

Houghton County Results by Location																
Results ranked by the range of total points* among groups of differing areas of residence for each statement from greatest to least range.																
<i>Statement:</i>	Adams Twp	Calumet Twp	Calumet Village	Chassell Twp	D-E-L Twps	Franklin Twp	Hancock City	Houghton City	Lake Linden Village	Laurium Village	Osceola Twp	Portage Twp	Stanton Twp	Torch Lake Twp	Houghton County	Range of Total Points
Property owners should have absolute and final say about what happens on their property.	159	129	138	100	140	111	86	59	115	117	115	103	72	110	103	101
Private property rights are more important than public interest when a development is proposed.	131	113	113	95	128	77	65	39	104	112	96	91	40	104	86	92
More recreational opportunities are needed in my township/city/village.	56	54	64	2	43	12	36	30	47	52	52	26	-13	-7	32	77
Lack of jobs, especially for young people, is a problem in our area.	164	162	161	119	141	124	137	114	144	167	127	151	92	145	138	75
Similar commercial development along US-41 between Hancock and Calumet would benefit the area.	49	54	43	25	23	11	18	-9	47	42	22	3	-12	32	20	66
I feel that I have a voice in shaping the future of my community/township/city.	29	22	31	50	57	34	40	17	58	33	30	27	-7	19	31	65
New development would be acceptable to more people if it blended better with the historic buildings in the area.	62	98	122	66	83	59	63	98	106	102	84	81	77	59	83	64
Some roads should be designated as "scenic" and should retain their natural character.	109	123	139	111	88	131	122	138	117	151	114	126	111	103	123	63
Tax incentives, such as tax abatements, should be used to attract new businesses.	52	47	53	10	37	16	42	33	69	67	42	12	9	33	35	60
Public access to waterfront areas is becoming too limited	104	116	114	58	92	112	94	103	97	102	118	97	93	80	98	59
The design and appearance of new buildings and signs are important to the community.	122	140	153	100	148	114	126	154	157	133	132	149	117	119	135	57
Some open space and undeveloped land should be protected from future development.	127	129	156	116	117	134	116	148	128	130	111	136	116	99	127	57
Property is becoming unaffordable for local residents.	129	149	131	96	136	118	109	103	100	121	141	112	95	119	117	55
"Big city" shopping and entertainment benefit the area.	51	35	39	39	65	16	42	45	44	51	22	51	11	35	41	55
Developers should be allowed to develop with little or no restriction because it helps the local economy.	-82	-82	-104	-64	-71	-88	-83	-118	-79	-111	-92	-94	-97	-79	-91	54
We need to balance private property rights and public interest.	107	88	100	84	84	101	120	132	83	129	102	108	109	87	106	48
Change brought by economic development should be balanced with actions to preserve community character.	129	138	151	112	140	135	124	154	144	160	126	129	129	125	136	48
The benefits of recent commercial development along M-26 and Sharon Ave. outweigh any disadvantages.	52	46	14	16	45	15	22	10	40	43	13	24	17	34	26	42
Improvement of existing properties, especially those of historic significance, should be encouraged as an alternative to developing more land.	113	132	138	96	133	109	105	135	129	126	124	122	137	120	123	42

Tax incentives associated with land trusts, conservation easements, and purchase of development rights should be encouraged to help landowners keep their land in its present use if they prefer not to sell to a developer.	117	113	106	98	132	130	101	113	110	98	122	120	132	97	113	35
Long-range planning is needed to manage growth and to protect our environment and natural resources such as drinking water.	174	170	182	156	164	172	167	177	171	179	170	175	149	153	169	33
Environmental impacts should be considered when creating new jobs.	130	137	153	125	132	153	135	154	133	142	134	139	132	125	139	29
Public costs for new water, sewer, and other services should be considered when any development is proposed.	165	153	151	160	164	174	154	173	169	157	158	165	156	165	161	23
The natural environment, scenic beauty, and "getting away from it all" are important to our quality of life.	156	173	178	161	161	164	168	177	158	179	170	163	172	157	168	23
The small-town feeling of the area is worth preserving.	161	160	161	147	161	147	153	159	161	168	147	153	160	147	157	21
Neighboring townships, cities, and counties should identify and work together toward shared goals.	160	169	165	155	152	154	167	162	161	169	168	159	165	166	163	17

*200 points = unanimous strong agreement, -200 points = unanimous strong disagreement (see p. 3).

Table is separated into two sections:

- upper section with significant differences by residence, total points range ≥ 40
- lower section with no significant differences by residence, total points range <40

Locations with less than 50 responses are not included in this table.