

***The Matanuska-Susitna Borough
Community Survey, 2006***

A Sourcebook of Community Attitudes

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Introduction

The *Matanuska-Susitna Borough Community Survey* (Mat-Su Survey) is a cooperative effort on the part of Mat-Su College, the University of Alaska-Anchorage (UAA) and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. Distributed to every household in the Mat-Su Borough in spring of 2006, the *Mat-Su Survey* asks residents to evaluate the quality of Borough services, provide opinions about Borough decision-making, and sum up their perceptions about a range of issues relevant to the present and future of the Mat-Su community.

This sourcebook presents the results of the *Mat-Su Survey* in a detailed tabular format. These findings will help the Borough prioritize projects, improve services, and better plan for community growth. Further, they will provide important information to Mat-Su College and UAA so that they may provide improved educational programs and research. Finally, they will serve as a useful reference for Mat-Su residents curious about how their neighbors view issues of local interest.

Data Collection, Entry, Analysis

The Borough worked with the UAA Justice Center to develop the survey questionnaire. In its final form, this survey instrument comprised 16 pages and approximately 200 questions (see appendix). With the services of a mass delivery company, the Borough mailed the *Mat-Su Survey* to slightly more than 27,000 Borough households¹ in April 2006. Completed surveys were delivered to the Mat-Su College campus in Palmer.

Survey collection, data entry and database management occurred on-site at Mat-Su College. Lisa Schwarzburg—a Research Professional of the UAA Justice Center—supervised the construction of the database. Two Mat-Su Job Corps students and four Job Center participants coded the data from the hard copy surveys and entered the coded information into an electronic database.² Mat-Su College computer services staff provided computers and support for data entry and database management. Data entry began on May 10 and was finished June 19, 2006. A total of 2,600 surveys were received, coded, and entered into the electronic database. These data were delivered to UAA Justice Center research staff, who then converted it into a format readable by SPSS, a computer program used in statistical analyses. Chad Farrell, Assistant Professor of Sociology at UAA, analyzed the data and wrote up the results of this sourcebook.

Organization of the Sourcebook

The sourcebook follows the organization of the survey questionnaire itself (see appendix), which is made up of six major parts: I) Evaluation of Current Borough Services, II) Use of Borough Facilities, III) Life in Mat-Su Neighborhoods, IV) Local Government: Access, Policies and Practices, V) Higher Education, VI) Respondent

¹ The original mailing list includes 34,445 addresses. It is not clear why deliveries were not made to 7,356 households but it appears clear that residents of Sutton and Talkeetna did not receive questionnaires.

² All surveys are anonymous—none the researchers or staff at the Borough, Mat-Su College, or UAA know the identities of survey respondents because the returned surveys do not include specific identifying information such as name or address.

Background Information. Each of these parts has a corresponding battery of survey questions (numbered 1-48). The aggregate responses to these questions are presented in tabular format and the summary tables are numbered according to the six major categories outlined above.

The data analyses proceeded according to a two-pronged approach which is also reflected in the organization of the sourcebook. The first prong involved extracting and presenting highly detailed information for all 2,600 households that responded to the survey. The front section of the sourcebook provides these detailed Borough-wide results. Most of the survey questions give the respondent a range of options for expressing how strongly they feel about a certain issue. For example, rather than asking simply whether respondents are satisfied with Ambulance Services (Part I; Question 1b), the survey asks them to rate the service on an ascending 5-part scale ranging from “very poor” to “very good.” The sourcebook summary tables present the proportions of all respondents who rated the service according to each component of this 5-part scale. Additionally, each response was assigned a numerical score (very poor=1; poor=2; no opinion=3; good=4; very good=5) and an average rating (ranging from 1 to 5) was computed for each Borough service. Higher average scores indicate higher overall satisfaction and lower scores indicate lower overall satisfaction.³ The summary tables provide proportions only (no average scores) for questions requiring just a “yes” or “no” answer.

The second prong of the data analysis and presentation involved breaking down the responses according to geographic areas within the Borough. Do the residents of Palmer view traffic congestion (Part IV; Question 17b) differently than the residents of Meadow Lakes? The second section of this sourcebook allows one to answer this question. The tables in this section provide average scores and percentages for each geographic area (listed alphabetically, three per page) in the Mat-Su Borough.⁴ The average scores refer to all the respondents in the specified geographic area and, to conserve space, percentages are provided only for responses on the opposite ends of the 5-part scale. In other words, there is information provided about the average rating/response for a specific geographic area and about how many respondents in that area felt very strongly about an issue (rated it as “very poor” or “very good”). The summary tables provide percentages only (no average scores) for questions requiring just a “yes” or “no” answer.

The Community Survey 2006 provides useful information on how Borough citizens rate and use current Borough services. In addition, the survey will assist the Mat-Su College and UAA in improving their educational programs. The Community Survey 2006 provides a baseline for tracking any changes that might come in future Borough community surveys. The survey also allows the Borough to better allocate resources and improve efficiency and effectiveness.

³ This same logic applies to other questions in which potential responses range from “strongly disagree” to “strongly agree” and those that range from “highly unlikely” to “highly likely.”

⁴ Areas with less than 20 respondents are excluded from this section.

MAT-SU COMMUNITY
SURVEY 2006:
Detailed Borough-
wide Results

Table 1: Evaluation of Current Borough Services.

<i>How would you rate each of the following:</i>	Avg. score	% rating service as				
		Very Poor	Poor	No Opinion	Good	Very Good
1. Emergency Services						
1a. Fire Department Services.	3.68	1.6	3.9	34.4	44.5	15.5
1b. Ambulance services.	3.71	0.9	3.7	36.2	42.1	17.0
2. Road Maintenance						
2a. Roadway Maintenance Services.	2.88	11.6	37.3	7.3	39.5	4.3
2b. Snowplow Services.	3.19	11.6	24.9	6.2	47.4	9.9
3. Educational Services/Resources						
3a. Library Services.	3.57	2.5	10.1	29.0	44.4	14.1
3b. Elementary Schools.	3.39	2.8	11.6	39.3	36.4	9.9
3c. Middle Schools.	3.21	4.0	15.5	42.9	30.6	6.9
3d. High Schools.	3.18	4.6	16.3	42.6	29.8	6.7
3e. Community Enhancement Programs.	2.92	7.0	17.8	54.8	17.3	3.1
4. Recreational Services						
4a. Wasilla Swimming Pool.	3.33	1.4	7.1	53.8	32.8	4.9
4b. Athletic Fields.	3.32	1.3	8.1	52.4	33.3	4.9
4c. Brett Memorial Ice Arena.	3.35	0.8	4.4	59.8	29.1	5.9
4d. Palmer Swimming Pool.	3.43	1.0	4.0	53.5	33.8	7.7
5. Public Sanitation						
5a. Recycling Services.	3.05	10.2	24.0	24.6	33.2	8.0
5b. Central Landfill Services.	3.69	4.6	8.7	13.8	59.5	13.4
5c. Animal Care/Regulation Services.	2.95	10.5	22.6	32.3	30.5	4.0
6. General/Miscellaneous						
6a. Code/Zoning Enforcement Services.	2.58	16.3	27.9	39.7	13.6	2.5
6b. Dissemination of news and information by the Borough government.	2.79	11.0	32.0	27.1	27.0	2.9
6c. Your Overall Rating of Borough Services.	3.21	5.6	24.8	15.0	52.8	1.8

Note: There are 2,600 respondents. Average scores range from 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good).

Table 2: Use of Borough Facilities.

<i>How often do you use each of the following Borough services:</i>	Avg. score	% using service				
		Never	Seldom	Occasionally	Fairly Often	Very Often
7. Public Libraries						
7a. Big Lake Public Library.	1.23	87.9	4.3	5.8	1.0	1.0
7b. Palmer Public Library.	2.21	40.7	20.3	22.1	10.8	6.2
7c. Sutton Public Library.	1.13	93.0	2.6	3.5	0.5	0.4
7d. Talkeetna Public Library.	1.09	94.5	2.1	3.0	0.1	0.3
7e. Trapper Creek Public Library.	1.09	95.3	1.4	2.8	0.3	0.3
7f. Wasilla Public Library.	2.22	40.4	20.7	21.3	11.6	6.0
7g. Willow Public Library.	1.14	92.5	2.9	3.7	0.4	0.6
8. Recreational Facilities						
8a. Palmer Swimming Pool.	1.89	55.8	15.5	17.2	7.3	4.2
8b. Wasilla Swimming Pool.	1.88	54.0	16.8	19.1	7.2	3.0
8c. Brett Memorial Ice Arena.	1.60	66.3	16.4	11.2	3.4	2.6
8d. Crevasse Moraine Trails.	1.82	59.1	14.6	15.8	6.6	3.9
8e. Other Borough Trails.	2.25	40.3	18.0	24.3	11.4	6.0
9. Public Transportation						
9a. MASCOT Transportation.	1.24	87.5	5.6	4.1	1.3	1.5
10. Addition of New Services						
<i>How important is it for the Mat-Su Borough to provide additional:</i>	Avg. score	% rating the importance of additional services				
		Not Imp. At All	Not Really Imp.	No Opinion	Pretty Imp.	Very Imp.
10a. Police Services.	3.52	14.1	11.7	10.9	34.6	28.7
10b. Water Services.	2.98	18.5	17.5	25.8	23.2	14.9
10c. Sewer Services.	3.01	18.8	16.8	25.4	23.4	15.8

Note: There are 2,600 respondents. Average scores range from 1 (never; not important at all) to 5 (very often; very important).

Table 3: Life in Matanuska–Susitna Borough Neighborhoods.

<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	Avg. score	% responding				
		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No Opinion	Agree	Strongly Agree
11. Mat-Su As A Place to Live.						
11a. Mat-Su is a very attractive looking community.	3.06	8.8	34.2	7.1	41.9	8.1
11b. Mat-Su is better suited to raising children than Anchorage.	3.87	2.7	9.1	15.1	44.7	28.4
11c. Drivers failing to obey posted speed limits are a serious problem in <u>my</u> neighborhood.	3.39	6.9	28.2	8.6	31.7	24.6
11d. Personally, I would rate Mat-Su as an excellent place to live.	3.81	1.5	13.1	7.5	58.3	19.5
11e. Personally, I would rate <u>my neighborhood</u> as an excellent place to live.	3.92	2.2	10.5	6.8	54.2	26.4
12. Community Cohesion						
<i>People in <u>your</u> neighborhood:</i>						
12a. Can be trusted.	3.73	2.4	9.7	15.8	56.6	15.6
12b. Generally DON'T get along with each other.	2.24	18.3	50.5	21.5	8.3	1.4
12c. DO NOT share the same values.	2.70	9.9	37.0	29.9	19.3	4.0
12d. Are willing to help their neighbors.	3.75	2.4	7.8	16.6	59.2	14.1
12e. Yours is a close-knit neighborhood.	2.87	8.4	34.2	25.8	25.4	6.2
13. Community-level Social Control						
<i>One or more of <u>your neighbors</u> could be counted on to intervene if:</i>						
13a. Children were spray-painting graffiti on a local building.	3.72	3.2	8.4	17.3	56.0	15.2
13b. Children were showing disrespect toward an adult.	3.31	4.9	17.7	26.5	43.4	7.5
13c. The fire station closest to their home was threatened with budget cuts.	3.46	3.4	10.6	32.7	43.4	9.8
13d. A fight broke out in front of their house.	3.68	3.6	8.7	19.9	52.0	15.9
13e. Children were skipping school and hanging out on a neighborhood street corner.	3.23	5.7	20.0	29.2	36.2	9.0

Note: There are 2,600 respondents. Average scores range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

Table 3 (continued): Life in Matanuska–Susitna Borough Neighborhoods.

14. Residential Tenure

	1998
14a. I moved into my <u>current</u> home in... (median year)	
	<u>% Yes</u>
14b. Have you lived in your <u>current</u> residence your entire life?	1.8
14c. Was your <u>last</u> residence located within the Mat-Su Borough?	49.8
14d. Was your <u>last</u> residence located within the Municipality of Anchorage (including Eagle River, Chugiak and Girdwood)?	29.0
14e. Was your <u>last</u> residence located outside either the Mat-Su Borough or the Anchorage, but within the State of Alaska?	13.4
14f. Was your <u>last</u> residence located outside the State of Alaska?	16.6
14g. During the past year, have you seriously considered moving out of your <u>current</u> residence?	33.8

Please rank four preferred destinations listed below by writing a “1” next to the destination you’d MOST like to move to, and a “4” next to the destination you would LEAST like to move to.

	<u>Avg. Rank</u>
14g2. Municipality of Anchorage.	3.31
14g3. Other Location in Mat-Su Borough.	1.75
14g4. Outside Mat-Su and Anchorage, but Inside Alaska.	2.47
14g5. Outside of Alaska.	2.68

15. Neighborhood-level Changes

	<u>% Yes^a</u>	<u>% Worse^b</u>
15a-b. Have you witnessed a change in the <i>quality of housing</i> in your neighborhood since 2001? IF YES, has it gotten better or worse?	58.7	36.1
15c-d. Since 2001, have you experienced a change in your <i>feelings of personal safety</i> when walking alone through your neighborhood when it is dark? IF YES, have they gotten better or worse?	28.3	84.3
15e-f. Has there been a change in the <i>physical attractiveness</i> of your neighborhood since 2001? IF YES, has it gotten better or worse?	56.4	53.3
15g-h. Has the <i>volume of traffic</i> through your neighborhood changed since 2001? IF YES, has it gotten better or worse?	77.7	95.3
15i. Have the <i>demographic characteristics</i> (for example: age, race, gender) of the people living in your neighborhood changed since 2001?	31.9	--
15j-k. Since 2001, have you noticed a change in the <i>quality of relationships</i> people have with one another in your neighborhood? IF YES, have they gotten better or worse?	30.6	66.9
15l-m. Do people in your neighborhood <i>interact differently</i> with each other than they did back in 2001? IF YES, has it gotten better or worse?	29.4	72.6
15n-o. Since 2001, have you noticed a change in the <i>housing density</i> of your neighborhood? IF YES, has it gotten better or worse?	73.1	90.0
15p-q. Over the next ten years, do you expect the overall quality of your neighborhood to change? IF YES, will it get better or worse?	73.6	76.2

Note: There are 2,600 respondents.

a Includes only those respondents who have lived in Mat-Su since 2001.

b Includes only those respondents who have observed changes occurring in their neighborhoods.

Table 3 (continued): Life in Matanuska–Susitna Borough Neighborhoods.

<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	Avg score	% responding				
		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No Opinion	Agree	Strongly Agree
16. Why the Mat-Su? Reasons For Living in the Borough						
16a. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because it is close to my job.	2.84	25.0	20.6	16.5	21.1	16.9
16b. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because of the reasonable cost and availability of housing.	3.38	8.8	17.9	15.3	43.2	14.9
16c. I live in the Mat-Su Borough so I can be close to my relatives.	2.53	33.9	19.5	16.3	20.1	10.2
16d. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because of the quality of the public schools.	2.59	22.2	22.1	34.6	16.6	4.5
16e. I like the rural, small town character of the Mat-Su Borough.	3.99	4.6	7.1	6.7	47.4	34.2

Note: There are 2,600 respondents. Average scores range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

Table 4: Local Government: Access, Policies and Practices

<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	Avg. score	% responding				
		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No Opinion	Agree	Strongly Agree
17. Public Access to Borough Government						
17a. I can make a difference by getting involved in the Mat-Su government.	2.94	9.7	25.9	30.4	28.8	5.1
17b. I am just too busy to be involved in Borough government.	3.02	7.5	26.4	28.8	31.4	5.9
17c. I feel I can have an influence on the decisions of Borough officials.	2.79	13.7	29.3	24.7	29.3	3.0
17d. I contact my Assembly member when I have a Borough problem.	2.98	7.6	25.8	32.2	30.2	4.2
17e. I am satisfied with the opportunities the Borough provides to give input.	2.86	12.4	23.4	32.7	29.1	2.4
17f. The Borough's website is easy to use.	3.14	3.9	9.9	57.8	25.0	3.3
17g. I would describe the Borough's website as "informative."	3.19	2.9	7.3	60.3	26.6	2.9
17h. I am satisfied with the Borough's on-line mapping capabilities.	3.06	2.8	8.6	70.2	16.7	1.7
17i. The Borough's on-line property tax service ("EZGov") is easy to use.	3.06	2.1	5.1	79.3	11.8	1.7
17j. When I call the Borough, I usually get information in a timely manner.	3.30	4.2	12.4	37.4	41.5	4.5
17k. When I call the Borough, the person I speak with is polite and professional.	3.58	2.2	6.0	33.8	47.1	10.9
18. Borough Spending Efficiency and Priorities						
18a. I feel I am getting my money's worth for the taxes I pay to the Borough.	2.46	25.0	35.2	11.4	25.5	2.9
18b. The Borough cannot improve public services unless it increases taxes.	2.28	26.7	42.6	11.0	15.2	4.6
18c. The Borough should keep taxes low, even if it means reducing services.	2.89	11.5	38.7	12.2	23.8	13.7
18d. More tax money should be spent to improve Borough roads.	3.46	3.9	19.9	15.3	48.4	12.5
18e. More tax money should be spent to improve junk and trash collection.	3.13	7.0	29.2	18.7	33.9	11.2
18f. Funds should be spent to preserve agricultural land in the Borough.	3.27	8.7	21.5	20.9	32.1	16.8
18g. Funds should be spent to preserve open spaces in the Borough.	3.47	7.9	16.6	15.8	40.1	19.7
18h. The current level of road maintenance in my area is worth what I pay in road service area taxes.	2.71	22.0	27.3	12.4	34.1	4.3

Note: There are 2,600 respondents. Average scores range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

Table 4 (continued): Local Government: Access, Policies and Practices

<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	Avg. score	% responding				
		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No Opinion	Agree	Strongly Agree
19. Zoning and Land Use Issues						
19a. As of today, I am satisfied with the way the Borough has been developed.	2.56	17.8	39.0	15.0	26.1	2.1
19b. Traffic congestion is a SERIOUS problem in the Mat-Su Borough.	3.88	2.3	17.5	6.2	38.4	35.7
19c. I am very concerned about water quality in the Borough.	3.30	5.2	22.2	25.7	31.2	15.6
19d. Over the next 10 years, the Borough will need to develop/preserve more park land.	3.52	8.7	15.6	14.2	38.2	23.3
19e. I support a system of zoning that designates: residential; agricultural; and commercial/industrial (with specific regulations for each).	3.80	7.4	9.0	9.5	44.8	29.3
19f. I support a system of zoning allowing different land uses to be located near one another, with standards for noise, traffic and other impacts.	3.31	11.1	19.1	11.7	44.0	14.1
19g. The Borough must do a better job of managing growth/development.	4.11	4.2	5.0	9.6	38.3	43.0
20. Revenue and Taxation						
20a. I would support an increase in the tobacco tax to pay for services.	3.27	22.6	15.4	5.6	25.0	31.4
20b. I support a local tax on alcoholic beverages to pay for services.	3.35	19.5	15.4	5.7	29.5	29.9
20c. I would support an increase in the bed tax to pay for services.	3.18	14.1	21.3	14.8	32.2	17.6
20d. I would support a SEASONAL sales tax to pay for services.	2.91	19.1	28.4	9.5	28.6	14.5
20e. I would support a YEAR-ROUND sales tax to pay for services.	2.81	23.8	26.6	7.3	29.3	13.0
20f. I support imposing an impact fee on developers for residential/commercial properties to pay for services.	3.40	13.4	15.8	13.1	33.0	24.7
20g. I would support a local tax on gasoline to pay for services.	1.68	54.7	32.8	4.7	5.4	2.4
20h. I would support increased property taxes to pay for services.	1.74	54.0	30.1	5.9	8.1	2.0
20i. I would support a gravel extraction tax to pay for services.	3.15	18.1	18.2	15.1	27.9	20.8
20j. I would support a real estate transfer fee of \$25 to pay for services.	3.15	19.5	16.3	11.0	36.3	17.0
20k. I support privatizing/outourcing support (non-teaching) positions in the school district, if it saves money.	2.75	29.3	19.3	13.1	23.2	15.1

Note: There are 2,600 respondents. Average scores range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

Table 5: Higher Education

	% Yes
21. Familiarity With Matanuska-Susitna College	
21a. Have you heard of the Matanuska-Susitna College?	98.3
21b. Do you know where the campus of Mat-Su College is located?	96.2
21c. Have you <u>ever</u> driven by the Matanuska-Susitna College campus?	93.3
21d. Have you actually visited the campus of Matanuska-Susitna College?	75.2
21d1. <i>Have you visited campus on more than one occasion?</i>	90.3
21d2. <i>Have you visited campus more than five times?</i>	70.5
21d3. <i>Have you visited campus on ten or more occasions?</i>	59.3
21e. Would you be interested in a tour of the Mat-Su College campus?	22.2
21f. Have you <u>ever</u> taken a course offered at the Matanuska-Susitna college?	42.1
21g. Is it <i>likely</i> that you, yourself, will enroll in college courses at an institution of higher learning within the next two to three years?	37.8
22. If you were giving advice to an upcoming high school graduate with respect to their selection of a college or university to attend, what would your FIRST recommendation be?	%
Matanuska-Susitna College	22.6
University of Alaska Anchorage	28.0
University of Alaska Southeast	0.6
University of Alaska Fairbanks	11.2
Private University/College (in-state)	1.9
Technical or Trade School (in-state)	9.0
Public University/College (out-of-state)	15.2
Private University/College (out-of-state)	7.8
Technical or Trade School (out-of-state)	2.5
OTHER	1.2
23. Barriers to Higher Education	
<i>Which of the following would you say are MAJOR INSTITUTIONAL BARRIERS facing those who would like to pursue post-secondary education at an institution of higher learning?</i>	%
Financial cost	83.5
Time obligation	23.5
Course scheduling	28.1
Lack of quality instruction	17.8
Course sequencing	15.9
Commuting distance to campus	26.3
Lack of student housing	18.4
Shortage of social and cultural organizations	5.9

Note: There are 2,600 respondents.

Table 5 (continued): Higher Education

<i>If you began (or already are) taking college courses, what is the likelihood that you would take courses offered under these degree programs:</i>	Avg. score	% responding				
		Very Unlikely	Somewhat Unlikely	DK/No Opinion	Somewhat Likely	Very Likely
24. College Course Offerings						
24a. Tourism and Hospitality	2.04	54.6	10.3	16.0	14.7	4.4
24b. Human Resources	2.46	38.5	13.1	18.3	24.2	5.9
24c. Paramedic	2.10	48.9	14.9	17.8	14.4	4.1
24d. Veterinary Technician	2.02	53.6	11.9	18.1	12.1	4.3
24e. Forensic Science	2.24	47.8	11.0	17.5	16.8	6.9
24f. Corrections Officer	1.83	59.9	11.3	17.0	9.7	2.1
24g. Entrepreneurship	2.63	35.2	10.7	19.6	25.5	9.1
24h. Agriculture/Horticulture	2.46	38.1	14.3	18.0	23.1	6.5
24i. Workplace Management	2.67	33.2	10.8	19.2	29.3	7.5
24j. Land Surveying/Geomatics	2.13	47.4	14.1	19.6	15.7	3.2
24k. Instrumental Technology	2.12	47.9	12.6	22.6	13.7	3.2
24l. Non-profit Organization Management	2.20	45.7	13.6	20.4	15.9	4.3
24m. Resource Management/Environmental Assessment	2.22	44.5	14.2	20.1	17.2	3.9
24n. Graduate/Professional Studies	3.01	28.2	8.6	18.3	23.9	21.0

Note: There are 2,600 respondents. Average scores range from 1 (very unlikely) to 5 (very likely).

Table 6: Respondent Background Information

	%		%
25. Age		33. Employment	
18-24 years	2.2	Self-employed, Full-time	13.7
25-40 years	21.3	Employed, Full-time	44.6
41-65 years	63.8	Full-time Homemaker	7.0
66 or more years	12.6	Full-time Student	.6
26. Gender		Employed, Part-time	7.6
Male	41.9	Disabled, Unable to Work	2.4
Female	58.1	Unemployed, Looking	1.8
27. Current Marital Status		Unemployed, Not Looking	1.0
Single, Never Married	7.4	Retired	21.4
Married (including Common Law)	69.3	33b. If currently employed, what is the zip code of employer?	
Separated	5.7	99501 (Anchorage)	5.5
Divorced	12.2	99502 (Anchorage)	1.5
Widowed	5.4	99508 (Anchorage)	3.5
28. Formal Education		99505 (Ft. Richardson)	1.2
Less Than High School Degree	1.1	99506 (Elmendorf Air Base)	2.0
High School Degree or Equivalent	15.1	99507 (Anchorage)	1.2
Some College, No Degree	30.9	99645 (Palmer)	36.0
Associates or Other 2-year Degree	12.6	99654 (Wasilla)	31.6
Bachelor's Degree	21.4	99687 (Wasilla)	4.6
Graduate Degree	16.1	Other zip code	12.9
Other	2.8	33c. If currently self-employed, do you own a business in <u>Mat-Su</u>?	
29. Annual Gross Household Income		Yes	41.6
Less than \$5,000	.9	No	58.4
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1.6	34. Does home/business have a visible outside number?	
\$10,000 to \$24,999	8.3	Yes	75.1
\$25,000 to \$34,999	6.8	No	24.9
\$35,000 to \$49,999	14.4	35. Housing Tenure	
\$50,000 to \$74,999	28.1	Renter	9.2
\$75,000 to \$99,999	15.1	Owner	90.8
\$100,000 or more	24.7	35a. If you own your home, what is its current market value?	
30. Household Size		Less than \$75,000	4.4
1 person	14.4	\$75,000 to \$124,999	8.5
2 persons	44.5	\$125,000 to \$199,999	34.2
3-4 persons	31.5	\$200,000 to \$299,999	34.8
5 or more persons	9.6	\$300,000 or more	18.1
31. Presence of children		36. Do you live in a condominium?	
No children	62.3	Yes	1.2
1 child	15.2	No	98.8
2 children	14.2	37. Second home outside Mat-Su?	
3 or more children	8.3	Yes	10.2
32. Children enrolled in Mat-Su Schools		No	89.8
None	66.6		
1 child	13.7		
2 children	13.2		
3 or more children	6.5		

Note: There are 2,600 respondents.

Table 6 (continued): Respondent Background Information

	%		%
38. Do you see yourself staying in Mat-Su for the long term?		48. Place of Residence	
Yes	80.2	1. Meadow Lakes Community Council	4.1
No	19.8	2. Alpine Community Council	0.3
39. Do you see yourself leaving Mat-Su Borough in the foreseeable future?		3. South Lakes Community Council	5.6
Yes	26.6	4. Big Lake Community Council	1.8
No	73.4	5. Butte Community Council	5.1
39a. IF YES, how many more years do you expect to live in Mat-Su before leaving?		6. Point MacKenzie Community Council	0.6
0-4 years	38.8	7. North Lakes Community Council	6.4
5-9 years	29.9	8. Willow Community Council	0.2
10 or more years	31.3	9. Tanaina Community Council	8.9
41. Does your household actively recycle?		10. Fishhook Community Council	5.4
Yes	45.2	11. Trapper Creek Community Council	0.0
No	54.8	12. Y Community Council	0.0
42. Have you participated in a local hazardous waste collection event?		13. Skwentna Community Council	0.2
Yes	44.5	14. Chase Community Council	0.0
No	55.5	15. Lazy Mountain Community Council	3.7
43. Does your household use a burn barrel for solid waste disposal?		16. Knik-Fairview Community Council	15.4
Yes	37.0	17. Chickaloon Community Council	0.2
No	63.0	18. Talkeetna Community Council	0.0
44. Do you regularly use the Internet when seeking information about the Borough?		19. South Knik Community Council	1.2
Yes	43.7	20. Petersville Community Council	0.0
No	56.3	21. Glacier View Community Council	0.8
45. Do you regularly use e-mail to receive and share information with others?		22. Gateway Community Council	6.2
Yes	78.2	23. Farm Loop Community Council	2.2
No	21.8	24. Buffalo/Soapstone Comm. Council	1.1
46. Do you ever access news/information from any of the following outlets?	Yes	25. Unassociated Area	2.9
46a. <i>The Frontiersman</i>	87.0	26. Unassociated Area	5.8
46b. <i>The Anchorage Daily News</i>	89.8	27. Unassociated Area	0.4
46c. <i>Talkeetna Good Times</i>	21.3	28. Unassociated Area	0.0
46d. <i>Alaska Journal of Commerce</i>	13.0	29. City of Palmer	10.5
46e. KSKA-FM Alaska Public Radio	37.0	30. City of Wasilla	10.0
46f. KMBQ-FM Radio	44.4	31. City of Houston	0.8
46g. Public Television – KAKM (Ch. 7)	62.6		
46h. KTUU – Channel 2	85.1		
46i. KTVA – Channel 11	62.9		
46j. KIMO – Channel 13	60.6		

Note: There are 2,600 respondents.

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Results for
Geographic Areas
within the Borough

Table 1: Evaluation of Current Borough Services by Geographic Area, Questions 1-6.

<i>How would you rate each of the following:</i>	Big Lake (N=46)			Buffalo/Soapstone (N=27)			Butte (N=128)		
	Avg. score	% very poor	% very good	Avg. score	% very poor	% very good	Avg. score	% very poor	% very good
1. Emergency Services									
1a. Fire Department Services.	3.41	4.3	8.7	3.41	0.0	7.4	3.69	2.4	16.9
1b. Ambulance services.	3.51	2.2	8.9	3.33	0.0	3.7	3.66	2.4	16.8
2. Road Maintenance									
2a. Roadway Maintenance Services.	2.50	23.9	0.0	2.96	14.8	7.4	2.88	10.2	2.3
2b. Snowplow Services.	2.89	17.8	4.4	2.96	14.8	3.7	3.42	6.3	11.0
3. Educational Services/Resources									
3a. Library Services.	3.98	0.0	23.9	3.85	0.0	11.5	3.76	1.6	18.1
3b. Elementary Schools.	3.07	9.1	2.3	3.27	3.8	7.7	3.30	4.8	6.4
3c. Middle Schools.	3.00	6.7	0.0	3.04	11.5	7.7	3.10	5.6	3.2
3d. High Schools.	2.93	6.7	0.0	3.04	7.7	7.7	3.03	7.2	4.0
3e. Community Enhancement Programs.	2.78	8.9	0.0	3.12	3.8	7.7	2.86	12.0	3.2
4. Recreational Services									
4a. Wasilla Swimming Pool.	3.20	2.2	0.0	3.24	0.0	8.0	3.16	0.8	1.6
4b. Athletic Fields.	3.07	2.2	0.0	3.16	0.0	4.0	3.31	0.0	2.4
4c. Brett Memorial Ice Arena.	3.33	2.2	6.5	3.32	0.0	8.0	3.25	0.0	4.8
4d. Palmer Swimming Pool.	3.07	2.2	2.2	3.54	0.0	3.8	3.44	1.6	8.7
5. Public Sanitation									
5a. Recycling Services.	2.76	17.4	2.2	3.15	3.8	7.7	3.17	10.4	12.0
5b. Central Landfill Services.	3.54	4.3	6.5	3.54	3.8	7.7	3.68	7.3	13.7
5c. Animal Care/Regulation Services.	3.00	2.2	0.0	2.67	14.8	0.0	2.98	9.0	4.9
6. General/Miscellaneous									
6a. Code/Zoning Enforcement Services.	2.60	15.6	4.4	2.70	11.1	3.7	2.66	18.0	3.3
6b. Dissemination of news/information.	2.87	11.1	0.0	2.37	18.5	0.0	2.80	14.2	2.4
6c. Overall Rating of Borough Services.	2.93	4.3	0.0	2.89	14.8	0.0	3.10	9.7	1.6

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good).

Table 1 (continued): Evaluation of Current Borough Services by Geographic Area, Questions 1-6.

<i>How would you rate each of the following:</i>	Farm Loop (N=55)			Fishhook (N=135)			Gateway (N=155)		
	Avg. score	% very poor	% very good	Avg. score	% very poor	% very good	Avg. score	% very poor	% very good
1. Emergency Services									
1a. Fire Department Services.	3.59	1.9	11.1	3.54	3.7	11.9	3.65	0.7	9.4
1b. Ambulance services.	3.62	0.0	15.1	3.56	2.2	14.2	3.64	0.7	12.1
2. Road Maintenance									
2a. Roadway Maintenance Services.	2.89	9.3	5.6	2.71	13.4	0.7	3.11	7.4	6.0
2b. Snowplow Services.	3.13	17.3	17.3	3.08	8.9	6.7	3.39	8.0	8.7
3. Educational Services/Resources									
3a. Library Services.	3.62	1.9	11.5	3.59	1.5	11.3	3.73	0.7	13.2
3b. Elementary Schools.	3.33	3.7	7.4	3.43	2.2	8.9	3.54	1.3	12.0
3c. Middle Schools.	3.11	5.6	3.7	3.27	3.7	6.7	3.41	1.3	8.0
3d. High Schools.	3.11	5.6	3.7	3.18	4.5	5.2	3.42	1.3	7.3
3e. Community Enhancement Programs.	2.91	5.7	3.8	2.89	4.5	1.5	2.94	4.1	2.0
4. Recreational Services									
4a. Wasilla Swimming Pool.	3.17	3.7	0.0	3.36	0.7	3.7	3.37	0.7	2.7
4b. Athletic Fields.	3.28	3.7	1.9	3.30	0.7	3.0	3.37	1.4	3.4
4c. Brett Memorial Ice Arena.	3.26	3.8	1.9	3.33	0.7	5.2	3.36	1.3	3.4
4d. Palmer Swimming Pool.	3.46	3.7	1.9	3.59	0.0	11.9	3.58	0.0	8.1
5. Public Sanitation									
5a. Recycling Services.	3.04	11.5	11.5	3.05	9.0	6.7	3.21	6.6	7.3
5b. Central Landfill Services.	3.55	5.7	5.7	3.70	3.0	11.1	3.77	2.7	13.3
5c. Animal Care/Regulation Services.	2.98	13.2	1.9	2.93	8.9	2.2	3.18	6.7	4.0
6. General/Miscellaneous									
6a. Code/Zoning Enforcement Services.	2.60	18.9	7.5	2.57	12.6	0.7	2.44	20.5	0.7
6b. Dissemination of news/information.	2.63	18.5	0.0	2.81	9.0	3.0	2.82	9.9	2.0
6c. Overall Rating of Borough Services.	2.98	7.7	0.0	3.16	4.5	0.8	3.40	2.8	2.1

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good).

Table 1 (continued): Evaluation of Current Borough Services by Geographic Area, Questions 1-6.

<i>How would you rate each of the following:</i>	Knik-Fairview (N=388)			Lazy Mountain (N=93)			Meadow Lakes (N=102)		
	Avg. score	% very poor	% very good	Avg. score	% very poor	% very good	Avg. score	% very poor	% very good
1. Emergency Services									
1a. Fire Department Services.	3.72	1.3	15.9	3.65	1.1	13.2	3.66	0.0	8.0
1b. Ambulance services.	3.76	0.8	17.6	3.70	0.0	14.9	3.66	1.0	11.0
2. Road Maintenance									
2a. Roadway Maintenance Services.	2.81	14.6	4.4	3.09	6.6	5.5	2.46	19.4	2.0
2b. Snowplow Services.	3.04	17.3	8.4	3.61	5.7	14.8	2.65	21.0	10.0
3. Educational Services/Resources									
3a. Library Services.	3.46	2.9	10.6	3.73	4.4	18.7	3.38	4.0	8.0
3b. Elementary Schools.	3.39	2.9	9.0	3.58	0.0	13.2	3.19	6.1	4.0
3c. Middle Schools.	3.16	4.2	6.4	3.44	0.0	11.0	3.20	4.0	3.0
3d. High Schools.	3.19	4.5	5.8	3.46	1.1	11.0	3.14	5.0	4.0
3e. Community Enhancement Programs.	2.97	7.2	2.9	2.97	3.4	4.5	2.77	12.1	3.0
4. Recreational Services									
4a. Wasilla Swimming Pool.	3.41	1.0	6.0	3.22	0.0	4.4	3.44	2.0	4.0
4b. Athletic Fields.	3.29	1.1	6.1	3.39	0.0	5.6	3.26	2.0	0.0
4c. Brett Memorial Ice Arena.	3.37	1.1	6.3	3.42	0.0	7.9	3.37	1.0	6.1
4d. Palmer Swimming Pool.	3.25	0.8	3.7	3.79	0.0	16.5	3.29	1.0	0.0
5. Public Sanitation									
5a. Recycling Services.	2.93	13.1	6.8	3.04	2.2	8.8	2.75	17.2	7.1
5b. Central Landfill Services.	3.73	5.2	14.0	3.64	3.3	8.8	3.55	7.0	11.0
5c. Animal Care/Regulation Services.	2.91	13.6	5.2	3.09	5.6	2.2	2.87	12.9	4.0
6. General/Miscellaneous									
6a. Code/Zoning Enforcement Services.	2.52	17.8	2.4	2.75	12.4	3.4	2.43	19.6	1.0
6b. Dissemination of news/information.	2.77	10.2	3.4	2.91	4.4	1.1	2.66	18.4	0.0
6c. Overall Rating of Borough Services.	3.18	6.2	1.9	3.34	1.1	3.3	3.00	9.4	0.0

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good).

Table 1 (continued): Evaluation of Current Borough Services by Geographic Area, Questions 1-6.

<i>How would you rate each of the following:</i>	North Lakes (N=162)			Palmer (N=264)			South Knik (N=29)		
	Avg. score	% very poor	% very good	Avg. score	% very poor	% very good	Avg. score	% very poor	% very good
1. Emergency Services									
1a. Fire Department Services.	3.65	1.9	13.0	3.83	0.0	18.7	3.61	0.0	14.3
1b. Ambulance services.	3.66	1.9	18.1	3.83	0.0	21.3	3.50	0.0	14.3
2. Road Maintenance									
2a. Roadway Maintenance Services.	2.94	11.3	3.1	3.26	4.0	7.1	2.90	10.3	3.4
2b. Snowplow Services.	3.14	9.4	8.1	3.60	3.1	14.5	3.36	3.6	10.7
3. Educational Services/Resources									
3a. Library Services.	3.60	1.9	15.4	3.84	0.4	23.2	3.55	3.4	17.2
3b. Elementary Schools.	3.38	5.7	11.3	3.47	1.6	11.0	3.31	0.0	6.9
3c. Middle Schools.	3.23	7.0	8.2	3.26	3.1	7.9	3.14	0.0	3.4
3d. High Schools.	3.23	7.5	9.4	3.23	2.7	6.7	3.14	0.0	6.9
3e. Community Enhancement Programs.	2.82	8.9	1.9	2.99	6.3	3.5	2.93	3.4	6.9
4. Recreational Services									
4a. Wasilla Swimming Pool.	3.32	2.5	5.7	3.25	0.4	4.3	3.14	0.0	3.4
4b. Athletic Fields.	3.33	1.9	5.6	3.37	1.2	3.9	3.21	0.0	3.4
4c. Brett Memorial Ice Arena.	3.38	1.3	5.6	3.38	0.0	5.1	3.21	0.0	3.4
4d. Palmer Swimming Pool.	3.43	1.9	8.2	3.67	0.4	11.7	3.41	0.0	6.9
5. Public Sanitation									
5a. Recycling Services.	3.22	7.6	10.1	3.24	4.6	9.7	3.07	13.8	10.3
5b. Central Landfill Services.	3.69	8.2	17.0	3.78	1.2	15.9	3.79	3.4	20.7
5c. Animal Care/Regulation Services.	3.07	9.4	4.4	3.03	7.3	4.2	2.83	10.3	3.4
6. General/Miscellaneous									
6a. Code/Zoning Enforcement Services.	2.38	22.0	1.3	2.80	9.7	3.5	2.86	3.4	3.4
6b. Dissemination of news/information.	2.63	15.0	3.1	2.99	6.2	4.2	2.69	13.8	3.4
6c. Overall Rating of Borough Services.	3.10	6.9	1.3	3.51	1.2	4.7	3.39	3.6	3.6

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good).

Table 1 (continued): Evaluation of Current Borough Services by Geographic Area, Questions 1-6.

<i>How would you rate each of the following:</i>	South Lakes (N=142)			Tanaina (N=224)			Wasilla (N=251)		
	Avg. score	% very poor	% very good	Avg. score	% very poor	% very good	Avg. score	% very poor	% very good
1. Emergency Services									
1a. Fire Department Services.	3.77	0.7	19.1	3.73	0.4	17.4	3.77	0.8	18.4
1b. Ambulance services.	3.69	0.7	11.3	3.76	0.9	19.8	3.83	0.8	21.4
2. Road Maintenance									
2a. Roadway Maintenance Services.	2.86	9.9	4.3	2.60	15.2	4.0	2.99	7.7	4.4
2b. Snowplow Services.	3.27	9.9	7.1	2.96	16.1	8.5	3.27	8.2	9.0
3. Educational Services/Resources									
3a. Library Services.	3.28	3.5	10.6	3.41	3.7	12.3	3.44	3.6	12.0
3b. Elementary Schools.	3.38	2.1	10.6	3.43	2.3	11.4	3.25	2.9	7.4
3c. Middle Schools.	3.20	2.9	5.7	3.27	4.1	10.0	3.05	4.9	4.5
3d. High Schools.	3.16	6.5	4.3	3.17	4.5	8.6	3.06	6.1	5.7
3e. Community Enhancement Programs.	2.86	8.0	1.4	2.97	5.6	5.6	2.94	7.0	2.0
4. Recreational Services									
4a. Wasilla Swimming Pool.	3.31	2.9	7.1	3.45	1.4	9.2	3.32	1.6	2.8
4b. Athletic Fields.	3.18	2.2	2.9	3.46	1.4	8.6	3.31	0.8	6.0
4c. Brett Memorial Ice Arena.	3.25	1.4	2.2	3.48	0.0	9.2	3.32	0.0	6.5
4d. Palmer Swimming Pool.	3.39	2.2	7.9	3.34	0.5	6.9	3.27	0.4	3.7
5. Public Sanitation									
5a. Recycling Services.	3.06	9.9	7.0	2.95	14.0	6.3	2.98	11.7	6.9
5b. Central Landfill Services.	3.70	8.5	17.7	3.71	5.4	14.3	3.60	2.4	10.6
5c. Animal Care/Regulation Services.	2.91	11.3	2.8	2.87	11.4	5.5	2.87	12.1	3.2
6. General/Miscellaneous									
6a. Code/Zoning Enforcement Services.	2.48	22.0	2.1	2.67	13.6	3.2	2.63	11.9	1.2
6b. Dissemination of news/information.	2.79	12.9	6.4	2.76	9.5	1.8	2.79	10.2	2.5
6c. Overall Rating of Borough Services.	3.16	5.7	0.0	3.23	4.7	1.4	3.25	4.1	1.2

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good).

Table 2: Use of Borough Facilities by Geographic Area, Questions 7-10.

<i>How often do you use each of the following Borough services:</i>	Big Lake (N=46)			Buffalo/Soapstone (N=27)			Butte (N=128)		
	Avg. score	% never	% very often	Avg. score	% never	% very often	Avg. score	% never	% very often
7. Public Libraries									
7a. Big Lake Public Library.	2.85	23.9	13.0	1.20	88.0	0.0	1.21	89.3	1.7
7b. Palmer Public Library.	1.40	75.6	2.2	2.96	3.7	11.1	2.95	10.4	10.4
7c. Sutton Public Library.	1.02	95.7	0.0	1.32	76.0	0.0	1.16	92.5	0.8
7d. Talkeetna Public Library.	1.07	93.5	0.0	1.12	92.0	0.0	1.17	90.8	0.8
7e. Trapper Creek Public Library.	1.02	97.8	0.0	1.24	88.0	0.0	1.14	92.5	0.8
7f. Wasilla Public Library.	1.85	47.8	0.0	1.48	72.0	0.0	1.50	72.9	2.5
7g. Willow Public Library.	1.18	88.9	0.0	1.24	88.0	0.0	1.17	90.0	0.8
8. Recreational Facilities									
8a. Palmer Swimming Pool.	1.30	84.1	2.3	2.67	25.9	7.4	2.29	42.3	10.6
8b. Wasilla Swimming Pool.	1.76	56.5	0.0	1.28	84.0	0.0	1.33	81.5	1.7
8c. Brett Memorial Ice Arena.	1.53	71.1	4.4	1.56	68.0	0.0	1.41	80.3	2.5
8d. Crevasse Moraine Trails.	1.35	82.6	2.2	1.58	62.5	0.0	1.93	54.5	5.7
8e. Other Borough Trails.	1.93	53.3	4.4	2.60	36.0	8.0	2.77	26.0	17.1
9. Public Transportation									
9a. MASCOT Transportation.	1.35	82.6	0.0	1.15	88.9	0.0	1.21	86.1	0.8
10. Addition of New Services									
<i>How important is it for the Borough to provide additional:</i>	Avg. score	% Not Imp. At All	% Very Imp.	Avg. score	% Not Imp. At All	% Very Imp.	Avg. score	% Not Imp. At All	% Very Imp.
10a. Police Services.	3.09	15.2	17.4	3.30	22.2	25.9	3.57	16.8	32.8
10b. Water Services.	3.07	13.0	19.6	3.11	18.5	22.2	2.55	29.8	9.7
10c. Sewer Services.	3.11	13.0	17.4	3.22	18.5	25.9	2.53	30.6	8.9

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (never; not important at all) to 5 (very often; very important).

Table 2 (continued): Use of Borough Facilities by Geographic Area, Questions 7-10.

<i>How often do you use each of the following Borough services:</i>	Farm Loop (N=55)			Fishhook (N=135)			Gateway (N=155)		
	Avg. score	% never	% very often	Avg. score	% never	% very often	Avg. score	% never	% very often
7. Public Libraries									
7a. Big Lake Public Library.	1.04	98.1	0.0	1.14	91.6	0.0	1.15	90.0	0.0
7b. Palmer Public Library.	2.96	10.9	10.9	2.61	26.5	11.4	2.63	19.7	6.6
7c. Sutton Public Library.	1.13	92.6	0.0	1.13	92.3	0.0	1.12	92.7	0.0
7d. Talkeetna Public Library.	1.00	100.0	0.0	1.13	92.4	0.0	1.09	95.4	0.0
7e. Trapper Creek Public Library.	1.00	100.0	0.0	1.08	95.4	0.0	1.09	96.0	0.0
7f. Wasilla Public Library.	1.52	68.5	0.0	2.27	36.6	5.3	2.01	47.0	4.0
7g. Willow Public Library.	1.04	96.3	0.0	1.08	95.4	0.0	1.11	94.0	0.0
8. Recreational Facilities									
8a. Palmer Swimming Pool.	2.25	36.4	3.6	2.24	41.7	7.6	2.26	38.2	5.9
8b. Wasilla Swimming Pool.	1.42	76.4	1.8	2.04	47.0	3.0	1.79	51.0	2.0
8c. Brett Memorial Ice Arena.	1.41	75.9	1.9	1.47	68.2	0.8	1.55	66.4	2.0
8d. Crevasse Moraine Trails.	1.80	63.0	5.6	1.95	52.3	0.8	2.28	41.3	9.3
8e. Other Borough Trails.	2.18	43.6	3.6	2.50	32.3	6.9	2.43	31.1	5.3
9. Public Transportation									
9a. MASCOT Transportation.	1.31	83.3	1.9	1.13	91.5	0.8	1.21	87.4	0.7
10. Addition of New Services									
<i>How important is it for the Borough to provide additional:</i>	Avg. score	% Not Imp. At All	% Very Imp.	Avg. score	% Not Imp. At All	% Very Imp.	Avg. score	% Not Imp. At All	% Very Imp.
10a. Police Services.	3.40	18.2	25.5	3.53	13.7	28.2	3.53	14.5	30.3
10b. Water Services.	2.95	20.0	12.7	2.79	20.0	7.7	2.97	19.2	17.2
10c. Sewer Services.	2.93	20.0	12.7	2.82	19.8	9.9	3.01	19.3	17.3

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (never; not important at all) to 5 (very often; very important).

Table 2 (continued): Use of Borough Facilities by Geographic Area, Questions 7-10.

<i>How often do you use each of the following Borough services:</i>	Knik-Fairview (N=388)			Lazy Mountain (N=93)			Meadow Lakes (N=102)		
	Avg. score	% never	% very often	Avg. score	% never	% very often	Avg. score	% never	% very often
7. Public Libraries									
7a. Big Lake Public Library.	1.39	80.4	2.2	1.16	90.3	0.0	1.53	73.2	2.1
7b. Palmer Public Library.	1.61	63.7	2.4	3.05	9.7	12.9	1.52	67.7	2.1
7c. Sutton Public Library.	1.12	93.2	0.8	1.09	93.5	0.0	1.07	94.9	0.0
7d. Talkeetna Public Library.	1.13	92.7	0.5	1.10	92.4	0.0	1.07	94.8	0.0
7e. Trapper Creek Public Library.	1.13	93.2	0.5	1.07	95.6	0.0	1.05	96.9	0.0
7f. Wasilla Public Library.	2.84	18.4	11.5	1.43	75.3	0.0	2.51	29.9	9.3
7g. Willow Public Library.	1.16	90.3	0.8	1.11	93.5	1.1	1.16	91.7	1.0
8. Recreational Facilities									
8a. Palmer Swimming Pool.	1.44	75.1	1.1	2.46	33.7	9.8	1.41	73.2	0.0
8b. Wasilla Swimming Pool.	2.22	41.3	5.3	1.43	75.3	1.1	2.30	35.7	4.1
8c. Brett Memorial Ice Arena.	1.69	61.9	2.9	1.54	66.7	1.1	1.70	59.8	2.1
8d. Crevasse Moraine Trails.	1.67	66.0	2.9	2.10	46.2	7.5	1.66	62.9	0.0
8e. Other Borough Trails.	2.18	42.3	5.1	2.66	24.2	11.0	2.08	47.5	6.1
9. Public Transportation									
9a. MASCOT Transportation.	1.24	88.1	1.6	1.23	88.2	2.2	1.23	90.6	1.0
10. Addition of New Services									
<i>How important is it for the Borough to provide additional:</i>	Avg. score	% Not Imp. At All	% Very Imp.	Avg. score	% Not Imp. At All	% Very Imp.	Avg. score	% Not Imp. At All	% Very Imp.
10a. Police Services.	3.48	15.1	27.6	3.09	21.7	17.4	3.57	16.0	27.7
10b. Water Services.	2.96	19.7	13.0	2.69	21.5	10.8	2.92	25.0	13.5
10c. Sewer Services.	2.97	19.9	13.8	2.76	22.6	11.8	2.90	25.0	12.5

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (never; not important at all) to 5 (very often; very important).

Table 2 (continued): Use of Borough Facilities by Geographic Area, Questions 7-10.

<i>How often do you use each of the following Borough services:</i>	North Lakes (N=162)			Palmer (N=264)			South Knik (N=29)		
	Avg. score	% never	% very often	Avg. score	% never	% very often	Avg. score	% never	% very often
7. Public Libraries									
7a. Big Lake Public Library.	1.12	92.5	0.6	1.09	94.5	0.4	1.10	93.1	0.0
7b. Palmer Public Library.	2.20	37.3	5.6	3.05	10.8	12.7	2.76	17.2	10.3
7c. Sutton Public Library.	1.11	95.0	0.6	1.12	93.0	0.8	1.17	89.7	0.0
7d. Talkeetna Public Library.	1.11	95.7	1.2	1.05	97.3	0.4	1.14	93.1	0.0
7e. Trapper Creek Public Library.	1.13	95	1.3	1.05	97.6	0.4	1.07	96.6	0.0
7f. Wasilla Public Library.	2.43	31.7	5.6	1.55	65.5	1.2	1.79	55.2	3.4
7g. Willow Public Library.	1.17	92.5	1.3	1.08	96.0	0.4	1.10	93.1	0.0
8. Recreational Facilities									
8a. Palmer Swimming Pool.	2.14	45.0	6.9	2.44	35.5	9.3	1.69	55.2	3.4
8b. Wasilla Swimming Pool.	2.11	44.7	3.7	1.41	73.0	0.4	1.34	79.3	0.0
8c. Brett Memorial Ice Arena.	1.79	59.4	3.8	1.38	76.0	0.8	1.38	79.3	0.0
8d. Crevasse Moraine Trails.	1.84	59.4	3.8	1.72	60.9	2.7	1.61	67.9	0.0
8e. Other Borough Trails.	2.21	41.3	5.6	2.05	47.3	3.5	2.45	24.1	0.0
9. Public Transportation									
9a. MASCOT Transportation.	1.32	84.8	2.5	1.29	84.8	2.3	1.14	89.3	0.0
10. Addition of New Services									
<i>How important is it for the Borough to provide additional:</i>	Avg. score	% Not Imp. At All	% Very Imp.	Avg. score	% Not Imp. At All	% Very Imp.	Avg. score	% Not Imp. At All	% Very Imp.
10a. Police Services.	3.66	15.0	37.5	3.60	11.9	29.2	3.31	13.8	20.7
10b. Water Services.	2.97	22.6	18.2	3.32	10.0	17.4	2.41	20.7	3.4
10c. Sewer Services.	2.89	23.8	17.5	3.37	9.7	19.0	2.41	20.7	6.9

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (never; not important at all) to 5 (very often; very important).

Table 2 (continued): Use of Borough Facilities by Geographic Area, Questions 7-10.

<i>How often do you use each of the following Borough services:</i>	South Lakes (N=142)			Tanaina (N=224)			Wasilla (N=251)		
	Avg. score	% never	% very often	Avg. score	% never	% very often	Avg. score	% never	% very often
7. Public Libraries									
7a. Big Lake Public Library.	1.09	94.3	0.0	1.13	93.1	0.9	1.23	86.1	0.4
7b. Palmer Public Library.	2.12	42.3	6.3	1.54	69.3	1.4	1.62	65.4	1.2
7c. Sutton Public Library.	1.11	94.4	0.0	1.10	95.0	0.5	1.10	93.4	0.0
7d. Talkeetna Public Library.	1.06	95.8	0.0	1.10	95.0	0.5	1.13	92.2	0.0
7e. Trapper Creek Public Library.	1.04	97.9	0.0	1.11	94.0	0.5	1.11	93.8	0.0
7f. Wasilla Public Library.	2.33	31.2	5.7	2.66	19.7	8.1	2.82	21.5	13.6
7g. Willow Public Library.	1.07	95.1	0.0	1.16	91.3	0.9	1.17	90.5	0.4
8. Recreational Facilities									
8a. Palmer Swimming Pool.	1.81	57.0	2.1	1.47	72.9	0.9	1.38	75.8	0.0
8b. Wasilla Swimming Pool.	2.01	49.3	3.5	2.20	43.2	5.9	2.09	41.0	3.3
8c. Brett Memorial Ice Arena.	1.53	67.4	2.1	1.76	61.1	4.5	1.73	61.5	4.1
8d. Crevasse Moraine Trails.	1.95	54.9	7.0	1.65	66.5	3.2	1.67	60.3	1.2
8e. Other Borough Trails.	2.22	41.7	8.6	2.12	42.3	4.5	2.02	50.2	3.7
9. Public Transportation									
9a. MASCOT Transportation.	1.20	87.9	0.7	1.20	90.0	2.3	1.30	85.7	2.9
10. Addition of New Services									
<i>How important is it for the Borough to provide additional:</i>	Avg. score	% Not Imp. At All	% Very Imp.	Avg. score	% Not Imp. At All	% Very Imp.	Avg. score	% Not Imp. At All	% Very Imp.
10a. Police Services.	3.66	10.7	35.7	3.77	8.5	33.2	3.53	10.3	25.9
10b. Water Services.	2.81	22.0	13.5	3.02	15.5	15.0	3.27	11.9	20.1
10c. Sewer Services.	2.89	22.0	15.6	3.01	16.1	14.7	3.34	11.5	22.5

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (never; not important at all) to 5 (very often; very important).

Table 3.1: Life in Matanuska–Susitna Borough Neighborhoods by Geographic Area, Questions 11-13.

<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	Big Lake (N=46)			Buffalo/Soapstone (N=27)			Butte (N=128)		
	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree
11. Mat-Su As A Place to Live.									
11a. Mat-Su is a very attractive looking community.	3.07	4.3	4.3	3.15	7.4	3.7	3.16	9.5	12.7
11b. Mat-Su is better suited to raising children than Anchorage.	3.89	0.0	28.3	4.00	0.0	37.0	3.75	6.3	22.2
11c. Drivers failing to obey posted speed limits are a serious problem in <u>my</u> neighborhood.	3.09	15.6	13.3	3.22	14.8	22.2	3.34	6.3	20.6
11d. Personally, I would rate Mat-Su as an excellent place to live.	3.98	0.0	13.0	3.78	0.0	22.2	3.82	2.4	24.2
11e. Personally, I would rate <u>my neighborhood</u> as an excellent place to live.	3.87	4.3	17.4	3.89	0.0	29.6	3.82	4.1	26.0
12. Community Cohesion									
<i>People in <u>your</u> neighborhood:</i>									
12a. Can be trusted.	3.67	2.2	15.6	3.56	0.0	11.1	3.72	2.4	12.0
12b. Generally DON'T get along with each other.	2.29	14.3	0.0	2.81	7.4	0.0	2.29	15.2	0.8
12c. DO NOT share the same values.	2.63	4.7	2.3	3.23	7.7	0.0	2.74	8.9	3.2
12d. Are willing to help their neighbors.	3.64	0.0	9.1	3.59	0.0	11.1	3.88	1.6	15.2
12e. Yours is a close-knit neighborhood.	2.82	8.9	2.2	2.65	15.4	11.5	2.88	7.3	7.3
13. Community-level Social Control									
<i>One or more of <u>your neighbors</u> could be counted on to intervene if:</i>									
13a. Children were spray-painting graffiti on a local building.	3.47	2.2	4.4	3.44	0.0	7.4	3.60	4.1	12.2
13b. Children were showing disrespect toward an adult.	3.29	2.2	2.2	3.26	0.0	3.7	3.27	4.9	7.4
13c. The fire station closest to their home was threatened with budget cuts.	3.53	0.0	13.3	3.30	0.0	3.7	3.49	4.9	8.1
13d. A fight broke out in front of their house.	3.56	2.2	20.0	3.41	3.7	3.7	3.72	5.7	14.6
13e. Children were skipping school and hanging out on a neighborhood street corner.	2.89	2.3	0.0	3.20	4.0	4.0	3.12	5.7	7.4

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

Table 3.1 (continued): Life in Matanuska–Susitna Borough Neighborhoods by Geographic Area, Questions 11-13.

<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	Farm Loop (N=55)			Fishhook (N=135)			Gateway (N=155)		
	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree
11. Mat-Su As A Place to Live.									
11a. Mat-Su is a very attractive looking community.	3.37	5.6	14.8	3.05	9.2	3.1	3.11	10.0	8.0
11b. Mat-Su is better suited to raising children than Anchorage.	3.73	5.5	27.3	3.77	3.1	23.8	3.90	0.7	28.9
11c. Drivers failing to obey posted speed limits are a serious problem in <u>my</u> neighborhood.	3.16	5.5	20.0	3.48	7.6	28.0	3.46	5.3	23.2
11d. Personally, I would rate Mat-Su as an excellent place to live.	3.91	1.8	23.6	3.67	0.8	13.8	3.85	0.7	16.4
11e. Personally, I would rate <u>my neighborhood</u> as an excellent place to live.	4.06	3.7	31.5	3.78	0.8	16.8	3.93	1.3	27.0
12. Community Cohesion									
<i>People in <u>your</u> neighborhood:</i>									
12a. Can be trusted.	3.82	5.5	20.0	3.58	3.8	12.2	3.81	1.3	14.6
12b. Generally DON'T get along with each other.	2.11	30.9	3.6	2.37	13.7	0.8	2.13	25.8	2.0
12c. DO NOT share the same values.	2.69	10.9	5.5	2.87	8.4	6.1	2.61	11.2	3.9
12d. Are willing to help their neighbors.	3.91	3.6	20.0	3.61	2.3	8.5	3.75	2.0	13.2
12e. Yours is a close-knit neighborhood.	3.04	7.3	7.3	2.71	10.8	5.4	2.90	8.0	4.7
13. Community-level Social Control									
<i>One or more of <u>your neighbors</u> could be counted on to intervene if:</i>									
13a. Children were spray-painting graffiti on a local building.	3.81	5.7	17.0	3.65	1.6	10.9	3.71	1.3	10.6
13b. Children were showing disrespect toward an adult.	3.41	5.6	9.3	3.05	3.9	3.9	3.40	1.3	5.3
13c. The fire station closest to their home was threatened with budget cuts.	3.23	11.3	5.7	3.40	2.3	7.0	3.43	2.0	4.0
13d. A fight broke out in front of their house.	3.47	11.3	11.3	3.51	3.1	8.5	3.70	2.0	10.0
13e. Children were skipping school and hanging out on a neighborhood street corner.	3.23	11.3	7.5	3.12	3.9	3.9	3.23	4.0	6.0

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

Table 3.1 (continued): Life in Matanuska–Susitna Borough Neighborhoods by Geographic Area, Questions 11-13.

<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	Knik-Fairview (N=388)			Lazy Mountain (N=93)			Meadow Lakes (N=102)		
	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree
11. Mat-Su As A Place to Live.									
11a. Mat-Su is a very attractive looking community.	2.98	8.9	6.2	3.01	11.8	8.6	2.73	13.7	7.4
11b. Mat-Su is better suited to raising children than Anchorage.	3.89	2.9	30.6	3.57	5.4	21.5	3.90	2.1	30.2
11c. Drivers failing to obey posted speed limits are a serious problem in <u>my</u> neighborhood.	3.54	6.1	29.7	3.14	8.8	17.6	3.52	4.0	29.3
11d. Personally, I would rate Mat-Su as an excellent place to live.	3.79	2.1	18.0	3.79	1.1	13.2	3.74	1.0	13.5
11e. Personally, I would rate <u>my neighborhood</u> as an excellent place to live.	3.88	2.9	23.2	3.98	1.1	22.8	3.57	2.0	17.3
12. Community Cohesion									
<i>People in <u>your</u> neighborhood:</i>									
12a. Can be trusted.	3.68	2.4	13.6	3.72	2.2	12.0	3.44	6.2	12.4
12b. Generally DON'T get along with each other.	2.26	17.6	2.4	2.27	15.2	1.1	2.35	16.3	1.0
12c. DO NOT share the same values.	2.71	9.6	4.5	2.89	5.4	3.3	2.87	8.3	5.2
12d. Are willing to help their neighbors.	3.76	2.1	13.6	3.79	2.2	11.0	3.66	3.1	12.4
12e. Yours is a close-knit neighborhood.	2.86	9.1	6.1	2.89	7.7	5.5	2.52	15.2	6.1
13. Community-level Social Control									
<i>One or more of <u>your neighbors</u> could be counted on to intervene if:</i>									
13a. Children were spray-painting graffiti on a local building.	3.79	3.4	16.7	3.65	1.1	13.0	3.41	6.3	11.5
13b. Children were showing disrespect toward an adult.	3.36	5.9	7.7	3.32	1.1	3.3	3.07	11.5	7.3
13c. The fire station closest to their home was threatened with budget cuts.	3.52	4.3	12.6	3.52	1.1	7.6	3.30	6.2	12.4
13d. A fight broke out in front of their house.	3.75	3.2	17.6	3.65	2.2	15.2	3.52	5.2	11.3
13e. Children were skipping school and hanging out on a neighborhood street corner.	3.29	6.1	11.7	3.33	2.2	4.3	2.82	11.3	7.2

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

Table 3.1 (continued): Life in Matanuska–Susitna Borough Neighborhoods by Geographic Area, Questions 11-13.

	North Lakes (N=162)			Palmer (N=264)			South Knik (N=29)		
	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree
<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>									
11. Mat-Su As A Place to Live.									
11a. Mat-Su is a very attractive looking community.	2.93	13.8	8.1	3.45	1.2	12.3	2.82	10.7	3.6
11b. Mat-Su is better suited to raising children than Anchorage.	3.76	5.6	28.8	4.05	0.8	36.3	4.00	0.0	24.1
11c. Drivers failing to obey posted speed limits are a serious problem in <u>my</u> neighborhood.	3.41	6.8	25.3	3.22	8.5	18.8	2.93	13.8	17.2
11d. Personally, I would rate Mat-Su as an excellent place to live.	3.73	2.5	19.1	4.01	0.4	26.3	3.83	0.0	20.7
11e. Personally, I would rate <u>my neighborhood</u> as an excellent place to live.	4.03	1.9	30.8	4.02	0.8	31.0	3.96	3.6	42.9
12. Community Cohesion									
<i>People in <u>your</u> neighborhood:</i>									
12a. Can be trusted.	3.85	3.7	19.9	3.81	0.0	17.6	3.62	3.4	13.8
12b. Generally DON'T get along with each other.	2.10	19.1	0.0	2.26	18.4	0.8	2.59	6.9	3.4
12c. DO NOT share the same values.	2.58	12.4	3.1	2.64	10.8	2.3	3.03	3.4	6.9
12d. Are willing to help their neighbors.	3.79	5.0	15.5	3.71	1.5	14.2	3.76	0.0	10.3
12e. Yours is a close-knit neighborhood.	2.83	11.2	5.0	3.00	7.3	7.3	2.72	6.9	3.4
13. Community-level Social Control									
<i>One or more of <u>your neighbors</u> could be counted on to intervene if:</i>									
13a. Children were spray-painting graffiti on a local building.	3.76	5.6	19.1	3.78	2.7	14.7	3.41	6.9	10.3
13b. Children were showing disrespect toward an adult.	3.31	6.8	7.4	3.36	6.6	8.9	3.03	6.9	3.4
13c. The fire station closest to their home was threatened with budget cuts.	3.46	3.1	9.9	3.50	3.5	8.5	3.59	0.0	13.8
13d. A fight broke out in front of their house.	3.68	6.2	20.4	3.71	3.5	17.0	3.86	0.0	17.2
13e. Children were skipping school and hanging out on a neighborhood street corner.	3.29	8.1	11.2	3.25	7.7	10.4	3.07	0.0	10.3

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

Table 3.1 (continued): Life in Matanuska–Susitna Borough Neighborhoods by Geographic Area, Questions 11-13.

	South Lakes (N=142)			Tanaina (N=224)			Wasilla (N=251)		
	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree
<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>									
11. Mat-Su As A Place to Live.									
11a. Mat-Su is a very attractive looking community.	2.92	10.6	9.2	3.11	9.1	6.8	3.08	6.5	6.9
11b. Mat-Su is better suited to raising children than Anchorage.	3.77	2.8	26.1	4.02	2.3	34.1	3.96	1.2	26.9
11c. Drivers failing to obey posted speed limits are a serious problem in <u>my</u> neighborhood.	3.44	4.9	26.8	3.61	4.0	30.5	3.53	4.5	26.6
11d. Personally, I would rate Mat-Su as an excellent place to live.	3.73	2.1	22.5	3.89	0.5	19.8	3.78	1.6	19.1
11e. Personally, I would rate <u>my neighborhood</u> as an excellent place to live.	3.97	2.8	31.7	3.95	1.3	22.3	3.86	3.7	24.8
12. Community Cohesion									
<i>People in <u>your</u> neighborhood:</i>									
12a. Can be trusted.	3.81	2.8	19.9	3.64	2.2	12.1	3.64	2.0	13.9
12b. Generally DON'T get along with each other.	2.08	19.7	0.0	2.32	14.3	1.3	2.26	17.7	0.8
12c. DO NOT share the same values.	2.53	12.7	2.1	2.80	6.4	5.5	2.75	9.5	3.3
12d. Are willing to help their neighbors.	3.80	1.4	14.8	3.63	4.0	12.1	3.64	2.9	12.0
12e. Yours is a close-knit neighborhood.	2.86	7.9	10.0	2.73	8.6	3.2	2.79	9.1	4.1
13. Community-level Social Control									
<i>One or more of <u>your neighbors</u> could be counted on to intervene if:</i>									
13a. Children were spray-painting graffiti on a local building.	3.85	0.7	20.4	3.66	2.7	15.5	3.63	3.7	14.3
13b. Children were showing disrespect toward an adult.	3.30	2.8	8.5	3.25	4.1	5.9	3.22	6.1	4.9
13c. The fire station closest to their home was threatened with budget cuts.	3.50	1.4	11.3	3.40	3.7	9.6	3.45	2.1	11.6
13d. A fight broke out in front of their house.	3.77	2.1	17.6	3.70	1.8	16.7	3.54	4.9	15.6
13e. Children were skipping school and hanging out on a neighborhood street corner.	3.30	4.2	10.6	3.20	5.5	8.6	3.09	6.6	7.8

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

Table 3.2: Life in Matanuska–Susitna Borough Neighborhoods by Geographic Area, Questions 14-15.

	Big Lake (N=46)	Buffalo/Soapstone (N=27)	Butte (N=128)			
14. Residential Tenure						
14a. I moved into my <u>current</u> home in...(median year)	1999	1999	1996			
	% Yes	% Yes	% Yes			
14b. Have you lived in your <u>current</u> residence your entire life?	2.2	7.4	01.6			
14c. Was your <u>last</u> residence located within the Mat-Su Borough?	53.3	55.6	48.4			
14d. Was your <u>last</u> residence located within the Municipality of Anchorage?	40.0	18.5	31.0			
14e. <u>Last</u> residence located outside Mat-Su/Anchorage but in the Alaska?	13.3	19.2	11.5			
14f. Was your <u>last</u> residence located outside the State of Alaska?	8.7	26.9	17.1			
14g. During the past year, have you seriously considered moving out of your <u>current</u> residence?	40.0	34.6	33.1			
<i>Please rank four preferred destinations listed below by writing a “1” next to the destination you’d MOST like to move to, and a “4” next to the destination you would LEAST like to move to.</i>						
	<u>Avg. Rank</u>	<u>Avg. Rank</u>	<u>Avg. Rank</u>			
14g2. Municipality of Anchorage.	3.19	3.43	3.33			
14g3. Other Location in Mat-Su Borough.	1.86	2.05	1.97			
14g4. Outside Mat-Su and Anchorage, but Inside Alaska.	2.58	2.17	2.23			
14g5. Outside of Alaska.	2.65	2.78	2.88			
15. Neighborhood-level Changes^a						
	% Yes	% Worse	% Yes	% Worse	% Yes	% Worse
15a-b. Have you witnessed a change in the <i>quality of housing</i> ?	74.4	43.7	66.7	26.7	62.8	26.8
15c-d. Have you experienced a change in your <i>feelings of personal safety</i> when walking alone through your neighborhood when it is dark?	30.2	78.6	33.3	87.5	28.4	75.8
15e-f. Has there been a change in its <i>physical attractiveness</i> ?	61.9	51.7	58.3	46.2	56.9	50.0
15g-h. Has the <i>volume of traffic</i> through your neighborhood changed?	65.9	85.2	84.0	95.0	69.1	95.9
15i. Have the <i>demographic characteristics</i> (for example: age, race, gender) of the people living in your neighborhood changed?	39.0	--	41.7	--	22.0	--
15j-k. Have you noticed a change in the <i>quality of relationships</i> ?	26.3	66.7	37.5	70.0	31.8	60.5
15l-m. Do people in your neighborhood <i>interact differently</i> with each other?	31.6	66.7	33.3	77.8	28.4	64.5
15n-o. Have you noticed a change in the <i>housing density</i> of your neighborhood?	69.0	71.4	83.3	95.0	74.3	92.3
15p-q. Over the next ten years, do you expect the overall quality of your neighborhood to change?	85.0	61.8	91.7	85.7	76.4	73.7

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name.

^a Includes only those respondents who have lived in Mat-Su since 2001. Respondents were asked a follow-up question as to whether change would be for the better or worse.

Table 3.2 (continued): Life in Matanuska–Susitna Borough Neighborhoods by Geographic Area, Questions 14-15.

	Farm Loop (N=55)	Fishhook (N=135)	Gateway (N=155)
14. Residential Tenure			
14a. I moved into my <u>current</u> home in...(median year)	1991	1998	1998
	<u>% Yes</u>	<u>% Yes</u>	<u>% Yes</u>
14b. Have you lived in your <u>current</u> residence your entire life?	0.0	0.0	02.0
14c. Was your <u>last</u> residence located within the Mat-Su Borough?	49.1	49.2	43.0
14d. Was your <u>last</u> residence located within the Municipality of Anchorage?	31.5	29.0	35.5
14e. <u>Last</u> residence located outside Mat-Su/Anchorage but in the Alaska?	09.3	14.5	11.2
14f. Was your <u>last</u> residence located outside the State of Alaska?	18.5	16.9	15.9
14g. During the past year, have you seriously considered moving out of your <u>current</u> residence?	20.4	34.6	30.1
<i>Please rank four preferred destinations listed below by writing a “1” next to the destination you’d MOST like to move to, and a “4” next to the destination you would LEAST like to move to.</i>			
	<u>Avg. Rank</u>	<u>Avg. Rank</u>	<u>Avg. Rank</u>
14g2. Municipality of Anchorage.	1.78	3.48	3.32
14g3. Other Location in Mat-Su Borough.	2.31	1.83	1.80
14g4. Outside Mat-Su and Anchorage, but Inside Alaska.	2.73	2.51	2.43
14g5. Outside of Alaska.	3.41	2.36	2.54
15. Neighborhood-level Changes^a			
	<u>% Yes</u>	<u>% Worse</u>	<u>% Yes</u> <u>% Worse</u>
15a-b. Have you witnessed a change in the <i>quality of housing</i> ?	38.8	35.3	61.3 26.7
15c-d. Have you experienced a change in your <i>feelings of personal safety</i> when walking alone through your neighborhood when it is dark?	18.7	62.5	29.6 81.1
15e-f. Has there been a change in its <i>physical attractiveness</i> ?	52.1	52.0	52.9 54.8
15g-h. Has the <i>volume of traffic</i> through your neighborhood changed?	72.9	93.9	80.6 96.0
15i. Have the <i>demographic characteristics</i> (for example: age, race, gender) of the people living in your neighborhood changed?	23.9	--	27.3 --
15j-k. Have you noticed a change in the <i>quality of relationships</i> ?	33.3	42.9	30.3 60.0
15l-m. Do people in your neighborhood <i>interact differently</i> with each other?	28.3	54.5	29.3 79.4
15n-o. Have you noticed a change in the <i>housing density</i> of your neighborhood?	70.6	93.5	79.7 91.5
15p-q. Over the next ten years, do you expect the overall quality of your neighborhood to change?	68.6	73.5	78.3 79.1
			69.3 78.3

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name.

a Includes only those respondents who have lived in Mat-Su since 2001. Respondents were asked a follow-up question as to whether change would be for the better or worse.

Table 3.2 (continued): Life in Matanuska–Susitna Borough Neighborhoods by Geographic Area, Questions 14-15.

	Knik-Fairview (N=388)		Lazy Mountain (N=93)		Meadow Lakes (N=102)	
14. Residential Tenure						
14a. I moved into my <u>current</u> home in...(median year)	2000		1993		1998	
	<u>% Yes</u>		<u>% Yes</u>		<u>% Yes</u>	
14b. Have you lived in your <u>current</u> residence your entire life?	2.1		0.0		7.1	
14c. Was your <u>last</u> residence located within the Mat-Su Borough?	52.1		57.6		53.5	
14d. Was your <u>last</u> residence located within the Municipality of Anchorage?	25.9		25.6		23.2	
14e. <u>Last</u> residence located outside Mat-Su/Anchorage but in the Alaska?	16.2		13.5		12.1	
14f. Was your <u>last</u> residence located outside the State of Alaska?	17.5		15.6		16.3	
14g. During the past year, have you seriously considered moving out of your <u>current</u> residence?	35.1		22.8		38.4	
<i>Please rank four preferred destinations listed below by writing a “1” next to the destination you’d MOST like to move to, and a “4” next to the destination you would LEAST like to move to.</i>						
	<u>Avg. Rank</u>		<u>Avg. Rank</u>		<u>Avg. Rank</u>	
14g2. Municipality of Anchorage.	3.24		3.44		3.44	
14g3. Other Location in Mat-Su Borough.	1.68		1.86		1.76	
14g4. Outside Mat-Su and Anchorage, but Inside Alaska.	2.51		2.25		2.37	
14g5. Outside of Alaska.	2.77		2.65		2.64	
15. Neighborhood-level Changes^a						
	<u>% Yes</u>	<u>% Worse</u>	<u>% Yes</u>	<u>% Worse</u>	<u>% Yes</u>	<u>% Worse</u>
15a-b. Have you witnessed a change in the <i>quality of housing</i> ?	67.2	35.3	54.0	25.0	74.2	39.7
15c-d. Have you experienced a change in your <i>feelings of personal safety</i> when walking alone through your neighborhood when it is dark?	27.5	80.2	23.8	69.6	41.4	80.6
15e-f. Has there been a change in its <i>physical attractiveness</i> ?	62.3	55.0	53.5	48.9	71.0	59.1
15g-h. Has the <i>volume of traffic</i> through your neighborhood changed?	82.7	97.8	76.7	97.0	89.2	93.9
15i. Have the <i>demographic characteristics</i> (for example: age, race, gender) of the people living in your neighborhood changed?	39.3	--	22.6	--	46.1	--
15j-k. Have you noticed a change in the <i>quality of relationships</i> ?	36.3	62.2	22.6	70.0	42.0	66.7
15l-m. Do people in your neighborhood <i>interact differently</i> with each other?	31.4	70.0	27.7	70.0	42.5	71.9
15n-o. Have you noticed a change in the <i>housing density</i> of your neighborhood?	85.8	90.0	77.0	95.2	87.8	90.9
15p-q. Over the next ten years, do you expect the overall quality of your neighborhood to change?	80.9	69.9	71.8	77.6	84.8	77.8

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name.

a Includes only those respondents who have lived in Mat-Su since 2001. Respondents were asked a follow-up question as to whether change would be for the better or worse.

Table 3.2 (continued): Life in Matanuska–Susitna Borough Neighborhoods by Geographic Area, Questions 14-15.

	North Lakes (N=162)	Palmer (N=264)	South Knik (N=29)
14. Residential Tenure			
14a. I moved into my <u>current</u> home in...(median year)	1996	2000	1999
	<u>% Yes</u>	<u>% Yes</u>	<u>% Yes</u>
14b. Have you lived in your <u>current</u> residence your entire life?	1.9	2.3	0.0
14c. Was your <u>last</u> residence located within the Mat-Su Borough?	50.0	54.8	41.4
14d. Was your <u>last</u> residence located within the Municipality of Anchorage?	32.1	19.4	37.9
14e. <u>Last</u> residence located outside Mat-Su/Anchorage but in the Alaska?	11.1	14.4	13.8
14f. Was your <u>last</u> residence located outside the State of Alaska?	15.0	19.0	21.4
14g. During the past year, have you seriously considered moving out of your <u>current</u> residence?	32.3	32.3	31.0
<i>Please rank four preferred destinations listed below by writing a “1” next to the destination you’d MOST like to move to, and a “4” next to the destination you would LEAST like to move to.</i>			
	<u>Avg. Rank</u>	<u>Avg. Rank</u>	<u>Avg. Rank</u>
14g2. Municipality of Anchorage.	3.32	3.31	3.32
14g3. Other Location in Mat-Su Borough.	1.82	1.68	1.92
14g4. Outside Mat-Su and Anchorage, but Inside Alaska.	2.49	2.68	2.04
14g5. Outside of Alaska.	2.60	2.65	2.96
15. Neighborhood-level Changes^a			
	<u>% Yes</u>	<u>% Worse</u>	<u>% Yes</u> <u>% Worse</u>
15a-b. Have you witnessed a change in the <i>quality of housing</i> ?	54.2	39.0	53.4 43.7
15c-d. Have you experienced a change in your <i>feelings of personal safety</i> when walking alone through your neighborhood when it is dark?	27.7	95.1	28.3 83.9
15e-f. Has there been a change in its <i>physical attractiveness</i> ?	51.8	52.6	69.2 47.1
15g-h. Has the <i>volume of traffic</i> through your neighborhood changed?	76.6	94.4	71.8 93.0
15i. Have the <i>demographic characteristics</i> (for example: age, race, gender) of the people living in your neighborhood changed?	32.4	--	28.8 --
15j-k. Have you noticed a change in the <i>quality of relationships</i> ?	26.6	58.1	30.0 65.2
15l-m. Do people in your neighborhood <i>interact differently</i> with each other?	27.9	60.0	30.4 72.6
15n-o. Have you noticed a change in the <i>housing density</i> of your neighborhood?	68.1	87.5	61.7 90.3
15p-q. Over the next ten years, do you expect the overall quality of your neighborhood to change?	63.6	75.0	68.6 76.7
			80.0 70.0

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name.

a Includes only those respondents who have lived in Mat-Su since 2001. Respondents were asked a follow-up question as to whether change would be for the better or worse.

Table 3.2 (continued): Life in Matanuska–Susitna Borough Neighborhoods by Geographic Area, Questions 14-15.

	South Lakes (N=142)	Tanaina (N=224)	Wasilla (N=251)
14. Residential Tenure			
14a. I moved into my <u>current</u> home in...(median year)	1995	1999	2001
	<u>% Yes</u>	<u>% Yes</u>	<u>% Yes</u>
14b. Have you lived in your <u>current</u> residence your entire life?	0.0	0.0	01.2
14c. Was your <u>last</u> residence located within the Mat-Su Borough?	38.0	47.1	56.9
14d. Was your <u>last</u> residence located within the Municipality of Anchorage?	44.0	30.8	26.1
14e. <u>Last</u> residence located outside Mat-Su/Anchorage but in the Alaska?	12.1	13.8	11.6
14f. Was your <u>last</u> residence located outside the State of Alaska?	12.1	19.2	12.7
14g. During the past year, have you seriously considered moving out of your <u>current</u> residence?	34.3	36.5	39.4
<i>Please rank four preferred destinations listed below by writing a “1” next to the destination you’d MOST like to move to, and a “4” next to the destination you would LEAST like to move to.</i>			
	<u>Avg. Rank</u>	<u>Avg. Rank</u>	<u>Avg. Rank</u>
14g2. Municipality of Anchorage.	3.22	3.32	3.26
14g3. Other Location in Mat-Su Borough.	1.76	1.71	1.61
14g4. Outside Mat-Su and Anchorage, but Inside Alaska.	2.59	2.50	2.60
14g5. Outside of Alaska.	2.60	2.69	2.84
15. Neighborhood-level Changes^a			
	<u>% Yes</u>	<u>% Worse</u>	<u>% Yes</u> <u>% Worse</u>
15a-b. Have you witnessed a change in the <i>quality of housing</i> ?	50.0	33.8	57.2 36.4
15c-d. Have you experienced a change in your <i>feelings of personal safety</i> when walking alone through your neighborhood when it is dark?	27.3	86.5	26.7 88.9
15e-f. Has there been a change in its <i>physical attractiveness</i> ?	54.6	45.7	55.0 57.1
15g-h. Has the <i>volume of traffic</i> through your neighborhood changed?	78.5	93.9	81.8 96.2
15i. Have the <i>demographic characteristics</i> (for example: age, race, gender) of the people living in your neighborhood changed?	36.7	--	34.8 --
15j-k. Have you noticed a change in the <i>quality of relationships</i> ?	27.6	61.1	29.9 74.2
15l-m. Do people in your neighborhood <i>interact differently</i> with each other?	24.6	64.5	28.7 82.1
15n-o. Have you noticed a change in the <i>housing density</i> of your neighborhood?	60.3	87.0	74.0 88.1
15p-q. Over the next ten years, do you expect the overall quality of your neighborhood to change?	58.5	79.4	72.8 80.3
			78.0 69.3

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name.

a Includes only those respondents who have lived in Mat-Su since 2001. Respondents were asked a follow-up question as to whether change would be for the better or worse.

Table 3.3: Life in Matanuska–Susitna Borough Neighborhoods by Geographic Area, Question 16.

<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	Big Lake (N=46)			Buffalo/Soapstone (N=27)			Butte (N=128)		
	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree
16. Reasons For Living in the Mat-Su Borough									
16a. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because it is close to my job.	2.75	22.7	9.1	2.48	28.0	4.0	2.82	21.8	14.5
16b. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because of the reasonable cost and availability of housing.	3.52	4.5	9.1	3.00	8.0	4.0	3.15	12.2	8.9
16c. I live in the Mat-Su Borough so I can be close to my relatives.	2.57	34.1	4.5	3.00	16.0	12.0	2.43	35.0	7.3
16d. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because of the quality of the public schools.	2.41	22.7	0.0	2.68	16.0	4.0	2.31	30.6	2.5
16e. I like the rural, small town character of the Mat-Su Borough.	4.21	0.0	37.2	4.38	3.8	50.0	4.11	5.6	39.5

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

Table 3.3 (continued): Life in Matanuska–Susitna Borough Neighborhoods by Geographic Area, Question 16.

<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	Farm Loop (N=55)			Fishhook (N=135)			Gateway (N=155)		
	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree
16. Reasons For Living in the Mat-Su Borough									
16a. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because it is close to my job.	2.98	21.2	19.2	2.90	20.1	16.4	2.82	24.3	17.1
16b. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because of the reasonable cost and availability of housing.	3.26	13.2	15.1	3.13	11.3	11.3	3.43	6.6	13.2
16c. I live in the Mat-Su Borough so I can be close to my relatives.	2.60	32.7	11.5	2.64	30.8	10.5	2.27	38.4	6.0
16d. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because of the quality of the public schools.	2.45	26.4	3.8	2.47	26.1	4.5	2.71	19.7	6.6
16e. I like the rural, small town character of the Mat-Su Borough.	4.30	1.9	43.4	3.93	5.2	32.8	3.96	4.6	29.6

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

Table 3.3 (continued): Life in Matanuska–Susitna Borough Neighborhoods by Geographic Area, Question 16.

<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	Knik-Fairview (N=388)			Lazy Mountain (N=93)			Meadow Lakes (N=102)		
	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree
16. Reasons For Living in the Mat-Su Borough									
16a. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because it is close to my job.	2.59	31.7	12.9	3.10	13.0	14.1	3.00	20.4	22.4
16b. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because of the reasonable cost and availability of housing.	3.44	9.8	19.1	3.26	8.7	6.5	3.18	11.2	15.3
16c. I live in the Mat-Su Borough so I can be close to my relatives.	2.43	37.6	9.3	2.35	33.7	3.3	2.29	39.2	8.2
16d. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because of the quality of the public schools.	2.56	23.5	3.4	2.67	18.5	4.3	2.52	22.7	5.2
16e. I like the rural, small town character of the Mat-Su Borough.	3.96	5.0	29.6	4.27	1.1	43.5	3.78	10.0	32.0

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

Table 3.3 (continued): Life in Matanuska–Susitna Borough Neighborhoods by Geographic Area, Question 16.

<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	North Lakes (N=162)			Palmer (N=264)			South Knik (N=29)		
	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree
16. Reasons For Living in the Mat-Su Borough									
16a. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because it is close to my job.	2.80	28.5	20.3	2.96	25.4	20.7	2.10	41.4	6.9
16b. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because of the reasonable cost and availability of housing.	3.42	11.4	17.7	3.63	4.7	19.8	3.38	10.3	13.8
16c. I live in the Mat-Su Borough so I can be close to my relatives.	2.46	39.6	13.2	2.83	29.6	17.7	2.38	41.4	6.9
16d. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because of the quality of the public schools.	2.62	24.5	6.9	2.86	11.7	6.6	2.10	41.4	0.0
16e. I like the rural, small town character of the Mat-Su Borough.	3.91	6.3	32.3	4.29	1.9	45.9	4.59	0.0	58.6

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

Table 3.3 (continued): Life in Matanuska–Susitna Borough Neighborhoods by Geographic Area, Question 16.

<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	South Lakes (N=142)			Tanaina (N=224)			Wasilla (N=251)		
	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree
16. Reasons For Living in the Mat-Su Borough									
16a. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because it is close to my job.	2.94	23.7	17.3	2.78	27.6	15.8	3.05	18.4	18.9
16b. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because of the reasonable cost and availability of housing.	3.45	7.2	12.9	3.56	7.6	17.0	3.33	7.7	13.0
16c. I live in the Mat-Su Borough so I can be close to my relatives.	2.29	36.0	6.5	2.70	30.0	10.0	2.74	27.2	12.2
16d. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because of the quality of the public schools.	2.57	23.7	6.5	2.63	20.0	4.1	2.50	23.6	2.4
16e. I like the rural, small town character of the Mat-Su Borough.	3.68	4.3	28.3	3.91	5.4	30.8	3.76	5.3	23.3

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

Table 4.1: Local Government: Access, Policies and Practices, Question 17.

<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	Big Lake (N=46)			Buffalo/Soapstone (N=27)			Butte (N=128)		
	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree
17. Public Access to Borough Government									
17a. I can make a difference by getting involved in the Mat-Su government.	2.88	9.3	7.0	2.83	8.3	0.0	2.95	12.4	6.6
17b. I am just too busy to be involved in Borough government.	3.02	9.5	2.4	3.40	0.0	12.0	2.93	11.5	3.3
17c. I feel I can have an influence on the decisions of Borough officials.	2.88	9.5	2.4	2.68	20.0	0.0	2.93	15.6	4.1
17d. I contact my Assembly member when I have a Borough problem.	3.21	2.4	7.1	2.83	8.3	0.0	3.16	7.3	7.3
17e. I am satisfied with the opportunities the Borough provides to give input.	2.84	7.0	2.3	2.63	16.7	0.0	2.98	10.6	1.6
17f. The Borough’s website is easy to use.	3.29	2.4	4.9	3.12	0.0	8.0	3.03	4.9	3.3
17g. I would describe the Borough’s website as “informative.”	3.33	2.4	4.8	3.20	0.0	8.0	3.08	5.7	2.5
17h. I am satisfied with the Borough’s on-line mapping capabilities.	3.20	2.2	2.2	2.81	3.8	0.0	3.00	4.1	0.0
17i. The Borough’s on-line property tax service (“EZGov”) is easy to use.	3.11	0.0	2.2	2.85	3.8	0.0	2.95	5.8	0.8
17j. When I call the Borough, I usually get information in a timely manner.	3.16	2.2	4.4	3.19	3.8	0.0	3.34	3.2	2.4
17k. When I call the Borough, the person I speak with is polite and professional.	3.49	0.0	8.9	3.42	3.8	0.0	3.63	2.4	8.7

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

Table 4.1 (continued): Local Government: Access, Policies and Practices, Questions 17.

<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	Farm Loop (N=55)			Fishhook (N=135)			Gateway (N=155)		
	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree
17. Public Access to Borough Government									
17a. I can make a difference by getting involved in the Mat-Su government.	2.76	14.5	3.6	2.72	13.0	0.8	3.02	7.9	6.6
17b. I am just too busy to be involved in Borough government.	2.95	16.4	7.3	2.98	6.1	3.8	3.01	10.5	7.2
17c. I feel I can have an influence on the decisions of Borough officials.	2.52	16.7	1.9	2.62	18.3	3.1	2.81	11.8	2.6
17d. I contact my Assembly member when I have a Borough problem.	2.98	7.4	3.7	2.86	10.0	2.3	2.95	8.5	3.3
17e. I am satisfied with the opportunities the Borough provides to give input.	2.72	14.8	0.0	2.80	13.7	0.0	2.95	9.3	4.0
17f. The Borough's website is easy to use.	3.08	5.7	0.0	3.03	7.6	3.8	3.12	5.9	3.3
17g. I would describe the Borough's website as "informative."	3.06	5.8	0.0	3.09	5.3	3.8	3.25	1.3	2.6
17h. I am satisfied with the Borough's on-line mapping capabilities.	2.85	7.7	0.0	3.03	0.8	1.5	3.09	2.0	2.0
17i. The Borough's on-line property tax service ("EZGov") is easy to use.	2.79	5.8	0.0	2.99	3.7	0.7	3.05	1.3	0.7
17j. When I call the Borough, I usually get information in a timely manner.	3.32	7.5	3.8	3.20	3.7	3.0	3.35	3.3	3.3
17k. When I call the Borough, the person I speak with is polite and professional.	3.66	3.8	11.3	3.40	2.2	6.0	3.69	0.0	11.1

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

Table 4.1 (continued): Local Government: Access, Policies and Practices, Questions 17.

<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	Knik-Fairview (N=388)			Lazy Mountain (N=93)			Meadow Lakes (N=102)		
	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree
17. Public Access to Borough Government									
17a. I can make a difference by getting involved in the Mat-Su government.	2.92	11.0	4.5	2.98	5.5	3.3	2.77	16.2	9.1
17b. I am just too busy to be involved in Borough government.	3.09	8.2	8.2	2.84	4.5	2.3	3.16	9.0	8.0
17c. I feel I can have an influence on the decisions of Borough officials.	2.77	15.3	2.9	2.92	9.9	1.1	2.55	22.0	5.0
17d. I contact my Assembly member when I have a Borough problem.	3.06	6.7	5.6	3.02	5.5	2.2	3.03	6.9	5.9
17e. I am satisfied with the opportunities the Borough provides to give input.	2.83	16.2	2.4	2.91	7.8	1.1	2.72	18.0	4.0
17f. The Borough’s website is easy to use.	3.14	4.7	2.4	3.10	2.2	1.1	3.11	5.0	3.0
17g. I would describe the Borough’s website as “informative.”	3.23	2.6	2.6	3.20	1.1	1.1	3.13	5.0	4.0
17h. I am satisfied with the Borough’s on-line mapping capabilities.	3.05	2.9	0.8	3.04	2.2	0.0	3.01	3.0	0.0
17i. The Borough’s on-line property tax service (“EZGov”) is easy to use.	3.08	2.1	1.1	3.01	1.1	0.0	2.99	4.0	1.0
17j. When I call the Borough, I usually get information in a timely manner.	3.28	5.0	3.4	3.51	2.2	3.3	3.23	7.9	4.0
17k. When I call the Borough, the person I speak with is polite and professional.	3.61	2.1	9.9	3.70	1.1	6.5	3.63	2.0	15.8

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Table 4.1 (continued): Local Government: Access, Policies and Practices, Questions 17.

<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	North Lakes (N=162)			Palmer (N=264)			South Knik (N=29)		
	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree
17. Public Access to Borough Government									
17a. I can make a difference by getting involved in the Mat-Su government.	3.11	6.3	6.3	2.95	6.5	5.0	3.07	17.2	10.3
17b. I am just too busy to be involved in Borough government.	3.05	6.9	7.5	3.02	5.8	4.2	2.83	10.3	3.4
17c. I feel I can have an influence on the decisions of Borough officials.	2.81	13.3	2.5	2.93	7.7	3.1	2.79	13.8	3.4
17d. I contact my Assembly member when I have a Borough problem.	2.97	4.4	3.8	2.82	9.3	3.1	2.90	10.3	0.0
17e. I am satisfied with the opportunities the Borough provides to give input.	2.87	12.6	1.9	3.03	7.7	3.5	2.72	10.3	3.4
17f. The Borough’s website is easy to use.	3.19	2.5	6.3	3.15	2.3	2.3	3.21	3.4	6.9
17g. I would describe the Borough’s website as “informative.”	3.20	3.8	5.1	3.19	2.7	2.7	3.34	0.0	6.9
17h. I am satisfied with the Borough’s on-line mapping capabilities.	3.06	1.3	1.9	3.10	2.7	1.5	2.97	10.3	3.4
17i. The Borough’s on-line property tax service (“EZGov”) is easy to use.	3.16	1.3	3.8	3.05	1.5	1.5	3.14	0.0	3.4
17j. When I call the Borough, I usually get information in a timely manner.	3.22	4.4	5.6	3.32	2.7	3.4	3.55	6.9	13.8
17k. When I call the Borough, the person I speak with is polite and professional.	3.55	4.4	10.0	3.58	2.3	9.9	3.69	0.0	24.1

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

Table 4.1 (continued): Local Government: Access, Policies and Practices, Questions 17.

<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	South Lakes (N=142)			Tanaina (N=224)			Wasilla (N=251)		
	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree
17. Public Access to Borough Government									
17a. I can make a difference by getting involved in the Mat-Su government.	3.11	6.5	7.9	2.77	10.9	0.9	2.96	9.8	5.3
17b. I am just too busy to be involved in Borough government.	2.88	7.2	4.3	3.11	5.0	7.2	3.01	6.6	4.9
17c. I feel I can have an influence on the decisions of Borough officials.	2.86	12.9	2.9	2.68	13.2	1.4	2.80	13.1	4.1
17d. I contact my Assembly member when I have a Borough problem.	3.05	7.2	9.4	2.95	6.8	1.4	2.88	10.3	3.7
17e. I am satisfied with the opportunities the Borough provides to give input.	2.92	7.9	0.7	2.77	13.2	0.9	2.80	11.5	2.5
17f. The Borough’s website is easy to use.	3.24	4.3	5.8	3.20	1.8	2.3	3.13	3.3	2.5
17g. I would describe the Borough’s website as “informative.”	3.32	0.7	4.3	3.20	1.4	1.4	3.18	2.5	2.1
17h. I am satisfied with the Borough’s on-line mapping capabilities.	3.10	2.9	2.2	3.11	0.9	1.4	3.05	3.7	2.5
17i. The Borough’s on-line property tax service (“EZGov”) is easy to use.	3.14	0.7	3.6	3.11	0.9	1.8	3.06	1.7	1.2
17j. When I call the Borough, I usually get information in a timely manner.	3.32	5.0	5.0	3.29	3.2	3.7	3.30	4.9	6.6
17k. When I call the Borough, the person I speak with is polite and professional.	3.69	2.2	15.1	3.57	0.5	10.0	3.48	3.3	11.1

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

Table 4.2: Local Government: Access, Policies and Practices, Questions 18-19.

<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	Big Lake (N=46)			Buffalo/Soapstone (N=27)			Butte (N=128)		
	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree
18. Borough Spending Efficiency and Priorities									
18a. I feel I am getting my money's worth for the taxes I pay to the Borough.	2.16	37.0	0.0	2.12	29.6	3.7	2.46	29.7	1.6
18b. The Borough cannot improve public services unless it increases taxes.	1.93	37.0	0.0	2.37	25.9	7.4	2.23	29.7	2.3
18c. The Borough should keep taxes low, even if it means reducing services.	3.00	4.3	13.0	2.96	11.1	14.8	2.98	12.5	15.6
18d. More tax money should be spent to improve roads.	3.66	0.0	13.0	3.33	0.0	7.4	3.37	6.3	12.5
18e. More tax money should be spent to improve junk and trash collection.	3.17	6.5	13.0	3.22	3.7	3.7	3.26	6.2	15.6
18f. Funds should be spent to preserve agricultural land.	3.02	10.9	13.0	3.56	0.0	25.9	3.54	6.3	23.4
18g. Funds should be spent to preserve open spaces in the Borough.	3.09	10.9	10.9	3.70	0.0	22.2	3.65	6.3	24.2
18h. The current level of road maintenance in my area is worth what I pay in road service area taxes.	2.43	30.4	2.2	2.54	29.6	3.7	2.70	23.4	3.1
19. Zoning and Land Use Issues									
19a. As of today, I am satisfied with the way the Borough has been developed.	2.82	6.5	4.3	2.72	14.8	0.0	2.56	18.8	1.6
19b. Traffic congestion is a SERIOUS problem in the Mat-Su Borough.	3.62	2.2	19.6	3.62	3.7	33.3	3.76	2.3	26.6
19c. I am very concerned about water quality.	3.07	8.7	6.5	3.54	0.0	22.2	3.13	3.9	8.6
19d. Over the next 10 years, the Borough will need to develop/preserve more park land.	3.09	8.7	10.9	3.65	3.7	22.2	3.54	9.4	23.4
19e. I support a system of zoning that designates: residential; agricultural; and commercial/industrial (with specific regulations for each).	3.54	6.5	17.4	3.63	7.4	18.5	3.54	10.9	25.0
19f. I support a system of zoning allowing different land uses to be located near one another, with standards for noise, traffic and other impacts.	3.43	6.5	6.5	3.77	3.7	22.2	3.25	14.1	15.6
19g. The Borough must do a better job of managing growth/development.	3.89	2.2	19.6	3.81	3.7	29.6	4.05	4.7	43.0

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Table 4.2 (continued): Local Government: Access, Policies and Practices, Questions 18-19.

<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	Farm Loop (N=55)			Fishhook (N=135)			Gateway (N=155)		
	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree
18. Borough Spending Efficiency and Priorities									
18a. I feel I am getting my money's worth for the taxes I pay to the Borough.	2.19	29.1	0.0	2.26	31.1	0.0	2.52	20.6	2.6
18b. The Borough cannot improve public services unless it increases taxes.	2.08	34.5	1.8	2.25	25.9	5.2	2.37	27.1	7.1
18c. The Borough should keep taxes low, even if it means reducing services.	3.15	5.5	20.0	2.92	12.6	13.3	2.78	11.6	9.0
18d. More tax money should be spent to improve roads.	3.55	1.8	12.7	3.44	3.7	12.6	3.26	5.2	5.8
18e. More tax money should be spent to improve junk and trash collection.	2.85	10.9	7.3	3.18	6.7	11.1	2.86	7.7	3.2
18f. Funds should be spent to preserve agricultural land.	3.35	10.9	21.8	3.31	6.7	11.1	3.35	5.2	16.1
18g. Funds should be spent to preserve open spaces in the Borough.	3.41	9.1	21.8	3.55	3.7	20.0	3.61	3.9	20.6
18h. The current level of road maintenance in my area is worth what I pay in road service area taxes.	2.67	23.6	3.6	2.66	20.0	2.2	2.95	9.7	7.1
19. Zoning and Land Use Issues									
19a. As of today, I am satisfied with the way the Borough has been developed.	2.53	14.5	5.5	2.40	23.7	0.0	2.44	14.8	1.3
19b. Traffic congestion is a SERIOUS problem in the Mat-Su Borough.	4.00	1.8	34.5	3.97	1.5	36.3	3.95	1.3	31.6
19c. I am very concerned about water quality.	3.41	9.1	18.2	3.27	3.7	11.1	3.31	5.2	18.1
19d. Over the next 10 years, the Borough will need to develop/preserve more park land.	3.43	16.4	25.5	3.60	6.7	19.3	3.70	6.5	26.5
19e. I support a system of zoning that designates: residential; agricultural; and commercial/industrial (with specific regulations for each).	3.70	16.4	36.4	3.61	8.1	23.0	3.97	3.2	30.3
19f. I support a system of zoning allowing different land uses to be located near one another, with standards for noise, traffic and other impacts.	3.26	18.2	16.4	3.41	7.4	11.1	3.39	7.7	16.1
19g. The Borough must do a better job of managing growth/development.	3.93	9.1	41.8	4.20	3.0	44.4	4.25	1.9	49.0

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

Table 4.2 (continued): Local Government: Access, Policies and Practices, Questions 18-19.

<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	Knik-Fairview (N=388)			Lazy Mountain (N=93)			Meadow Lakes (N=102)		
	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree
18. Borough Spending Efficiency and Priorities									
18a. I feel I am getting my money's worth for the taxes I pay to the Borough.	2.46	23.2	2.8	2.65	21.5	2.2	2.21	39.2	2.0
18b. The Borough cannot improve public services unless it increases taxes.	2.23	27.3	4.4	2.51	18.3	5.4	2.19	32.4	4.9
18c. The Borough should keep taxes low, even if it means reducing services.	2.90	10.8	13.1	2.79	11.8	14.0	3.05	4.9	20.6
18d. More tax money should be spent to improve roads.	3.59	3.6	14.9	3.24	5.4	5.4	3.61	2.9	18.6
18e. More tax money should be spent to improve junk and trash collection.	3.14	6.7	9.5	3.15	6.5	12.9	3.48	2.9	23.5
18f. Funds should be spent to preserve agricultural land.	3.09	10.3	12.9	3.62	4.3	24.7	3.22	9.8	13.7
18g. Funds should be spent to preserve open spaces in the Borough.	3.36	8.2	15.5	3.88	6.5	31.2	3.36	10.8	18.6
18h. The current level of road maintenance in my area is worth what I pay in road service area taxes.	2.57	26.5	3.6	2.98	16.1	5.4	2.36	30.4	2.0
19. Zoning and Land Use Issues									
19a. As of today, I am satisfied with the way the Borough has been developed.	2.53	18.3	2.3	2.51	18.3	2.2	2.37	23.5	1.0
19b. Traffic congestion is a SERIOUS problem in the Mat-Su Borough.	3.87	1.5	36.1	3.82	2.2	24.7	4.02	2.0	42.2
19c. I am very concerned about water quality.	3.31	5.2	13.4	3.41	3.2	15.1	3.57	2.9	25.5
19d. Over the next 10 years, the Borough will need to develop/preserve more park land.	3.46	9.0	21.9	3.83	6.5	28.0	3.51	10.8	24.5
19e. I support a system of zoning that designates: residential; agricultural; and commercial/industrial (with specific regulations for each).	3.72	9.5	23.7	3.77	9.7	29.0	3.83	5.9	31.4
19f. I support a system of zoning allowing different land uses to be located near one another, with standards for noise, traffic and other impacts.	3.28	12.1	11.9	3.25	14.0	11.8	3.33	10.8	14.7
19g. The Borough must do a better job of managing growth/development.	4.11	4.4	43.6	4.08	5.4	39.8	4.20	2.9	44.1

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Table 4.2 (continued): Local Government: Access, Policies and Practices, Questions 18-19.

<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	North Lakes (N=162)			Palmer (N=264)			South Knik (N=29)		
	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree
18. Borough Spending Efficiency and Priorities									
18a. I feel I am getting my money's worth for the taxes I pay to the Borough.	2.40	26.5	3.1	2.88	11.4	4.9	2.69	6.9	3.4
18b. The Borough cannot improve public services unless it increases taxes.	2.21	27.2	3.7	2.57	15.2	8.0	2.11	24.1	3.4
18c. The Borough should keep taxes low, even if it means reducing services.	2.89	16.0	13.6	2.62	16.3	8.3	2.86	3.4	6.9
18d. More tax money should be spent to improve roads.	3.59	1.9	17.3	3.42	3.8	10.2	3.10	13.8	13.8
18e. More tax money should be spent to improve junk and trash collection.	3.28	6.8	15.4	3.20	2.3	12.1	3.62	10.3	27.6
18f. Funds should be spent to preserve agricultural land.	3.22	13.0	17.3	3.45	1.9	19.3	3.38	6.9	24.1
18g. Funds should be spent to preserve open spaces in the Borough.	3.48	8.6	21.0	3.66	1.9	23.5	3.48	10.3	34.5
18h. The current level of road maintenance in my area is worth what I pay in road service area taxes.	2.67	25.9	3.7	3.09	9.1	4.9	2.55	34.5	10.3
19. Zoning and Land Use Issues									
19a. As of today, I am satisfied with the way the Borough has been developed.	2.40	22.2	1.2	2.76	9.5	1.5	2.57	20.7	0.0
19b. Traffic congestion is a SERIOUS problem in the Mat-Su Borough.	3.88	3.1	39.5	3.76	3.8	33.0	3.48	3.4	31.0
19c. I am very concerned about water quality.	3.27	6.2	17.9	3.30	3.8	17.0	3.03	10.3	3.4
19d. Over the next 10 years, the Borough will need to develop/preserve more park land.	3.55	8.0	24.7	3.69	5.3	24.2	3.59	6.9	34.5
19e. I support a system of zoning that designates: residential; agricultural; and commercial/industrial (with specific regulations for each).	3.86	8.6	34.0	4.06	2.7	35.6	3.45	13.8	27.6
19f. I support a system of zoning allowing different land uses to be located near one another, with standards for noise, traffic and other impacts.	3.32	13.6	18.5	3.31	9.5	13.6	3.00	6.9	10.3
19g. The Borough must do a better job of managing growth/development.	4.04	6.8	42.6	4.26	0.8	43.9	4.17	0.0	48.3

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

Table 4.2 (continued): Local Government: Access, Policies and Practices, Questions 18-19.

<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	South Lakes (N=142)			Tanaina (N=224)			Wasilla (N=251)		
	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree
18. Borough Spending Efficiency and Priorities									
18a. I feel I am getting my money's worth for the taxes I pay to the Borough.	2.49	24.6	2.8	2.35	24.6	2.2	2.50	21.1	3.2
18b. The Borough cannot improve public services unless it increases taxes.	2.24	28.2	4.2	2.27	24.1	3.6	2.23	25.9	1.6
18c. The Borough should keep taxes low, even if it means reducing services.	2.93	7.0	9.2	2.96	8.5	14.3	2.84	12.0	11.6
18d. More tax money should be spent to improve roads.	3.33	4.2	3.5	3.67	4.0	17.0	3.40	3.2	8.4
18e. More tax money should be spent to improve junk and trash collection.	2.98	7.7	9.2	3.10	9.4	9.8	3.09	6.4	8.8
18f. Funds should be spent to preserve agricultural land.	3.02	13.4	11.3	3.24	8.0	15.6	3.16	8.0	10.4
18g. Funds should be spent to preserve open spaces in the Borough.	3.21	16.2	14.1	3.45	8.0	16.5	3.42	6.4	11.6
18h. The current level of road maintenance in my area is worth what I pay in road service area taxes.	2.85	19.7	4.2	2.48	30.4	4.0	2.79	14.7	2.4
19. Zoning and Land Use Issues									
19a. As of today, I am satisfied with the way the Borough has been developed.	2.57	15.5	2.8	2.71	17.4	2.2	2.57	15.1	1.6
19b. Traffic congestion is a SERIOUS problem in the Mat-Su Borough.	4.08	2.8	43.0	3.85	1.8	36.2	3.94	2.0	35.9
19c. I am very concerned about water quality.	3.11	9.2	14.1	3.32	4.0	14.7	3.41	4.0	15.9
19d. Over the next 10 years, the Borough will need to develop/preserve more park land.	3.33	14.1	23.9	3.48	8.5	24.1	3.50	6.0	16.7
19e. I support a system of zoning that designates: residential; agricultural; and commercial/industrial (with specific regulations for each).	3.70	10.6	33.1	3.90	5.4	27.7	3.81	3.2	24.7
19f. I support a system of zoning allowing different land uses to be located near one another, with standards for noise, traffic and other impacts.	3.28	13.4	16.9	3.24	7.1	11.2	3.31	8.8	13.1
19g. The Borough must do a better job of managing growth/development.	3.97	10.6	45.8	4.05	4.0	39.7	4.18	2.4	41.8

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

Table 4.3: Local Government: Access, Policies and Practices, Question 20.

<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	Big Lake (N=46)			Buffalo/Soapstone (N=27)			Butte (N=128)		
	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree
20. Revenue and Taxation									
20a. I would support an increase in the tobacco tax to pay for services.	3.11	26.1	21.7	3.33	22.2	29.6	3.28	21.1	29.7
20b. I support a local tax on alcoholic beverages to pay for services.	3.13	21.7	23.9	2.96	29.6	18.5	3.30	19.5	28.1
20c. I would support an increase in the bed tax to pay for services.	3.26	15.2	19.6	3.08	11.1	7.4	3.09	16.4	16.4
20d. I would support a SEASONAL sales tax to pay for services.	3.17	8.7	19.6	2.74	22.2	7.4	2.84	18.8	12.5
20e. I would support a YEAR-ROUND sales tax to pay for services.	2.72	26.1	19.6	3.00	14.8	14.8	2.77	24.2	12.5
20f. I support imposing an impact fee on developers for residential/commercial properties to pay for services.	2.84	21.7	10.9	3.48	7.4	22.2	3.27	18.0	20.3
20g. I would support a local tax on gasoline to pay for services.	1.49	58.7	0.0	1.65	55.6	3.7	1.61	52.3	1.6
20h. I would support increased property taxes to pay for services.	1.61	56.5	2.2	1.63	63.0	7.4	1.67	56.3	.0
20i. I would support a gravel extraction tax to pay for services.	2.42	37.0	13.0	3.00	18.5	14.8	3.18	18.8	17.2
20j. I would support a real estate transfer fee of \$25 to pay for services.	2.83	21.7	13.0	3.04	22.2	11.1	3.12	18.7	15.6
20k. I support privatizing/outsourcing support (non-teaching) positions in the school district, if it saves money.	2.74	32.6	15.2	2.74	22.2	14.8	2.66	31.3	13.3

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

Table 4.3 (continued): Local Government: Access, Policies and Practices, Question 20.

<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	Farm Loop (N=55)			Fishhook (N=135)			Gateway (N=155)		
	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree
20. Revenue and Taxation									
20a. I would support an increase in the tobacco tax to pay for services.	3.07	34.5	34.5	3.35	20.7	32.6	3.49	15.5	34.2
20b. I support a local tax on alcoholic beverages to pay for services.	3.02	34.5	34.5	3.42	18.5	29.6	3.46	12.3	34.2
20c. I would support an increase in the bed tax to pay for services.	2.95	21.8	12.7	3.30	10.4	20.7	3.33	9.0	18.7
20d. I would support a SEASONAL sales tax to pay for services.	2.71	32.7	18.2	2.92	15.6	19.3	3.09	15.5	16.8
20e. I would support a YEAR-ROUND sales tax to pay for services.	2.65	38.2	20.0	2.90	18.5	13.3	3.07	15.5	15.5
20f. I support imposing an impact fee on developers for residential/commercial properties to pay for services.	3.15	23.6	27.3	3.52	7.4	23.7	3.52	10.3	27.7
20g. I would support a local tax on gasoline to pay for services.	1.75	54.5	3.6	1.65	53.3	1.5	1.81	49.0	3.2
20h. I would support increased property taxes to pay for services.	1.63	61.8	3.6	1.68	54.8	0.0	1.78	51.0	3.2
20i. I would support a gravel extraction tax to pay for services.	3.15	18.2	16.4	3.13	19.3	20.0	3.48	10.3	33.5
20j. I would support a real estate transfer fee of \$25 to pay for services.	3.13	20.0	16.4	3.24	16.3	17.8	3.21	17.4	18.7
20k. I support privatizing/outourcing support (non-teaching) positions in the school district, if it saves money.	2.98	25.5	23.6	2.83	26.7	12.6	2.80	27.1	20.0

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

Table 4.3 (continued): Local Government: Access, Policies and Practices, Question 20.

<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	Knik-Fairview (N=388)			Lazy Mountain (N=93)			Meadow Lakes (N=102)		
	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree
20. Revenue and Taxation									
20a. I would support an increase in the tobacco tax to pay for services.	3.21	24.5	30.9	3.38	18.3	30.1	3.22	27.5	32.4
20b. I support a local tax on alcoholic beverages to pay for services.	3.31	22.2	29.4	3.39	16.1	22.6	3.43	19.6	30.4
20c. I would support an increase in the bed tax to pay for services.	3.20	14.2	18.8	3.20	12.9	20.4	3.14	17.6	22.5
20d. I would support a SEASONAL sales tax to pay for services.	3.04	16.5	16.0	3.02	16.1	14.0	2.81	20.6	13.7
20e. I would support a YEAR-ROUND sales tax to pay for services.	2.73	24.7	10.3	2.88	23.7	11.8	2.64	27.5	15.7
20f. I support imposing an impact fee on developers for residential/commercial properties to pay for services.	3.46	12.4	25.8	3.43	15.1	28.0	3.52	13.7	33.3
20g. I would support a local tax on gasoline to pay for services.	1.57	59.0	2.6	1.95	41.9	5.4	1.45	63.7	1.0
20h. I would support increased property taxes to pay for services.	1.71	56.2	2.1	1.99	43.0	3.2	1.61	59.8	.0
20i. I would support a gravel extraction tax to pay for services.	3.03	20.6	17.5	3.41	12.9	22.6	3.32	13.7	28.4
20j. I would support a real estate transfer fee of \$25 to pay for services.	3.18	19.6	17.5	3.28	16.1	16.1	3.44	15.7	23.5
20k. I support privatizing/outourcing support (non-teaching) positions in the school district, if it saves money.	2.81	27.1	16.2	2.53	35.5	11.8	3.00	23.5	18.6

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

Table 4.3 (continued): Local Government: Access, Policies and Practices, Question 20.

<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	North Lakes (N=162)			Palmer (N=264)			South Knik (N=29)		
	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree
20. Revenue and Taxation									
20a. I would support an increase in the tobacco tax to pay for services.	3.29	22.2	30.9	3.38	17.8	31.8	2.97	34.5	31.0
20b. I support a local tax on alcoholic beverages to pay for services.	3.30	19.1	30.2	3.49	15.5	29.9	2.97	31.0	31.0
20c. I would support an increase in the bed tax to pay for services.	3.25	14.2	20.4	3.12	14.8	15.9	3.28	17.2	27.6
20d. I would support a SEASONAL sales tax to pay for services.	2.73	24.1	15.4	2.87	20.5	13.6	3.00	20.7	17.2
20e. I would support a YEAR-ROUND sales tax to pay for services.	2.78	25.3	13.6	2.88	20.8	14.0	2.55	31.0	13.8
20f. I support imposing an impact fee on developers for residential/commercial properties to pay for services.	3.39	17.3	27.2	3.55	9.1	25.4	3.86	10.3	44.8
20g. I would support a local tax on gasoline to pay for services.	1.69	57.4	4.3	1.74	50.8	2.7	1.62	65.5	3.4
20h. I would support increased property taxes to pay for services.	1.63	59.9	1.9	1.99	43.2	3.4	1.89	48.3	6.9
20i. I would support a gravel extraction tax to pay for services.	3.17	19.8	22.8	3.38	12.5	23.5	3.00	24.1	24.1
20j. I would support a real estate transfer fee of \$25 to pay for services.	3.12	21.0	17.3	3.19	17.0	17.4	3.31	10.3	24.1
20k. I support privatizing/outourcing support (non-teaching) positions in the school district, if it saves money.	2.69	33.3	14.8	2.52	34.5	10.6	2.62	20.7	6.9

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

Table 4.3 (continued): Local Government: Access, Policies and Practices, Question 20.

<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	South Lakes (N=142)			Tanaina (N=224)			Wasilla (N=251)		
	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree
20. Revenue and Taxation									
20a. I would support an increase in the tobacco tax to pay for services.	3.30	17.6	31.0	3.23	24.6	33.0	3.09	26.7	26.7
20b. I support a local tax on alcoholic beverages to pay for services.	3.42	15.5	30.3	3.39	18.3	32.6	3.20	22.7	27.1
20c. I would support an increase in the bed tax to pay for services.	3.08	12.0	13.4	3.39	10.3	19.2	3.02	16.3	13.9
20d. I would support a SEASONAL sales tax to pay for services.	2.85	16.9	13.4	3.01	17.9	14.7	2.69	19.9	8.0
20e. I would support a YEAR-ROUND sales tax to pay for services.	2.99	15.5	14.8	2.75	26.3	12.1	2.77	21.9	9.6
20f. I support imposing an impact fee on developers for residential/commercial properties to pay for services.	3.19	16.2	21.8	3.37	12.5	23.2	3.22	13.9	18.3
20g. I would support a local tax on gasoline to pay for services.	1.75	47.9	0.7	1.67	57.6	2.2	1.62	57.4	1.2
20h. I would support increased property taxes to pay for services.	1.71	52.8	0.7	1.69	53.1	0.4	1.71	53.4	1.6
20i. I would support a gravel extraction tax to pay for services.	2.93	19.7	14.1	3.06	17.0	16.1	2.92	19.5	12.4
20j. I would support a real estate transfer fee of \$25 to pay for services.	3.00	21.1	10.6	3.16	20.1	15.6	3.04	16.7	10.8
20k. I support privatizing/outourcing support (non-teaching) positions in the school district, if it saves money.	2.90	29.6	20.4	2.60	33.0	8.9	2.77	26.7	12.7

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

Table 5.1: Higher Education by Geographic Area, Questions 21-23.

	Big Lake (N=46)	Buffalo/ Soapstone (N=27)	Butte (N=128)
21. Familiarity With Matanuska-Susitna College	<u>% Yes</u>	<u>% Yes</u>	<u>% Yes</u>
21a. Have you heard of the Matanuska-Susitna College?	91.1	96.3	99.2
21b. Do you know where the campus of Mat-Su College is located?	84.4	96.3	96.0
21c. Have you <u>ever</u> driven by the Matanuska-Susitna College campus?	88.6	96.3	93.7
21d. Have you actually visited the campus of Mat-Su College?	61.4	74.1	82.8
21d1. <i>Have you visited campus on more than one occasion?</i>	62.2	81.8	82.3
21d2. <i>Have you visited campus more than five times?</i>	47.4	54.5	64.9
21d3. <i>Have you visited campus on ten or more occasions?</i>	48.6	50.0	52.6
21e. Would you be interested in a tour of the Mat-Su College campus?	24.4	11.1	18.1
21f. Have you <u>ever</u> taken a course offered at the Matanuska-Susitna college?	43.2	37.0	43.3
21g. Is it <i>likely</i> that you, yourself, will enroll in college courses at an institution of higher learning within the next two to three years?	48.9	18.5	30.7
22. If you were giving advice to an upcoming high school graduate with respect to their selection of a college or university to attend, what would your <i>FIRST</i> recommendation be?	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Matanuska-Susitna College	20.5	23.8	20.0
University of Alaska Anchorage	25.6	23.8	27.0
University of Alaska Southeast	2.6	0.0	1.0
University of Alaska Fairbanks	12.8	14.3	16.0
Private University/College (in-state)	2.6	0.0	2.0
Technical or Trade School (in-state)	23.1	19.0	13.0
Public University/College (out-of-state)	5.1	9.5	13.0
Private University/College (out-of-state)	0.0	0.0	5.0
Technical or Trade School (out-of-state)	7.7	9.5	3.0
23. Barriers to Higher Education			
<i>Which of the following would you say are MAJOR INSTITUTIONAL BARRIERS facing those who would like to pursue post-secondary education at an institution of higher learning?</i>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Financial cost	73.9	92.6	80.5
Time obligation	19.6	29.6	21.9
Course scheduling	34.8	29.6	21.9
Lack of quality instruction	17.4	18.5	12.5
Course sequencing	15.2	22.2	11.7
Commuting distance to campus	26.1	37.0	27.3
Lack of student housing	21.7	18.5	17.2
Shortage of social and cultural organizations	6.5	7.4	2.3

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name.

Table 5.1 (continued): Higher Education by Geographic Area, Questions 21-23.

	Farm Loop (N=55)	Fishhook (N=135)	Gateway (N=155)
21. Familiarity With Matanuska-Susitna College	<u>% Yes</u>	<u>% Yes</u>	<u>% Yes</u>
21a. Have you heard of the Matanuska-Susitna College?	98.1	97.8	98.7
21b. Do you know where the campus of Mat-Su College is located?	100.0	98.5	98.0
21c. Have you <u>ever</u> driven by the Mat-Su College campus?	96.4	95.5	96.8
21d. Have you actually visited the campus of Mat-Su College?	87.3	77.6	87.0
21d1. <i>Have you visited campus on more than one occasion?</i>	92.3	76.8	88.4
21d2. <i>Have you visited campus more than five times?</i>	78.8	63.4	78.5
21d3. <i>Have you visited campus on ten or more occasions?</i>	70.6	48.8	64.6
21e. Would you be interested in a tour of the Mat-Su College campus?	23.6	21.6	15.6
21f. Have you <u>ever</u> taken a course offered at the Matanuska-Susitna college?	70.9	44.0	43.2
21g. Is it <i>likely</i> that you, yourself, will enroll in college courses at an institution of higher learning within the next two to three years?	34.5	35.1	36.8
22. If you were giving advice to an upcoming high school graduate with respect to their selection of a college or university to attend, what would your <i>FIRST</i> recommendation be?	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Matanuska-Susitna College	31.1	22.0	19.5
University of Alaska Anchorage	20.0	30.3	26.3
University of Alaska Southeast	0.0	0.0	0.0
University of Alaska Fairbanks	4.4	11.0	13.5
Private University/College (in-state)	0.0	0.9	.8
Technical or Trade School (in-state)	8.9	11.0	6.8
Public University/College (out-of-state)	17.8	11.0	22.6
Private University/College (out-of-state)	11.1	11.0	7.5
Technical or Trade School (out-of-state)	2.2	2.8	2.3
23. Barriers to Higher Education			
<i>Which of the following would you say are MAJOR INSTITUTIONAL BARRIERS facing those who would like to pursue post-secondary education at an institution of higher learning?</i>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Financial cost	89.1	80.7	84.5
Time obligation	14.5	26.7	25.8
Course scheduling	32.7	28.1	29.7
Lack of quality instruction	25.5	22.2	14.2
Course sequencing	16.4	15.6	18.7
Commuting distance to campus	23.6	26.7	22.6
Lack of student housing	16.4	16.3	23.2
Shortage of social and cultural organizations	3.6	5.9	5.2

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name.

Table 5.1 (continued): Higher Education by Geographic Area, Questions 21-23.

	Knik-Fairview (N=388)	Lazy Mountain (N=93)	Meadow Lakes (N=102)
21. Familiarity With Matanuska-Susitna College	<u>% Yes</u>	<u>% Yes</u>	<u>% Yes</u>
21a. Have you heard of the Matanuska-Susitna College?	97.7	98.9	100.0
21b. Do you know where the campus of Mat-Su College is located?	94.2	96.7	96.9
21c. Have you <u>ever</u> driven by the Mat-Su College campus?	89.6	96.7	93.9
21d. Have you actually visited the campus of Mat-Su College?	68.4	79.6	64.0
21d1. <i>Have you visited campus on more than one occasion?</i>	68.7	79.3	70.2
21d2. <i>Have you visited campus more than five times?</i>	53.0	61.4	49.4
21d3. <i>Have you visited campus on ten or more occasions?</i>	45.9	51.7	43.9
21e. Would you be interested in a tour of the Mat-Su College campus?	21.3	16.3	29.3
21f. Have you <u>ever</u> taken a course offered at the Matanuska-Susitna college?	38.8	51.6	35.0
21g. Is it <i>likely</i> that you, yourself, will enroll in college courses at an institution of higher learning within the next two to three years?	37.6	46.7	36.0
22. If you were giving advice to an upcoming high school graduate with respect to their selection of a college or university to attend, what would your <i>FIRST</i> recommendation be?	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Matanuska-Susitna College	20.6	19.5	19.8
University of Alaska Anchorage	27.7	24.7	27.2
University of Alaska Southeast	1.5	0.0	2.5
University of Alaska Fairbanks	10.2	11.7	12.3
Private University/College (in-state)	1.8	2.6	1.2
Technical or Trade School (in-state)	11.1	2.6	14.8
Public University/College (out-of-state)	13.8	23.4	13.6
Private University/College (out-of-state)	8.0	6.5	6.2
Technical or Trade School (out-of-state)	3.1	5.2	2.5
23. Barriers to Higher Education			
<i>Which of the following would you say are MAJOR INSTITUTIONAL BARRIERS facing those who would like to pursue post-secondary education at an institution of higher learning?</i>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Financial cost	85.3	82.8	86.3
Time obligation	22.4	20.4	23.5
Course scheduling	24.2	32.3	25.5
Lack of quality instruction	17.5	19.4	17.6
Course sequencing	15.2	19.4	14.7
Commuting distance to campus	23.7	17.2	33.3
Lack of student housing	14.4	12.9	19.6
Shortage of social and cultural organizations	4.6	5.4	6.9

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name.

Table 5.1 (continued): Higher Education by Geographic Area, Questions 21-23.

	North Lakes (N=162)	Palmer (N=264)	South Knik (N=29)
21. Familiarity With Matanuska-Susitna College	<u>% Yes</u>	<u>% Yes</u>	<u>% Yes</u>
21a. Have you heard of the Matanuska-Susitna College?	99.4	97.7	100.0
21b. Do you know where the campus of Mat-Su College is located?	99.4	96.5	92.9
21c. Have you <u>ever</u> driven by the Mat-Su College campus?	97.5	93.9	86.2
21d. Have you actually visited the campus of Mat-Su College?	82.5	75.8	62.1
21d1. <i>Have you visited campus on more than one occasion?</i>	83.7	67.3	61.5
21d2. <i>Have you visited campus more than five times?</i>	65.5	51.6	50.0
21d3. <i>Have you visited campus on ten or more occasions?</i>	60.7	42.4	38.5
21e. Would you be interested in a tour of the Mat-Su College campus?	18.2	30.1	24.1
21f. Have you <u>ever</u> taken a course offered at the Matanuska-Susitna college?	51.3	36.9	41.4
21g. Is it <i>likely</i> that you, yourself, will enroll in college courses at an institution of higher learning within the next two to three years?	48.1	33.5	48.3
22. If you were giving advice to an upcoming high school graduate with respect to their selection of a college or university to attend, what would your <i>FIRST</i> recommendation be?	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Matanuska-Susitna College	23.2	27.7	16.0
University of Alaska Anchorage	29.6	26.8	40.0
University of Alaska Southeast	0.7	0.9	0.0
University of Alaska Fairbanks	9.2	12.9	16.0
Private University/College (in-state)	0.7	3.1	0.0
Technical or Trade School (in-state)	7.7	5.8	8.0
Public University/College (out-of-state)	16.2	13.8	16.0
Private University/College (out-of-state)	8.5	5.8	4.0
Technical or Trade School (out-of-state)	1.4	1.8	0.0
23. Barriers to Higher Education			
<i>Which of the following would you say are MAJOR INSTITUTIONAL BARRIERS facing those who would like to pursue post-secondary education at an institution of higher learning?</i>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Financial cost	77.8	86.0	79.3
Time obligation	21.0	20.5	31.0
Course scheduling	31.5	29.2	31.0
Lack of quality instruction	21.6	16.7	24.1
Course sequencing	17.3	17.4	13.8
Commuting distance to campus	25.3	32.2	31.0
Lack of student housing	23.5	21.2	17.2
Shortage of social and cultural organizations	7.4	6.8	3.4

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name.

Table 5.1 (continued): Higher Education by Geographic Area, Questions 21-23.

	South Lakes (N=142)	Tanaina (N=224)	Wasilla (N=251)
21. Familiarity With Matanuska-Susitna College	<u>% Yes</u>	<u>% Yes</u>	<u>% Yes</u>
21a. Have you heard of the Matanuska-Susitna College?	99.3	99.1	99.2
21b. Do you know where the campus of Mat-Su College is located?	100.0	96.8	95.1
21c. Have you <u>ever</u> driven by the Mat-Su College campus?	97.9	95.1	89.6
21d. Have you actually visited the campus of Mat-Su College?	84.4	70.9	71.1
21d1. <i>Have you visited campus on more than one occasion?</i>	81.0	68.9	68.3
21d2. <i>Have you visited campus more than five times?</i>	65.6	53.6	51.5
21d3. <i>Have you visited campus on ten or more occasions?</i>	52.3	44.9	43.2
21e. Would you be interested in a tour of the Mat-Su College campus?	23.4	24.3	20.2
21f. Have you <u>ever</u> taken a course offered at the Matanuska-Susitna college?	48.9	39.6	39.0
21g. Is it <i>likely</i> that you, yourself, will enroll in college courses at an institution of higher learning within the next two to three years?	35.0	43.2	36.1
22. If you were giving advice to an upcoming high school graduate with respect to their selection of a college or university to attend, what would your <i>FIRST</i> recommendation be?	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Matanuska-Susitna College	17.6	29.7	26.0
University of Alaska Anchorage	31.1	31.3	25.5
University of Alaska Southeast	0.0	0.0	0.0
University of Alaska Fairbanks	10.1	11.5	9.6
Private University/College (in-state)	5.9	1.0	2.4
Technical or Trade School (in-state)	7.6	6.3	11.1
Public University/College (out-of-state)	16.0	10.4	14.4
Private University/College (out-of-state)	8.4	7.8	8.7
Technical or Trade School (out-of-state)	2.5	1.0	1.9
23. Barriers to Higher Education			
<i>Which of the following would you say are MAJOR INSTITUTIONAL BARRIERS facing those who would like to pursue post-secondary education at an institution of higher learning?</i>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Financial cost	87.3	81.7	83.7
Time obligation	21.8	28.6	24.3
Course scheduling	34.5	31.7	27.9
Lack of quality instruction	18.3	14.7	20.3
Course sequencing	23.2	15.2	14.3
Commuting distance to campus	26.8	25.0	28.7
Lack of student housing	14.8	20.5	19.1
Shortage of social and cultural organizations	2.8	5.4	8.4

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name.

Table 5.2: Higher Education by Geographic Area, Question 24.

<i>If you began (or already are) taking college courses, what is the likelihood that you would take courses offered under these degree programs:</i>	Big Lake (N=46)			Buffalo/Soapstone (N=27)			Butte (N=128)		
	Avg. score	% Very Unlikely	% Very Likely	Avg. score	% Very Unlikely	% Very Likely	Avg. score	% Very Unlikely	% Very Likely
24. College Course Offerings									
24a. Tourism and Hospitality	1.86	50.0	4.3	2.32	44.4	7.4	2.06	45.3	3.9
24b. Human Resources	2.29	32.6	0.0	2.45	29.6	3.7	2.19	39.1	3.1
24c. Paramedic	1.92	47.8	4.3	2.50	22.2	3.7	2.08	41.4	1.6
24d. Veterinary Technician	1.95	45.7	6.5	2.38	29.6	0.0	1.99	47.7	3.9
24e. Forensic Science	2.30	39.1	4.3	2.76	18.5	7.4	2.19	43.0	3.9
24f. Corrections Officer	1.68	52.2	.0	2.59	25.9	3.7	1.64	57.0	.0
24g. Entrepreneurship	2.81	26.1	8.7	2.81	22.2	3.7	2.56	35.2	10.2
24h. Agriculture/Horticulture	2.84	21.7	10.9	2.95	18.5	11.1	2.73	25.8	6.3
24i. Workplace Management	2.70	26.1	4.3	2.57	25.9	0.0	2.56	28.9	4.7
24j. Land Surveying/Geomatics	2.16	37.0	4.3	2.38	33.3	0.0	2.09	41.4	3.1
24k. Instrumental Technology	2.51	28.3	4.3	2.48	29.6	3.7	2.06	42.2	2.3
24l. Non-profit Organization Management	2.14	37.0	2.2	2.40	29.6	11.1	2.20	38.3	1.6
24m. Resource Mgmt/Env. Assessment	2.45	28.3	4.3	2.62	22.2	3.7	2.27	34.4	2.3
24n. Graduate/Professional Studies	2.87	23.9	15.2	3.09	18.5	7.4	2.78	26.6	11.7

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (very unlikely) to 5 (very likely).

Table 5.2 (continued): Higher Education by Geographic Area, Question 24.

<i>If you began (or already are) taking college courses, what is the likelihood that you would take courses offered under these degree programs:</i>	Farm Loop (N=55)			Fishhook (N=135)			Gateway (N=155)		
	Avg. score	% Very Unlikely	% Very Likely	Avg. score	% Very Unlikely	% Very Likely	Avg. score	% Very Unlikely	% Very Likely
24. College Course Offerings									
24a. Tourism and Hospitality	2.18	47.3	3.6	1.92	51.9	3.0	1.89	49.7	1.3
24b. Human Resources	2.33	36.4	0.0	2.64	27.4	4.4	2.42	32.3	2.6
24c. Paramedic	2.41	40.0	7.3	2.08	43.0	3.7	2.07	44.5	3.9
24d. Veterinary Technician	2.51	36.4	12.7	2.07	45.9	2.2	1.90	51.0	4.5
24e. Forensic Science	2.15	49.1	7.3	2.16	45.2	5.9	1.99	49.0	1.9
24f. Corrections Officer	1.92	54.5	1.8	1.85	51.9	.7	1.71	56.8	.6
24g. Entrepreneurship	2.80	29.1	3.6	2.56	31.1	7.4	2.62	29.7	4.5
24h. Agriculture/Horticulture	3.20	20.0	18.2	2.54	31.9	3.0	2.52	32.3	5.2
24i. Workplace Management	2.57	30.9	0.0	2.62	30.4	4.4	2.64	28.4	2.6
24j. Land Surveying/Geomatics	2.20	40.0	3.6	2.19	39.3	3.0	2.12	43.9	3.9
24k. Instrumental Technology	2.16	47.3	1.8	2.19	38.5	2.2	2.07	44.5	3.2
24l. Non-profit Organization Management	2.10	47.3	3.6	2.20	40.7	2.2	2.06	43.9	1.3
24m. Resource Mgmt/Env. Assessment	2.39	34.5	5.5	2.24	40.0	4.4	2.14	40.6	1.9
24n. Graduate/Professional Studies	2.57	32.7	9.1	2.98	27.4	15.6	3.09	23.2	18.7

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (very unlikely) to 5 (very likely).

Table 5.2 (continued): Higher Education by Geographic Area, Question 24.

<i>If you began (or already are) taking college courses, what is the likelihood that you would take courses offered under these degree programs:</i>	Knik-Fairview (N=388)			Lazy Mountain (N=93)			Meadow Lakes (N=102)		
	Avg. score	% Very Unlikely	% Very Likely	Avg. score	% Very Unlikely	% Very Likely	Avg. score	% Very Unlikely	% Very Likely
24. College Course Offerings									
24a. Tourism and Hospitality	2.05	45.4	4.9	1.97	47.3	5.4	2.05	46.1	2.9
24b. Human Resources	2.44	33.8	5.7	2.19	36.6	4.3	2.41	40.2	4.9
24c. Paramedic	2.18	37.9	3.4	2.10	41.9	1.1	2.29	38.2	6.9
24d. Veterinary Technician	2.15	42.3	4.9	2.18	38.7	6.5	2.10	43.1	5.9
24e. Forensic Science	2.40	36.1	8.2	2.12	39.8	4.3	2.39	39.2	9.8
24f. Corrections Officer	1.74	51.5	2.3	1.78	50.5	2.2	1.96	47.1	3.9
24g. Entrepreneurship	2.70	28.1	9.3	2.69	28.0	12.9	2.55	31.4	6.9
24h. Agriculture/Horticulture	2.48	30.4	5.7	2.66	30.1	6.5	2.33	37.3	6.9
24i. Workplace Management	2.65	27.6	7.5	2.53	29.0	5.4	2.51	33.3	6.9
24j. Land Surveying/Geomatics	2.08	39.7	1.8	2.13	38.7	2.2	2.18	42.2	3.9
24k. Instrumental Technology	2.14	39.4	2.8	1.96	39.8	1.1	2.11	41.2	4.9
24l. Non-profit Organization Management	2.14	38.1	3.6	2.50	30.1	5.4	2.17	42.2	2.9
24m. Resource Mgmt/Env. Assessment	2.12	37.6	2.3	2.33	30.1	3.2	2.18	43.1	2.9
24n. Graduate/Professional Studies	2.93	25.8	18.3	3.04	23.7	23.7	3.09	22.5	16.7

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (very unlikely) to 5 (very likely).

Table 5.2 (continued): Higher Education by Geographic Area, Question 24.

<i>If you began (or already are) taking college courses, what is the likelihood that you would take courses offered under these degree programs:</i>	North Lakes (N=162)			Palmer (N=264)			South Knik (N=29)		
	Avg. score	% Very Unlikely	% Very Likely	Avg. score	% Very Unlikely	% Very Likely	Avg. score	% Very Unlikely	% Very Likely
24. College Course Offerings									
24a. Tourism and Hospitality	1.90	53.7	2.5	2.30	36.7	6.4	2.30	51.7	10.3
24b. Human Resources	2.45	38.3	7.4	2.71	25.0	6.1	2.42	37.9	0.0
24c. Paramedic	1.88	47.5	1.2	2.23	37.5	5.7	2.26	41.4	3.4
24d. Veterinary Technician	2.04	47.5	3.1	2.00	43.9	3.8	2.41	37.9	13.8
24e. Forensic Science	2.21	43.2	5.6	2.27	38.3	8.3	2.54	37.9	10.3
24f. Corrections Officer	1.84	50.6	1.2	1.89	48.9	2.3	2.00	51.7	6.9
24g. Entrepreneurship	2.72	31.5	11.7	2.57	29.2	9.1	2.27	41.4	6.9
24h. Agriculture/Horticulture	2.41	37.0	8.0	2.42	32.6	5.7	2.54	34.5	3.4
24i. Workplace Management	2.75	29.6	6.2	2.79	26.1	11.0	2.96	20.7	10.3
24j. Land Surveying/Geomatics	2.25	40.1	4.3	2.04	40.5	2.7	2.38	41.4	3.4
24k. Instrumental Technology	2.19	40.7	3.1	1.94	42.8	1.1	2.37	41.4	6.9
24l. Non-profit Organization Management	2.17	41.4	3.7	2.30	33.7	3.0	2.54	31.0	6.9
24m. Resource Mgmt/Env. Assessment	2.31	40.1	6.2	2.20	37.9	3.0	2.67	31.0	3.4
24n. Graduate/Professional Studies	3.14	25.3	23.5	3.13	21.6	20.5	2.93	27.6	24.1

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (very unlikely) to 5 (very likely).

Table 5.2 (continued): Higher Education by Geographic Area, Question 24.

<i>If you began (or already are) taking college courses, what is the likelihood that you would take courses offered under these degree programs:</i>	South Lakes (N=142)			Tanaina (N=224)			Wasilla (N=251)		
	Avg. score	% Very Unlikely	% Very Likely	Avg. score	% Very Unlikely	% Very Likely	Avg. score	% Very Unlikely	% Very Likely
24. College Course Offerings									
24a. Tourism and Hospitality	2.20	42.3	3.5	2.02	47.3	3.6	1.97	48.2	2.8
24b. Human Resources	2.48	31.7	2.8	2.63	29.5	8.5	2.45	31.5	6.0
24c. Paramedic	2.05	43.7	2.8	2.11	39.7	1.3	2.01	43.0	3.2
24d. Veterinary Technician	1.92	47.2	0.7	1.94	46.9	1.3	1.85	49.0	1.6
24e. Forensic Science	2.09	43.7	4.2	2.39	36.6	5.4	2.21	41.0	6.4
24f. Corrections Officer	1.80	52.1	0.0	2.01	44.2	3.1	1.86	51.0	2.0
24g. Entrepreneurship	2.67	23.2	4.2	2.54	30.4	6.3	2.61	31.1	5.2
24h. Agriculture/Horticulture	2.20	36.6	2.8	2.24	35.3	3.6	2.37	32.7	4.4
24i. Workplace Management	2.64	27.5	6.3	2.70	28.6	5.8	2.66	28.7	8.8
24j. Land Surveying/Geomatics	2.08	39.4	2.1	2.19	38.4	2.2	2.08	41.0	3.2
24k. Instrumental Technology	2.02	42.3	0.7	2.24	36.2	4.5	2.10	40.2	2.4
24l. Non-profit Organization Management	2.37	31.7	4.2	2.20	39.7	4.5	2.26	37.1	5.6
24m. Resource Mgmt/Env. Assessment	2.28	33.8	2.8	2.19	37.5	2.2	2.21	37.1	4.0
24n. Graduate/Professional Studies	3.08	20.4	14.1	3.00	21.4	12.1	2.95	27.1	20.7

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name. Average scores range from 1 (very unlikely) to 5 (very likely).

Table 6.1: Respondent Background Information by Geographic Area, Questions 25-32.

	Big Lake (N=46)	Buffalo/Soapstone (N=27)	Butte (N=128)
25. Median Age (years)	50	49	52
26. Gender (%)			
Male	34.1	40.7	46.8
Female	65.9	59.3	53.2
27. Current Marital Status (%)			
Single, Never Married	9.1	18.5	5.6
Married (including Common Law)	70.5	55.6	71.4
Separated	2.3	7.4	3.2
Divorced	13.6	14.8	11.1
Widowed	4.5	3.7	8.7
28. Formal Education (%)			
Less Than High School Degree	4.7	0.0	1.6
High School Degree or Equivalent	23.3	23.1	13.6
Some College, No Degree	34.9	34.6	31.2
Associates or Other 2-year Degree	14.0	7.7	15.2
Bachelor's Degree	11.6	26.9	27.2
Graduate Degree	11.6	7.7	9.6
Other	0.0	0.0	1.6
29. Annual Gross Household Income (%)			
Less than \$5,000	2.2	12.0	0.8
\$5,000 to \$9,999	4.4	0.0	
\$10,000 to \$24,999	8.9	16.0	8.4
\$25,000 to \$34,999	8.9	0.0	6.7
\$35,000 to \$49,999	15.6	20.0	16.8
\$50,000 to \$74,999	24.4	28.0	31.9
\$75,000 to \$99,999	11.1	12.0	8.4
\$100,000 or more	24.4	12.0	26.9
30. Household Size (%)			
1 person	19.6	18.5	17.5
2 persons	43.5	40.7	47.6
3-4 persons	30.4	37.0	30.2
5 or more persons	6.5	3.7	4.8
31. Presence of children (%)			
No children	69.0	56.0	64.7
1 child	11.9	16.0	21.0
2 children	11.9	20.0	9.2
3 or more children	7.1	8.0	5.0
32. Children enrolled in Mat-Su Schools (%)			
None	61.9	66.7	80.0
1 child	9.5	16.7	8.7
2 children	21.4	8.3	6.1
3 or more children	7.1	8.3	5.2

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name.

Table 6.1 (continued): Respondent Background Information by Geographic Area, Questions 25-32.

	Farm Loop (N=55)	Fishhook (N=135)	Gateway (N=155)
25. Median Age (years)	55	49	50
26. Gender (%)			
Male	39.6	42.6	49.0
Female	60.4	57.4	51.0
27. Current Marital Status (%)			
Single, Never Married	1.8	9.8	5.2
Married (including Common Law)	92.7	65.9	78.1
Separated	0.0	7.6	3.9
Divorced	3.6	12.9	9.7
Widowed	1.8	3.8	3.2
28. Formal Education (%)			
Less Than High School Degree	1.8	1.5	0.0
High School Degree or Equivalent	12.7	11.5	10.5
Some College, No Degree	36.4	30.8	26.1
Associates or Other 2-year Degree	20.0	13.1	11.1
Bachelor's Degree	12.7	21.5	26.1
Graduate Degree	12.7	18.5	20.3
Other	3.6	3.1	5.9
29. Annual Gross Household Income (%)			
Less than \$5,000	0.0	0.0	0.0
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1.9	1.6	.7
\$10,000 to \$24,999	7.7	7.0	4.7
\$25,000 to \$34,999	9.6	5.4	3.4
\$35,000 to \$49,999	9.6	16.3	8.1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	32.7	25.6	37.8
\$75,000 to \$99,999	7.7	17.1	17.6
\$100,000 or more	30.8	27.1	27.7
30. Household Size (%)			
1 person	3.7	15.4	10.5
2 persons	57.4	46.2	43.1
3-4 persons	31.5	33.8	38.6
5 or more persons	7.4	4.6	7.8
31. Presence of children (%)			
No children	69.8	62.8	53.6
1 child	18.9	14.9	21.0
2 children	3.8	14.9	16.7
3 or more children	7.5	7.4	8.7
32. Children enrolled in Mat-Su Schools (%)			
None	65.4	64.7	59.4
1 child	15.4	14.3	17.3
2 children	7.7	12.6	17.3
3 or more children	11.5	8.4	6.0

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name.

Table 6.1 (continued): Respondent Background Information by Geographic Area, Questions 25-32.

	Knik-Fairview (N=388)	Lazy Mountain (N=93)	Meadow Lakes (N=102)
25. Median Age (years)	49	53	50
26. Gender (%)			
Male	42.2	43.7	37.8
Female	57.8	56.3	62.2
27. Current Marital Status (%)			
Single, Never Married	6.6	5.4	13.0
Married (including Common Law)	74.3	70.7	66.0
Separated	6.6	7.6	4.0
Divorced	9.0	12.0	10.0
Widowed	3.4	4.3	7.0
28. Formal Education (%)			
Less Than High School Degree	0.3	0.0	0.0
High School Degree or Equivalent	16.8	12.1	19.0
Some College, No Degree	33.3	36.3	26.0
Associates or Other 2-year Degree	12.0	3.3	21.0
Bachelor's Degree	21.6	27.5	19.0
Graduate Degree	14.1	18.7	11.0
Other	1.9	2.2	4.0
29. Annual Gross Household Income (%)			
Less than \$5,000	0.8	0.0	0.0
\$5,000 to \$9,999	2.2	3.3	2.2
\$10,000 to \$24,999	6.4	7.8	14.1
\$25,000 to \$34,999	6.7	5.6	10.9
\$35,000 to \$49,999	12.6	17.8	9.8
\$50,000 to \$74,999	28.0	37.8	26.1
\$75,000 to \$99,999	17.1	5.6	17.4
\$100,000 or more	26.1	22.2	19.6
30. Household Size (%)			
1 person	11.1	15.7	16.2
2 persons	44.4	48.3	46.5
3-4 persons	35.7	33.7	31.3
5 or more persons	8.7	2.2	6.1
31. Presence of children (%)			
No children	58.6	67.5	65.9
1 child	15.5	10.0	9.9
2 children	14.9	16.3	15.4
3 or more children	11.0	6.3	8.8
32. Children enrolled in Mat-Su Schools (%)			
None	65.4	72.2	66.7
1 child	16.7	11.4	14.4
2 children	12.5	11.4	12.2
3 or more children	5.4	5.1	6.7

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name.

Table 6.1 (continued): Respondent Background Information by Geographic Area, Questions 25-32.

	North Lakes (N=162)	Palmer (N=264)	South Knik (N=29)
25. Median Age (years)	51	50	49
26. Gender (%)			
Male	42.9	35.4	41.4
Female	57.1	64.6	58.6
27. Current Marital Status (%)			
Single, Never Married	1.9	12.3	3.4
Married (including Common Law)	70.9	58.5	75.9
Separated	5.7	4.6	3.4
Divorced	13.9	16.5	6.9
Widowed	7.6	8.1	10.3
28. Formal Education (%)			
Less Than High School Degree	1.9	1.6	0.0
High School Degree or Equivalent	12.0	18.6	7.4
Some College, No Degree	28.5	30.6	40.7
Associates or Other 2-year Degree	13.3	12.0	11.1
Bachelor's Degree	22.8	18.6	18.5
Graduate Degree	19.6	15.9	22.2
Other	1.9	2.7	0.0
29. Annual Gross Household Income (%)			
Less than \$5,000	0.6	2.4	3.7
\$5,000 to \$9,999	0.6	2.4	0.0
\$10,000 to \$24,999	5.1	11.7	7.4
\$25,000 to \$34,999	8.3	9.3	7.4
\$35,000 to \$49,999	12.8	21.8	25.9
\$50,000 to \$74,999	26.9	23.0	18.5
\$75,000 to \$99,999	16.7	12.9	25.9
\$100,000 or more	28.2	16.1	11.1
30. Household Size (%)			
1 person	12.5	21.0	10.3
2 persons	42.5	42.4	48.3
3-4 persons	38.1	30.0	37.9
5 or more persons	6.9	6.6	3.4
31. Presence of children (%)			
No children	63.2	67.1	63.0
1 child	11.6	8.2	25.9
2 children	19.4	16.0	3.7
3 or more children	5.8	8.6	7.4
32. Children enrolled in Mat-Su Schools (%)			
None	62.1	69.7	70.4
1 child	12.4	10.8	14.8
2 children	20.9	12.0	11.1
3 or more children	4.6	7.5	3.7

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name.

Table 6.1 (continued): Respondent Background Information by Geographic Area, Questions 25-32.

	South Lakes (N=142)	Tanaina (N=224)	Wasilla (N=251)
25. Median Age (years)	51	48	50
26. Gender (%)			
Male	42.6	46.1	37.9
Female	57.4	53.9	62.1
27. Current Marital Status (%)			
Single, Never Married	3.6	7.3	10.6
Married (including Common Law)	78.1	71.7	58.8
Separated	5.8	5.5	5.7
Divorced	5.8	11.9	18.4
Widowed	6.6	3.7	6.5
28. Formal Education (%)			
Less Than High School Degree	0.7	0.5	1.6
High School Degree or Equivalent	16.5	13.4	16.5
Some College, No Degree	25.2	35.5	34.6
Associates or Other 2-year Degree	10.8	16.1	9.9
Bachelor's Degree	30.2	16.6	17.7
Graduate Degree	13.7	12.4	16.9
Other	2.9	5.5	2.9
29. Annual Gross Household Income (%)			
Less than \$5,000	0.9	0.0	.9
\$5,000 to \$9,999	0.9	1.0	1.7
\$10,000 to \$24,999	0.0	9.6	14.8
\$25,000 to \$34,999	4.3	4.8	8.3
\$35,000 to \$49,999	11.1	14.4	16.6
\$50,000 to \$74,999	32.5	31.6	24.9
\$75,000 to \$99,999	16.2	18.7	13.5
\$100,000 or more	34.2	20.1	19.2
30. Household Size (%)			
1 person	7.1	11.8	21.5
2 persons	53.2	46.6	37.4
3-4 persons	32.6	36.7	35.0
5 or more persons	7.1	5.0	6.1
31. Presence of children (%)			
No children	65.4	62.1	63.1
1 child	15.0	14.7	16.5
2 children	12.0	15.6	13.1
3 or more children	7.5	7.6	7.2
32. Children enrolled in Mat-Su Schools (%)			
None	69.8	63.6	68.5
1 child	11.6	13.9	15.7
2 children	10.9	15.8	10.2
3 or more children	7.8	6.7	5.5

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name.

Table 6.2: Respondent Background Information by Geographic Area, Questions 33-39a.

	Big Lake (N=46)	Buffalo/Soapstone (N=27)	Butte (N=128)
33. Employment (%)			
Self-employed, Full-time	6.7	14.8	15.3
Employed, Full-time	48.9	37.0	44.4
Full-time Homemaker	4.4	3.7	4.8
Full-time Student	0.0	0.0	0.8
Employed, Part-time	6.7	14.8	5.6
Disabled, Unable to Work	4.4	11.1	0.0
Unemployed, Looking	4.4	3.7	2.4
Unemployed, Not Looking	0.0	3.7	1.6
Retired	24.4	11.1	25.0
33b. If currently employed, what is the zip code of employer?			
Most frequent response (mode).	99654	99645	99645
33c. If currently self-employed, do you own a business in <u>Mat-Su</u>?			
% Yes	30.0	50.0	39.6
34. Does home/business have a visible outside number?			
% Yes	52.3	45.8	63.6
35. Housing Tenure			
% Renter	7.5	0.0	6.9
% Owner	92.5	100.0	93.1
35a. If you own your home, what is its current market value? (%)			
Less than \$75,000	9.5	21.7	7.2
\$75,000 to \$124,999	11.9	34.8	12.6
\$125,000 to \$199,999	31.0	13.0	36.0
\$200,000 to \$299,999	23.8	21.7	28.8
\$300,000 or more	23.8	8.7	15.3
36. Do you live in a condominium?			
% Yes	0.0	0.0	0.0
37. Second home outside Mat-Su?			
% Yes	13.0	3.7	7.9
38. Do you see yourself staying in Mat-Su for the long term?			
% Yes	80.4	74.1	81.7
39. Do you see yourself leaving Mat-Su Borough in the foreseeable future?			
% Yes	26.7	29.6	20.5
39a. IF YES, how many more years do you expect to live in Mat-Su before leaving? (%)			
0-4 years	42.9	71.4	50.0
5-9 years	7.1	0.0	15.4
10 or more years	50.0	28.6	34.6

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name.

Table 6.2 (continued): Respondent Background Information by Geographic Area, Questions 33-39a.

	Farm Loop (N=55)	Fishhook (N=135)	Gateway (N=155)
33. Employment (%)			
Self-employed, Full-time	24.1	17.1	14.1
Employed, Full-time	38.9	43.4	47.7
Full-time Homemaker	9.3	10.9	8.1
Full-time Student	0.0	0.0	0.0
Employed, Part-time	5.6	10.1	8.1
Disabled, Unable to Work	1.9	3.1	0.0
Unemployed, Looking	0.0	0.0	1.3
Unemployed, Not Looking	0.0	2.3	0.7
Retired	20.4	13.2	20.1
33b. If currently employed, what is the zip code of employer?			
Most frequent response (mode).	99645	99645	99645
33c. If currently self-employed, do you own a business in <u>Mat-Su</u>?			
% Yes	65.4	43.4	43.1
34. Does home/business have a visible outside number?			
% Yes	81.1	61.2	80.4
35. Housing Tenure			
% Renter	2.1	5.2	9.1
% Owner	97.9	94.8	90.9
35a. If you own your home, what is its current market value? (%)			
Less than \$75,000	2.1	4.8	1.5
\$75,000 to \$124,999	2.1	8.8	2.2
\$125,000 to \$199,999	34.0	28.0	28.1
\$200,000 to \$299,999	38.3	41.6	42.2
\$300,000 or more	23.4	16.8	25.9
36. Do you live in a condominium?			
% Yes	0.0	0.8	0.0
37. Second home outside Mat-Su?			
% Yes	5.5	8.4	14.3
38. Do you see yourself staying in Mat-Su for the long term?			
% Yes	76.4	80.5	75.0
39. Do you see yourself leaving Mat-Su Borough in the foreseeable future?			
% Yes	32.1	28.7	30.9
39a. IF YES, how many more years do you expect to live in Mat-Su before leaving? (%)			
0-4 years	31.3	23.5	36.7
5-9 years	31.3	32.4	36.7
10 or more years	37.5	44.1	26.5

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name.

Table 6.2 (continued): Respondent Background Information by Geographic Area, Questions 33-39a.

	Knik-Fairview (N=388)	Lazy Mountain (N=93)	Meadow Lakes (N=102)
33. Employment (%)			
Self-employed, Full-time	13.1	20.5	14.6
Employed, Full-time	45.1	40.9	44.8
Full-time Homemaker	10.0	6.8	3.1
Full-time Student	0.0	1.1	2.1
Employed, Part-time	6.0	6.8	13.5
Disabled, Unable to Work	1.3	1.1	2.1
Unemployed, Looking	2.4	0.0	2.1
Unemployed, Not Looking	1.8	0.0	0.0
Retired	20.2	22.7	17.7
33b. If currently employed, what is the zip code of employer?			
Most frequent response (mode).	99654	99645	99654
33c. If currently self-employed, do you own a business in <u>Mat-Su</u>?			
% Yes	41.1	57.6	44.2
34. Does home/business have a visible outside number?			
% Yes	72.0	55.8	64.9
35. Housing Tenure			
% Renter	8.2	5.0	6.7
% Owner	91.8	95.0	93.3
35a. If you own your home, what is its current market value? (%)			
Less than \$75,000	5.6	7.6	6.6
\$75,000 to \$124,999	8.3	10.1	13.2
\$125,000 to \$199,999	30.5	43.0	37.4
\$200,000 to \$299,999	33.1	22.8	29.7
\$300,000 or more	22.5	16.5	13.2
36. Do you live in a condominium?			
% Yes	0.5	0.0	2.0
37. Second home outside Mat-Su?			
% Yes	8.9	15.4	10.8
38. Do you see yourself staying in Mat-Su for the long term?			
% Yes	80.2	84.4	80.2
39. Do you see yourself leaving Mat-Su Borough in the foreseeable future?			
% Yes	26.9	20.2	26.3
39a. IF YES, how many more years do you expect to live in Mat-Su before leaving? (%)			
0-4 years	38.5	35.3	34.6
5-9 years	34.4	41.2	26.9
10 or more years	27.1	23.5	34.6

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name.

Table 6.2 (continued): Respondent Background Information by Geographic Area, Questions 33-39a.

	North Lakes (N=162)	Palmer (N=264)	South Knik (N=29)
33. Employment (%)			
Self-employed, Full-time	17.0	7.7	6.9
Employed, Full-time	40.3	43.1	37.9
Full-time Homemaker	5.7	8.5	6.9
Full-time Student	0.6	0.8	0.0
Employed, Part-time	3.8	10.4	13.8
Disabled, Unable to Work	1.9	2.7	6.9
Unemployed, Looking	1.9	3.1	6.9
Unemployed, Not Looking	1.3	0.4	3.4
Retired	27.7	23.5	17.2
33b. If currently employed, what is the zip code of employer?			
Most frequent response (mode).	99654	99645	99645
33c. If currently self-employed, do you own a business in <u>Mat-Su</u>?			
% Yes	49.2	27.3	20.0
34. Does home/business have a visible outside number?			
% Yes	79.7	86.5	63.0
35. Housing Tenure			
% Renter	6.2	17.4	3.8
% Owner	93.8	82.6	96.2
35a. If you own your home, what is its current market value? (%)			
Less than \$75,000	1.4	3.8	8.3
\$75,000 to \$124,999	4.9	16.3	25.0
\$125,000 to \$199,999	29.2	44.5	41.7
\$200,000 to \$299,999	36.1	29.7	20.8
\$300,000 or more	28.5	5.7	4.2
36. Do you live in a condominium?			
% Yes	0.6	2.7	0.0
37. Second home outside Mat-Su?			
% Yes	12.3	6.5	10.3
38. Do you see yourself staying in Mat-Su for the long term?			
% Yes	81.1	80.8	85.7
39. Do you see yourself leaving Mat-Su Borough in the foreseeable future?			
% Yes	27.3	26.5	10.3
39a. IF YES, how many more years do you expect to live in Mat-Su before leaving? (%)			
0-4 years	25.0	45.6	20.0
5-9 years	36.4	26.5	20.0
10 or more years	38.6	27.9	60.0

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name.

Table 6.2 (continued): Respondent Background Information by Geographic Area, Questions 33-39a.

	South Lakes (N=142)	Tanaina (N=224)	Wasilla (N=251)
33. Employment (%)			
Self-employed, Full-time	19.3	8.2	14.2
Employed, Full-time	42.1	51.8	42.7
Full-time Homemaker	7.9	6.4	4.5
Full-time Student	0.0	1.8	.8
Employed, Part-time	10.0	5.5	5.7
Disabled, Unable to Work	3.6	2.3	4.5
Unemployed, Looking	0.0	1.4	2.4
Unemployed, Not Looking	0.7	0.5	1.6
Retired	16.4	22.3	23.6
33b. If currently employed, what is the zip code of employer?			
Most frequent response (mode).	99654	99654	99654
33c. If currently self-employed, do you own a business in <u>Mat-Su</u>?			
% Yes	47.1	31.6	48.3
34. Does home/business have a visible outside number?			
% Yes	84.2	83.0	82.3
35. Housing Tenure			
% Renter	3.1	8.0	21.5
% Owner	96.9	92.0	78.5
35a. If you own your home, what is its current market value? (%)			
Less than \$75,000	0.8	1.0	2.4
\$75,000 to \$124,999	3.9	5.1	3.6
\$125,000 to \$199,999	31.3	47.5	29.5
\$200,000 to \$299,999	45.3	35.4	25.1
\$300,000 or more	18.8	11.1	12.7
36. Do you live in a condominium?			
% Yes	0.7	0.9	4.0
37. Second home outside Mat-Su?			
% Yes	10.6	6.7	13.1
38. Do you see yourself staying in Mat-Su for the long term?			
% Yes	79.3	79.2	81.9
39. Do you see yourself leaving Mat-Su Borough in the foreseeable future?			
% Yes	23.6	31.5	29.5
39a. IF YES, how many more years do you expect to live in Mat-Su before leaving? (%)			
0-4 years	29.4	40.6	43.7
5-9 years	41.2	29.7	28.2
10 or more years	29.4	29.7	28.2

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name.

Table 6.3: Respondent Background Information by Geographic Area, Questions 41-46.

	Big Lake (N=46)	Buffalo/Soapstone (N=27)	Butte (N=128)
41. Does your household actively recycle?			
% Yes	43.5	38.5	51.2
42. Have you participated in a local hazardous waste collection event?			
% Yes	45.7	56.0	48.4
43. Does your household use a burn barrel for solid waste disposal?			
% Yes	45.7	40.0	56.0
44. Do you regularly use the Internet when seeking information about the Borough?			
% Yes	47.8	42.3	34.6
45. Do you regularly use e-mail to receive and share information with others?			
% Yes	71.7	61.5	74.6
46. Do you ever access news/information from any of the following outlets? (%)			
46a. <i>The Frontiersman</i>	81.4	96.3	83.9
46b. <i>The Anchorage Daily News</i>	91.3	88.9	88.8
46c. <i>Talkeetna Good Times</i>	34.1	32.0	17.9
46d. <i>Alaska Journal of Commerce</i>	20.5	4.2	11.2
46e. KSKA-FM Alaska Public Radio	48.9	41.7	40.0
46f. KMBQ-FM Radio	52.3	41.7	36.8
46g. Public Television – KAKM (Ch. 7)	71.1	73.1	60.0
46h. KTUU – Channel 2	86.4	76.9	80.2
46i. KTVA – Channel 11	64.4	73.1	55.4
46j. KIMO – Channel 13	64.4	69.2	53.8

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name.

Table 6.3 (continued): Respondent Background Information by Geographic Area, Questions 41-46.

	Farm Loop (N=55)	Fishhook (N=135)	Gateway (N=155)
41. Does your household actively recycle?			
% Yes	60.0	46.3	51.6
42. Have you participated in a local hazardous waste collection event?			
% Yes	61.1	41.0	54.2
43. Does your household use a burn barrel for solid waste disposal?			
% Yes	53.7	41.5	33.5
44. Do you regularly use the Internet when seeking information about the Borough?			
% Yes	38.2	40.6	45.1
45. Do you regularly use e-mail to receive and share information with others?			
% Yes	81.8	72.7	83.8
46. Do you ever access news/information from any of the following outlets? (%)			
46a. <i>The Frontiersman</i>	87.3	88.1	87.4
46b. <i>The Anchorage Daily News</i>	90.7	88.7	92.8
46c. <i>Talkeetna Good Times</i>	18.0	21.4	22.5
46d. <i>Alaska Journal of Commerce</i>	10.2	12.1	16.8
46e. KSKA-FM Alaska Public Radio	32.0	37.3	41.0
46f. KMBQ-FM Radio	45.8	36.8	54.5
46g. Public Television – KAKM (Ch. 7)	62.0	63.6	58.5
46h. KTUU – Channel 2	85.4	82.8	84.2
46i. KTVA – Channel 11	63.3	60.5	62.1
46j. KIMO – Channel 13	61.7	60.0	59.3

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name.

Table 6.3 (continued): Respondent Background Information by Geographic Area, Questions 41-46.

	Knik-Fairview (N=388)	Lazy Mountain (N=93)	Meadow Lakes (N=102)
41. Does your household actively recycle?			
% Yes	39.3	60.0	47.1
42. Have you participated in a local hazardous waste collection event?			
% Yes	41.3	53.3	46.1
43. Does your household use a burn barrel for solid waste disposal?			
% Yes	38.6	47.8	45.5
44. Do you regularly use the Internet when seeking information about the Borough?			
% Yes	47.9	39.6	45.5
45. Do you regularly use e-mail to receive and share information with others?			
% Yes	78.1	82.2	71.3
46. Do you ever access news/information from any of the following outlets? (%)			
46a. <i>The Frontiersman</i>	83.7	87.9	87.9
46b. <i>The Anchorage Daily News</i>	89.6	92.4	92.9
46c. <i>Talkeetna Good Times</i>	21.5	22.6	30.8
46d. <i>Alaska Journal of Commerce</i>	14.8	10.6	7.9
46e. KSKA-FM Alaska Public Radio	34.7	51.8	31.9
46f. KMBQ-FM Radio	47.6	42.2	52.7
46g. Public Television – KAKM (Ch. 7)	67.0	67.0	65.6
46h. KTUU – Channel 2	86.8	82.4	85.7
46i. KTVA – Channel 11	70.3	61.4	56.7
46j. KIMO – Channel 13	66.3	62.2	59.3

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name.

Table 6.3 (continued): Respondent Background Information by Geographic Area, Questions 41-46.

	North Lakes (N=162)	Palmer (N=264)	South Knik (N=29)
41. Does your household actively recycle?			
% Yes	48.8	42.9	48.3
42. Have you participated in a local hazardous waste collection event?			
% Yes	45.1	41.8	44.8
43. Does your household use a burn barrel for solid waste disposal?			
% Yes	48.8	11.5	65.5
44. Do you regularly use the Internet when seeking information about the Borough?			
% Yes	45.7	36.3	51.7
45. Do you regularly use e-mail to receive and share information with others?			
% Yes	86.3	72.9	86.2
46. Do you ever access news/information from any of the following outlets? (%)			
46a. <i>The Frontiersman</i>	87.3	91.1	79.3
46b. <i>The Anchorage Daily News</i>	88.8	88.1	89.7
46c. <i>Talkeetna Good Times</i>	22.8	16.0	19.2
46d. <i>Alaska Journal of Commerce</i>	14.1	8.0	15.4
46e. KSKA-FM Alaska Public Radio	33.3	36.0	51.9
46f. KMBQ-FM Radio	48.3	32.9	44.4
46g. Public Television – KAKM (Ch. 7)	57.9	61.4	51.9
46h. KTUU – Channel 2	79.9	86.1	79.3
46i. KTVA – Channel 11	64.2	65.9	55.6
46j. KIMO – Channel 13	58.3	62.2	44.4

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name.

Table 6.3 (continued): Respondent Background Information by Geographic Area, Questions 41-46.

	South Lakes (N=142)	Tanaina (N=224)	Wasilla (N=251)
41. Does your household actively recycle?			
% Yes	45.1	37.9	38.4
42. Have you participated in a local hazardous waste collection event?			
% Yes	57.4	38.4	35.6
43. Does your household use a burn barrel for solid waste disposal?			
% Yes	34.8	37.7	31.1
44. Do you regularly use the Internet when seeking information about the Borough?			
% Yes	48.6	47.1	41.0
45. Do you regularly use e-mail to receive and share information with others?			
% Yes	88.5	78.5	77.4
46. Do you ever access news/information from any of the following outlets? (%)			
46a. <i>The Frontiersman</i>	87.1	86.7	87.3
46b. <i>The Anchorage Daily News</i>	91.5	88.5	89.0
46c. <i>Talkeetna Good Times</i>	18.0	19.1	23.9
46d. <i>Alaska Journal of Commerce</i>	10.3	9.9	16.2
46e. KSKA-FM Alaska Public Radio	34.1	31.6	37.6
46f. KMBQ-FM Radio	44.4	51.2	47.1
46g. Public Television – KAKM (Ch. 7)	59.4	58.7	61.0
46h. KTUU – Channel 2	87.7	89.0	87.3
46i. KTVA – Channel 11	54.5	58.4	68.6
46j. KIMO – Channel 13	52.3	58.3	64.7

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name.

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- What Borough services do you think are important?
 - How should we pay for Borough services?



Matanuska-Susitna College



University of Alaska Anchorage



[DATE]

Dear Mat-Su Borough Citizen:

The enclosed questionnaire is your chance to influence the future of your community and to improve Borough services. The survey is a cooperative effort by the Mat-Su College, the University of Alaska, Anchorage, and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. The survey is being distributed to every household in the Borough. The results will help the Borough prioritize projects, improve services, and better plan for the future growth of our community. The results will also provide useful information to our local college and university so that they may provide improved educational programs and research.

In this questionnaire we ask about your interests and opinions on how existing Borough services are provided, how we may improve public participation in Borough decisions, as well as other issues relevant to the future of our community. If you have any comments to add to your answers, or feel there are issues not adequately covered by the questionnaire, please feel free to write your thoughts on additional paper and return them with your questionnaire.

It will probably take you about 20 minutes to complete the questionnaire. We hope you will take the time needed to complete this important task. Your opinions and thoughts are important to us and the more questionnaires that are returned, the more meaningful the results will be. This questionnaire is a first step toward improving Borough services and future planning for our growth.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation. Please complete the questionnaire as soon as possible and return it in the enclosed, postage-paid envelope. You can help us by encouraging your friends and neighbors to return their questionnaires as well. Results of the survey will be presented on the Borough website <http://www.matsugov.us> and in the local newspapers.

Sincerely,

John Duffy
Borough Manager
Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Dennis Green
Director
Mat-Su College

Robert H. Langworthy, PhD.
Director
Justice Center, UAA

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Part I: Evaluation of Current Borough Services

<i>How would you rate each of the following:</i>	<i>Very Poor</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Very Good</i>
1. Emergency Services					
1a. Fire Department Services.	①	②	③	④	⑤
1b. Ambulance services.	①	②	③	④	⑤
2. Road Maintenance					
2a. Roadway Maintenance Services.	①	②	③	④	⑤
2b. Snowplow Services.	①	②	③	④	⑤
3. Educational Services/Resources					
3a. Library Services.	①	②	③	④	⑤
3b. Elementary Schools.	①	②	③	④	⑤
3c. Middle Schools.	①	②	③	④	⑤
3d. High Schools.	①	②	③	④	⑤
3e. Community Enhancement Programs.	①	②	③	④	⑤
4. Recreational Services					
4a. Wasilla Swimming Pool.	①	②	③	④	⑤
4b. Athletic Fields.	①	②	③	④	⑤
4c. Brett Memorial Ice Arena.	①	②	③	④	⑤
4d. Palmer Swimming Pool.	①	②	③	④	⑤
5. Public Sanitation					
5a. Recycling Services.	①	②	③	④	⑤
5b. Central Landfill Services.	①	②	③	④	⑤
5c. Animal Care and Regulation Services.	①	②	③	④	⑤
6. General/Miscellaneous					
6a. Code/Zoning Enforcement Services.	①	②	③	④	⑤
6b. Dissemination of news and information by the Borough government.	①	②	③	④	⑤
6c. Your <u>Overall</u> Rating of Borough Services.	①	②	③	④	⑤

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Part II: Use of Borough Facilities

<i>How often do you use each of the following Borough services:</i>	<i>Never</i>	<i>Seldom</i>	<i>Occasionally</i>	<i>Fairly Often</i>	<i>Very Often</i>
7. Public Libraries					
7a. Big Lake Public Library.	①	②	③	④	⑤
7b. Palmer Public Library.	①	②	③	④	⑤
7c. Sutton Public Library.	①	②	③	④	⑤
7d. Talkeetna Public Library.	①	②	③	④	⑤
7e. Trapper Creek Public Library.	①	②	③	④	⑤
7f. Wasilla Public Library.	①	②	③	④	⑤
7g. Willow Public Library.	①	②	③	④	⑤
8. Recreational Facilities					
8a. Palmer Swimming Pool.	①	②	③	④	⑤
8b. Wasilla Swimming Pool.	①	②	③	④	⑤
8c. Brett Memorial Ice Arena.	①	②	③	④	⑤
8d. Crevasse Moraine Trails.	①	②	③	④	⑤
8e. Other Borough Trails.	①	②	③	④	⑤
9. Public Transportation					
9a. MASCOT Transportation.	①	②	③	④	⑤
10. Addition of New Services					
<i>In your view, how important is it for the Mat-Su Borough to provide additional:</i>	<i>Not Important At All</i>	<i>Not Really Important</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Pretty Important</i>	<i>Very Important</i>
10a. Police services.	①	②	③	④	⑤
10b. Water services.	①	②	③	④	⑤
10c. Sewer services.	①	②	③	④	⑤

Part III: Life in Matanuska – Susitna Borough Neighborhoods

11. The Mat-Su Borough As A Place To Live					
<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>
11a. The Mat-Su Borough is a very attractive looking community.	①	②	③	④	⑤
11b. The Mat-Su is better suited to raising children than Anchorage.	①	②	③	④	⑤

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Part III: Life in Matanuska – Susitna Borough Neighborhoods {continued}

11. The Mat-Su Borough As A Place ... {continued}	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>
11c. Drivers failing to obey posted speed limits are a serious problem in <u>my</u> neighborhood.	①	②	③	④	⑤
11d. Personally, I would rate the Mat-Su Borough as an excellent place to live.	①	②	③	④	⑤
11e. Personally, I would rate <u>my neighborhood</u> as an excellent place to live.	①	②	③	④	⑤

12. Community Cohesion					
<i>People in your neighborhood:</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>
12a. Can be trusted.	①	②	③	④	⑤
12b. Generally DON'T get along with each other.	①	②	③	④	⑤
12c. DO NOT share the same values.	①	②	③	④	⑤
12d. Are willing to help their neighbors.	①	②	③	④	⑤
12e. Yours is a close-knit neighborhood.	①	②	③	④	⑤

13. Community-level Social Control					
<i>One or more of your neighbors could be counted on to intervene if:</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>
13a. Children were spray-painting graffiti on a local building.	①	②	③	④	⑤
13b. Children were showing disrespect toward an adult.	①	②	③	④	⑤
13c. The fire station closest to their home was threatened with budget cuts.	①	②	③	④	⑤
13d. A fight broke out in front of their house.	①	②	③	④	⑤
13e. Children were skipping school and hanging out on a neighborhood street corner.	①	②	③	④	⑤

14. Residential Tenure

14a. I moved into my current home in...(please fill in blanks below)

Month (if known): _____ Year: _____

	No	Yes
14b. Have you lived in your <u>current</u> residence your entire life?	①	①
14c. Was your <u>last</u> residence (the one immediately preceding your current residence) located within the Mat-Su Borough?	①	①
14d. Was your <u>last</u> residence located within the Municipality of Anchorage (including Eagle River, Chugiak and Girdwood)?	①	①
14e. Was your <u>last</u> residence located outside either the Matanuska-Susitna Borough or the Municipality of Anchorage, but within the State of Alaska?	①	①
14f. Was your <u>last</u> residence located outside the State of Alaska?	①	①

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	No	Yes
14g. During the past year, have you seriously considered moving out of your <u>current</u> residence?	⓪	①

14g1. If you were to consider moving from your current residence, where is it you would MOST like to go?

(Write The Destination You Would MOST Like To Move To Here. PLEASE PRINT)

Please rank the four destinations listed below by writing a "1" next to the destination you'd MOST like to move to, and a "4" next to the destination you would LEAST like to move to.

- 14g2. **Municipality of Anchorage.** (Record Number Here)
- 14g3. **Other Location in Mat-Su Borough.** (Record Number Here)
- 14g4. **Outside Mat-Su and Anchorage, but Inside Alaska.** (Record Number Here)
- 14g5. **Outside of Alaska.** (Record Number Here)

15. Neighborhood-level Changes, *Since 2001* [If you moved to Mat-Su after 2001, SKIP TO 16.]

	No	Yes		
15a. Have you witnessed a change in the <i>quality of housing</i> in your neighborhood since 2001?	⓪	①		
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Better	Worse			
15b. <i>IF YES: Has it gotten:.....</i> ⓪ ①				
15c. Since 2001, have you experienced a change in your <i>feelings of personal safety</i> when walking alone through your neighborhood when it is dark?	⓪	①		
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15d. <i>IF YES: Have they gotten:..</i> ⓪ ①				
15e. Has there been a change in the <i>physical attractiveness</i> of your neighborhood since 2001?	⓪	①		
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15f. <i>IF YES: Has it gotten:.....</i> ⓪ ①				
15g. Has the <i>volume of traffic</i> through your neighborhood changed since 2001?	⓪	①		
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15h. <i>IF YES: Has it gotten:.....</i> ⓪ ①				
15i. Have the <i>demographic characteristics</i> (for example: age, race, gender) of the people living in your neighborhood changed since 2001?	⓪	①		
15j. Since 2001, have you noticed a change in the <i>quality of relationships</i> people have with one another in your neighborhood?	⓪	①		
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15k. <i>IF YES: Have they gotten:..</i> ⓪ ①				
15l. Do people in your neighborhood <i>interact differently</i> with each other than they did back in 2001?	⓪	①		
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15m. <i>IF YES: Has it gotten:.....</i> ⓪ ①				

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	No	Yes
15n. Since 2001, have you noticed a change in the <i>housing density</i> of your neighborhood?	①	①

	Better	Worse
15o. <i>IF YES: Has it gotten:</i>	①	①

	No	Yes
15p. Over the next ten years, do you expect the overall quality of your neighborhood to change?	①	①

	Better	Worse
15q. <i>IF YES: Will it get:</i>	①	①

16. Why the Mat-Su? Reasons For Living in the Borough					
<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>
16a. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because it is close to my job.	①	②	③	④	⑤
16b. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because of the reasonable cost and availability of housing.	①	②	③	④	⑤
16c. I live in the Mat-Su Borough so I can be close to my relatives.	①	②	③	④	⑤
16d. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because of the quality of the public schools.	①	②	③	④	⑤
16e. I like the rural, small town character of the Mat-Su Borough.	①	②	③	④	⑤

Part IV: Local Government: Access, Policies and Practices

17. Public Access to Borough Government					
<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>
17a. I feel I can make a difference by getting involved in the Mat-Su government.	①	②	③	④	⑤
17b. I am just too busy to be involved in Borough government.	①	②	③	④	⑤
17c. I feel I can have an influence on the decisions of my local Borough officials.	①	②	③	④	⑤
17d. I contact my Assembly member when I have a Borough problem.	①	②	③	④	⑤
17e. Overall, I am satisfied with the opportunities the Borough provides to give input on decisions.	①	②	③	④	⑤
17f. I find the Borough’s website easy to use.	①	②	③	④	⑤
17g. I would describe the Borough’s website as “informative.”	①	②	③	④	⑤

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Part IV – Local Government: Access, Policies and Practices {continued}

17. Public Access to Borough ... {continued}	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>
17h. I am satisfied with the Borough's on-line mapping capabilities.	①	②	③	④	⑤
17i. The Borough's on-line property tax service, called "EZGov," is easy to use.	①	②	③	④	⑤
17j. When I call the Borough, I usually get the information I need in a timely manner.	①	②	③	④	⑤
17k. When I call the Borough, the person I speak with is usually polite and professional.	①	②	③	④	⑤

18. Borough Spending Efficiency and Priorities					
<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>
18a. I feel I am getting my money's worth for the taxes I pay to the Mat-Su Borough.	①	②	③	④	⑤
18b. The Borough cannot improve public services unless it increases local taxes.	①	②	③	④	⑤
18c. Above all, the Borough should keep taxes low, even if it means reducing services/programs.	①	②	③	④	⑤
18d. More tax money should be spent to improve Borough roads.	①	②	③	④	⑤
18e. More tax money should be spent to improve junk and trash collection in the Borough.	①	②	③	④	⑤
18f. Funds should be spent to preserve agricultural land in the Borough.	①	②	③	④	⑤
18g. Funds should be spent to preserve open spaces in the Borough.	①	②	③	④	⑤
18h. The current level of road maintenance in my area is worth what I pay in road service area taxes.	①	②	③	④	⑤

19. Zoning and Land Use Issues					
<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>
19a. As of today, I am satisfied with the way the Mat-Su Borough has been developed.	①	②	③	④	⑤
19b. Traffic congestion is a SERIOUS problem in the Mat-Su Borough.	①	②	③	④	⑤
19c. I am very concerned about water quality in the Borough.	①	②	③	④	⑤
19d. Over the next 10 years, the Borough will need to develop/preserve more park land.	①	②	③	④	⑤

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Part IV: Local Government: Access, Policies and Practices {continued}

19. Zoning and Land Use ... {continued}		<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>
19e.	I support a system of zoning that designates: residential; agricultural; and commercial/ industrial (with specific regulations for each).	①	②	③	④	⑤
19f.	I support a system of zoning that allows different land uses to be located near one another, with standards for noise, traffic and other impacts.	①	②	③	④	⑤
19g.	In the future, the Mat-Su Borough must do a better job of managing growth and development.	①	②	③	④	⑤
20. Revenue and Taxation						
<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:</i>		<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>
20a.	I would support an increase in the tobacco tax to raise money to pay for services.	①	②	③	④	⑤
20b.	I would support a local tax on alcoholic beverages to raise money to pay for services.	①	②	③	④	⑤
20c.	I would support an increase in the bed tax to raise money to pay for services.	①	②	③	④	⑤
20d.	I would support a SEASONAL sales tax to raise money to pay for services.	①	②	③	④	⑤
20e.	I would support a YEAR-ROUND sales tax to raise money to pay for services.	①	②	③	④	⑤
20f.	I would support imposing an impact fee on developers for residential and commercial properties to raise money for services.	①	②	③	④	⑤
20g.	I would support a local tax on gasoline to raise money to pay for services.	①	②	③	④	⑤
20h.	I would support increased property taxes to raise money to pay for services.	①	②	③	④	⑤
20i.	I would support a gravel extraction tax to raise money to pay for services.	①	②	③	④	⑤
20j.	I would support a real estate transfer fee of \$25 to raise money to pay for services.	①	②	③	④	⑤
20k.	I would support "privatizing" or "outsourcing" support (i.e. non-teaching) positions in the school district, if it would save money.	①	②	③	④	⑤

Part V: Higher Education

21. Familiarity With Matanuska-Susitna College		
21a.	Have you heard of the Matanuska-Susitna College?	① Yes
21b.	Do you know where the campus of Matanuska-Susitna College is located?	① Yes

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Part V: Higher Education {continued}

21. Familiarity With Matanuska ... {continued}

- 21c. Have you ever driven by the Matanuska-Susitna College campus? Ⓐ No Ⓛ Yes
- 21d. Have you actually visited the campus of Matanuska-Susitna College? Ⓐ No Ⓛ Yes
- 21d1. Have you visited campus on more than one occasion? Ⓐ No Ⓛ Yes
- 21d2. Have you visited campus more than five times? Ⓐ No Ⓛ Yes
- 21d3. Have you visited campus on ten or more occasions? Ⓐ No Ⓛ Yes
- 21e. Would you be interested in a tour of the Matanuska-Susitna College campus? Ⓐ No Ⓛ Yes
- 21f. Have you ever taken a course offered at the Matanuska-Susitna college? Ⓐ No Ⓛ Yes
- 21g. Is it *likely* that you, yourself, will enroll in college courses at an institution of higher learning within the next two to three years? Ⓐ No Ⓛ Yes

22. If you were giving advice to an upcoming high school graduate with respect to their selection of a college or university to attend, what would your *FIRST* recommendation be? (Check ✓ only one.)

- Matanuska-Susitna College
- University of Alaska Anchorage
- University of Alaska Southeast
- University of Alaska Fairbanks
- Private University/College (in-state)
- Technical or Trade School (in-state)
- Public University/College (out-of-state)
- Private University/College (out-of-state)
- Technical or Trade School (out-of-state)
- OTHER (please specify):

23. Barriers to Higher Education

Which of the following would you say are MAJOR INSTITUTIONAL BARRIERS facing those who would like to pursue post-secondary education at an institution of higher learning? (Check ✓ all that apply.)

- Financial cost
- Time obligation
- Course scheduling
- Lack of quality instruction
- Course sequencing
- Commuting distance to campus
- Lack of student housing
- Shortage of social and cultural organizations

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Part V: Higher Education {continued}

24. College Course Offerings					
<i>If you were to begin taking college-level course in the future, or if you are already taking college-level courses, what is the likelihood that you, yourself, would take courses offered under the following degree programs:</i>	Very Unlikely	Somewhat Unlikely	Don't Know/ No Opinion	Somewhat Likely	Very Likely
24a. Tourism and Hospitality	①	②	③	④	⑤
24b. Human Resources	①	②	③	④	⑤
24c. Paramedic	①	②	③	④	⑤
24d. Veterinary Technician	①	②	③	④	⑤
24e. Forensic Science	①	②	③	④	⑤
24f. Corrections Officer	①	②	③	④	⑤
24g. Entrepreneurship	①	②	③	④	⑤
24h. Agriculture/Horticulture	①	②	③	④	⑤
24i. Workplace Management	①	②	③	④	⑤
24j. Land Surveying/Geomatics	①	②	③	④	⑤
24k. Instrumental Technology	①	②	③	④	⑤
24l. Non-profit Organization Management	①	②	③	④	⑤
24m. Resource Management/Environmental Assessment	①	②	③	④	⑤
24n. Graduate/Professional Studies	①	②	③	④	⑤

Of the degree programs listed above, which would you MOST LIKELY choose as your MAJOR area of study?

(Write Answer Here – PLEASE PRINT)

Of the degree programs listed above, which would you ABSOLUTELY NOT choose as your MAJOR area of study?

(Write Answer Here – PLEASE PRINT)

Part VI: Respondent Background Information

25. How old were you on your last birthday?	(Write Answer Here)
26. Gender: ① Male ② Female	
27. <u>Current</u> Marital Status: ① Single, Never Married ② Married (including Common Law)	
③ Separated ④ Divorced ⑤ Widowed	
28. Formal Education: ① Less Than High School Degree ② High School Degree or Equivalent	
③ Some College, No Degree ④ Associates or Other 2-year Degree	
⑤ Bachelor's Degree ⑥ Graduate Degree	
⑦ Other (specify):	

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Part VI: Respondent Background Information {continued}

29. What was the total gross income for your <u>entire household</u> last year?		
① Less than \$5,000	② \$5,000 to \$9,999	
③ \$10,000 to \$24,999	④ \$25,000 to \$34,999	
⑤ \$35,000 to \$49,999	⑥ \$50,000 to \$74,999	
⑦ \$75,000 to \$99,999	⑧ \$100,000 or more	
30. How many people currently live in your household, including yourself?		(Write Answer Here)
31. How many children under the age of 18 years live in your home?		(Write Answer Here)
32. How many of your children attend Mat-Su Borough School District schools?		(Write Answer Here)
33. Which of the following BEST describes your <u>current</u> PRIMARY employment status? (Select ONE)		
① Self-employed, Full-time	② Employed, Full-time	
③ Full-time Homemaker	④ Full-time Student	
⑤ Employed, Part-time	⑥ Disabled, Unable to Work	
⑦ Unemployed, Looking for Work	⑧ Unemployed, Not Looking for Work	
⑨ Retired		
33a. If you are currently employed, what type of work do you do?	_____	
33b. If you are currently employed, what is the zip code where you work?	_____	
33c. If you are currently self-employed, do you own a business <u>in the Mat-Su Borough</u> ?	① No	① Yes
34. Does your home or business have its address number posted where it can be seen by first responders in case of an emergency?	① No	① Yes
35. Do you own your home, or do you rent?	① Rent	① Own
35a. If you <u>do</u> own your home, what is its current <u>market value</u> ?		
① Less than \$75,000	② \$75,000 to \$124,999	
③ \$125,000 to \$199,999	④ \$200,000 to \$299,999	
⑤ \$300,000 or more		
36. Do you live in a condominium?	① No	① Yes
37. Do you currently have a second home outside the Mat-Su Borough?	① No	① Yes
38. Do you see yourself staying in the Mat-Su Borough for the long term?	① No	① Yes
39. Do you see yourself leaving the Mat-Su Borough to live somewhere else in the foreseeable future?	① No	① Yes
39a. IF YES >>> How many more years do you expect to live in the Mat-Su Borough before you leave?.....>>>		
40. How many years have you lived in the Mat-Su Borough?.....>>>		

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Part VI: Respondent Background Information {continued}

41. Does your household actively recycle?	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes
42. Have you participated in <u>at least one</u> of the ten hazardous waste collection events that the Mat-Su Borough sponsors each year?	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes
43. Does your household currently use a burn barrel for solid waste disposal?	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes
44. Do you regularly use the Internet when seeking information about the Mat-Su Borough?	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes
45. Do you regularly use Email to receive and share information with others?	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes
46. Do you ever access news and information from any of the following outlets?		
46a. <i>The Frontiersman</i>	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes
46b. <i>The Anchorage Daily News</i>	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes
46c. <i>Talkeetna Good Times</i>	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes
46d. <i>Alaska Journal of Commerce</i>	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes
46e. KSKA-FM Alaska Public Radio	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes
46f. KMBQ-FM Radio	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes
46g. Public Television – KAKM (Channel 7)	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes
46h. KTUU – Channel 2	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes
46i. KTVA – Channel 11	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes
46j. KIMO – Channel 13	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes

47. From which ONE of the media outlets listed above do you MOST OFTEN seek news and information?

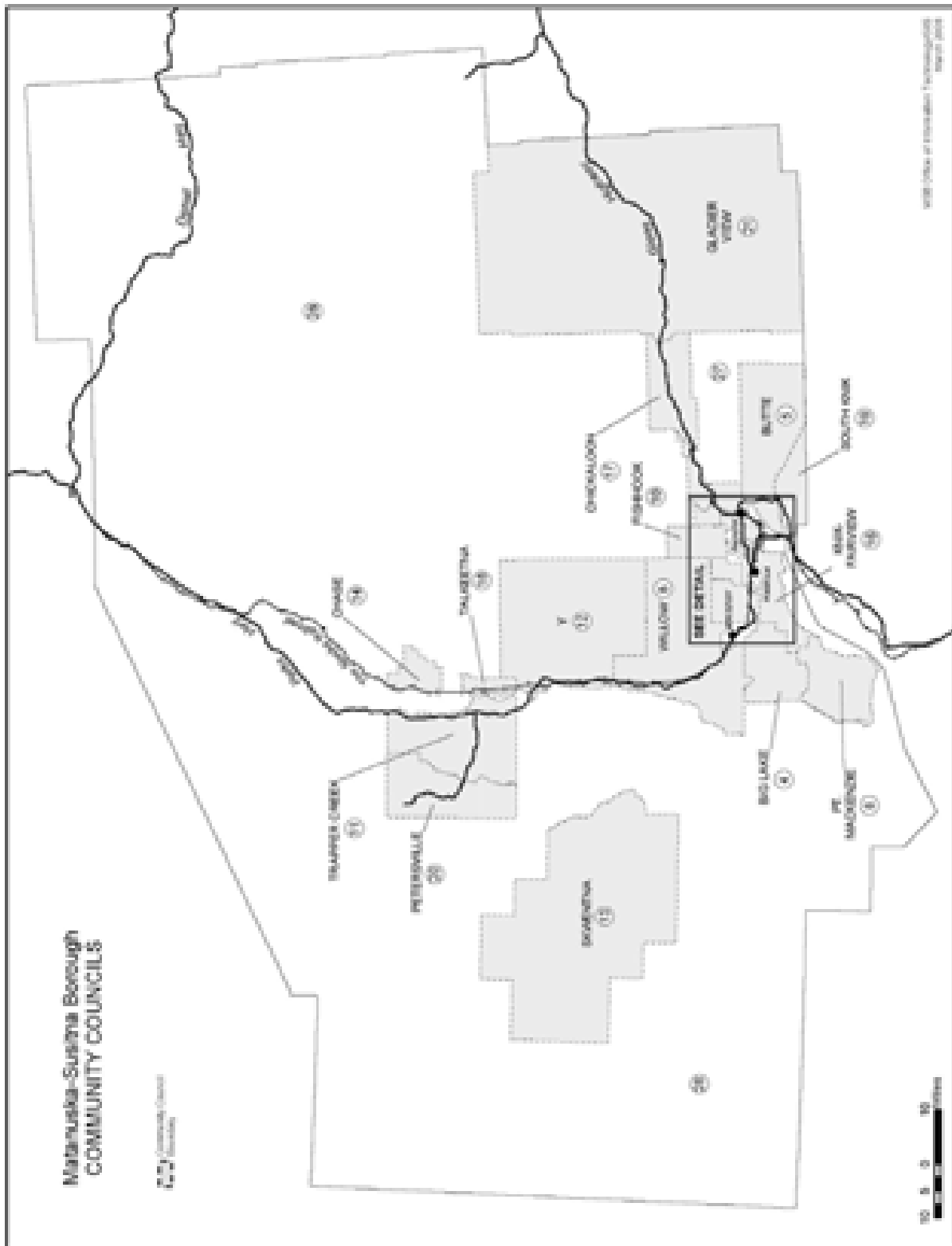
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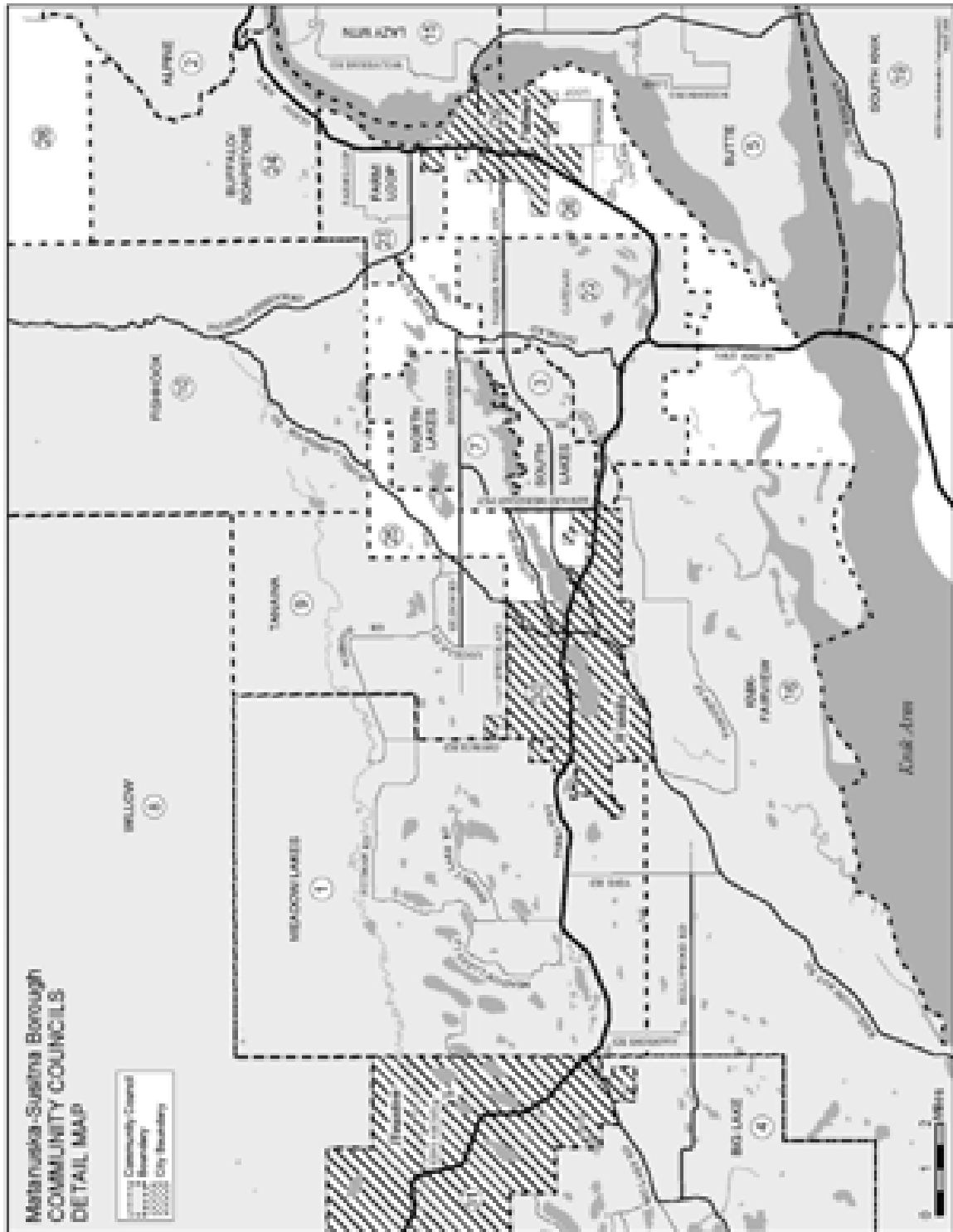
48. Using the list below, or the MAPS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES, please enter the number corresponding to the area of the Borough in which you currently live.

Write Answer Here
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| 1. Meadow Lakes Community Council | 17. Chickaloon Community Council |
| 2. Alpine Community Council | 18. Talkeetna Community Council |
| 3. South Lakes Community Council | 19. South Knik Community Council |
| 4. Big Lake Community Council | 20. Petersville Community Council |
| 5. Butte Community Council | 21. Glacier View Community Council |
| 6. Point MacKenzie Community Council | 22. Gateway Community Council |
| 7. North Lakes Community Council | 23. Farm Loop Community Council |
| 8. Willow Community Council | 24. Buffalo/Soapstone Community Council |
| 9. Tanaina Community Council | 25. Unassociated Area |
| 10. Fishhook Community Council | 26. Unassociated Area |
| 11. Trapper Creek Community Council | 27. Unassociated Area |
| 12. Y Community Council | 28. Unassociated Area |
| 13. Skwenta Community Council | 29. City of Palmer |
| 14. Chase Community Council | 30. City of Wasilla |
| 15. Lazy Mountain Community Council | 31. City of Houston |
| 16. Knik-Fairview Community Council | |

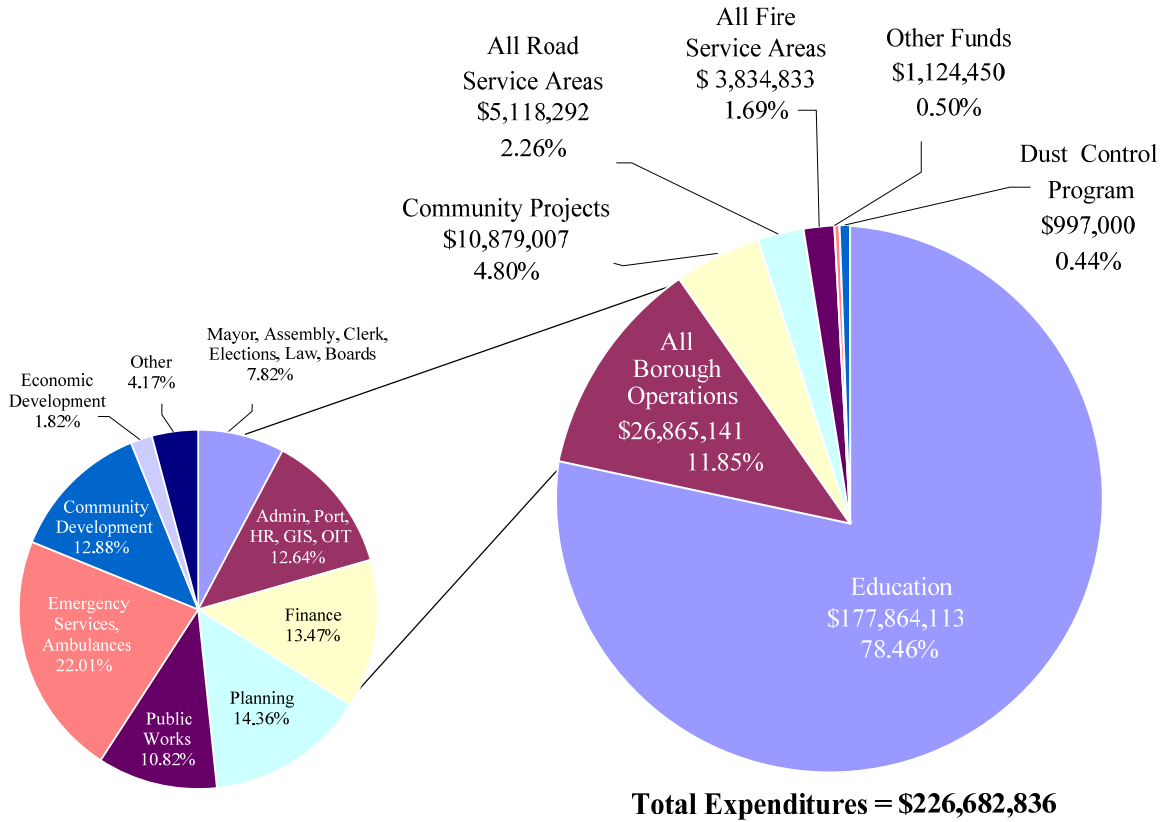
The Borough has many volunteer opportunities, including firefighter, EMT I, II, III, Animal Care Shelter Assistant, and Library Aide. If you would like to volunteer for any of these, please contact Sally Leatherman at 373-8813. Thank you very much for your time and effort!





HOW YOUR PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT

Expenditures by Category



Matanuska-Susitna
 Borough
 350 East Dahlia
 Avenue
 Palmer, AK 99645-
 6488



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 in an Emergency!**
 Post your address in a