HOUSTON COUNTY COMMUNITY SURVEY
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- Yes (56%)
- No (33%)
- No Response (12%)
I feel adequately protected by the Houston County Sheriff’s Department

- Yes (81%)
- No (14%)
- No Response (5%)
I feel adequately protected by Fire & EMS Services

- Yes (82%)
- No (15%)
- No Response (3%)
People are unsatisfied with their broadband service

I am satisfied with my broadband Internet speed

- Yes (37%)
- No (58%)
- No Response (6%)
Finding good employees is a problem for many business owners, and it may be holding back our economy.

If you are a business owner, are you able to find qualified, reliable employees to support your business's growth?

- Yes (40%)
- No (60%)
How the County Commission help business owners?

- Improve broadband speeds
- Increase incentives to new/locally-owned businesses
- Improve education system
- Lower taxes/regulation
Our public education system is...

Opinion of Public Education System
- Above Average (5%)
- Average (21%)
- Below Average (74%)
Of the people who rate our education system as poor:

![Bar Chart](chart.png)

- Extremely Low (7%)
- Too Low (14%)
- About Right (66%)
- Too High (12%)
- Extremely Too High (1%)
Of the people who rate our education system as poor:

**Opinion of Sales Taxes**

- Extremely Low (1%)
- Too Low (1%)
- About Right (56%)
- Too High (39%)
- Extremely Too High (4%)
Good News: Most people think it's very easy to do business with the county.
Most common complaints about doing business with the County

- Lack of parking
- Long tag lines
- Rude staff
- Not enough online services
Opinion is divided on the state of our roadways:
Rural Residents more concerned about our community’s roads

Opinion Inside City of Dothan:
- In Disrepair (49%)
- In Good Shape (51%)

Opinion Outside City of Dothan:
- In Disrepair (55%)
- In Good Shape (45%)
Education level relative economic outlook for yourself and your children

- Some High School
- H.S. Grad
- 2-year Degree
- Bachelor's
- Master's
- Prof./Doctoral

- Encourage Children to stay in Houston County once grown
- Personal economic outlook
Age relative to economic outlook

Personal Economic Outlook

- 29 and under
- 30's
- 40 - 55
- 56 - 65
- 66 - 75
- 76+
Too many people think their children could do better elsewhere

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I will encourage my children to seek out a career and life in Houston County

- Yes
- No
- No Response
Here are the jobs people want

- Manufacturing – 73
- Technology – 31
- Medical – 16
- Engineering – 6
- Marketing/Creative – 5

- A lot of people frustrated with local market wages
Frequent Comments (In order of frequency)

1. Poor Internet service
2. Improving infrastructure
3. Increase funding for Sheriff’s Department
4. More deputy patrols
5. Increase funding for fire/rescue
Other comments & complaints

- Improve roads & highways
- More Funding for schools
- Listen to the people more
- More development on east side of Dothan
- More spending on elderly assistance/programs