

# Morris Community Opinion Survey 2009

<b>1. Community Services</b>					
	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>No Opinion</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Water Supply	<b>66.7% (204)</b>	26.1% (80)	2.0% (6)	5.2% (16)	306
Water Quality	<b>50.8% (156)</b>	35.5% (109)	11.7% (36)	2.0% (6)	307
Storm Sewers	32.4% (99)	<b>42.2% (129)</b>	16.0% (49)	9.5% (29)	306
Garbage Collection	<b>75.2% (233)</b>	18.4% (57)	3.2% (10)	3.2% (10)	310
Morris District 54 Elementary/Middle Schools	30.1% (93)	<b>37.9% (117)</b>	13.3% (41)	18.8% (58)	309
Nettle Creek District 24C Schools	25.1% (76)	12.9% (39)	2.0% (6)	<b>60.1% (182)</b>	303
Saratoga School District 60C	<b>45.6% (139)</b>	14.1% (43)	2.6% (8)	37.7% (115)	305
Morris High School	37.7% (117)	<b>39.7% (123)</b>	10.6% (33)	11.9% (37)	310
Adult Education	20.8% (64)	<b>43.8% (135)</b>	18.2% (56)	17.2% (53)	308
Health Care Services	<b>74.8% (231)</b>	21.7% (67)	1.3% (4)	2.3% (7)	309
Ambulance Services	<b>83.4% (257)</b>	12.0% (37)	0.0% (0)	4.5% (14)	308
Fire Services	<b>90.6% (280)</b>	4.5% (14)	1.0% (3)	3.9% (12)	309
Police Services	<b>72.4% (218)</b>	22.3% (67)	3.0% (9)	2.3% (7)	301
Senior Services	32.1% (99)	<b>34.7% (107)</b>	9.1% (28)	24.0% (74)	308
Day Care Services	19.1% (59)	35.0% (108)	10.4% (32)	<b>35.6% (110)</b>	309
Animal Control	31.1% (96)	<b>38.5% (119)</b>	15.9% (49)	14.6% (45)	309
Morris Public Library	<b>74.1% (229)</b>	19.7% (61)	3.2% (10)	2.9% (9)	309
Morris Airport	<b>37.7% (116)</b>	28.2% (87)	6.2% (19)	27.9% (86)	308
	<b><i>answered question</i></b>				<b>311</b>
	<b><i>skipped question</i></b>				<b>2</b>

<b>2. Recreational Services</b>					
	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>No Opinion</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Recreation Programs	20.7% (63)	34.4% (105)	<b>36.7% (112)</b>	8.2% (25)	305
Ball Fields	<b>50.2% (153)</b>	32.8% (100)	7.2% (22)	9.8% (30)	305
Park Facilities	<b>47.2% (144)</b>	38.4% (117)	11.8% (36)	2.6% (8)	305
	<b><i>answered question</i></b>				<b>305</b>
	<b><i>skipped question</i></b>				<b>8</b>

<b>3. Transportation</b>					
	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>No Opinion</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Condition of Streets	<b>61.5% (187)</b>	33.2% (101)	4.6% (14)	0.7% (2)	304
Layout of Streets	<b>60.9% (185)</b>	28.6% (87)	7.2% (22)	3.3% (10)	304
Sidewalk Condition	<b>48.2% (146)</b>	41.3% (125)	8.3% (25)	2.3% (7)	303
Availability of Sidewalks	<b>67.3% (208)</b>	27.2% (84)	4.5% (14)	1.0% (3)	309
Availability of Street Lighting	<b>70.8% (218)</b>	24.4% (75)	3.6% (11)	1.3% (4)	308
Condition of Street Lighting	<b>68.5% (209)</b>	27.2% (83)	2.6% (8)	1.6% (5)	305
Availability of Parking Downtown	<b>46.9% (145)</b>	38.5% (119)	13.9% (43)	0.6% (2)	309
Congestion of Roads	38.8% (118)	<b>47.7% (145)</b>	12.2% (37)	1.3% (4)	304
	<b><i>answered question</i></b>				<b>309</b>
	<b><i>skipped question</i></b>				<b>4</b>

<b>4. Housing</b>					
	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>No Opinion</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Condition of Housing	<b>48.5% (147)</b>	42.2% (128)	2.0% (6)	7.3% (22)	303
Availability of Single-Family Homes	<b>70.6% (216)</b>	19.0% (58)	2.9% (9)	7.5% (23)	306
Availability of Multi-Family Homes	<b>51.5% (157)</b>	23.3% (71)	2.0% (6)	23.3% (71)	305
Availability of Senior Housing	<b>33.1% (102)</b>	<b>33.1% (102)</b>	10.1% (31)	23.7% (73)	308
Availability of Rental Units	<b>50.3% (155)</b>	20.8% (64)	3.6% (11)	25.3% (78)	308
	<b><i>answered question</i></b>				<b>308</b>
	<b><i>skipped question</i></b>				<b>5</b>

<b>5. Economic Development</b>					
	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>No Opinion</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Retail Items Available	25.3% (78)	<b>47.7% (147)</b>	26.0% (80)	1.0% (3)	308
Downtown Storefront Appearance	<b>73.5% (228)</b>	24.5% (76)	1.9% (6)	0.0% (0)	310
Route 47 Corridor Appearance	23.4% (72)	<b>45.1% (139)</b>	29.5% (91)	1.9% (6)	308
Current Local Industry	14.7% (45)	<b>45.6% (140)</b>	35.5% (109)	4.2% (13)	307
Retail Attraction/Retention Efforts	29.1% (90)	<b>41.4% (128)</b>	24.9% (77)	4.5% (14)	309
Industrial Attraction/Retention Efforts	21.8% (67)	<b>35.4% (109)</b>	32.5% (100)	10.4% (32)	308
	<b><i>answered question</i></b>				<b>310</b>
	<b><i>skipped question</i></b>				<b>3</b>

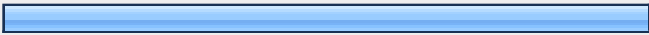

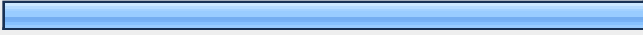
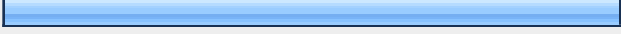
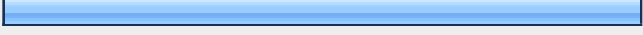
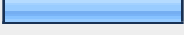
<b>6. Community Services</b>				
	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>No Opinion</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
The City Council is responsive to the community	<b>47.5% (144)</b>	29.0% (88)	23.4% (71)	303
The City staff is responsive to the community	<b>64.5% (196)</b>	15.8% (48)	19.7% (60)	304
City police services are good	<b>90.8% (277)</b>	5.9% (18)	3.3% (10)	305
Fire and emergency squad services are good	<b>96.7% (294)</b>	1.3% (4)	2.0% (6)	304
Public services (water, sewer and streets) are good in the City	<b>84.3% (257)</b>	12.5% (38)	3.3% (10)	305
The cost of community services is low	<b>43.5% (131)</b>	39.2% (118)	17.3% (52)	301
	<b><i>answered question</i></b>			<b>305</b>
	<b><i>skipped question</i></b>			<b>8</b>

<b>7. How can the City improve communication with residents?</b>		
	<b>Check all that apply</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Voice messages at City Hall	<b>100.0% (94)</b>	94
Expand office hours	<b>100.0% (84)</b>	84
E-mail notices	<b>100.0% (186)</b>	186
Web-site	<b>100.0% (232)</b>	232
	<b><i>answered question</i></b>	<b>269</b>
	<b><i>skipped question</i></b>	<b>44</b>

<b>8. Growth Rate:</b>				
	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>No Opinion</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Morris is growing too fast	20.3% (59)	<b>69.8% (203)</b>	10.0% (29)	291
Morris' growth rate is about right	<b>66.1% (191)</b>	24.6% (71)	9.3% (27)	289
"Properly controlled" growth is good for Morris	<b>79.8% (233)</b>	11.6% (34)	8.6% (25)	292
What does "properly controlled" growth mean to you?				211
<i>answered question</i>				<b>305</b>
<i>skipped question</i>				<b>8</b>

9. For each of the following land uses, please indicate your opinions on growth options for Morris:						
	Very Desirable	Desirable	Neutral	Undesirable	Very Undesirable	Response Count
Single-Family Homes	36.8% (106)	<b>46.2% (133)</b>	12.5% (36)	3.8% (11)	0.7% (2)	288
Parks and Open Space	<b>65.1% (190)</b>	27.7% (81)	6.5% (19)	0.7% (2)	0.0% (0)	292
Shopping Centers	<b>36.1% (105)</b>	33.3% (97)	18.2% (53)	10.0% (29)	2.4% (7)	291
Fast Food	3.8% (11)	23.7% (69)	<b>40.9% (119)</b>	28.2% (82)	3.4% (10)	291
Senior Housing	30.7% (89)	<b>50.3% (146)</b>	15.9% (46)	2.4% (7)	0.7% (2)	290
Condominiums	4.2% (12)	34.1% (98)	<b>38.0% (109)</b>	18.5% (53)	5.2% (15)	287
Multifamily Residential Housing	2.4% (7)	24.5% (71)	<b>36.6% (106)</b>	26.6% (77)	10.0% (29)	290
Offices	15.6% (45)	<b>53.5% (154)</b>	26.7% (77)	3.1% (9)	1.0% (3)	288
Industries (Manufacturing)	<b>46.7% (135)</b>	37.4% (108)	9.3% (27)	4.5% (13)	2.1% (6)	289
Tourist Oriented Businesses	33.0% (96)	<b>33.3% (97)</b>	27.1% (79)	4.8% (14)	1.7% (5)	291
Lodging	11.4% (33)	<b>49.1% (142)</b>	33.6% (97)	4.8% (14)	1.0% (3)	289
	<b>answered question</b>					<b>292</b>
	<b>skipped question</b>					<b>21</b>

10. The City of Morris should:				
	Agree	Disagree	No Opinion	Response Count
Negotiate boundary agreements with neighboring communities	92.7% (267)	3.1% (9)	4.2% (12)	288
Provide a commuter rail service with a station in Morris	72.3% (209)	17.3% (50)	10.4% (30)	289
Implement a bicycle trail system	78.9% (228)	11.1% (32)	10.0% (29)	289
	<i>answered question</i>			<b>290</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>			<b>23</b>

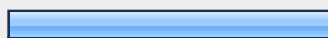
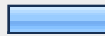
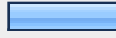


11. In an average month, how many times do you shop in these commercial areas?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Morris - Downtown		99.7%	287
Morris - Route 47 Corridor		95.8%	276
Morris - Wal-Mart		99.0%	285
Morris - Other Shopping Areas		95.1%	274
Louis Joliet Mall Area		98.3%	283
Other (Please Specify)		27.4%	79
	<i>answered question</i>		<b>288</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>		<b>25</b>

12. What factors attracted you to this area? If you grew up in Morris, why have you stayed?		
	Check All That Apply	Response Count
People	100.0% (180)	180
Schools	100.0% (100)	100
Types of Housing	100.0% (59)	59
Price/Value of Housing	100.0% (131)	131
Downtown Morris	100.0% (150)	150
Proximity to Family	100.0% (163)	163
Proximity to Employment	100.0% (171)	171
Proximity to Retail and Services	100.0% (57)	57
Rural Setting	100.0% (168)	168
Quality of Health Care	100.0% (94)	94
	Other (please specify)	58
	<b>answered question</b>	<b>287</b>
	<b>skipped question</b>	<b>26</b>

13. The City instituted a site plan review process in 2005. This requires review of site layout, landscaping, lighting, and architecture for new or expanded commercial and multi-family development. Examples of projects that have gone through this process include the Holiday Inn Express, Taco Bell, Arby's, and the Park Point Morris Supportive Living Facility. Based on these and other recent developments in Morris, please check all statements below that you agree with:

	Agree	Disagree	No Opinion	Response Count
Site Plan review has helped to ensure quality new development for Morris	67.8% (198)	14.0% (41)	18.2% (53)	292
The City's landscape and/or architectural standards need to be increased	45.7% (133)	33.3% (97)	21.0% (61)	291
The City should expand the scope of design review to address non-custom new single family subdivisions	51.4% (150)	26.4% (77)	22.3% (65)	292
	<i>answered question</i>			293
	<i>skipped question</i>			20

14. Where do you live (see map)?

		Response Percent	Response Count
I live in the 1st Ward		49.5%	141
I live in the 2nd Ward		14.7%	42
I live in the 3rd Ward		16.5%	47
I live in the 4th Ward		11.9%	34
I live outside of the Morris City Limits		7.4%	21
	<i>answered question</i>		285
	<i>skipped question</i>		28

15. If employed, where do you work?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
I work within the corporate limits of Morris		50.9%	116
I work in Joliet		7.9%	18
I work in Ottawa		0.4%	1
I work elsewhere in Grundy County		14.0%	32
I work outside Grundy County, but not in Joliet or Ottawa		26.8%	61
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>228</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>85</b>

16. How long have you lived in Morris?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Less than 1 year		1.4%	4
1-3 years		5.5%	16
4-5 years		5.8%	17
6-10 years		11.0%	32
11-20 years		19.6%	57
More than 20 years		54.6%	159
I don't live in Morris		2.1%	6
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>291</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>22</b>

17. How many people live in your household?			Response Percent	Response Count
1			10.0%	29
2			43.3%	125
3			17.6%	51
4			16.6%	48
5 or more			12.5%	36
			<b><i>answered question</i></b>	<b>289</b>
			<b><i>skipped question</i></b>	<b>24</b>

18. How old are you?			Response Percent	Response Count
18-24			0.0%	0
25-34			11.3%	33
35-44			21.6%	63
45-54			25.4%	74
55-64			24.1%	70
65-74			12.7%	37
75 and over			4.8%	14
			<b><i>answered question</i></b>	<b>291</b>
			<b><i>skipped question</i></b>	<b>22</b>

19. Please note below any additional concerns or issues you feel the City of Morris should address in planning for our future:

		Response Count
		175
	<i>answered question</i>	175
	<i>skipped question</i>	138