

**TOWN OF ALLENTOWN
COMMUNITY SURVEY FOR THE 2003 MASTER PLAN**

Final Survey Results

- ✍ 487 Replies / 1945 Surveys Mailed
- ✍ 25.0% Response Rate
- ✍ See Accompanying Write-in Responses and Comments

General Questions

1. Do you live in Allentown:
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| 92.2% Year-round | 1.4% Seasonally, if so what months? |
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If you do not live in Allentown, please check here **6.4%** and skip to Question 14.

2. If you feel that Allentown is a desirable place to live, please check all that apply.
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| 23.8% Small Town / Rural Atmosphere | 10% Town Services |
| 23.4% Proximity to Cities | 8.1% Scenic Areas |
| 1.7% Employment Opportunities | 5.3% Historic Character |
| 4.5% Educational System | 9.7% Affordability |
| 7.4% People / Community Spirit | 0.9% No Opinion |
| 4.0% Recreational Facilities | 1.1% Other _____ |
3. Should the Town repeal its SB-2 status and return to a traditional Town Meeting format?
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|------------------|-------------------------|
| 42.3% Yes | 20.2% No Opinion |
| 17.8% No | 19.7% Unsure |



Population & Economics Questions

4. How many people live in your home: **1 – 20.4%** **2 – 39.1%** **3 – 16.**
4 – 15.4% **5 – 6.0%** **6 – 1.6%** **7 – 0.4%** **8 – 0.2%** **10 – 0.2%**
5. How long have you lived in Allentown?
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| 7.5% Less than 1 year | 20.2% 11-20 Years |
| 21.5% 1-5 Years | 38.1% Over 21 Years |
| 12.6% 10 Years | |
6. What type of housing do you live in?
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|--|---|
| 56% Single Family Home | 5.3% Apartment |
| 8.0% Two Family | 24.6% Manufactured / Mobile Home |
| 3.5% Multiple Family Home (3-5 units) | 2.7% Other: _____ |
7. Are you a:
- | | | |
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| 85.8% Home Owner | 13.3% Renter | 0.9% Other: _____ |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
8. Please list the number of adults for each age group who live in your home:
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| 29.7% 18-39 years old | 48.8% 40-64 years old | 21.5% 65 years old and over |
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9. Please list the number of children or teenagers for each age group who live in your home:

19.3% Under 5 years old	21.3% 9-11 years old
18.8% 5-8 years old	40.6% 12-17 years old

10. Please list all employed adults/teens in your home who are 16 years old and older:

	Number	Town / State
A. Full Time	83.9%	Works in: _____
	_____	Works in: _____
	_____	Works in: _____
B. Part-time	16.1%	Works in: _____
	_____	Works in: _____
	_____	Works in: _____



11. Please list the type of employment for each adult/teen 16 years old or older:

A. 0.3% Agriculture/Forestry	9.6% Government
7.9% Health Care	3.0% Homemaker
10.3% Professional	3.2% Computer / High Tech
7.2% Building Trades	1.8% Non-profit
7.1% Manufacturing	0.2% Real Estate
9.0% Retail	9.9% Retired
5.8% Business Services	2.6% Student
6.3% Education	1.0% Unemployed
2.6% Finance	12.5% Other _____
B. Are you self-employed?	9.3% Yes 90.7% No

12. Please indicate the highest level of education for each adult (18 years or older) in your home:

(Please match the total to the number of adults from Question 8)

13.3% Some High School or Less	11.2% Associate Degree
36.4% High School Graduate/GED	11.5% Bachelor Degree
23.2% Some College	4.4% Post Graduate Degree

13. What is the total annual income of your household?

7.7% Less than \$10,000	11.6% \$10,000 to \$24,999
18.5% \$25,000 to \$34,999	19.0% \$35,000 to \$49,999
26.2% \$50,000 to \$75,000	17.0% Over \$75,000

Housing Questions

14. What types of housing would you like to see Allentown encourage? Check all that apply.

28.4% Single Family Homes	3.7% Manufactured / Mobile Homes in Parks
6.4% Two Family Homes	6.0% Condominiums / Town Houses
3.8% Conversion of Large Homes into Apartments	4.6% New Apartment Buildings
10.0% Manufactured / Mobile Homes on Individual Lots	9.7% Cluster Developments (Single Family Homes on Smaller Lots with Remaining Area as Open Space)
16.8% Elderly Housing	
10.6% Mixed Residential with Businesses	

15. Do you feel that the housing available in Allentown is affordable?
38.5% Yes **17.0% No Opinion**
26.4% No **18.1% Unsure**

Existing & Future Land Use Questions

16. Should Allentown try to encourage commercial / business / industrial (non-residential) growth?
74.1% Yes **7.6% Unsure**
15.3% No **3.0% No Opinion**

17. Do you believe that residential growth (construction of homes & increase in population) is an important issue in Allentown?
62.4% Yes **8.6% Unsure**
26.2% No **2.8% No Opinion**

18. If Allentown experiences residential growth faster than neighboring communities, should the Town implement policies to limit the number of new homes that are built in Town?
70.7% Yes **9.6% Unsure**
15.2% No **4.5% No Opinion**

19. In your opinion, which best describes Allentown's rate of overall growth:
10.3% Allentown is growing too fast
19.2% Allentown is growing as fast as neighboring Towns
29.3% Growth is not a major issue in Allentown
15.7% Allentown is not growing fast enough
8.4% No Opinion
17.0% Unsure



20. Should the Town create or maintain regulatory standards for the following?

Ground Water Protection	87.4% Yes	3.7% No	4.3% Unsure	4.6% No opinion
Construction on Steep Slopes	54.5% Yes	14.7% No	18.8% Unsure	12.1% No opinion
Sand Pits/Gravel Excavations	62.7% Yes	12.4% No	13.5% Unsure	11.3% No opinion
Logging Operations	62.3% Yes	16.8% No	12.1% Unsure	8.8% No opinion
Landscaping Guidelines for Commercial & Industrial Developments	63.9% Yes	16.0% No	12.3% Unsure	7.9% No opinion
Noise Ordinance	78.2% Yes	11.1% No	5.9% Unsure	4.8% No opinion
Lighting Requirements for Commercial and Industrial Developments	67.4% Yes	11.5% No	12.1% Unsure	9.0% No opinion
Setbacks From Water Bodies	63.4% Yes	8.8% No	19.0% Unsure	8.8% No opinion

21. How should Allenstown respond to prospects for growth in each of the following areas?

	Encourage	Stay As Is	Discourage	Where Should They Be Encouraged or Discouraged?
Building Trades	60.1%	35.5%	4.4%	
Child Care Centers	57.4%	39.2%	3.3%	
Farms	45.4%	47.8%	6.7%	
Home Businesses	54.1%	38.2%	7.7%	
Clinics/Health/Dental Offices	67.8%	30.4%	1.9%	
Gas Stations	13.1%	62.1%	24.8%	
Commercial/ Industrial Firms	64.3%	21.1%	14.6%	
Hotels/Motels	44.3%	23.9%	31.8%	
Major Retail Stores	54.8%	19.5%	25.6%	
Mini-Storage	26.7%	33.7%	39.6%	
Professional Offices	65.8%	28.2%	6.0%	
Restaurants (sit down)	72.1%	22.4%	5.5%	
Restaurants (fast food)	52.0%	21.7%	26.3%	
Retail Business Shops	70.4%	21.6%	8.1%	
Shopping Centers	53.4%	22.2%	24.4%	
Small Manufacturing Firms	71.6%	15.6%	12.8%	

History & Culture and Natural Features Questions

22. Should the Town appropriate money to protect natural, cultural, and historic resources in Allenstown?

61.7% Yes
14.2% No

14.4% No Opinion
9.7% Unsure



23. Please indicate how important the preservation of open space in Allenstown is to you.

39.6% Very Important 34.3% Important 6.1% No Opinion 12.8% Somewhat Important
7.2% Not Important

24. Do you support the Town buying land for conservation purposes?

46.9% Yes
29.5% No

17.2% Unsure
6.5% No opinion

25. What are the most important natural features in Allenstown (please check all that apply):

14.1% Fields/ Open Space Lands
10.4% Farms
14.5% Ground Water Supplies
18.2% Forests

15.4% Water Bodies
10.1% Scenic Views
15.5% Fish / Wildlife
1.7% Other _____

26. What natural, cultural, and/or historic resources do you feel should be protected in Allenstown?

Transportation Questions

27. In your opinion, what is the general condition of roads in Allenstown?

1.9% Excellent

39.3% Good

43.1% Fair

15.5% Poor

0.0% Unknown

0.2% No Opinion



28. Are there any sections of roadways or intersections that you feel are hazardous for **vehicles**?

29. Are there any sections of roadways or intersections that you feel are hazardous for **pedestrians**?

30. Please identify any streets where you feel additional sidewalks are needed.

31. Please identify any roads or streets where you feel vehicles travel at excessive speeds.

Community & Recreational Facilities Questions

32. Do you feel that the quality of education in Allenstown is competitive with other towns?

26.3% Yes

41.3% No

13.8% No Opinion

18.6% Unsure

33. Do you feel more money should be spent on education?

46.5% Yes

30.3% No

10.4% No Opinion

12.8% Unsure

34. If your children attend daycare or after-school care, where do they go?

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 40.0% Allenstown | 0.0% Candia |
| 0.0% Bow | 0.0% Epsom |
| 10.0% Concord | 13.3% Pembroke |
| 10.0% Hooksett | 1.7% Deerfield |
| 25.0% Other: _____ | |



35. Please check any recreational facilities you would like the Town to develop or improve:

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| 7.7% Public Swimming Pool | 8.5% Senior Citizens Needs |
| 3.5% Basketball Courts (indoor) | 5.0% Community Center Services |
| 4.1% Basketball Courts (outdoor) | 6.9% Teen Center |
| 3.0% Tennis Courts | 6.3% Recreational Trails |
| 4.4% Hockey / Ice Rink | 7.1% Bicycle Paths |
| 5.5% Athletic Fields | 6.8% Playgrounds |
| 6.6% Canoe / Boat Launch | 6.3% Elderly Recreational Opportunities |
| 7.6% Picnic Areas | 1.2% No Additional Facilities |
| 8.7% Extension of the Concord Area Transit (CAT) | 0.9% Other: _____ |

36. Are you in favor of charging user fees to help pay for Town sponsored and owned recreational facilities or programs?

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|------------------|------------------------|
| 51.3% Yes | 9.0% No Opinion |
| 25.2% No | 14.5% Unsure |

37. In what ways do you enjoy Allenstown's recreational opportunities? Please check all that apply:

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 9.8% Bird-Watching | 16.5% Fishing | 8.7% Camping |
| 7.9% Boating | 0.8% Skiing | 7.1% Snowmobiling |
| 14.5% Hiking | 2.9% Horseback Riding | 2.8% Snowshoeing |
| 6.9% Canoe / Kayak | 8.0% Mountain Biking | 3.7% Other _____ |
| 3.5% Cross-Country Skiing | 7.1% Hunting | |

38. How well do you think the Town is performing/providing the following services or opportunities?

Town Services or Opportunities	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know / No Opinion
Access to Public Waters	34.6%	26.8%	11.0%	27.5%
Ambulance Service	63.5%	10.5%	2.4%	23.5%
Animal Control	30.2%	24.9%	15.0%	29.9%
Building Code Enforcement	30.2%	23.8%	9.8%	36.3%
Cemetery Care	41.6%	19.8%	4.0%	34.6%
Fire Protection	65.1%	14.7%	5.7%	14.5%
General Recreation	19.7%	37.4%	20.4%	22.4%
Health Regulations and Enforcement	19.1%	23.3%	7.8%	49.8%
Historical Preservation	18.0%	33.0%	6.6%	42.4%
Land Conservation	18.9%	30.3%	7.2%	43.6%
Library	31.7%	28.8%	16.6%	22.9%
Planning and Development	13.3%	28.4%	20.3%	38.0%
Police Protection	59.4%	24.3%	7.9%	8.3%
Recreational Trails	27.9%	26.4%	13.0%	32.7%
Road Maintenance	36.8%	36.1%	20.4%	6.7%
Schools-Pembroke Academy	43.9%	18.9%	8.3%	28.8%
Schools-Armand Dupont	32.2%	22.3%	13.5%	32.0%
Schools-Elementary	32.2%	25.2%	12.2%	30.4%
Snow Removal	68.7%	19.4%	5.5%	6.4%
Speed Limits	43.4%	34.1%	14.0%	8.5%
Sidewalks	24.7%	34.7%	22.7%	17.9%
Town Administration	23.8%	33.0%	15.4%	27.8%
Town Sewer	36.1%	17.7%	6.6%	39.7%
Town Water	44.8%	15.4%	2.7%	37.1%
Traffic Control	42.3%	28.4%	8.4%	20.9%
Trash Disposal	72.8%	12.3%	3.8%	11.2%
Youth Recreation	11.8%	31.5%	21.3%	35.4%
Welfare	15.8%	13.5%	9.5%	61.3%
Zoning Enforcement	17.6%	18.5%	11.4%	52.4%
Other:	7.4%	1.5%	22.1%	69.1%

39. Please comment on any additional issues you believe are important to Allenstown:

If you would like to help develop Allenstown's Master Plan, please call the Town Offices at (603) 485-4276 and leave your name and telephone number. Or, if you have any questions, please call one of the following members of the Allenstown Master Plan Steering Committee:

James A. Rodger, Chairman 738-2199
Planning Board

Bob Lee 485-4756
Planning Board

Jerry McKenney 485-7187
Planning Board

Arthur Houle 485-7296
Board of Selectmen

Sandra McKenney 485-7187
Board of Selectmen

Lou Conley 485-7974
School Board

Albert Dionne 485-9202
Fire Department

Jim McGonigle 485-9500
Police Department

Jim Boisvert 485-5460
Highway Department

Dana Clement 485-2027
Sewer Commission

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT!

