

Replies
486

Washington Island Economic Development Committee

SURVEY RESULTS

Residency: No answer	6
Year-round	165
Seasonal-	219
Non-resident	96
Property owners: No answer	20
Year-round	264
Summer/occ	109
Non-improved	93
Dwelling Status: No answer	96
Occupant. own	347
Occupant. rent	23
Own, rent-others	19

Age group: No answer	2
Under 20	4
20-35	27
35-50	147
50-65	195
Over 65	111

Your Employment: No answer	15
Full time	211
Part time, non-seasonal	14
Part time, seasonal	31
Self Employed	78
Retired	119
Other	18

Your Areas of Economic Concern:

No answer	104
Tourism	183
Housing	95
Transportation	151
Agriculture	68
Cottage Industry	123
Other	58
None	55

Type of Employment

No answer	135
Tourist related	77
Retail	48
Construction trades	39
Agricultural	20
Professional	196
Other	57

SMALL BUSINESS/COTTAGE INDUSTRY

Including computer related work (such as: data entry), value added work (such as: making wood products for sale), or small scale production of food products (such as: hazelnut or fish farming).

Interest level:

No answer	152
Curr. employed - cottage ind.	31
Interested in starting a business	57
Would like to be employed	19
No interest/opinion	227

Would you offer your expertise to others who would like to become involved in small business/cottage industry?

No answer	65
Yes	84
No	298
Not appl to me	37

HOUSING

Which, if any, of the following types of housing do you feel are needed on the Island? (Check all that apply)

No response	48
Affordable homes to buy	146
Single family to rent	102
Affordable apts. to rent	111
Condominiums/Twnhouse	36
Senior citizen housing	98
Seasonal-summer empl.	108
Summer/vacation homes	82
None	100
Other	23

If affordable housing (either homes or apartments) is developed on the Island which would you prefer?

No reply	84
New Construction	32
Renovation of existing	270

If you are an employer does housing affect ability to find employees?

No reply	392
Yes-diffic. to find seasonal empl.	25
Yes-diffic. to find perm. Empl.	2
No	67

Do you currently rent out property you own for housing

No reply	61
No	376
Yes-On a seasonal basis	29
Yes-On a year around basis	19
Yes-Housing for my employees	3

Do you own buildings suitable or could be made suitable for housing?

No reply	113	Yes	85	No	285
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Are you interested in renting out property?

No reply	75	Yes-On seasonal basis	36
No	360	Yes-On yearly basis	22
		Yes- my employees	2

TOURISM

Do you think the population of the Island should grow?

No reply 39
 No 170
 Yes-More summer residents 82
 Yes-More year around residents 178
 Yes-More summer day-trippers 91
 Yes-More overnight in summer 138

Where do you see the greatest potential for tourism growth?

Spring 85 Fall 99
 Summer 103 Winter 179
 Not needed 145 No reply 52

Should the Island have more festivals? (Check all that apply)

Nature 279 Auto shows 41 Ethnic 101
 Boat rally 91 Athl. events 76 Air 40
 Fishing derby 122 Music 184 Arts 111
 Bicycle rally 121 Other(s) 46 No reply 175

Should the Island participate in Door County festivals?

No reply 111
 Yes 228
 No 143

TRANSPORTATION

Do you feel summer ferry service should be improved?

No reply 37
 No-imp. not needed 245
 Yes-More trips 27
 Yes-More night trips 157
 Yes-Other improvem. 20

Do you feel winter ferry service should be improved?

No reply 65
 No-imp. not needed 82
 Yes-More frequent trips 266
 Yes-Larger winter boat 62
 Yes-Other improvements 9

Do you feel Island transportation should be improved?

No reply 56
 No-not needed 184
 Yes-Public van 41 Yes-Private van sys. 34
 Yes-Publ. Mini-b 93 Yes-Private mini-bus 55
 Yes-Addl. Taxis 71
 Yes-Other 63

Should the airport facility be developed for larger aircraft?

No reply 25
 Yes 78
 No 305
 No opinion 75

AGRICULTURE

Should more agricultural activities be developed?

No reply 90
 Yes 318
 No 76

Which do you feel is more important for the Island's economic stability?

No reply 67
 Commercial Fishing 68
 Sport/Charter Fishing 65
 Equally Important 285

Would you be interested in an Island community garden for use by residents?

No reply 58
 Yes 179
 No 248

Would you be interested in an Island "farmer's market" where locally grown/made products could be bought and sold?

No reply 29
 No 42
 Yes-as supplier 56
 Yes-as customer 408

Use of Farmland:	No Opinion	Rank No. 1	Rank No. 2	Rank No. 3
Used for agricultural production	120	225	115	10
Remain undeveloped as pasture/prairie	127	180	144	18
Be developed for other uses (i.e. housing / business)	217	28	14	201