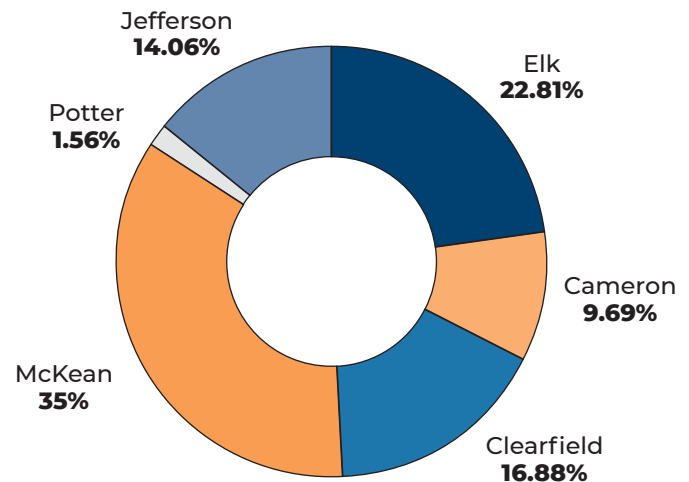


North Central PA CEDS Public Survey Results

Please note: Responses have not been edited for grammatical or spelling errors in order to maintain their integrity.

1.

What **county** do you call home?



2.

What **positive activities are already happening** in your community (town or county) that you would like to see more of?

- More arts, entertainment, and lodging options.
- Attracting young professional families
- Beautification of Bradford's Main Street. The completion of the Knox & Kane Rail Trail from Kinzua Bridge State Park to Kane and on to Lamont. Downtown Kane's ability to "grow" new stores and businesses from their existing residents. Mountain bike trail development at Jakes Rocks in the ANF, I would like to see this trail extended to Red Bridge campground in the ANF. Continued development of the Kinzua Valley Trail from Red Bridge Campground, through Westline, eventually reaching the Kinzua Bridge State Park. Kinzua Bridge State Park continues to grow their visitation numbers annually acting as a major tourism attraction which brings additional visitors and outside dollars into our local economy. The growing focus on tourism as a growth industry.
- young entrepreneurs taking on the challenge of starting and operating a small business in a small town
- New restaurants, shops & bike trails
- The search for new businesses to come in and occupy vacant factories that are now empty with possible funding for retooling or remodel for interested parties
- Growth/new businesses
- Business development and tourism
- More people coming back to the area to start businesses and families
- Outdoor events for families

- Investments into buildings and new businesses like restaurants distilleries and Breweries. Try to get a PA and US Government regional officeto locates in Kane
- “ tourism
- Restaurants, music, town wide events, festivals
- “Restaurants
- Shopping”
- The companies that have been in the community are continuing to be the backbone of any industry in the Kane area. Zook Motors, Haberbergers, D’Angelo Custom Built, and Highlander Energy (to name a few) continue to employ hundreds of people in the area. Industry is key to revitalization.
- The quality of education is positive, the employment opportunities are plentiful and at sustainable wages, the access to post secondary training is ample with the Northern Pennsylvania Regional College, reduction in blighted properties, and an increase in tourism opportunities.
- “Light industry with good paying jobs.
- Health care.”
- Faith based activities. People helping people for the good of the cause.
- Wing Fling and also the fall fest. Other then those two events there’s not a whole lot of public activities to offer.
- Bike Trials, Fishing access to state streams, Hiking Trails, safe ped walking areas.
- construction of new homes, new businesses opening, the community working together to grow stronger and to keep our community viable and thriving
- The Boys & Girls Club of St. Marys does a great job with school-aged children.
- Downtown Renovations, Streetscape Projects, Business Competitions, Grant programs to help our small businesses, growing a culture for our 20s and 30s workforce, revitalization of our neighborhoods (through NPP program), increased bandwidth access, expanded airline service (to Washington DC and to Pittsburgh)
- Farmers markets, festivals
- Trump rallies
- Tourists arriving to hike and bike the trails, staying multiple days to explore the outdoors
- The downtown park, The st. Marys heritage committee. The revamping of Twin lakes and East Branch damn camping areas. Straubs Brewery
- Building utv trails
- Festivals and community events
- Using the new park. Expanding business especially at least one more grocery store.

- use of the new downtown park, concerts at the kane drive in, community festivals, community fundraisers like rotary sponsored events, benefit dinners, etc, meals for the low income or needy thru the methodist church, community dinners, children benefited activities like rotary halloween parade, kids christmas events, park camps and day programs
- Fall fest, library activities for kids
- Our tourism opportunities and industry are finally receiving the attention it deserves and those who have fled the cities when COVID started are realizing we have great communities and opportunities for full-time residency. Would love for there to be more national attention brought toward this trend. I would also love to see more emphasis brought to how we can improve connectivity in our region so people can work remotely from our region with more ease.
- Bavarian Festival, concerts at event park,
- festivals and other events that gather us together. like farmers markets and pop up sales
- We have seen more outdoor events over the past year and it would be great to see more family oriented events.
- Festivals
- more sports opportunities. - indoor complexes for year round activities would be ideal.
- Redevelopment of downtowns; development of more post secondary education opportunities;
- fishing
- Festivities in the park
- None
- I cannot think of any.
- Not much. Need more good paying manufacturing jobs!
- Festivals and group events
- Fairs
- Festivals
- More restaurants and activities in Ridgway. Ridgway also needs a hotel (reasonable priced). Shopping for stuff we actually need instead of traveling out of town for everything. How about a Home Depot?
- Living in a safe area without having illegal immigrants being forced onto us by our gov
- Trails, hunting fishing campinf
- Arts and culture seem to be popping up, as well as a return to small time agricultural production
- Physical Recreation - tennis , golf , hiking, biking
- Need to see more kayaking, tubing, boating and more hiking trails with primitive camping near the trails.
- Non-motorized rail trail development

- 3 dilapidated, unsightly buildings were painted. A local business funded a rudimentary kayak launch in the community park along the West Branch of the Susquehanna.
- “River walk in Clearfield - Some buildings being
- repurposed & modernized. Several other buildings
- need to be condemned or rehabilitated.
- Bringing skilled jobs and training to the area
- Rail trail expansion and increased use.
- None
- none
- Revitalizing historical buildings and tearing down blighted buildings.
- Increase in food trucks. DCNR / state park educational programs.
- Nothing positive is happening right now due to covid.
- “Moonlight Flats Solar Project; Quehanna Boot Camp; Corman Railroad; Many Employable persons.
- Community get togethers are happening more and that’s good thing and idea
- Community celebrations/festivals, support of families in need, Veteran Recognition.
- More parades, festivals, competitions.
- Town wide events.
- Don’t really know. They don’t worry about the outskirts of the county.
- bike trails, hiking trails,
- There is a Dollar General in Roulette. We need more business coming to Roulette.
- The holiday celebrations.
- Effort to bring a community vibe to the smaller, spread out towns. Building of an all inclusive playground at the park in Curwensville and Dubois. Discussion of building an inclusive playground at the Curwensville school.
- Downtown block party events, farmers market
- Live music events
- Weekly music in the park; yard sales and Walmart discount sales; free music in the grove; races.
- Outdoor recreation, environmental restoration, small business development, local food movements
- Revitalization
- Rails to Trails, General tourism, Elk viewing tourism
- “Festivals
- Community events such as wine walks; 5ks; etc”
- Community gatherings, i.e. Music and Arts Fest, October’s, First Night, etc.
- Farmers Market, Varashetti Day, National night out, concerts,
- New businesses have come to fruition but we really need some industrial jobs here in Kane.
- Restoration of Wildlife Areas and Stream Cleaning.
- Community festivals and activities

- Super Weekend, mud run, Second Saturday
- We are just starting to take advantage of our amazing natural resources with tourism, outdoor activities and the PA Wilds (with our Elk and other wildlife). Cameron county is right in the middle of the PA Wilds and we should leverage that.
- I would like to see more ATV trails/roads open.
- Outdoor events, more new business ventures
- activities and events for locals and ones that promote tourism, which our small businesses need to survive.
- Economic growth as well as community events and festivals are being revitalized in effort to bring them back to the glory days
- Increase in home sales and correspondingly people moving to or back to Cameron County.
- “Inclusive Playground
- Community Market
- Recreation Opportunities
- Family owned small businesses
- More community wide activities and re-opening for activities at the Emporium Senior Center.
- None.
- Learning programs for seniors in hobbies, the arts, actual educational classes by professionals.
- Rail trail, blight removal, private investment in hospitality such as Rich Valley Wines, Hygrade Inn, food truck weekends.
- Younger people with money are choosing to stay/return here and invest in our town.
- Increased availability of ATV use. We need more designated areas to drive on! Can't this be worked out? There is a small area in Cameron County that allows this.
- The Cameron County Project
- Not a lot, to worried about streets cape projects instead of affordable housing for senior citizens
- Free music in the park. Car shows.
- New to the area and still learning. Not much from what I know of right now.
- Super Saturday, Cameron County Fair, Town Events for the Holidays
- “Home for the Holidays
- Festivals at the Blue Kow and Mint Condition”
- Revitalization of storefronts
- Places for the kids to play
- Promoting the arts.
- Farmers market, fire department fairs
- Craft and artisan shows.
- Improvements in the downtown St. Marys Area.
- Activities at parks...townwide yard sales...music festivals

- “Anything would be a nice change.
- It would be refreshing if events could continue without being appropriated by the same people all the time. “
- “Music in the park - a free concert series
- safety, good sense of community
- Trying to control drug abuse and promoting vaccines against covid
- Rails to trails
- Trail building, beautification of the region, state park (Kinzua Bridge) restaurant development
- Lots of good planned activities, wine walks festivals, etc.
- Would like to see more businesses in Mt Jewett.
- Family oriented events
- Downtown facelift. Some private owned buildings are gone, but parts of the down town still needs face lifts. But they are privately owned. The downtown could be more user friendly for elderly. A safe walking path or bike path to Benzinger park. It is dangerous to walk or bike to that park. More family centered events. Instead of adult themed. There is a strip Mall Bucktail road that sits empty. Would that make a great indoor sports event arena? A former out patient surgical center that sits basically empty. Why not put a Qcare med express type center there? It would help with the over load at Qcare at the hospital and the over load at the Er.
- Community festivals
- We need more stores, more medical offices, more rental units and more recreation.
- “Farmers markets, golf tournaments, LL ball games...need soft ball leagues for up and coming players. Recreation for special needs adults...dances, group activities, transportation to these events for the participants.
- Return of campers to the state parks
- We are in need of positive activities.
- Art shows
- Punxsutawney community center
- Festivals. I would like to see the Driving Park utilized more and it appears to be in need of many repairs.
- Locally-owned restaurants
- We have beautification projects taking place. We need new businesses to come in.
- Visitors!
- Biking hiking
- Economic development. Building restoration.
- “First Class Entertainment (BACPC Shows), Community Oriented events (Night Out for our Police, Wine Walk, Community Events/ Fundraisers for local charities)
- Secodnary education facilities “

- “New businesses, restaurants, rejuvenated Main Street.
- Very tourist centered and up and coming! Many nice venues on the Main Street in town.
- I love all the events that take place. Seems like every weekend there is a festival of some kind (all year round!)
- More stores opening.....new people moving to the county
- Tourism in booming.
- Blight property removal
- We used to have programs I'd have loved to see continue, like the continuing education and outreach programs through Pitt-Bradford that were cut during the recent administration. I know our local chamber of commerce and city council have worked to improve our town through tearing down derelict buildings and improving sidewalks, street lighting, etc. The trails projects locally have also been a positive program. And the grant that has been funding the free lunch program for all school students in our school district.
- more employment, more stores,
- Old school weekend in the wilds. When it was in august and there a car show and more relaxed venue for locals to enjoy
- Music in the Park
- If you are unaware, kaleida health has all but shut the doors of the Bradford Regional Medical Center. They now insist on the residents to cross state lines to Olean general hospital which is approximately 20 miles across the NY border. The next closest hospitals are 30-40 miles to stay in Pennsylvania where most insurance will cover. Currently there is nothing positive happening in the area.
- Expanding the Regional Development Authority
- Arts Festivals, personal, career and leadership development programs, grant programs for improving buildings/homes, incentives to start new businesses.
- Honoring our veterans by the banners hanging all over our towns and counties
- “Facelifts of property
- Events”
- Activism on the part of the Democrats
- Volunteer groups working to improve main street and the community
- The commitment to developing and promoting the natural aspects of this area is a positive change. I would like to see a larger and more deliberate investment into developing hiking, biking, camping, hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. This area offers many of those things but maintenance of these resources is lacking.
- The work on Main Street really makes Bradford stand out.
- Sxs
- Community activists. New businesses. Updating Main St
- Nothing
- Main Street activities.

- Outdoor recreation possibilities
- Arts and recreation.
- Business development along I-80 corridor to capitalize on truck traffic.
- “Christmas in July
- National night out
- ANYTHING TO BRING PEOPLE OUT AND TOGETHER”
- Improving downtown Bradford
- The growth of the University of Pittsburgh in Bradford
- Antique shops and country stores
- We are a conservative stronghold in this portion of Pa. With strong republican views. We like to limit the amount of craziness you find in larger cities with extremist left leaning views.
- local produce hydroponically grown for sale in our markets. Updated sewage treatment systems.
- “University of Pittsburgh nursing program, Bradford High School nursing program- Bradford Hospital affiliation programs. volunteers and seniors that help with the activities/opportunities.
- Outdoor activities. Bradford of Chamber events.
- Bradford Regional Airport, Kinzua Visitors center. “
- More small businesses.
- Revitalization
- We need a fully functioning hospital in Bradford, Pa
- neighborhood and downtown beautification
- Continued urban development of Bradford
- educational opportunities at Pitt Bradford, recreational opportunities at Allegheny Natl Forest, YMCA programs
- “Not much our area seems forgotten. Everything is canceled due to covid.
- Bradford hospital is.closing.....”
- More jobs being filled
- Redevelopment.
- More family events in our hometown area.
- Blessing boxes, little libraries, events for families
- Business development
- New businesses, developing landscape
- My area has a wide assortment of activities thru the year.
- Increased business (restaurant/ child teen activity)
- Young people are taking a more active role
- The investments Oecd has been making in the distressed neighborhoods with new sidewalks , lights and grants for building improvements . Main Street looks great !
- Downtown revitalization
- Removal of blight and building upon our historic region.
- University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, tourism, encouragement of small businesses, community spirit.

- Revitalization of the City of Bradford
- “Pumpkinfest
- Music Fests
- Wine Walks
- Santa Nights
- Parades”
- More jobs. Bradford hospital back to it’s former self.
- “Revitalization of downtown/main street. repurposing/saving historic structures.
- Eco/Agro-tourism”
- Revitalization of Historical Main St but having no Hospital now I killing it
- “renovating small towns
- forest regeneration”
- 4 wheeler trails
- Renovating unused buildings for new uses. Recreation fields for community use, i.e, children’s ball games and adult walking paths and pickleball.
- “Laurel festival is showing signs of life again. Also starting to gain some development and new businesses coming into the area
- new businesses
- Clearfield RiverWalk, Rails to Trails, some business growth
- A push toward a cleaner and usable fishing stream, through continued unsuccessful attempts to get permission to dredge the Beaver Run in Houtzdale. In addition the town has been seeing a movement toward revitalization of main street to attract new residents and businesses. An effort which has been hindered by PennDOT’s continued preference toward more populace and “eye catching” grant projects in boroughs like State College. Overall there has been a positive movement toward community and the importance of our rural area even though state agencies see us as less than.
- Renovations of streets and buildings to bring more business and jobs into the area.
- Main Street improvements and some community development happening. University of Pittsburgh campus is a huge plus. Tuna Valley Trails is another one.
- Infrastructure improvements like new sidewalks and lamp posts from community block grants
- festivals
- Neighborhood revitalization
- Rails to trails
- Our chamber and Main Street manager create a few events for the are but often have little showing. I would like to see events that cater to young professionals. Would like to see the restaurants be more proactive in expanding their menus.
- Recreation

- Skating rink restaurants places to shop Restaurants to eat at such as an Olive garden
- Revitalization of Kane. New businesses.
- Complete the Knox & Kane Rail Trail, State Road improvements, especially those that consider multi-modal transportation, Support for public art and local live music
- I don't see any. People are losing their jobs. Businesses are closing because they can't get workers??? We need to get rid of the extra unemployment money so people will go back to work.
- Store front, sidewalk, park upgrade
- New developments. Housing needs continued improvements.
- Festivals, craft shows, community cleanup, OurTown TV show, anything that fosters pride and attracts tourists to our area
- Community farm market with local vendors, locally owned dining options (restaurants), recreational areas (state parks)
- Outdoor events, family events, reopening of business.
- Community engagement events, like festivals, fairs, community days. Also, more positive programs for all ages, but particularly younger individuals
- None that have any direct benefit to the residents.
- Private as well as donation money are being used to better the recreational possibilities.
- Community farmers markets with daily hours.
- Barbecue events to help raise money for cancer patients.
- "Atv and utv trail building,
- legalized use of atvs on streets"
- Not much, not even water and sewage as required by EPA
- Small business are starting to come back without a mask mandate
- The rail trail and small events
- Recognizing veterans service. I'd like to see more community action to keep drug and alcohol abuse down in our communities while also protecting children.
- We are doing an economic revitalization project in downtown St Marys that involves a new business
- Small commercial retail business development along the Clarion River
- "Park and trail expansion.
- Extension of sewer and water services."
- outdoor river or forest activities. Festivals
- Live entertainment!
- Businesses like the Hygrade opening up. Not being relying on factories and moving towards tourism.
- The recent movie in the park that was held last weekend in St. Marys, would be something nice to see more of.
- An inclusive playground is being installed at Irvin Park. The river and the bike trails are being used frequently.

- Various recreational activities; more small businesses being opened and jobs available
- Interest in developing the riverfront to take advantage of the Clarion river.
- Green trails within the Boroughs of Ridgway St. Marys and Johnsonburg.
- Parks, infrastructure, fire hydrants, water & sewage throughout
- Community activities such as fairs and festivals. Support of hunting and fishing interests. Promotion of tourism such as the elk herd, river activities, and local sports.
- Broader communication with school district, Borough and development committee. Traditional events reopening, some new recreation opportunities and ADA equipment
- Trash clean ups
- Not sure
- More with rail trails and the river front
- Corner concert series, holiday happenings, festivals and fairs.
- Town Celebration and Merchant Organization are very positive in our town. The town works well together.
- Opening of new restaurants and businesses.
- Park programs, downtown revitalization, community festivals
- Riverfront development, existing bike trail maintenance, expanding bike trail to Johnsonburg, encourage new businesses and entrepreneurs in Elk Count
- Business development, revitalization, historic preservation, invasive species management & treatment, Broadband expansions
- beautification of downtowns; new amenities opening; the Workforce Solutions “Work, Live, Play PA 6” initiative to help individuals relocate here; and there really are a lot of community events and “things to do” for all ages; the growing PA Wilds Initiative; creation of the Northern PA Regional College (NPRC)
- Recreational events, Art events, new websites being developed for government agencies, businesses, industry and etc., small business development seminars, removal of blight.
- “Focus on tourism
- LERTA program
- Outreach to existing businesses”
- Revitalized Main Street (Historic district), on-going removal of blighted properties, new ‘mom and pop; type businesses. Would like to see more manufacturing growth and improved ‘town/gown’ relationship with the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford.
- “Development of Parks and green spaces
- More activities in the winter (musicians coming to town).”
- Baseball Fields, Broadband (slowly)
- Community events that help local businesses such as music at the Diamond, Wing Fling, Tasting in the Wilds, etc.

- “Grants
- Tourism
- Development of destination places to bring more tourism to the Punxsutawney Area. Emphasis on being a great place to visit (get away and enjoy the recreation and history of the area).
- Trail/ Outdoor Activities, tourism

3.

In your opinion, what **strengths** does North Central PA have that separate it from other PA regions?

- The remoteness, outdoors, woods, Mother Nature, and most times a very friendly environment with friendly people that care for each other.
- Small town values, outdoor recreation
- The Allegheny National Forest. Kinzua Sky Walk, Elk County Visitors Center, Zippo/Case Museum, Penn Brad Oil Museum, Marilyn Horne Museum, Eldred WW II Museum. Excellent outdoor recreation opportunities.
- “quiet, down to earth, affordable real estate.
- I believe our greatest strength is the natural beauty we’re surrounded by.
- The Outdoor activity types of industries Camping, Hunting fishing, Nature trail hiking. Promotion of the Healthy out door life and clean air
- Allegheny National Forest. It draws people here for tourism business.
- Scenic byways and tourism
- Beautiful outdoor rec, great people. a little bit of a slower pace, regional connection/collaboration
- Allegheny National Forest
- Community involvement
- Workforce, empty factory buildings, rail lines access
- Quiet, beautiful corner of PA with lots of hidden gems scattered through.
- Allegheny National Forest
- Good work force. Ample locations that could be re-purposed for new businesses.
- Safe, clean, highly accessible to bigger cities for health care and shopping - Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Erie.
- Quality of life , less traffic and natural beauty.
- Don’t really know of any
- The places to work, the vast places to visit such as Kinzua Bridge. Straub Brewery tour the elk Visitors center and more I didn’t list.
- PA Wilds, Outdoor activities
- PA Wilds, quality of life, low crime, lower cost of living versus urban areas, communities

- PA wilds and manufacturing industries.
- We are in the branded PA Wilds with four distinct seasons. Our people are caring, respectful and hard-working. We are an within a 6-hour drive for 50 million people.
- Conservative Republicans
- Allegheny National Forest-only National Forest in PAs
- The pa wilds, and ANF, there is none to compare
- Forests for recreational activities
- Lower cost of living beautiful rural areas
- Hard workers
- rural communities foster community relationship building and safe community activities, rural communities offer activities and events that take care of their own
- The people and lots of woods
- Clean air/water, slower pace of life, outdoor recreation that is second to none, low cost of living, friendly, relatively lower crime rates, access to local-grown fresh foods, good infrastructure, roadway system that allows you to be in many major cities in less than half a day. Life-sustaining jobs are plentiful. Variety of options when looking for a home. Relatively good healthcare systems and secondary and post secondary educational opportunities.
- Wildlife/outdoor attractions... leisurely lifestyle. No traffic
- our natural areas and a strong, willing, and able workforce
- I feel we had a good workforce prior to COVID; we need to continue to build on that workforce and provide guidance to the next generation with good work ethics and dedication to professions
- Agriculture and appreciation of the outdoors.
- Beautiful area. Great for kayaking, hiking, fishing and hunting. area is Perfect for outdoors activities.
- Natural resources; outdoor recreation; small town vibes; community work ethic
- not a lot of stuff around here
- Lower property taxes
- Scenery...wildlife...family communities
- Outdoor recreation
- Nice area to bring in more good paying jobs
- Beautiful outdoor regions and small towns with great food and interesting scenery
- Land,forests, farms
- Seasons, great communities
- Lots of natural resources to play up. Would like to be able to turn the area around to make a success story like Elicottville did.
- The Wilds
- The wilds. The trees, woods, nature- wide open spaces
- Recreation leisure - hunting fishing

- Less populated. Very few repercussions if laws are not followed. Benezette is like the wild west.
- Lots of forest and dark skies at night.
- PA Wilds
- A major river with good fishing and canoeing/kayaking, hiking/atv/snowmobile trails, forests with wildlife.
- “State game lands - hunting, fishing, camping and
- other outdoor activities. Parker Dam, Curwensville
- Dam, Susquehanna River.
- The ability to contribute new ideals and education ,and help with career planning
- Available workforce who wants to stay in the area if they have opportunities for jobs/training
- Healthy environment, safety, good ethics, low property costs
- I don’t know of anything except for the Elk .
- it’s a beautiful rural area underutilized for manufacturing jobs that were outsourced to other countries
- Allegations National Forest, State Forests and Game lands.
- Less people, lots of wooded public lands
- As of right now, some festivals are open
- Many Employable persons and usable locations.
- Unsure
- The residents determination and commitment for improvement. The state and national forests.
- Our focus on family
- Nature
- None. Everyone works in State College or Altoona.
- I don’t know
- Most of us believe in God We love our guns and we love our FREEDOM!!
- “The mountains, the beauty of the areas around us, streams, quietness.
- Rural interconnectedness. Everyone know what other organizations are doing
- Beautiful rivers
- kayaking the river and great camping.
- Large forest tracts, hunting and fishing opportunities, interesting historical sites, trails to trails and water trails
- Smaller communities
- Great people, ANF, lifestyle, employment opportunities
- “River
- Wildlife
- Beautiful scenery”
- Lakes, Dams, outdoor activities, proximity to NY State.
- Wildlife, closeness ,fresh air, beautiful sunrises and sunsets.
- The “after work” life. We have great outdoors and utilize it.
- Nature and Wild Areas.

- Lots of wilderness and low traffic
- Clean air and water...room to stretch out.
- The PA Wilds and our natural resources. The remoteness of our area and the true natural beauty.
- Beautiful scenery, Hiking trails, Fishing and Hunting opportunities, and the elk herd
- Remote, outdoor destination, "off the grid"
- the great outdoors! plenty of space
- The region is very rural, no metro areas. Activities to do outside, ie camping, hiking, fishing, hunting, day trips to outside locations of interest, Old Dam, Scripture rocks, Bear town Rocks, Kinzua Bridge, etc.
- Manufacturing economy that is complemented by tourism and recreation.
- "Community
- Recreation Opportunities
- Small-town feel"
- Beautiful mountains and scenery with-out being overly populated.
- It appeals to small-minded, conservative, and ultra-right wing individuals who prefer to ONLY their kind of people around them
- Its beauty and friendly people.
- Natural resources, friendly residents, low population density
- Beautiful scenery and public lands.
- Our wilderness, elk, deer , wildlife and all the mountains we have. Our natural beauty. Limited chain stores. We need to be unique.
- the beauty, the wildness
- Zippo and case
- None
- Pa Wilds, lots of public land, phenomenal neighbors.
- It seems to be a very tight knit community. Everyone helps each other when in need. The natural scenery is absolutely stunning as well.
- We have wonderful places to boat, ride buggies and canoe and kayak. The scenery is beautiful.
- Natural assets
- We are offer lots of opportunities
- The natural and scenic landscape. A smaller population that makes it a peaceful place to live or visit.
- Strong work ethic.
- The woods of course. The rivers and creeks to kayak on
- "Low cost of living.
- Groundhog's Day...would be better if we had places for people to stay so all the business stayed here and didn't go to Dubois."
- proximity to Pittsburgh and State College without being an urban area
- Beautiful trails and interest in the arts
- None
- Pennsylvania Wilds and absolutely beautiful scenery
- Our outdoor spaces.

- Kinzua Bridge State Park Fairs Festivals
- Forest, trails, Kinzua
- Our natural resources, our rivers, our multipurpose use trails, our national forest, wineries, breweries etc. small town festivals, that encourage people to visit
- Rural environment. Outdoor activities. An opportunity to “unplug”.
- Nothing
- None
- Our outdoor/ nature, mountains and streams and lakes. Rails to trails, need more eating/ gathering places for people riding these trails.
- Forests, public parks
- Rural life, grassroots connections, abundant nature.
- Folks in this area always step up when someone is in need, lots of benefits and merchants are always willing to donate. We support those businesses because they do this.
- “Natural beauty.
- Honest Judge
- Honest DA”
- National Forest and Parks
- Quiet setting that is very community-oriented. Far enough away from big cities, but close enough to great dining and shopping in Altoona or State College.
- Small-town attitude
- Awesome nature spots, Willow Bay, rolling green hills, close community and church leaders who care. Local branch of The Pitt University! Such a beautiful area!Our
- We have the great outdoors. Hiking, Fishing, Bike Trails, and a huge amount of four wheeler and side by side trails and roads! And the great out doors!
- Outdoor recreation
- Natural beauty
- Proactive position in looking out for the best interest of all our counties AND the ability to secure grants and other funding for the betterment of all communities
- Allegheny National Forest, reservoir
- Gorgeous natural habitat.
- We have tremendous natural resources for recreational activities.
- the beauty of the outdoor area....
- safer area and better quality of life than urban areas
- Large areas of undeveloped land
- I believe we have a strong group of g minded people in our communities. We have a beautiful, rural area to live in that provides many benefits. And we have compassionate educators and social workers trying (though struggling) to address the many needs of a largely disadvantaged population.

- cameron co has a problem, the state owns more property than anyone else, none is for sale, people don't stand a chance, no taxes on this land no development, no nothing.
- Hard working conservative
- beauty of nature
- We are a close community of caring individuals
- Work ethics of the area
- Tourism! Outdoor activities! Beautiful landscapes. Charm. Welcoming people.
- Not many
- Natural beauty
- Beautiful woods, trails and a strong sense of community
- The mountains, forests and wildlife are invaluable resources to our area. The broad range of outdoor activities available in North Central PA frankly should be a much larger draw to the area.
- We live in a beautiful area with great activities available.
- Possibility of trails, pipelines. Power lines old coal mines
- No opinion
- The outside areas.
- Small town values, deep sense of community, hardworking
- Beautiful ANF and proximity to ASP
- Wilds
- Community caring..wanting a good environment for our kids
- "National forest, kinzua reservoir
- Natural beauty, safe neighborhoods "
- Allegamy National Forest
- Scenery, peace and quiet, low crime rate
- Beauty
- Almost zero blm, antifa, anti 2a, and other leftist crap in our area.
- natural beauty for recreation,
- "Vast Outdoor activities
- Strong community outreach programs, churches, schools, small town volunteers for seniors and preschool program/organized thru hospital and schools. "
- Proximity to Pittsburgh, Erie and Buffalo. ALLEGHENY National Forest. Beautiful part of the country.
- Outdoor activities
- NA
- the natural beauty around us
- Beautiful scenery
- natural beauty, affordable cost of living, historic interest, close-knit community
- We have a building that is a hospital that serves much of Mckean county. Sadly kolida is closing it down. We are being forgotten.
- The country side and small communities
- Small communities.Outdoor activities

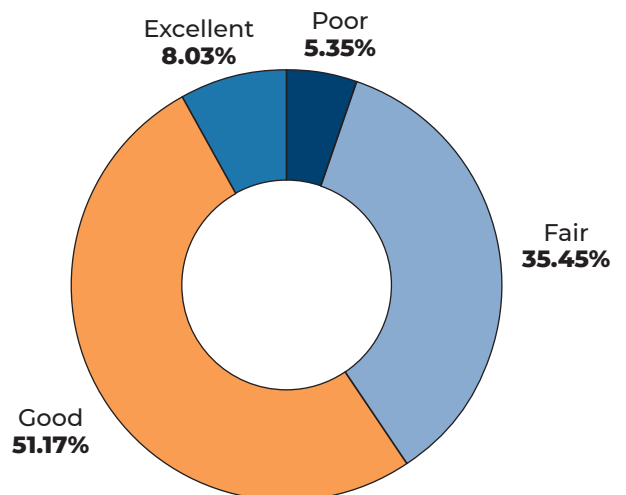
- Beautiful nature, lots of space, small towns
- Small towns beautiful woods camping
- Beautiful hillsides
- It's beauty needs to be advertised more for tourism.
- Strengths: Beautiful mountains, great recreational areas, friendly people, entrepreneurs creating new businesses, community minded individuals
- The outdoor activities , small hometown feeling .
- Beautiful green hills
- Beautiful, peaceful, safe
- Recreation. But I fear the recreation will decline if BRMC continues to get gutted.
- We live in an area that could be opened up for different businesses. With the airport and the trains that could be utilized in different ways than they are now.
- University of Pittsburgh in Bradford, Zippo Case
- Small towns, less traffic, 4 season outdoor recreation, lower population density, cooler summers,
- rugged terrain, forested area and a simpler and more affordable way of living
- Wilderness
- Few traffic jams! Beautiful wooded scenery.
- Country living and low cost of living
- PA Wilds
- Wonderful natural resources including our state and national parks and trail systems, our proximity to more urban areas while maintaining our small town charm
- Our biggest advantage is recreational. We have just with 30 min of my home in Houtzdale, two state parks with large lakes and recreational opportunities. In addition we are located close to populace counties and areas, but retain the small town feel, which in my opinion is an attractive asset to possible new residents.
- State parks with the benefits of a variety of outdoor activities.
- Access to the great outdoors... wooded areas, Kinzua Reservoir, Hamlin Lake.
- It has many natural and environmental beautiful locations
- this might sound dumb but most of us aren't like these crazy people talking about "blm", "get vaccinated", "i love Biden", cancel culture, and all that other stuff. so it's nice to live in a peaceful area without having that shoved down your throat everyday
- Slower pace than big cities, beautiful surroundings
- PA wilds, wildlife, waterways for boating, kayaks
- North central has an amazing outdoor/recreational advantage. The problem being that when people come from other areas to enjoy these activities there is nothing for them when they are done for the day or poor weather hinders their plans.
- Small town environment, friendly communities

- community where everybody knows you
- The Allegheny forest. The Kinzua dam.
- Great people, our beautiful working forest, clear air and water
- Outdoor activities, hiking, areas to ride ATV, local small farming;
- Limiter
- Outdoor recreation.
- Beautiful natural rural areas with lots of birds, deer, turkeys, other animals beautiful flowers and plants. Outdoor recreation, rich local history, beautiful fall foliage
- Major interstate routes run through Jefferson to provide industrial job growth to the area
- faith, willingness to help a neighbor
- Culture and natural resource areas
- I-80, abundance of Natural Gas available, areas to develop
- "Water resources and nature.
- Great state parks and outdoor activities.
- People willing to volunteer.
- "Forests and outdoor recreational opportunities
- People love to buy local
- The outdoors
- Resources. Natural resources and a blue collar work ethic.
- We have good working relations with all economic agencies, not only PREP, in our region. When a project is looking for funding, everyone in our area will come together to provide help, referrals and pertinent information. We work well together
- Great outdoor activities and natural nature surroundings with Elk Herd and Clarion River access
- "Outdoor activities.
- the Clarion River. the Allegheny National Forest
- Less population.
- Our abundance of forest and diverse types of animals.
- It is relatively safe rural area that offers a lot of outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, canoeing, etc.
- Opportunities to grow as well as a good work ethic in most of the North Central PA region
- Pennsylvania Wilds area, ANF
- "Recreational activities with historic interpretation potential creating economic development opportunities
- Central location, access to major highways and cities, beautiful landscape
- Rural area. Community spirit. Work ethic. Independence. Patriotism. Loyalty. Conservatism.
- Year round outdoor events and activities.
- Isolation and rural beauty
- Outdoor activities, elk herd
- The outdoor activities that are available

- People have a strong work ethic, beautiful scenery and the cost of living is reasonable.
- We have many beautiful places to visit.
- Close knit small communities.
- Outdoor activities
- The beauty of our natural resources assets, ANF, PGC, parks and the Clarion River.
- Dark skies, beautiful mountains & scenery, a multitude of activities, low cost of living.
- Clean; affordable real estate; safe communities, good schools
- The communication between the 6 county planners, municipal leaders and chamber of commerce's.
- "Small integral communities
- Community leaders that understand the need for population growth
- Lack of major crime
- Available blue collar work force"
- It's close proximity to NY state and its beautiful outdoor recreational facilities, trails and scenic areas.
- Wildlife and manufacturing presence.
- Plenty of land for development and investments
- North Central has alot of outdoor activities and sight seeing that other areas do not have.
- Space to breath, quiet environment, plenty of relaxation and recreational opportunities, low stress, ease of access to urban areas if you want to visit them. Close to everything, yet far enough away not to be hassled by urban life.
- Punxsutawney Phil

4.

Prior to COVID, the **overall quality of life** in my county could be characterized as (consider job availability, safety and security, environment, housing, etc.)



I have more to share on this...

- It was trending upwards in a major way. A lot is still happening and starting, but COVID has forced a lot of it to slow.
- I felt that the area was just starting to take off economically with several new businesses and people working etc. For many that live in this area the quality of life was good but for the many people who live in the margins, not so much. There is a lack of local resources directly available like affordable, easy access mental health and regular health care, affordable user friendly, widely accessible public transportation services.
- Job opportunities are limited. Remote work is difficult in many areas limiting potential.
- This is a very safe region, job availability was good, but wages are low. Great downtowns-but many need to have a “facelift”. The University of Pittsburgh at Bradford is a great education asset to our region. The number of trails, and an ever growing focus on easy access to trails, and the idea of linking trails to communities brings in visitors and improves the quality of life for residents at the same time.
- Housing stock has been a challenge for a while. Jobs for young professionals were harder to come by before COVID because telecommuting wasn’t as accessible.
- Jobs and housing .
- there may be some jobs but the pay is too low to make ends met for a single person and the jobs are limited to certain careers. Drugs are a huge problem in the area. The costs of this problem to the tax payers in uncalled for and NOT fair to the hard working people of the area! The problem is draining our system! The environment is NOT appealing with factories spread all over the sq mileage of the area. Not a drawing point to want to live here. Cancer is high in the area along with Lyme Disease. Housing is very poor. No new developments and no affordable land to buy to even build a home on. Too many properties that need some serious attention in the area well over 200 alone in my area. If you are interested in hunting, fishing, camping, drinking and the outdoors the area may appeal to you if not than the area doesn’t have much to offer
- More employment opportunities are needed. More quality housing and developments are necessary. Are roads/bridges need to be repaired. Then we would be excellent.
- Very safe area, cost of housing is low, lots of jobs if you want to work.
- A lot more crime has come into areacin last 20 years, there are not a lot of opportunities for higher end jobs
- As mentioned above, I feel we had a good workforce prior to COVID and I feel we will be able to bounce back if we continue to teach good work ethics to the next generation.
- Low income area. Many below the poverty line.

- “it’s the flu - with a 99.98% recovery rate.....vaccines are proving useless.....NO mandates.....We are smart enough to deal with our own health.....Government needs to stay out of personal business
- Need more good paying jobd
- Better housing for special needs/handicapped and elderly (so they are not living in same building as drug addicts.
- No illegal immigrants
- Good because I have the room to walk hike get outdoors and I could work remote
- Good jobs, safe communities, clean environment.
- I live in Curwensville, which, statistically has an abominable crime rate. Poor code enforcement has resulted in vacant, deteriorated buildings which inhibit growth and dissuade community pride. A “good old boy” mentality has stymied forward thinking. E.g. this community has a Rail Trail transecting the center of town as does the river along with a major tributary (Anderson Creek). Along the river is Irvin Park, a beautiful feature. Yet, NO promotion of these valuable assets occur! My mind races wildly at the thought of missed opportunities. It boggles my mind that one cannot Walk/Hike at Curwensville Lake without paying the entrance fee. Imagine the tourism benefit of simply branding the town as something like: “The Heart of Adventure” then erecting a sign near the intersection of rats. 453&879 posting directional arrows to the rail trail, the park, the kayak launch, river access for fishing, & Curwensville Lake. Doing so, just might be the inspiration for a bed & breakfast, an outfitter store, a bike shop, a restaurant, and, of course community pride.
- Too many jobs in Clearfield are provided by a monopoly of a single healthcare ssystem that has no interest in the development of the area and does not treat its employees with respect
- Except for poor occupational opportunity, this is an excellent place to have a family.
- “I am lucky that not much has changed in my life due to covid. But I find it highly stressful that tourists AND most locals don’t believe the facts or take basic precautions.
- However shopping options are poor.
- The drugs have taken over the rural areas. It’s pathetic. Feel so unsafe that we’re getting guns and permits to carry them.
- There are few jobs in the Kane Area - there are some manufacturing ones but most are retail stores and restaurants.
- The drug problem needs to be addressed aggressively. Also we need more manufacturing jobs and to develop our river fronts. We also need more affordable housing.
- My family felt much safer before Trump politics and violence over took the attitudes in a very high number of people in this region. But the trump signs and flags are still being displayed and this has

encouraged people to behave radically, progressively, and because of trump's views that covid is fake news, these same people refuse to vaccinate or wear masks and nobody here is doing anything to change that environment or to protect the people who trust science and doctors. Seems like the law enforcement, DA, and some physicians here are failing to protect the people here. So although the trump drama has calmed down comparatively, it is still not a safe place to be. Jobs were non-existing prior to covid but finally, there are jobs to choose from if you are an unskilled worker and don't mind low wages, unemployment, food stamps and medicaid. Housing was non-existing for renters, but the sale value of homes have gone up and sales are moving quickly recently.

- Consistent low wages in Clearfield County in particular.
- Lack of manufacturing companies which provide a healthy wage, affordable clean,, safe community housing for retirement age people wanting to downsize.
- "There is not much job availability, more fun activities to prevent drugs and suicides.
- I moved back home from Tucson to raise my child here because of all the great schools, activities and safety.
- I mean good
- Housing is expensive right now you cannot find a place to rent or buy, building new homes is a lot more expensive since the impacts of COVID and the current political administration. Most jobs in the region are service jobs/entry level, don't pay much, or a factory job that is difficult to get you foot in the door. The area does not have a job sector for secondary education/skilled employees
- Health care is adequate, but travel to distant places is almost always a necessity. It's obvious no large hospital will ever serve the area. Penn-Highlands is the largest, but you must be able to get to either of their largest locations: St. Marys or DuBois (Both PA) to receive more intense but not more elaborate care. That requires a trip to Pittsburgh (usually) or Geisinger in the middle-southern parts of PA. Job availability: not good presently. Almost the entire graduation-class of recent years leave the area for the cities. Safety: Merely adequate with almost all fire responders are volunteer, though they are very visible and do a decent jobs with volunteers and local governments helping out. Environment: The wind blows and the air is very clean almost always. I do not know about this as I am no longer able to travel or drive out- of-town. Housing: If you are an early retiree and move back to Emporium (in this case) you stay up here 5 or 6 months and head to Florida or other Southern Places! If you stay here, you generally last for a while if you do not have children who live elsewhere, then you move close to them, and die there and pay a "final" visit here to any of the many cemeteries in Cameron County, and I suppose it is much the same for the other counties in the area.

- Questionable now since our industry in powdered metal has changed. I do believe that our area is great area for those who have jobs that may want to move here and work from home. Also to start businesses that do work in landscaping maintenance, minor repairs to homes, domestic work for seniors.
- Jobs that pay a decent wage are not always available. Penn Highlands has decreased healthcare options (QCare walk in care, ever changing physicians) in our county and we deserve better healthcare representation than what they provide. Township ordinances, especially the Emporium Borough, are not enforced. A clean, appealing community is important for first impressions to visitors in our county.
- “Well paying jobs are hard to come by in Cameron county.
- Blight
- I moved here post covid, so my answer should really be NA
- We need more jobs and the wi fi is terrible.
- Job availability in regards salary vs. qualifications is poor. Very few jobs pay for what someone is worth in regards to experience or degree - it makes it extremely difficult to draw qualified candidates to want to come here to work and live.
- Rural area, lots of opportunity to spend time outdoors, parks, lakes, rivers
- The drug problem is horrific. To many people brag about getting free money and not having to work
- Safety is overall good. The look of the area has improved with people seemingly trying harder with their properties. Jobs that pay well could be significantly improved. We need more things to do for kids/ youth/college.
- The chamber of commerce doesn't seem to be doing anything about creating new jobs. They don't seem to be actively trying to get new businesses into the area.
- “high paying jobs are scarce. lack of opportunity for technology, STEM fields, professional services, and basically most jobs that require a bachelor's or higher, unless it is medical or teaching. plenty of meth and heroin. Many restaurants have similar menus so variety is lacking. There are a lot of blighted and run down houses and buildings. High rent blight leads to empty store fronts and absentee landlords don't seem to care.
- State parks are plentiful and there is plenty of opportunity for outdoor recreation. Plenty of game lands and clean water helps this be a great place for hunters and fishermen.”
- Good, but need .more affordable housing
- It is hard to get a decently paid jobs. It makes a hard time to get ahead and develop our residential areas.
- There is are a lot to offer visitors for a weekend stay, but little to entice people to move here. We are a great place to visit. There needs to be an alternative to just a local Walmart to grocery shop at.

- In my opinion, we are an economically depressed region.
- We need senior communities where seniors can live but have yard work taken care of and snow shoveling. We are always in need of more jobs, higher paying jobs and more choices for people to work. We are fairly safe in our communities.
- Person's in Poverty, multi- generational public welfare, more persons of low I.q., no higher education, low ambition, h.s. Drop outs, on fixed or public assistance...tends to be the majority of the inhabitants of the area. The area no longer has good employment for laborers and factory workers. The area has lost almost every shopping store, except dollar general which focuses on the impulsive and impoverished ...and Walmart remains
- People need to get back to work, so many businesses are so short staffed.
- Still not much to do. Too many Trump Republicans
- Many lost their jobs when our Bradford Regional Medical Center was ripped from us!
- "Housing - new stock is a much needed offering
- HOSPITAL- HEALTH CARE - need to have local health care/ hospital
- College and/ or universities "
- We had a thriving hospital that employed local residents that have committed their life's career caring for our community
- Good paying jobs are harder to find without having to trave. Housing is limited. Great sense of community.
- It is good; could be way better. The area has not done enough to retain the youth population or to attract new people to live here. The towns are shrinking and we cannot maintain the current infrastructure with an aging and dwindling tax base.
- I would like to see more jobs in our county, and BETTER roads since it is suppose to attract tourists for the outdoor beauty
- Industry has been declining in our area throughout my lifetime. Educational opportunities seemed to be on the rise but now do not seem to be making the same strides. Services have expanded in some areas but declined in others (such as healthcare).
- The area has almost always been poor with few things. Shutting down the hospital took even more jobs away from the community forcing most of us to relocate or drive out of the area for work.
- The biggest downfall in our area are landlords who do not care for their properties and our high rate of poverty and child abuse. We need to find ways to fix these things and keep people safe and responsible.
- GET RID OF KALEIDA!!
- Limited health care
- This area is a great place to live, work, and raise a family. Wages tend to be lower than other areas, but with that, so is the cost of housing, crime rates etc.

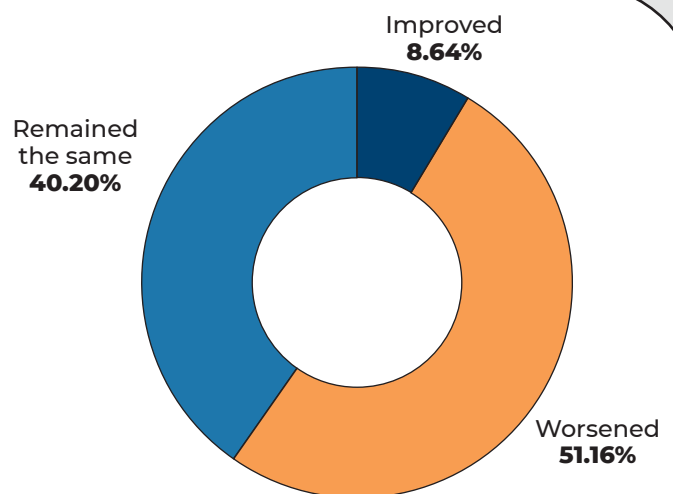
- We have a great university. The job market is not the best. The loss of the fully functional hospital is only going to hurt the community and the region.
- As we r seeing- covid is a fucking joke
- Housing isn't super and job availability, while there doesn't compete with the New York wages which sends jobs out of the area.
- Zoning in our area is lacking. Bldgs need to be torn, burned down. Children should not be living in these unsafe bldgs.
- Education low, welfare high
- At that time, we still had a "functioning" hospital.
- jobs, health care, broadband, deficient, roads poor in places, blight
- Economy was on upswing, people were coming to the area for continuing education programs, work, leisure and retirement. Now much of that is in question.
- We need help bringing healthcare back to Bradford.
- We need a fully functioning hospital in Bradford, Pa
- The region has been stagnant/declining for a long time.
- Mckean county is losing jobs. Oil fields are closing, hospital is closing. It's going down hill quickly.do yo government.
- "Except women's healthcare
- Have upmc buy Bradford hospital"
- Housing stock is very old and recent regulations make new house builds too expensive . (sprinkler systems , tap in fees ,inspection costs, mandatory architect fees etc) when u get done building a house it is worth half what it cost to build it.
- The job market is poor in the region.
- Need more quality job opportunities, especially for younger generation to stay and grow families that they can support. Too many on assistance- either no opportunities or lack of motivation. Rural healthcare is a big problem in McKean County with the gutting of the Bradford Hospital. Access to Broadband internet is limiting.- especially now that Work from Home is an option for many. Roads seem to be forgotten by PennDOT- many aren't even properly striped/marked.
- "Get involved with the Lack of having a hospital
- Or Bradford will be a ghost town "
- My life and my friends' lives have been very good, however, there are some folks who seem to have little income and live poorly mixed into the communities.
- Job opportunities are lacking in our county. We are more of a "bedroom" community type area. What I mean is that at least in the southern half of the county, most residents travel to either state college or altoona for work. So a push toward new industry and job growth would be extremely beneficial to the southern part of the county.
- It's sad that Kalieda Health of Buffalo has targeted the Bradford Regional Medical Center to bring about it's eventual demise.

- Prior to COVID Bradford was seeing growth in the job market and new businesses being opened
- A lot of positive benefits except for job availability
- Mckean, specially the city of Bradford (largest municipality in mckean) is well below the poverty line. The amount of individuals on government assistance is above the nation average for a municipality.
- Bradford Pa Mckean county Pennsylvania. We did have a hospital with full service. In the last 3 years services at the hospital have been eliminated such as the dental clinic (which isnt part of the hospital) Maternity, ICU, and sameday surgery. So in other words we really dont have a hospital. I beleive are community will suffer in many ways and it will affects many people in Different way. We also have upb the nursing program makes up a good portion of students. Many have questiones how enrollment will be at UPB since their really isnt a hospital here aside from Olean which is in a different state the closet hospital in Mckean county is 35 minutes away. UPMC did want to buy re hospital but Kaleida wouldnt sell. I hope UPMC is able to find some propert and build a hospital.
- Good and getting better!
- We need more jobs in this area to be able to keep the younger generation around. Otherwise the area is just going to be a ghost town,
- We need more jobs.
- It is clear that the area is depressed economically compared to other areas of the state
- Too many people in the area have taken on a nationalistic attitude. Too many people have fallen for the political lies a certain party has propagated and thus have shunned good medical advice, refuse to cooperate with people of other beliefs, it's there way or no way. They are sheltered, lowly educated, and seem to be proud of it.
- Need more Industry
- Amish sawmills are ruining our farms and community. They pollute the water and make residents sick from their illegal industrial parks.
- Activities were more available
- We pay a lot in taxes for the small towns we live in
- I think that we do have an excellent quality of life in Elk County. I just think that we need to expand some things to make the area more marketable for people and business thinking of moving into the area. We have more opening for jobs than we have people to fill them.
- Housing availability needs improved. Expansion of public sewer and water could facilitate this.
- The jobs were already moving out, the counties and people are not willing to accept change and so I have watched this area slowly die instead of reinventing itself.

- Elk County was hit hard by COVID but, not as hard as other counties in our region. I feel we are slowly getting back to picking ourselves up and moving forward, past the pandemic and I feel we are stronger than ever. Many people are staying close by for recreational activities and enjoying family and friends within a short distance. I feel our county and region are strong and will live, learn and capitalize on this experience.
- As rural, independent, conservative citizens we like to keep to ourselves and don't want government or others intruding in our lives. We want out taxes to stay local, our leaders to be local, and our policies and laws to be decided by people who live here and know the community. With COVID the control is clearly shifted to the state and federal government. It feels more like a third world where dictators and parties control the daily activities. Even the relationship of neighbors has strained as people have different opinions based on which news service they watch. It is difficult to know the facts and trust the government or media that is providing the information.
- No jobs around.
- COVID has made rural living different, not any better more any worse. I feel that the government did not handle COVID issues in rural settings well but just grouped us together with urban issues.
- We definitely have a lack of quality housing. All other areas are excellent
- The availability of quality housing is a major concern and I believe impacts the ability to recruit people to the area. Life-sustaining wages is also a concern. Many companies don't pay a livable wage, which again makes it more difficult to recruit employees to the area.
- This is a place where you can feel safe walking in town. You can feel safe in your home. You can find the services you need. You can enjoy the people and places here without hassles. And you can live comfortably on an average income.

5.

Since COVID, the **overall quality of life** of the people living in this community has (consider job availability, safety and security, environment, housing, etc.):



6.

In 20-30 years, **what do you hope will be different** about North Central PA?

- More residents living here that are tired of the crime, stress, and politics of cities.
- I hope there will be a wide array of great jobs in a variety of fields and a vibrant community that works together for everyone and supports one another.
- Thriving instead of shrinking
- I would like to see road transportation improved. Something really needs to be done about Rt. 219, it needs to become a major north-south route. Make this a central long term project.
- i'm good with the way it is
- I hope there will be more jobs including people who choose to work remotely.
- Improved infrastructure
- More young people return to this area to develop opportunities for businesses. That we find a way to keep them from moving away. Find small niche industries that are willing to take a chance here.
- Better infrastructure such as roads that are ACTUALLY repaired and not jokingly strip patched. Better access to real high speed internet such as cable or fiber.
- I hope we will have even more reasons for people to visit and sustain the assets that make us special.
- More industry for jobs
- Will have permanent industry jobs located locally
- Enhanced employment opportunities, improved educational and cultural opportunities
- More jobs (factories to help sustain)
- "More people visiting.
- Strengthening tourism
- People utilizing the forest more with activities; camping, swimming, boating, atvs, bike trails, snowmobile trails, cross country skiing, etc. "
- I hope to see more large scale businesses attracted to the area. Improvements in housing. Several houses are deplorable and need torn down.
- The population will stabilize or grow, more affordable and quality housing for single people returning to the area or small families just starting out. Improved health care.
- Less taxes and more opportunities for young people.
- Turn it back around to a thriving area where people want to return to and live! All that made this area great has pulled out, closed down or down sized. The population is getting smaller of the area that should tell you all something!

- In Elk county (St.Marys) I would really like to see more things for the public to be able to do/interact with others. Other than the two activities I listed above there isn't a whole lot of activities for people to do
- Western PA wages will increase. Our area wage rates are severely under
- I hope that we have even more good jobs here that will encourage our young people to stay in the area. I hope we are effective in educating people on what it means to support local businesses and entrepreneurs so our communities can continue to grow.
- The population actually sees an increase than consistently declining.
- We need to have a stable, competitive foundation of strong industry and growing small business. We need an overarching marketing effort to promote tourism that we can draw MORE VISITORS to our region.
- We will have our freedom back and start following the United States constitution again
- 219 would be a 4-lane. The lack of development on this major north south road causes our area to loss businesses as they need good roads to ship their goods.
- More tourism centered around a off-road trail system
- Better options for a senior community living, within walking distance to a vibrant downtown area. Educational opportunity, better paying wages
- More things to do
- Masks will be a thing if the past.
- Vibrant and more students returning here to settle down.
- That career opportunities will continue to grow.
- More regionalization of services (less parochial attitudes), greater workforce, more high-tech jobs, a comeback of our agricultural industries, better connectivity, cost of living relatively unchanged, more cultural opportunities, infrastructure improvements (or at least maintained), less brain drain.
- More tourism and more local businesses
- better internet access, more young people living here, less oil and gas industry
- I would like to see new business opportunities and wake up our downtowns with more restaurants, clothing stores, grocery stores ... everything within walking distance. I would also like to see new housing developments created along with fixing up our older housing stock.
- Increase of large department stores (ex: Target, Macy's, Bed Bath Beyond, Kohl's).
- more shopping centers and grocery stores (e.g., Target, Wegmans), restaurants, Breweries, - entertainment.
- People will be more open minded.
- Improved cultural, educational and health opportunities
- For starters, allowing the people of this state VOTE on things not have to be given what the legislature wants us to have.
- Nothing

- We have representatives that do what the people want....not their party's agenda
- More stores especially grocery stores in elk county and availability to restaurants and entertainment for families and younger people.
- More good paying jobs. Less taxes! Pa taxes the air we breath@
- More open to outdoor enthusiasts who ride side by sides or snowmobile
- More higher paying jobs
- Steady growth.
- "Population increase. I hope that tourism increases and that they could incorporate natural sources of energy that do not hurt the environment. Play up the Clarion river and views in Ridgway. Tired of everything going to St Mary's.
- Stays the same
- If more new people aren't brought in it will be an empty retirement area
- More technology, more cultural events, more highly skilled jobs , a way to keep young people coming back after they get a degree
- Honestly, as a life long resident of Benezette, I'd like some normalcy back in our lives (pre-elk viewing). There are residents here who don't own businesses and benefit in no way from all of this craziness. Not the answer you were looking for, I'm sure.
- Small increase in population
- Improved economy, less poverty, less drug use
- Economic, educational, social and cultural growth, without which we are destined to join the worst of Appalachia; a deepening understanding and activism toward protecting forests, waterways, and wildlife that are its most precious resource.
- "Improvements to transportation facilities (I-80, Rt 219, etc) railroads. Additional distribution centers,
- improved lumber development, perhaps information
- Technology centers."
- Diversity , better paying Jobs , more FT Jobs with benefits
- More skilled labor jobs to keep the young people here
- That youth will remain in this region.
- Homes that people can afford to rent and buy . More new businesses and public transportation. Access to Medical specialists within the county. To have the choice of choosing what Internet and cable companies we want . North Central Pa. Absolutely must start looking at the issues over drug and alcohol abuse and get good rehabilitation centers and half way houses . Find the funds for anyone who wants help can get it . Stop allowing the police to give people a break as long as they'll become snitches. I could go on and on but I won't because I'm 67 years old and I grew up here and NOTHING has changed about the addiction problems or any other issues I mentioned. I don't believe it will ever change .
- jobs jobs jobs blue collar jobs that sustain families

- I hope downtown businesses will come back especially retail. I hope our towns will be more like they were 30+ years ago than what we are seeing today. More campgrounds to support the need for recreational camping and supporting businesses.
- Less gas drilling
- Nothing will change
- Continual improvement while caring for the environment
- Not sure
- Improved shopping opportunities, better transportation options, Improved fast speed internet access.
- Drugs gone, true family focus
- More housing to accommodate people moving to our area as they are able to work remotely.
- Better job opportunities.
- Better schools. Better communities. Better people.
- “More jobs so that people don’t have to travel so far.
- We have more access to affordable DEFENDABLE WIFI. Hopefully we would not have to drive 45 min to go to a Walmart.
- A watchful eye on things that could destroy the lands, better law enforcement, more to stop the drug situation, more help for those suffering depression and other mental issues, hopefully improving the town to make it more appealing, more to get the people working again, need more jobs for all.
- More jobs for people with college degrees without having to commute a far distance. Reopening of elementary schools to keep class sizes small. My sons kindergarten class had 21 students last year and there was no time to give attention to those with special needs.
- Better public transportation, better internet, more jobs with living wages
- More innovative industries for younger people to stay here and raise families.
- New houses need built. Old homes need torn down. Downtown shops need to increase, and chain restaurants like a steak house, olive garden, or a Mexican restaurant need to come in here. Jobs need to pay at least \$15 per hour to start.
- We will focus on environmental renewal instead of resource extraction and build our economy around outdoor recreation and tourism
- Less drug use.
- Less drug activity, and related crimes
- “Higher wages
- The community has better captured the beauty of the area and really marketed it.
- More opportunities for shopping/dining”
- Lifetime employment at manufacturing facilities. Increase in affordable medical care.
- Drugs will be removed from our community
- I hope I will still be around to enjoy it :)

- Better paying jobs.
- Improved Internet Access.
- Clean and well tended properties
- Less state lands...develop DCNR property
- We are viewed as a national destination place for experiencing the PA Wilds.
- More access to Broadband
- More funding for small business
- more to promote and encourage people to relocate here. more in advertising to get ppl that can do work remotely, to move here.
- A more robust job market with all levels of jobs, more housing, population growth, good broadband internet to all areas in the region not just where a town is established. Economic growth, Better managed infrastructure - Roads, bridges, etc. Not just the interstate and some highways, but township roads and bridges and others secondary roads and highways, and bridges, also more funding for schools to hire more and draw in better teachers.
- That there will have been an investment in blight eradication and code enforcement to ensure it remains blight free.
- Expanded opportunity for higher paying jobs.
- More opportunities for those within the communities and those visiting to see the beauty of the area .
- More housing and in-home care for the elderly and more jobs available to keep our young people here.
- It doesn't matter if it's different or not! I will be dead in 20-30 years and will be lying in a cemetery.
- That we do not become commercialized and dominated by big business and that individuals have the opportunity to start their own businesses and thrive.
- I'd like to see more public funding of major tourist projects to act as a starting point for private investments in lodging and food
- More jobs and diversity, less racism and hostility toward people who are different from them. This area is a hot spot for rigid thinking.
- Increased, better paying job options. More options to enjoy our wilderness (kayak rentals in Cameron County, bike rentals etc.) Entrepreneurs that can add ski options, scenic lift rides. Better restaurant options. More water recreation options.
- "More development of the tourist industry.
- More industrial development"
- A working hospital for Bradford pa
- No blight
- Less abandoned oil derricks, increased diversity.
- I hope we will go back to a normal manner of living. As in before covid. These mask mandates are crazy. Masks do not stop the spread. The vaccines are ridiculous. Again they do not stop the spread.
- More access to internet and more jobs.

- “The improved broadband and unfortunate benefit of the pandemic forcing many to permanently telework has worked to our advantage. It’s brought many who sought employment elsewhere for the higher-paying salary, to be able to come back and live in our beautiful rural area. I hope to see more following suit. “
- More jobs and places for ppl to gather and kids to play
- More opportunities for continuing education close to home.
- I hope residents take time to become educated
- Eliminate the illegal drug epidemic
- No drugs and people proud to work for their keep
- Less unemployment
- “More better paying jobs so families don’t move away.
- More things for kids to do.
- Technology hub”
- More high paying technical jobs
- more jobs, more opportunity. More variety in places to shop and eat.
- Less drug use and more affordable housing. Also .ore quality entertainment without alcohol involved
- Quality jobs
- Improved infrastructure including highways, alternative energy, economic development of niche industries.
- Open up ATV trails and dual use roads to enhance economic activity and tourism. There are close to 800 miles of roads open to ATVs in PA State Parks alone. Clearfield County has zero. That is absurd.
- More businesses and tourism
- “New or encouraging employers who treat employees with dignity
- More emphasis on tourism industry
- It will become a place where people and businesses want to relocate to.
- Lower addiction rates. Opportunities for the youth to entice them to return post-college. Pride in homeownership.
- Better living conditions
- Better job market to keep kids here
- Increase of jobs, senior communities...not apartment living, but small homes in a 55+ community...increase of activities and choices for special needs to work and live...not group home, but more like communities.
- Increased jobs increased tourism a viable plan to decrease drug and alcohol abuse and improve recovery opportunities
- Good employment
- Sustainable retail. Better service industry - particularly healthcare. Regionalized healthcare with telemedicine options. Better housing. Jobs in sustainable resources that have longevity.
- There will be fewer low paying jobs and a great reduction in government assistance dependence
- Less poverty
- More industry

- I would like to see a commitment to bringing more sustainable jobs to the rural communities.
- Larger. More diverse population
- More businesses brought in but we need our beautiful, clean hospital back and run by Pennsylvania people. Our monies shouldn't be funding New York State! We need our BRMC for our health care now.
- It will be more visitor friendly!
- Better jobs
- Improved real estate options. Enforced codes to deter deteriorating properties.
- More activities for tweens and teens, cleaner jobs, a move away from the dirty powder metal facilities to cleaner greener factory jobs
- Major highway access, abundant broadband or other high speed access, plentiful housing market, first class entertainment & events
- I would like to see more employment opportunities and our local hospital reopened with full services. We are located minutes within the NY state border. We also have a fair amount of state funded medical insurance recipients that NY will not accept their insurance. To travel 30-75 miles to go to a PA hospital is unacceptable for anyone. When you do have to go to the ER in NY state your looking at a 10 hr waiting period!! Would you expect your mother or father to wait for care? I think not.
- More industry, organizations, retail to bring better paying jobs to the area
- More tourist attractions in the Allegheny National Forest
- I hope we no longer rely on boom and bust industries for employment (gas, etc..) and that we can retool all the manufacturing plants to contend with the changing automotive market. A lot of the vehicle components made here will no longer be need with the onset of electric vehicles. We could make parts for wind mills, or solar panels, or other sustainable energy platforms. We're good at making things, but we need to make sure what we make is still in demand.
- Better highways, and more well paying jobs
- More jobs and less drug problems
- Develop attractions to draw more to area from a tourist stand point. Redevelop/draw business to that area of formerly developed sites.
- I hope we will have competent, local healthcare. I hope we will expand educational services and offerings that address the needs of our area (such as healthcare careers, vocational programs, continued free lunch programs at the primary and secondary levels and career counseling/guidance). I hope we will improve on our environment by preserving our natural resources (especially prioritizing a clean water supply to all communities).
- more developent more work more stores, more housing, make the state sell off a lot of this land to private industry
- Decreased drug problem increased retention of youth with careers not just a job

- more family friendly activities
- We need a hospital, we need services for those who are unable to cross the state line for health care and we need more job opportunities in the area.
- More industrialization
- Bring back the charming downtown shopping that there once was. Mentor people who want to start a business and offer a health insurance policy that is affordable to small business owners. More places for artists to sell their creations.
- Employment opportunities, discipline being allowed at home.
- Employment opportunities
- I would hope there would be affordable health care and accessible facilities available to ALL.
- Vibrant downtown
- I hope there will be more culture around promoting and preserving the natural beauty and resources of the area. Based on the amount of trails, public lands, etc. I would think this area's draw for outdoor tourism should rival places like Colorado and Montana.
- That the younger people stay or come back.
- Ran by common sense people- not by a bunch of asshats
- Better health care. Senior housing ie 55+townhouse/confo
- Work on interstate 80 will be done, something for kids to do
- More to do. More pride in living in this area
- More jobs, transitioning as we get more hi-speed.internet access.
- Healthcare! and economic growth
- Lower population
- More for kids
- Still have a hospital in Bradford.
- Advanced medical center for our area
- Increase in income level; more educated people, more jobs
- I hope it survives ... with people
- Hospital care for our population. Transportation for elderly.
- Praying that UPMC comes to our city and completely removed all bad memories of the failed UAHS leadership (Finnan/Zewe) who in my opinion lied to, stole from and completely decimated what once was a great hospital. All at the expense of huge salaries and bonuses to upper management.
- more employment, diversity, employment sectors of the future, alt energy, local farming, tourism
- "Hospital will return to strength it was. Education will be priority, higher education programs at University of Pitt will expand to work closely with the hospital. Professionals will seek to move to the area. Volunteer work will be available for young and elderly.
- Specialized care and critical healthcare will be available.

- Maternity/wellness programs for women will return and be local versus 30 minutes or more away.
- Public assistance programs that were to be made available on terms of agreement be upheld. McKean county has subsidized programs without the federal help promised.
- Humanitarian efforts to help the Bradford citizens in need of medical care that is local. “
- More working individuals moving into the area.
- Continued revitalization
- Better roads Rt 246 Looker Mtn Trl is so bad. On the corner you have to get off the road to miss all the pot holes.
- We need a fully functioning hospital in Bradford, Pa
- that it could return to the types of towns that were here before
- I’m hoping Bradford gets their hospital back. It was a travesty to have closed to just a 10 bed facility.
- Better jobs focused on education and environment, rather than natural resource extraction
- “That jobs come back.
- Hospital co.es back to mckean county fir services.”
- We have our hospital running like a normal fully staffed hospital.
- More employment and businesses
- More job opportunities and less crime.
- “More small town businesses and community events
- A hospital that actually functions in Bradford “
- More women’s healthcare
- Larger population
- “219 finished to reach 180.
- This area does not need to wait that many years, we need a working/ functioning hospital in Bradford PA. “
- Better healthcare. Less drugs.
- More job opportunities, more access to health care, less dependent upon government funded programs, more reasons for young people to stay in the region.
- Somehow they need to get control of the drugs being brought in from Buffalo and Erie - it is clear who they are but it seems to be such a difficult problem to solve
- More population and jobs for young people
- We need to have a plan. The downsizing and one star rating of the Bradford Hospital has made it feel less safe and less attractive to people who might live or work here.
- Better hospital access.
- More job opportunity and fewer drugs
- I won’t be around.
- Thriving businesses and new younger households

- More families staying, providing a stable tax base, and enjoying the economic opportunities, quality healthcare, and the outdoors.
- Rural Hospitals will be considered to be permanent.
- residential areas cleaned up
- More people staying and/or moving here to work in manufacturing jobs.
- More middle class jobs, better enforcement of air quality laws and less junk around peoples' homes, quality schools, activities for all, local housing for elderly.
- "Infrastructure stability -- Roads and bridges
- Stable and competitive Internet service/connectivity
- Job and population growth"
- more business and better roads
- "Stronger school/educational systems.
- Increased job opportunities to allow my children to remain in the area and be able to earn a good wage.
- Increased recreational activities."
- I'm hoping that we see a growth in population and industry, but a retention of the rural feel of our area.
- This area will not be the "welfare capital" by having less people living solely off government support.
- New sustainable industry arrives. US Route 219 is improved to a full 4 lane interstate highway. BRMC is redeveloped into the quality, full care ice, hospital as it once was. More jobs/manufacturing.
- That we have better governors, and officials, also, we need UC staff or phones back in the careerlinks
- The population will be significantly older and need improvements in the medical field. In Bradford we have lost our hospital and have to go out of state to Olean for care
- there will be more things to do, like more places to go. i also hope there's more stores
- Better jobs, with a lower percentage of the population on assistance or disability
- Job availability
- I hope to see our state roads maintained better. I hope to see and influx of jobs and people to keep the area growing. I wish my county would make Bradford the county seat. Our county has shown some evidence of it wanting Bradford to fail.
- Jobs, jobs and jobs. Jobs create tax money, tax paying citizens create opportunities.
- More jobs, more stores clothing stores department stores and Restaurants
- damage. Employment opportunities.
- Less invasive plants and insects in our region, a slowing increasing population with smart growth of our region. Kinzua Beach will be re-invented to be similar to Raystown Lake with amenities for all budgets; from a rustic cabin, to a modern cabin, to hotel rooms and a conference center!

- God back in peoples lives. It will be booming with quality living, jobs and honest people. People caring about their neighbors and the quality of life in the area for all people despite all of our differences.
- More business
- Health care and opportunity for my family.
- People with families will recognize the benefits of rural living and be drawn to our area. Leave the cities and enjoy country life. Growing your own food in your garden and enjoy the birds and wildlife and low cost of living
- More jobs, leading to more retention of young people and families
- Better paying jobs, less welfare, better education
- Continued community interactions and positive outlook at what is already here
- Lower taxes, higher employment, better roads
- People will be more accepting of new ideas, new people, value education more and work to keep educated people in the community.
- An increase in variety of shopping options.
- Better wage for average worker
- More outdoor recreations activities, specifically trail systems similar to west Virginia and else where
- Control of all the illegal industrial sawmill sites that are causing illness and cancer. Sawdust is a carcinogen and they blow it in to the atmosphere.
- More companies would take advantage of I 80 access and bring more manufacturing to the area
- Higher paying jobs, more people employed, less taxes, less drug abuse that results in crime
- I'd like to see the natural gas and coal industries flourishing. These jobs are the backbone of our economy.
- I hope to see more businesses move into the area, better entertainment opportunities, and more educational opportunities. I also would like to see bigger and better medical/health. Right now we have more skilled jobs available than we have trained workers.
- Improved specialized health care access, daycare services, updated activities for youth and family friendly outdoor activities
- More job opportunities, trails, parks, and activities to keep families from leaving the area.
- commercial development to allow us to keep our 25-44 year olds from migrating to other locales
- Get rid of the small townships
- Better roads. More shopping.
- I hope that we will be more focused on tourism and not on manufacturing.
- To be able to attract and retain younger people to the area.
- I hope the locals will utilize the resources and appreciate them more. I hope they will find career opportunities and create them from our resources. I hope people will become more open minded to social and economic issues.

- I'm hoping our population increases and better paying jobs are available and that we are able to work on improving the housing and rental stock in our county.
- More people visiting from outside the area driving business activity in the downtown areas. Improved businesses for visitors to experience, better amenities; restaurants, shops, activities.
- "Job opportunities that allow our children and grandchildren the opportunity to remain here if they desire. Be
- access to water and sewage, more free outdoor activities, dependable high speed broadband internet
- Hopefully not much. With the exception of jobs, technology, and basic services.
- More large employing jobs to get more community members. Quality Internet and phone service. Senior housing. Blight and other property kept under control.
- More investment in the community. Get people off of drugs.
- More focus on river fronts and rail trails
- Improved infrastructure. Improved municipal government.
- Better broadband service
- More opportunities for local businesses and people to work in the towns in which they live.
- More community events, more branch college campuses move into the area, more utilization of area State Parks.
- Leverage our natural resource assets to help diversify our economy.
- Reverse the brain drain, even slightly; be creative about how to operate local governments and school boards, for example will we always need the 3-commissioner-model; do we always need to elect school board members?
- population increase
- "A robust tourism economy is in place.
- Diversify manufacturing processes
- Population growth"
- Better Broadband connectivity. Improved infrastructure - bridges, roads, utilities.
- hope the area will become more developed with a higher population
- Politics and more diversity
- My hope in 20-30 years would be to attract more people to our region (even if it is just to come for a weekend trip). Also, to attract more businesses.
- More jobs that pay enough to sustain a family
- I would hope the communication services would be improved. Less "bad" television. Not be tied to one cable network and one news source. Balanced information. More "good" ability to connect with the rest of the world.
- I hope Punxsutawney/ Jefferson County will have a population increase and more grants available for businesses in our county with less restrictions.

7.

What do you **hope will be the same?**

- Mother Nature, friendly people.
- I hope that the community stays a kind, small community caring for each other and knowing our neighbors.
- Values
- The beauty of nature which surrounds our communities and the ease in which we can all enjoy hiking/biking trails and other forms of outdoor recreation.
- quality of life
- I hope we never lose the small-town feel.
- Respect for the nature and wildlife and preservation of the same.
- Small towns, no box stores, stay with a small town feel even with new businesses starting.
- Small town atmosphere
- The people who live here feel pride about where they live
- The towns nestled in the forest
- Beautiful vistas and outdoor recreation
- Tourism, environment
- The small town feel
- "Love of the outdoors
- Nice people
- People that want to keep moving forward"
- That people still treat each other with respect
- Safety, cleanliness, small town feels.
- Small town values.
- The Catholic faith will remain strong.
- I hope the jobs and safety of the community remain unaffected.
- We have clean water, air we can breath, and safe transportation networks.
- The sense of community that bonds us together. Low crime rates.
- The PA Wilds
- Job opportunities.
- The feeling of being a close community that cares about its people.
- The silent majority
- Friendly people, small town support for causes that benefit the area.
- Rural lifestyle
- Our schools
- Family
- Boards and councils will listen to their residents over the tyrannical state and federal governments in place
- The comrade
- small town feel, people know one another, first class education with that rural advantage

- The sense of community
- Clean environment, low cost of living, friendly communities, safe communities, fewer drug issues.
- No traffic, safe communities
- the development of our natural areas
- The closeness of communities where everyone watches out for their neighbor; volunteerism; people getting involved!
- Sense of community.
- Area remains home town feel and family oriented. Keep single home developments. Do NOT invite real estate developers to begin townhome/condo developments. That ruined Bucks County.
- Quality of life
- nothing
- Community spirit
- Close knit communities..
- “Community
- Safety”
- Small town feel, safety
- Small town feel.
- Love the flowers on Main Street Ridgway. Would to see more of that and strings of white lights that zigzag across Main Street.
- Quality of life
- Nature, small scale production, ability to do outdoor activities
- Hiking and trails
- If this promoted tourism continues, I hope that in some way the township and the residents can benefit in some way.
- Minimal “chain businesses”
- Small town feel
- Dual and small town living in concert with a thriving natural environment.
- The “small town” feel & friendliness.
- Nothing, change is needed
- ethics, safety, environment
- The eternal light on the diamond.
- the rural peacefulness, close communities
- Hope the Papermill will still be in Johnsonburg and the love for our Country, God and veterans.
- A haven for nature and solitude
- Continuing of festivities
- Rock solid belief in communities and abilities.
- The scenery and wildlife
- The small town/city atmosphere.
- The support of one another
- The spirit of togetherness.
- The schools - we have excellent schools.

- We dont need a bunch of Liberals move to our area.
- Not much we don't have a great deal in this town.
- Small town feel
- Everything needs to change and improve over time
- The river activity
- Small town feel, unique local businesses
- Small schools
- Great people, ANF, lifestyle, employment opportunities.
- Small town atmosphere
- Outdoor family entertainment.
- Sense of family, togetherness, wildlife, fresh air
- The sense of community.
- Wild Areas.
- Small town charm
- Air quality
- The natural beauty and remoteness of our area.
- I hope everything else stays the same. That's why we live here.
- Still have the appeal of a remote outdoor destination
- Luckily we can't grow too much, atleast not in Cameron County. Mountains surrounding us, limit our size. I don't want to see us over developed, just better developed.
- Nothing, If everything stayed the same then we are not progressing, or growing our region.
- That manufacturing is still the primary economic driver.
- Quality of life.
- Small-town feel and sense of community
- Clean air, pristine waterways, community minded people willing to improve not only improve PA but their own communities as well.
- Really do not care if anything happens here. I do what I need to do, and accept the fact that I will be in the local Guy & Mary Felt Manor Nursing Facility in 20 or less years.
- Hometown atmosphere in which we take care of each other with pride.
- Natural resources, friendly residents, low population density
- Low cost of living
- Retain our Pa Wilds status while integrating some of the above. Good stewardship of our counties and towns. Clean streams. Beautiful mountains.
- The beauty, the wild life, the sense of community
- Nothing
- Don't know
- The amount of wildlife and public lands available for use.
- The natural beauty
- The environment will be protected and stay beautiful.
- "We don't loose sight of who we are - continue to focus on our rural assets, and keep our small town charm.
- Do not try to make us another Wellsboro, etc. "

- The way ppl help each other
- Peaceful communities and natural beauty of the landscape.
- Outdoor activities
- Small town “feel” of the region
- The clean water and air
- Activities for kids
- Family atmosphere
- Feel of safety in the community
- small town feel, clean air and water. State parks. Outdoor recreation opportunities
- Feeling safe
- Small town feel
- Preserve the natural beauty and resources.
- Safe neighborhoods.
- The love in the community
- Accessibility to Forest activity
- The friendliness of the area, the natural resource of our area
- Rural environment.
- Nothing
- Life style teaching more things
- Community concern for each other, our nature activities and improved environmental concerns.
- Friendly community wildlife preservation
- Good families
- Nature.
- Folks will continue to be kind
- Thriving downtowns
- The beautiful environment
- Small-town feel and community activities.
- Small-town feel
- Safety compared to larger areas. Crime isn't as high as some of the big cities, etc. Church communications with the people and each other! Pitt University staying and growing.
- The prices of real estate!
- Sense of community
- Motivation to improve. Continual development.
- small town attitude, community pride
- “Friendly, generous people of the area
- Beautiful trails and forests, hunting, fishing
- ADUNDANCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE “
- The support of out local community
- The caring community, good schools, pride in community
- Everything!
- The maintenance of the natural and wild areas.
- the generosity of the people along with the friendly nature of people
- Our fantastic way of rural life

- Undeveloped areas are left untouched.
- I hope we will maintain a core group of committed service providers and advocates for those in need, but with increased resources, support and compassionate leadership.
- quiet and peaceful
- Environment
- friendly people
- The dedication the people show to the community
- Environmental impact to be the same or better
- The increase we have in art activities. Performances, festivals, art shows. Affordability of living. A preserved environment. Caring people.
- Natural beauty
- The strong sense of community and pride in our history.
- How rural our area is. I don't want metropolitan creep to impact the beauty of the area.
- I hope that the community fathers continue to build and promote our area.
- Small town without illegals and drug dealers
- Close knit community jons
- People coming together when bad things happen
- Small town feeling
- Kindness
- Open space
- Community involvement/caring
- "Small town atmosphere
- Growth of education through University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
- Weather!
- The hills and beauty
- Community spirit
- Hopefully we keep our small town appeal, and rid the area of these big city executives trying to run things here like they do in larger cities
- natural beauty and protected natural environment
- "Hospital keeps high qualified workers, doctors, nurses and volunteers.
- University of Pitt Branch campus programs.
- Bradford Regional Airport-
- Chamber of Commerce plans
- Historical Society Programs"
- Community love.
- Beauty of the area
- We need a fully functioning hospital in Bradford, Pa
- small town feel
- The beautiful scenery and friendly people
- natural beauty, close-knit community
- "Friendliness
- Being able.to stay in my home."
- People keep fighting to keep what should never been taken away from us.

- The small town friendliness
- Closeness of the community
- Upmc grows rural healthcare access
- Community help
- The beautiful area to raise a family.
- The rural atmosphere of the region, the beauty of nature that surrounds us, the friendly nature of the inhabitants,
- Small businesses seem to be doing well and people aren't afraid to make investments on Main Street
- quality of life
- Keep the sense of community, the low cost of living, the beauty of nature.
- The "small town" feeling of togetherness.
- The community closeness
- The rural character and feel along with the great outdoors (not forests full of Amazon solar farms)
- Great people
- serene, sustainable forests
- Small town feel
- A feeling of a safe place to raise children, natural beauty, friendly community.
- Nothing, the region is in bad enough shape as it is
- sense of community and volunteerism
- Continued availability of our natural resources and recreational activities.
- Rural area living is somewhat slower and more attractive to people coming from large cities or populace areas. Thus I hope we retain the community centric ideas while gaining new residents who wish to live in a slower paced area.
- Our communities coming together to support each other and continue to maintain our historical landmarks.
- I hope the industry that is here now remains strong and active. I hope area Main Streets thrive.
- That we protect the natural beauty of the area
- the energy
- Quality education
- Maintain safety, and outdoor activities
- I hope the recreational activities remain the same but have options for people for after.
- Small town environment
- i hope we will still have that friendly community atmosphere I hope the factories we do have/jobs we do have stay
- The small town feel.
- Our beautiful working forest, great people
- Local people
- Safe communities.
- The environment. I want people to take care of our environment and protect it from pollution

- Small town atmosphere with locally owned small businesses thriving
- Those willing to help a neighbor, the beautiful landscape, the fairly safe towns.
- Cost of living, environment
- The ruralness of the area.
- Small town feel.
- People
- The farms need to be supported
- Home town proud and ALF
- Small town atmosphere
- The same independent spirit of the people.
- Our area has a very good quality of life with a safe and secure n. Now we have some programs is place to train skilled workers starting in high school. I would like to see more of these programs.
- Hometown feel and personal professional services experience with great value
- Outdoor activities.
- school systems, quality of life
- Simple life. Low crime.
- That our wildlife and forests will still be preserved for future generations.
- To have a safe community.
- I hope the closeness of the family unit remains the same. I also hope the natural resources are appreciated and protected.
- It is my hope that we will continue to grow and retain the history of our communities and teach our younger generation to goals and values they need to continue to support and get involved in our communities.
- The quality of the outdoor experience, the rivers and forests. Also, the people are great in Central PA
- "Beauty of our communities and famous rural forest landscapes.
- Safety and security of our citizens.
- The small community feeling
- The rural nature of the area, conservative values, independence and freedom to do what we want when we want.
- Community spirit, natural assets, parks.
- Small Town feel.
- Beautiful scenery, wonderful people
- The close community feeling.
- The love and appreciation for the small towns we live in.
- Park programs
- We do not need or want an overwhelming ATV tourism. This is a nice quiet place to live. Let's not encourage the noise, trespassing and law breaking of introducing a lot of ATV traffic.
- the quality of life; safe communities.
- positive quality of life for families, businesses, more housing, real estate tax remaining the same

- Community leaders that continue the tradition of putting residents first.
- The beauty of the rural setting and outdoor recreation areas.
- sense of community
- Rural Landscape
- My hope is that the sense of a tight knit community will be the same.
- Community unity
- Clean, fresh air; low noise pollution, the feeling of safety in my community.
- Small town feel

8.

What is **THE MOST IMPORTANT** thing that could move the community towards this vision?

- Government funding to build up and promote our towns and area instead of sending it all to the cities and higher populated areas.
- Having leadership that is very knowledgeable about the whole community, its needs and has access to the means and opportunities to get the help the area needs.
- Please make sure you are reaching out to high school students to see what their ideas are. They will be the future of our area and we want to retain their talents.
- A continuation of trail growth, with additional links to the community. I would like to see Jakes Rocks Mountain Biking trails extended to Red Bridge Campground in the ANF. The number of visitors that this will generate will really benefit Kane as visitors would then be able to bike directly from their lodging to the trail system in the ANF, and also on the Knox & Kane Rails Trail.
- positive attitudes
- High-speed internet will help to facilitate more jobs.
- Fresh new businesses to enhance the vitality of the area working in areas to build a destination dedicated in preserving the small town way of life that is disappearing from the American landscape.
- Educating the children on advantages of staying, teaching entrepreneurship and instilling a sense of history and roots that will draw them back even if they've left to live elsewhere for periods of time.
- Internet access allowing people and business to compete with those in urban areas
- In addition to marketing our region to outsiders, continuing to invest in residents to cultivate community pride, whether through facade grants, storytelling projects, etc.
- Industries for well paying jobs
- Quite warring with fossil fuel companies and try to develop strategic partnerships with them

- Employment opportunities
- Hotels, Air BnBs, cell phone towers, more trails with less hassle for use, fishing tournaments, better marketing of Trails, bringing in specific businesses that add to the environment. Canoe rentals, bike store, rental of atvs, snowmobile clubs, mechanics to repair this kind of equipment.
- Think bigger than what's happening on the main street.
- Recruitment to rural areas for manufacturing employment and medical fields. High quality Internet accessibility.
- Private and government partnerships.
- Properties need to be cleaned up as the community has a lot of undesired properties in it. The job opportunities are limited in the area to factories, hospital, restaurants, and schools. Too many eggs in one basket, the jobs need to offer something new and exciting to the area with higher pay and benefits. The elderly are NOT taken care of as their needs are NOT being met in the local nursing homes. BIG PROBLEM! There are NO new developments going in for new homes within the area! Find some land and open it up to developments for new homes that people can afford. Not enough places to shop for the items you need in the area. Get the drugs out of the area! And cut back on the drinking! Two big problems in the area.
- I believe that if the City would invest more time into community events and other things to keep the residents out and about that would be wonderful. They are finishing the downtown park hopefully they utilize that more than just twice a year. Granted they have movies for the kids a few times a year which I think is wonderful what do they do for the adults.
- Have state and local funding appropriate to maintain the vast networks of infrastructure that takes place in rural America.
- Focus on working together toward a shared vision for our community
- Educating school-aged children to expose them to all the great career opportunities.
- We need to grow an entrepreneur ecosystem to serve as a pipeline for new business growth and the creation of new net jobs.
- Stopping the global communist agenda
- Need to have strong legislative support at the federal and state level to get Rt 219 improved. That is how Rt 15 was improved and development in the towns followed. High speed internet is also a must-just like electricity it should be considered a basic utility. Many companies prefer to work in small towns-but food transportation and high speed internet are very important!
- Funding
- A common vision
- More things to do.
- Rejecting state control over schools, again letting parents determine the best way to care for their children. Not allowing unsuitable reading materials become the school curriculum

- People have to stop thinking they are better than others. Lose the Trump attitude.
- fostering the school system and programs that are available. Enhance post secondary trade opportunities, continue with community public events where people get out and integrate to keep knowing one another. It takes a village.
- Tough question. Maybe a focused regional effort to market our region instead of individual communities. Lose the parochial attitudes and realize that what is good for St. Marys is good for DuBois and what is good for DuBois is good for Punxsutawney, etc. If we market our region, we can stand up against places like Altoona, Erie, etc. but individually, we look very small to companies looking for homes. I believe as a region, we have a lot to offer companies but we have to create a mindset that we're improving our entire region when a company moves to town.
- Promote tourism more
- high tech industries and incentives to move here
- As a community, county and region it's all about working together, sharing ideas, supporting each other and working together on multi-municipal projects and funding requests.
- Promote large businesses to revitalize area.
- Job growth. Need more industry and established retailers to move into area to do so. This will keep residents in Central Pa and also give vacationers as option to visit and spend time in the community.
- Stop watching Fox News
- Improved cultural, educational and health opportunities
- getting some laws changed and removing some of the career politicians
- Keep democrats out of power
- Cheaper taxes and positive youth activity centers and places for them to have fun and not turn to drugs or isolation.
- JOBS, less taxes
- Providing more adult friendly activities (trails for motorized vehicles) that could link communities and allow more exploration
- Better school systems with child care and elder care available for working families.
- Keeping businesses open.
- Better jobs for young educated people (not just factory jobs). There is nothing here for them: both job and entertainment wise. Maybe a community college in Ridgway - not just classes in St Mary's.
- No illegals
- Togetherness. The notion of shared fate as opposed to the scarlet gun toting Trumper anger so prevalent here
- invest in technology, improved wi fi, support education and skills to advance to the future, get other businesses besides just labor jobs
- If the elk were gone, relocated or spread out to other communities or townships. Let others reap the benefits of all the tourist. Spread the wealth, so to speak.

- Make communities attractive with great small businesses and cool amenities
- Adequate wages
- Tourism. Tourism would improve the economics through, not only the money spent by those traveling through, but also by the tourists exposure to and desire to live in and to bring commerce the area.
- “Cooperation between government entities & cutting back on duplication of required inspections to speed up the process.”
- More FT Employment options , free training for factory jobs for those graduating from high school , and more factories less fast food restaurants
- Attract and provide support to prospective employers
- For residents and schools to emphasize that one can be content here and don't have to move to a city. Stop emphasizing economic gain over happiness.
- New judges , lawyers , child service workers, city council members , new police department and sheriffs . All from out of the area .
- bringing manufacturing back to Pennsylvania
- Cracking down on drugs, welfare abuse, and people who don't take care of there homes or property. Have our children stay and work here instead of leaving the area. Bring people to the area that like what we have to offer.
- Stop allowing ATV on regular roads. Increase funding for hiking and mountain biking trail maintenance
- People agree
- Not being ignored by the powers that be in Harrisburg and Washington DC.
- Na
- Improve job availability
- Teaching our children to be children first.
- Better housing
- Fix the schools. It's pathetic that we're so far behind the times that I didn't send my kids to the public school because the education was lacking tremendously.
- People getting along and not fighting change.
- We need a better selection of places to shop at. We have nothing here for say for the younger generation. The Wifi sucks up here and it is monopolized up here . The Cell Phone service sucks up here. I live 4 miles from a tower and I have bearily one bar on my phone. Half of Roulette has no service in it.
- People motivated to getting more to look forward to as a community. The Weekend in the Wilds is good but nothing like we had in the past, our stores offer very little for the people. Events are far and few between.
- Prioritizing education and funding for more support for special need students.
- Better paying jobs

- Our politicians need to work harder to keep manufacturing jobs here and bring in more tech jobs for younger people.
- Enforce masks and vaccines to get rid of the virus, improve our hospitals in the area, bring in better doctors. Build houses. Bring in industry for job opportunities with much higher wages.
- Education
- Increased quality mental health care and recovery programs instead of institutional punishment. Fix the problem instead of put a temporary bandaid on it.
- stronger court system, like-minded leaders
- Paying jobs.
- Drug free community with school age children especially teens selling their projects in an area/ building to promote self worth.
- Decent jobs. Not just restaurant jobs.
- More areas designated as Wildlife/Nature Areas. Keeping the forest as is and no more building.
- Good leadership
- Put a freeze on state acquisition of property
- Working together instead of dividing the county into small areas.
- Real economic impact to our region. More hotel, camping and access to activities consistent with Natural areas.
- ATV trails and access (more money into the local economy allowing business to start and or grow)
- better advertising for what our area has to offer. we are often overlooked it seems (tax money is taken out of the area, money from our natural resources are used to support outside areas and the bigger cities)
- A jolt to the economy and complete coverage of good internet access
- Communities need to invest in themselves rather than expecting the state and federal government to fund their efforts.
- Recruitment of businesses that offer jobs with starting wages that are above the low/moderate income levels for each county.
- Support and funding for growth of the area's accessibility
- More state funding and grants. We need people to have faith that things can and will get better by working together for a common goal.
- I can think of nothing that will change my adequate but very-low level of life in this community - Emporium - in which I reside.
- Requesting someone from each township and borough that represents their government, a business individual from those areas, a individual from each church, the different organizations profit and non-profit to come together as a group and ask them how they are doing just that and see what has kept them in existence. What actually is their theme? Do they know? Learn from each other and share those ideas and capitalize on them for the entire community. Sometimes the smallest ideas from the strangest area can become extremely amazing opportunity.

- Coordinated efforts between planning agencies, local chambers of commerce, and state/federal funding agencies. More engagement with local residents to show them how to start a vacation rental businesses or restaurants. Focus on providing nicer establishments to draw people in who are accustomed to higher standards. This will not only make it a better destination, it will make it a better place to live.
- The elimination of Fox News and Newsmax.
- CHANGE the Emporium borough council. The elected members do not hold the borough council president accountable for the inertia that is present there. Also, the county governments need to work together for a comprehensive county plan that can make our county more appealing while retaining our natural resources. A Chamber of commerce that is not self serving but that works for those belonging to it.
- I have no idea. We always want it to happen, yet it does not.
- Making all the welfare people work for their money and food stamps instead of keep popping out kids so they don't have too
- Code enforcement.
- Having our very own lobbyist to represent our interests at the state level and lots of \$\$\$ to donate to candidates willing to push our agenda.
- Ending the covid fright.
- Internet access and speed.
- "Working together to support each other - and actually have community participation.
- Without local stakeholders who are active - nothing will ever come together. "
- Getting grants to help make places for this to happen
- More jobs of a professional level.
- Increase college/vocational opportunities
- Get rid of drugs, gambling and free everything. Make people be responsible for themselves
- Parents, more ppl helping organize activities...
- Bringing in jobs outside of machine shops, the hospital and the school district.
- The chamber President seems to do everything to make it advantageous for her family to make more money.
- towns need to quit driving jobs away. buildings with businesses in them should be given a tax break over buildings that sit empty. landlords need to maintain their properties. The whole area needs to figure out that taking care of residents first and providing opportunities for them is more important that catering to tourists. Yes, tourism is important, but the people who live here year round are the ones who keep things going and who are the ones who deserve a better quality of life. Make things better for the folks who live here- better shopping and dining, as well as better paying jobs- and things will automatically be better for tourists.
- Bring more quality restaurants and stores and entertainment to the area

- JOBS
- Improved access by road and rail as well enhanced internet connectivity.
- Planned ATV connectors, roads and trails. Thanks for all you do!
- Tourism
- Quality health care and fresh new industry.
- People with money and vision to do something
- Investment in the older youth to give them opportunities that will draw them away from the potential to use/abuse. Classes in trades in schools. Diversity in educational platform. Mentorship programs for those entering the trades. A firmer judicial stance on street level drug dealers.
- Borough council and county commissioners need to take action.
- Teaching ie training jobs Teaching home ecc.
- Continued community activities and environmental awareness.
- Good employment
- United task force groups. Common goal affirmations. Focusing on likeminded aspects of forward movement. The need for forward movement while preserving the past.
- Get vaccinated and get a job
- County commissioners who care about human services
- McKean County needs a fully functioning hospital. Our population will decrease and business will not want to come to this region without healthcare for it's citizens
- Giving residents hope that jobs are in the area. We lose a lot of people to big cities and other states due to the lack of sustainable and good paying jobs.
- Attract more small businesses
- Our hospital BRMC to be fully operational. We received a \$5 million grant to upgrade it for it to be lost to an understaffed New York hospital!:(
- More advertising to the metro areas like phila, allentown . Jersey and New york. Via tv!
- Focus on industry and what has made it rural areas thrive.
- Housing standards
- "NEW STOCK HOUSING
- EDUCATION - College, Universities
- LOCAL HOSPITAL/ Healthcare "
- Jobs and proper medical healthcare
- Leadership. Community members collaborating to develop new attractions to area. Example hike/bike trail
- More places to stay!!! Air b and b's are getting popular, but a hotel might be nice.
- investment in technology and education.
- MONEY invested in the roads and jobs
- More people working and better jobs
- Invest in additional structure to reach other areas of the county besides I-80 corridor.

- We desperately need to restore a base level of local, competent healthcare services. Having our basic healthcare service needs be transferred out of state is unconscionable and is the fault of both the business interests driving the moves and the elected officials for not protecting the basic need of healthcare for our residents. Our community no longer has a maternity unit, surgical services, ICU and more that are vital and a basic need for any community to survive, let alone flourish.
- make property available for all.
- Youth retention with careers
- use of vacant buildings
- Reopening our hospital so those of us in healthcare can continue to take care of the people in the area without having them afraid to seek healthcare out of town and out of state where they are unsure their insurance will cover their stay or worry whether they will have transportation to or from their appointments or their hospital stay.
- Job opportunities
- A local resource that will entice people (through tax incentives, mentoring and health care help) to have quality shops Downtown Bradford. We have the tourism traffic! We have people who want to shop downtown.
- Bring in UPMC, and open BRMC again.
- involved and aware citizens
- improve sidewalks and streets
- Access to high-speed internet and cellular service. I think this is a huge issue holding back tourism. People avoid coming to the area because it's like they have to step back in time to visit North Central PA
- Re-instate the BRMC staff and functionality of the hospital.
- Common sense Follow our constitution
- Jobs. Better housing. - affordable housing
- Community connectedness in new areas
- Having our hospital back, better internet for IT companies
- UOMC taking over BRMC and separating from IGH.
- Toll I80 between east bound just past exit 78 and give 1/2 to Jefferson County
- Stop the division
- Keep our hospital
- To get our medical center out of the hands of Kaleida And back to Pennsylvania
- Fighting climate change
- A functional hospital in Bradford
- Reopen our hospital and services
- Force UAHS to completely leave Bradford, and allow UPMC to establish a new, even better hospital.
- political leaders with progressive ideas and ambition to serve the people
- Bradford Regional Medical Center returning to the state it was some ten years ago- the well being of its communities Heart- doctors, nurses, cleaning staff, teachers, volunteers and the programs created

with the vitality of its citizens who love being and providing quality healthcare and caregiving.

- Bring more physicians to Bradford.
- Hospital returning to full service.
- Having a hospital that can treat everyone instead of being sent to Olean New York
- We need a fully functioning hospital in Bradford, Pa. Both Kaleida hospitals get a 1 star review. You are putting yourself in a death trap to go to either hospital.
- We need Bradford Hospital to AT LEAST return same day and all surgeries and obstetrics. bring in Main Street stores ... clothing, ect AND Getting a hospital in Bradford
- Restoration of the hospital. A community can't grow/prosper without the security of local health care. Families don't want to move to a community where the hospital doesn't have an obstetrics unit. Hospitals are a source of excellent jobs and bring people (medical workers) into the community who contribute in valuable ways. Bradford hospital formerly had a great reputation, but now people are forced to travel out of town to a hospital with a terrible reputation.
- "Put the hospital back open opening jobs.
- Help for old fields so they can run again."
- Open the Bradford Hospital to full capacity of Dr and nurses and all services we should have. Babies should be born in their own community.
- Reopen Bradford Hospital fully. Important aspect to attract new businesses and enticing people to want to move here.
- Saving our hospital.
- Hospital
- Better businesses keep people from leaving
- Bringing back our fully operating Hospital
- Money
- We need our senators and reps and governor working now to fix the atrocity Bradford PA was dealt closing most parts of its hospital. This is no joke to the citizens of this town to wake up to that. Kaleida is self serving and it needs to be stopped!
- Bring back more services at BRMC
- Economic development
- We need a full functioning hospital - ours has been decimated by a Buffalo based health care program
- industry....
- Retaining a fully functioning hospital
- Find a way to restore the Bradford Hospital or even make it better. Loss of an ICU and surgery capacity is scary. If that is impossible, how can we get our residents to a first class hospital quickly and safely?
- Restore Bradford Regional Medical Center to a fully functioning hospital.
- Landlords stepping up on how they handle their properties

- Some large business or businesses coming to this part of Pa. and offering hi-tech jobs or environmental projects.
- QUALITY JOBS
- “Bradford’s Hospital needs a full functioning hospital as of today no child can be born in Bradford Pennsylvania Growth will stop and Bradford will dry up
- Get the ball rolling we need your help “
- Legislation regarding access in areas regularly affected by inclement weather.
- continue to obtain monies for well cleanup, provide outreach to the folks that live here about what needs to be done to make their properties better
- Getting young people involved in local government.
- Useful education that fits all learners so that all have a sense of worth and can share that good feeling to make the community better. Shop classes, home ec classes, hands-on classes that focus less on academics for some.
- Job creation and development and an infrastructure that will draw young families to the region to promote growth.
- all available utilities offered to businesses, including broadband
- Continued increase in business/job growth.
- The most important thing would be a push toward job growth and possibly an easing of certain environmental regulations, which would allow for a more attractive community based recreation.
- Moving in more businesses to fill the empty buildings that are just being used by junkies to sell and use drugs.
- “Jobs.
- A thriving medical services community.”
- Make sure the people in this area are fairly represented in Harrisburg and we aren’t unfairly under represented and all resources go to south of 80
- i have no idea
- Better, and more jobs
- Jobs
- Help from the state level. It constantly seems as if you live above I-80 your municipality does not matter.
- Jobs, clean neighborhoods too many blighted properties, slum lords
- I live in Bradford Pennsylvania (McKean county) are hospital has very limited services due to new ownership (Kaleida) Kaleida pretty much shut the hospital down so now everybody needs to go out of town for anything that needs to be done. Many people will move out of town due to no hospital/ limited services. I think the town needs to start gradually with a same day surgery
- Investment from the state.
- Support local projects, but remove the “strings” and government mandates to give locals more freedom to manage their projects.
- People getting back to GOD!! Honesty, care for your neighbor and your community.
- Grant money

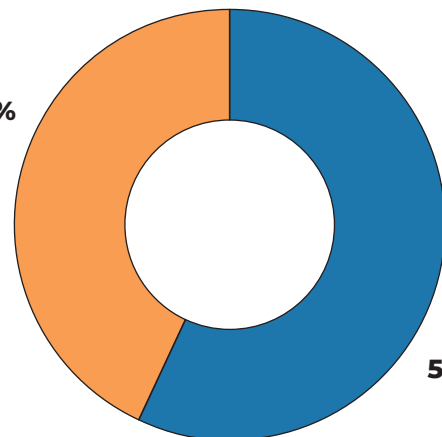
- Different management at Bradford Regional Medical Center.
- Sustainable jobs, internet access to allow people to work from home, etc.
- Jobs!
- Church
- Government
- Elect politicians that have an eye on the future, believe in science, refuse to push political propoganda and lies, encourage people in the electronic age to come here for the beauty, safety, healcare all the while working from home.
- Changing the mindset that things need to stay the same forever.
- More town events. Meet people
- "Money and enforcement.
- Corruption needs to be brought under controll."
- New Governor and Godly men and women in office
- More diverse higher paying jobs
- Real, honest elected officials from either party who want to work together instead of dividing.
- The most important thing that could move our community forward with this vision is more funding for more projects. I also think that we could use a multi-city redevelopment agency that can tie things together. This agency could handle and coordinate large projects, for the area, Something like North Central Regional but more redevelopment just for the county.
- Schools with trade skills as part of curriculum
- Encourage and support trail and park development, sewer and water infrastructure in places that make sense.
- development of the Clarion River as a commercial opportunity
- Eliminate the small townships and let the county take over.
- People and politicians being willing to accept change, if you are not evolving you are standing still and every opportunity will pass by.
- To support law enforcement, keep a nice clean community.
- Business development based around the natural assets.
- Strong leadership and direction!
- having attractions that bring people into the area. A KOA would be a great start
- Agreement among community leaders and citizens. with a strategic plan to build on our history and assets.
- access to water, sewage and high speed broadband throughout and infrastructure
- Keep the federal and state government in check. Prevent passing of laws and policies that control the people and add cost to basic services. Strengthen basic services such as policing, internet access, utilities, and transportation (not public). Ensuring safe and fair election processes by requiring identification of all voters and keeping the control on a local level.

- Funding, support from local, state and federal entities. Vision.
- A casino
- Focus on rail trails
- More training for municipal officials
- Grants to improve the towns. Curwensville where I live has tried to receive funds to improve the streets in the downtown but never receives any grants.
- Marketing, more retail shopping options, more restaurants, more community festivals
- Assist in a sustainable plan along our riverfront.
- widespread fiber optic broadband; more access to ride-share opportunities;
- Viable school districts working together to continue strong sport programs, virtual classrooms, and technical learning center.
- LERTA
- Business recruitment - economic incentives to locate to the area.
- bringing the town together and figuring out ways to re-invent old buildings
- Making investments in our communities
- I feel that the most important thing is to advertise what we have. A lot of people might not realize how pretty it is here because it is really far out. Maybe hosting events that have the capacity to host large groups would be a start.
- Economic growth
- To maintain the environment; to keep polluting industry from inhabiting the area; to maintain and improve destination activities and events; to keep the offerings family friendly and focused on having a good time--not binge activities. Clean air, clean streams, clean land, healthy people, healthy food, plenty of outdoor activities and events.
- Work together.

9.

Are you familiar with how communities in your county and region **work together** on planning and project?

No
42.91%



Yes
57.09%

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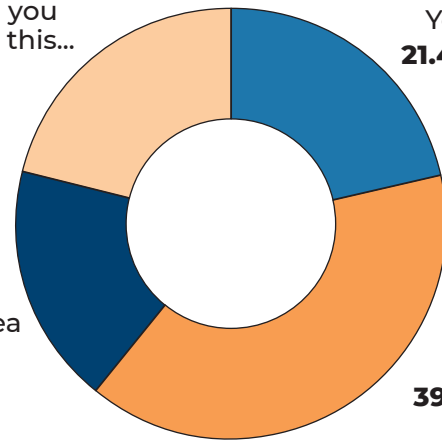
Do you feel like the towns and communities within your county **work together**?

Let me tell you more about this...
21.11%

I have no idea
17.99%

Yes
21.45%

No
39.45%



Let me tell you more about this...

- I don't know which means if they do it is not widely known.
- Somewhat
- Sometimes they work together, but mostly they like to focus on their community alone.
- I think people are willing to when asked. There are still some areas that either don't have the people to take on collaborative projects or there are some egos that get in the way at times.
- Other than the PA Wilds and Rail to Trails organization, I am unaware of county to county cooperation.
- I think we work together in pockets. I think we need to improve our overall level of collaboration and coherence.
- Yes to some degree but it all depends what side of the working team you are on if they work with you!
- More so than previously. More collaboration could still happen. I think the people working in this space truly care and have a mission. I feel that some of the new leaders that we have in place bring with them a new energy, focus, and more outreach (and less baggage)
- Yes, and I think it is continuously getting better. I feel small business owners are supporting each other and we need to get our residents in the mind set of shopping local and enjoying and supporting local events rather than spending their dollars out of town.
- Lived in Bucks County 25 years. Warminster Township board of supervisors took steps to expand real estate development in township (e.g., over 55 condos and townhomes) during my time living there. They overly built and expanded and made unaffordable. Crime rate increased. Traffic increased. Additional Schools had to be expanded and taxes increased. Area is not as desirable any more. The community lost the "hometown / family oriented feel" . Poconos is currently going through this and it too has changed. Over crowded with New Yorkers now.
- Many times you have multiple activities scduled for same days and times
- Occasionally but not usually
- To a certain extent, yes.
- Same old, same old. Yes, we are going to improve things, but you only go through the motions and don't accomplish anything signifcant. Doing surveys and ignoring them, like NC's Greenways Plan, only waste money and misdirects attention from results.

- currently no, local politics are self serving a select few instead of good of the whole
- Yes and no to much small town bs and way too much favoritism towards certain businesses and ppl with the correct last names.
- On most things
- My thoughts are they are leaving Roulette behind. Always in the past if you were from Roulette they could care less about out town.
- Yes, but could be improved
- Not as much as they could.
- I feel that Kane really gets left behind in our county. It's always a competition with Bradford.
- I have found to many times over the years the larger area want to dominate the smaller area and take from them leaving them in the dust. This has happened in organizations, government and community more and more. American Cancer Society, Red Cross, Drivers License Center, Health Care, Industry, Shopping, Government Offices. I could go on and on. We have to drive farther and farther to obtain so many services and many of them are very impersonal towards us in rural areas. There is no consideration as to what the impact has on us. Instead of asking the community as to how could they remain and still be efficient they just look at their cost figures move away. Oh the services are still available for you just have to come to us now as we so decided. Another words the door to us has just closed. Amazingly we in a small community if we had a say and were made aware we just might be able to come up with a solution that could keep you here and remain efficient.
- “No - as the Director of Community Development, I am constantly hearing this as a complaint.
- We are constantly struggling to find volunteers. And I am constantly hearing from the community that we struggle to find committed members of the public to remain engaged and see something through.
- Everyone wants to complain, but no one wants to actually put their time in to fix a problem. “
- I am from the DuBois/Sandy area. Enough said
- “I think that some people try, but so much time is wasted on meeting and very little actually gets done. Same people seem to have final say on everything and I think it chases away ideas and people.
- It also doesn't help that other areas like Brookville or Dubois always seem to end up with all the good ideas/financing even if their area wasn't the area that thought of it. “
- The only cooperative I am aware of is small townships sharing workers and equipment
- The Clearfield County Fair, for example, seems to be planned by a small representation of the County. The Board, from what I can see, is mostly made of residents of Clearfield, PA. This is not representative of the County and it shows.
- There seems to be some cooperation but also a competition for resources
- to a certain degree, yes
- “Could use more collaborative efforts
- Each community wants to win for its population, but for the region”
- Yes. Especially when it comes to things like school districts as we have had to combine our sports teams due to a lack of student populations to maintain a full squad. And we work together with our emergency services. That team work and support is invaluable.
- I think the process of getting anything done takes way too long

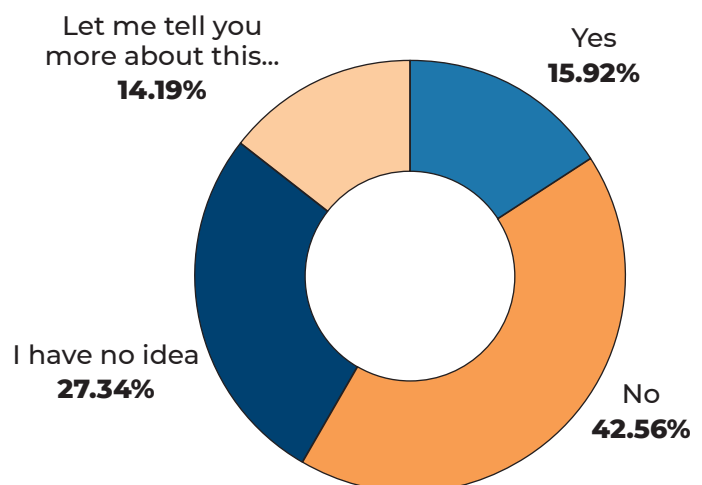
- Every county and every town seems to be out for themselves. There is great jealousy over anything positive happening in another town/community or county.
- I do not believe the communities have succeeded in working together effectively for many shared goals, like maintaining local healthcare access. I do not have specific knowledge of what attempts are being made, but I do know that many attempts by our state legislature representative have fallen short of any clear positive results. And the only organized effort I know of to do anything about our healthcare issues has been by a group of independent citizens. That too has made little progress, but has at least shown the community that not everyone will be silent about this issue.
- We need to work together more and communicate more. We all want similar things.
- I am aware of some of the ways school districts work together as I am on the local school board.
- I feel monies are disbursed to the larger cities and the small towns are ignored.
- To a point, but we have to look farther than oil and lumber.
- We need cooperation in our own state, not in a bordering state.
- I believe that they had, given information “shared” with them.
- I do feel that they work together on many things but they could do much better. I quit often hear the township leaders speaking negative about the City of Bradford. I have lived here for 67 years and I know most the infrastructure we have such as water and sewage would not be the quality it is if not for the City. I have said for years that we advertise for business to come to the area and in the ads it says Bradford is this size and Foster Township is this size and Bradford Township is another size. Why not one big ad with the three combined showing a larger area and larger population. It doesn't matter which municipality gets a new business. We all benefit from it.
- The township supervisors refuse to work with City Counsel on any issues or consolidation. The county has shown some evidence of doing what it can to make Bradford City fail.
- Sometimes
- My answer would be somewhat. Not a definitive yes or no. There are communities in the same county competing for the same grants for infrastructure improvements. But there is some coordination depending on the specific project.
- They do most of the time, but many people do not know all the agencies that can help with different types of projects. I think that my organization works well with others in our county, but when I did the Engage surveys, I found that many of the businesses did not know all the different programs that are available to them.
- To a small extent.
- Not as much as should be done to build on the uniqueness of our rural area and the developed assets of the PA Wilds
- They do but there could be more opportunities presented to them that make it easier for the to cooperate. Such as equipment sharing, common plans for broadband internet, simplifying permitting and design processes, and reducing costs of large projects such as sewer, water, roads and bridges. State and federal regulations add large amounts to the design and permitting costs of projects while adding little value. Also projects should be “right sized”. Public utility designs for big cities or large highways should not be forced on smaller communities when

other options exist and would be more effective and more economical. Pooling of resources and combining of similar projects should be supported by tax dollars. Grants should be completely non-political.

- I believe there could be improved communication with all communities within counties but I also feel there have been some positive changes in our community.
- Occassionally but I think there are many more opportunities.
- The town works together but no county help,
- Not always, certain municipalities work together. Others do not.
- yes, to an extent where required; i think there are several missed opportunities between and among communities and between county level and community level.
- There is a strong disconnect between township and county government. For example, the county is embarking on a required hazardous mitigation plan. Only Emporium borough attended the meeting. The other municipalities failed to send a representative.
- Our local governments are entrenched in playing the we have no money card. When one community gets something the next tries to get the same thing or worse entice them to move into their County or community. They don't like competition and continue to fight to keep things status quo and then complain when there are no jobs and people leave.
- To a certain extent, but I feel if we worked together more and collaborated on ideas, then more could happen!
- In some ways---through tourism---there is some working together. However, there is more going it alone than cooperative efforts. Sometimes it is good to have individual events in a community, which carry over to stimulate activity for nearby communities. Example: Groundhog day in Punxsutawney enriches communities in Clearfield, Jefferson, Indiana, and Clarion counties. Elk events stimulate economic activitiy in Clearfield, Northern Jefferson as well as Elk county.
- We do a good job of separating ourselves from each other. Brookville and Brockway are generally on their own. The small communities surrounding Punxsutawney generally work well together. Big Run, Ringgold, Worthville, Rossiter

11.

As a resident of North Central PA, **do you feel like the counties work together?** (Elk, Potter, Clearfield, McKean, Cameron, Jefferson)



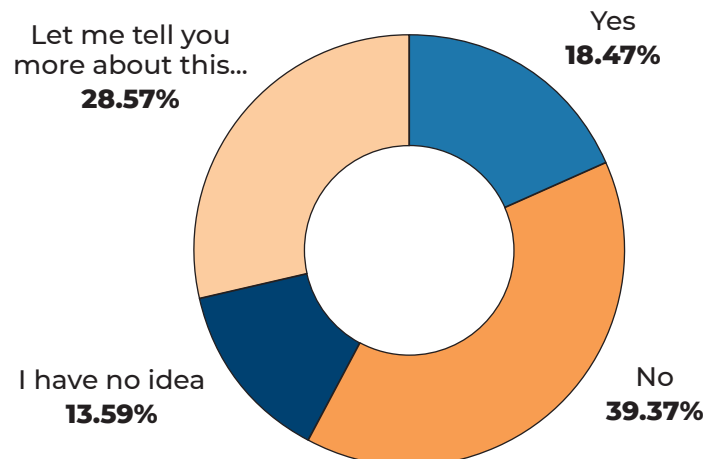
Let me tell you more about this...

- I don't know which means if they do it is not widely known.
- I don't feel all of the counties work together.
- I think most counties in our region have no idea of what is going on in the other counties.
- I think we are open to hearing ideas from each other but I think we all get busy in the day to day of life to intentionally create projects to work on together. Although I do think people would be open to it if it was coordinated by someone.
- Yes and no it still is and all for I and none for you type of mind set and what is in it for me way of thinking
- Through organizations like North Central
- I believe that North Central is working hard to pull the counties together. More strategic thinking at a regional level by our counties (vs competing) could lead to more economy of scale results.
- I think they are all in competition for state and federal funding.
- Yes, I do, I feel more that ever the lines of communication are open and we're coming together!
- if they do, rarely does it help the communities
- Depends on the entity, police departments cooperate. Others seem to vie against each other which may cause opportunities to look elsewhere.
- My answer is NO but in some cases cooperation is not encouraged because of territory differences.
- Sometimes
- Other than this sort of organization.... not so much. Each County works for their communities which is the way it is/should be.
- I feel like Cameron county is left out of he PA Wilds planning and advertising.
- We are all competing for the same thing at times only in different ways. What works for one doesn't always work for the other that is what is so unique about our areas.
- Yes, at least at the county level.
- To a certain degree, yes
- There needs to be more effort pout forth on this - collaboration, cooperation, there are many areas where we all have the same interests
- I am sure they do, but I don't see it really. most likely in similar ways listed above.
- I think our county is shortchanged a lot. The schools get little money for state owned land; the roads are under another county leadership, and many services are maintained outside the county.
- Clearfield promised to help Jefferson with DUJ and never delivered. Potter and McKean make no attempts to work with Elk or Jefferson Counties.
- I don't think they are opposed to working together, I just don't think they seek opportunities to collaborate and maximize efforts.
- Each county has limited resources. By working together, we could maximize for all.

- Yes, we have Elk County eye clinic, UPMC in Kane Pa. Covid vaccinations in Port Allegany, a fully staffed hospital in Warren Pa. There was zero need for the executives at Bradford hospital to allow a merger in a different state.
- I can not honestly answer this question for most of the county business. I will say that EMA and 911 have a working relationship with surrounding counties.
- Somewhat as they do to promote each other thru the Visitors Bureau
- Yes, in some aspects, such as the Workforce Development System; however, primarily, no
- Sometimes
- Most do. I see a stronger connection with Potter, McKean and Cameron than I see with the other counties.
- To an extent ... I feel we support each other very well.
- While counties seem to work together they also appear to be very independent. That is a good thing. It is also not always clear what their role is and what their responsibilities are. As with all levels of government they should be a support arm for the people and not evolve into a large a cumbersome entity with the inability to act quickly and respond effectively.
- Occassionally but there are more opportunities.
- Sometimes, depending on the county.
- It depends on the topic area.
- It doesn't seem as if the counties work together (County Governance), however agencies within counties work together in ways that benefit some elements of the economic base. Tourism is one example. There are other types of destination and/or recreation based organizations that could benefit from working together. The area is rich in history that could be a draw---to many. Example: History Hiking or biking on the Great Shamokin Trail through Clearfield, Jefferson, and Armstrong Counties. (A lot of history -- which attracts folks)

12.

Do you feel like information about planning and projects is openly shared or do you have to really go searching for it?



Let me tell you more about this...

- I feel you really have to look for it and already now where to look
- I think it is not really shared, you have to really go searching for it. I think a monthly newsletter with a list of new projects in each county, funding availability from state & local sources, and an asset highlight on a rotating basis in each county would help all to realize what is going on around them.
- I think it's there for as much as it can be. newspaper etc
- Maybe more local newspaper or radio/TV coverage is needed.
- No have to search for it.
- No, information is now openly shared. A lot of it is decided behind closed doors. They tell you how it is going to be. They may ask for your opinions but in the end it was already a done deal! Or they tell you what you want to hear to your face and then do the opposite.
- I believe there is a lot of things you need to call city hall about and find out what is going on (City of St. Marys Elk county)
- I feel you have to search for it.
- If you are a practitioner in this space you know where the plans are. However, the general public and employers are so busy and SO inundated with data and survey requests that this gets lost in the 'noise'. The general public has no idea how important these surveys are in driving positive change through strategy.
- How do you hear about it if you can't afford a local paper or they don't publish it, or you don't have a computer or if you do how do you find the info.
- I think you have to pay attention as announcements are easy to miss. Planning is going on for long term projects all the time with the general public only finding about it when projects are already ready to go. By then when a public meeting is held it is too late to change anything. For example, by the time a public meeting is held for comments on a bridge replacement project, PennDOT has already done the engineering and changes cannot be made to allow for bike/ped. This leads to dangerous crossings for walkers or bikers on our rural bridges for the next 100 years!
- Searching for it or it is said and done before we know about it.
- Have to look for it since I don't subscribe to local media
- Some planning and projects need to remain confidential until the key players are ready to submit information to the public. I feel that North Central CEDS is a great place to share projects going on even if they are not funding with EDA or ARC funds.
- Projects need to be more in the open...
- Somewhat
- As a member of the community I would like to volunteer to improve my town but finding information or contact people is hard to find.
- I see things posted in the paper and on Facebook, linked in

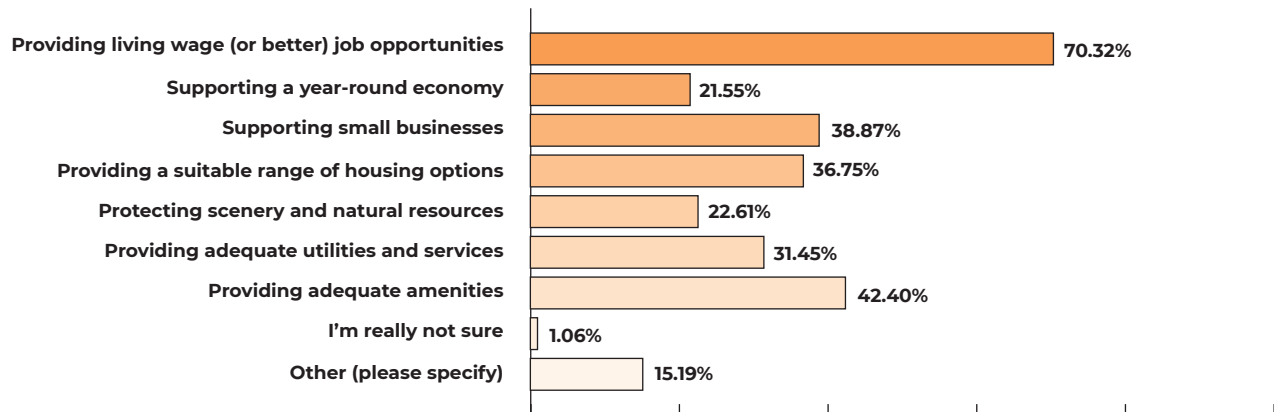
- Have to search for events and happenings in other surrounding counties.
- Not always.
- Poorly phrased question that can not be answered yes or no . There is very limited info available to the general population
- People in this area get their news from Facebook and solomons words, a blog. You have to search for info that is not going to create a opinion silo.
- Have to really go searching. You don't really know until it pops up. Even when companies say they will do something, it takes them several more years to do it, then unfortunately, they still don't have it right.
- Again it depends on the plans and events if it's the special ppl with the correct last name and income then no
- You need to search for the information, if you know where to look.
- I'm involved in the community so I guess I go looking for it.
- Some things yes, other things no.
- I feel it's a top secret my OPINION anyway. Nobody shares a thing.
- Have to go searching for it.
- You have to go looking for it. Almost all the areas have no strategic plans
- To some extent
- Not easy to find unless you are already familiar with the agencies and organizations working on planning and projects
- Basic coverage in the local newspaper.
- It is not openly shared until the final aspect is reached.
- The information is out there. Usually it's hard to find. I usually hear about things a bit late in the planning.
- You need to dig deep
- You have to search for it.
- Unless you subscribe to a newspaper in the region, or follow an organization on social media, you don't really hear about anything.
- A government can take transparency only so far. Officials are elected to make decisions.
- You have to search. Often the Emporium Borough does not release plans that will impact residents in the borough. It would help if they utilized a Facebook page or some media for communication. There is no comprehensive website that any or all of the townships / elected officials all belong to and share information.
- "The answers don't match the either/or question? Do you like red or blue? Yes.
- "Yes and no.
- It depends on who is spearheading the project.
- The local Chamber of Commerce who should be taking on a lot of these projects, are barely holding on - and if they do put something together, it is poorly advertised.
- If Cori Wagner puts something together in Coudersport - it's well organized and well publicized.
- Galeton and Austin generally do a great job of publicizing their events.

- Very poorly written question. Information is not easily accessible
- Individual towns and counties are too focused on their own needs and are too worried about losing funds to other areas. This is also a very poorly worded question. A Yes answer could mean that the information flow is open, OR it could mean that you have to search for it.
- Have to search. Doesn't jump out from the front page of our newspaper
- "This isn't a yes or no question. You should change the choices to OPENLY SHARED and I HAVE TO SEARCH FOR IT.
- I really have to search for it, and as far as punxsutawney goes, the only plans I ever hear of are to make things better for tourists which doesn't do much for the people who live here. It doesn't keep the young people here or bring in higher paying jobs and more opportunities."
- I think that the answer depends upon the area of content.
- I feel like I need to search for info on this.
- Newspaper subscribing is no longer a popular option....more use of website and social platforms is needed
- Not so much, feel like on some things you have to search
- You have TO KNOW WHERE TO GO SEARCHING FOR IT - No it is not widely communicate etc
- We had no clue about our local hospital diverting services to NY state until it was a done deal
- Would have to go searching for it.
- It depends on the projects...or lack there of
- The information is shared but only in the local newspaper.
- we are only told what they want you to now
- Absolutely not, they have been planning to close our hospital for years and even those of us who worked there were blindsided by there decisions. I started as a housekeeper at BRMC, became a nurses assistant, and then went to nursing school because of the encouragement and support of the staff at BRMC only to graduate 14 days after they "downsized" losing my job and my hopes to be a nurse alongside the staff that motivated me to become a nurse to begin with.
- It is not openly shared enough. If you know the right people, you may know about it.
- I believe that the media outlets the older citizens rely on isn't transparent.
- You have to go searching for it
- The sudden shut down of the hospital without input from the community has devastated many. This is outrageous and should be looked into further.
- The hospital information has been hard to get. There is a Facebook group where people share what they find, but the hospital(with management in NY) is not engaging the community.
- Have to go digging. Find out many things second or thirdhand through social media and then have to go find primary source.

- Provide transparency and knowledge to the residents by posting meetings, minutes and any memos online.
- You have to go looking for it!
- 50/50
- I have no idea what commissioners or councils have for future development plans.
- If citizens choose to stay informed, the information is readily available. I believe many in our area do not choose to stay current with proposed planning and community improvements.
- You are asking 2 different questions. No, I don't think it is openly shared and yes, I do have to look.
- There are notification requirements that are never enforced by DEP
- Need to go looking. Your reports help
- It depends on the project. I do know that sometimes, even though I work in economic development, I do not find out about project right away. We try to have different organizations sit on our board so we can keep up with projects.
- Search for it
- Not as much as needed to advise all citizens of plans and how they can be part of moving the vision forward.
- I think it is shared. I also feel that it could be better distributed out to the municipal level and the public at large. I am not sure the public knows where to go look for the information or that they even care some times.
- If you wish to involve yourself it isn't too difficult
- This is not a yes or no question - I feel I really need to search to see how even the county helps the township and borough
- To a certain extent it is shared among municipal officials, but rarely shared with the public. I attribute this to a lack of strong media presence. The residents are served by 2 newspapers staffed with less than 2 reporters each and each is published weekly.
- I think I personally I know about planning and some projects, but I think county planning may not always know what is going on; which is strange.
- I think planning takes place -- However, it doesn't effectively get to the average resident of the community. This may be because the means of communication are becoming too complicated or too crammed which blocks effective means of letting folks know what is available and where. Or it may be too much is out there; or what is planned doesn't match a desire, need, or interest.
- Being involved with numerous groups in Punxsy, I know what is going on. Outside our community in other parts of the county and other parts of North Central, I have no idea.

13.

When it comes to growth and development, what is your **area's greatest challenge**? Choose up to three.



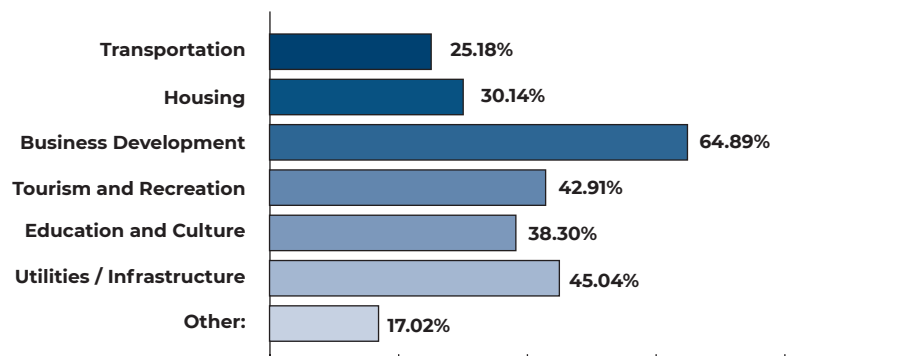
Other (please specify)

- High speed internet connectivity should be the number 1 focus for the area. We cannot attract residents or businesses without it
- Need for more lodging
- Reliable and affordable internet.
- Place to shop for the items we need
- Stopping federal interference
- Specifically upper end job opprtunities outside manufacturing
- Allowing businesses to come into the community
- Reliable connectivity/wifi
- Jobs are disappearing
- Promoting itself to achieve all of the above
- Providing long term employment opportunities with benefits
- Better public schools
- More retail options
- Affordable/good Broadband Internet access -- very limited depending on your location in the region.
- All of the above to varying degrees - some moreso than others, of course.
- Once you have achieve these three the other would follow
- Healthcare access
- Progressive forward movement into this century, in education, thinking, health, work.
- Essential human services are strained
- Medical BRMC, it would help the community needs and most new businesses want to have one of they choose a place to locate.
- Job opportunities are available. Motivated workforce seems to be lacking.
- transportation
- much better broadband and cell access needed in the region

- No common sense
- We are in a desperate need to replace/reestablish our once viable hospital
- We need to have a fully operational hospital back
- Bradford's Hospital
- Lack of a fully operating Hospital
- Need a Hospital
- Finding workers
- Gettin UC help for people that get laid off in the PA CareerLinks
- Providing adequate medical facilities
- providing smooth roads. there's potholes everywhere and you'd think all the road construction would improve that but it doesn't.
- Balance of power (only a select few wealthy)
- Public transportation.
- There are not very many tax payers to pay for all of the above
- Effective and fast internet access and cell service for all.
- No drug assistance in more remote areas
- lack of a workforce
- Marketing the jobs and careers available in the area.
- Infrastructure, Water/Sewer and Broadband Access
- Creating a positive image of the quality of life in rural areas.
- Having people will to work

14.

Which of the following could North Central PA focus on that would support your **vision for a stronger region?**
Choose up to three.



Other (please specify)

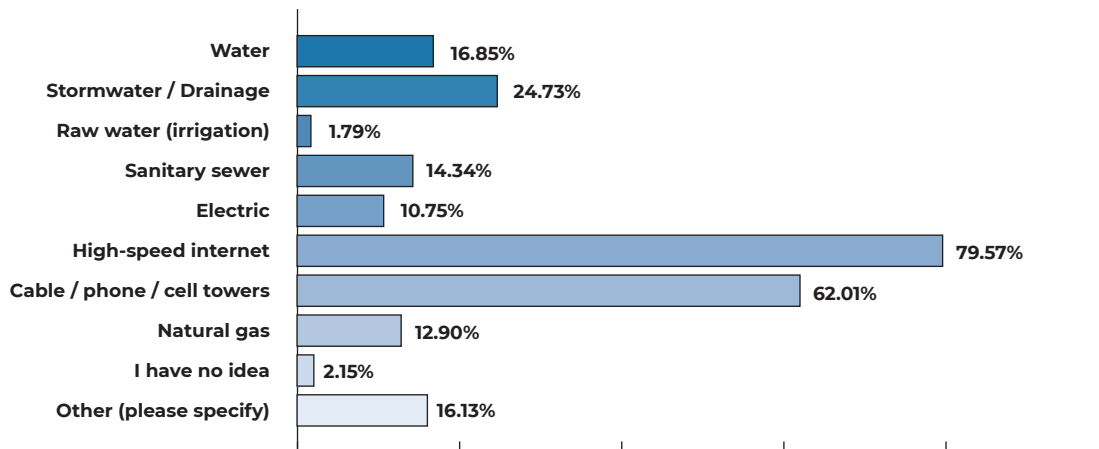
- Tourism & Recreation research and assistance with start-up tourism businesses
- Better care for the elderly in the nursing homes and more job opportunities for people with disabilities

- I always had the belief that three things are needed to keep people in the area: Jobs, Education, and Recreation.
- I think tourism already has groups working on growing this industry-but they need the support of transportation and internet infrastructure
- Youth empowering /exploring/ fun
- Child and eldercare
- Bring skilled job opportunities. Work with the drilling companies to establish offices, geology depts, training facilities and jobs for degreed people. Bring in good and widespread broadband to enable data processing facilities for white collar jobs. De-centralize federal and state government to bring job opportunities to non-urban regions. Bring back the Game Commission and its training school.
- Better educational opportunities
- Drugs
- Blight removal. Blight is an epidemic.
- All of the above to varying degrees - some more so than others.
- Someplace other than Walmart and dollar stores to shop
- Living wage jobs. Starbucks.
- Law enforcement
- Improve broadband, WiFi internet etc. zito is terrible
- Teen job mentorship programs in the trades
- Education of ways to work.
- Human services mental health drug treatment child welfare
- Healthcare
- BRMC
- Economic Development. The tourism TPA's are already doing a good job.
- Healthcare (local, accessible, quality healthcare)
- A hospital
- Transportation options for those who want to work but don't have the funds for a car.
- Health care
- Healthcare
- Keep our hospital.open
- Saving our hospital from the hands of Kaledia
- Hospital please!!!!
- health care
- Medical facility
- We need a fully functioning hospital in Bradford, Pa
- Bradford hospital opening again
- Medical services
- health/hospital
- Health care
- Fully operating Hospital
- Health care facility
- Retaining a fully functional BRMC.
- Medical facility
- Improving the situation for acute medical care, eg inpatient, trauma, cardiac.

- Need a hospital
- Medical Access
- Not shutting down our hospital
- Internet
- Public services
- Retaining adequate medical services (BRMC, cough cough)
- Required education and training for local elected officials

15.

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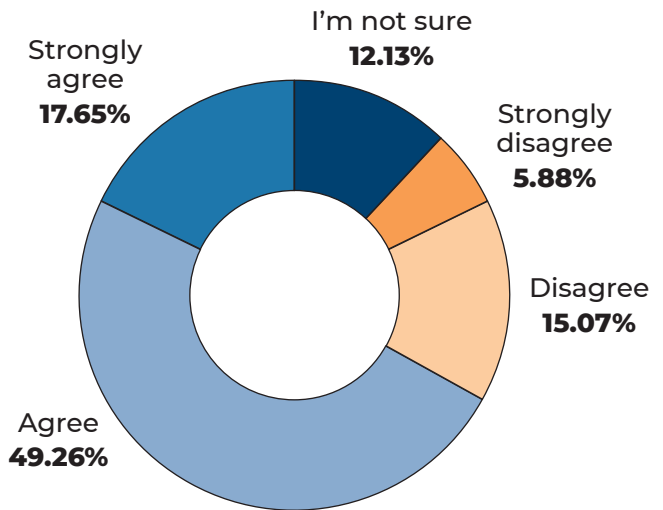
Other (please specify)

- Roads-we need good roads with bike lane access
- lower gas prices at the pump, more stores for items such as food
- Transportation is missing from this list, we need better roads with bike/ped lanes in all new paving and bridges being built
- recycling
- we need more choices in internet and cable providers
- Making downtown areas nice family clean pride filled area. No more useless parking garages
- Roads
- Signage
- Open up state gamelands for other recreational and vocational opportunities.
- Not sure all the above would be great
- Abandoned mine drainage and abandoned mine land cleanup
- Better Internet Service
- Streets in Emporium

- All of the above to varying degrees.
- Center where an individual could contact someone in regards to these items if a problem like this is a concern for them. Many times you don't know where to go and find out later that we are trying to find out the same thing. Help is in numbers.
- Parking
- Community Spaces - parks, buildings, trails, community building
- Hospital care
- Not cell towers but cable choices!
- ATV trails
- quit taking our water for wells, we have no water table anymore
- A hospital
- Roads, bridges and Atlantic Broadband overcharges because they are the only provider for most of us.
- Take \$ back from wolf and use it here and not in the liberal ass cities
- Health care
- Healthcare
- Bradford regional Medical Center
- Hospital!!!
- Medical facility
- We need a fully functioning hospital in Bradford, Pa
- Hospital in Bradford
- Medical service. Many can't travel that far.
- Fully operating Hospital
- Roads bridges / and building improvements
- Helping individuals maintain the beautiful homes
- Hospital
- Roads
- Hospital
- Medical Access
- Easing of environmental regulation to support a more useful outdoor recreational environment
- Tips need to expand their sewer and water connections to develop more residential areas
- Roads aww
- Flooding
- Transportation
- Traffic, roadways, in communities.

16.

I would recommend my community as a place to **locate and manage a business.**



I have more to share on this topic!

- Kane! Kane! Kane! It's where to be!
- I don't believe we have many viable workers
- Cost of living is low. Lots of downtown buildings could be easily purchased and developed. Many incubators for other business opportunities.
- Our borough is very business friendly and works hard to make it a place that is easy for someone to start a business. Our economic development works hard to support small/local businesses.
- Agree
- Not currently would I recommend the area it is a dying area as people are leaving, not staying or coming back
- I see more and more small businesses closing every day due to places such as Walmart, Save A Lot and other chain stores.
- I love this area and its people. Even with our challenges - We are amazing!
- Small town business don't last long unfortunately. All we have is Walmart.
- The one thing which is going to impact Bradford-is the loss of our hospital. Health care access is needed to attract new business and residents
- Only if corrupted politicians are held accountable for their crimes
- I find local shopping difficult to do and maintain as business owner
- Unless you need minimum wage workers
- Lack of strong internet, cable, and cell-phone reception as well as tourism to the area limits those from moving to the area. Many are 15 years behind in technology in comparison to city suburbs.
- Everything nice that comes in leaves...aka grocery stores for variety and quality.. medical hospital is a hollow shell of what it used to be making for less skilled care that would also make working earnings more desirable for doctors nurses and caregivers to stay in the area..good er care is more than hour away...and critical care has lifeflight flying into elk county on a high basis because unable to care for here.
- Taxes to high on businesses

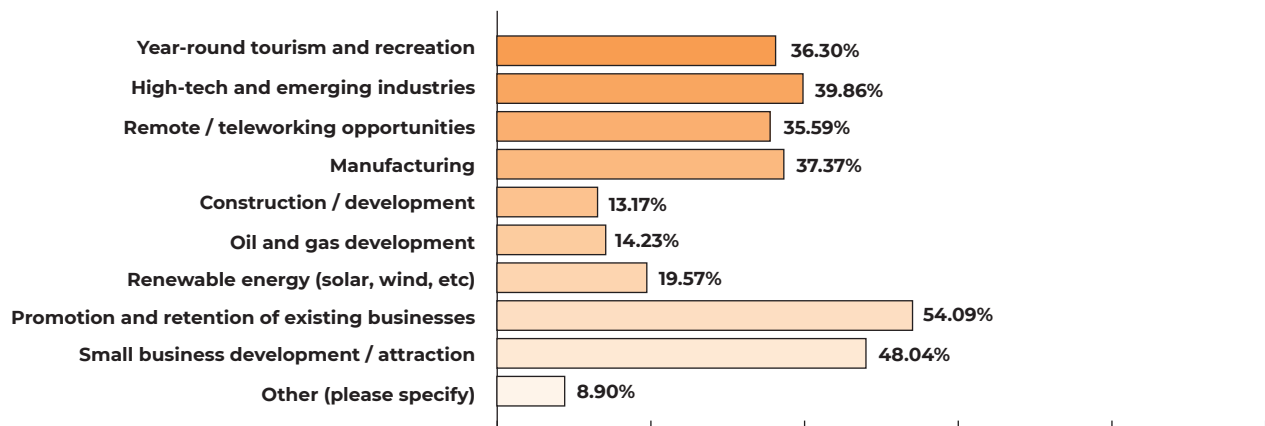
- Depends on the business. We don't seem to support small local things here the way we bow down to megacorps and chains (Walmart, family dollar, McDonald's, etc)
- It depends on the business.
- It would depend on the type of business.
- People around here are poor. They have no money to spend
- We have an empty school in Penfield that could be converted to senior housing. We also have land and low taxes
- We have railways. We should utilize it more than just trains passing through. It should be a draw for industry.
- Strongly agree
- would be great to have more options and resources for those just getting started
- As soon as the infrastructure is brought up and comparable to areas that have good internet access and roads/bridges are in good condition
- Hope for this! But understand it is difficult and a lot of work for a business to thrive in our area.
- When I click on strongly disagree it also marks I'm not sure.
- Internet speed hurts people who want to do business online.
- This area is a fantastic place to raise a family.
- We have access to I- 80. What is the problem?
- Powder metal industry is dying..we're losing many jobs. What will we do when these disappear?
- "The area seems to be opposed to new businesses and have been for years. Especially if someone with any clout in town doesn't want it something there.
- Certain people also think the only certain types of businesses can be in the downtown, even when there isn't the demand for those. "
- No intelligent workforce
- We need clothing stores, hospital to attract these.
- Great real estate opportunities as long as a workforce could be found/maintained and online shipping would prompt higher exposure.
- We have a group of leaders currently that support key initiatives and finding ways to support this concept
- Businesses are successful here..but when they are purchased by outsiders, things change drastically. That does not help the community
- Area is low cost in terms of real estate which would be attractive if the proper utilities and infrastructure was in place to support development.
- When I worked in human resources I was able to say with little reservation that I'd recommend our area for relocating to because it is safe, nicely rural, had educational opportunities and healthcare access (though quality & billing was an issue even then). Now with the lack of local healthcare essentials our family has looked into relocating to another part of North Central PA or even to another state. I've also seen our rural education improvements regress and fear the end of the fully funded free lunch program in such an area of need. And the issues from covid for businesses and increased need for local, quality healthcare have further added to our concerns for our area.

- We have several empty storefronts and much available warehouse/industry space.
- I cannot imagine starting a business here.
- There does not seem to be many advantages to locating a business in North Central PA. The cost to do so is roughly the same as it would be in a more metropolitan area without the larger population or access to a more robust economy.
- Who would move to a place without a hospital,etc
- We won't get people, students, businesses to come to mckean county without a hospital if our own.
- What large company will be willing to relocate without medical services?
- I would have, except now we have limited healthcare without having to be bussed to a different state.
- Hospital has been downsized to almost nothing.
- We need a fully functioning hospital in Bradford, Pa
- I am a small business owner and love working in this community
- We have a great college in our town. Why would they not try to bring more to our community. Everyone would benefit from more business
- The drug culture is evident in our small community. Many people accept employment and work the prescribed amount of time to make them eligible for government funding. Established manufacturing companies can not find enough employees who can pass the drug testing.
- Only wanted to tap Agree above.
- If the business accepts food stamps in would flourish. It's too easy to get welfare in McKean County.
- Hospital
- Due to very limited broadband, a business is limited at this time
- It depends on the business, of course, but I wish I could select a neutral answer here!
- This is very much dependent upon the type of business, the resources needed and the clientele it would serve
- Strongly agree
- No economic incentivied
- The nationalistic tribalism that is evident in the area does little to encourage people to develop businesses in the area when so much science, technology, and medical advice is considered elitism.
- My area has had opportunities to invite large businesses models and turned them down for the sake of keeping the old home town feel. This has lost revenue for the area and jobs for residents.
- Need to promote the natural resources more to attract tourism
- I have seen small businesses come and go. The chamber does nothing for small business in Cameron County at least. The members on the board do not want change as they see that as bringing competition to their own business rather than for the good of the community. When a new business comes in it is not supported by most other members or community members, they would rather push for more dollar generals, walmarts, and chain store.
- I'm seeing more and more young business owners as well as younger folks coming back to the area to live, work and raise their families!

- Strongly Agree!!
- The trend seems to be toward online shopping or moving larger stores to more populated areas. Local selection and shopping options are decreasing in availability. Small local businesses have a difficult time competing with the large supply chain networks such as Amazon etc.
- Atmosphere yes, internet and communication services no!
- I work with the RIDC to help improve business in the Ridgway area. I think we are doing a darn fine job for a bunch of volunteers.
- We have two manufacturing facilities that are idle and a work force familiar with powder metal. We also have one large commercial space available. Several entrepreneurs have embarked on careers and are thriving.
- We need to figure out a cost effective way to bring additional people into the community to work in the manufacturing environment. This is tricky because we can't overload our infrastructure at the same time.
- I would, but at the same time I think that it is really hard to start and keep a business open in this area!
- My community is a great place to have a business....as long as one remembers that it is not the local folks who will be the primary consumer of the product you may want to manufacture, provide or market --- Those who are currently successful are marketing to the world--not local residents. Telecommuters who work here love it. They get double benefits -- making a profit while living in a great place.

17.

Which of the following could North Central PA focus on that would support your **vision for a stronger region?**
Choose up to three.



Other (please specify)

- How about a Amazon facility which would employ people from all walks of life, we need new types of business both large and small in the area.

- Make hospital a priority in health again..
- Actively helping rail trail boards to develop joint marketing like that done very successfully by the Great Allegheny Passage.
- I hate to say it again but they need a Walmart in Potter County somewhere. And a KFC!!
- Education
- Activities to prevent drugs and suicide
- All of the above to varying degrees.
- Essential human services, combating blight
- Healthcare
- Broadband and cell service for our rural counties so they can compete in the information age
- Restoring our healthcare career fields, since sending our healthcare services out of state also took a toll on our medical professionals in the area. Plus lack of local healthcare makes it even harder to recruit businesses and their employees to this area.
- A hospital to provide medical services to those in the area
- Affordable housing
- Healthcare
- Medical center
- Give us back a complete Hospital
- Recruiting medical, educational and manufacturing opportunities
- Medical services close and in state
- hospital/health care
- Retaining our hospital
- Fully operating Hospital
- I truthfully don't know. We need more good jobs, but I don't know what would work here.
- Need a hospital
- Medical
- idk

18.

If you could spend **a million dollars** to improve your community, how would you spend it?

- Blight removal and new home construction.
- I would remove dilapidated structures along the main corridors to make the community more appealing. Build newer residential housing to attract young families.
- Install high speed, reliable Internet connectivity.
- chik fil a hahahaha
- I would bury all of the electrical lines.

- Renew older buildings Artists to paint related murals on bridges and exposed walls with historical local subject matter. Upgrade schools (safety, and security, educational improvements
- Buying old run down housing and building new living areas/ apartments. Very few available apartments or housing for seniors who don't want to take care of a large house anymore.
- Infrastructure of roads, removing blighted properties and Main Street facade
- Create a children's museum or more kid/family friendly indoor options.
- Bringing manufacturing industry n promoting small existing businesses
- Attract manufacturing, improve curriculum and fund extra curricular opportunities of public schools.
- Improve Tech services to attract businesses
- Improve the lake fronts, and marina. Allow people to have homes or cabins along the Resesvoir. Maybe a small hotel.
- Figuring out a sustainable business.
- High tech emerging industry and housing.
- Improve roads, clean up rundown housing and promote business.
- Give it a complete make over. Demolition for a better community. The area is showing it's age and it's neglect is showing all over the area. The problem is pretty much community wide. It is looking run down and dumpy.
- Pave Roads
- Infrastructure to open up land for new housing. We have a great and attractive community but not many options for new housing. Consistent high speed internet. Blight removal. Pave roadways. Focus on Trail Town designation and finish the trail from Clarion to the Kinzua Bridge.
- I would approach the Boys & Girls Club of St. Marys to see if they are interested in expanding their building and educational/ workforce offerings to the school-aged children. I have been a resident of the area for over 50 years now, and there is no better organization to improve the community, than them, with their current director and board.
- Growing an amazing entrepreneur ecosystem. New business means new jobs which then supports the downstream growth of more new businesses, great jobs, downtown economics, restaurants, and housing development.
- cleaning up the town's. There are so m as my properties that look like slums and nothing is ever done to rehab these or get the owners to rehab them. A larger fine isn't always the answer but maybe a mentor ship to movitate these slum looking properties.
- Build townhouses on land near Pennhills Club. Promote to Florida residents who want to get out of the heat during summer and those who want to ski at Ellicottville in the winter!

- Reforming rogue school boards. Listening to the people's wishes. Stopping policing and incarceration for profit
- Off-road tourism trails
- Invest it in industry and education
- Sanitary sewer upgrade
- Beautify roadways, attract small and chain businesses, install outdoor attractions
- Affordable housing for seniors, support small businesses, foster interest in employment
- Trail system for ATVs, UTV, dirt bikes and snowmobiles to provide a safe area for people to ride as well as an attraction. Supporting local businesses
- I guess improving connectivity in rural areas since it impacts work, education, etc.
- reduction of blight and development of community gathering spaces
- I would invest it in Community and Economic Development and provide funding for all sectors of my community
- Build a Target!
- revitalize the business shopping areas and offer a tax abatement to potential businesses looking to open/relocate to the area. Philadelphia County offered Comcast a tax abatement to entice them to open headquarters in that City. Consider this option for larger corporations which could help increase jobs (e.g., Amazon, Comcast, etc.) in the community. A million dollars could be allocated toward this goal
- Higher pay for the working class.
- Establish a trust fund for Bavarian Hills Golf Course
- internet providers and police
- I would use it to support conservatives who run for office
- I would invest in our health system and some youth encouraging and family fun places for those feeling like larger cities provide more than a small town.
- Jobs
- A dog park and trails connecting as many towns as possible
- Schools high speed internet
- Energize small businesses.
- Repair the buildings on Main Street to make it more appealing- highlighting the history with modern functionality. Family restaurant with entertainment.
- Give downtown buildings a face lift
- An open and far thinking urban farm/small business incubator in every town the size of Clearfield and larger. Ask me how
- technology, recreation, education
- On something that benefits the residents.

- Complete the Knox & Kane Rail Trail, Improve high speed internet through the region
- Ice rink, convention type space
- Create a rail trail trailhead inside the town, improve the kayak launch to be handicap accessible, put in municipally rental bicycles including an electric bike or 2, use seed money to start annual river and trail festivities/competitions, erect signs direct people to all of the above.
- “It would be a very small project as regulations, permits & planning are costly and by the time the approvals would be completed, a million would be even less.”
- Get a skilled and proven manager who can implement a plan to completion.
- by bringing in a business that provide jobs for supporting families
- Getting kids more involved in outdoor recreation hobbies.
- I would have better, reliable internet. I would add more clothing stores or a mall that had more options to shop and buy. I would have an arcade for kids to have something to do all the time or something that will interest the kids, like a small amusement park. I would have other types of food restaurants like Arby’s, KFC, Popeyes, etc that are not normally here, especially a Little Ceasers. More wetlands to fish in or boat in.
- Highway improvements
- Not sure
- Repair/remove damaged properties
- I would build a speciality school.
- Housing and restoration
- Infrastructure , education, arts and sports
- Renewable energy and education
- We need a amusement park in Roulette. I would put a Truckstop in Roulette area provide truck parking also.
- I would bring back the past, people love nostalgia. One thing I miss the most is the old fashioned Christmases where they had decorations across the roads not just on poles, Christmas music paying on the streets, stores open later and more appealing stores - clothing, specialty gifts, one example is Wellsboro PA Dickens Christmas = we need something unique to draw others in, not just at Christmas but all year around. There was a vision sent around of work to be done in Emporium for walk ways and other areas and it was good - never acted on. No bigger industries/businesses want to come here, we are too small, not enough population. I would tart up the entire business area. Help those businesses who don’t have much money to improve an area to put in something desired, maybe a bakery, a veterinary clinic, craft shops as our population grows older they tend to take up crafts and making things and other appealing specialty shops.

- Education better equipment at the smaller rural schools, more supports available in the schools for kids with special needs, adding street lighting to high crime areas, improving community activities.
- Better internet
- More senior living space to free up houses for others wishing to start a family. The empty lot beside MARTIN'S in Dubios would be a great location for 55 and older housing
- Create job opportunities and new housing
- Jobs program to promote environmental restoration and protection
- Education and effective substance use disorder programs.
- "short term - camera system to aid police
- long term - housing redevelopment incentives"
- Park improvements - outdoor activities, walking trails, biking paths, improving upon the riverwalk in Clearfield.
- Reopening our hospital.
- Improve internet services, and cell phone towers
- I would build a GIANT community center complex that would house the library, community center, senior center all in one place, have offices for service providers to meet with clients without having to drive 25 miles, and have a giant outdoor space for a football field for the youth football team that has nowhere to play so they can't have home games.
- Hi Speed Internet
- Recreation, skate park, water dam on broad street for kayaking, hiking and biking trails
- Provide high speed internet to promote remote working, put in public sewage and develop an atv trails system to promote tourism.
- Help new and existing small business grow and find ways to attract new customers from outside the area
- A million dollars is a drop in the bucket for improvements. I would put it towards infrastructure improvement -- good internet access
- Road improvements
- Promote small businesses and support the activities that are in place to become larger and more successful including freshening parks, hiking trails, markets, and school related functions.
- Bring in jobs that pay a decent wage
- As it will never happen, that is a very silly question.
- Pull our community together as I stated in one of the prior questions and see where it leads so the money is spent towards what best fits us.
- Preserving historical architecture, providing educational opportunities for residents who wish to invest their talents in the community.

- I would like to see a recreation park created for the Emporium area that is similar but better than the one in Kersey, Fox township. I would like to see the school pool with increased resources, seating, shade, open longer. Keep our roads good. A climbing wall for anyone. A scenic lift in Cameron County. We have the mountains! I would like to see a leader, an entrepreneur that is drawn here to take make our county all it can be while retaining our beauty. Get Marcus Lemonis here!
- “I would have the internet upgraded.
- I would advertise the outdoors and working from home and play outdoors”
- Bring someplace other than Walmart to shop
- Eliminate ugly blight.
- I’d hire a university to assess the community wants/needs/vision, then have the community along with the assessor, develop a strategic plan and implement that plan. Then periodically check on the progress with report outs to the community. And we would address every want/need identified by the community until the million is gone.
- Preserving the community
- I would improve wifi and if anything is left I would build a business that pays a good wage.
- “First and foremost, work on helping to bring some of the wages up to industry standards. That would really help to retain employees. Value the employees you currently have, and you won’t spend so much time and money trying to recruit new ones.
- Focusing on our downtown streets and a façade program to make all of our downtowns look polished and not worn down would be fantastic as well.
- And finally, creating a county-wide Chamber of Commerce to provide a full-time focus on events. Only two of our towns have existing Chamber of Commerce locations, but neither are fully functional. Providing the opportunity for a county-wide Chamber would open doors for those other towns for the resources they did not have funds available prior. “
- Making the community better
- Improve access to internet services
- New water lines
- Community college
- I would buy up some of the building and try to bring in satellite offices from larger companies or bring in larger businesses. I would hire people who specialize in revitalizing and improving towns. I would hire someone to interface with Harrisburg directly to see what kinds of money and opportunities could be applied to Punxsutawney as it is a key tourism location for the state.

- Bring in new businesses. Help fund the fire department who has dwindling numbers of volunteers. Change the standards of the school board , who are more concerned about a new football field than education
- “Build an ice rink and roller skating rink for the kids to have more recreation opportunities.
- Invest in and find other investors for a technology park and court STEM companies and jobs to this area.
- Drug and alcohol treatment center.”
- Infrastructure for sure.
- Infrastructure. In particular, our local Boro has crumbling roads and no money to fix them. CDBG funds are earmarked for certain neighborhoods based on income and roads are terrible.
- Fix sidewalks along main street and fix store fronts
- Cutting edge Tourist/ information center location with scenic view, picnic area, playground and campground,
- I would bring in more alternatives to Walmart. Sams club, Costco, Aldis etc. Clean up dilapidated , blight areas. Affordable housing.
- A million is a drop in a bucket.
- Community pool, dog park, improving local parks
- Set up job training school
- Senior living communities!
- A complex system of volunteerism...with a huge children and adult sports and hobby-skill building complex...only memberships by volunteering hours in the community
- “1. Support Main Street - facades, grants to retail, historic preservation of buildings
- 2. Invest in telework opportunities to optimize improved amenities (see #1)
- 3. Community spaces - community center, walking paths, opportunity for bicycling, spaces for vendor markets with cover, power, accessibility.
- 4. Single story smaller homes for active aging adults, empty-nesters and those wanting to relocate AND downsize.”
- I would make cell service and broadband available to all. I live in a dead zone and have no cell service and internet is sporadic and expensive.
- Safe affordable housing
- Use for infrastructure repair and upgrades where needed
- Demo of unattended properties and eliminating blight.
- Scholarships at PSU DuBois
- “Bringing in the correct help to bring BRMC to life!
- Build affordable housing, Attract clothing business, restaurants.”
- Removing blight. And replacing with updated housing options
- Secure land for new housing, support the hospital, support the cultural event providers

- Our hospital.
- “Invest in school system
- Build new homes, tear down empty blighted homes buildings
- Maintain and support existing businesses
- Beautification of town. Sidewalk replacement, updated storefronts, trees, park maintained.
- Promotion for new business.m”
- Housing and lodging for tourists
- “removal of blight and other run down buildings, upgraded infrastructure, recycling truck services (curbside pickup)
- Roads and jobs...attract well paying industry
- Broadband and cell service for our rural counties so they can compete in the information age
- electric service upgrades as well as high speed internet
- High-speed internet
- I would reestablish a hospital in our community that offers all basic health services (i.e. ICU, maternity, same-day-surgery and the continuation of lab and imaging services).
- new medical help, hospital, elder care
- Buy back state land to put into private natural resource managers
- development of businesses to grow the community
- A hospital, we have the building, we need it to be fully operational so that the people of McKean county have access to healthcare services.
- Establishing a business
- Good question! I would create a shop/cafe where people with special needs can work and feel proud to work there. I would buy vans and hire drivers to drive people to work so they can someday afford their own car. I would put a team together to find out why we have so many people on public assistance and help those who want to improve their lives and cut off those who are cheating the system. I would build a big outdoor amphitheater for concerts and fairs. I would invest in a program that helps parents, kids and adults who are in stages of transition to determine the best next step in life for career, education, training, etc. and ways to do that affordably. And, if I could, I'd start a Tech Training facility so we can have more electricians, plumbers, carpenters, etc!!!
- Buy back the downtown from the college
- I have no idea.
- Streets and sidewalks
- I would invest it in maintaining and expanding our area's hiking and biking trails to create a broader range of difficulties.
- Deport the drug dealers
- I would search for ideas first. There is much to consider

- Build a complex with baseball/softball fields, as well as football/ soccer to host games and tournaments. Also build a nice hotel with a big swimming pool that could be used year round
- Housing, high speed internet & community outreach programs
- Reset our hospital, hi speed internet
- Healthcare
- Place for young people
- Activities for youth/internet-cellular connections
- Parks and recreation
- Medical care
- Hospital!
- Build a factory that pays good wages
- Open BRMC.
- Grant the money to UPMC to establish here.
- elder care opportunities, home health aids, senior centers, transportation services
- Restructuring hospital- returning highly qualified staff, promoting preschool and elderly facilities and programs. Invest in educational internship programs at the hospital and service industry- hospitality.
- Buy Bradford Regional Medical Center from Kaleida and Olean and make it a stand alone medical center. Obviously would take more than a million, but is a start.
- Improve the appearance of sidewalks within Bradford, especially along W Washington St and overall appearance out to University of Pitt Bradford. Possible bike lane along W Washington to Marilla Reservoir.
- Roads
- We need a fully functioning hospital in Bradford, Pa
- Open Bradford Hospital again
- Bring medical services closer. Provide more opportunity to senior citizens. Open a grocery store in area.
- hospital, so people don't have to travel to Buffalo or Erie for good care
- Retaining and fully opening our hospital
- Bradford hospital and scholarships for trade schools
- Donate to local charities.
- "Small business development
- Promote tourism
- Buy Bradford Hospital "
- Hospital
- Bring our Hospital back
- Hospital
- On a functioning hospital!!

- In today's markets a million dollars is not a lot of money. I would spend the money to restore the beauty of the town and surrounding areas by removing visual blights, upgrading educational opportunities, and by making real efforts to attract new businesses that could offer real living wages.
- Bring back services at BRMC
- It wouldn't be enough but investing in the downtown buildings to make sure they are maintained . - roofs and upper levels are in bad shape
- Fix up the decaying homes
- To get BRMC up and running again!
- I'd pay people who abuse the welfare system to move out of the State. I would also offer money to landlord to fix/repair their properties to attract more middle class/working. If you retain and attract workers hopefully businesses would follow.
- Clean up delinquent properties and in force all of the codes
- Not enough, I'd want a hospital owned by the community and affiliated with a big, top notch system. The Upper Alleghany Health system claims they were losing millions per year... but who wants a town without a full service hospital?
- Start a business where anyone could work for me and not worry about a college education. Hire people who like to work and make it into a Fortune 500 business. Treat everyone like the way I like to be treated, fairly.
- Housing
- Remove blight
- I spent \$2 Million now I'm considering pulling out as no hospital no growth
- Medical Access - Same Day Surgery, Chemo, a helipad are all on the wish list.
- broadband - cellphone towers
- Give it to the Elk Co. Community Foundation
- "Education! For adult learners and children
- Internet connectivity
- build reliable, high speed internet
- Increase internet/cell phone availability to our more rural areas, as this need became significantly more evident during COVID and had a tremendous impact on educational programming offered during COVID.
- This question is somewhat difficult, as I am an elected official. However i would use this money toward two avenues. The first being storm water and transportation Infrastructure. This would include new storm water pipes and inlets, as well as paving of streets, not just mending pot holes. The second avenue would debt service repayment. My community currently has a 1.5 million dollar loan through PennVest, and I would love to see that paid down quicker.

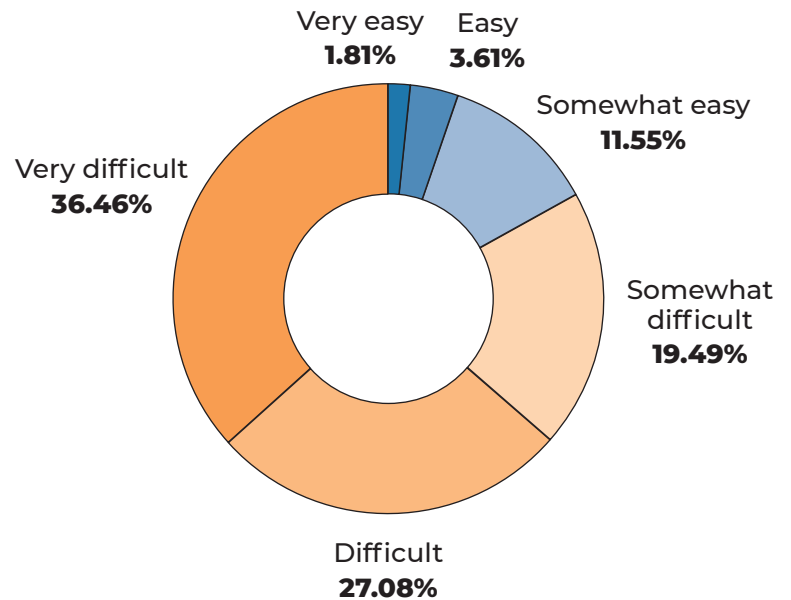
- Education support to break the trend of children just growing up to live off the system because our schools cannot provide adequate support to all the kids.
- Raze a poorly maintained area neighborhood and provide new/efficient standalone housing opportunities for retirees.
- More advanced Technology, More indoor activities. Improve are funding for job opportunities/schooling
- Use it in an attempt to attract new businesses to the area
- i would spend it to make the roads smoother to drive on.
- Fix the streets. The potholes are awful.
- Improving health care options
- Getting rid of blight. Or revamping the entire downtown area as far as the 1 million would take me.
- Giving it to local VFD, PD safe communities are a great attraction to young families
- Education programs on Addiction; increase activities for children all ages. growth of small businesses.
- New sidewalks throughout the Borough
- Housing.
- Internet access for all, improve infrastructure, education and culture
- Provide grant money to attract small businesses startup opportunities, and grant dollars to existing businesses to expand their workforce
- 1. Better cell and internet coverage 2. Develop industry with better paying jobs 3. Develop tourism to bring in outside funds
- Def more focus on interacting with community events
- Infastructure
- Education that promotes the STEM core and logical thought processes.
- On ways to bring in industry.
- Build and promote the area as a profitable area for large business such as shopping for a variety of products. Ie clothing, building supplies, multicultural foods.
- There are 2 things. I would like a tech center locally, that the manufacturing could send employees for training while they work on the job. Certain professions such as Machinist and Die Setters are in great demand but there are not enough people for their positions. They had on the job training and training in the school to work program, but I have been told time and time again we need an actual training center where they can learn the skills they need. There are several classes in the area, but they do not go in depth enough. And the second thing would be a sports complex, where the community would have access to indoor activities including soccer, hand ball, basket ball, batting cages, swimming etc. all year around. When people locate here from a larger area, they are disappointed that there is not something like this here.

- Improve small town looks bring small business back and promote area for manufacturing
- Give grants to local businesses so they can invest in thier people
- I'd begin to further develop our connections to I 80 as a gateway for our products and services to the country
- Build an anchor attraction to create tourism Cabala's, Yogi Bear campgrounds, waterPark or Clarion River walk with retail shops and hotel
- Build an awesome playground with splash pad.
- Buy property.
- development of the Clarion River as a commercial positive for Ridgway and Elk County
- I would spend it on a reinvention of our tourism industry. We have the locations for people to visit, there is nothing connecting them all showing people what our area has to offer and why they should come visit us. We are just a few hours from a few different major areas and plane tickets from DC to here are very affordable. We need to advertise to get people from Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Erie, and areas as large as they are and not the smaller areas that our advertising currently targets.
- Infrastructure
- I would spend it to create life sustaining jobs. I would improve the infrastructure to make my community more walkable and attractive.
- I would invest in our communities infrastructure
- Develop attractions (KOA) that bring people into the area in order to get boots on the street spending money in the local economy.
- "Restoration of more historic buildings for business opportunities.. Green space development along our waterways.
- water, sewage, dependable high speed internet, safety, infrastructure
- Rural internet access and cell phone service.
- Utility upgrades, high speed internet, small business loans, training, removal of blighted properties, new housing
- Fix up the blighted homes around here and rent them out to people.
- On the rail trail and river front projects
- Infrastructure improvements
- Improving the downtown to attract more businesses and the look of the town.
- Create parking areas to encourage locals to go to businesses locally. Fix up main street and other streets with businesses on them.
- Year round rec center that includes basketball courts and indoor track, conserving national resources/renewable energy, improving State Parks. More companies that offer continued education paid incentives.
- Along the Ridgway Riverfront for Conservation and Education center on our forests and waterways.

- Fiber broadband deployments, Water & Sewer upgrades,
- Incentivizing individuals to relocate to the region to work - young and old;
- Purchase downtown buildings in Emporium and renovate the upper floors to modern housing. Develop water and sewer utilities in the southern region.
- Flood mitigation
- Replace old Infrastructure (water, sewer, roads and bridges, Broadband) because it lasts and benefits all
- invest in a green technology to bring to the area similar to how carbon was in the early 1900's
- I would spend money on events (advertising, etc.) that draw people in from other areas.
- Revitalize our downtown
- I would create opportunities for people to experience the quality of life we have in this rural area. I would create destinations with simple pleasures where families or individuals could come and de-stress. I would have good places to eat, to stay, to experience events and activities, to learn new skills, to enhance their creativity, to appreciate the good life we enjoy.
- Directory of available properties in our community for businesses and marketing them.

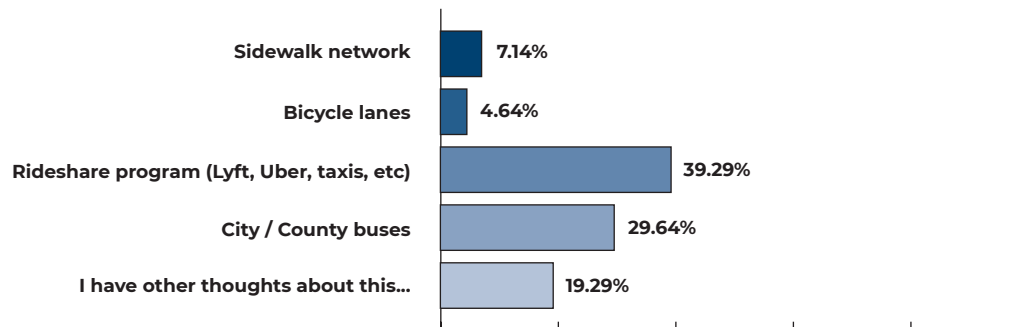
19.

If you don't have a car, **how easy is it to get where you need to go?** (If you do have a car, imagine that you don't for this one...)



20.

What improvements would you make to make things easier for folks without access to a car?



I have other thoughts about this...

- Geographically we are spread out and our aging populations would not be able to walk or bike ride. I would invest in both public transportation and rideshare services.
- If people have a living wage, there would be no need for most of those options. Only a program for seniors who no longer drive. City bus systems do not work well in small towns, not enough people to utilize them and they are a drag on the government (taxpayers) who have to pay for it.
- All of the above
- I myself do not have a car so I appreciate this question. I had to settle with Rideshare but I also would like to select city/county busses as that also is important
- Utilize and improve the ATA bus network
- We only Ave ATA
- A combination of above good sidewalks, rideshare, and bicycle lanes.
- Give them good pay so they can afford a car
- It's too rural of an area for these to have an affect
- Help getting elderly around safely...providing safe ride places for those in need and low income
- Also bike lanes for most of the year
- Sidewalks in a majority of towns is in dire need of repair & some areas have none. Other than the rails to trails, we have nothing akin to State College's bike lanes. We have ATA that use full size city buses mostly empty. They need smaller, more fuel efficient mini-bus.
- We already have a bussing system, but it's not always available at the times you need or want.
- Emporium Borough improving our already existing structure of sidewalks example leveling fixing broken pieces. instead of buying the police chief a \$80,000 truck and not to mention the potholes on side streets.
- We used to have a taxi service many years ago and she was kept busy but I can imagine with few people it wouldn't pay but it would be nice to be able to call someone for a ride somewhere - doctors especially since most of the specialists are out of our area. We only have one grocery store - there used to be 5 at one

time. People are having to travel for that too. No stores offer items Walmart has and at the prices so they are shopping there too.

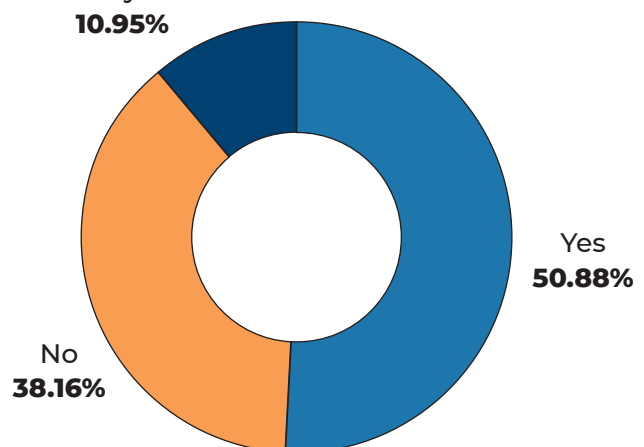
- All of the above.
- Senior living space in towns would help this problem. People could walk, have items delivered or use public transportation
- The bus routes and schedules are too limited. Biking and walking is not safe in much of this area, so create lanes for that and side walks.
- City/County Bus that runs on a loop better than ATA.
- Please, "define" - FOLKS.
- Taxi service or better bus lines
- I think you would have to subsidize transportation somehow. It's so rural, a bus is probably not practical nor is uber.
- Educate the public on how to use local transit
- Although we have this, and med rides to dr, we are so remote in some areas these services are not enough!
- Open up transportation services to more individuals for more purposes.....sr citizen health ride requires they share and drive around all day until they get back home
- There is the ATA but I don't live on the routes. I must arrange ahead of time and pay extra for the bus ride
- Restore health ride eligibility to allow for family members to accompany the patient
- Affordable prices for Taxis, etc.
- We should be using our rail lines to transport people from one community to another. Most of them aren't even used commercially anymore. Take ownership of them and create a whole new local industry of light rail use.
- While I fully support sidewalk improvement, winter weather does not make bicycle lanes or improved sidewalks a year-round solution. I'd also like to see taxi service and ride sharing offered, but that only helps those who can afford it; whereas busing is a more economical and year-round solution.
- more small businesses in town
- Private vans that pick up and drop off. Our ATA buses do not go off route easily. This limits people as to where they can work.
- Railroads and city county buses
- Longer ATA hours
- There's no Uber in many rural areas
- Expand the ata service
- In rural areas, things like bike lanes are not even relevant! Buses or Uber might work, we have ATA buses, but we are so spread out, that's why people need cars. I've been told there is not enough business for Uber drivers to make it worthwhile, but that would be most practical. Except lots of the elderly don't use the internet.
- Light rail on existing freight tracks.
- I don't live within any bus stops, sidewalks, bike lanes, etc. Who is going to come out and pick me up to get where I need to go?
- Increase to rural bus/transportation services
- Replace old, broken sidewalks and add bike lanes and bikes trails to make community connections to schools, parks and businesses.

- This is a rural area. Providing funds to develop public transportation is not feasible in this rural environment.
- All of the above.
- ATA promotion
- Approved atv use on existing dirt roads.
- I think Rideshare is a huge need. But would also like to see development of bicycle lanes
- I would say we need to improve all of these systems. Only the City/County buses even help the situation and they pick and choose who they want to help based on their needs.
- Rideshare should be the process for rural areas. I see too many empty busses and vans funded by tax dollars. They are supported by a large quazi agency that has a large infrastructure and requires large amounts of public funding to maintain and operate. Small independent rideshare operators could be more economical and responsive while opening up small business opportunities.
- Public transportation, ride share programs, bike lanes, transportation oriented designs, bike rental stations like Indego for the bigger cities / boroughs
- ATA does not work after 5pm. Manufacturers need help getting people to back shift jobs.
- All of the above! Alot of roads in our community do not have sidewalks (for example, the highway that goes to Walmart). It would be very difficult to ride a bike on this road as well. I feel like a different bus system or rideshare program would really benefit the community.
- We have a transportation authority---however what we do not have is a density of service places--so in order to shop for basics we need to go several places--to the town with the best grocery stores; to the town where health care is provided (which is not the same place as the grocery store), etc.--And we cannot force all the people to move closer together -- so we need to think about improvements which can better serve the population where they live.
- Better sidewalks and the buses having additional hours of operations.

21.

During a heavy rainfall, **do the streets in your community flood?**

Let me tell you more...



Let me tell you about flooding where I live...

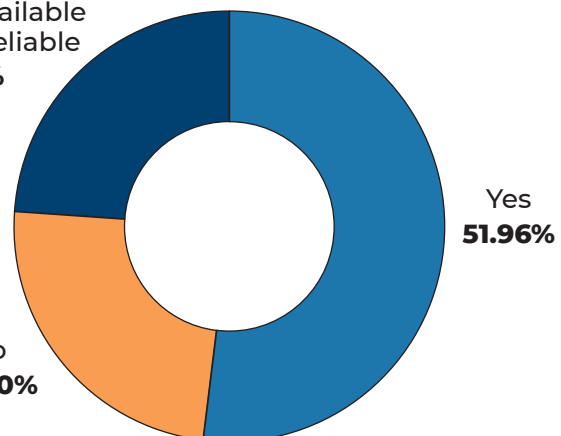
- occasionally with very heavy rains
- I have not noticed any flooding.
- Some do. It all depends where you live and if the City has the proper items in place for the water to go. The problem is the people who sit behind the desks making the decision as to what should happen out on the streets DO NOT always know what they are talking about. They need to get out and talk to the property owners to fully understand what is taking place during a rain storm. And they need to get out from behind their desk and ride around during the rain storms and see for themselves what is taking place.
- Some do. We just wasted MILLIONS of dollars resurfacing Bruxelles st but there will continue to be flooding there. The road needs the bricks out, new sub base and then paved. Also to the sidewalks.
- In some areas, not all
- Only when the roadside leaf grates get blocked by debris. Other areas have drains that cannot handle the water volume on occasion.
- Some do horribly
- I saw water run down my street like a creek this summer. Never in my life has this been a problem before.
- Township does a very poor job of maintaining roads and ditches, most roads are not wide enough for two cars, ditches are either way to deep and too big taking out what used to be road or the ditches are non-existent, so when it does rain it washes all the gravel they put on the road into the ditches and then the township will come along clean them out and the gravel is now gone.
- "There are some streets/roads that flood - but generally only when there is extremely heavy rain.
- EVERY TIME IT RAINS..Our house is at the bottom of a ' bowl' ..we get inundated from all sides and I have pictures of flooding front and back and sewers so overwhelmed they spew water 4 feet up...after rain is done, remnants of TP all over the back yard...no kidding!!! Major health hazard
- Sometimes. It depends on the street and the rainfall amount.
- Depends on location
- We were flooded yesterday. Serious flooding the past 2 Junes, washed away all mulch and left debris in yard. I live on a State maintained road and the drains under roads can't handle heavy rain. 4 new homes have been built near me so I assume that contributes to the extra runoff
- Some not like previous times.
- In specific areas. It is not too bad.
- In extreme weather event, they can flood. Under normal rain, snow, etc., they usually do not.
- Bolivar Dr Foster Township

- I have a transformer in my yard that was underwater the last rain
- Excess water from rainfall along W Washington is getting worse around Stephens Lane 690 area.
- Some do, some don't
- Many people who live in town have basement flooding.
- They don't allow storm water off roofs to be put into the sanitary system but have no answers where to put the water for main st property's or properties that are so close together - they just spent a bunch of money on main st (and it looks great) but didn't address these issues
- Sometimes
- Hun
- the township never cleans the ditches so it floods all the time
- This depends on the street. My community has a creek running through the middle so I'm very heavy rains like the ones of summer of a few years ago, we did see the creek jump it's banks at several locations. That being said there has been a push within Houtzdale's Borough Council to replace and maintain better storm water collection and removal system.
- Some
- Not as bad as in the past other communities have much worse cases
- I feel the people of Ridgway should have been monetarily compensated for the 2014 flood since the dam was not in working order. It appears the dam in now 100%. Let's work on other issues to minimize server flooding of our riverfront.
- Sometimes, depending on the rain. Rain has always been unpredictable, whether it falls in towns or in the country. Community floods are unpredictable. A few years ago, it flooded on the top of hills here and not in the valleys. A quirk brought about by wind and rain---

22.

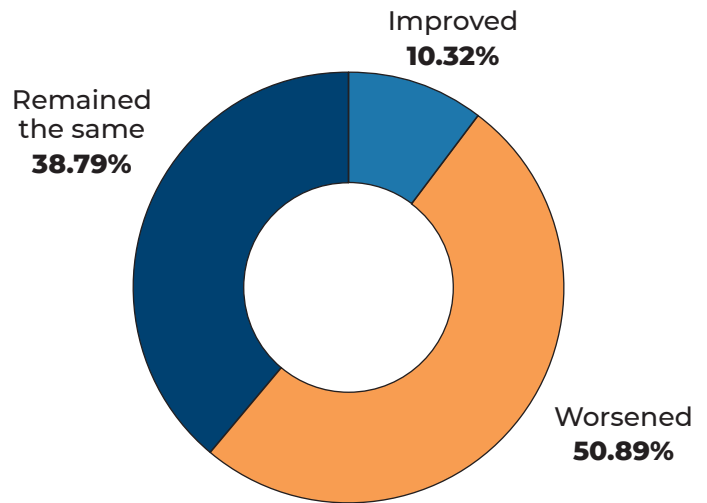
Do you (or someone you know) **struggle with internet access** at your home?

Internet is available but it's not reliable
23.84%



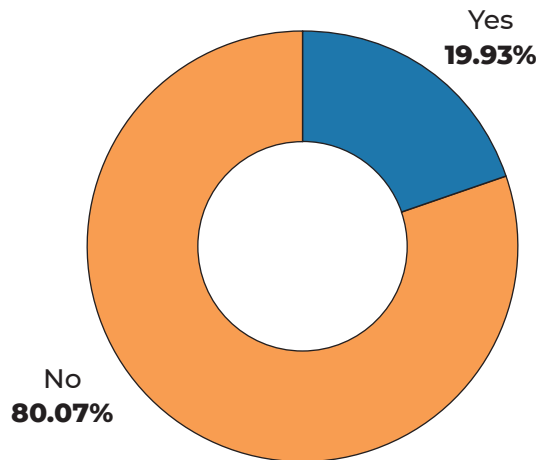
23.

In the last three years, **roads leading to your community** have:



24.

Are you a current **business owner**?



25.

What would **help your business grow**?

- Lower interest loans and better housing / lodging options.
- n/a
- High speed reliable internet access. High speed internet gives businesses the ability to conduct online sales which can help support a brick & mortar storefront
- young generation leaving the internet for their business needs ;) haha
- More businesses in our town
- Reliable workforce
- All year tourism n support during non tourism season with more promotional advertising toward small businesses.

- “End the war environmentalists wage on local energy development
- Staffing and funds to expand programs and services.
- Help from the community to encourage new businesses in town to rent space from us.
- employees
- Business is growing. Additional inventory would help stimulate growth. Marketing resources. Access to tools to assist with online purchases
- Retired business owner.
- More workforce. It is very difficult to find quality workers. It does not help our community when you are simply ‘taking’ employees from other local companies.
- I don’t own the business but I run it. Better transportation better internet connectivity in the more rural areas.
- Trade school graduates, better jobs to community, city utilizing our business
- Tourism
- Lowering taxes and promoting downtown and small business events..
- Less taxed
- Getting tourists to our business.
- Any kind of community involvement. I have to go to Centre county to sell things
- technology and grants
- NA
- Getting people to actually work
- N/A
- Na
- Vote Republican!!
- More money
- Additional resources like this provided by the SBDCs. Small business loans and grants
- less regulation, friendly staff
- N/A
- Better utility rates. A bigger facility.
- Advertising about our community and what we have to offer as part of the PA Wilds.
- better internet and sewage.
- Tourist promotion, grants
- More Farm grants/subsidies, Internet access, everything is moving towards technology...even farming
- I do not own a business.
- If I had one I would find out what folks are either buying on the internet or leaving the area to buy.
- more local development

- Being able to hire / people willing to work
- Low interest low fees...personal loan I can pay back on my terms
- We had to go outside the area and use tech to grow our business.
- n/a
- Ability to recruit appropriate employees.
- Better roads.
- n/a
- “People that want to work
- Reduce tax burdens and other government intrusion as well as reduced regulations / restriction
- Skills training (Education & technical) “
- Broadband and improved cell service
- My husband is currently in the early development of a business that would benefit from incentives for new small businesses. I am an independent consultant and thus in a way a small business operator. Both of our businesses are primarily online (and more so due to the pandemic), so more reliable internet service would be a plus. We’ve upgraded once already for a semi-reasonable cost but while it was an improvement it did not fully solve the spotty service.
- i am retired
- Bring more big businesses to our area. Train our local people in the trades.
- NA
- Employment opportunities to increase population
- A larger economy.
- Less government
- N/a
- Having a FULLY functioning hospital complete with a fully staffed emergency room.
- “Investment in hospital facility.
- Investment in apprenticeship programs. “
- We need a fully functioning hospital in Bradford, Pa
- I am a sole proprietor working in the publishing industry remotely.
- Increased population
- Increased tourism - the poverty level in our area shows that there isn’t enough disposable income from the locals — also government seems to work against us instead of with us — OSHA - plcb - DEC -
- Hospital
- Keeping small town jobs that used to have permanency permanent (teachers, nurses, other medical professions). These are the “settle down and build a family” jobs that have been undercut. Without these, communities age and shrink.

- cell towers - broadband
- Workers that show up 40hrs/week.
- Being able to find staff to fully operate. Due to being in a high poverty county the wages are so low that master level individuals move out of the area.
- i'm not a business owner
- Local people spending their money instead of online. The owners staying open longer than 8-4:30.
- Employees that want to work and not live on government handouts!
- Increased wages and lower cost of doing business. Lower worker's compensation rates.
- Grant opportunities to purchase equipment.
- I work for a non profit. Better funding would help it grow. We raise over half of our expenditures. It is difficult to raise so much in the area we live.
- Better roads, utilities, lower taxes
- Better internet, more low interest funding, qualified employees
- NA
- Allowing small businesses to operate without ridiculous government shutdowns and mask mandates
- people. a steady, growing population
- More support from the local community and have a network for help that doesn't charge you money and then all they do is might share your facebook post.
- People
- I think local businesses need to rely on social media for advertising but without convenient and affordable broadband services this cannot be accomplished
- More available workers
- Reliable internet and phones. Lessened gas/fuel prices
- A better looking Main Street in town.
- paying their staff a living wage
- A strong Chamber where all businesses worked together to promote the town. Positive input from young people who are serving in our bars, restaurants,...
- More workers; access to better internet
- additional personel
- Local Investment from Government
- Better jobs
- Marketing

26.

What **challenges, if any, do you face in your current operation?** (i.e. finding workers, filling too many roles, lack of support, etc.)

- Filling too many roles, and not enough travelers that can spend the night in the area based on lack of lodging.
- n/a
- Finding good workers, current employees are really stretched.
- finding qualified employees
- Lack of customers (businesses)
- Child care could help some businesses
- Finding employees that wanna work, lack of promotional from those running the town.
- Drug free workers
- Staffing, following a strategic plan when always focused on day to day issues
- Lack of business owners who want to move to Kane or locate their business in our building.
- employees
- Finding workers who are willing to focus on customer service. The public is very difficult to work with right now so many customer service businesses are suffering because the work environment is very difficult. We need a campaign to educate people on being patient/nice/courteous or there won't be anyone left to take care of their needs.
- Finding reliable employees seems to be everyone's struggle.
- Hiring people. You hear this at every company. And, it is not because we are not competitive in wages/benefits.
- Having the state recognize that tourism and other small business are an important part of the economic fiber of the area. All training programs are geared towards manufacturing. So DCED funding goes towards recruiting new manufacturing business or training manufacturing employees. What would happen if that money were allocated to support and strengthen the skill of our existing businesses to help them grow? An existing business that is successful is already invested in the area, they are more likely to open a second spin off business. Tourism is an important part of the mix for the areas future, as is teleworking. A recruitment effort to attract new residents from urban areas into the areas of our region with fast Internet would help to offset the decline in population.

- There is work available. Quit paying people not to work
- Finding workers
- Finding qualified workers
- Finding workers
- finding employees, therefore filling too many roles
- Lack of support...filling to many roles..finding qualified hardworking people.
- Not a business owner
- Filling too many roles
- lack of workers
- Finding workers
- "I'm a retired small business owner - so very glad I
- don't need to deal with current staffing problems.
- at my job cannot hire and cannot retain employees
- NA
- Finding workers
- N/A
- Na
- Lack of people with work ethic
- Biden and his Liberals and DESTROYING everything!!
- Finding good workers
- Start up capital
- lack of workers, lack of incentive to work (ie too many support programs)
- N/A
- Lack of funding
- Finding workers and lack of marketing support.
- Finding workers, slow and unreliable internet.
- Scaling
- all of the above mentioned. lack of good quality workers, trying to do all the work ourselves, not know where to look for help, especially when we were first getting started. lack of time, to try and figure so many things out on our own and run the business
- Cost of everything keeps going up and farmers are not getting paid much more if anything in the last 20 years.
- I don't own a business but every business has difficulty finding workers.
- Lack of support
- I do not own a business.
- All of the above in this question I am sure...
- lack of development
- none.
- Finding workers
- We laid off half our workforce but we're doing double duty...

can't afford to hire AND no one wants a factory (most likely back shift) job

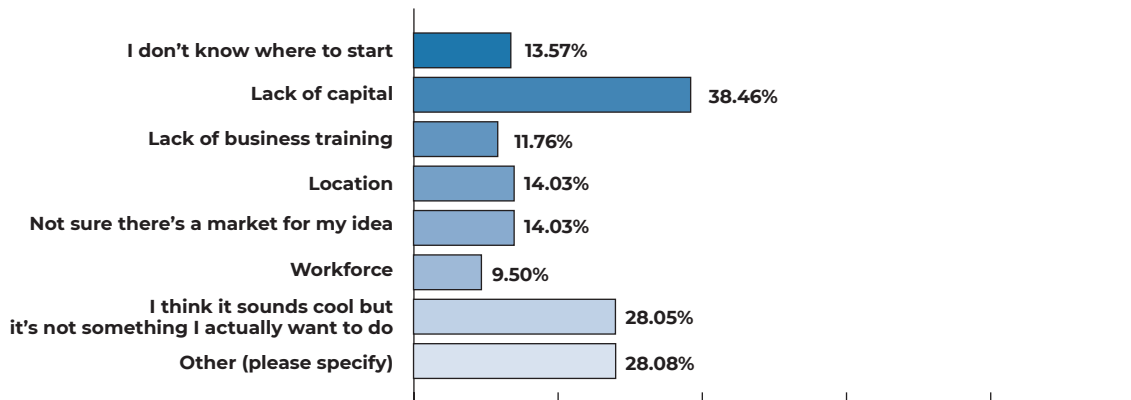
- “We really need better internet like fiber optic internet.
- We don't hire works here because it's unlikely they would be trained in what we do. Hence the need for more tech based jobs and companies. (It worked for Pittsburgh)”
- n/a
- My particular business was effected by Covid but not before that occurred.
- workers
- Age of residents
- Covid
- n/a
- “Too few people filling too many roles
- Regulations, TAXES
- Finding workers that want to work “
- Finding workers with some work ethic. Free handouts are killing small businesses because they can't find staffing.
- Lack of opportunity to do more in community outreach due to the pandemic. Lack of effective advertising options. Concerns for the viability of our community as healthcare and education issues become worse. Inability to manage 2 home businesses and basically homeschool our children during virtual learning times due to the pandemic. Inability to satisfy our family's healthcare needs (locally or through the out of state alternative) so that we've had to travel much further than is reasonable for care.
- Finding quality workers and ones who can pass the drug test.
- NA
- Finding workers
- Rising employee costs and scarcity of workers.
- No one willing to put in a days worth of hard work- gov / schools making kids a bunch of pussies
- N/a
- Considering moving because of the lack of medical services
- “Finding workers
- “
- We need a fully functioning hospital in Bradford, Pa
- High-speed internet is crucial to my livelihood-- infrastructure will need to keep up with the rest of the world for those of us who are teleworkers.
- Finding employees
- Lack of nurses
- Finding employees is impossible

- Finding skilled electricians
- My brother has a business, can't find workers.
- Finding workeres
- No Hospital
- Shrinking and aging population affects business in multiple ways - beyond customer base, filling jobs, and account size.
- reliable communication due to unreliable cell and broadband
- Finding workers that don't rely on government \$ to live.
- Finding workers
- N/A
- Access to health care
- Lack of citizens. Populations falling with jobs leaving.
- finding workers that can pass a drug test
- Cost of doing business compared to income.
- Constant changes in environmental regulations
- We are fortunate that the community supports us but it takes many hours of fundraising to do so. The challenge is finding different fundraisers to support our organization.
- Good workers, supplies
- Even though I am not a business owner the most of the businesses I visit tell me they need qualified people who want to work.
- NA
- Finding workers
- There is a lack of qualified persons in the next generation to step in and fill jobs beyond entry level skill
- the government incentive to stay home MUST change. Work force is horrible in Elk County in terms of finding new workers or workers who aren't already working somewhere else
- Having the support of the other business owners in the community.
- Lack of a good work ethic and funding
- finding workers, too much government money given to people encouraging them not to work.
- With the number of sign on bonuses being advertised it appears we have made not working more attractive than working. Work gives a sense of accomplishment and responsibility. We are systematically removing these attributes from the work system and moving people to continual government assistance.
- Finding workers
- Finding workers
- I feel that people on the city look at our low cost of land and are ready to explore it with solar arrays, strip mines, garbage dumps,....
- Filling too many roles.

- finding workers and skilled engineers
- Workers want remote and family balance
- Finding workers who have work ethic
- finding workers

27.

Have you ever dreamed of being a business owner? If so, **what's prevented you** from pursuing this dream? Check all that apply.



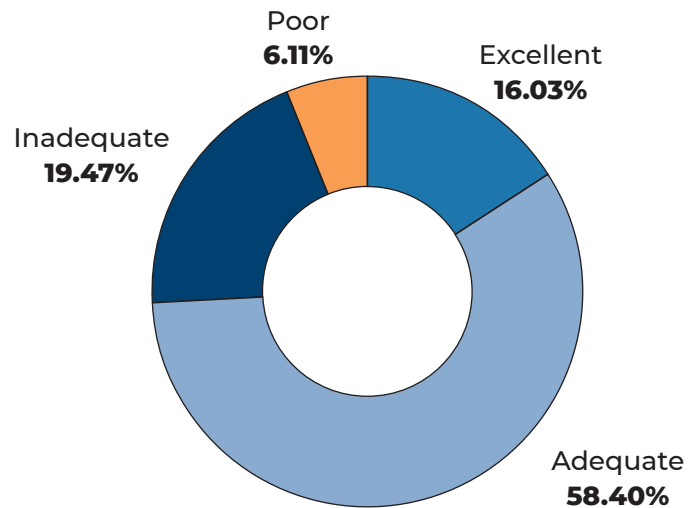
Other (please specify)

- I would not like to own a business
- Do own a business
- I am currently a business owner but struggle with finding team members who want to work in a customer service industry...it is very difficult to please people and that's makes it tough on the employees in any customer service business
- Retired Business Owner
- I am
- Never wanted to own the business. Just love to help start ups grow and move on.
- Over regulation and taxes
- Lack of alternative health insurance
- Im retired so na
- Businesses aren't promoted in the area..
- No
- Retired
- I recommend that youngsters get their education
- Too old to sart a business?
- Been there done that!
- I would love to but I am disabled with health issues.
- Already was, not interested now, economy not good

- Been there done that
- No
- Another ridiculous question.
- Had one years ago and Walmart was what hurt mine.
- This is what we overcame
- Need to make upgrade to my house and not sure of codes
- I already have one
- Already do so.
- Ran a business walmart killed it
- The disposable income in my county is static and/or declining. Dollars are spent out of town/out of state for value, convenience and due to a mindset of more for the buck. Owning a small retail business or restaurant simply is not viable in small towns. The market is not supported, there are few if any chambers of commerce and advertising is an expensive endeavor with no local TV markets.
- Age
- I had a business for 17 years it is tough going on the winter months!
- Been there and done that. With the current labor market shortages, wouldn't do it again.
- affordable child care, affordable/effective advertising, our own current home situation (many young children to care for)
- I have never wanted to be a business owner
- I own a business
- Cost too much
- I am a business owner
- We need a fully functioning hospital in Bradford, Pa
- I am happy doing what I do, and happy that (for now) it is possible in McKean County.
- I do not like the word cool as jargon for your questions. The word is dated, and what does it really mean?
- I own several businesses and several blocks on Main Street in Bradford
- I am one
- Workers comp rates
- Retired.
- My sister and I were going to open a small restaurant that served home made food. At the time, we did not know where to start. Now we do have so many places that can help you get started.
- Not enough traffic to support business
- I am a business owner
- Not enough hours in the day to pursue at this time in my life but, it's on the back burner!!
- The inability to actually "start" a business without giving up a steady source of income.
- Own business
- NA
- Retired
- understanding the support of the community for small business, I know that I would not be able to have life sustainable small business in our area.

28.

How do you feel about the **K-12 school system** in your county?



I have more to share about this...

- Need access to more opportunities for students.
- Not enough focus on a rounded education. They have a singular focus on “STEM” Students need to have a more rounded education, they still need geography & civics to understand the United States and the world around it. Not all students will go to college, focus should also be on basic life skills such as cooking, handling money, woodworking, welding, auto mechanics, something which might spark a future occupation or at least allow them to function on their own when they leave high-school.
- I love our school system. I think the politics have made it challenging for administration and teachers over the last year and a half, but overall we have a really great school system.
- Very poor!!! Wasting way to much money because noone knows how to use what we have.
- Like anything else it has it’s pros and cons
- I feel our public education system is consistently 5-10 years behind most public schools in urban Pennsylvania such as North Allegheny.
- The fact that 70%+ of our students come from homes below the poverty line means that our schools resources are tied up in so much more than education. We feel kids 3 meals a day and have after school programs into the evening. Our school district has implemented the Stephen Covey “Leader in Me” program with amazing success. Bottom line: Our school districts are now more then simply education centers. At the same time, this makes it so much more challenges to produce strong future leaders. The school choice options - specifically Cyber Schools - is DRAINING our school district. Many (not all) go with cyber schools with no support only to return back to the District years later behind and then in need of extra services. Meanwhile, the moneys for cyber school DRAIN our school budget to provide desparately needed resources to the general school population.
- I am employed in the K-12 school system and have worked in both Jefferson County and Bucks County. There is a significant difference in resources available to those in Jefferson county in regards to funding and technology.

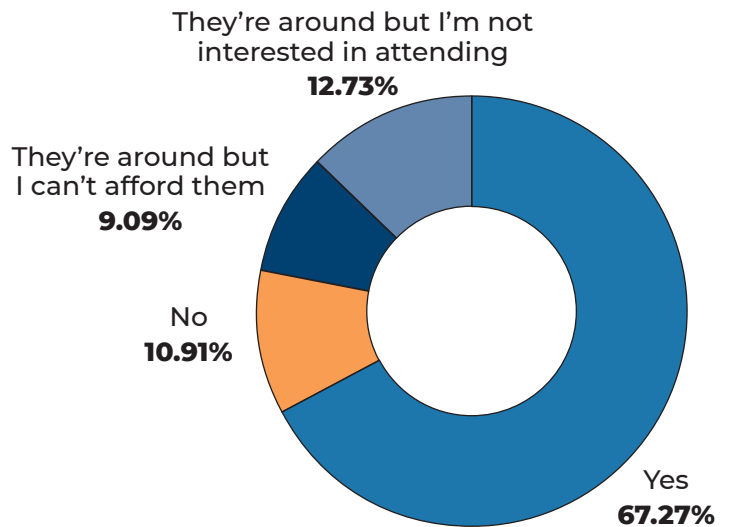
- Need better technology for students to keep up with other Pennsylvania counties
- Children should be taught in class not taught to take and perform state tests that can't possibly measure a child's potential.
- Poor
- Heather Vargas is terrible to the staf
- small but great community, teachers are excellent but I know of some community don't advertise regionally to attract great teachers they just adverstise in a local paper
- Need to promote vocational training
- Adequate but lacks a true interest in the children and their needs.
- lacking. Math is not practical. Youth can't write or tell time.
- "terrible before covid and now worse than ever
- if you only could see what i see, you would cry"
- It's increasingly gotten worse. My children come home all the time complaining about something someone else did. Principles don't care and make excuses for the bad seeds.
- It could be better
- Educators try to make every student a cookie cutout . teach them to think.
- Schools are closing, large class sizes, not enough resources for special needs.
- I think it's really good, but there is room for improvement. Admins don't seem to support teachers well. We have a lot of wasted money in salaries for people who do not need to be there
- Our schools spend way too much time reviewing for state testing. Kids loose 3 months from learning new things while they review to beat the system. Our high school has very limited class selection to choose from.
- I don't think our local schools are much different than others. Respect and discipline is needed nationwide.
- Inadequate
- They have to deal with a lot of drugs and mental issues within the community.
- Our children are behind the 8 ball when it comes to education, lack of funding, the removal of the arts and programs that are alike, Schools too worried about placement testing to get funding instead of teaching what needs to be taught especially the basics, spelling, writing, math, History, How to balance a checkbook, etc, instead they are told to teach on CRT and Common Core and concentrate on subjects that will get the schools more funding.
- Elementary school is good. The high school lacks standards - food allowed during the day, cell phones used during the day...
- My personal school district is excellent, but I know not every school system in the area is the same. I have worked for a few and I would label them as inadequate.
- I have never be married, have no children, and our educational system is poor like all small communities. At least 3/4th of the "educators" who teach in our school system do NOT live in Emporium - they drive to various larger towns around Emporium. It is illegal to refuse to hire someone who is qualified for a teacher's position just because they do not life in Emporium.
- Since I do not have children not fair for me to answer.

- The local community does not support education. The school board seems most interested in keeping tax rates low, and does not respond to the changing local population and the increased problems the students are facing due to drug use and broken families. Parents complain about the amount of homework and the school board responded by limiting the amount of homework that teachers can assign, seemingly oblivious to the fact that homework is necessary to help children learn and retain information.
- When I click adequate, it marks them ALL
- It's Okay, but it doesn't rank that high in the state.
- Need to concentrate on education NOT sports
- Too much liberal info being pushed
- I worked in education and in spite of early childhood learning, free lunches there seems to be a decline in the quality of education. I also feel we need to provide more training in the vocational trades. There is a great need for tradespeople and our educational system doesn't encourage them.
- It is a fight to get behavioral health services to students. Punxsutawney school district won't even meet without their lawyer
- Test scores for Clearfield Schools are consistently low. What is being done to change this?
- I have heard of a bullying problem, not good!
- Some districts are better than others
- "Broadband needs to be more available for young students
- Teachers need to teach all aspects of education and life skills (balance check book, create a budget etc)"
- Again, money to attract good teachers and especially, good administrators...and a well rounded curriculum
- Pushing a liberal left wing agenda on our students.
- Prior to the pandemic and online learning I considered our educational system locally adequate for primary & secondary school. I do worry about the effect on the community if the free lunch grant is not renewed. And virtual learning (not just locally) has been a disaster, especially for working parents and those with both school-age and younger children. Post-secondary education in our community was excellent in my opinion about 5 years ago, but has taken some blows due to the loss of outreach and continuing education services from our local university and lack of clinical opportunities for students in the medical programs locally due to much of our healthcare being basically outsourced to an out of state facility.
- I think that my district does the best it can with resources available
- Spending taxpayer dollars for pet projects and not focusing on the true needs of the students
- Our area's schools consistently rank lower than the median in PA. I feel curriculum is not appropriately positioned toward the young population of our area. Schools encourage college and higher education but the majority of our population are blue collar and more interested in trades. If the curriculum was better focused on how our young people learn and grow, our scores would be much higher.
- Get gov and liberal teacher unions out of the school content. Teach real history not this bs they are now-crt-give me a fucking break

- Smethport rated in the lowest percent of Pa.
- Apprentice programs are a natural fit for manufacturing in McKean county as well as nursing and physical therapy, homeopathic programs.
- We need a fully functioning hospital in Bradford, Pa
- I feel, as a former teacher and former member of the school board, that the educational system has severely declined. The student population has declined to under 600 students. The administrative positions are too heavy, and the personnel occupying the administrative positions are not effectively doing their jobs. School taxes have increased with little to show for the need to raise them. I would rate the system as inadequate, but I am having trouble choosing that option.
- Schools are adequate. I think districts should have a general plan. Let the teachers actually teach the students not just have agendas that the State feels we have to have.
- Small towns are at a disadvantage but I am proud of BASD.
- I did not check excellent. I think the stars are working backward. I checked adequate. There is too much top down interference in the classroom, and testing has nothing to do with educational quality. It is used to manipulate unions and real estate in more populated areas - with little relevance to rural areas and zero value educationally.
- "Inadequate.
- Why do more than one selection get marked up when making a choice on your survey? You have a programming glitch."
- I personally homeschool, but for kids that learn best in a traditional environment, the schools are great.
- Bradford school district is very good.
- Our school would be a lot more successful if our district was not required to pay for individual students to attend expensive cyber schools.
- We cyber school.
- I think it is somewhere between Adequate and Exvcellent
- Needs to have curriculum with skilled trades
- I feel that the elementary school is good, but too much money is wasted on sports when our area can barely field a team. If they want it done, it should be through fundraising.
- I always worry about the safety of our young children and young adults. Peer pressure and the way they are being raised ... we have too many babies raising babies!!
- The lack of options locally and across the nation do not give the opportunity for parents to choose how their children are educated. School choice should be implemented and some of the tax dollars that support public education allowed to go to that choice. A basic level of public education should still be supported but it should be legal, easy and financially possible to choose how to educate a child without the financial strain imposed by today's system.
- I very glad to be able to support our Catholic school systems that provide competition and an alternative to our public school systems. This causes both to be strong.
- The school system fails to offer AP courses, instead utilizing Pitt Bradford courses as dual enrollment. The limited enrollment hurts the academic offerings.

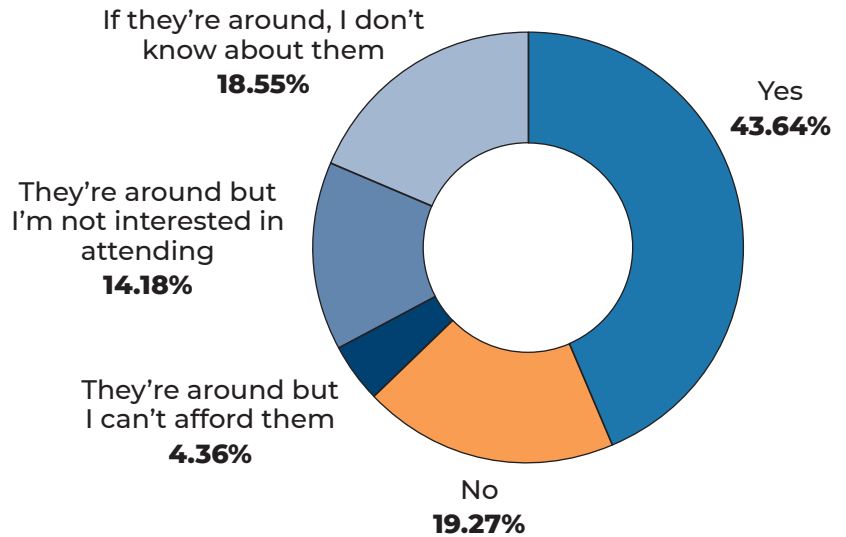
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Do you have **access to colleges, universities, or community colleges** in your area?



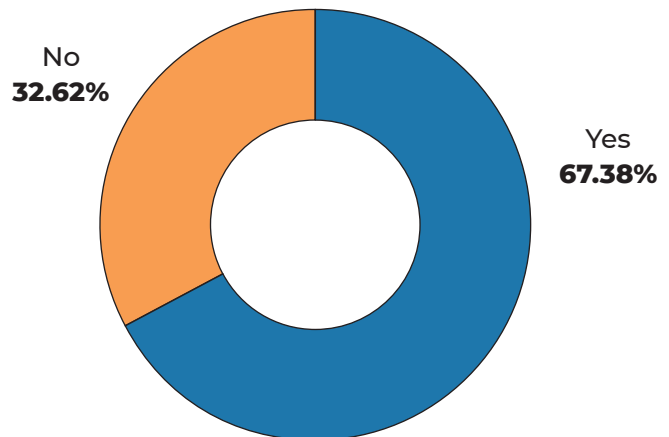
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Do you have **access to workforce training programs** (welding, electrical, coding, etc) in your area?



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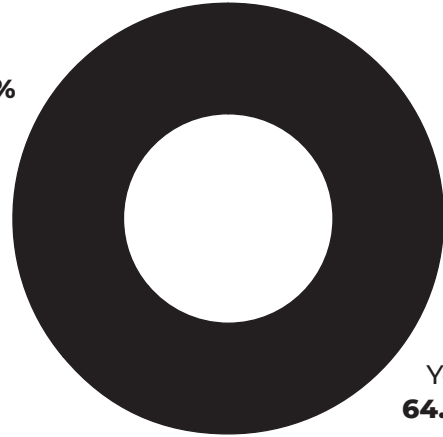
Do you, or someone you know, **work remotely**?



32.

Have you, or someone you know, **struggled to find appropriate housing** in your county?

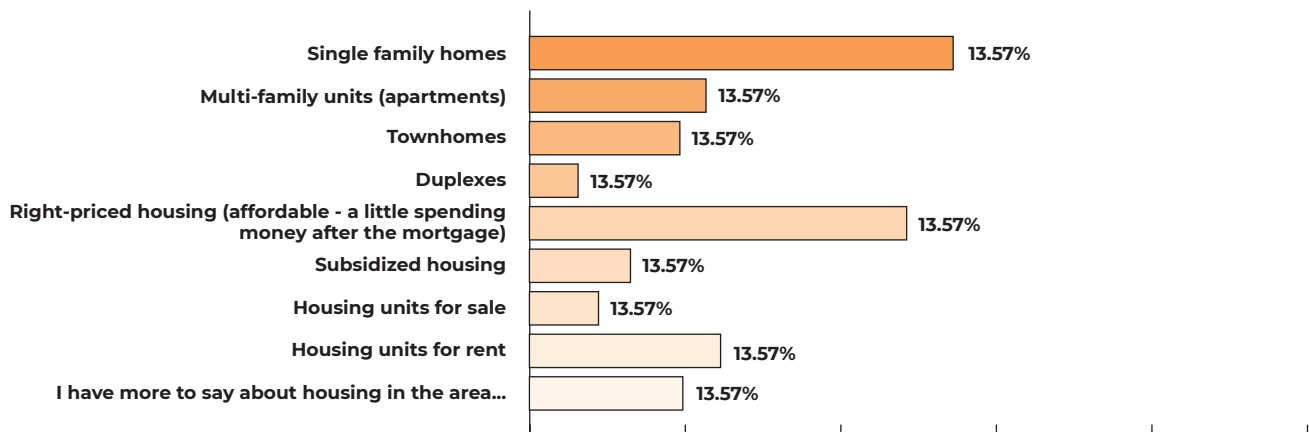
No
35.87%



Yes
64.13%

33.

Have you ever dreamed of being a business owner? If so, **what's prevented you** from pursuing this dream? Check all that apply.



I have more to say about housing in the area...

- need better low income housing and senior housing
- need NICE homes for sale in the 150,000 to 350,000 range.
- One story homes for elderly-to encourage retirement locally, instead of leaving the area once retired.
- The housing authority has been bringing tons of welfare to our community from other areas and it is not helping our situation. If they don't work, never plan to, and don't pay taxes they don't contribute to our community!
- There are NO new developments going in for single family homes. The people with all the money buy up all the land for themselves and put their house on a BIG , BIG piece of land.

- Nice, single story family homes and a selection of patio homes for older residents. We don't need any more low income or subsidized housing as the current housing is not housing local residents but people they are bringing in from other areas to fill the apartments.
- We don't need more concentrated low-income housing. We need senior housing, housing for our workforce, and executive homes to attract leadership for our companies.
- Single story "patio homes" so the elderly don't have to leave the area because they can't find any single story homes to buy
- When you tell landowners they can't evict tenants you are no longer in a free country
- None. People aren't working
- Senior housing
- As a college educated person and someone who is able to afford a home as a middle class worker, houses built after the year of 1940 are limited.
- multi family apartments and townhomes are affordable however, too many bring issues with needs for increased services.
- Modern single floor living
- Senior living
- I think it's fine!
- There are very few rental properties in the area that are not HUD. People moving to the area with good jobs, cannot find places to rent
- Senior living
- Elderly one-floor apartments/residences, ideally over 55 community living
- There is housing available but many of the homes need updated or are very large.
- Senior living
- People on social security can't afford \$900 a month fir rent
- I don't know the area well enough to have an opinion.
- We will soon need somewhere to put the baby boomers!
- Senior citizen apartments that are not nursing homes.
- Senior communities need developed and this will open up more homes for sell for younger families.
- Single story, energy efficient, smaller homes with an attached garage are nearly non-existent and in high demand.
- Existing subsidized housing has no monitoring for hoarding, infestation or drug activity
- Affordable safe apartments
- Housing is too affordable to a point of drawing unwanted citizens to the area that can't afford other areas.
- I think housing is relatively cheap in the area and should be a draw for economic development if marketed correctly.
- The pandemic has greatly hurt the ability to find decent housing even for those with some financial means. And although there are many low income housing options in our area, many are below what I would consider a basic level (for accessibility, due to disrepair and filth and due to higher crime rates and drug use in those buildings or areas)
- We need more QUALITY housing. People come to town and get scared off by the low quality of the apartments and homes for rent. We need senior housing. A nice

place they can rent, have friends and support, one floor and feel safe. We also have very little furnished rentals or month to month rentals for people living here less than a year.

- 55 plus and assisted living facility
- Get rid of the welfare people
- Pet friendly
- Senior housing
- Housing for seniors
- Any decent modern housing
- Many landlords do not want to continue renting. Renters have become irresponsible and literally leave the landlord with a totally destroyed property.
- The housing stock is very old and we are losing houses quicker than they are being built
- We need better housing for the elderly. We need private owners of property, not the County. South Center, Brookline Court are dumps. The High rise especially. Smells like pot all the time. The High rise is on a steady decline.
- I think housing has been cheap and available, maybe tighter recently. But lots of older houses, not in top shape.
- Need a hospital
- Single story, small, accessible is most needed.
- senior housing
- Housing for aging people who want to sell their single-family home, yet want to live on their own. i don't know what the connected houses of one level are called, but they would be wonderful to have here.
- Additional affordable housing for the elderly/seniors
- Too much public land, not enough places for new building.
- Please no no more low income housing! The process encourages the management to fill this housing with people outside the area, not always of the stock that are positive to our community.
- Clarify - "Decent" units for rent for professionals
- We have an excess of housing. Too many of our housing facilities are below standard. We need better housing regulations to assure quality rental housing
- higher prices homes to attract Doctors or other Professionals to the area. We do not have lots of options for 'nice' housing.

34.

If a friend was visiting from out of town, what's the **ONE thing** you'd take them to see or experience in your area?

- the depot in Kane
- Kinzua Bridge
- kinzua bridge

- Kinzua Sky Walk
- Kinzua Bridge
- The forests and wildlife
- Kinzua Bridge
- National Forest and it's many sites
- Kinzua Bridge State Park & Overlook
- Kinzua Sky Walk
- "Elk reservePenn
- Elk reserve or Kinzua Bridge.
- Kinzua Dam area
- Kinzua bridge
- Kinzua Bridge
- Kinzua Bridge
- The Elk
- Probably the Elk
- I would take them to Elk visitors center
- Clarion Rivers
- Kinzua Bridge
- Elk Viewing Center
- Kinzua Bridge, Elk Country Visitor Center
- THE ELK
- Kinzua Sky Walk
- Gun ranges
- Elk
- Kinzu bridge
- Our Elk
- Elk
- Elk
- Elk, Brewery
- Outdoor dining
- Elk
- The Elk herd!
- Kinzua Bridge State Park
- One of our local restaurants
- The Summit for wings in Ridgway (now closed).
- "Pittsburgh - for shopping and entertainment experience.
- State parks - for experience of fishing, kayaking, etc."
- Elk Center
- there is not much around here
- Take them to Benazet to see elk
- Bennezette area...some local ma and pa shops...scenic rides
- A lot pa is beautiful
- The Elk
- Elk
- Canoeing- nothing else to do

- Elk and the Straub Brewery
- Elk
- Natural attractions
- Elk Viewing, Local restaurants
- Elk viewing, of course.
- Rail trails
- Elk
- Bilger's Rocks
- Our recreational facilities
- Cooks Forest
- Treasure lake
- rail trails
- Elk
- the scenery, forests
- Cherry Springs Dark Sky
- There is really nothing to see
- The growing Elk habitat.
- Top of the world mason hill
- Scripture Rocks
- The elk
- Ride in the woods, top of the world
- I would take them to State College. There's nothing around here.
- Kinzua Bridge
- The Dollar General in Roulette!
- The mountains and seeing the Elk
- Bilgers Rocks in Grampian
- The Elk
- The Clarion River
- A state park
- Bilgers Rocks
- Elk County
- Kinzua Dam
- Tubing on clarion river
- Elk!!
- "Kinzua Bridge
- Evergreen Park
- Kinzua Dam area
- Jakes Rocks/Rim Rock
- Twin Lakes"
- Lumber Museum
- Elk viewing and to some excellent restaurants
- Lookout over emporium
- The bucktail overlook (top of the world) also hike or ride around to observe the elk go to the elk visitors center.
- Rich Valley Wines

- Get outside- Hike
- The immediate area does not really have a big attraction to take people to.
- Mountain roads/vistas
- Elk County Visitor Center
- Bilger's Rocks
- To see the Elk
- It's at least 50 miles to see anything of interest for my visitor(s) to see or enjoy.
- Elk viewing
- rail trail
- Kinzua Reservoir
- Go to the Top Of The World in Driftwood
- Looking for the elk.
- Kinzua bridge
- Parker dam
- Kinzua Bridge, Kinzua Dam, and Westline Inn.
- The natural scenery
- Bilgers Rocks
- Cherry Springs State Park
- Elk viewing
- The outdoor natural beauty of the area.
- Black moshannon park
- The Elk Country Visitor's Center in Benezetta
- Clarion river
- Kinzua or Elk or brewery or wineries or distillery
- "Maybe visit the Groundhog Zoo or Gobbler's Knob.
- I would tell them to visit the cute shops around like Fairlady and Company, Silver Linings, Yoders, Smicksburg, etc."
- Just take them out to dinner. There is really not too much going on in my community
- Cook Forest
- Elk
- Kinzua Railroad Bridge Park
- Parker Dam State Park.
- Cook Forest
- Kinzua Bridge State Park Kinzua damn
- Our Elk herd,
- Kayaking
- Scripture Rocks
- Elk. Boating
- Bilger's Rocks, Curwensville Lake, Rails to Trails.
- Scripture rocks, bear town rocks,
- Just the Kinzua Bridge.
- The Kinzua skywalk

- Cooks forest
- Kinzua Bridge
- Legend's Sport Bar. Great food and atmosphere.
- Dr Doolittle's
- Zippo museum
- The grand canyon of pa.
- Kinzua bridge.
- probably the elk
- KINZUA SKY BRIDGE
- Reservoir
- Kinzua viaduct
- Kinzua Bridge State Park
- nature....
- Cook Forest State Park
- The elk or Bigler Rocks
- In summer, the state park or local trails. Prior to administrative changes and a much less welcoming environment in the past 4-5 yrs I'd have said the local university campus for theater performances or events. Now, though I'm an alum and former employee, I do not feel a sense of being welcome on campus and see far less opportunities for the community to attend events on campus (partly due to the pandemic as well).
- quiet and peaceful
- Elk and vistas
- Music in the Park
- Zippo museum
- Kinzu Dam area
- Kinzua Sky Walk and then dinner at the Westline Inn
- Phil
- National Forest
- Rails to Trails
- The hiking/biking trails.
- Local bar
- Kim ya bridge
- Kinzua
- Kinzua Dam
- ANF
- National forest
- Kinzua Dam
- The Zippo museum, allegheny national Forest
- Kinzua Bridge
- Red rock area.
- Kinzua bridge
- Kinzua bridge

- Kinzua Bridge State Park
- Allegheny National Forest
- Zippo Case Museum, Kinzua Bridge.
- “Kinzua Bridge
- Marilla
- Kinzua Reservoir and Dam”
- National forest
- kinzua railroad bridge
- Allegany Forest
- Kinzua Dam
- Allegheny State Park
- World.war 2 museum
- Kinzua Bridge
- Dam-Allegany national forests zippo great restaurants
- Kinzua Bridge skywalk
- “Kinzua Bridge
- Kinzua dam
- Zippo museum “
- Kinzua Bridge
- Top of the world.
- Kinzua Bridge
- “Zippo Case. Kinzua Bridge
- Autumn colors
- Allegany National Forest”
- Parks, kinzua railroad
- We are proud of Main Street
- Kinzua bridge
- Kinzua Bridge.
- State Park System
- Kinzua Dam and recreation area. Or Marilyn Horne museum.
- Kim us Bridge
- Zippo Museum
- Kinzua Bridge
- Kinzua
- Kinzua Bridge
- forest
- Elk
- Maybe canoeing.
- Scripture rocks, bear town rocks, something in the forest, nothing really historical or touristy in Jefferson county
- the walkway in dubois
- Parks, river, trails
- Prince Gallitzen State Park
- The many good hiking trails.
- Allegheny State Park

- Elk/ride in the woods on side by side
- Zippo museum Kinuzua Dam and elk
- the rails to trails
- Kinzua skywalk
- Kinzua bridge
- I would take them to the zippo museum and the. The Allegheny national forest.
- Kinzua Dam, Kinzua Bridge.
- Kinzue damn, Willow bay
- Kinzua Skywalk
- I would take them to see the Elk
- Kinzua reservoir and Allegany National Forest.
- Our local park
- Recreational areas. (State parks)
- Cooks forest
- Cooks forest
- Cool spring Power Museum
- Our park, and nature.
- Clarion river and cook forest.
- We are in the PA Wilds. I would show them the Elk visitors center in Benezette
- Cooks forest and river
- The rail trail
- Elk
- Quehanna
- Just for a ride around .
- the Clarion River
- I would take them to see the Elk.
- The elk
- Bilger's rocks
- One of our fine food establishments
- Three things: Clarion River, East Branch reservoir, hiking in the ANF
- National Historic District
- The Welker Rock House at Bilger's Rock
- The elk herd.
- Bilgers Rocks Grampian
- The parks
- The rail trail
- McGees Mills Covered Bridge
- Bilger's Rocks
- Kinzua bridge
- Clarion River, Elk Viewing Center
- Kinzua Bridge & the Mt Jewett Tastee Freeze
- Fly fishing, kayaking, the rail trails, breweries, beautiful homes, our walkable downtown, elk, a ride in the woods,...

- Straub Brewery Tap Room
- The Cameron County Chamber of Commerce and Artisan Center. More than 60 artists from the region sell their items.
- Trails, the river, and the unique shops
- Zippo/Case Visitors Center
- Elk Visitors Center
- see the elk or kinzua bridge
- Straub Brewery Taproom or the Elk Visitor Center
- Punxsutawney Phil
- Punxsutanwey Phil
- Groundhog Day, Laska's Pizza

35.

Is there something about your area that you feel could be a **draw for tourists but isn't currently celebrated** or highlighted?

- rail trails
- Allegheny National Forest needs to have more cabin and overnight development so people can enjoy the region for multi-day stays.
- Historical places and events
- Our many outdoor activities
- The rails to trails system
- The Pennsylvania Wilds and our outdoor opportunities could use more national advertising similar to the national spots that promote Michigan.
- Local shops, bars , breweries, distillaries and B Bs
- Trails and restaurants
- The Reservoir
- camping the outdoors
- The bike/walking trail when it is completed from Clarion to Mount Jewett
- Straub's Brewery
- We need outfitters to help visitors easy experience our region. Guided tours on our trails, bike rentals, kayak/canoe rentals, cross-country ski rentals.
- Our area is doing a good job promoting the local assets and attractions.
- Forests, could be off road tourism trails like Hatfield McCoy trail system
- Our history,

- Leaves
- Relaxing, quaint, “hallmark movie” vibes
- Riding
- I only get to see the marketing that is done locally so I’m not certain what is done outside of our region to attract people from outside the area.
- Elk viewing tours
- Increase in hunting for “amateurs” not from the area. Tourist attractions associated with the outdoors. Increase of chain stores available in areas similar to suburbs of Pittsburgh, Altoona, or State College. The closest shopping areas to Jefferson county are 1.5 hours away.
- ski resorts - similar to Poconos. White water rafting, kayaking - tourism companies would create a great experience to vacationers.
- Bavarian heritage
- no
- No
- Changing of seasons.
- Winter activities- more skiing or snowmobiling
- No
- Tennis - a lot of tennis courts - free but not advertised golf and horseback riding is, I'd like to see art galleries, and local theater highlighted. Winery events and music festivals, not much to do in the winter if you do not go outside
- The beautiful river.
- Knox & Kane Rail Trail
- Bilgers rocks
- Already discussed
- The Susquehanna river
- rail trails; we need united and connected trails, not isolated ones
- no
- Lots of hiking trails
- Nope
- Always the changing colors of Fall.
- Na
- Night skies
- My husband is from out of the area, he thought it would be great to use the old railway lines and do tours of the area, but they’ve now made them rails to trails for people to walk, bike and snowmobile. Rides through the mountains would be lovely if they were maintained better.
- Offering ATV riding trails and tours.
- More expanded rail trails

- kayaking and tubing on the river
- Curwensville lake, Bilgers Rocks,
- Riverfront access in Clearfield
- Cabins for rent
- Kinzua Dam area
- Small town living.
- Our natural resources and beauty.
- Our night skies
- Dark skies
- ATV trails
- Laurel festival in Brookville, it is trying to make a comeback after decades of letting it just fall apart.
- The network of unpaved roads for bicycling and dual sport motorcycling.
- Casino
- Hiking trails at Curwensville Dam
- No.
- Little Museum
- hiking trails
- Not sure
- The “Look Out” that overlooks Emporium. This could be transformed with a small skywalk / deck area. It is one of the MOST photographed areas in Emporium
- I think Cameron County should develop the dark skies in this county.
- No
- State park, history
- The river for canoe and kayaking.
- Elk touring
- State parks
- Rails to Trails
- The college and culinary school. They are excellent, but they could be supported and attended more.
- coal mining heritage, Native American heritage
- Restaurants
- West Branch of the Susquehanna Water Trails. State Forests and Parks. Hundreds of miles of dirt roads (which should be opened to ATVs).
- Bicycle and motorized trails, scenic motorcycle routes
- Local fall foliage
- Twin lakes
- No
- Businesses outside of cook forest have fallen into disrepair, cluttered, falling down and disrepair....
- No, but there could be.

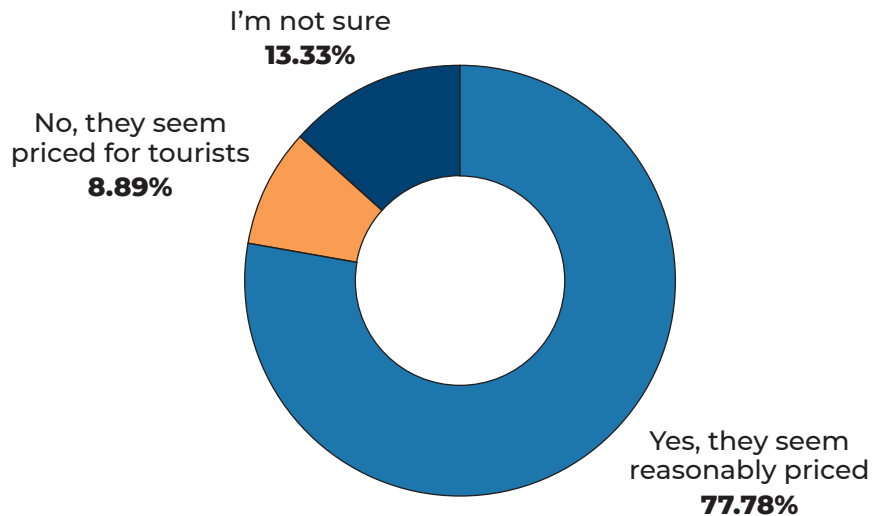
- Local music and food
- No
- No
- Our beautiful forests and parks
- The canyon
- State & National Parks & Hiking trails
- Hiking
- state parks, trails, etc
- The local TPA's do a good job promoting the region's attractions and events. Stay in your lane.
- Recreational uses along the Susquehanna or other rivers/ streams
- I believe we would benefit from capitalizing on winter outdoor resources in our area as nearby areas in New York state have done (i.e. a snowtubing or similar winter recreation area). I'd also like to see historical offerings like Crook Farm become more numerous and better promoted.
- no
- Dirt rd network with vistas
- Bilger's Rocks
- The Arts events in our area are not advertised enough to tourists.
- Trails
- can't think of any
- Rails to Trails
- Our trails. There are many public trails throughout the area, but unfortunately, if you're not from the area, you would have no idea they exist. They are not listed on popular trail apps, mountain bike sites, etc. so most people from outside the area assume there are none.
- More sxs trails, less liberal politicians
- No
- The Allegheny National Forest
- The Arts
- The entire Allegheny national Forest
- Allegheny Reservoir is not promoted or utilized enough
- Allegheny National forest
- Oil and gas history
- Architecture, University and closeness to skiing areas.
- ALLEGHENY national park
- Allegany Forest
- Allegheny Natl Forest
- "National forest
- NYS state park"
- Pretty well highlighted

- Winery and brewery and restaurant tours like they have in other areas
- I think we try to bring tourist into our area.
- The University of Pittsburgh needs to engage with the actual town more, campus is beautiful but there's a disconnect
- A tourist/scenic rail excursion through McKean/Elk counties
- Need a hospital
- Seasonal route for tourist stops with sponsorship from businesses en route. This would be found on Waze, Thrillist, or a printable map with addresses that could be entered in GPS.
- no
- Wilderness and ATV access to it
- The waterways and the Rails to Trails.
- Not in Jefferson county. Festivals and fairs that we do have are advertised, but not well and don't have the draw they used to in years past.
- The "camp" idea, with which I mean the ownership of small "off the grid" homes, which can be used as weekend getaways or recreational vacation getaways.
- It's rich history.
- Zippo
- i have no idea
- National forest
- Zippo. The Kinzua reservoir
- 4th of July
- crookfarm
- Kinzua Beach and Marina
- Outdoor recreation.
- Local History, outdoor activities
- No
- Local bands
- Red blue berry festival
- No
- Rail trails, local parks,
- Rainy day activities.
- We do not have any museums, art centers, shopping centers, etc.
- atv and utv trail systems and camping
- Fairs
- The clarion rivee
- Cook Forest needs a lot of money to upgrade and overhaul attractions and camping.
- Clarion River development
- Dr. Doolittle's
- the Clarion River
- Our state parks are not celebrated enough.

- no
- Walking and bike paths on highways and streets
- mountain biking in the ANF
- PA Wilds has helped develop a strong recognition of our rural landscape and public lands.
- Nothing additional. The large emphasis on tourism a few years ago went overboard. Tourism isn't the complete answer to the local economy.
- Mountain biking on trails, state game roads, more kayak and canoe launching sites, overlook areas
- Mountz park in smithmill
- Rail trail and river
- Need to advertise more
- More campgrounds, cabin rentals, or overnight accommodations at local State Parks
- Cherry Spring has world class dark skies but they are also very dark in the ANF. We could capitalize in this.
- "Dark Sky
- ATV trails on state owned land
- Unique lodging, shopping, and dining
- Tuna Valley Trail System, Kinzua Valley Trail.
- Rural Landscape, Hiking
- could have a greater emphasis on the elk and the brewery
- Elk Visitor Center- I feel that either a hotel or more cabin rentals would attract more individuals.
- Local History, the area is rich in it and people would enjoy it.
- Outdoor recreation

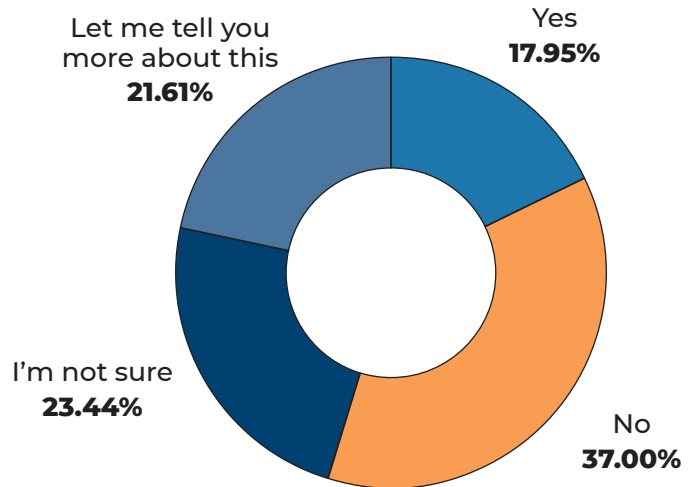
36.

Are recreational things in your area **affordable** for residents?



37.

If the largest employer in your town left, **would the town survive?**



Let me tell you more about this...

- I'm not sure but I doubt it
- If the largest employer left, that would mean there would not be a community to serve. Largest employer in the area is the hospital followed by the school district. Both critical to support the community.
- We don't have one large employer, just many small town businesses. Well, maybe Collins Pines, but even that is only a hundred or so people. Our large businesses left years ago.
- I believe most people in town don't even realize who the largest employers are. I do believe the town would continue to exist, but not thrive.
- If it is the hospital NO it would not survive. If it were the public school system, no the area would not survive. If it were the biggest factory it may survive BUT that all depends how many smaller plants rely on the bigger one for work. It might be a trickle down affect.
- Of course we would 'survive' but it would be devastated. We are already experiencing this with a large employer in our area - the hospital - has constricted its services to the degress that many professionals are leaving our area and we are feeling this significantly.
- I believe so but the quality of life would be dramatically reduced.
- Survive, yes. Thrive? absolutely not. We've seen a lot of large companies come and go over the decades, but so has a lot of the population gone with it.
- If Walmart left we would have nothing
- The largest employer is leaving, other than the Commonwealth
- I dont know and that worries me
- It is already dying.
- It's happened way too often. That's why our towns' populations are shrinking.
- It doesn't matter, because right now, so many jobs that are in my area are desperately looking for workers, but no one wants to work. So, it doesn't matter, because people will just complain anyway.
- It has already happened several times in the past. Piper Aircraft/Quehanna; River Hill Coal (and the coal industry in general)

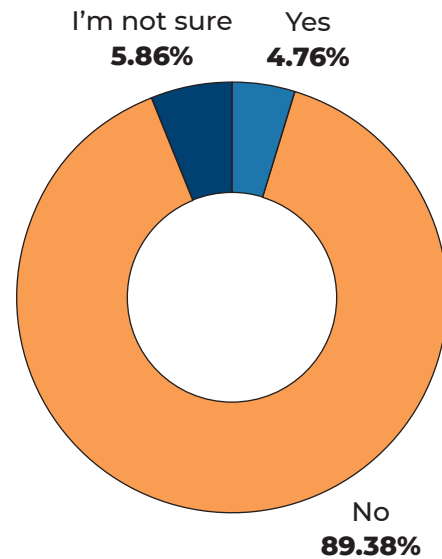
- It would be difficult
- Quite a few of our largest employers have already left, we lost GTE Sylvania, Motor Coils when they took 350 jobs down to 50 jobs and sent the rest to Mexico, Pennsylvania Pressed Metals was bought out by GKN and now that's out. All we have left is a bit of lumber industry and a lot of tool and die. Not much for people to choose from. A lot of the people employed took early retirement or had to go out of the area for training and take jobs in other towns around us to survive.
- I think we're about to find out since the hospital closed.
- I certainly hope so..ours is on its way out
- That is happening nwith the eventual loss of GKN Sinter Metals
- we are hoping. this is happening In CC right now
- Yes, But it would seriously damage the economy and ripples would be felt throughout the area
- Our biggest employer is leaving in about a year, we can only pray. ?????
- Yes, I am retired and live on my monthly Social Security.
- Happening now and time will tell.
- The town will continue to exist, but will trend toward a welfare town like Renovo
- We don't know. It is happening right now. American Axle bought the jobs at our local GKN plant with very poor communication and employees are looking for jobs out of Cameron County!!!
- the largest employer is leaving within the next year. and yes, i think it will devaste Emporium.
- They are leaving so I am unsure
- Have no business
- Unfortunately, this occurred. As the carbon industry downsized and companies went overseas, companies went bankruptupt. Those same factories have reopened and now pay drastically less than 25 years ago.
- I'm sure many people would be hurt.
- Public assistance
- We don't have one single large employer.
- Our hospital is gone. We need a fully functioning hospital that can serve the needs of McKean County
- we will find out soon as Gkn sold out again. I really feel the cancer rate is exceedingly high and we cleaner factories in area but there are transportation problems, we are too far from 80. Therefore we should be looking into work with a living wage that does not rely on expediting parts ect. maybe some type of call center and more technology.
- Survive, yes. Thrive? absolutely not. We've seen a lot of large companies come and go over the decades, but so has a lot of the population gone with it.
- Our largest employers have such a notorious reputation for temporary lay-offs (even long before the pandemic) that it is hard to be supportive of them. Over the years I feel we've moved away from having 1 indispensable employer in our area, which is good. However, since the pandemic (and slightly before) some of our network of important job providers (like our hospital) have been failing to stay "alive" in our community. If too many go down this path I don't see how the

community can survive it.

- Doubtful, they closed one of the larger employers in the area, forcing most to find jobs outside the area if another closed no one would stay.
- Without hospital we would be ghost town
- there is no employer in my village
- That's it. Survive.
- Having difficulty now with all the cutbacks at Bradford regional medical Center
- We have already lost many health care jobs
- Bradford hospital has removed a lot of jobs
- We are losing the hospital. If we lose Zippo or case this town would be left to the welfare elites
- The largest employer has recently announced closure of the last remaining plant.
- It would be a major impact
- Need a hospital
- It would scrape by the skin of its teeth, and hopefully something else would come in to take fill the gap
- Well, BRMC is closing....so no
- Our largest employer was just cut massively. Our hospital took all services except the ER, psych and occupational health. They took it and moved it across state line to Olean New York. Many lost their jobs. Locals ambulances have longer transport times leaving this area without medical personnel
- barely. One large Employer actually did leave and hospital eliminated many services and many without jobs
- We lost a big employer in the area and there are few that are not in great condition. If the largest (Penn Highlands) left, I don't think we would survive.
- Only if it is willing to change otherwise no.
- We've had this happen recently in the past couple of years and many workers moved away however, we are surviving
- We are always losing big employers and have somehow survived...most recently GEO in Philipsburg, PA
- We have had large manufacturing leave Ridgway and we have survived. However, let's work with the business owners NOW and see if we can help with their issues.
- It would survive, but it would look different; more people would have to commute out of the town/area for work which means less consumer spending

38.

Imagine your main street at midday. Does the picture show **more people than cars?**



39.

We learned a lot about strengths and weaknesses in our communities during the pandemic. **What did you learn about where you live?**

- that our community will pull together and support each other
- We fair far better than urban residents due to the close-knit nature of the community.
- people are resilient
- Strength is the tenacity of the people, and their ability to help each other. Weakness is our lack of health care.
- People were willing to help each other.
- The churches stepped up through all the ridiculousness.
- We could easily adapt and overcome
- “When it gets tough, people show up to support each other, whether sharing ideas, doing errands, spending locally, etc.
- People also got really mean on FB and that was such an interesting and strange parallel. “
- People are very rude to others.
- We are a bit isolated from the mainstream.
- Need better internet services
- People support small businesses during pandemics
- Besides not being able to go out to eat, not a whole lot changed. There are many essential businesses in our area that had to keep working.
- That we are incredibly politically divided and within the political subdivisions we have persevered as a whole.
- The area was too influenced by what the CDC, the WHO,

the FDA and other so called officials had to recommend or mandate that they forgot a few important things...we live in the land of the free, with rights and freedoms that NO one can take away from us, this is the United States of America. People have a right to make their own decisions regarding treatment for a health condition-pandemic! The information given out but these people was NOT accurate! We were NOT all in this together! If this way of thinking continues and the world is going to be divided by the vaccinated and the unvaccinated it will only be yet one more cause of our world falling apart. You think we have a labor shortage now! Think again! The vaccines DO NOT work, people who are fully vaccinated are still getting Covid and are still spreading Covid. The whole pandemic was a well planned out money making pandemic.

- When people are isolated as they were during the pandemic, they tend to forget that we are in relationship with each other. Harsh words have been exchanged over social media which seems to give people permission to say whatever they want. Politics especially divided people this year and people weren't kind about it. People are not patient or courteous although this wasn't the case in the beginning. The culture has evolved where people seem to believe they are owed something. People who were interested in creating succeeded despite the negativity and many positive things have come to fruition during this last year and a half. Overall though I see a lot of discouragement especially in the service sector of our local economy.
- Our wireless internet needs improved.
- The vital need for bandwidth, quality healthcare, and that we are all connected and need each other to achieve prosperity.
- The hospital merger of the Bradford Hospital with Olean General and then Klaipeda Health was a huge mistake. All the important services have been removed instead of over a 100+ beds, the hospital only has four. Bad mistake allowed to happen by a board of directors nor paying attention. This will really hurt the ability to attract new families and workers.
- That some politicians will take advantage of anything no matter how many they kill
- That we we struggled
- They will cave to unconstitutional mandates. They are more in being compliant than the freedom of their residents sadly. Very eye opening for a community built to escape tyranny.
- People are cruel and fall for misinformation, especially Trump supporters
- We have a drug problem
- People supported the small business owners
- People support each other

- That people chose to stay home instead of going to work and services suffered for a while. Some businesses closed and some new businesses opened. There was not a huge overall change in our economy that I could tell.
- Unfortunately, I learned that a lot of people are selfish and don't actually care about their neighbors and community.
- People began to support local business more and people began to realize what our community has to offer as far as outdoor recreation
- Most citizens in North Central PA do not take COVID guidelines seriously.
- local small businesses closed or reduced hours due to lack of staffing. Community needs to support them.
- people talk a good talk but fail at actions
- A lot of people can easily be fooled
- Controlling government caused the downfall of many small business and restaurants that were unable to recover financially and worked wise after shutdowns
- Covid was a political disaster!
- Most don't trust the government they believe former president
- That they are looking to make improvements.
- People listen to mandates
- That other than food banks, there is very little social safety net
- great community that cares about their neighbor
- I'm an introvert so it affected me very little. I do enjoy ordering my groceries on line at Walmart and then having someone bring them to my car.
- People place politics above public safety
- It is a community that refutes science, is stubborn, and is socially insensitive.
- Penn Highlands cannot stand by itself.
- It became a ghost town
- State and federal government is more of a hindrance and have lost credibility. Their solution is to throw money at problems and to consolidate favors to benefit large corporations at the man-on-the-street's expense.
- Senior citizens are left on their own to struggle to get the necessities needed. No access to medical specialists nearby. No reliable transportation. I also learned how people treat you if you are not a Republican and how ignorant they can be in this area.
- that it became a town divided by those who can think and those who would follow a puppy off a cliff
- Too many people believe false information.
- People don't want to work and everyone complains about something
- No opinion.
- It's a tourist attraction and area for sure

- People can be scared to easily
- That a lot of people did not follow the rules.
- People are selfish. Aren't interested in sacrificing for the greater good of all.
- Nothing new
- That people can't get along.
- I live in the Country and dam proud of where I live!
- I learned just how little we have here. You go to what we have in search of something you need and can't find it and have to travel 19 miles one way to get it. I've learned with the employment help because of loss of work has sort of made people lazy to work, lots of excuses not to want to work now. No reason to work now. The senior citizens are the ones who are struggling with no jobs, social security not enough to get what is needed and even with medicare and supplements still having to pay out of pocket. Can't afford glasses, hearing aids etc because supplements and medicare limit what you are allowed.
- Small businesses have really struggled recently.
- That people are very opinionated, cannot tell a reliable news source from a fake one, and put them not wearing a mask over the the health of their neighbors
- We are fortunate to live in a rural area although it is way too conservative, narrow minded and difficult to instill change of any sort
- Small businesses need more support during hard times, the outdoors is where it's at
- If we don't provide more living wage jobs, the area will go the way of small businesses during the pandemic.
- We will survive and stick together. Now everyone is staying in more and keeping to themselves.
- It's great to live in a small community.
- Everyone helps each other.
- We can truly work remotely.
- We look out for each other even the non vaccinated
- our town was wonderful,still supporting and ultimately carried our business as it had opened 30 days before the shut down. they were wonderful. I think some small business struggled how to pivot and make online ordering and delivery an option.
- a lot of people will follow blindly whatever the government tells them.
- That our remoteness and small population kept us safe.
- Our sense of community definitely helped unite us and keep us strong throughout the pandemic.
- Having Churches, Schools, Eateries, and even our Senior Center closed, it was very hard emotionally on our small community.
- Healthcare is poor. I cannot afford local private physicians as Medicare is not sufficient for them. I go to a Public

Health Service here in Emporium: Keystone Rural Health System. One must not live here if one has any serious or life-threatening illness that afflict we older individuals, or live on a limited income.

- That the increased unemployment benefits made it impossible for local businesses to find people willing to work - which is not the fault of the residents, it's the fault of the government officials that created the program.
- Too many rednecks
- That people & businesses can think and act outside of the box. They were flexible and creative to obtain & do business. And that those in our community do care about each other. That is strong in Cameron County!!
- Our town acts like there is no pandemic. festivals go on, no one wears masks
- People are generally stupid
- The sense of community in the Kushequa valley is unrivaled.
- Drugs are horrible around here. Very easy to obtain.
- People need jobs that pay a fair wage...They can't get people to work but who wants to endanger their health for 7.25?
- Our community really will support our local businesses - none of our restaurants closed due to the pandemic.
- Ppl took tha pandemic to not work and collect money now we can't find workers
- Undereducated people who do not care about science
- That I can survive using the amenities available such as online grocery ordering, online bill pay, etc. However, the reliability of the internet in this area makes even those options difficult at times.
- The drugs got worse
- Healthcare workers were hit hard..we lost alot of small businesses as well...
- "There are a lot of businesses struggling to stay open full hours due to lack of employees.
- Brookville has CREATE and they did a great job keeping local shops open and they help businesses start and maintain. People wanted to shop local! They also classes and events and opportunities for people to have something to do. "
- People are ignorant about transmission of the disease. They refuse to wear masks even it it is to protect others. That is very narrow minded and self centered
- "There is not a lot of opportunity for people to better themselves. There are a lot of low-wage jobs that don't provide a living wage or benefits to their workers.
- There are a lot of people who say they want to help others, but

when it comes down to it would rather throw a tantrum than wear a mask to help protect vulnerable community members.”

- Lack of internet access had a profound effect.
- resilience. people working together.
- Lack of communication
- Our community was stronger
- Not sure we would recover
- I'm grateful that we don't live in a cycle of fear here, and people can think for themselves above and beyond the political rhetoric.
- There is so much hatred and division in our community.
- No nonsense
- Big stores were allowed to stay open, small stores raised their prices. Political sides were drawn and disputes about the virus and precautions for prevention and treatment were not mandated or enforced. Instead of pulling together we divided ourselves because govt did not take a stand and lead as they should have!
- I am happy to live in a rural area
- What divides us is stronger than what unites us. Our community was deeply reflective of the national tensions, but more aggressive toward neighbors.
- That many folks here feel that restrictions like quarantine, masks and vaccines are infringe on their civil rights. I personally feel that we should do what best serves others. I was raised to be a good citizen and have empathy for others. Too many Folks are lacking both and only care for what best serves themselves.
- Education has failed at many levels
- We need a fully functioning hospital.
- We don't have leaders, we have followers. We are reactive instead of proactive.
- Many people are self-centered and ignorant
- People pulled together as we always do within restriction guidelines
- Every kept to themselves and had a lot of fishermen
- The community was so supportive. Businesses helped competitors. Citizens pulled together to buy what they could. Businesses were creative. A true meaning of the word community.
- at first there was a lot of division, then cooperation and compliance, the division again. but this is going on everywhere as people are getting tired of the pandemic. we do not seem much different from other communities throught the U.S.
- “Our communities are very caring and giving
- Proud to work
- Some people do not want to work.
- “People got creative on how to remain open and adapt to new ways to operate.
- We need access to internet in the rural areas. It's awful!

- This is a tough question. I've typed and erased several answers, wanting to keep a positive tone. I guess all I will say is that we could have done a lot better, and expected a lot better, of the people in my community.
- It is very safe and most people respect the safety aspects such as wearing a mask
- Our people are strong and take care of their own. Also, if you give people free money, they won't work.
- High-speed internet access is an issue with remote working.
- We have committed educational personnel trying to make difficult situations work, but for many in our area there is no way to make a virtual learning environment work (due to lack of child care, lack of internet access, lack of ability to assist children adequately with technology or academics). We've also seen that while a decrease in healthcare access was already a huge blow to our community, during a pandemic or other higher need time it is crippling and threatens the survival of our entire community both literally and economically.
- poor medical help, no one volunteers anymore, everyone has to work so they can live
- People can be supportive
- People don't want to work now because they get more sitting home than working.
- That once health care staff was no longer needed for the pandemic in this area we were no longer of value. Regardless of the risks we all took to keep the community safe, in the end we were expendable to the kaleida health system and were disposed of. I would never have been a nurse had I not had the best nurses as colleagues, most of whom I have not even seen since graduation and will most likely never get to work with. I had to take a job in Potter county at a facility I have to drive an hour to and from.
- People have no concern for others
- We care about each other.
- people are resistant to science
- We don't need the government dictating how to run our businesses
- "The area and its many resources are extremely desirable for people to live and work remotely. It gave many people the opportunity to get outside and rediscover the beauty and activities that exist here.
- It also showed why more people don't relocate to the area for remote working. The internet access and cellular service are extremely unreliable and likely won't improve without government intervention. The ISPs have no incentive to

improve service because the additional income generated by adding or improving services do not justify the costs to do so.”

- That the government lies and will continue to lie- they need to follow our constitution or leave the country. We are not and will never be a 1 world order so get over it
- Needs more communication
- Kindness and caring and lack of healthcare
- “Most people were good about working thru it..everyone had struggles but if you helped your neighbors we made it through...in my opinion it could have been much worse. That’s what living in a small community was great.
- People do their best to work together
- That the people that you thought had the best interest of the community, do not represent the community and sold out to New York State, leaving our community with poor health care
- That half the population is stupid!
- People are gullible
- That greed in the management of our own hospital, was either not being monitored, or the person/person’s responsible stole money/funding.
- large part of populace distrustful, misinformed, non compliant with public health recommendations
- The administrators at the hospital were not humanitarians. The community kept strong to reach out to small businesses, the volunteers and heart of the city rose to new levels of caring.
- Feeling safer in a small town
- People pulled together to help others
- No hospital to care for residents. Sent to another hospital
- That our community for the most part came together and helped on another. That is aside from the people that felt it was just political. Also learned that the closing of most services in our hospital caused for many people with the virus to have to be transported to an out of state hospital
- It’s a very confined forgotten area
- We try to work together but we still take care of a lot of welfare and drug addicted. They get more help than most
- Small town people looked out for those who needed help
- We have many resilient people.
- Our town would not survive without small business
- People adapted and helped those who needed it
- The community came together to help those affected the most - support for the restaurant’s, small business and the friendship table was heart warming -
- We are safe and secure in our hills of PA unlike the cities that experienced riots

- People care. But there are a lot of folks left behind.
- Strengths were staying in touch as a community via online platforms.
- We need to support and buy LOCAL
- Need a hospital
- “People are superstitious and easily misled. They don’t understand science.
- There are some really good and generous people who are not appreciated nearly enough and recognition usually goes to people whose jobs look prestigious and donors rather than doers who give of their time and resources.
- Doctors, nurses, pharmacists, etc. are integral parts of a community.
- most everyone worked together
- It was good not being in a large city
- That some people stubbornly disbelieve Covid-19 is real!
- People from metro areas and out of the county/region and state gravitate to the rural areas (Camps and parks) like there was a mass exodus, and then buy everything in the stores and the rural areas are in the same issues as the metro/urban areas due to the increase in people in the region. Also People don’t care about travel restrictions, they go where they want to go.
- too many people aren’t paid a living wage
- “Strength - I observed a lot of individual strengths and love how some organizations and individuals offered support to community members
- Weakness - the technical infrastructure and educational systems and their inability to provide even adequate education in the midst of the pandemic”
- That my community is small enough to weather a pandemic through social distancing, but also resilient enough to do what needs to be done to help and grow our community.
- People are idiots in their complacency.
- Organizations and people really came together to assist each other.
- During the pandemic we lost our hospital and access to medical care and have to go out of state or travel tens a hundred miles for care
- I worked at Mikes Comet during the pandemic and the community was very thankful for all we did for them with providing their essential items. A lot of people donated us pizza and other foods as a thank you.
- There is a huge drug problem
- Strength was safety and security. Weakness lack of reliable internet that is affordable
- That our business owners are tough and are barely hanging on
- Having a majority of restraunts really hits the workforce, and

still had to travel for shopping purposes.

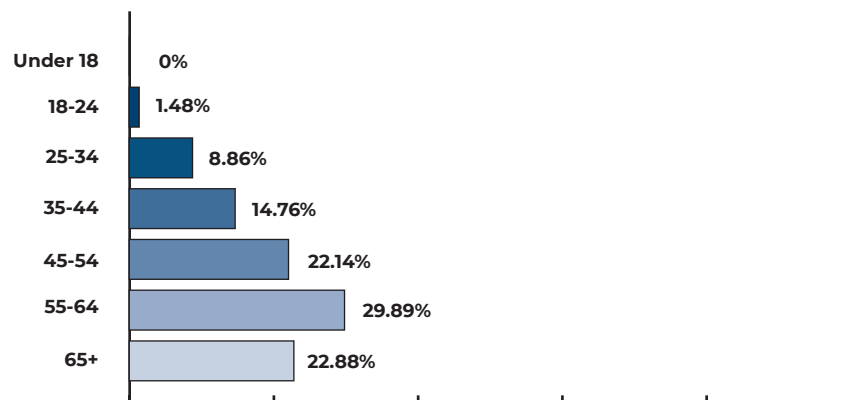
- High speed internet is poor once you leave the Borough.
- Small business struggled or didn't survive.
- I learned that People are very divided in their opinions
- People that live in rural environments are more able to provide for themselves and adapt to current conditions due to limited population density
- Our internet isn't as good as it should be.
- Businesses can't afford to go long without normal income
- People in the area have a distrust for everything other than their narrow-minded political beliefs in lies with no regard or respect for the well-being of their fellow citizens. Local politicians only exacerbate the situation with half-truths, outright lies, and political propaganda.
- Nice to be a small community
- We support each other very well.
- We need good qualified people who want to work.
- Keep church open and small business open
- We live here because social distancing was a normal part of our life before Covid.
- That people need to stand together against tyrannical leaders!
- Internet access poor
- We have a community that many people around the country would love to live in. We need to commercially develop, develop our housing stock and our recreation opportunities for all seasons
- That people did not take the pandemic seriously.
- Residents made it more political.
- Honestly I most learned that people are closed minded and selfish when it comes to the welfare of others. I learned that if you are different or against the majority you are not welcome.
- Our community can survive anything ~ the collaboration amongst organizations, local governments and EMS personnel was incredible!
- County has done a good job with Covid-19 vaccinations thanks to SMP
- We are resilient
- We are isolated from the panic and hype of the situation. This is a good thing. We prefer to be independent for this and many other reasons. I learned that much of the pandemic relief is being used to buy toys. Much of the education relief is being used to purchase things they probably don't need. There also does not seem to be any oversight. The money is flowing freely and being spent without guidance and direction. This will become a problem as our fiscal situation evolves and the time to pay back these grants arrives.
- A lot of turmoil over pros and cons of vaccine. Support of local

businesses was mixed some thrived others sank. School system was excellent in handling the scheduling yet students in the rural areas struggled with internet

- They stay together
- Community support
- People here really care about their neighbors. People from Elk County are waiting in line to return here to live if they can find a job or work remotely. Or after retirement.
- Our strength is our rural nature; and the more people who see and experience it, hopefully more local people will recognize that too.
- Resilience among some, but others adopted the give up attitude and did not think outside of the box.
- Families were able to find things to do outside (biking, hiking, walking, floating the river, fishing, and enjoying the parks).
- Shopping local took on a new marketing edge and was very successful. Residents really wanted to support the small businesses that were struggling.
- People can work from home and not miss a beat
- a lot of people live paycheck to paycheck
- I learned that the community really supports small businesses. For example, restaurants were closed, but alot of people still got take out to try and support those local restaurants.
- It is a very good place to live
- Our community members do not give the support to our local businesses.

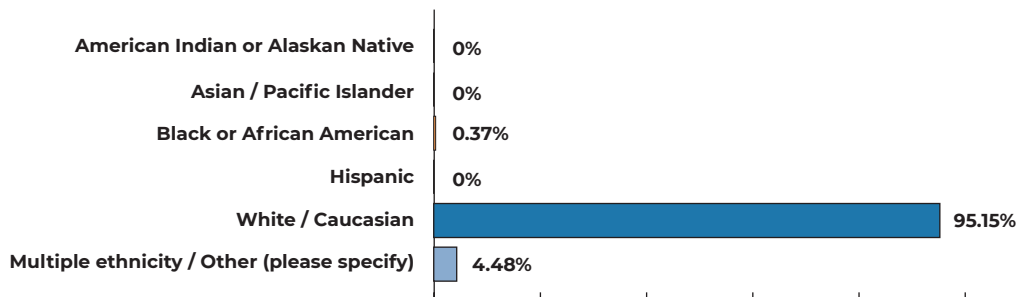
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How old are you?



41.

Which **race/ethnicity** best describes you? (Please choose only one.)

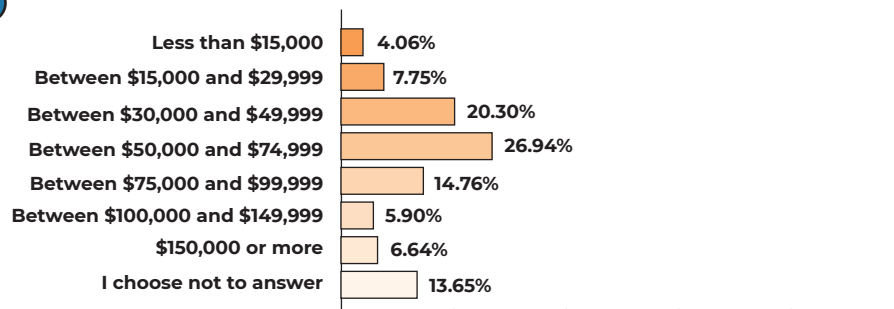


Other (please specify)

- Moon Township
- Saint Marys
- If we are not to discriminate, why do you ask.
- Karthaus
- American
- Clearfield
- Emporium
- Stop playing the fucking race card with this question
- asdfasdf
- White and Japanese
- white/indian
- I prefer not to answer. With all of the conversation around race all of these surveys point directly to race again and again. Why can't we just do the survey and accept that it represents the people without pointing to a percentage of their skin color?

42.

What is your **average annual income**?



43.

What is your **5-digit zipcode**?

Zip Code	Count	Zip Code	Count
16735	20	15849	1
16701	53	16838	4
16734	1	15824	3
15834	26	15832	2
15801	11	16740	2
15108	1	16915	1
15853	12	16878	1
15857	35	16738	4
15845	1	15827	1
15846	4	15860	3
16830	12	16749	4
15825	12	16727	1
15767	13	16745	3
15840	4	16651	5
16858	2	16743	1
15823	1	16731	1
15821	1	16725	1
16833	7	16732	1
15864	2	15870	1
16922	2	15851	1
16845	1	16680	1
16746	1		

44.

What could happen in your county or region that would suggest you're on the **right track for stability and growth**?

- Increase in population
- get a chik fil a or target
- New housing, and additional businesses in the downtown.
- If I saw storefronts being bought and filled would mean we are on the right track for stability and growth.
- Locals banding together for causes or improvement projects as a town
- More tourism and small business development.

- Infrastructure investment
- Well paying jobs
- New industry locating here
- Announcing regional office location in town
- Idk
- New industry coming in
- Industry has fewer help wanted signs; there is 100% post high school graduation placement in work, tech training, military or 2-4 year university enrollment.
- Better paying jobs, more places to shop, better local government
- Wage increases for workers
- People choosing to travel and/or move to the area. The community working together with a shared vision for stability and growth
- Population Increase
- Increasing population, no longer losing our young people
- New families moving in, graduates of the local university starting local businesses and finding good jobs in the area
- Tax breaks for small business and once again allowing the American dream to flourish. Import tariffs
- New industries
- Clean up the old decaying homes and buildings that sit empty, Example across from Sheetz
- I wouldn't have to move.
- Business expanding, minimum wage much higher, another grocery store
- Increases businesses to area
- people return to work. Jobs are available everywhere
- More discussion on regionalization - consolidation of certain organizations and municipalities. Reduced overhead costs and more emphasis on collaboration.
- an increase in the population caused by new jobs and emerging technologies
- Seeing more businesses created
- Increase in chain stores to promote travel to the area and increase in tourism.
- New business moving into the area. This would create job growth and keep residents in county and entice others to move to the area.
- people would not have to decide between medical/ medications and paying for food and utilities
- Dont know
- Bringing back qualified medicine to our hospital..more variety of grocery stores and shopping.

- We need jobs
- New industry
- Hotel in town: no where for family or business people to stay in Ridgway when visiting.
- More sources of employment
- More good paying jobs
- Less brain drain, more downtown development of small and cooperative businesses
- adding businesses that hire and more restaurants
- ????
- Slow Population growth
- Yard would be cleaned of trash
- “The reopening of the GEO facility in Philipsburg wasn’t
- due to the good work ethic of our Central PA residents.
- Appearance of Leaders with insight and foresight in development who are willing to put aside their parochial small town attitudes
- Average age of population decreases.
- more businesses with jobs to sustain families
- Improved health outcomes
- Better internet and communication
- Population growth that is well managed.
- Not sure
- Increase in jobs that can support a family
- Kids playing outside in the summer.
- Bringing more business in.
- “More jobs - and something besides bars/restaurants that service alcohol. Family oriented, young child/teenager activities.
- Not a thing.
- First off we need to get the community up to date, more improvements, a reason why people would want to come here to start a business, then someone to find people who want to start a business here, get things moving.
- More resources becoming available, more jobs coming available.
- Better transportation among the towns
- Seeing a Target, Wegmans, Department store, large clothing store, Applebee’s, Kohl’s, and more diversity in eating options
- new factories and housing
- Economic recovery through environmental restoration, tourism, and recreation
- Bringing in jobs
- Next manufacturing company or large business come in.
- Less people on public assistance.
- Economic growth
- More small manufacturers

- New employers
- Population growth
- Attracting an employer/employers to the two former GKN facilities.
- Recruitment of new businesses
- Nothing. We are at the end of the journey. If you live in Emporium and have worked here all of your life, you will die here. If you have children who have left here, and your health is in decline, you will go to live with or near them. Truth hurts.
- Thriving Community
- more small businesses opening
- People relocating here instead of leaving the area
- An increase in job availability & the workforce to go with it.
- New businesses
- Consolidation of DuBois and Sandy Twp
- Increased business in downtown area, micro brewery, gentrification.
- Unsure
- More business
- Local wages being vastly improved
- Develop employment opportunities
- Manufacturing jobs and drug use Eradication
- Ppl move back or graduating seniors stay and thrive here
- “Decent jobs
- People spending money.
- Activities for kids/families/colleges”
- Bring in new well paying businesses
- STEM jobs, better paying jobs, more jobs that offer benefits, a raise in the wages for folks like grocery store workers, waitresses and bartenders
- New good paying job growth.
- Rising employment, more students in schools.
- Positive enthusiastic attitudes and skilled employment opportunities
- Investors
- Higher median income, decline in loss of youth to drugs, those with 4 year degrees returning to the area for work. Factories showing value in its work force. Revitalization of small businesses and investment in their success.
- More housing, more stores, more medical practices, more recreation
- 4 lane highway
- New industry , jobs and housing.
- Manufacturing jobs
- Investment in renewable energies. Opportunities for telework, telemedicine. An emergency treatment center in each community with option for transport to reputable hospitable.

Regional initiatives so each community isn't left to find their own resources for healthcare, business development, community engagement.

- Community organizing over health and essential human services
- Influx of sustainable jobs.
- BRMC brought back with the employment, helps Pitt nursing programs. Affordable housing, better business selection.
- A major industry!
- Housing development.
- A move away from powder metal industries
- "More new stock housing
- Hospital/ Healthcare network stability
- Robust secondary education - Technical and Academic "
- "Get out hospital back. Get drugs out . Build the 219 highway. Get more good jobs for the people so they can fix there houses and be proud of our area.
- New homes, families moving here, new jobs not just minimum wage jobs
- Keep attracting tourists
- A change in the focus of the local industries towards new technology and renewable energy related manufacturing.
- JOBS....and ROADS that are not filled with patches and potholes
- More jobs and more businesses opening
- Development of a county wide high speed internet network.
- "Having our hospital regain a full range of healthcare services (especially reestablishing the ICU, maternity and some same-day surgery).
- Increased access to affordable housing for low income residents.
- Increased access to affordable, quality childcare for working residents."
- make state sell a lot of there property to people and industry so the property makes money
- Work force retention
- use of vacant buildings
- Reopening our hospital to it's full capabilities
- More industry
- Seeing more improvements in existing buildings and building new ones.
- "Buried electric lines
- Housing for middle to upper income
- Gov stop paying money to people to stay home and not work "
- We protect our environment
- New industry
- If a few larger companies decided to invest/move into the area, I think that would increase signify growth is coming.

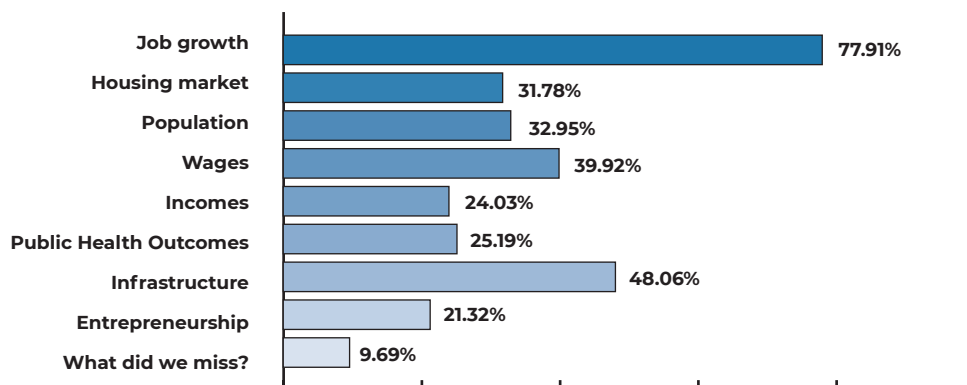
- Lower inflation and more jobs- democratic leaders are running this country into the ground
- Health care
- Our hospital would return, more jobs.
- UPMC buying BRMC and not IGH
- I think we are on the right track now.
- Reestablish healthcare in our community, expand usability of Allegheny national Forest and continue support of university of Pittsburgh
- More good paying jobs, less blight
- Increase business operations.
- Get our hospital back to full operational strength
- We either get back a fully functioning hospital, or replace it with an entirely new one.
- Restore the Bradford Hospital
- Investment in Bradford Regional medical center.
- Increased manufacturing
- I think we are on the wrong track. Losing most of the hospital function is a blow to the community.
- a fully functioning hospital
- "Decrease in unemployment
- Increase in population
- Business development "
- More health care jobs in our own hospital in Bradford
- Better medical services and internet.
- restore the hospital
- Give Bradford back it's hospital
- Boom town
- economic development .
- Bring back a fully operating Hospital
- Need more stable businesses
- Hospital
- To see the oil and gas industry make a comeback - poverty level going down —hospital being saved
- Get BRMC away from UAHS/Kaleida or get another hospital interested in building a hospital.
- ? not sure
- Solving the hospitals problems of quality, downsizing, and reputation decrease. Getting a good big employer in for jobs that can be OJT.
- Attracting an employer with high quality jobs
- A hospital
- Having the hospital reconstituted to include essential services or replaced by competitors in each of the essential service areas.
- ability to communicate better by any means

- The lumberjack trails
- A better planning department in the county, and population growth of younger people coming into area to establish roots.
- new businesses
- Additional new businesses and existing business growth
- A push toward community based and main street revitalization.
- “New industry with jobs growth.
- The return of quality health care to BRMC.”
- The poverty rate would decrease and more places wouldn’t be closing due to staffing shortages.
- Hospital brought back to the area and the jobs associated with it and other employers moving into the area
- The hospital remaining open, as a primary hospital
- High employment rates
- Moving the county seat to Bradford
- Business development, and improving local zoning ordinances, and blighted housing
- Population stable or growing slightly with young working families.
- New Governor!!! New businesses opening. The extra money given in unemployment goes away and people go out and get jobs to keep businesses open
- Health care at Bradford Regional Medical Center.
- “Homes would be better maintained Less homes that are run down and not taken care of
- Job growth
- Better jobs with better pay, more people moving into the area
- Development and more manufacturing
- Allowing corporate businesses to move in.
- New businesses, current business expanding
- New business
- Population increases
- Coal and gas rebound
- Development of our Clarion River as a focal point for tourism
- commercial investment by private sector, sponsored by government investment
- Accepting change and the fixing up of our town.
- Business retainment
- a more diverse population
- New and expanding businesses
- “Increase in population a d visible new business development
- Family sustaining jobs
- See more jobs
- Strong employment numbers, establishing internet and cell services, an overall feeling that we are in control locally and not being forced to do certain things by state and local governments.

- More local government support, upturn in jobs and opportunities
- Grants for improved infrastructure.
- Downtown improvement grant
- Increase in outdoor activities
- A new manufacturing firm relocates to McKean without the need of tax incentives. No Smoke Stack Chasing!
- Stabilize the healthcare in our county instead of stripping it all out to DuBois.
- maintain population, as opposed to loosing it over the next 20 years.
- A developer purchase a downtown property and convert the second and third floors to high end apartments. The former GKN facility be purchased and a wood manufacturer takes advantage of close proximity to Emporium Hardwoods for its materials.
- Young professionals residing here to raise their family, or to start a business/industry.
- Population stabilizes or increases
- increase in population
- Increase in population
- Population increase
- business growth, economic sustainability

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What **indicators** could local leadership share on a regular basis to help you keep track of progress toward your future vision of the region? Choose top three.



What did we miss?

- Tourism research -the annual economic impact of tourism
- Events
- Bring Trump back
- ways to bring in businesses such as restaurants and clothing stores

- Share information and request input of community on ideas to expand community entertainment/sports options. Children need more to do with families year round.
- Need stable and reliable water, sewer ,electric, internet
- safety, feeling of peace
- We need some sort of Vocational College in our area.
- Education statistics
- Education outcomes
- Drugs prevention
- Our “leadership” in Cameron County rests in the hands of the few local healthy individuals who do not care about anyone but themselves, hence we will never change. Which is unfortunate, but that is why it is the most Conservative county in Pennsylvania.
- business development
- Prevention efforts for social/pandemic concerns
- youth buildings like a ymca, rollerrink, inside, more crafts and artistic endeavors for tweens and teens especially for low, middle income
- Broadband and cell service
- Grant availability and population changes. We need more people who want to work.
- Draw more companies into the area besides the crack and meth dealers that run free
- HEALTH
- A hospital
- Essential services
- The hospital. We need it
- New and/or improved assets
- Education choice,
- The Happiness Indicator. Are our people happy with their lives? Do they feel good about the community? Do they contribute to their communities through volunteering? Do they invite people to come to the community to enjoy the lifestyle? Are they ambassadors for the Community? Are they looking at half empty glasses or half full glasses? Do your questions encourage looking for the problems and not for the benefits of living in this area of the country?