

City of Walker – Community Survey 2002

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Background Information:

1. Please select your gender: [48%] Male [52%] Female

2. What is your age? Average age was 51.95 years old, mode 43.

3. How many years have you lived in the City of Walker? The average citizen has lived in Walker for 20.5 years.

Almost sixty percent of respondents have lived in the city less than 20 years. Thirty-eight percent have lived in the City for ten or fewer years. The most popular responses were 3, 5 and 10 years.

4. Are you a registered voter? [96%] Yes [4%] No

5. Please select the answer that best identifies your residency status.

[8%] Rent [88%] Own [5%] Walker Business Owner

6. What is your current employment status: [65%] Employed [3%] Unemployed [32%] Retired

7. How would you identify your racial/ethnic heritage? (Please check all that apply)

[99%] White [0.5%] Hispanic/Latino [0.5%] American Indian [0.1%] African American [0.2%] Asian/Pacific Islander
[0.1%] Other (e.g. "American" or indicated more than one race).

Evaluation of City Services: How would you assess the quality of the following services in the City of Walker?

8. Police: [40%] Excellent [48%] Good [6%] No Opinion [5%] Fair [1%] Poor

9. Fire: [35%] Excellent [48%] Good [14%] No Opinion [3%] Fair [1%] Poor

10. Public Works: [26%] Excellent [49%] Good [18%] No Opinion [6%] Fair [2%] Poor

11. Park Facilities: [31%] Excellent [46%] Good [17%] No Opinion [5%] Fair [1%] Poor

Use of Public Services:

12. Do you use the City of Walker website? (www.ci.walker.mi.us) [14%] Yes [87%] No

a) If yes, what information would you like added or deleted on our city's web site?

Main Themes:

?? Keep the content current (e.g. event calendars)

?? Employment Opportunities with City of Walker

?? Misc. Requests (historical information, bike trail maps, meeting minutes)

b) If no, why do you not use the web site?

[49%] I did not know Walker had a web site

[39%] I do not have a computer or access to the Internet

[13%] Other:

?? No need/reason to use site

?? Has no interest in site

?? Misc. reasons: (no time, no computer experience)

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13. Do you use the programs provided by the parks and recreation department? [30%] Yes [70%] No

a) If yes, which programs do you use and what additional ones would you like to see provided?

Programs Used	Requested Programs
Soccer	Swimming Pool (water exercise, swimming lessons)
Baseball/Softball	Inline/Roller Skating/Ice Skating (expanded times)
Local Parks	Misc. Requests: more programs for toddlers and seniors

b) If no, why don't you use the programs provided?

1. No Time/Busy
2. Uninformed about programs offered
3. Not interested in programs offered
4. Limitations (age, disability)
5. Cost (Ice and Fitness center too expensive)

14. Are you treated with courtesy by City of Walker employees and city officials?

[80%] Yes [4%] No [16%] No Opinion

Financial Support Concerns: Are you willing to pay an additional \$16-70 per year based on your property value for these additional services within the City of Walker?

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| 15. Staffing for an expanded, full-time fire department. | [68%] Yes | [32%] No |
| 16. Expanding the size of our library. | [40%] Yes | [60%] No |
| 17. Adding a second sheet of ice to the Walker Ice and Fitness Center. | [26%] Yes | [74%] No |
| 18. Buying land rights to insure open spaces. | [52%] Yes | [48%] No |
| 19. Building a community swimming pool. | [45%] Yes | [55%] No |

Quality of Life Issues: Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements about the quality of life and standards in the City of Walker.

20. I support the extension of sidewalks in our community.

[32%] Strongly Agree [40%] Agree [15%] Neither [7%] Disagree [5%] Strongly Disagree

21. It is necessary to control the rate of growth and development in our community.

[38%] Strongly Agree [43%] Agree [12%] Neither [5%] Disagree [2%] Strongly Disagree

22. Environmental concerns such as soil erosion, clean air and water are important considerations for me.

[43%] Strongly Agree [47%] Agree [7%] Neither [2%] Disagree [1%] Strongly Disagree

23. The reduction of traffic volume is important.

[41%] Strongly Agree [40%] Agree [13%] Neither [5%] Disagree [1%] Strongly Disagree

24. It is important to provide housing alternatives for senior citizens within our community.

[23%] Strongly Agree [51%] Agree [17%] Neither [6%] Disagree [2%] Strongly Disagree

25. I would support a ban on the burning of leaves within residential areas of Walker.

[27%] Strongly Agree [24%] Agree [15%] Neither [20%] Disagree [14%] Strongly Disagree

26. City sponsored events, such as the Walker Festival, that include beer sales are appropriate for our community.

[16%] Strongly Agree [35%] Agree [14%] Neither [15%] Disagree [20%] Strongly Disagree