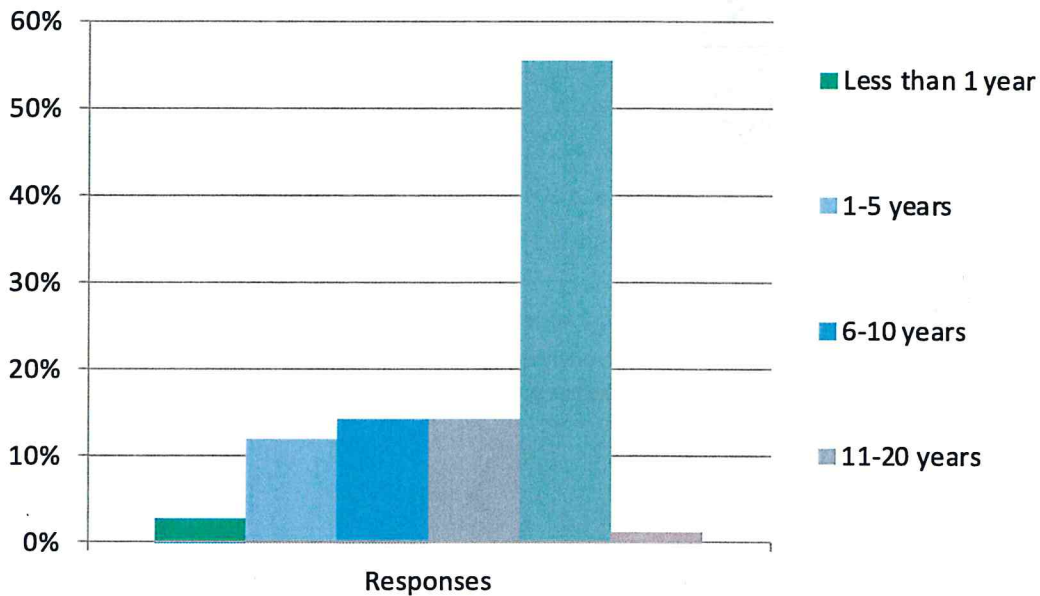
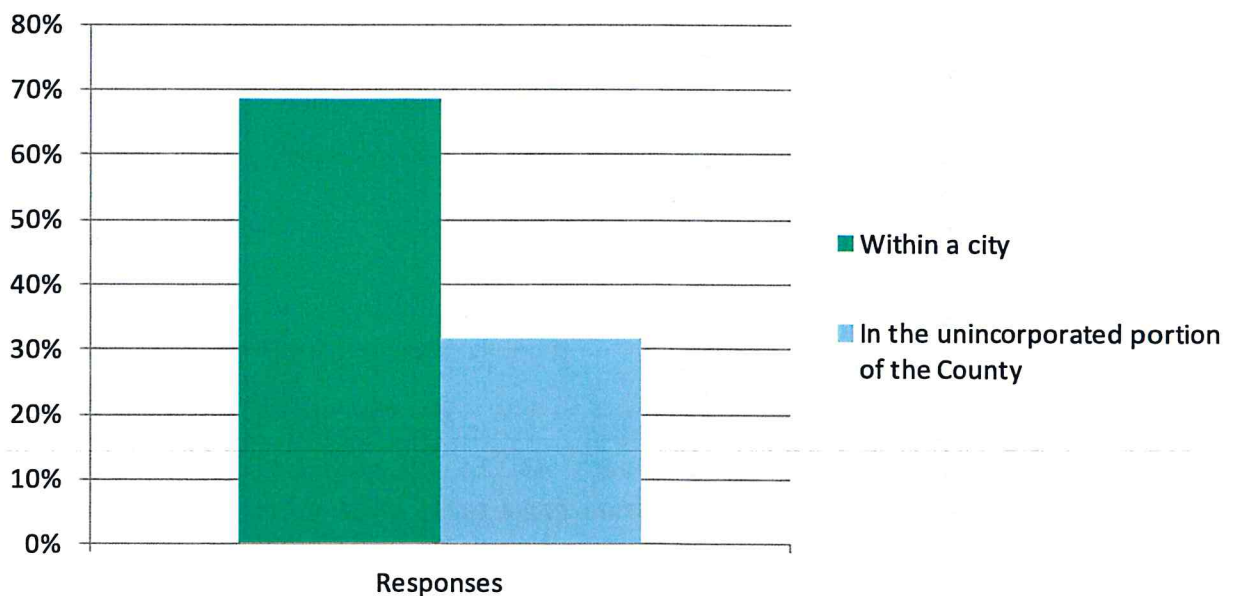


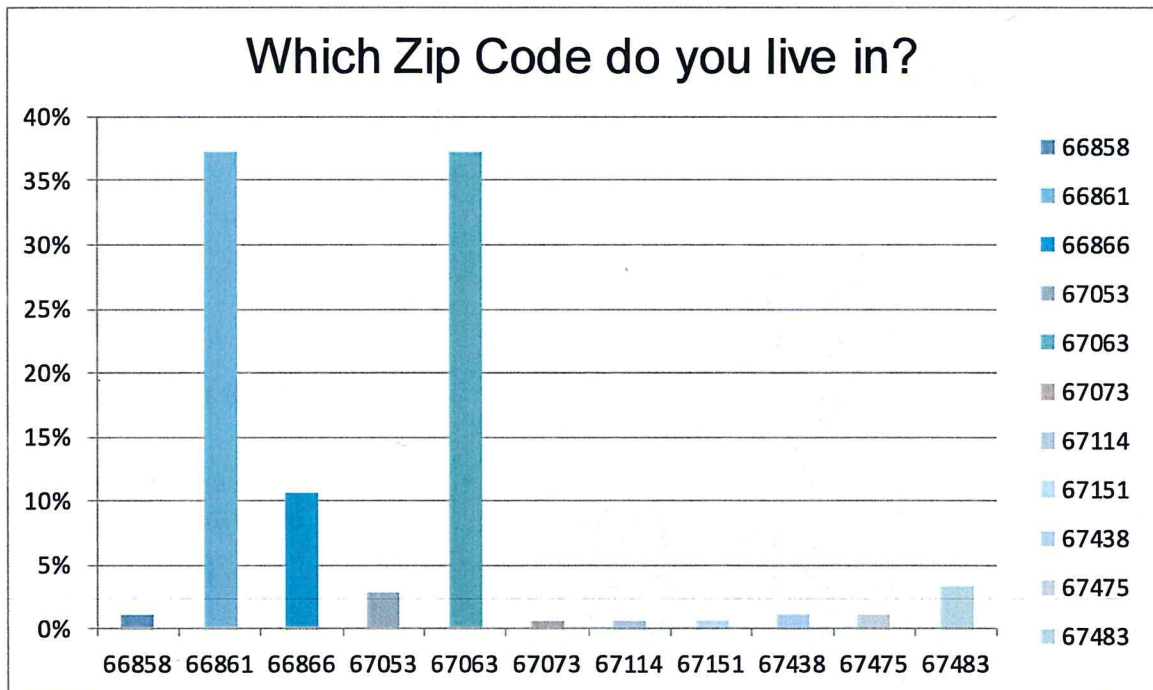
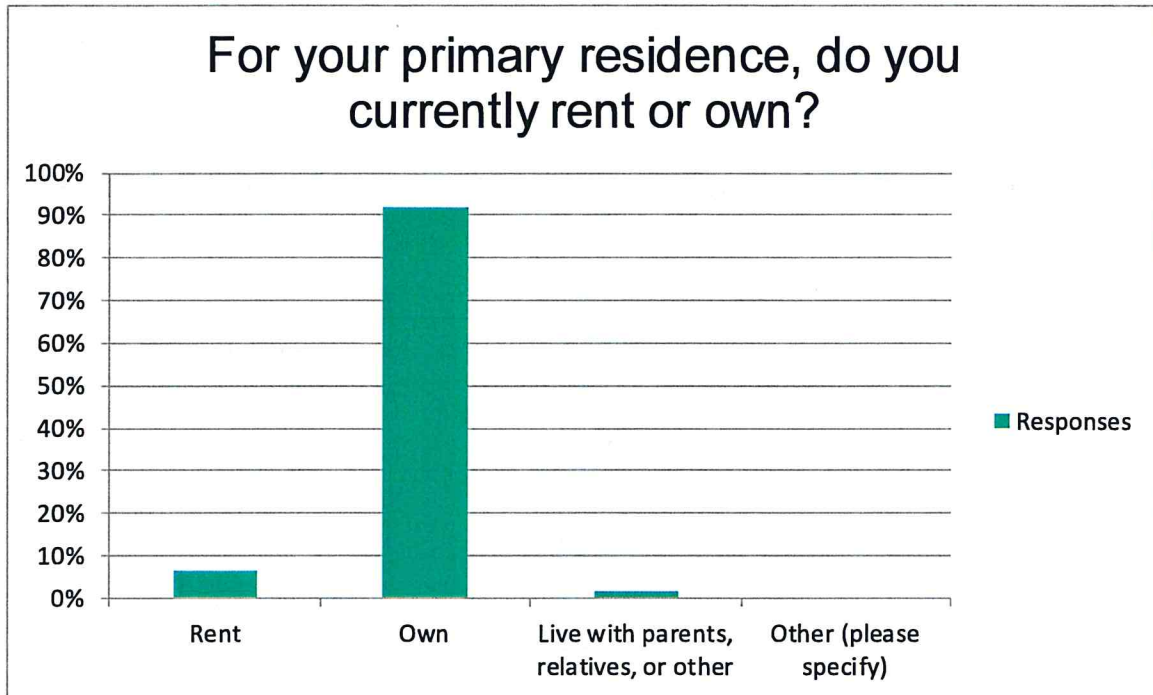
## APPENDIX A - MARION COUNTY CITIZEN SURVEY RESULTS

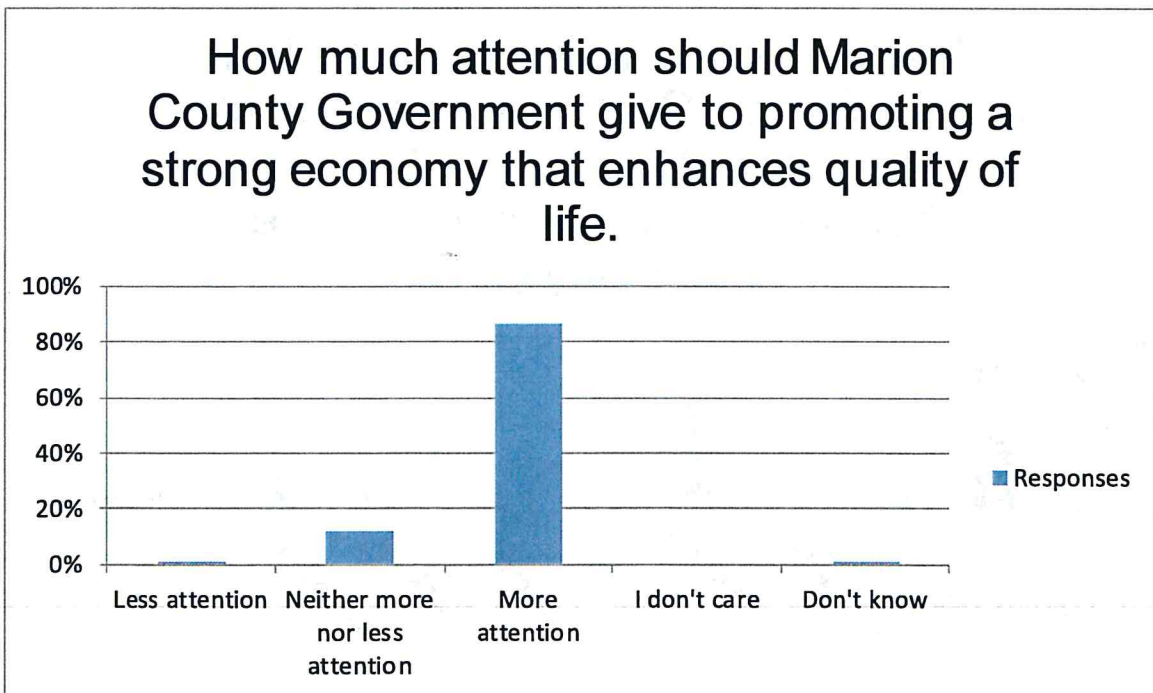
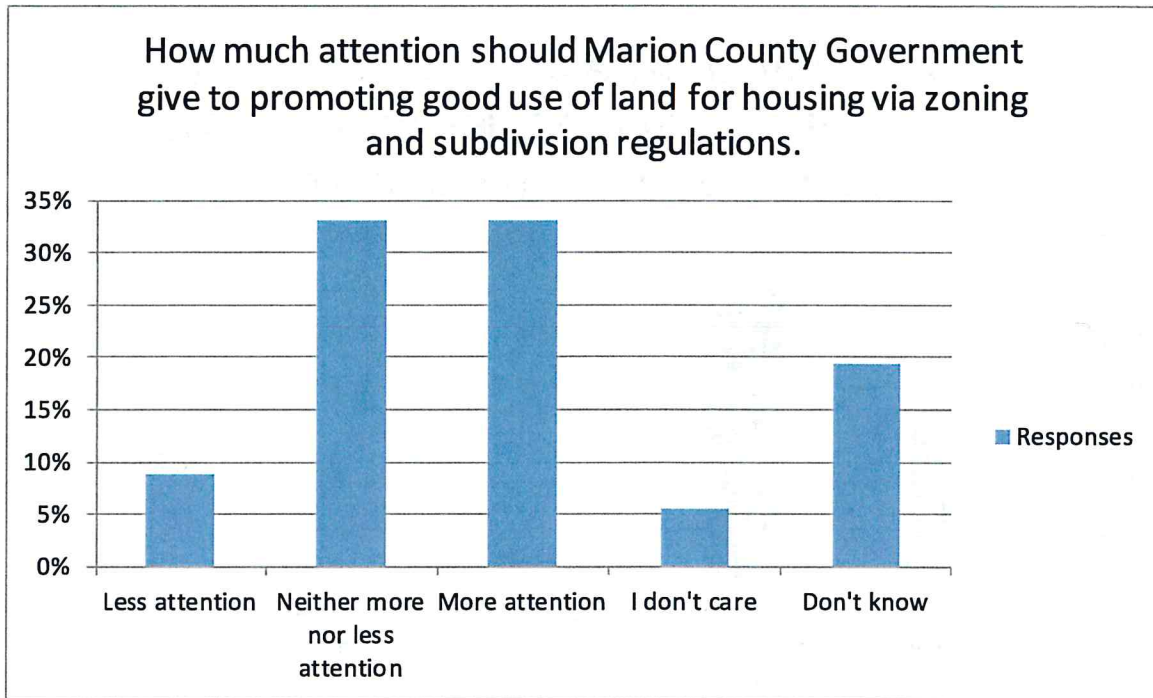
How long have you had your primary residence in Marion County?



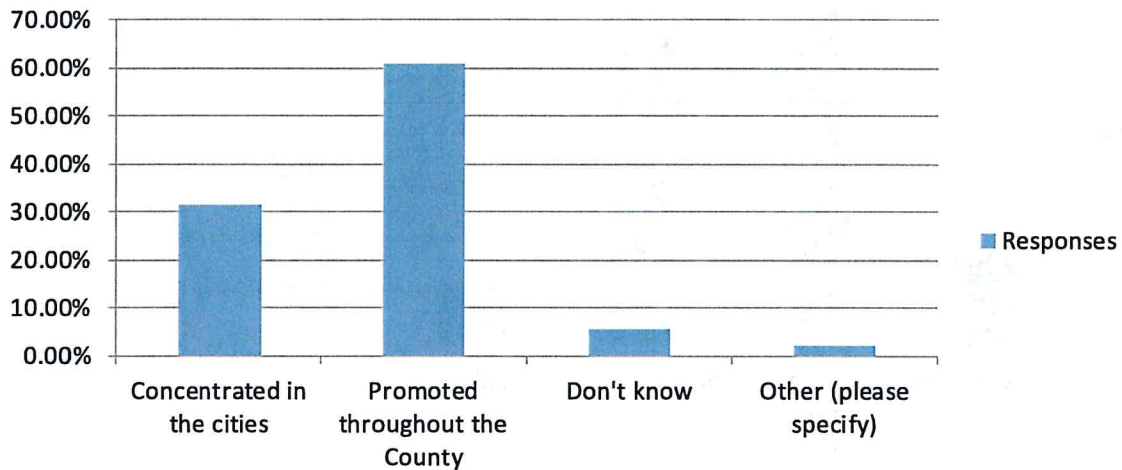
My residence within Marion County is located ... (Please fill in only one)



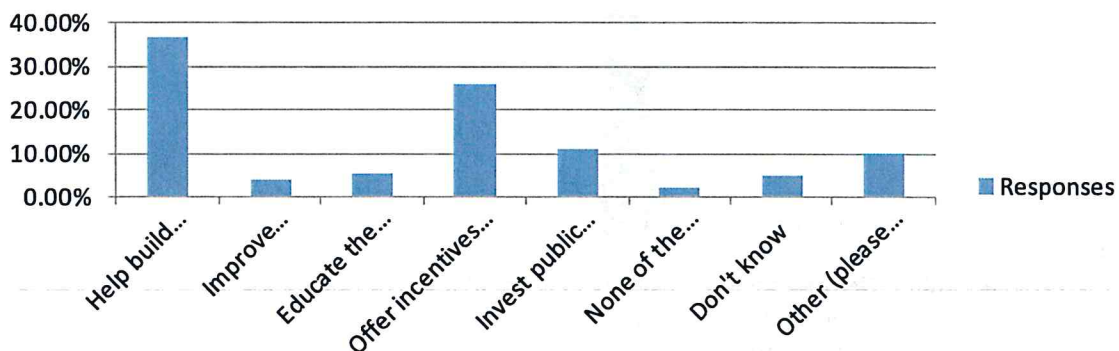




### Should commercial and industrial growth be concentrated in the cities or promoted throughout Marion County?

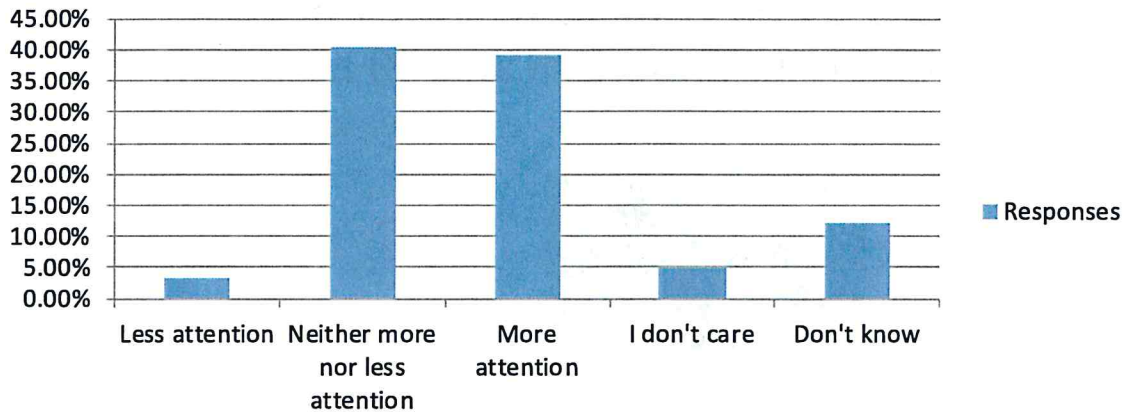


### What is the most important role that Marion County Government should play in attracting, keeping, and growing business in the county? (Please mark only one)

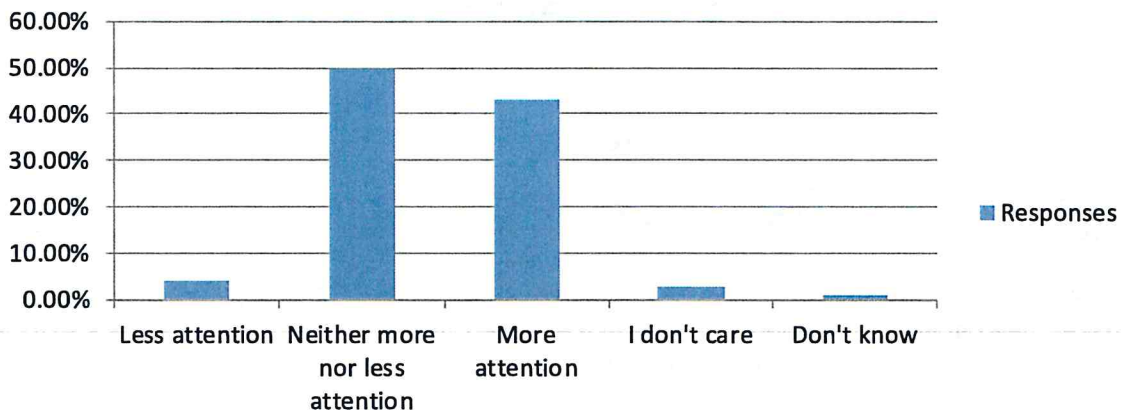




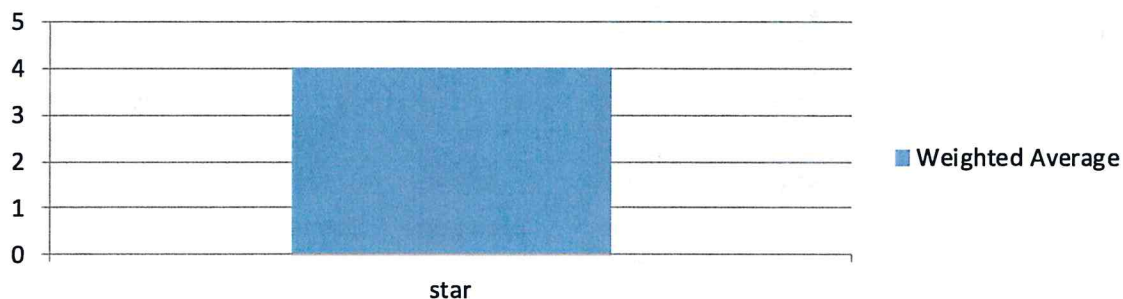
### How much attention should Marion County Government give to making sure that all forms of transportation in Marion County are safe and efficient.



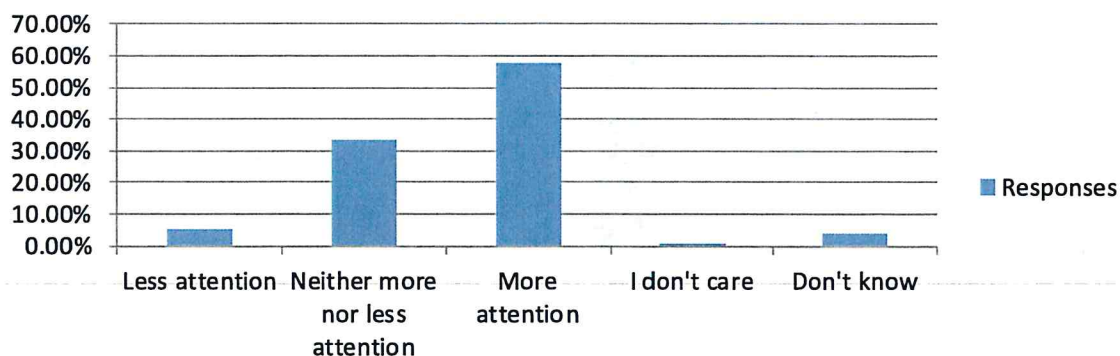
### How much attention should Marion County Government give to ensuring parks and recreational facilities are safe and convenient.



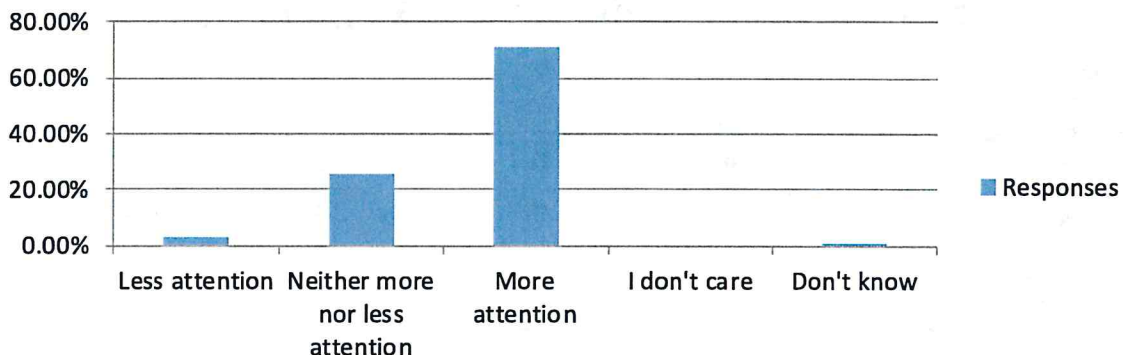
How important is it to you there be a County public transportation option between communities in Marion County? For the following questions, use a scale from 1 to 10 (where 1 means extremely unimportant and 10 means...



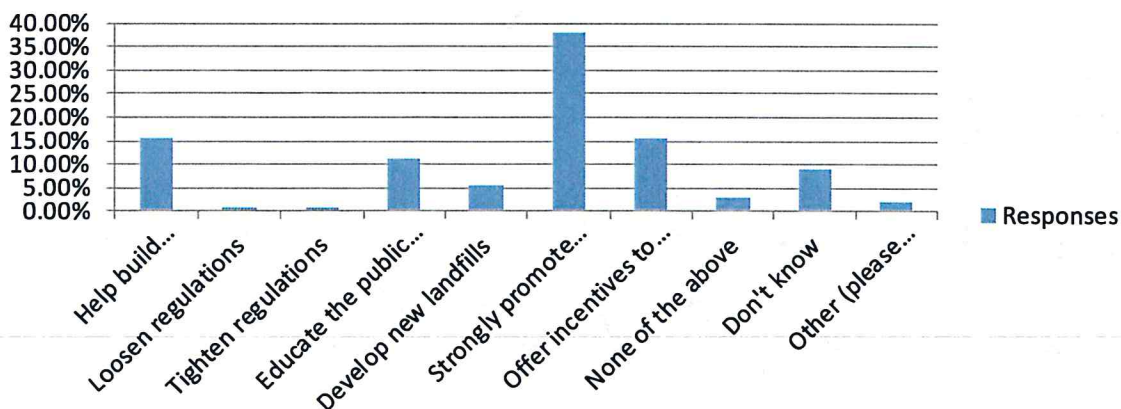
How much attention should Marion County Government give to making available high-quality and affordable community services and facilities such as senior services and childcare.



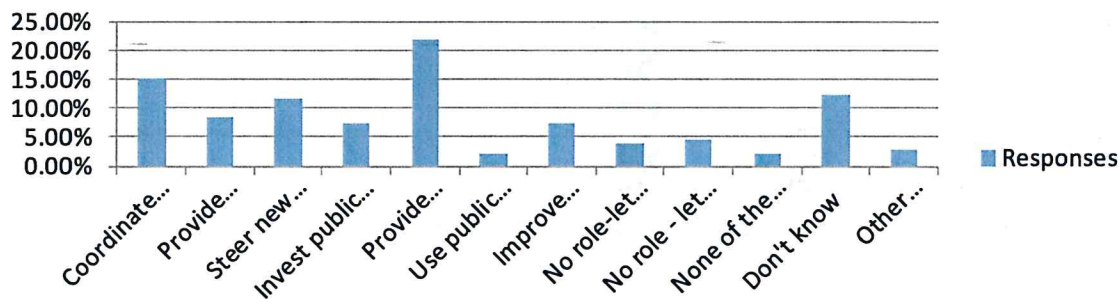
How much attention should Marion County Government give to making available high-quality and affordable community services such as emergency services, police, and fire protection.



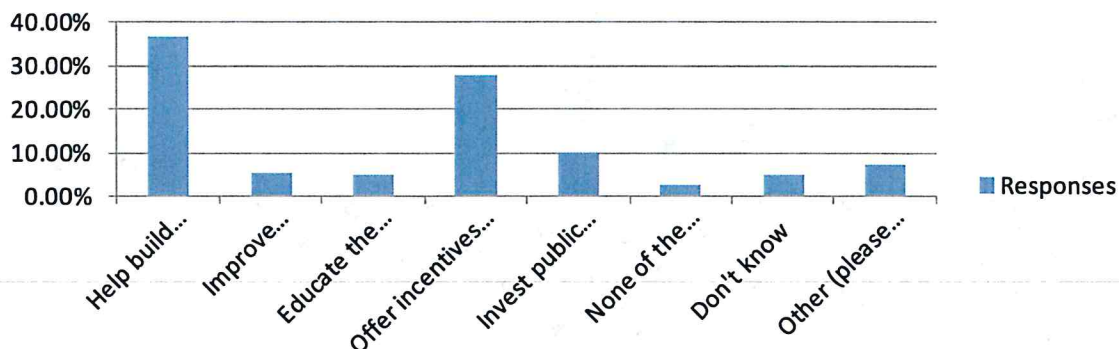
What is the most important role Marion County Government should play in managing solid waste and recycling facilities? (Please fill in only one)



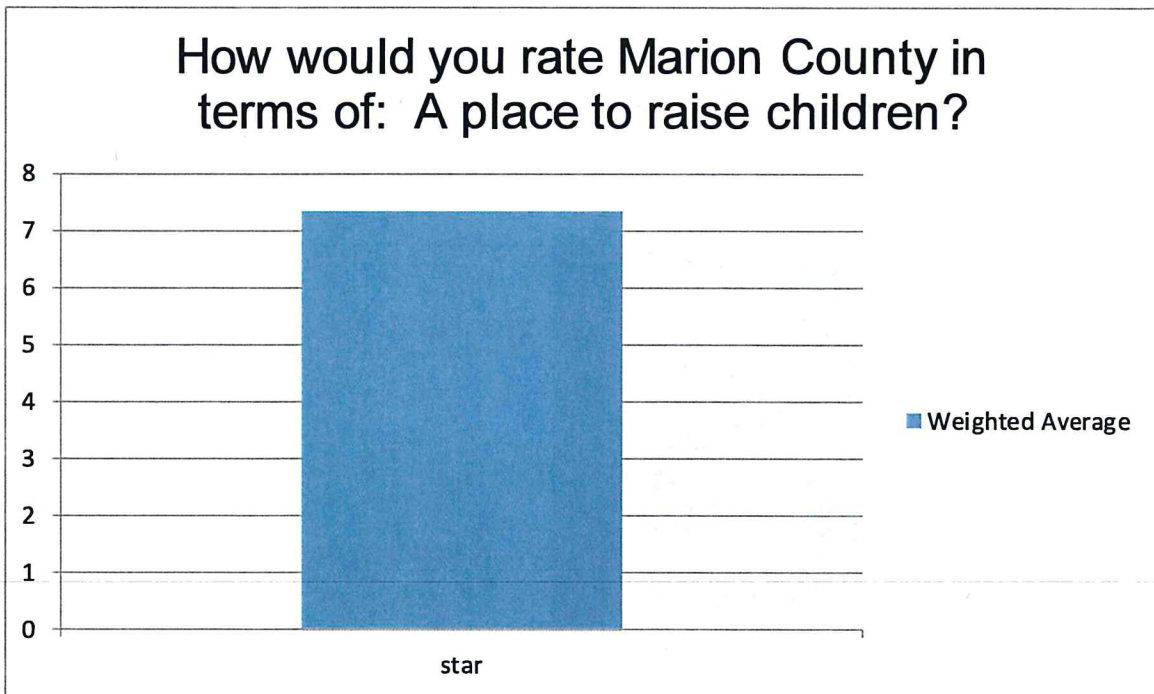
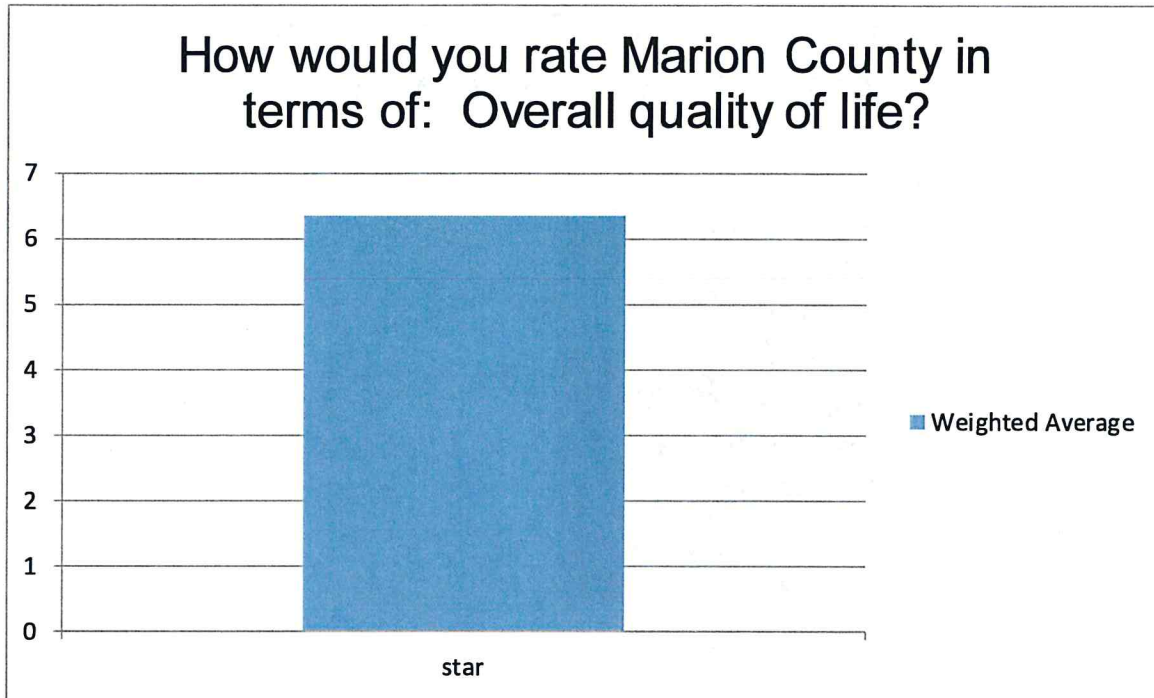
What is the most important role Marion County Government should play in promoting effective management and conservation of water resources such as lakes, ponds, streams, wetlands, or groundwater? (Please mark only one)

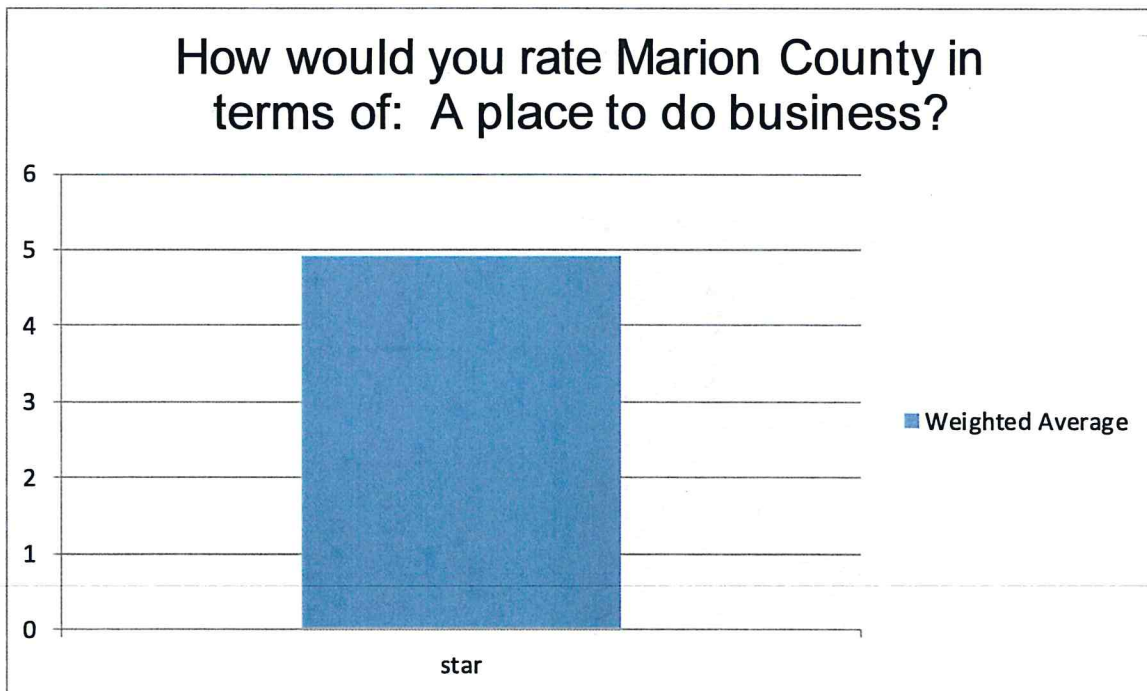
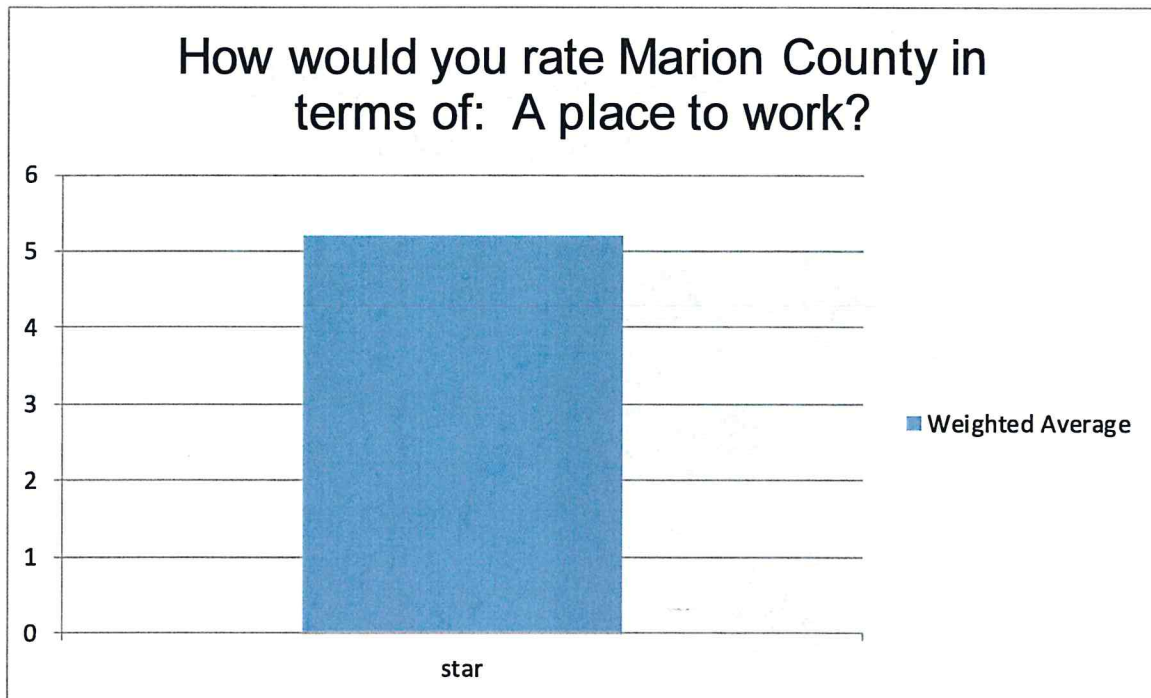


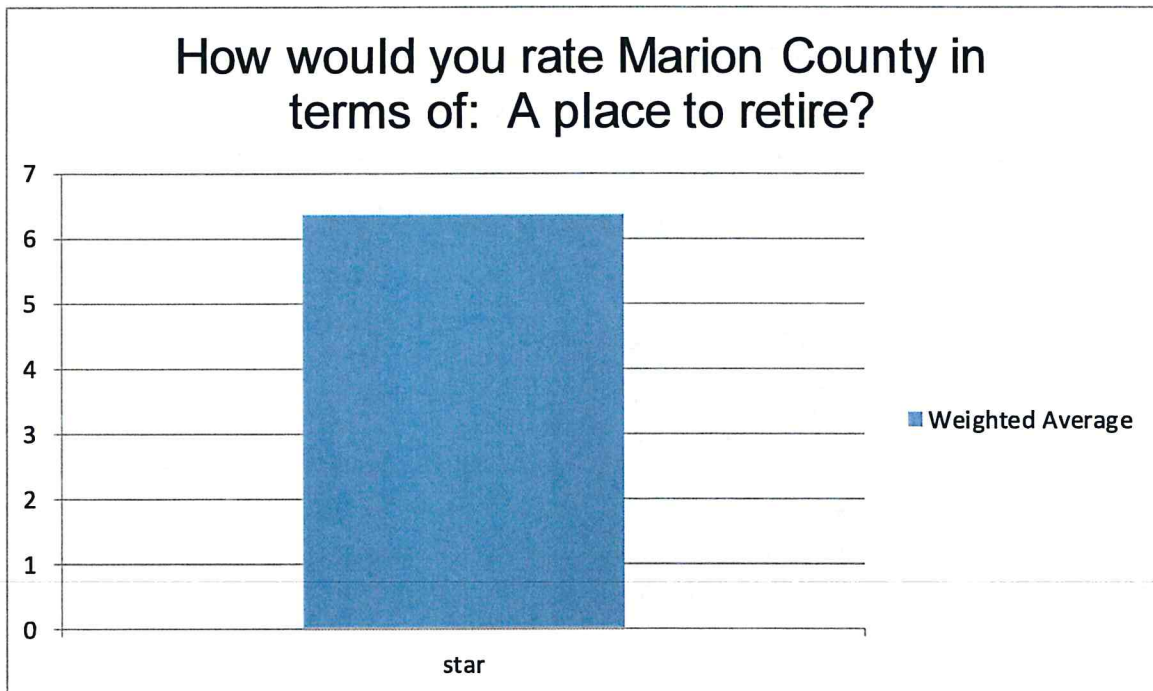
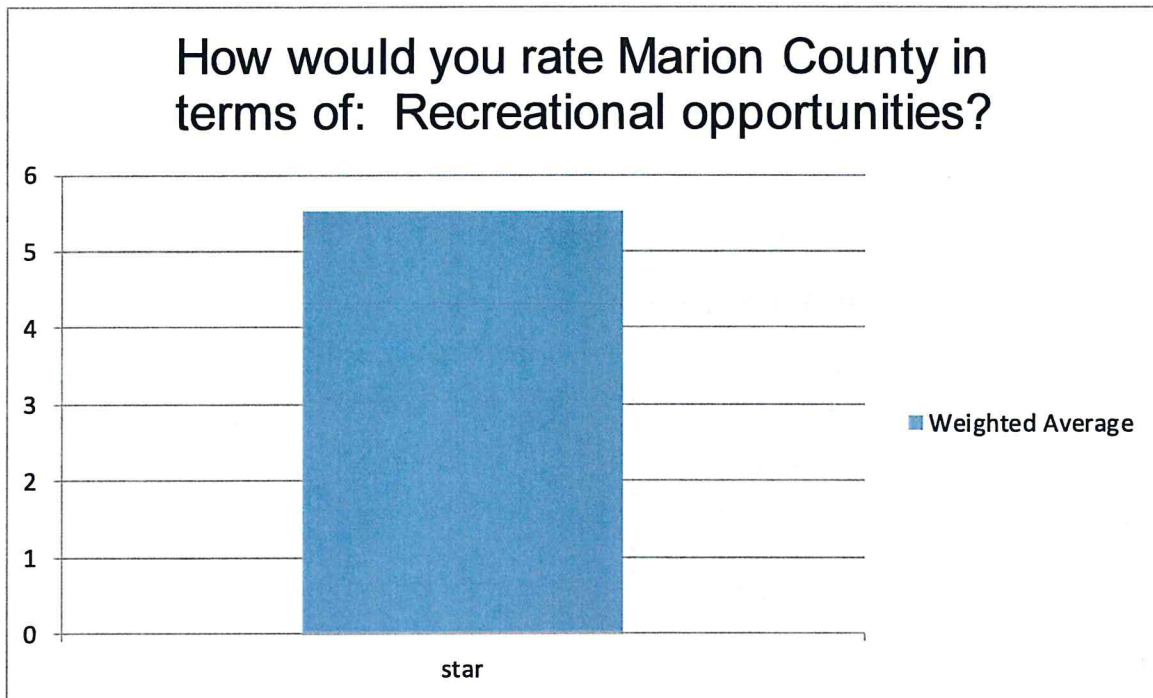
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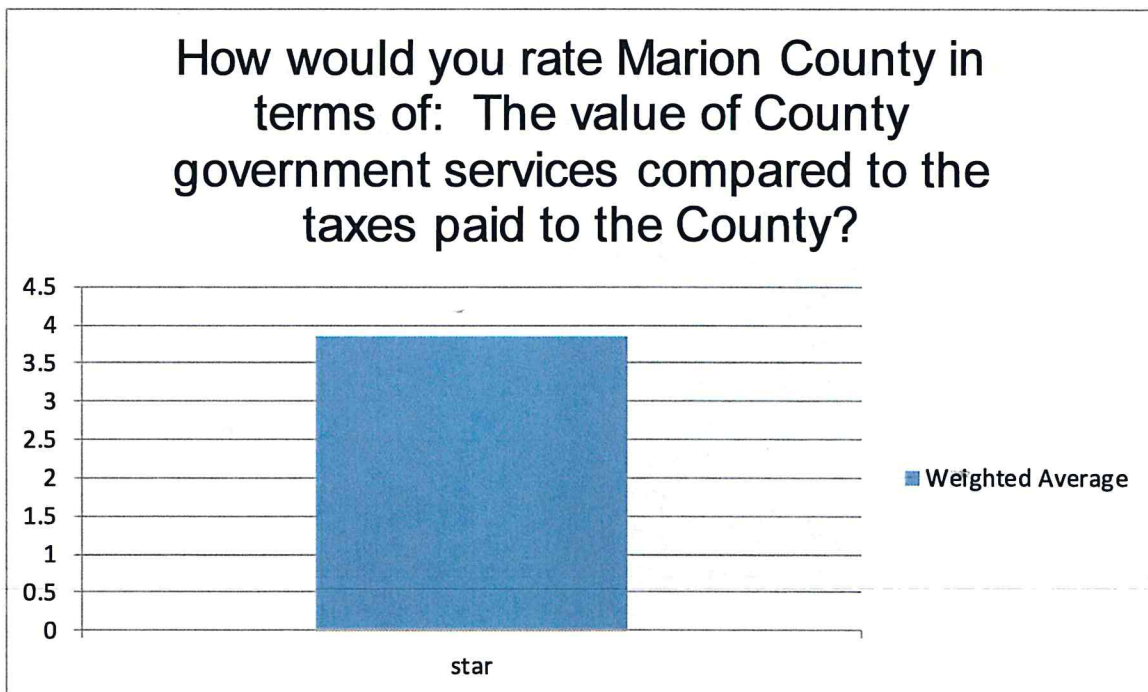
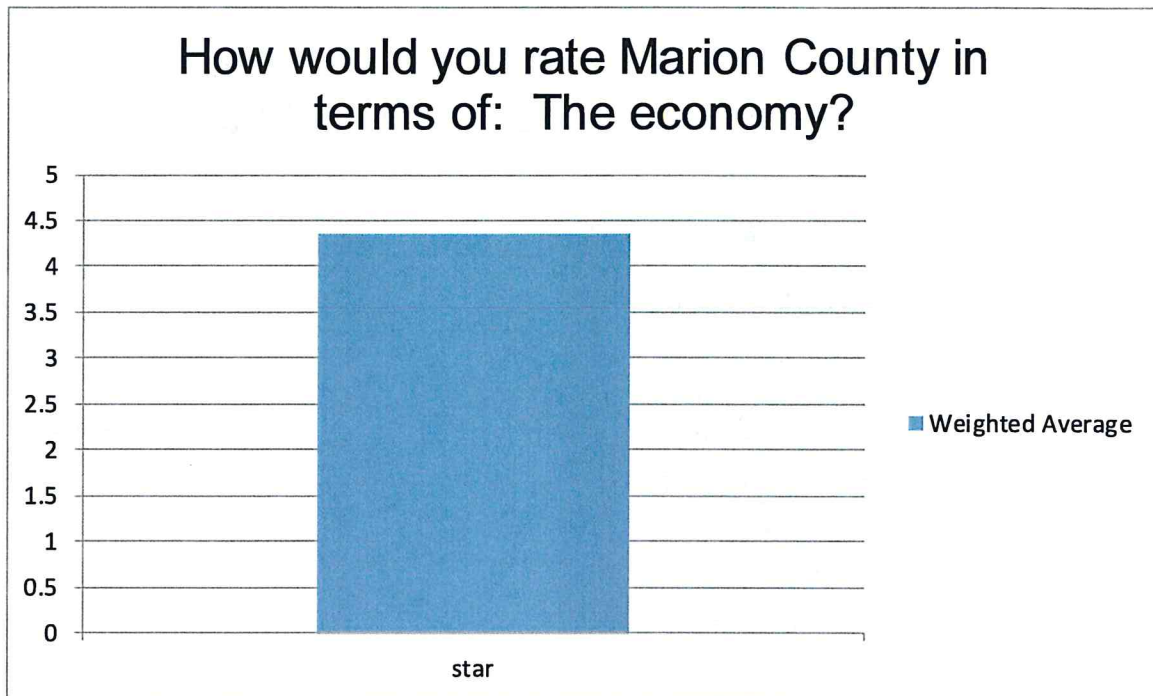




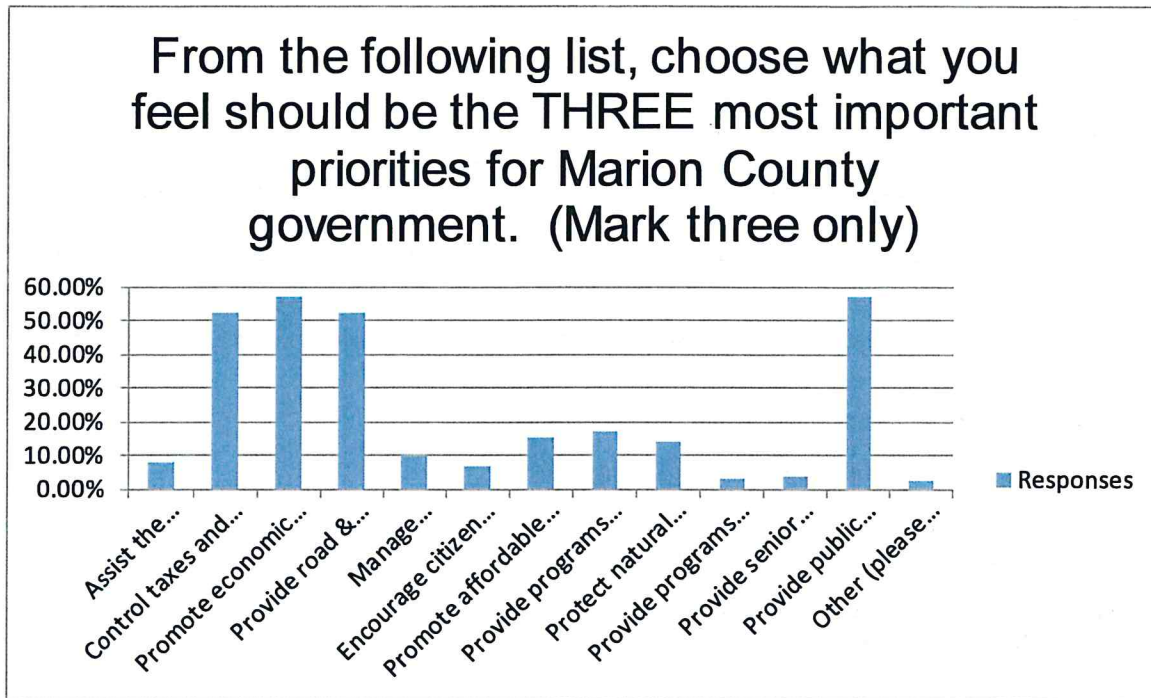












As part of the community survey, respondents were permitted to write their opinions regarding the future of Marion County on issues which were not covered by the above-referenced questions. The following is a collection of comments from those choosing to add to their survey submission, and reflect those individual's opinions:

- » Taxes are too high here we're actually considering moving because our taxes and insurance jump every year but our pay stays the same. We need to get more young families into the community the schools in Hillsboro are amazing but the park could be better, maybe getting some more fun equipment put in or a splash park would be great. One of the biggest eye sores in driving into these towns is seeing old falling down houses its makes people feel unsafe and it makes the towns ugly.
- » It would be great if the commissioners would be more connected to the areas they serve, possibly attend the township meetings.
- » We desperately need more business to bring people to county.
- » Infrastructure improvement is essential. Bridges, roads, etc.
- » I think it's very important that we support our local nursing homes and hospital in ways to encourage people to work in these places and provide appropriate salaries to those employees.
- » Think about the services provided to people outside Hillsboro/Marion. This is a LARGE county with many needing services like Fire protection and EMS.
- » Our property taxes are way too high for this small of a community.
- » We need to develop a business friendly atmosphere that create new good paying jobs.
- » Promote local, SMALL businesses downtown.
- » More collaboration between Hillsboro and Marion.
- » Have biannual meetings open to the public for the purpose of educating.
- » Stop wasting money paving roads that do not connect to cities.
- » Our main concern in Marion County is the quality of healthcare. We have more than one chronically ill child, and we always wonder how long EMS would take to arrive on a volunteer based system as well as the quality of healthcare at a small hospital.
- » As a county we could do a better job of supporting and helping finance fire districts as well as training quality dispatchers and EMS personnel.
- » Other than a few big businesses in Hillsboro and one or two in Marion there is really no viable place to make a living working in this county. One or the other of a couple have to work out of town/county to provide viable income. We need to do a better job of trying to recruit new companies to come to town.
- » Better grading techniques and close unused roads, we maintain to many miles for our population also need to consolidate other resources like emergency services. Get an administrator and pay people what they are worth unless you want unqualified people
- » People can't afford to live in this county. They drive to get a good job so they can raise their kids in a town where they grew up. If it wasn't for wanting to raise our kids in a quiet town nobody would live here.
- » Trouble finding day care.
- » More recreational opportunities.

- » Control the algae in the Lakes as we are losing business because of the inability to use the lakes for recreation!
- » Take care of existing businesses, to ensure their longevity and success.
- » Make wiser decisions regarding use of tax monies for county offices. Why was so much more paid for the ambulance building than was valued? Why was the Planning & Zoning office moved instead of the historical building repaired? Another empty building downtown.
- » The biggest disadvantage that Marion County has is a lack of vision moving forward. The local and County government is short sighted, and is steering all of the communities in our county into a slow demise. Taxes go up and businesses leave and tax dollars leave the county. There is not enough pride in where we live to sustain it. We will bleed businesses and people until every town in county is like Florence. Empty but for a gas station. Local existing businesses need the same love that we try to extend to new businesses looking to settle in, code enforcement on upgrades to existing structures that new businesses want to settle into need to be a little more relaxed, and tax incentives need to be considered to keep jobs at home. It is very important to all of us that a concerted effort is made to keep Marion county relevant and populated moving in to the future. Local leaders can set an example for all to follow, creating and endorsing "Local First" programs, and encouraging entrepreneurs and locals with ambition to constantly take the steps needed to engage and grow the community.
- » Taxes are driving people away, especially businesses. It doesn't seem that there is a clear goal for the county.
- » There is no silver bullet to economic growth and development. I suggest Marion County spend its money and energy on promoting the natural resources we have here and let the cities engage in economic development.
- » Marion County is blessed to have a college. There should be more focus on assisting this important community asset.
- » County Manager or Administrator

