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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Chapter 1: Introduction

- The primary purposes of this study are to assess perceptions of community problems and needs, ratings of community services, perceptions of community assets and deficits, group activity involvement and volunteering and shopping behaviors and retail needs.
- The survey was conducted by telephone, involving a random sample of households in zip code 60010, plus additional portions of School District 220 encompassing parts of Carpentersville and Hoffman Estates.
- Approximately one of every 25 households was interviewed across the area, for a total of 501 interviews conducted.
- Within certain limitations, the sample can be said to be representative of the Barrington area population, although the sample was more educated, contained more respondents aged 65 and older and consisted of more females than would be predicted based on the Census.

Chapter 2: Quality of Life

- Leading the list of most often mentioned positive characteristics was "peaceful, small town environment" (41.3%), followed by "good schools" (26.7%) and "safe; low crime" (26.1%).
- The top three positive characteristics selected were similar in both the 1999 and 1996 surveys, although the percent naming "peaceful, small town environment" was much higher (41.3%) for the 1999 survey as compared to the previous survey (29.2%).
- The most often mentioned negative characteristics were "access to sufficient stores, services, restaurants" (7.0%), followed closely by "reasonable traffic" (6.8%) and "public transportation" (5.4%).
- As with the 1996 survey, "access to sufficient stores, services, restaurants" was named by the greatest number of respondents in the current survey, but the percent of dissatisfied residents was dramatically lower in the current survey (7.0%) as compared to the previous survey (17.4%).

Chapter 3: Community Services and Issues Needing Attention

- Quality of the local primary and secondary education received the highest ratings of all the services, followed by availability of health care services, availability of preventive health care, quality of local Park District services and quality of local community or village services.
- The lowest ratings went to access to local government and political decision makers and availability of services for the disabled.
- From 1996 to 1999, ratings increased for the availability of services for the disabled, quality of local primary education and quality of local secondary education.

- Leading the list of community issues needing attention was activities for teens, named by nearly half of respondents (49.5%), followed by high health care costs (41.7%), property tax equity (29.9%) and a need for housing in all price ranges (26.3%).
- The same three issues were seen at the top of the 1996 and 1999 rankings for issues needing the community's attention, with the need for teen activities increasing from 44.0% in 1996 to 49.5% in 1999 and the need for housing in all price ranges increasing from 16.0% to 26.3%.

Chapter 4: Situations Experienced by Households

- "Difficulty paying bills" led the list (12.8%) of situations experienced by households, followed by "experienced involuntary job loss due to downsizing or other reason" (8.0%) and "put off health care or taking medicine because of cost or lack of insurance" (8.0%).
- Only 17 households (3.4%) said that they or another household member needed help for a personal situation in the past year, should have received help, but did not obtain the needed help.

Chapter 5: Shopping in the Village of Barrington

- Average percent of Barrington purchases were 15.9% for the entire sample.
- One in five respondents does not shop in the Village of Barrington.
- Excessive traffic is the problem that discourages the most shoppers (29.3%), followed by a lack of parking (15.8%) and the high prices (7.0%).
- The most desired addition to the Village of Barrington is restaurants (21.6%). A variety of other stores were named less often, with some support for clothing, discount and grocery stores.

Chapter 6: Activities and Volunteering

- "Church or religious group" (21.2%) was cited by the highest number of respondents, followed by "school" (19.4%) and "civic or service club or group" (13.8%).
- Emerging as the top past volunteer activities were "help teachers, school activities" (14.0%), "selling tickets or fund-raising items" (9.6%) and "help with senior citizen activities" (6.8%).
- As for future volunteer activities, "help teachers, school activities" (13.8%), "selling tickets or fund-raising items" (7.8%) and "help fund program, administer" (6.8%) topped the list.
- The vast majority (65.7%) feel that adequate volunteering information is present, with one in five (19.0%) respondents answering that sufficient information is not available.

Chapter 7: Leisure Activities

- Leading the list of most often visited locations/events were "library" (70.1%), "movie" (66.1%) and "musical concert or play" (61.3%). The fewest respondents have attended a "high school or college sports event" (31.4%).
- The mean number of locations/events visited in the past year was 5.1.
- Leading for the Barrington area were "library" (62.9%), "neighborhood park" (51.5%), "movie" (50.1%), "community event" (39.3%) and "natural areas" (38.1%).
- Large numbers of respondents visited certain locations/events in the Chicago area, "museum" (41.9%), "musical concert or play" (35.7%) and "professional sports event" (35.3%).
- Many respondents who believe that additional recreation activities are needed desire a bike/walking path in the area (27.7%).
- One of three respondents (35.9%) feel that a community center is needed, with somewhat more (46.5%) saying that no need currently exists.
- Residents seeing the need for a community center most often named "teen center" (63.9%), followed by "senior center" (37.8%), "meeting rooms" (21.7%), multi-purpose rooms" (15.0%), "gym" (13.9%) and "preschool" (11.7%) as activities at the center.

Chapter 8: Open-Ended Comments

- Two concerns were voiced by large numbers of area residents, namely improving traffic and controlling development.

Chapter 1 INTRODUCTION

Introduction

The Healthier Barrington Needs Assessment is one method used by the Healthier Community Project of the Barrington Area to receive citizen input in order to learn the desires and needs of the residents of the Barrington area. More specifically, the primary purposes of this study are to assess:

- Perceptions of community problems and needs
- Ratings of community services
- Perceptions of community assets and deficits
- Group activity involvement and volunteering
- Shopping behaviors and retail needs

This survey results from community leaders, organizations and interested individuals talking and working together in order to make the Barrington area and its communities a healthier place to live, work and play. The convened group members feel that the quality of life can be improved, but only if the views of all residents are known. A similar study was conducted in 1996, allowing for comparisons between 1996 and 1999 data for many questions. Some additions, deletions and modifications to the 1996 version were made in the 1999 questionnaire.

Methodology

The survey was conducted by telephone, involving a random sample of households in zip code 60010, plus additional portions of School District 220 encompassing parts of Carpentersville and Hoffman Estates. A map of the survey area is presented as Figure 1.1. Interviews were conducted by trained interviewers, employed by Health Systems Research of the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford. Participants were assured that their answers would be confidential and that results would be reported only for the entire sample. Calling was distributed by day and time.

The study sought to provide a complete picture of the views of all residents in the study area. The list of potential participants was drawn randomly from a residential address database. The sample was formed to provide sufficient results for all areas of the study and was drawn proportional to the population in 1998 CACI zip code estimates. Approximately one of every 25 households was interviewed across the area, for a total of 501 interviews conducted.

An advertisement placed in the Barrington Courier-Review and Daily Herald explained the need for the study and urged local citizens to participate if contacted.

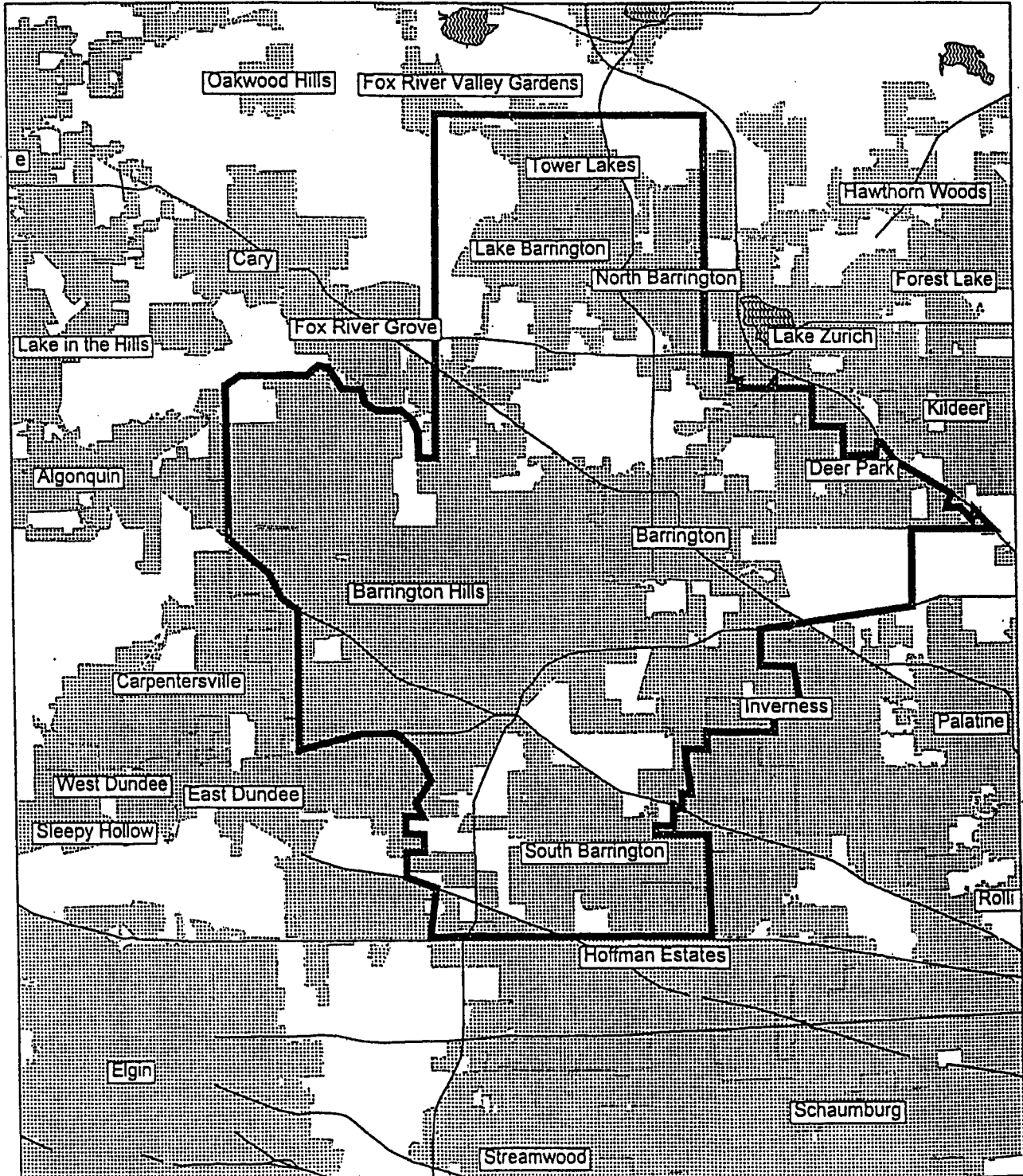
Survey Accuracy

Survey work revolves around two basic issues - validity and adequacy. Any good survey design seeks to maximize both of these characteristics. Validity refers to the soundness or effectiveness of how the research project is carried out. Are the right questions being asked in the right way? Validity is achieved through the careful use of variables which truly are relevant to the study. A sample may be determined adequate when the size is sufficient to replicate the characteristics of a population given the precision and confidence levels desired in the results.



Figure 1.1

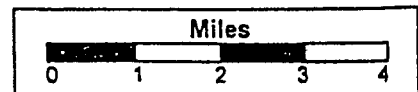
Healthier Barrington Needs Assessment

Study Area



Study area included zip code 60010 plus those portions of Carpentersville and Hoffman Estates within School District 220.

-  Incorporated Areas
-  Zip Code 60010



If each individual in the population has an equal chance of being chosen, sampling error can be assumed to be random and thus measurable in terms of probability. Precision refers to how closely the investigator wants the survey results from the sample to match those of the general population. A confidence level is the probability of obtaining a sample which, in fact, does have the precision desired. For example, if sample data reveal that 70% of the population favors more drug prevention, and the precision and confidence levels are .02 (2%) and .95 (95%) respectively, the investigator may declare that the chances are 95 in 100 that between 68% and 72% of the population actually favor more drug prevention. Only if error is distributed randomly may this conclusion be made.

The adequacy of the sample depends on the population under consideration and the nature of the responses. For all households in the sample (501 in this case), chances are 95 out of 100 that the error can be no greater than 4.3%. While the reader can interpret results of the larger sample segments with confidence in their relative accuracy, smaller segments (such as age, group, community or education) should be judged in light of their own standard errors, which are considerably higher. Not all results should be viewed as being equally adequate. In general, results based on larger samples can be considered to be more truly reflective of the actual population characteristics. Results from small samples should be considered preliminary findings which require further study.

Non-Response

Non-response is merely the failure to obtain answers to a questionnaire. Non-response bias is often a major problem in survey work. People may refuse to answer, be on vacation or have any of a variety of personal reasons for not responding. Non-response poses no problem if replies from non-respondents are similar to those of the respondents. However, when the views of those who respond are different from those who do not, the value of the survey is greatly diminished. Unfortunately, this bias may not be known unless a second, more intensive survey of the population is performed which is usually not feasible.

Experiences of the researcher play an important role in deciding whether or not non-response bias exists, or if such bias is affecting the results. One method for checking bias is to conduct personal interviews or follow-up in greater depth than the original study in order to compare them. For smaller studies, costs usually preclude this. Another method of checking non-response bias is by matching the characteristics of respondents to the Census or other comparable data for the population from which the sample has been drawn. The latter method is used here. While lack of response bias cannot be assured, at least the nature of respondent differences are known in terms of their characteristics.

Representativeness of the Sample

Tables 1.1 - 1.4 look at the characteristics of the responding households and compares them to the 1996 sample and 1990 Census data for zip code 60010, the best available description of the population in the study area, though the area may have changed somewhat since 1990.

Within certain limitations, the sample can be said to be representative of the Barrington area population. For instance, the average household size for the sample is nearly identical to the Census data, 2.91 versus 2.94. The age distribution was generally characteristic of the area, except for overrepresentation of adults age 65 and older.

Females comprised 69.7% of the respondents, far above the Census percentages. This gender imbalance may be caused by one or more of the following factors: women are more likely to be home and answer the telephone and women may be more likely to answer questions for their family.

Educationally, the sample was more highly educated than would be indicated by the Census. Persons with a Bachelor's degree were overrepresented, while those without a High School degree and having some college, but no degree were underrepresented.

The age distribution for household members was generally representative, with a few more households having teenagers and many more containing adults age 65 and older.

**HEALTHIER BARRINGTON SURVEY SAMPLE CHARACTERISTICS
WITH COMPARISON TO THE 1996 SAMPLE AND CENSUS**

Table 1.1
AGE OF RESPONDENT

Age Group	1999 Survey Sample		1996 Survey Sample		1990 Census
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
18 - 29	24	4.8%	23	4.6%	7.5%
30 - 44	146	29.3%	166	33.3%	35.1%
45 - 64	200	40.2%	194	39.0%	43.7%
65+	128	25.7%	115	23.1%	13.7%
TOTAL	498	100.0%	498	100.0%	100.0%
No Answer	3		2		

Table 1.2
GENDER OF RESPONDENT

Gender	1999 Survey Sample		1996 Survey Sample		1990 Census
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Female	348	69.7%	342	68.4%	50.7%
Male	151	30.3%	158	31.6%	49.3%
TOTAL	499	100.0%	500	100.0%	100.0%
No Answer	2		0		

SAMPLE CHARACTERISTICS (cont'd.)

Table 1.3
AGES OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

Age Group	1999 Survey Sample		1996 Survey Sample		1990 Census
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
0 - 4	82	5.6%	91	6.0%	7.3%
5 - 12	177	12.1%	215	14.2%	12.6%
13 - 17	170	11.7%	123	8.1%	7.6%
18 - 29	120	8.2%	143	9.5%	11.2%
30 - 44	277	19.0%	333	22.0%	27.4%
45 - 64	409	28.1%	397	26.3%	25.8%
65+	222	15.2%	209	13.8%	8.1%
TOTAL	1,457	100.0%	1,511	100.0%	100.0%
Average HH size	2.91		3.02		2.94

Table 1.4
EDUCATION OF RESPONDENT

Education	1999 Survey Sample		1996 Survey Sample		1990 Census
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Less than High School	4	0.8%	2	0.4%	5.1%
High School diploma/GED	80	16.1%	89	17.9%	15.0%
Some college, no degree	88	17.7%	84	16.9%	22.5%
Associate or similar degree	25	5.0%	21	4.2%	5.8%
Bachelor's degree	202	40.6%	199	40.0%	33.1%
Graduate degree	99	19.9%	103	20.7%	18.5%
TOTAL	498	100.0%	498	100.0%	100.0%
No Answer	3		2		

Comparison to 1996 Survey Demographics

The 1999 distributions for age, gender, education and number of household members are quite similar to the 1996 survey sample. Differences are such that the samples can be considered to have been drawn from the same population.

Geographic Distribution

Geographically, responses were obtained from ten communities in the Barrington area zip code, plus portions of School District 220 in Hoffman Estates and Carpentersville. Table 1.5 shows the geographic distribution of survey respondents. The highest proportion of participants (21.0%) reported residing in Barrington, followed by Unincorporated Cook County (17.8%) and Hoffman Estates (11.6%).

Table 1.5
GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONDENTS

Community	1999		1996	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Barrington	105	21.0%	157	31.8%
Unincorporated Cook County	89	17.8%	27	5.5%
Hoffman Estates	58	11.6%	51	10.3%
Lake Barrington	51	10.2%	45	9.1%
Barrington Hills	39	7.8%	42	8.5%
South Barrington	38	7.6%	33	6.7%
Deer Park	33	6.6%	28	5.7%
North Barrington	23	4.6%	35	7.1%
Carpentersville	22	4.4%	20	4.0%
Unincorporated Lake County	19	3.8%	31	6.3%
Tower Lakes	14	2.8%	15	3.0%
Fox River Valley Gardens	7	1.4%	5	1.0%
Unincorporated McHenry County	2	0.4%	4	0.8%
Unincorporated Kane County	1	0.2%	1	0.2%
TOTAL	501	100.0%	494	100.0%
No Answer/Other	0		6	

The 1999 survey contained more "unincorporated Cook" and fewer Barrington residents. The percent sample is properly distributed with respondents placed in their proper geographic unit. For the earlier application, respondent geographic response was used. Some persons living in unincorporated areas may still describe themselves as residing in Barrington.

For purposes of analysis in this study, communities have been combined into six geographic areas in order to have sufficient cases for comparison. Barrington, Barrington Hills, South Barrington and Unincorporated Cook County are referred to as Barrington Township. Lake Barrington, North Barrington, Tower Lakes and Unincorporated Lake County have been combined as Cuba Township. Fox River Valley Gardens, Unincorporated McHenry County and Unincorporated Kane County have been combined into Other. The communities of Deer Park, Hoffman Estates and Carpentersville remain separate.

Length of Residence

Respondents were asked how many years they have lived in the Barrington area. Table 1.6 shows that the greatest proportion have lived in the area for 5 - 9 years (21.2%), followed closely by 25+ years (20.6%) and 10 - 14 years (20.0%). Just over one in seven respondents has lived in the area less than four years. The median length of residence for the sample is 13.3 years.

Half of the younger residents aged 18 - 29 appear to be recent movers, having only lived in the area 0 - 4 years, while the majority (50.8%) of those age 65 and older have been residents of the Barrington area for 25 or more years.

In the prior 1996 survey, more new residents (0 - 4 years of residence) responded and fewer living in the area 10 - 14 years, as compared to the current survey. Median length of residence for 1996 was 12 years, slightly less than the 1999 median of 13.3 years living in the area.

Table 1.6
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN THE BARRINGTON AREA

Years	1999		1996	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
0 - 4	78	15.7%	114	22.8%
5 - 9	105	21.2%	104	20.8%
10 - 14	99	20.0%	75	15.0%
15 - 19	56	11.3%	55	11.0%
20 - 24	56	11.3%	45	9.0%
25+	102	20.6%	107	21.4%
TOTAL	496	100.0%	500	100.0%
No Answer	5		0	

Occupation and Work Location

Principal occupation of the respondent was asked, that is, what type of job the respondent holds, not the place of employment. Comparisons to 1990 Census data are included in Table 1.7. This sample contains more professional or technical workers and persons not in the labor force, with fewer clerical, sales, service employees, proprietors or managers and skilled/unskilled manual workers than would be indicated by the Census. The majority of respondents (52.2%) were not currently in the labor force, most of them being homemakers. This includes retired persons, homemakers, the disabled, students and the unemployed. Over one in four respondents (27.6%) is working in a professional or technical occupation, with far fewer (10.8%) responding that they are involved in clerical, sales or service occupations.

Type of job held is somewhat related to age of the respondent. Work in clerical, sales, service is highest for those 18 - 29 (37.5%) and decreases with age to 9.0% of persons aged 45 - 64. Participants aged 30 -44 are most often involved as a homemaker (36.3%) or work in a professional or technical occupation (35.6%). However, professional or technical employment is highest for those aged 45 - 64 (40.0%). For the oldest age group, persons 65 and older, retirement was indicated by 93.8% of respondents.

The current sample contains many more professional or technical workers than the previous sample, as well as many fewer clerical, sales, service employees and half as many skilled/unskilled manual workers.

Table 1.7
OCCUPATION OF RESPONDENT

Occupation	1999 Survey Sample		1996 Survey Sample		1990 Census
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Professional or technical	138	27.6%	90	18.0%	14.7%
Clerical, sales, service	54	10.8%	99	19.8%	26.2%
Proprietor or manager	33	6.6%	31	6.2%	19.9%
Skilled/unskilled manual worker	12	2.4%	27	5.4%	8.0%
Not in labor force/unemployed	261	52.2%	252	50.5%	31.8%
Other	2	0.4%	0	0.0%	0.5%
TOTAL	500	100.0%	499	100.0%	100.0%
No Answer	1		1		

Questions regarding at-home workers were posed next. When asked if anyone in their household works at home, slightly more than one in eight respondents (13.4%) answered "yes". Of all survey households, 11.8% have someone working at home as their primary office, while 2.6% have a household member who works at home, but also travels to other locations.

Asked about interest in a professional group comprised of others working from home, the majority (55.2%) were not interested, with far fewer, 17.9%, stating they would like to be involved. Others were unsure.

Table 1.8
INTEREST IN A PROFESSIONAL GROUP
COMPRISED OF OTHERS WORKING AT HOME

Response	Number	Percent ¹
No	37	55.2%
Yes	12	17.9%
Not sure / NA	18	26.9%
TOTAL	67	100.0%

¹ Percent of those working at home.

Participants were also asked to indicate their primary work location. Cook County outside Chicago is the site for by far the majority of respondents (56.2%), with one in five working in Lake County (19.8%) and one in nine (11.6%) traveling to the City of Chicago for work (see Table 1.9). Therefore, two-thirds (67.8%) of Barrington area workers are employed in Cook County. The 1999 sample is comprised of many more respondents working in Cook County than the earlier sample, but far fewer Lake County workers.

Table 1.9
RESPONDENT PRIMARY WORK LOCATION

Location	1999		1996	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Cook County outside Chicago	136	56.2%	106	42.7%
Lake County	48	19.8%	108	43.5%
City of Chicago	28	11.6%	12	4.8%
McHenry County	12	5.0%	4	1.6%
DuPage County	7	2.9%	9	3.6%
Kane County	7	2.9%	8	3.2%
Other	4	1.7%	1	0.5%
TOTAL	242	100.0%	248	100.0%
No Answer	3		0	

Responsible for Older Adult

Asked if they are responsible for the care of an older adult such as an aging spouse, parent or other relative, one in ten participants responded positively. The greatest number (6.6%) are responsible for an older adult living by themselves, with far fewer respondents having an older adult living in their home (1.8%) or residing in a retirement community or nursing home (1.6%). Among occupation types, clerical, sales, and service workers are the most likely to be responsible for the care of an older adult (24.2%). The proportions acting as caregivers by age groups are 18 - 29 (8.3%), 30 - 44 (6.2%), 45 - 64 (18.5%) and 65+ (2.4%).

Table 1.10
RESPONSIBILITY FOR OLDER ADULT

Response	1999		1996	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
No	449	89.8%	439	87.8%
Yes, an older adult living on his/her own	33	6.6%	33	6.6%
Yes, an older adult living in my home	9	1.8%	17	3.4%
Yes, an older adult in a retirement community or nursing home	8	1.6%	11	2.2%
Yes, other	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
TOTAL	500	100.0%	500	100.0%
No Answer	1		0	

The proportions of respondents with an older adult under their care in the home fell from 3.4% in 1996 to 1.8% in 1999.

Newspaper Read

Newspaper readership was assessed by asking participants what, if any, newspaper they usually read during the week, allowing two responses. The average respondent named 1.4 papers. The first two papers named were recorded. Nearly half (48.7%) read the Chicago Tribune, over one-third the Barrington Courier-Review (35.1%) and over one-fourth (28.1%) the Daily Herald. Respondents who do not read any newspaper comprised 8.4% of the sample.

Men (59.6%) are more likely than women (43.7%) to read the Chicago Tribune, while women read the Barrington Courier-Review at higher levels than men, 40.2% versus 23.8%. More women (9.8%) than men (4.6%) do not read a newspaper.

All occupational groups read the Chicago Tribune at higher levels than the other papers, except for homemakers who are most likely to read the Barrington Courier-Review. Young people are less likely to read the paper, in that one in four 18 - 29 year olds does not read a newspaper.

More highly educated individuals were more likely to report reading a newspaper while one in six (16.7%) of those with a high school degree or less do not read a newspaper, only 3.0% with a graduate degree do not. Chicago Tribune readership is highest for persons holding a college degree (59.5%)

Table 1.11
 NEWSPAPER READ DURING THE WEEK¹

Newspaper	1999		1996	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Chicago Tribune	244	48.7%	270	54.0%
Barrington Courier-Review	176	35.1%	165	33.0%
Daily Herald	141	28.1%	173	34.6%
Chicago Sun-Times	52	10.4%	31	6.2%
Northwest Herald	32	6.4%	6	1.2%
Other	43	8.6%	45	9.0%

¹ First two named by respondent

The Sun-Times is more popular with the current sample than was true in the 1996 sample, even though fewer in the 1999 sample read the Chicago Tribune and Daily Herald. In addition, somewhat more current participants indicated that they do not read the newspaper this time.

Chapter 2 QUALITY OF LIFE

Introduction

Quality of life was assessed through inquiries about the most important aspects important to residents living in the Barrington area, as well as desired characteristics which might be missing in the area.

Aspects Important to the Barrington Area

The most important aspects about living in the Barrington area were first asked of respondents, who were able to give up to five answers in an open-ended fashion, the responses not read to them by the interviewer. The average resident named 1.7 characteristics. Leading the list of most often mentioned positive characteristics was "peaceful, small town environment", cited by 41.3% of respondents. This was followed by "good schools" (26.7%) and "safe; low crime" (26.1%). Other responses received far fewer mentions.

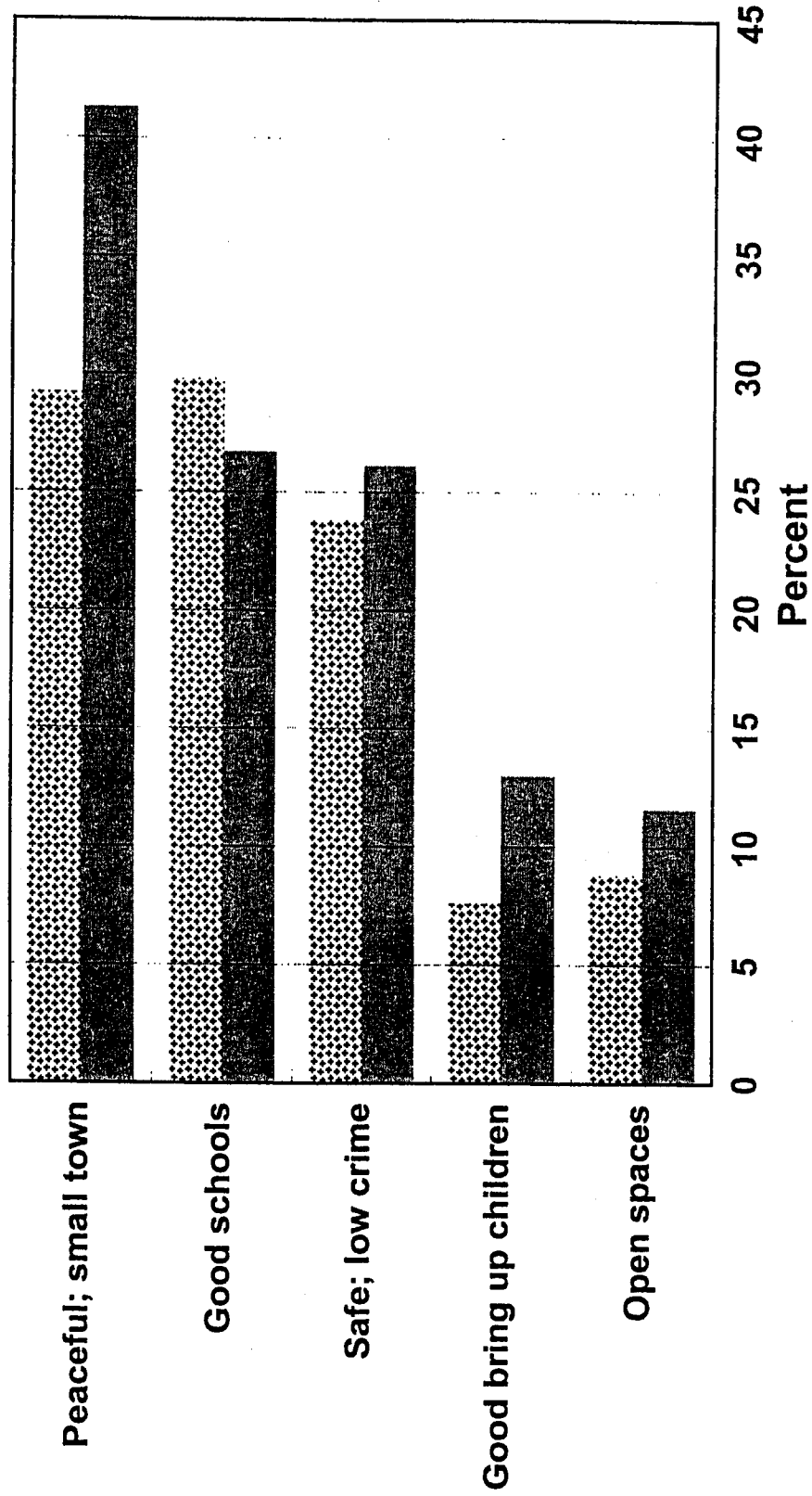
Table 2.1
TOP TEN FACTORS IMPORTANT TO LIVING IN THE BARRINGTON AREA

Rank	Issue	1999		1996
		Number	Percent	Percent
1.	Peaceful, small town environment	207	41.3%	29.2%
2.	Good schools	134	26.7%	29.8%
3.	Safe; low crime	131	26.1%	23.8%
4.	Good place to bring up children	65	13.0%	7.6%
5.	Open spaces; countryside	58	11.6%	8.8%
6.	Strong family life	33	6.6%	6.8%
7.	Good parks, recreation opportunities	21	4.2%	3.6%
8.	Good community services	17	3.4%	3.2%
9.	Location - general	14	2.8%	0.0%
10.	People	14	2.8%	3.4%

As shown in Table 2.2, "peaceful, small town environment" or "good schools" placed first for all survey groups. Three aspects, "peaceful, small town environment", "good schools" and "safe; low crime" were the top three choices among nearly all groups. However, "open spaces; countryside" placed second for residents of Cuba Township as well as "Other Areas," and third for persons living in the area 15 - 19 years.

Respondents aged 65+ (53.9%), retired (53.2%) and those living in Barrington Township (48.7%) were most likely to choose "peaceful, small town environment". "Good schools" was named most often by residents of Carpentersville (50.0%), respondents aged 30 - 44 (48.6%) and homemakers (41.0%). Most inclined to cite "safe; low crime" were persons living in Barrington Township (37.6%), new movers to the area (34.6%) and respondents aged 30 - 44 (31.5%).

Figure 2.1
LEADING FACTORS IMPORTANT TO LIVING
IN BARRINGTON AREA: 1996 AND 1999



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 * 1996
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Table 2.2
THREE FACTORS NAMED MOST IMPORTANT ABOUT LIVING IN AREA
BY RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTIC

GEOGRAPHIC AREA	First	Second	Third
Barrington Township	Peaceful, small town (48.7%)	Safe; low crime (37.6%)	Good schools (27.3%)
Cuba Township	Peaceful, small town (42.1%)	Open spaces; countryside (28.0%)	Good schools (22.4%)
Deer Park	Peaceful, small town (33.3%)	Good schools (15.2%)	Safe; low crime (15.2%)
Hoffman Estates	Good schools (26.7%)	Peaceful, small town (20.7%)	Safe; low crime (13.8%)
Carpentersville	Good schools (50.0%)	Five tied at 9.1%	
Other	Peaceful, small town (44.4%)	Open spaces (33.3%)	Two tied at 22.2%
GENDER			
Male	Peaceful, small town (43.0%)	Safe; low crime (29.1%)	Good schools (25.8%)
Female	Peaceful, small town (40.5%)	Safe; low crime (27.9%)	Good schools (27.3%)
AGE OF RESPONDENT			
18 - 29	Peaceful, small town (29.2%)	Safe; low crime (29.2%)	Good schools (20.8%)
30 - 44	Good schools (48.6%)	Peaceful, small town (34.2%)	Safe; low crime (31.5%)
45 - 64	Peaceful, small town (40.0%)	Good schools (23.0%)	Safe; low crime (22.5%)
65+	Peaceful, small town (53.9%)	Safe; low crime (22.5%)	Good schools (9.4%)
EDUCATION OF RESPONDENT			
High school or less	Peaceful, small town (35.0%)	Safe; low crime (27.4%)	Good schools (23.8%)
Some college	Peaceful, small town (46.0%)	Good schools (25.7%)	Safe; low crime (23.0%)
Bachelor's degree	Peaceful, small town (45.0%)	Safe; low crime (28.2%)	Good schools (26.7%)
Graduate degree	Peaceful, small town (34.3%)	Good schools (30.3%)	Safe; low crime (23.2%)

THREE POSITIVE FACTORS (cont'd.)

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE	First	Second	Third
0 - 4 years	Peaceful, small town (46.2%)	Good schools (35.9%)	Safe; low crime (34.6%)
5 - 9 years	Peaceful, small town (40.0%)	Good schools (37.1%)	Safe; low crime (29.5%)
10 - 14 years	Good schools (31.3%)	Peaceful, small town (29.3%)	Safe; low crime (28.3%)
15 - 19 years	Peaceful, small town (48.2%)	Safe; low crime (19.6%)	Good schools (19.6%)
20 - 24 years	Peaceful, small town (35.7%)	Safe; low crime (21.4%)	Good schools (14.3%)
25+	Peaceful, small town (47.1%)	Safe; low crime (18.6%)	Good schools (15.7%)
OCCUPATION			
Clerical, sales, service	Good schools (38.9%)	Peaceful, small town (35.2%)	Safe; low crime (29.6%)
Homemaker	Good schools (41.0%)	Peaceful, small town (34.3%)	Safe; low crime (28.6%)
Professional, technical	Peaceful, small town (39.9%)	Good schools (26.1%)	Safe; low crime (25.4%)
Proprietor, manager	Peaceful, small town (45.5%)	Good schools (27.3%)	Safe; low crime (27.3%)
Retired	Peaceful, small town (53.2%)	Safe; low crime (24.8%)	Good schools (10.6%)
Other	Good schools (34.5%)	Peaceful, small town (24.1%)	Safe; low crime (20.7%)

**TABLE 2.3
TOP THREE GROUPS NAMING
TEN LEADING IMPORTANT FACTORS ABOUT LIVING IN AREA**

Factor	All Respondents	Top Three Groups Choosing This Factor
Peaceful, small town	41.3%	65+ (53.9%), Retired (53.2%), Barrington Township (48.7%)
Good schools	26.7%	Carpentersville (50.0%), 30 - 44 (48.6%), Homemaker (41.0%)
Safe, low income	26.1%	Barrington Township (37.6%), 0 - 4 years in area (34.6%), 30 - 44 (31.5%)
Good place to bring up children	13.0%	30 - 44 (28.8%), 0 - 4 years in area (28.2%), Homemaker (22.9%)
Open spaces; countryside	11.6%	Cuba Township (28.0%), 15 - 19 years in area (19.6%), Proprietor/manager (18.2%)
Strong family life	6.6%	Bachelor's degree (10.4%), 0 - 4 years in area (10.3%), Carpentersville (9.1%), Proprietor/manager (9.1%)
Good parks, recreation opportunity	4.2%	18 - 29 (12.5%), Carpentersville (9.1%), Graduate degree (6.1%)
Good housing stock	4.0%	Deer Park (9.1%), 20 - 24 years in area (7.1%), 5 - 9 years in area (6.7%)
Good community services	3.4%	Graduate degree (9.1%), Clerical, sales, service (7.4%), 20 - 24 years in area (5.4%)
Location - general	2.8%	18 - 29 (12.5%), 20 - 24 years in area (5.4%), Male (4.6%)
People	2.8%	25+ years in area (7.8%), 65+ (6.3%), Retired (5.7%)

Differences according to age group were seen for two of the top three most important factors about living in the area. The importance of a "peaceful, small town environment" increases with age, named by 29.2% of those aged 18 - 29, rising to 53.9% of respondents aged 65 and older. "Good schools" was cited by 48.6% of persons aged 30 - 44, more than double the level of any other age group.

Variation was also evident when results were viewed by area of residence and length of residence. Barrington Township revealed the greatest percentage of residents who named "peaceful, small town environment" (48.7%) and "safe; low crime" (37.6%). Half of respondents living in Carpentersville cited "good schools" as an important factor about living in the area, many more than even the second highest residential area, Barrington Township at 27.3%.

Comparison to 1996 Aspects Important to the Barrington Area

The top three aspects selected were similar in both the 1999 and 1996 surveys, although the percent naming "peaceful, small town environment" was much higher (41.3%) for the 1999 survey as compared to the previous survey (29.2%). In the 1996 survey, "good schools" was at the top of the list. As for the remainder of the top ten, "good place to bring up children" was chosen more often in the current survey (13.0% versus 7.6%). The 1.7 characteristics named in the 1999 survey, was greater than the 1.3 given by 1996 participants.

As was the case with the previous survey, older, retired, and long-time residents were most often satisfied with the "peaceful, small town environment", while persons 30 - 44 and homemakers named "good schools" at the highest levels.

Characteristics Missing in the Barrington Area

Aspects missing from the community was also asked of respondents, who were allowed to name up to five characteristics, in an open-ended manner. Over half of participants (54.5%) could not name any missing community aspects, suggesting low levels of dissatisfaction with the area.

For those participants who did name missing characteristics, "access to sufficient stores, services, restaurants" led the list, cited by 7.0% of respondents, followed closely by "reasonable traffic" (6.8%). "Public transportation" was named as a concern by one in twenty respondents (5.2%). Other factors received very few mentions, as shown in Table 2.4.

Table 2.4
TOP FIVE ASPECTS MISSING FROM THE BARRINGTON AREA

Rank	Issue	1999		1996
		Number	Percent	Percent
1.	Access to sufficient stores, services	35	7.0%	17.4%
2.	Reasonable traffic	34	6.8%	2.4%
3.	Public transportation	26	5.2%	1.4%
4.	Affordable housing	17	3.4%	0.8%
5.	Activities for youth	14	2.8%	2.4%

"Access to sufficient stores, services, restaurants" was most often named by homemakers (12.4%), persons aged 30 - 44 (11.0%) and respondents living in Barrington Township (10.3%). Citing "reasonable traffic" more often than other groups were proprietor/managers (12.1%), persons living in the area 25+ years (11.8%), Cuba Township residents (9.3%) and clerical, sales, and service workers (9.3%). Three times as many clerical, sales, service workers (9.3%) identified "affordable housing" as missing, when compared to the overall sample (3.4%).

Females were more likely (8.6%) than males (3.3%) to be dissatisfied with "access to sufficient stores", while adults aged 45 - 64 exhibited the lowest levels of dissatisfaction (5.0%) among all age groups. "Reasonable traffic" was of most concern to residents in Barrington and Cuba Townships, but mentioned rarely by respondents living in other areas. Although "reasonable traffic" was named by 6.8% of the overall sample, only 4.1% of persons aged 30 - 44 cited this concern. Additionally, females (8.0%) were twice as likely as males (4.0%) to voice discontent regarding traffic.

Figure 2.2
ASPECTS MISSING FROM BARRINGTON
AREA: 1996 AND 1999

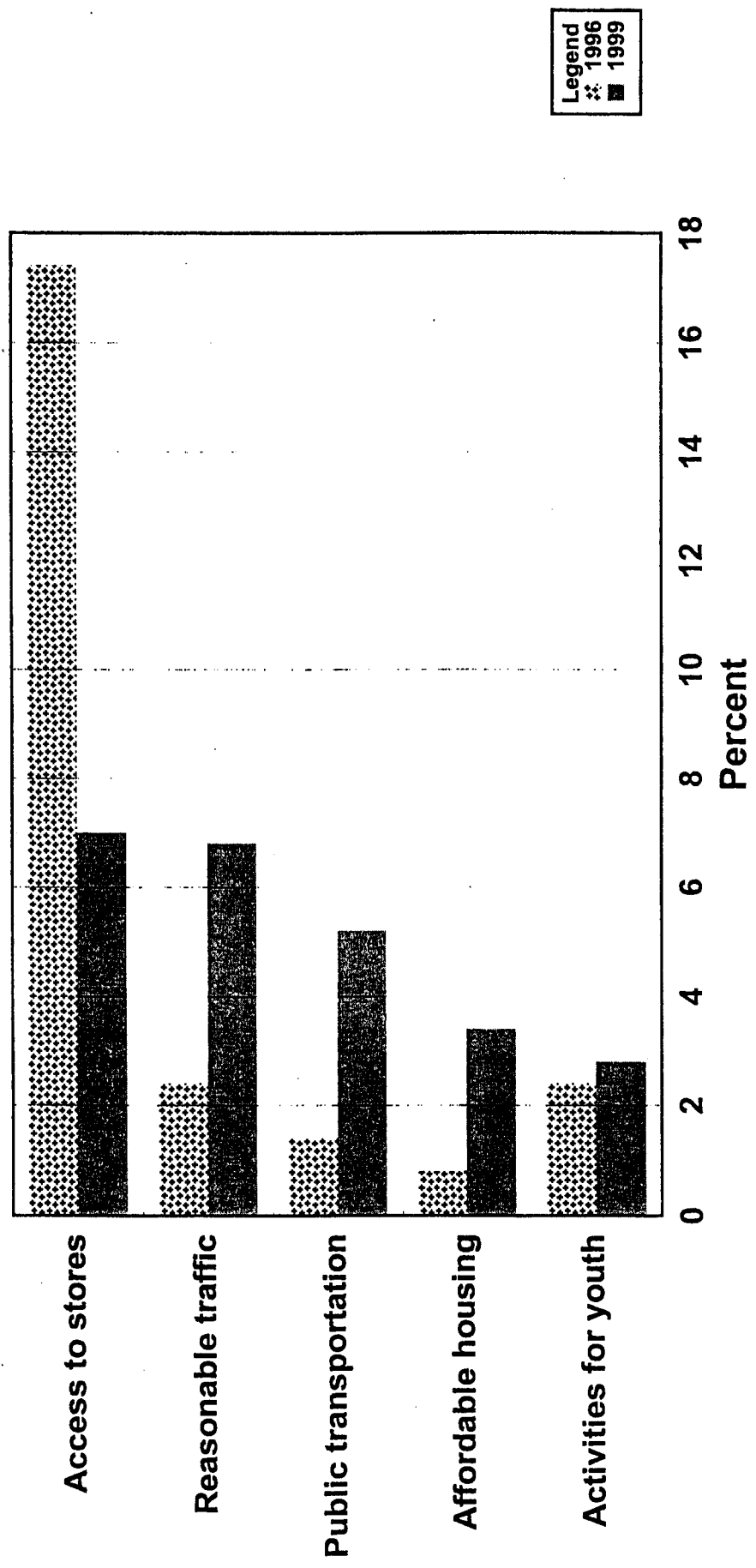


Table 2.5
TOP THREE GROUPS NAMING FIVE LEADING FACTORS
MISSING IN THE BARRINGTON AREA

Factor	All Respondents	Top Three Groups Choosing This Factor
Access to sufficient stores	7.0%	Homemaker (12.4%), 30-44 (11.0%), Barrington Township (10.3%)
Reasonable traffic	6.8%	Proprietor/manager (12.1%), 25+ years in area (11.8%), Cuba Township (9.3%), clerical, sales, service (9.3%)
Public transportation	5.2%	15 - 19 years in area (8.9%), 65+ (7.8%), retired (7.8%)
Affordable housing	3.4%	Clerical, sales, service (9.3%), 30 - 44 (6.2%), Hoffman Estates (5.2%)
Activities for youth	2.8%	15 - 19 years in area (7.1%), Barrington Township (4.8%), Homemaker (4.8%), 30 - 44 (4.8%)

Comparison to 1996 Factors Missing in the Barrington Area

As with the 1996 survey, "access to sufficient stores, services, restaurants" was named by the greatest number of respondents in the current survey. However, the percent of dissatisfied residents was dramatically lower in the current survey (7.0%) as compared to the previous survey (17.4%). This characteristic was the only similarity among the top five factors for the two surveys.

Named among the top five factors missing for the 1999 survey, but not for the 1996 survey were "reasonable traffic", "public transportation", "affordable housing" and "activities for youth". For the previous survey, "recreation opportunities" was given by nearly one in ten respondents (9.6%), but was named by only 2.0% in this 1999 survey.

When viewed by demographic groups, several differences emerged between the two surveys. Previously, persons aged 18 - 29, residents of Hoffman Estates and proprietor/managers were the most likely to mention "access to sufficient stores, services" as missing in the community. However, homemakers, respondents aged 30 - 44 and persons living in Barrington Township expressed the most dissatisfaction in the current survey.

Chapter 3
COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ISSUES NEEDING ATTENTION

Introduction

This chapter presents results from questions assessing the quality of, access to or availability of community services as well as community issues needing further attention.

Ratings of Community Services

Participants were asked to rate certain aspects of eight different community services as "excellent", "good", "fair" or "poor", also having the opportunity to answer "don't know". Concerning the availability of services for the disabled, 58.1% chose "don't know," much higher than the percent of "don't know" for the remaining services. For the information presented in Tables 3.1 and 3.2 "don't know" responses were not used in calculations.

A ranking of the eight community services by mean rating is presented in Table 3.1, using a scale where "excellent" is four and "poor" is one. Additionally, the percent of "excellent" and "good" answers were added together, resulting in the percent who rated the service positively, located in the column next to the mean ratings.

Quality of the local primary (3.35) and secondary (3.31) education received the highest ratings of all the services, with over ninety-two percent of respondents feeling that these services are excellent or good. Following these top rated services, also rated better than good, were availability of health care services (3.20), availability of preventive health care (3.12), quality of local Park District services (3.10) and quality of local community or village services (3.03).

The lowest ratings went to access to local government and political decision makers (2.77) and availability of services for the disabled (2.82). However, just over seven of ten (71.8%) respondents feel positively about their access to local government and political decision makers, while slightly more (76.7%) rate the availability of services for the disabled as excellent or good.

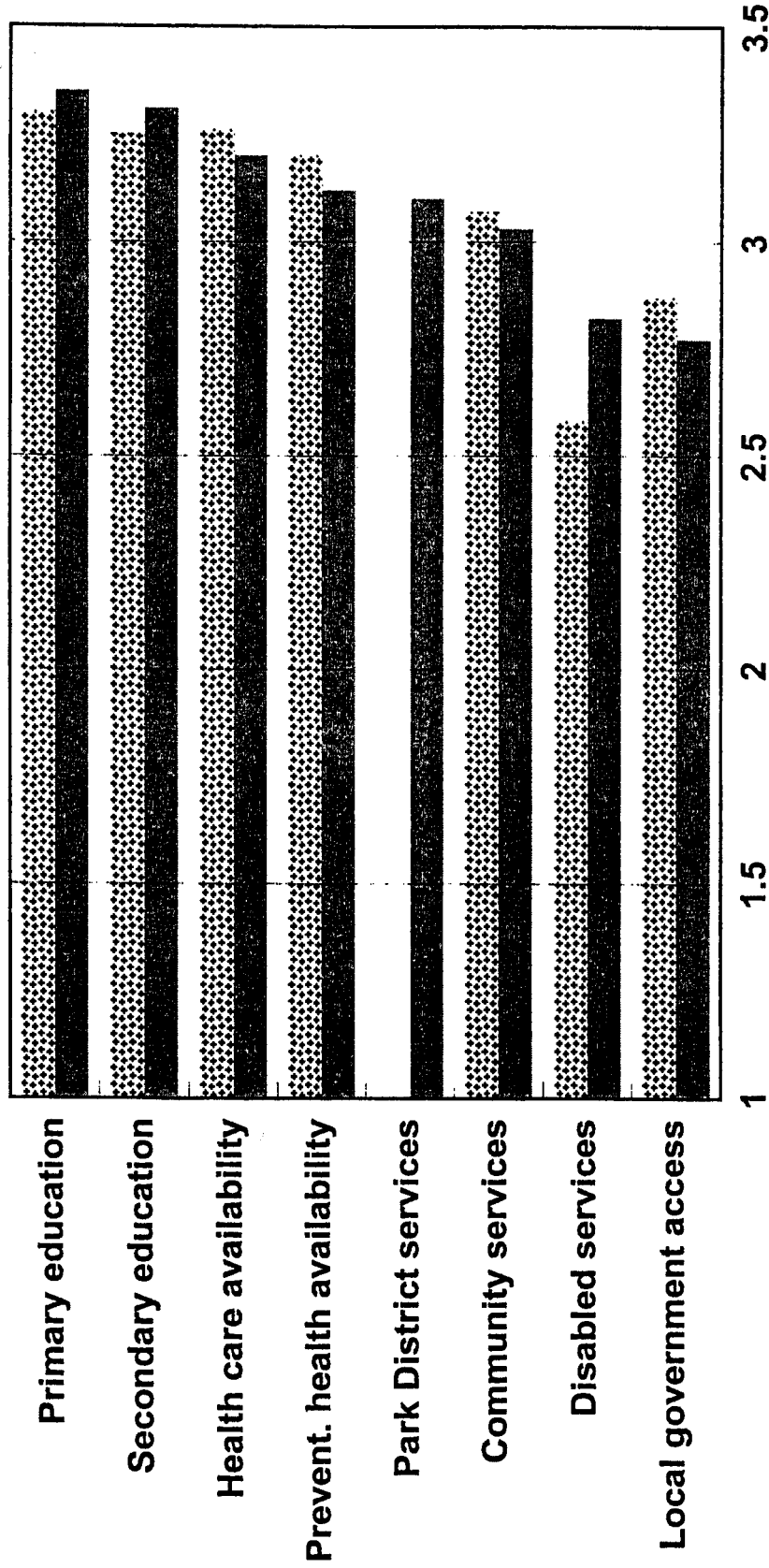
Table 3.1
RATINGS OF COMMUNITY SERVICES¹

Rank	Issue	Rating ²	Pct. Excellent or Good
1.	Quality of local primary education	3.35	94.2%
2.	Quality of local secondary education	3.31	92.1%
3.	Availability of health care services	3.20	91.5%
4.	Availability of preventive health care	3.12	88.6%
5.	Quality of local Park District services	3.10	86.1%
6.	Quality of local community or village services	3.03	84.8%
7.	Availability of services for the disabled	2.82	76.7%
8.	Access to local government & political decision makers	2.77	71.8%

¹ "Don't know" responses excluded from calculations.

² Average rating when Excellent = 4, Good = 3, Fair = 2 and Poor = 1.

Figure 3.1
AVERAGE RATINGS¹ OF COMMUNITY
SERVICES: 1996 AND 1999



¹ Excellent=4, Good=3, Fair=2, Poor=1.

Differences in ratings for specific services were seen among demographic groups, as displayed in Table 3.2. Most pleased with the quality of their local primary education, based on mean ratings, were proprietor/managers (3.52), persons living in the area 15 - 19 years (3.47) and residents of Barrington Township (3.42). Quality of local secondary education was seen most positively by respondents living in the area 0 - 4 years (3.47), proprietor/managers (3.46) and those holding a graduate degree (3.44).

Overall, satisfaction with the availability of health care services was higher for older adults than younger adults, while respondents with more education tended to rate the quality of local education higher than did persons with less education.

Residents of Carpentersville gave the poorest ratings for all services except quality of local Park District services. Satisfaction with local education, both primary and secondary, was much lower than average for young adults aged 18 - 29.

Combining the mean ratings for all eight services allows a different type of analysis. This consolidation across all services results in an overall mean reflecting answers for each of the eight services. Tables 3.3 and 3.4 show which groups are most and least satisfied with all listed services.

Comparison to 1996 Ratings of Community Services

In the 1996 survey, quality of local primary education also received the highest rating of all services (3.30), but the rating increased (3.35) with the current survey. The percent of respondents naming the service as excellent or good rose as well. Quality of local secondary education moved from 3.25 to 3.31 from 1996 to 1999, while availability of services for the disabled increased dramatically from a previous mean rating of 2.58 to 2.82 currently. Naming services for the disabled as excellent or good climbed to 76.7% from just 56.3% in 1996.

Several ratings, however, decreased from 1996 to 1999. Satisfaction with the availability of health care services decreased from 3.26 to 3.20, with a change from 3.20 to 3.12 for the availability of preventive health care while access to local government fell from 2.87 to 2.77.

Specific service ratings given by respondents aged 18 - 29 improved in the current survey, as did those given by proprietor/managers. However, Carpentersville residents still remained one of the most negative survey groups.

Table 3.2
**AVERAGE RATINGS OF SPECIFIC COMMUNITY SERVICES
 BY RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTIC**

	Quality of local education		Availability of services for the disabled	Access to local government	Quality of local comm. services	Availability of		Quality of Park District Services
	Primary	Secondary				Health care services	Preventive health care	
GEOGRAPHIC AREA								
Barrington Township	3.42	3.38	2.79	2.79	3.04	3.23	3.17	3.16
Cuba Township	3.32	3.21	2.95	2.87	3.05	3.23	3.15	2.95
Deer Park	3.30	3.25	2.67	2.58	2.79	3.13	3.07	2.97
Hoffman Estates	3.35	3.36	3.10	2.79	3.16	3.27	3.12	3.18
Carpentersville	2.90	2.85	2.46	2.17	2.68	2.63	2.53	3.05
Other	3.17	3.17	1.67	2.87	3.11	3.14	3.17	3.11
GENDER								
Male	3.39	3.30	2.82	2.75	2.96	3.22	3.17	3.11
Female	3.34	3.31	2.82	2.79	3.06	3.19	3.10	3.10
AGE OF RESPONDENT								
18 - 29	3.14	3.05	3.13	2.80	3.08	3.13	3.04	3.22
30 - 44	3.38	3.33	2.74	2.71	3.02	3.15	3.09	2.97
45 - 64	3.38	3.32	2.83	2.78	3.01	3.22	3.18	3.19
65+	3.32	3.31	2.82	2.80	3.05	3.27	3.13	3.09
EDUCATION OF RESPONDENT								
High school or less	3.23	3.09	2.95	2.71	3.09	3.26	3.14	3.14
Some college	3.34	3.32	2.79	2.78	2.96	3.07	3.03	3.00
Bachelor's degree	3.35	3.31	2.83	2.83	3.06	3.21	3.16	3.11
Graduate degree	3.48	3.44	2.69	2.69	2.99	3.29	3.17	3.15
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE								
0 - 4 years	3.45	3.47	3.06	2.87	3.04	3.23	3.20	3.24
5 - 9 years	3.37	3.35	2.78	2.79	3.07	3.22	3.13	3.11
10 - 14 years	3.31	3.21	2.76	2.73	3.00	3.15	3.14	2.96
15 - 19 years	3.47	3.34	3.14	2.83	2.92	3.22	3.20	3.13
20 - 24 years	3.33	3.29	2.90	2.70	3.02	3.27	3.11	3.12
25+	3.27	3.25	2.67	2.75	3.05	3.14	2.96	3.05
OCCUPATION OF RESPONDENT								
Clerical, sales, service	3.29	3.24	2.87	2.59	2.98	3.02	3.05	3.02
Homemaker	3.36	3.27	2.84	2.83	3.00	3.19	3.16	3.04
Professional, technical	3.38	3.35	2.90	2.73	3.04	3.23	3.10	3.12
Proprietor, manager	3.52	3.46	2.67	2.91	3.03	3.31	3.35	3.13
Retired	3.35	3.32	2.83	2.83	3.07	3.24	3.11	3.11
Other	3.19	3.12	2.53	2.65	2.97	3.08	3.00	3.19
PLACE OF WORK								
Cook County	3.38	3.31	2.84	2.73	3.01	3.12	3.10	3.12
Lake County	3.31	3.34	2.76	2.85	3.07	3.41	3.26	3.00
Do not work	3.35	3.31	2.80	2.81	3.03	3.20	3.13	3.09
Other	3.27	3.23	3.00	2.56	3.00	3.17	3.00	3.14

Table 3.3
 AVERAGE RATINGS FOR EIGHT COMMUNITY SERVICES
 MOST POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE GROUPS

<u>MOST POSITIVE</u>			<u>MOST NEGATIVE</u>		
<u>Rank</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Avg. Score¹</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Avg. Score¹</u>
1.	Proprietor/Manager	3.23	1.	Carpentersville	2.65
2.	0 - 4 years in area	3.20	2.	Clerical, sales service	3.02
3.	Hoffman Estates	3.18	3.	25+ years in area	3.03
4.	15 - 19 years in area	3.15	4.	Deer Park	3.04
5.	45 - 64	3.14	5.	Some college	3.05
5.	Bachelor's degree	3.14	5.	10 - 14 years in area	3.05
5.	Graduate degree	3.14	5.	18 - 29	3.05
5.	Barrington Township	3.14			

Table 3.4
 AVERAGE RATING FOR EIGHT COMMUNITY SERVICES
 BY RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTIC

<u>GEOGRAPHIC AREA</u>	<u>Avg. Score¹</u>	<u>LENGTH OF RESIDENCE</u>	<u>Avg. Score¹</u>
Barrington Township	3.14	0-4 years	3.20
Cuba Township	3.09	5-9 years	3.13
Deer Park	3.04	10-14 years	3.05
Hoffman Estates	3.18	15-19 years	3.15
Carpentersville	2.65	20-24 years	3.12
Other	3.12	25+	3.03

<u>GENDER</u>	<u>Avg. Score¹</u>	<u>OCCUPATION OF RESPONDENT</u>	<u>Avg. Score¹</u>
Male	3.11	Clerical, sales, service	3.02
Female	3.11	Homemaker	3.10
		Professional, technical	3.13
		Proprietor, manager	3.23
		Retired	3.10
		Other	3.02

<u>AGE OF RESPONDENT</u>	<u>Avg. Score¹</u>
18 - 29	3.05
30 - 44	3.08
45 - 64	3.14
65+	3.10

<u>EDUCATION OF RESPONDENT</u>	
High School or less	3.08
Some college	3.05
Bachelor's degree	3.14
Graduate degree	3.14

¹. Average rating when excellent = 4, good = 3, fair = 2, poor = 1.

Issues Needing Attention

Twenty-three community issues were listed, with respondents asked to answer "yes" for each issue which they felt needs greater attention in the community. The average person named 3.7 problems. The full results for the current survey, listed in descending order, as well as a comparison to the 1996 survey results are presented in Table 3.5.

Leading the list was activities for teens, named by nearly half of respondents (49.5%), followed by high health care costs (41.7%), property tax equity (29.9%) and a need for housing in all price ranges (26.3%). Receiving the fewest number of responses were illiteracy (6.0%), bereavement or help coping with death (4.6%) and duplication among agencies (1.6%).

As Table 3.6 shows, activities for teens also placed first for most demographic groups, except persons aged 65 and older, respondents with a high school education or less and residents of the area for 20 - 24 years. These groups most often named high health care costs. Generally placing second and third were high health care cost and property tax equity.

Activities for seniors made it into the top three for those living in Hoffman Estates, respondents aged 65 and older and respondents with a high school education or less. Young residents aged 18 - 29 and persons living in Carpentersville and Hoffman Estates expressed high levels of concern regarding drugs and drug abuse. Affordable housing surfaced in the top three for residents living in the area four years or less and retired persons, as well as for respondents with some college.

More women than men were concerned about activities for teens, with Carpentersville, Hoffman Estates and Deer Park residents voicing more of a need than respondents living in Barrington and Cuba Townships.

Carpentersville residents appear concerned about most issues at very high levels, as seen in Table 3.7. Substantially higher concern than the overall sample was voiced regarding the need for attention to activities for teens, drugs/drug abuse, domestic violence, child abuse, violence involving guns, gangs/delinquency and school dropouts.

Issues of drugs/drug abuse, domestic violence, AIDS/STDs and school dropouts were cited more often by respondents aged 18 - 29 than other age groups participating in the survey.

Comparison to 1996 Issues Needing Attention

The same three issues were seen at the top and bottom of the 1996 and 1999 rankings for issues needing the community's attention. However, several differences did emerge. The need for teen activities increased from 44.0% in 1996 to 49.5% in 1999, with significant increases also seen for housing in all price ranges (16.0% to 26.3%), support groups for two parent working families (4.4% to 12.0%), child abuse (6.2% to 11.2%) and school dropouts (3.6% to 8.4%).

Decreasing concern was evident for the issues of property tax equity (35.4% to 29.9%), alcohol abuse (30.0% to 17.0%), job retraining (20.4% to 13.4%) and AIDS/STDs (20.0% to 8.8%).

Carpentersville residents were also more likely than other area residents to feel great levels of concern for numerous community issues in 1996.

Table 3.5
ISSUES NEEDING FURTHER COMMUNITY ATTENTION

Rank	Problem	1999 Percent	1996 ¹ Percent
1.	Activities for teens	49.5%	44.0%
2.	High health care costs	41.7%	38.4%
3.	Property tax equity	29.9%	35.4%
4.	Need for housing in all price ranges	26.3%	16.0%
5.	Activities for seniors	21.6%	NA
6.	Drugs, drug abuse	19.2%	21.4%
7.	Alcohol abuse	17.0%	30.0%
8.	Support groups for single parents	15.8%	15.4%
9.	Racial or socioeconomic discrimination	15.4%	13.8%
10.	Domestic violence	14.2%	14.8%
11.	Career changes or job retraining	13.4%	20.4%
12.	Support groups for two parent working families	12.0%	4.4%
13.	Child abuse	11.2%	6.2%
14.	Violence involving guns	10.8%	15.8%
15.	Teen pregnancy	10.4%	6.6%
16.	Gangs, delinquency	10.2%	7.2%
17.	Crime	9.4%	10.2%
18.	AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases	8.8%	20.0%
19.	Support for caregivers	8.6%	NA
20.	School dropouts	8.4%	3.6%
21.	Illiteracy	6.0%	2.6%
22.	Bereavement or help coping with death	4.6%	NA
23.	Duplication among agencies	1.6%	1.2%

¹. NA = Not asked on the 1996 survey.

Figure 3.2
TOP FIVE ISSUES NEEDING FURTHER
COMMUNITY ATTENTION: 1996 AND 1999

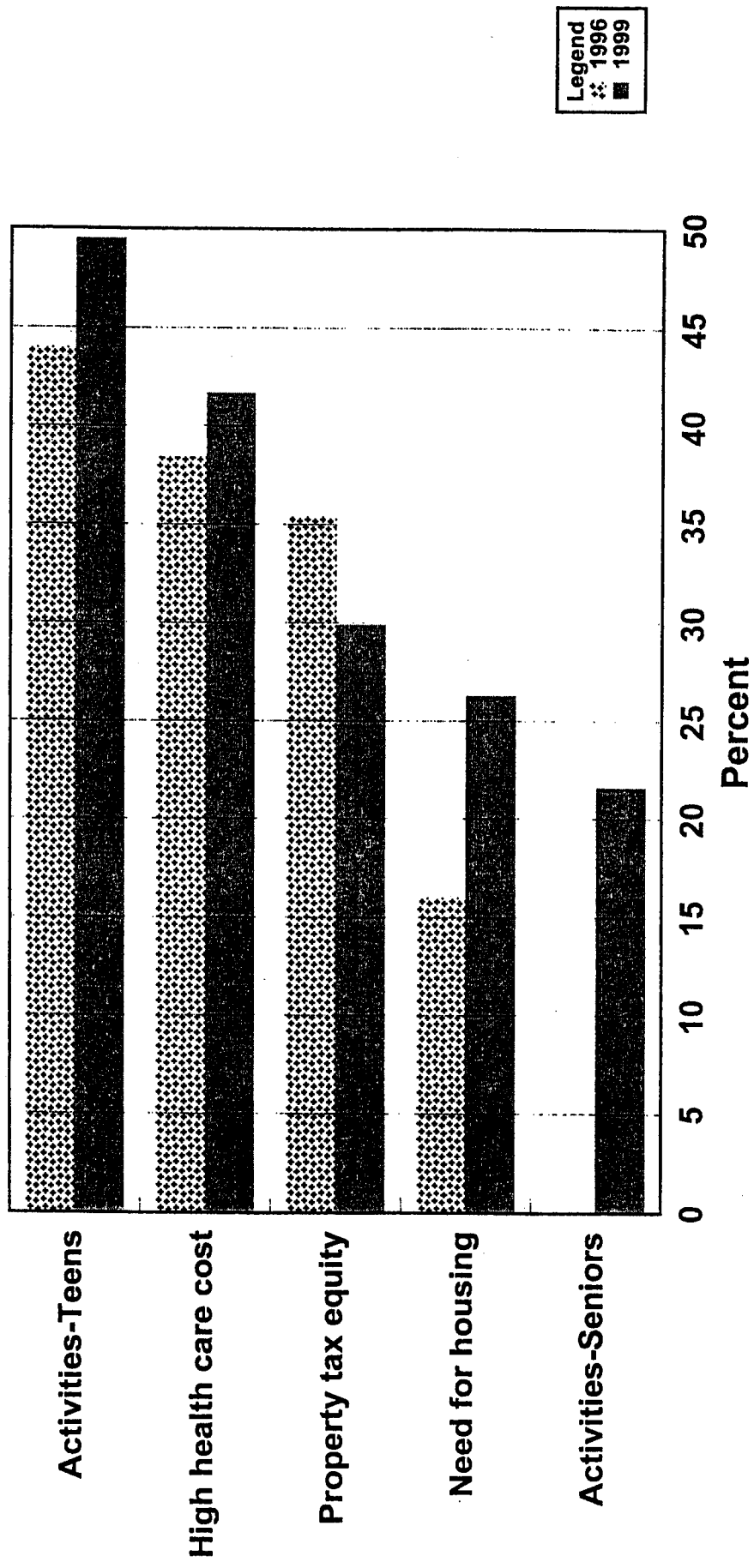


Table 3.6
THREE ISSUES NAMED AS MOST NEEDING ATTENTION
BY RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTIC

GEOGRAPHIC AREA	First	Second	Third
Barrington Township	Activities for teens (44.3%)	High health care cost (36.2%)	Property tax equity (26.9%)
Cuba Township	Activities for teens (46.7%)	High health care cost (43.9%)	Property tax equity (41.1%)
Deer Park	Activities for teens (63.6%)	High health care cost (57.6%)	Property tax equity (48.5%)
Hoffman Estates	Activities for teens (58.6%)	High health care cost (51.7%)	Senior activities, Drugs (29.3%)
Carpentersville	Activities for teens (86.4%)	Drugs, drug abuse (54.5%)	Gangs, delinquency (54.5%)
GENDER			
Male	Activities for teens (40.4%)	High health care cost (39.7%)	Property tax equity (26.5%)
Female	Activities for teens (53.4%)	High health care cost (42.5%)	Property tax equity (31.3%)
AGE OF RESPONDENT			
18 - 29	Activities for teens (50.0%)	High health care cost (50.0%)	Drugs, drug abuse (37.5%)
30 - 44	Activities for teens (57.5%)	High health care cost (33.6%)	Property tax equity (33.6%)
45 - 64	Activities for teens (48.5%)	High health care cost (41.5%)	Property tax equity (32.5%)
65+	High health care cost (50.0%)	Activities for teens (41.4%)	Senior activities, Tax equity (24.2%)
EDUCATION OF RESPONDENT			
High school or less	High health care cost (44.0%)	Activities for teens (38.1%)	Senior activities (28.6%)
Some college	Activities for teens (54.0%)	High health care cost (47.8%)	Affordable housing (29.2%)
Bachelor's degree	Activities for teens (50.5%)	High health care cost (40.6%)	Property tax equity (37.6%)
Graduate degree	Activities for teens (51.5%)	High health care cost (34.3%)	Property tax equity (31.3%)

THREE ISSUES NEEDING ATTENTION (cont'd.)

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE	First	Second	Third
0 - 4 years	Activities for teens (38.5%)	High health care cost (33.3%)	Affordable housing (25.6%)
5 - 9 years	Activities for teens (50.5%)	High health care cost (37.1%)	Property tax equity (30.5%)
10 - 14 years	Activities for teens (57.6%)	High health care cost (38.4%)	Property tax equity (31.3%)
15 - 19 years	Activities for teens (57.1%)	High health care cost (41.1%)	Property tax equity (37.5%)
20 - 24 years	High health care cost (64.3%)	Activities for teens (44.6%)	Property tax equity (37.5%)
25+	Activities for teens (49.0%)	High health care cost (44.1%)	Property tax equity (25.5%)
OCCUPATION			
Clerical, sales, service	Activities for teens (61.1%)	High health care cost (37.0%)	Property tax equity (31.5%)
Homemaker	Activities for teens (61.0%)	High health care cost (45.7%)	Property tax equity (39.0%)
Professional, technical	Activities for teens (47.8%)	High health care cost (35.5%)	Property tax equity (34.1%)
Proprietor, manager	Activities for teens (33.3%)	Job retraining, Health cost, Tax equity, Support for working families (15.2%)	
Retired	High health care cost (51.8%)	Activities for teens (42.6%)	Senior activities, Affordable housing (25.5%)
Other	Activities for teens (48.3%)	High health care cost (48.3%)	Senior activities, Affordable housing (34.5%)

Table 3.7
TOP THREE GROUPS NAMING ISSUES AS NEEDING ATTENTION

Rank	Problem	Top Three Groups Saying "More Attention Needed"
1.	Activities for teens	Carpentersville (86.4%), Deer Park (63.6%), Clerical, sales, service (61.1%)
2.	High health care costs	20-24 yrs. in area (64.3%), Deer Park (57.6%), Retired (51.8%)
3.	Property tax equity	Deer Park (48.5%), Cuba Township (41.1%), Homemaker (39.0%)
4.	Housing in all price ranges	Deer Park (39.4%), Carpentersville (31.8%), 30-44 (31.5%)
5.	Activities for seniors	Carpentersville (45.5%), 20-24 yrs. in area (33.9%), 15-19 yrs. in area (32.1%)
6.	Drugs, drug abuse	Carpentersville (54.5%), 18-29 (37.5%), Hoffman Estates (29.3%)
7.	Alcohol abuse	Carpentersville (36.4%), 15-19 yrs. in area (23.2%), Graduate degree (21.2%)
8.	Support groups for single parents	Carpentersville (36.4%), Clerical, sales, service (27.8%), 30-44 (22.6%)
9.	Racial or socioeconomic discrimination	Carpentersville (27.3%), Deer Park (24.2%), Professional/technical (23.9%)
10.	Domestic violence	Carpentersville (45.5%), 18-29 (29.2%), Clerical, sales, service (20.4%)
11.	Career change or job retraining	Carpentersville (27.3%), 15-19 yrs. in area (26.8%), 18-29 (25.0%)
12.	Support groups for two parent working families	Carpentersville (22.7%), Deer Park (18.2%), 30-44 (17.8%)
13.	Child abuse	Carpentersville (36.4%), Professional/technical (18.1%), 15-19 yrs. in the area (16.1%)
14.	Violence involving guns	Carpentersville (31.8%), 30-44 (16.4%), Clerical, sales, service (14.8%)
15.	Teen pregnancy	30-44 (18.5%), Carpentersville (18.2%), Professional/technical (18.1%)
16.	Gangs, delinquency	Carpentersville (54.5%), Hoffman Estates (17.2%), Some college (15.0%)
17.	Crime	Carpentersville (27.3%), 15-19 yrs. in area (16.1%), Professional/technical (14.5%)
18.	AIDS, STDs	Carpentersville (18.2%), 18-29 (16.7%), Graduate degree (15.2%)
19.	Support for caregivers	25+ yrs. in area (15.7%), Graduate degree (13.1%), Professional/technical (12.3%)
20.	School dropouts	Carpentersville (36.4%), 18-29 (20.8%), Hoffman Estates (13.8%)
21.	Illiteracy	Clerical, sales, service (11.1%), 30-44 (9.6%), Carpentersville (9.1%)
22.	Bereavement or help coping with death	Professional/technical (8.7%), Graduate degree (6.1%), 10-14 yrs. in area (6.1%)
23.	Duplication among agencies	Graduate degree (4.0%), Cuba Township (3.7%), 20-24 yrs. in area (3.6%)

Method of Receiving Information

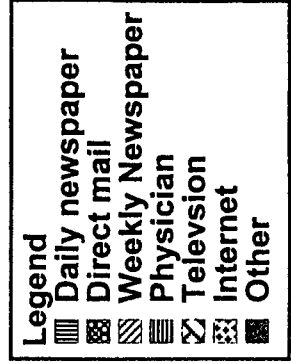
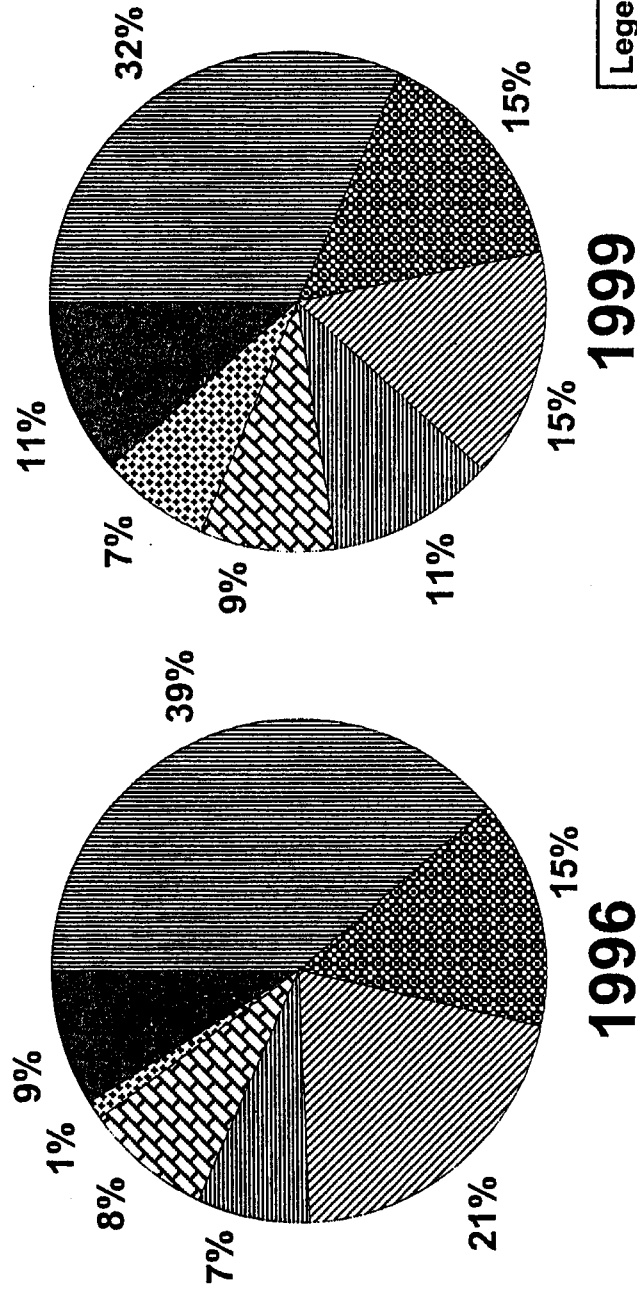
Another question asked respondents how they would like to receive information about their family's health, the community or ways to improve their quality of life. The question was asked in an open-ended manner with the first named source recorded. As Table 3.8 shows, nearly half of individuals indicated that they prefer to receive information from the newspaper, either a daily (31.7%) or a weekly (14.8%). Just over one of seven (15.2%) respondents would rather receive information in the form of direct mail, while 11.0% would contact their physician or other health care provider.

Table 3.8
PREFERRED METHOD OF RECEIVING INFORMATION

Source	1999		1996
	Number	Percent	Percent
Newspaper - daily	159	31.7%	38.8%
Direct mail	76	15.2%	14.8%
Newspaper - weekly	74	14.8%	20.8%
Physician or other health provider	55	11.0%	7.4%
Television	44	8.8%	8.2%
Internet, computer	36	7.2%	1.2%
Handouts around town	16	3.2%	1.2%
Radio	13	2.6%	4.4%
Friend	5	1.0%	0.4%
Other; no answer	23	4.6%	2.8%
TOTAL	501	100.0%	100.0%

Compared to the 1996 survey, fewer current respondents prefer their information from a newspaper, decreasing from 59.6% to 46.5% currently. Additionally, Internet/computer was a preferred source far more often in the current sample (7.2%) than in the previous sample (1.2%). Naming their physician or other health provider were 11.0% in the current sample, slightly more than the 7.4% in 1996.

**Figure 3.3
 PREFERRED METHOD OF
 RECEIVING INFORMATION: 1996 AND 1999**



Chapter 4
SITUATIONS EXPERIENCED BY HOUSEHOLDS

Introduction

Almost every home experiences difficult situations at some time. This chapter describes some of the situations experienced by Barrington area households over the past year, as well as the respondents' ability to receive help for a personal situation and, in some cases, reasons for not receiving help.

Situations Experienced

Participants were read a list of eight problems or conditions that families and individuals sometimes experience, and were asked which, if any, of these situations they or another household member had experienced in the past year. Table 4.1 presents the frequency with which each situation was reported, in descending order, with a comparison to 1996 levels.

"Difficulty paying bills" led the list, reported by one in eight respondents (12.8%), followed by "experienced involuntary job loss due to downsizing or other reason" (8.0%) and "put off health care or taking medicine because of cost or lack of insurance" (8.0%). Far fewer survey households experienced the remaining situations, indicating that the last five problems are not common in the Barrington area.

Table 4.1
SITUATIONS EXPERIENCED BY HOUSEHOLDS

Situation	1999		1996 ¹
	Number	Percent	Percent
Difficulty paying bills	64	12.8%	2.2%
Experienced involuntary job loss due to downsizing or other reason	40	8.0%	1.8%
Put off health care or taking medicine because of cost or lack of insurance	40	8.0%	3.0%
Difficulty finding child care	27	5.4%	4.0%
Unable to find recreation activities or park sites locally	15	3.0%	NA
Difficulty finding older adult day care program	11	2.2%	NA
Experienced emotional problems, substance abuse or serious family conflict	9	1.8%	0.2%
Unable to find affordable local mental health counseling or therapy	8	1.6%	NA

¹. NA = Not asked in 1996.

As shown in Table 4.2, certain groups were far more likely than the overall sample to report difficulty paying bills, including residents of Carpentersville (40.9%), young adults aged 18 - 29 (37.5%), clerical, sales, service workers (29.6%) and respondents aged 30 - 44 (25.3%). Difficulty paying bills decreases with age, while female respondents reported the problem more often than males.

Involuntary job loss was experienced most often by Carpentersville residents (22.7%), who were also most likely to put off health care because of the cost (40.9%). Putting off health care decreases with age and was indicated by females more than males.

Reporting difficulty finding child care at the highest levels were respondents aged 30 - 44 (15.1%), persons living in Carpentersville (13.6%), homemakers (10.5%) and residents of the area for 5 - 9 years (10.5%). Adults aged 45 and older rarely reported child care difficulties.

Table 4.2
TOP FOUR SITUATIONS EXPERIENCED BY HOUSEHOLDS
BY RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTIC

GEOGRAPHIC AREA	Difficulty paying bills	Involuntary job loss	Put off health care	Difficulty finding child care
Barrington Township	10.7%	6.3%	5.5%	4.8%
Cuba Township	6.5%	11.2%	2.8%	6.5%
Deer Park	24.2%	9.1%	12.1%	3.0%
Hoffman Estates	15.5%	3.4%	12.1%	3.4%
Carpentersville	40.9%	22.7%	40.9%	13.6%
AGE OF RESPONDENT				
18 - 29	37.5%	12.5%	12.5%	8.3%
30 - 44	25.3%	7.5%	11.0%	15.1%
45 - 64	7.0%	11.5%	7.5%	1.5%
65+	3.1%	2.3%	4.7%	0.0%
EDUCATION OF RESPONDENT				
High school or less	14.3%	6.0%	8.3%	3.6%
Some college	19.5%	12.4%	13.3%	6.2%
Bachelor's degree	10.4%	7.9%	6.4%	5.0%
Graduate degree	9.1%	5.1%	5.1%	7.1%
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE				
0 - 4 years	15.4%	9.0%	6.4%	9.0%
5 - 9 years	20.0%	7.6%	5.7%	10.5%
10 - 14 years	14.1%	6.1%	7.1%	6.1%
15 - 19 years	12.5%	12.5%	8.9%	1.8%
20 - 24 years	10.7%	8.9%	19.6%	1.8%
25+ years	2.9%	6.9%	5.9%	1.0%

FOUR TOP HOUSEHOLD SITUATIONS (cont'd.)

OCCUPATION OF RESPONDENT	Difficulty paying bills	Involuntary job loss	Put off health care	Difficulty finding child care
Clerical, sales, service	29.6%	13.0%	9.3%	9.3%
Homemaker	13.3%	5.7%	7.6%	10.5%
Professional/technical	15.2%	10.1%	9.4%	5.8%
Proprietor/manager	6.1%	12.1%	3.0%	6.1%
Retired	2.1%	0.7%	5.0%	0.0%
GENDER				
Male	8.6%	7.3%	4.6%	2.6%
Female	14.7%	8.3%	9.5%	6.6%

Help Sought for Problem

Next, respondents were asked if, in the past year, they or another household member needed help for a personal situation, should have received help, but did not obtain the needed help. Only 17 households (3.4%) answered "yes" to this question. In the previous 1996 survey, only seven households (1.4%) indicated the inability to obtain needed help.

Those who did receive needed help were asked to describe some of the reasons for not getting help, they were allowed multiple reasons. Results are presented in Table 4.3, listed in descending order of frequency.

Table 4.3
REASONS FOR NOT GETTING NEEDED HELP

Reason	Number	Percent ¹
No service available	7	41.2%
Not eligible for service	5	29.4%
Could not afford cost	3	17.6%
Lack of interest by agency	2	11.8%
Concerned about privacy	1	5.9%
Didn't know where to turn	1	5.9%
Lacked handicapped access	1	5.9%

¹ Percent of those indicating the inability to receive needed help.

Chapter 5
SHOPPING IN THE VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON

Introduction

Several questions were asked related to shopping in the Village of Barrington. Percent of purchases made in the village, barriers to shopping in the village more often and desires for additional stores, products, services or restaurants are the issues addressed in this chapter.

Purchases Made in the Village

Survey participants were questioned about the percent of their purchases that are made within the Village of Barrington. The question was posed in an open-ended manner, allowing answers ranging from 0 - 100 percent. As Table 5.1 shows, one in five respondents does not shop in the village. Of those who indicated that at least some shopping is done in Barrington, 37.6% make less than 20% of their purchases in the village, while only one in five (20.4%) makes more than half of their purchases in Barrington. Average percent of Barrington purchases was 15.9% for the entire sample.

Table 5.1
PERCENT OF PURCHASES
MADE WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON

Response	Number	Percent
0% (None)	104	20.8%
1 - 9%	87	17.4%
10 - 19%	101	20.2%
20 - 29%	57	11.4%
30 - 39%	30	6.0%
40 - 49%	20	4.0%
50 - 59%	40	8.0%
60 - 69%	11	2.2%
70 - 79%	27	5.4%
80 - 89%	9	1.8%
90 - 100%	15	3.0%
TOTAL	501	100.0%

Geographic differences were evident regarding the percent of purchases made in the Village of Barrington (Table 5.2). Clearly, residents of Carpentersville and Hoffman Estates rarely make purchases in the village. Residents of the Village of Barrington make half (49.1%) of their purchases in the village, while residents of Lake Barrington (28.5%) and South Barrington (24.6%) report that about one-fourth of their purchases are made within the Village of Barrington.

Table 5.2
 PERCENT PURCHASES IN THE VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON
 BY RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTIC

GEOGRAPHIC AREA	LOW 0% (None)	HIGH 40 - 100%
Barrington Township	18.5%	30.6%
Cuba Township	13.1%	24.3%
Deer Park	6.1%	24.2%
Hoffman Estates	48.3%	6.9%
Carpentersville	31.8%	4.5%
AGE OF RESPONDENT		
18 - 29	25.0%	29.2%
30 - 44	19.2%	24.0%
45 - 64	16.5%	24.5%
65+	28.9%	23.4%
EDUCATION OF RESPONDENT		
High school or less	27.4%	23.8%
Some college	27.4%	20.4%
Bachelor's degree	16.3%	29.7%
Graduate degree	15.2%	18.2%
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE		
0 - 4 years	28.2%	20.5%
5 - 9 years	20.0%	24.8%
10 - 14 years	20.2%	21.2%
15 - 19 years	14.3%	26.8%
20 - 24 years	16.1%	17.9%
25+ years	20.6%	33.3%
OCCUPATION OF RESPONDENT		
Clerical, sales, service	25.9%	22.2%
Homemaker	18.1%	28.6%
Professional/technical	18.8%	22.5%
Proprietor/manager	15.2%	18.2%
Retired	23.4%	24.1%

Barriers to Shopping in the Village

Questioned about barriers that keep them from shopping more in Barrington, respondents named the deterrents listed in Table 5.3. Excessive traffic is a problem that discourages some shoppers, in that over one in four (29.3%) area residents is kept from making more purchases in Barrington due to the traffic. Also of concern to a fair number of participants were lack of parking (15.8%) and the high prices (7.0%). The potential shopping barriers were only read if choices were requested by the respondent.

Table 5.3
BARRIERS TO SHOPPING IN
THE VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON

Barrier	Number	Percent
Traffic	147	29.3%
Parking	79	15.8%
Prices	35	7.0%
Times stores are open	14	2.8%
Selection	7	1.4%
Other	5	1.0%
Distance	4	0.8%
Trains	2	0.4%

Certain groups were most likely to cite both traffic and parking as shopping barriers, including residents of Cuba Township, respondents aged 45 - 64 and those with a graduate degree (Table 5.4).

Table 5.4
GROUPS WITH HIGHEST PERCENTAGE NAMING
TRAFFIC AND PARKING AS BARRIERS

Highest percent naming "Traffic" as a barrier		Highest percent naming "Parking" as a barrier	
Group	Percent	Group	Percent
Deer Park	57.6%	15 - 19 years in area	33.9%
20 - 24 years in area	37.5%	Homemaker	22.9%
Cuba Township	36.4%	Graduate degree	21.2%
Graduate degree	35.4%	Cuba Township	20.6%
45 - 64	32.5%	45 - 64	20.5%

Additional Stores, Products, Services and Restaurants Desired

Respondents were asked to name stores, products, services or restaurants not presently available in the Village of Barrington, which they would like to see be added. The question was asked in an open-ended manner. Nearly three in four (73.1%) survey participants did not name anything, suggesting general satisfaction with the existing stores and services or use of offerings in nearby communities.

One response category plainly led the list of desired additions to Barrington, that being restaurants (21.6%). As for the type of restaurant desired, most prefer a general restaurant (13.2%), followed by family style (3.6%), fast food (1.8%), ethnic (1.6%), upscale (1.0%) and one with longer hours (0.4%). A variety of other stores were named less often with some support for clothing, discount and grocery stores. Table 5.5 presents the full list.

Table 5.5
DESIRED ADDITIONS TO THE VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON
SHOPPING, STORES, SERVICES

Response	Number	Percent	Response	Number	Percent
Restaurant	108	21.6%	Department store	9	1.8%
General	66	13.2%	Shoe store	8	1.6%
Family	18	3.6%	Book store	7	1.4%
Fast food	9	1.8%	Lower priced stores	5	1.0%
Ethnic	8	1.6%	Specialty stores	4	0.8%
Upscale	5	1.0%	Bakery	3	0.6%
With longer hours	2	0.4%	Home improvement	3	0.6%
Clothing	28	5.6%	Coffee house	2	0.4%
General	13	2.6%	Drug store	2	0.4%
The Gap	6	1.2%	Ice cream parlor	2	0.4%
Children's	5	1.0%	Music store	2	0.4%
Women's	4	0.8%	Organic foods	2	0.4%
Discount store	18	3.6%	Sporting goods store	2	0.4%
Grocery store	11	2.2%	Other	23	4.6%

The desire for restaurants increased with education, from 13.1% of individuals with a high school education or less to 24.3% of respondents with a college degree. Residents of Barrington Township (25.5%) and Deer Park (27.3%) were more likely than residents of other areas to want additional restaurants in the Village of Barrington, while respondents aged 30 - 64 named restaurants more often than the youngest and oldest cohorts.

Chapter 6
ACTIVITIES AND VOLUNTEERING

Introduction

Information in this chapter describes respondents' involvement in group activities, past volunteer work, skills available to help the community and perceptions of the availability of information on volunteering opportunities in the Barrington area.

Group Activities

As a measure of community involvement, participants were asked if in the past year they had participated in any local groups or organizations, that is, they attended meetings, paid dues, were a leader, volunteered or participated in activities. The question was asked in an open-ended fashion, no list was read, allowing individuals to describe the type of group or groups they had been involved with, if applicable. More than four in ten respondents (42.3%) has not been involved in a group activity in the past year. Table 6.1 presents the percentages of involved respondents, by each type of organization named.

"Church or religious group" (21.2%) was cited by the highest number of respondents, followed by "school" (19.4%) and "civic or service club or group" (13.8%). The fewest participants were involved with a "professional organization" (1.6%).

Table 6.1
PARTICIPATION IN GROUP OR ORGANIZATION

Group/Organization	Number	Percent
Church or religious group	106	21.2%
School	97	19.4%
Civic or service club or group	69	13.8%
Political or civic action group	35	7.0%
Hobby or cultural group	30	6.0%
Voluntary health organization	20	4.0%
Recreation, Y, Park District	14	2.8%
Sports league such as bowling, softball	13	2.6%
Social group	12	2.4%
Homeowners association	11	2.2%
Hospital, clinic	11	2.2%
Professional organization	8	1.6%
Other	6	1.2%

The level of involvement with a church or religious group increases with age, from 8.3% of individuals aged 18 - 29 to 27.3% of respondents aged 65 and older. In addition, church activities increase with education, with homemakers and retired persons involved at higher levels than other occupation groups.

As for school involvement, young to middle aged adults 18 - 44 revealed the highest level of participation as compared to other age groups. Involvement increases with education. Females were more likely than males to indicate school involvement, with homemakers revealing school associations at a higher rate than other occupation groups.

Volunteer Activities

Past and future volunteerism was assessed by asking how respondents had volunteered in the past year, if applicable, as well as about any skills or abilities they might be willing to offer to help others in the future. Potential choices were not read to participants. Looking at those respondents who said they volunteered for at least one activity/skill or were willing to in the future reveals several group differences (Table 6.2).

Engaging in a volunteer activity, both in the past and planning to in the future, increases with education, while women are much more likely to volunteer than men. Homemakers serve as volunteers at a high level, as do residents of Deer Park. Middle aged adults 30 - 64 are more likely to volunteer than younger and older respondents.

The top 10 volunteer activities or skills named are presented in Table 6.3 for past volunteering and in Table 6.4 for future volunteering. The complete list is found in the Appendix. Emerging as the leading past volunteer activities were "help teachers, school activities" (14.0%), "selling tickets or fund-raising items" (9.6%) and "help with senior citizen activities" (6.8%). As for future volunteer activities, "help teachers, school activities" (13.8%), "selling tickets or fund-raising items" (7.8%) and "help fund program, administer" (6.8%) topped the list. Over four in ten respondents had not volunteered the past year (42.7%) or were not willing to volunteer in the future (44.1%).

Table 6.2
**PERCENT VOLUNTEERING
 BY RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTIC**

AGE OF RESPONDENT	Past	Future
18 - 29	41.7%	50.0%
30 - 44	67.1%	62.3%
45 - 64	61.5%	62.0%
65+	43.0%	40.6%
GEOGRAPHIC AREA		
Barrington Township	55.7%	49.8%
Cuba Township	57.9%	59.8%
Deer Park	75.8%	75.8%
Hoffman Estates	55.2%	69.0%
Carpentersville	59.1%	54.5%
OCCUPATION OF RESPONDENT		
Clerical, sales, service	50.0%	44.4%
Homemaker	75.2%	74.3%
Professional/technical	63.0%	60.1%
Proprietor/manager	45.5%	54.5%
Retired	44.7%	41.1%
GENDER		
Male	52.3%	49.7%
Female	59.2%	58.6%
EDUCATION OF RESPONDENT		
High school or less	33.3%	35.7%
Some college	58.4%	53.1%
Bachelor's degree	60.9%	57.9%
Graduate degree	69.7%	72.7%

Table 6.3
ACTIVITIES/SKILLS VOLUNTEERED IN THE PAST

Activity/Skill	Number	Percent
Help teachers, school activities	70	14.0%
Selling tickets or fund-raising items	48	9.6%
Help with senior citizen activities	34	6.8%
Help fund program, administer	32	6.4%
Collect food, clothing, items for those in need	27	5.4%
Lead or teach recreation, games, sports	27	5.4%
Run errands, shop or drive for someone in need	20	4.0%
Cook or deliver meals to those in need	17	3.4%
Visit, help those needing support, lonely	16	3.2%
Care for infants or children	15	3.0%

Table 6.4
ACTIVITIES/SKILLS WILLING TO VOLUNTEER
IN THE FUTURE

Activity/Skill	Number	Percent
Help teachers, school activities	69	13.8%
Selling tickets or fund-raising items	39	7.8%
Help fund program, administer	34	6.8%
Help with senior citizen activities	29	5.8%
Lead or teach recreation, games, sports	28	5.6%
Collect food, clothing, items for those in need	27	5.4%
Run errands, shop or drive for someone in need	22	4.4%
Tutor, teach math or reading	20	4.0%
Care for infants or children	17	3.4%
Cook or deliver meals to those in need	17	3.4%

As the two tables show, nine activities/skills are common to both past and future lists, while the percentages of volunteers are similar as well.

Certain groups were more likely than others to be involved with volunteering for schools in the past and with a willingness to help schools in the future (Table 6.5). Females were nearly ten times as likely as men to volunteer in the schools, adults aged 30 - 44 volunteered much more often than other age groups, homemakers were the most inclined of all occupation groups to be a school volunteer and Carpentersville residents volunteered in the schools at a high level.

Table 6.5
PERCENT PAST AND FUTURE HELP IN SCHOOLS
BY RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTIC

AGE OF RESPONDENT	Past Pct.	Future Pct.
18 - 29	8.3%	8.3%
30 - 44	26.7%	25.3%
45 - 64	13.0%	13.5%
65+	2.3%	2.3%
GEOGRAPHIC AREA		
Barrington Township	12.5%	12.2%
Cuba Township	16.8%	15.9%
Deer Park	18.2%	18.2%
Hoffman Estates	12.1%	12.1%
Carpentersville	22.7%	22.7%
OCCUPATION OF RESPONDENT		
Clerical, sales, service	11.1%	9.3%
Homemaker	37.1%	37.1%
Professional/technical	13.0%	13.0%
Proprietor/manager	3.0%	3.0%
Retired	2.8%	2.8%
GENDER		
Male	2.6%	1.3%
Female	19.0%	19.3%

Volunteering Information

Survey participants were also asked whether they feel that sufficient information on volunteering opportunities in the Barrington area is currently available. The vast majority (65.7%) feel that adequate information is present, with one in five (19.0%) respondents answering that sufficient information is not available. Table 6.6 presents the full results.

Table 6.6
SUFFICIENT INFORMATION ON
VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES

Response	Number	Percent
Yes	329	65.7%
No	95	19.0%
Not sure	74	14.8%
No answer	3	0.6%
TOTAL	501	100.0%

As shown in Table 6.7, group differences were seen for beliefs about the availability of volunteering information. Young adults aged 18 - 29 were the age group most likely to be satisfied with volunteering information. Geographically, Barrington Township and Deer Park residents more often indicated the presence of sufficient information. Retired respondents and homemakers also seemed more pleased than persons in other occupation categories.

Feeling volunteering information is inadequate were respondents aged 30 - 64 and residents of Deer Park, Hoffman Estates and Carpentersville. Employed persons were also more likely to believe sufficient volunteering information is not available.

In 1996, residents were asked if better coordination is needed for volunteer opportunities and information. Replying yes were 40.0%, 25.2% said no and 34.8% were unsure.

Table 6.7
**PERCENT SUFFICIENT VOLUNTEERING INFORMATION
 BY RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTIC**

AGE OF RESPONDENT	Yes	No	Not sure
18 - 29	75.0%	4.2%	20.8%
30 - 44	65.8%	22.6%	11.0%
45 - 64	61.5%	25.5%	12.0%
65+	69.5%	7.8%	22.7%
GEOGRAPHIC AREA			
Barrington Township	70.1%	15.1%	14.4%
Cuba Township	62.6%	18.7%	16.8%
Deer Park	66.7%	30.3%	3.0%
Hoffman Estates	55.2%	25.9%	19.0%
Carpentersville	54.5%	27.3%	18.2%
OCCUPATION OF RESPONDENT			
Clerical, sales, service	53.7%	25.9%	20.4%
Homemaker	72.4%	16.2%	10.5%
Professional/technical	65.2%	23.2%	10.1%
Proprietor/manager	54.5%	27.3%	18.2%
Retired	70.2%	9.9%	19.9%

Chapter 7
LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Introduction

This chapter focuses on locations and events visited in the past year, desired recreation activities not currently present in the Barrington area, whether the need exists for an area community center and if so, potential purposes for a center.

Locations / Events Visited

Ten leisure and recreation activities or locations were listed, with participants asked to choose which they had attended in the past year, specifying whether the location or event was attended in the "Barrington area", "Chicago area" or "Both areas". Table 7.1 presents the frequency with which respondents attended each location/event, regardless of the area mentioned. Leading the list of most often visited were "library" (70.1%), "movie" (66.1%) and "musical concert or play" (61.3%). The fewest have attended a "high school or college sports event" (31.4%).

The mean number of locations/events visited in the past year was 5.1 for the average respondent, although higher for some groups than others. This number increases with education, from 3.5 for respondents with a high school education or less up to 6.2 for individuals with a graduate degree. Activities at the listed places is lowest (3.2) for the oldest cohort, those 65 and older, while adults aged 30 - 64 visited more events (5.9) than those aged 18 - 29 (4.2). Additionally, Deer Park residents appear most active, visiting 6.9 places, followed by respondent living in Cuba Township (6.1), Hoffman Estates (4.8), Barrington Township (4.6) and Carpentersville (4.3).

Table 7.1
PERCENT LOCATIONS / EVENTS VISITED
IN THE PAST YEAR

Place / Event	Percent
Library	70.1%
Movie	66.1%
Musical concert or play	61.3%
Neighborhood park	58.1%
Museum	53.3%
Natural areas such as Preserves	51.1%
Community event	47.9%
Professional sports event	39.3%
Outdoor festival	33.4%
High school or college sports event	31.4%

Table 7.2 present full results for specific activity involvement by geographic area, with results tabulated by age group and gender shown in Table 7.3, by occupation in Table 7.4 and by education level in Table 7.5.

Figure 7.1
PERCENT EVENTS/LOCATION VISITED BY
AREA: 1999

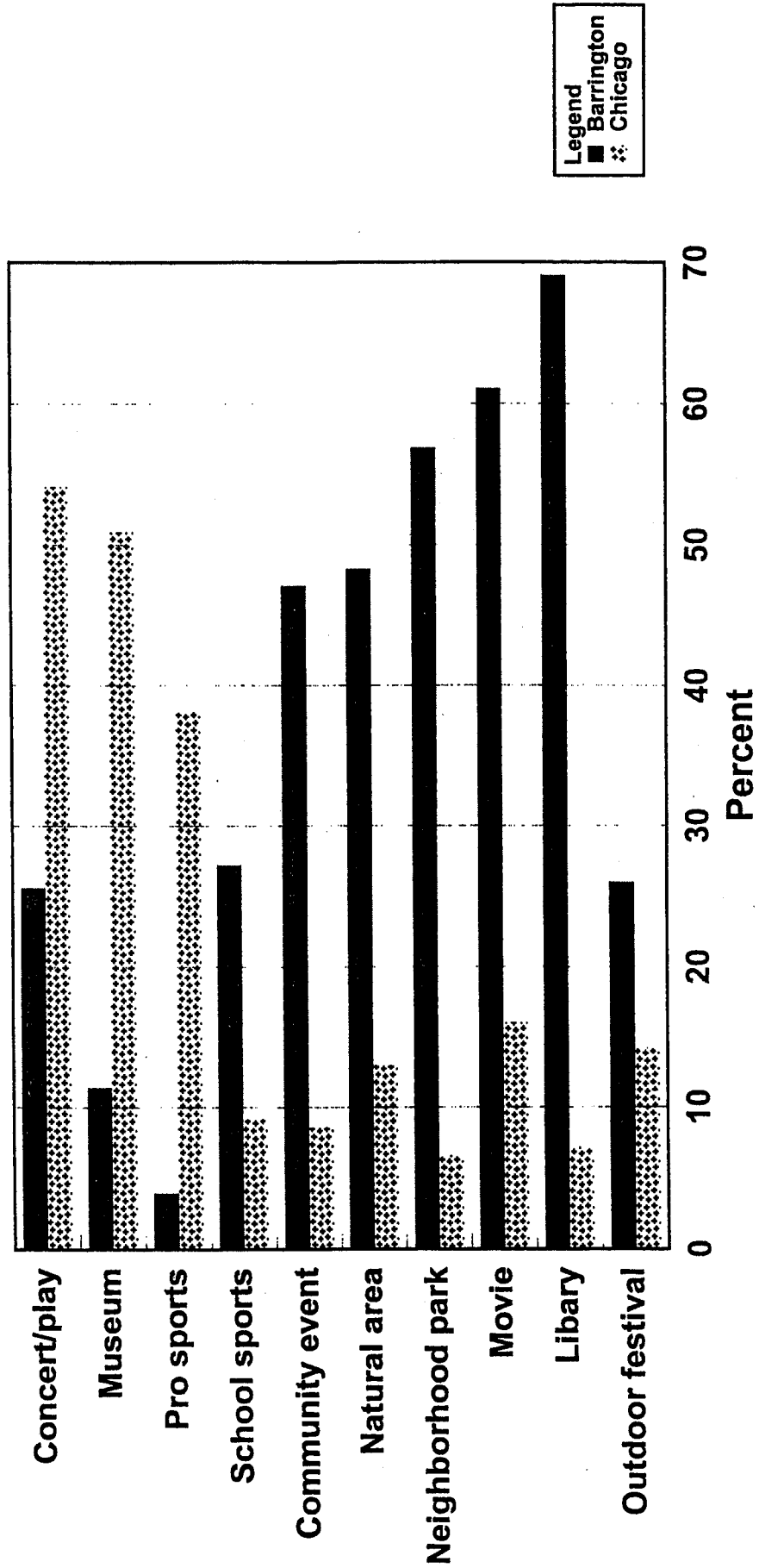


Table 7.2
LOCATION/EVENT VISITED IN THE PAST YEAR
BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

Geographic Area	Concert or play	Museum	Profess. sports event	HS or college sports	Comm. Event	Natural areas	Nbhd. Park	Movie	Library	Outdoor Festival
Barrington Township	57.2%	50.6%	32.8%	32.1%	46.1%	41.0%	49.8%	59.0%	60.9%	29.9%
Cuba Township	72.0%	68.2%	52.3%	29.0%	52.3%	66.4%	66.4%	76.6%	84.1%	43.9%
Deer Park	81.8%	72.7%	63.6%	45.5%	63.6%	78.8%	72.7%	81.8%	90.9%	42.4%
Hoffman Estates	53.4%	39.7%	44.8%	29.3%	41.4%	51.7%	58.6%	62.1%	74.1%	27.6%
Carpentersville	40.9%	18.2%	13.6%	13.6%	31.8%	50.0%	90.9%	81.8%	72.7%	13.6%

Table 7.3
LOCATION/EVENT VISITED IN THE PAST YEAR
BY AGE AND GENDER

Age Group	Concert or play	Museum	Profess. sports event	HS or college sports	Comm. Event	Natural areas	Nbhd. Park	Movie	Library	Outdoor Festival
18 - 29	54.2%	41.7%	41.7%	29.2%	29.2%	41.7%	50.0%	54.2%	54.2%	25.0%
30 - 44	63.0%	65.1%	47.9%	43.8%	58.9%	54.8%	64.4%	76.7%	71.2%	42.5%
45 - 64	72.0%	61.0%	47.5%	37.0%	56.0%	62.0%	67.5%	74.0%	78.5%	39.5%
65+	43.8%	30.5%	17.2%	9.4%	26.6%	32.0%	38.3%	43.8%	59.4%	14.8%
Gender										
Male	60.3%	53.0%	45.0%	35.1%	46.4%	54.3%	57.0%	57.6%	65.6%	32.5%
Female	61.8%	53.4%	36.8%	29.9%	48.6%	49.4%	58.3%	69.5%	72.1%	33.6%

Table 7.4
 LOCATION/EVENT VISITED IN THE PAST YEAR
 BY OCCUPATION

Geographic Area	Concert or play	Museum	Profess. sports event	HS or college sports	Comm. Event	Natural areas	Nbhd. Park	Movie	Library	Outdoor Festival
Clerical, sales, service	61.1%	48.1%	46.3%	46.3%	42.6%	44.4%	50.0%	66.7%	72.2%	37.0%
Homemaker	67.6%	61.0%	47.6%	37.1%	57.1%	61.9%	70.5%	80.0%	77.1%	38.1%
Professional or technical	71.7%	64.5%	48.6%	39.9%	61.6%	60.1%	63.8%	76.1%	73.9%	43.5%
Proprietor or Manager	63.6%	66.7%	45.5%	33.3%	51.5%	48.5%	57.6%	66.7%	60.6%	42.4%
Retired	46.8%	35.5%	18.4%	9.9%	29.1%	35.5%	41.8%	44.7%	61.0%	14.9%

Table 7.5
 LOCATION/EVENT VISITED IN THE PAST YEAR
 BY EDUCATIONAL LEVEL

Education	Concert or play	Museum	Profess. sports event	HS or college sports	Comm. Event	Natural areas	Nbhd. Park	Movie	Library	Outdoor Festival
High School or less	36.9%	29.8%	27.4%	13.1%	28.6%	38.1%	53.6%	47.6%	58.3%	19.0%
Some college	50.4%	39.8%	25.7%	21.2%	38.9%	42.5%	53.1%	60.2%	65.5%	27.4%
Bachelor's degree	69.3%	62.9%	47.0%	40.6%	54.0%	56.9%	61.9%	72.8%	74.8%	38.6%
Graduate degree	78.8%	69.7%	50.5%	39.4%	62.6%	61.6%	61.6%	74.7%	76.8%	42.4%

An examination as to where the locations/events were attended, the Barrington area, Chicago area, or both areas, yielded the results presented in Table 7.6. Leading for the Barrington area were "library" (62.9%), "neighborhood park" (51.5%), "movie" (50.1%), "community event" (39.3%) and "natural areas" (38.1%). Large numbers of respondents visited three locations/events in the Chicago area, "museum" (41.9%), "musical concert or play" (35.7%) and "professional sports event" (35.3%). "Musical concert or play" was attended by nearly one of five respondents (18.4%) in both the Barrington and Chicago areas.

Table 7.6
PERCENT LOCATIONS / EVENTS VISITED
BY AREA

Place / Event	Barrington Area	Chicago Area	Both Areas
Musical concert or play	7.2%	35.7%	18.4%
Museum	2.4%	41.9%	9.0%
Professional sports event	1.2%	35.3%	2.8%
High school or college sports event	22.2%	4.2%	5.0%
Community event	39.3%	0.8%	7.8%
Natural areas such as Preserves	38.1%	2.8%	10.2%
Neighborhood park	51.5%	1.2%	5.4%
Movie	50.1%	5.0%	11.0%
Library	62.9%	1.0%	6.2%
Outdoor festival	19.2%	7.4%	6.8%

Additional Recreation Activities

This question was posed to survey respondents, "Is there a leisure or recreation activity not now present which you would like to see in the Barrington area?". Over three of four respondents (76.0%) could not name any, with fewer saying "yes" (18.8%) or "not sure" (4.6%). Only a rather small proportion believe additions to the area's leisure and recreation offerings are needed or could name an activity.

Table 7.7
ADDITIONAL LEISURE OR RECREATION ACTIVITIES
NEEDED IN THE BARRINGTON AREA

Response	Number	Percent
No	381	76.0%
Yes	94	18.8%
Not sure	23	4.6%
No answer	3	0.6%
TOTAL	501	100.0%

The respondents who answered "yes" (94 respondents), were asked to specify the leisure or recreation activity desired for addition to the Barrington area. Some supplied more than one answer. Many of these respondents (27.7%) desire a bike/walking path in the area. Additional activities were named by fewer respondents, as seen in Table 7.8.

Table 7.8
**SPECIFIC LEISURE OR RECREATION ACTIVITY
 DESIRED FOR THE BARRINGTON AREA**

Response	Number	Percent ¹
Bike / walking path	26	27.7%
Swimming pool	8	8.5%
Ice rink	6	6.4%
Children's activities	5	5.3%
Golf course	5	5.3%
Arts / cultural programs	4	4.3%
Health club	3	3.2%
Teen activities	3	3.2%
Teen center	3	3.2%
Tennis courts	3	3.2%
Bowling alley	2	2.1%
Dancing	2	2.1%
Movie theater	2	2.1%
Other	25	26.6%

¹ Percent of those indicating the need for additional activities.

Community Center

The need for a Barrington area community center was also assessed. One of three respondents (35.9%) feel that a community center is needed, with somewhat more (46.5%) feeling that no need currently exists.

Table 7.9
**NEED FOR A COMMUNITY CENTER
 IN THE BARRINGTON AREA**

Response	Number	Percent
No	233	46.5%
Yes	180	35.9%
Not sure	88	17.6%
TOTAL	501	100.0%

Differences among groups were evident regarding the perceived need for a community center (Table 7.10). Those aged 30 - 64 were much more interested in a community center than the youngest and oldest cohorts, while females responded positively more often than males. As for geographic area, the need seemed greatest for residents of Deer Park and Carpentersville, but lowest for individuals living in Hoffman Estates.

Table 7.10
COMMUNITY CENTER IS NEEDED
BY RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTIC

AGE OF RESPONDENT	Percent
18 - 29	25.0%
30 - 44	42.5%
45 - 64	40.5%
65+	23.4%
GEOGRAPHIC AREA	
Barrington Township	35.4%
Cuba Township	33.6%
Deer Park	60.6%
Hoffman Estates	22.4%
Carpentersville	50.0%
GENDER	
Male	29.8%
Female	38.5%

Respondents believing that a community center is needed (180 respondents) were then asked what purpose they would recommend for the center. The question was asked in an open-ended manner, with respondents permitted to name more than one purpose. Complete results are presented in Table 7.11, in descending order of frequency. Most popular by far was "teen center", named by more than six of ten (63.9%) respondents who indicated the need for some type of community center. Residents were also interested in a "senior center" (37.8%), "meeting rooms" (21.7%), multi-purpose rooms" (15.0%), "gym" (13.9%) and "preschool" (11.7%). Other ideas were named less frequently.

Interest in a teen center or senior center differed among groups (Table 7.12). Regarding establishment of a teen center, respondents aged 30 and older were most interested, females responded with this purpose at a higher rate than males, residents of Hoffman Estates showed the most interest of all geographic areas and individuals with a graduate degree were more likely than those with less education to believe the center should be used for teens.

The desire for a senior center increases dramatically with age, from 16.7% of persons aged 18 - 29 to 56.7% of respondents aged 65 and older. Females named the senior center more often than did males, while Carpentersville residents seemed the least interested of all area residents.

Table 7.11
PURPOSE FOR COMMUNITY CENTER
IN THE BARRINGTON AREA

Rank	Response	Percent ¹
1.	Teen center	63.9%
2.	Senior center	37.8%
3.	Meeting rooms	21.7%
4.	Multi-purpose rooms	15.0%
5.	Gym	13.9%
6.	Preschool	11.7%
7.	Sitting area/gathering place	7.2%
7.	Drop-in center	7.2%
9.	Arts & crafts studio	5.6%
10.	Indoor pool	5.0%
11.	Fitness center	4.4%
12.	Family center	3.9%
12.	Other	3.9%
14.	Theater	3.3%
15.	Indoor running track	2.8%
16.	Nursery	1.7%
17.	Dance studio	1.1%

¹ Percent of those indicating the need for a community center.

Table 7.12
**PERCENT DESIRING A TEEN CENTER OR SENIOR CENTER
 BY RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTIC**

AGE OF RESPONDENT	Pct. Teen Center ¹	Pct. Senior Center ¹
18 - 29	50.0%	16.7%
30 - 39	62.9%	25.8%
40 - 64	65.4%	42.0%
65+	63.3%	56.7%
GEOGRAPHIC AREA		
Barrington Township	66.7%	41.7%
Cuba Township	61.1%	36.1%
Deer Park	55.0%	35.0%
Hoffman Estates	76.9%	38.5%
Carpentersville	45.5%	18.2%
GENDER		
Male	55.6%	31.1%
Female	67.2%	39.6%
EDUCATION OF RESPONDENT		
High School or less	50.0%	32.1%
Some college	66.7%	38.9%
Bachelor's degree	61.5%	41.0%
Graduate degree	75.7%	32.4%

¹ Percent of those indicating the need for a community center.

Chapter 8
OPEN-ENDED COMMENTS

Survey participants were given the opportunity to comment about any changes they feel would improve the quality of life in the Barrington area. The reader is urged to peruse the verbatim comments in the Appendix. These provide an additional "sense of community" that is not possible to convey in a quantitative way.

Nearly half of respondents (46.7%) chose to answer the final, open-ended question. From these comments, 263 separate comments were extracted. Converting the comments to categories is a subjective exercise at best. Nevertheless, a summary is shown below of the most frequent comment types. Most of these views are also indicated elsewhere in the survey results. Table 8.1 presents the seventeen categories with at least four comments, listed in descending order of frequency.

Table 8.1
OPEN-ENDED COMMENTS BY CATEGORY¹

Comment	Number
Improve traffic	53
Less development, preserve open spaces	43
Positive comment about the area	18
Need activities for teens	11
Specific recreation needs	11
Improve the roads	8
Problems in the schools	7
Improve the water quality	7
More police involvement	7
Change local government policies	6
Equity in taxation, lower taxes	6
Improve the sense of community	5
Improve the downtown	4
Cooperation among villages	4
Need more shopping	4
Need strategic planning to control development	4
More affordable housing	4

¹ Four or more comments.

Two concerns were voiced by large numbers of area residents, namely improving traffic, mentioned by 53 respondents and controlling development, cited by 43 respondents. Positive comments about the area also emerged, made by 18 survey participants. Activities for teens and specific recreation needs followed the top three categories.

APPENDIX I

QUESTIONNAIRE

**HEALTHIER COMMUNITY PROJECT
BARRINGTON AREA NEEDS SURVEY: 1999**

Good morning/afternoon/evening. I am calling for the Healthier Community Project of the Barrington Area, a group of organizations working to improve the quality of life in the Barrington area. The interview will only last about fifteen minutes and your responses are confidential. Results will be reported only for the entire sample. Would you mind answering a few questions about community needs?

Q. 1-5 First, I'd like to know what's most important to you about living in the Barrington area?
(RECORD UP TO FIVE.) (DO NOT READ CHOICES.)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Good local health care | <input type="checkbox"/> (12) Good schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Good housing stock | <input type="checkbox"/> (13) Available quality child care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (3) A good place to bring up children | <input type="checkbox"/> (14) Availability of programs and services for the elderly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (4) Good air quality | <input type="checkbox"/> (15) Good parks, recreation opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (5) Good community leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> (16) Good library services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (6) Safe; low crime | <input type="checkbox"/> (17) Peaceful small town environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (7) Strong family life | <input type="checkbox"/> (18) Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (8) Strong religious and spiritual life | <input type="checkbox"/> (19) Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (9) Lack of traffic congestion | <input type="checkbox"/> (20) Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (10) Good water quality | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (11) Good community services | |

Q. 6-10 Now, tell me if there are some things that you feel are missing in the Barrington area?
(RECORD UP TO FIVE) (DO NOT READ CHOICES)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Affordable housing | <input type="checkbox"/> (7) Sufficient open spaces |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Equity in taxation | <input type="checkbox"/> (8) Public transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Good leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> (9) Tolerance of differences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (4) Local employment | <input type="checkbox"/> (10) Reasonably priced goods, services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (5) Community services | <input type="checkbox"/> (11) Recreation opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (6) Access to sufficient stores, services, restaurants
(Record those named) | <input type="checkbox"/> (12) Adequate school facilities |
| _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> (13) Affordable housing |
| _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> (14) Other _____ |
| _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> (15) Other _____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> (16) Other _____ |

The following questions refer specifically to stores, services and restaurants in the Village of Barrington.

Q. 11. About what percent of your purchases would you say are made within the Village of Barrington?

_____ %

Q. 12. Are there certain stores, products, services or restaurants not available in the Village of Barrington which you would like to see added?

Q. 13-18. Are there any issues of shopping access; barriers that keep you from shopping more in Barrington? (RECORD ALL, READ ONLY IF ASKED FOR CHOICES)

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 13. ___ Times stores are open | 16. ___ Traffic |
| 14. ___ Parking | 17. ___ Other: _____ |
| 15. ___ Prices | 18. ___ Other: _____ |

Q. 19-26 Now, I'm going to read some things which characterize communities. For each, please tell me whether you find these things to be excellent, good, fair, or poor in your area. You may also respond "Don't Know."

	<u>Ex- cellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
19. Quality of local primary education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Quality of local secondary education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. Availability of services for the disabled	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Access to local government & political decision makers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23. Quality of your local community or village services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24. Availability of health care services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25. Availability of preventive health care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
26. Quality of your local Park District services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q. 27-50 The following are problems that exist in many communities. As I read them, please say YES for those issues which you feel need greater attention in your community.

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|--|--|
| ___ 27. Activities for teens | ___ 41. Racial or socioeconomic discrimination |
| ___ 28. Activities for seniors | ___ 42. School dropouts |
| ___ 29. AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases | ___ 43. Support groups for single parents |
| ___ 30. Alcohol abuse | ___ 44. Support groups for two parent working families |
| ___ 31. Career changes or job retraining | ___ 45. Support for caregivers |
| ___ 32. Child abuse | ___ 46. Teen pregnancy |
| ___ 33. Crime | ___ 47. Violence involving guns |
| ___ 34. Domestic violence | ___ 48. Bereavement or help coping with death of family or friend |
| ___ 35. Drugs, drug abuse | ___ 49. Duplication among local groups or agencies that deal with these problems |
| ___ 36. Gangs, delinquency | ___ 50. Any problems we've missed? |
| ___ 37. High health care costs | |
| ___ 38. Property tax equity | |
| ___ 39. Illiteracy | |
| ___ 40. Need for housing in all price ranges | |

Q. 51-63. In the past year, have you participated in any local groups or organizations, that is, you attended meetings, paid dues, were a leader, volunteered, or participated in activities? If yes, what kind of organization? (RECORD EACH - DO NOT READ)

- | | |
|---|--|
| ___ 51. Civic or service club or group | ___ 58. Hospital, clinic |
| ___ 52. Political or civic action group | ___ 59. Professional organization |
| ___ 53. Labor union | ___ 60. Church or religious group |
| ___ 54. Social group | ___ 61. Voluntary health organization (Cancer, Heart, etc) |
| ___ 55. Hobby or cultural group | ___ 62. Sports league such as bowling, softball, soccer |
| ___ 56. School | ___ 63. Other _____ |
| ___ 57. Recreation, Y, Park District | |

Q. 64. Do you feel that sufficient information is available on volunteering opportunities in the Barrington area?

___ (1) Yes ___ (2) No ___ (3) Not sure

Q. 65-110.

In the past year, have you volunteered or helped others? If yes, how? Which skills or abilities might you be willing to help others in the future? This survey is anonymous and does not obligate you in any way. (RECORD DO NOT READ)

<u>Past</u>	<u>Future</u>	<u>Skill, Activity</u>
65. ___	88. ___	Cleaning, setting up for activities, events
66. ___	89. ___	Office, clerical skills, typing
67. ___	90. ___	Selling tickets or fund-raising items
68. ___	91. ___	Home repairs, lawn mowing, snow removal
69. ___	92. ___	Sewing, quilting, arts, crafts
70. ___	93. ___	Perform, teach singing, dancing
71. ___	94. ___	Lead or teach recreation - games/sports
72. ___	95. ___	Lead a field trip
73. ___	96. ___	Read to others
74. ___	97. ___	Tutor, teach math or reading
75. ___	98. ___	Chaperone teen activities
76. ___	99. ___	Help teachers, school activities
77. ___	100. ___	Care for pets, teach pet care
78. ___	101. ___	Run errands, shop or drive for someone in need
79. ___	102. ___	Visit, help those needing support, lonely
80. ___	103. ___	Collect food, clothing or other items for those in need
81. ___	104. ___	Cook or deliver meals to those in need.
82. ___	105. ___	Write letters to get support, grants
83. ___	106. ___	Care for infants or children
84. ___	107. ___	Help fund program, administer
85. ___	108. ___	Care for persons with disabilities
86. ___	109. ___	Helped senior citizen activities
87. ___	110. ___	Other: _____

Q. 111-120.

In the past year, have you gone to any of the places I am about to read? Also, please tell me if these events were in the Barrington area, the Chicago area or both? (Check all that apply)

BA = Barrington Area, CA = Chicago Area, BO = Both

<u>BA</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>BO</u>		<u>BA</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>BO</u>	
111. ___	___	___	Musical concert or play	116. ___	___	___	Natural areas such
112. ___	___	___	Museum				as Preserves or
113. ___	___	___	Professional sports event				Conservation Areas
114. ___	___	___	High School or	117. ___	___	___	Neighborhood park
			college sports event	118. ___	___	___	Movie
115. ___	___	___	Community event	119. ___	___	___	Library
				120. ___	___	___	Outdoor festival

Q. 121. Is there a leisure or recreation activity not now present which you would like to see in the Barrington area?

(1) Yes (2) No (3) Not sure

↓
What? _____

Q. 122. Do you feel that a need exists for a community center in the Barrington area?

(1) Yes (2) No (3) Not sure

Q. 123-139. What purpose would you recommend for the Center? (RECORD - DO NOT READ)

- | | |
|--|--|
| 123. <input type="checkbox"/> Arts & crafts studio | 132. <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-purpose rooms |
| 124. <input type="checkbox"/> Banquet Facility | 133. <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery |
| 125. <input type="checkbox"/> Dance studio | 134. <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool |
| 126. <input type="checkbox"/> Drop-in center | 135. <input type="checkbox"/> Senior center |
| 127. <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness center | 136. <input type="checkbox"/> Sitting area/gathering place |
| 128. <input type="checkbox"/> Gym | 137. <input type="checkbox"/> Teen center |
| 129. <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor running track | 138. <input type="checkbox"/> Theater |
| 130. <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor pool | 139. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| 131. <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting rooms | |

Q. 140-147.

Almost every home faces difficult situations at some time. As I read them, please state YES for each situation that YOU or SOMEONE IN YOUR HOME experienced during the past year

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 140. Difficulty finding child care | <input type="checkbox"/> 144. Experienced an involuntary job loss due to downsizing or other reason. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 141. Difficulty paying bills | <input type="checkbox"/> 145. Unable to find affordable local mental health counseling or therapy. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 142. Put off health care services or taking medicine because of cost or lack of insurance. | <input type="checkbox"/> 146. Experienced emotional problems, substance abuse or serious family conflict. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 143. Difficulty finding older adult day care program. | <input type="checkbox"/> 147. Unable to find recreation activities or park sites locally. |

Q. 148. Was there any time during the last year that you or a household member needed help for a personal situation, should have received help, but did not?

(1) Yes (2) No (3) Not sure

Q. 149-150

If YES To Q. 148, What were some of the reasons for not getting help?

(RECORD FIRST TWO) (DO NOT READ CHOICES)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Concerned about privacy | <input type="checkbox"/> (9) Not eligible for service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Didn't know where to turn | <input type="checkbox"/> (10) Transportation, could not get there |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Lack of interest by agency | <input type="checkbox"/> (11) Could not afford cost |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (4) No service available | <input type="checkbox"/> (12) Hours not convenient |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (5) Prior bad experience with agency | <input type="checkbox"/> (13) Language was a barrier |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (6) Couldn't get child care | <input type="checkbox"/> (14) Paperwork too great |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (7) Discriminated against | <input type="checkbox"/> (15) Wait for service too long |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (8) Lacked handicapped access | <input type="checkbox"/> (16) Other _____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> (17) Other _____ |

JUST A FEW MORE QUESTIONS AND WE'LL BE DONE.

Q. 151. Record respondent gender: (1) Male (2) Female

Q. 152. In what community do you live?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Barrington | <input type="checkbox"/> (8) Tower Lakes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Barrington Hills | <input type="checkbox"/> (9) Cook County Unincorporated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Deer Park | <input type="checkbox"/> (10) Kane County Unincorporated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (4) Fox River Valley Gardens | <input type="checkbox"/> (11) Lake County Unincorporated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (5) Lake Barrington | <input type="checkbox"/> (12) McHenry County Unincorporated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (6) North Barrington | <input type="checkbox"/> (13) Not Sure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (7) South Barrington | |

Q. 153. How many years have you lived in the Barrington area (60010)? _____

Q. 154. What is the highest grade that you have finished in school?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Less than high school | <input type="checkbox"/> (4) Associate or similar degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) High school diploma/GED | <input type="checkbox"/> (5) Bachelor's degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Some college, no degree | <input type="checkbox"/> (6) Graduate degree |

Q. 155. What is your age group?

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) 18-29 | <input type="checkbox"/> (3) 45-64 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) 30-44 | <input type="checkbox"/> (4) 65+ |

Q. 156-162. Other than yourself, how many persons in each age group live in your home?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 156. Ages 0-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 160. Ages 30-44 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 157. Ages 5-12 | <input type="checkbox"/> 161. Ages 45-64 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 158. Ages 13-17 | <input type="checkbox"/> 162. Ages 65+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 159. Ages 18-29 | |

Q. 163. What is your principal occupation (that is, what you do, not where you work)?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Clerical, sales, service | <input type="checkbox"/> (6) Retired |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Disabled | <input type="checkbox"/> (7) Skilled/unskilled manual worker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Homemaker | <input type="checkbox"/> (8) Student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (4) Professional or technical | <input type="checkbox"/> (9) Unemployed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (5) Proprietor or manager | <input type="checkbox"/> (10) Other _____ |

Q. 164. Does anyone in your household work at home?

- (1) Yes (2) No

165. Number of persons working at →
home as their primary office

166. Would you (they) be interested in a
professional group comprised of others working
from home?

167. Number of persons working at home
as well as traveling to other locations

- (1) Yes (2) No (3) Not Sure

Q. 168. Are you responsible for the care of an older adult such as an aging spouse, parent or relative?

- (1) No
 (2) Yes, an older adult living in my home
 (3) Yes, an older adult living on his/her own
 (4) Yes, an older adult in a retirement community or nursing home
 (5) Yes, other (please specify): _____

Q. 169. Where is your primary work location?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) City of Chicago | <input type="checkbox"/> (5) Lake County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Cook County outside Chicago | <input type="checkbox"/> (6) McHenry County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (3) DuPage County | <input type="checkbox"/> (7) I do not work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (4) Kane County | <input type="checkbox"/> (8) Other (please specify):
_____ |

Q. 170-171.

What, if any, newspaper do you usually read during the week? (RECORD FIRST TWO)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Chicago Sun Times | <input type="checkbox"/> (5) Barrington Courier-Review |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Chicago Tribune | <input type="checkbox"/> (6) Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Daily Herald | <input type="checkbox"/> (7) Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (4) Northwest Herald | <input type="checkbox"/> (8) Do not read newspaper |

Q. 172. From what source would you most like to receive information about your family's health, the community or ways to improve your quality of life? (RECORD FIRST RESPONSE, DO NOT READ)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Newspaper - daily | <input type="checkbox"/> (6) Handouts around town |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Newspaper - weekly | <input type="checkbox"/> (7) Internet, computer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> (8) Physician or other health provider |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (4) Television | <input type="checkbox"/> (9) Friend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (5) Direct mail | <input type="checkbox"/> (10) Other _____ |

Q. 173. Is there any other change that you feel would improve the quality of life in the Barrington area?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

APPENDIX II

SURVEY RESULTS

HEALTHIER COMMUNITY PROJECT
BARRINGTON AREA NEEDS SURVEY: 1999
FREQUENCY RESULTS
(N = 501)

1-5. First, I'd like to know what's most important to you about living in the Barrington area?
(Name up to five.)

Characteristics	1999		1996	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Good local health care	5	1.0%	7	1.4%
Good housing stock	20	4.0%	15	3.0%
Good place to bring up children	65	13.0%	38	7.6%
Good air quality	5	1.0%	5	1.0%
Good community leadership	12	2.4%	3	0.6%
Safe; low crime	131	26.1%	119	23.8%
Strong family life	33	6.6%	34	6.8%
Strong religious/spiritual life	11	2.2%	13	2.6%
Lack of traffic congestion	7	1.4%	9	1.8%
Good water quality	3	0.6%	1	0.2%
Good community services	17	3.4%	16	3.2%
Good schools	134	26.7%	149	29.8%
Available quality child care	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Availability of programs for elderly	1	0.2%	1	0.2%
Good parks, recreation opportunities	21	4.2%	18	3.6%
Good library services	7	1.4%	2	0.4%
Peaceful small town environment	207	41.3%	146	29.2%
Other:				
Open spaces; countryside	58	11.6%	44	8.8%
Location-general	14	2.8%		
People	14	2.8%	17	3.4%
Quality of life	11	2.2%	30	6.0%
Like everything	11	2.2%	30	6.0%
Friends, relatives near	7	1.4%		
Proximity to work	7	1.4%		
Beauty	4	0.8%		
Location - close to Chicago	3	0.6%		
Sense of community	3	0.6%		
Other	14	2.8%	39	7.8%

6-10. Now, tell me if there are some things that you feel are missing in the Barrington area?

<u>Characteristic</u>	<u>1999</u>		<u>1996</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Affordable housing	17	3.4%	4	0.8%
Equity in taxation	7	1.4%	10	2.0%
Good leadership	5	1.0%	4	0.8%
Local employment	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Community services	4	0.8%	7	1.4%
Access to sufficient services, stores	35	7.0%	87	17.4%
Sufficient open spaces	5	1.0%	2	0.4%
Public transportation	26	5.2%	7	1.4%
Tolerance of differences	2	0.4%	5	1.0%
Reasonably priced goods, services	12	2.4%	13	2.6%
Recreation opportunities	10	2.0%	48	9.6%
Adequate school facilities	3	0.6%	14	2.8%
Other:				
Reasonable traffic	34	6.8%	9	2.4%
Development plan	18	1.0%		
Activities for youth	14	2.8%	9	2.4%
Community closeness	9	1.8%	5	1.0%
Appealing downtown	6	1.2%		
Adequate roads	4	0.8%	8	1.6%
Cultural events/fine arts	4	0.8%		
Good water	4	0.8%		
Adequate schools	3	0.6%		
Good park district	3	0.6%		
Reasonable police patrols	3	0.6%		
Senior citizens activities	3	0.6%	6	1.2%
Bike path	2	0.4%		
Diversity	2	0.4%		
Integrated local governments	2	0.4%		
Sidewalks	2	0.4%		
Skating rink	2	0.4%		
Other	24	4.8%	43	8.6%

11. About what percent of your purchases would you say are made within the Village of Barrington?

<u>Percent of Purchases</u>	<u>1999</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	104	20.8%
1 - 10	169	33.7%
11 - 20	62	12.4%
21 - 30	42	8.4%
31 - 40	20	4.0%
41 - 50	41	8.2%
51 - 60	10	2.0%
61 - 70	12	2.4%
71 - 80	24	4.8%
81 - 90	9	1.8%
<u>91 - 100</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1.6%</u>
TOTAL	501	100.0%

12. Are there certain stores, products, services or restaurants not available in the Village of Barrington which you would like to see added?

<u>Responses</u>	<u>1999</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Restaurant	108	21.6%
General	66	13.2%
Family	18	3.6%
Fast food	9	1.8%
Ethnic	8	1.6%
Upscale	5	1.0%
With longer hours	2	0.4%
Discount store (Target etc.)	18	3.6%
Clothing - general	13	2.6%
Grocery store	11	2.2%
Department store	9	1.8%
Shoe store	8	1.6%
Book store	7	1.4%
The Gap	6	1.2%
Clothing - children's	5	1.0%
Lower priced stores	5	1.0%
Specialty stores	4	0.8%
Clothing - women's	4	0.8%
Bakery	3	0.6%
Home improvement store	3	0.6%
Coffee house	2	0.4%
Drug store	2	0.4%
Ice cream parlor	2	0.4%
Music store	2	0.4%
Organic foods	2	0.4%
Sporting goods store	2	0.4%
Other	23	4.6%

13-18. Are there any issues of shopping access; barriers that keep you from shopping more in Barrington?

<u>Responses</u>	<u>1999</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Time stores are open	14	2.8%
Parking	79	15.8%
Prices	35	7.0%
Traffic	147	29.3%
Other:		
Selection	7	1.4%
Distance	4	0.8%
Trains	2	0.4%
Other	5	1.0%

19-26. Now I'm going to read some things which characterize communities. For each, please tell me whether you find these things to be excellent, good, fair, or poor in your area. You may also respond "Don't know."

19. Quality of local primary education:

<u>Rating</u>	<u>1999</u>		<u>1996</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Excellent	185	36.9%	171	34.2%
Good	221	44.1%	205	41.0%
Fair	18	3.6%	33	6.6%
Poor	7	1.4%	6	1.2%
<u>Don't know</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>14.0%</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>17.0%</u>
TOTAL	501	100.0%	500	100.0%

20. Quality of local secondary education:

<u>Rating</u>	<u>1999</u>		<u>1996</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Excellent	162	32.3%	145	29.0%
Good	212	42.3%	210	42.0%
Fair	26	5.2%	33	6.6%
Poor	6	1.2%	6	1.2%
<u>Don't know</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>19.0%</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>21.2%</u>
TOTAL	501	100.0%	500	100.0%

21. Availability of services for the disabled:

<u>Rating</u>	<u>1999</u>		<u>1996</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Excellent	24	4.8%	23	4.6%
Good	137	27.3%	53	10.6%
Fair	37	7.4%	38	7.6%
Poor	12	2.4%	21	4.2%
<u>Don't know</u>	<u>291</u>	<u>58.1%</u>	<u>365</u>	<u>73.0%</u>
TOTAL	501	100.0%	500	100.0%

22. Access to local government and political decision makers:

<u>Rating</u>	<u>1999</u>		<u>1996</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Excellent	46	9.2%	44	8.8%
Good	214	42.7%	191	38.2%
Fair	76	15.2%	53	10.6%
Poor	26	5.2%	15	3.0%
<u>Don't know</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>27.7%</u>	<u>197</u>	<u>39.4%</u>
TOTAL	501	100.0%	500	100.0%

23. Quality of your local community or village services:

<u>Rating</u>	<u>1999</u>		<u>1996</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Excellent	92	18.4%	113	22.6%
Good	304	60.7%	277	55.4%
Fair	63	12.6%	56	11.2%
Poor	8	1.6%	13	2.6%
<u>Don't know</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>6.8%</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>8.2%</u>
TOTAL	501	100.0%	500	100.0%

24. Availability of health care services:

<u>Rating</u>	<u>1999</u>		<u>1996</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Excellent	139	27.7%	164	32.8%
Good	271	54.1%	230	46.0%
Fair	27	5.4%	27	5.4%
Poor	11	2.2%	13	2.6%
<u>Don't know</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>10.6%</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>13.2%</u>
TOTAL	501	100.0%	500	100.0%

25. Availability of preventive health care:

Rating	1999		1996	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Excellent	110	22.0%	113	22.6%
Good	254	50.7%	217	43.4%
Fair	34	6.8%	22	4.4%
Poor	13	2.6%	10	2.0%
<u>Don't know</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>18.0%</u>	<u>138</u>	<u>27.6%</u>
TOTAL	501	100.0%	500	100.0%

26. Quality of your local Park District services:

Rating	1999	
	Number	Percent
Excellent	128	25.5%
Good	268	53.5%
Fair	45	9.0%
Poor	19	3.8%
<u>Don't know</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>8.2%</u>
TOTAL	501	100.0%

27-50. The following are problems that exist in many communities. As I read them, please say YES for those issues which you feel need greater attention in your community.

Problem	1999		1996	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Activities for teens	248	49.5%	220	44.0%
Activities for senior citizens	108	21.6%	1	0.2% ¹
AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases	44	8.8%	100	20.0%
Alcohol abuse	85	17.0%	150	30.0%
Career changes or job retraining	67	13.4%	102	20.4%
Child abuse	56	11.2%	31	6.2%
Crime	47	9.4%	51	10.2%
Domestic violence	71	14.2%	74	14.8%
Drugs, drug abuse	96	19.2%	107	21.4%
Gangs, delinquency	51	10.2%	36	7.2%
High health care costs	209	41.7%	190	38.0%
Property taxation equity	150	29.9%	177	35.4%
Illiteracy	30	6.0%	13	2.6%
Need for housing in all price ranges	132	26.3%	80	16.0%
Racial/socioeconomic discrimination	77	15.4%	69	13.8%
School dropouts	42	8.4%	18	3.6%
Support groups for single parents	79	15.8%	77	15.4%
Support groups for two-parent working families	60	12.0%	22	4.4%
Support for caregivers	43	8.6%		
Teen pregnancy	52	10.4%	33	6.6%
Violence involving guns	54	10.8%	79	15.8%
Bereavement or help coping with death of family or friend	23	4.6%		
Duplication among local groups/agencies that deal with these problems	8	1.6%	6	1.2%
Other	14	2.8%	1	0.2%

¹. Was not listed in 1996.

51-63. In the past year, have you participated in any local groups or organizations, that is, you attended meetings, paid dues, were a leader, volunteered, or participated in activities? If yes, what kind of organization?

<u>Group or Organization</u>	1999	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Civic or service club or group	69	13.8%
Political or civic action group	35	7.0%
Labor union	0	0.0%
Social group	12	2.4%
Hobby or cultural group	30	6.0%
School	97	19.4%
Recreation, Y, Park District	14	2.8%
Hospital, clinic	11	2.2%
Professional organization	8	1.6%
Church or religious group	106	21.2%
Voluntary health organization (Cancer, Heart, etc.)	20	4.0%
Sports league (such as bowling, softball soccer)	13	2.6%
Other:		
Homeowners association	11	2.2%
Other	6	1.2%

64. Do you feel that sufficient information is available on volunteering opportunities in the Barrington area?

<u>Response</u>	1999	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	329	65.7%
No	95	19.0%
Not sure	74	14.8%
<u>No answer</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0.6%</u>
TOTAL	501	100.0%

65-110. In the past year, have you volunteered or helped others? If yes, how? Which skills or abilities might you be willing to help others in the future?

<u>Skills or abilities</u>	1999			
	<u>Past</u>		<u>Future</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Cleaning, setting up for activities, events	10	2.0%	5	1.0%
Office, clerical skills, typing	5	1.0%	6	1.2%
Selling tickets or fund-raising items	48	9.6%	39	7.8%
Home repairs, lawn mowing, snow removal	7	1.4%	8	1.6%
Sewing, quilting, arts, crafts	1	0.2%	4	0.8%
Perform, teach singing, dancing	4	0.8%	4	0.8%
Lead or teach recreation - games/sports	27	5.4%	28	5.6%
Lead a field trip	13	2.6%	8	1.6%
Read to others	3	0.6%	5	1.0%
Tutor, teach math or reading	14	2.8%	20	4.0%
Chaperone teen activities	12	2.4%	7	1.4%
Help teachers, school activities	70	14.0%	69	13.8%
Care for pets, teach pet care	1	0.2%	1	0.2%
Run errands, shop or drive for someone in need	20	4.0%	22	4.4%
Visit, help those needing support, lonely	16	3.2%	12	2.4%
Collect food, clothing or other items for those in need	27	5.4%	27	5.4%
Cook or deliver meals to those in need	17	3.4%	17	3.4%
Write letters to get support, grants	4	0.8%	7	1.4%
Care for infants or children	15	3.0%	17	3.4%
Help fund programs, administer	32	6.4%	34	6.8%
Care for persons with disabilities	12	2.4%	12	2.4%
Helped senior citizen activities	34	6.8%	29	5.8%
Other:				
Health care	7	1.4%	11	2.2%
Church	7	1.4%	4	0.8%
Other	17	3.4%	13	2.6%

111-120.

In the past year, have you gone to any of the places I am about to read? Also, please tell me if these events were in the Barrington area, the Chicago area or both?

111. Musical concert or play:

<u>Response</u>	1999	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Barrington area	36	7.2%
Chicago area	179	35.7%
Both	92	18.4%
<u>Not applicable</u>	<u>194</u>	<u>38.7%</u>
TOTAL	501	100.0%

112. Museum:

	1999	
<u>Response</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Barrington area	12	2.4%
Chicago area	210	41.9%
Both	45	9.0%
<u>Not applicable</u>	<u>234</u>	<u>46.7%</u>
TOTAL	501	100.0%

113. Professional sports event:

	1999	
<u>Response</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Barrington area	6	1.2%
Chicago area	177	35.3%
Both	14	2.8%
<u>Not applicable</u>	<u>304</u>	<u>60.7%</u>
TOTAL	501	100.0%

114. High School or college sports event:

	1999	
<u>Response</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Barrington area	111	22.2%
Chicago area	21	4.2%
Both	25	5.0%
<u>Not applicable</u>	<u>344</u>	<u>68.7%</u>
TOTAL	501	100.0%

115. Community event:

	1999	
<u>Response</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Barrington area	197	39.3%
Chicago area	4	0.8%
Both	39	7.8%
<u>Not applicable</u>	<u>261</u>	<u>52.1%</u>
TOTAL	501	100.0%

116. Natural area such as Preserves or Conservation areas:

	1999	
<u>Response</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Barrington area	191	38.1%
Chicago area	14	2.8%
Both	51	10.2%
<u>Not applicable</u>	<u>245</u>	<u>48.9%</u>
TOTAL	501	100.0%

117. Neighborhood park:

	1999	
<u>Response</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Barrington area	258	51.5%
Chicago area	6	1.2%
Both	27	5.4%
<u>Not applicable</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>41.9%</u>
TOTAL	501	100.0%

118. Movie:

	1999	
<u>Response</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Barrington area	251	50.1%
Chicago area	25	5.0%
Both	55	11.0%
<u>Not applicable</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>33.9%</u>
TOTAL	501	100.0%

119. Library:

	1999	
<u>Response</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Barrington area	315	62.91%
Chicago area	5	1.0%
Both	31	6.2%
<u>Not applicable</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>29.9%</u>
TOTAL	501	100.0%

120. Outdoor festival:

	1999	
<u>Response</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Barrington area	96	19.2%
Chicago area	37	7.4%
Both	34	6.8%
<u>Not applicable</u>	<u>334</u>	<u>66.7%</u>
TOTAL	501	100.0%

121. Is there a leisure or recreation activity not now present which you would like to see in the Barrington area?

If yes, what would you like to see?

<u>Response</u>	1999	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	94	18.8%
No	381	76.0%
Not sure	23	4.6%
<u>No answer</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0.6%</u>
TOTAL	501	100.0%

<u>Response</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
→ Bike/ walking path	26	27.7%
Swimming pool	8	8.5%
Ice rink	6	6.4%
Child activities	5	5.3%
Golf course	5	5.3%
Arts/cultural programs	4	4.3%
Health club	3	3.2%
Teen activities	3	3.2%
Teen center	3	3.2%
Tennis courts	3	3.2%
Bowling alley	2	2.1%
Dancing	2	2.1%
Movie theater	2	2.1%
Other	25	26.6%

122. Do you feel that a need exists for a community center in the Barrington area?

<u>Response</u>	1999	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	180	35.5%
No	233	46.5%
<u>Not sure</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>18.0%</u>
TOTAL	501	100.0%

123-139.

What purpose would you recommend for the Center? (N=180)

<u>Response</u>	1999	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Arts and crafts studio	10	5.6%
Banquet facility	1	0.6%
Dance studio	2	1.1%
Drop-in center	13	7.2%
Fitness center	8	4.4%
Gym	25	13.9%
Indoor running track	5	2.8%
Indoor pool	9	5.0%
Meeting rooms	39	21.7%
Multi-purpose rooms	27	15.0%
Nursery	3	1.7%
Preschool	21	11.7%
Senior center	68	37.8%
Sitting area/gathering place	13	7.2%
Teen center	115	63.9%
Theater	6	3.3%
Other:		
Family center	7	3.9%
Other	6	3.1%

140-147.

Almost every home faces difficulty situations at some time. As I read them, please state YES for each situation that YOU or SOMEONE IN YOUR HOME experienced during the past year.

<u>Situation</u>	<u>1999</u>		<u>1996</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Difficulty finding child care	27	5.4%	20	4.0%
Difficulty paying bills	64	12.8%	11	2.2%
Put off health care services or taking medicine because of cost or lack of insurance	40	8.0%	15	3.0%
Difficulty finding older adult day care program	11	2.2%		
Experienced as involuntary job loss due to downsizing or other reason	40	8.0%	9	1.8%
Unable to find affordable local mental health counseling or therapy	8	1.6%		
Experienced emotional problems, substance abuse or serious family conflict	9	1.8%	2	0.4%
Unable to find recreation activities or park sites locally	15	3.0%		

148. Was there any time during the past year that you or a household member needed help for a personal situation, should have received help, but did not?

<u>Response</u>	<u>1999</u>		<u>1996</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	17	3.4%	7	1.4%
No	484	96.6%	493	98.6%
TOTAL	501	100.0%	500	100.05

149-150.

If YES to Q. 148, what were some of the reasons for not getting help?

<u>Reason</u>	<u>1999 (N=17)</u>		<u>1996 (N=7)</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No service available	7	41.2%	2	28.6%
Not eligible for service	5	29.4%	0	0.0%
Could not afford cost	3	17.6%	1	14.3%
Lack of interest by agency	2	11.8%	1	14.3%
Concerned about privacy	1	5.9%	0	0.0%
Didn't know where to turn	1	5.9%	1	14.3%
Lacked handicapped access	1	5.9%	0	0.0%
Couldn't get child care	0	0.0%	1	14.3%
Transportation problem	0	0.0%	1	14.3%

151. Gender of respondent:

<u>Gender</u>	<u>1999</u>		<u>1996</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Male	151	30.1%	158	31.6%
Female	348	69.5%	342	68.4%
<u>No answer</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0.4%</u>		
TOTAL	501	100.0%	500	100.0%

152. In what community do you live?

<u>Community</u>	<u>1999</u>		<u>1996</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Barrington	105	21.0%	157	31.4%
Barrington Hills	39	7.8%	42	8.4%
Deer Park	33	6.6%	28	5.6%
Fox River Valley Gardens	7	1.4%	5	1.0%
Lake Barrington	51	10.2%	45	9.0%
North Barrington	23	4.6%	35	7.0%
South Barrington	38	7.6%	33	6.6%
Tower Lakes	14	2.8%	15	3.0%
Cook County Unincorporated	89	17.8%	27	5.5%
Kane County Unincorporated	1	0.2%	1	0.2%
Lake County Unincorporated	19	3.8%	31	6.2%
McHenry County Unincorporated	2	0.4%	4	0.8%
Carpentersville	22	4.4%	20	4.0%
Hoffman Estates	58	11.6%	51	10.2%
Other			3	0.6%
<u>Not sure</u>			<u>3</u>	<u>0.6%</u>
TOTAL	501	100.0%	500	99.8%

153. How many years have you lived in the Barrington area (60010)?

<u>Years</u>	<u>1999</u>		<u>1996</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0 - 4	78	15.6%	114	22.8%
5 - 9	105	21.0%	104	20.8%
10 - 14	99	19.8%	75	15.0%
15 - 19	56	11.2%	55	11.0%
20 - 24	56	11.2%	45	9.0%
25 +	102	20.4%	107	21.4%
<u>No answer</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1.0%</u>		
TOTAL	501	100.0%	500	100.0%

154. What is the highest grade that you have finished in school?

<u>Education Level</u>	<u>1999</u>		<u>1996</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Less than high school	4	0.8%	2	0.4%
High school diploma/GED	80	16.0%	89	17.8%
Some college, no degree	88	17.6%	84	16.8%
Associate or similar degree	25	5.0%	21	4.2%
Bachelor's degree	202	40.3%	199	39.8%
Graduate degree	99	19.8%	103	20.6%
<u>No answer</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0.6%</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0.4%</u>
TOTAL	501	100.0%	500	100.0%

155. What is your age group?

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>1999</u>		<u>1996</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
18 - 29	24	4.8%	23	4.6%
30 - 44	146	29.1%	166	33.2%
45 - 64	200	39.9%	194	38.8%
65 +	128	25.5%	115	23.0%
<u>No answer</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0.6%</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0.4%</u>
TOTAL	501	100.0%	500	100.0%

156-162.

Other than yourself, how many persons in each age group live in your home?

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>1999</u>		<u>1996</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0 - 4	82	8.6%	91	9.0%
5 - 12	177	18.5%	215	21.2%
13 - 17	170	17.7%	123	12.1%
18 - 29	96	10.0%	120	11.8%
30 - 44	131	13.7%	167	16.5%
45 - 64	209	21.8%	203	20.0%
<u>65 +</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>9.8%</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>9.3%</u>
TOTAL	959	100.0%	1,013	100.0%

Persons per household: 2.92

163. What is your principal occupation (that is, what you do, not where you work)?

<u>Occupation</u>	<u>1999</u>		<u>1996</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Clerical, sales, service	54	10.8%	99	19.8%
Disabled	6	1.2%	0	0.0%
Homemaker	105	21.0%	118	23.6%
Professional or technical	138	27.5%	90	18.0%
Proprietor or manager	33	6.6%	31	6.2%
Retired	141	28.1%	126	25.2%
Skilled/unskilled manual worker	12	2.4%	27	5.4%
Student	5	1.0%	4	0.8%
Unemployed	4	0.8%	4	0.8%
Other	2	0.4%		
<u>No answer</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0.2%</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0.2%</u>
TOTAL	501	100.0%	500	100.0%

164. Does anyone in your household work at home?

<u>Working at home</u>	<u>1999</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	67	13.4%
No	432	86.2%
<u>No answer</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0.4%</u>
TOTAL	501	99.6%

165. Number of persons working at home as their primary office:

<u>Response</u>	<u>1999</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1 person	56	11.2%
2 people	3	0.6%

166. Would you (they) be interested in a professional group comprised of others working from home? (N=67)

<u>Response</u>	<u>1999</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	12	17.9%
No	37	55.2%
Not sure	11	16.4%
<u>No answer</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10.4%</u>
TOTAL	67	100.0%

167. Number of persons working at home as well as traveling to other locations.

<u>Response</u>	<u>1999</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1 person	12	2.4%
2 people	1	0.2%

168. Are you responsible for the care of an older adult such as an aging spouse, parent or relative?

<u>Response</u>	<u>1999</u>		<u>1996</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	449	89.6%	439	87.8%
Yes, an older adult living in my home	9	1.8%	17	3.4%
Yes, an older adult living on his/her own	33	6.6%	33	6.6%
Yes, an older adult living in a retirement community or nursing home	8	1.6%	11	2.2%
Yes, other	1	0.2%		
<u>No answer</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0.2%</u>		
TOTAL	501	100.0%	500	100.0%

169. Where is your primary work location?

<u>Location</u>	<u>1999</u>		<u>1996</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
City of Chicago	28	5.6%	12	2.4%
Cook County outside Chicago	136	27.1%	106	21.2%
DuPage County	7	1.4%	9	1.8%
Kane County	7	1.4%	8	1.6%
Lake County	48	9.6%	108	21.6%
McHenry County	12	2.4%	4	0.8%
I do not work	256	51.1%	252	50.4%
Other	4	0.8%	1	0.2%
<u>No answer</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0.6%</u>		
TOTAL	501	100.0%	500	100.0%

170-171.

What, if any, newspaper do you usually read during the week?

<u>Newspaper</u>	<u>1999</u>		<u>1996</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Chicago Tribune	244	48.7%	270	54.0%
Barrington Courier-Review	176	35.1%	165	33.0%
Daily Herald	141	28.1%	173	34.6%
Chicago Sun Times	52	10.4%	31	6.2%
Northwest Herald	32	6.4%	6	1.2%
Wall Street Journal	27	5.4%		
New York Times	6	1.2%		
USA Today	5	1.0%		
Other	5	1.0%	45	9.0%
<u>Do not read newspaper</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>8.4%</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>7.2%</u>
TOTAL	501	100.0%	500	100.0%

172. From what source would you most like to receive information about your family's health, the community or ways to improve your quality of life?

<u>Source</u>	<u>1999</u>		<u>1996</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Newspaper - daily	159	31.7%	194	38.8%
Newspaper - weekly	74	14.8%	104	20.8%
Radio	13	2.6%	22	4.4%
Television	44	8.8%	41	8.2%
Direct mail	76	15.2%	74	14.8%
Handouts around town	16	3.2%	6	1.2%
Internet, computer	36	7.2%	6	1.2%
Physician or other health provider	55	11.0%	37	7.4%
Friend	5	1.0%	2	0.4%
Other	9	1.8%		
<u>No answer</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>2.8%</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>2.8%</u>
TOTAL	501	100.0%	500	100.0%

173. Is there any other change that you feel would improve the quality of life in the Barrington area?

<u>Response</u>	<u>1999</u>		<u>1996</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Comment	234	46.7%	377	75.4%
<u>No answer</u>	<u>267</u>	<u>53.3%</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>24.6%</u>
TOTAL	501	100.0%	500	100.0%

APPENDIX III

VERBATIM COMMENTS

173. Is there any other change that you feel would improve the quality of life in the Barrington area?

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- Take care of traffic congestion downtown.
- I'm very concerned about the water quality.
- Less traffic.
- I wish traffic could be improved.
- Getting a group together that would push things through to an end.
- Less traffic congestion.
- Need a Kinko's, gas station with a mechanic, gourmet shops with fresh vegetables.
- More parent involvement in education.
- Centralizing a lot of the services governmentally would solve a lot of problems.
- Less traffic.
- Another grocery store. As a whole, I like Barrington.
- They are going to build a retirement center which is a good idea, but will be rather costly and probably will not help everyone.
- If the housing would not be so expensive, it would bring young people to the area.
- More parking.
- Lower my taxes.
- Less traffic.
- Probably just a better selection in shopping.
- Road maintenance and turn lanes by post office.
- I think a community center is a great idea.
- Water from Lake Michigan.
- The trains - either under or over.
- The idea of the new senior place by the library - it's only for the very wealthy seniors. Should be for modest incomes also.

173. Is there any other change that you feel would improve the quality of life in the Barrington area?

- Re-routing of heavy traffic.
- Improving the aesthetics of the town and the water quality.
- State-wide funding of education as opposed to property taxes.
- Improving the quality of water.
- If they would not permit so many new developments. The traffic is getting so bad.
- Preserving the open spaces, sidewalks connecting the neighborhoods.
- Keeping the quality and atmosphere in the downtown area, but making it more up to date.
- Re-routing the traffic downtown.
- I wish that the retail prices were more in line with the average price rather than paying 30% more because of the high rental for the store owners.
- Less traffic.
- Better water quality.
- The water quality.
- More open spaces.
- Equality in property taxes.
- Traffic.
- I hope it doesn't get any larger.
- The town tries to stay the same but they might miss some opportunities, although I would like the town to stay the same but have more access to other places.
- The way they plan their downtown, it's horrendous.
- Stop the growing.
- Less commercial development.
- Get rid of the traffic problems.
- Control traffic better.
- Improve the water.

173. Is there any other change that you feel would improve the quality of life in the Barrington area?

- Keep it a nice small town. Stop the soliciting at houses. I love it here.
- Availability for scout group lock-ins. Have police at the crosswalks.
- If people in the neighborhood would have more connection with each other.
- A stop light on the corner of Hillside and Northwest Highway. Also several intersections where shrubbery and trees block your vision.
- Take care of the traffic problem.
- Better traffic solutions.
- Lower taxes.
- Keeping it a rural community like it is.
- Traffic congestion.
- More activities for seniors.
- Doing something about the water and the traffic.
- Less traffic.
- Improving the flow of traffic. Maintaining the open spaces we presently have.
- Activities for teens.
- The traffic situation.
- Traffic.
- Improving traffic.
- Address the traffic problem.
- Control traffic.

BARRINGTON HILLS

- The whole area is getting too congested.
- Nice place but a little costly.
- Nice place. Interesting survey.
- Hard for a single parent to get by.

173. Is there any other change that you feel would improve the quality of life in the Barrington area?

- Cut down on the traffic in our area and cut down on the litter.
- Lower real estate taxes.
- Parking at the train station.
- Continue the open spaces. I have a problem with land developers.
- We like it here.
- Only problem is too much development lately.
- Traffic is getting bad.
- Hope they really look at these results.
- They could work on the growing traffic problem.
- Good place to live.

NORTH BARRINGTON

- I think they ought to stop building houses.
- Definite need for recreation activities.
- More things to do with animal control but yet keeping and feeding deer.
- Better traffic.
- Clean up the traffic problem.
- Address traffic issues.
- Make sure we keep our open spaces.
- Better access to public parks.
- How we can balance the quality of life that we moved out here for. Control the building and widen the streets.
- Keep the malls out. Limit any new building.
- Address traffic.

173. Is there any other change that you feel would improve the quality of life in the Barrington area?

DEER PARK

- I would like to see more citizenship. People would have a better sense of community.
- Good Shepherd has been looking at developing a brain clinic combining MRI and a psychiatry department. That needs to be put on the front burner.
- Solving the traffic problem.
- Move out a lot of people.
- I don't think they should build the mall in Deer Park. I think they should keep it quaint.
- Just as long as plans that are proposed go along as planned.
- Enormous garbage trucks come up long driveways and cause damage - when truck raises up, damages trees. Need smaller trucks. Need a tax break for homes on very large lots. Need a central place for seniors to register who want to do odd jobs, but would not charge union rates - not as volunteer.
- The misuse of money by the government authorities.
- Slow down the development.
- Improving the school system.
- I hope the conservation areas are kept.
- Less traffic.
- Better planning for not changing the small town atmosphere.
- A real problem with drugs in the high school and it should be addressed.
- Keep on doing things to preserve the open spaces.
- Limit the truck traffic through town.
- They could be a little more generous about who comes into the village. They put up too many barriers.
- The traffic problem should be addressed.
- Dredge the ditches.

LAKE BARRINGTON

- People working together.
- Better traffic control.

173. Is there any other change that you feel would improve the quality of life in the Barrington area?

- We could use a shopping center and a senior citizens center.
- The widening of Rt. 59 through downtown.
- Traffic control. Improve road conditions.
- The Pace bus can only pick up my mother on Thursdays. They need to offer better transportation for seniors.
- Everybody should have a conscience and know the Ten Commandments.
- The building should stop.
- My kids go to private school in Palatine and we receive no notices of sports for them as the notices are passed out in the schools in Barrington and we have to seek them out.
- Improve the Courier. Lack of planning in the area. Becoming overbuilt and overcrowded. Too congested.
- Too much development. Too much Park District activity, things should be left natural.
- Reaching physicians by phone is very difficult. They are "protected" by a layer of secretaries and others. Persons should be able to reach their doctor.
- Need to seriously consider roads that bypass downtown Barrington. I liked the grocery store in the foundry. Was very accessible and away from traffic.
- Whomever is responsible for more houses being built should provide for better transportation and shopping.
- More bike trails.
- More exposure to volunteering activities. Better traffic control.
- More good restaurants.
- Keep traffic down - no more four lanes.
- More shopping selection and less traffic.
- Quit building buildings that don't follow the standards of our area.
- Traffic has become a problem. Need more road improvements.
- Better speed control of automobiles. Better control of vandalism.
- No more development.
- A community center that would bring all ages together.
- Less development.

173. Is there any other change that you feel would improve the quality of life in the Barrington area?

- Keep schools upgraded.
- Just making traffic flow better.
- Availability of forest preserves.
- More diligent effort to stop their huge projects such as shopping centers, etc. Keep the small town atmosphere.
- People could be friendlier.
- Probably more parking spaces.
- Stop the building.

SOUTH BARRINGTON

- A more cooperative school board.
- Just relieving traffic congestion.
- Basic services should be improved. Better fire department.
- Decreasing the volume of traffic in the future.
- More open space.
- A shopping center close by.
- More police protection.
- No, I think they should keep motivated and keep the community the way it is.
- Improve the schools. Have a team effort in the family.
- Access to more cultural events.
- Less building of houses, etc.
- The police force are a little picky on certain things. The insect control people just spray the front of the driveway.
- More bike paths.
- Continue to keep zoning the way it is.
- I hope we maintain our open spaces.

173. Is there any other change that you feel would improve the quality of life in the Barrington area?

- Keeping the density as low as it is as far as homes.
- More cohesive cooperation among the separate villages.
- No, I'm well pleased.
- Spending more money for schools.
- Just making more things for the community and better traffic flow.
- Senior citizens are not given a break in reduced prices such as for vehicle stickers, etc.
- Have one main park district with satellites.
- Things for teens.

CARPENTERSVILLE

- More easy access to board meetings as to time and date. A source for teens to go to talk to someone in times of stress - preferably in the schools.
- A greater understanding among races.
- If for some reason God could grant us peace and get rid of the gang problems.
- More schools.
- If the village supplied more local help in plumbing problems.
- More community awareness of crime.
- Something needs to be done with the youth.
- Communication between Carpentersville and Barrington.
- Accessible transportation.
- Get rid of the gangs.

UNINCORPORATED LAKE COUNTY

- If we could have one local Barrington government to cover the whole area.
- More activities for teenagers - desperately needed.
- Keep the area the way it is.
- Nice place to live.

173. Is there any other change that you feel would improve the quality of life in the Barrington area?

- Plenty of services, don't need any more.
- We have lived here a short time, but like it so far.
- Keep urban development out of Barrington.
- Wouldn't live anywhere else.

UNINCORPORATED COOK COUNTY

- Less traffic would be nice.
- I would like village services, especially the Park District, to be available at a reasonable fee for people outside of the village.
- Don't like "Johnny come lately" who builds a \$800,000 home in South Barrington and then buys a home for their teenage son so he can park near school. I question the actions of the Zoning Board closing streets. Should prohibit parking on Main Street to improve traffic flow.
- Streamline building permit system.
- A course on how people learn prejudice - helping people understand that we are all members of one race. Begin in high schools (students & teachers) then junior high, grade school and community. Prejudice is a real problem in the Barrington area.
- More activities for teenagers.
- Downtown Barrington needs to grow to keep up with growing population needs.
- Less traffic. I voted against the Mall.
- Park District special children's programs are too expensive. Charges for those in unincorporated area are way too high.
- Growth is coming and the community should be planning ahead to take care of this.
- This is a nice area, we enjoy it.
- Need more help for single parents.
- We don't have a problem, but housing is a little high here.
- Wonderful place to live.
- We love it here.
- Worried about too many people coming in; too much building.

173. Is there any other change that you feel would improve the quality of life in the Barrington area?

- Nice and quiet here, away from city problems.
- We love it here, very family oriented area.
- Nice, quiet place to live.
- Although there are a lot of recreational activities, nothing specifically for teens, especially when school is out.
- The only problem here is occasional racial prejudice that we experience.

UNINCORPORATED KANE COUNTY

- I wish they could do something about highways that bisect Barrington.

HOFFMAN ESTATES

- Traffic control.
- Better traffic control.
- It bothers me that we have more and more teens hanging around on corners. We need more police action in that regards.
- They have to figure out how to stop the urban sprawl and take care of the infrastructure.
- More affordable housing.
- Just more information to households of community events.
- The Park District could have more teen activities.
- Full service gas stations.
- Better drug enforcement.
- Better drug rehabilitation centers, social workers that know what they're doing.
- I would like to see a better distribution of Section 8 families throughout the community rather than concentrated in my area.
- Lower taxes.
- That it doesn't become too crowded.
- Improve the traffic flow.
- Lower income families have moved out here and I feel it is lowering the standard of our community.
- Put more importance on teen activities.

173. Is there any other change that you feel would improve the quality of life in the Barrington area?

- We live near a wooded area and gangs of young people congregate. It could be better patrolled.
- Public transportation.
- Swimming pool.
- Schools here are wonderful.

TOWER LAKES

- We have plenty of activities, expensive but nice. A good place to live.
- Area is materialistic.
- There is too much urban traffic on rural roads, too much traffic and there should be impact fees for developers.
- Fewer people, lower density.
- We need high school intervention for dealing with violence.
- More recreational activities.
- Better access to forest preserves.
- Need less building.

FOX RIVER VALLEY GARDENS

- Roads are not cared for.