Barnesville
Community Input Survey 2025

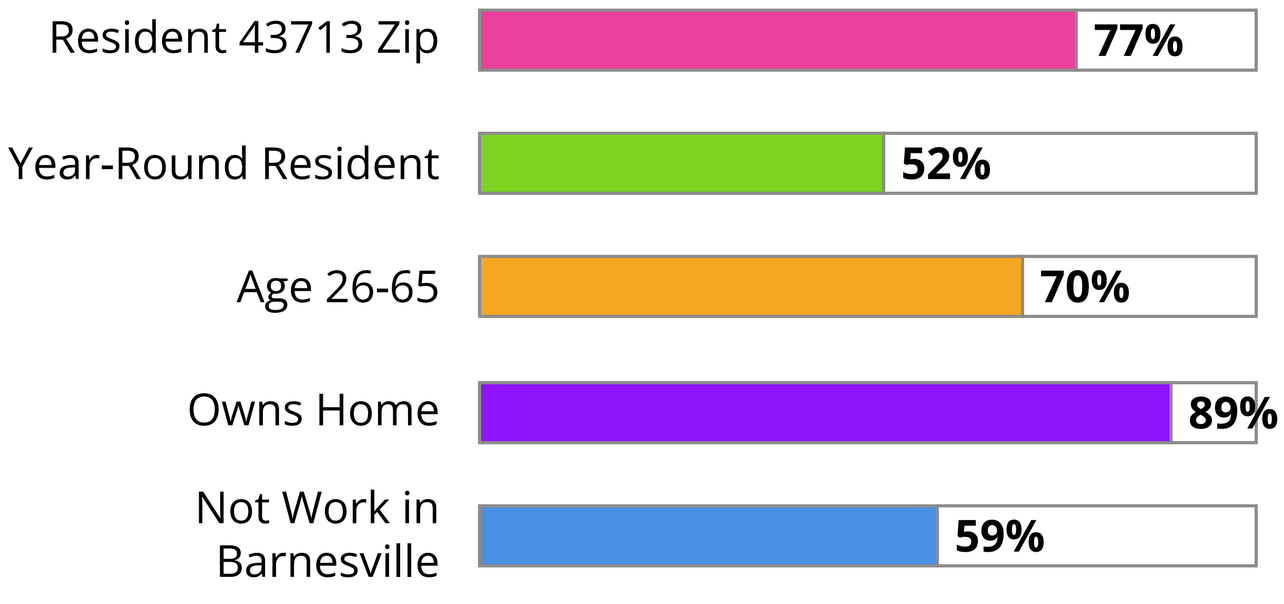
855

Total respondents
Answering at least 1 question
22 completed via paper

77%

of respondents **visit Focus Area multiple days a week**

Respondent Demographics



The majority of respondents indicated convenience & liking to shop locally keeps them shopping, dining, and doing business in Barnesville

Top 5 Issues that Should Be Addressed in Focus Area:

Creating a stronger commercial/retail environment

Increasing safety and security

Other (Improved road conditions)

Creating a family-friendly environment

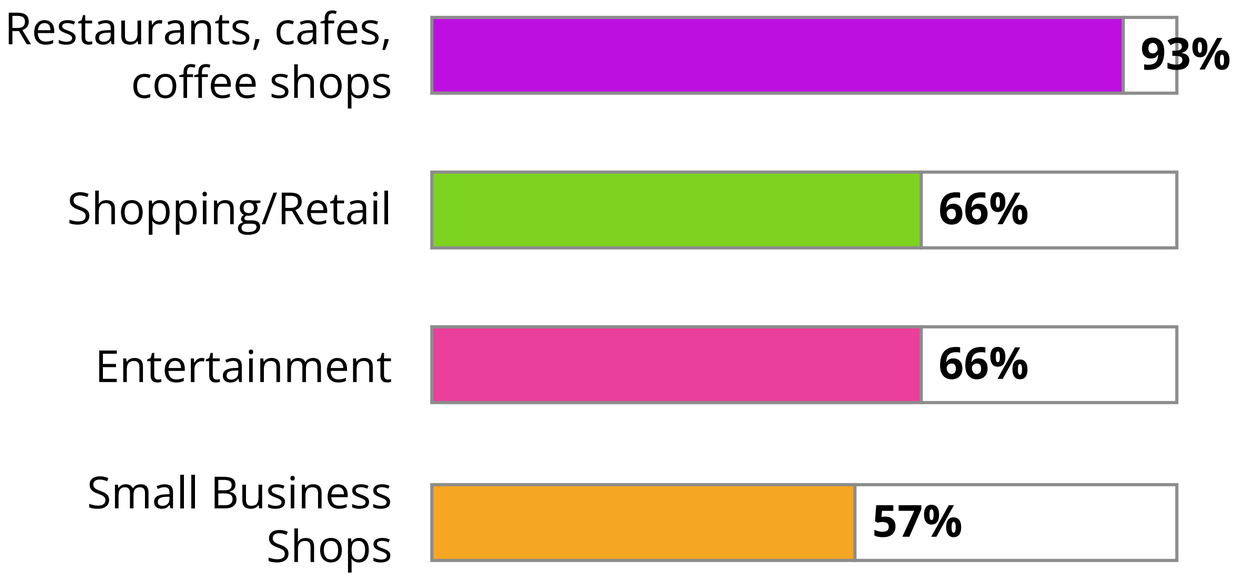
Increasing cleanliness and aesthetics

Local businesses visited most often:

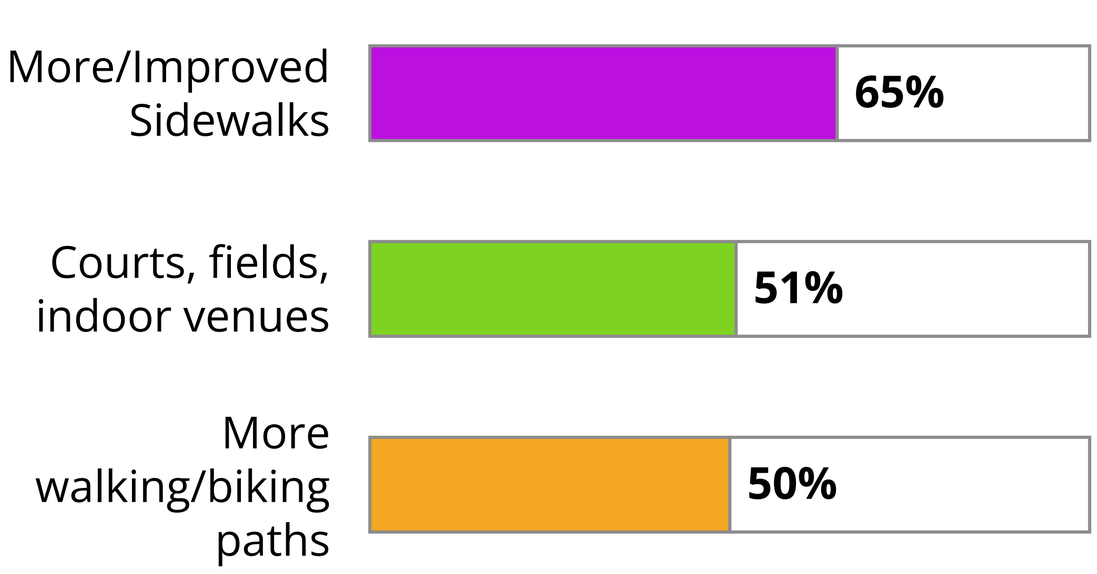
- Riesbecks
- Dollar General
- Hissom's
- Save-A-Lot
- Walgreens
- McDonalds
- Cheffy's
- Village Hardware

The majority of respondents use their personal vehicle most frequently, feel like the availability of public parking in the Focus Area is about right, and would drive and walk if all travel modes felt safe and comfortable

Types of Businesses Like to See in Focus Area



Types of Recreational Improvements Like to See in Focus Area



Eyesores/Blight or Unsafe Properties

There were a lot of responses, but **vacant buildings/houses/lots** and **sidewalks & streets** were mentioned most commonly

Ranked in Order of Importance

1. Memorial Park
2. Library
3. State Theater
4. Depot Grounds
5. Watt Center
6. Other

55%
of respondents indicate the **downtown sidewalks need work**

66%
of respondents indicate the **downtown building facades need work**

Vision for Focus Area - Images

The majority of respondents loved the community pavilion, a mixed-use development, the street dining bump-out, and a year-round covered facility

Biggest Challenges Facing Local Businesses

- Competition from online retailers
- Lack of foot traffic
- Limited customer base

State Theater

The majority of respondents would support live musical performance, special event movies, live theatrical performances, and nostalgic movies at a price point of $15 or less.

Like to See in Depot Grounds and/or Watt Center

There were many responses, most frequent ideas included farmer's/flea market, restaurant, event space, park or green space, kid & family-friendly activity or rec center, museum/historical site

Makes Barnesville a Great Place to Live and Work

- Small-town charm
- Safe and friendly community
- Strong schools

Beneficial Businesses, Events, Programs

The most common responses included the **pumpkin festival**, the **library** and it's programs for kids, **Fun in the Ville,** the **park, local businesses,** and the **school system**