

Lambton County Community Safety & Well-being Survey

PART A: Introduction & Consent

The **PURPOSE** of this survey is to aid in the development of a provincially-required, collaborative **Community Safety and Well-being Plan** for Lambton County. The survey questions will help the **Advisory Committee** understand the current state of well-being and feelings of safety of the people of Lambton so we can work together to focus on local actions to improve the quality of life for all.

Please complete the survey BY MARCH 31, 2021.

It will take approximately 20 minutes to complete the survey.

Your participation in this survey is voluntary and you can refuse to participate or withdraw from the survey at any time simply by exiting the survey. Once you have submitted the survey, you will not be able to withdraw your responses, since they are not linked to individual people.

Your decision to participate, or not, will not have an impact on any services you are currently receiving from local government, a community organization, or a health service, and we do not ask for your name at any time.

Your responses will be kept confidential. Survey responses will be stored on a secure sever, and only the project coordinator will have access to your individual, anonymous responses. The results will be summarized in a report and shared with local stakeholders and partners.

For more information about this planning process, please visit the CSWB Plan website at www.lambtononline.ca/communitysafety

For technical support with the survey, please contact Coordinator Nancy Dubois at dubfit@rogers.com

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PART B: Where do you live?

Responses to this section will give a sense of where you are located. When you see an * at the front of the question, that one requires an answer, please.

1. Which statement below best describes your living situation?

- My primary residence is in Lambton County.
- My primary residence is on a First Nation.
- I am a part-time or seasonal resident of Lambton County (e.g., I spend winters somewhere else, or I live in Lambton County part of the year for work or I am a student living here for part of the year).

* 2. What is your six digit postal code?

3. Would you call where you live:

- Mostly urban
- Mostly rural
- Not sure

PART C: Community Safety & Perceptions/Experience of Crime

This section is about your feelings about crime and safety in your community.

4. Overall, how do you feel about your personal safety in your community?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- Prefer not to answer

Describe ONE THING that would make you feel safer in your community.

5. Compared to other areas in Ontario do you think your neighbourhood has a higher amount of crime, about the same or a lower amount of crime?

- Higher
- About the same
- Lower

6. During the last 5 years, do you think that crime in your neighbourhood has increased, decreased or remained about the same?

- Increased
- Decreased
- About the same
- Don't know

7. How safe do you feel from potential crime when walking alone in your area after dark? Do you feel:

- Very safe
- Reasonably safe
- Somewhat unsafe
- Very unsafe
- I do not walk alone

8. In your opinion, the role of policing in ensuring community safety is...

- Extremely important
- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not so important
- Not at all important

9. How much, if at all, do your feelings about safety and crime impact what you do (where you go and when)?

- Not at all
- Very little
- Some
- Quite a bit
- Significantly

10. What do you like most about living in your community?

11. During the time that you have lived in Lambton County, and particularly in the last 5 years, have you been made to feel unsafe in your community for reasons related to your (Please check all that apply):

- Race, skin colour, or ethnicity
- Indigenous identity
- Age
- Gender identity or expression
- Sexual orientation
- Socio-economic status
- Disability or disabilities (including but not limited to physical, sensory, cognitive, and mental health disabilities)
- Religion
- Language, accent, or dialect
- Immigration status or history
- None of the above. I have not been made to feel unsafe in my community for any of these reasons
- Prefer not to answer
- Other reasons you have been made to feel unsafe (please specify):

12. If you have children between the ages of 5 and 12, do you feel comfortable allowing them to play outside unsupervised. (Please choose one response.)

Yes

No

I do not have children between the ages of 5 and 12

PART D: Priorities for Action

The answers to the questions in this section are critical in setting the priorities for action moving forward with the Community Safety & Well-being Plan. There is a mix of areas covered here – some deal with safety while others deal with well-being.

13. Where do you feel improvements are needed to increase safety and well-being in your community?

There are 11 categories listed below with some examples of the kinds of things that fall into each one. Please rank them from 1 through 11 based on where each category fits in your list of community priorities for action. 1 would represent your highest priority and 11 your lowest priority. Each category needs to have a different number (i.e., you cannot select two categories as number 1).



Addictions / Substance Misuse (e.g., alcohol, cannabis, prescription drug misuse; gambling; access to addictions services; coordination between addiction services in the community)



Community Belonging & the Neighbourhood Environment (e.g., relationships with neighbours; unsafe or unwanted behaviours or activities in the neighbourhood; resident safety; support for newcomers, older adults, vulnerable youth; traffic safety)



Crime Prevention (e.g., animal cruelty; arson; break & enters; child abuse; drug trafficking; elder abuse; fraud; gang activity; homicide; human trafficking; domestic violence; identity theft; physical or sexual assault; theft; threats)



Discrimination (e.g., ableism; ageism; homophobia; transphobia; racism; sexism)



Education & Employment (e.g., availability of or access to education opportunities; affordability of education opportunities; education quality; availability of or access to job opportunities; job quality; opportunities to develop employment skills)



Emotional Violence, Bullying and Harassment (e.g., emotional violence, bullying and/or harassment in homes, schools, workplaces, businesses, public spaces, neighbourhoods or communities)



Family & Peer Situation (e.g., availability, access or affordability of leisure activities for children; availability, access or affordability of childcare; positive role models/peer groups; stable & nurturing home environments; availability or access to social supports for children; coordination between social support services for children in the community)



Housing & Homelessness (e.g., access, availability, affordability, safety or quality of housing; homelessness)



Mental Health (e.g., mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder; emotional or psychological trauma; suicide; access, availability or affordability of mental health services; coordination between mental health services in the community)



Physical Health (e.g., access to or availability of health services such as a family doctor; access to or availability of services for persons with a physical disability; access, availability or availability of exercise opportunities and healthy food; access to a supportive built environment which consists of man-made structures, features and facilities that support healthy living such as community gardens, walkable sidewalks and parks)



Poverty & Income (e.g., ability to pay bills and meet basic needs; ability to enjoy life and participate in leisure activities; stress related to financial concerns; availability of or access to financial supports)

Part E: Priority Topics within each Category

This section gives you the chance to rank the importance of the specific topics within each of the 11 categories. There is also a spot to include any other topics for each category that you feel should be included.

14. Category: **Addictions / Substance Abuse**

Several topics within this category are listed here. Please rank them in terms of importance for your community with #1 being the most important issue.



Alcohol misuse



Cannabis misuse



Illegal drug use and misuse



Prescription drug misuse



Gambling (online, racetrack etc.)



Access to addiction services



Coordination between addiction services in the community

15. Category: **Addictions / Substance Misuse** - Please identify any OTHER important topics that you feel should be included in this category.

16. Category: **Community Belonging**

Several topics within this category are listed here. Please rank them in terms of importance for your community with #1 being the most important issue.



Relationship with neighbours



Racism



Unsafe or unwanted behaviours or activities in my community



Resident safety



Support for newcomers



Support for older adults



Support for vulnerable youth



Traffic safety

17. Category: **Community Belonging** - Please identify any OTHER important topics that you feel should be included in this category.

18. Category: **Crime Prevention**

Several topics within this category are listed here. Please rank them in terms of importance for your community with #1 being the most important issue.



Animal cruelty



Arson



Break & enters



Child abuse



Domestic violence



Drug trafficking



Elder abuse



Fraud



Gang activity



Hate crimes



Homicide



Human trafficking



Identity theft



Physical assault



Sexual assault



Theft



Threats

19. Category: **Crime Prevention** - Please identify any OTHER important topics that you feel should be included in this category.

20. Category: **Discrimination**

Several topics within this category are listed here. Please rank them in terms of importance for your community with #1 being the most important issue.



Ableism (discrimination based on ability)



Ageism



Homophobia



Transphobia



Racism



Sexism

21. Category: **Discrimination** - Please identify any OTHER important topics that you feel should be included in this category.

22. Category: **Education & Employment**

Several topics within this category are listed here. Please rank them in terms of importance for your community with #1 being the most important issue.



Availability of education opportunities



Access to education opportunities



Affordability of education opportunities



Education quality



Availability of job opportunities



Access to job opportunities



Job quality



Opportunities to develop employment skills

23. Category: **Education & Employment** - Please identify any OTHER important topics that you feel should be included in this category.

24. Category: **Emotional Violence, Bullying & Harassment**

Several topics within this category are listed here. Please rank them in terms of importance for your community with #1 being the most important issue.



Emotional violence, bullying and/or harassment in homes



Emotional violence, bullying and/or harassment in schools



Emotional violence, bullying and/or harassment in workplaces



Emotional violence, bullying and/or harassment in businesses and other public spaces



Emotional violence, bullying and/or harassment in neighbourhoods and communities

25. Category: **Emotional Violence, Bullying & Harassment** - Please identify any OTHER important topics that you feel should be included in this category.

26. Category: **Family & Peer Situation**

Several topics within this category are listed here. Please rank them in terms of importance for your community with #1 being the most important issue.



Availability of leisure activities for children



Affordability to leisure activities for children



Availability of childcare



Affordability of childcare



Positive role models (individuals & groups)



Stable and nurturing home environments



Availability of social support services for children



Coordination between social support services for children in the community

27. Category: **Family & Peer Situation** - Please identify any OTHER important topics that you feel should be included in this category.

28. Category: **Housing & Homelessness**

Several topics within this category are listed here. Please rank them in terms of importance for your community with #1 being the most important issue.



Access/availability to housing



Affordability of housing



Safety of housing



Quality of housing



Homelessness

29. Category: **Housing & Homelessness** - Please identify any OTHER important topics that you feel should be included in this category.

30. Category: **Mental Health**

Several topics within this category are listed here. Please rank them in terms of importance for your community with #1 being the most important issue.



Mental health conditions (e.g., depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder)



Emotional or psychological trauma



Suicide



Access to mental health services



Affordability of mental health services



Coordination between mental health services in the community

31. Category: **Mental Health** - Please identify any OTHER important topics that you feel should be included in this category.

32. Category: **Physical Health**

Several topics within this category are listed here. Please rank them in terms of importance for your community with #1 being the most important issue.



Access to health services (such as a family doctor)



Access to a supportive built environment (i.e., man-made structures, features and facilities that support healthy living such as community gardens, walkable sidewalks, parks)



Access to services for persons with a physical disability



Access to exercise opportunities



Affordability of exercise opportunities



Access to healthy food



Affordability of healthy food

33. Category: **Physical Health** - Please identify any OTHER important topics that you feel should be included in this category.

34. Category: **Poverty & Income**

Several topics within this category are listed here. Please rank them in terms of importance for your community with #1 being the most important issue.



Ability to pay bills and meet basic needs leading to stress



Ability to enjoy life and participate in leisure activities



Availability of financial supports

35. Category: **Poverty & Income** - Please identify any OTHER important topics that you feel should be included in this category.

PART F: Personal Characteristics

We would like to know more about you so we can create groupings of answers based on categories like age, gender, and community affiliation. This will allow us to better understand the feelings of safety and well-being for all populations. We will not be able to determine your identity.

* 36. What is your age?

37. Do you identify as an Indigenous person?

- Yes, First Nations
- Yes, Métis
- Yes, Inuk
- No, I don't identify as Indigenous

38. Are you perceived or treated as a person of colour?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

39. What is your gender?

- Man Or Boy
- Woman Or Girl
- Non-binary, or a similar identity
- Prefer not to answer

40. What is the highest level of formal education you have completed?

- High school
- College or trade school graduate
- University Bachelor's degree
- Master's degree (e.g. MA, MS, MBA)
- Doctoral or professional degree (e.g. PhD, MD, JD)
- Prefer not to answer

41. What is your best estimate of the total income from all members living in your household including yourself, before taxes and deductions, from all sources in 2020?

- Less than \$10,000
- \$10,000 to less than \$40,000
- \$40,000 to less than \$80,000
- \$80,000 to less than \$100,000
- \$100,000 to less than \$150,000
- \$150,000 or more
- Unsure
- Prefer not to answer

PART G: Concluding Question

42. What else would you like to tell us about how your safety and well-being in Lambton County could be improved?