

Mineral Springs Community Survey: Comparison of 2005 and 2000

1. How do you rate Mineral Springs as a Place to Live?

	2005	2000
Very Good	36.6%	37.0%
Good	37.1%	38.1%
Average	16.2%	17.3%
Below Average	8.9%	3.1%
Poor	1.3%	4.5%
Number of Responses	303	289

2. How long have you lived in what is now the Town of Mineral Springs?

	2005	2000
Over 20 years	38.5%	38.4%
10-19 years	16.7%	19.0%
5-9 years	21.5%	13.5%
1-4 years	18.6%	26.6%
Less than 1 year	4.8%	2.4%
Number of Responses	312	289

3. Question 3 was omitted.

4. Where do you work most of the time?

	Primary Earner		Secondary Earner	
	2005	2000	2005	2000
Monroe	8.4%	13.2%	10.6%	12.9%
Mineral Springs	6.8%	4.3%	15.5%	7.9%
Other Union Co.	13.5%	11.9%	1.3%	18.8%
Uptown Charlotte	7.7%	7.3%	6.8%	2.5%
Other Meck.	31.6%	36.0%	21.3%	26.2%
South Carolina	2.9%	3.0%	1.9%	2.0%
Retired	22.6%	17.2%	22.2%	19.8%
Other	6.5%	5.3%	8.7%	6.4%
Number of Responses	310	303	207	

5. Why did you choose to live in the Mineral Springs area? (listed by total score)

	2005				2000			
	1	2	3	Total	1	2	3	Total
Lifelong Resident	59	3	2	185	40	3	3	129
Small town Lifestyle	70	39	56	344	67	45	41	332
Low Taxes	32	68	46	278	25	42	43	202
Convenient to work	11	20	17	90	7	8	26	63
Near family and friends	36	44	18	214	21	36	15	150
Proximity to Charlotte	7	19	17	76	6	17	30	82
Affordable Housing	36	29	30	196	31	28	23	172
Availability of Large Lots	51	38	41	270	28	44	30	202

6. Over the next ten years, which one of the following do you think would most improve the quality of life

	2005	2000
More recreational facilities	12.1%	13.1%
More growth	6.3%	4.5%
Less growth	41.6%	48.1%
Health care facilities	4.8%	2.8%
More shopping	24.4%	18.0%
Other	10.8%	13.5%
Number of Responses	315	289

7. In your opinion, what are the most important development-related issues facing the Town of Mineral Springs over the next 10 years

	2005 Importance				2000 Importance			
	Very	Somewhat	Not	Number	Very	Somewhat	Not	Number
Preservation of rural/smalltown atmosphere	75.7%	18.3%	6.0%	300	84.8%	11.0%	4.1%	290
Providing new residential development	8.8%	21.6%	62.2%	294	8.8%	31.9%	59.3%	273
Maintaining low tax rate	84.6%	13.8%	1.6%	311	87.6%	10.7%	1.7%	291
Managing rate of growth	76.1%	19.9%	4.0%	301	85.3%	9.4%	5.2%	286
Enhancing Downtown District	39.4%	42.4%	18.2%	302	35.5%	39.2%	25.3%	273
Managing increased HWY 75 traffic	47.7%	41.6%	10.7%	298	57.2%	32.1%	10.7%	290
Need for more recreation opportunities	18.9%	42.4%	38.7%	297	18.9%	38.1%	43.1%	281
Preservation of open space/creeks/trees	71.7%	19.7%	8.7%	300	77.4%	17.3%	5.3%	283
Providing additional municipal services	18.2%	40.2%	41.6%	296	15.5%	37.1%	47.3%	283
Determining most desirable Res. Densities	50.3%	39.6%	10.1%	288	8.8%	31.9%	59.3%	273

8. How concerned are you about the following as they relate to the quality of life in the Town of Mineral Springs over the next 10 years

	2005 Level of Concern				2000 Level of Concern			
	Very	Somewhat	Not	Number	Very	Somewhat	Not	Number
Overcrowded schools	53.97%	29.14%	16.89%	302	55.00%	28.93%	16.07%	280
Rapid growth	74.59%	19.80%	5.61%	303	77.43%	18.75%	3.82%	288
Tax increases	77.10%	20.65%	2.26%	310	77.93%	18.62%	3.45%	290
Crime	62.42%	29.08%	8.50%	306	64.24%	25.69%	10.07%	288
Traffic	62.83%	29.28%	7.89%	304	62.32%	27.17%	10.51%	276
Loss of undeveloped areas and open space	69.21%	23.18%	7.62%	302	69.37%	21.83%	8.71%	284
Type of commercial development	56.86%	36.79%	6.35%	299	65.38%	29.37%	5.24%	286
Environmental issues	59.08%	33.99%	6.93%	303	67.14%	26.15%	6.71%	283

Questions 9 was not quantifiable.

HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

10. Most residential development should be limited to one-acre lots

	2005	2000
Strongly Agree	59.2%	49.5%
Agree	21.2%	25.9%
Neutral	10.1%	10.1%
Disagree	6.9%	8.4%
Strongly Disagree	2.6%	9.1%
Number of Responses	306	297

11. Some areas of MS should be designated for lots larger than 1-acre

	2005	2000
Strongly Agree	47.9%	45.9%
Agree	28.2%	28.3%
Neutral	16.7%	18.4%
Disagree	4.9%	4.6%
Strongly Disagree	2.3%	2.8%
Number of Responses	305	283

12. Some areas of MS should be designated for lots smaller than 1-acre

	2005	2000
Strongly Agree	4.3%	4.5%
Agree	13.8%	15.7%
Neutral	16.7%	14.3%
Disagree	24.6%	23.3%
Strongly Disagree	40.7%	42.2%
Number of Responses	305	287

13. Different sized homes should be encouraged within a given neighborhood

	2005	2000
Strongly Agree	11.2%	8.5%
Agree	28.9%	24.8%
Neutral	33.9%	37.6%
Disagree	12.8%	17.0%
Strongly Disagree	13.2%	12.1%
Number of Responses	304	282

14. Clustering of houses, without increasing overall density, should be permitted

	2005	2000
Strongly Agree	3.30%	3.64%
Agree	13.20%	7.64%
Neutral	21.12%	23.27%
Disagree	30.36%	26.91%
Strongly Disagree	32.01%	38.55%
Number of Responses	303	275

COMMERCIAL/MIXED DEVELOPMENT

15. Large shopping centers with stores such as Wal-Mart should be built

	2005	2000
Strongly Agree	11.2%	6.9%
Agree	9.3%	8.7%
Neutral	9.9%	11.5%
Disagree	17.6%	18.1%
Strongly Disagree	51.9%	54.9%
Number of Responses	312	288

16. A compact traditional town center with small shops should be developed

	2005	2000
Strongly Agree	21.0%	17.0%
Agree	36.4%	34.3%
Neutral	22.6%	19.7%
Disagree	10.8%	11.1%
Strongly Disagree	9.2%	18.0%
Number of Responses	305	289

17. No changes should be made to the downtown business district

	2005	2000
Strongly Agree	9.1%	16.0%
Agree	7.1%	11.4%
Neutral	26.9%	23.1%
Disagree	29.9%	30.2%
Strongly Disagree	26.9%	19.2%
Number of Responses	308	281

18. Strip commercial development along major roads should be strongly discouraged

	2005	2000
Strongly Agree	29.1%	41.4%
Agree	25.2%	24.1%
Neutral	20.3%	16.2%
Disagree	15.0%	9.3%
Strongly Disagree	10.5%	9.0%
Number of Responses	306	289

19. Mixed uses, such as residences above shops, should be permitted downtown

	2005	2000
Strongly Agree	9.4%	6.3%
Agree	28.6%	18.9%
Neutral	30.8%	33.3%
Disagree	14.9%	18.2%
Strongly Disagree	16.2%	23.2%
Number of Responses	308	285

20. Small lots, if permitted, should be confined to the area near downtown

	2005	2000
Strongly Agree	14.7%	10.9%
Agree	31.4%	26.8%
Neutral	29.7%	31.0%
Disagree	15.4%	14.4%
Strongly Disagree	8.8%	16.9%
Number of Responses	306	284

21. Mineral Springs should encourage continued agricultural activities

	2005	2000
Strongly Agree	41.8%	46.1%
Agree	41.8%	39.7%
Neutral	13.7%	12.1%
Disagree	2.3%	1.3%
Strongly Disagree	0.3%	0.7%
Number of Responses	306	297

22. Mineral Springs should adopt stronger sign regulations

	2005	2000
Strongly Agree	24.7%	33.6%
Agree	35.4%	31.2%
Neutral	26.0%	24.0%
Disagree	11.7%	6.5%
Strongly Disagree	2.3%	4.8%
Number of Responses	308	292

INFRASTRUCTURE**23. Sidewalks should be required in new neighborhoods with small lots**

	2005	2000
Strongly Agree	21.1%	17.0%
Agree	25.3%	25.9%
Neutral	33.6%	28.7%
Disagree	11.5%	16.7%
Strongly Disagree	8.6%	11.7%
Number of Responses	304	282

24. Sidewalks should be required throughout the town

	2005	2000
Strongly Agree	16.9%	14.8%
Agree	24.7%	16.5%
Neutral	26.9%	25.4%
Disagree	17.2%	24.7%
Strongly Disagree	14.3%	18.6%
Number of Responses	308	291

25. Water and sewer service should be provided throughout the town

	2005	2000
Strongly Agree	31.5%	22.5%
Agree	19.8%	18.7%
Neutral	21.8%	21.5%
Disagree	12.0%	19.4%
Strongly Disagree	14.9%	18.0%
Number of Responses	308	284

26. Water and sewer service should be limited to the downtown district

	2005	2000
Strongly Agree	7.6%	5.6%
Agree	13.5%	13.0%
Neutral	28.9%	31.3%
Disagree	26.0%	25.0%
Strongly Disagree	24.0%	25.0%
Number of Responses	304	284

RECREATION**27. Mineral Springs should develop park and recreation resources**

	2005	2000
Strongly Agree	16.8%	15.6%
Agree	32.2%	25.9%
Neutral	27.6%	26.2%
Disagree	14.8%	12.2%
Strongly Disagree	8.6%	20.1%
Number of Responses	304	294

28. Mineral Springs should develop a network of walking, bicycle, and horse trails

	2005	2000
Strongly Agree	19.3%	22.5%
Agree	26.5%	18.0%
Neutral	26.1%	25.3%
Disagree	16.7%	15.6%
Strongly Disagree	11.4%	18.7%
Number of Responses	306	289

29. Unique natural areas should be protected from development

	2005	2000
Strongly Agree	56.2%	59.1%
Agree	27.1%	26.1%
Neutral	12.1%	7.2%
Disagree	2.3%	3.4%
Strongly Disagree	2.3%	4.1%
Number of Responses	306	291

INDUSTRY**30. Additional "clean" industry should be permitted but in very limited locations**

	2005	2000
Strongly Agree	23.9%	20.3%
Agree	39.7%	34.3%
Neutral	19.0%	16.1%
Disagree	8.2%	11.2%
Strongly Disagree	9.2%	18.2%
Number of Responses	305	286

31. No additional industry should be permitted

	2005	2000
Strongly Agree	14.3%	23.5%
Agree	8.3%	10.7%
Neutral	26.3%	23.1%
Disagree	32.3%	27.0%
Strongly Disagree	18.7%	15.7%
Number of Responses	300	281