

Durham Mail Survey Results

						Completed Answers (out of 573)	Percent Answered (out of 573)
1. Where in the Town of Durham do you live?		Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
Number of Responses		14	43	76	79	17	511
Percent of Completed Answers		2.7%	8.4%	14.9%	15.5%	3.3%	89%
		Area 6	Area 7	Area 8	Area 9	Area 10	
Number of Responses		64	108	67	15	20	
Percent of Completed Answers		12.5%	21.1%	13.1%	2.9%	3.9%	
2. How many years have you lived (or owned land) in the town of Durham?		5 or less	6 to 10	11 to 15	16 to 20		Completed Answers (out of 573)
Number of Responses		90	73	51	79		560
Percent of Completed Answers		16.1%	13.0%	9.1%	14.1%		98%
		21 to 25	26 to 30	31 to 35	36 to 40		
Number of Responses		61	46	37	29		
Percent of Completed Answers		10.9%	8.2%	6.6%	5.2%		
3. Do you own or rent your home in Durham?		Own	Rent	Do not live in Durham			Completed Answers (out of 573)
Number of Responses		527	27	12			566
Percent of Completed Answers		93.1%	4.8%	2.1%			99%
4. Do you consider your home in Durham your primary residence, or a second home?		Primary Residence	Second Home	Do not live in Durham			Completed Answers (out of 573)
Number of Responses		522	32	6			560
Percent of Completed Answers		93.2%	5.7%	1.1%			98%
5. What is your age?		Number of Responses		Percent of Completed Answers			
18 years		0		0%			
19-21 years		6		1%			
22-30 years		19		3%			
31-45 years		108		19%			
46-55 years		129		23%			
56-65 years		138		24%			
66-80 years		139		24%			
81 years or older		22		4%			

6. Do you operate a home-based business in Durham?	Yes	No				Completed Answers (out of 573)	Percent Answered (out of 573)
Number of Responses	93	471				564	98%
Percent of Completed Answers	16.5%	83.5%					
7a. If yes, is it a primary occupation or supplemental to another job?	Primary	Supplemental				Completed Answers (out of 573)	Percent Answered (out of 573)
Number of Responses	50	43				93	16%
Percent of Completed Answers	53.8%	46.2%					
8. How would you rate the overall quality of life in the town of Durham?	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion	Completed Answers (out of 573)	Percent Answered (out of 573)
Number of Responses	91	313	105	43	2	554	97%
Percent of Completed Answers	16.4%	56.5%	19.0%	7.8%	0.4%		
9. Over the next 20 years, how would you like to see the town population change?	Increase Greatly - 28	Increase Somewhat - 273	Remain the Same - 209	Decrease Somewhat - 38	Decrease Greatly - 7	Completed Answers (out of 573)	Percent Answered (out of 573)
Number of Responses	28	273	209	38	7	555	97%
Percent of Completed Answers	5.0%	49.2%	37.7%	6.8%	1.3%		
10. Have you ever had any problems with the following issues related to your drinking water source?	Very Concerned	Concerned	Not Concerned	No Opinion			
10a. Quantity	63 12.5%	101 20.1%	311 61.8%	28 5.6%	503	88%	
10b. Color	55 11.3%	58 11.9%	343 70.4%	31 6.4%	487	85%	
10c. Odor	81 16.2%	103 20.6%	288 57.6%	28 5.6%	500	87%	
10d. Pollutants	83 16.9%	91 18.5%	289 58.7%	29 5.9%	492	86%	
10e. Taste	81 16.3%	92 18.5%	294 59.3%	29 5.8%	496	87%	
10f. Other	15 8.3%	17 9.4%	119 65.7%	30 16.6%	181	32%	

11. Have you experienced difficulty in finding adequate water during well drilling?	Not			Completed Answers (out of 573)	Percent Answered (out of 573)	
	Yes	No	Applicable			
Number of Responses	59	334	162	555	97%	
Percent of Completed Answers	10.6%	60.2%	29.2%			
12. Have you experienced reductions in your well water capacity at any time?	Not			Completed Answers (out of 573)	Percent Answered (out of 573)	
	Yes	No	Applicable			
Number of Responses	135	378	38	551	96%	
Percent of Completed Answers	24.5%	68.6%	6.9%			
13. How satisfied are you with the following types of functions and services in Durham?	Very		Not		Completed Answers (out of 573)	Percent Answered (out of 573)
	Satisfied	Satisfied	Satisfied	No Opinion		
13a. Fire Protection	244 43.9%	265 47.7%	12 2.2%	35 6.3%	556	97%
13b. Ambulance/Rescue Squad	266 47.2%	245 43.5%	10 1.8%	42 7.5%	563	98%
13c. Town Hall	130 23.8%	289 52.8%	55 10.1%	73 13.3%	547	95%
13d. Town Board	78 14.4%	256 47.1%	98 18.0%	111 20.4%	543	95%
13e. Code enforcement/Building inspection	61 11.4%	199 37.1%	160 29.9%	116 21.6%	536	94%
13f. Board of assessors	45 8.4%	207 38.8%	172 32.3%	109 20.5%	533	93%
13g. Reading room	47 9.3%	122 24.1%	52 10.3%	285 56.3%	506	88%
13h. Senior services	26 4.8%	116 21.6%	115 21.4%	280 52.1%	537	94%
13i. Other	8 6.8%	24 20.5%	25 21.4%	60 51.3%	117	20%

14. How satisfied are you with access to Durham town government?	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Not Satisfied	No Opinion	Completed Answers (out of 573)	Percent Answered (out of 573)
14a. Hours of operation (town hall)	77 14.0%	329 59.9%	68 12.4%	75 13.7%	549	96%
14b. Responsiveness to resident's concerns	55 10.2%	229 42.5%	131 24.3%	124 23.0%	539	94%
14c. Overall communication with residents	47 8.7%	233 42.9%	145 26.7%	118 21.7%	543	95%
14d. Phone accessibility to officials	49 9.1%	254 47.2%	86 16.0%	149 27.7%	538	94%
14e. E-mail accessibility to officials	24 4.6%	135 25.8%	56 10.7%	308 58.9%	523	91%
14f. Accessibility to town records	36 6.8%	200 38.0%	72 13.7%	219 41.6%	527	92%
14g. Other	2 1.8%	18 16.2%	18 16.2%	73 65.8%	111	19%
15. How satisfied are you with the following roadway/traffic safety issues?	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Not Satisfied	No Opinion	Completed Answers (out of 573)	Percent Answered (out of 573)
15a. Speed limits	100 18.0%	290 52.2%	157 28.2%	9 1.6%	556	97%
15b. Snow removal	268 47.9%	242 43.3%	35 6.3%	14 2.5%	559	98%
15c. Road conditions/maintenance	167 30.1%	285 51.4%	100 18.0%	3 0.5%	555	97%
15d. Other	12 15.4%	12 15.4%	28 35.9%	26 33.3%	78	14%

16. Is it important for the town of Durham to review the impact of new development on the following?	Very Important		Not Important		Completed Answers (out of 573)	Percent Answered (out of 573)
	Very Important	Important	Not Important	No Opinion		
16a. Streams, ponds, and wetlands	318 57.9%	170 31.0%	36 6.6%	25 4.6%	549	96%
16b. Aquifers & aquifer recharge areas	272 52.1%	159 30.5%	32 6.1%	59 11.3%	522	91%
16c. Hillsides and ravines	229 42.9%	203 38.0%	70 13.1%	32 6.0%	534	93%
16d. Mature forests	256 47.2%	193 35.6%	60 11.1%	33 6.1%	542	95%
16e. Wildlife/wildlife habitats	275 50.8%	186 34.4%	57 10.5%	23 4.3%	541	94%
16f. Noise	306 56.0%	181 33.2%	43 7.9%	16 2.9%	546	95%
16g. Air quality	328 60.3%	171 31.4%	32 5.9%	13 2.4%	544	95%
16h. Population density	302 55.9%	187 34.6%	34 6.3%	17 3.1%	540	94%
16i. School districts	281 51.9%	195 36.0%	37 6.8%	28 5.2%	541	94%
16j. Traffic	273 50.2%	212 39.0%	40 7.4%	19 3.5%	544	95%
16k. Historic character	242 44.6%	182 33.6%	90 16.6%	28 5.2%	542	95%
16l. Rural and visual character	286 52.9%	189 34.9%	44 8.1%	22 4.1%	541	94%
16m. Other	42 54.5%	11 14.3%	5 6.5%	19 24.7%	77	13%
17. Are you concerned about the amount of development occurring in town?	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Concerned	No Opinion	Completed Answers (out of 573)	Percent Answered (out of 573)
Number of Responses	145	7	174	20	546	95%
Percent of Completed Answers	26.6%	1.3%	31.9%	3.7%		

19. Would you be in favor of spending public funding to accomplish any of the following, and if so, to what extent?	Yes, using new town tax dollars	Yes, using mix of public and private funds	Yes, but using only private money or grants	No	Completed Answers (out of 573)	Percent Answered (out of 573)
19a. Protect open space	42 8.3%	197 39.0%	161 31.9%	105 20.8%	505	88%
19b. Protect working farms and farmland	48 9.3%	202 39.0%	178 34.4%	90 17.4%	518	90%
19c. Protect small farms/recreational farms	37 7.2%	175 34.1%	199 38.8%	102 19.9%	513	90%
19d. Protect historic buildings and sites	62 11.9%	167 31.9%	209 40.0%	85 16.3%	523	91%
19e. Protect scenic landscapes	69 13.5%	188 36.7%	178 34.8%	77 15.0%	512	89%
19f. Protect sensitive environmental sites	80 16.0%	192 38.3%	159 31.7%	70 14.0%	501	87%
19g. Provide for public water and sewer	81 16.2%	108 21.6%	81 16.2%	231 46.1%	501	87%
19h. Helping provide affordable housing for Senior citizens	78 14.8%	185 35.2%	147 27.9%	116 22.1%	526	92%
19i. Helping provide affordable housing for first time home buyers	24 4.7%	80 15.8%	175 34.6%	227 44.9%	506	88%
19j. Helping provide affordable housing for renters	12 2.4%	66 13.0%	139 27.4%	290 57.2%	507	88%
19k. Local police	174 33.9%	158 30.8%	65 12.7%	116 22.6%	513	90%
19l. Provide added senior services	97 18.8%	182 35.3%	129 25.0%	107 20.8%	515	90%
19m. Other	16 22.2%	13 18.1%	10 13.9%	33 45.8%	72	13%

20. How important is it to have zoning in the town of Durham?	Very Important	Important	Not Important	No Opinion	Completed Answers (out of 573)	Percent Answered (out of 573)
Number of Responses	177	189	130	28	524	91%
Percent of Completed Answers	33.8%	36.1%	24.8%	5.3%		
21. How affordable do you feel homes are in Durham?	Very Affordable	Somewhat Affordable	Not Affordable	No Opinion	Completed Answers (out of 573)	Percent Answered (out of 573)
Number of Responses	71	326	85	38	520	91%
Percent of Completed Answers	13.7%	62.7%	16.3%	7.3%		
22. How important are the following for you and your family to have in Durham?	Very Important	Important	Not Important	No Opinion	Completed Answers (out of 573)	Percent Answered (out of 573)
22a. Affordable housing for first time home buyers	95 17.8%	186 34.8%	195 36.4%	59 11.0%	535	93%
22b. Affordable housing for renters	55 10.3%	169 31.8%	239 44.9%	69 13.0%	532	93%
22c. Affordable housing for seniors	151 28.0%	247 45.8%	108 20.0%	33 6.1%	539	94%
22d. Cable television	123 23.3%	170 32.1%	202 38.2%	34 6.4%	529	92%
22e. High speed internet connection	169 31.8%	165 31.0%	153 28.8%	45 8.5%	532	93%
22f. Forestlands/wildlife habitats	229 43.0%	216 40.6%	60 11.3%	27 5.1%	532	93%
22g. Historic character	162 30.6%	241 45.5%	102 19.2%	25 4.7%	530	92%
22h. Historical sites, structures, cemeteries	165 31.4%	272 51.7%	67 12.7%	22 4.2%	526	92%
22i. Litter control	264 49.2%	237 44.1%	29 5.4%	7 1.3%	537	94%
22j. Local job availability (within the town)	197 36.8%	230 42.9%	90 16.8%	19 3.5%	536	94%
22k. Locally owned/operated businesses	247 46.3%	228 42.8%	43 8.1%	15 2.8%	533	93%
22l. Low crime rate	408 75.8%	107 19.9%	12 2.2%	11 2.0%	538	94%

22m. Not paving existing dirt roads	88 17.3%	118 23.2%	229 45.1%	73 14.4%	508	89%
22n. Paving existing dirt roads	111 21.3%	125 24.0%	228 43.8%	56 10.8%	520	91%
22o. Opportunity for community involvement	150 29.0%	283 54.6%	51 9.8%	34 6.6%	518	90%
22p. Rural aesthetic character	203 38.7%	214 40.8%	67 12.8%	41 7.8%	525	92%
22q. Open spaces	216 41.3%	232 44.4%	50 9.6%	25 4.8%	523	91%
22r. Placing speed limits on town roads	210 39.3%	209 39.1%	100 18.7%	16 3.0%	535	93%
22s. More residential density	52 10.2%	110 21.6%	302 59.3%	45 8.8%	509	89%
22t. Additional commercial development	87 16.8%	206 39.8%	191 36.9%	33 6.4%	517	90%
22u. Enhanced tourism	165 31.3%	206 39.1%	128 24.3%	28 5.3%	527	92%
22v. Limits on new residential density	180 35.0%	208 40.5%	98 19.1%	28 5.4%	514	90%
22w. Provide water and sewer service	86 16.6%	117 22.5%	289 55.7%	27 5.2%	519	91%
22x. Public access to open space	131 25.2%	205 39.5%	141 27.2%	42 8.1%	519	91%
22y. Recreational opportunities	163 31.5%	224 43.2%	110 21.2%	21 4.1%	518	90%
22z. Scenic views and landscapes	214 40.5%	240 45.4%	55 10.4%	20 3.8%	529	92%
22aa. Sensitive environmental sites protected	248 46.9%	202 38.2%	55 10.4%	24 4.5%	529	92%
22bb. Services for senior citizens	194 36.6%	233 44.0%	78 14.7%	25 4.7%	530	92%
22cc. Small hobby farms/recreational farms	101 19.5%	200 38.5%	161 31.0%	57 11.0%	519	91%

22dd. Commercial farms	118	227	125	49			519	91%
	22.7%	43.7%	24.1%	9.4%				
22ee. Streams, ponds, wetlands	244	227	42	16			529	92%
	46.1%	42.9%	7.9%	3.0%				
22ff. Town park	172	262	77	18			529	92%
	32.5%	49.5%	14.6%	3.4%				
22gg. Youth activities	213	240	54	21			528	92%
	40.3%	45.5%	10.2%	4.0%				
22hh. Well water quality	345	168	14	10			537	94%
	64.2%	31.3%	2.6%	1.9%				
22ii. Well water quantity	328	179	14	15			536	94%
	61.2%	33.4%	2.6%	2.8%				
22jj. Other	42	7	4	18			71	12%
	59.2%	9.9%	5.6%	25.4%				
23. Indicate whether you are interested in seeing the following uses further developed in Durham.	Very Interested	No Interest	Existing is Adequate	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No Opinion	Completed Answers (out of 573)	Percent Answered (out of 573)
23a. Hiking	183	99	172	12	4	44	514	90%
	35.6%	19.3%	33.5%	2.3%	0.8%	8.6%		
23b. Snowmobiling	82	120	153	58	67	40	520	91%
	15.8%	23.1%	29.4%	11.2%	12.9%	7.7%		
23c. Swimming (public pool)	205	94	52	70	46	49	516	90%
	39.7%	18.2%	10.1%	13.6%	8.9%	9.5%		
23d. Swimming (town lake)	217	96	89	34	29	53	518	90%
	41.9%	18.5%	17.2%	6.6%	5.6%	10.2%		
23e. Tennis/basketball	140	114	184	20	8	47	513	90%
	27.3%	22.2%	35.9%	3.9%	1.6%	9.2%		
23f. Biking (on dedicated bike paths)	233	94	104	22	16	46	515	90%
	45.2%	18.3%	20.2%	4.3%	3.1%	8.9%		
23g. Ice skating	183	133	102	32	11	58	519	91%
	35.3%	25.6%	19.7%	6.2%	2.1%	11.2%		
23h. Skateboarding	87	172	88	77	30	58	512	89%
	17.0%	33.6%	17.2%	15.0%	5.9%	11.3%		
23i. Cultural activities(music, theater)	258	89	107	15	7	38	514	90%
	50.2%	17.3%	20.8%	2.9%	1.4%	7.4%		
23j. Golfing	134	146	141	25	13	50	509	89%
	26.3%	28.7%	27.7%	4.9%	2.6%	9.8%		

23k. Athletic fields (baseball, soccer)	180	70	222	12	3	28	515	90%
	35.0%	13.6%	43.1%	2.3%	0.6%	5.4%		
23l. Supervised recreational activities for seniors	201	104	105	26	4	77	517	90%
	38.9%	20.1%	20.3%	5.0%	0.8%	14.9%		
23m. Activities for teens (teen center)	298	74	71	25	10	37	515	90%
	57.9%	14.4%	13.8%	4.9%	1.9%	7.2%		
23n. Activities for senior citizens (senior center)	268	77	83	21	5	62	516	90%
	51.9%	14.9%	16.1%	4.1%	1.0%	12.0%		
23o. Community center	272	78	72	27	10	50	509	89%
	53.4%	15.3%	14.1%	5.3%	2.0%	9.8%		
23p. Public picnic areas	244	67	144	19	7	30	511	89%
	47.7%	13.1%	28.2%	3.7%	1.4%	5.9%		
23q. Playgrounds	235	59	179	12	6	27	518	90%
	45.4%	11.4%	34.6%	2.3%	1.2%	5.2%		
23r. Public recreation and parks	257	45	161	15	6	30	514	90%
	50.0%	8.8%	31.3%	2.9%	1.2%	5.8%		
23s. Horse trails	162	117	137	29	10	61	516	90%
	31.4%	22.7%	26.6%	5.6%	1.9%	11.8%		
23t. Walking/running path	248	83	118	22	10	44	525	92%
	47.2%	15.8%	22.5%	4.2%	1.9%	8.4%		
23u. Other Recreational Uses	34	11	14	3	3	21	86	15%
	39.5%	12.8%	16.3%	3.5%	3.5%	24.4%		
23v. Alternative subdivision designs	159	19	24	11	16	23	252	44%
	63.1%	7.5%	9.5%	4.4%	6.3%	9.1%		
23w. Duplex residences	83	114	63	81	78	69	488	85%
	17.0%	23.4%	12.9%	16.6%	16.0%	14.1%		
23x. Condominium/town houses	102	107	42	93	105	49	498	87%
	20.5%	21.5%	8.4%	18.7%	21.1%	9.8%		
23y. Apartment buildings	65	91	63	100	124	50	493	86%
	13.2%	18.5%	12.8%	20.3%	25.2%	10.1%		
23z. Senior housing/assisted living	246	60	61	33	46	59	505	88%
	48.7%	11.9%	12.1%	6.5%	9.1%	11.7%		
23aa. In-law apartments	168	93	84	37	42	78	502	88%
	33.5%	18.5%	16.7%	7.4%	8.4%	15.5%		

23bb. Subsidized housing	67	99	52	86	125	54	483	84%
	13.9%	20.5%	10.8%	17.8%	25.9%	11.2%		
23cc. Mobile homes anywhere	48	64	75	113	160	39	499	87%
	9.6%	12.8%	15.0%	22.6%	32.1%	7.8%		
23dd. Mobile homes in parks	79	66	159	67	84	46	501	87%
	15.8%	13.2%	31.7%	13.4%	16.8%	9.2%		
23ee. Group homes	54	94	50	91	127	83	499	87%
	10.8%	18.8%	10.0%	18.2%	25.5%	16.6%		
23ff. Other Residential Uses	6	11	9	4	13	27	70	12%
	8.6%	15.7%	12.9%	5.7%	18.6%	38.6%		
23gg. Tourist accommodations, hotels, motels	203	59	173	24	25	24	508	89%
	40.0%	11.6%	34.1%	4.7%	4.9%	4.7%		
23hh. Bed and Breakfast inns	246	41	184	10	7	26	514	90%
	47.9%	8.0%	35.8%	1.9%	1.4%	5.1%		
23ii. Restaurants-no drive throughs	284	48	127	16	10	30	515	90%
	55.1%	9.3%	24.7%	3.1%	1.9%	5.8%		
23jj. Restaurants-with drive troughs	124	102	60	91	92	30	499	87%
	24.8%	20.4%	12.0%	18.2%	18.4%	6.0%		
23kk. Retail stores	296	38	49	24	24	55	486	85%
	60.9%	7.8%	10.1%	4.9%	4.9%	11.3%		
23ll. Recreational businesses	166	78	79	24	20	83	450	79%
	36.9%	17.3%	17.6%	5.3%	4.4%	18.4%		
23mm. Other Commercial Uses	23	8	6	2	3	31	73	13%
	31.5%	11.0%	8.2%	2.7%	4.1%	42.5%		
24-1. If you are interested in seeing more commercial development in Durham, what would you like to see, and where would you locate it?	Not interested in commercial development anywhere		I am interested in seeing the following commercial uses developed in Durham				Completed Answers (out of 573)	Percent Answered (out of 573)
	Number of Responses	198	212				410	72%
Percent of Completed Answers	48.3%	51.7%						