

Cleveland State University Planning Capstone Survey

Hello, my name is _____, a graduate student with Cleveland State University. We are conducting a brief survey for our planning capstone class on public services and regional attitudes.

0) Are you the head of the household? (if not, ask to talk to them, and restart)

All responses are confidential, and you may withdraw at any time. If you have any questions about the survey, you can contact my professor, Dr. Robert Simons, at 216 687 5258. If you have any questions about your rights as a research subject, you can contact the Cleveland State University IRB at 216 687 3630. The survey should take about 10-15 minutes. Do you have a few moments to participate? Y/N__

Phone # _____
City _____
Zip _____
County _____
Interviewer Name _____

1) When you introduce yourself to someone from another state, where do you tell them you are from? Cleveland (1), Northeastern Ohio (2), hometown (3), Ohio (4), Cleveland Area (5) other (99) (what _____)

2) Are you familiar with the current issue revolving around the building of a new convention center in the City of Cleveland?
Yes (1) No (0) I don't know (99) if yes, how _____?

3) Do you believe that state and federal funding cuts impact services at the local government level?
Yes (1) No (0)

4) Do you feel that urban sprawl is having a positive, neutral or negative impact on our region?
Positive (1) negative (2) neutral (3) how? _____?

5) I am going to read you a list of about a dozen government services. Please rate these services based on how important they are to you, 1 being least important to 5 being most important.

police (1)
1 2 3 4 5

fire/EMS (Emergency medical services) (2),
1 2 3 4 5

water/sewer (3),
1 2 3 4 5

garbage (4),				
1	2	3	4	5
schools (5),				
1	2	3	4	5
fair housing (6),				
1	2	3	4	5
land use planning (zoning) (7),				
1	2	3	4	5
ports/transportation (8),				
1	2	3	4	5
parks/recreation (9),				
1	2	3	4	5
transit/buses (10),				
1	2	3	4	5
arts/culture (11),				
1	2	3	4	5
social services (12),				
1	2	3	4	5
general government (13)				
1	2	3	4	5
any other services important? other _____				
1	2	3	4	5

6) What three services would you feel **most comfortable with** if they were shared or combined with nearby municipalities or service entities? (circle 3) (Re-read the respondents the choices, if asked).

- police (1),
- fire/ems (2),
- water/sewer (3),
- garbage (4),
- public schools (5),
- fair housing (6),
- land use planning (7),
- ports/transportation (8),
- parks/recreation (9),
- transit/buses (10),
- arts/culture (11),
- social services (12),

government (mayors, council, administrative departments) (13),
other (99)

7) What three services would you feel **least comfortable with** if they were shared or combined with nearby municipalities or service entities? (circle 3) (Re-read the respondents choices)

police (1),
fire/ems (2),
water/sewer (3),
garbage (4),
public schools (5),
fair housing (6),
land use planning (7),
ports/transportation (8),
parks/recreation (9),
transit/buses (10),
arts/culture (11),
social services (12),
government (mayors, council, administrative departments) (13),
other (99)

8) Holding costs constant, what do you think would happen to the **quality** of a service if it were to be shared with another municipality or service entity. On a 1-5 scale, would it decrease significantly, decrease slightly, stay the same, increase slightly, or increase significantly?

police (1),
decrease Significantly (1) decrease Slightly (2) Stay the Same (3) increase Slightly (4)
increase Significantly (5) Cannot be sure (99)

fire/ems (2),
decrease Significantly (1) decrease Slightly (2) Stay the Same (3) increase Slightly (4)
increase Significantly (5) Cannot be sure (99)

water/sewer (3),
decrease Significantly (1) decrease Slightly (2) Stay the Same (3) increase Slightly (4)
increase Significantly (5) Cannot be sure (99)

garbage (4),
decrease Significantly (1) decrease Slightly (2) Stay the Same (3) increase Slightly (4)
increase Significantly (5) Cannot be sure (99)

public schools (5),
decrease Significantly (1) decrease Slightly (2) Stay the Same (3) increase Slightly (4)
increase Significantly (5) Cannot be sure (99)

social services (12),
decrease Significantly (1) decrease Slightly (2) Stay the Same (3) increase Slightly (4)
increase Significantly (5) Cannot be sure (99)

9) If services were shared with other municipalities or service entities, do you think your local taxes would decrease significantly, decrease slightly, stay the same, increase slightly, increase significantly?

decrease Significantly (1) decrease Slightly (2) Stay the Same (3) increase Slightly (4)
increase Significantly (5) Cannot be sure/don't know (99) I don't pay local taxes (0)

For the next several statements, once again answer on a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being strongly disagree and 5 being strongly agree.

10) The amount of property and income taxes you pay is reasonable for the quality of municipal services (i.e. waste collection, police, fire, EMS) you receive from your home municipality.

1 2 3 4 5

11) I would support combining all services among municipalities (excluding schools) in my county, assuming that the costs of services were 10% lower but still of the same quality.

1 2 3 4 5

12) I would support combining all school districts in my county, assuming that the costs of school services were 10% lower but still of the same quality.

1 2 3 4 5

13) I would support merging municipal boundaries if it was the only way to reduce the costs of services to a level where service quality could be sustained.

1 2 3 4 5

14) I would support a regionally shared governance structure.

1 2 3 4 5

15) I would support term limits for mayors and local officials.

1 2 3 4 5

16) I would support a regional tax sharing plan.

1 2 3 4 5

Thanks, almost done. I would now like to ask you some demographic information.

17) ****Note gender of respondent to yourself Male (1) Female (2)

18) What is your race or ethnicity?

White (1) African American/Black (2) Asian/Pacific Islander (3)

Hispanic/Latino (4) Native American/American Indian (5) Two or more races (6)

Other (7) Chose not to respond (98)

19) What range did your family income fall in for this past year? (List groups to respondent)

<\$20,000 (1) \$20,000-\$29,999 (2) \$30,000-\$39,999 (3) \$40,000-\$54,999 (4)

\$55,000-\$69,999 (5) \$70,000-\$99,999 (6) >=\$100,000 (7) I don't know (99)

Chose not to respond (98)

20) What is your level of education?

<high school diploma (1) high school diploma (2) some college (3)
4 year degree (4) 2 year degree (5) graduate/professional degree (6)
Chose not to respond (98)

21) Do you have school-age children residing at home with you?

Yes (1) No (0) Chose not to respond (98)

22) What age range do you fall in? (List groups to respondent)

18-25 (1) 26-34 (2) 35-44 (3) 45-54 (4) 55-64 (5) 65 and older (6)
Chose not to respond (98)

Do you have any additional comments about regional government issues? _____

Thank you very much for your time.