

2004 Community Needs Assessment Key Informant Survey

A. Community Strengths

Communities have strengths that help people make their community a better place to live. Here is a list of common strengths. For each one, please indicate whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree that the strength exists in Knox County.
(CHECK ONE NUMBER IN EACH ROW)

Community Strength	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion/ Don't Know
1. Knox County is where leaders from business, labor, government, education, religious, neighborhood, non-profit and all other sectors come together and work productively to address critical community issues.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
2. Knox County actively promotes positive relations among people from all races, genders, ages, and cultures.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
3. Knox County is where people and organizations from all geographic regions get together to address mutual concerns.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
4. Knox County is where all religious groups come together to address pressing social concerns.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
5. Knox County is where associations in neighborhoods from various parts of the community share strategies and work together.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅

Community Strength	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion/ Don't Know
6. Knox County actively supports and strengthens connections between families, neighborhoods, and the whole community.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
7. Knox County actively promotes participation in the political process from all races, genders, ages and cultures.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
8. Knox County is one in which there exists a great deal of mutual respect among leaders from all sectors of the community.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
9. Knox County is one where leaders from all sectors of the community share common goals and uphold a common vision for the community.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅

B. Community Challenges and Issues

People experience challenges and issues in the community where they live. Here is a list of common issues. For each one, please indicate whether you believe it is not an issue, is a minor issue, is a moderate issue or is a major issue for people in Knox County. (CHECK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW)

Community Issue	Not an Issue	Minor Issue	Moderate Issue	Major Issue	No Opinion/ Don't Know
<i>Economic Issues</i>					
1. Unemployment or underemployment	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
2. Poverty	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
3. Lack of jobs	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅

Community Issue	Not an Issue	Minor Issue	Moderate Issue	Major Issue	No Opinion/ Don't Know
<i>Educational Issues</i>					
4. Illiteracy	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
5. Unsafe school environment	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
6. Quality instruction in the classroom	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
<i>Environmental Issues</i>					
7. Water or air pollution	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
8. Lack of green space preservation	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
<i>Health Issues</i>					
9. Alcohol and/or drug abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
10. Mental illness, emotional issues, or suicide	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
11. Lack of affordable medical care	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
12. Obesity	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
<i>Housing Issues</i>					
13. Shortage of affordable housing	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
14. Substandard housing	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
15. Overcrowded housing	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅

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<i>Leisure Activity Issues</i>					
16. Shortage of recreational facilities (swimming pools, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
17. Lack of cultural activities (concerts, museums, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
<i>Safety Issues</i>					
18. Crime	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
19. Gang activity	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
<i>Social Issues</i>					
20. Teen pregnancy	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
21. Racial or ethnic discrimination	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
22. Family violence, abuse of children or adults	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
23. Lack of affordable care for children	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
24. Lack of an information and referral service	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
<i>Transportation Issues</i>					
25. Inadequate public transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
26. Poor road and/or traffic conditions	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅

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Emergency Issues

27. Lack of community resources for emergency needs (loss of housing, emergency transportation, unanticipated burial, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
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Other

28. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
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C. Priorities

(WRITE IN THE APPLICABLE NUMBER FROM THE LEFT-HAND MARGIN ON THE PREVIOUS PAGES.)

1. Which of the previous issues do you believe is the *most* serious in your community? _____
2. Which of the previous issues do you believe is the *second* most serious? _____
3. Which of the previous issues do you believe is the *third* most serious? _____

D. Comments and Suggestions

1. Please share briefly any comments you may have on community strengths and challenges and issues.

2. Please share briefly any suggestions you may have concerning how current community resources might be redesigned or redirected to be more effective.

E. Key Informant Characteristics

The following questions will be used solely for statistical purposes. Your answers will be combined with all other responses to get a better understanding of the survey participants as a whole. Your answers will remain confidential. (CHECK ONE NUMBER IN EACH QUESTION)

1. Are you . . .

₁ Male ₂ Female

- 2a. Are you of Spanish/Hispanic origin or descent?

₁ Yes ₂ No

- 2b. Please indicate what you consider your primary racial or ethnic group:

₁ American Indian
₂ Asian or Pacific Islander
₃ Black
₄ White
₅ Other. (Please specify) _____

3. Which of the following categories describes your primary occupation?

₁ Executive, administrative, or managerial
₂ Professional
₃ Technical
₄ Sales
₅ Administrative support, for example, clerical, secretarial
₆ Service
₇ Industrial
₈ Homemaker
₉ Not employed
₁₀ Other. (Please specify) _____

4. Please identify your current membership on any non-profit boards of directors, naming each organization separately:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

**Thank you for your time and comments.
We appreciate your willingness to share your views
about Knox County's strengths, challenges and issues.
We value your opinion.**

**Please return this survey to United Way of Knox County, Inc. at
106 West Ohio Avenue, Mount Vernon, OH 43050 by July 1, 2004.**

Should you have questions, please contact us at 397-5721.