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SKAGIT COUNTY 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update

Public Engagement Summary

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Appendix A. First Community Survey Results

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Furthering the Public Participation Plan

This engagement document is intended to be a living document and will be updated throughout the 2025 Skagit County Comprehensive Plan update. In April 2024, Skagit County completed the public participation program for the comprehensive plan which outlines goals, strategies, and timelines of the project’s engagement. To review the public participation plan, visit the project website at www.skagitcounty.net/2025CPA.

The Public Participation Goals Are:

- Commit to early and continuous engagement.
- Broadly disseminate proposals and information in accessible formats.
- Provide equitable opportunities for public participation in all areas of Skagit County.
- Provide timely information at key milestones.
- Use concise, plain, and easy to understand language.
- Consult with local tribes.
- Consult with neighboring jurisdictions, and federal and state agencies.
- Provide multilingual engagement opportunities and materials.
- Update the project website with current information.
- Utilize a variety of outreach mediums including local media, print, web, social media, emails, community meetings, and open houses.

Comprehensive Plan Process and Engagement Opportunities



The table above shows where community engagement opportunities run parallel to project.

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Engagement Commitments

Commit to inform –Skagit County will keep the community well informed from start to finish.

Commit to involve – Skagit County will consult with specific stakeholders and make sure that their needs and concerns are reflected in the plan.

Commit to collaborate – Skagit County will gather advice and innovative ideas from the community and incorporate them into the plan’s decisions to the maximum extent possible.

Commit to circle back – Skagit County will share how feedback was used to demonstrate the importance of community engagement process.

Commit to summarize activities – Skagit County will acknowledge people’s time and participation after each activity (surveys, interviews, community meetings, etc.). The County and consultant team will summarize feedback by creating a community engagement summary that will be available on the project website.

Commit to provide adequate public notice –Skagit County will inform the public of opportunities to participate in a timely manner, at least a week in advance of a meeting or activity where feedback is sought.

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First Community Survey

Purpose and Introduction

In April to May 2024, Skagit County conducted an online public survey to gather feedback from the community. The goal was to identify the general community perception of the Skagit County's strengths and weaknesses, and determine key areas needing focus for the 2025 comprehensive plan periodic update cycle. This initiative was one of many strategies aimed to involve the community in shaping Skagit County's future direction by prioritizing areas of improvement efforts. The survey findings provide valuable insights for staff and policymakers. These results will be used to guide focus areas for policy or influence future engagement questions.

The survey was widely advertised across Skagit County's diverse networks, both online and in-person, to encourage maximum community participation. This included use of Skagit County's social media and utilizing the department's listserv. Long-range planners from Skagit County actively promoted the survey during public meetings and engaged with residents at various community events, including the Concrete Community Resources Fair on April 8, 2024 and Healthy Kids Day at Skagit YMCA on April 13, 2024. See Tabling Events section for information about these events. Additionally, the survey was distributed via email to individuals subscribed to Skagit County newsletter, as well as various stakeholder groups and advisory boards. The survey was open for five weeks from April 9, 2024 and closed on May 14, 2024 with 717 participants.

Goals

Skagit County identified the following goals for the survey.

1. Identify broad priorities from Skagit County residents.
2. Identify Skagit County's greatest strengths.
3. Identify Skagit County's greatest weaknesses.
4. Identify Key topics for the Comprehensive Plan to focus on.
5. Use the survey to advertise the start of the year-long project.
6. Collect emails from interested residents to build a network for future input.

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Outcomes and Findings

Highest Ranking Values	Family Oriented, Stewardship of Natural Resources, Health and Safety
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Highest Ranking Strengths	Rural Character, Environment (Stewardship and Water Resources), Healthy Food Access
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Highest Ranking Weaknesses	Housing Supply and Affordability, Transportation Options, Local Industry and Employment
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For questions identifying strengths and weaknesses, a write-in option was also provided. Write in responses and complete survey questions can be found in the survey results included in Appendix A.

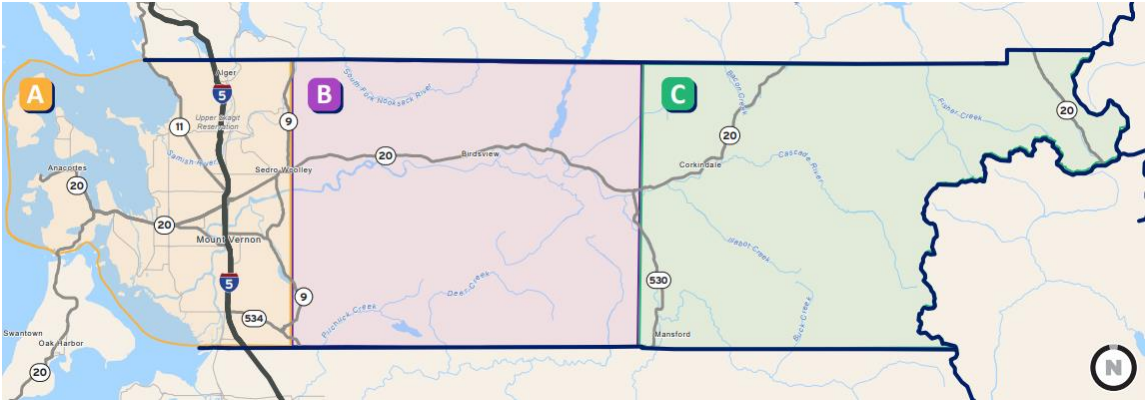
Question 4 Summarized: What priorities should Skagit County focus on over the next 20 years?

#1	Preserving agricultural land
#2	Improving housing supply and affordability
#3	Environmental preservation
#4	Economic growth and jobs
#5	Community resilience and hazard mitigation
#6	Transportation Improvements

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Regional Details

Respondents were asked to identify the region that they lived based on the map provided below.



Results were further analyzed by the region respondents lived in to identify local differences in survey responses. It was generally found that regardless of area respondents lived the listed priorities in similar order to the overall survey results.

General Findings by Region

Question 4 Summarized: What priorities should Skagit County focus on over the next 20 years?			
	Region A Responses Ranked	Region B Responses Ranked	Region C Responses Ranked
1	Preserving agricultural land	1 Preserving agricultural land	1 Preserving agricultural land
2	Environmental preservation	2 Improving housing supply and affordability	2 Community resilience and hazard mitigation
3	Improving housing supply and affordability	3 Environmental preservation	3 Improving housing supply and affordability
4	Economic growth and jobs	4 Economic growth and jobs	4 Economic growth and jobs
5	Transportation improvements	5 Transportation improvements	5 Environmental preservation
6	Community resilience and hazard mitigation	6 Community resilience and hazard mitigation	6 Transportation improvements

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All three regions listed “preserving agricultural land” as the top priority.

All three regions listed “economic growth and jobs” as the fourth priority.

Region B listed “improving housing supply and affordability” the highest out of the three regions.

Region C listed “community resilience and hazard mitigation” the highest out of the three regions.

General Findings by Age

Priorities of respondents ages 18-44:

1. Preserving agricultural land
2. Improving housing and affordability
3. Environmental preservation
4. Economic growth and jobs
5. Community resilience and hazard mitigation
6. Transportation improvements

Priorities of respondents ages 45-76 or older:

1. Preserving agricultural land
2. Improving housing and affordability
3. Environmental preservation
4. Community resilience and hazard mitigation
5. Economic growth and jobs
6. Transportation improvements

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Summary of Respondents Reached



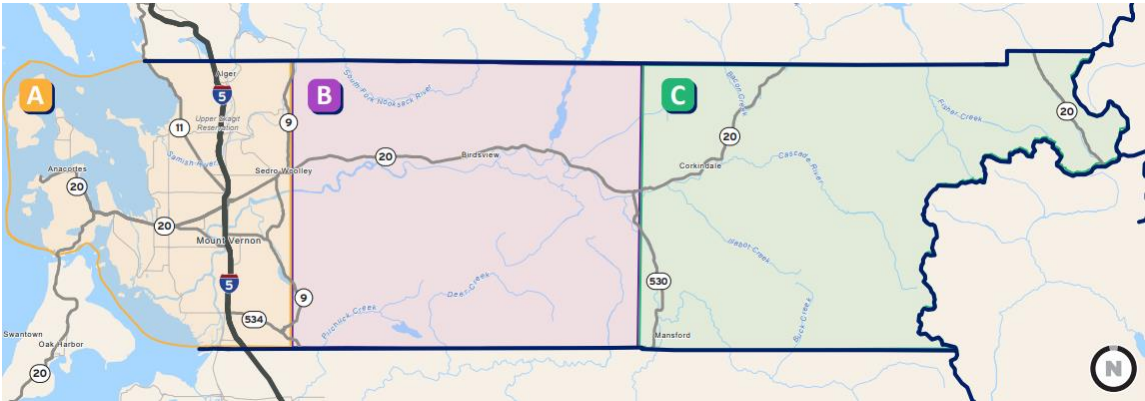
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Responded to the community survey.



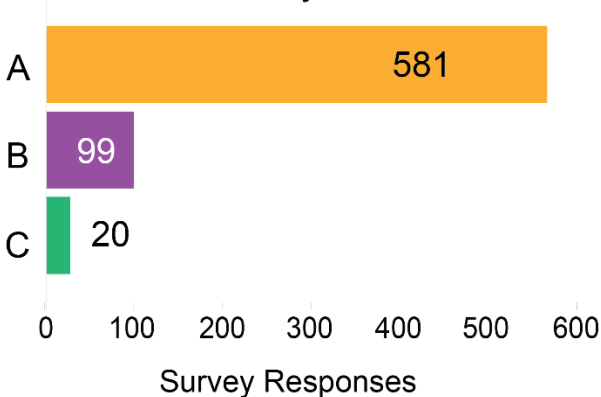
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Signed up to receive project updates on the project.

Survey Participants

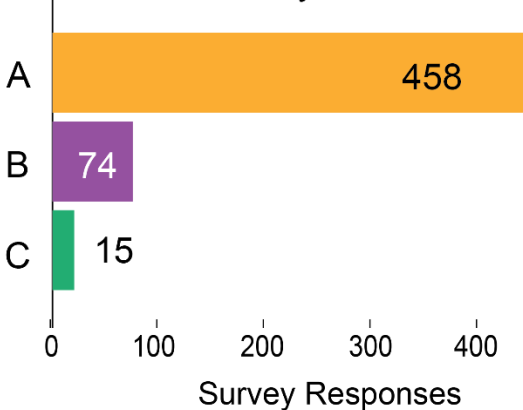
93.58%	Live in Skagit County.
76.15%	Own property in Skagit County.
54.39%	Work in Skagit County.
22.42%	Own or operate a business in Skagit County.
1.95%	Go to school in Skagit County.
1.26%	Visitor of Skagit County.



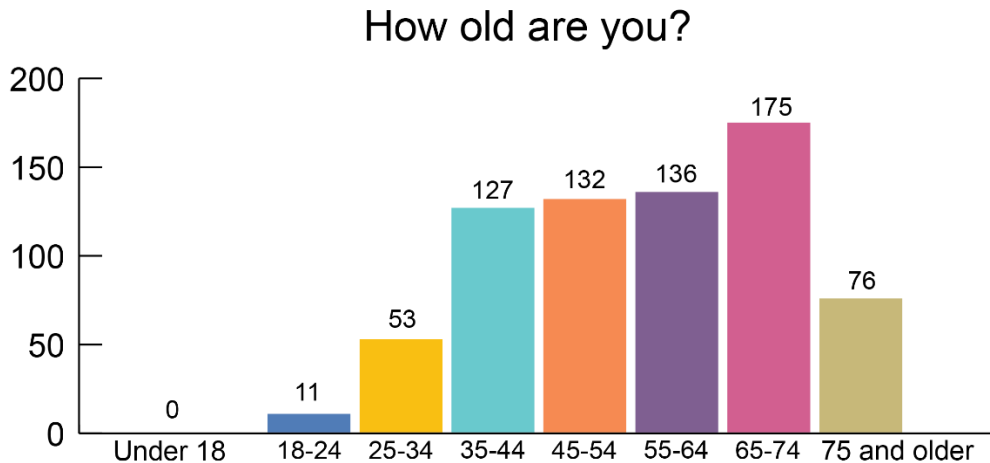
Where do you live?



Where do you work?



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Public Notifications

Skagit County’s public participation plan seeks to “provide equitable opportunities for public participation in all areas of Skagit County”. Eastern Skagit County has smaller populations and less public gathering spaces to advertise community engagement opportunities. It was anticipated that populations around Anacortes, Burlington, and Mount Vernon would have greater participation in online surveys. To collect responses from all areas of Skagit County staff attended a community event in Concrete to advertise the survey. During the last week of the online survey window staff also contributed extra resources and time to distributing advertising the survey online to eastern Skagit County zip codes. These advertisements are typically pushed to the top of users’ feed. This was done on Facebook social media site.

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Tabling Events

East Skagit County - Community Resource Fair

Location: Concrete Senior Center, 45821 Railroad Ave, Concrete, WA 98327

Audience: East Skagit County residents

Date: Monday, April 8, 2024

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



PDS staff advertised the opening of the Comprehensive Plan Update Project survey.

What we heard from the community. The below comments are paraphrased from what we heard from the community. Direct quotes will contain quotation marks.

Increased the transparency of available data with technological solutions. For example, King County provides a map of the as-builts for sewer/ water. This can help assist with development and avoid delays in construction by knowing where things are. - Community Member

“Desperate need for transitional housing.” - Volunteers of America staff

Improved transportation access. - Community member

“More homes.” - Community member

It can be difficult writing codes and regulations if you do not have the capacity or political buy-in to do so. Example provided was code enforcement of abandoned vehicles in rural areas around the Town of Concrete. The goals and objectives provided in plans and regulations need to be obtainable and realistic. Avoid lofty goals that will never be accomplished. - Concrete Planning Commissioner

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There needs to be work within Skagit County to keep and elevate higher education within the region and provide more opportunities for locals to pursue their education without having to move or commute to educational institutions. Skagit Valley College is working to partner with organizations to assist students with internships and job opportunities within the County. - Skagit Valley College Outreach Staff

Healthy Kids Day - Community Resource Fair

Location: Skagit Valley YMCA, 1901 Hoag Road, Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Audience: Families with young children

Date: Saturday, April 21, 2024

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.



L- Project Team, PDS staff member and Kimley-Horn Consulting member advertised that the project was in the visioning phase and the County was soliciting feedback from the community.

R- Event participants marked where in the County they lived.

What we heard from the community. The below comments are paraphrased from what we heard from the community. Direct quotes will contain quotation marks.

Transportation and ADA accessibility are lacking for public and commercial facilities. It is difficult for caregivers to transport their clients that are in wheelchairs and walking aids. - Community member and home health aide.

“We need to support our ag community.” - Community member

“Affordable housing” - Community member

“It’s grown up too fast” - Community member

There needs to be multifamily housing with on-site childcare. Transportation is a major challenge for families, especially those with children who have health issues and have to shuttle children

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between medical appointments and childcare facilities. It would be easier for families to consolidate these uses to reduce vehicle trips. - Community member and parent

More educational childcare facilities that provide services over the summer break. It is challenging for families with working parents to find quality childcare. Currently there are not enough opportunities throughout the County creating tight competition for registration. - Community member and parent

Berry Dairy Days

Location: 520 E. Fairhaven Ave, Burlington, WA 98233

Audience: Festival attendees

Date: Saturday, June 15, 2024

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



What we heard from the community. The below comments are paraphrased from what we heard from the community.

Development needs to stay in the cities and the county needs to remain rural.

“Housing is too expensive and hard to get. It’s hard for families with one income.

Better transportation is needed. There is now traffic on I-5 where there never used to be. Solutions are needed to encourage other forms of transportation besides relying on personal vehicles.

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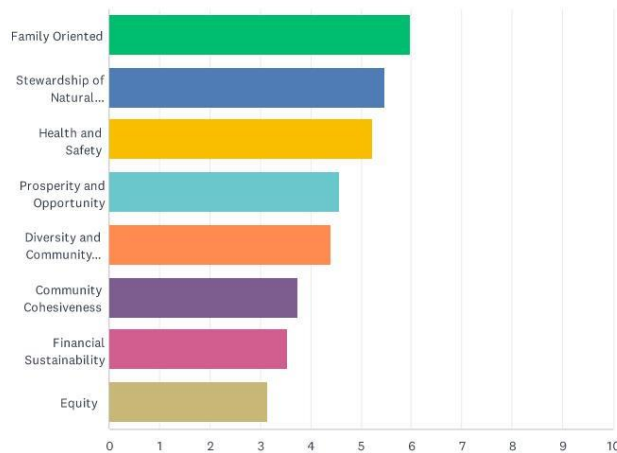
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Skagit County 2025 Community Vision Survey

Q1 What values best describe Skagit County? Please rank your priorities (1-highest; 8-lowest).

Answered: 710 Skipped: 7



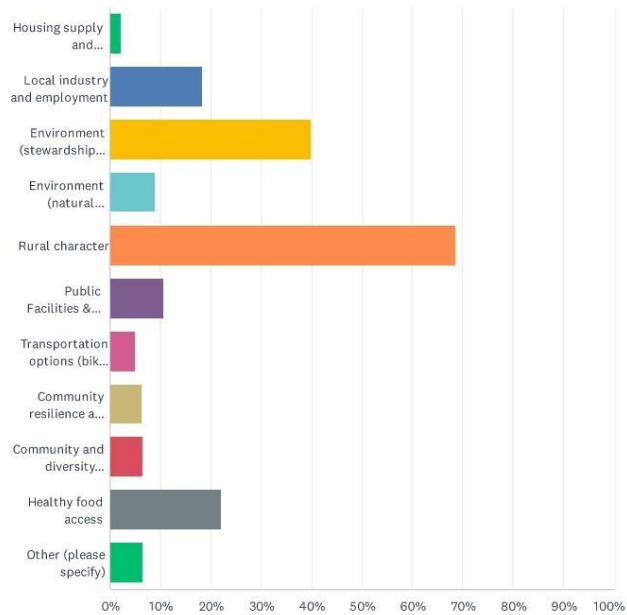
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL	SCORE
Family Oriented	33.80% 240	21.13% 150	11.97% 85	8.73% 62	7.61% 54	6.06% 43	5.21% 37	5.49% 39	710	5.98
Stewardship of Natural Resources	28.73% 204	12.96% 92	12.68% 90	10.28% 73	10.99% 78	9.58% 68	9.86% 70	4.93% 35	710	5.45
Health and Safety	9.44% 67	17.32% 123	21.27% 151	18.45% 131	15.35% 109	10.14% 72	5.21% 37	2.82% 20	710	5.22
Prosperity and Opportunity	6.34% 45	15.07% 107	15.21% 108	16.06% 114	14.37% 102	13.10% 93	11.27% 80	8.59% 61	710	4.56
Diversity and Community Inclusion	10.56% 75	17.18% 122	11.83% 84	9.58% 68	9.58% 68	10.28% 73	15.49% 110	15.49% 110	710	4.39
Community Cohesiveness	3.80% 27	5.77% 41	10.28% 73	12.25% 87	15.63% 111	24.08% 171	16.48% 117	11.69% 83	710	3.73
Financial Sustainability	6.34% 45	7.18% 51	10.56% 75	11.55% 82	11.41% 81	10.28% 73	12.39% 88	30.28% 215	710	3.54
Equity	0.99% 7	3.38% 24	6.20% 44	13.10% 93	15.07% 107	16.48% 117	24.08% 171	20.70% 147	710	3.13

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Skagit County 2025 Community Vision Survey

Q2 What are Skagit County's greatest strengths? (Pick two).

Answered: 717 Skipped: 0



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Skagit County 2025 Community Vision Survey

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Housing supply and affordability	2.09% 15
Local industry and employment	18.27% 131
Environment (stewardship and water resources)	39.89% 286
Environment (natural resource extraction)	8.93% 64
Rural character	68.34% 490
Public Facilities & Services (Roads, parks, and community buildings)	10.74% 77
Transportation options (bike, bus, car, and walking)	4.88% 35
Community resilience and natural hazard mitigation	6.14% 44
Community and diversity inclusion	6.42% 46
Healthy food access	21.90% 157
Other (please specify)	6.42% 46
Total Respondents: 717	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Poor on all	5/13/2024 10:44 PM
2	Away from heavy traffic	5/13/2024 6:04 PM
3	Outdoor recreation	5/13/2024 2:53 PM
4	The art community	5/13/2024 11:32 AM
5	Family Feel	5/12/2024 7:41 PM
6	Prioritize paying useless people who don't know how to their jobs over anything else	5/12/2024 6:55 PM
7	Tax is at a good rate	5/12/2024 6:18 PM
8	Great mix of democrats and republicans	5/12/2024 2:39 PM
9	preservation of farm land	5/12/2024 2:11 PM
10	Not fixing cook road intersection	5/12/2024 9:29 AM
11	Personally don't feel like we have strengths in Skagit county anymore. It has turned into greed and money. No stability-financially or safety wise.	5/12/2024 9:05 AM
12	Agricultural production.	5/12/2024 8:12 AM
13	I think Washington fails on all of these.	5/12/2024 5:42 AM
14	None - out of control, looted government and skyrocketing property taxes and cost of living	5/11/2024 9:43 PM
15	Agriculture	5/11/2024 3:33 PM
16	Small community	5/11/2024 9:10 AM
17	Unindustrial natural beauty	5/11/2024 8:57 AM
18	Farm land	5/11/2024 12:28 AM
19	Bum drug addicts	5/11/2024 12:02 AM
20	Medical facilities	5/10/2024 11:10 PM
21	Our many Churches and their faith building character.	5/10/2024 11:46 AM

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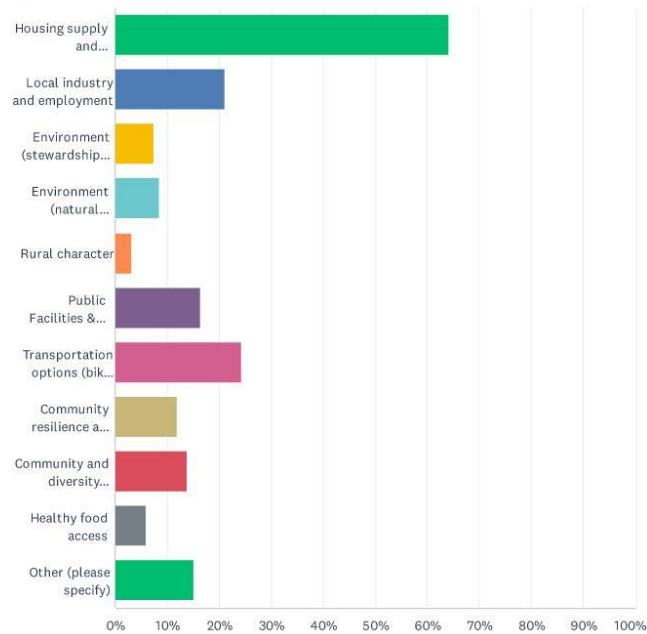
22	Farms and farming	5/10/2024 10:48 AM
23	None	5/8/2024 4:03 PM
24	Potential for natural resources but government interference and ignorance has interfered	5/2/2024 11:54 AM
25	agriculture industry	5/2/2024 9:43 AM
26	Limited sprawl and strong growth management	5/2/2024 8:09 AM
27	Protection of farmland and support to agriculture	4/30/2024 6:08 PM
28	Community	4/30/2024 5:03 PM
29	farming is stewardship.	4/28/2024 8:30 AM
30	Agritourism	4/24/2024 2:20 PM
31	Farming	4/19/2024 1:54 PM
32	natural beauty	4/17/2024 9:47 PM
33	Agricultural background	4/17/2024 12:23 AM
34	Location	4/16/2024 9:07 PM
35	homeless & crime	4/16/2024 8:31 PM
36	Disagree with the premise. These "strengths" are overemphasized to the detriment of businesses and a healthy economy.	4/16/2024 5:39 PM
37	None	4/14/2024 4:16 PM
38	None of these fit what I think is important	4/13/2024 11:14 AM
39	Crime is too high for anything above	4/12/2024 6:31 PM
40	They don't leave property owners alone with bullshit laws.	4/11/2024 6:47 PM
41	None of the above	4/10/2024 9:07 PM
42	the potential for international farm product sales	4/10/2024 6:28 PM
43	Amazing nonprofits and other organizations that serve the community	4/10/2024 6:03 PM
44	Taxing it's people into poverty	4/10/2024 4:56 PM
45	Unique local history/natural environmental attractions	4/10/2024 7:25 AM
46	Natural environment to recreate in.	4/10/2024 1:14 AM

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Skagit County 2025 Community Vision Survey

Q3 What are Skagit County's greatest weaknesses? Pick two.

Answered: 717 Skipped: 0



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Housing supply and affordability	64.16%	460
Local industry and employment	21.06%	151
Environment (stewardship and water resources)	7.39%	53
Environment (natural resource extraction)	8.51%	61
Rural character	3.21%	23
Public Facilities & Services (Roads, parks, and community buildings)	16.32%	117
Transportation options (bike, bus, car, and walking)	24.41%	175
Community resilience and natural hazard mitigation	11.99%	86
Community and diversity inclusion	13.95%	100
Healthy food access	6.00%	43
Other (please specify)	15.20%	109
Total Respondents: 717		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Local government integrity	5/14/2024 9:33 AM
2	Lack of Broadband to rural areas.	5/14/2024 9:19 AM
3	Unoccupied large spaces like the mall and outlet mall	5/14/2024 12:02 AM
4	All of them	5/13/2024 10:44 PM
5	Homeless and too much low income housing	5/13/2024 10:12 PM
6	Too much like a sanctuary city. Would love to see a focus on America first.	5/13/2024 9:45 PM
7	Deforestation/lack of tree cover and local character (too much lawn, we've erased PNW)	5/13/2024 9:28 PM
8	to many woke liberals	5/13/2024 7:10 PM
9	Job growth/employment	5/13/2024 2:10 PM
10	Refineries are a blight	5/13/2024 12:37 PM
11	planning for climate change	5/13/2024 10:14 AM
12	Skagit counties good old boy system whereby some projects get pushed through by the wealthy so I guess I would say the internal politics aren't exactly democratic.	5/13/2024 8:24 AM
13	Keeping it rural, saving wild areas- while everyone wants to live here	5/13/2024 7:22 AM
14	Skagit County has started catering to those that chose to be homeless, addicts, etc. and have lost site of what the law abiding, tax paying citizens want. I always thought I would live her forever...now in my 60's I no longer desire that. Sad!	5/13/2024 5:47 AM
15	Number of law enforcement personnel	5/13/2024 4:24 AM
16	Caving to housing developers	5/12/2024 11:34 PM
17	Unsafe roadways, not enough dining and activities for families	5/12/2024 10:56 PM
18	Paying the people who should be doing jobs that will actually make an impact	5/12/2024 6:55 PM
19	Property Taxes	5/12/2024 6:51 PM
20	Options for a job with a liveable wage	5/12/2024 4:07 PM

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21	bike lanes	5/12/2024 2:41 PM
22	Schools need overhaul	5/12/2024 2:39 PM
23	access to public health	5/12/2024 2:11 PM
24	More emergency services police fire	5/12/2024 10:42 AM
25	voting fraud, drugs, homelessness, human trafficking,	5/12/2024 10:13 AM
26	Traffic	5/12/2024 10:12 AM
27	Financial stability & safety of community	5/12/2024 9:05 AM
28	Protecting farm land and don't move the fair	5/12/2024 8:51 AM
29	Loss of agricultural land.	5/12/2024 8:12 AM
30	No transparency from branches of local government.	5/11/2024 11:32 PM
31	Overregulation and overtaxation	5/11/2024 10:16 PM
32	Homeless population, drugs, crime	5/11/2024 10:10 PM
33	don't know	5/11/2024 10:08 PM
34	Traffic issues	5/11/2024 9:50 PM
35	Grocery Shopping options	5/11/2024 8:27 PM
36	Importing wolves & grizzlies from far away places. These animals do not belong here where the species have never lived.	5/11/2024 6:00 PM
37	High Taxes	5/11/2024 2:53 PM
38	No longer feel safe to go to any store after dusk	5/11/2024 2:44 PM
39	Substandard schools	5/11/2024 1:45 PM
40	traffic enforcement	5/11/2024 1:44 PM
41	Inability to deal with the unhoused population	5/11/2024 11:18 AM
42	Taxes	5/11/2024 10:21 AM
43	To many apartments	5/11/2024 9:34 AM
44	Prosecution of criminals instead of the current catch and release.	5/11/2024 7:45 AM
45	Lack of Criminal Justice / not safe	5/11/2024 7:06 AM
46	Senior services	5/11/2024 12:28 AM
47	Enforcement of codes and laws	5/11/2024 12:02 AM
48	ONLY 3 COMMISSIONERS, TOO MUCH OUT-SOURCEING	5/10/2024 11:45 PM
49	DEI nonsense and Agenda 2030 mandates	5/10/2024 11:10 PM
50	Increased homelessness, playground hazards	5/10/2024 10:41 PM
51	Safety	5/10/2024 8:39 PM
52	Safety from homeless and gang related crimes	5/10/2024 7:10 PM
53	The schools are a mess! No resources to help, where did all of the money go? Also, not improving the roads or considering the school capacity when allowing high capacity buildings ie. the new apartment complexes being built.	5/10/2024 5:36 PM
54	Th inescapable effects of climate change, especially sea level rise	5/10/2024 5:08 PM
55	Drug addiction	5/10/2024 3:09 PM
56	lack of social services for the poor	5/10/2024 3:00 PM
57	Poor sidewalks or none offered, especially along 12th/Oaks in Anacortes	5/10/2024 1:05 PM

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58	Mass housing being built	5/10/2024 12:45 PM
59	Taxes	5/10/2024 12:09 PM
60	Public safety	5/10/2024 11:35 AM
61	Government	5/10/2024 11:23 AM
62	Arrogant Bureaucrats	5/10/2024 10:52 AM
63	non-support of farmers: get the elk out of our farms!	5/10/2024 10:48 AM
64	Bloated government obsession with human trafficking when Native Americans are still alive-- and no tribe spoke Spanish--ignoring the very real cartel presence & drug problem Democrats created	5/10/2024 10:47 AM
65	You ignore the homeless and drug issues thru the county look at baker lk rd and Sauk valley rd and you don't clean up the debris left from unhoused	5/10/2024 7:56 AM
66	Potential for attracting big city issues as we grow (crime, homelessness, etc)	5/10/2024 7:11 AM
67	Mental health care a SAFE place	5/10/2024 7:09 AM
68	Not very family friendly. There isn't much for older kids to do. And you have 1 small splash pad for 3 big towns.	5/10/2024 7:05 AM
69	Clear community vision	5/9/2024 10:06 PM
70	Keeping farmers profitable	5/9/2024 3:24 PM
71	Inappropriate influence of Seattle City Light	5/9/2024 3:03 PM
72	Neglect and unequal treatment of Guemes Island	5/8/2024 4:04 PM
73	government overreach, intrusion, rules and regulations, ignorance	5/2/2024 11:54 AM
74	conversions of agriculture lands to fish and wildlife habitat and not preserving agriculture	5/2/2024 9:43 AM
75	Delay in addressing climate planning, including the required Comprehensive Plan climate element	5/2/2024 8:09 AM
76	Mental Health facilities	5/1/2024 2:52 PM
77	Accessibility and trust in public services	4/30/2024 10:46 PM
78	Homelessness	4/19/2024 9:34 PM
79	Politicians turning our county into a sanctuary for illegals and cartels. sanctuary for illegals and cartelsinto	4/19/2024 1:54 PM
80	Elected officials who don't care about constituents	4/18/2024 4:52 PM
81	all-inclusive library system	4/18/2024 2:47 PM
82	Increasing population density	4/17/2024 8:44 PM
83	Govt not meeting future needs - growth, climate change, small ag	4/17/2024 4:32 PM
84	Too many people	4/17/2024 11:19 AM
85	Public safety with drug drug problems	4/17/2024 8:31 AM
86	Not sure that the two environment definitions mean	4/17/2024 7:17 AM
87	Community and diversity inclusion should not be an option. We are all tired of the woke bullshit	4/16/2024 8:37 PM
88	homeless& crime	4/16/2024 8:31 PM
89	Homelessness (mental health)	4/16/2024 4:13 PM
90	Budget issues,	4/12/2024 3:32 PM
91	Lack of local control	4/12/2024 12:38 PM

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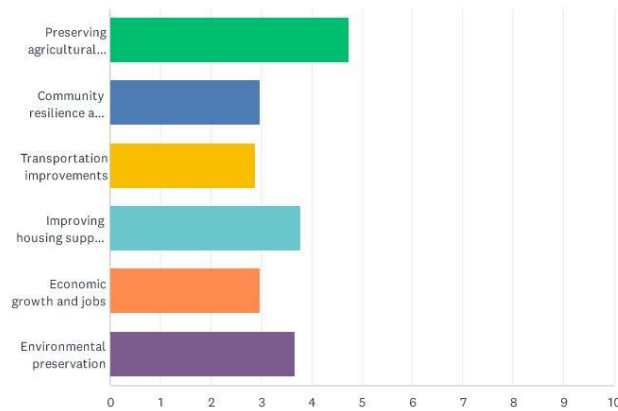
92	Trash proliferation (esp old RV's) seems to be increasing rapidly	4/12/2024 8:58 AM
93	Won't leave are water rights alone and kissing Indians ass.	4/11/2024 6:47 PM
94	Low income resources	4/11/2024 5:13 PM
95	Crime	4/11/2024 3:01 PM
96	no taxes or revenue from drug production. It requires honest people to pay for problems created by drug producers... like Humbolt Co Ca	4/10/2024 6:28 PM
97	Lack of mental health facilities for people experiencing a crisis	4/10/2024 6:03 PM
98	Over regulation on private property	4/10/2024 4:56 PM
99	corrupt staff and public officials	4/10/2024 4:28 PM
100	fiscal responsibility	4/10/2024 12:07 PM
101	Increased cost of doing business and regulatory hurdles at County level	4/10/2024 10:59 AM
102	Drug addicts everywhere	4/10/2024 8:36 AM
103	1. substance addiction 2. Permitting H2A workers to take local farming jobs.	4/10/2024 1:14 AM
104	Cost of living due to high R/E taxes	4/9/2024 7:31 PM
105	Lack of effort to reduce pollution, lower emissions, and stewardship of our natural resources (salmon, water, tree canopy, etc)	4/9/2024 7:26 PM
106	Excellent Health Care	4/9/2024 6:35 PM
107	Good old boy back room handshake mentality	4/9/2024 6:31 PM
108	drugs and crime & high taxes	4/9/2024 6:11 PM
109	Government overreach	4/9/2024 6:08 PM

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Q4 Skagit County is aiming to establish a vision to guide the comprehensive plan and for the County of the next 20 years. We want to know what is most important to you. What priorities do you feel are most important to focus on over the next 20 years? Please rank your priorities (1-highest; 6-lowest).

Answered: 714 Skipped: 3



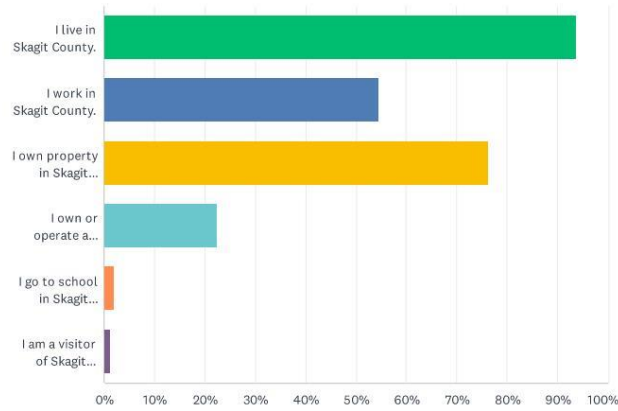
	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL	SCORE
Preserving agricultural land	45.52% 325	19.89% 142	14.01% 100	9.80% 70	5.46% 39	5.32% 38	714	4.74
Community resilience and hazard mitigation	4.62% 33	11.48% 82	18.49% 132	23.95% 171	23.25% 166	18.21% 130	714	2.96
Transportation improvements	3.22% 23	8.96% 64	19.75% 141	26.47% 189	24.09% 172	17.51% 125	714	2.88
Improving housing supply and affordability	21.29% 152	15.97% 114	19.75% 141	15.69% 112	17.09% 122	10.22% 73	714	3.78
Economic growth and jobs	7.70% 55	17.37% 124	14.71% 105	13.31% 95	18.35% 131	28.57% 204	714	2.97
Environmental preservation	17.65% 126	26.33% 188	13.31% 95	10.78% 77	11.76% 84	20.17% 144	714	3.67

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Q5 What best describes you? Select all that apply.

Answered: 717 Skipped: 0



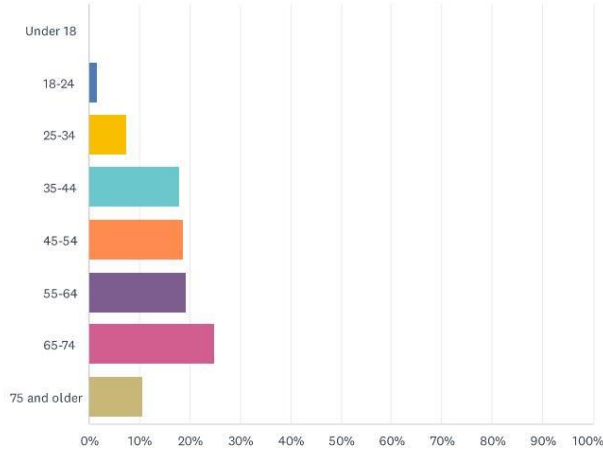
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I live in Skagit County.	93.58%	671
I work in Skagit County.	54.39%	390
I own property in Skagit County.	76.15%	546
I own or operate a business in Skagit County.	22.45%	161
I go to school in Skagit County.	1.95%	14
I am a visitor of Skagit County.	1.26%	9
Total Respondents: 717		

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Q6 How old are you?

Answered: 710 Skipped: 7



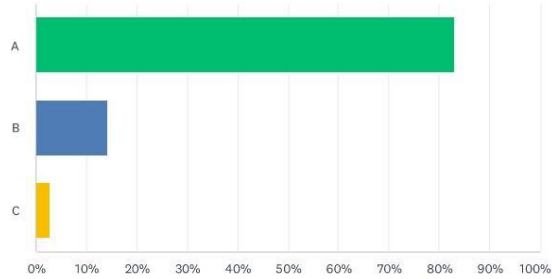
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
18-24	1.55%	11
25-34	7.46%	53
35-44	17.89%	127
45-54	18.59%	132
55-64	19.15%	136
65-74	24.65%	175
75 and older	10.70%	76
TOTAL		710

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Q7 Where do you live?

Answered: 700 Skipped: 17



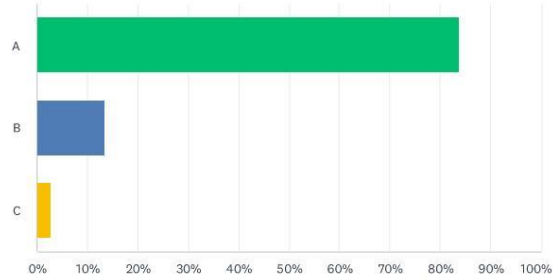
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A	83.00%	581
B	14.14%	99
C	2.86%	20
TOTAL		700

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Q8 Where do you work?

Answered: 547 Skipped: 170



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
A	83.73% 458
B	13.53% 74
C	2.74% 15
TOTAL	547

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Q9 If you would like to be added to the mailing list for project updates, please provide your email.

Answered: 304 Skipped: 413

Pages 16-23 contained email addresses of survey participants who opted in to project specific email updates and have been omitted for their privacy.