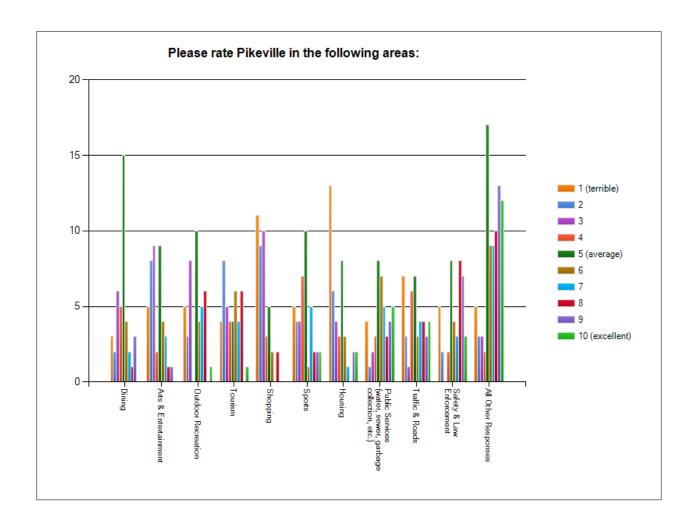
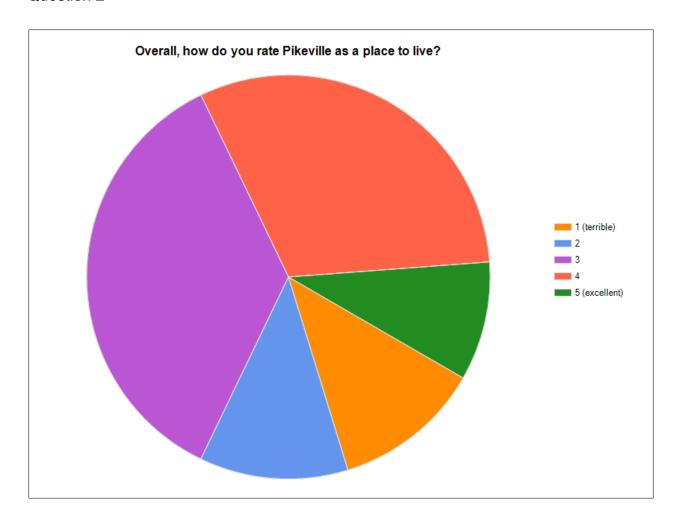
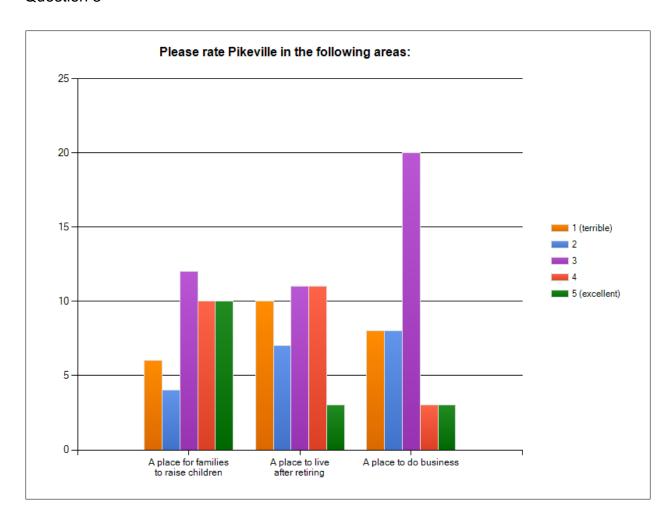
Pikeville Comprehensive Plan Update Public Survey Findings







Question 4: What are the best things about Pikeville?

- I like the small town feel of Pikeville, it is great to walk around and see friendly faces on the street. The shopping is fair for the size of the town, and most of the restaurants are excellent.
- The Medical School.
- The people are truly friendly and helpful.
- The Cut through area.
- Small, easy to get around, not much traffic. Clean, good city government and management. Police and Fire Protection are top notch.

- Pikeville Medical Center is one of the best medical facilities in the state of Kentucky, but could use some improvement in its capabilities given its rapid expansion, and room to grow (to 500 beds). Too many patients who have mild to severe trauma's are flown out or transported via ambulance to facilities like UK Hospital in Lexington, when they should be able to handle patients better here at home, saving time that could matter greatly wasted on transport elsewhere. Overall I believe PMC is a great facility, and it's nice to know that Pikeville has a way to educate students that are interested in a career in the medical field (New medical building built at the University of Pikeville, as well as a reputable facility that is constantly growing and requiring workers, all within city limits. The Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center in Pikeville is also a very convenient arena to have right in Pikeville city limits, and pulls in what I'm sure to be a large number of tourists. "Hillbilly Days" is another large tourist attraction held in Pikeville, and is a really enjoyable festival.
- Parks.
- That the city has more eateries/ recreational things for the people to do.
- The College of Medicine. The new Courthouse.
- Chiricos.
- The College.
- Safe small town
- Our city is clean and well maintained.
- The beautiful mountains. The regular, working people
- The expo center when good shows are booked, the city park, free parking
- People, city is beautiful, my family & friends live here.
- It is a beautiful town. I like some of the improvements.
- The city has done a great jobs with the parks and adding events such as muscle on main, main street live, nightmare on main and ect. Hillbilly days is also a great event, the upcoming Hatfield and McCoy days should be nice, and the new horse trail. overall I think the city of pkeville is a great place to live and raise a family.
- It's been home for 37 years.. Best part of pikeville is that it growing and moving forward
- Small town feeling. Downtown looks beautiful since the revitalization.
- Excellent
- Hillbilly Days.
- Pike County Schools
- It's pretty. There have been many improvements over the years.
- For the most part Pikeville has polite people and good healthcare.
- The crime is low. I feel safe here.
- Most things are close by. Expo Center Restaurants
- Small town charm
- Dining, walking trails, police department, cleanliness of town, honest officials
- It is a beautiful town that has grown but kept the integrity of the architecture. I love the new court house and other structures around town. The older houses are also a plus. Each year, the flowers seem more beautiful than the year before. Pikeville embraces the history but also looks forward to the future. I am a graduate of Pikeville College and I love that the college has grown and received a university rating. One of my children graduated there as did my mom and my dad (in the 1930's). I am very proud of the medical school and the hospital.
- nothing

- The people! Small, clean city!
- small town police response time fire/ems response time city works together with whoever they need to, to get things done the city works to grow unlike any other city I know

Question 5: What needs improvement in Pikeville?

- Downtown needs a renaissance in the worst way. Most of the buildings are super old and haven't been kept up very well. I think if the city could part with some of the nostalgia and maybe destroy the old insufficient buildings with newer, nicer facilities that this would spark a growth in office type jobs and subsidies of larger businesses that need field office space.
- Too many City Regulations and Taxes.
- things for teenagers to do. we only have the movies on a regualr basis.
- Public Services.
- Dining options, other than fast food. Don't let the City Government get too big. We
 don't need another bloated government agency. We need to look for ways to cut
 taxes. PMC needs to be reigned in. While the improvements in medical are needed,
 they are ruining the tax base by buying all the real estate up. No accountable or
 public scrunity of the financials.
- Pikeville Medical Center could use some improvement in its capabilities given its rapid expansion, and room to grow (to 500 beds). Too many patients who have mild to severe trauma's are flown out or transported via ambulance to facilities like UK Hospital in Lexington, when they should be able to handle patients better here at home, saving time that could matter greatly wasted on transport elsewhere. Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center doesn't book very many well-known artists, and the ones that it does book are generally targeted towards older/elderly people. (Bluegrass, Country, etc. We need some big names to establish a good track record with celebrities that have came to Pikeville. IE: We need Nicki Minaj, Drake, Lil Wayne, 2Chains, Miley Cyrus, etc. Just some artists targeted towards the youth of the county/state. Not Brantley Gilbert, and the Dixie Chicks.) Hillbilly Days is a fun event, however it's not as family friendly as it should be considering all the drug addicts and alcoholics that are roaming the streets during this time. Shopping DEFINITELY needs VAST improvement in Pikeville. Most everyone is forced to go out of town to do any type of shopping, due to the lack of retailers here at home.
- City services.
- I have only been here for a couple of years. I have absolutely been taxed to death. My insurance rates are through the roof. The cost of housing is ridiculously high for an area such as this. I have lost money by moving here. Since moving here there has not been one week that has passed by that I have not been awakened by some idiot riding around blasting their music at 2 and 3 in the morning, some neighbor begging for cash or by some people who think it's OK to talk at the top of their lungs standing on the street while most working people are in the bed. There is no respect for the working person here and I understand your peoples frustration with the drug epidemic that plagues this entire town. (I will be leaving in a few months.) Here are few complaints from neighbors I would like to pass on. Slumlords are killing this

community. They are bringing in drug dealers, drug addicts and suspected prostitution into once quiet family friendly neighborhoods. Their properties are not kept up. Some of the buildings are falling apart. They are bringing in rats and vermin due to the unsanitary drug addicted residents they normally rent to. There is always garbage littered about. People that have lived here 30 and 40 years have had to put up with these problems for quite some time. Parking spaces in front of their homes are now taken by the unscrupulous friends of the tenants living down the street. The addicts are up all hours of the night disturbing working families. A sleepless community is not a safe community. You need to take of the people who choose to live and work in your city and stop letting these people with sub-standard housing and the non-working criminals they rent to take over entire streets. Have you ever noticed how no one here smiles. There is too much begging going on from the people who choose not to work. If you are trying to promote tourism in this area, why do you have these students going back to school in the dead of summer? Doesn't make a whole lot of sense. A lot of people get their vacations in August. There are so many safety issues that need addressing. There are obstructed views all over this place. Businesses have their signs too close to the road.. There is a big Welcome to Pikeville structure at one end of your town another obstructed view. Library stop lights entirely too long. Can't see to pull onto the Blvd. without being completely in the road. Crosswalk from a church to the City Park needs to be eliminated. People in the far right lane (going out of town) cannot see the pedestrians coming from the leftt even if the vehicle to their left is stopped. Cedar Creek residents need to trim back their shrubbery and stop parking vehicles on the side of the road. Parking is atrocious. People won't park correctly! There lies a fortune in parking citations. Parking gets worse when the UPike students return and so does the loud music that shakes the house and disturbs your working community in the middle of the night.

- The City's Administration. Fire Department.
- Police Department.
- City services.
- Revitalization of downtown by offering tax benefits, assistance to business owners, and more of what is already going on!
- More shopping places and more good paying jobs (not minimum wage), doesn't matter how much you bring to pikeville if no one is working.
- The city needs more shopping, sit down restaurants and entertainment. The new commons if it is every built will help. ATV trails should be a priority. West Virginia is doing a great job with this. The city of Pikeville needs to support the local bussinesses. At the place where I have worked for the last six years only two local politicians have ever been into our store! Local leaders need to support the local businessess! It seems they are only interested in getting in the big box stores.
- More respect for the regular people! Officials listening to the people! Spending our tax money more efficiently! Working to help the middle class-not the rich and wealthy! Definitely shopping!!!
- Need more things for teens to do
- Shopping, movie theatre has made terrible improvements.
- More jobs, resturants, shopping & doctors
- There isn't enough to do, young or old.

- I would like to see more at the expo center. Maybe a different variety of music, or some indoor sports and activities for citizens to come in and enjoy. Maybe some new restaurants would be nice, or some clothing stores.
- Huh we need more better paying jobs, just need more then a super Walmart to shop in...And grow out of our hillbilly culture... Change hillbilly days to southern pride days or something..
- More places to eat and shop. More public transportation (not just for the poor too).
 Increase entertainment.
- Better jobs and affordable housing. Everything is too over priced for the job market here.
- Commercial air!
- The City Government.
- More shopping Cleaner places to eat More policeman on the roads Stop selling stuff to the hospital More drug testing Better college education A new mayor!!!'
- Shopping, housing, dining....this place is not a "hub."
- Need more good jobs and more housing
- We need better places to shop, Walmart gets way too much business, because there aren't many other places to shop. Instead of having so many of the same restraunts and stores so close together we need a better variety.
- Needs to be more for the children to do. More variety in restaurants and shopping. I
 think the biggest problem with the area is that it takes 2hrs or more to get to any
 major city. WE NEED AN INTERSTATE!!! US23 just doesn't cut it. Being someone
 who was not born and raised here I feel trapped by the mountains a lot of the time.
- The boulevard is too chaotic. No matter where you go to pull out your view is obstructed by parked cars. Its not safe. You can't see to pull out on the Boulevard behind the Police Station or the Parking garage. There are entirely too many parking spaces on either side of the Boulevard. Obstructions are worsened when UPike students make their own parking spaces. Constantly being disturbed by cars blasting that music that vibrates an entire block. What are those vibrations doing to our already crumbling hillsides?
- Narrow roads, lack of shopping
- More housing developments for middle class, more businesses, drug problem.
- I feel the taxes are very high; many people do not have children in the schools, yet
 they carry the burden of supporting the school. I resent the new inspections required
 for rentals on top of all the taxes that have been in place for many years. My
 husband and I do not live in Pikeville, but we have had three rental units there that
 we have owned for about twenty years. We are often in Pikeville doing repairs and
 lawn care on these places.
- everything
- Lower school taxes, more police patrol and speed control.
- more stores or shops in downtown i think pikeville needs another convenience store in downtown. speedway stays packed and you have to wait in line to get gas

