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Appendix A: Complete Survey Responses

The following pages contain a complete set of responses to each question on the survey. For questions that included a "don't know" response option, two tables for that question are provided: the first that excludes the "don't know" responses, and the second that includes those responses. The percent of respondents giving a particular response is shown followed by the number of respondents (denoted with "N=").

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Hopkinton.	Exc	ellent	G	iood		Fair	P	oor	То	otal
Hopkinton as a place to live	60%	N=352	36%	N=210	4%	N=23	0%	N=1	100%	N=587
Your neighborhood as a place to live	60%	N=349	34%	N=196	6%	N=38	0%	N=1	100%	N=584
Hopkinton as a place to raise children	73%	N=393	24%	N=129	3%	N=13	0%	N=2	100%	N=538
Hopkinton as a place to work	29%	N=96	34%	N=114	28%	N=93	9%	N=29	100%	N=331
Hopkinton as a place to visit	21%	N=110	43%	N=230	29%	N=157	7%	N=37	100%	N=534
Hopkinton as a place to retire	17%	N=78	27%	N=124	31%	N=141	25%	N=115	100%	N=458
The overall quality of life in Hopkinton	49%	N=283	46%	N=267	5%	N=29	1%	N=3	100%	N=582
Sense of community	28%	N=158	48%	N=274	21%	N=120	3%	N=18	100%	N=570

Table 1: Question 1 without "don't know" responses

Table 2: Question 1 with "don't know" responses

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Hopkinton.	Exc	ellent	Good		Fair		Poor		Don'	t know	Т	otal
Hopkinton as a place to live	60%	N=352	36%	N=210	4%	N=23	0%	N=1	0%	N=1	100%	N=588
Your neighborhood as a place to live	60%	N=349	34%	N=196	6%	N=38	0%	N=1	0%	N=1	100%	N=585
Hopkinton as a place to raise children	68%	N=393	22%	N=129	2%	N=13	0%	N=2	8%	N=45	100%	N=583
Hopkinton as a place to work	16%	N=96	20%	N=114	16%	N=93	5%	N=29	43%	N=249	100%	N=581
Hopkinton as a place to visit	19%	N=110	40%	N=230	27%	N=157	6%	N=37	8%	N=46	100%	N=579
Hopkinton as a place to retire	13%	N=78	21%	N=124	24%	N=141	20%	N=115	22%	N=127	100%	N=586
The overall quality of life in Hopkinton	48%	N=283	46%	N=267	5%	N=29	1%	N=3	0%	N=2	100%	N=584
Sense of community	27%	N=158	47%	N=274	20%	N=120	3%	N=18	3%	N=17	100%	N=587

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Hopkinton as a whole.	Exc	ellent	G	iood	6	air	P	oor	Тс	otal
Overall economic health of Hopkinton	29%	N=152	59%	N=312	11%	N=58	2%	N=9	100%	N=530
Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Hopkinton	5%	N=26	32%	N=176	44%	N=242	20%	N=109	100%	N=554
Overall design or layout of Hopkinton's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.)	10%	N=60	50%	N=291	30%	N=176	9%	N=51	100%	N=577
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Hopkinton (water, sewer, storm water, electric/gas)	15%	N=86	57%	N=316	22%	N=122	6%	N=34	100%	N=558
Overall feeling of safety in Hopkinton	78%	N=457	20%	N=116	1%	N=7	0%	N=2	100%	N=582
Overall quality of natural environment in Hopkinton	57%	N=335	36%	N=212	6%	N=33	0%	N=3	100%	N=583
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	48%	N=273	43%	N=246	8%	N=43	1%	N=4	100%	N=566
Overall health and wellness opportunities in Hopkinton	31%	N=160	50%	N=261	18%	N=93	2%	N=11	100%	N=526
Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	45%	N=251	40%	N=223	12%	N=67	2%	N=11	100%	N=552
Residents' connection and engagement with their community	24%	N=131	53%	N=286	20%	N=110	3%	N=18	100%	N=545

Table 3: Question 2 without "don't know" responses

Table 4: Question 2 with "don't know" responses

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Hopkinton as a whole.	Exc	Excellent		ood	Fair		Poor		Don'	t know	v Total	
Overall economic health of Hopkinton	26%	N=152	53%	N=312	10%	N=58	2%	N=9	9%	N=53	100%	N=584
Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Hopkinton	5%	N=26	30%	N=176	42%	N=242	19%	N=109	5%	N=28	100%	N=582
Overall design or layout of Hopkinton's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.)	10%	N=60	50%	N=291	30%	N=176	9%	N=51	1%	N=6	100%	N=583
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Hopkinton (water, sewer, storm water, electric/gas)	15%	N=86	54%	N=316	21%	N=122	6%	N=34	4%	N=26	100%	N=584
Overall feeling of safety in Hopkinton	78%	N=457	20%	N=116	1%	N=7	0%	N=2	0%	N=0	100%	N=582
Overall quality of natural environment in Hopkinton	57%	N=335	36%	N=212	6%	N=33	0%	N=3	0%	N=1	100%	N=584
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	47%	N=273	42%	N=246	7%	N=43	1%	N=4	3%	N=17	100%	N=583
Overall health and wellness opportunities in Hopkinton	27%	N=160	45%	N=261	16%	N=93	2%	N=11	10%	N=58	100%	N=583

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Hopkinton as a whole.	Exc	ellent	G	iood		air	P	oor	Don'	t know	Тс	otal
Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	43%	N=251	38%	N=223	11%	N=67	2%	N=11	5%	N=31	100%	N=583
Residents' connection and engagement with their community	23%	N=131	49%	N=286	19%	N=110	3%	N=18	6%	N=38	100%	N=583

Table 5: Question 3 without "don't know" responses

Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Ver	y likely	Somev	vhat likely	Somew	hat unlikely	Very unlikely		Тс	otal
Recommend living in Hopkinton to someone who asks	64%	N=371	30%	N=171	5%	N=30	1%	N=8	100%	N=580
Remain in Hopkinton for the next five years	63%	N=360	19%	N=110	9%	N=51	8%	N=47	100%	N=569

Table 6: Question 3 with "don't know" responses

Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Ver	y likely		newhat kely		newhat nlikely		/ery likely		on't now	Тс	otal
Recommend living in Hopkinton to someone who asks	64%	N=371	29%	N=171	5%	N=30	1%	N=8	1%	N=3	100%	N=583
Remain in Hopkinton for the next five years	62%	N=360	19%	N=110	9%	N=51	8%	N=47	2%	N=12	100%	N=581

Table 7: Question 4 without "don't know" responses

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	Ver	y safe		newhat safe				Somewhat unsafe		Very unsafe		otal
In your neighborhood during the day	91%	N=531	8%	N=48	1%	N=5	0%	N=1	0%	N=0	100%	N=586
In Hopkinton's downtown/commercial area during the day	89%	N=519	10%	N=60	1%	N=4	0%	N=0	0%	N=0	100%	N=584
From property crime	72%	N=418	25%	N=144	3%	N=16	0%	N=1	0%	N=0	100%	N=579
From violent crime	91%	N=528	7%	N=43	1%	N=9	0%	N=0	0%	N=0	100%	N=579
From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	68%	N=394	26%	N=150	6%	N=34	1%	N=3	0%	N=0	100%	N=582

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	Ver	y safe		newhat safe		Neither safe nor unsafe		Somewhat unsafe		ery safe	Don't know		Т	otal
In your neighborhood during the day	91%	N=531	8%	N=48	1%	N=5	0%	N=1	0%	N=0	0%	N=0	100%	N=586
In Hopkinton's downtown/commercial area during the day	89%	N=519	10%	N=60	1%	N=4	0%	N=0	0%	N=0	0%	N=1	100%	N=585
From property crime	71%	N=418	24%	N=144	3%	N=16	0%	N=1	0%	N=0	1%	N=7	100%	N=586
From violent crime	90%	N=528	7%	N=43	1%	N=9	0%	N=0	0%	N=0	1%	N=6	100%	N=585
From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	67%	N=394	26%	N=150	6%	N=34	1%	N=3	0%	N=0	1%	N=5	100%	N=586

Table 8: Question 4 with "don't know" responses

Table 9: Question 5 without "don't know" responses

Please rate the job you feel the Hopkinton community does at each of the following.	Exc	ellent	G	iood		air	Poor		Total	
Making all residents feel welcome	27%	N=151	49%	N=273	19%	N=107	4%	N=22	100%	N=553
Attracting people from diverse backgrounds		N=90	36%	N=189	31%	N=165	16%	N=82	100%	N=526
Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	23%	N=121	41%	N=212	25%	N=132	10%	N=53	100%	N=518
Taking care of vulnerable residents (elderly, disabled, homeless, etc.)		N=119	45%	N=190	22%	N=94	5%	N=23	100%	N=426

Table 10: Question 5 with "don't know" responses

Please rate the job you feel the Hopkinton community does at each of the following.	Exc	Excellent		Good		Fair		oor	Don'	t know	Тс	otal
Making all residents feel welcome	26%	N=151	47%	N=273	18%	N=107	4%	N=22	6%	N=33	100%	N=586
Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	15%	N=90	32%	N=189	28%	N=165	14%	N=82	10%	N=59	100%	N=585
Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	21%	N=121	36%	N=212	23%	N=132	9%	N=53	12%	N=68	100%	N=586
Taking care of vulnerable residents (elderly, disabled, homeless, etc.)	20%	N=119	32%	N=190	16%	N=94	4%	N=23	27%	N=160	100%	N=586

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Hopkinton as a whole.	Exc	ellent	Good		Fa		Р	Poor		otal
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Hopkinton	19%	N=112	49%	N=285	25%	N=143	8%	N=44	100%	N=584
Variety of business and service establishments in Hopkinton	6%	N=34	32%	N=186	43%	N=251	19%	N=114	100%	N=585
Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	5%	N=28	26%	N=151	42%	N=244	28%	N=161	100%	N=583
Employment opportunities	5%	N=18	21%	N=75	50%	N=174	24%	N=82	100%	N=349
Shopping opportunities	2%	N=12	14%	N=78	47%	N=272	37%	N=213	100%	N=574
Cost of living in Hopkinton	2%	N=12	20%	N=113	51%	N=295	27%	N=157	100%	N=576
Overall image or reputation of Hopkinton	47%	N=272	45%	N=261	8%	N=46	1%	N=4	100%	N=583

Table 11: Question 6 without "don't know" responses

Table 12: Question 6 with "don't know" responses

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Hopkinton as a whole.	Exc	ellent	Good		Fair		Poor		Don'	t know	Тс	otal
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Hopkinton	19%	N=112	49%	N=285	24%	N=143	7%	N=44	0%	N=2	100%	N=587
Variety of business and service establishments in Hopkinton	6%	N=34	32%	N=186	43%	N=251	19%	N=114	0%	N=2	100%	N=587
Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	5%	N=28	26%	N=151	42%	N=244	27%	N=161	0%	N=2	100%	N=586
Employment opportunities	3%	N=18	13%	N=75	30%	N=174	14%	N=82	40%	N=236	100%	N=586
Shopping opportunities	2%	N=12	13%	N=78	47%	N=272	36%	N=213	2%	N=9	100%	N=584
Cost of living in Hopkinton	2%	N=12	19%	N=113	51%	N=295	27%	N=157	1%	N=7	100%	N=583
Overall image or reputation of Hopkinton	46%	N=272	45%	N=261	8%	N=46	1%	N=4	1%	N=4	100%	N=587

Table 13: Question 7 without "don't know" responses

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Hopkinton as a whole.	Exc	ellent	Good		Good Fair		Poor		Т	otal
Traffic flow on major streets	3% N=17 3		33%	N=191	43%	N=248	22%	N=128	100%	N=584
Ease of public parking	8%	N=45	33%	N=190	36%	N=209	23%	N=131	100%	N=576
Ease of travel by car in Hopkinton	16%	N=93	50%	N=289	26%	N=152	8%	N=44	100%	N=578
Ease of travel by public transportation in Hopkinton	2%	N=8	8%	N=27	26%	N=90	64%	N=223	100%	N=350
Ease of travel by bicycle in Hopkinton	5%	N=22	25%	N=115	42%	N=191	27%	N=125	100%	N=453

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Hopkinton as a whole.	Exc	ellent	G	iood	F	air	P	oor	Т	otal
Ease of walking in Hopkinton	15%	N=86	42%	N=234	36%	N=205	7%	N=39	100%	N=562
Well-planned residential growth	5%	N=24	26%	N=129	31%	N=151	38%	N=186	100%	N=490
Well-planned commercial growth	4%	N=20	27%	N=124	36%	N=165	32%	N=144	100%	N=452
Well-designed neighborhoods	11%	N=59	51%	N=274	31%	N=166	8%	N=40	100%	N=539
Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	16%	N=85	53%	N=279	26%	N=134	5%	N=28	100%	N=526
Public places where people want to spend time	17%	N=99	41%	N=232	32%	N=180	10%	N=55	100%	N=566
Variety of housing options	8%	N=43	40%	N=217	37%	N=204	15%	N=80	100%	N=545
Availability of affordable quality housing	6%	N=29	22%	N=102	36%	N=164	35%	N=161	100%	N=455
Overall quality of new development in Hopkinton	10%	N=50	40%	N=198	34%	N=167	16%	N=79	100%	N=494
Overall appearance of Hopkinton	29%	N=166	54%	N=316	16%	N=90	1%	N=9	100%	N=580
Cleanliness of Hopkinton	46%	N=267	48%	N=283	5%	N=30	1%	N=4	100%	N=583
Water resources (beaches, lakes, ponds, riverways, etc.)	40%	N=230	50%	N=284	9%	N=51	1%	N=5	100%	N=571
Air quality	55%	N=309	42%	N=238	3%	N=18	0%	N=0	100%	N=565
Availability of paths and walking trails	47%	N=263	41%	N=229	12%	N=68	1%	N=4	100%	N=564
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	28%	N=150	49%	N=262	18%	N=99	4%	N=24	100%	N=534
Recreational opportunities	31%	N=173	50%	N=277	18%	N=98	2%	N=11	100%	N=559
Availability of affordable quality food	13%	N=73	44%	N=248	33%	N=188	9%	N=53	100%	N=561
Availability of affordable quality health care	18%	N=85	49%	N=227	27%	N=127	5%	N=24	100%	N=463
Availability of preventive health services	17%	N=73	47%	N=208	31%	N=136	6%	N=25	100%	N=442
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	14%	N=41	37%	N=107	31%	N=91	18%	N=51	100%	N=290
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	24%	N=128	44%	N=235	25%	N=135	7%	N=37	100%	N=535
Community support for the arts	31%	N=158	46%	N=235	19%	N=98	3%	N=17	100%	N=508
Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	23%	N=79	44%	N=155	24%	N=85	9%	N=32	100%	N=351
K-12 education	67%	N=335	28%	N=141	4%	N=18	1%	N=3	100%	N=496
Adult educational opportunities	12%	N=38	40%	N=126	32%	N=101	15%	N=47	100%	N=312

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Hopkinton as a whole.	Exc	ellent	Good		F	Fair		oor	Тс	otal
Sense of civic/community pride	31%	N=168	49%	N=269	18%	N=99	3%	N=14	100%	N=550
Neighborliness of residents in Hopkinton	26%	N=151	46%	N=263	23%	N=130	5%	N=27	100%	N=570
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	19%	N=97	47%	N=246	30%	N=157	5%	N=24	100%	N=524
Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	18%	N=94	49%	N=264	26%	N=138	7%	N=38	100%	N=534
Opportunities to volunteer	30%	N=146	44%	N=215	22%	N=108	3%	N=14	100%	N=483
Opportunities to participate in community matters	31%	N=157	48%	N=240	18%	N=89	4%	N=19	100%	N=506
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	19%	N=95	40%	N=199	31%	N=154	10%	N=50	100%	N=498

Table 14: Question 7 with "don't know" responses

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Hopkinton as a whole.	Exc	ellent	G	ood		air	P	oor	Don	t know	Тс	otal
Traffic flow on major streets	3%	N=17	33%	N=191	43%	N=248	22%	N=128	0%	N=0	100%	N=584
Ease of public parking	8%	N=45	33%	N=190	36%	N=209	23%	N=131	1%	N=6	100%	N=582
Ease of travel by car in Hopkinton	16%	N=93	50%	N=289	26%	N=152	8%	N=44	1%	N=4	100%	N=583
Ease of travel by public transportation in Hopkinton	1%	N=8	5%	N=27	16%	N=90	39%	N=223	40%	N=229	100%	N=579
Ease of travel by bicycle in Hopkinton	4%	N=22	20%	N=115	33%	N=191	22%	N=125	21%	N=123	100%	N=576
Ease of walking in Hopkinton	15%	N=86	41%	N=234	36%	N=205	7%	N=39	2%	N=12	100%	N=575
Well-planned residential growth	4%	N=24	22%	N=129	26%	N=151	32%	N=186	16%	N=90	100%	N=581
Well-planned commercial growth	3%	N=20	21%	N=124	28%	N=165	25%	N=144	22%	N=129	100%	N=581
Well-designed neighborhoods	10%	N=59	47%	N=274	29%	N=166	7%	N=40	7%	N=42	100%	N=581
Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	15%	N=85	48%	N=279	23%	N=134	5%	N=28	10%	N=57	100%	N=583
Public places where people want to spend time	17%	N=99	40%	N=232	31%	N=180	9%	N=55	3%	N=17	100%	N=583
Variety of housing options	7%	N=43	37%	N=217	35%	N=204	14%	N=80	6%	N=37	100%	N=582
Availability of affordable quality housing	5%	N=29	18%	N=102	28%	N=164	28%	N=161	22%	N=127	100%	N=582
Overall quality of new development in Hopkinton	9%	N=50	35%	N=198	29%	N=167	14%	N=79	13%	N=77	100%	N=571
Overall appearance of Hopkinton	28%	N=166	54%	N=316	15%	N=90	1%	N=9	0%	N=1	100%	N=581

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Hopkinton as a whole.	Exc	ellent	G	ood	1	Fair	P	oor	Don	't know	То	otal
Cleanliness of Hopkinton	46%	N=267	48%	N=283	5%	N=30	1%	N=4	0%	N=0	100%	N=583
Water resources (beaches, lakes, ponds, riverways, etc.)	39%	N=230	49%	N=284	9%	N=51	1%	N=5	2%	N=13	100%	N=584
Air quality	53%	N=309	41%	N=238	3%	N=18	0%	N=0	3%	N=18	100%	N=583
Availability of paths and walking trails	45%	N=263	39%	N=229	12%	N=68	1%	N=4	3%	N=18	100%	N=583
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	26%	N=150	45%	N=262	17%	N=99	4%	N=24	8%	N=48	100%	N=582
Recreational opportunities	30%	N=173	48%	N=277	17%	N=98	2%	N=11	4%	N=22	100%	N=581
Availability of affordable quality food	13%	N=73	43%	N=248	32%	N=188	9%	N=53	3%	N=20	100%	N=581
Availability of affordable quality health care	15%	N=85	39%	N=227	22%	N=127	4%	N=24	20%	N=117	100%	N=580
Availability of preventive health services	13%	N=73	36%	N=208	23%	N=136	4%	N=25	24%	N=141	100%	N=583
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	7%	N=41	19%	N=107	16%	N=91	9%	N=51	50%	N=289	100%	N=579
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	22%	N=128	40%	N=235	23%	N=135	6%	N=37	8%	N=46	100%	N=581
Community support for the arts	27%	N=158	41%	N=235	17%	N=98	3%	N=17	12%	N=72	100%	N=580
Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	14%	N=79	27%	N=155	15%	N=85	5%	N=32	40%	N=233	100%	N=584
K-12 education	57%	N=335	24%	N=141	3%	N=18	0%	N=3	15%	N=88	100%	N=585
Adult educational opportunities	7%	N=38	22%	N=126	17%	N=101	8%	N=47	46%	N=268	100%	N=581
Sense of civic/community pride	29%	N=168	46%	N=269	17%	N=99	2%	N=14	5%	N=30	100%	N=580
Neighborliness of residents in Hopkinton	26%	N=151	45%	N=263	22%	N=130	5%	N=27	2%	N=13	100%	N=583
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	17%	N=97	42%	N=246	27%	N=157	4%	N=24	10%	N=58	100%	N=582
Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	16%	N=94	45%	N=264	24%	N=138	7%	N=38	8%	N=48	100%	N=582
Opportunities to volunteer	25%	N=146	37%	N=215	19%	N=108	2%	N=14	17%	N=99	100%	N=582
Opportunities to participate in community matters	27%	N=157	41%	N=240	15%	N=89	3%	N=19	13%	N=76	100%	N=582
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	17%	N=95	34%	N=199	27%	N=154	9%	N=50	13%	N=78	100%	N=576

Table	15:	Question	8
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Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.		No	· ·	Yes	То	otal
Contacted the Town of Hopkinton (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information	40%	N=232	60%	N=351	100%	N=583
Contacted Hopkinton elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion	80%	N=462	20%	N=118	100%	N=581
Attended a local public meeting (of local elected officials like City Council or County Commissioners, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood watch, etc.)	59%	N=342	41%	N=240	100%	N=582
Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	44%	N=259	56%	N=325	100%	N=583
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Hopkinton	61%	N=354	39%	N=227	100%	N=581
Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause or candidate	76%	N=443	24%	N=139	100%	N=582
Voted in your most recent local election	33%	N=191	67%	N=392	100%	N=583
Used bus, rail, subway, or other public transportation instead of driving	83%	N=482	17%	N=100	100%	N=582
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	67%	N=393	33%	N=192	100%	N=585
Walked or biked instead of driving	47%	N=272	53%	N=311	100%	N=583

Table 16: Question 9 without "don't know" responses

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Hopkinton.	Exc	ellent	G	iood	F	air	P	oor	Тс	otal
Public information services	19%	N=94	63%	N=313	16%	N=81	2%	N=9	100%	N=499
Economic development	10%	N=43	49%	N=221	31%	N=139	10%	N=44	100%	N=446
Traffic enforcement	14%	N=77	60%	N=318	23%	N=125	2%	N=12	100%	N=532
Traffic signal timing	10%	N=58	60%	N=333	23%	N=127	7%	N=39	100%	N=557
Street repair	9%	N=49	36%	N=204	36%	N=204	19%	N=108	100%	N=565
Street cleaning	20%	N=108	54%	N=300	22%	N=122	4%	N=24	100%	N=554
Street lighting	14%	N=76	50%	N=279	29%	N=159	8%	N=42	100%	N=555
Snow removal	32%	N=181	54%	N=301	13%	N=71	2%	N=9	100%	N=563
Sidewalk maintenance	14%	N=75	52%	N=272	26%	N=136	8%	N=41	100%	N=524
Bus or transit services	5%	N=14	16%	N=46	31%	N=88	48%	N=135	100%	N=282
Land use, planning, and zoning	7%	N=32	33%	N=143	35%	N=153	24%	N=104	100%	N=433
Affordable high-speed internet access	21%	N=109	53%	N=273	21%	N=106	6%	N=29	100%	N=518

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Hopkinton.	Excellent		G	iood	ł	-air	P	oor	То	otal
Garbage collection	45%	N=248	47%	N=259	6%	N=34	3%	N=15	100%	N=556
Drinking water	40%	N=200	47%	N=236	11%	N=58	2%	N=12	100%	N=507
Sewer services	39%	N=143	46%	N=169	11%	N=42	4%	N=15	100%	N=368
Storm water management (storm drainage, dams, levees, etc.)	23%	N=100	59%	N=257	15%	N=67	3%	N=13	100%	N=437
Utility billing	18%	N=85	53%	N=259	26%	N=129	3%	N=13	100%	N=487
Police services	48%	N=266	44%	N=242	7%	N=37	1%	N=7	100%	N=551
Crime prevention	54%	N=283	40%	N=212	6%	N=30	0%	N=2	100%	N=528
Animal control	31%	N=120	48%	N=184	14%	N=53	7%	N=28	100%	N=386
Ambulance or emergency medical services	58%	N=240	37%	N=153	4%	N=17	0%	N=1	100%	N=411
Fire services	60%	N=288	37%	N=179	3%	N=14	0%	N=0	100%	N=480
Fire prevention and education	43%	N=164	49%	N=186	7%	N=28	1%	N=4	100%	N=381
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	36%	N=125	46%	N=159	15%	N=51	4%	N=13	100%	N=349
Preservation of natural areas (open space, farmlands, and greenbelts)	29%	N=151	41%	N=214	18%	N=95	11%	N=57	100%	N=517
Hopkinton open space	29%	N=157	45%	N=242	19%	N=99	7%	N=36	100%	N=535
Recycling	36%	N=200	48%	N=268	12%	N=69	4%	N=24	100%	N=561
Yard waste pick-up	20%	N=65	30%	N=100	19%	N=63	31%	N=104	100%	N=331
Town parks	34%	N=186	52%	N=289	13%	N=72	1%	N=6	100%	N=553
Recreation programs or classes	26%	N=109	52%	N=221	19%	N=81	3%	N=12	100%	N=423
Recreation centers or facilities	19%	N=83	47%	N=202	26%	N=112	7%	N=32	100%	N=429
Health services	20%	N=73	57%	N=215	21%	N=79	2%	N=7	100%	N=374
Public library services	61%	N=320	35%	N=183	3%	N=14	1%	N=5	100%	N=521
Overall customer service by Hopkinton employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	43%	N=233	49%	N=267	7%	N=35	1%	N=7	100%	N=542

Table 17: Question 9 with "don't know" responses

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Hopkinton.	Exc	ellent	G	ood	1	air	F	oor	Don	't know	Т	otal
Public information services	16%	N=94	54%	N=313	14%	N=81	2%	N=9	14%	N=80	100%	N=579
Economic development	7%	N=43	38%	N=221	24%	N=139	8%	N=44	23%	N=131	100%	N=577
Traffic enforcement	13%	N=77	55%	N=318	22%	N=125	2%	N=12	8%	N=45	100%	N=577
Traffic signal timing	10%	N=58	58%	N=333	22%	N=127	7%	N=39	3%	N=16	100%	N=573
Street repair	9%	N=49	35%	N=204	35%	N=204	19%	N=108	2%	N=14	100%	N=580
Street cleaning	19%	N=108	52%	N=300	21%	N=122	4%	N=24	4%	N=26	100%	N=579
Street lighting	13%	N=76	48%	N=279	27%	N=159	7%	N=42	4%	N=25	100%	N=580
Snow removal	31%	N=181	52%	N=301	12%	N=71	2%	N=9	3%	N=16	100%	N=579
Sidewalk maintenance	13%	N=75	47%	N=272	23%	N=136	7%	N=41	10%	N=56	100%	N=580
Bus or transit services	2%	N=14	8%	N=46	15%	N=88	23%	N=135	51%	N=295	100%	N=577
Land use, planning, and zoning	6%	N=32	25%	N=143	26%	N=153	18%	N=104	25%	N=145	100%	N=578
Affordable high-speed internet access	19%	N=109	47%	N=273	18%	N=106	5%	N=29	11%	N=62	100%	N=580
Garbage collection	43%	N=248	45%	N=259	6%	N=34	3%	N=15	4%	N=24	100%	N=580
Drinking water	35%	N=200	41%	N=236	10%	N=58	2%	N=12	12%	N=72	100%	N=579
Sewer services	25%	N=143	29%	N=169	7%	N=42	3%	N=15	36%	N=208	100%	N=576
Storm water management (storm drainage, dams, levees, etc.)	17%	N=100	45%	N=257	12%	N=67	2%	N=13	24%	N=140	100%	N=577
Utility billing	15%	N=85	45%	N=259	22%	N=129	2%	N=13	16%	N=92	100%	N=579
Police services	46%	N=266	41%	N=242	6%	N=37	1%	N=7	5%	N=31	100%	N=582
Crime prevention	49%	N=283	37%	N=212	5%	N=30	0%	N=2	9%	N=54	100%	N=581
Animal control	21%	N=120	32%	N=184	9%	N=53	5%	N=28	34%	N=195	100%	N=580
Ambulance or emergency medical services	41%	N=240	26%	N=153	3%	N=17	0%	N=1	29%	N=171	100%	N=582
Fire services	50%	N=288	31%	N=179	2%	N=14	0%	N=0	17%	N=100	100%	N=580
Fire prevention and education	28%	N=164	32%	N=186	5%	N=28	1%	N=4	34%	N=197	100%	N=578
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	22%	N=125	28%	N=159	9%	N=51	2%	N=13	40%	N=229	100%	N=578

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Hopkinton.	Exc	ellent	G	ood	F	air	P	oor	Don'	t know	Т	otal
Preservation of natural areas (open space, farmlands, and greenbelts)	26%	N=151	37%	N=214	17%	N=95	10%	N=57	10%	N=59	100%	N=575
Hopkinton open space	27%	N=157	42%	N=242	17%	N=99	6%	N=36	8%	N=44	100%	N=579
Recycling	34%	N=200	46%	N=268	12%	N=69	4%	N=24	4%	N=21	100%	N=582
Yard waste pick-up	11%	N=65	17%	N=100	11%	N=63	18%	N=104	42%	N=244	100%	N=575
Town parks	32%	N=186	50%	N=289	12%	N=72	1%	N=6	4%	N=25	100%	N=578
Recreation programs or classes	19%	N=109	38%	N=221	14%	N=81	2%	N=12	27%	N=155	100%	N=578
Recreation centers or facilities	14%	N=83	35%	N=202	19%	N=112	6%	N=32	26%	N=148	100%	N=577
Health services	13%	N=73	37%	N=215	14%	N=79	1%	N=7	35%	N=204	100%	N=578
Public library services	56%	N=320	32%	N=183	2%	N=14	1%	N=5	9%	N=54	100%	N=576
Overall customer service by Hopkinton employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	41%	N=233	47%	N=267	6%	N=35	1%	N=7	5%	N=29	100%	N=571

Table 18: Question	10 without "	'don't know" r	responses
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Please rate the following categories of Hopkinton government performance.	Exc	ellent	G	iood		Fair	P	oor	То	otal
The value of services for the taxes paid to Hopkinton	14%	N=74	50%	N=268	28%	N=149	9%	N=50	100%	N=541
The overall direction that Hopkinton is taking	12%	N=65	48%	N=260	27%	N=145	13%	N=70	100%	N=539
The job Hopkinton government does at welcoming resident involvement	19%	N=93	46%	N=221	27%	N=131	8%	N=38	100%	N=482
Overall confidence in Hopkinton government	14%	N=77	53%	N=286	23%	N=125	9%	N=49	100%	N=537
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	15%	N=83	54%	N=296	24%	N=129	6%	N=35	100%	N=544
Being honest	19%	N=95	54%	N=264	20%	N=99	7%	N=34	100%	N=493
Being open and transparent to the public	17%	N=88	51%	N=263	24%	N=124	7%	N=38	100%	N=513
Informing residents about issues facing the community	16%	N=84	53%	N=280	26%	N=136	6%	N=32	100%	N=532
Treating all residents fairly	20%	N=97	51%	N=241	20%	N=96	8%	N=40	100%	N=473
Treating residents with respect	24%	N=122	54%	N=277	18%	N=94	4%	N=18	100%	N=510

Table 19: Question 10 with "don't know" responses

Please rate the following categories of Hopkinton government performance.	Exc	ellent	G	ood		Fair	P	oor	Don'	t know	Тс	otal
The value of services for the taxes paid to Hopkinton	13%	N=74	47%	N=268	26%	N=149	9%	N=50	6%	N=35	100%	N=576
The overall direction that Hopkinton is taking	11%	N=65	45%	N=260	25%	N=145	12%	N=70	6%	N=36	100%	N=576
The job Hopkinton government does at welcoming resident involvement	16%	N=93	38%	N=221	23%	N=131	7%	N=38	16%	N=94	100%	N=576
Overall confidence in Hopkinton government	13%	N=77	50%	N=286	22%	N=125	9%	N=49	7%	N=40	100%	N=577
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	14%	N=83	51%	N=296	22%	N=129	6%	N=35	6%	N=33	100%	N=577
Being honest	17%	N=95	46%	N=264	17%	N=99	6%	N=34	14%	N=82	100%	N=575
Being open and transparent to the public	15%	N=88	46%	N=263	22%	N=124	7%	N=38	11%	N=63	100%	N=576
Informing residents about issues facing the community	15%	N=84	49%	N=280	24%	N=136	6%	N=32	8%	N=44	100%	N=575
Treating all residents fairly	17%	N=97	42%	N=241	17%	N=96	7%	N=40	18%	N=104	100%	N=578
Treating residents with respect	21%	N=122	48%	N=277	16%	N=94	3%	N=18	12%	N=67	100%	N=577

Table 20: Question 11 without "don't know" responses

Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	Eve	cellent	6	iood		air		oor	т,	otal
The Town of Hopkinton	27%	N=150	-	N=320	15%	N=86	0%	N=3	100%	
The Federal Government	6%	N=29	28%	N=145	43%	N=224	23%	N=122	100%	N=520

Table 21: Question 11 with "don't know" responses

Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	Exc	ellent	G	ood	F	air	Р	oor	Don'i	t know	Tc	otal
The Town of Hopkinton	26%	N=150	55%	N=320	15%	N=86	0%	N=3	3%	N=18	100%	N=577
The Federal Government	5%	N=29	25%	N=145	39%	N=224	21%	N=122	10%	N=55	100%	N=575

Table 22: Question 12

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Hopkinton community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Ess	ential		/ery ortant		newhat portant	-	t at all oortant	Т	otal
Overall economic health of Hopkinton	46%	N=267	43%	N=250	11%	N=62	1%	N=4	100%	N=582
Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Hopkinton	21%	N=121	40%	N=232	33%	N=194	6%	N=34	100%	N=581
Overall design or layout of Hopkinton's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.)	29%	N=169	46%	N=267	21%	N=121	4%	N=23	100%	N=580
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Hopkinton (water, sewer, storm water, electric/gas)	37%	N=218	44%	N=255	18%	N=104	1%	N=6	100%	N=583
Overall feeling of safety in Hopkinton	48%	N=278	30%	N=176	18%	N=104	4%	N=24	100%	N=581
Overall quality of natural environment in Hopkinton	36%	N=207	43%	N=252	18%	N=104	3%	N=17	100%	N=580
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	26%	N=150	46%	N=263	27%	N=155	2%	N=10	100%	N=578
Overall health and wellness opportunities in Hopkinton	23%	N=133	41%	N=238	31%	N=180	5%	N=30	100%	N=580
Overall opportunities for education, culture and the arts	32%	N=187	37%	N=216	27%	N=158	3%	N=18	100%	N=579
Residents' connection and engagement with their community	18%	N=105	49%	N=283	30%	N=173	3%	N=19	100%	N=581

Table 23: Question 13 without "don't know" responses

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for Hopkinton to address each of the following in the coming five years.	Ess	ential		/ery ortant		newhat oortant		t at all oortant	Т	otal
School facility expansions	50%	N=261	27%	N=144	18%	N=95	5%	N=27	100%	N=527
Renovating the Center School for re-use for community meeting space, Town offices, etc.	15%	N=82	31%	N=165	39%	N=212	15%	N=80	100%	N=538
Constructing a new public safety facility	4%	N=21	15%	N=70	37%	N=176	44%	N=213	100%	N=481
Constructing new athletic fields	6%	N=31	15%	N=78	38%	N=199	41%	N=214	100%	N=521
Expanding public bus service to adjoining towns and commercial areas	7%	N=38	24%	N=126	41%	N=217	28%	N=148	100%	N=529
Expanding public bus service to nearby train stations	12%	N=63	30%	N=161	40%	N=211	18%	N=95	100%	N=531

Table 24: Question 13 with "don't know" responses

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for Hopkinton to address each of the following in the coming five years.	Ess	ential		/ery ortant		newhat portant		t at all ortant	Don'	t know	т	otal
School facility expansions	45%	N=261	25%	N=144	16%	N=95	5%	N=27	9%	N=53	100%	N=580
Renovating the Center School for re-use for community meeting space, Town offices, etc.	14%	N=82	28%	N=165	36%	N=212	14%	N=80	7%	N=43	100%	N=581
Constructing a new public safety facility	4%	N=21	12%	N=70	30%	N=176	37%	N=213	17%	N=97	100%	N=578
Constructing new athletic fields	5%	N=31	13%	N=78	34%	N=199	37%	N=214	10%	N=55	100%	N=577
Expanding public bus service to adjoining towns and commercial areas	7%	N=38	22%	N=126	37%	N=217	25%	N=148	9%	N=53	100%	N=581
Expanding public bus service to nearby train stations	11%	N=63	28%	N=161	36%	N=211	16%	N=95	9%	N=50	100%	N=580

Table 25: Question 14 without "don't know" responses

Please select the statement that best describes your opinion:	Percent	Number
I am satisfied with the current level of taxes and services	45%	N=240
I am willing to pay more taxes to get more services	7%	N=39
I feel that I pay too much for the services I receive	34%	N=177
I am willing to accept service reductions if it means lower taxes	9%	N=47
My opinion is different from the ones listed here	5%	N=25
Total	100%	N=529

Table 26: Question 14 with "don't know" responses

Please select the statement that best describes your opinion:	Percent	Number
I am satisfied with the current level of taxes and services	41%	N=240
I am willing to pay more taxes to get more services	7%	N=39
I feel that I pay too much for the services I receive	31%	N=177
I am willing to accept service reductions if it means lower taxes	8%	N=47
My opinion is different from the ones listed here	4%	N=25
I don't have an opinion/no preference	9%	N=51
Total	100%	N=579

Table 27: Question 15

Due to the impacts of COVID-19, the Town is anticipating reductions in local and state revenues in the coming fiscal year. Which of the following best describes how Hopkinton should manage the projected revenue deficit?	Percent	Number
Hopkinton should maintain current tax levels and reduce service delivery and infrastructure spending	56%	N=307
Hopkinton should use a combination of tax increases and reduced service delivery and infrastructure spending	28%	N=157
Hopkinton should increase taxes in order to maintain current service delivery	12%	N=67
Hopkinton should increase taxes in order to increase current service delivery and infrastructure spending	4%	N=21
Total	100%	N=551

Table 28: Question 16 without "don't know" responses										
How much of a priority, if at all, should it be for the Town of Hopkinton to focus on each of the following?	High	priority		derate iority	Low	priority	Not a	priority	Т	otal
Creating a diverse, inclusive, and fair community	39%	N=222	22%	N=127	16%	N=93	22%	N=127	100%	N=569
Addressing social, economic, and racial equity differences in jobs and housing	27%	N=155	30%	N=172	20%	N=116	22%	N=124	100%	N=567
Addressing social, economic, and racial equity differences in health and education	31%	N=176	29%	N=162	18%	N=101	22%	N=121	100%	N=560
Addressing social, economic, and racial equity differences in the criminal justice system	30%	N=170	26%	N=146	19%	N=108	24%	N=136	100%	N=560
Recruiting diverse people into positions of local government leadership	31%	N=177	25%	N=144	21%	N=118	23%	N=130	100%	N=568

Table 29: Question 16 with "don't know" responses

How much of a priority, if at all, should it be for the Town of Hopkinton to focus on each of the following?	High	priority		derate iority	Low	priority	Not a	priority	-	on't now	Т	otal
Creating a diverse, inclusive, and fair community	38%	N=222	22%	N=127	16%	N=93	22%	N=127	2%	N=12	100%	N=581
Addressing social, economic, and racial equity differences in jobs and housing	27%	N=155	30%	N=172	20%	N=116	21%	N=124	2%	N=13	100%	N=579
Addressing social, economic, and racial equity differences in health and education	31%	N=176	28%	N=162	18%	N=101	21%	N=121	3%	N=18	100%	N=577
Addressing social, economic, and racial equity differences in the criminal justice system	29%	N=170	25%	N=146	19%	N=108	23%	N=136	4%	N=20	100%	N=580
Recruiting diverse people into positions of local government leadership	30%	N=177	25%	N=144	20%	N=118	22%	N=130	2%	N=12	100%	N=580

Table 30: Question D1 without "don't know" responses

Thinking about a typical week, how many times do you:		al times a day	Once	e a day		v times a veek		ry few eeks	Less often or never				т	otal
Access the internet from your home using a computer, laptop or tablet computer	90%	N=526	6%	N=33	2%	N=11	0%	N=3	2%	N=10	100%	N=583		
Access the internet from your cell phone	89%	N=516	3%	N=18	2%	N=10	1%	N=3	5%	N=31	100%	N=578		
Visit social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, etc.	60%	N=347	12%	N=69	7%	N=42	3%	N=17	18%	N=103	100%	N=579		
Use or check email	88%	N=509	8%	N=45	2%	N=14	0%	N=2	2%	N=11	100%	N=581		
Share your opinions online	12%	N=71	4%	N=22	12%	N=70	17%	N=98	54%	N=309	100%	N=570		
Shop online	15%	N=86	10%	N=57	40%	N=233	26%	N=151	9%	N=54	100%	N=580		

Table 31: Question D1 with "don't know" responses

Thinking about a typical week, how many times do you:		al times a day	Once	e a day	-	/ times a veek		ery few reeks		often or ever		on't now	Т	otal
Access the internet from your home using a computer, laptop or tablet computer	90%	N=526	6%	N=33	2%	N=11	0%	N=3	2%	N=10	0%	N=1	100%	N=583
Access the internet from your cell phone	89%	N=516	3%	N=18	2%	N=10	1%	N=3	5%	N=31	0%	N=1	100%	N=579
Visit social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, etc.	60%	N=347	12%	N=69	7%	N=42	3%	N=17	18%	N=103	0%	N=2	100%	N=581
Use or check email	87%	N=509	8%	N=45	2%	N=14	0%	N=2	2%	N=11	0%	N=1	100%	N=582
Share your opinions online	12%	N=71	4%	N=22	12%	N=70	17%	N=98	54%	N=309	1%	N=8	100%	N=578
Shop online	15%	N=86	10%	N=57	40%	N=233	26%	N=151	9%	N=54	0%	N=1	100%	N=581

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Table 32: Question D2

Would you say that in general your health is:	Percent	Number
Excellent	40%	N=231
Very good	41%	N=238
Good	17%	N=99
Fair	2%	N=13
Poor	0%	N=2
Total	100%	N=583

Table 33: Question D3

What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:	Percent	Number
Very positive	3%	N=15
Somewhat positive	12%	N=67
Neutral	54%	N=312
Somewhat negative	30%	N=172
Very negative	2%	N=12
Total	100%	N=578

Table 34: Question D4

How many years have you lived in Hopkinton?	Percent	Number
Less than 2 years	11%	N=63
2 to 5 years	21%	N=126
6 to 10 years	16%	N=96
11 to 20 years	18%	N=107
More than 20 years	33%	N=194
Total	100%	N=586

Table 35: Question D5

Which best describes the building you live in?	Percent	Number
One family house detached from any other houses	84%	N=489
Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apartment or condominium)	15%	N=85
Mobile home	0%	N=0
Other	2%	N=10
Total	100%	N=584

Table 36: Question D6

Do you rent or own your home?	Percent	Number
Rent	14%	N=82
Own	86%	N=501
Total	100%	N=583

Table 37: Question D7

About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	Percent	Number
Less than \$500 per month	2%	N=11
\$500 to \$999 per month	4%	N=20
\$1,000 to \$1,499 per month	33%	N=187
\$1,500 to \$1,999 per month	34%	N=188
\$2,000 to \$2,499 per month	6%	N=35
\$2,500 to \$2,999 per month	6%	N=32
\$3,000 to \$3,499 per month	4%	N=21
\$3,500 or more per month	11%	N=63
Total	100%	N=558

Table 38: Question D8

Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	Percent	Number
No	46%	N=269
Yes	54%	N=312
Total	100%	N=581

Table 39: Question D9

Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	Percent	Number
No	79%	N=458
Yes	21%	N=123
Total	100%	N=581

Table 40: Question D10

How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Percent	Number
Less than \$25,000	3%	N=14
\$25,000 to \$49,999	7%	N=40
\$50,000 to \$74,999	7%	N=37
\$75,000 to \$99,999	7%	N=36
\$100,000 to \$149,999	18%	N=101
\$150,000 or more	58%	N=320
Total	100%	N=549

Table 41: Question D11

Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?	Percent	Number
No, not Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	98%	N=562
Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	2%	N=13
Total	100%	N=575

Table 42: Question D12

What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race(s) you consider yourself to be.)	Percent	Number
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0%	N=2
Asian, Asian Indian or Pacific Islander	4%	N=24
Black or African American	0%	N=2
White	94%	N=540
Other	2%	N=10

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

Table 43: Question D13

In which category is your age?	Percent	Number
18 to 24 years	4%	N=23
25 to 34 years	12%	N=67
35 to 44 years	22%	N=128
45 to 54 years	31%	N=181
55 to 64 years	15%	N=88
65 to 74 years	10%	N=56
75 years or older	6%	N=38
Total	100%	N=582

Table 44: Question D14

What is your gender?	Percent	Number
Female	53%	N=307
Male	47%	N=274
Identify in another way	1%	N=3
Total	100%	N=584

Appendix B: Benchmark Comparisons

Comparison Data

NRC's database of comparative resident opinion is comprised of resident perspectives gathered in surveys from over 600 communities whose residents evaluated the same kinds of topics on The National Community Survey. The comparison evaluations are from the most recent survey completed in each community; most communities conduct surveys every year or in alternating years. NRC adds the latest results quickly upon survey completion, keeping the benchmark data fresh and relevant. The communities in the database represent a wide geographic and population range. The Town of Hopkinton chose to have comparisons made to the entire database and a subset of similar jurisdictions from the database (those with similar population ranges and annual household incomes, as well as some selected New England peers).

Interpreting the Results

Ratings are compared when there are at least five communities in which a similar question was asked. Where comparisons are available, four columns are provided in the table. The first column is Hopkinton's "percent positive." The percent positive is the combination of the top two most positive response options (i.e., "excellent" and "good," "very safe" and "somewhat safe," etc.), or, in the case of resident behaviors/participation, the percent positive represents the proportion of respondents indicating "yes" or participating in an activity at least once a month. The second column is the rank assigned to Hopkinton's rating among communities where a similar question was asked. The third column is the number of communities that asked a similar question. The final column shows the comparison of Hopkinton's rating to the benchmark.

In that final column, Hopkinton's results are noted as being "higher" than the benchmark, "lower" than the benchmark or "similar" to the benchmark, meaning that the average rating given by Hopkinton residents is statistically similar to or different (greater or lesser) than the benchmark. Being rated

Benchmark Database Characteristics				
Region Percent				
New England	3%			
Middle Atlantic	5%			
East North Central	15%			
West North Central	13%			
South Atlantic	22%			
East South Central	3%			
West South Central	7%			
Mountain	16%			
Pacific	16%			
Population	Percent			
Less than 10,000	10%			
10,000 to 24,999	22%			
25,000 to 49,999	23%			
50,000 to 99,999	22%			
100,000 or more	23%			

as "higher" or "lower" than the benchmark means that Hopkinton's average rating for a particular item was more than 10 points different than the benchmark. If a rating was "much higher" or "much lower," then Hopkinton's average rating was more than 20 points different when compared to the benchmark.

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Table 45: Quality of Life

Quality of Life Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Overall image or reputation of Hopkinton	91%	36	342	Higher
The overall quality of life in Hopkinton	94%	39	429	Higher
Hopkinton as a place to live	96%	44	371	Higher
Recommend living in Hopkinton to someone who asks	94%	61	287	Similar
Remain in Hopkinton for the next five years	83%	177	280	Similar

Table 46: Governance

Governance Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Overall confidence in Hopkinton government	67%	62	275	Similar
The overall direction that Hopkinton is taking	60%	158	316	Similar
The value of services for the taxes paid to Hopkinton	63%	98	379	Similar
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	70%	53	276	Similar
Being honest	73%	40	268	Similar
Being open and transparent to the public	68%	9	21	Similar
Informing residents about issues facing the community	68%	7	21	Similar
The job Hopkinton government does at welcoming resident involvement	65%	43	316	Similar
Treating all residents fairly	71%	52	273	Similar
Treating residents with respect	78%	9	21	Similar
Overall customer service by Hopkinton employees	92%	10	370	Higher
Public information services	82%	60	283	Similar
Quality of services provided by the Town of Hopkinton	84%	78	391	Similar
Quality of services provided by the Federal Government	34%	197	257	Similar

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Table 47: Economy

Economy Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Overall economic health of Hopkinton	87%	45	273	Higher
Economic development	59%	126	282	Similar
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Hopkinton	68%	111	276	Similar
Variety of business and service establishments in Hopkinton	38%	20	20	Lower
Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	31%	198	251	Lower
Shopping opportunities	16%	271	293	Much lower
Hopkinton as a place to visit	64%	144	290	Similar
Hopkinton as a place to work	63%	138	352	Similar
Employment opportunities	27%	223	308	Similar
Cost of living in Hopkinton	22%	227	271	Lower
Economy will have positive impact on income	14%	258	262	Lower
NOT experiencing housing costs stress	85%	6	262	Higher

Table 48: Mobility

Mobility Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Overall quality of the transportation system in Hopkinton	37%	274	278	Much lower
Traffic flow on major streets	36%	236	330	Similar
Ease of travel by car in Hopkinton	66%	161	306	Similar
Ease of travel by public transportation in Hopkinton	10%	236	241	Much lower
Ease of travel by bicycle in Hopkinton	30%	254	305	Lower
Ease of walking in Hopkinton	57%	190	306	Similar
Ease of public parking	41%	182	236	Similar
Bus or transit services	21%	218	236	Much lower
Traffic enforcement	74%	91	352	Similar
Traffic signal timing	70%	30	266	Similar
Street repair	45%	189	350	Similar
Street cleaning	74%	88	306	Similar
Street lighting	64%	144	325	Similar
Snow removal	86%	18	268	Higher
Sidewalk maintenance	66%	85	302	Similar
Used bus, rail, subway, or other public transportation instead of driving	17%	113	223	Similar

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Mobility Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	33%	229	255	Lower
Walked or biked instead of driving	53%	157	263	Similar

Table 49: Community Design

Community Design Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Overall design or layout of Hopkinton's residential and commercial areas	61%	157	268	Similar
Overall appearance of Hopkinton	83%	108	339	Similar
Your neighborhood as a place to live	93%	20	308	Higher
Overall quality of new development in Hopkinton	50%	203	292	Similar
Well-planned residential growth	31%	24	24	Lower
Well-planned commercial growth	32%	24	24	Lower
Well-designed neighborhoods	62%	16	25	Similar
Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	69%	9	20	Similar
Public places where people want to spend time	58%	170	262	Similar
Variety of housing options	48%	170	281	Similar
Availability of affordable quality housing	29%	217	305	Similar
Land use, planning, and zoning	41%	215	297	Similar

Table 50: Utilities

Utilities Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Hopkinton	72%	14	21	Similar
Affordable high-speed internet access	74%	2	18	Higher
Garbage collection	91%	51	332	Similar
Drinking water	86%	37	300	Higher
Sewer services	85%	42	300	Similar
Storm water management	82%	40	326	Higher
Utility billing	71%	116	236	Similar

Table 51: Safety

Safety Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Overall feeling of safety in Hopkinton	99%	2	351	Much higher
Police services	92%	48	418	Higher

Safety Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Crime prevention	94%	2	348	Much higher
Animal control	79%	27	316	Higher
Ambulance or emergency medical services	96%	33	318	Similar
Fire services	97%	36	359	Similar
Fire prevention and education	92%	22	282	Higher
Emergency preparedness	82%	7	279	Higher
In your neighborhood during the day	99%	9	344	Similar
In Hopkinton's downtown/commercial area during the day	99%	5	318	Higher
From property crime	97%	1	34	Much higher
From violent crime	99%	1	34	Higher
From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	94%	1	21	Similar

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Table 52: Natural Environment

Natural Environment Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Overall quality of natural environment in Hopkinton	94%	16	279	Higher
Cleanliness of Hopkinton	94%	30	298	Higher
Water resources	90%	3	18	Higher
Air quality	97%	9	251	Higher
Preservation of natural areas	71%	52	257	Similar
Hopkinton open space	75%	39	246	Similar
Recycling	83%	108	341	Similar
Yard waste pick-up	50%	255	267	Lower

Table 53: Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	92%	3	21	Similar
Availability of paths and walking trails	87%	21	304	Higher
Town parks	86%	128	308	Similar
Recreational opportunities	81%	64	293	Similar
Recreation programs or classes	78%	95	312	Similar
Recreation centers or facilities	66%	177	280	Similar
Fitness opportunities	77%	93	259	Similar

Table 54: Health and Wellness

Health and Wellness Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Overall health and wellness opportunities in Hopkinton	80%	67	271	Similar
Health services	77%	73	228	Similar
Availability of affordable quality health care	67%	107	265	Similar
Availability of preventive health services	64%	123	247	Similar
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	51%	86	241	Similar
Availability of affordable quality food	57%	192	251	Similar
In very good to excellent health	80%	5	257	Higher

Table 55: Education, Arts, and Culture

Education, Arts, and Culture Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	86%	27	270	Higher
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	68%	101	292	Similar
Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	67%	158	285	Similar
Community support for the arts	77%	4	21	Higher
Public library services	96%	13	318	Higher
Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool	67%	43	263	Higher
K-12 education	96%	5	267	Much higher
Adult educational opportunities	53%	164	250	Similar

Table 56: Inclusivity and Engagement

Inclusivity and Engagement Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Residents' connection and engagement with their community	77%	3	21	Higher
Sense of community	76%	46	303	Similar
Sense of civic/community pride	80%	4	21	Similar
Neighborliness of Hopkinton	73%	37	263	Similar
Hopkinton as a place to raise children	97%	8	368	Much higher
Hopkinton as a place to retire	44%	307	354	Lower
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	59%	151	297	Similar
Making all residents feel welcome	77%	9	21	Similar

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Inclusivity and Engagement Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	53%	16	21	Similar
Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	64%	12	21	Similar
Taking care of vulnerable residents	73%	3	21	Similar
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	66%	107	268	Similar
Opportunities to volunteer	75%	70	271	Similar
Opportunities to participate in community matters	79%	18	277	Higher

Table 57: Participation

Participation Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Contacted Hopkinton for help or information	60%	14	327	Higher
Contacted Hopkinton elected officials to express your opinion	20%	73	262	Similar
Attended a local public meeting	41%	7	268	Higher
Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	56%	2	239	Much higher
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Hopkinton	39%	121	270	Similar
Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate	24%	102	249	Similar
Voted in your most recent local election	67%	15	21	Similar
Access the internet from your home using a computer, laptop or tablet computer	98%	1	21	Similar
Access the internet from your cell phone	94%	2	21	Similar
Visit social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, etc.	79%	12	21	Similar
Use or check email	98%	5	21	Similar
Share your opinions online	29%	16	21	Similar
Shop online	65%	1	21	Higher

Table 58: Focus Areas

Importance Items	Percent essential or very important	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Overall economic health of Hopkinton	89%	135	250	Similar
Overall quality of the transportation system in Hopkinton	61%	246	250	Much lower
Overall design or layout of Hopkinton's residential and commercial areas	75%	174	250	Similar

Importance Items	Percent essential or very important	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Hopkinton	81%	20	21	Similar
Overall feeling of safety in Hopkinton	78%	234	250	Lower
Overall quality of natural environment in Hopkinton	79%	165	250	Similar
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	71%	21	21	Lower
Overall health and wellness opportunities in Hopkinton	64%	225	249	Lower
Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	70%	195	250	Similar
Residents' connection and engagement with their community	67%	247	250	Lower

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Communities included in national comparisons

The communities included in Hopkinton's comparisons are listed on the following pages along with their population according to the American Community Survey (ACS) 2017 5-year estimates.

Adams County, CO	
Airway Heights city, WA	
Albemarle County, VA	
Albert Lea city, MN	
Alexandria city, VA	
Allegan County, MI	
American Canyon city, CA	20,341
Ankeny city, IA	
Ann Arbor city, MI	119,303
Apache Junction city, AZ	
Arapahoe County, CO	626,612
Arlington city, TX	
Arvada city, CO	
Asheville city, NC	
Ashland city, OR	20,733
Ashland town, MA	
Ashland town, VA	7,554
Aspen city, CO	7,097
Athens-Clarke County, GA	
Auburn city, AL	
Aurora city, CO	
Austin city, TX	
Avon town, CO	6,503
Avon town, IN	
Avondale city, AZ	81,590
Azusa city, CA	,
Bainbridge Island city, WA	
Baltimore city, MD	
Baltimore County, MD	
Batavia city, IL	
Battle Creek city, MI	
Bay Village city, OH	15,426
Baytown city, TX	
Beaumont city, CA	
Bellingham city, WA	
Bend city, OR	87,167

Bethlehem township, PA Bettendorf city, IA	
Billings city, MT	109.082
Bloomington city, IN	83 636
Bloomington city, MN	
Boise City city, ID	
Bonner Springs city, KS	
Boulder city, CO	
Bowling Green city, KY	64.302
Bozeman city, MT	
Brookline CDP, MA	
Brooklyn Center city, MN	
Brooklyn city, OH	
Broomfield city, CO	
Brownsburg town, IN	
Buffalo Grove village, IL	
Burlingame city, CA	
Cabarrus County, NC	
Cambridge city, MA	
Canandaigua city, NY	
Cannon Beach city, OR	1,517
Cañon City city, CO	16,298
Cape Coral city, FL	
Carlsbad city, CA	
Cartersville city, GA	20,235
Cary town, NC	
Castle Rock town, CO	57,274
Cedar Hill city, TX	48,149
Cedar Park city, TX	70,010
Cedar Rapids city, IA	130,330
Celina city, TX	7,910
Centennial city, CO	108,448
Chandler city, TX	
Chanhassen city, MN	25,108
Chapel Hill town, NC	59,234
Chardon city, OH	5,166

Charles County, MD	156,021
Charlotte County, FL	
Charlottesville city, VA	
Chattanooga city, TN	
Chautauqua town, NY	
Chesterfield County, VA	335,594
Clayton city, MO	
Clearwater city, FL	
Clinton city, SC	
Clive city, IA	
Clovis city, CA	104.411
College Park city, MD	32 186
College Station city, TX	
Colleyville city, TX	
Collinsville city, IL	
Columbia city, MO	118,620
Commerce City city, CO	
Conshohocken borough, PA	
Coolidge city, AZ	
Coon Rapids city, MN	
Coral Springs city, FL	130,110
Coronado city, CA	
Corvallis city, OR	
Cottonwood Heights city, UT	34,214
Coventry Lake CDP, CT	
Coventry town, CT	12,458
Cupertino city, CA	60.687
Dacono city, CO	
Dakota County, MN	
Dallas city, OR	
Dallas city, TX	1,300,122
Danvers town, MA	
Danville city, KY	
Darien city, IL	22,200
Davidson town, NC	
Dayton city, OH	140,939
Dayton town, WY	
Dearborn city, MI	
Decatur city, GA	
DeLand city, FL	
Delaware city, OH	
Denison city, TX	23,342
Denton city, TX	
Denver city, CO	678 467
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Des Moines city, IA	
Des Peres city, MO	
Destin city, FL	13,421
Dothan city, AL	67,784
Dover city, NH	
Dublin city, CA	
Dublin city, OH	
Duluth city, MN	
Durham city, NC	257,232
Durham County, NC	300.865
Dyer town, IN	
Eagan city, MN	
	00,102
Eagle Mountain city, UT	
Eau Claire city, WI	67,945
Eden Prairie city, MN	63,660
Eden town, VT	
Edgewater city, CO	
Edina city, MN	
Edmond city, OK	
Edmonds city, WA	41,309
El Cerrito city, CA	
El Paso de Robles (Paso Robles) city, CA	
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Fayetteville city, GA	
Ferguson township, PA	
Fernandina Beach City, FL	
	51,8
	195,3
Haltom City city, TX	
Harrisburg city, SD	
Hastings city, MN	
Henderson city, NV	
Highland Park city, IL	
Highlands Ranch CDP, CO.	
Honolulu County, HI	
Horry County, SC	
Hudson town, CO	
Huntley village, IL	
Huntley village, IL Huntsville city, TX	
Huntley village, IL Huntsville city, TX Hutchinson city, MN	

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Independence city, MO	117,369
Indio city, CA	
Iowa City city, IA	
Issaquah city, WA	
Jackson city, MO	
Jackson County, MI	
Jefferson Parish, LA	437,038
Jerome city, ID	11,306
Johnson City city, TN	65 598
Johnston city, IA	
Jupiter town, FL	
Kalamazoo city, MI	
Kansas City city, KS	151,042
Kansas City city, MO	476,974
Kent city, WA	
Kerrville city, TX	22 031
Key West city, FL	
King City city, CA	13,721
Kingman city, AZ	
Kirkland city, WA	
Kirkwood city, MO	27,659
La Mesa city, CA	59,479
La Plata town, MD	9,160
La Vista city, NE	
Lake Forest city, IL	
Lake in the Hills village, IL	
Lake Zurich village, IL	
Lakeville city, MN	
Lakewood city, CO	151,411
Lakewood city, WA	59,102
Lancaster County, SC	
Laramie city, WY	32,104
Larimer County, CO	330,976
Las Cruces city, NM	
Las Vegas city, NM	
Lawrence city, KS	
Lawrenceville city, GA	
Lehi city, UT	
Lenexa city, KS	
Lewisville city, TX	
Libertyville village, IL	
Lincolnwood village, IL	
Lindsborg city, KS	
Little Chute village, WI	
Littleton city, CO	
Livermore city, CA	
Lombard village, IL	
	43,770
Lone Tree city, CO	13,430
Long Grove village, IL	
Longmont city, CO	
Lonsdale city, MN	
Los Alamos County, NM	18,031
Los Altos Hills town, CA	
Loudoun County, VA	374.558
Louisville city, CO	20.319
Lower Merion township, PA	58,500
Lynchburg city, VA	79 237
Lynnwood city, WA	37 242
Manassas city, VA	
Manhattan Baach aitu CA	
Manhattan Beach city, CA	
Manhattan city, KS	
Mankato city, MN	
Maple Grove city, MN	
Maplewood city, MN	40,127
Maricopa County, AZ	4 155 501
Marin County, CA	

Marion city, IA	
Mariposa County, CA	
Marshfield city, WI	18,326
Martinez city, CA	37,902
Marysville city, WA	
Maui County, HI McKinney city, TX	
McMinnville city, OR	33 211
Mecklenburg County, NC	1 034 290
Menlo Park city, CA	33.661
Menomonee Falls village, WI	36.411
Mercer Island city, WA	24,768
Meridian charter township, MI	41,903
Merriam city, KS	11,259
Mesa city, AZ	
Mesquite city, TX	
Miami city, FL	. 443,007
Middleton city, WI	18,951
Middletown town, RI	
Milford city, DE	
Milton city, GA Minneapolis city, MN	
Minnetrista city, MN	
Missoula County, MT	
Missouri City city, TX	
Moline city, IL	42.644
Monroe city, MI	
Montgomery city, MN	
Montgomery County, MD1	1,039,198
Monticello city, UT	
Montrose city, CO	18,918
Moraga town, CA	17,231
Morristown city, TN	29,446
Morrisville town, NC	
Morro Bay city, CA Moscow city, ID	10,568
Mountlake Terrace city, WA	24,033
Murphy city, TX	20,322
Naperville city, IL	. 146.431
Napoleon city, OH	
Needham CDP, MA	
Nevada City city, CA	
Nevada County, CA	98,838
New Braunfels city, TX	70,317
New Brighton city, MN	22,440
New Concord village, OH	2,561
New Hope city, MN	20,909
Newport city, RI	24,745
Newport News city, VA	
Newton city, IA Niles village, IL	
Noblesville city, IN	
Norcross city, GA	
Norfolk city, NE	24.352
North Mankato city, MN	13.583
North Port city, FL	62,542
North Yarmouth town, ME	3,714
Northglenn city, CO	38,473
Novato city, CA	55,378
Novi city, MI	
O'Fallon city, IL	
Oak Park village, IL	
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Oklahoma City city, OK	151 605
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Orleans Parish, LA	
Oshkosh city, WI	66,649
Oswego village, IL	33,759
Overland Park city, KS	186 147
Paducah city, KY	24 879
Palm Beach Gardens city, FL	
Palm Coast city, FL	
Palo Alto city, CA	67,082
Palos Verdes Estates city, CA	13,591
Papillion city, NE	19,478
Paradise Valley town, AZ	13,961
Park City city, UT	8.167
Parker town, CO	
Pasco city, WA	
Pasco County, FL	
Payette city, ID	
Pearland city, TX	113,693
Peoria city, IL	
Pflugerville city, TX	
Philadelphia city, PA	1,569,657
Pinehurst village, NC	15,580
Piqua city, OH	
Pitkin County, CO	17 747
Plano city, TX	
Platte City city, MO	201,500
Pleasant Hill city, IA	
Pleasanton city, CA	
Plymouth city, MN	
Port Orange city, FL	60,315
Port St. Lucie city, FL	178,778
Portland city, OR	
Powell city, OH	
Powhatan County, VA	
Prairie Village city, KS	
Pueblo city, CO	
Purcellville town, VA	
Queen Creek town, AZ	
Raleigh city, NC	
Ramsey city, MN	
Raymore city, MO	20,358
Redmond city, OR	
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Sammamish city, WA	62,877
San Carlos city, CA	29.954
San Diego city, CA	
San Francisco city, CA	
San Jose city, CA	
San Marcos city, TX	
Sangamon County, IL	198,134
Santa Fe city, NM	82 980
Santa Fe County, NM	
Savage city, MN	
Schaumburg village, IL	
Schertz city, TX	38,199
Scott County, MN	141.463
Scottsdale city, AZ	
Sedona city, AZ	
	10,240
Sevierville city, TN	
Shakopee city, MN	
Shawnee city, KS	64,840
Shawnee city, OK	
Shoreline city, WA	
Shoreview city, MN	
Shorewood village, IL	
Sierra Vista city, AZ	
Silverton city, OR	9,757
Sioux Falls city, SD	170.401
Skokie village, IL	
Snoqualmie city, WA	12,944
Snowmass Village town, CO	2,827
Somerset town, MA	
South Jordan city, UT	65,523
Southlake city, TX	30.090
Spearfish city, SD	
Springville city, UT	
St. Augustine city, FL	13 052
St. Charles city, IL	
St. Cloud city, MN	
St. Joseph city, MO	
St. Louis County, MN	
St. Lucie County, FL	298,763
State College borough, PA	42,224
Steamboat Springs city, CO	12 520
Sugar Land city, TX	
Suisun City city, CA	29,280
Summit County, UT	
Sunnyvale city, CA	151,565
Surprise city, AZ	129.534
Suwanee city, GA	18 655
Tacoma city, WA	
Taboma Dark site MD	207,200
Takoma Park city, MD	
Tempe city, AZ	178,339
Temple city, TX	71,795
Texarkana city, TX	37,222
The Woodlands CDP, TX	109,608
Thousand Oaks city, CA	128,909
Tigard city, OR	
Tinley Park village, IL	57 107
	07 612
Tracy city, CA	07,013
Trinidad CCD, CO	
Tualatin city, OR	
Tulsa city, OK	401,352
Tustin city, CA	
Twin Falls city, ID	
Unalaska city, AK	
University Heights city, OH	
University Park city, TX	24 692
Urbandale city, IA	
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Vail town, CO	5,425
Vernon Hills village, IL	
Victoria city, MN	
Vienna town, VA	
Virginia Beach city, VA	
Walnut Creek city, CA	
Warrensburg city, MO	
Washington County, MN	
Washoe County, NV	445,551
Waunakee village, WI	
Wauwatosa city, WI	47,687
Wentzville city, MO	35,768
West Carrollton city, OH	
West Chester township, OH	62,804
West Des Moines city, IA	62,999
Western Springs village, IL	13,187
Westerville city, OH	
Westlake town, TX	1,006
Westminster city, CO	111,895
Westminster city, MD	

Wheat Ridge city, CO3	1,162
White House city, TN1	
Wichita city, KS	
Williamsburg city, VA 14	4,817
Willowbrook village, IL	8,598
Wilmington city, NC 11	5,261
Wilsonville city, OR2	2,789
Windsor town, CO23	3,386
Windsor town, CT29	9,037
Winter Garden city, FL4	
Woodbury city, MN6	
Woodinville city, WA1	1,675
Wyandotte County, KS 16	
Wyoming city, MI7	5,124
Yakima city, WA9	3,182
York County, VA6	
Yorktown town, IN1	1,200
Yorkville city, IL	8,691
Yountville city, CA	2,978

Custom Benchmark Comparisons

Table 59: Quality of Life

Quality of Life Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Overall image or reputation of Hopkinton	91%	6	11	Similar
The overall quality of life in Hopkinton	94%	6	17	Similar
Hopkinton as a place to live	96%	7	14	Similar
Recommend living in Hopkinton to someone who asks	94%	6	11	Similar
Remain in Hopkinton for the next five years	83%	11	11	Similar

Table 60: Governance

Governance Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Overall confidence in Hopkinton government	67%	6	10	Similar
The overall direction that Hopkinton is taking	60%	7	11	Similar
The value of services for the taxes paid to Hopkinton	63%	6	12	Similar
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	70%	5	11	Similar
Being honest	73%	6	10	Similar
Being open and transparent to the public	68%	NA	NA	NA
Informing residents about issues facing the community	68%	NA	NA	NA
The job Hopkinton government does at welcoming resident involvement	65%	5	13	Similar

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Governance Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Treating all residents fairly	71%	6	10	Similar
Treating residents with respect	78%	NA	NA	NA
Overall customer service by Hopkinton employees	92%	2	14	Similar
Public information services	82%	7	11	Similar
Quality of services provided by the Town of Hopkinton	84%	6	16	Similar
Quality of services provided by the Federal Government	34%	9	10	Similar

Table 61: Economy

Economy Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Overall economic health of Hopkinton	87%	5	10	Similar
Economic development	59%	4	10	Similar
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Hopkinton	68%	4	11	Similar
Variety of business and service establishments in Hopkinton	38%	NA	NA	NA
Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	31%	7	9	Similar
Shopping opportunities	16%	10	11	Much lower
Hopkinton as a place to visit	64%	7	11	Similar
Hopkinton as a place to work	63%	6	13	Similar
Employment opportunities	27%	6	11	Similar
Cost of living in Hopkinton	22%	10	10	Similar
Economy will have positive impact on income	14%	10	10	Much lower
NOT experiencing housing costs stress	85%	3	10	Similar

Table 62: Mobility

Mobility Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Overall quality of the transportation system in Hopkinton	37%	10	10	Much lower
Traffic flow on major streets	36%	10	13	Similar
Ease of travel by car in Hopkinton	66%	10	11	Similar
Ease of travel by public transportation in Hopkinton	10%	11	11	Much lower
Ease of travel by bicycle in Hopkinton	30%	10	11	Much lower
Ease of walking in Hopkinton	57%	10	11	Lower
Ease of public parking	41%	8	9	Lower

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Mobility Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark			
Bus or transit services	21%	8	10	Lower			
Traffic enforcement	74%	8	14	Similar			
Traffic signal timing	70%	3	10	Similar			
Street repair	45%	13	17	Similar			
Street cleaning	74%	6	12	Similar			
Street lighting	64%	8	13	Similar			
Snow removal	86%	3	13	Similar			
Sidewalk maintenance	66%	5	12	Similar			
Used bus, rail, subway, or other public transportation instead of driving	17%	6	10	Lower			
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	33%	9	10	Similar			

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Lower

Table 63: Community Design

Walked or biked instead of driving

Community Design Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Overall design or layout of Hopkinton's residential and commercial areas	61%	7	10	Similar
Overall appearance of Hopkinton	83%	9	12	Similar
Your neighborhood as a place to live	93%	5	12	Similar
Overall quality of new development in Hopkinton	50%	8	12	Similar
Well-planned residential growth	31%	NA	NA	NA
Well-planned commercial growth	32%	NA	NA	NA
Well-designed neighborhoods	62%	NA	NA	NA
Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	69%	NA	NA	NA
Public places where people want to spend time	58%	7	9	Similar
Variety of housing options	48%	9	11	Similar
Availability of affordable quality housing	29%	7	9	Similar
Land use, planning, and zoning	41%	10	11	Similar

Table 64: Utilities

Utilities Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Hopkinton	72%	NA	NA	NA
Affordable high-speed internet access	74%	NA	NA	NA

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Utilities Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Garbage collection	91%	6	13	Similar
Drinking water	86%	3	11	Similar
Sewer services	85%	4	11	Similar
Storm water management	82%	4	12	Similar
Utility billing	71%	7	9	Similar

Table 65: Safety

Safety Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Overall feeling of safety in Hopkinton	99%	1	11	Similar
Police services	92%	6	16	Similar
Crime prevention	94%	1	12	Similar
Animal control	79%	3	12	Similar
Ambulance or emergency medical services	96%	6	12	Similar
Fire services	97%	7	13	Similar
Fire prevention and education	92%	5	11	Similar
Emergency preparedness	82%	1	11	Similar
In your neighborhood during the day	99%	2	12	Similar
In Hopkinton's downtown/commercial area during the day	99%	2	11	Similar
From property crime	97%	NA	NA	NA
From violent crime	99%	NA	NA	NA
From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	94%	NA	NA	NA

Table 66: Natural Environment

Natural Environment Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Overall quality of natural environment in Hopkinton	94%	3	11	Similar
Cleanliness of Hopkinton	94%	6	11	Similar
Water resources	90%	NA	NA	NA
Air quality	97%	3	9	Similar
Preservation of natural areas	71%	4	10	Similar
Hopkinton open space	75%	2	8	Similar
Recycling	83%	7	13	Similar
Yard waste pick-up	50%	7	9	Lower

Table 67: Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	92%	NA	NA	NA
Availability of paths and walking trails	87%	2	11	Higher
Town parks	86%	10	12	Similar
Recreational opportunities	81%	5	13	Similar
Recreation programs or classes	78%	5	11	Similar
Recreation centers or facilities	66%	10	11	Similar
Fitness opportunities	77%	4	8	Similar

Table 68: Health and Wellness

Health and Wellness Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Overall health and wellness opportunities in Hopkinton	80%	3	10	Similar
Health services	77%	4	10	Similar
Availability of affordable quality health care	67%	4	9	Similar
Availability of preventive health services	64%	4	8	Similar
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	51%	4	8	Similar
Availability of affordable quality food	57%	6	9	Similar
In very good to excellent health	80%	2	10	Similar

Table 69: Education, Arts, and Culture

Education, Arts, and Culture Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	86%	3	10	Similar
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	68%	4	11	Similar
Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	67%	11	13	Similar
Community support for the arts	77%	NA	NA	NA
Public library services	96%	3	13	Similar
Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool	67%	4	10	Similar
K-12 education	96%	2	10	Similar
Adult educational opportunities	53%	6	8	Similar

Inclusivity and Engagement Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Residents' connection and engagement with their community	77%	NA	NA	NA
Sense of community	76%	5	11	Similar
Sense of civic/community pride	80%	NA	NA	NA
Neighborliness of Hopkinton	73%	7	10	Similar
Hopkinton as a place to raise children	97%	2	14	Similar
Hopkinton as a place to retire	44%	12	13	Lower
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	59%	8	10	Similar
Making all residents feel welcome	77%	NA	NA	NA
Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	53%	NA	NA	NA
Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	64%	NA	NA	NA
Taking care of vulnerable residents	73%	NA	NA	NA
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	66%	6	11	Similar
Opportunities to volunteer	75%	3	11	Similar
Opportunities to participate in community matters	79%	2	11	Similar

Table 70: Inclusivity and Engagement

Table 71: Participation

Participation Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Contacted Hopkinton for help or information	60%	3	13	Similar
Contacted Hopkinton elected officials to express your opinion	20%	3	10	Similar
Attended a local public meeting	41%	1	11	Higher
Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	56%	1	10	Much higher
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Hopkinton	39%	5	11	Similar
Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate	24%	4	10	Similar
Voted in your most recent local election	67%	NA	NA	NA
Access the internet from your home using a computer, laptop or tablet computer	98%	NA	NA	NA
Access the internet from your cell phone	94%	NA	NA	NA
Visit social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, etc.	79%	NA	NA	NA
Use or check email	98%	NA	NA	NA

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Participation Items	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Share your opinions online	29%	NA	NA	NA
Shop online	65%	NA	NA	NA

Table 72: Focus Areas

Importance Items	Percent essential or very important	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Overall economic health of Hopkinton	89%	3	8	Similar
Overall quality of the transportation system in Hopkinton	61%	8	8	Much lower
Overall design or layout of Hopkinton's residential and commercial areas	75%	8	8	Lower
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Hopkinton	81%	NA	NA	NA
Overall feeling of safety in Hopkinton	78%	8	8	Lower
Overall quality of natural environment in Hopkinton	79%	8	8	Similar
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	71%	NA	NA	NA
Overall health and wellness opportunities in Hopkinton	64%	3	8	Similar
Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	70%	3	8	Similar
Residents' connection and engagement with their community	67%	8	8	Much lower

Communities included in custom comparisons

The communities included in Hopkinton's custom comparisons are listed below along with their population according to the American Community Survey (ACS) 2017 5-year estimates.

Ashland town, MA	17,478
Des Peres city, MO	
Erie town, CO	22,019
Hamilton town, MA	7,991
Hopkinton town, MA	
Lake Zurich village, IL	
Lone Tree city, CO	13,430
Long Grove village, IL	7,980
Los Alamos County, NM	
Moraga town, CA	17,231
Murphy city, TX	20,361

Needham CDP, MA	30,429
Palos Verdes Estates city, CA	13,591
Paradise Valley town, AZ	13,961
Powell city, OH	12,658
Purcellville town, VA	9,217
Snoqualmie city, WA	12,944
Victoria city, MN	8,679
Vienna town, VA	16,474
Western Springs village, IL	13,187

Appendix C: Detailed Survey Methods

The National Community Survey[™] (The NCS[™]), conducted by National Research Center, Inc., was developed to provide communities an accurate, affordable and easy way to assess and interpret resident opinion about important local topics. Standardization of common questions and survey methods provide the rigor to assure valid results, and each community has enough flexibility to construct a customized version of The NCS.

Results offer insight into residents' perspectives about the community as a whole, including local amenities, services, public trust, resident participation and other aspects of the community in order to support budgeting, land use and strategic planning and communication with residents. Resident demographic characteristics permit comparison to the Census as well as comparison of results for different subgroups of residents. The Town of Hopkinton funded this research. Please contact Norman Khumalo of the Town of Hopkinton at nkhumalo@hopkintonma.gov if you have any questions about the survey.

Survey Validity

The question of survey validity has two parts: 1) how can a community be confident that the results from those who completed the questionnaire are representative of the results that would have been obtained had the survey been administered to the entire population? and 2) how closely do the perspectives recorded on the survey reflect what residents really believe or do?

To answer the first question, the best survey research practices were used for the resources spent to ensure that the results from the survey respondents reflect the opinions of residents in the entire community. These practices include:

- Using a mail-out/mail-back methodology, which typically gets a higher response rate than phone for the same dollars spent. A higher response rate lessens the worry that those who did not respond are different than those who did respond.
- Selecting households at random within the community to receive the survey to ensure that the households selected to receive the survey are representative of the larger community.
- Over-sampling multi-family housing units to improve response from hard-to-reach, lower income or younger apartment dwellers.
- Selecting the respondent within the household using an unbiased sampling procedure; in this case, the "birthday method." The cover letter included an instruction requesting that the respondent in the household be the adult (18 years old or older) who most recently had a birthday, irrespective of year of birth.
- Contacting potential respondents three times to encourage response from people who may have different opinions or habits than those who would respond with only a single prompt.
- Inviting response in a compelling manner (using appropriate letterhead/logos and a signature of a visible leader) to appeal to recipients' sense of civic responsibility.
- Providing a pre-addressed, postage-paid return envelope.
- Offering the survey in Spanish or other language when requested by a given community.
- Weighting the results to reflect the demographics of the population.

The answer to the second question about how closely the perspectives recorded on the survey reflect what residents really believe or do is more complex. Resident responses to surveys are influenced by a variety of factors. For questions about service quality, residents' expectations for service quality play a role as well as the "objective" quality of the service provided, the way the resident perceives the entire community (that is, the context in which the service is provided), the scale on which the resident is asked to record his or her opinion and, of course, the opinion, itself, that a resident holds about the service. Similarly a resident's report of certain behaviors is colored by what he or she believes is the socially desirable response (e.g., reporting tolerant behaviors toward "oppressed groups," likelihood of voting for a tax increase for services to poor people, use of alternative modes of travel to work besides the single occupancy vehicle), his or her memory of the actual behavior (if it is not a question speculating about future actions, like a vote), his or her confidence that he or she can be honest without suffering any negative consequences (thus the need for anonymity) as well as the actual behavior itself.

How closely survey results come to recording the way a person really feels or behaves often is measured by the coincidence of reported behavior with observed current behavior (e.g., driving habits), reported intentions to behave with observed future behavior (e.g., voting choices) or reported opinions about current community quality with objective characteristics of the community (e.g., feelings of safety correlated with rates of crime). There is a body of scientific literature that has investigated the relationship between reported behaviors and actual behaviors. Well-conducted surveys, by and large, do capture true respondent behaviors or intentions to act with great accuracy. Predictions of voting outcomes tend to be quite accurate using survey research, as do reported behaviors that are not about highly sensitive issues (e.g., family abuse or other illegal or morally sanctioned activities). For self-reports about highly sensitive issues, statistical adjustments can be made to correct for the respondents' tendency to report what they think the "correct" response should be.

Research on the correlation of resident opinion about service quality and "objective" ratings of service quality vary, with some showing stronger relationships than others. NRC's own research has demonstrated that residents who report the lowest ratings of street repair live in communities with objectively worse street conditions than those who report high ratings of street repair (based on road quality, delay in street repair, number of road repair employees). Similarly, the lowest rated fire services appear to be "objectively" worse than the highest rated fire services (expenditures per capita, response time, "professional" status of firefighters, breadth of services and training provided). Resident opinion commonly reflects objective performance data but is an important measure on its own. NRC principals have written, "If you collect trash three times a day but residents think that your trash haul is lousy, you still have a problem."

Selecting Survey Recipients

"Sampling" refers to the method by which households were chosen to receive the survey. All households within the Town of Hopkinton were eligible to participate in the survey. A list of all households within the zip codes serving Hopkinton was purchased from Go-Dog Direct based on updated listings from the United States Postal Service. Since some of the zip codes that serve the Town of Hopkinton households may also serve addresses that lie outside of the community, the exact geographic location of each housing unit was compared to community boundaries using the most current municipal boundary file (updated on a quarterly basis) and addresses located outside of the Town of Hopkinton boundaries were removed from consideration. To choose the 1,700 survey recipients, a systematic sampling method was applied to the list of households previously screened for geographic location. Systematic sampling is a procedure whereby a complete list of all possible households is culled, selecting every *Nth* one, giving each eligible household a known probability of selection, until the appropriate number of households is selected. Multi-family housing units were selected at a higher rate as residents of this type of housing typically respond at lower rates to surveys than do those in single-family housing units. Figure 1 displays a map of the households selected to receive the survey. In general, because of the random sampling techniques used, the displayed sampling density will closely mirror the overall housing unit density (which may be different from the population density). While the theory of probability assumes no bias in selection, there may be some minor variations in practice (meaning, an area with only 15% of the housing units might be selected at an actual rate that is slightly above or below that).

An individual within each household was selected using the birthday method. The birthday method selects a person within the household by asking the "person whose birthday has most recently passed" to complete the questionnaire. The underlying assumption in this method is that day of birth has no relationship to the way people respond to surveys. This instruction was contained in the cover letter accompanying the questionnaire.

In addition to the scientific, random selection of households, a link to an online "opt-in" survey was publicized and posted to the Town of Hopkinton website. This opt-in survey was identical to the scientific survey and open to all Town residents. (The data presented in this report exclude the opt-in survey data. These data can be found in the *Supplemental Online Survey Results* provided under separate cover.)

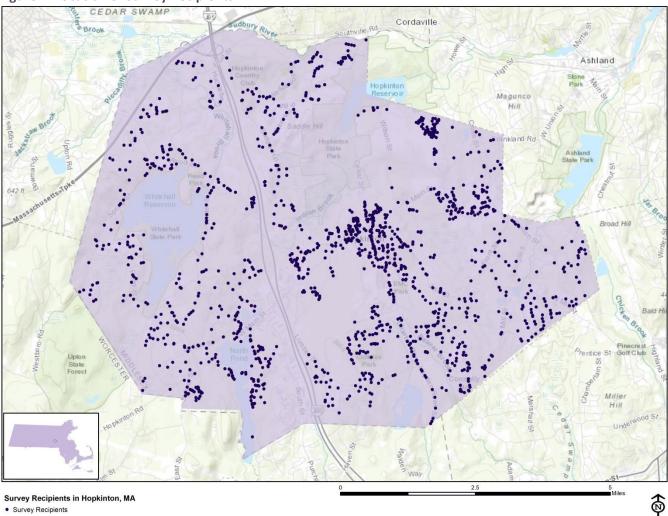


Figure 1: Location of Survey Recipients

Survey Administration and Response

Selected households received three mailings, one week apart, beginning on July 27, 2020. The first mailing was a prenotification postcard announcing the upcoming survey. The next mailing contained a letter from the Town Manager inviting the household to participate, a questionnaire and a postage-paid return envelope. The final mailing contained a reminder letter, another survey and a postage-paid return envelope. The second cover letter asked those who had not completed the survey to do so and those who had already done so to refrain from turning in another survey. The survey was available in English. Both cover letters included a URL through which the residents selected for the mail survey could choose respond online rather than by mail. The Town of Hopkinton chose to augment their administration of The NCS with several additional services, including demographic subgroup comparisons and custom benchmark comparisons. The results of these additional services have been provided under separate cover. Completed surveys were collected over the following seven weeks. The online "opt-in" survey became available to all residents on September 14, 2020 and remained open for six weeks.

About 2% of the 1,700 surveys mailed were returned because the housing unit was vacant or the postal service was unable to deliver the survey as addressed. Of the remaining 1,667 households that received the survey, 589 completed the survey, providing an overall response rate of 35%. Of

the 589 completed surveys, 161 were completed online. The response rate was calculated using AAPOR's response rate #2¹ for mailed surveys of unnamed persons.

Table 73: Survey Response Rate

Total sample used	1,700
I=Complete Interviews	583
P=Partial Interviews	6
R=Refusal and break off	0
NC=Non Contact	0
O=Other	0
UH=Unknown household	0
UO=Unknown other	1,078
NE=Not eligible	33
Response rate: (I+P)/(I+P) + (R+NC+O) + (UH+UO)	35%

Confidence Intervals

It is customary to describe the precision of estimates made from surveys by a "level of confidence" and accompanying "confidence interval" (or margin of error). A traditional level of confidence, and the one used here, is 95%. The 95% confidence interval can be any size and quantifies the sampling error or imprecision of the survey results because some residents' opinions are relied on to estimate all residents' opinions.²

The margin of error for the Town of Hopkinton survey is no greater than plus or minus four percentage points around any given percent reported for all respondents (589 completed surveys).

For subgroups of responses, the margin of error increases because the number of respondents for the subgroup is smaller.

Survey Processing (Data Entry)

Upon receipt, completed surveys were assigned a unique identification number. Additionally, each survey was reviewed and "cleaned" as necessary. For example, a question may have asked a

¹ See AAPOR's Standard Definitions for more information:

http://www.aapor.org/Standards-Ethics/Standard-Definitions-(1).aspx

² A 95% confidence interval indicates that for every 100 random samples of this many residents, 95 of the confidence intervals created will include the "true" population response. This theory is applied in practice to mean that the "true" perspective of the target population lies within the confidence interval created for a single survey. For example, if 75% of residents rate a service as "excellent" or "good," then the 4% margin of error (for the 95% confidence interval) indicates that the range of likely responses for the entire community is between 71% and 79%. This source of uncertainty is called sampling error. In addition to sampling error, other sources of error may affect any survey, including the non-response of residents with opinions different from survey responders. Though standardized on The NCS, on other surveys, differences in question wording, order, translation and data entry, as examples, can lead to somewhat varying results.

respondent to pick two items out of a list of five, but the respondent checked three; in this case, NRC would use protocols to randomly choose two of the three selected items for inclusion in the dataset.

All surveys then were entered twice into an electronic dataset; any discrepancies were resolved in comparison to the original survey form. Range checks as well as other forms of quality control were also performed.

NRC uses Polco, an online public engagement tool designed primarily for local governments, to collect online survey data. The Polco platform includes many features of online survey tools, but also includes elements tailored to the civic environment. For example, like NRC's mailed surveys, surveys on Polco are presented with the Town name, logo (or other image) and a description, so residents understand who is asking for input and why. Optionally, Polco can also verify respondents with local public data to ensure respondents are residents or voters. More generally, an advantage of online programming and data gathering is that it allows for more rigid control of the data format, making extensive data cleaning unnecessary.

Survey Data Weighting

The demographic characteristics of the survey respondents were compared to those found in the 2010 Census and American Community Survey estimates for adults in the Town of Hopkinton. The primary objective of weighting survey data is to make the survey respondents reflective of the larger population of the community. The characteristics used for weighting were housing tenure (rent or own), housing unit type, gender, age and race. No adjustments were made for design effects. The results of the weighting scheme are presented in the table on the following page.

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Characteristic	Population Norm	Unweighted Data	Weighted Data
Housing			
Rent home	14%	13%	14%
Own home	86%	87%	86%
Detached unit*	84%	77%	84%
Attached unit*	16%	23%	16%
Race and Ethnicity			
White	94%	82%	94%
Not white	6%	18%	6%
Not Hispanic	98%	97%	98%
Hispanic	2%	3%	2%
Sex and Age			
Female	51%	56%	53%
Male	49%	44%	47%
18-34 years of age	16%	7%	16%
35-54 years of age	55%	45%	53%
55+ years of age	29%	48%	31%
Females 18-34	8%	4%	8%
Females 35-54	29%	23%	28%
Females 55+	15%	28%	16%
Males 18-34	8%	3%	8%
Males 35-54	26%	22%	25%
Males 55+	14%	19%	15%

Table 74: Hopkinton,	MA 2020 Weighting Table

* U.S. Census Bureau ACS 2017 5-year estimates

Survey Data Analysis and Reporting

The survey dataset was analyzed using the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS). For the most part, the percentages presented in the reports represent the "percent positive." The percent positive is the combination of the top two most positive response options (i.e., "excellent" and "good," "very safe" and "somewhat safe," "essential" and "very important," etc.), or, in the case of resident behaviors/participation, the percent positive represents the proportion of respondents indicating "yes" or participating in an activity at least once a month.

On many of the questions in the survey respondents may answer "don't know." The proportion of respondents giving this reply is shown in the full set of responses included in Appendix A. However, these responses have been removed from the analyses presented in the reports. In other words, the tables and graphs display the responses from respondents who had an opinion about a specific item. When a table for a question that only permitted a single response does not total to exactly 100%, it is due to the common practice of percentages being rounded to the nearest whole number.

Appendix D: Survey Materials

Dear Hopkinton Resident,

It won't take much of your time to make a big difference!

Your household has been randomly selected to participate in a survey about your community. Your survey will arrive in a few days.

Thank you for helping create a better town!

Sincerely,

Norman Khumalo Town Manager

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TOWN OF HOPKINTON TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE Norman Khumalo Town Manager

August 2020

Dear Town of Hopkinton Resident:

Please help us shape the future of Hopkinton! You have been selected at random to participate in the 2020 Hopkinton Community Survey.

With the COVID-19 pandemic weighing heavily in our lives, it can be hard to focus on anything else. Even in this crisis, it is important for city leaders to continue to seek feedback to understand the broader needs of our community.

By completing this survey, we can gather important feedback which is essential, especially in uncertain times such as these, so we can keep resident opinions front and center as we move forward together. Please take a few minutes to fill out the enclosed survey.

A few things to remember:

- Your responses are completely anonymous.
- In order to hear from a diverse group of residents, the adult 18 years or older in your household who most recently had a birthday should complete this survey.
- You may return the survey by mail in the enclosed postage-paid envelope, or you can complete the survey online at:

xx.webplaceholder.xx

Please do not share your survey link. This survey is for randomly selected households only. The Town will conduct a separate survey that is open to all residents just a few weeks from now.

If you have any questions about the survey please call 508-497-9701.

Thank you for your time and participation!

Sincerely,

Norman Khumalo Town Manager



TOWN OF HOPKINTON TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE Norman Khumalo Town Manager

August 2020

Dear Town of Hopkinton Resident:

Here's a second chance if you haven't already responded to the 2020 Hopkinton Community Survey! (If you completed it and sent it back, we thank you for your time and ask you to recycle this survey. Please do not respond twice.)

With the COVID-19 pandemic weighing heavily in our lives, it can be hard to focus on anything else. Even in this crisis, it is important for city leaders to continue to seek feedback to understand the broader needs of our community.

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The Town of Hopkinton 2020 Community Survey

Please complete this survey if you are the adult (age 18 or older) in the household who most recently had a birthday (the year of birth does not matter). Your responses are anonymous and will be reported in group form only.

1. Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Hopkinton.

6 1 1 1	Excellent	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	Poor	<u>Don't know</u>
Hopkinton as a place to live	1	2	3	4	5
Your neighborhood as a place to live	1	2	3	4	5
Hopkinton as a place to raise children		2	3	4	5
Hopkinton as a place to work	1	2	3	4	5
Hopkinton as a place to visit	1	2	3	4	5
Hopkinton as a place to retire	1	2	3	4	5
The overall quality of life in Hopkinton	1	2	3	4	5
Sense of community		2	3	4	5

2. Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Hopkinton as a whole.

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<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	Poor	<u>Don't know</u>
1	2	3	4	5
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3. Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Somewhat unlikely	Very unlikely	Don't know
Recommend living in Hopkinton to someone who asks	1	2	3	4	5
Remain in Hopkinton for the next five years	1	2	3	4	5

4. Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:

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	, i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	Very <u>safe</u>	Somewhat <u>safe</u>	Neither safe nor unsafe	Somewhat <u>unsafe</u>	Very <u>unsafe</u>	Don't <u>know</u>
	In your neighborhood during the day	1	2	3	4	5	6
	In Hopkinton's downtown/commercial area						
	during the day	1	2	3	4	5	6
	From property crime	1	2	3	4	5	6
	From violent crime	1	2	3	4	5	6
	From fire, flood or other natural disaster	1	2	3	4	5	6
5.	Please rate the job you feel the Hopkinton commu	nity do	oes at each	of the follow	wing.		
		U			<u>ood</u> <u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	Don't know
	Making all residents feel welcome			1	2 3	4	5
	Attracting people from diverse backgrounds			1	2 3	4	5
	Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgroun	ds		1	2 3	4	5
	Taking care of vulnerable residents (elderly, disabled,	, homel	less, etc.)	1	2 3	4	5
6.	Please rate each of the following characteristics as	s they i	relate to Ho	pkinton as	a whole.		(

Excellent Good Fair Poor Don't know Variety of business and service establishments in Hopkinton......1 Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area1 Shopping opportunities......1 Overall image or reputation of Hopkinton......1



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7.	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to H	Iopkinton		ole.		
		<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>		<u>Don't know</u>
	Traffic flow on major streets		2	3	4	5
	Ease of public parking		2	3	4	5
	Ease of travel by car in Hopkinton		2	3	4	5
	Ease of travel by public transportation in Hopkinton		2	3	4	5
	Ease of travel by bicycle in Hopkinton		2	3	4	5
	Ease of walking in Hopkinton	1	2	3	4	5
	Well-planned residential growth		2	3	4	5
	Well-planned commercial growth		2	3	4	5
	Well-designed neighborhoods		2	3	4	5
	Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community		2	3	4	5
	Public places where people want to spend time	1	2	3	4	5
	Variety of housing options	1	2	3	4	5
	Availability of affordable quality housing		2	3	4	5
	Overall quality of new development in Hopkinton		2	3	4	5
	Overall appearance of Hopkinton		2	3	4	5
	Cleanliness of Hopkinton	1	2	3	4	5
	Water resources (beaches, lakes, ponds, riverways, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
	Air quality	1	2	3	4	5
	Availability of paths and walking trails		2	3	4	5
	Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc	c.) 1	2	3	4	5
	Recreational opportunities		2	3	4	5
	Availability of affordable quality food		2	3	4	5
	Availability of affordable quality health care	1	2	3	4	5
	Availability of preventive health services		2	3	4	5
	Availability of affordable quality mental health care	1	2	3	4	5
	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities		2	3	4	5
	Community support for the arts		2	3	4	5
	Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool		2	3	4	5
	K-12 education		2	3	4	5
	Adult educational opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
	Sense of civic/community pride		2	3	4	5
	Neighborliness of residents in Hopkinton		2	3	4	5
	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities		2	3	4	5
	Opportunities to attend special events and festivals		2	3	4	5
	Opportunities to volunteer		2	3	4	5
	Opportunities to participate in community matters		2	3	4	5
	Openness and acceptance of the community toward people					-
	of diverse backgrounds	1	2	3	4	5
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8.	Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following	g in the la	st 12 mc	onths.	Ne	Vac
	Contacted the Town of Hopkinton (in-person, phone, email or web) for	holp or inf	Formatio	n	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u> 2
	Contacted Hopkinton elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) for					2
	Attended a local public meeting (of local elected officials like City Council				I	2
	Commissioners, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood wa				1	2
	Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting					2
	Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Hopkinton					2
	Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause or candidate					2
	Voted in your most recent local election					2
	Used bus, rail, subway or other public transportation instead of driving	г			1	2
	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone					2
	Walked or biked instead of driving					2
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9. Please rate the quality of eac	h of the following services in Hor			— .		~
Dublic information convict		Excellent	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	Poor 4	<u>Don't know</u>
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_			2	3	4	5
			2	3	4	5
			2	3	4	5
			2	3	4	5
Sidewalk maintenance		1	2	3	4	5
Bus or transit services		1	2	3	4	5
Land use, planning, and zoning		1	2	3	4	5
Affordable high-speed internet	access	1	2	3	4	5
Garbage collection			2	3	4	5
			2	3	4	5
			2	3	4	5
	rm drainage, dams, levees, etc.)		2	3	4	5
			2	3	4	5
			2	3	4	5
			2	3	4	5
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	cal services		2	3	4	5
			2	3	4	5
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		I	Z	3	4	5
	rices that prepare the community	1	2	C	4	-
	emergency situations)			3	4	5
	open space, farmlands and greenbe		2	3	4	5
			2	3	4	5
			2	3	4	5
			2	3	4	5
			2	3	4	5
	5		2	3	4	5
Recreation centers or facilities		1	2	3	4	5
Health services		1	2	3	4	5
		1	2	3	4	5
Overall customer service by Ho	pkinton employees					
(police, receptionists, planne	rs, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
10. Please rate the following cate	gories of Hopkinton governmen	t performan	ce.			
		Excellent	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
	kes paid to Hopkinton		2	3	4	5
	kinton is taking		2	3	4	5
	t does at welcoming resident involv		2	3	4	5
	n government		2	3	4	5
	erest of the community		2	3	4	5
			2	3	4	5
	the public		2	3	4	5
	es facing the community		2	3	4	5
Treating all residents fairly			2	3	4	5
Treating residents with respect	t	1	2	3	4	5
11. Overall, how would you rate	the quality of the services provid	ed by each o	f the fol	lowing?		
,		<u>Excellent</u>	Good	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
The Town of Hopkinton			2	3	4	5
			2	3	4	5



12. Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Hopkinton community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.

Essential	Very important	Somewhat <u>important</u>	Not at all important
Overall economic health of Hopkinton1	2	3	4
Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus)			
in Hopkinton1	2	3	4
Overall design or layout of Hopkinton's residential and commercial			
areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.)	2	3	4
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Hopkinton			
(water, sewer, storm water, electric/gas)1	2	3	4
Overall feeling of safety in Hopkinton1	2	3	4
Overall quality of natural environment in Hopkinton1	2	3	4
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities1	2	3	4
Overall health and wellness opportunities in Hopkinton1	2	3	4
Overall opportunities for education, culture and the arts1	2	3	4
Residents' connection and engagement with their community1	2	3	4

13. Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for Hopkinton to address each of the following in the coming five years.

	<u>Essential</u>	Very <u>Important</u>	Somewhat <u>important</u>		Don't <u>know</u>
School facility expansions	1	2	3	4	5
Renovating the Center School for re-use for community					
meeting space, Town offices, etc	1	2	3	4	5
Constructing a new public safety facility	1	2	3	4	5
Constructing new athletic fields	1	2	3	4	5
Expanding public bus service to adjoining towns and					
commercial areas	1	2	3	4	5
Expanding public bus service to nearby train stations	1	2	3	4	5

14. Please select the statement that best describes your opinion:

O I am satisfied with the current level of taxes and services.

- **O** I am willing to pay more taxes to get more services.
- **O** I feel that I pay too much for the services I receive.
- **O** I am willing to accept service reductions if it means lower taxes.
- **O** My opinion is different from the ones listed here.
- **O** I don't have an opinion/no preference.
- 15. Due to the impacts of COVID-19, the Town is anticipating reductions in local and state revenues in the coming fiscal year. Which of the following best describes how Hopkinton should manage the projected revenue deficit?

O Hopkinton should maintain current tax levels and <u>reduce</u> service delivery and infrastructure spending
 O Hopkinton should use a combination of tax increases and reduced service delivery and infrastructure spending

O Hopkinton should increase taxes in order to <u>maintain</u> current service delivery

O Hopkinton should increase taxes in order to <u>increase</u> current service delivery and infrastructure spending

16. How much of a priority, if at all, should it be for the Town of Hopkinton to focus on each of the following?

	High <u>priority</u>	Moderate <u>priority</u>	Low <u>priority</u>	Not <u>a priority</u>	Don't <u>know</u>	
Creating a diverse, inclusive, and fair community	1	2	3	4	5	
Addressing social, economic, and racial equity differences in jobs and housing	1	2	3	4	5	
Addressing social, economic, and racial equity differences in health and education		2	3	4	5	
Addressing social, economic, and racial equity differences in the criminal justice system	1	2	3	4	5	
Recruiting diverse people into positions of local government leadership	1	2	3	4	5	

The Town of Hopkinton 2020 Community Survey

Our last questions are about you and your household.

Again, all of your responses to this survey are completely anonymous and will be reported in group form only.

D1. In general, how many times do you:

D1. In general, how many times do you:							
	Several <u>times a day</u>	Once <u>a day</u>	A few times <u>a week</u>	Every <u>few weeks</u>	Less often or never	Don't <u>know</u>	
Access the internet from your home using	<u>tilles a uay</u>	<u>a uay</u>	<u>a week</u>	<u>Iew weeks</u>	<u>or never</u>	KIIUW	
a computer, laptop or tablet computer	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Access the internet from your cell phone		2	3	4	5	6	
Visit social media sites such as Facebook,						-	
Twitter, WhatsApp, etc.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Use or check email		2	3	4	5	6	
Share your opinions online	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Shop online	1	2	3	4	5	6	
D2. Would you say that in general your healt			_				
O Excellent O Very good O G	ood O F	Fair	O Poor				
D3. What impact, if any, do you think the eco	nomy will hav	vo on vo	our family inco	ma in tha na	vt 6 monthe	2	
Do you think the impact will be:	nomy win nav	ve on yc		ine in the ne	xt o montifs	-	
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S very positive Somewhat positiv	e Gheuti	ai		gative		live	
D4. How many years have you lived in Hopki	nton?	D10 II	aw much da va	u antiginata	wayn hayaa	hald'a	
O Less than 2 years			ow much do yo otal income bef				
O 2-5 years			ear? (Please inc				
O 6-10 years			ioney from all s				
O 11-20 years			our household.		in persons n	wing in	
O More than 20 years		-	Less than \$25,0	-	5,000 to \$99	999	
			\$25,000 to \$49		00,000 to \$1		
D5. Which best describes the building you liv			• \$50,000 to \$74		50,000 or mo		
• One family house detached from any other houses							
O Building with two or more homes		D11. Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?					
(duplex, townhome, apartment or condo	miniumJ		No, not Spanish				
O Mobile homeO Other		0	Yes, I consider	myself to be	Spanish, Hisj	oanic or	
O other			Latino				
D6. Do you rent or own your home? D12. What is your race? (Mark one or more races to							
O Rent			ndicate what ra			f to be.)	
O Own			American India	n or Alaskan	Native		
D7. About how much is your monthly housin	ur monthly housing cost						
for the place you live (including rent, mo	0	Black or African American					
payment, property tax, property insuran			White				
homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?			Other				
• Less than \$500 • \$2,000 to \$2,49	99	D13. In	n which categor	y is your ag	e?		
• \$500 to \$999 • \$2,500 to \$2,99	99		18-24 years		-64 years		
○ \$1,000 to \$1,499 ○ \$3,000 to \$3,49	99		25-34 years		-74 years		
○ \$1,500 to \$1,999 ○ \$3,500 or more	e		35-44 years		years or old	er	
D8. Do any children 17 or under live in your			45-54 years		5		
household?		D11 14	/hat is your gen	ndor?			
Q No Q Yes				luer?			
			Female				
D9. Are you or any other members of your		O MaleO Identify in another way					
household aged 65 or older?				uiei way			
O No O Yes							
	1			l. ·			
Thank you!Please return the c	completed surv	ey in th	ie postage-paid e	envelope to:			

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