

Village of Clearwater

2020 Community Attitude/Needs Assessment Survey

Please complete all items.

1. Please check the appropriate overall appearance of the Village
 - Excellent
 - Very Good
 - Good
 - Fair
 - Poor
2. Overall appearance of downtown area
 - Excellent
 - Very Good
 - Good
 - Fair
 - Poor
3. Overall appearance of the Village Board
 - Excellent
 - Very Good
 - Good
 - Fair
 - Poor
4. Condition of the Village streets
 - Excellent
 - Very Good
 - Good
 - Fair
 - Poor
5. Condition/adequacy of local park
 - Excellent
 - Very Good
 - Good
 - Fair
 - Poor
6. Condition/adequacy of public library
 - Excellent
 - Very Good
 - Good
 - Fair
 - Poor
7. Condition/adequacy of Village water system
 - Excellent
 - Very Good
 - Good
 - Fair
 - Poor
8. Condition/adequacy of Village sewer system
 - Excellent
 - Very Good
 - Good
 - Fair
 - Poor
9. Availability of public transit
 - Excellent
 - Very Good
 - Good
 - Fair
 - Poor
10. Availability of homes for sale
 - Excellent
 - Very Good
 - Good
 - Fair
 - Poor
11. Do you own or rent your home?
 - Own
 - Rent
12. Do you work or are you retired?
 - Work
 - Retired
13. What is your current employment status?
 - Full-time
 - Part-time
 - Unemployed, but job hunting
 - Retired
14. How many persons in your household are 65 years of age or older?
 - None
 - 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
 - 5
 - 6
 - 7
 - 8
 - 9
 - 10
15. What is your sex?
 - Male
 - Female
16. What is your age?
 - Under 18
 - 18 - 24
 - 25 - 34
 - 35 - 44
 - 45 - 54
 - 55 - 64
 - 65 and Over
17. How long have you lived in the community?
 - Less than 1 year
 - 1 - 5 years
 - 6 - 10 years
 - 11 - 20 years
 - 21 years or more
18. Do you feel your community would benefit from job/training?
 - Yes
 - No
19. Please list any comments regarding this survey or any other matters.

HUD defines the family as "all persons living in the same household who are related by blood, marriage, or adoption." Please estimate whether, within the last 12 months, the total income of all members of your family before taxes (Household Income) has been above or below the Income Limit based on your Family Size. Income includes all income received by all members of the family who are age 15 or older, such as gross wages and salaries, net interest, dividends, social security, other retirement, supplemental family income, welfare, disability, VA benefits, unemployment, alimony/child support, etc. A family that is involved in a business where the business is not shared with the family budget (such as a farm or business) should consider their income as not shared, as they reported.

24. Using HUD's definition of family above, please select your family size.
- 1 person (HUD Income Limit: \$19,000)
 - 2 persons (HUD Income Limit: \$24,000)
 - 3 persons (HUD Income Limit: \$29,000)
 - 4 persons (HUD Income Limit: \$34,000)
 - 5 persons (HUD Income Limit: \$39,000)
 - 6 persons (HUD Income Limit: \$44,000)
 - 7 persons (HUD Income Limit: \$49,000)
 - 8+ persons (HUD Income Limit: \$54,000)
25. Did you answer to Question 17. Is your individual income above or below the HUD Income Limit based on your household size?
 - Above
 - Below

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

According to the 2011-2015 American Community Survey data, Clearwater has an estimated 50.00% of LMI individuals, or 165 persons. In order to meet Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) requirements, the Village would need to have 51% or greater of Low-to-Moderate-Income (LMI) individuals in its community. When a community believes the data is not an actual representation, the municipality can conduct an income survey. The overall goal of a survey is to assess the financial needs of the community. However, survey results will also help the Village of Clearwater identify other needs and prioritize objectives, which are active components of planning and addressing issues for action. To keep Clearwater a sustainable community, the Village must continually work to assess and improve the Village's infrastructure, economic, and housing needs.

A survey of the entire community of Clearwater was conducted, and 138 surveys were distributed to specific addresses within Village limits. Due to 10 vacancies, one business, and two duplicate addresses, 125 households provided completed surveys. Three attempts by Village volunteers were made to collect completed surveys beginning in February 2020. COVID-19 slowed down the door-to-door process, and a second attempt was made in May. In August, the Village contacted the remaining four households to complete the survey process, which resulted in a total of 125 returned surveys. Surveys were returned to Miller & Associates for tabulation. Final results indicate the Village of Clearwater with a **54.11%** LMI population, or 158 persons. The Village is eligible for potential Community Development Block Grant funding, and the income survey will be valid for up to four years.

The Village of Clearwater would like to thank all of the residents and community leaders who participated in the income survey, either by helping with distribution efforts or taking the time to complete the survey. Your input and participation are vital to future development of the community.

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		Excellent	Good	Poor	No Opinion
1.	Overall appearance of the Village	7 (6.42%)	80 (73.39%)	19 (17.43%)	3 (2.75%)
2.	Overall appearance of downtown area	8 (7.21%)	74 (66.67%)	26 (23.42%)	3 (2.70%)
3.	Overall performance of the Village Board	17 (15.60%)	68 (62.39%)	12 (11.01%)	12 (11.01%)
4.	Condition of the Village streets	2 (1.82%)	6 (5.45%)	100 (90.91%)	2 (1.82%)
5.	Condition/adequacy of local park	23 (20.91%)	78 (70.91%)	3 (2.73%)	6 (5.45%)
6.	Condition/adequacy of public library	21 (18.92%)	67 (60.36%)	3 (2.70%)	20 (18.02%)
7.	Condition/adequacy of Village water system	25 (22.52%)	71 (63.96%)	12 (10.81%)	3 (2.70%)
8.	Adequacy of ADA accessibility in public places	9 (8.65%)	60 (57.69%)	13 (12.50%)	22 (21.15%)
9.	Adequacy of fire protection	53 (49.07%)	48 (44.44%)	2 (1.85%)	5 (4.63%)
10.	Availability of rental housing	1 (0.92%)	11 (10.09%)	84 (77.06%)	13 (11.93%)
11.	Availability of homes for sale	1 (0.93%)	7 (6.54%)	88 (82.24%)	11 (10.28%)

12. Do you live in a: House **113** (98.26%) Apartment **0** (0%) Mobile Home **2** (1.74%) Other **0** (0%)

13. Do you own or rent your home? Own **105** (91.30%) Rent **10** (8.70%)

14. What is your current employment status?
 Full-time **73** (64.04%) Part-time **4** (3.51%) Retired **33** (28.95%)
 Unemployed, but job hunting **0** (0.00%) Other **4** (3.51%)

15. If employed, what is the zip code for your place of employment?

68726	40	55.56%
68756	18	25.00%
68701	4	5.56%
46201	1	1.39%
68733	1	1.39%
79015	1	1.39%
68715	1	1.39%
68763	1	1.39%
68764	1	1.39%
57052	1	1.39%
68803	1	1.39%
68773	1	1.39%
68735	1	1.39%

16. How many persons in your family are 65 years of age or older?

0	69	64.49%
1	26	24.30%
2	11	10.28%
3	0	0.00%
4	1	0.93%

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17. Is anyone in your household disabled? No **104** (92.04%) Yes **9** (7.96%)
18. What is your sex? Male **64** (56.14%) Female **48** (42.11%) Prefer not to disclose **2** (1.75%)
19. Are you: Head of House **87** (75.65%) Spouse of Head of House **26** (22.61%) Other **2** (1.74%)
20. What is your age?

Under 19	0	0.00%
19-24	3	2.63%
25-34	17	14.91%
35-44	22	19.30%
45-64	37	32.46%
65 & Over	35	30.70%

21. How long have you lived in the community?

Less Than 1 yr	4	3.48%
1-5 yrs	16	13.91%
6-10 yrs	5	4.35%
11-20 yrs	26	22.61%
21+ yrs	64	55.65%

22. Do you feel your community would benefit from hike/bike trails? Yes **44** (43.56%) No **57** (56.44%)
23. Please list any comments regarding this survey or any other matters:

Category	# of Comments
Streets	15
Housing	11
Lots	8
Local Economy	5
Drainage	4
Community Center	4
Water System	2
Village Budget	2
Downtown	2
Youth	2
Snow Removal	1

Category	# of Comments
Flood/Fire Protection	1
Park	1
Town Entrances	1
Alleys	1
Sidewalks	1
Hike/Bike Trail	1
Senior Amenities	1
Utilities	1
Health Center	1
Miscellaneous	1

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COMMENTS

1	1 & 3 Properties need cleaned up & streets need repair.
2	Streets are horrible.
3	Property owners need to maintain, replace or fix sidewalks so people of all ages feel safe walking on them. Many are unsafe to walk on let alone ride a bike on without riding or walking in the streets, which have a lot of potholes and fast traffic.
4	Need to encourage people to support home town businesses, seven some of the owners. Of them, not to go out of town to buy goods and for repairs!!
5	They tore up our streets while working on the sewer system and did not restore to original condition. They are a disgrace.
6	Fix the streets.
7	Yards need to be cleaned. Alleys need to be maintained.
8	Increase possible housing to rent or buy with new school. Board needs to enforce more clean-up & keep on it - court fines aren't enough. Considering purchase of partial old school for community center.
9	We would like to know why or who is responsible for keeping the ditch along the street of the rodeo arena. Or is the person responsible that owns the hay ground. During the summer it looks terrible. The streets also need help.
10	We need housing! How can we draw people to town if there aren't adequate houses/rentals available. The downtown needs to be revitalized. We need businesses that draw people here!
11	Roads are one of the biggest problems.
12	Snow removal is excellent. Really need to work on the streets. Overall flood/fire protection is excellent. Need to expand area on Main St. for the rodeo concert. Would a motel/hotel be beneficial? How can we draw more business in? Place the new school as a designated Red Cross area in case of disaster, generators to accommodate. Utilize the school as assisted living, rec center, health center, community area, rental area for the wind tower employees, etc.
13	Clearwater needs to fix the streets completely, not just a pothole here and there!! And do something to bring some business back to downtown "area".
14	Feel village spends money inappropriately. Never see published record of expenditures. A town is only as beautiful as the people who live in it. Need a place for teens. Need a community center. Need Meals on Wheels. Need a café.
15	Lots of wood structures need painting.
16	As a landlord, I have a hard time building or renting houses on poor streets.

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COMMENTS (CONTINUED)

17	Needs housing. Take money from rails/trails and invest in housing.
18	VACANT
19	The lots that are a s***hole.
20	We/you should have a house that is only used once in a while. Should have a pro-rate for water, sewer & trash.
21	Def. lack of housing... Park could use some improvement to hose more events. Need to clean up condemned homes/lots.
22	I feel we need to clean the town up. Seems to get worse every year.
23	Drainage system is poor; streets are a mess. Water system needs improvements.
24	City streets are horrible.
25	We need help for the streets- all streets. Some properties could be cleaned up.
26	Floods in 2019 raised havoc on streets. Prior to that, they weren't in too bad of shape. There are a few properties that are beyond repair that would be nice to have owners clean them up.
27	Very concerned about water drainage and culverts conditions on North side of highway.
28	Would like to have a hike/bike trail if they are hard surface, not gravel or crushed rock. I would like to see better water pressure. I would like to see culverts cleaned out for better drainage.
29	Not all of the roads are in poor condition but there are some roads that could be fixed so they are not as bumpy or as many holes.
30	Housing is a problem. Rentals and trying to buy are so difficult to come by. This is our biggest problem in my opinion. To build, costs so much for most families and it is hard to find anyone to sell land that is on high enough ground where high water table isn't a problem.
31	Please fix our city streets/county roads properly.
32	There are some dips at certain intersections.
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Questions 24 and 25 are reflected in the Table below.

LMI Tabulation Spreadsheet						
VILLAGE of CLEARWATER - 2020 Income Survey						
	Families ABOVE Low-Mod Incomes			Families BELOW Low-Mod Incomes		
Family Size	Total Families	Total persons	Percent	Total Families	Total Persons	Percent
1	15	15	25.86%	26	26	38.81%
2	28	56	48.28%	20	40	29.85%
3	5	15	8.62%	5	15	7.46%
4	4	16	6.90%	8	32	11.94%
5	5	25	8.62%	4	20	5.97%
6	0	0	0.00%	3	18	4.48%
7	1	7	1.72%	1	7	1.49%
8	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS	58	134	100%	67	158	100%
134 (Above Income Individuals) + 158 (Below Income Individuals) = 292 persons						
	ABOVE Income			BELOW Income		
LMI %	45.89%			54.11%		
Mean	2.310345			2.358209		
Median	2			2		
Mode	2			1		
Overall Mean	2.336					
Overall Median	2					
Overall Mode	2					