

# appendix b

## citizen survey results

To determine the views of the citizens of Prattville toward public problems and future growth, a citizen survey was prepared and delivered to approximately 7,000 households as an insert in the quarterly newsletter published by the City Council. The responses to the survey are provided here.

- Please rate the following items according to how strongly they influence your decision to live in Prattville.

	Strong	Moderate	Weak	None	Total Responding	No Response	Response Total
a) access to Montgomery	147	90	20	22	279	17	296
b) local hospitals	35	87	81	73	276	20	296
c) Prattville's crime rate	156	90	21	13	280	16	296
d) police protection	130	99	36	17	282	14	296
e) fire and ambulance service	130	102	32	18	282	14	296
f) proximity to your job	141	68	22	39	270	26	296
g) county school system	90	69	44	69	272	24	296
h) parks and rec facilities	35	90	84	69	278	18	296
i) special and seasonal events	22	56	93	106	277	19	296
j) area churches	91	68	47	77	283	13	296
k) cost of housing	161	92	15	14	282	14	296
l) quality housing dev.	91	108	29	46	274	22	296
a) access to Montgomery	49.7%	30.4%	6.8%	7.4%	5.7%		
b) local hospitals	11.8%	29.4%	27.4%	24.7%	6.8%		
c) Prattville's crime rate	52.7%	30.4%	7.1%	4.4%	5.4%		
d) police protection	43.9%	33.4%	12.2%	5.7%	4.7%		
e) fire and ambulance service	43.9%	34.5%	10.8%	6.1%	4.7%		
f) proximity to your job	47.6%	23.0%	7.4%	13.2%	8.8%		
g) county school system	30.4%	23.3%	14.9%	23.3%	8.1%		
h) parks and rec facilities	11.8%	30.4%	28.4%	23.3%	6.1%		
i) special and seasonal events	7.4%	18.9%	31.4%	35.8%	6.4%		
j) area churches	30.7%	23.0%	15.9%	26.0%	4.4%		
k) cost of housing	54.4%	31.1%	5.1%	4.7%	4.7%		
l) quality housing dev.	30.7%	36.5%	9.8%	15.5%	7.4%		

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2. Which of the following phrases best describes Prattville?

Bedroom Community for Montgomery	114	38.5%
Textile Mill Town	4	1.4%
Small Country Town	36	12.2%
Industrial Center	3	1.0%
Family-Oriented City	135	45.6%
No Response	4	1.4%
Total	296	

3. Which of the following phrases best describes how Prattville is seen by people living outside the city?

Bedroom Community for Montgomery	173	58.4%
Textile Mill Town	11	3.7%
Small Country Town	78	26.4%
Industrial Center	3	1.0%
Family-Oriented City	23	7.8%
No Response	8	2.7%
Total	296	

4. Which of the following best describes the speed at which Prattville has grown in the past few years?

Too Fast	154	52.0%
Just Right	126	42.6%
Too Slow	9	3.0%
No Response	7	2.4%
Total	296	

5. In terms of population, which of the following best describes Prattville's size?

Too Fast	21	7.1%
Just Right	219	74.0%
Too Slow	51	17.2%
No Response	5	1.7%
Total	296	

6. The continued growth of Prattville is most dependent on which of the following:

Improved access to Montgomery	30	10.1%
An above average school system	124	41.9%
Moderately priced housing	63	21.3%
Improved city government services	20	6.8%
Other	43	14.5%
No Response	16	5.4%
Total	296	

7. Please select the statement which represents your vision for the future growth of Prattville in the next twenty years.

Small city with an emphasis on industrial employment	105	35.5%
Residential suburb of Montgomery	132	44.6%
Other	48	16.2%
No Response	11	3.7%
Total	296	

10. Would you attend public meetings concerning the Prattville Comprehensive Plan?

Yes	211	71.3%
No	53	17.9%
No Response	32	10.8%
Total	296	

11. Age of respondent

18-25 years	2	0.7%
26-35 years	44	14.9%
36-45 years	62	20.9%
46-55 years	85	28.7%
56-65 years	44	14.9%
66-75 years	35	11.8%
76-85 years	16	5.4%
85 years and over	1	0.3%
No Response	7	2.4%
Total	296	

12. How many people reside at your address?

1	33	11.1%
2	126	42.6%
3	60	20.3%
4	55	18.6%
5	16	5.4%
6 or more	2	0.7%
No Response	4	1.4%
Total	296	

13a. Do you have any children which reside at your address?

Yes	123	41.6%
No	169	57.1%
No Response	4	1.4%
Total	296	

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13b. If yes, how old are they?

All under 6 years	16	13.0%
All under 13 years	35	28.5%
All under 18 years	32	26.0%
All under 25 years	25	20.3%
All over 25 years	10	8.1%
No Response	5	4.1%
Total	123	

14. What is your race?

White	281	94.9%
Black	4	1.4%
Other	7	2.4%
No Response	4	1.4%
Total	296	

15a. Are you originally from Prattville?

Yes	48	16.2%
No	246	83.1%
No Response	2	0.7%
Total	296	

15b. If no, please select the area which best describes where you lived before moving to Prattville.

Autauga County	12	4.9%
Elmore County	10	4.1%
Montgomery	45	18.3%
Another area of Alabama	45	18.3%
Out of State	134	54.5%
No Response	0	0.0%
Total	246	