



Grade 12 student survey

Woodstock High School: 49 Students were surveyed

**Do you live inside or outside the town limits?**

49% of respondent live outside and 51% live inside Woodstock town limits.

**What are your future plans?** The percentage reflects the total number of check marks (=61). 10 out of 61 students checked more than one choice.

55.7% want to attend University

16.4% want to go to Community College

14.8% want to work

9.8% don't know what their future plans are

3.3% indicated that they had "other" plans

**1. What do you like, or value most, about living in your own community?** (Please rank the following 6 choices from 1 to 6 in order of importance, 1 being most valuable)

1- The natural environment (woods, river, outdoors, clean environment)

2- The social activities (community events, church events, organizations like 4-H)

3- The opportunities for physical activities, (eg. hockey, swimming, etc.)

4- The people who live here (good friends, neighbours and family)

5- The services (arena, pool, library, recreation and sport programs etc.)

6- The convenience (everything I need is here)

Other: 6- music activities, 1- playing the drums

**2. What do you like least about your community?**

-11 responded "**Not enough fun things to do**" (& 1 isolated)

-1 responded "**Some time on weekends there is not much to do.**"

-2 responded "**The lack of fun things to do in spare time.**"

-7 responded "**Small place**"

-5 responded "**Roads**"

-4 responded "**Nothing.**"

-3 responded "**Nothing for teens to do.**"

-2 responded "**How pollutes the St. John River.**"

-1 responded "The drugs."

-1 responded "People knows everything about everyone" (gossip)

-1 responded "How unclean the town usually is."

-1 responded "Ignorant and stupid people."

-1 responded "Some people and the speeding limits."

-1 responded "It's small so rumors are blown out of proportion."

-1 responded "The people"1

-1 responded "It keeps increasing in population, not a quiet town anymore."



- 1 responded “To crowded”
- 1 responded “Rowdy neighbors.”
- 1 responded “No opportunity to meet new people.”
- 1 responded “Those who pester about climate change and try to bend truth to make it our fault. Climate has been warming for 10 000 years from Pleistocene Ice Age.”
- 1 responded “Nothing really big around here, its cold.”
- 1 responded “The layout/planning in the busier areas of Woodstock is of some concern (ie: corner you are unable to see around and busy intersection with no traffic lights).”
  - 1 responded “I don’t like the way thing is set up. There should be more downtown other than mostly uptown.”
- 1 responded “Lack of culture.”
- 1 responded “The level of egocentrism.”
- 1 responded “People’s lack of driving abilities.”
- 1 responded “The community lacks variety.”
- 1 responded “The lack of involvement for the youth. To announce what is available.”
- 1 responded “Lack of horse activities.”

**3. Do you want to stay and live in New Brunswick after you finish school?**

The percentage reflects the total number of check marks (=50).

- 24% Yes
- 26% No
- 50% Unknown

**4. If not, would you like to return to live in New Brunswick some day?**

The percentage reflects the total number of check marks (=47).

- 34.0% Yes
- 10.6% No
- 55.3% Unknown

**5. What kind of work would you prefer to do if you live here or if you would live here?**

Please check off your first three choices.

The percentage reflects the total number of check marks (=113).

- 31.9% -professional career (doctor, lawyer, accountant, engineer, school teacher etc.)
- 15.9% -running your own business? If so, what kind? Entrepreneur, psychology clinic, a store, electrical, not sure, wedding planning/wine store, carpenter, sandwich shop, restaurant, horse stable and tack store.
- 15.0% -something outdoors (eg. tourism, recreation, guiding, etc.)
- 12.4% -a trade or working with your hands (eg. making craft products, carpentry, etc.)



- 10.6% -other: architect, graphic design, philosophy, marketing career in a large company, photography and graphic design, working with animals, hair dresser, custom officer, something fun, writing, engineering and research.
- 9.7% -providing a service (eg. working in a store, garage, computer consultant, etc.)
- 4.4% -teaching others how to do something? (eg. build a canoe, make a quilt, cook outdoors, music instrument etc.)

**6. Do you participate in any community organizations or activities outside of school (including church groups)?**

38 students responded to this question.

- 57.9% Yes
- 42.1% No
- 0% Unknown

**If so, what are they?**

- 10 responded **“Yes, sports”** (hockey, soccer, dance, figure skating, basketball, volleyball in summer, ballet, curling).
- 1 responded **“Church”**
- 7 responded **“Youth groups”**
- 4 responded **“I have my own band.”**
- 2 responded **“Choir and piano”**
- 1 responded **“I coach some synchronizing.”**
- 1 responded **“4-H”**
- 1 responded **“The community is nice to others most of the time.”**
- 1 responded **“Volunteering/fundraising for Jacksonville United Church and Salvation Army.”**
- 1 responded **“Horseback riding and help to teach children’s lessons.”**
- 1 responded **“They organize events for everybody.”**
- 1 responded **“Miss Woodstock royal court.”**
- 1 responded **“Mostly extracurricular activities.”**
- 1 responded **“Fix my truck.”**
- 1 responded **“Horse parades, trail riding”**
- 1 responded **“Camps.”**

**7. Do you and most of your friends feel welcome in your community...like this is your home and you belong here? If you feel excluded or included, what makes you feel that way?**

46 students responded to this question.

- 78.3% Yes
- 11.0% No
- 11.0% Unknown



**Included because...**

- 5 responded “**I feel welcome**”
- 4 responded “**Everyone knows each other**”
- 3 responded “**I feel I belong.**”
- 2 responded “**Everyone smiles.**”
- 1 responded “Family”
- 1 responded “We all don’t care what other think. We feel as if we belong here and can do what we pleased.”
- 1 responded “I feel accepted.”
- 1 responded “I feel included.”
- 1 responded “Everyone gets along.”
- 1 responded “Everyone knows everybody. You know almost everyone you talk to.”
- 1 responded “I feel welcome. I am accepted among all my friends and I feel included in the activities and things we do.”
- 1 responded “I have witnessed how people will go out of their way to welcome, help tourist and new comers. We have a strong sense of community that includes everyone.”
- 1 responded “I know a lot of friendly people
- 1 responded “I have lived here my whole life, so everything I need and want is here. I feel I feel included here. I am used to it here. I know where everything is...”
- 1 responded “The town is just light and its small enough you feel close with everyone but not big enough to feel excluded.”
- 1 responded “I enjoy Woodstock because the community is warm and responsive.”
- 1 responded “Everyone is allowed to participate in all activities.”
- 1 responded “There are many varieties of groups that people can join, so nearly everyone is involves in something.”

**Excluded or don’t belong here because...**

- 1 responded “I do have friends, but I also have enemies mainly because of my open-mindedness and different ides and opinions. The community is alright, but it could be better. If people could be more accepting of different peoples (religion, sexuality, culture, age relationship, etc.) and more gardens and walking trails were established, then I would like Woodstock more.”
- 1 responded “I don’t feel there is very many opportunities here.”
- 1 responded “No! I feel like I belong where there are people around 24/7 and things to do at all times of the day. I belong where there is a bigger mall.”1
- 1 responded “Woodstock sucks.”
- 1 responded “I feel this is an old person town.”
- 1 responded “I feel that I would be better suited living in a metropolitan area with more diversity and cultural experiences.”
- 1 responded “The lack of events in the area and the attitude of the people make it an excluding community.



**Comments from the students:**

“I hope that our class gets to visit Falls Brook Centre because it’s a great environment. It’s like a vacation from the harsh reality. Thank you and take care.”

\*\*I feel that some youth will leave their home community to experience cultures, urban life or study. Some of them want to come back. The community seems to attract older people.

\*\*I feel the students plan for the future is not reflecting the reality of rural New Brunswick; they want the professional career (engineer, hair dresser, restaurant, arcade, car related) none of them who wanted to have their own business is related to agriculture or forestry. There is no