17.6%	78
Over an hour	12.0%	53
N/A	17.0%	75
	answered question	442
	skipped question	59

39. How many people currently reside in your household? Response Response Percent Count 13.7% 60 38.0% 2 167 3 15.0% 66 4 or more 33.3% 146 answered question 439 skipped question 62

40. How many years have you lived in St. Charles? Response Response Percent Count Less than 1 year 3.7% 16 1 - 5 years 18.3% 80 6 - 10 years 20.3% 89 11 - 20 years 29.2% 128 21-30 years ago 13.7% 60 31-40 years 8.4% 37 More than 40 years 6.4% 28 answered question 438 skipped question 63

41. Response Response Percent Count Area 1 4.5% 20 Area 2 10.4% 46 Area 3 18.8% 83 11.8% Area 4 52 Area 5 10.7% 47 Area 6 20.0% 88 Area 7 16.1% 71 Area 8 7.7% 34 answered question 441

skipped question

60

42. What is your gender? Response Percent Count Female 48.0% 209 Male answered question 435

skipped question

66

43. What is your age?		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Under 18	0.0%	0
18 - 30	7.1%	31
31 - 40	15.3%	67
41 - 50	28.0%	123
51 - 60	26.2%	115
61 - 70	15.3%	67
71 or older	8.2%	36
	answered question	439
	skipped question	62

44. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Some High School or less	0.0%	0
High School	7.0%	31
Vocational / Technical School	3.6%	16
Some College / Junior College	23.8%	105
Completed College / Undergraduate Degree	40.0%	177
Graduate School / Post Grad	25.6%	113
	answered question	442
	skipped question	59

45. What is your household income before taxes?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Less than \$30,000	5.9%	24
\$30,001 - 60,000	18.8%	77
\$60,001 - 90,000	21.2%	87
\$90,001 - 120,000	22.7%	93
\$120,001 - 160,000	15.4%	63
\$160,001 and above	16.1%	66
	answered question	410
	skipped question	91

46. Please provide any additional comments below:

Response
Count

124

124	answered question	
377	skipped question	