

# 20/20 Vision: Focused On Our Future

## Jay County, Indiana

### Civic Index Survey Results

Please circle the responses below that best reflects your agreement or disagreement with each statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<b>Jay County Vision</b>				
1. Our county community has a shared vision of what it wants to become in the future.	1%	34%	59%	6%
2. Our county community has a long-term strategic plan to achieve that vision.	1%	16%	69%	14%
3. What happens in the county community is largely a matter of chance.	2%	44%	41%	13%
4. Our county community clearly knows what makes itself unique in comparison to other counties.	10%	43%	44%	3%
<b>Citizen Engagement in Jay County</b>				
1. Residents feel their participation matters in solving community challenges.	3%	47%	44%	6%
2. Most people in Jay County are committed to problem solving to address community issues rather than who is to blame for the problem.	1%	33%	59%	7%
3. It is difficult to get people in Jay County involved in community activities.	11%	39%	43%	7%
4. It is not difficult to get qualified people to run for office.	6%	29%	46%	19%
<b>Local Government in Jay County</b>				
1. The local governments (town and county) in Jay County are accountable to its residents.	3%	84%	12%	1%
2. Local government services in the county are provided equally to all groups and neighborhoods.	4%	64%	30%	1%
3. Local governments create opportunities for citizens to participate in county community problem-solving.	1%	58%	38%	3%
4. Our governments share decision-making power on pressing issues with citizens.	0%	50%	47%	3%
<b>Roles of Non-Profits in Jay County</b>				
1. Non-profits manage turf issues and collaborate well with each other for available resources.	3%	70%	24%	3%
2. Non-profits feel it is important to listen to consumers in determining priorities and planning programs.	8%	77%	14%	1%
3. Local governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations work together to solve community problems in the county.	6%	67%	26%	1%
<b>Businesses in Jay County</b>				
1. The local businesses partner with non-profits and schools to improve the community.	7%	70%	23%	0%
2. Businesses play a philanthropic role in the community.	13%	79%	8%	0%
3. The businesses encourage county community volunteerism among their employees.	4%	57%	37%	2%
<b>Diversity in Jay County</b>				
1. The Jay County community recognizes and celebrates the diversity of its residents (ages, ethnicities, genders, religions, and sexual orientation).	0%	51%	44%	5%
2. The Jay County community promotes interaction among diverse populations.	0%	43%	53%	4%
3. Diverse groups (age, ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual orientation) in Jay County are involved in decision-making.	1%	40%	52%	7%
4. The elected leadership of our county reflects the diversity present in the community.	1%	39%	53%	7%
<b>Information Sharing In Jay County</b>				
1. The community in Jay County is well informed of the plans and goals of its governing body.	0%	33%	61%	6%
2. The average citizen in Jay County knows how to access information on public issues.	0%	25%	67%	8%

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3. The media is a credible source of information in Jay County.	25%	64%	8%	3%
4. The media regularly focuses on the issues rather than the conflicts that exist.	11%	67%	19%	3%
<b>Reaching Consensus in Jay County</b>				
1. The community in Jay County addresses challenges proactively rather than reactively.	6%	47%	44%	3%
2. Though community residents in Jay County may disagree over ideas, these disagreements do not typically lead to a breakdown in progress.	0%	62%	35%	3%
3. Leaders in the community in Jay County are able to resolve controversial issues in a win/win manner.	2%	55%	41%	2%
4. Jay County has neutral conveners and forums to resolve pressing conflicts and challenges.	0%	38%	59%	3%
5. The community in Jay County is willing to try new ideas to solve problems.	7%	65%	23%	5%
<b>Crossing Jurisdictional Lines</b>				
1. The local governments in the county work well with each other to address local and county-wide challenges.	6%	60%	32%	2%
2. Leaders in Jay County consistently set aside their own interests for the good of the broader community-good.	2%	62%	33%	3%
3. Community agencies and organizations rarely coordinate their activities.	5%	42%	53%	0%
<b>Educating Residents in Jay County</b>				
1. The county's residents have ample opportunities to learn about the rights and responsibilities of being a "citizen" in the county.	0%	43%	50%	6%
2. A wide variety of organizations and institutions provide education on citizen participation and the opportunities to engage.	5%	37%	55%	3%
3. Traditional power leaders support citizen education.	0%	23%	74%	3%
<b>Building Leadership in Jay County</b>				
1. Programs exist in Jay County to develop and encourage emerging leaders.	2%	33%	60%	5%
2. Our leadership training programs provide avenues for immediate application of new skills.	2%	22%	73%	3%
3. Our leadership programs develop new leaders that reflect the diversity of our county.	0%	22%	74%	3%
<b>Ongoing Learning in Jay County</b>				
1. The Jay County community rarely repeats the same mistakes over and over again.	2%	40%	54%	4%
2. Residents see their community building efforts in the county as on-going and long term.	5%	63%	29%	3%
3. Throughout the county, local communities do a good job of documenting their histories.	2%	68%	26%	4%
4. The county has a report card or bench marking system to gauge its quality of life.	0%	16%	82%	2%