The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Community Survey, 2006

A Sourcebook of Community Attitudes

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Introduction

The *Matanuska-Susitna Borough Community Survey* (Mat-Su Survey) is a cooperative effort on the part of Mat-Su College, the University of Alaska-Anchorage (UAA) and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. Distributed to every household in the Mat-Su Borough in spring of 2006, the *Mat-Su Survey* asks residents to evaluate the quality of Borough services, provide opinions about Borough decision-making, and sum up their perceptions about a range of issues relevant to the present and future of the Mat-Su community.

This sourcebook presents the results of the *Mat-Su Survey* in a detailed tabular format. These findings will help the Borough prioritize projects, improve services, and better plan for community growth. Further, they will provide important information to Mat-Su College and UAA so that they may provide improved educational programs and research. Finally, they will serve as a useful reference for Mat-Su residents curious about how their neighbors view issues of local interest.

Data Collection, Entry, Analysis

The Borough worked with the UAA Justice Center to develop the survey questionnaire. In its final form, this survey instrument comprised 16 pages and approximately 200 questions (see appendix). With the services of a mass delivery company, the Borough mailed the *Mat-Su Survey* to slightly more than 27,000 Borough households¹ in April 2006. Completed surveys were delivered to the Mat-Su College campus in Palmer.

Survey collection, data entry and database management occurred on-site at Mat-Su College. Lisa Schwarzburg—a Research Professional of the UAA Justice Center—supervised the construction of the database Two Mat-Su Job Corps students and four Job Center participants coded the data from the hard copy surveys and entered the coded information into an electronic database. Mat-Su College computer services staff provided computers and support for data entry and database management. Data entry began on May 10 and was finished June 19, 2006. A total of 2,600 surveys were received, coded, and entered into the electronic database. These data were delivered to UAA Justice Center research staff, who then converted it into a format readable by SPSS, a computer program used in statistical analyses. Chad Farrell, Assistant Professor of Sociology at UAA, analyzed the data and wrote up the results of this sourcebook.

Organization of the Sourcebook

The sourcebook follows the organization of the survey questionnaire itself (see appendix), which is made up of six major parts: I) Evaluation of Current Borough Services, II) Use of Borough Facilities, III) Life in Mat-Su Neighborhoods, IV) Local Government: Access, Policies and Practices, V) Higher Education, VI) Respondent

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¹ The original mailing list includes 34,445 addresses. It is not clear why deliveries were not made to 7,356 households but it appears clear that residents of Sutton and Talkeetna did not receive questionnaires.

² All surveys are anonymous—none the researchers or staff at the Borough, Mat-Su College, or UAA know the identities of survey respondents because the returned surveys do not include specific identifying information such as name or address.

Background Information. Each of these parts has a corresponding battery of survey questions (numbered 1-48). The aggregate responses to these questions are presented in tabular format and the summary tables are numbered according to the six major categories outlined above.

The data analyses proceeded according to a two-pronged approach which is also reflected in the organization of the sourcebook. The first prong involved extracting and presenting highly detailed information for all 2,600 households that responded to the survey. The front section of the sourcebook provides these detailed Borough-wide results. Most of the survey questions give the respondent a range of options for expressing how strongly they feel about a certain issue. For example, rather than asking simply whether respondents are satisfied with Ambulance Services (Part I; Question 1b), the survey asks them to rate the service on an ascending 5-part scale ranging from "very poor" to "very good." The sourcebook summary tables present the proportions of all respondents who rated the service according to each component of this 5-part scale. Additionally, each response was assigned a numerical score (very poor=1; poor=2; no opinion=3; good=4; very good=5) and an average rating (ranging from 1 to 5) was computed for each Borough service. Higher average scores indicate higher overall satisfaction and lower scores indicate lower overall satisfaction.³ The summary tables provide proportions only (no average scores) for questions requiring just a "yes" or "no" answer.

The second prong of the data analysis and presentation involved breaking down the responses according to geographic areas within the Borough. Do the residents of Palmer view traffic congestion (Part IV; Question 17b) differently than the residents of Meadow Lakes? The second section of this sourcebook allows one to answer this question. The tables in this section provide average scores and percentages for each geographic area (listed alphabetically, three per page) in the Mat-Su Borough. The average scores refer to all the respondents in the specified geographic area and, to conserve space, percentages are provided only for responses on the opposite ends of the 5-part scale. In other words, there is information provided about the average rating/response for a specific geographic area and about how many respondents in that area felt very strongly about an issue (rated it as "very poor" or "very good"). The summary tables provide percentages only (no average scores) for questions requiring just a "yes" or "no" answer.

The Community Survey 2006 provides useful information on how Borough citizens rate and use current Borough services. In addition, the survey will assist the Mat-Su College and UAA in improving their educational programs. The Community Survey 2006 provides a baseline for tracking any changes that might come in future Borough community surveys. The survey also allows the Borough to better allocate resources and improve efficiency and effectiveness.

³ This same logic applies to other questions in which potential responses range from "strongly disagree" to "strongly agree" and those that range from "highly unlikely" to "highly likely."

⁴ Areas with less than 20 respondents are excluded from this section.

MAT-SU COMMUNITY SURVEY 2006: Detailed Boroughwide Results

Table 1: Evaluation of Current Borough Services.

Table 1. Evaluation of Current Borough		% rating service as					
How would you rate each of the following:	Avg.	Very		No		Very	
, , , , ,	score	Poor	Poor	Opinion	Good	Good	
1. Emergency Services							
1a. Fire Department Services.	3.68	1.6	3.9	34.4	44.5	15.5	
1b. Ambulance services.	3.71	0.9	3.7	36.2	42.1	17.0	
2. Road Maintenance							
2a. Roadway Maintenance Services.	2.88	11.6	37.3	7.3	39.5	4.3	
2b. Snowplow Services.	3.19	11.6	24.9	6.2	47.4	9.9	
3. Educational Services/Resources							
3a. Library Services.	3.57	2.5	10.1	29.0	44.4	14.1	
3b. Elementary Schools.	3.39	2.8	11.6	39.3	36.4	9.9	
3c. Middle Schools.	3.21	4.0	15.5	42.9	30.6	6.9	
3d. High Schools.	3.18	4.6	16.3	42.6	29.8	6.7	
3e. Community Enhancement							
Programs.	2.92	7.0	17.8	54.8	17.3	3.1	
4. Recreational Services							
4a. Wasilla Swimming Pool.	3.33	1.4	7.1	53.8	32.8	4.9	
4b. Athletic Fields.	3.32	1.3	8.1	52.4	33.3	4.9	
4c. Brett Memorial Ice Arena.	3.35	0.8	4.4	59.8	29.1	5.9	
4d. Palmer Swimming Pool.	3.43	1.0	4.0	53.5	33.8	7.7	
5. Public Sanitation							
5a. Recycling Services.	3.05	10.2	24.0	24.6	33.2	8.0	
5b. Central Landfill Services.	3.69	4.6	8.7	13.8	59.5	13.4	
5c. Animal Care/Regulation Services.	2.95	10.5	22.6	32.3	30.5	4.0	
6. General/Miscellaneous							
6a. Code/Zoning Enforcement							
Services.	2.58	16.3	27.9	39.7	13.6	2.5	
6b. Dissemination of news and							
information by the Borough							
government.	2.79	11.0	32.0	27.1	27.0	2.9	
6c. Your Overall Rating of Borough							
Services.	3.21	5.6	24.8	15.0	52.8	1.8	

Note: There are 2,600 respondents. Average scores range from 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good).

Table 2: Use of Borough Facilities.

How often do you use each of the	Ana		% us	sing service		
How often do you use each of the	Avg.				Fairly	Very
following Borough services:	score	Never	Seldom	Occasionally	Often	Often
7. Public Libraries						
7a. Big Lake Public Library.	1.23	87.9	4.3	5.8	1.0	1.0
7b. Palmer Public Library.	2.21	40.7	20.3	22.1	10.8	6.2
7c. Sutton Public Library.	1.13	93.0	2.6	3.5	0.5	0.4
7d. Talkeetna Public Library.	1.09	94.5	2.1	3.0	0.1	0.3
7e. Trapper Creek Public Library.	1.09	95.3	1.4	2.8	0.3	0.3
7f. Wasilla Public Library.	2.22	40.4	20.7	21.3	11.6	6.0
7g. Willow Public Library.	1.14	92.5	2.9	3.7	0.4	0.6
8. Recreational Facilities						
8a. Palmer Swimming Pool.	1.89	55.8	15.5	17.2	7.3	4.2
8b. Wasilla Swimming Pool.	1.88	54.0	16.8	19.1	7.2	3.0
8c. Brett Memorial Ice Arena.	1.60	66.3	16.4	11.2	3.4	2.6
8d. Crevasse Moraine Trails.	1.82	59.1	14.6	15.8	6.6	3.9
8e. Other Borough Trails.	2.25	40.3	18.0	24.3	11.4	6.0
9. Public Transportation						
9a. MASCOT Transportation.	1.24	87.5	5.6	4.1	1.3	1.5
10. Addition of New Services	Aug	% ra	ting the import	ance of addition	nal servic	es
How important is it for the Mat-Su	Avg.	Not Imp.	Not Really	No	Pretty	Very
Borough to provide additional:	score	At All	Imp.	Opinion	Imp.	Imp.
10a. Police Services.	3.52	14.1	11.7	10.9	34.6	28.7
10b. Water Services.	2.98	18.5	17.5	25.8	23.2	14.9
10c. Sewer Services.	3.01	18.8	16.8	25.4	23.4	15.8

Note: There are 2,600 respondents. Average scores range from 1 (never; not important at all) to 5 (very often; very important).

Table 3: Life in Matanuska–Susitna Borough Neighborhoods.

Please indicate how much you agree or	or % responding					
disagree with each of the following	Avg.	Strongly	/0 .	No	·	Strongly
statements:	score	Disagree	Disagree	Opinion	Agree	Agree
11. Mat-Su As A Place to Live.		Disagree	Disagree	Ориноп	rigice	rigice
11a. Mat-Su is a very attractive						
looking community.	3.06	8.8	34.2	7.1	41.9	8.1
11b. Mat-Su is better suited to	2.00	0.0	51.2	,	11.7	0.1
raising children than						
Anchorage.	3.87	2.7	9.1	15.1	44.7	28.4
11c. Drivers failing to obey posted						
speed limits are a serious						
problem in my neighborhood.	3.39	6.9	28.2	8.6	31.7	24.6
11d. Personally, I would rate Mat-						
Su as an excellent place to live.	3.81	1.5	13.1	7.5	58.3	19.5
11e. Personally, I would rate my						
neighborhood as an excellent						
place to live.	3.92	2.2	10.5	6.8	54.2	26.4
12. Community Cohesion						
People in <u>your</u> neighborhood:						
12a. Can be trusted.	3.73	2.4	9.7	15.8	56.6	15.6
12b. Generally DON'T get along						
with each other.	2.24	18.3	50.5	21.5	8.3	1.4
12c. DO NOT share the same						
values.	2.70	9.9	37.0	29.9	19.3	4.0
12d. Are willing to help their						
neighbors.	3.75	2.4	7.8	16.6	59.2	14.1
12e. Yours is a close-knit	2.05	0.4	24.2	25.0	25.4	- 0
neighborhood.	2.87	8.4	34.2	25.8	25.4	6.2
13. Community-level Social Control						
One or more of your neighbors could be						
counted on to intervene if:						
13a. Children were spray-painting	3.72	3.2	8.4	17.3	56.0	15.2
graffiti on a local building. 13b. Children were showing	3.72	3.2	0.4	17.3	30.0	13.2
disrespect toward an adult.	3.31	4.9	17.7	26.5	43.4	7.5
13c. The fire station closest to their	3.31	4.9	1/./	20.3	43.4	1.5
home was threatened with						
budget cuts.	3.46	3.4	10.6	32.7	43.4	9.8
13d. A fight broke out in front of	3.40	Э. т	10.0	32.1	73.7	7.0
their house.	3.68	3.6	8.7	19.9	52.0	15.9
13e. Children were skipping school	2.00	5.0	J.,	17.7	22.0	10.7
and hanging out on a						
neighborhood street corner.	3.23	5.7	20.0	29.2	36.2	9.0

Table 3 (continued): Life in Matanuska-Susitna Borough Neighborhoods.

14. Residential Tenure		
14a. I moved into my <u>current</u> home in (median year)	199	98
	<u>% \</u>	<u>Yes</u>
14b. Have you lived in your <u>current</u> residence your entire life?	1.	
14c. Was your <u>last</u> residence located within the Mat-Su Borough?	49	.8
14d. Was your <u>last</u> residence located within the Municipality of Anchorage		
(including Eagle River, Chugiak and Girdwood)?	29	.0
14e. Was your <u>last</u> residence located outside either the Mat-Su Borough or the		
Anchorage, but within the State of Alaska?	13	.4
14f. Was your <u>last</u> residence located outside the State of Alaska?	16	.6
14g. During the past year, have you seriously considered moving out of your		
current residence?	33	.8
Please rank four preferred destinations listed below by writing a "1" next to the destination you'd MOST like to move to, and a "4" next to the destination you		
would LEAST like to move to.	Avg.	
14g2. Municipality of Anchorage.	3.3	
14g3. Other Location in Mat-Su Borough.	1.7	
14g4. Outside Mat-Su and Anchorage, but Inside Alaska.	2.4	
14g5. Outside of Alaska.	2.6	58
5. Neighborhood-level Changes	% Yes ^a	% Wors
15a-b. Have you witnessed a change in the <i>quality of housing</i> in your		
neighborhood since 2001? IF YES, has it gotten better or worse?	58.7	36.1
15c-d. Since 2001, have you experienced a change in your feelings of personal		
safety when walking alone through your neighborhood when it is dark? IF		
YES, have they gotten better or worse?	28.3	84.3
15e-f. Has there been a change in the <i>physical attractiveness</i> of your neighborhood		
since 2001? IF YES, has it gotten better or worse?	56.4	53.3
15g-h. Has the <i>volume of traffic</i> through your neighborhood changed since 2001?		
		0.5.0
IF YES, has it gotten better or worse?	77.7	95.3
IF YES, has it gotten better or worse? 15i. Have the <i>demographic characteristics</i> (for example: age, race, gender) of the	77.7	95.3
IF YES, has it gotten better or worse? 15i. Have the <i>demographic characteristics</i> (for example: age, race, gender) of the people living in your neighborhood changed since 2001?	77.7 31.9	95.3
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IF YES, has it gotten better or worse? 15i. Have the <i>demographic characteristics</i> (for example: age, race, gender) of the people living in your neighborhood changed since 2001?		
 IF YES, has it gotten better or worse? 15i. Have the <i>demographic characteristics</i> (for example: age, race, gender) of the people living in your neighborhood changed since 2001? 15j-k. Since 2001, have you noticed a change in the <i>quality of relationships</i> people 		
 IF YES, has it gotten better or worse? 15i. Have the <i>demographic characteristics</i> (for example: age, race, gender) of the people living in your neighborhood changed since 2001? 15j-k. Since 2001, have you noticed a change in the <i>quality of relationships</i> people have with one another in your neighborhood? IF YES, have they gotten 	31.9	
 IF YES, has it gotten better or worse? 15i. Have the <i>demographic characteristics</i> (for example: age, race, gender) of the people living in your neighborhood changed since 2001? 15j-k. Since 2001, have you noticed a change in the <i>quality of relationships</i> people have with one another in your neighborhood? IF YES, have they gotten better or worse? 	31.9	
 IF YES, has it gotten better or worse? 15i. Have the <i>demographic characteristics</i> (for example: age, race, gender) of the people living in your neighborhood changed since 2001? 15j-k. Since 2001, have you noticed a change in the <i>quality of relationships</i> people have with one another in your neighborhood? IF YES, have they gotten better or worse? 15l-m. Do people in your neighborhood <i>interact differently</i> with each other than 	31.9	 66.9
 IF YES, has it gotten better or worse? 15i. Have the <i>demographic characteristics</i> (for example: age, race, gender) of the people living in your neighborhood changed since 2001? 15j-k. Since 2001, have you noticed a change in the <i>quality of relationships</i> people have with one another in your neighborhood? IF YES, have they gotten better or worse? 15l-m. Do people in your neighborhood <i>interact differently</i> with each other than they did back in 2001? IF YES, has it gotten better or worse? 15n-o. Since 2001, have you noticed a change in the <i>housing density</i> of your 	31.9	 66.9
 IF YES, has it gotten better or worse? 15i. Have the <i>demographic characteristics</i> (for example: age, race, gender) of the people living in your neighborhood changed since 2001? 15j-k. Since 2001, have you noticed a change in the <i>quality of relationships</i> people have with one another in your neighborhood? IF YES, have they gotten better or worse? 15l-m. Do people in your neighborhood <i>interact differently</i> with each other than they did back in 2001? IF YES, has it gotten better or worse? 	31.9 30.6 29.4	 66.9 72.6

a Includes only those respondents who have lived in Mat-Su since 2001.

b Includes only those respondents who have observed changes occurring in their neighborhoods.

Table 3 (continued): Life in Matanuska–Susitna Borough Neighborhoods.

Please indicate how much you agree or	Ava	% responding					
disagree with each of the following	Avg score	Strongly		No		Strongly	
statements:	score	Disagree	Disagree	Opinion	Agree	Agree	
16. Why the Mat-Su? Reasons For							
Living in the Borough							
16a. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because it is close to my job.	2.84	25.0	20.6	16.5	21.1	16.9	
16b. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because of the reasonable cost and availability of housing.	3.38	8.8	17.9	15.3	43.2	14.9	
16c. I live in the Mat-Su Borough so I can be close to my relatives.	2.53	33.9	19.5	16.3	20.1	10.2	
16d. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because of the quality of the public schools.	2.59	22.2	22.1	34.6	16.6	4.5	
16e. I like the rural, small town character of the Mat-Su Borough.	3.99	4.6	7.1	6.7	47.4	34.2	

Table 4: Local Government: Access, Policies and Practices

Please indicate how much you agree or	A		% 1	responding	5	
disagree with each of the following	Avg.	Strongly		No		Strongly
statements:	score	Disagree	Disagree	Opinion	Agree	Agree
17. Public Access to Borough						
Government						
17a. I can make a difference by getting						
involved in the Mat-Su government.	2.94	9.7	25.9	30.4	28.8	5.1
17b. I am just too busy to be involved in						
Borough government.	3.02	7.5	26.4	28.8	31.4	5.9
17c. I feel I can have an influence on the						
decisions of Borough officials.	2.79	13.7	29.3	24.7	29.3	3.0
17d. I contact my Assembly member						
when I have a Borough problem.	2.98	7.6	25.8	32.2	30.2	4.2
17e. I am satisfied with the opportunities						
the Borough provides to give input.	2.86	12.4	23.4	32.7	29.1	2.4
17f. The Borough's website is easy to use.	3.14	3.9	9.9	57.8	25.0	3.3
17g. I would describe the Borough's						
website as "informative."	3.19	2.9	7.3	60.3	26.6	2.9
17h. I am satisfied with the Borough's on-						
line mapping capabilities.	3.06	2.8	8.6	70.2	16.7	1.7
17i. The Borough's on-line property tax						
service ("EZGov") is easy to use.	3.06	2.1	5.1	79.3	11.8	1.7
17j. When I call the Borough, I usually get						
information in a timely manner.	3.30	4.2	12.4	37.4	41.5	4.5
17k. When I call the Borough, the person I						
speak with is polite and professional.	3.58	2.2	6.0	33.8	47.1	10.9
18. Borough Spending Efficiency and						
Priorities						
18a. I feel I am getting my money's worth						
for the taxes I pay to the Borough.	2.46	25.0	35.2	11.4	25.5	2.9
18b. The Borough cannot improve public						
services unless it increases taxes.	2.28	26.7	42.6	11.0	15.2	4.6
18c. The Borough should keep taxes low,						
even if it means reducing services.	2.89	11.5	38.7	12.2	23.8	13.7
18d. More tax money should be spent to						
improve Borough roads.	3.46	3.9	19.9	15.3	48.4	12.5
18e. More tax money should be spent to						
improve junk and trash collection.	3.13	7.0	29.2	18.7	33.9	11.2
18f. Funds should be spent to preserve						
agricultural land in the Borough.	3.27	8.7	21.5	20.9	32.1	16.8
18g. Funds should be spent to preserve						
open spaces in the Borough.	3.47	7.9	16.6	15.8	40.1	19.7
18h. The current level of road						
maintenance in my area is worth what						
I pay in road service area taxes.	2.71	22.0	27.3	12.4	34.1	4.3

Table 4 (continued): Local Government: Access, Policies and Practices

Please indicate how much you agree or	-			responding	•	
disagree with each of the following	Avg.	Strongly		No	•	Strongly
statements:	score	Disagree	Disagree	Opinion	Agree	Agree
19. Zoning and Land Use Issues						
19a. As of today, I am satisfied with the						
way the Borough has been developed.	2.56	17.8	39.0	15.0	26.1	2.1
19b. Traffic congestion is a SERIOUS						
problem in the Mat-Su Borough.	3.88	2.3	17.5	6.2	38.4	35.7
19c. I am very concerned about water						
quality in the Borough.	3.30	5.2	22.2	25.7	31.2	15.6
19d. Over the next 10 years, the Borough						
will need to develop/preserve more						
park land.	3.52	8.7	15.6	14.2	38.2	23.3
19e. I support a system of zoning that						
designates: residential; agricultural;						
and commercial/industrial (with						
specific regulations for each).	3.80	7.4	9.0	9.5	44.8	29.3
19f. I support a system of zoning allowing						
different land uses to be located near						
one another, with standards for noise,	2.21	11.1	10.1	11.7	44.0	1 / 1
traffic and other impacts.	3.31	11.1	19.1	11.7	44.0	14.1
19g. The Borough must do a better job of	4 1 1	4.2	5 0	0.6	20.2	42.0
managing growth/development. 20. Revenue and Taxation	4.11	4.2	5.0	9.6	38.3	43.0
20a. I would support an increase in the						
tobacco tax to pay for services.	3.27	22.6	15.4	5.6	25.0	31.4
20b. I support a local tax on alcoholic	3.21	22.0	13.4	5.0	23.0	31.4
beverages to pay for services.	3.35	19.5	15.4	5.7	29.5	29.9
20c. I would support an increase in the	3.33	17.3	13.7	5.1	27.5	27.7
bed tax to pay for services.	3.18	14.1	21.3	14.8	32.2	17.6
20d. I would support a SEASONAL sales	3.10	11	21.5	11.0	32.2	17.0
tax to pay for services.	2.91	19.1	28.4	9.5	28.6	14.5
20e. I would support a YEAR-ROUND		-,,-		7.0		
sales tax to pay for services.	2.81	23.8	26.6	7.3	29.3	13.0
20f. I support imposing an impact fee on						
developers for residential/commercial						
properties to pay for services.	3.40	13.4	15.8	13.1	33.0	24.7
20g. I would support a local tax on						
gasoline to pay for services.	1.68	54.7	32.8	4.7	5.4	2.4
20h. I would support increased property						
taxes to pay for services.	1.74	54.0	30.1	5.9	8.1	2.0
20i. I would support a gravel extraction						
tax to pay for services.	3.15	18.1	18.2	15.1	27.9	20.8
20j. I would support a real estate transfer						
fee of \$25 to pay for services.	3.15	19.5	16.3	11.0	36.3	17.0
20k. I support privatizing/outsourcing						
support (non-teaching) positions in						
the school district, if it saves money.	2.75	29.3	19.3	13.1	23.2	15.1

Table 5: Higher Education	
21. Familiarity With Matanuska-Susitna College	% Yes
21a. Have you heard of the Matanuska-Susitna College?	98.3
21b. Do you know where the campus of Mat-Su College is located?	96.2
21c. Have you ever driven by the Matanuska-Susitna College campus?	93.3
21d. Have you actually visited the campus of Matanuska-Susitna College?	75.2
21d1. Have you visited campus on more than one occasion?	90.3
21d2. Have you visited campus more than five times?	70.5
21d3. Have you visited campus on ten or more occasions?	59.3
21e. Would you be interested in a tour of the Mat-Su College campus?	22.2
21f. Have you ever taken a course offered at the Matanuska-Susitna college?	42.1
21g. Is it <i>likely</i> that you, yourself, will enroll in college courses at an	
institution of higher learning within the next two to three years?	37.8

22. If you were giving advice to an upcoming high school graduate with respect to their selection of a college or university to attend, what would your FIRST recommendation be?

our FIRST recommendation be?	%
Matanuska-Susitna College	22.6
University of Alaska Anchorage	28.0
University of Alaska Southeast	0.6
University of Alaska Fairbanks	11.2
Private University/College (in-state)	1.9
Technical or Trade School (in-state)	9.0
Public University/College (out-of-state)	15.2
Private University/College (out-of-state)	7.8
Technical or Trade School (out-of-state)	2.5
OTHER	1.2

23. Barriers to Higher Education

Which of the following would you say are MAJOR INSTITUTIONAL BARRIERS facing those who would like to pursue post-secondary education at an institution of higher learning?

of higher learning?	%
Financial cost	83.5
Time obligation	23.5
Course scheduling	28.1
Lack of quality instruction	17.8
Course sequencing	15.9
Commuting distance to campus	26.3
Lack of student housing	18.4
Shortage of social and cultural organizations	5.9

Note: There are 2,600 respondents.

Table 5 (continued): Higher Education

If you began (or already are) taking college courses, what is the likelihood	Avg.	wg. % responding		7		
that you would take courses offered under these degree programs:	score	Very Unlikely	Somewhat Unlikely	DK/No Opinion	Somewhat Likely	Very Likely
24. College Course Offerings						
24a. Tourism and Hospitality	2.04	54.6	10.3	16.0	14.7	4.4
24b. Human Resources	2.46	38.5	13.1	18.3	24.2	5.9
24c. Paramedic	2.10	48.9	14.9	17.8	14.4	4.1
24d. Veterinary Technician	2.02	53.6	11.9	18.1	12.1	4.3
24e. Forensic Science	2.24	47.8	11.0	17.5	16.8	6.9
24f. Corrections Officer	1.83	59.9	11.3	17.0	9.7	2.1
24g. Entrepreneurship	2.63	35.2	10.7	19.6	25.5	9.1
24h. Agriculture/Horticulture	2.46	38.1	14.3	18.0	23.1	6.5
24i. Workplace Management	2.67	33.2	10.8	19.2	29.3	7.5
24j. Land Surveying/Geomatics	2.13	47.4	14.1	19.6	15.7	3.2
24k. Instrumental Technology	2.12	47.9	12.6	22.6	13.7	3.2
241. Non-profit Organization Management	2.20	45.7	13.6	20.4	15.9	4.3
24m. Resource Management/ Environmental Assessment	2.22	44.5	14.2	20.1	17.2	3.9
24n. Graduate/Professional Studies	3.01	28.2	8.6	18.3	23.9	21.0

Note: There are 2,600 respondents. Average scores range from 1 (very unlikely) to 5 (very likely).

Table 6:	Respondent	Background	Information

25. Age	%	33. Employment	%
18-24 years	2.2	Self-employed, Full-time	13.7
25-40 years	21.3	Employed, Full-time	44.6
41-65 years	63.8	Full-time Homemaker	7.0
66 or more years	12.6	Full-time Student	.6
26. Gender		Employed, Part-time	7.6
Male	41.9	Disabled, Unable to Work	2.4
Female	58.1	Unemployed, Looking	1.8
27. Current Marital Status		Unemployed, Not Looking	1.0
Single, Never Married	7.4	Retired	21.4
Married (including Common Law)	69.3	33b. If currently employed, what	
Separated	5.7	is the zip code of employer?	
Divorced	12.2	99501 (Anchorage)	5.5
Widowed	5.4	99502 (Anchorage)	1.5
28. Formal Education		99508 (Anchorage)	3.5
Less Than High School Degree	1.1	99505 (Ft. Richardson)	1.2
High School Degree or Equivalent	15.1	99506 (Elmendorf Air Base)	2.0
Some College, No Degree	30.9	99507 (Anchorage)	1.2
Associates or Other 2-year Degree	12.6	99645 (Palmer)	36.0
Bachelor's Degree	21.4	99654 (Wasilla)	31.6
Graduate Degree	16.1	99687 (Wasilla)	4.6
Other	2.8	Other zip code	12.9
29. Annual Gross Household Income		33c. If currently self-employed, do	12.,
Less than \$5,000	.9	you own a business in <u>Mat-Su?</u>	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1.6	Yes	41.6
\$10,000 to \$24,999	8.3	No	58.4
\$25,000 to \$34,999	6.8	34. Does home/business have a	20.1
\$35,000 to \$49,999	14.4	visible outside number?	
\$50,000 to \$74,999	28.1	Yes	75.1
\$75,000 to \$99,999	15.1	No	24.9
\$100,000 or more	24.7	35. Housing Tenure	2>
30. Household Size	2	Renter	9.2
1 person	14.4	Owner	90.8
2 persons	44.5	35a. If you own your home, what is	70.0
3-4 persons	31.5	its current market value?	
5 or more persons	9.6	Less than \$75,000	4.4
31. Presence of children	7.0	\$75,000 to \$124,999	8.5
No children	62.3	\$125,000 to \$199,999	34.2
1 child	15.2	\$200,000 to \$299,999	34.8
2 children	14.2	\$300,000 to \$255,555	18.1
3 or more children	8.3	36. Do you live in a condominium?	10.1
32. Children enrolled in Mat-Su Schools	0.5	Yes	1.2
None	66.6	No	98.8
1 child	13.7	37. Second home outside Mat-Su?	20.0
2 children	13.7	Yes	10.2
3 or more children	6.5	No	89.8
Note: There are 2.600 respondents	0.5	110	07.0

Note: There are 2,600 respondents.

	1. Meadow Lakes Community Council	4.1
80.2	2. Alpine Community Council	0.3
19.8	3. South Lakes Community Council	5.6
	4. Big Lake Community Council	1.8
	5. Butte Community Council	5.1
26.6	6. Point MacKenzie Community Council	0.6
73.4	7. North Lakes Community Council	6.4
	8. Willow Community Council	0.2
	9. Tanaina Community Council	8.9
38.8	10. Fishhook Community Council	5.4
29.9	11. Trapper Creek Community Council	0.0
31.3	12. Y Community Council	0.0
	13. Skwenta Community Council	0.2
45.2	14. Chase Community Council	0.0
54.8	15. Lazy Mountain Community Council	3.7
	16. Knik-Fairview Community Council	15.4
	17. Chickaloon Community Council	0.2
44.5	18. Talkeetna Community Council	0.0
55.5	19. South Knik Community Council	1.2
	20. Petersville Community Council	0.0
	21. Glacier View Community Council	0.8
	19.8 26.6 73.4 38.8 29.9 31.3 45.2 54.8	 2. Alpine Community Council 3. South Lakes Community Council 4. Big Lake Community Council 5. Butte Community Council 6. Point MacKenzie Community Council 73.4 7. North Lakes Community Council 8. Willow Community Council 9. Tanaina Community Council 10. Fishhook Community Council 29.9 11. Trapper Creek Community Council 13. Skwenta Community Council 14. Chase Community Council 15. Lazy Mountain Community Council 16. Knik-Fairview Community Council 17. Chickaloon Community Council 18. Talkeetna Community Council 20. Petersville Community Council

37.0

63.0

43.7

56.3

78.2

60.6

%

48. Place of Residence

22. Gateway Community Council

25. Unassociated Area

26. Unassociated Area

27. Unassociated Area

28. Unassociated Area

29. City of Palmer

30. City of Wasilla

31. City of Houston

23. Farm Loop Community Council

24. Buffalo/Soapstone Comm. Council

%

6.2

2.2

1.1

2.9

5.8

0.4

0.0

10.5

10.0

0.8

No 21.8 46. Do you ever access news/information from any of the following outlets? Yes 46a. The Frontiersman 87.0 46b. The Anchorage Daily News 89.8 46c. Talkeetna Good Times 21.3 46d. Alaska Journal of Commerce 13.0 46e. KSKA-FM Alaska Public Radio 37.0 46f. KMBQ-FM Radio 44.4 46g. Public Television – KAKM (Ch. 7) 62.6 46h. KTUU – Channel 2 85.1 46i. KTVA - Channel 11 62.9

44. Do you regularly use the Internet when

seeking information about the Borough?

45. Do you regularly use e-mail to receive

and share information with others?

Table 6 (continued): Respondent Background Information

38. Do you see yourself staying in

Note: There are 2,600 respondents.

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Yes

No

Yes

No

Yes

MAT-SU COMMUNITY SURVEY 2006:

Results for Geographic Areas within the Borough

		Big Lak		But	ffalo/Soar			Butte (N=128	`
How would you rate each of the following:	Avg.	(N=46) % very poor	% very	Avg.	(N=27) % very poor	% very	Avg.	% very	% very good
1. Emergency Services	Беоге	poor	8004	БСОТС	poor	5000	50010	poor	8004
1a. Fire Department Services.	3.41	4.3	8.7	3.41	0.0	7.4	3.69	2.4	16.9
1b. Ambulance services.	3.51	2.2	8.9	3.33	0.0	3.7	3.66	2.4	16.8
2. Road Maintenance									
2a. Roadway Maintenance Services.	2.50	23.9	0.0	2.96	14.8	7.4	2.88	10.2	2.3
2b. Snowplow Services.	2.89	17.8	4.4	2.96	14.8	3.7	3.42	6.3	11.0
3. Educational Services/Resources									
3a. Library Services.	3.98	0.0	23.9	3.85	0.0	11.5	3.76	1.6	18.1
3b. Elementary Schools.	3.07	9.1	2.3	3.27	3.8	7.7	3.30	4.8	6.4
3c. Middle Schools.	3.00	6.7	0.0	3.04	11.5	7.7	3.10	5.6	3.2
3d. High Schools.	2.93	6.7	0.0	3.04	7.7	7.7	3.03	7.2	4.0
3e. Community Enhancement Programs.	2.78	8.9	0.0	3.12	3.8	7.7	2.86	12.0	3.2
4. Recreational Services									
4a. Wasilla Swimming Pool.	3.20	2.2	0.0	3.24	0.0	8.0	3.16	0.8	1.6
4b. Athletic Fields.	3.07	2.2	0.0	3.16	0.0	4.0	3.31	0.0	2.4
4c. Brett Memorial Ice Arena.	3.33	2.2	6.5	3.32	0.0	8.0	3.25	0.0	4.8
4d. Palmer Swimming Pool.	3.07	2.2	2.2	3.54	0.0	3.8	3.44	1.6	8.7
5. Public Sanitation									
5a. Recycling Services.	2.76	17.4	2.2	3.15	3.8	7.7	3.17	10.4	12.0
5b. Central Landfill Services.	3.54	4.3	6.5	3.54	3.8	7.7	3.68	7.3	13.7
5c. Animal Care/Regulation Services.	3.00	2.2	0.0	2.67	14.8	0.0	2.98	9.0	4.9
6. General/Miscellaneous									
6a. Code/Zoning Enforcement Services.	2.60	15.6	4.4	2.70	11.1	3.7	2.66	18.0	3.3
6b. Dissemination of news/information.	2.87	11.1	0.0	2.37	18.5	0.0	2.80	14.2	2.4
6c. Overall Rating of Borough Services.	2.93	4.3	0.0	2.89	14.8	0.0	3.10	9.7	1.6

		Farm Loc	op		Fishhoo	k		Gateway	y
		(N=55)			(N=135))		(N=155)
How would you rate each of the following:	Avg. score	% very poor	% very good	Avg. score	% very poor	% very good	Avg. score	% very poor	% very good
1. Emergency Services									
1a. Fire Department Services.	3.59	1.9	11.1	3.54	3.7	11.9	3.65	0.7	9.4
1b. Ambulance services.	3.62	0.0	15.1	3.56	2.2	14.2	3.64	0.7	12.1
2. Road Maintenance									
2a. Roadway Maintenance Services.	2.89	9.3	5.6	2.71	13.4	0.7	3.11	7.4	6.0
2b. Snowplow Services.	3.13	17.3	17.3	3.08	8.9	6.7	3.39	8.0	8.7
3. Educational Services/Resources									
3a. Library Services.	3.62	1.9	11.5	3.59	1.5	11.3	3.73	0.7	13.2
3b. Elementary Schools.	3.33	3.7	7.4	3.43	2.2	8.9	3.54	1.3	12.0
3c. Middle Schools.	3.11	5.6	3.7	3.27	3.7	6.7	3.41	1.3	8.0
3d. High Schools.	3.11	5.6	3.7	3.18	4.5	5.2	3.42	1.3	7.3
3e. Community Enhancement Programs.	2.91	5.7	3.8	2.89	4.5	1.5	2.94	4.1	2.0
4. Recreational Services									
4a. Wasilla Swimming Pool.	3.17	3.7	0.0	3.36	0.7	3.7	3.37	0.7	2.7
4b. Athletic Fields.	3.28	3.7	1.9	3.30	0.7	3.0	3.37	1.4	3.4
4c. Brett Memorial Ice Arena.	3.26	3.8	1.9	3.33	0.7	5.2	3.36	1.3	3.4
4d. Palmer Swimming Pool.	3.46	3.7	1.9	3.59	0.0	11.9	3.58	0.0	8.1
5. Public Sanitation									
5a. Recycling Services.	3.04	11.5	11.5	3.05	9.0	6.7	3.21	6.6	7.3
5b. Central Landfill Services.	3.55	5.7	5.7	3.70	3.0	11.1	3.77	2.7	13.3
5c. Animal Care/Regulation Services.	2.98	13.2	1.9	2.93	8.9	2.2	3.18	6.7	4.0
6. General/Miscellaneous									
6a. Code/Zoning Enforcement Services.	2.60	18.9	7.5	2.57	12.6	0.7	2.44	20.5	0.7
6b. Dissemination of news/information.	2.63	18.5	0.0	2.81	9.0	3.0	2.82	9.9	2.0
6c. Overall Rating of Borough Services.	2.98	7.7	0.0	3.16	4.5	0.8	3.40	2.8	2.1

	K	nik-Fairv		L	azy Moun		N	Ieadow La	
		(N=388			(N=93)			(N=102	
How would you rate each of the following:	Avg. score	% very poor	% very good	Avg. score	% very poor	% very good	Avg. score	% very poor	% very good
1. Emergency Services									
1a. Fire Department Services.	3.72	1.3	15.9	3.65	1.1	13.2	3.66	0.0	8.0
1b. Ambulance services.	3.76	0.8	17.6	3.70	0.0	14.9	3.66	1.0	11.0
2. Road Maintenance									
2a. Roadway Maintenance Services.	2.81	14.6	4.4	3.09	6.6	5.5	2.46	19.4	2.0
2b. Snowplow Services.	3.04	17.3	8.4	3.61	5.7	14.8	2.65	21.0	10.0
3. Educational Services/Resources									
3a. Library Services.	3.46	2.9	10.6	3.73	4.4	18.7	3.38	4.0	8.0
3b. Elementary Schools.	3.39	2.9	9.0	3.58	0.0	13.2	3.19	6.1	4.0
3c. Middle Schools.	3.16	4.2	6.4	3.44	0.0	11.0	3.20	4.0	3.0
3d. High Schools.	3.19	4.5	5.8	3.46	1.1	11.0	3.14	5.0	4.0
3e. Community Enhancement Programs.	2.97	7.2	2.9	2.97	3.4	4.5	2.77	12.1	3.0
4. Recreational Services									
4a. Wasilla Swimming Pool.	3.41	1.0	6.0	3.22	0.0	4.4	3.44	2.0	4.0
4b. Athletic Fields.	3.29	1.1	6.1	3.39	0.0	5.6	3.26	2.0	0.0
4c. Brett Memorial Ice Arena.	3.37	1.1	6.3	3.42	0.0	7.9	3.37	1.0	6.1
4d. Palmer Swimming Pool.	3.25	0.8	3.7	3.79	0.0	16.5	3.29	1.0	0.0
5. Public Sanitation									
5a. Recycling Services.	2.93	13.1	6.8	3.04	2.2	8.8	2.75	17.2	7.1
5b. Central Landfill Services.	3.73	5.2	14.0	3.64	3.3	8.8	3.55	7.0	11.0
5c. Animal Care/Regulation Services.	2.91	13.6	5.2	3.09	5.6	2.2	2.87	12.9	4.0
6. General/Miscellaneous									
6a. Code/Zoning Enforcement Services.	2.52	17.8	2.4	2.75	12.4	3.4	2.43	19.6	1.0
6b. Dissemination of news/information.	2.77	10.2	3.4	2.91	4.4	1.1	2.66	18.4	0.0
6c. Overall Rating of Borough Services.	3.18	6.2	1.9	3.34	1.1	3.3	3.00	9.4	0.0

		North Lak			Palmer			South Kn	
	-	(N=162))		(N=264)			(N=29)	
How would you rate each of the following:	Avg. score	% very poor	% very good	Avg. score	% very poor	% very good	Avg. score	% very poor	% very good
1. Emergency Services									
1a. Fire Department Services.	3.65	1.9	13.0	3.83	0.0	18.7	3.61	0.0	14.3
1b. Ambulance services.	3.66	1.9	18.1	3.83	0.0	21.3	3.50	0.0	14.3
2. Road Maintenance									
2a. Roadway Maintenance Services.	2.94	11.3	3.1	3.26	4.0	7.1	2.90	10.3	3.4
2b. Snowplow Services.	3.14	9.4	8.1	3.60	3.1	14.5	3.36	3.6	10.7
3. Educational Services/Resources									
3a. Library Services.	3.60	1.9	15.4	3.84	0.4	23.2	3.55	3.4	17.2
3b. Elementary Schools.	3.38	5.7	11.3	3.47	1.6	11.0	3.31	0.0	6.9
3c. Middle Schools.	3.23	7.0	8.2	3.26	3.1	7.9	3.14	0.0	3.4
3d. High Schools.	3.23	7.5	9.4	3.23	2.7	6.7	3.14	0.0	6.9
3e. Community Enhancement Programs.	2.82	8.9	1.9	2.99	6.3	3.5	2.93	3.4	6.9
4. Recreational Services									
4a. Wasilla Swimming Pool.	3.32	2.5	5.7	3.25	0.4	4.3	3.14	0.0	3.4
4b. Athletic Fields.	3.33	1.9	5.6	3.37	1.2	3.9	3.21	0.0	3.4
4c. Brett Memorial Ice Arena.	3.38	1.3	5.6	3.38	0.0	5.1	3.21	0.0	3.4
4d. Palmer Swimming Pool.	3.43	1.9	8.2	3.67	0.4	11.7	3.41	0.0	6.9
5. Public Sanitation									
5a. Recycling Services.	3.22	7.6	10.1	3.24	4.6	9.7	3.07	13.8	10.3
5b. Central Landfill Services.	3.69	8.2	17.0	3.78	1.2	15.9	3.79	3.4	20.7
5c. Animal Care/Regulation Services.	3.07	9.4	4.4	3.03	7.3	4.2	2.83	10.3	3.4
6. General/Miscellaneous									
6a. Code/Zoning Enforcement Services.	2.38	22.0	1.3	2.80	9.7	3.5	2.86	3.4	3.4
6b. Dissemination of news/information.	2.63	15.0	3.1	2.99	6.2	4.2	2.69	13.8	3.4
6c. Overall Rating of Borough Services.	3.10	6.9	1.3	3.51	1.2	4.7	3.39	3.6	3.6

		South Lak	tes		Tanaina	l		Wasilla	L
		(N=142))		(N=224))		(N=251))
How would you rate each of the following:	Avg. score	% very poor	% very good	Avg. score	% very poor	% very good	Avg. score	% very poor	% very good
1. Emergency Services					_				
1a. Fire Department Services.	3.77	0.7	19.1	3.73	0.4	17.4	3.77	0.8	18.4
1b. Ambulance services.	3.69	0.7	11.3	3.76	0.9	19.8	3.83	0.8	21.4
2. Road Maintenance									
2a. Roadway Maintenance Services.	2.86	9.9	4.3	2.60	15.2	4.0	2.99	7.7	4.4
2b. Snowplow Services.	3.27	9.9	7.1	2.96	16.1	8.5	3.27	8.2	9.0
3. Educational Services/Resources									
3a. Library Services.	3.28	3.5	10.6	3.41	3.7	12.3	3.44	3.6	12.0
3b. Elementary Schools.	3.38	2.1	10.6	3.43	2.3	11.4	3.25	2.9	7.4
3c. Middle Schools.	3.20	2.9	5.7	3.27	4.1	10.0	3.05	4.9	4.5
3d. High Schools.	3.16	6.5	4.3	3.17	4.5	8.6	3.06	6.1	5.7
3e. Community Enhancement Programs.	2.86	8.0	1.4	2.97	5.6	5.6	2.94	7.0	2.0
4. Recreational Services									
4a. Wasilla Swimming Pool.	3.31	2.9	7.1	3.45	1.4	9.2	3.32	1.6	2.8
4b. Athletic Fields.	3.18	2.2	2.9	3.46	1.4	8.6	3.31	0.8	6.0
4c. Brett Memorial Ice Arena.	3.25	1.4	2.2	3.48	0.0	9.2	3.32	0.0	6.5
4d. Palmer Swimming Pool.	3.39	2.2	7.9	3.34	0.5	6.9	3.27	0.4	3.7
5. Public Sanitation									
5a. Recycling Services.	3.06	9.9	7.0	2.95	14.0	6.3	2.98	11.7	6.9
5b. Central Landfill Services.	3.70	8.5	17.7	3.71	5.4	14.3	3.60	2.4	10.6
5c. Animal Care/Regulation Services.	2.91	11.3	2.8	2.87	11.4	5.5	2.87	12.1	3.2
6. General/Miscellaneous									
6a. Code/Zoning Enforcement Services.	2.48	22.0	2.1	2.67	13.6	3.2	2.63	11.9	1.2
6b. Dissemination of news/information.	2.79	12.9	6.4	2.76	9.5	1.8	2.79	10.2	2.5
6c. Overall Rating of Borough Services.	3.16	5.7	0.0	3.23	4.7	1.4	3.25	4.1	1.2

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		(N=46			(N=27)			(N=128)	3)
How often do you use each of the	Avg.	%	% very	Avg.	%	% very	Avg.	%	% very
following Borough services:	score	never	often	score	never	often	score	never	often
7. Public Libraries									
7a. Big Lake Public Library.	2.85	23.9	13.0	1.20	88.0	0.0	1.21	89.3	1.7
7b. Palmer Public Library.	1.40	75.6	2.2	2.96	3.7	11.1	2.95	10.4	10.4
7c. Sutton Public Library.	1.02	95.7	0.0	1.32	76.0	0.0	1.16	92.5	0.8
7d. Talkeetna Public Library.	1.07	93.5	0.0	1.12	92.0	0.0	1.17	90.8	0.8
7e. Trapper Creek Public Library.	1.02	97.8	0.0	1.24	88.0	0.0	1.14	92.5	0.8
7f. Wasilla Public Library.	1.85	47.8	0.0	1.48	72.0	0.0	1.50	72.9	2.5
7g. Willow Public Library.	1.18	88.9	0.0	1.24	88.0	0.0	1.17	90.0	0.8
8. Recreational Facilities									
8a. Palmer Swimming Pool.	1.30	84.1	2.3	2.67	25.9	7.4	2.29	42.3	10.6
8b. Wasilla Swimming Pool.	1.76	56.5	0.0	1.28	84.0	0.0	1.33	81.5	1.7
8c. Brett Memorial Ice Arena.	1.53	71.1	4.4	1.56	68.0	0.0	1.41	80.3	2.5
8d. Crevasse Moraine Trails.	1.35	82.6	2.2	1.58	62.5	0.0	1.93	54.5	5.7
8e. Other Borough Trails.	1.93	53.3	4.4	2.60	36.0	8.0	2.77	26.0	17.1
9. Public Transportation									
9a. MASCOT Transportation.	1.35	82.6	0.0	1.15	88.9	0.0	1.21	86.1	0.8
10. Addition of New Services	A	% Not		A	% Not	_	A	% Not	
How important is it for the Borough	Avg.	Imp.	% Very	Avg.	Imp.	% Very	Avg.	Imp.	% Very
to provide <u>additional</u> :	score	At All	Imp.	score	At All	Imp.	score	At All	Imp.
10a. Police Services.	3.09	15.2	17.4	3.30	22.2	25.9	3.57	16.8	32.8
10b. Water Services.	3.07	13.0	19.6	3.11	18.5	22.2	2.55	29.8	9.7
10c. Sewer Services.	3.11	13.0	17.4	3.22	18.5	25.9	2.53	30.6	8.9

How often do you use each of the following Borough services: New often do you use each of the following Borough services: New often New often	Table 2 (continued): Use of Boroug	n racin	Farm Lo		c Arca, Q	Fishhoo			Gatewa	
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7g. Willow Public Library. 1.04 96.3 0.0 1.08 95.4 0.0 1.11 94.0 0.0		1.52	68.5	0.0	2.27	36.6	5.3	2.01	47.0	4.0
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o. Recreational facilities	8. Recreational Facilities									
8a. Palmer Swimming Pool. 2.25 36.4 3.6 2.24 41.7 7.6 2.26 38.2 5.9	8a. Palmer Swimming Pool.	2.25	36.4	3.6	2.24	41.7	7.6	2.26	38.2	5.9
8b. Wasilla Swimming Pool. 1.42 76.4 1.8 2.04 47.0 3.0 1.79 51.0 2.0	8b. Wasilla Swimming Pool.	1.42	76.4	1.8	2.04	47.0	3.0	1.79	51.0	2.0
8c. Brett Memorial Ice Arena. 1.41 75.9 1.9 1.47 68.2 0.8 1.55 66.4 2.0	8c. Brett Memorial Ice Arena.	1.41	75.9	1.9	1.47	68.2	0.8	1.55	66.4	2.0
8d. Crevasse Moraine Trails. 1.80 63.0 5.6 1.95 52.3 0.8 2.28 41.3 9.3	8d. Crevasse Moraine Trails.	1.80	63.0	5.6	1.95	52.3	0.8	2.28	41.3	9.3
8e. Other Borough Trails. 2.18 43.6 3.6 2.50 32.3 6.9 2.43 31.1 5.3	8e. Other Borough Trails.	2.18	43.6	3.6	2.50	32.3	6.9	2.43	31.1	5.3
9. Public Transportation	9. Public Transportation									
9a. MASCOT Transportation. 1.31 83.3 1.9 1.13 91.5 0.8 1.21 87.4 0.7	9a. MASCOT Transportation.	1.31	83.3	1.9	1.13	91.5	0.8	1.21	87.4	0.7
10. Addition of New Services % Not % Not % Not % Not	10. Addition of New Services	A	% Not		A	% Not		A	% Not	
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10b. Water Services. 2.95 20.0 12.7 2.79 20.0 7.7 2.97 19.2 17.2	10b. Water Services.	2.95	20.0	12.7	2.79	20.0	7.7	2.97	19.2	17.2
10c. Sewer Services. 2.93 20.0 12.7 2.82 19.8 9.9 3.01 19.3 17.3	10c. Sewer Services.	2.93	20.0	12.7	2.82	19.8	9.9	3.01	19.3	17.3

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	(N=388)	5)			(N=93))		(N=102)	(.)
Avg.	%	% very	$\mathbf{A}^{\mathbf{A}}$	vg.	%	% very	Avg.	%	% very
score	never	often	sc	ore	never	often	score	never	often
1.39	80.4	2.2	1.	.16	90.3	0.0	1.53	73.2	2.1
1.61	63.7	2.4	3.	.05	9.7	12.9	1.52	67.7	2.1
1.12	93.2	0.8	1.	.09	93.5	0.0	1.07	94.9	0.0
1.13	92.7	0.5	1.	.10	92.4	0.0	1.07	94.8	0.0
1.13	93.2	0.5	1.	.07	95.6	0.0	1.05	96.9	0.0
2.84	18.4	11.5	1.	.43	75.3	0.0	2.51	29.9	9.3
1.16	90.3	0.8	1.	.11	93.5	1.1	1.16	91.7	1.0
1.44	75.1	1.1	2.	.46	33.7	9.8	1.41	73.2	0.0
2.22	41.3	5.3	1.	.43	75.3	1.1	2.30	35.7	4.1
1.69	61.9	2.9	1.	.54	66.7	1.1	1.70	59.8	2.1
1.67	66.0	2.9	2.	.10	46.2	7.5	1.66	62.9	0.0
2.18	42.3	5.1	2.	.66	24.2	11.0	2.08	47.5	6.1
1.24	88.1	1.6	1.	.23	88.2	2.2	1.23	90.6	1.0
A	% Not		Α.		% Not		A	% Not	
_	Imp.	% Very		_	Imp.	% Very		Imp.	% Very
score	At All	•	sc	ore	At All		score	At All	Imp.
3.48	15.1	27.6	3.	.09	21.7	17.4	3.57	16.0	27.7
2.96	19.7	13.0	2.	.69	21.5	10.8	2.92	25.0	13.5
2.97	19.9	13.8	2.	.76	22.6	11.8	2.90	25.0	12.5
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8. Recreational Facilities
8a. Palmer Swimming Pool. 2.14 45.0 6.9 2.44 35.5 9.3 1.69 55.2 3.4
8b. Wasilla Swimming Pool. 2.11 44.7 3.7 1.41 73.0 0.4 1.34 79.3 0.0
8c. Brett Memorial Ice Arena. 1.79 59.4 3.8 1.38 76.0 0.8 1.38 79.3 0.0
8d. Crevasse Moraine Trails. 1.84 59.4 3.8 1.72 60.9 2.7 1.61 67.9 0.0
8e. Other Borough Trails. 2.21 41.3 5.6 2.05 47.3 3.5 2.45 24.1 0.0
9. Public Transportation
9a. MASCOT Transportation. 1.32 84.8 2.5 1.29 84.8 2.3 1.14 89.3 0.0
10. Addition of New Services % Not % Not % Not
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10a. Police Services. 3.66 15.0 37.5 3.60 11.9 29.2 3.31 13.8 20.7
10b. Water Services. 2.97 22.6 18.2 3.32 10.0 17.4 2.41 20.7 3.4
10c. Sewer Services. 2.89 23.8 17.5 3.37 9.7 19.0 2.41 20.7 6.9

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		South Lal			Tanain			Wasilla		
		(N=142			(N=224			(N=251	,	
How often do you use each of the	Avg.	%	% very	Avg.	%	% very	Avg.	%	% very	
following Borough services:	score	never	often	score	never	often	score	never	often	
7. Public Libraries										
7a. Big Lake Public Library.	1.09	94.3	0.0	1.13	93.1	0.9	1.23	86.1	0.4	
7b. Palmer Public Library.	2.12	42.3	6.3	1.54	69.3	1.4	1.62	65.4	1.2	
7c. Sutton Public Library.	1.11	94.4	0.0	1.10	95.0	0.5	1.10	93.4	0.0	
7d. Talkeetna Public Library.	1.06	95.8	0.0	1.10	95.0	0.5	1.13	92.2	0.0	
7e. Trapper Creek Public Library.	1.04	97.9	0.0	1.11	94.0	0.5	1.11	93.8	0.0	
7f. Wasilla Public Library.	2.33	31.2	5.7	2.66	19.7	8.1	2.82	21.5	13.6	
7g. Willow Public Library.	1.07	95.1	0.0	1.16	91.3	0.9	1.17	90.5	0.4	
8. Recreational Facilities										
8a. Palmer Swimming Pool.	1.81	57.0	2.1	1.47	72.9	0.9	1.38	75.8	0.0	
8b. Wasilla Swimming Pool.	2.01	49.3	3.5	2.20	43.2	5.9	2.09	41.0	3.3	
8c. Brett Memorial Ice Arena.	1.53	67.4	2.1	1.76	61.1	4.5	1.73	61.5	4.1	
8d. Crevasse Moraine Trails.	1.95	54.9	7.0	1.65	66.5	3.2	1.67	60.3	1.2	
8e. Other Borough Trails.	2.22	41.7	8.6	2.12	42.3	4.5	2.02	50.2	3.7	
9. Public Transportation										
9a. MASCOT Transportation.	1.20	87.9	0.7	1.20	90.0	2.3	1.30	85.7	2.9	
10. Addition of New Services	Λ ~	% Not		A	% Not		A = = =	% Not		
How important is it for the Borough	Avg.	Imp.	% Very	Avg.	Imp.	% Very	Avg.	Imp.	% Very	
to provide <u>additional</u> :	score	At All	Imp.	score	At All	Imp.	score	At All	Imp.	
10a. Police Services.	3.66	10.7	35.7	3.77	8.5	33.2	3.53	10.3	25.9	
10b. Water Services.	2.81	22.0	13.5	3.02	15.5	15.0	3.27	11.9	20.1	
10c. Sewer Services.	2.89	22.0	15.6	3.01	16.1	14.7	3.34	11.5	22.5	
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		Big Lake (N=46)			uffalo/Soap (N=27)	ostone	Butte (N=128)		
Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly
each of the following statements:	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree
11. Mat-Su As A Place to Live.									
11a. Mat-Su is a very attractive looking									
community.	3.07	4.3	4.3	3.15	7.4	3.7	3.16	9.5	12.7
11b. Mat-Su is better suited to raising children									
than Anchorage.	3.89	0.0	28.3	4.00	0.0	37.0	3.75	6.3	22.2
11c. Drivers failing to obey posted speed limits are									
a serious problem in my neighborhood.	3.09	15.6	13.3	3.22	14.8	22.2	3.34	6.3	20.6
11d. Personally, I would rate Mat-Su as an									
excellent place to live.	3.98	0.0	13.0	3.78	0.0	22.2	3.82	2.4	24.2
11e. Personally, I would rate my neighborhood as									
an excellent place to live.	3.87	4.3	17.4	3.89	0.0	29.6	3.82	4.1	26.0
12. Community Cohesion									
People in <u>your</u> neighborhood:									
12a. Can be trusted.	3.67	2.2	15.6	3.56	0.0	11.1	3.72	2.4	12.0
12b. Generally DON'T get along with each other.	2.29	14.3	0.0	2.81	7.4	0.0	2.29	15.2	0.8
12c. DO NOT share the same values.	2.63	4.7	2.3	3.23	7.7	0.0	2.74	8.9	3.2
12d. Are willing to help their neighbors.	3.64	0.0	9.1	3.59	0.0	11.1	3.88	1.6	15.2
12e. Yours is a close-knit neighborhood.	2.82	8.9	2.2	2.65	15.4	11.5	2.88	7.3	7.3
13. Community-level Social Control									
One or more of your neighbors could be counted on									
to intervene if:									
13a. Children were spray-painting graffiti on a									
local building.	3.47	2.2	4.4	3.44	0.0	7.4	3.60	4.1	12.2
13b. Children were showing disrespect toward an									
adult.	3.29	2.2	2.2	3.26	0.0	3.7	3.27	4.9	7.4
13c. The fire station closest to their home was									
threatened with budget cuts.	3.53	0.0	13.3	3.30	0.0	3.7	3.49	4.9	8.1
13d. A fight broke out in front of their house.	3.56	2.2	20.0	3.41	3.7	3.7	3.72	5.7	14.6
13e. Children were skipping school and hanging									
out on a neighborhood street corner.	2.89	2.3	0.0	3.20	4.0	4.0	3.12	5.7	7.4

Table 3.1 (continued). Life in Matanuska-Susitia D	Farm Loop (N=55)				Fishhoo (N=135	k	Gateway (N=155)		
Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly
each of the following statements:	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree
11. Mat-Su As A Place to Live.									
11a. Mat-Su is a very attractive looking									
community.	3.37	5.6	14.8	3.05	9.2	3.1	3.11	10.0	8.0
11b. Mat-Su is better suited to raising children									
than Anchorage.	3.73	5.5	27.3	3.77	3.1	23.8	3.90	0.7	28.9
11c. Drivers failing to obey posted speed limits are									
a serious problem in my neighborhood.	3.16	5.5	20.0	3.48	7.6	28.0	3.46	5.3	23.2
11d. Personally, I would rate Mat-Su as an									
excellent place to live.	3.91	1.8	23.6	3.67	0.8	13.8	3.85	0.7	16.4
11e. Personally, I would rate my neighborhood as									
an excellent place to live.	4.06	3.7	31.5	3.78	0.8	16.8	3.93	1.3	27.0
12. Community Cohesion									
People in <u>your</u> neighborhood:									
12a. Can be trusted.	3.82	5.5	20.0	3.58	3.8	12.2	3.81	1.3	14.6
12b. Generally DON'T get along with each other.	2.11	30.9	3.6	2.37	13.7	0.8	2.13	25.8	2.0
12c. DO NOT share the same values.	2.69	10.9	5.5	2.87	8.4	6.1	2.61	11.2	3.9
12d. Are willing to help their neighbors.	3.91	3.6	20.0	3.61	2.3	8.5	3.75	2.0	13.2
12e. Yours is a close-knit neighborhood.	3.04	7.3	7.3	2.71	10.8	5.4	2.90	8.0	4.7
13. Community-level Social Control									
One or more of your neighbors could be counted on									
to intervene if:									
13a. Children were spray-painting graffiti on a									
local building.	3.81	5.7	17.0	3.65	1.6	10.9	3.71	1.3	10.6
13b. Children were showing disrespect toward an									
adult.	3.41	5.6	9.3	3.05	3.9	3.9	3.40	1.3	5.3
13c. The fire station closest to their home was									
threatened with budget cuts.	3.23	11.3	5.7	3.40	2.3	7.0	3.43	2.0	4.0
13d. A fight broke out in front of their house.	3.47	11.3	11.3	3.51	3.1	8.5	3.70	2.0	10.0
13e. Children were skipping school and hanging									
out on a neighborhood street corner.	3.23	11.3	7.5	3.12	3.9	3.9	3.23	4.0	6.0

		Knik-Fairv (N=388		Lazy Mountain (N=93)			Meadow Lakes (N=102)		
Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly
each of the following statements:	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree
11. Mat-Su As A Place to Live.									
11a. Mat-Su is a very attractive looking									
community.	2.98	8.9	6.2	3.01	11.8	8.6	2.73	13.7	7.4
11b. Mat-Su is better suited to raising children									
than Anchorage.	3.89	2.9	30.6	3.57	5.4	21.5	3.90	2.1	30.2
11c. Drivers failing to obey posted speed limits are									
a serious problem in my neighborhood.	3.54	6.1	29.7	3.14	8.8	17.6	3.52	4.0	29.3
11d. Personally, I would rate Mat-Su as an									
excellent place to live.	3.79	2.1	18.0	3.79	1.1	13.2	3.74	1.0	13.5
11e. Personally, I would rate my neighborhood as									
an excellent place to live.	3.88	2.9	23.2	3.98	1.1	22.8	3.57	2.0	17.3
12. Community Cohesion									
People in your neighborhood:									
12a. Can be trusted.	3.68	2.4	13.6	3.72	2.2	12.0	3.44	6.2	12.4
12b. Generally DON'T get along with each other.	2.26	17.6	2.4	2.27	15.2	1.1	2.35	16.3	1.0
12c. DO NOT share the same values.	2.71	9.6	4.5	2.89	5.4	3.3	2.87	8.3	5.2
12d. Are willing to help their neighbors.	3.76	2.1	13.6	3.79	2.2	11.0	3.66	3.1	12.4
12e. Yours is a close-knit neighborhood.	2.86	9.1	6.1	2.89	7.7	5.5	2.52	15.2	6.1
13. Community-level Social Control									
One or more of your neighbors could be counted on									
to intervene if:									
13a. Children were spray-painting graffiti on a									
local building.	3.79	3.4	16.7	3.65	1.1	13.0	3.41	6.3	11.5
13b. Children were showing disrespect toward an									
adult.	3.36	5.9	7.7	3.32	1.1	3.3	3.07	11.5	7.3
13c. The fire station closest to their home was									
threatened with budget cuts.	3.52	4.3	12.6	3.52	1.1	7.6	3.30	6.2	12.4
13d. A fight broke out in front of their house.	3.75	3.2	17.6	3.65	2.2	15.2	3.52	5.2	11.3
13e. Children were skipping school and hanging									
out on a neighborhood street corner.	3.29	6.1	11.7	3.33	2.2	4.3	2.82	11.3	7.2

	North Lakes (N=162)				Palmer (N=264		South Knik (N=29)		
Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly
each of the following statements:	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree
11. Mat-Su As A Place to Live.									
11a. Mat-Su is a very attractive looking									
community.	2.93	13.8	8.1	3.45	1.2	12.3	2.82	10.7	3.6
11b. Mat-Su is better suited to raising children									
than Anchorage.	3.76	5.6	28.8	4.05	0.8	36.3	4.00	0.0	24.1
11c. Drivers failing to obey posted speed limits are									
a serious problem in my neighborhood.	3.41	6.8	25.3	3.22	8.5	18.8	2.93	13.8	17.2
11d. Personally, I would rate Mat-Su as an									
excellent place to live.	3.73	2.5	19.1	4.01	0.4	26.3	3.83	0.0	20.7
11e. Personally, I would rate my neighborhood as									
an excellent place to live.	4.03	1.9	30.8	4.02	0.8	31.0	3.96	3.6	42.9
12. Community Cohesion									
People in <u>your</u> neighborhood:									
12a. Can be trusted.	3.85	3.7	19.9	3.81	0.0	17.6	3.62	3.4	13.8
12b. Generally DON'T get along with each other.	2.10	19.1	0.0	2.26	18.4	0.8	2.59	6.9	3.4
12c. DO NOT share the same values.	2.58	12.4	3.1	2.64	10.8	2.3	3.03	3.4	6.9
12d. Are willing to help their neighbors.	3.79	5.0	15.5	3.71	1.5	14.2	3.76	0.0	10.3
12e. Yours is a close-knit neighborhood.	2.83	11.2	5.0	3.00	7.3	7.3	2.72	6.9	3.4
13. Community-level Social Control									
One or more of your neighbors could be counted on									
to intervene if:									
13a. Children were spray-painting graffiti on a									
local building.	3.76	5.6	19.1	3.78	2.7	14.7	3.41	6.9	10.3
13b. Children were showing disrespect toward an									
adult.	3.31	6.8	7.4	3.36	6.6	8.9	3.03	6.9	3.4
13c. The fire station closest to their home was									
threatened with budget cuts.	3.46	3.1	9.9	3.50	3.5	8.5	3.59	0.0	13.8
13d. A fight broke out in front of their house.	3.68	6.2	20.4	3.71	3.5	17.0	3.86	0.0	17.2
13e. Children were skipping school and hanging									
out on a neighborhood street corner.	3.29	8.1	11.2	3.25	7.7	10.4	3.07	0.0	10.3

Table 3.1 (continued). Life in Matanuska-Susitia D	South Lakes (N=142)				Tanaina (N=224	l	Wasilla (N=251)		
Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly
each of the following statements:	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree
11. Mat-Su As A Place to Live.									
11a. Mat-Su is a very attractive looking									
community.	2.92	10.6	9.2	3.11	9.1	6.8	3.08	6.5	6.9
11b. Mat-Su is better suited to raising children									
than Anchorage.	3.77	2.8	26.1	4.02	2.3	34.1	3.96	1.2	26.9
11c. Drivers failing to obey posted speed limits are									
a serious problem in my neighborhood.	3.44	4.9	26.8	3.61	4.0	30.5	3.53	4.5	26.6
11d. Personally, I would rate Mat-Su as an									
excellent place to live.	3.73	2.1	22.5	3.89	0.5	19.8	3.78	1.6	19.1
11e. Personally, I would rate my neighborhood as									
an excellent place to live.	3.97	2.8	31.7	3.95	1.3	22.3	3.86	3.7	24.8
12. Community Cohesion									
People in your neighborhood:									
12a. Can be trusted.	3.81	2.8	19.9	3.64	2.2	12.1	3.64	2.0	13.9
12b. Generally DON'T get along with each other.	2.08	19.7	0.0	2.32	14.3	1.3	2.26	17.7	0.8
12c. DO NOT share the same values.	2.53	12.7	2.1	2.80	6.4	5.5	2.75	9.5	3.3
12d. Are willing to help their neighbors.	3.80	1.4	14.8	3.63	4.0	12.1	3.64	2.9	12.0
12e. Yours is a close-knit neighborhood.	2.86	7.9	10.0	2.73	8.6	3.2	2.79	9.1	4.1
13. Community-level Social Control									
One or more of your neighbors could be counted on									
to intervene if:									
13a. Children were spray-painting graffiti on a									
local building.	3.85	0.7	20.4	3.66	2.7	15.5	3.63	3.7	14.3
13b. Children were showing disrespect toward an									
adult.	3.30	2.8	8.5	3.25	4.1	5.9	3.22	6.1	4.9
13c. The fire station closest to their home was									
threatened with budget cuts.	3.50	1.4	11.3	3.40	3.7	9.6	3.45	2.1	11.6
13d. A fight broke out in front of their house.	3.77	2.1	17.6	3.70	1.8	16.7	3.54	4.9	15.6
13e. Children were skipping school and hanging									
out on a neighborhood street corner.	3.30	4.2	10.6	3.20	5.5	8.6	3.09	6.6	7.8

	-	Lake		Soapstone		utte
	(N	(=46)	(N	=27)	(N=	=128)
14. Residential Tenure						
14a. I moved into my <u>current</u> home in(median year)		999		999		996
		Yes		Yes		Yes
14b. Have you lived in your <u>current</u> residence your entire life?		2.2		7.4		1.6
14c. Was your <u>last</u> residence located within the Mat-Su Borough?		33.3		5.6		8.4
14d. Was your <u>last</u> residence located within the Municipality of Anchorage?	4	0.04	1	8.5	3	1.0
14e. <u>Last</u> residence located outside Mat-Su/Anchorage but in the Alaska?	1	3.3	1	9.2	1	1.5
14f. Was your <u>last</u> residence located outside the State of Alaska?		8.7	2	6.9	1	7.1
14g. During the past year, have you seriously considered moving out of your						
<u>current</u> residence?	4	0.04	3	4.6	3	3.1
Please rank four preferred destinations listed below by writing a "1"						
next to the destination you'd MOST like to move to, and a "4" next to the						
destination you would LEAST like to move to.	Avg	g. Rank	Avg	<u>. Rank</u>	<u>Avg</u>	. Rank
14g2. Municipality of Anchorage.	3	3.19	3	.43	3	.33
14g3. Other Location in Mat-Su Borough.	1	.86	2	.05	1	.97
14g4. Outside Mat-Su and Anchorage, but Inside Alaska.	2.58		2.17		2	.23
14g5. Outside of Alaska.	2	2.65	2.78		2	.88
15. Neighborhood-level Changes ^a	% Yes	% Worse	% Yes	% Worse	% Yes	% Worse
15a-b. Have you witnessed a change in the <i>quality of housing</i> ?	74.4	43.7	66.7	26.7	62.8	26.8
15c-d. Have you experienced a change in your feelings of personal safety when						
walking alone through your neighborhood when it is dark?	30.2	78.6	33.3	87.5	28.4	75.8
15e-f. Has there been a change in its <i>physical attractiveness</i> ?	61.9	51.7	58.3	46.2	56.9	50.0
15g-h. Has the <i>volume of traffic</i> through your neighborhood changed?	65.9	85.2	84.0	95.0	69.1	95.9
15i. Have the <i>demographic characteristics</i> (for example: age, race, gender) of						
the people living in your neighborhood changed?	39.0		41.7		22.0	
15j-k. Have you noticed a change in the <i>quality of relationships</i> ?	26.3	66.7	37.5	70.0	31.8	60.5
151-m. Do people in your neighborhood <i>interact differently</i> with each other?	31.6	66.7	33.3	77.8	28.4	64.5
15n-o. Have you noticed a change in the <i>housing density</i> of your neighborhood?	69.0	71.4	83.3	95.0	74.3	92.3
15p-q. Over the next ten years, do you expect the overall quality of your						
neighborhood to change?	85.0	61.8	91.7	85.7	76.4	73.7
Note: The second of second data and second s		-		-		

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name.
a Includes only those respondents who have lived in Mat-Su since 2001. Respondents were asked a follow-up question as to whether change would be for the better or worse.

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		I=55)	(N=	=135)	(N=	=155)
14. Residential Tenure						
14a. I moved into my <u>current</u> home in(median year)	1	.991	1	998	1	998
·	%	Yes	<u>%</u>	Yes	<u>%</u>	Yes
14b. Have you lived in your <u>current</u> residence your entire life?		0.0	(0.0	C	2.0
14c. Was your <u>last</u> residence located within the Mat-Su Borough?	4	19.1	4	9.2	4	3.0
14d. Was your <u>last</u> residence located within the Municipality of Anchorage?	3	31.5	2	9.0	3	5.5
14e. Last residence located outside Mat-Su/Anchorage but in the Alaska?	(9.3	1	4.5	1	1.2
14f. Was your <u>last</u> residence located outside the State of Alaska?]	18.5	1	6.9	1	5.9
14g. During the past year, have you seriously considered moving out of your						
<u>current</u> residence?	2	20.4	3	4.6	3	80.1
Please rank four preferred destinations listed below by writing a "1"						
next to the destination you'd MOST like to move to, and a "4" next to the						
destination you would LEAST like to move to.		<u>g. Rank</u>		<u>. Rank</u>		<u>. Rank</u>
14g2. Municipality of Anchorage.		1.78		.48		3.32
14g3. Other Location in Mat-Su Borough.	2.31		1.83		1.80	
14g4. Outside Mat-Su and Anchorage, but Inside Alaska.		2.73		2.51	2.43	
14g5. Outside of Alaska.		3.41	2.36		2.54	
15. Neighborhood-level Changes ^a	% Yes	% Worse	% Yes	% Worse	% Yes	% Worse
15a-b. Have you witnessed a change in the <i>quality of housing</i> ?	38.8	35.3	61.3	26.7	53.2	35.6
15c-d. Have you experienced a change in your feelings of personal safety when						
walking alone through your neighborhood when it is dark?	18.7	62.5	29.6	81.1	27.2	87.2
15e-f. Has there been a change in its <i>physical attractiveness</i> ?	52.1	52.0	60.8	55.3	52.9	54.8
15g-h. Has the <i>volume of traffic</i> through your neighborhood changed?	72.9	93.9	80.6	96.0	76.8	95.1
15i. Have the <i>demographic characteristics</i> (for example: age, race, gender) of						
the people living in your neighborhood changed?	23.9		27.3		22.6	
15j-k. Have you noticed a change in the <i>quality of relationships</i> ?	33.3	42.9	30.3	60.0	27.6	54.1
151-m. Do people in your neighborhood <i>interact differently</i> with each other?	28.3	54.5	29.3	79.4	24.6	72.4
15n-o. Have you noticed a change in the <i>housing density</i> of your neighborhood?	70.6	93.5	79.7	91.5	65.2	95.0
15p-q. Over the next ten years, do you expect the overall quality of your						
neighborhood to change?	68.6	73.5	78.3	79.1	69.3	78.3

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name.

a Includes only those respondents who have lived in Mat-Su since 2001. Respondents were asked a follow-up question as to whether change would be for the better or worse.

Table 3.2 (continued). Die in Fraumuska Susima Borough Reighborhoods b		Fairview		Mountain	Maada	w Lakes
		=388)	•	(=93)		=102)
14. Residential Tenure	(11	_366)	(1)	1–93)	(11-	-102)
	2	000	1	993	1	998
14a. I moved into my <u>current</u> home in(median year)		Yes		Yes		
14h. Haya yan liyad in yang anggant masidan aa yang antima lifa?	_					Yes
14b. Have you lived in your <u>current</u> residence your entire life?		2.1		0.0		7.1
14c. Was your <u>last</u> residence located within the Mat-Su Borough?		52.1		57.6		3.5
14d. Was your <u>last</u> residence located within the Municipality of Anchorage?		25.9		25.6		3.2
14e. <u>Last</u> residence located outside Mat-Su/Anchorage but in the Alaska?		6.2		3.5		2.1
14f. Was your <u>last</u> residence located outside the State of Alaska?	1	7.5	1	5.6	1	6.3
14g. During the past year, have you seriously considered moving out of your						
<u>current</u> residence?	3	35.1	2	22.8	3	8.4
Please rank four preferred destinations listed below by writing a "1"						
next to the destination you'd MOST like to move to, and a "4" next to the						
destination you would LEAST like to move to.		<u>, Rank</u>		<u>, Rank</u>		<u>. Rank</u>
14g2. Municipality of Anchorage.	3	3.24	3	3.44	3	.44
14g3. Other Location in Mat-Su Borough.	1.68		1.86		1.76	
14g4. Outside Mat-Su and Anchorage, but Inside Alaska.	2.51		2.25		2.37	
14g5. Outside of Alaska.	2	2.77	2.65		2.64	
15. Neighborhood-level Changes ^a	% Yes	% Worse	% Yes	% Worse	% Yes	% Worse
15a-b. Have you witnessed a change in the <i>quality of housing</i> ?	67.2	35.3	54.0	25.0	74.2	39.7
15c-d. Have you experienced a change in your feelings of personal safety when						
walking alone through your neighborhood when it is dark?	27.5	80.2	23.8	69.6	41.4	80.6
15e-f. Has there been a change in its <i>physical attractiveness</i> ?	62.3	55.0	53.5	48.9	71.0	59.1
15g-h. Has the <i>volume of traffic</i> through your neighborhood changed?	82.7	97.8	76.7	97.0	89.2	93.9
15i. Have the <i>demographic characteristics</i> (for example: age, race, gender) of						
the people living in your neighborhood changed?	39.3		22.6		46.1	
15j-k. Have you noticed a change in the <i>quality of relationships</i> ?	36.3	62.2	22.6	70.0	42.0	66.7
151-m. Do people in your neighborhood <i>interact differently</i> with each other?	31.4	70.0	27.7	70.0	42.5	71.9
15n-o. Have you noticed a change in the <i>housing density</i> of your neighborhood?	85.8	90.0	77.0	95.2	87.8	90.9
15p-q. Over the next ten years, do you expect the overall quality of your						
neighborhood to change?	80.9	69.9	71.8	77.6	84.8	77.8

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name.

a Includes only those respondents who have lived in Mat-Su since 2001. Respondents were asked a follow-up question as to whether change would be for the better or worse.

Table 3.2 (Continued). Ene in Fractinaska Susina Borough Reignborhoods b		h Lakes	_	ılmer	Sout	h Knik
		=162)		=264)		=29)
14. Residential Tenure		102)				_>/
14a. I moved into my <u>current</u> home in(median year)	1	996	2	000	1	999
- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Yes		Yes		Yes
14b. Have you lived in your <u>current</u> residence your entire life?		1.9		2.3		0.0
14c. Was your <u>last</u> residence located within the Mat-Su Borough?		50.0		54.8		1.4
14d. Was your last residence located within the Municipality of Anchorage?	3	32.1	1	9.4	3	7.9
14e. <u>Last</u> residence located outside Mat-Su/Anchorage but in the Alaska?	1	1.1	1	4.4	1	3.8
14f. Was your last residence located outside the State of Alaska?	1	5.0	1	9.0		1.4
14g. During the past year, have you seriously considered moving out of your						
<u>current</u> residence?	3	32.3	3	32.3	3	1.0
Please rank four preferred destinations listed below by writing a "1"						
next to the destination you'd MOST like to move to, and a "4" next to the						
destination you would LEAST like to move to.	<u>Avg</u>	g. Rank	Avg	<u>. Rank</u>	<u>Avg</u>	. Rank
14g2. Municipality of Anchorage.	3	3.32	3	3.31	3	.32
14g3. Other Location in Mat-Su Borough.	1	.82	1	.68	1	.92
14g4. Outside Mat-Su and Anchorage, but Inside Alaska.	2	2.49	2	2.68	2	.04
14g5. Outside of Alaska.	2	2.60	2	2.65	2	.96
15. Neighborhood-level Changes ^a	% Yes	% Worse	% Yes	% Worse	% Yes	% Worse
15a-b. Have you witnessed a change in the <i>quality of housing</i> ?	54.2	39.0	53.4	43.7	76.9	30.0
15c-d. Have you experienced a change in your feelings of personal safety when						
walking alone through your neighborhood when it is dark?	27.7	95.1	28.3	83.9	23.1	57.1
15e-f. Has there been a change in its <i>physical attractiveness</i> ?	51.8	52.6	54.0	52.1	69.2	47.1
15g-h. Has the <i>volume of traffic</i> through your neighborhood changed?	76.6	94.4	71.8	93.0	69.2	100.0
15i. Have the <i>demographic characteristics</i> (for example: age, race, gender) of						
the people living in your neighborhood changed?	32.4		28.8		36.0	
15j-k. Have you noticed a change in the <i>quality of relationships</i> ?	26.6	58.1	30.0	65.2	50.0	75.0
15l-m. Do people in your neighborhood <i>interact differently</i> with each other?	27.9	60.0	30.4	72.6	40.0	80.0
15n-o. Have you noticed a change in the <i>housing density</i> of your neighborhood?	68.1	87.5	61.7	90.3	72.0	77.8
15p-q. Over the next ten years, do you expect the overall quality of your						
neighborhood to change?	63.6	75.0	68.6	76.7	80.0	70.0

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name.

a Includes only those respondents who have lived in Mat-Su since 2001. Respondents were asked a follow-up question as to whether change would be for the better or worse.

Table 3.2 (continued). Life in Matanaska Sustila Borough Neighborhoods	Sout	h Lakes	Ta	naina		asilla
	(N	=142)	(N:	=224)	(N=	=251)
14. Residential Tenure						
14a. I moved into my <u>current</u> home in(median year)		.995		999		001
	_	Yes		Yes		Yes
14b. Have you lived in your <u>current</u> residence your entire life?		0.0		0.0		01.2
14c. Was your <u>last</u> residence located within the Mat-Su Borough?		38.0		17.1	5	6.9
14d. Was your <u>last</u> residence located within the Municipality of Anchorage?	۷	14.0	3	80.8	2	26.1
14e. <u>Last</u> residence located outside Mat-Su/Anchorage but in the Alaska?	1	12.1	1	3.8	1	1.6
14f. Was your <u>last</u> residence located outside the State of Alaska?	1	12.1	1	9.2	1	2.7
14g. During the past year, have you seriously considered moving out of your current residence?		34.3	3	36.5	3	9.4
Please rank four preferred destinations listed below by writing a "1"	•	J T. J	-		J	ソ・オ
next to the destination you'd MOST like to move to, and a "4" next to the						
destination you would LEAST like to move to.	Avo	g. Rank	Ave	g. Rank	Avo	. Rank
14g2. Municipality of Anchorage.		3.22		3.32		5.26
14g3. Other Location in Mat-Su Borough.		1.76		1.71		.61
14g4. Outside Mat-Su and Anchorage, but Inside Alaska.		2.59		2.50		2.60
14g5. Outside of Alaska.		2.60 2.69				2.84
15. Neighborhood-level Changes ^a	% Yes	% Worse	% Yes	% Worse	% Yes	% Worse
15a-b. Have you witnessed a change in the <i>quality of housing</i> ?	50.0	33.8	57.2	36.4	56.9	28.7
15c-d. Have you experienced a change in your feelings of personal safety when						
walking alone through your neighborhood when it is dark?	27.3	86.5	26.7	88.9	34.7	76.6
15e-f. Has there been a change in its <i>physical attractiveness</i> ?	54.6	45.7	55.0	57.1	54.7	43.4
15g-h. Has the <i>volume of traffic</i> through your neighborhood changed?	78.5	93.9	81.8	96.2	80.9	92.3
15i. Have the <i>demographic characteristics</i> (for example: age, race, gender) of						
the people living in your neighborhood changed?	36.7		34.8		28.7	
15j-k. Have you noticed a change in the <i>quality of relationships</i> ?	27.6	61.1	29.9	74.2	27.9	58.1
151-m. Do people in your neighborhood <i>interact differently</i> with each other?	24.6	64.5	28.7	82.1	27.6	62.3
15n-o. Have you noticed a change in the <i>housing density</i> of your neighborhood?	60.3	87.0	74.0	88.1	70.3	89.1
15p-q. Over the next ten years, do you expect the overall quality of your	58.5	79.4	72.8	80.3	78.0	69.3
neighborhood to change?	30.3	/7.4	14.0	00.5	70.0	09.3

Note: The number of respondents appears in parentheses under area name.

a Includes only those respondents who have lived in Mat-Su since 2001. Respondents were asked a follow-up question as to whether change would be for the better or worse.

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with	Big Lake (N=46)			Ві	uffalo/Soap (N=27)		Butte (N=128)		
each of the following statements:	Avg. score	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg.	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg.	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree
16. Reasons For Living in the Mat-Su Borough									
16a. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because it is close to my job.	2.75	22.7	9.1	2.48	28.0	4.0	2.82	21.8	14.5
16b. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because of the reasonable cost and availability of housing.	3.52	4.5	9.1	3.00	8.0	4.0	3.15	12.2	8.9
16c. I live in the Mat-Su Borough so I can be close to my relatives.	2.57	34.1	4.5	3.00	16.0	12.0	2.43	35.0	7.3
16d. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because of the quality of the public schools.	2.41	22.7	0.0	2.68	16.0	4.0	2.31	30.6	2.5
16e. I like the rural, small town character of the Mat- Su Borough.	4.21	0.0	37.2	4.38	3.8	50.0	4.11	5.6	39.5

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with		Farm Loc (N=55)			Fishhoo (N=135			Gateway (N=155)		
each of the following statements:	Avg.	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg.	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg.	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	
16. Reasons For Living in the Mat-Su Borough										
16a. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because it is close to my job.	2.98	21.2	19.2	2.90	20.1	16.4	2.82	24.3	17.1	
16b. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because of the reasonable cost and availability of housing.	3.26	13.2	15.1	3.13	11.3	11.3	3.43	6.6	13.2	
16c. I live in the Mat-Su Borough so I can be close to my relatives.	2.60	32.7	11.5	2.64	30.8	10.5	2.27	38.4	6.0	
16d. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because of the quality of the public schools.	2.45	26.4	3.8	2.47	26.1	4.5	2.71	19.7	6.6	
16e. I like the rural, small town character of the Mat- Su Borough.	4.30	1.9	43.4	3.93	5.2	32.8	3.96	4.6	29.6	

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with	Knik-Fairview (N=388)]	Lazy Moun (N=93)		Meadow Lakes (N=102)		
each of the following statements:	Avg.	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg.	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Avg.	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree
16. Reasons For Living in the Mat-Su Borough									
16a. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because it is close to my job.	2.59	31.7	12.9	3.10	13.0	14.1	3.00	20.4	22.4
16b. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because of the reasonable cost and availability of housing.	3.44	9.8	19.1	3.26	8.7	6.5	3.18	11.2	15.3
16c. I live in the Mat-Su Borough so I can be close to my relatives.	2.43	37.6	9.3	2.35	33.7	3.3	2.29	39.2	8.2
16d. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because of the quality of the public schools.	2.56	23.5	3.4	2.67	18.5	4.3	2.52	22.7	5.2
16e. I like the rural, small town character of the Mat- Su Borough.	3.96	5.0	29.6	4.27	1.1	43.5	3.78	10.0	32.0

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with		North Lak (N=162			Palmer (N=264			South Knik (N=29)		
each of the following statements:	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	
	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree	
16. Reasons For Living in the Mat-Su Borough										
16a. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because it is close to my job.	2.80	28.5	20.3	2.96	25.4	20.7	2.10	41.4	6.9	
16b. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because of the reasonable cost and availability of housing.	3.42	11.4	17.7	3.63	4.7	19.8	3.38	10.3	13.8	
16c. I live in the Mat-Su Borough so I can be close to my relatives.	2.46	39.6	13.2	2.83	29.6	17.7	2.38	41.4	6.9	
16d. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because of the quality of the public schools.	2.62	24.5	6.9	2.86	11.7	6.6	2.10	41.4	0.0	
16e. I like the rural, small town character of the Mat-Su Borough.	3.91	6.3	32.3	4.29	1.9	45.9	4.59	0.0	58.6	

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with		South Lak (N=142)			Tanaina (N=224			Wasilla (N=251)		
each of the following statements:	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	
	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree	
16. Reasons For Living in the Mat-Su Borough										
16a. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because it is close to my job.	2.94	23.7	17.3	2.78	27.6	15.8	3.05	18.4	18.9	
16b. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because of the reasonable cost and availability of housing.	3.45	7.2	12.9	3.56	7.6	17.0	3.33	7.7	13.0	
16c. I live in the Mat-Su Borough so I can be close to my relatives.	2.29	36.0	6.5	2.70	30.0	10.0	2.74	27.2	12.2	
16d. I live in the Mat-Su Borough because of the quality of the public schools.	2.57	23.7	6.5	2.63	20.0	4.1	2.50	23.6	2.4	
16e. I like the rural, small town character of the Mat- Su Borough.	3.68	4.3	28.3	3.91	5.4	30.8	3.76	5.3	23.3	

	Big Lake (N=46)			В	uffalo/Soap		Butte (N=128)			
Please indicate how much you agree or disagree	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	(N=27) Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	
with each of the following statements:	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree	
17. Public Access to Borough Government	50010	Disagree	115100	50010	Disagree	115100	50010	Disagree	118100	
17a. I can make a difference by getting involved in										
the Mat-Su government.	2.88	9.3	7.0	2.83	8.3	0.0	2.95	12.4	6.6	
17b. I am just too busy to be involved in Borough	_,_,	,					_,,,			
government.	3.02	9.5	2.4	3.40	0.0	12.0	2.93	11.5	3.3	
17c. I feel I can have an influence on the decisions										
of Borough officials.	2.88	9.5	2.4	2.68	20.0	0.0	2.93	15.6	4.1	
17d. I contact my Assembly member when I have										
a Borough problem.	3.21	2.4	7.1	2.83	8.3	0.0	3.16	7.3	7.3	
17e. I am satisfied with the opportunities the										
Borough provides to give input.	2.84	7.0	2.3	2.63	16.7	0.0	2.98	10.6	1.6	
17f. The Borough's website is easy to use.	3.29	2.4	4.9	3.12	0.0	8.0	3.03	4.9	3.3	
17g. I would describe the Borough's website as										
"informative."	3.33	2.4	4.8	3.20	0.0	8.0	3.08	5.7	2.5	
17h. I am satisfied with the Borough's on-line										
mapping capabilities.	3.20	2.2	2.2	2.81	3.8	0.0	3.00	4.1	0.0	
17i. The Borough's on-line property tax service										
("EZGov") is easy to use.	3.11	0.0	2.2	2.85	3.8	0.0	2.95	5.8	0.8	
17j. When I call the Borough, I usually get										
information in a timely manner.	3.16	2.2	4.4	3.19	3.8	0.0	3.34	3.2	2.4	
17k. When I call the Borough, the person I speak										
with is polite and professional.	3.49	0.0	8.9	3.42	3.8	0.0	3.63	2.4	8.7	

Table 4.1 (continued). Local Government. Access	,	Farm Loc			Fishhool	ζ		Gateway			
		(N=55)			(N=135))		(N=155)			
Please indicate how much you agree or disagree	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly		
with each of the following statements:	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree		
17. Public Access to Borough Government											
17a. I can make a difference by getting involved in											
the Mat-Su government.	2.76	14.5	3.6	2.72	13.0	0.8	3.02	7.9	6.6		
17b. I am just too busy to be involved in Borough											
government.	2.95	16.4	7.3	2.98	6.1	3.8	3.01	10.5	7.2		
17c. I feel I can have an influence on the decisions											
of Borough officials.	2.52	16.7	1.9	2.62	18.3	3.1	2.81	11.8	2.6		
17d. I contact my Assembly member when I have											
a Borough problem.	2.98	7.4	3.7	2.86	10.0	2.3	2.95	8.5	3.3		
17e. I am satisfied with the opportunities the											
Borough provides to give input.	2.72	14.8	0.0	2.80	13.7	0.0	2.95	9.3	4.0		
17f. The Borough's website is easy to use.	3.08	5.7	0.0	3.03	7.6	3.8	3.12	5.9	3.3		
17g. I would describe the Borough's website as											
"informative."	3.06	5.8	0.0	3.09	5.3	3.8	3.25	1.3	2.6		
17h. I am satisfied with the Borough's on-line											
mapping capabilities.	2.85	7.7	0.0	3.03	0.8	1.5	3.09	2.0	2.0		
17i. The Borough's on-line property tax service											
("EZGov") is easy to use.	2.79	5.8	0.0	2.99	3.7	0.7	3.05	1.3	0.7		
17j. When I call the Borough, I usually get											
information in a timely manner.	3.32	7.5	3.8	3.20	3.7	3.0	3.35	3.3	3.3		
17k. When I call the Borough, the person I speak											
with is polite and professional.	3.66	3.8	11.3	3.40	2.2	6.0	3.69	0.0	11.1		

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		(N=388))		(N=93)			(N=102))	
Please indicate how much you agree or disagree	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	
with each of the following statements:	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree	
17. Public Access to Borough Government										
17a. I can make a difference by getting involved in										
the Mat-Su government.	2.92	11.0	4.5	2.98	5.5	3.3	2.77	16.2	9.1	
17b. I am just too busy to be involved in Borough										
government.	3.09	8.2	8.2	2.84	4.5	2.3	3.16	9.0	8.0	
17c. I feel I can have an influence on the decisions										
of Borough officials.	2.77	15.3	2.9	2.92	9.9	1.1	2.55	22.0	5.0	
17d. I contact my Assembly member when I have										
a Borough problem.	3.06	6.7	5.6	3.02	5.5	2.2	3.03	6.9	5.9	
17e. I am satisfied with the opportunities the										
Borough provides to give input.	2.83	16.2	2.4	2.91	7.8	1.1	2.72	18.0	4.0	
17f. The Borough's website is easy to use.	3.14	4.7	2.4	3.10	2.2	1.1	3.11	5.0	3.0	
17g. I would describe the Borough's website as										
"informative."	3.23	2.6	2.6	3.20	1.1	1.1	3.13	5.0	4.0	
17h. I am satisfied with the Borough's on-line										
mapping capabilities.	3.05	2.9	0.8	3.04	2.2	0.0	3.01	3.0	0.0	
17i. The Borough's on-line property tax service										
("EZGov") is easy to use.	3.08	2.1	1.1	3.01	1.1	0.0	2.99	4.0	1.0	
17j. When I call the Borough, I usually get										
information in a timely manner.	3.28	5.0	3.4	3.51	2.2	3.3	3.23	7.9	4.0	
17k. When I call the Borough, the person I speak										
with is polite and professional.	3.61	2.1	9.9	3.70	1.1	6.5	3.63	2.0	15.8	

	North Lakes				Palmer		South Knik			
		(N=162))		(N=264))		(N=29)		
Please indicate how much you agree or disagree	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	
with each of the following statements:	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree	
17. Public Access to Borough Government										
17a. I can make a difference by getting involved in										
the Mat-Su government.	3.11	6.3	6.3	2.95	6.5	5.0	3.07	17.2	10.3	
17b. I am just too busy to be involved in Borough										
government.	3.05	6.9	7.5	3.02	5.8	4.2	2.83	10.3	3.4	
17c. I feel I can have an influence on the decisions										
of Borough officials.	2.81	13.3	2.5	2.93	7.7	3.1	2.79	13.8	3.4	
17d. I contact my Assembly member when I have										
a Borough problem.	2.97	4.4	3.8	2.82	9.3	3.1	2.90	10.3	0.0	
17e. I am satisfied with the opportunities the										
Borough provides to give input.	2.87	12.6	1.9	3.03	7.7	3.5	2.72	10.3	3.4	
17f. The Borough's website is easy to use.	3.19	2.5	6.3	3.15	2.3	2.3	3.21	3.4	6.9	
17g. I would describe the Borough's website as										
"informative."	3.20	3.8	5.1	3.19	2.7	2.7	3.34	0.0	6.9	
17h. I am satisfied with the Borough's on-line										
mapping capabilities.	3.06	1.3	1.9	3.10	2.7	1.5	2.97	10.3	3.4	
17i. The Borough's on-line property tax service										
("EZGov") is easy to use.	3.16	1.3	3.8	3.05	1.5	1.5	3.14	0.0	3.4	
17j. When I call the Borough, I usually get										
information in a timely manner.	3.22	4.4	5.6	3.32	2.7	3.4	3.55	6.9	13.8	
17k. When I call the Borough, the person I speak										
with is polite and professional.	3.55	4.4	10.0	3.58	2.3	9.9	3.69	0.0	24.1	

Table 4.1 (continued). Local Government. Access	,	South Lak	/ •		Tanaina	,		Wasilla			
		(N=142))		(N=224))		(N=251))		
Please indicate how much you agree or disagree	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly		
with each of the following statements:	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree		
17. Public Access to Borough Government											
17a. I can make a difference by getting involved in											
the Mat-Su government.	3.11	6.5	7.9	2.77	10.9	0.9	2.96	9.8	5.3		
17b. I am just too busy to be involved in Borough											
government.	2.88	7.2	4.3	3.11	5.0	7.2	3.01	6.6	4.9		
17c. I feel I can have an influence on the decisions											
of Borough officials.	2.86	12.9	2.9	2.68	13.2	1.4	2.80	13.1	4.1		
17d. I contact my Assembly member when I have											
a Borough problem.	3.05	7.2	9.4	2.95	6.8	1.4	2.88	10.3	3.7		
17e. I am satisfied with the opportunities the											
Borough provides to give input.	2.92	7.9	0.7	2.77	13.2	0.9	2.80	11.5	2.5		
17f. The Borough's website is easy to use.	3.24	4.3	5.8	3.20	1.8	2.3	3.13	3.3	2.5		
17g. I would describe the Borough's website as											
"informative."	3.32	0.7	4.3	3.20	1.4	1.4	3.18	2.5	2.1		
17h. I am satisfied with the Borough's on-line											
mapping capabilities.	3.10	2.9	2.2	3.11	0.9	1.4	3.05	3.7	2.5		
17i. The Borough's on-line property tax service											
("EZGov") is easy to use.	3.14	0.7	3.6	3.11	0.9	1.8	3.06	1.7	1.2		
17j. When I call the Borough, I usually get											
information in a timely manner.	3.32	5.0	5.0	3.29	3.2	3.7	3.30	4.9	6.6		
17k. When I call the Borough, the person I speak											
with is polite and professional.	3.69	2.2	15.1	3.57	0.5	10.0	3.48	3.3	11.1		

		Big Lak (N=46)		В	uffalo/Soap (N=27)	stone		Butte (N=128))
Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly
each of the following statements:	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree
18. Borough Spending Efficiency and Priorities									
18a. I feel I am getting my money's worth for the taxes I									
pay to the Borough.	2.16	37.0	0.0	2.12	29.6	3.7	2.46	29.7	1.6
18b. The Borough cannot improve public services unless									
it increases taxes.	1.93	37.0	0.0	2.37	25.9	7.4	2.23	29.7	2.3
18c. The Borough should keep taxes low, even if it									
means reducing services.	3.00	4.3	13.0	2.96	11.1	14.8	2.98	12.5	15.6
18d. More tax money should be spent to improve roads.	3.66	0.0	13.0	3.33	0.0	7.4	3.37	6.3	12.5
18e. More tax money should be spent to improve junk									
and trash collection.	3.17	6.5	13.0	3.22	3.7	3.7	3.26	6.2	15.6
18f. Funds should be spent to preserve agricultural land.	3.02	10.9	13.0	3.56	0.0	25.9	3.54	6.3	23.4
18g. Funds should be spent to preserve open spaces in									
the Borough.	3.09	10.9	10.9	3.70	0.0	22.2	3.65	6.3	24.2
18h. The current level of road maintenance in my area is				•					
worth what I pay in road service area taxes.	2.43	30.4	2.2	2.54	29.6	3.7	2.70	23.4	3.1
19. Zoning and Land Use Issues					_,		_,,,		
19a. As of today, I am satisfied with the way the									
Borough has been developed.	2.82	6.5	4.3	2.72	14.8	0.0	2.56	18.8	1.6
19b. Traffic congestion is a SERIOUS problem in the		3.2			1	0.0	2.00	10.0	1.0
Mat-Su Borough.	3.62	2.2	19.6	3.62	3.7	33.3	3.76	2.3	26.6
19c. I am very concerned about water quality.	3.07	8.7	6.5	3.54	0.0	22.2	3.13	3.9	8.6
19d. Over the next 10 years, the Borough will need to	3.07	0.7	0.5	3.31	0.0	22.2	3.13	3.7	0.0
develop/preserve more park land.	3.09	8.7	10.9	3.65	3.7	22.2	3.54	9.4	23.4
19e. I support a system of zoning that designates:	3.07	0.7	10.5	3.03	3.7	22.2	3.31	<i>7.</i> 1	23.1
residential; agricultural; and commercial/industrial									
(with specific regulations for each).	3.54	6.5	17.4	3.63	7.4	18.5	3.54	10.9	25.0
19f. I support a system of zoning allowing different land	э.э т	0.5	17.1	5.05	,	10.5	3.54	10.7	23.0
uses to be located near one another, with standards									
for noise, traffic and other impacts.	3.43	6.5	6.5	3.77	3.7	22.2	3.25	14.1	15.6
19g. The Borough must do a better job of managing	5.75	0.5	0.5	5.11	3.1	44.4	3.23	17.1	13.0
growth/development.	3.89	2.2	19.6	3.81	3.7	29.6	4.05	4.7	43.0
510 Williac velopment.	5.07	4.4	17.0	5.01	3.7	۵۶.0	7.03	т. /	тэ.0

		Farm Loc (N=55)			Fishhoo (N=135			Gateway (N=155)		
Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	
each of the following statements:	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree	
18. Borough Spending Efficiency and Priorities			-							
18a. I feel I am getting my money's worth for the taxes I										
pay to the Borough.	2.19	29.1	0.0	2.26	31.1	0.0	2.52	20.6	2.6	
18b. The Borough cannot improve public services unless										
it increases taxes.	2.08	34.5	1.8	2.25	25.9	5.2	2.37	27.1	7.1	
18c. The Borough should keep taxes low, even if it										
means reducing services.	3.15	5.5	20.0	2.92	12.6	13.3	2.78	11.6	9.0	
18d. More tax money should be spent to improve roads.	3.55	1.8	12.7	3.44	3.7	12.6	3.26	5.2	5.8	
18e. More tax money should be spent to improve junk										
and trash collection.	2.85	10.9	7.3	3.18	6.7	11.1	2.86	7.7	3.2	
18f. Funds should be spent to preserve agricultural land.	3.35	10.9	21.8	3.31	6.7	11.1	3.35	5.2	16.1	
18g. Funds should be spent to preserve open spaces in										
the Borough.	3.41	9.1	21.8	3.55	3.7	20.0	3.61	3.9	20.6	
18h. The current level of road maintenance in my area is										
worth what I pay in road service area taxes.	2.67	23.6	3.6	2.66	20.0	2.2	2.95	9.7	7.1	
19. Zoning and Land Use Issues	_,,						-17.5		,,,_	
19a. As of today, I am satisfied with the way the										
Borough has been developed.	2.53	14.5	5.5	2.40	23.7	0.0	2.44	14.8	1.3	
19b. Traffic congestion is a SERIOUS problem in the	2.55	14.5	3.3	2.40	23.1	0.0	2.77	14.0	1.5	
Mat-Su Borough.	4.00	1.8	34.5	3.97	1.5	36.3	3.95	1.3	31.6	
19c. I am very concerned about water quality.	3.41	9.1	18.2	3.27	3.7	11.1	3.31	5.2	18.1	
19d. Over the next 10 years, the Borough will need to	3.71	7.1	10.2	3.21	3.7	11.1	3.31	3.2	10.1	
develop/preserve more park land.	3.43	16.4	25.5	3.60	6.7	19.3	3.70	6.5	26.5	
19e. I support a system of zoning that designates:	5.45	10.4	23.3	3.00	0.7	17.3	3.70	0.5	20.3	
residential; agricultural; and commercial/industrial										
(with specific regulations for each).	3.70	16.4	36.4	3.61	8.1	23.0	3.97	3.2	30.3	
19f. I support a system of zoning allowing different land	3.70	10.4	30.4	3.01	0.1	23.0	3.91	3.2	30.3	
uses to be located near one another, with standards										
	3.26	18.2	16.4	3.41	7.4	11.1	3.39	7.7	16.1	
for noise, traffic and other impacts.	3.20	10.2	10.4	3.41	7.4	11.1	5.39	1.1	10.1	
19g. The Borough must do a better job of managing	2.02	0.1	41.8	4.20	3.0	44.4	1 25	1.9	49.0	
growth/development.	3.93	9.1	41.8	4.20	3.0	44.4	4.25	1.9	49.0	

		Knik-Fairv (N=388)]	Lazy Moun (N=93)]	Meadow Lakes (N=102)		
Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	
each of the following statements:	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree	
18. Borough Spending Efficiency and Priorities										
18a. I feel I am getting my money's worth for the taxes I										
pay to the Borough.	2.46	23.2	2.8	2.65	21.5	2.2	2.21	39.2	2.0	
18b. The Borough cannot improve public services unless										
it increases taxes.	2.23	27.3	4.4	2.51	18.3	5.4	2.19	32.4	4.9	
18c. The Borough should keep taxes low, even if it										
means reducing services.	2.90	10.8	13.1	2.79	11.8	14.0	3.05	4.9	20.6	
18d. More tax money should be spent to improve roads.	3.59	3.6	14.9	3.24	5.4	5.4	3.61	2.9	18.6	
18e. More tax money should be spent to improve junk										
and trash collection.	3.14	6.7	9.5	3.15	6.5	12.9	3.48	2.9	23.5	
18f. Funds should be spent to preserve agricultural land.	3.09	10.3	12.9	3.62	4.3	24.7	3.22	9.8	13.7	
18g. Funds should be spent to preserve open spaces in										
the Borough.	3.36	8.2	15.5	3.88	6.5	31.2	3.36	10.8	18.6	
18h. The current level of road maintenance in my area is										
worth what I pay in road service area taxes.	2.57	26.5	3.6	2.98	16.1	5.4	2.36	30.4	2.0	
19. Zoning and Land Use Issues										
19a. As of today, I am satisfied with the way the										
Borough has been developed.	2.53	18.3	2.3	2.51	18.3	2.2	2.37	23.5	1.0	
19b. Traffic congestion is a SERIOUS problem in the										
Mat-Su Borough.	3.87	1.5	36.1	3.82	2.2	24.7	4.02	2.0	42.2	
19c. I am very concerned about water quality.	3.31	5.2	13.4	3.41	3.2	15.1	3.57	2.9	25.5	
19d. Over the next 10 years, the Borough will need to										
develop/preserve more park land.	3.46	9.0	21.9	3.83	6.5	28.0	3.51	10.8	24.5	
19e. I support a system of zoning that designates:										
residential; agricultural; and commercial/industrial										
(with specific regulations for each).	3.72	9.5	23.7	3.77	9.7	29.0	3.83	5.9	31.4	
19f. I support a system of zoning allowing different land										
uses to be located near one another, with standards										
for noise, traffic and other impacts.	3.28	12.1	11.9	3.25	14.0	11.8	3.33	10.8	14.7	
19g. The Borough must do a better job of managing										
growth/development.	4.11	4.4	43.6	4.08	5.4	39.8	4.20	2.9	44.1	

		North Lak (N=162)			Palmer (N=264			South Kn (N=29)	
Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly
each of the following statements:	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree
18. Borough Spending Efficiency and Priorities			-						
18a. I feel I am getting my money's worth for the taxes I									
pay to the Borough.	2.40	26.5	3.1	2.88	11.4	4.9	2.69	6.9	3.4
18b. The Borough cannot improve public services unless									
it increases taxes.	2.21	27.2	3.7	2.57	15.2	8.0	2.11	24.1	3.4
18c. The Borough should keep taxes low, even if it									
means reducing services.	2.89	16.0	13.6	2.62	16.3	8.3	2.86	3.4	6.9
18d. More tax money should be spent to improve roads.	3.59	1.9	17.3	3.42	3.8	10.2	3.10	13.8	13.8
18e. More tax money should be spent to improve junk									
and trash collection.	3.28	6.8	15.4	3.20	2.3	12.1	3.62	10.3	27.6
18f. Funds should be spent to preserve agricultural land.	3.22	13.0	17.3	3.45	1.9	19.3	3.38	6.9	24.1
18g. Funds should be spent to preserve open spaces in									
the Borough.	3.48	8.6	21.0	3.66	1.9	23.5	3.48	10.3	34.5
18h. The current level of road maintenance in my area is									
worth what I pay in road service area taxes.	2.67	25.9	3.7	3.09	9.1	4.9	2.55	34.5	10.3
19. Zoning and Land Use Issues									
19a. As of today, I am satisfied with the way the									
Borough has been developed.	2.40	22.2	1.2	2.76	9.5	1.5	2.57	20.7	0.0
19b. Traffic congestion is a SERIOUS problem in the									
Mat-Su Borough.	3.88	3.1	39.5	3.76	3.8	33.0	3.48	3.4	31.0
19c. I am very concerned about water quality.	3.27	6.2	17.9	3.30	3.8	17.0	3.03	10.3	3.4
19d. Over the next 10 years, the Borough will need to									
develop/preserve more park land.	3.55	8.0	24.7	3.69	5.3	24.2	3.59	6.9	34.5
19e. I support a system of zoning that designates:									
residential; agricultural; and commercial/industrial									
(with specific regulations for each).	3.86	8.6	34.0	4.06	2.7	35.6	3.45	13.8	27.6
19f. I support a system of zoning allowing different land									
uses to be located near one another, with standards									
for noise, traffic and other impacts.	3.32	13.6	18.5	3.31	9.5	13.6	3.00	6.9	10.3
19g. The Borough must do a better job of managing	- · - -								
growth/development.	4.04	6.8	42.6	4.26	0.8	43.9	4.17	0.0	48.3

		South Lak (N=142			Tanaina (N=224			Wasilla (N=251	
Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly
each of the following statements:	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree
18. Borough Spending Efficiency and Priorities									
18a. I feel I am getting my money's worth for the taxes I									
pay to the Borough.	2.49	24.6	2.8	2.35	24.6	2.2	2.50	21.1	3.2
18b. The Borough cannot improve public services unless									
it increases taxes.	2.24	28.2	4.2	2.27	24.1	3.6	2.23	25.9	1.6
18c. The Borough should keep taxes low, even if it									
means reducing services.	2.93	7.0	9.2	2.96	8.5	14.3	2.84	12.0	11.6
18d. More tax money should be spent to improve roads.	3.33	4.2	3.5	3.67	4.0	17.0	3.40	3.2	8.4
18e. More tax money should be spent to improve junk									
and trash collection.	2.98	7.7	9.2	3.10	9.4	9.8	3.09	6.4	8.8
18f. Funds should be spent to preserve agricultural land.	3.02	13.4	11.3	3.24	8.0	15.6	3.16	8.0	10.4
18g. Funds should be spent to preserve open spaces in									
the Borough.	3.21	16.2	14.1	3.45	8.0	16.5	3.42	6.4	11.6
18h. The current level of road maintenance in my area is									
worth what I pay in road service area taxes.	2.85	19.7	4.2	2.48	30.4	4.0	2.79	14.7	2.4
19. Zoning and Land Use Issues									
19a. As of today, I am satisfied with the way the									
Borough has been developed.	2.57	15.5	2.8	2.71	17.4	2.2	2.57	15.1	1.6
19b. Traffic congestion is a SERIOUS problem in the									
Mat-Su Borough.	4.08	2.8	43.0	3.85	1.8	36.2	3.94	2.0	35.9
19c. I am very concerned about water quality.	3.11	9.2	14.1	3.32	4.0	14.7	3.41	4.0	15.9
19d. Over the next 10 years, the Borough will need to									
develop/preserve more park land.	3.33	14.1	23.9	3.48	8.5	24.1	3.50	6.0	16.7
19e. I support a system of zoning that designates:									
residential; agricultural; and commercial/industrial									
(with specific regulations for each).	3.70	10.6	33.1	3.90	5.4	27.7	3.81	3.2	24.7
19f. I support a system of zoning allowing different land	•								
uses to be located near one another, with standards									
for noise, traffic and other impacts.	3.28	13.4	16.9	3.24	7.1	11.2	3.31	8.8	13.1
19g. The Borough must do a better job of managing									
growth/development.	3.97	10.6	45.8	4.05	4.0	39.7	4.18	2.4	41.8

		Big Lake (N=46)	9	В	uffalo/Soap (N=27)		Butte (N=128)		
Please indicate how much you agree or disagree	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly
with each of the following statements:	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree
20. Revenue and Taxation									
20a. I would support an increase in the tobacco tax									
to pay for services.	3.11	26.1	21.7	3.33	22.2	29.6	3.28	21.1	29.7
20b. I support a local tax on alcoholic beverages to									
pay for services.	3.13	21.7	23.9	2.96	29.6	18.5	3.30	19.5	28.1
20c. I would support an increase in the bed tax to									
pay for services.	3.26	15.2	19.6	3.08	11.1	7.4	3.09	16.4	16.4
20d. I would support a SEASONAL sales tax to									
pay for services.	3.17	8.7	19.6	2.74	22.2	7.4	2.84	18.8	12.5
20e. I would support a YEAR-ROUND sales tax to									
pay for services.	2.72	26.1	19.6	3.00	14.8	14.8	2.77	24.2	12.5
20f. I support imposing an impact fee on									
developers for residential/commercial									
properties to pay for services.	2.84	21.7	10.9	3.48	7.4	22.2	3.27	18.0	20.3
20g. I would support a local tax on gasoline to pay									
for services.	1.49	58.7	0.0	1.65	55.6	3.7	1.61	52.3	1.6
20h. I would support increased property taxes to									
pay for services.	1.61	56.5	2.2	1.63	63.0	7.4	1.67	56.3	.0
20i. I would support a gravel extraction tax to pay									
for services.	2.42	37.0	13.0	3.00	18.5	14.8	3.18	18.8	17.2
20j. I would support a real estate transfer fee of									
\$25 to pay for services.	2.83	21.7	13.0	3.04	22.2	11.1	3.12	18.7	15.6
20k. I support privatizing/outsourcing support									
(non-teaching) positions in the school district,									
if it saves money.	2.74	32.6	15.2	2.74	22.2	14.8	2.66	31.3	13.3

		Farm Loc (N=55)			Fishhool (N=135)			Gateway (N=155)		
Please indicate how much you agree or disagree	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	
with each of the following statements:	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree	
20. Revenue and Taxation										
20a. I would support an increase in the tobacco tax										
to pay for services.	3.07	34.5	34.5	3.35	20.7	32.6	3.49	15.5	34.2	
20b. I support a local tax on alcoholic beverages to										
pay for services.	3.02	34.5	34.5	3.42	18.5	29.6	3.46	12.3	34.2	
20c. I would support an increase in the bed tax to										
pay for services.	2.95	21.8	12.7	3.30	10.4	20.7	3.33	9.0	18.7	
20d. I would support a SEASONAL sales tax to										
pay for services.	2.71	32.7	18.2	2.92	15.6	19.3	3.09	15.5	16.8	
20e. I would support a YEAR-ROUND sales tax to										
pay for services.	2.65	38.2	20.0	2.90	18.5	13.3	3.07	15.5	15.5	
20f. I support imposing an impact fee on										
developers for residential/commercial										
properties to pay for services.	3.15	23.6	27.3	3.52	7.4	23.7	3.52	10.3	27.7	
20g. I would support a local tax on gasoline to pay										
for services.	1.75	54.5	3.6	1.65	53.3	1.5	1.81	49.0	3.2	
20h. I would support increased property taxes to										
pay for services.	1.63	61.8	3.6	1.68	54.8	0.0	1.78	51.0	3.2	
20i. I would support a gravel extraction tax to pay										
for services.	3.15	18.2	16.4	3.13	19.3	20.0	3.48	10.3	33.5	
20j. I would support a real estate transfer fee of										
\$25 to pay for services.	3.13	20.0	16.4	3.24	16.3	17.8	3.21	17.4	18.7	
20k. I support privatizing/outsourcing support										
(non-teaching) positions in the school district,										
if it saves money.	2.98	25.5	23.6	2.83	26.7	12.6	2.80	27.1	20.0	

		Knik-Fairv (N=388)]	Lazy Moun (N=93)			Meadow Lakes (N=102)		
Please indicate how much you agree or disagree	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	
with each of the following statements:	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree	
20. Revenue and Taxation										
20a. I would support an increase in the tobacco tax										
to pay for services.	3.21	24.5	30.9	3.38	18.3	30.1	3.22	27.5	32.4	
20b. I support a local tax on alcoholic beverages to										
pay for services.	3.31	22.2	29.4	3.39	16.1	22.6	3.43	19.6	30.4	
20c. I would support an increase in the bed tax to										
pay for services.	3.20	14.2	18.8	3.20	12.9	20.4	3.14	17.6	22.5	
20d. I would support a SEASONAL sales tax to										
pay for services.	3.04	16.5	16.0	3.02	16.1	14.0	2.81	20.6	13.7	
20e. I would support a YEAR-ROUND sales tax to										
pay for services.	2.73	24.7	10.3	2.88	23.7	11.8	2.64	27.5	15.7	
20f. I support imposing an impact fee on										
developers for residential/commercial										
properties to pay for services.	3.46	12.4	25.8	3.43	15.1	28.0	3.52	13.7	33.3	
20g. I would support a local tax on gasoline to pay										
for services.	1.57	59.0	2.6	1.95	41.9	5.4	1.45	63.7	1.0	
20h. I would support increased property taxes to										
pay for services.	1.71	56.2	2.1	1.99	43.0	3.2	1.61	59.8	.0	
20i. I would support a gravel extraction tax to pay										
for services.	3.03	20.6	17.5	3.41	12.9	22.6	3.32	13.7	28.4	
20j. I would support a real estate transfer fee of										
\$25 to pay for services.	3.18	19.6	17.5	3.28	16.1	16.1	3.44	15.7	23.5	
20k. I support privatizing/outsourcing support										
(non-teaching) positions in the school district,										
if it saves money.	2.81	27.1	16.2	2.53	35.5	11.8	3.00	23.5	18.6	

,	North Lakes (N=162)			Palmer (N=264)			South Knik (N=29)		
Please indicate how much you agree or disagree	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly
with each of the following statements:	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree
20. Revenue and Taxation									
20a. I would support an increase in the tobacco tax									
to pay for services.	3.29	22.2	30.9	3.38	17.8	31.8	2.97	34.5	31.0
20b. I support a local tax on alcoholic beverages to									
pay for services.	3.30	19.1	30.2	3.49	15.5	29.9	2.97	31.0	31.0
20c. I would support an increase in the bed tax to									
pay for services.	3.25	14.2	20.4	3.12	14.8	15.9	3.28	17.2	27.6
20d. I would support a SEASONAL sales tax to									
pay for services.	2.73	24.1	15.4	2.87	20.5	13.6	3.00	20.7	17.2
20e. I would support a YEAR-ROUND sales tax to									
pay for services.	2.78	25.3	13.6	2.88	20.8	14.0	2.55	31.0	13.8
20f. I support imposing an impact fee on									
developers for residential/commercial									
properties to pay for services.	3.39	17.3	27.2	3.55	9.1	25.4	3.86	10.3	44.8
20g. I would support a local tax on gasoline to pay									
for services.	1.69	57.4	4.3	1.74	50.8	2.7	1.62	65.5	3.4
20h. I would support increased property taxes to									
pay for services.	1.63	59.9	1.9	1.99	43.2	3.4	1.89	48.3	6.9
20i. I would support a gravel extraction tax to pay									
for services.	3.17	19.8	22.8	3.38	12.5	23.5	3.00	24.1	24.1
20j. I would support a real estate transfer fee of									
\$25 to pay for services.	3.12	21.0	17.3	3.19	17.0	17.4	3.31	10.3	24.1
20k. I support privatizing/outsourcing support									
(non-teaching) positions in the school district,									
if it saves money.	2.69	33.3	14.8	2.52	34.5	10.6	2.62	20.7	6.9

		South Lak (N=142)			Tanaina (N=224		Wasilla (N=251)		
Please indicate how much you agree or disagree	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly	Avg.	Strongly	Strongly
with each of the following statements:	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree	score	Disagree	Agree
20. Revenue and Taxation									
20a. I would support an increase in the tobacco tax									
to pay for services.	3.30	17.6	31.0	3.23	24.6	33.0	3.09	26.7	26.7
20b. I support a local tax on alcoholic beverages to									
pay for services.	3.42	15.5	30.3	3.39	18.3	32.6	3.20	22.7	27.1
20c. I would support an increase in the bed tax to									
pay for services.	3.08	12.0	13.4	3.39	10.3	19.2	3.02	16.3	13.9
20d. I would support a SEASONAL sales tax to									
pay for services.	2.85	16.9	13.4	3.01	17.9	14.7	2.69	19.9	8.0
20e. I would support a YEAR-ROUND sales tax to									
pay for services.	2.99	15.5	14.8	2.75	26.3	12.1	2.77	21.9	9.6
20f. I support imposing an impact fee on									
developers for residential/commercial									
properties to pay for services.	3.19	16.2	21.8	3.37	12.5	23.2	3.22	13.9	18.3
20g. I would support a local tax on gasoline to pay									
for services.	1.75	47.9	0.7	1.67	57.6	2.2	1.62	57.4	1.2
20h. I would support increased property taxes to									
pay for services.	1.71	52.8	0.7	1.69	53.1	0.4	1.71	53.4	1.6
20i. I would support a gravel extraction tax to pay									
for services.	2.93	19.7	14.1	3.06	17.0	16.1	2.92	19.5	12.4
20j. I would support a real estate transfer fee of									
\$25 to pay for services.	3.00	21.1	10.6	3.16	20.1	15.6	3.04	16.7	10.8
20k. I support privatizing/outsourcing support									
(non-teaching) positions in the school district,									
if it saves money.	2.90	29.6	20.4	2.60	33.0	8.9	2.77	26.7	12.7

Table 3.1. Higher Education by Geographic Area, Questions 21-23.	Big	Buffalo/	
	Lake	Soapstone	Butte
	(N=46)	(N=27)	(N=128)
21. Familiarity With Matanuska-Susitna College	% Yes	% Yes	% Yes
21a. Have you heard of the Matanuska-Susitna College?	91.1	96.3	99.2
21b. Do you know where the campus of Mat-Su College is located?	84.4	96.3	96.0
21c. Have you ever driven by the Matanuska-Susitna College campus?	88.6	96.3	93.7
21d. Have you actually visited the campus of Mat-Su College?	61.4	74.1	82.8
21d1. Have you visited campus on more than one occasion?	62.2	81.8	82.3
21d2. Have you visited campus more than five times?	47.4	54.5	64.9
21d3. Have you visited campus on ten or more occasions?	48.6	50.0	52.6
21e. Would you be interested in a tour of the Mat-Su College campus?	24.4	11.1	18.1
21f. Have you ever taken a course offered at the Matanuska-Susitna			
college?	43.2	37.0	43.3
21g. Is it <i>likely</i> that you, yourself, will enroll in college courses at an			
institution of higher learning within the next two to three years?	48.9	18.5	30.7
22. If you were giving advice to an upcoming high school graduate			
with respect to their selection of a college or university to attend, what			
would your FIRST recommendation be?	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Matanuska-Susitna College	20.5	23.8	20.0
University of Alaska Anchorage	25.6	23.8	27.0
University of Alaska Southeast	2.6	0.0	1.0
University of Alaska Fairbanks	12.8	14.3	16.0
Private University/College (in-state)	2.6	0.0	2.0
Technical or Trade School (in-state)	23.1	19.0	13.0
Public University/College (out-of-state)	5.1	9.5	13.0
Private University/College (out-of-state)	0.0	0.0	5.0
Technical or Trade School (out-of-state)	7.7	9.5	3.0
23. Barriers to Higher Education			
Which of the following would you say are MAJOR INSTITUTIONAL			
BARRIERS facing those who would like to pursue post-secondary			
education at an institution of higher learning?	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Financial cost	73.9	92.6	80.5
Time obligation	19.6	29.6	21.9
Course scheduling	34.8	29.6	21.9
Lack of quality instruction	17.4	18.5	12.5
Course sequencing	15.2	22.2	11.7
Commuting distance to campus	26.1	37.0	27.3
Lack of student housing	21.7	18.5	17.2
Shortage of social and cultural organizations	6.5	7.4	2.3

Table 5.1 (continued): Higher Education by Geographic Area, Questi		•	
	Farm	Eighhaal	Catarra
	Loop	Fishhook	Gateway
21 Familianity With Matanuaka Suaitna Callaga	(N=55)	(N=135) % Yes	(N=155) % Yes
21. Familiarity With Matanuska-Susitna College	% Yes 98.1	97.8	98.7
21a. Have you heard of the Matanuska-Susitna College?	100.0		98.7 98.0
21b. Do you know where the campus of Mat-Su College is located?		98.5	
21c. Have you ever driven by the Mat-Su College campus?	96.4	95.5	96.8
21d. Have you actually visited the campus of Mat-Su College?	87.3	77.6	87.0
21d1. Have you visited campus on more than one occasion?	92.3	76.8	88.4
21d2. Have you visited campus more than five times?	78.8	63.4	78.5
21d3. Have you visited campus on ten or more occasions?	70.6	48.8	64.6
21e. Would you be interested in a tour of the Mat-Su College campus?	23.6	21.6	15.6
21f. Have you ever taken a course offered at the Matanuska-Susitna	- 0.0	4.4.0	40.0
college?	70.9	44.0	43.2
21g. Is it <i>likely</i> that you, yourself, will enroll in college courses at an	24.5	2-1	2.50
institution of higher learning within the next two to three years?	34.5	35.1	36.8
22. If you were giving advice to an upcoming high school graduate			
with respect to their selection of a college or university to attend, what			
would your FIRST recommendation be?	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Matanuska-Susitna College	31.1	$2\overline{2.0}$	19.5
University of Alaska Anchorage	20.0	30.3	26.3
University of Alaska Southeast	0.0	0.0	0.0
University of Alaska Fairbanks	4.4	11.0	13.5
Private University/College (in-state)	0.0	0.9	.8
Technical or Trade School (in-state)	8.9	11.0	6.8
Public University/College (out-of-state)	17.8	11.0	22.6
Private University/College (out-of-state)	11.1	11.0	7.5
Technical or Trade School (out-of-state)	2.2	2.8	2.3
23. Barriers to Higher Education	2.2	2.0	2.3
Which of the following would you say are MAJOR INSTITUTIONAL			
BARRIERS facing those who would like to pursue post-secondary			
education at an institution of higher learning?	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Financial cost	89.1	80.7	84.5
Time obligation	14.5	26.7	25.8
Course scheduling	32.7	28.1	29.7
Lack of quality instruction	25.5	22.2	14.2
Course sequencing	23.3 16.4	15.6	18.7
Commuting distance to campus	23.6	26.7	22.6
Lack of student housing	23.0 16.4	16.3	23.2
Shortage of social and cultural organizations			5.2
Shortage of social and cultural organizations	3.6	5.9	3.2

Table 5.1 (continued): Higher Education by Geographic Area, (
	Knik-	Lazy	Meadow
	Fairview	Mountain	Lakes
	(N=388)	(N=93)	(N=102)
21. Familiarity With Matanuska-Susitna College	% Yes	% Yes	% Yes
21a. Have you heard of the Matanuska-Susitna College?	97.7	98.9	100.0
21b. Do you know where the campus of Mat-Su College is			
located?	94.2	96.7	96.9
21c. Have you ever driven by the Mat-Su College campus?	89.6	96.7	93.9
21d. Have you actually visited the campus of Mat-Su College?	68.4	79.6	64.0
21d1. Have you visited campus on more than one occasion?	68.7	79.3	70.2
21d2. Have you visited campus more than five times?	53.0	61.4	49.4
21d3. Have you visited campus on ten or more occasions?	45.9	51.7	43.9
21e. Would you be interested in a tour of the Mat-Su College			
campus?	21.3	16.3	29.3
21f. Have you ever taken a course offered at the Matanuska-			
Susitna college?	38.8	51.6	35.0
21g. Is it <i>likely</i> that you, yourself, will enroll in college courses at			
an institution of higher learning within the next two to three			
years?	37.6	46.7	36.0
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22. If you were giving advice to an upcoming high school			
graduate with respect to their selection of a college or university			
to attend, what would your FIRST recommendation be?	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Matanuska-Susitna College	20.6	19.5	19.8
University of Alaska Anchorage	27.7	24.7	27.2
University of Alaska Southeast	1.5	0.0	2.5
University of Alaska Fairbanks	10.2	11.7	12.3
Private University/College (in-state)	1.8	2.6	1.2
Technical or Trade School (in-state)	11.1	2.6	14.8
Public University/College (out-of-state)	13.8	23.4	13.6
Private University/College (out-of-state)	8.0	6.5	6.2
Technical or Trade School (out-of-state)	3.1	5.2	2.5
23. Barriers to Higher Education			
Which of the following would you say are MAJOR			
INSTITUTIONAL BARRIERS facing those who would like to			
pursue post-secondary education at an institution of higher			
learning?	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Financial cost	85.3	82.8	86.3
Time obligation	22.4	20.4	23.5
Course scheduling	24.2	32.3	25.5
Lack of quality instruction	17.5	19.4	17.6
Course sequencing	15.2	19.4	14.7
Commuting distance to campus	23.7	17.2	33.3
Lack of student housing	14.4	12.9	19.6
Shortage of social and cultural organizations	4.6	5.4	6.9
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Table 5.1 (continued): Higher Education by Geographic Area, Quest			
	North		South
	Lakes	Palmer	Knik
	(N=162)	(N=264)	(N=29)
21. Familiarity With Matanuska-Susitna College	% Yes	% Yes	% Yes
21a. Have you heard of the Matanuska-Susitna College?	99.4	97.7	100.0
21b. Do you know where the campus of Mat-Su College is located?	99.4	96.5	92.9
21c. Have you ever driven by the Mat-Su College campus?	97.5	93.9	86.2
21d. Have you actually visited the campus of Mat-Su College?	82.5	75.8	62.1
21d1. Have you visited campus on more than one occasion?	83.7	67.3	61.5
21d2. Have you visited campus more than five times?	65.5	51.6	50.0
21d3. Have you visited campus on ten or more occasions?	60.7	42.4	38.5
21e. Would you be interested in a tour of the Mat-Su College campus?	18.2	30.1	24.1
21f. Have you ever taken a course offered at the Matanuska-Susitna			
college?	51.3	36.9	41.4
21g. Is it <i>likely</i> that you, yourself, will enroll in college courses at an			
institution of higher learning within the next two to three years?	48.1	33.5	48.3
22. If you were giving advice to an upcoming high school graduate			
with respect to their selection of a college or university to attend, what			
would your FIRST recommendation be?	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Matanuska-Susitna College	$2\overline{3.2}$	$2\overline{7.7}$	16.0
University of Alaska Anchorage	29.6	26.8	40.0
University of Alaska Southeast	0.7	0.9	0.0
University of Alaska Fairbanks	9.2	12.9	16.0
Private University/College (in-state)	0.7	3.1	0.0
Technical or Trade School (in-state)	7.7	5.8	8.0
Public University/College (out-of-state)	16.2	13.8	16.0
Private University/College (out-of-state)	8.5	5.8	4.0
Technical or Trade School (out-of-state)	1.4	1.8	0.0
23. Barriers to Higher Education	1	1.0	0.0
Which of the following would you say are MAJOR			
INSTITUTIONAL BARRIERS facing those who would like to			
pursue post-secondary education at an institution of higher learning?	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Financial cost	$7\frac{70}{7.8}$	86.0	79.3
Time obligation	21.0	20.5	31.0
Course scheduling	31.5	29.2	31.0
Lack of quality instruction	21.6	16.7	24.1
Course sequencing	17.3	17.4	13.8
Commuting distance to campus	25.3	32.2	31.0
Lack of student housing	23.5	21.2	17.2
Shortage of social and cultural organizations	7.4	6.8	3.4

	ons 21-23.		
	South	m :	*** '11
	Lakes	Tanaina	Wasilla
-	(N=142)	(N=224)	(N=251)
21. Familiarity With Matanuska-Susitna College	% Yes	% Yes	% Yes
21a. Have you heard of the Matanuska-Susitna College?	99.3	99.1	99.2
21b. Do you know where the campus of Mat-Su College is located?	100.0	96.8	95.1
21c. Have you ever driven by the Mat-Su College campus?	97.9	95.1	89.6
21d. Have you actually visited the campus of Mat-Su College?	84.4	70.9	71.1
21d1. Have you visited campus on more than one occasion?	81.0	68.9	68.3
21d2. Have you visited campus more than five times?	65.6	53.6	51.5
21d3. Have you visited campus on ten or more occasions?	52.3	44.9	43.2
21e. Would you be interested in a tour of the Mat-Su College campus?	23.4	24.3	20.2
21f. Have you ever taken a course offered at the Matanuska-Susitna			
college?	48.9	39.6	39.0
21g. Is it <i>likely</i> that you, yourself, will enroll in college courses at an			
institution of higher learning within the next two to three years?	35.0	43.2	36.1
22 If you were giving advice to an uncoming high school graduate			
22. If you were giving advice to an upcoming high school graduate			
with respect to their selection of a college or university to attend, what	0/	0/	0/
would your FIRST recommendation be?	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Matanuska-Susitna College	17.6	29.7	26.0
University of Alaska Anchorage	31.1	31.3	25.5
University of Alaska Southeast	0.0	0.0	0.0
University of Alaska Fairbanks	10.1	11.5	9.6
Private University/College (in-state)	5.9	1.0	2.4
Technical or Trade School (in-state)	7.6	6.3	11.1
Public University/College (out-of-state)	16.0	10.4	14.4
Private University/College (out-of-state)	8.4	7.8	8.7
Technical or Trade School (out-of-state)	2.5	1.0	1.9
23. Barriers to Higher Education			
Which of the following would you say are MAJOR			
INSTITUTIONAL BARRIERS facing those who would like to			
pursue post-secondary education at an institution of higher learning?	<u>%</u> 87.3	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Financial cost		81.7	83.7
Time obligation	21.8	28.6	24.3
Course scheduling	34.5	31.7	27.9
Lack of quality instruction	18.3	14.7	20.3
Course sequencing	23.2	15.2	14.3
Commuting distance to campus	26.8	25.0	28.7
Lack of student housing	14.8	20.5	19.1
Shortage of social and cultural organizations	2.8	5.4	8.4

		Big Lake (N=46)		Bı	uffalo/Soap (N=27)	stone		Butte (N=128))
If you began (or already are) taking college courses, what is the likelihood that you would take courses offered under these degree programs:	Avg. score	% Very Unlikely	% Very Likely	Avg. score	% Very Unlikely	% Very Likely	Avg. score	% Very Unlikely	% Very Likely
24. College Course Offerings									
24a. Tourism and Hospitality	1.86	50.0	4.3	2.32	44.4	7.4	2.06	45.3	3.9
24b. Human Resources	2.29	32.6	0.0	2.45	29.6	3.7	2.19	39.1	3.1
24c. Paramedic	1.92	47.8	4.3	2.50	22.2	3.7	2.08	41.4	1.6
24d. Veterinary Technician	1.95	45.7	6.5	2.38	29.6	0.0	1.99	47.7	3.9
24e. Forensic Science	2.30	39.1	4.3	2.76	18.5	7.4	2.19	43.0	3.9
24f. Corrections Officer	1.68	52.2	.0	2.59	25.9	3.7	1.64	57.0	.0
24g. Entrepreneurship	2.81	26.1	8.7	2.81	22.2	3.7	2.56	35.2	10.2
24h. Agriculture/Horticulture	2.84	21.7	10.9	2.95	18.5	11.1	2.73	25.8	6.3
24i. Workplace Management	2.70	26.1	4.3	2.57	25.9	0.0	2.56	28.9	4.7
24j. Land Surveying/Geomatics	2.16	37.0	4.3	2.38	33.3	0.0	2.09	41.4	3.1
24k. Instrumental Technology	2.51	28.3	4.3	2.48	29.6	3.7	2.06	42.2	2.3
241. Non-profit Organization Management	2.14	37.0	2.2	2.40	29.6	11.1	2.20	38.3	1.6
24m. Resource Mgmt/Env. Assessment	2.45	28.3	4.3	2.62	22.2	3.7	2.27	34.4	2.3
24n. Graduate/Professional Studies	2.87	23.9	15.2	3.09	18.5	7.4	2.78	26.6	11.7

		Farm Loop (N=55)	р		Fishhool (N=135)			Gateway (N=155)	
If you began (or already are) taking college courses, what is the likelihood that you would take courses offered under these degree programs:	Avg. score	% Very Unlikely	% Very Likely	Avg. score	% Very Unlikely	% Very Likely	Avg. score	% Very Unlikely	% Very Likely
24. College Course Offerings									
24a. Tourism and Hospitality	2.18	47.3	3.6	1.92	51.9	3.0	1.89	49.7	1.3
24b. Human Resources	2.33	36.4	0.0	2.64	27.4	4.4	2.42	32.3	2.6
24c. Paramedic	2.41	40.0	7.3	2.08	43.0	3.7	2.07	44.5	3.9
24d. Veterinary Technician	2.51	36.4	12.7	2.07	45.9	2.2	1.90	51.0	4.5
24e. Forensic Science	2.15	49.1	7.3	2.16	45.2	5.9	1.99	49.0	1.9
24f. Corrections Officer	1.92	54.5	1.8	1.85	51.9	.7	1.71	56.8	.6
24g. Entrepreneurship	2.80	29.1	3.6	2.56	31.1	7.4	2.62	29.7	4.5
24h. Agriculture/Horticulture	3.20	20.0	18.2	2.54	31.9	3.0	2.52	32.3	5.2
24i. Workplace Management	2.57	30.9	0.0	2.62	30.4	4.4	2.64	28.4	2.6
24j. Land Surveying/Geomatics	2.20	40.0	3.6	2.19	39.3	3.0	2.12	43.9	3.9
24k. Instrumental Technology	2.16	47.3	1.8	2.19	38.5	2.2	2.07	44.5	3.2
241. Non-profit Organization Management	2.10	47.3	3.6	2.20	40.7	2.2	2.06	43.9	1.3
24m. Resource Mgmt/Env. Assessment	2.39	34.5	5.5	2.24	40.0	4.4	2.14	40.6	1.9
24n. Graduate/Professional Studies	2.57	32.7	9.1	2.98	27.4	15.6	3.09	23.2	18.7

		Knik-Fairvi (N=388)	ew]	Lazy Moun (N=93)	tain		Meadow La (N=102)	
If you began (or already are) taking college courses, what is the likelihood that you would take courses offered under these degree programs:	Avg. score	% Very Unlikely	% Very Likely	Avg. score	% Very Unlikely	% Very Likely	Avg. score	% Very Unlikely	% Very Likely
24. College Course Offerings									
24a. Tourism and Hospitality	2.05	45.4	4.9	1.97	47.3	5.4	2.05	46.1	2.9
24b. Human Resources	2.44	33.8	5.7	2.19	36.6	4.3	2.41	40.2	4.9
24c. Paramedic	2.18	37.9	3.4	2.10	41.9	1.1	2.29	38.2	6.9
24d. Veterinary Technician	2.15	42.3	4.9	2.18	38.7	6.5	2.10	43.1	5.9
24e. Forensic Science	2.40	36.1	8.2	2.12	39.8	4.3	2.39	39.2	9.8
24f. Corrections Officer	1.74	51.5	2.3	1.78	50.5	2.2	1.96	47.1	3.9
24g. Entrepreneurship	2.70	28.1	9.3	2.69	28.0	12.9	2.55	31.4	6.9
24h. Agriculture/Horticulture	2.48	30.4	5.7	2.66	30.1	6.5	2.33	37.3	6.9
24i. Workplace Management	2.65	27.6	7.5	2.53	29.0	5.4	2.51	33.3	6.9
24j. Land Surveying/Geomatics	2.08	39.7	1.8	2.13	38.7	2.2	2.18	42.2	3.9
24k. Instrumental Technology	2.14	39.4	2.8	1.96	39.8	1.1	2.11	41.2	4.9
241. Non-profit Organization Management	2.14	38.1	3.6	2.50	30.1	5.4	2.17	42.2	2.9
24m. Resource Mgmt/Env. Assessment	2.12	37.6	2.3	2.33	30.1	3.2	2.18	43.1	2.9
24n. Graduate/Professional Studies	2.93	25.8	18.3	3.04	23.7	23.7	3.09	22.5	16.7

		North Lake (N=162)	es		Palmer (N=264))		South Kn (N=29)	ik
If you began (or already are) taking college courses, what is the likelihood that you would take courses offered under these degree programs:	Avg. score	% Very Unlikely	% Very Likely	Avg.	% Very Unlikely	% Very Likely	Avg.	% Very Unlikely	% Very Likely
24. College Course Offerings									
24a. Tourism and Hospitality	1.90	53.7	2.5	2.30	36.7	6.4	2.30	51.7	10.3
24b. Human Resources	2.45	38.3	7.4	2.71	25.0	6.1	2.42	37.9	0.0
24c. Paramedic	1.88	47.5	1.2	2.23	37.5	5.7	2.26	41.4	3.4
24d. Veterinary Technician	2.04	47.5	3.1	2.00	43.9	3.8	2.41	37.9	13.8
24e. Forensic Science	2.21	43.2	5.6	2.27	38.3	8.3	2.54	37.9	10.3
24f. Corrections Officer	1.84	50.6	1.2	1.89	48.9	2.3	2.00	51.7	6.9
24g. Entrepreneurship	2.72	31.5	11.7	2.57	29.2	9.1	2.27	41.4	6.9
24h. Agriculture/Horticulture	2.41	37.0	8.0	2.42	32.6	5.7	2.54	34.5	3.4
24i. Workplace Management	2.75	29.6	6.2	2.79	26.1	11.0	2.96	20.7	10.3
24j. Land Surveying/Geomatics	2.25	40.1	4.3	2.04	40.5	2.7	2.38	41.4	3.4
24k. Instrumental Technology	2.19	40.7	3.1	1.94	42.8	1.1	2.37	41.4	6.9
24l. Non-profit Organization Management	2.17	41.4	3.7	2.30	33.7	3.0	2.54	31.0	6.9
24m. Resource Mgmt/Env. Assessment	2.31	40.1	6.2	2.20	37.9	3.0	2.67	31.0	3.4
24n. Graduate/Professional Studies	3.14	25.3	23.5	3.13	21.6	20.5	2.93	27.6	24.1

Table 5.2 (continued): Figure Education by Geog		South Lake (N=142)			Tanaina (N=224)			Wasilla (N=251)	
If you began (or already are) taking college courses, what is the likelihood that you would take courses offered under these degree programs:	Avg. score	% Very Unlikely	% Very Likely	Avg. score	% Very Unlikely	% Very Likely	Avg. score	% Very Unlikely	% Very Likely
24. College Course Offerings									
24a. Tourism and Hospitality	2.20	42.3	3.5	2.02	47.3	3.6	1.97	48.2	2.8
24b. Human Resources	2.48	31.7	2.8	2.63	29.5	8.5	2.45	31.5	6.0
24c. Paramedic	2.05	43.7	2.8	2.11	39.7	1.3	2.01	43.0	3.2
24d. Veterinary Technician	1.92	47.2	0.7	1.94	46.9	1.3	1.85	49.0	1.6
24e. Forensic Science	2.09	43.7	4.2	2.39	36.6	5.4	2.21	41.0	6.4
24f. Corrections Officer	1.80	52.1	0.0	2.01	44.2	3.1	1.86	51.0	2.0
24g. Entrepreneurship	2.67	23.2	4.2	2.54	30.4	6.3	2.61	31.1	5.2
24h. Agriculture/Horticulture	2.20	36.6	2.8	2.24	35.3	3.6	2.37	32.7	4.4
24i. Workplace Management	2.64	27.5	6.3	2.70	28.6	5.8	2.66	28.7	8.8
24j. Land Surveying/Geomatics	2.08	39.4	2.1	2.19	38.4	2.2	2.08	41.0	3.2
24k. Instrumental Technology	2.02	42.3	0.7	2.24	36.2	4.5	2.10	40.2	2.4
241. Non-profit Organization Management	2.37	31.7	4.2	2.20	39.7	4.5	2.26	37.1	5.6
24m. Resource Mgmt/Env. Assessment	2.28	33.8	2.8	2.19	37.5	2.2	2.21	37.1	4.0
24n. Graduate/Professional Studies	3.08	20.4	14.1	3.00	21.4	12.1	2.95	27.1	20.7

Table 6.1: Respondent Background Information by Geographic Area, Questions 25-32.

Table 6.1: Respondent Background Informat			
	Big Lake	Buffalo/Soapstone	Butte
	(N=46)	(N=27)	(N=128)
25. Median Age (years)	50	49	52
26. Gender (%)			
Male	34.1	40.7	46.8
Female	65.9	59.3	53.2
27. Current Marital Status (%)			
Single, Never Married	9.1	18.5	5.6
Married (including Common Law)	70.5	55.6	71.4
Separated	2.3	7.4	3.2
Divorced	13.6	14.8	11.1
Widowed	4.5	3.7	8.7
28. Formal Education (%)			
Less Than High School Degree	4.7	0.0	1.6
High School Degree or Equivalent	23.3	23.1	13.6
Some College, No Degree	34.9	34.6	31.2
Associates or Other 2-year Degree	14.0	7.7	15.2
Bachelor's Degree	11.6	26.9	27.2
Graduate Degree	11.6	7.7	9.6
Other	0.0	0.0	1.6
29. Annual Gross Household Income (%)			
Less than \$5,000	2.2	12.0	0.8
\$5,000 to \$9,999	4.4	0.0	
\$10,000 to \$24,999	8.9	16.0	8.4
\$25,000 to \$34,999	8.9	0.0	6.7
\$35,000 to \$49,999	15.6	20.0	16.8
\$50,000 to \$74,999	24.4	28.0	31.9
\$75,000 to \$99,999	11.1	12.0	8.4
\$100,000 or more	24.4	12.0	26.9
30. Household Size (%)			
1 person	19.6	18.5	17.5
2 persons	43.5	40.7	47.6
3-4 persons	30.4	37.0	30.2
5 or more persons	6.5	3.7	4.8
31. Presence of children (%)			
No children	69.0	56.0	64.7
1 child	11.9	16.0	21.0
2 children	11.9	20.0	9.2
3 or more children	7.1	8.0	5.0
32. Children enrolled in Mat-Su Schools (%)	,	0.0	2.0
None	61.9	66.7	80.0
1 child	9.5	16.7	8.7
2 children	21.4	8.3	6.1
3 or more children	7.1	8.3	5.2
5 of more children	/ • 1	0.5	5.4

Table 6.1 (continued): Respondent Background Information by Geographic Area, Questions 25-32.

Farm Loon	Fishhook	Gateway
		(N=155)
		50
	.,	20
39.6	42.6	49.0
		51.0
00	37	21.0
1.8	9.8	5.2
		78.1
		3.9
		9.7
		3.2
1.0	0.0	0.2
1.8	1.5	0.0
		10.5
		26.1
		11.1
		26.1
		20.3
		5.9
2.0	J.1	3.5
0.0	0.0	0.0
		.7
		4.7
		3.4
		8.1
		37.8
		17.6
		27.7
3.7	15.4	10.5
		43.1
		38.6
		7.8
69.8	62.8	53.6
18.9		21.0
3.8	14.9	16.7
7.5	7.4	8.7
65.4	64.7	59.4
15.4	14.3	17.3
7.7	12.6	17.3
11.5	8.4	6.0
	3.8 7.5 65.4 15.4 7.7	(N=55) (N=135) 55 49 39.6 42.6 60.4 57.4 1.8 9.8 92.7 65.9 0.0 7.6 3.6 12.9 1.8 3.8 1.8 1.5 12.7 11.5 36.4 30.8 20.0 13.1 12.7 21.5 12.7 18.5 3.6 3.1 0.0 0.0 1.9 1.6 7.7 7.0 9.6 5.4 9.6 16.3 32.7 25.6 7.7 17.1 30.8 27.1 3.7 15.4 57.4 46.2 31.5 33.8 7.4 4.6 69.8 62.8 18.9 14.9 3.8 14.9 7.5 7.4 65.4 64.7

Table 6.1 (continued): Respondent Background Information by Geographic Area, Questions 25-32.

Questions 25-32.	Knik-Fairview	Lazy Mountain	Meadow Lakes
	(N=388)	(N=93)	(N=102)
25. Median Age (years)	49	53	50
26. Gender (%)			
Male	42.2	43.7	37.8
Female	57.8	56.3	62.2
27. Current Marital Status (%)			
Single, Never Married	6.6	5.4	13.0
Married (including Common Law)	74.3	70.7	66.0
Separated	6.6	7.6	4.0
Divorced	9.0	12.0	10.0
Widowed	3.4	4.3	7.0
28. Formal Education (%)			
Less Than High School Degree	0.3	0.0	0.0
High School Degree or Equivalent	16.8	12.1	19.0
Some College, No Degree	33.3	36.3	26.0
Associates or Other 2-year Degree	12.0	3.3	21.0
Bachelor's Degree	21.6	27.5	19.0
Graduate Degree	14.1	18.7	11.0
Other	1.9	2.2	4.0
29. Annual Gross Household Income (%)			
Less than \$5,000	0.8	0.0	0.0
\$5,000 to \$9,999	2.2	3.3	2.2
\$10,000 to \$24,999	6.4	7.8	14.1
\$25,000 to \$34,999	6.7	5.6	10.9
\$35,000 to \$49,999	12.6	17.8	9.8
\$50,000 to \$74,999	28.0	37.8	26.1
\$75,000 to \$99,999	17.1	5.6	17.4
\$100,000 or more	26.1	22.2	19.6
30. Household Size (%)			
1 person	11.1	15.7	16.2
2 persons	44.4	48.3	46.5
3-4 persons	35.7	33.7	31.3
5 or more persons	8.7	2.2	6.1
31. Presence of children (%)			
No children	58.6	67.5	65.9
1 child	15.5	10.0	9.9
2 children	14.9	16.3	15.4
3 or more children	11.0	6.3	8.8
32. Children enrolled in Mat-Su Schools (%)			
None	65.4	72.2	66.7
1 child	16.7	11.4	14.4
2 children	12.5	11.4	12.2
3 or more children	5.4	5.1	6.7
5 or more children	5.4	5.1	b./

Table 6.1 (continued): Respondent Background Information by Geographic Area, Questions 25-32.

Questions 25-32.	NY -1 Y 1	D 1	G 1 77 11
	North Lakes	Palmer	South Knik
27.37.11	(N=162)	(N=264)	(N=29)
25. Median Age (years)	51	50	49
26. Gender (%)			
Male	42.9	35.4	41.4
Female	57.1	64.6	58.6
27. Current Marital Status (%)			
Single, Never Married	1.9	12.3	3.4
Married (including Common Law)	70.9	58.5	75.9
Separated	5.7	4.6	3.4
Divorced	13.9	16.5	6.9
Widowed	7.6	8.1	10.3
28. Formal Education (%)			
Less Than High School Degree	1.9	1.6	0.0
High School Degree or Equivalent	12.0	18.6	7.4
Some College, No Degree	28.5	30.6	40.7
Associates or Other 2-year Degree	13.3	12.0	11.1
Bachelor's Degree	22.8	18.6	18.5
Graduate Degree	19.6	15.9	22.2
Other	1.9	2.7	0.0
29. Annual Gross Household Income (%)			
Less than \$5,000	0.6	2.4	3.7
\$5,000 to \$9,999	0.6	2.4	0.0
\$10,000 to \$24,999	5.1	11.7	7.4
\$25,000 to \$34,999	8.3	9.3	7.4
\$35,000 to \$49,999	12.8	21.8	25.9
\$50,000 to \$74,999	26.9	23.0	18.5
\$75,000 to \$99,999	16.7	12.9	25.9
\$100,000 or more	28.2	16.1	11.1
30. Household Size (%)			
1 person	12.5	21.0	10.3
2 persons	42.5	42.4	48.3
3-4 persons	38.1	30.0	37.9
5 or more persons	6.9	6.6	3.4
31. Presence of children (%)	0.5	0.0	5
No children	63.2	67.1	63.0
1 child	11.6	8.2	25.9
2 children	19.4	16.0	3.7
3 or more children	5.8	8.6	7.4
32. Children enrolled in Mat-Su Schools (%)	5.0	0.0	7.4
None	62.1	69.7	70.4
1 child	12.4	10.8	14.8
2 children	20.9	12.0	11.1
3 or more children	4.6	7.5	3.7

Table 6.1 (continued): Respondent Background Information by Geographic Area, Questions 25-32.

Questions 25-32.	South Lakes	Tanaina	Wasilla
	(N=142)	(N=224)	(N=251)
25. Median Age (years)	51	48	50
26. Gender (%)	31	70	30
Male	42.6	46.1	37.9
Female	57.4	53.9	62.1
27. Current Marital Status (%)	37.4	33.9	02.1
Single, Never Married	3.6	7.3	10.6
Married (including Common Law)	78.1	7.3 71.7	58.8
Separated	5.8	5.5	5.7
Divorced	5.8	11.9	18.4
Widowed	5.6 6.6	3.7	6.5
	0.0	3.7	0.5
28. Formal Education (%)	0.7	0.5	1.6
Less Than High School Degree	16.5	13.4	1.6
High School Degree or Equivalent			
Some College, No Degree	25.2	35.5	34.6
Associates or Other 2-year Degree	10.8	16.1	9.9
Bachelor's Degree	30.2	16.6	17.7
Graduate Degree	13.7	12.4	16.9
Other	2.9	5.5	2.9
29. Annual Gross Household Income (%)	0.0	0.0	0
Less than \$5,000	0.9	0.0	.9
\$5,000 to \$9,999	0.9	1.0	1.7
\$10,000 to \$24,999	0.0	9.6	14.8
\$25,000 to \$34,999	4.3	4.8	8.3
\$35,000 to \$49,999	11.1	14.4	16.6
\$50,000 to \$74,999	32.5	31.6	24.9
\$75,000 to \$99,999	16.2	18.7	13.5
\$100,000 or more	34.2	20.1	19.2
30. Household Size (%)			
1 person	7.1	11.8	21.5
2 persons	53.2	46.6	37.4
3-4 persons	32.6	36.7	35.0
5 or more persons	7.1	5.0	6.1
31. Presence of children (%)			
No children	65.4	62.1	63.1
1 child	15.0	14.7	16.5
2 children	12.0	15.6	13.1
3 or more children	7.5	7.6	7.2
32. Children enrolled in Mat-Su Schools (%)			
None	69.8	63.6	68.5
1 child	11.6	13.9	15.7
2 children	10.9	15.8	10.2
3 or more children	7.8	6.7	5.5

Table 6.2: Respondent Background Information by Geographic Area, Questions 33-39a.

Table 6.2: Respondent Background Informatio			
	Big Lake	Buffalo/Soapstone	Butte
	(N=46)	(N=27)	(N=128)
33. Employment (%)	_		
Self-employed, Full-time	6.7	14.8	15.3
Employed, Full-time	48.9	37.0	44.4
Full-time Homemaker	4.4	3.7	4.8
Full-time Student	0.0	0.0	0.8
Employed, Part-time	6.7	14.8	5.6
Disabled, Unable to Work	4.4	11.1	0.0
Unemployed, Looking	4.4	3.7	2.4
Unemployed, Not Looking	0.0	3.7	1.6
Retired	24.4	11.1	25.0
33b. If currently employed, what is the zip code			
of employer?			
Most frequent response (mode).	99654	99645	99645
33c. If currently self-employed, do you own a			
business in Mat-Su?			
% Yes	30.0	50.0	39.6
34. Does home/business have a visible outside			
number?			
% Yes	52.3	45.8	63.6
35. Housing Tenure	02.0		00.0
% Renter	7.5	0.0	6.9
% Owner	92.5	100.0	93.1
35a. If you own your home, what is	72.5	100.0	73.1
its current market value? (%)			
Less than \$75,000	9.5	21.7	7.2
\$75,000 to \$124,999	11.9	34.8	12.6
\$125,000 to \$199,999	31.0	13.0	36.0
\$200,000 to \$299,999	23.8	21.7	28.8
\$300,000 to \$259,559 \$300,000 or more	23.8	8.7	15.3
	23.6	0.7	13.3
36. Do you live in a condominium? % Yes	0.0	0.0	0.0
37. Second home outside Mat-Su?	0.0	0.0	0.0
% Yes	12.0	2.7	7.0
	13.0	3.7	7.9
38. Do you see yourself staying in Mat-Su for			
the long term?	00.4	7.4.1	01.7
% Yes	80.4	74.1	81.7
39. Do you see yourself leaving Mat-Su			
Borough in the foreseeable future?			
% Yes	26.7	29.6	20.5
39a. IF YES, how many more years do you			
expect to live in Mat-Su before leaving? (%)			
0-4 years	42.9	71.4	50.0
5-9 years	7.1	0.0	15.4
10 or more years	50.0	28.6	34.6

Table 6.2 (continued): Respondent Background Information by Geographic Area, Questions 33-39a.

Questions 33-39a.			
	Farm Loop	Fishhook	Gateway
	(N=55)	(N=135)	(N=155)
33. Employment (%)			
Self-employed, Full-time	24.1	17.1	14.1
Employed, Full-time	38.9	43.4	47.7
Full-time Homemaker	9.3	10.9	8.1
Full-time Student	0.0	0.0	0.0
Employed, Part-time	5.6	10.1	8.1
Disabled, Unable to Work	1.9	3.1	0.0
Unemployed, Looking	0.0	0.0	1.3
Unemployed, Not Looking	0.0	2.3	0.7
Retired	20.4	13.2	20.1
33b. If currently employed, what is the zip code			
of employer?			
Most frequent response (mode).	99645	99645	99645
33c. If currently self-employed, do you own a			
business in Mat-Su?			
% Yes	65.4	43.4	43.1
34. Does home/business have a visible outside			
number?			
% Yes	81.1	61.2	80.4
35. Housing Tenure	01.1	01.2	00
% Renter	2.1	5.2	9.1
% Owner	97.9	94.8	90.9
35a. If you own your home, what is	21.2	71.0	70.7
its current market value? (%)			
Less than \$75,000	2.1	4.8	1.5
\$75,000 to \$124,999	2.1	8.8	2.2
\$125,000 to \$199,999	34.0	28.0	28.1
\$200,000 to \$299,999	38.3	41.6	42.2
\$300,000 or more	23.4	16.8	25.9
36. Do you live in a condominium?	23.4	10.6	23.7
% Yes	0.0	0.8	0.0
37. Second home outside Mat-Su?	0.0	0.0	0.0
% Yes	5.5	8.4	14.3
38. Do you see yourself staying in Mat-Su for	3.3	0.4	14.5
the long term?			
% Yes	76.4	90.5	75.0
	70.4	80.5	73.0
39. Do you see yourself leaving Mat-Su			
Borough in the foreseeable future?	22.1	20.7	20.0
% Yes	32.1	28.7	30.9
39a. IF YES, how many more years do you			
expect to live in Mat-Su before leaving? (%)	21.2	22.5	267
0-4 years	31.3	23.5	36.7
5-9 years	31.3	32.4	36.7
10 or more years	37.5	44.1	26.5

Table 6.2 (continued): Respondent Background Information by Geographic Area, Questions 33-39a.

Questions 55-59a.	Knik-Fairview	Lazy Mountain	Meadow Lakes
	(N=388)	(N=93)	(N=102)
33. Employment (%)		,	,
Self-employed, Full-time	13.1	20.5	14.6
Employed, Full-time	45.1	40.9	44.8
Full-time Homemaker	10.0	6.8	3.1
Full-time Student	0.0	1.1	2.1
Employed, Part-time	6.0	6.8	13.5
Disabled, Unable to Work	1.3	1.1	2.1
Unemployed, Looking	2.4	0.0	2.1
Unemployed, Not Looking	1.8	0.0	0.0
Retired	20.2	22.7	17.7
33b. If currently employed, what is the zip code	20.2	22.7	17.7
of employer?			
Most frequent response (mode).	99654	99645	99654
33c. If currently self-employed, do you own a))OS4))O 1 3))O34
business in Mat-Su?			
% Yes	41.1	57.6	44.2
34. Does home/business have a visible outside	41.1	37.0	44.2
number?			
% Yes	72.0	55.8	64.9
	72.0	33.6	04.9
35. Housing Tenure % Renter	8.2	5.0	6.7
% Owner	91.8	95.0	93.3
35a. If you own your home, what is			
its current market value? (%)	7 /	7.	
Less than \$75,000	5.6	7.6	6.6
\$75,000 to \$124,999	8.3	10.1	13.2
\$125,000 to \$199,999	30.5	43.0	37.4
\$200,000 to \$299,999	33.1	22.8	29.7
\$300,000 or more	22.5	16.5	13.2
36. Do you live in a condominium?	_		
% Yes	0.5	0.0	2.0
37. Second home outside Mat-Su?			
% Yes	8.9	15.4	10.8
38. Do you see yourself staying in Mat-Su for			
the long term?			
% Yes	80.2	84.4	80.2
39. Do you see yourself leaving Mat-Su			
Borough in the foreseeable future?			
% Yes	26.9	20.2	26.3
39a. IF YES, how many more years do you			
expect to live in Mat-Su before leaving? (%)			
0-4 years	38.5	35.3	34.6
5-9 years	34.4	41.2	26.9
10 or more years	27.1	23.5	34.6

Table 6.2 (continued): Respondent Background Information by Geographic Area,

Questions 33-39a.

Questions 55-57a.	North Lakes	Palmer	South Knik
	(N=162)	(N=264)	(N=29)
33. Employment (%)		,	
Self-employed, Full-time	17.0	7.7	6.9
Employed, Full-time	40.3	43.1	37.9
Full-time Homemaker	5.7	8.5	6.9
Full-time Student	0.6	0.8	0.0
Employed, Part-time	3.8	10.4	13.8
Disabled, Unable to Work	1.9	2.7	6.9
Unemployed, Looking	1.9	3.1	6.9
Unemployed, Not Looking	1.3	0.4	3.4
Retired	27.7	23.5	17.2
33b. If currently employed, what is the zip code			
of employer?			
Most frequent response (mode).	99654	99645	99645
33c. If currently self-employed, do you own a			
business in <u>Mat-Su</u> ?			
% Yes	49.2	27.3	20.0
34. Does home/business have a visible outside			
number?			
% Yes	79.7	86.5	63.0
35. Housing Tenure			
% Renter	6.2	17.4	3.8
% Owner	93.8	82.6	96.2
35a. If you own your home, what is			
its current market value? (%)			
Less than \$75,000	1.4	3.8	8.3
\$75,000 to \$124,999	4.9	16.3	25.0
\$125,000 to \$199,999	29.2	44.5	41.7
\$200,000 to \$299,999	36.1	29.7	20.8
\$300,000 or more	28.5	5.7	4.2
36. Do you live in a condominium?			
% Yes	0.6	2.7	0.0
37. Second home outside Mat-Su?			
% Yes	12.3	6.5	10.3
38. Do you see yourself staying in Mat-Su for			
the long term?			
% Yes	81.1	80.8	85.7
39. Do you see yourself leaving Mat-Su			
Borough in the foreseeable future?			
% Yes	27.3	26.5	10.3
39a. IF YES, how many more years do you			
expect to live in Mat-Su before leaving? (%)			
0-4 years	25.0	45.6	20.0
5-9 years	36.4	26.5	20.0
10 or more years	38.6	27.9	60.0

Table 6.2 (continued): Respondent Background Information by Geographic Area, Questions 33-39a.

Questions 33-39a.			
	South Lakes	Tanaina	Wasilla
	(N=142)	(N=224)	(N=251)
33. Employment (%)			_
Self-employed, Full-time	19.3	8.2	14.2
Employed, Full-time	42.1	51.8	42.7
Full-time Homemaker	7.9	6.4	4.5
Full-time Student	0.0	1.8	.8
Employed, Part-time	10.0	5.5	5.7
Disabled, Unable to Work	3.6	2.3	4.5
Unemployed, Looking	0.0	1.4	2.4
Unemployed, Not Looking	0.7	0.5	1.6
Retired	16.4	22.3	23.6
33b. If currently employed, what is the zip code			
of employer?			
Most frequent response (mode).	99654	99654	99654
33c. If currently self-employed, do you own a			
business in <u>Mat-Su</u> ?			
% Yes	47.1	31.6	48.3
34. Does home/business have a visible outside			
number?			
% Yes	84.2	83.0	82.3
35. Housing Tenure	01.2	05.0	02.5
% Renter	3.1	8.0	21.5
% Owner	96.9	92.0	78.5
35a. If you own your home, what is	70.7	72.0	70.5
its current market value? (%)			
Less than \$75,000	0.8	1.0	2.4
\$75,000 to \$124,999	3.9	5.1	3.6
\$125,000 to \$199,999	31.3	47.5	29.5
\$200,000 to \$299,999	45.3	35.4	25.1
\$300,000 to \$259,559 \$300,000 or more	18.8	11.1	12.7
36. Do you live in a condominium?	10.0	11.1	12.7
% Yes	0.7	0.9	4.0
37. Second home outside Mat-Su?	0.7	0.9	4.0
% Yes	10.6	67	13.1
70 105	10.0	6.7	13.1
38. Do you see yourself staying in Mat-Su for the long term?			
9	70.2	70.2	01.0
% Yes	79.3	79.2	81.9
39. Do you see yourself leaving Mat-Su			
Borough in the foreseeable future?	22.6	21.5	20. 5
% Yes	23.6	31.5	29.5
39a. IF YES, how many more years do you			
expect to live in Mat-Su before leaving? (%)	20.4	40.5	40.5
0-4 years	29.4	40.6	43.7
5-9 years	41.2	29.7	28.2
10 or more years	29.4	29.7	28.2

Table 6.3: Respondent Background Information by Geographic Area, Questions 41-46.

Table 6.5. Respondent Background Informati	Big Lake		Butte
	(N=46)	(N=27)	(N=128)
41. Does your household actively recycle?			
% Yes	43.5	38.5	51.2
42. Have you participated in a local			
hazardous waste collection event?			
% Yes	45.7	56.0	48.4
43. Does your household use a burn barrel			
for solid waste disposal?			
% Yes	45.7	40.0	56.0
44. Do you regularly use the Internet when			
seeking information about the Borough?			
% Yes	47.8	42.3	34.6
45. Do you regularly use e-mail to receive			
and share information with others?			
% Yes	71.7	61.5	74.6
46. Do you ever access news/information			
from any of the following outlets? (%)			
46a. The Frontiersman	81.4	96.3	83.9
46b. The Anchorage Daily News	91.3	88.9	88.8
46c. Talkeetna Good Times	34.1	32.0	17.9
46d. Alaska Journal of Commerce	20.5	4.2	11.2
46e. KSKA-FM Alaska Public Radio	48.9	41.7	40.0
46f. KMBQ-FM Radio	52.3	41.7	36.8
46g. Public Television – KAKM (Ch. 7)	71.1	73.1	60.0
46h. KTUU – Channel 2	86.4	76.9	80.2
46i. KTVA – Channel 11	64.4	73.1	55.4
46j. KIMO – Channel 13	64.4	69.2	53.8

Table 6.3 (continued): Respondent Background Information by Geographic Area, Questions 41-46.

Questions 41-40.	F T	T21 -1-1 1-	C-1
	Farm Loop (N=55)	Fishhook (N=135)	Gateway (N=155)
41. Does your household actively recycle?	(14-33)	(14-133)	(14–133)
% Yes	60.0	46.3	51.6
	00.0	40.3	31.0
42. Have you participated in a local hazardous waste collection event?			
	<i>C</i> 1.1	41.0	540
% Yes	61.1	41.0	54.2
43. Does your household use a burn barrel			
for solid waste disposal?			22.5
% Yes	53.7	41.5	33.5
44. Do you regularly use the Internet when			
seeking information about the Borough?			
% Yes	38.2	40.6	45.1
45. Do you regularly use e-mail to receive			
and share information with others?			
% Yes	81.8	72.7	83.8
46. Do you ever access news/information			
from any of the following outlets? (%)			
46a. The Frontiersman	87.3	88.1	87.4
46b. The Anchorage Daily News	90.7	88.7	92.8
46c. Talkeetna Good Times	18.0	21.4	22.5
46d. Alaska Journal of Commerce	10.2	12.1	16.8
46e. KSKA-FM Alaska Public Radio	32.0	37.3	41.0
46f. KMBQ-FM Radio	45.8	36.8	54.5
46g. Public Television – KAKM (Ch. 7)	62.0	63.6	58.5
46h. KTUU – Channel 2	85.4	82.8	84.2
46i. KTVA – Channel 11	63.3	60.5	62.1
46j. KIMO – Channel 13	61.7	60.0	59.3
10]. 111110 Chamio 15	01.7	00.0	37.3

Table 6.3 (continued): Respondent Background Information by Geographic Area, Questions 41-46.

Questions 41-40.	Knik-Fairview	Lazy Mountain	Meadow Lakes
	(N=388)	(N=93)	(N=102)
41. Does your household actively recycle?			·
% Yes	39.3	60.0	47.1
42. Have you participated in a local			
hazardous waste collection event?			
% Yes	41.3	53.3	46.1
43. Does your household use a burn barrel			
for solid waste disposal?			
% Yes	38.6	47.8	45.5
44. Do you regularly use the Internet when			
seeking information about the Borough?			
% Yes	47.9	39.6	45.5
45. Do you regularly use e-mail to receive			
and share information with others?			
% Yes	78.1	82.2	71.3
46. Do you ever access news/information			
from any of the following outlets? (%)			
46a. The Frontiersman	83.7	87.9	87.9
46b. The Anchorage Daily News	89.6	92.4	92.9
46c. Talkeetna Good Times	21.5	22.6	30.8
46d. Alaska Journal of Commerce	14.8	10.6	7.9
46e. KSKA-FM Alaska Public Radio	34.7	51.8	31.9
46f. KMBQ-FM Radio	47.6	42.2	52.7
46g. Public Television – KAKM (Ch. 7)	67.0	67.0	65.6
46h. KTUU – Channel 2	86.8	82.4	85.7
46i. KTVA – Channel 11	70.3	61.4	56.7
46j. KIMO – Channel 13	66.3	62.2	59.3

Table 6.3 (continued): Respondent Background Information by Geographic Area, Ouestions 41-46.

Questions 41-46.			
	North Lakes (N=162)	Palmer (N=264)	South Knik (N=29)
41. Does your household actively recycle?			(, , , ,
% Yes	48.8	42.9	48.3
42. Have you participated in a local			
hazardous waste collection event?			
% Yes	45.1	41.8	44.8
43. Does your household use a burn barrel			
for solid waste disposal?			
% Yes	48.8	11.5	65.5
44. Do you regularly use the Internet when			
seeking information about the Borough?			
% Yes	45.7	36.3	51.7
45. Do you regularly use e-mail to receive			
and share information with others?			
% Yes	86.3	72.9	86.2
46. Do you ever access news/information			
from any of the following outlets? (%)			
46a. The Frontiersman	87.3	91.1	79.3
46b. The Anchorage Daily News	88.8	88.1	89.7
46c. Talkeetna Good Times	22.8	16.0	19.2
46d. Alaska Journal of Commerce	14.1	8.0	15.4
46e. KSKA-FM Alaska Public Radio	33.3	36.0	51.9
46f. KMBQ-FM Radio	48.3	32.9	44.4
46g. Public Television – KAKM (Ch. 7)	57.9	61.4	51.9
46h. KTUU – Channel 2	79.9	86.1	79.3
46i. KTVA – Channel 11	64.2	65.9	55.6
46j. KIMO – Channel 13	58.3	62.2	44.4

Table 6.3 (continued): Respondent Background Information by Geographic Area, Questions 41-46.

Questions 41-40.	South Lakes	Tanaina	Wasilla
	(N=142)	(N=224)	(N=251)
41. Does your household actively recycle?			
% Yes	45.1	37.9	38.4
42. Have you participated in a local			
hazardous waste collection event?			
% Yes	57.4	38.4	35.6
43. Does your household use a burn barrel			
for solid waste disposal?			
% Yes	34.8	37.7	31.1
44. Do you regularly use the Internet when			
seeking information about the Borough?			
% Yes	48.6	47.1	41.0
45. Do you regularly use e-mail to receive			
and share information with others?			
% Yes	88.5	78.5	77.4
46. Do you ever access news/information			
from any of the following outlets? (%)			
46a. The Frontiersman	87.1	86.7	87.3
46b. The Anchorage Daily News	91.5	88.5	89.0
46c. Talkeetna Good Times	18.0	19.1	23.9
46d. Alaska Journal of Commerce	10.3	9.9	16.2
46e. KSKA-FM Alaska Public Radio	34.1	31.6	37.6
46f. KMBQ-FM Radio	44.4	51.2	47.1
46g. Public Television – KAKM (Ch. 7)	59.4	58.7	61.0
46h. KTUU – Channel 2	87.7	89.0	87.3
46i. KTVA – Channel 11	54.5	58.4	68.6
46j. KIMO – Channel 13	52.3	58.3	64.7

Matanuska-Susitna Borough



Community Survey 2006

- How are we performing?
- What Borough services do you think are important?
 - How should we pay for Borough services?





University of Alaska Anchorage







[DATE]

Dear Mat-Su Borough Citizen:

The enclosed questionnaire is your chance to influence the future of your community and to improve Borough services. The survey is a cooperative effort by the Mat-Su College, the University of Alaska, Anchorage, and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. The survey is being distributed to every household in the Borough. The results will help the Borough prioritize projects, improve services, and better plan for the future growth of our community. The results will also provide useful information to our local college and university so that they may provide improved educational programs and research.

In this questionnaire we ask about your interests and opinions on how existing Borough services are provided, how we may improve public participation in Borough decisions, as well as other issues relevant to the future of our community. If you have any comments to add to your answers, or feel there are issues not adequately covered by the questionnaire, please feel free to write your thoughts on additional paper and return them with your questionnaire.

It will probably take you about 20 minutes to complete the questionnaire. We hope you will take the time needed to complete this important task. Your opinions and thoughts are important to us and the more questionnaires that are returned, the more meaningful the results will be. This questionnaire is a first step toward improving Borough services and future planning for our growth.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation. Please complete the questionnaire as soon as possible and return it in the enclosed, postage-paid envelope. You can help us by encouraging your friends and neighbors to return their questionnaires as well. Results of the survey will be presented on the Borough website http://www.matsugov.us and in the local newspapers.

Sincerely,

John Duffy Borough Manager Matanuska-Susitna Borough Dennis Green Director Mat-Su College Robert H. Langworthy, PhD. Director
Justice Center, UAA

Part I: Evaluation of Current Borough Services

How	would you rate each of the following:	Very Poor	Poor	No Opinion	Good	Very Good		
1. E	1. Emergency Services							
1a.	Fire Department Services.	1	2	3	4	(5)		
1b.	Ambulance services.	①	2	3	4	(5)		
2. R	oad Maintenance							
2a.	Roadway Maintenance Services.	1	2	3	4	(5)		
2b.	Snowplow Services.	①	2	3	4	(5)		
3. E	ducational Services/Resources							
3a.	Library Services.	1	2	3	4	(5)		
3b.	Elementary Schools.	1	2	3	4	(5)		
3c.	Middle Schools.	①	2	3	4	(5)		
3d.	High Schools.	①	2	3	4	(5)		
3e.	Community Enhancement Programs.	①	2	3	4	(5)		
4. R	ecreational Services							
4a.	Wasilla Swimming Pool.	1	2	3	4	(5)		
4b.	Athletic Fields.	①	2	3	4	(5)		
4c.	Brett Memorial Ice Arena.	①	2	3	4	(5)		
4d.	Palmer Swimming Pool.	①	2	3	4	(5)		
5. P	ublic Sanitation							
5a.	Recycling Services.	1	2	3	4	(5)		
5b.	Central Landfill Services.	1	2	3	4	(5)		
5c.	Animal Care and Regulation Services.	①	2	3	4	(5)		
6. G	eneral/Miscellaneous							
6a.	Code/Zoning Enforcement Services.	①	2	3	4	(5)		
6b.	Dissemination of news and information by the Borough government.	①	2	3	4	(5)		
6c.	Your Overall Rating of Borough Services.	①	2	3	4	(5)		

Part II: Use of Borough Facilities

How often do you use each of the following Borough services:	ı	Never	Seldom	Occasion	Fairly ally Often	Very Often
7. Public Libraries						
7a. Big Lake Public Library.	L	①	2	3	4	(5)
7b. Palmer Public Library.		1	2	3	4	(5)
7c. Sutton Public Library.		1	2	3	4	(5)
7d. Talkeetna Public Library.		①	2	3	4	(5)
7e. Trapper Creek Public Library.	L	1	2	3	4	(5)
7f. Wasilla Public Library.	L	1	2	3	4	(5)
7g. Willow Public Library.		①	2	3	4	(5)
8. Recreational Facilities		Never	Seldom	Occasion	Fairly ally Often	Very Often
8a. Palmer Swimming Pool.	L	1	2	3	4	(5)
8b. Wasilla Swimming Pool.	L	1	2	3	4	(5)
8c. Brett Memorial Ice Arena.		1	2	3	4	(5)
8d. Crevasse Moraine Trails.	L	1	2	3	4	(5)
8e. Other Borough Trails.		①	2	3	4	(5)
9. Public Transportation		Never	Seldom	Occasion	Fairly ally Often	Very Often
9a. MASCOT Transportation.		①	2	3	4	(5)
10. Addition of New Services						
In your view, how important is it for the Mat-Su Borough to provide <u>additional</u> :	Not Importa At All			lo Opinion	Pretty Important	Very Important
10a. Police services.	①	(2	2	3	4	(5)
10b. Water services.	①	(2	3	4	(5)
10c. Sewer services.	①	(3	4	(5)

Part III: Life in Matanuska – Susitna Borough Neighborhoods

11. The Mat-Su Borough As A Place To Live					
Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No Opinion	Agree	Strongly Agree
11a. The Mat-Su Borough is a very attractive looking community.	①	2	3	4	(5)
11b. The Mat-Su is better suited to raising children than Anchorage.	①	2	3	4	(5)

Part III: Life in Matanuska – Susitna Borough Neighborhoods {continued}

11. Tł	ne Mat-Su Borough As A Place {continued}	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No Opinion	Agree	Strongly Agree
11c.	Drivers failing to obey posted speed limits are a serious problem in <u>my</u> neighborhood.	1)	2	3	4	S
11d.	Personally, I would rate the Mat-Su Borough as an excellent place to live.	①	2	3	4	(5)
11e.	Personally, I would rate <u>my neighborhood</u> as an excellent place to live.	①	2	3	4	(5)
12. Co	ommunity Cohesion	G: I				
People	in <u>your</u> neighborhood:	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No Opinion	Agree	Strongly Agree
12a.	Can be trusted.	①	2	3	4	(5)
12b.	Generally DON'T get along with each other.	①	2	3	4	(5)
12c.	DO NOT share the same values.	①	2	3	4	(5)
12d.	Are willing to help their neighbors.	①	2	3	4	(5)
12e.	Yours is a close-knit neighborhood.	①	2	3	4	(5)
	ommunity-level Social Control					
	more of <u>your neighbors</u> could be counted on to vene if:	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No Opinion	Agree	Strongly Agree
13a.	Children were spray-painting graffiti on a local building.	①	2	3	4	(5)
13b.	Children were showing disrespect toward an adult.	①	2	3	4	(5)
13c.	The fire station closest to their home was threatened with budget cuts.	①	2	3	4	(5)
13d.	A fight broke out in front of their house.	①	2	3	4	(5)
13e.	Children were skipping school and hanging out on a neighborhood street corner.	①	2	3	4	(5)
14. Re	esidential Tenure					
14a.	I moved into my <u>current</u> home in(please fill in blar	nks below)				
	Month (if known):	Year	:			
					No	Yes
14b.	Have you lived in your <u>current</u> residence your entire	life?			0	①
14c.	Was your <u>last</u> residence (the one immediately preced located within the Mat-Su Borough?	ing your cu	ırrent resid	ence)	0	①
14d.	Was your <u>last</u> residence located within the Municipal Eagle River, Chugiak and Girdwood)?	ity of Ancl	horage (inc	luding	0	1
14e.	Was your <u>last</u> residence located outside either the Mathe Municipality of Anchorage, but within the State			ough or	0	①
14f.	Was your <u>last</u> residence located outside the State of A	Alaska?			0	①

Part III: Life in Matanuska – Susitna Borough Neighborhoods {continued}

No

Yes

14g.	During the past year, have you seriously considered moving out of y residence?	our <u>current</u>	0	1					
	14g1. If you were to consider moving from your current residence, where is it you would MOST like to go?								
	(Write The Destination You Would MOST Like To Move T	o Here. PLEASE Pl	RINT)						
	Please rank the four destinations listed below by writing a "1" next move to, and a "4" next to the destination you would LEAST like to	on you'd MO	ST like to						
	14g2. Municipality of Anchorage.	(Record Number	Here)						
	14g3. Other Location in Mat-Su Borough.	(Record Number	Here)						
	14g4. Outside Mat-Su and Anchorage, but Inside Alaska.	(Record Number	Here)						
	14g5. Outside of Alaska.	(Record Number	Here)						
15. Ne	eighborhood-level Changes, *Since 2001* [If you moved to M	lat-Su after 20	01, SKIP TO) 16.]					
			No	Yes					
15a.	Have you witnessed a change in the <i>quality of housing</i> in your neighbors 2001?	hborhood	0	①					
15b.	IF YES: Has it gotten: Better Worse ① ①								
15c.	Since 2001, have you experienced a change in your <i>feelings of perso</i> when walking alone through your neighborhood when it is dark?	onal safety	0	①					
	Better Worse								
15d.	IF YES: Have they gotten: ① ①								
15e.	Has there been a change in the <i>physical attractiveness</i> of your neigh 2001?	borhood since	0	①					
15f.	IF YES: Has it gotten: Better Worse ① ①			i					
15g.	Has the volume of traffic through your neighborhood changed since	2001?	0	①					
15h.	IF YES: Has it gotten: Better Worse ① ①								
15i.	Have the <i>demographic characteristics</i> (for example: age, race, gend people living in your neighborhood changed since 2001?	ler) of the	0	①					
15j.	Since 2001, have you noticed a change in the <i>quality of relationship</i> with one another in your neighborhood?	s people have	0	①					
15k.	IF YES: Have they gotten: Better Worse ① ①								
151.	Do people in your neighborhood <i>interact differently</i> with each other back in 2001?	than they did	0	①					
15m.	IF YES: Has it gotten: Better Worse ① ①								

Part III: Life in Matanuska – Susitna Borough Neighborhoods {continued}

					No	Yes
15n.	Since 2001, have you noticed a change in the <i>housing</i> neighborhood?	g density o	f your		0	①
	Better Worse			_		
150.	IF YES: Has it gotten: ①					
15p.	Over the next ten years, do you expect the overall quachange?	ality of you	ır neighbor	hood to	0	①
	Better Worse					
15q.	IF YES: Will it get: ① ①					
16. W	hy the Mat-Su? Reasons For Living in the Boro	ough				
	indicate how much you agree or disagree with each following statements:	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No Opinio	n Agree	Strongly Agree
16a.	I live in the Mat-Su Borough because it is close to my job.	①	2	3	4	(5)
16b.	I live in the Mat-Su Borough because of the reasonable cost and availability of housing.	①	2	3	4	(5)
16c.	I live in the Mat-Su Borough so I can be close to my relatives.	①	2	3	4	(5)
16d.	I live in the Mat-Su Borough because of the quality of the public schools.	①	2	3	4	(5)
16e.	I like the rural, small town character of the Mat-Su Borough.	①	2	3	4	(5)

Part IV: Local Government: Access, Policies and Practices

17. Pu	17. Public Access to Borough Government							
	indicate how much you agree or disagree with each following statements:	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No Opinion	Agree	Strongly Agree		
17a.	I feel I can make a difference by getting involved in the Mat-Su government.	①	2	3	4	(\$)		
17b.	I am just too busy to be involved in Borough government.	①	2	3	4	(5)		
17c.	I feel I can have an influence on the decisions of my local Borough officials.	0	2	3	4	(5)		
17d.	I contact my Assembly member when I have a Borough problem.	①	2	3	4	(5)		
17e.	Overall, I am satisfied with the opportunities the Borough provides to give input on decisions.	①	2	3	4	(5)		
17f.	I find the Borough's website easy to use.	①	2	3	4	(5)		
17g.	I would describe the Borough's website as "informative."	①	2	3	4	(5)		

Part IV – Local Government: Access, Policies and Practices {continued}

17. Pu	blic Access to Borough {continued}	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No Opinion	Agree	Strongly Agree
17h.	I am satisfied with the Borough's on-line mapping capabilities.	①	2	3	4	(5)
17i.	The Borough's on-line property tax service, called "EZGov," is easy to use.	①	2	3	4	(5)
17j.	When I call the Borough, I usually get the information I need in a timely manner.	①	2	3	4	(5)
17k.	When I call the Borough, the person I speak with is usually polite and professional.	①	2	3	4	(5)

10 D.	would Coording Deficiency and Deignities				_	_
Please	orough Spending Efficiency and Priorities indicate how much you agree or disagree with each following statements:	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No Opinion	Agree	Strongly Agree
18a.	I feel I am getting my money's worth for the taxes I pay to the Mat-Su Borough.	1	2	3	4	(5)
18b.	The Borough cannot improve public services unless it increases local taxes.	①	2	3	4	(5)
18c.	Above all, the Borough should keep taxes low, even if it means reducing services/programs.	①	2	3	4	(5)
18d.	More tax money should be spent to improve Borough roads.	①	2	3	4	(5)
18e.	More tax money should be spent to improve junk and trash collection in the Borough.	①	2	3	4	(5)
18f.	Funds should be spent to preserve agricultural land in the Borough.	①	2	3	4	(5)
18g.	Funds should be spent to preserve open spaces in the Borough.	①	2	3	4	(5)
18h.	The current level of road maintenance in my area is worth what I pay in road service area taxes.	①	2	3	4	(5)
	oning and Land Use Issues					
	indicate how much you agree or disagree with each following statements:	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No Opinion	Agree	Strongly Agree
19a.	As of today, I am satisfied with the way the Mat-Su Borough has been developed.	①	2	3	4	(5)
19b.	Traffic congestion is a SERIOUS problem in the Mat-Su Borough.	①	2	3	4	(5)
19c.	I am very concerned about water quality in the Borough.	①	2	3	4	(5)
19d.	Over the next 10 years, the Borough will need to develop/preserve more park land.	1	2	3	4	(5)

Part IV: Local Government: Access, Policies and Practices {continued}

19. Zo	oning and Land Use {continued}	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No Opinion	Agree	Strongly Agree
19e.	I support a system of zoning that designates: residential; agricultural; and commercial/industrial (with specific regulations for each).	1	2	3	4	(5)
19f.	I support a system of zoning that allows different land uses to be located near one another, with standards for noise, traffic and other impacts.	1	2	3	4	(5)
19g.	In the future, the Mat-Su Borough must do a better job of managing growth and development.	①	2	3	4	(5)
20. Re	evenue and Taxation					
	indicate how much you agree or disagree with each following statements:	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No Opinion	Agree	Strongly Agree
20a.	I would support an increase in the tobacco tax to raise money to pay for services.	①	2	3	4	(5)
20b.	I would support a local tax on alcoholic beverages to raise money to pay for services.	①	2	3	4	(5)
20c.	I would support an increase in the bed tax to raise money to pay for services.	1)	2	3	4	(5)
20d.	I would support a SEASONAL sales tax to raise money to pay for services.	1)	2	3	4	(5)
20e.	I would support a YEAR-ROUND sales tax to raise money to pay for services.	1	2	3	4	(5)
20f.	I would support imposing an impact fee on developers for residential and commercial properties to raise money for services.	1	2	3	4	(5)
20g.	I would support a local tax on gasoline to raise money to pay for services.	①	2	3	4	(5)
20h.	I would support increased property taxes to raise money to pay for services.	1	2	3	4	(5)
20i.	I would support a gravel extraction tax to raise money to pay for services.	1	2	3	4	(5)
20j.	I would support a real estate transfer fee of \$25 to raise money to pay for services.	1	2	3	4	(5)
20k.	I would support "privatizing" or "outsourcing" support (i.e. non-teaching) positions in the school district, if it would save money.	1	2	3	4	(5)

Part V: Higher Education

21. Familiarity With Matanuska-Susitna College		
21a. Have you heard of the Matanuska-Susitna College?	① No	① Yes
21b. Do you know where the campus of Matanuska-Susitna College is located?	① No	① Yes

Part V: Higher Education {continued}

21. Fa	miliarity With Matanuska {continued}			
21c.	Have you ever driven by the Matanuska-Susitna College campus?	0	No	① Yes
21d.	Have you actually visited the campus of Matanuska-Susitna College?	0	No	① Yes
2	21d1. Have you visited campus on more than one occasion?	0	No	① Yes
2	21d2. Have you visited campus more than five times?	0	No	① Yes
2	21d3. Have you visited campus on ten or more occasions?	0	No	① Yes
21e.	Would you be interested in a tour of the Matanuska-Susitna College campus?	0	No	① Yes
21f.	Have you ever taken a course offered at the Matanuska-Susitna college?	0	No	① Yes
21g.	Is it <i>likely</i> that you, yourself, will enroll in college courses at an institution of higher learning within the next two to three years?	0	No	① Yes
	you were giving advice to an upcoming high school graduate with respons			•
colle	ge or university to attend, what would your FIRST recommendation be	?? (C.	<u>heck</u>	✓ <u>only one</u> .)
	Matanuska-Susitna College			
	University of Alaska Anchorage			
	University of Alaska Southeast			
	University of Alaska Fairbanks			
	Private University/College (in-state)			
	Technical or Trade School (in-state)			
	Public University/College (out-of-state)			
	Private University/College (out-of-state)			
	Technical or Trade School (out-of-state)			
	OTHER (please specify):			
	rriers to Higher Education			
	of the following would you say are MAJOR INSTITUTIONAL BARRIERS for post-secondary education at an institution of higher learning? (Check \(\sigma \) all			
	Financial cost	· · · · · · ·	иррі.	,,,
_	Time obligation			
	Course scheduling			
	Lack of quality instruction			
	Course sequencing			
_	Commuting distance to campus			
_	Lack of student housing			
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	Shortage of social and cultural organizations			

Part V: Higher Education {continued}

24. College Course Offerings								
If you were to begin taking college-level course in the future, or if you are already taking college-level courses, what is the likelihood that you, yourself, would take courses offered under the following degree programs:	Very Unlikely	Somewhat Unlikely	Don't Know/ No Opinion	Somewhat Likely	Very Likely			
24a. Tourism and Hospitality	①	2	3	4	(5)			
24b. Human Resources	1)	2	3	4	(5)			
24c. Paramedic	①	2	3	4	(5)			
24d. Veterinary Technician	①	2	3	4	(5)			
24e. Forensic Science	①	2	3	4	(5)			
24f. Corrections Officer	①	2	3	4	(5)			
24g. Entrepreneurship	1	2	3	4	(5)			
24h. Agriculture/Horticulture	①	2	3	4	(5)			
24i. Workplace Management	①	2	3	4	(5)			
24j. Land Surveying/Geomatics	①	2	3	4	(5)			
24k. Instrumental Technology	①	2	3	4	(5)			
24l. Non-profit Organization Management	①	2	3	4	(5)			
24m. Resource Management/Environmental Assessment	①	2	3	4	(5)			
24n. Graduate/Professional Studies	①	2	3	4	(5)			

Of the degree programs listed above, which would you MOST LIKELY choose as your MAJOR area of study?

(Write Answer Here – PLEASE PRINT)

 $Of the degree programs \ listed \ above, \ which \ would \ you \ \underline{ABSOLUTLEY\ NOT}\ choose \ as \ your \ MAJOR \ area \ of \ study?$

(Write Answer Here – PLEASE PRINT)

Part VI: Respondent Background Information

25.	. How old were you on your last birthday?				(Write A	Answer Here)
26.	Gender: ① Ma	ale ②	Female				
27.	Current Marital Status:		Single, Never Married 2		2	Ma	arried (including Common Law)
	3	Separated	4	Divorced	(5)	Wi	dowed
28.	Formal Education:	① Les	s Than High	School Degre	ee	2	High School Degree or Equivalent
		3 Sor	Some College, No Degree			4	Associates or Other 2-year Degree
		⑤ Bac	Bachelor's Degree			6	Graduate Degree
		⑦ Oth	er (specify):				

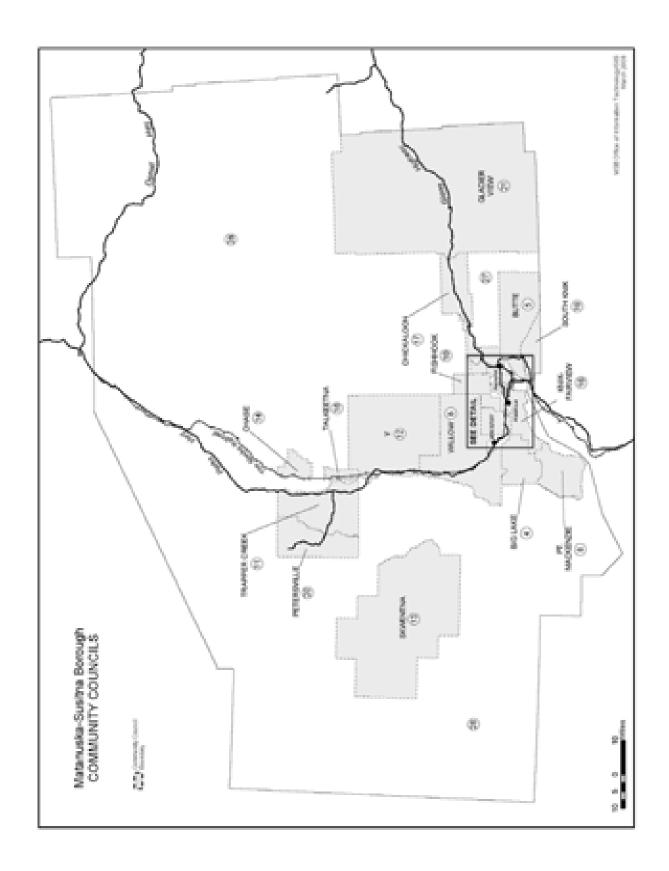
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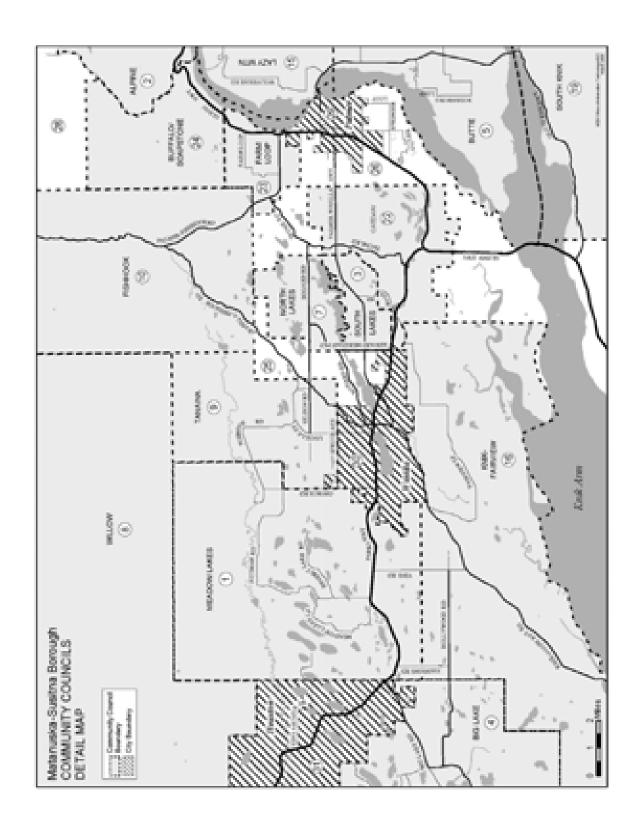
29.	What was the total gross income for your entire household last year? ① Less than \$5,000 ② \$5,000 to \$9,999								
	③ \$10,000 to \$24,999 ④	\$25,000 to \$34,999							
	\$ \$35,000 to \$49,999 6	\$50,000 to \$74,999							
	⑦ \$75,000 to \$99,999 8	\$100,000 or more							
30.	How many people currently live in your	household, including yourself?		(Write	(Write Answer Here)				
31.	How many children under the age of 18 years live in your home?					er Here)			
32.	How many of your children attend Mat-Su Borough School District schools?					r Here)			
33.	Which of the following BEST describes your current PRIMARY employment status? (Select © Self-employed, Full-time © Employed, Full-time								
	3 Full-time Homemaker	Full-time Stud	lent						
	⑤ Employed, Part-time	Employed, Part-time © Disabled, Unable to							
	① Unemployed, Looking for Work					ooking for Work			
	Retired								
	33a. If you are currently employed, what type of work do you do?								
	33b. If you are currently employed, what is the zip code where you work?								
	33c. If you are currently self-employ <u>Mat-Su Borough</u> ?	ed, do you own a business <u>in the</u>	0	No	①	Yes			
34.	4. Does your home or business have its address number posted where it can be seen by first responders in case of an emergency?								
35.	Do you own your home, or do you rent?		0	Rent	1	Own			
	35a. If you do own your home, what is its current market value? ① Less than \$75,000 ② \$75,000 to \$124,999								
	③ \$125,000 to \$199,999 ④ \$200,000 to \$299,999								
	⑤ \$300,000 or more								
36.	Do you live in a condominium?		0	No	1	Yes			
37.	Do you currently have a second home ou	utside the Mat-Su Borough?	0	No	1	Yes			
38.	Do you see yourself staying in the Mat-S	Su Borough for the long term?	0	No	1	Yes			
39.	. Do you see yourself leaving the Mat-Su Borough to live somewhere else in the foreseeable future?								
	39a. IF YES >>> How many more years do you expect to live in the Mat-Su Borough before you leave?>>>								
40.	How many years have you lived in the M	Mat-Su Borough?		>>	>>				

Part VI: Respondent Background Information {continued}

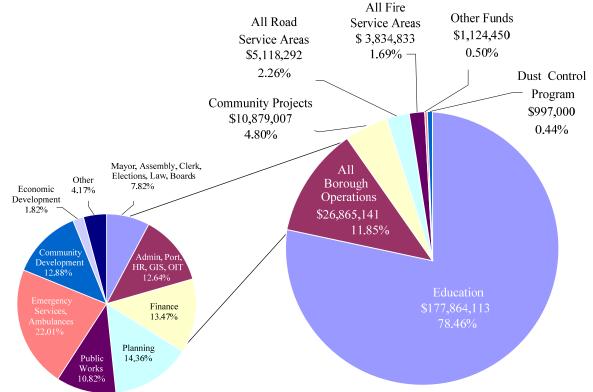
41.	Does your household actively recycle?	0	No	①	Yes					
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42.	Have you participated in <u>at least one</u> of the ten hazar collection events that the Mat-Su Borough sponsors		No	①	Yes					
43.	Does your household currently use a burn barrel for disposal?	d waste ©	No	1	Yes					
44.	Do you regularly use the Internet when seeking informat-Su Borough?	ion about the	No	1	Yes					
45.	Do you regularly use Email to receive and share inforothers?	mat	tion with ©	No	1	Yes				
46.	46. Do you ever access news and information from any of the following outlets?									
	46a. The Frontiersman		0	No	①	Yes				
	46b. The Anchorage Daily News					Yes				
	46c. Talkeetna Good Times		0	No	①	Yes				
	46d. Alaska Journal of Commerce		©	No	①	Yes				
	46e. KSKA-FM Alaska Public Radio	0	No	0	Yes					
	46f. KMBQ-FM Radio	0	No	①	Yes					
	•	0	No	0	Yes					
	46g. Public Television – KAKM (Channel 7)									
	46h. KTUU – Channel 2	0	No	1	Yes					
	46i. KTVA – Channel 11		0	No	①	Yes				
	46j. KIMO – Channel 13	_	0	No	①	Yes				
47.	From which ONE of the media outlets listed above do	you	u MOST OFTEN seel	news and						
	information?					\neg				
	(Write Answer Here – PLI	EAS	E PRINT)							
48.	Using the list below, or the MAPS ON THE FOLLO			er the num	ber					
	corresponding to the area of the Borough in which		currently live.							
	Write Answer F PLEASE PRIN									
	Meadow Lakes Community Council	17.	Chickaloon Communit	y Council						
	2. Alpine Community Council	18.	Talkeetna Community							
	3. South Lakes Community Council4. Big Lake Community Council	19. 20.								
	5. Butte Community Council	21.	Glacier View Commun							
	6. Point MacKenzie Community Council	22.	Gateway Community C	Council						
	7. North Lakes Community Council	23. 24.	Farm Loop Community		.,					
	8. Willow Community Council9. Tanaina Community Council	Buffalo/Soapstone Community Council Unassociated Area								
	10. Fishhook Community Council	25.26.	Unassociated Area							
	11. Trapper Creek Community Council	27.	Unassociated Area							
	12. Y Community Council	28.	Unassociated Area							
	13. Skwenta Community Council	29.	•							
	14. Chase Community Council15. Lazy Mountain Community Council	30. 31.	City of Wasilla City of Houston							
	16. Knik-Fairview Community Council	City of Houston								

The Borough has many volunteer opportunities, including firefighter, EMT I, II, III, Animal Care Shelter Assistant, and Library Aide. If you would like to volunteer for any of these, please contact Sally Leatherman at 373-8813. Thank you very much for your time and effort!





HOW YOUR PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT Expenditures by Category



Total Expenditures = \$226,682,836

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Post your address in a