

Truro Town Survey—Some Summary Results: ISSUES

Preliminary results from the most recent town survey indicate that a majority of Truro residents rank open space/natural resources and climate change mitigation and adaptation as the top two issues of importance. The town has not yet released a final report.

The draft report breaks out responses by full vs part-time residentsⁱ. The results of these two segments were remarkably close as to what issues concern residents, within 11 percent or less in 4 of the top 5 issues. The top 5 responses are summarized below, both in the text and graphically.

On the question—

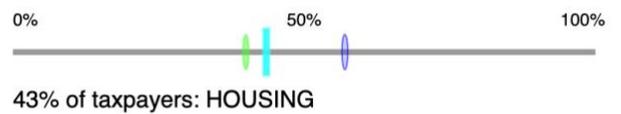
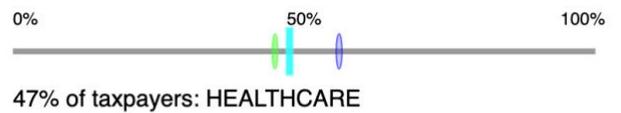
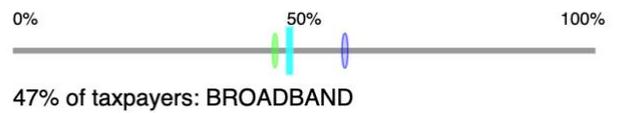
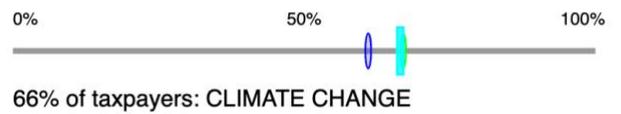
'What Issues Are Important To You?'

84 percent of taxpayers identified Open Space/Natural Resources as a top priority. As to Climate Change, 66 percent chose this issue as a top concern. On the options of Access to Broadband and of Healthcare, 47 percent indicated both of these issues to be of importance to them. Finally, as to Housing, 43 percent of taxpayers cited this as an important issue, with 57 percent of full-time and 40 percent of part-time respondents noting this to be of concern.

Answers to open-ended questions displayed as a word cloud produced this array of responses:



What Issues Are Important To You?



Although these results adjust for the relative response rate between full and part-time residents, it does not adjust for other disparities in response rate, such as age.

Residents of Truro – whether they are full-time or part-time – are very similar in what concerns them most about our town.

ⁱ To estimate taxpayer results, it was assumed that taxpayers are 80% part-time residents and 20% full-time residents.