

Peru Mail Survey Results 4-15-2004

Total Number of Surveys Returned: 615

1. What area of the Town do you live in?

Response Rate: 97.6%	West - 113 18.8%	East - 142 23.7%	North - 91 15.2%	South - 72 12.0%
	Town Center - 158 26.3%	I do not live in Peru - 18 3.0%	Other - 6 1.0%	

2. How many years in total have you lived in the Town of Peru?

Response Rate: 97.1%	Less than 5 years - 90 15.1%	5 to 9 years - 60 10.1%	10 to 14 years - 80 13.4%
	15 to 19 years - 68 11.4%	20 to 24 years - 56 9.4%	More than 25 years - 243 40.7%

3. How many people of the following age groups are in your household?

Average Household size: 2.62	0 to 5	6 to 12	13 to 18	19 to 21	21 to 30
Single person households: 93	one - 70	one - 63	one - 77	one - 51	one - 47
Two person households: 246	two - 23	two - 27	two - 34	two - 12	two - 16
Three person households: 98	three - 5	three - 3	three - 2	three - 0	three - 3
Four person households: 105	four - 3	four - 1	four - 0	four - 0	four - 0
Five person households: 48	five - 1	five - 0	five - 0	five - 0	five - 0
Six person households: 9	six - 0	six - 0	six - 0	six - 0	six - 0
Seven person households: 1	seven - 0	seven - 0	seven - 0	seven - 0	seven - 0
	31 to 45	46 to 55	56 to 65	66 to 80	81 or over
	one - 86	one - 102	one - 74	one - 57	one - 23
	two - 118	two - 95	two - 68	two - 49	two - 6
	three - 1	three - 0	three - 0	three - 0	three - 0
	four - 0	four - 0	four - 0	four - 0	four - 0
	five - 0	five - 0	five - 0	five - 0	five - 0
	six - 0	six - 0	six - 0	six - 0	six - 0
	seven - 0	seven - 0	seven - 0	seven - 1	seven - 0

4. Please indicate how you use your property.

Response Rate: 99.7%	Personal Residence - 568 92.7%	Farming, Agriculture - 45 7.3%	Undeveloped - 66 10.8%	Home Business - 37 6.0%
----------------------	-----------------------------------	-----------------------------------	---------------------------	----------------------------

Seasonal Home - 8	Rental Property - 41	Commercial - 20	Other - 31
1.3%	6.7%	3.3%	5.1%

5. What most influenced your original decision to live here?

Response Rate: 98.2%	Born and raised here - 169	Close to work - 131	Close to friends, relatives - 112	Rural atmosphere, farmland - 147	Quality of schools - 171
	16.8%	13.0%	11.1%	14.6%	17.0%
	Low crime rate - 39	Quality of Town services - 6	The village environment - 47	Low property taxes - 20	Attractive neighborhoods/su bdivisions - 77
	3.9%	0.6%	4.7%	2.0%	7.7%
	Other1 - 81	Other2 - 6			
	8.1%	0.6%			

6. Why do you continue to live in the Town of Peru?

Response Rate: 96.1%	Born and raised here - 113	Close to work - 115	Close to friends/relatives - 181	Rural atmosphere/farm land - 165	Quality of schools - 62
	11.4%	11.6%	18.2%	16.6%	6.2%
	Low crime rate - 64	Quality of Town services - 13	The village environment - 76	Low property taxes - 10	Attractive neighborhoods/su bdivisions - 79
	6.4%	1.3%	7.7%	1.0%	8.0%
	Other 1 - 102	Other 2 - 13			
	10.3%	1.3%			

7. Over the next 20 years how would you like to see the population in the Town change?

Response Rate: 97.2%	Decrease somewhat - 35	Remain the same - 187	Increase somewhat - 340	Increase greatly - 36
	5.9%	31.3%	56.9%	6.0%

8. Which best describes how Peru has changed since you moved here?

Response Rate: 96.3%	A more desirable place to live - 198	A less desirable place to live - 89	No noticeable change in desirability - 210	Haven't lived here long enough - 57	Other - 38
	33.4%	15.0%	35.5%	9.6%	6.4%

11a. Are you serviced by public water (as opposed to an individual well)?

Response Rate: 98.9%	Yes - 226	No - 382
	37.2%	62.8%

11b. Are you concerned with water quality generally in the Town (rivers, streams, lake)?

Response Rate: 83.6%	Yes - 259 50.4%	No - 255 49.6%
----------------------	--------------------	-------------------

14. Should the Town improve the Town Center to increase its attractiveness?

Response Rate: 91.2%	Yes - 344 61.3%	No - 217 38.7%
----------------------	--------------------	-------------------

15. Should the Town increase the "walkability" of the Town Center through new and/or improved sidewalks, crosswalks, traffic

Response Rate: 90.1%	Yes - 366 66.1%	No - 188 33.9%
----------------------	--------------------	-------------------

16. Is there additional need in the Town for the following types of land uses?

Response Rate: 85.9%	Convenience Store/Gas Station	Needed - 24 4.5%	Not Needed - 504 95.5%
Response Rate: 86%	Supermarket	Needed - 102 19.3%	Not Needed - 427 80.7%
Response Rate: 85.4%	Department Store	Needed - 179 34.1%	Not Needed - 346 65.9%
Response Rate: 83.6%	Bakery	Needed - 255 49.6%	Not Needed - 259 50.4%
Response Rate: 88.9%	Motel/Hotel	Needed - 263 48.1%	Not Needed - 284 51.9%
Response Rate: 83.4%	Appliance Store	Needed - 49 0.095516569	Not Needed - 464 0.904483431
Response Rate: 85.9%	Fast Food Restaurant	Needed - 86 16.3%	Not Needed - 442 83.7%
Response Rate: 84.9%	Other Restaurant	Needed - 287 55.0%	Not Needed - 235 45.0%
Response Rate: 83.6%	Auto Repair Shop	Needed - 116 22.6%	Not Needed - 398 77.4%
Response Rate: 82.6%	Medical/Dental Office	Needed - 165 32.5%	Not Needed - 343 67.5%
Response Rate: 83.9%	Commercial Junkyard	Needed - 16 3.1%	Not Needed - 500 96.9%
Response Rate: 82.9%	Big Box Retail	Needed - 45 8.8%	Not Needed - 465 91.2%
Response Rate: 82.1%	Mini-Storage	Needed - 139 27.5%	Not Needed - 366 72.5%

Response Rate: 78.4%	Home Business	Needed - 252 52.3%	Not Needed - 230 47.7%
Response Rate: 84.2%	Mobile Home Park	Needed - 50 9.7%	Not Needed - 468 90.3%
Response Rate: 85.4%	Apartment Buildings	Needed - 254 48.4%	Not Needed - 271 51.6%
Response Rate: 85.5%	Senior Housing	Needed - 333 63.3%	Not Needed - 193 36.7%
Response Rate: 82.3%	Rental Housing	Needed - 252 49.8%	Not Needed - 254 50.2%
Response Rate: 82.9%	Affordable Housing	Needed - 321 62.9%	Not Needed - 189 37.1%
Response Rate: 86%	Public Recreation Areas	Needed - 397 75.0%	Not Needed - 132 25.0%
Response Rate: 81.6%	Other Service Businesses	Needed - 260 51.8%	Not Needed - 242 48.2%
Response Rate: 22.9%	Other	Needed - 44 31.2%	Not Needed - 97 68.8%

17. As the Town considers priorities for guiding future growth and development, how important is it for the Town to accomplish

Response Rate: 93.8%	Protect scenic views along roadways	Yes - 505 87.5%	No - 38 6.6%	Undecided - 34 5.9%
Response Rate: 94.3%	Protect historic structures	Yes - 521 89.8%	No - 28 4.8%	Undecided - 31 5.3%
Response Rate: 92.2%	Encourage protection/expansion of lands for farms/orchards	Yes - 415 73.2%	No - 95 16.8%	Undecided - 57 10.1%
Response Rate: 91.9%	Protect undeveloped lands	Yes - 340 60.2%	No - 125 22.1%	Undecided - 100 17.7%
Response Rate: 94.8%	Require sidewalks for new residential developments near Town Center	Yes - 416	No - 109	Undecided - 58

Response Rate: 94.1%	Require streetlights for new residential developments near Town Center	71.4% Yes - 401	18.7% No - 133	9.9% Undecided - 45
Response Rate: 93%	Have an attractive Town Center	69.3% Town Center	23.0% No - 64	7.8% Undecided - 34
Response Rate: 91.7%	Have attractive approaches to Town Center	82.9% Yes - 419	11.2% No - 97	5.9% Undecided - 48
Response Rate: 91.7%	Regulate business signs	74.3% Yes - 395	17.2% No - 118	8.5% Undecided - 51
Response Rate: 92.4%	Have smooth traffic flow in Town Center	70.0% Yes - 495	20.9% No - 48	9.0% Undecided - 25
Response Rate: 92.8%	Develop an off-road trail system for walking/biking	87.1% Yes - 384	8.5% No - 111	4.4% Undecided - 76
Response Rate: 93.8%	Encourage planting of street trees in Town Center	67.3% Yes - 389	19.4% No - 130	13.3% Undecided - 58
Response Rate: 91.9%	Concentrate new residential growth in developments instead of along roadways	67.4% Yes - 294	22.5% No - 158	10.1% Undecided - 113
Response Rate: 92.8%	Require protection of some open space in all new residential subdivisions	52.0% Yes - 448	28.0% No - 65	20.0% Undecided - 58
		78.5%	11.4%	10.2%

Response Rate: 92.7%	Place layout and design conditions on new residential development to maintain rural character	Yes - 433 76.0%	No - 81 14.2%	Undecided - 56 9.8%
Response Rate: 93%	Limit placement of single-wide mobile homes to mobile home parks	Yes - 405 70.8%	No - 113 19.8%	Undecided - 54 9.4%
Response Rate: 93.5%	Expand Town utilities (water/sewer) to encourage further development	Yes - 291 50.6%	No - 167 29.0%	Undecided - 117 20.3%
Response Rate: 85%	Limit Town utilities (water/sewer) to discourage further development	Yes - 95 18.2%	No - 272 52.0%	Undecided - 156 29.8%
Response Rate: 90.2%	Identify and purchase future recreation sites	Yes - 278 50.1%	No - 166 29.9%	Undecided - 111 20.0%
Response Rate: 92.8%	Establish standards to guide the layout and aesthetics of new commercial development	Yes - 457 80.0%	No - 60 10.5%	Undecided - 54 9.5%
Response Rate: 92.4%	Encourage establishment of an industrial park in an appropriate location	Yes - 310 54.6%	No - 173 30.5%	Undecided - 85 15.0%
Response Rate: 91.1%	Increase access to Lake Champlain	Yes - 333	No - 169	Undecided - 58

		59.5%	30.2%	10.4%
Response Rate: 9.3%	Other	Yes - 23	No - 10	Undecided - 24
		40.4%	17.5%	42.1%

19. Do you support concentrating new commercial development in a designated area of Town?

Response Rate: 84.9%	Yes - 429	No - 93		
	82.2%	17.8%		
	Town Center - 129	NYS Route 22B - 139		
	24.7%	26.6%		
	Bear Swamp Road - 381	Other - 49		
	73.0%	9.4%		
	NYS Route 22 - 214			
	41.0%			

20. Should the Town improve the attractiveness of new development along Bear Swamp Road, (ie. landscaping, rear parking,

Response Rate: 93%	Yes - 389	No - 90	No Opinion - 93
	68.0%	15.7%	16.3%

21. What additional recreational opportunities are needed in Town?

Response Rate: 83.7%	Hiking	Yes - 222	No - 172	No Opinion - 121
		43.1%	33.4%	23.5%
Response Rate: 82.3%	Snowmobiling	Yes - 101	No - 283	No Opinion - 122
		20.0%	55.9%	24.1%
Response Rate: 86.3%	Swimming (public pool)	Yes - 234	No - 207	No Opinion - 90
		44.1%	39.0%	16.9%
Response Rate: 83.9%	Picnicking	Yes - 298	No - 133	No Opinion - 85
		57.8%	25.8%	16.5%
Response Rate: 87.3%	Biking (dedicated paths)	Yes - 378	No - 100	No Opinion - 59
		70.4%	18.6%	11.0%
Response Rate: 81.1%	Biking (existing roads)	Yes - 290	No - 134	No Opinion - 75
		58.1%	26.9%	15.0%
Response Rate: 86%	Ice skating	Yes - 332	No - 119	No Opinion - 78
		62.8%	22.5%	14.7%
Response Rate: 84.1%	Access to Lake Champlain for boating	Yes - 234	No - 189	No Opinion - 94
		45.3%	36.6%	18.2%

Response Rate: 84.2%	Skateboarding	Yes - 213 41.1%	No - 185 35.7%	No Opinion - 120 23.2%
Response Rate: 85.9%	Cultural activities (music, theater)	Yes - 340 64.4%	No - 115 21.8%	No Opinion - 73 13.8%
Response Rate: 83.1%	Field activities (baseball, soccer)	Yes - 206 40.3%	No - 212 41.5%	No Opinion - 93 18.2%
Response Rate: 84.2%	Tennis/basketball	Yes - 245 47.3%	No - 170 32.8%	No Opinion - 103 19.9%
Response Rate: 83.7%	Playgrounds	Yes - 272 52.8%	No - 163 31.7%	No Opinion - 80 15.5%
Response Rate: 83.4%	Recreational activities for adults	Yes - 296 57.7%	No - 117 22.8%	No Opinion - 100 19.5%
Response Rate: 86.7%	Activities for teens (teen center)	Yes - 381 71.5%	No - 76 14.3%	No Opinion - 76 14.3%
Response Rate: 85.4%	Activities for Senior Citizens (senior citizen center)	Yes - 346 65.9%	No - 84 16.0%	No Opinion - 95 18.1%
Response Rate: 88.5%	Community center that includes a variety of the options listed above	Yes - 429 78.9%	No - 55 10.1%	No Opinion - 60 11.0%
Response Rate: 11.1%	Other	Yes - 31 45.6%	No - 8 11.8%	No Opinion - 29 42.6%

22. For which of the following services would you be willing to pay additional property taxes or user fees?

Response Rate: 86.8%	Increase the attractiveness of Town Center	Yes - 191 35.8%	No - 264 49.4%	No Opinion - 79 14.8%
Response Rate: 87.3%	Provide additional recreational facilities	Yes - 269 45.6%	No - 194 31.7%	No Opinion - 74 12.7%

Response Rate: 86.3%	Expand water and sewer utilities	50.1% Yes - 152	36.1% No - 297	13.8% No Opinion - 82
Response Rate: 86.8%	Protect important open space properties	28.6% Yes - 201	55.9% No - 224	15.4% No Opinion - 109
Response Rate: 88.9%	Establish a recreation trail for walking and biking	37.6% Yes - 296	41.9% No - 189	20.4% No Opinion - 62
Response Rate: 88.3%	Protect historic buildings and sites in town	54.1% Yes - 281	34.6% No - 175	11.3% No Opinion - 87
Response Rate: 87.8%	Community Center	51.7% Yes - 301	32.2% No - 168	16.0% No Opinion - 71
		55.7%	31.1%	13.1%