



City of Leavenworth

Community Visioning Survey

2024

TOTAL RESPONSES

1,208

COMPLETION RATE

71%

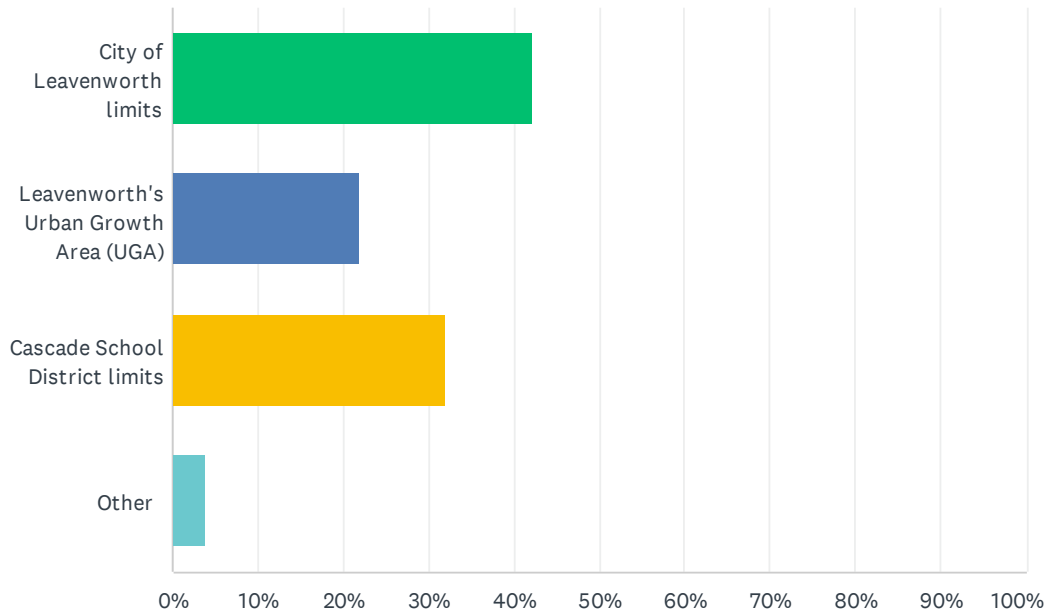
TYPICAL TIME SPENT

5 minutes



Q1 Where do you live? Please note this survey is intended for those who live either full-time or part-time within the City of Leavenworth limits, the Urban Growth Area (UGA), or the Cascade School District's limits.

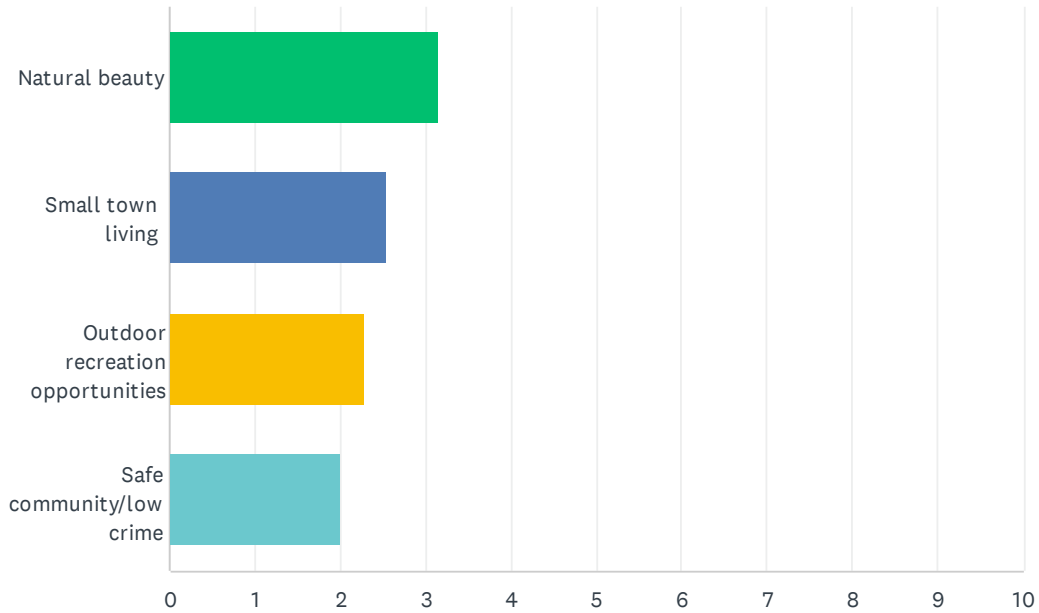
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
City of Leavenworth limits	42.30%	511
Leavenworth's Urban Growth Area (UGA)	21.94%	265
Cascade School District limits	31.95%	386
Other	3.81%	46
TOTAL		1,208

Q2 What do you value most about living in Leavenworth? Please rank in order of importance to you.

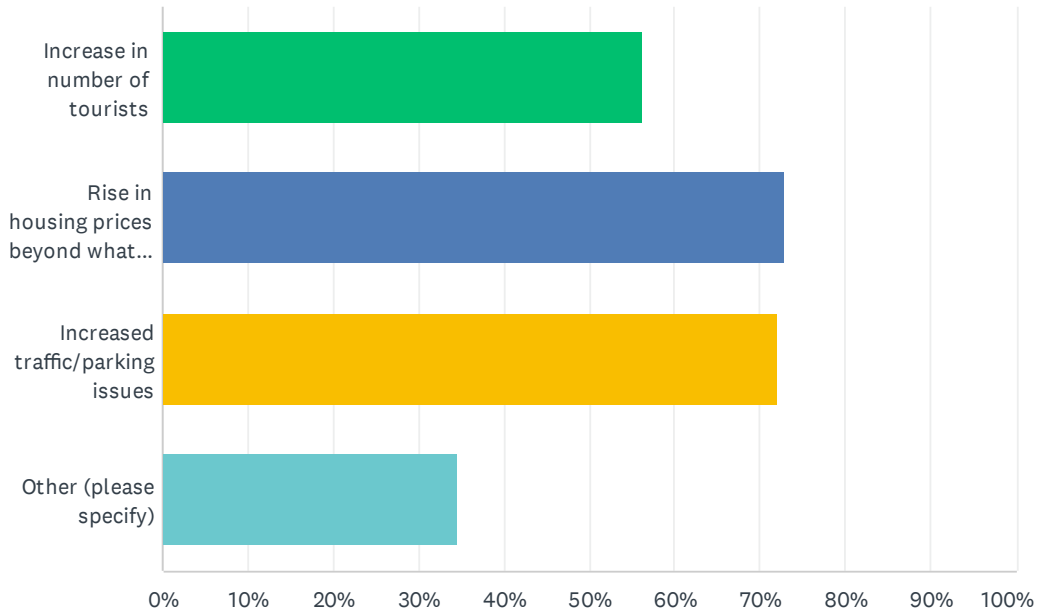
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	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	SCORE
Natural beauty	44.43% 395	31.83% 283	18.67% 166	5.06% 45	889	3.16
Small town living	26.32% 234	23.96% 213	26.55% 236	23.17% 206	889	2.53
Outdoor recreation opportunities	16.76% 149	26.21% 233	26.77% 238	30.26% 269	889	2.29
Safe community/low crime	12.49% 111	18.00% 160	28.01% 249	41.51% 369	889	2.01

Q3 What have been the most significant changes in Leavenworth in your time here? Select all that apply.

Answered: 901 Skipped: 307



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Increase in number of tourists	56.27% 507
Rise in housing prices beyond what local workforce can afford	72.92% 657
Increased traffic/parking issues	72.14% 650
Other (please specify)	34.52% 311
Total Respondents: 901	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	The decrease in community events bringing people together.	9/30/2024 11:01 AM
2	We don't go downtown during the week. Too crowded and can't get into restaurants.	9/30/2024 9:40 AM
3	Too many houses being built. Wetlands are being destroyed	9/29/2024 10:25 PM
4	Lack of rural community feeling	9/29/2024 3:45 PM
5	There is a decline of Nature-friendly land use. New housing and structure developments are Not fostering biodiversity and protecting sensitive habitats.	9/29/2024 9:11 AM
6	Decrease in Sense of community, likely from 40% of housing with owners that don't live here, or business owners who don't live here, elders involved in the restoration and beyond passing and less civic involvement by younger, newer residents.	9/29/2024 6:43 AM
7	Crime, lack of understanding for what the locals need and have, more focused on making more income for the city. At the expense of dedicated generational families.	9/24/2024 6:34 PM
8	Most of us remember what it USED to be in Leavenworth! And as I recall the changes since I	9/23/2024 3:28 PM

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moved here in 2006 it's obvious that change is always ongoing, for the better or... My memories of "fewer" tourists, quieter streets are just that: memories. But I think of our business folks, the cost of living, and the great strides made in how our City runs in 2024, and I'm keeping positive about it, and grateful for our governing staff and the City Council...they rely on our interest and we rely on good outcomes!

9	There are far too many tourists than the area can handle. The growth was slow in my first 3 decades here, but the last decade has seen more explosive growth to the point that the infrastructure cannot handle it. We all know that the traffic and parking are atrocious. We look forward to January and February when we can get our town back. The hiway will not ever be able to handle the traffic. Please think of those of us who live here. We should not have to be living in a parking lot or nonstop traffic which will not let us turn o to the hiway from one of the side streets.	9/22/2024 10:35 PM
10	no change, I've lived here 3 years	9/22/2024 5:06 PM
11	You can't drive thru downtown.	9/22/2024 9:58 AM
12	Tourist ruin town for a lot of locals throughout the year now. I can't even walk into town without seeing garbage on the side of the road. Along with this, it's hard to enjoy the local restaurants when parents of small children don't pay any attention to their crying baby. Starting to feel like the locals and those that work in town don't matter. Similar experience with parking, I already pay so much to live here, why do I need to pay to park in the town I live in? All just a money grab from the city at this point.	9/19/2024 2:00 PM
13	The streets and parking are way behind the housing growth. It appears that there is so much infrastructure work that has been postponed while no limits in housing growth and density has been allowed to happen. The downtown area looks shabby and continues to be "patch worked".	9/15/2024 7:59 PM
14	The marring of the hill on the west side of town with an alpine slide. Terrible looking. Now I hear some knucklehead want to erect a large cross on Tumwater mountain. Lightning rod anyone?! The fire risk alone is insane.	9/15/2024 10:05 AM
15	Building beyond what our local water / fire infrastructure can support. Recognition that Leavenworth is #1 town at risk of destruction by a major wildfire in the state.	9/15/2024 8:15 AM
16	Increase in the number of vacant second homes within town.	9/15/2024 8:10 AM
17	Way too many tourists for the infrastructure to handle. The hiway cannot be enlarged and it takes way too long to get any where	9/15/2024 7:30 AM
18	While one could say there more dining and shopping options have occurred in the 20+ years I've lived here, because I very rarely want/feel able to go downtown to enjoy them (too crowded, too many tourists, parking headache), the extra options do not feel accessible to me.	9/15/2024 6:40 AM
19	Increase in poor road conditions Increase in second home ownership	9/13/2024 4:06 PM
20	Increase in people who move here but work for companies out of the area	9/13/2024 7:24 AM
21	Homelessness	9/10/2024 8:00 AM
22	Increase in expectations. This is not the west side.	9/10/2024 6:38 AM
23	I don't go into town on weekends because there's no parking and everything is crowded.	9/9/2024 5:09 PM
24	City killing the rivers with tourists the icicle is private and more fragile keep the tourists on the wenatchee	9/9/2024 4:41 PM
25	Increased use of utilities and natural resources with little attention to conservation.	9/9/2024 3:10 PM
26	Ownership of businesses by people who don't live here Ownership of houses by people who don't live here Disregard for desires of locals above those from outside - money talks Lower enrollment in schools Improvement in available medical care Hugh demand on infrastructure such as water Ridiculous amount of tubing on the river	9/9/2024 2:32 PM
27	Short Term Rental's negative impact on neighborhoods	9/9/2024 11:24 AM
28	Drop in number of young families and the challenges this brings for school district funding due to decreased enrollment.	9/9/2024 9:03 AM
29	Way too much building on every inch of land. Urban sprawl. We are losing what we live here	9/9/2024 7:48 AM

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for. Too much development, creating more traffic nightmares. Very little open, green space left. And access water is not limitless. Climate change is here. More trees need to be planted, NOW, to reduce heat impacts.

30	Lack of accessibility for practical businesses that actually benefit residents.	9/8/2024 11:32 PM
31	Increases in the cost of dining	9/8/2024 3:04 PM
32	increasing density /crumbling roads/	9/8/2024 11:45 AM
33	I do like the front street closure I do NOT like losing parking on both sides of ski Hill Dr. as a concession to having a sidewalk i do NOT appreciate that we did not stop the construction of the coaster I find it incredible there are not disabled parking spaces between the old Edelweiss and Baren's	9/8/2024 11:06 AM
34	High Density Housing	9/7/2024 4:23 PM
35	Need more disabled parking or 30 min parking .	9/7/2024 7:11 AM
36	Infrastructure is not adequate, especially with new housing and growth. Parking in residential areas is unsafe, dangerous and the city/and residents/kids are endangered. Getting vehicle traffic off Residential streets is a huge concern to locals.	9/6/2024 10:12 PM
37	Wildfire impacts	9/6/2024 9:13 PM
38	Loss of community. Too many short term rentals in town and in the surrounding local area of non-incorporated Chelan County.	9/6/2024 5:03 PM
39	Too many tourists. Too much traffic. Loss of community. The river is a MESS with too many people.	9/6/2024 3:23 PM
40	Land development and lost character/beauty with all the new housing and development of what were beautiful parcels of land & greenspace. Parking fees (astronomical & often steeper than in the city). Increased tourism. Light pollution - between the festival of lights being extended & increased housing.	9/6/2024 8:56 AM
41	Small crimes. Poor Current Planning implementation. Developers should pay (a little) more for offsite improvements.	9/5/2024 2:36 PM
42	None of the above.	9/5/2024 1:53 PM
43	The city's current push for increased density is destroying what Leavenworth has been. Our topography and inability to build traffic infrastructure argues against increased density. The current failure to recognize the value of open space, both public and private, is dramatically destroying the character and ambiance of the area. While providing some affordable housing is a worthy goal, LEAVENWORTH IS NOT THE APPROPRIATE PLACE TO SOLVE THE HOUSING CRISIS.	9/5/2024 1:25 PM
44	Increase in petty crime. (I don't have evidence to support but it seems like it has.	9/5/2024 7:02 AM
45	Changes in our beautiful landscape that will soon have our town looking like every other suburb with sprawl. We are transforming our open spaces to high-density housing developments and shoe-horning in multi-family units in neighborhoods of single-family homes. ADUs are taking up every square inch of lot size, including 4 ADUs and a house on one plot on Prospect Street that looks horrific. If the goal is to decrease housing costs by increasing supply (basic economics), it has not worked, because the demand to live in Leavenworth is still much greater than the supply. At a certain point, we will reduce demand -- not because of a successful, deliberate program -- but because Leavenworth has lost the beauty small town feel, with local services and infrastructure that cannot support all these new housing units, and this will become a less desirable place to live. It is not a constitutionally protected right for people to be able to afford to live here. At what point are we going to try to make it possible for anyone who has the desire to live here? If I have a desire to live in Beverly Hills, is it the City of Beverly Hills' duty to make that possible for me? No! My own family made sacrifices to be able to live here, and no one is giving us financial help on our absurd and insane property taxes or food prices: nor would I ask or expect them to. It is our CHOICE to live here, and it is our RESPONSIBILITY to live in a place I can afford while clothing and feeding my family. It is no one else's responsibility to ensure I have those things.	9/5/2024 6:11 AM
46	We loved that even though we lived in town, we were able to get away from the busy tourist areas just blocks away. The screaming from the alpine coaster is a constant reminder of the	9/4/2024 4:56 PM

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	tourists and really affects our enjoyment of our yard.	
47	Banning rental properties. If the community is struggling for STR we should allow it especially if you are promoting it as a vacation area	9/4/2024 3:24 PM
48	It's good as it is. Don't change anything	9/4/2024 2:14 PM
49	increase in garbage on the streets, parking lots, along ski hill, on the private property tourists park on.	9/4/2024 1:37 PM
50	Seattle style big government creeping into our small town community.	9/4/2024 1:36 PM
51	I think there has been a big decrease in the number of tourists . You don't have enough shops and/or shops worth going into. Ever seen the Vermont country store? Go online and check it out. Even if there is nothing you want when you go into this store you see all kinds of things you want! Leavenworth needs stores like that !	9/4/2024 1:12 PM
52	Locals having to pay for parking	9/4/2024 1:08 PM
53	Fewer trinket shops	9/4/2024 1:00 PM
54	More trash around the town and our street--Ski Hill. Also, we have very loud cars racing up and down our street at all hours. It's very frustrating.	9/4/2024 12:59 PM
55	That stupid cross that Robert Johnson and his cronies are trying to erect at the top of Tumwater Mountain without a permit, public discussion or any thought as to the damage blighting the ridgetop with a lighted symbol of a torture device would have on our fragile tourist economy. A cross is not welcoming to those of other (or no) religions: it is a symbol of oppression and tyranny and it must be stopped. This is a far, far more important topic for Leavenworth than housing density or affordability, tourist traffic, parking, etc. This is the MOST important development to be proposed in Leavenworth since the adoption of the Bavarian theme.	9/3/2024 5:19 PM
56	The increase in the tourist industry. This creates jobs that do not pay enough to live here. The apartments being built and the increasing density. The rapid loss of the small town	9/3/2024 9:47 AM
57	General affordability. It's more expensive to go out to eat in Leavenworth than Seattle.	9/3/2024 6:45 AM
58	The erosion of items listed in question #2. Density and the increase in the willingness greater density.	9/2/2024 4:32 PM
59	Allowing the Adventure Park has a negative effect on the charm of Leavenworth. It destroyed the view and is such a silly commercial venture. I guess the city didn't understand why people liked coming to Leavenworth.	9/2/2024 10:02 AM
60	Lack of affordable housing	9/2/2024 4:28 AM
61	Tourism development prioritized over community development	9/1/2024 10:52 AM
62	Need for infrastructure upgrades. Water, sewer, and roads. We must be able to have a plan and implement it if we want to grow mindfully. Growth will and should happen. Please get in front of it and have all the conditions in place for growth to be managed well.	9/1/2024 9:18 AM
63	A community that can now support businesses and jobs on a year round basis.	8/31/2024 8:47 AM
64	Cross project needs to stop on tumwater mt.	8/31/2024 8:37 AM
65	Rise in housing prices seriously impacts community - small town living. If young folks and families cannot afford to live here (or even in surrounding areas), they could move away - turning Leavenworth into ONLY a resort town where only rich and those already able to retire live.	8/30/2024 2:55 PM
66	The blight of higher density structures within our city limits. We are losing our small town	8/30/2024 7:55 AM
67	Increase in crime	8/29/2024 12:25 PM
68	No support for local people, we stopped going into town. Really we have to pay for parking. The city has done nothing for the people that live here.	8/29/2024 7:08 AM
69	The appearance of a lack of leadership regarding parking and traffic. As available parking expands, the traffic gridlock caused by vehicles circling the city streets would diminish, which would increase the flow of traffic. But this is likely known to leadership, but leadership appears	8/29/2024 1:05 AM

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to be purposefully dragging its feet because it wants gridlock to discourage visitors from coming to Leavenworth.

70	That out side the city limits got turned into a free for all with Airbnb and the likings. It completely devastated our community. Allowing the ugly new town houses to be built in city limits 3 stories high and 20 wide. How none of the stores down town are different anymore. All have the same cookie cutter crap off the internet. How we can no longer drive through down town. The stupid cross walk lights!!! Should have just taken out the bank and built a tunnel under the highway into down town. How we have an empty warehouse "parking lot" that should just be turned into a multi level parking lot not some freaking "low income" apartments. Who is coming up with these ideas with our fractured housing system. You let all the homes go to out of towners with profits for the main selling point. Now no one really lives here in town. Tons of homes sit empty. Sure doesn't benefit our schools.	8/28/2024 11:09 PM
71	During winter I feel like I am a hostage in my own home because of all the traffic.	8/28/2024 7:18 PM
72	Degradation of environment. City improvements that are not sustainable nor appealing - cheap, unsightly fixes	8/28/2024 4:03 PM
73	Making locals pay for parking. The mayor removing all the festivals that brought in what we need for this small town. Locals depend on this. (Only long time locals understand, the mayor is not one.)	8/28/2024 2:02 PM
74	Over crowding of commercial properties and catering to tourists not the local people, poor visibility in driving along commercial street downtown at night with too dim lighting risk of liability in injuring tourist sightseeing and not watching the street for safety! I'm surprised we haven't had anyone severely hurt by now! Where's the parking garage you were saving for with all the extra revenue from the parking meters???? Where is that going??	8/27/2024 10:16 PM
75	No more small town feel, high school football games used to be packed by all locals, now no one goes to support the kids.	8/27/2024 9:58 PM
76	Paid parking, restaurant food quality going down with prices going up.	8/27/2024 4:40 PM
77	1.Negative influence by current mayor on merchants, businesses, and total community. 2. Lack of a COHESIVE appearance..."Bavarian theme" should apply to all! (Includes Christmas lighting colors, especially. Also natural decor--- look up actual Bavarian Christmas festivals/markets for reference. If you are going to promote yourself in this way, then follow through.	8/27/2024 4:40 PM
78	Increase in population of those invested in making this area into where they once resided	8/27/2024 2:03 PM
79	Tourism has created a larger workload then our fire and ems is able to handle with current staffing model.	8/27/2024 8:59 AM
80	increasing animosity to " newcomers" living here	8/27/2024 8:52 AM
81	Restrictions to property owners	8/27/2024 8:44 AM
82	Increase in housing density. Almost no vacant lots left. Increase in ADUs.	8/27/2024 8:38 AM
83	A rise in contempt and general lack of genuine charity towards one another.	8/27/2024 8:08 AM
84	Left wing politics taking over the city government	8/27/2024 7:12 AM
85	Increased development.	8/27/2024 2:31 AM
86	Apartments/more houses going in before traffic concerns addressed.	8/27/2024 1:35 AM
87	Increased fire danger due to residents in town not pruning their trees and other flammable vegetation away from their houses.	8/26/2024 9:40 PM
88	more stranger danger	8/26/2024 8:49 PM
89	We need to develop the Osborn site into a recreation complex and parking garage. The fees and taxes on large developments going in would pay for the structure.	8/26/2024 7:28 PM
90	Waning warmth for neighbors with different views. Affection for the Bavarian theme becoming lackluster. Massive crowds on the river. Even during salmon spawning.	8/26/2024 6:41 PM
91	Apartments	8/26/2024 6:29 PM

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92	People moving here not knowing that we live in the mountains where wildlife also lives, and them not knowing how to coexist with the animals. And town being too expensive for locals who have lived here for decades to be able to afford a meal in town. Need to have local discounts from more restaurants and shops, we supported them during Covid to help keep them alive they should respect that and give back to us, and we do provide recommendations to lots of tourists and people we know or come in contact with.	8/26/2024 6:04 PM
93	Lack of city leadership listening to the citizens. Doesn't matter if the majority of people are against something (adventure park), if will bring money the city leaders approve it.	8/26/2024 5:42 PM
94	Cramming houses on every empty tiny lot. You have ruined the beauty of this small town by continuing to allow these crammed buildings/ugly houses to go up. You have ruined the bottom of ski hill and the history and beauty that land provided. Our families are 5th and 6th generation here, and it is disgusting to see where town is headed. Prioritizing second homes and investment properties versus preserving the natural beauty of this town is absolutely asinine.	8/26/2024 5:26 PM
95	Rollercoaster.	8/26/2024 4:45 PM
96	Shift in political climate	8/26/2024 4:39 PM
97	I can't drive through town on a weekend anymore. I noticed this year even on the weekdays traffic is intolerable.	8/26/2024 4:17 PM
98	Government overreach	8/26/2024 4:00 PM
99	The rollercoaster and roundabout really sucks. Lots of second homes	8/26/2024 3:58 PM
100	No high paying jobs for generational locals....	8/26/2024 3:57 PM
101	Born and raised in Leavenworth and it used to feel like a friendlier, more tolerant and respectful community. It feels as though residents today have less patience and tolerance for others. With the cost of housing the community is losing the diversity that made this town really unique and special.	8/26/2024 3:51 PM
102	Covid, and the resulting closure of Front St. Which in my opinion is definitely a positive change, I hope it stays that way.	8/26/2024 3:50 PM
103	Liberal Council and Mayor Question two above... where is there a question about the economic opportunities- that's why I live here..	8/26/2024 3:18 PM
104	Increased theft	8/26/2024 3:10 PM
105	I work in town and can't afford the parking fees . Have to walk really far to find parking	8/26/2024 3:08 PM
106	We need wider roads and a parking structure	8/26/2024 3:02 PM
107	Low variety of food options, constant pandering to tourist and 2nd home owners buying out family Homes in our town, near our schools.	8/26/2024 3:02 PM
108	N/a	8/26/2024 2:48 PM
109	Losing open spaces, nature to housing. Especially tight housing.	8/26/2024 2:46 PM
110	Lack of resident resources like a community center.	8/26/2024 1:55 PM
111	Leavenworth apartments and the new apartments on Chumstick.....More housing (which is not good for this community), And lack of consideration/no plan of "affordable housing." There are zero regulations on who is allowed to purchase the "affordable housing." Not solving the problem. Adding in more traffic without the infrastructure. One road in and out. Someone is making decisions that doesn't care about the people who live here and have created businesses here. It's sad.	8/26/2024 1:47 PM
112	Decrease in in year round residents with school age children. Schools are struggling to to pay staff competitive salaries and provide a variety of classes.	8/26/2024 10:14 AM
113	Over use in the forest service areas, dirt bikes ORV, as well as hiking areas enchantments, icicle.	8/26/2024 7:28 AM
114	Deteriorating roads and sidewalks. Complicated pay for parking. Unable to drive up to front street businesses on week days.	8/26/2024 6:10 AM
115	Less shops with German theme/merchandise	8/25/2024 9:34 PM

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116	The current construction in the UGA. It's miserable to take away the natural beauty of neighbourhoods. Homes with architecture that doesn't fit in with small town feel. Also the cross construction is fine but if it lights up the sky 24/7 it will be sad because it's a mountain small town not an actual city. Keep Leavenworth nice and picturesque.	8/25/2024 8:24 PM
117	Increase in theft an vandalism	8/25/2024 8:05 PM
118	Tourists pissing in my yard. They park in front of my house, and after they get drunk they piss in my yard by my fence. I swear I'm going to electrify it so the next time some dirtbag does it he/she/it will get whatever they have down there zapped.	8/25/2024 7:59 PM
119	Tolerance for adventure park, possible crosses on mountain tops visable to all, noise and light pollution, construction starting before 7:30 in the morning, internet generated interest in our trails, lack of free parking for locals downtown, and too many STR's which degrade our neighborhoods (especially when owners are absent).	8/25/2024 4:11 PM
120	The increase in traffic due to the installation of the amusement center and people walking right in front of cars on icicle road and the closure of Front street. Locals cannot enjoy Leavenworth any longer.	8/25/2024 3:37 PM
121	The noise level in neighborhoods due to traffic, tourist development (Leav AdvPark); busibesses piping music outdoors that can be heard in neighborhoods & parks such as Enchantment Park. (Tubing company, restaurants that are located near river). Construction noise has been exponentially bad- DOT parking lot has almost driven me to sell my home with the constant backup beepers all day. Leavenworth has become one of the noisiest towns I have lived in -	8/25/2024 12:16 PM
122	Obviously all of the above, dramatically.	8/25/2024 11:51 AM
123	Unsightly development. Alpine coaster and now the upper valley cross project. Please stop it from going forward.	8/25/2024 11:45 AM
124	I've only been here 3 years so I haven't seen dramatic changes in the above topics. I view them as concerns in general.	8/25/2024 11:20 AM
125	Decrease in tourism dollars due to Oktoberfest and Front St closure. Traffic due to crosswalks not synchronized.	8/25/2024 10:11 AM
126	The current council is ruining town	8/25/2024 9:02 AM
127	Trash from tourist in particular around Christmas time. As well as speeding vehicles in neighborhoods.	8/25/2024 8:13 AM
128	The increase in the number of residents.	8/25/2024 6:07 AM
129	Increase in number of residents.	8/25/2024 2:11 AM
130	Affordability first and foremost. The 'Rabid' increase of building going on with what seems like no regard for traffic impact once finished, and the changes in zoning that allow houses to be built without much setback. If a person who has lived in a house here for decades with a beautiful view from their home and suddenly looking right at a three story building. It feels like a total disregard for the long time locals. The impact of the traffic that is soon yet to come has not been seriously considered, mostly of the quality of life that is being propagated here. Does our city have a plan for this?	8/24/2024 10:29 PM
131	All the above	8/24/2024 9:35 PM
132	STRs ballooning	8/24/2024 8:06 PM
133	EVERYTHING IS SO EXPENSIVE. Can't afford to live here anymore.	8/24/2024 5:31 PM
134	Intrusion on personal property by non locals	8/24/2024 2:30 PM
135	Bunch of liberal freaks moving here and ruining town	8/24/2024 1:07 PM
136	Mayor changing all festivals	8/24/2024 12:53 PM
137	Cost of housing impacts all local residents not just local workforce. The rapid increase in taxes is causing residents to sell or consider selling to seek affordable living some where else	8/24/2024 10:31 AM
138	All of the above	8/24/2024 9:16 AM

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139	Need a garage.to park	8/24/2024 8:41 AM
140	I've been here for 6 years. Since then, housing prices have risen beyond what we could afford if we were to move here now. Since then, the parking has been better downtown - I used to NOT be able to find a parking spot downtown, and now I can. It's still busy, and I do pay for parking sometimes, when I want the convenience of parking close for longer than the 15-min grace period. I also make use of the loading zones and customer drop off zones. I have found the community to be more divided now than when we moved here, and some seem to not want to work together for solutions. I hope we can change this.	8/24/2024 8:26 AM
141	Too much regulation, to far left ideas.	8/24/2024 7:05 AM
142	Had to move business from downtown to Wenatchee, tourist economy, parking and higher office rents were not worth staying here in community.	8/24/2024 12:16 AM
143	Aggressive posturing against small business. Making our events non events. Pivoting away from the Bavarian theme tourists have enjoyed coming here for.	8/23/2024 11:07 PM
144	Insane amount of usage in natural areas and recreational use- this includes parking of recreational vehicles within city limits or UGA. Way more traffic everywhere that makes coming into town nearly impossible. Severe traffic issues on the chumstick - the amount of traffic without appropriate infrastructure or outlets is frustrating to say the least but terrifying in the event of a wildfire emergency!!!	8/23/2024 9:12 PM
145	Increase in STRs	8/23/2024 9:06 PM
146	Unconscionable rezoning of Pine street to Ski Hill area to allow increased housing density with no requirement for affordable housing. This was a lost opportunity for the city to get some badly needed affordable housing for the people who live and work here. This was a giant gift to developers and to the landowners and to the people on the west side of the mountains who so desperately need second homes. The city of Leavenworth is destroying the residential communities here for the sake of increased tourism. Are 3 million annual tourists not enough? The Comprehensive Plan devotes considerable verbiage to the city government partnering with developers and virtually no words supporting the residential communities. In ten years time, the high school will be closed due to lack of students and perhaps be converted to an "outlet mall" to attract even more tourists!	8/23/2024 8:07 PM
147	more remote workers, 2nd home owners/part time residents and short term rentals	8/23/2024 7:28 PM
148	No place to park. I shop Cashmere or Wenatchee and do my best to avoid downtown Leavenworth, prices are much higher the Wenatchee or Cashmere for basic food items	8/23/2024 7:11 PM
149	Noise from adventure park	8/23/2024 6:51 PM
150	Over use of Icicle and Wenatchee Rivers by tubers; Over use of our USFS trails by hikers : especially Colechuck as access to Enchantments and the Enchantments themselves	8/23/2024 5:51 PM
151	STR'S	8/23/2024 5:24 PM
152	Busier roadways, harder to find employees	8/23/2024 4:32 PM
153	Pedestrian issues has choked traffic with people not using crosswalks on SR2, large groups that have started crossing the road at stoplights but do not stop when traffic gets the green light, holding traffic for a light cycle or more. Increased parking and pedestrians impacting residential areas. Also, parking for locals doing business in downtown area have to pay large fees at meters does not sit well.	8/23/2024 4:11 PM
154	Tacky amusement park amenities that have no place in the mountain environment. Short sighted city admin and probably side money for permits. Get real , if you really cared, this would be a "pure" mountain community.	8/23/2024 3:48 PM
155	We don't even visit Leavenworth (City) on the weekends anymore because of crowding, lack of parking, and difficulty getting around.	8/23/2024 3:16 PM
156	These are all negative	8/23/2024 2:39 PM
157	Our neighborhood heavily impacted by STR's	8/23/2024 2:02 PM
158	Parking meters installed, without any exemptions for locals.	8/23/2024 1:48 PM

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159	Too much building/development in green space, and wetland which strains the infrastructure, diminishes the beauty of the environment, puts the environment and ecosystem at risk and does nothing to increase so called "affordable housing "!	8/23/2024 1:29 PM
160	Too much growth and development with housing and tourist attractions. Putting interests of tourists above needs of local residents.	8/23/2024 1:25 PM
161	Over use of natural resources such as rivers and trails	8/23/2024 12:59 PM
162	Increase of impact on the river and riparian zones.	8/23/2024 12:55 PM
163	Increased theft, lack of available affordable rentals, increase in absent second home owners	8/23/2024 11:43 AM
164	The buying, selling, and developing of open spaces such as selling the top of Mountain Home to someone who closed the trail system and the development of the Adventure Park which is negatively impacted anyone who lives south of Prospect street since they listen to people screaming all day long. In addition, when we moved here 13 years ago, there was a significant amount of economic diversity in the community and school district. While the income disparity has grown, there's less diversity because of it. Someone can no longer move here and work at the brewery/ the Pass and get by. My community was made up of that mix of people who did that in their 20s, bought houses in their 30s and now have families. That trajectory is no longer possible.	8/23/2024 11:22 AM
165	So many homes and apartments being built our mayor sucks and tourism is going down crippling our town.	8/23/2024 10:59 AM
166	High density home are being sold for UNAFFORDABLE prices ruining our housing market. Stop pushing for that! We would have more parking if Front street was open to parking. Plus it would make it safer for delivery drivers and our handicap people	8/23/2024 10:47 AM
167	More people in general and a larger strain on the nearby natural resources.	8/23/2024 9:53 AM
168	An increase in wildfire danger.	8/23/2024 7:54 AM
169	Loss of the use of the lake, town, rivers for most of the summer as there is no parking due to the excess tourism.	8/23/2024 7:53 AM
170	increased bear and cougar activity due to improper trash management (trash bins being left out and litter)	8/23/2024 7:39 AM
171	Struggle of COVID. The 2008 market crash. New schools. Closing down front street. New hospital. Pine St. developments. Making everything for tourists. Moving salmon fest.	8/22/2024 11:01 PM
172	NO LOCAL PARKING	8/22/2024 10:29 PM
173	Rise in property taxes and cost of city utilities Loss of laundromat and car wash type of amenities	8/22/2024 10:24 PM
174	Change in design/business standards to stay on Bavarian theme. Lack of total commitment to theme has lost town a lot of it's original charm. Additionally over use recreationally of our rivers. I have seen the devastating decline of wildlife and habitat in our rivers with utter disrespect and disregard for the creatures who rely on them. Tubing leaves far too much litter and tears up the river bed during spawning season when the water is low.	8/22/2024 9:31 PM
175	Too many liberals moving to the area including our liberal mayor.	8/22/2024 9:01 PM
176	Parking is such a huge problem for locals and tourists. It has been a well known problem for a long time. Lot's of surveys have been done and the parking lots have become paid, but not much in terms of added parking has been done to date. The lot near Syndicate Smith is being transformed into paid parking as well, but I think people who work in town are still left hanging and the big wave of tourists have not found a good solution for that volume of carsThere are solutions, but they take time and resources. Now the resources are pouring in from the paid parking.	8/22/2024 8:40 PM
177	Increase in residential building and density Rise in the housing cost seems to be a national issue, not just in Leavenworth	8/22/2024 8:16 PM
178	We need parking for guests AND workers!	8/22/2024 7:29 PM
179	All of the additional things that come up with the above. More people driving fast, more people with lights on at night, more people yelling & partying. Prices rising elsewhere not just in	8/22/2024 7:11 PM

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	housing to accommodate for wealthier taste. More construction. Therefore more pollution.	
180	Lack of child care	8/22/2024 6:52 PM
181	Increase in local business prices and lack of late night dining options	8/22/2024 6:38 PM
182	Changing zoning that detracts from neighborhood quality by allowing infill where it should not be.	8/22/2024 6:15 PM
183	New construction. Multi family homes replacing a single family "typical size" home.	8/22/2024 12:51 PM
184	Construction of an alpine coaster that cut down an entire hillside of beautiful trees. Just another tourist attraction for a town that can't even handle the current influx of tourists over the years.	8/22/2024 12:42 PM
185	Affordable housing is challenging for every community. Seems like the City us doing a great job with development behind Safeway.	8/22/2024 12:33 PM
186	Zoning changes for higher density. Loosing small town feel.	8/22/2024 12:33 PM
187	Increase in divisive rhetoric. New residents bashing Christian values/observances in the name of freedom. Seems really hypocritical for anyone to say "live and let live" and then attack a private property owner for how they wish to use their own property. A cross built on private property isn't hurting anyone.	8/22/2024 12:12 PM
188	The rapid expansion of development, topped off by that adventure park eyesore.	8/22/2024 8:34 AM
189	Liberal ideas. The people leave liberal areas but bring the same thinking with them.	8/22/2024 8:27 AM
190	All of the above are equally significant and also disheartening.	8/22/2024 8:21 AM
191	Rise in prices of everything (gas/food/ammenities)	8/22/2024 8:17 AM
192	People making money off our rivers and killing them and all the fish	8/22/2024 8:11 AM
193	loss of community	8/22/2024 7:56 AM
194	Loss of community. Total focus on increasing tourism.	8/22/2024 7:29 AM
195	Closing front street is great. Teacher morale and turnover isn't good. Education in this town is an issue.	8/22/2024 7:02 AM
196	Too much building of apartments with no thought of traffic impact	8/22/2024 6:57 AM
197	Loss of small town feeling	8/22/2024 6:50 AM
198	Loosing it's small town character	8/22/2024 5:41 AM
199	People who have moved here are rude and inconsiderate to local employees	8/22/2024 5:14 AM
200	Increased housing is a problem. Tourists are great. The new local and entitled old locals are the problem	8/22/2024 4:58 AM
201	Downtown needs a parking garage. We need a community center for locals.	8/22/2024 4:14 AM
202	The small town community no longer exists, the business district disconnect from the community, the monopolar vision on housing	8/22/2024 2:13 AM
203	Increase in crime/transient population	8/22/2024 2:07 AM
204	The division in the community, it didn't exist when we moved here, and now it has grown quite ugly.	8/21/2024 10:32 PM
205	The rivers, campgrounds, parks, and hiking trails are being destroyed by people which has gotten increasingly worse since tourism has increased.	8/21/2024 10:29 PM
206	Everything has changed since 1957! Some for the better, some not!	8/21/2024 9:52 PM
207	Loss of tradition. Ice fest, dog sled racing, tug o war.	8/21/2024 9:15 PM
208	Finding an affordable home or even a place to rent has been so hard. I wish our little town was a tad bit more affordable so we wouldn't all have to struggle. I've lived here my whole 24 years	8/21/2024 9:08 PM

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and really don't want to move, I want my little one to grow in the same town I grew in. I love my little hometown, we just need better renting prices..

209	Increased density and development without corresponding upgrades in infrastructure	8/21/2024 3:44 PM
210	The morale has changed a lot. Leavenworth used to be so great, and now so many people I know just feel defeated and angry or heartbroken.	8/21/2024 3:33 PM
211	Erection of a large illuminated cross on Tumwater is concerning and the speeding traffic in the downtown area .	8/21/2024 2:13 PM
212	Focus needs to balance tourism better seems to over cater to the developers	8/21/2024 6:26 AM
213	More people without more community investment in pool, community center etc	8/20/2024 11:18 PM
214	The politics is changed to a more liberal voting population. We are a purple town.	8/20/2024 7:43 PM
215	Never ending greed	8/20/2024 5:11 PM
216	Lack of concern by city council as to the condition of the streets. They are deplorable.	8/20/2024 4:40 PM
217	Businesses being able to have more say than residents regarding quality of life of said residents.	8/20/2024 1:03 PM
218	The Adventure Park is an eyesore on the side of an otherwise beautiful mountainside. I don't like the Disneyland feel of it.	8/20/2024 12:41 PM
219	Light pollution, STRs and noise, the adventure park eyesire and now a possible giant cross on Tumwater Mountain, which I strongly object to.	8/20/2024 12:18 PM
220	Disregard for residents' wishes as to the growth occurring in and around town.	8/20/2024 11:54 AM
221	Allowing too much growth without adequate infrastructure.	8/20/2024 11:54 AM
222	the housing costs are out of control. The local government seems to think adding high density housing will lower housing costs. Leavenworth is beyond that as far as the type of buyers coming in. Those buyers have a lot more money than the local workforce and the Contractors will sell to the highest buyer. One way to control housing costs is to create a private/public partnership with housing costs caps. Our neighborhoods do not want huge fourplexes and zero lot lines. Parking meters are terrible and losing all the parking from Front Street has proven to make it difficult for our elderly locals and guests to find appropriate parking. There has to be some compromise with these issues.	8/20/2024 11:41 AM
223	Cost of living for the service industry workers.	8/20/2024 11:30 AM
224	The town has outgrown itself. It is quickly becoming an attraction instead of a place of community.	8/20/2024 8:39 AM
225	Cities policy on increased housing. This will take away the small town environment.	8/20/2024 8:31 AM
226	Increased Cost of homeowners insurance and property taxes	8/20/2024 8:20 AM
227	Inconsiderate and rude attitudes from locals graffiti and littering	8/20/2024 7:41 AM
228	Continued decline in city maintenance. Buildings have aged & need updating, parking lot & sidewalks still needs pot holes fixed. Recent increase of homeless in town, on front street near businesses, loitering in library or local businesses.	8/19/2024 10:37 PM
229	Lack of community resources for outdoor recreation or tourism seasonal employees	8/19/2024 9:37 PM
230	Apartments being built	8/19/2024 9:11 PM
231	Increased property tqxes for the full time residents. There should be a break for people not making money off their properties.	8/19/2024 7:31 PM
232	More liberals and other crazies moving in.	8/19/2024 5:46 PM
233	Significant increase in property valuation resulting in increased property taxes. Increased wildfire risk and no town leadership to practice evacuations in school or in town	8/19/2024 5:34 PM
234	adventure park :(Roundabout & growing division between what the community wants based on income.	8/19/2024 3:45 PM

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235	Parking has become very difficult/expensive for visitors which is harming the appeal of our special tourist-based economy. The negative effects will trickle down to every member of the community who is not independently wealthy.	8/19/2024 2:53 PM
236	Blocking off Front Street. Elderly and handicapped can't get near town. Discriminating!	8/19/2024 1:11 PM
237	Our town cares more about tourists than locals	8/19/2024 12:37 PM
238	Increased crime, no parking for locals Local businesses stifled by lack of available parking	8/19/2024 10:50 AM
239	Building housing options that aren't affordable until there is no space left to build affordable.	8/19/2024 10:02 AM
240	All. The lack for parking for locals, the cross walk lights are a terrible idea backing the traffic up into the Tumwater where rock fall happen, and the pride flag is a failure for diverse opinions.	8/19/2024 9:37 AM
241	Our beautiful town, river, nature are being loved to death for the all mighty dollar	8/19/2024 9:27 AM
242	Overuse of river and creek for summer recreation.	8/19/2024 9:24 AM
243	Lack of money put back into infrastructure failure to plan for population growth	8/19/2024 8:57 AM
244	Entitlement	8/19/2024 7:47 AM
245	too much tourism. no longer a small town	8/19/2024 7:42 AM
246	Allowed population increase/building, homes	8/19/2024 7:17 AM
247	Increase of residential is destroying town	8/19/2024 5:14 AM
248	Crowding at Dan's and safeway. Inability for locals to visit downtown and enjoy our local waterways.	8/18/2024 11:40 PM
249	No affordable housing or parking for people that live and work here	8/18/2024 10:30 PM
250	Clearly-you created this monster.	8/18/2024 10:12 PM
251	Lack of control of building permits that result in a stress on the existing infrastructure.	8/18/2024 9:57 PM
252	poor city management and oversight within a growing community. City has failed to provide locals with community minded programs and facilities to enhance living here.	8/18/2024 8:59 PM
253	Graffiti, mental health/homeless people visibly present, garbage, long lines at restaurants, rivers crowded with tubes, having to pay for parking and bears having to be euthanized because they are attracted to overflowing garbage cans.	8/18/2024 7:49 PM
254	Increase of trash and over-use of hiking trails and river spots. Lack of houses on market to rent or buy due to nearly half of the houses being STRs owned by non-locals.	8/18/2024 7:48 PM
255	Middle income people can't afford to live in Leavenworth anymore.	8/18/2024 7:15 PM
256	Increase town population and allowing for overbuilding in city limits	8/18/2024 6:20 PM
257	Increasing rent, amount of second homes, increased risk of wildfire.	8/18/2024 6:14 PM
258	A change from the "small town" feeling	8/18/2024 6:01 PM
259	Selling out to commercial business that destroys our environment.	8/18/2024 5:52 PM
260	Rising cost of property taxes lived here my whole life . Also parking !	8/18/2024 5:45 PM
261	Housing is taking over every inch of grass and wildflower fields- the landscaping has changed the most	8/18/2024 5:42 PM
262	Crime/theft	8/18/2024 5:29 PM
263	Availability of additional restaurants, outdoor activities, and active young individuals who have moved to the community. Addition of sanctioned mountain bike trails are another big one. There have been an increase in tourists since COVID, but I have to say that the way that these questions are worded and the options that are given for answers are incredibly leading. Seems like there is a very specific direction and outcome that the city (or someone at the city) is shooting for in this survey.	8/18/2024 5:06 PM
264	Part time residents and investors who have made homes into short term rentals.	8/18/2024 4:55 PM

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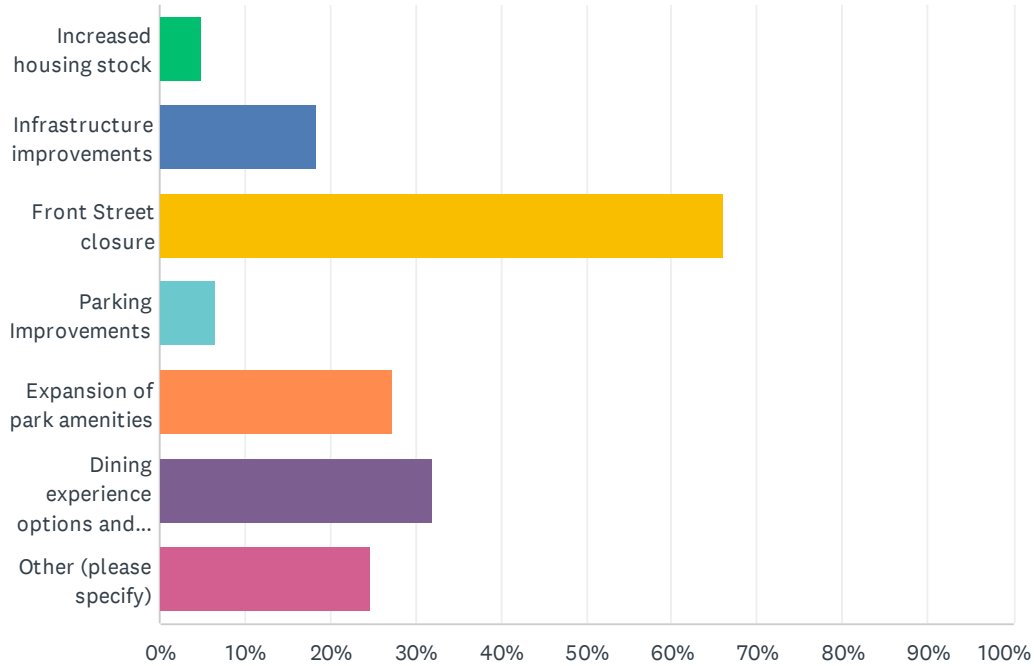
265	Fewer open hours and less staff for businesses/restaurants	8/18/2024 4:49 PM
266	local community streets not getting upgrades. to much money spent downtown and the streets are coming apart.	8/18/2024 4:47 PM
267	Traffic is mainly due to increased number of tourists.	8/18/2024 4:35 PM
268	Cost of living.	8/18/2024 4:25 PM
269	Increase wildfire impacts of smoke and fires. Increased summer temperatures.	8/18/2024 4:16 PM
270	not being able to travel around the city on weekends or festival days. Empty grocery shelves f-m. Campers and travel trailers parked on city streets. Lack of parking enforcement(if it is posted for no parking near intersections, enforce it) , traffic enforcement speed and noise. (Workers should be provided frequent and assessable parking outside of city core)	8/18/2024 3:59 PM
271	Attitude of the community. Community is divided. Seems like no matter what we vote the people in office get their way! Super small lots for homes is the dumbest decision EVER!!	8/18/2024 3:52 PM
272	An increase in people complaining about the tourism/visitors that fund our community and provide liveable wages for many in our community.	8/18/2024 3:48 PM
273	Continual changing of rules and/city enforcement different for different people	8/18/2024 3:38 PM
274	All of these issues existed before we moved here	8/18/2024 3:35 PM
275	Property Crimes seems to have picked up a significant amount the last two year, especially in the summer	8/18/2024 3:33 PM
276	Changes to the number of properties that the infrastructure supports without improving the infrastructure (water/sewer systems)	8/18/2024 3:29 PM
277	60+ year resident	8/18/2024 3:21 PM
278	Hard to get my groceries Thursdays to Mondays due to low stock/out of stock goods/food from those coming into town. This is more of an effect from a lot of people visiting over the weekend in summer only. Not a huge deal though.	8/18/2024 2:50 PM
279	Front street closing and having to pay to park	8/18/2024 2:44 PM
280	Difficult to get to farmers market or pool	8/18/2024 2:39 PM
281	The amount of west side Rich work from home people moving into the neighborhood and bringing their values that don't align with small/rural town living.	8/18/2024 2:37 PM
282	Lack of listening to community members Lack of honoring locals that work hard to make Ltown successful - especially leaving NO parking for them	8/18/2024 2:36 PM
283	High population increase contributing to crammed neighborhoods and traffic jams.	8/18/2024 2:35 PM
284	Its pretty frustrating seeing short term rentals for ridiculous prices mostly posted by individuals who already own a home. This town is going to end up like vail Colorado if the city does not prioritize its local readers who work within Leavenworth.	8/18/2024 2:32 PM
285	Speeding on backroads & noise of speeding bikes / trucks .. specifically Icicle Rd	8/18/2024 2:30 PM
286	Closing front street is the worst!!	8/18/2024 2:29 PM
287	City government pushing for high density. High density in our area will never equal affordable. It will only allow more second home owners to drive up our prices even more	8/18/2024 2:15 PM
288	Increased focus on tourist services and revenue vs. Core year round community services and interests	8/18/2024 2:14 PM
289	Continued reduction of natural areas, and severe bending of code to allow it	8/18/2024 2:07 PM
290	Too many tourists on the rivers and trails. Infrastructure not able to support the growth. No plan for exits with all thr development when we are all going to be funneling out at the same time in an emergency.	8/18/2024 2:04 PM
291	The city limits private property owners' ability to generate income from tourists, which in turn affects the resale value of their properties.	8/18/2024 1:59 PM

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292	Amount of homeless that walk around. The removal of trash cans along the streets The lack of tourist friendly activities and environment that attract them to the city	8/18/2024 1:55 PM
293	All of above.	8/18/2024 1:51 PM
294	High density development. Too many residents for the infrastructure in place.	8/18/2024 1:37 PM
295	Building constantly by us.	8/18/2024 1:34 PM
296	Those in charge not listening to the community, other than business owners. We don't want to be an urban city.	8/18/2024 1:02 PM
297	Lack of City investment in anything targeted for residents. You are literally failing your constituents.	8/18/2024 12:54 PM
298	High density and zoning changes that do not provide for the quality of life and why we moved to Leavenworth. It's taking away from the Natural Beauty and Small Town Feel. I hear overwhelming comments from my neighbors the city is not acting on the community will. You might listen but not acting on what this community wants.	8/18/2024 12:49 PM
299	Lack of community spirit and overcrowded.	8/18/2024 12:47 PM
300	All off these - plus divisiveness I've never seen before within the community over these important issues. In my time here I've never experienced such a global feeling of hopelessness from people of all ages who try to comment against the direction and changes the city is taking on many, but not all aspects of these topics. Particularly density including a perceived favoritism to builders, business owner like alpine slide, and developers over residents and the mountain town feel.	8/18/2024 12:19 PM
301	Focus on increasing housing density Arrival of the Adventure Park	8/18/2024 12:15 PM
302	Increased density degradation of single family neighborhoods	8/18/2024 11:42 AM
303	Homelessness	8/18/2024 11:25 AM
304	Mayor not being transparent -/ council is rude and unresponsive	8/18/2024 11:18 AM
305	Focus on alcohol	8/18/2024 9:57 AM
306	Overcrowding neighborhoods with density, large homes on small lots. Less access for locals weekends/ holidays/ busy seasons, (basically a good share of the time): grocery, dining, shopping etc.	8/18/2024 9:47 AM
307	misguided over-construction with questionable benefits. Degrading not improving "quality of Life" for people and wildlife. Constant growth to facilitate affordability is not working. It's seriously undermining other values that are rare and precious. Eventually Leavenworth will become affordable - when it resembles so many other places that have followed the ruinous path of over-promotion and building without sufficient thought to finite natural resources. Limits to Growth is valid. We can't "mitigate" our way out of this essential truth.	8/18/2024 9:47 AM
308	Decrease in small town welcoming vibe. Increase in full time residents.	8/18/2024 9:14 AM
309	Green spaces being gobbled up by development in the UGA and surrounding areas. Lack of growth regulation by Chelan County.	8/18/2024 8:29 AM
310	The City is not being mindful of the constraints on growth in our valley--limits on water, sewer capacity, Highway 2, carrying capacity of our outdoor recreational resources, etc. The city approves every project that comes before it without regard for whether it is designed and planned to be the best fit for what our community needs. Adventure Park, while attractive to some tourists, has been a disaster for many residents and ruined their quality of life because of incessant screaming.	8/18/2024 8:27 AM
311	Density. Lack of green spaces, lawns, gardens, trees. Ugly ill-kept entrances into city. Pine Street congestion: too narrow for traffic, weeds along pathway.	8/18/2024 8:24 AM

Q4 What are the best things that have happened in Leavenworth in your time here? Select all that apply.

Answered: 866 Skipped: 342



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Increased housing stock	4.85% 42
Infrastructure improvements	18.36% 159
Front Street closure	66.05% 572
Parking Improvements	6.70% 58
Expansion of park amenities	27.25% 236
Dining experience options and variety	31.99% 277
Other (please specify)	24.83% 215
Total Respondents: 866	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	G ot rid of Oktoberfest	9/29/2024 10:25 PM
2	The ski hill - freund trail system, with trail access right from town. The summer hours and local focus of the ski hill lodge.	9/29/2024 10:29 AM
3	Most changes are not positive, the city is simply not keeping up with changing needs.	9/29/2024 9:58 AM
4	In the 6 years since we have lived here full time - we lost our only pharmacy, downtown has been made unaccessible for locals, especially elderly, when parking is miles away. Currently we have adopted a stance of just getting through the traffic and eating out, shopping, spending	9/29/2024 9:26 AM

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our dollars in Cashmere to Wenatchee. I see a dr in Monroe as I have better chances of getting there on time for appts - that had taken a lot of stress off. Sitting in town and missing over half of a PT appt due to ridiculous levels of traffic and then I get charged \$75 for a "no show" after having left my home with a generous extra half hour over the drive time. The city has done pretty much nothing to improve life for the locals. We and many others have adapted by avoiding town as much as possible...

5	Addition of a Museum in early 2000's Skate park for area skaters New schools for area children Hospital facility updated Art in the Park expansion	9/29/2024 6:43 AM
6	Everything on this list is never enjoyed by locals, we are too busy trying to stay in Leavenworth by excessive job searching	9/24/2024 6:34 PM
7	Need to offer more buildable land. Please expand UGA and expand city infrastructure to support. Please...	9/23/2024 6:36 AM
8	We need to set aside more green spaces. When this was brought up some years ago Sheri Faravar, then the mayor, shot back that we had the whole golf course which was plenty green. This was absurd. No one can simply go walk around on the golf course. It is closed except for those playing golf. Please think about leaving some space for the residents to relax or picnic, etc. The way that the new housing has so many small, lots packed with structures is bad for the water table and drainage as well as being an eyesore. There is no reason to keep building more homes of all sorts with no space between the neighbors. It looks atrocious and has no appeal compared to the housing of decades past.	9/22/2024 10:35 PM
9	None of these. This might help the tourist, but not the locals.	9/19/2024 2:00 PM
10	Improvement in retail store quality but otherwise things have deteriorated	9/15/2024 7:59 PM
11	Most of these options are a negative thing. The restaurants are too expensive for locals to dine at. Locals should not have to pay for parking. It's forcing us to go to Wenatchee to shop. And the city has become not the nice little town that it used to be but instead a bunch of oversized houses on tiny little lots that are very unappealing. Simply increasing the numbers of houses doesn't do anything to help, the affordable nature of the housing.	9/15/2024 7:30 AM
12	The pool has continued to be a community resource!	9/11/2024 11:20 AM
13	Absolutely nothing it turning to shit no parking no restaurants worth a shit tourist all over private property, and the city allows it	9/9/2024 4:41 PM
14	New schools	9/9/2024 4:16 PM
15	Communication among residents.	9/9/2024 3:10 PM
16	Fest Halle	9/9/2024 2:32 PM
17	Maintaining high quality public schools	9/9/2024 11:24 AM
18	Availability of jobs for our communities' young adults in the area businesses.	9/9/2024 9:03 AM
19	Growth & diversity of people living here	9/9/2024 8:32 AM
20	New and upgraded schools	9/6/2024 11:50 PM
21	nothing	9/6/2024 8:38 PM
22	Increase in available arts and theater and music to attend. More sports for the kids after school like skiing and running.	9/6/2024 5:03 PM
23	Successful businesses and increased employment opportunities	9/6/2024 4:08 PM
24	I love the Library and Friends of the Library. Leavenworth Summer Theater is A+ and what an asset. Keeping the pool is important.	9/6/2024 3:23 PM
25	Allowing businesses to setup more tables outside in parking areas, and along front street. Waste loop creating more opportunities for recycling and reuse. While in my opinion way too slow , improvements to waste cans in the city to become more bear proof. Still way more work that needs to be done on this front. More local flower & farm stands that add character to the area & provide great local goods. Wider sidewalk along Icicle road bridge for walking/riding.	9/6/2024 8:57 AM
26	new schools	9/5/2024 3:35 PM

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27	What infrastructure improvements? The increased housing stock we have experienced has caused an unsustainable housing cost and tax increase, not more affordable housing. The "dining" experience is ridiculously expensive. We go out once a year, on our anniversary.	9/5/2024 1:25 PM
28	Just feels like growth growth growth	9/5/2024 7:17 AM
29	I don't feel like the quality of life in Leavenworth has gone up much at all, and I would say it is trending in the other direction. It appears the City and Chamber of Commerce won't be satisfied until we have "heads in beds" maxed out to capacity for as many weekends as possible. While this is great for hoteliers and retail / dining business owners, other people living in the city limits have received no noticeable improvements to services and infrastructure based on the amount of revenue and lodging taxes pouring into Leavenworth. Traffic is unbearable on summer weekends and in December especially, our streets are an absolute disaster (one can easily break an ankle out for a casual walk), and our infrastructure doesn't appear to be getting any improvements, let alone increasing capacity to support all the new families we are seeking to import through high-density and multi-family housing.	9/5/2024 6:11 AM
30	Alpine coaster and cross on tumwater	9/4/2024 9:32 PM
31	New elementary school	9/4/2024 7:36 PM
32	We love the front street closure!	9/4/2024 4:56 PM
33	Continued locals' attractions such as farmers market and ski-hill events	9/4/2024 4:08 PM
34	Continue the increase in things to do. I especially like the alpine adventure park. We need more such attractions	9/4/2024 2:14 PM
35	It's so evident that Leavenworth is a desirable place to live, given the number of new families and community members taking up root here.	9/4/2024 1:37 PM
36	Not much improvement since I've lived here !	9/4/2024 1:12 PM
37	None of the other selections above could count for best things. The new playground is nice. There has been an increase in cultural activities.	9/3/2024 9:47 AM
38	It's difficult to say what the best things are. The increased housing stock seems to lead to more second homes/STR's. The infrastructure I experience are the same level of service or worse given all the tourists and new people. There are probably some water and sewer improvements. I don't see any parking improvements for residents. The new play ground is good, but other park amenity improvements seem to benefit the tourists more. The dining experience has a little more variety, but the increase in tourists seem to make it more expensive and difficult to access.	9/2/2024 4:32 PM
39	Increased community engagement	9/2/2024 4:28 AM
40	My biggest concerns re: adding more housing are increased fire risk, infrastructure issues yet to be addressed, traffic, and "affordable" homes to be built on lots that allow 3 story homes and near-zero lot lines—that have no guarantee of being "affordable."	9/1/2024 4:53 PM
41	Link shuttle	9/1/2024 10:52 AM
42	We see the work done towards infrastructure and parking improvements but there is plenty more to be done.	9/1/2024 9:18 AM
43	Parking availability has been slow to occur but positive changes are beginning to happen. The cooperation of Link has been a great help.	8/31/2024 8:47 AM
44	Live music at ski hill and new trails at ski hil-Go LWSC!!!	8/30/2024 9:33 AM
45	Infrastructure improvement? Really	8/30/2024 7:55 AM
46	Better shopping	8/29/2024 5:22 PM
47	Rebuilding the old skatepark	8/29/2024 12:25 PM
48	Live music at Plain Cellars.	8/29/2024 7:25 AM
49	Whoever created this survey should know these answers aren't applicable.	8/29/2024 6:00 AM
50	That Christmas Lighting isn't a mess of thousands people trying to get here by a certain time. Also none of the above. All of those things have been ruined.	8/28/2024 11:09 PM

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51	Nothing has gotten better only worse.	8/28/2024 7:18 PM
52	Born and raised here. Our festivals were amazing and beneficial. Now they're gone. I'd say good things happen, but we are defiantly back peddaling to where this town came from at this rate.	8/28/2024 2:02 PM
53	We have revenue. It's not stagnant here!!!	8/27/2024 10:16 PM
54	Nothing, grown too much.	8/27/2024 6:26 PM
55	Leavenworth Reindeer Farm. Expanded arts--- theater and music.	8/27/2024 4:40 PM
56	New park at Osborn. Awesome events: farmers market, ski hill, and icicle creek.	8/27/2024 1:07 PM
57	The City Council is getting involved to help with low income housing.	8/27/2024 8:38 AM
58	The restaurants are great but largely inaccessible due to parking and increased tourism. Leavenworth has mostly done a good job preserving aesthetic integrity of the buildings. The apartments behind Safeways and the new apartments going up on Chumstick are evidence that increased tax revenue has become more important than quality of life for current residents.	8/27/2024 8:08 AM
59	The addition of parking meters which increases the cost to local people and workers	8/27/2024 7:12 AM
60	Increase in building public awareness and getting community input.	8/27/2024 2:31 AM
61	Pool parking enforced	8/27/2024 1:35 AM
62	At least there are still some locals around from 30 plus years ago...	8/27/2024 12:33 AM
63	Infrastructure is fwd looking w car wash purchase for water treatment expansion. Thanks! Front St closed before we arrived - but it is amazing. Can't wait for the new Osborn playground!	8/27/2024 12:03 AM
64	Roundabout is great	8/26/2024 11:38 PM
65	Beside the closer of front street for locals and families to enjoy during slow season nothing has really changed for the good. The things I see happening is house prices are ridiculously high, everything is by marketing for people that makes more 25000 and Up Our local workers community is being push out of their house and home town. Do better and remember that without the working community Leavenworth will not be so attractive to the tourists.	8/26/2024 10:47 PM
66	Seems like a lot of parking lot improvement has happened but that has taken away free parking for locals who live a bit out of town (we are up icicle). The new playgrounds are great although my kids have aged out of them. Pump track and tennis courts are wonderful.	8/26/2024 9:55 PM
67	Wonderful people have moved here. Some very fun and incredibly beautiful places have been built and created.	8/26/2024 6:41 PM
68	I've been here almost 30 years. Infrastructure and Amenities for the residents have barely changed.	8/26/2024 5:42 PM
69	more trails esp for mtn biking	8/26/2024 5:08 PM
70	Nothing	8/26/2024 4:16 PM
71	Can't think of any positive improvements over the past few years	8/26/2024 4:00 PM
72	The town is kept clean, and there is not much homeless.	8/26/2024 3:57 PM
73	I appreciate how the Christmas lighting festival was restructured to reduce congestion - both traffic and human. I am also very happy that the Oktoberfest has shifted from project Bayern and back into the city's hands.	8/26/2024 3:51 PM
74	Capping the nightly rentals.	8/26/2024 3:43 PM
75	I love having the variety of small shops in town.	8/26/2024 3:43 PM
76	Wish they would make front street an official pedestrian area - pave the 'road' / add seating / planting (like U Village in Seattle) - obviously keeping a track for deliveries etc ..	8/26/2024 2:51 PM
77	N/a	8/26/2024 2:48 PM

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78	The city continues to be a burden upon surrounding residents.	8/26/2024 2:40 PM
79	None of the above. Stopped shopping and eating in restaurants with the parking meters and the overload of tourists	8/26/2024 2:37 PM
80	Better restaurants. Other than that, all around as a full time resident I feel discouraged about the direction for more housing that Leavenworth is moving towards.	8/26/2024 1:47 PM
81	Nothing, we don't go to town anymore! Over run with tourist, no parking.	8/26/2024 7:28 AM
82	ProjeKt Bayern's contract not renewed for Oktoberfest. Horrible people run it. Winter season much better without lighting ceremonies.	8/25/2024 8:24 PM
83	Thank you for continuing to work on our parking issues!	8/25/2024 11:54 AM
84	Keeps getting worse as far as im concerned. This was a better place before all the new development.	8/25/2024 11:51 AM
85	But that is not that important to me - I would prefer to have better infrastructure improvements and more affordable housing	8/25/2024 11:23 AM
86	Safeway	8/25/2024 10:11 AM
87	Increased housing has hurt town	8/25/2024 9:02 AM
88	Infrastructure improvements, but the current administration gets no credit for that. No significant IF improvs have been done them.	8/25/2024 6:07 AM
89	Farmers market moved to Saturdays	8/24/2024 3:05 PM
90	I think that there are pros and cons to all of those options.	8/24/2024 1:25 PM
91	Y'all don't do anything right	8/24/2024 1:07 PM
92	Adoption of a strong and fair code for the Short Term Rental issue in the area.	8/24/2024 11:35 AM
93	I fail to see many infrastructure improvements. Roads keep deteriorating, water distribution problems continue to increase. Parking on the residential streets is a growing problem. The size reduction in building sites. The whole UGA situation.	8/24/2024 10:31 AM
94	The dirt streets were paved	8/24/2024 9:16 AM
95	No more tree lighting ceremony	8/24/2024 6:54 AM
96	Although it has influenced parking and access- the closure of front street creates a wonderful space downtown and I'm looking forward to the city taking more initiative to beautify that space! - the new Osborn playground is a huge win! And the maintenance and access of enchantment and blackbird are much appreciated! - I see the city and the council working to be more holistic in approaching sustainable growth but it is hard and there are a lot of challenges - the effort is important!	8/23/2024 9:12 PM
97	Oktoberfest has returned to family friendly.	8/23/2024 9:06 PM
98	The prohibition of Short Term Rentals within the city limits.	8/23/2024 8:07 PM
99	More recently, improvement of leadership and the mayor and city council level with better representation of residents needs in addition to the business community	8/23/2024 7:28 PM
100	Parking is worse who are you trying to fool? Increase in housing is no affordable and property taxes outrageous in the Leavenworth area. The city changes are for tourism and business owners. Very little is done for the people that live year round and work here.	8/23/2024 7:11 PM
101	The ground swell of input to actually create a community center at Osborn; expansion of Public Works Dept to meet needs of residents under the crush of tourist attendance; October Fest now seems to have a smaller footprint and is involving local breweries and local merchants due to the hard work of the Chamber of Commerce; Creation of a Parking Dept and their hard work to effectively mangage parking issues-esp. Shannon Lemmons. Growth of the Block Party, Engagaement Nights. Ambassor program created by Chamber of Commerce ; Local Non Profits participating as support units in October Fest and other major festivities and receiving compensation for their group. Upper Valley Museum its expansion and relocation to front Street.	8/23/2024 5:51 PM

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102	could still use more quality restaurants at affordable prices	8/23/2024 4:32 PM
103	Hospital expansion	8/23/2024 1:52 PM
104	It was better in the 1980's and 1990's before growth and development escalated. After the year 2000 quality of life deteriorated for residents.	8/23/2024 1:25 PM
105	Increased sidewalks and bike lanes in town	8/23/2024 11:22 AM
106	Honestly town has gone down	8/23/2024 10:59 AM
107	Transition of Octoberfest to a more community focused event. More progressive city council and mayor. Construction of new schools.	8/23/2024 7:54 AM
108	Not much, we have seen less stores and more places to get booze, no stores for typical community use - household supplies and non-tourist clothing. Can't even get in to the Post Office to check the mail from Friday afternoon on - when the tourist think it is free parking...	8/23/2024 7:53 AM
109	increased number of small, organic farmers and opportunities to purchase local produce	8/23/2024 7:39 AM
110	Going plastic bag/styrofoam free! That new place Osborn playground is highly anticipated.	8/22/2024 11:01 PM
111	New schools, new/improved medical center City/community involvement events	8/22/2024 10:24 PM
112	An amazing natural market from the weekend farmers to the daily Sage Mountain	8/22/2024 10:19 PM
113	Alpine coaster	8/22/2024 9:57 PM
114	The adventure park has brought much needed family friendly activity variety and I hope to see more family friendly options in the near future	8/22/2024 9:31 PM
115	Making it more tourist friendly has been very exciting!	8/22/2024 7:29 PM
116	None.	8/22/2024 2:39 PM
117	Leavenworth is a microclimate of diversity. We left Wenatchee where the big cross looms over the city for the more inclusive community that is Leavenworth. Sad to hear that there may be a cross installed here.	8/22/2024 1:43 PM
118	I truly haven't seen many improvements in the past 10 years. I've lived in the area for 50years.	8/22/2024 12:12 PM
119	The Covid Moratorium on SRT's that resulted in long term rentals being offered on the housing market.	8/22/2024 9:53 AM
120	The concern and care given to the Icicle River ecosystem due to the increased use of climbing and hiking resources.	8/22/2024 8:34 AM
121	Building new schools and remodeling schools	8/22/2024 8:29 AM
122	None of the above.	8/22/2024 8:25 AM
123	Dining options and variety is the only applicable choice here, the other options are not positives for locals at all for anyone who's lived here longer than 20 years...again disheartening	8/22/2024 8:21 AM
124	Nothing and I've been here since 1959	8/22/2024 8:11 AM
125	none. loss of parking makes it harder for me to go downtown with special needs kiddo. More wine tasting rooms, which I never go to. I would say there is less dining and what is here is more expensive, we never eat out anymore. We are always shocked at prices when we travel for kids sports how much cheaper it is.I am so confused by infrastructure improvements? Where is this? Downtown? Doesn't help me.	8/22/2024 7:56 AM
126	All of these options benefit the tourist not the local.	8/22/2024 7:51 AM
127	Love us being a pedestrian town - but still looks an afterthought. 4 years of ugly orange barriers and hap hazard in street dining... Time to commit to the concept in a year round way!	8/22/2024 7:50 AM
128	The benefits over the years have all gone to business owners and tourists. I don't see any benefits for long term residents.	8/22/2024 7:29 AM
129	Nothing	8/22/2024 7:14 AM
130	Can't think of anything	8/22/2024 6:55 AM

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131	Changing the lighting fest schedule	8/22/2024 6:50 AM
132	Removing Christmas tree lighting ceremony	8/22/2024 6:25 AM
133	I enjoy tourism, I have lost quite a bit of business since October fest and tree lighting has changed	8/22/2024 5:14 AM
134	The current mayor and council have destroyed festivals and the community. This community is more divided than ever because of them.	8/22/2024 4:58 AM
135	Lack of parking, metered parking	8/22/2024 3:05 AM
136	The city pool continuing to operate as well as ski hill	8/22/2024 2:13 AM
137	Getting a new park at Osborn Elementary	8/21/2024 11:09 PM
138	None of the above have happened	8/21/2024 10:42 PM
139	More jobs available for others in the community	8/21/2024 9:52 PM
140	Shuttle bus from P&R, needs to be promoted more	8/21/2024 6:26 AM
141	Changing Oktoberfest to be more family friendly.	8/20/2024 8:34 PM
142	New school buildings at every grade level. Improved city pool. Riverfront walking pathways and access.	8/20/2024 7:43 PM
143	There is nothing that I would say is the "best" since I have moved here.	8/20/2024 4:40 PM
144	Unfortunately, along with an increase in park amenities the increase in the homeless being allowed to stay in the parks has increased and they are no longer always safe for residents to use.	8/20/2024 2:07 PM
145	Park refresh at Osbourne	8/20/2024 1:03 PM
146	There has been NO increase in housing stock. No infrastructure improvements. Parking has gotten WORSE. IT's hard to enjoy a dining experience when you can't find a place to park. The Front Street closure is nice for the tourists, but probably not so much for shop owners. I have not seen much in the way of park improvements.	8/20/2024 12:41 PM
147	Mmm nothing sadly	8/20/2024 8:57 AM
148	None if the above are good attributes. I understand we need to embrace change and flow with it however all the above have brought out the worst in what a beautiful place Leavenworth was	8/20/2024 8:39 AM
149	None of the above. I wish I would have never bought a home in this town	8/20/2024 8:23 AM
150	Skihill now open in summer	8/20/2024 8:20 AM
151	increased availability of public pool on weekends	8/20/2024 7:41 AM
152	I wish there were better healthy food options Best thing is sage mountain and plant Ally	8/20/2024 7:27 AM
153	Pretty much none, being outside the city limits, we will drive past town and spend our dollars in restaurants, stores & businesses in Cashmere or Wenatchee - places where we don't have to pay parking to run into a drug store (oh wait, town doesn't even have one) Town does nothing to attract us - only the beloved money of the tourists. We often feel like town is some artificial place created for these tourists only, and we can occasionally enter there in the early spring or fall during a weekday 🤔	8/20/2024 5:40 AM
154	Clean up of graffiti (although need to continue monthly checks) Trash bin replacement.	8/19/2024 10:37 PM
155	Limitation of AIRBNB and VRBO type rentals in the community. Support of community orgs like Leavenworth soccer to help our kids.	8/19/2024 5:34 PM
156	In the almost 50 years that I have lived here, the town has become more beautiful, and the architecture more exquisite. It has made me so proud to live here!	8/19/2024 2:53 PM
157	53 years. It is completely different. Traffic, parking, access, we have forgotten people reside here, it's not all tourism forward.	8/19/2024 1:00 PM
158	I think we have gotten worse at almost everything	8/19/2024 12:37 PM

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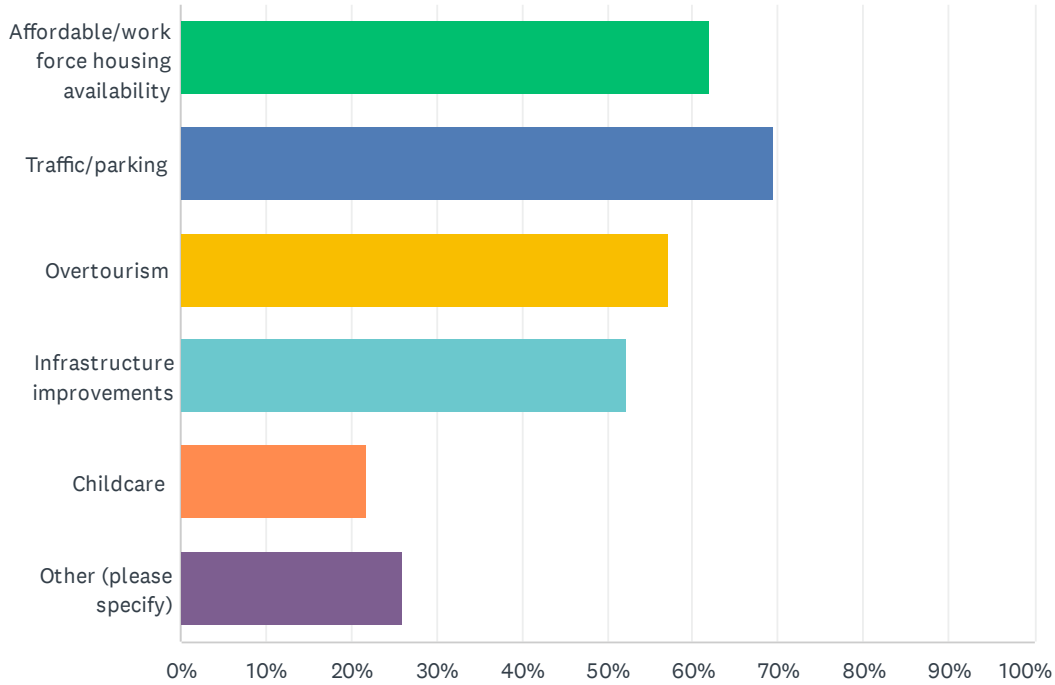
159	None.	8/19/2024 11:08 AM
160	Expansion of mountain bike trails. Development of ski hill. Pathway along pine street.	8/19/2024 9:58 AM
161	Dans is still here. Moving the snow in dump trucks out in the winter.	8/19/2024 9:37 AM
162	What parking improvements ? It's gotten worse and worse. We need a parking garage not spending 3 Million \$ on paving a parking lot that was the only free parking option for employees. Employees shouldn't be paying to park, especially not if they make minimum wage. Spending money wisely would be nice... like maybe a roundabout at intersections Hwy 2 and E Leavenworth Rd. I'll say it again: a parking garage. Between the meters, grants and hotel tax money... there should be enough money to build a garage and it should be top priority. I sure hope the rumors of putting cobble stone through downtown (heated no less) is just that- a rumor. Bavarian doesn't get as much snow as we do and plowing all the snow we have would create constant repair of cobble stone being ripped out... well and if you look at Europe, their trend is to save electricity and heating downtown cobble stones, is pretty much the opposite of that... and an absolute hideous idea on top of that.	8/19/2024 8:52 AM
163	great stores, new safeway	8/19/2024 7:42 AM
164	The roundabout!	8/19/2024 7:21 AM
165	None of these this are good things or have actually happened	8/19/2024 7:17 AM
166	Leavenworth has not improved since the current council has been in charge	8/19/2024 5:14 AM
167	Nothing about any of those choices have actually went uphill and or changed for the better.	8/18/2024 10:47 PM
168	Exploring the beauty this area has to offer., the nature, the community, good people live here.	8/18/2024 10:30 PM
169	Nothing, slowing getting worse.	8/18/2024 10:28 PM
170	All of these options are a negative.	8/18/2024 10:12 PM
171	No improvement	8/18/2024 9:37 PM
172	Allowing the farmers market in lions club park. Finally putting in a good play ground at the old elementary school.	8/18/2024 8:59 PM
173	Schools getting better for more diverse students.	8/18/2024 8:14 PM
174	Being able to enjoy our beautiful, natural mountain backdrop.	8/18/2024 8:00 PM
175	Trail maintenance	8/18/2024 7:49 PM
176	We have lived here for 5 years and have yet to see what the city has done. For the residence! Everything you do is for tourists. Our streets and roads the kids walk on to and from school are horrible and when it snows the walkways are not accessible.	8/18/2024 7:33 PM
177	People who live here full time get along well and care about the local community. There is a desire to enhance the local ecology while not selling out for tourist and second home dollars.	8/18/2024 6:14 PM
178	None of the above. Can't afford to move elsewhere.	8/18/2024 6:04 PM
179	Biking and hiking trails on Ski Hill	8/18/2024 6:01 PM
180	Selling out to commercial businesses that have no connection to community, only corporate greed. And you wonder when price gouging is going to end?	8/18/2024 5:52 PM
181	The community helping each other out through good times and bad	8/18/2024 5:42 PM
182	None of the above	8/18/2024 5:42 PM
183	None of above. Open front street. Get rid of parking meters	8/18/2024 5:13 PM
184	Outdoor recreation infrastructure, additional restaurants.	8/18/2024 5:06 PM
185	Growing up here, amazing. The last 15 years here- getting worse. Leavenworth has changed too much, losing land to west siders, second homes, vacation rentals. Catering too much to tourists and trying to make a dollar anywhere. Rather than keeping a small town	8/18/2024 4:25 PM
186	Fine tuning some aspects of over tourism, such as the new family friendly local Oktoberfest by the Chamber.	8/18/2024 4:16 PM

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187	Nothing has gotten better only worse, parking especially	8/18/2024 4:05 PM
188	Improved Retail and Lodging and Increased Tourism decreasing seasonal business dips in bridge seasons	8/18/2024 4:02 PM
189	None	8/18/2024 3:52 PM
190	Front street closure was the worst idea. Can't honestly say anything has improved since I have been here. Just getting worse	8/18/2024 3:52 PM
191	City taking steps to help with housing, all be it very small and painful to get forward momentum	8/18/2024 3:45 PM
192	I	8/18/2024 3:38 PM
193	None the city caters to the tourist we live 1 mile from town and except for using the City Pool we avoid town no parking for locals.	8/18/2024 3:37 PM
194	City takeover of Octoberfest	8/18/2024 3:17 PM
195	Adventure Park	8/18/2024 2:44 PM
196	The Chamber taking over Oktoberfest, Farmer's Market, B&B regulation	8/18/2024 2:40 PM
197	Absolutely nothing else.	8/18/2024 2:36 PM
198	Summer shuttle on the river. (Drop in / off options).	8/18/2024 2:22 PM
199	Nothing	8/18/2024 2:13 PM
200	Not much, maybe taking back control of oktoberfest	8/18/2024 2:12 PM
201	Clothing stores in town instead of having to go to Seattle.	8/18/2024 2:04 PM
202	None	8/18/2024 1:51 PM
203	None, avoid town. Its a hassle for a local to shop and support local.	8/18/2024 1:34 PM
204	Natural setting Peace	8/18/2024 1:34 PM
205	Parking options have decreased causing locals to spend less time downtown other than to use the hospital. We never go downtown anymore.	8/18/2024 1:02 PM
206	None. Lack of City investment in anything targeted for residents. You are literally failing your constituents.	8/18/2024 12:54 PM
207	Overwhelming testimony blocking RL10 to RL 8 was disappointing ting, this city government is not acting in what this community is asking of it.	8/18/2024 12:49 PM
208	Sadly, the quality of life living in Leavenworth has significantly dropped since we have lived here for over a decade. This is a reality that cannot simply be dismissed by happy talk. It is a reality that needs to faced and addressed.	8/18/2024 12:47 PM
209	The highway got sidewalks and trees! The roundabout at Tumwater canyon is great. Arts have grown. Barn beach reserve is nice. We are more able to feed and help people.	8/18/2024 12:19 PM
210	Pool improvements (more are needed again!)	8/18/2024 12:15 PM
211	Nothing	8/18/2024 11:42 AM
212	More bathrooms were built. Festhall built	8/18/2024 11:18 AM
213	Activism that has confronted reckless development policies.	8/18/2024 9:47 AM
214	Recognition that over tourism is real and we have a housing crisis	8/18/2024 8:46 AM
215	Less focus on Bavaria and more on recreation	8/18/2024 8:29 AM

Q5 What do you believe are the biggest challenges for the future of Leavenworth? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 906 Skipped: 302



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Affordable/workforce housing availability	62.14% 563
Traffic/parking	69.43% 629
Overtourism	57.17% 518
Infrastructure improvements	52.21% 473
Childcare	21.74% 197
Other (please specify)	26.05% 236
Total Respondents: 906	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Not enough tourists to support local businesses. Lack of industry jobs beyond tourist related jobs.	9/30/2024 11:01 AM
2	City leaderships faulty belief that the residents want increased density. We moved here to get out of Seattle density, not to become more of it.	9/29/2024 3:45 PM
3	Every year in Leavenworth acres of fertile soil , trees, shrubs and indigenous flowers, are lost to development. Future development must minimise disruption to the natural environment, in a way that works with nature, not against it.	9/29/2024 9:11 AM
4	Informing tourists that we are adamant about recycling, protecting our environment and maintaining the natural beauty of our area, with their help and intent!	9/29/2024 6:43 AM

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5	The ability to live in the town my family helped build this town	9/24/2024 6:34 PM
6	We must continue to balance tourism with our attitude! I stay home from Thursday through early Sunday! My shopping days have changed, getting home on Hwy 2 after church remains a challenge during "tourist months", etc. Again, the importance of shop owners' expectations of "good business" outweigh any inconveniences I may have.	9/23/2024 3:28 PM
7	Overtourism is the reason for all the other problems. It is not the residents who are responsible for the traffic and parking mess.	9/22/2024 10:35 PM
8	The value of tourist attractions via fake experiences over authentic, physical endeavors.	9/22/2024 9:49 PM
9	PR, The city must start to effectively manage it's public relations. You are not communicating effectively to tourists at all. Way finding is not effective and we need to communicate "how to use our village" -Communication in general needs an effective over arching strategy.	9/19/2024 8:00 AM
10	River health	9/17/2024 9:47 AM
11	Front street need a total beautification project. Raise street level to curb height, hydronic system to keep ice from forming in the winter and a uniform surface laid down with landscaping .	9/15/2024 8:16 PM
12	Creating a European front street to fit the theme of the town. Heated cobblestone as in Holland Michigan for safe walking for tourists and locals in winter. No high density housing until infrastructure can handle it. Create a community center where Osborn school was. Check out other small communities like Fircrest Washington for what they've created. There needs to be somewhere for families to gather and their children to have recreation opportunities. Simply adding housing doesn't solve the main issues but instead creates more	9/15/2024 7:59 PM
13	Poor urban planning.	9/15/2024 10:05 AM
14	Wildfire protection	9/15/2024 8:15 AM
15	County-wide coordination on affordable housing availability. The affordable housing crisis is not going to be effectively addressed within Leavenworth alone.	9/15/2024 8:10 AM
16	Over tourism is overwhelmingly the worst problem. It was already bad when it reached 2 million visitors a year and within a few years it reached 3 million. This is out of control. I used to live on Icedale Road adjacent to City property and the tourist thought they were in Disneyland, but they didn't know where the boundaries were so they would simply walk across our property as if it was part of the attraction. There are way too many tourists. That's the main thing. The infrastructure inadequacy is a result of over tourism as are the parking and traffic situation.	9/15/2024 7:30 AM
17	Economic plan for the future	9/13/2024 12:10 PM
18	Making sure we have a good % of our population who live here full-time/own their primary home here	9/13/2024 7:24 AM
19	Better integration of our Hispanic neighbors into our community fabric...	9/11/2024 11:20 AM
20	we need a multi level parking structure	9/10/2024 8:52 AM
21	Stop killing the rivers	9/9/2024 4:41 PM
22	Access is an issue. Non-vehicle access (bike/walking path) along the Chumstick highway would be amazing.	9/9/2024 3:42 PM
23	The biggest challenge is to slow growth and tourism. Bigger is not always better. More is definitely not better. Growth is NOT a necessity. Quality and diversity are far more important. Changing the city covenants, etc to match the will of the majority, not just the ones with the money to pay lawyers.	9/9/2024 2:32 PM
24	Lack of affordable housing options, runaway housing costs, and lack of workforce housing are Leavenworth's biggest issues right now.	9/9/2024 9:15 AM
25	Collapsing school system	9/9/2024 8:32 AM
26	More trees and permeable spaces. Research urban tree planting by The Arbor Day Foundation.	9/9/2024 7:48 AM
27	Basic businesses required to run a town. We've built the car before the horse which forces a ton of residents to drive to Wenatchee for super basic needs.	9/8/2024 11:32 PM

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28	Keeping the pool and parks with more events for locals i.e. safety, help the homeless, general safety	9/6/2024 10:12 PM
29	wages	9/6/2024 8:38 PM
30	Reducing the number of nightly rentals in the local area. Keeping the Ski Hill and Ski Hill loop rural in character so we can walk and bike and hike. The desire to increase density is NOT good! We need some space to be a community.	9/6/2024 5:03 PM
31	Loss of community. Too many nightly rentals in the area right around Leavenworth. Please work with the County to restrict that!!! Employers can add and provide housing for their employees. We do NOT need higher density and zero lot lines.	9/6/2024 3:23 PM
32	There is a noted lack of diversity in some of the establishments - we could really use some more diverse cuisine and representation!	9/6/2024 2:41 PM
33	Firewise and adequate emergency plan for wildfire	9/6/2024 11:11 AM
34	Too much mass development, beautiful larger parcels being able to be developed into large communities and not preserving the natural beauty of Leavenworth. Too much focus on tourism and not the community needs or protection of the surrounding natural beauty long-term. Wildlife & natural beauty - protecting wildlife and ensuring the city and surrounding areas have proper receptacles to not encourage bears or other wildlife in the city. Protecting our trails and natural beauty. Traffic getting so bad that residents cannot easily leave their houses during peak times to get to medical appointments, grocery stores, or other basic needs throughout the year. Wild fire risk, mitigation, and insurance protection for homeowners.	9/6/2024 8:57 AM
35	Accessible parking for locals and the workers... not just these big lots for tourists.	9/5/2024 3:35 PM
36	Potential lit cross on tumwater	9/5/2024 7:24 AM
37	Protecting wild/green spaces	9/5/2024 7:17 AM
38	Over-building of housing units, which increases the danger and impact of fire / wildfire, and destruction of our open spaces to look like suburbia rather than a rural, agricultural, and small town environment.	9/5/2024 6:11 AM
39	Too much government spending. Too many regulations.	9/4/2024 9:32 PM
40	It will feel just more busy, less like a small town.	9/4/2024 4:56 PM
41	There is no such things as "over tourism". It us just nonsense made up by haters	9/4/2024 2:14 PM
42	Lack of community oriented indoor space (for sports, activities, etc) during winter months. That's the hardest part about living here as a family with kids. That's why I support covering the pool, a larger library, etc; those are all in service of making it easier to live here Sept-Apr. We weren't able to afford a large house (I don't think many can these days!) so having access to indoor (or covered) space would be huge.	9/4/2024 2:05 PM
43	maintaining a bavarian theme downtown. Loss of businesses that are unique.	9/4/2024 1:37 PM
44	wildfire risk. the City should apply more resources and make this a priority, life and safety should be one of our top priorities. We have great EMS here, but it's a mistake to think that the City shouldn't be way more proactive.	9/4/2024 1:34 PM
45	You need to make Leavenworth more attractive like Knotts Berry Farm better and cheaper places to eat, more things to do, free or cheaper parking. Make it more fun and a place people want to come to and cone back to!	9/4/2024 1:12 PM
46	Workforce and affordable housing is pretty much out of reach	9/4/2024 1:08 PM
47	A mayor and council naive enough to think tourism is a problem. There are always trade offs. Stifle the economy, and you will ruin all of us.	9/4/2024 7:02 AM
48	See above narrative above about the Robert Johnson Cross on Tumwater Mountain. All of the other issues can be worked out over time.	9/3/2024 5:19 PM
49	The rapid expansion of the changes to the building codes and density. We are losing our open spaces and small town feel. Second homes and STR's.	9/3/2024 9:47 AM
50	The loss of the small town feel. Uncontrolled growth and density and moving too quickly with	9/2/2024 4:32 PM

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	the growth.	
51	Don't ruin what Leavenworth has	9/2/2024 10:02 AM
52	Development of year round community amenities and recreational facilities	9/1/2024 10:52 AM
53	1. W#1ell planned and implemented annexation of areas in the UGA. 2. Finding a long term and sustainable solution for the community pool. Proposition #1 was only a band-aide and can't be considered a long-term solution. Asking tax payers to fund the pool and not finding a way to ask visitor to pay "more" isn't a good path forward. Additionally, the pool sits adjacent to Hwy 2. Please consider in the long run a new pool on city property adjacent to Evans St. 3. City Hall and the Library also sit on Hwy 2. Moving them to the old school property on Evans St. would then allow the city to sell or develop the stretch of Hwy 2 in any manner they see fit that best serves our community and our visitors.	9/1/2024 9:18 AM
54	Turn that lighted cross project on tumwater off!!!	8/31/2024 8:37 AM
55	More infrastructure to support tourism to minimize conflicts with locals. Build more things for tourists to do that are also benefits to community (indoor pool, indoor rec center, river access and trail infrastructure Improvements, etc)	8/30/2024 9:33 AM
56	Stop increasing housing density. The workforce can commute like most do in other cities. We are close to areas with more/reasonably priced housing.	8/30/2024 7:55 AM
57	Our city thrives on tourism yet it feels like we are constantly going against it. Especially with limiting Airbnb permits we get a bad rep	8/30/2024 6:32 AM
58	The city and surrounding area are being used for short term gain without consideration of long term impact.	8/29/2024 12:25 PM
59	What has been done for the people that live here year around. Nothing!	8/29/2024 7:08 AM
60	Not having all our traditional festivals.	8/28/2024 2:02 PM
61	Over population and expansion control due to limited resources like water!!	8/27/2024 10:16 PM
62	The changes are driving life long families away from here.	8/27/2024 9:58 PM
63	Stop the focus on affordable housing. It is a loosing battle. Lots of housing within 5 miles.	8/27/2024 9:25 PM
64	The current mayor and his woke agenda items.	8/27/2024 4:40 PM
65	Childcare is really hard. Under 2 is impossible. Summer with a kindergartner was brutal	8/27/2024 1:07 PM
66	Too many houses owned by nonresidents. This change the feel from neighborhoods that know & recreate with their neighbors to that of a transient rental area.	8/27/2024 8:38 AM
67	We DO NOT WANT the city involved in "providing" "low-income housing." That is the beginning of the end for an area and generally a thin veil to cover greed of power and money. The ever increasing property assessments/taxes reflect this so clearly. Our greatest challenge is the city taking more and more money and spending it unwisely.	8/27/2024 8:08 AM
68	Irresponsible government management	8/27/2024 7:12 AM
69	Affordable housing doesn't mean apartments for service workers making minimum wage.	8/27/2024 2:31 AM
70	Need to incorporate the UGA into the city, and upgrade all infrastructure.	8/27/2024 12:33 AM
71	Workforce housing as well as housing for a family to own that is \$300k-\$500k (and not a tear down). I'm hopeful for the new condo rules. A parking garage is desperately needed! Overtoursim of the rivers and forests and easily accessible wild spaces. Childcare for infants and toddlers is a true headache.	8/27/2024 12:03 AM
72	Except for Cascade Medical, there is nothing in Leavenworth for locals. Tourist food doesn't count. I don't want our small town to grow into a suburb of Wenatchee but not enough services and events are for the locals. Pay attention to the people who live here. We are not invisible, we are not tourists. We have a lot to offer, besides tax revenue.	8/26/2024 9:57 PM
73	Roads / Intersection at Dan's is a problem from Chumstick	8/26/2024 6:52 PM
74	Too much alcohol available. Cap it. Have a maximum. Read about Alcohol Density Outlet issues. It has very negative impacts having so much available. The difference between my	8/26/2024 6:41 PM

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oldest walking home from work (Front St to Benton St) in the dark to ten years later having my youngest walk home at night in the dark was a HUGE, SCARY difference. Communication between the city, the chamber, and the residents (even part time residents) needs improvement offline! A phone number with aware/informed persons, a website, and a bulletin board.

75	All the above. This place will soon be like Aspen or Whistler if the residents can't maintain an affordable living here.	8/26/2024 5:42 PM
76	Infrastructure improvements are critical.	8/26/2024 5:31 PM
77	Stop growing. We have enough people as it is with tourism. This is not Seattle; people do not want to live on top of each other.	8/26/2024 5:26 PM
78	All of the above. Ruining natural beauty will additional development and overtourism.	8/26/2024 4:45 PM
79	limit growth	8/26/2024 4:39 PM
80	New development being built across from the Reindeer Farm WITHOUT A THROUGHWAY STREET, which will add to traffic issues that we already have on the Chumstick	8/26/2024 4:39 PM
81	Damage to Blackbird island due to high tourist use/toubing volume along with local use in summer	8/26/2024 4:06 PM
82	Jobs other than a minimum wage tourism job...	8/26/2024 3:57 PM
83	I used to try to purchase things in Leavenworth. Now it's too hard to find free parking, and too much hassle, so it's easier to go down-valley where they have everything, parking is easy and free, and prices are lower. And fewer people to have to negotiate a trail through.	8/26/2024 3:57 PM
84	It would be amazing to see blue collar people be able to afford housing to restore the diversity Leavenworth used to have. Strong education with healthy funding and financial standing.	8/26/2024 3:51 PM
85	We need more small parks in the residential areas, not just the big parks at Osborne and Enchantment.	8/26/2024 3:43 PM
86	Housing Density	8/26/2024 3:18 PM
87	Families should be able to afford a house. Affordable housing shouldn't be shoving Families into overpriced 2 bedroom apartments.	8/26/2024 3:02 PM
88	Tourism is down. Packing more housing in Leavenworth is NOT THE ANSWER. It seems there is a lack of awareness of what people who live her want for this community. Leavenworth thinks that affordable housing is the challenge. IT'S NOT! More house is ruining what this town is built around.	8/26/2024 1:47 PM
89	Too many short-term rentals (relates to housing availability -- but also to quality of living)	8/26/2024 10:32 AM
90	Our county staying within in the zoning! And the city not allowing adventure parks..	8/26/2024 7:28 AM
91	Not controlling overgrowth enough. More housing doesn't equal affordable housing to sustain a workforce. Put employees first for parking. Keeping the local workforce happy keeps them in the jobs	8/25/2024 8:24 PM
92	Creating a community. Everything our city does seems to be for the betterment of the tourism industry, not the local residents.	8/25/2024 7:24 PM
93	School funding Wildfire risk	8/25/2024 7:14 PM
94	Overtourism applies to outdoor recreational opportunities. We need to start some kind of shuttle from parking near Icicle. Hatchery? Ski trail parking?...	8/25/2024 4:11 PM
95	No housing for people working here.	8/25/2024 3:37 PM
96	Quality school options	8/25/2024 2:30 PM
97	When do we say we have reached capacity?	8/25/2024 12:16 PM
98	Wildfire resilience including ability of residents to secure and afford fire insurance. Rising fire insurance costs present an existential threat to home affordability in our community.	8/25/2024 11:52 AM
99	Light polution from homed and businesses.	8/25/2024 11:45 AM

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100	New residents	8/25/2024 9:02 AM
101	An increase in the population of residents that this community cannot sustain. From the sewage treatment plant to the congestion at 2/Chumstick to the limited ability to evacuate the town in the event of wildfire this admin has set the town up for serious problems that will endure long after they are gone.	8/25/2024 6:07 AM
102	The scarring up of the land and mountains and lack of regard for the impact of all this growth, tourism and building for the people who have been here for many years. I also think second homes that sit empty most of the time should have a moratorium placed on the allowance of this, if that's even legal to do.	8/24/2024 10:29 PM
103	Constant fighting between city/mayor and the project Bayern folks.	8/24/2024 5:31 PM
104	Getting all the new people that moved here to go away	8/24/2024 1:07 PM
105	Our Mayor continues to change things drastically..	8/24/2024 12:53 PM
106	Attacks to weaken the code for STR issue	8/24/2024 11:35 AM
107	Downtown roads and sidewalks are really awful	8/24/2024 9:41 AM
108	It was a beautiful small town occupied by neighbors not temporary residents. It will never be affordable. Those days are past	8/24/2024 9:16 AM
109	Build a garage consider a shuttle in from farther away	8/24/2024 8:41 AM
110	Traffic and parking are different things - traffic has improved with the installation of the roundabout, and the changing of Christmas festival times. Parking will continue to be a challenge because everyone wants to park close to downtown and we don't have good transportation from satellite parking lots.	8/24/2024 8:26 AM
111	Mayor	8/24/2024 7:05 AM
112	Light pollution	8/24/2024 6:54 AM
113	All of these matter a lot! But if I had to choose one thing is the focus on infrastructure improvements/traffic reduction and access is huge. With so many humans in a small valley, it is absolutely imperative that the city continue to find ways to partner with the county and state agencies to improve roads, sewerage and wastewater systems, garbage/recycling/composting, pedestrian and bike access!, parking for downtown usage but also recreational vehicles accessing the surrounding wilderness - the people are not going to stop coming but the current way we are living and providing services is not sustainable	8/23/2024 9:12 PM
114	Im saddened to see the gross and tasteless display of tract-like homes in the pine street, pine grass and now the Jordan McDevitt monstrosity development that destroyed beautiful wetlands to build cookie cutter, poorly built homes on top of unsupportive terrain. It is a sad and disgusting display of development in a field that should have been preserved. Stolen land, for profit for the white man. What else is new? Furthermore, no new businesses can exist in a town where commercial rents continue to be hiked up. Tumwater Bakery was paying \$9,000/month before they had to close, Pika Provisions was squeezed out with continued rent increases before simply being told they weren't wanted anymore. NOTHING good or authentic can exist here before it is consumed by the greed of the generational business owners who care about nothing but profit. Why produce anything of quality, craft or skill when you can sell wooden Woody Goomsba nutcrackers and bottled water to tourist simply trying to survive the humanitarian crisis that is one evening at a Leavenworth Christmas lighting ceremony. That is why locals are forced to eat Sysco garbage and cannot find a single cafe or restaurant with inside seating and a decent food menu. I also believe that the religious psychonauts who are 'keeping the Christ in Christmas' and building a 70' tall cross on the skyline of Tumwater mountain to force their disgusting, blood stained ideologies down our throats are a major challenge for the progress of our small town. The staff at the City of Leavenworth have shown nothing but a display of incompetence and an ignorant, stubborn effort to uphold antiquated and poorly designed policy for both commercial spaces and city residents alike. Any building permit, driveway permit, new business permit or endorsement, font approval or maintenance request requires navigating one of the most poorly run bureaucratic organizations that I have ever had the pleasure of dealing with.	8/23/2024 8:08 PM
115	Reorganizing and reconstituting city government to ensure that the residential community survives and thrives. The various city government committees and the City Council are still	8/23/2024 8:07 PM

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infested with people such as architects and consultants that profit from enabling the further development of the city as a town that exists essentially to serve tourists at the expense of degradation of the desirable attributes of residence in this wonderful valley. The regulatory structure of the city is entirely organized to enable commercial development. When a resident appeals the permitting of any enterprise, the Appeal goes before a Hearing Examiner who is hired by and paid by the City. If an appeal goes to Superior Court, the City hires an attorney to fight for the developer and against the residential appellant. And the commercial interests continue to plead that any development that is proposed, even a non-compliant one, is necessary to the survival of the city. The city has survived commercially with its Bavarian motif for over 50 years now. Is it true that the latest tacky developments were really needed? Must the City continue to devote itself to providing second homes for nonresidents? Is that really a laudable enterprise or holy pursuit? Will there be enough water when the glaciers finish melting away?

116	Our roads are in disarray and bad shape. We don't have the infrastructure to keep growing.	8/23/2024 6:29 PM
117	If we are truly going to preserve this community for the residents and stabilize our tourist industry -the downtown businesses and the Chamber of Commerce must choice the City and Upper Valley Mend in taking on and mitigating the crisis of workforce housing. Our tourist industry needs a stabilized work force -not one where a majority bus in from down valley.	8/23/2024 5:51 PM
118	building infrastructure that meets the demands of the community: sidewalks, bikelanes, rec center, parking garage	8/23/2024 4:32 PM
119	Leavenworth is locked in to what they have for roadways through town. The heavy congestion may be mitigated if there was some sort of bypass, but engineering one around Leavenworth would be near impossible due to cost and community impacts.	8/23/2024 4:11 PM
120	Hwy 2 & East LW Rd intersection needs to be a three way stop. East LW Rd needs to be widened for pedestrian & cyclist safety	8/23/2024 2:39 PM
121	Keeping STR impact from worsening	8/23/2024 2:02 PM
122	Leavenworth is a small community in a small valley. We must balance protecting the community and the environment while maintaining and improving the beauty of our village and welcoming visitors. The hard reality is...not everyone who wants to live here can. Leavenworth must be protected from over growth and over density. We cannot and should not expect it to be anything else, aka a high density bedroom community of Seattle.	8/23/2024 1:29 PM
123	Can't go back 25 to 30 years when life in Leavenworth was better with fewer people and less congestion.	8/23/2024 1:25 PM
124	Short term rental business prevents homes being available to rent to working individuals and families. Second home owners prevent locals from the opportunity to buy their first home to live in and work in town.	8/23/2024 11:43 AM
125	The affordability of Leavenworth is my biggest concern since it also impacts the other topics such as a lack of availability of childcare and whether or not people are willing to pay for infrastructure improvements. If we could remain affordable, the traffic, parking and overtourism could be more management. However, to be loved to death while people are scraping by makes the traffic and tourism harder to navigate.	8/23/2024 11:22 AM
126	Investing in expanded cell towers and our sewer systems is a must! The housing solution will be to develop a public-private partnership like the Marsons have done to secure land and affordable housing. We are seeing that high density is NOT working for affordable housing since the latest high density is being sold at unaffordable rates.	8/23/2024 10:47 AM
127	A lack of community access to quality, year round recreational resources - such as a pool or indoor and outdoor playing surfaces.	8/23/2024 9:53 AM
128	Wildfire!!!	8/23/2024 7:54 AM
129	Need services, such as postal, groceries, etc without having to drive through the madness of tourist town.	8/23/2024 7:53 AM
130	lack of proper limits on the number of people on the river, in the Cascades, etc	8/23/2024 7:39 AM
131	Parking, traffic, river pollution, parking, unhealthy food, making working in Leavenworth easier for employees.	8/23/2024 5:01 AM

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132	Pollution of views, lighting and sounds-taller buildings, unnatural hillside attractions, more security random type lighting and signs (excessive street signs like by school)	8/22/2024 10:24 PM
133	The current mayor	8/22/2024 9:57 PM
134	Need to elect a mayor with Eastern WA values who doesn't give land deals and business opportunities exclusively to his friends	8/22/2024 9:01 PM
135	I think all of the things mentioned above are true challenges people face in this valley!!!	8/22/2024 8:40 PM
136	Too much infill of open spaces in town.	8/22/2024 6:15 PM
137	Personally, I'm very happy	8/22/2024 12:33 PM
138	Slowing the city down and forcing to much expansion to quickly and not listening and acting on what the majority of the community wants.	8/22/2024 12:33 PM
139	Politics	8/22/2024 12:17 PM
140	Allowing growth to get out of control.	8/22/2024 12:13 PM
141	Local workforce can't afford to live in the area	8/22/2024 10:01 AM
142	Enough water for all.	8/22/2024 8:34 AM
143	Locals shouldn't have to pay for parking to be able to live and function in our own hometown	8/22/2024 8:21 AM
144	All of these are connected issues that need to be addressed. Please stop allowing apartment buildings to be built under the affordable lie and start Imposing a rent increase cap if you're serious about preserving Leavenworth	8/22/2024 8:17 AM
145	Voting out the woke	8/22/2024 8:11 AM
146	Over population. Water and sewage treatment continue to be stressed!	8/22/2024 7:50 AM
147	An example is Lake Colchick and the Enchantments - completely over-run, as is Leavenworth. We sold our soul, so we are some different now. We are an amusement park for the entertainment of tourists and the profit of business.	8/22/2024 7:29 AM
148	Not having a cohesive communication stratgey which drives to the single purpose of improving Leavenworth by conveying intentional goals, action plans and activities in a way that not only reaches the intended audience but educates and activates it.	8/22/2024 7:17 AM
149	Wildfire risks #1	8/22/2024 7:07 AM
150	Schools keeping good teachers. Need a community center.	8/22/2024 7:02 AM
151	Local and employee parking	8/22/2024 6:50 AM
152	Overpopulation. Tourists come leave their money and go home. More locals will ruin what we have	8/22/2024 4:58 AM
153	Quality, and atmoosphere of our schools. We have a senior at the high school, but we had older kids that graduated 12 and 15 years ago, the class selection and quality of the classes has declined dramatically since covid. The behavior of the children is absolutely atrocious: fights, smoking pot on campus, and my favorite two students sitting in the office absolutely wrapped around each other with staff saying nit a word. Truly wish we had chosen running start this time.	8/21/2024 10:32 PM
154	Tourism is great if we have the infrastructure. But even our sewer system can't support the growth. People that work in town (even medical workers) are having to pay for parking.	8/21/2024 10:29 PM
155	Huge divides in the original "locals" and "transplants". It is really unfortunate.	8/21/2024 9:52 PM
156	Saturating this town with new housing developments and apartments. None will be affordable to the folks who work here and will encourage more population this town can not support	8/21/2024 9:15 PM
157	Need for a year round recreation center	8/21/2024 9:02 PM
158	Wildfire risk is huge and planning appears to be inadequate	8/21/2024 3:44 PM
159	I have thought for many years that someday, Leavenworth will overdo it and have some sort of collapse. Something (\$\$\$, obviously) propells the people in charge to not know when to stop.	8/21/2024 3:33 PM

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We're already over max capacity for what the land and waters can sustain. It's take, take, take with no give. That has never been a sustainable way of life. Someone has got to know when enough is enough to sustain, and they've got to smack the gavel on it. That time could have been 3 years ago before they built that alpine eyesore of a giant bobbi pin and the rest of adventure land.

160	What happened to the local community center at Osborne?	8/20/2024 10:05 PM
161	Affordable housing for younger families. We are becoming a city with fewer children and increasing retired people.	8/20/2024 7:43 PM
162	Dropping enrollment in the local school district, a direct result of the cost of housing	8/20/2024 5:11 PM
163	Safety	8/20/2024 2:07 PM
164	The biggest problem is the mayor who cares more about businesses than the voices of his constituents.	8/20/2024 1:03 PM
165	All of these things are making it difficult for residents. New multi family housing that is going is neither "affordable", nor can the infrastructure (parking, water, sewer) handle the influx of people.	8/20/2024 12:41 PM
166	Taking care of our natural ecosystems	8/20/2024 12:34 PM
167	loss of quality restaurants due to high rent/low worker availability	8/20/2024 12:30 PM
168	The previous question mentioned parking improvements in Leavenworth. There have been no real parking improvements.	8/20/2024 12:28 PM
169	Lack of year round pool	8/20/2024 12:18 PM
170	Adequate infrastructure must occur first. Affordable housing for workforce that is owned and managed by a non-profit such as The Mend.	8/20/2024 11:54 AM
171	Childcare is a HUGE challenge here!!	8/20/2024 11:43 AM
172	Over tourism is why we are doing surveys as well as poor leadership and new community members who want to bring big ideas to a small town in hopes that they can create their Patagonia paradise	8/20/2024 8:39 AM
173	School failing because of declining enrollment, lack of water for what will be double there population, lack of clear vision in city planning for example, giving seventy grand to the walking path to Wenatchee that will never happen or paying for another study like this one. It's a town full of service industry jobs.	8/20/2024 8:23 AM
174	-wildlife encroachment due to wildfires and urban sprawl minimizing their natural habitat - increase of litter	8/20/2024 7:41 AM
175	Inclusivity of community over tourism...	8/20/2024 5:40 AM
176	closure of front street. lack of parking esp handicap spots. parking meters	8/20/2024 4:26 AM
177	Upholding clean, fresh city with high security. Likewise, ensuring neighbors participate in fire readiness, through correct maintenance of private property.	8/19/2024 10:37 PM
178	Waste, recycling & sustainable.	8/19/2024 8:28 PM
179	Light pollution from the top of Tumwater mountain	8/19/2024 6:31 PM
180	Decay of natural beauty with increased people. Risk of large wildfire events destroying the town and people's homes. Lack of support for local community for sports for kids.	8/19/2024 5:34 PM
181	I'm concerned that simply developing more housing does not address the issue of infrastructure to serve additional residents, residences, traffic.	8/19/2024 5:31 PM
182	Interactions with wildlife and preserving the natural beauty of the area. Trail access and primitive roads deteriorating.	8/19/2024 3:45 PM
183	Destroying or hindering tourism will bring down the quality of life for all residents who are not independently wealthy. This is why so many people worked HARD to make the town a unique and beautiful destination! The increased revenues allowed people to continue to make Leavenworth their home, and raise their families here. Don't ruin it!	8/19/2024 2:53 PM

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184	Limited access to front street. We need one lane of traffic for driving and the parking spots on the park side be load and unload only. Also the abuse of the rivers	8/19/2024 1:11 PM
185	Cruelty with the carriage horses- awful to see them out in all weather doing the same drudgery. They should be banned like other cities.	8/19/2024 10:24 AM
186	Water, politics, wokism	8/19/2024 9:37 AM
187	Wildfire risk and availability of homeowner's insurance	8/19/2024 9:35 AM
188	Form policies that actually truly put locals first. So many streets in town are in very poor condition. PLease focus on fixing problems that impact locals very day.	8/19/2024 9:27 AM
189	To actually really take care of the Airbnb issue, rental management companies should not be allowed. I've seen many of their rentals unsupervised and therefore still allowing for garbage all over the place and parties going on. Decibel meters should be monitored stricter. We don't want noise pollution or the light pollution that is constantly increasing. There are many towns that are focusing on keeping towns free of light pollution and advertising their quiet, starry night skies, which we used to see much more predominantly than now, especially during Christmas lighting (which actually lasts way beyond Christmas.. not to mention the electricity we draw for lighting up town as well as Tesla charging stations, that draw from the outdated electric grid... resulting in blown transformers (which is happening more and more and not convenient in the middle of winter at sub 0 temps) European towns are focusing more and more on "sanfter tourismus" going back to the initial draw of the town... nature and recharging in it vs loud music on every corner. We could learn so much if we were to looked at the mistakes real Bavaria has made and how they are now countering those mistakes. Mass-tourism will destroy towns. This town nor the infrastructure is set up for the many visitors. Tubing masses down the river should also be cut back ... by a lot. People get wasted on the river and have no clue about the river, yet they are sent out on their own... where they leave trash, defecate all along river, put themselves in danger and with it ruin our rivers and fish population. Bear proof cans need to be enforced, to actually live in harmony with wildlife, rather than the consistent battle with desensitized bears. The case of the women being attacked a few years back was 100% preventable. i had reported that exact bear and the neighbors who refused to secure their garbage many times, but police and F&W just kept giving them warnings. Other mountain towns in the US have strict laws regarding bear proof cans or sheds. Lived in several of them towns and there wasn't an issue like we have in Leavenworth. What good does it do to spend way too much money on super fancy bear proof garbage cans, when the old open lid ones are right next to them still? They are unsightly and aren't making the town look Bavarian- I've never encountered unaesthetic cans like ours in Austria or Germany.	8/19/2024 8:52 AM
190	To many residents	8/19/2024 5:14 AM
191	Year round pool & activities for young families	8/19/2024 3:00 AM
192	Impact of student enrollment on our school district	8/18/2024 11:40 PM
193	Please prioritize nature and animals and natural habitats.,	8/18/2024 10:30 PM
194	Improvements in walking areas for seniors. My mom uses a walker and finds it very difficult to walk in town due to uneven surfaces. Could also use more parking options for the disabled.	8/18/2024 9:34 PM
195	Providing the residents with community facilities that are cared for and managed well.	8/18/2024 8:59 PM
196	People moving to the area and purchasing 2nd homes for vacation houses and driving up the cost of homes and making it hard for families to raise children here resulting in low enrolment at the schools.	8/18/2024 7:49 PM
197	Paid parking is ridiculous. It just discourages locals from spending money here and visitors feel unwelcome.	8/18/2024 6:29 PM
198	How to deal w overpopulation within city limits of houses and people and traffic! Tourist come and go !	8/18/2024 6:20 PM
199	Not enough water for humans and wildlife, destruction of critical lowland wildlife habitat, including riparian and wetland areas. Not enough wildfire resilience practices, specifically by thinning and prescribed burning. If the whole town burns down, the economy is fucked. That should be priority number one.	8/18/2024 6:14 PM
200	Safe routes for walking and biking to reduce traffic (plus it's more fun)	8/18/2024 6:01 PM

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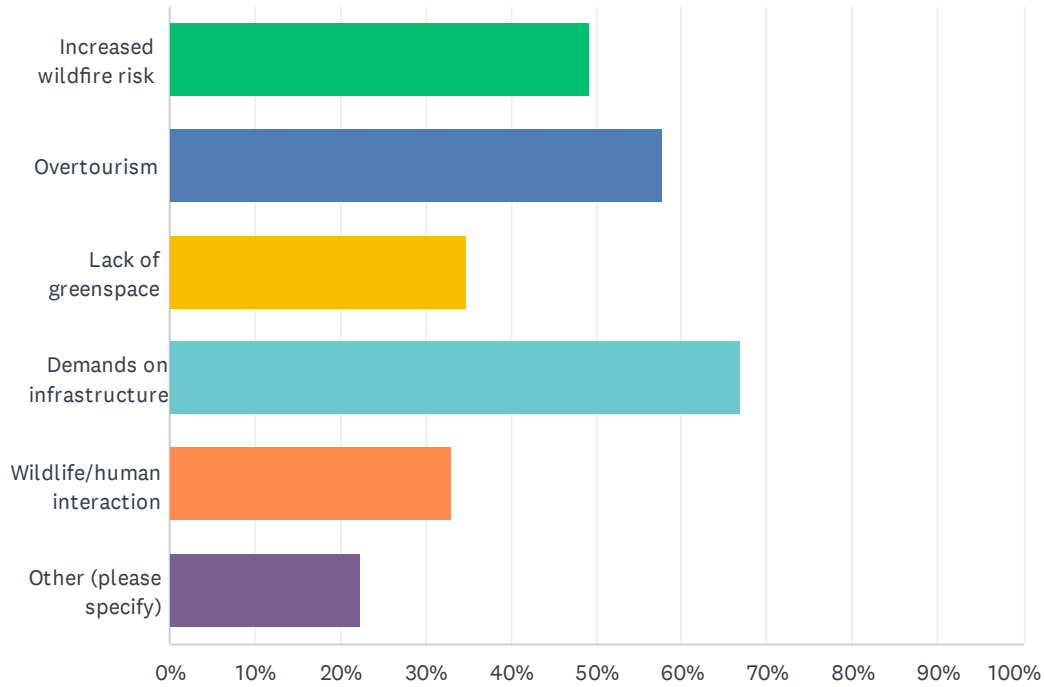
201	Too many people moving here	8/18/2024 5:42 PM
202	I also can't believe over tourism is on the list. Isn't this commerce the point?	8/18/2024 5:29 PM
203	All of these are important, but I also think that the city has some work to do on projects that they've already "visioned". I know that the city is passionate about Workforce/affordable housing (the mayor has been talking about it for years) but what about paving our residential streets? What about providing a sustainable funding source for the pool?	8/18/2024 5:06 PM
204	Citizens of Leavenworth supporting local businesses. Businesses need locals to succeed yet they don't want the hassle of parking and crowds.	8/18/2024 4:55 PM
205	please build a parking garage by the festhal, it will bring funds in!!. It might take a few years to get your money back but it will be worth it.	8/18/2024 4:47 PM
206	Allowing too many adus that will be used as air bnbs instead of affordable housing for workers.	8/18/2024 4:35 PM
207	Overtourism is already happening. There's too many people in this town for how small it is. It's honestly a joke Losing land/ orchards to developments & housing & businesses is heartbreaking.	8/18/2024 4:25 PM
208	Need a better way than pedestrian lights to move tourists from one side to the other side of hwy 2. Under or over head walkways, pedestrian lights just add to the hwy 2 traffic problems. Scrub sealing the roads is only a bandaid on a much bigger road problem.	8/18/2024 4:18 PM
209	Finding retail space for increased diversity of business offerings to continue to grow appeal for locals and tourists alike	8/18/2024 4:02 PM
210	confining tourist attractions to the main village. I'd like to see other areas further out where there might be concentrations of attractions	8/18/2024 3:59 PM
211	How do you pay for everything	8/18/2024 3:49 PM
212	Community unification.	8/18/2024 3:48 PM
213	Things to do for tourists other than shops eat and drink. The alpine coaster was a great addition but we need more things for folks to do that doesn't require expensive equipment.	8/18/2024 3:35 PM
214	Indoor activities for kids, playplaces	8/18/2024 2:51 PM
215	Find good leadership/ city government that works for the community	8/18/2024 2:44 PM
216	It's sad to see so many homes and infrastructure being built where we used to play as kids.	8/18/2024 2:41 PM
217	Easier access to local events - farmers market, pool	8/18/2024 2:39 PM
218	Loss of small town character. Building limits tooo high. It's horrible	8/18/2024 2:36 PM
219	More sustainable options - ban on plastic bags / community litter picks / biodegradable takeout cups, bags etc	8/18/2024 2:30 PM
220	A government who has not listened to the concerns of high density and closure of front street. Paid parking. Many citizens have voiced thier concerns and still they push.	8/18/2024 2:15 PM
221	Water supply and thinking critically about growth with climate change and transport limitations	8/18/2024 2:14 PM
222	Community voice being taken seriously instead of special interests/big money	8/18/2024 2:07 PM
223	We are becoming a less tourist friendly city	8/18/2024 1:55 PM
224	Destruction of natural beauty	8/18/2024 1:34 PM
225	You want every square foot built upon, but the city isn't managing the infrastructure where new meets old.	8/18/2024 1:02 PM
226	Leadership that listens to the community rather than following a particular agenda.	8/18/2024 12:47 PM
227	The mayor wants to build build and build with no improvement s to our infrastructure. Look at our residential toads and sidewalks...im surprised the city has not been sued for the state they are in. Some of those sidewalks are an accident waiting to happen.	8/18/2024 12:20 PM
228	Maintaining a sense of community by understanding and building on the importance of the (full time) local population	8/18/2024 12:15 PM

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229	Increased density in neighborhoods - increased traffic in neighborhoods	8/18/2024 11:42 AM
230	Goods and services	8/18/2024 9:47 AM
231	Water, Genuine Wetland Protection, loss of small town charm, too many roads being planned to facilitate, not improve, more and more traffic.	8/18/2024 9:47 AM
232	Lack of children and families in general.	8/18/2024 9:14 AM
233	Reduction of local community resources	8/18/2024 8:44 AM
234	River management	8/18/2024 8:29 AM
235	How to moderate growth so that the carrying capacity of the valley is respected. How to increase recreational opportunities so that locals are not pushed out of the places we have historically enjoyed.	8/18/2024 8:27 AM
236	Preserving open space, greenery, landscaping as housing takes up entire lots.	8/18/2024 8:24 AM

Q6 In your view, when you think about the future, what possible impacts of growth concern you the most? Please select all that apply.

Answered: 903 Skipped: 305



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Increased wildfire risk	49.17% 444
Overtourism	57.70% 521
Lack of greenspace	34.77% 314
Demands on infrastructure	67.00% 605
Wildlife/human interaction	33.11% 299
Other (please specify)	22.48% 203
Total Respondents: 903	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Traffic	9/30/2024 11:01 AM
2	Increased tension between neighbors who are packed more and more densely into a very limited space.	9/29/2024 3:45 PM
3	Housing affordability and/or jobs with salaries needed for the cost of living in Leavenworth. I am pretty sure my kids will not be able to afford to live and raise a family in Leavenworth unless the bring dual six figure income from remote work.	9/29/2024 10:29 AM
4	The fact locals living in the area are pushed into a driving life of having to get further and further away to attain services and Healthcare.	9/29/2024 9:26 AM

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5	There needs to be an urgent priority to protect Leavenworth's natural environments, Sound, light, and traffic pollution increases the negative impacts on Leavenworth's ecosystem.	9/29/2024 9:11 AM
6	Maintaining life balance for our residents! Maintaining Safety for all, especially our children!	9/29/2024 6:43 AM
7	We must meet the needs of those whom we employ - harvest workers, hotel maintenance folks....yet we must be aware of the stress on our environment: water, greenspace...	9/23/2024 3:28 PM
8	Limited water availability and impacts on the Icicle River with more homes being added within the Leavenworth city limits.	9/23/2024 11:26 AM
9	All of these things need to be addressed.	9/22/2024 10:35 PM
10	The value of tourism over local community quality of life.	9/22/2024 9:49 PM
11	increased traffic	9/22/2024 5:06 PM
12	Traffic congestion	9/22/2024 9:58 AM
13	Parking REALLY is pissing people off, everyone: Tourists, Residents & especially Business Owners, essentially everyone. You have confused the user, exhausted the business owners, and at this point the City is being villainized.	9/19/2024 8:00 AM
14	Increased insurance premiums due to potential wildfires.	9/15/2024 8:16 PM
15	If Leavenworth doesn't provide for local Families then the town will lose its family base	9/15/2024 7:59 PM
16	New housing being built in tightly packed, 4000 to 6000 sqft lots doesn't make housing more affordable. It makes it easier for entire neighborhoods to burn down in wild fire events, makes light pollution worse at night and changes the nature of the town in detrimental ways. Housing solutions can't come from Leavenworth alone. Better transit and housing options outside of town limits should be included in the solution.	9/15/2024 10:05 AM
17	There are simply too many people in a small valley. You can't change the topography. The wildfire situation is aggravated by the lack of exits from town and the valley. It has become just too crowded.	9/15/2024 7:30 AM
18	People buying living space/homes for their second homes rather than primary	9/13/2024 7:24 AM
19	Affordable workforce housing!	9/11/2024 11:20 AM
20	Keep people off private property namely the icicle creek	9/9/2024 4:41 PM
21	Loss of the true ties of community. Not just people residing or visiting, but people who care about each other, not just about money	9/9/2024 2:32 PM
22	Continuing increase in traffic, availability and housing costs for locals	9/9/2024 9:03 AM
23	I'm concerned that growth won't be done smartly. We need more density in our "urban" areas to help share costs of infrastructure as well as preserving our natural surroundings.	9/9/2024 8:32 AM
24	Feeling "the squeeze " of too many people. Need for more trees and native vegetation.	9/9/2024 7:48 AM
25	Traffic and parking	9/8/2024 2:13 PM
26	The increasing number of multi unit housing within the city limits. I feel bad for the residents that now have a 3 story multi unit building blocking the views/sunshine/ privacy that they used to enjoy	9/8/2024 11:45 AM
27	More Police presence. At a minimum we need Officers in Leavenworth to be around to ticket and monitor speeding, Especially motorcycles that fly thru town. Let's get 1 or 2 Officers here in town.	9/6/2024 10:12 PM
28	Just too many people crammed in to a small space without roads that handle us. No neighbors - just people who own houses and don't live here.	9/6/2024 5:03 PM
29	Sustainability and reducing carbon footprint, especially being a tourist destination, lots of single use items, excessive water use to maintain grasses and non-native flower plantings	9/6/2024 11:11 AM
30	Overdevelopment & approvals of projects not widely accepted by the community. Light & noise pollution from tourism & more housing.	9/6/2024 8:57 AM

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31	We enjoy wildlife interaction on our .6 acres in the UGA, although it is sadly diminishing. We host deer, quail(decreasing), coyotes, bears, owls, hawks, songbirds, cougars(we do not really like having them around). The increased housing in the area is definitely decreasing wildlife in the area, and that is a tragic loss.	9/5/2024 1:25 PM
32	Lack of connectivity. Losing small town feel.	9/5/2024 7:17 AM
33	In addition to my comments above, I am also concerned about the impacts on the Wenatchee River and in our downtown parks. We have all witnessed the very large number of rafters and tubers drinking heavily on our river, being obnoxiously loud and disturbing wildlife, and worst of all, dumping cans and trash into our river and on the banks.	9/5/2024 6:11 AM
34	Forests need to be managed by logging.	9/4/2024 9:32 PM
35	There are already far too many governmental regulations	9/4/2024 2:14 PM
36	increase of entitlement to new people who come here	9/4/2024 1:37 PM
37	The demands on our town/community's infrastructure, with particular concern for roadways, is, I fear, going to be a significant challenge in the very near future.	9/4/2024 1:37 PM
38	Crime!	9/4/2024 1:36 PM
39	fire prevention (downtown core and neighborhoods), evacuation, and recovery.	9/4/2024 1:34 PM
40	Home prices and home taxes are out of control.	9/4/2024 1:12 PM
41	Tourist parking in residential neighborhoods	9/4/2024 1:09 PM
42	Not planning for growing tourism, and then blaming tourists for leadership's lack of foresight. Don't bite the hand that feeds.	9/4/2024 7:02 AM
43	It feels like the local residents are being pushed aside for the tourists. Too many tourists leads to more lower wage jobs. We are compromising our town for tourists.	9/3/2024 9:47 AM
44	Too much traffic and too many tourists, residents, second homes. It impacts the feel of the town and leads to more chaos.	9/2/2024 4:32 PM
45	Too many people floating the river	9/2/2024 3:12 PM
46	Lack of proactive legislation to balance tourism and community Allowing excessive chamber influence on city government that usurps community need	9/1/2024 10:52 AM
47	Parking, parking, and parking! Traffic flow is also in need of improvement.	9/1/2024 9:18 AM
48	That large housing developments will continue to be built without adequate roads to handle the increased traffic.	8/31/2024 8:47 AM
49	Overuse of trailheads and local trails	8/30/2024 5:02 PM
50	Greenspace is important but not at the cost of limited housing options. We are surrounded by forests and green space that we can enjoy.	8/30/2024 2:55 PM
51	We need to use tourism dollars to build things for tourists that are things locals also want-what a win-win and everyone is happy!!!	8/30/2024 9:33 AM
52	The cost of living is often too high for the wages paid by businesses in the area.	8/29/2024 12:25 PM
53	Get over it it's a tourist town. Do something for the local people.	8/29/2024 7:08 AM
54	We have way to many out of town people that own homes for week-end homes or STR's. That is why not enough housing for our locals.	8/28/2024 7:18 PM
55	Traffic and the loss of the small town quiet	8/27/2024 10:16 PM
56	City agenda not in keeping with locals' priorities.	8/27/2024 4:40 PM
57	I think done properly, there's room for lots of growth, but it would require a ton of planning with vision.	8/27/2024 4:34 PM
58	Parking in the downtown	8/27/2024 2:50 PM
59	Too many houses owned by nonresidents.	8/27/2024 8:38 AM

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60	A catering towards newcomers and a dismissal of the values and concerns of those who built this town.	8/27/2024 8:08 AM
61	Traffic through town. Traffic backing up on Chumstick Hwy.	8/27/2024 7:53 AM
62	Loss of community and small town. Becoming a 2nd home community, of non-residents.	8/27/2024 2:31 AM
63	Decreased chances of escape from wildfire due to congestion from overtourism, too many new apartments/houses going in with lack of road infrastructure.	8/27/2024 1:35 AM
64	Lack of proper planning for development, infrastructure and parking.	8/27/2024 12:33 AM
65	We are loosing the beauty of out town to please and meet the tourists. Local can not even enjoy a relaxing afternoon at the river anymore without be surrounded by drunk and disrespectful tourist.	8/26/2024 10:47 PM
66	No urban sprawl. Keep Leavenworth small. Plan smart.	8/26/2024 9:57 PM
67	Nee homes are more fire resistant than existing ones so "growth" shouldn't increase fire risk.	8/26/2024 9:40 PM
68	Traffic	8/26/2024 8:50 PM
69	Traffic	8/26/2024 6:52 PM
70	That locals can barely enjoy our local trails, rivers, and special areas due to mass of tourists who don't respect the places they are overcrowding.	8/26/2024 6:04 PM
71	All of the above	8/26/2024 4:45 PM
72	Better bike and walking routes would help cut down congestion	8/26/2024 4:25 PM
73	Over tourism, too many people for the city's infrastructure to handle.	8/26/2024 4:17 PM
74	AFFORDABLE HOUSING	8/26/2024 4:06 PM
75	The locals are being driven out by the tourists/vacation home folks.... I'm 4th generation here and I can't afford to buy a house here, let alone find a job closer to home	8/26/2024 3:57 PM
76	Home prices. School funding. We NEED more investment into local entertainment, particularly youth. It would be great to see a community rec center. Reference Whistler BC rec center, it is incredible. Even if it is just the anquatic and gym space.	8/26/2024 3:51 PM
77	Demands on highway 2, limited traffic capacity and lack of public transport alternatives	8/26/2024 3:50 PM
78	None. Is someone can afford to buy here and their goals/ building etc is within current code then it's none of anyone's business...	8/26/2024 3:18 PM
79	The company's flooding the river all summer every 15 mins should have a daily limit and also pay for river clean up.	8/26/2024 3:02 PM
80	The horse/ carriages seem really cruel - other cities have (rightly) banned them & replaced with electric carriages - cruelty free AND eco friendly	8/26/2024 2:51 PM
81	We are losing what makes this space special. Small-town life. Just because people want to move in here doesn't mean we need to keep tearing open space down and plopping housing developments in.	8/26/2024 2:46 PM
82	Over-crowding, lack of good paying jobs for the cost of living.	8/26/2024 1:55 PM
83	Water use, particularly demands on the Icicle.	8/26/2024 10:32 AM
84	There is no more room for structures. Let us try to enjoy what space is left. Growth has ruined a big part of this town.	8/25/2024 8:24 PM
85	Worried that the development of infrastructure to accommodate tourism will impact our quality of life. For example more parking lots paved that takes up green space ...asphalt radiates heat and increases summer temps.	8/25/2024 12:16 PM
86	Over development. Keep planning and monitoring carefully.	8/25/2024 11:45 AM
87	Decrease in overall quality of life as things just generally get more crowded. This is not unique to Leavenworth though...	8/25/2024 2:11 AM

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88	Being able to drive to the store. Traffic is ridiculous through town.	8/24/2024 10:29 PM
89	Not welcoming to outsiders such as new residence or tourists	8/24/2024 5:31 PM
90	Adequate traffic patters to exit areas of town in peak traffic times, including daily traffic to and from schools	8/24/2024 10:31 AM
91	Some repeat tourists don't come here anymore and long time residents are being pushed out by taxes etc and over crowed neighborhoods	8/24/2024 9:16 AM
92	Light pollution	8/24/2024 6:54 AM
93	Over crowding, zero lot lines make for bad neighbors, affordable housing without crowding. Adventure park is really sad.	8/24/2024 12:16 AM
94	Again- all of these! Infrastructure first but how we are impacting our natural surroundings is super important and is already amplified. People building mansions on mountains, burning inappropriately because they are uneducated and unaware are a huge issue! People watering their grass when there is a drought/heat waves when there are no limitations or costs on that resource is going to lead to more conflict and detrimental impacts for everything and everyone living here.	8/23/2024 9:12 PM
95	Multi million dollar land grabbing for the rich and overdevelopment. Destroying habitat at the expense of cramming more people into a small upper valley with limited resources where far fewer people should be living.	8/23/2024 8:08 PM
96	There are currently and will continue to be impacts on our local and regional environment and quality of life due to over tourism and the limitations in managing. Take for example river tubing or the Enchantments; both seeing massive increases in volume causing safety risks, noise and garbage pollution, vehicle overflow and a lack of oversight/active management of the impacts caused by an increase in users. When volumes increase to this degree, they require personnel and processes for crowd management. We also need to protect what we have, whether that be access, the land and views or resources. Private or commercial development of the natural places such as the mountain ridges which can be seen from anyone who lives or visits Leav is an example of something that we should protect from happening.	8/23/2024 7:28 PM
97	Lack of year round facilities for locals. Prices of an ice cream is 3 dollars a package more than Wenatchee. That is nuts. Price gouging	8/23/2024 7:11 PM
98	Resource limitations, fire evacuation plans	8/23/2024 6:29 PM
99	I think that without thoughtful developements on local amenities the infrastructure can not hold up to the growth... Growth is inevtiable. We must structure our communities priorities so they don't bedn to the whims and pressure that growth instills	8/23/2024 4:32 PM
100	Tourist impacts on locals has become a growing concern as they move into the neighborhoods to find parking. Also, STR's and STR renters are problems at times with noise and parking issues.	8/23/2024 4:11 PM
101	City government that is tone deaf to the basic fundamentals of a mountain resort community.	8/23/2024 3:48 PM
102	Taxation on housing	8/23/2024 2:59 PM
103	If in a major emergency, such as an evacuation.... There is no good exit strategy	8/23/2024 2:39 PM
104	Climate change- water availability for fish, wildlife and people	8/23/2024 2:36 PM
105	Area is not large enough for increased numbers of people and activities. Saturation point was reached a long time ago.	8/23/2024 1:25 PM
106	Loss of wildlife habitat, increased pressure on bottleneck evacuation routes if we keep slapping together apartment complexes, the lack of accountability when 'affordable housing complexes' are actually constructed - these facilities are NOT affordable and not livable in the long term	8/23/2024 11:43 AM
107	Who let that roller coaster be built	8/23/2024 10:59 AM
108	I don't think that our wildfire risk increases with growth within the city/UGA. It is increasing because of climate change and a continued lack of action to mitigate the potential spread. The city needs to get serious about wildfire on city property, private property within the city, and	8/23/2024 7:54 AM

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putting pressure on the Forest Service to thin and set prescribed fires on FS property surrounding the city.

109	The lighted cross! Please find a way to stop it	8/23/2024 5:35 AM
110	Loosing The small town feel of neighborliness, taking interest and having compassion for your neighbors, knowing your neighbors and together holding each other accountable for the care and safety of your neighborhoods. Access to your town and services without dodging crowds or trying to find a place to park...	8/22/2024 10:24 PM
111	Childcare/services for families	8/22/2024 9:53 PM
112	Who allowed the building of multiple homes in the wetlands on Ski Hill dr. Suspect the mayor and his buddies made money off of this.	8/22/2024 9:01 PM
113	The exploitation of the river during the summer is unreal. The overcrowdedness of Colchuk Lake and the Enchantment is also pretty extreme.	8/22/2024 8:40 PM
114	Lack of affordable housing for the upcoming local generation. We will be 100% priced out by second home buyers and have no where to live.	8/22/2024 6:38 PM
115	The amount of nightly rentals in the area, driving out locals who have lived here for generations because it's too expensive.	8/22/2024 12:42 PM
116	Do not allow that light polluting 70ft cross to go up	8/22/2024 12:17 PM
117	Short-term rentals effect on affordable housing.	8/22/2024 8:34 AM
118	Housing affordability and availability	8/22/2024 8:25 AM
119	Not nearly enough parking for the amount of tourism. We haven't been able to keep up with demand for parking infrastructure.	8/22/2024 8:21 AM
120	Lack of affordable housing and increwased "affordable" apartments that charge whatever they want because they're unregulated. Also the outdoor industry needs to be educated on garbage and outdoor rules	8/22/2024 8:17 AM
121	Killing the river with trespassers	8/22/2024 8:11 AM
122	We will move as soon as kids graduate.	8/22/2024 7:56 AM
123	Time for a moratorium on building until we have a viable evacuation scenario in the event of severe wild fire! There is gridlock and long backups on rt 2 and other surface streets on busy weekends - how will we manage a large scale evacuation!?! Also, only a matter of time when our water/sewage treatment will be far to stressed!	8/22/2024 7:50 AM
124	Traffic. Ridiculously expensive housing. Lack oh housing. Impact on the rivers from overuse. Loss of connections between the schools and the community. Impact to the schools on decreased enrollment caused by lack of housing. Noise and light pollution. Impact on residential areas from commercial activities including tourist housing (STRs).	8/22/2024 7:29 AM
125	Not having a cohesive, relatable plan to deal with affordable housing. A plan that has studied other similar cities that are ahead of us in addressing this issue with tactics such as incentivizing landlords to rent to the local workforce with vouchers. Again, improving communication strategies is key here.	8/22/2024 7:17 AM
126	Require all residents to have bear proof containers	8/22/2024 6:57 AM
127	Light pollution	8/22/2024 6:25 AM
128	Traffic/parking	8/22/2024 5:14 AM
129	Update the roads	8/22/2024 4:14 AM
130	The traffic at the stoplight when school is out is out of control. And now new apartments are going in behind the high school. That intersection is going to be unusable.	8/21/2024 11:09 PM
131	The loss of even more housing to AirBNB, and illegal vacation rentals	8/21/2024 10:32 PM
132	Not giving Leavenworth people what they want. They need places for an indoor pool, opportunities for our community to enjoy vs only catering for tourists.	8/21/2024 9:52 PM

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133	Housing !!!	8/21/2024 9:08 PM
134	Need for more recreational infrastructure: trails, trailhead parking, need for indoor pool/rec center	8/21/2024 8:54 PM
135	"liveability" decreases with each new large development	8/21/2024 3:44 PM
136	That this town is perfect small. It doesn't need to become a Whistler. No one who loves this land wants that.	8/21/2024 3:33 PM
137	Community center to be used in the winter.	8/20/2024 10:05 PM
138	Increased traffic congestion. More tourists parking in residential streets to avoid parking fees.	8/20/2024 7:43 PM
139	Government overreach	8/20/2024 1:59 PM
140	Traffic as a whole. To get from West end of town to Dan's can take 15-20 minutes. The intersection after turning onto the Chumstick is horribly congested	8/20/2024 1:03 PM
141	Very concerned about the possibility of this illuminated cross going up on Tumwater mountain. Also concerned about how hard it is to recycle things like glass (especially for folks not living in the city limits) and how much trash tourism generates that isn't recycled/composted. Also concerned about the stress on our local natural ecosystems	8/20/2024 12:34 PM
142	The natural beauty of Leavenworth is incredibly important. We destroy it when we do things like the Adventure Park/Coaster	8/20/2024 12:28 PM
143	We desperately need more soccer fields and are running out of flat property that could possibly accommodate them. Kids are sharing fields 2-3 teams at a time and then playing games when they've never even practiced on a full field before.	8/20/2024 9:08 AM
144	Overpopulation	8/20/2024 8:39 AM
145	Traffick	8/20/2024 8:31 AM
146	Lack of community investment.	8/20/2024 7:39 AM
147	We should not be trapped in our driveway 15 miles out of town, yet at times the overtourism takes it to that point. As a community citizen, it is almost impossible to schedule dr appts and such when you have the loose cannon of town to deal with - "will it take me 1 hour to get through or 2 today?" Our best options still have to funnel us past town to get to appts. I have actually chosen to go to Monroe for medical services over town.	8/20/2024 5:40 AM
148	Overbuilding without constructing city neighborhood limits, including home owner's regulations. Consider HOA.	8/19/2024 10:37 PM
149	Lack of waste & recycling infrastructure	8/19/2024 8:28 PM
150	Increased property tqxes which is making people have to sell their properties because they can't afford to live here. We need to increase the tax for the wealthy property owners that rent their properties and give a break to the full time residents.	8/19/2024 7:31 PM
151	Greed resulting in decisions that cause locals to leave due to increased assessed property values and taxation.	8/19/2024 5:34 PM
152	We don't lack green space; we have abundant public lands. What we lack is strategic planning for protected public access corridors to those public lands—we should develop trailheads and other access points at the boundary of municipal/unincorporated county jurisdiction and public land manager jurisdiction. This is an issue that is mostly outside city of Leavenworth's potential influence or services, I realize.	8/19/2024 5:31 PM
153	Affordable housing is a big concern but we need a balanced approach to the problem because throwing up cookie cutter housing developments and cramming ADUs onto small lots both have downsides too. As far as STR are concerned, I appreciate that they have been working hard on limiting those over the past few years. We are a tourist town and obviously need places for people to stay but again, it's all about balance.	8/19/2024 5:09 PM
154	Cost of living	8/19/2024 3:18 PM
155	Allowing overcrowding of buildings ruins the aesthetic of the town and also the "small town feeling" so many enjoy. It not only looks terrible but brings down the quality of life.	8/19/2024 2:53 PM

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156	Limit access to the river. People are interfering with fish habitats	8/19/2024 1:11 PM
157	Being able to exit town for emergency.	8/19/2024 1:00 PM
158	Traffic! Crime is bad. Theft is bad! Growth comes with its own problems.	8/19/2024 9:37 AM
159	<p>Leavenworth used to be small town... now it feels like a city is cramped into a town. Cost of living, property tax, is skyrocketing like in the cities and you wonder why there is a shortage of good employees? It's not a lack of housing... it's that matching rent to their minimal income of would put a landlord in dept or at least barely covering home owners base costs for owning a home here. People who buy 2nd and 3rd / vacation homes here should be the ones getting taxed. Not the ones who lived here their whole life and are trying to retire and don't want to sell and move, because people who have well paying remote jobs or buy up houses to have them sit empty or rent as STR, are jacking up prices. Some of us moved here for the quaint, simple life and not as an investment. In my hometown in Austria Tirol they implemented a law to take care of the housing and other issues that vacation homes bring with it: Whoever buys a house there, needs to have it as their main residence - live in it 6 months out of the year. Implemented this law, instantly freed up housing for employees and also countered the rising costs of supply and demand based property/ housing prices. It also instantly took care of all the Airbnbs that had resulted in 2nd, 3rd home owners renting out their place as an STR. It's not the tier 1 STR's that are a problem... it's the unsupervised 2nd and 3rd homes/ party airbnbs. Also, one would think that a major requirement to get the permit, is to have bear proof garbage cans?! It's not. Also, in Austria, every business/ hotel/ house is required by law to provide parking for guests as well as staff. If there is not enough space (like many of our already existing businesses) each business is required by law to buy or rent a parking spot in parking garages or other dedicated parking spots in town, to accommodate their guests and staff. Hotels/ businesses here make lots of money off the tourists, who take up parking, because they are not required to have parking spots on premises.</p>	8/19/2024 8:52 AM
160	lack of affordable housing	8/19/2024 7:42 AM
161	Sunscreen & Human & dog waste in river in summer especially August	8/19/2024 3:00 AM
162	Quality of life and keeping the small town feel. People move here because they like out quaint small town but it won't stay a quaint small town for much longer.	8/18/2024 11:40 PM
163	Not being able to take my kids to a Saturday basketball game because you can't get out of town. My dad having a heart attack and not being able to get medical services because of the traffic. You created a nightmare scenario.	8/18/2024 10:12 PM
164	Emergency evacuation—already really challenging at times to get out of Ski Hill	8/18/2024 9:34 PM
165	The city failing to provide community space improvements. The city officials failing to promote Leavenworth's growing economy and meet the needs of residents. City failing to hire experiences leadership and skilled employees to preform and execute the functions needed to make progressive changes in the community.	8/18/2024 8:59 PM
166	Decrease of wildlife due to human encroachment on their already very small habitat.	8/18/2024 7:48 PM
167	Front Street should only be closed between 8th and 9th. Everything else open to traffic and parking. No more restaurant dining on the streets.	8/18/2024 6:29 PM
168	By allowing overbuilding in city limits you have created dangerous traffic situations on Chumstick, Ski Hill and other areas that could be disastrous if evacuation were ever necessary, but will be horrible on day to day basis!!	8/18/2024 6:20 PM
169	A town can get better at what it does already rather than having to expand the total square footage of all its toxic material-infused and land-scalping developments.	8/18/2024 6:14 PM
170	Increase in noise and light pollution	8/18/2024 6:01 PM
171	Stopping selling the Bavarian Theme. You have no way to support this influx.	8/18/2024 5:52 PM
172	Lack of free parking	8/18/2024 5:15 PM
173	This question and options for response are so strange. EVERY small community in the PNW should be thinking about these problems. All of them are relevant.	8/18/2024 5:06 PM
174	Non residents owning homes.	8/18/2024 4:55 PM

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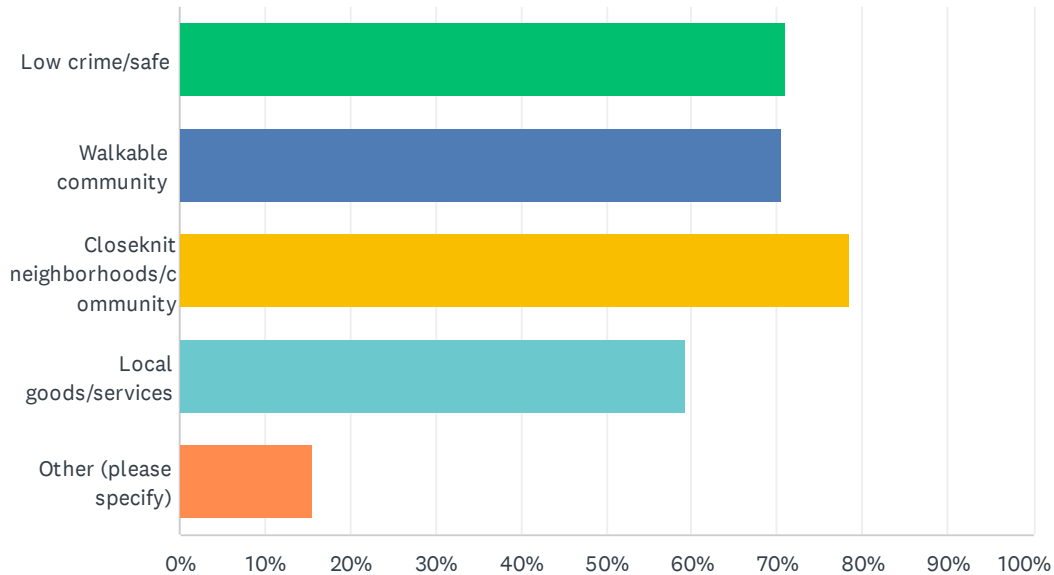
175	See question 5	8/18/2024 4:53 PM
176	Destroying the river with over tourism. Having no young families here and no workforce housing Decreased quality of schools and health services	8/18/2024 4:49 PM
177	We're already loosing too much land. You can't even go out in public lands to be alone without running into a bunch of people. The hikes up the icicle are just ridiculous. It's too hard for someone who grew up here and works a normal job to find an affordable house. If my family didn't own land here, my spouse and I wouldn't be able to buy a house in this school district.	8/18/2024 4:25 PM
178	Impacts on local agriculture	8/18/2024 3:52 PM
179	Is there really anymore room for growth. You keep putting in housing and apartments yet we have ZERO road improvement!!!!	8/18/2024 3:52 PM
180	not planning ahead for growth that will surely happen whether we want it or not. It would be far better to plan ahead for this growth and not think we can somehow go backward.	8/18/2024 3:45 PM
181	Lack of available homeowner insurance due to fire risk	8/18/2024 3:29 PM
182	NIMBY anxiety by "older" residents that ends up limiting housing options to those that exclude first-time homebuyers and others with modest incomes	8/18/2024 3:27 PM
183	Fast traffic on US2/East Leavenworth/Icicle means it's not safe for walking/biking for kids	8/18/2024 3:23 PM
184	TRAFFIC FOR SURE!!	8/18/2024 2:54 PM
185	Wildlife control needs to be better, I have small children and I'm afraid to utilize our beautiful outdoor areas due to fear one of my kids will be attacked	8/18/2024 2:51 PM
186	I worry that Leavenworth is growing to the benefit primarily of tourism-based business owners and wealthy residents, and that will implode without workforce housing- to support ALL residents we need housing for teachers, medical staff, other important services, and tourism jobs. I am worried that without housing for teachers especially our school district will start to fall behind in terms of quality education- and then families won't want to live here as much, etc etc. And I want my child to have a good experience growing up here.	8/18/2024 2:40 PM
187	Lack of parking	8/18/2024 2:39 PM
188	Traffic and parking	8/18/2024 2:37 PM
189	It's difficult to do grocery shopping when tourists come in a clear shelves. The only options are dans and safeway. Housing: it's difficult for first time homebuyers when seattle people purchase just to have second vacation home or. We can not compete	8/18/2024 2:32 PM
190	Impact on climate & nature	8/18/2024 2:30 PM
191	High density housing. Again, second home owners will continue to drive prices up	8/18/2024 2:15 PM
192	Not having exit plans for an emergency when we have too much housing going in. (Rat Creek Fire) we were surrounded at that time.	8/18/2024 2:04 PM
193	If we continue to raise prices of commercial spaces as well as piss tourist off with crime and parking issues along with garbage scattered we will no longer need infrastructure	8/18/2024 1:55 PM
194	Traffic and parking getting worse than they already are.	8/18/2024 1:52 PM
195	Thankfully the bear/garbage can issues are being addressed. Although the businesses need to do a better job with their large amounts of garbage in the alleys.	8/18/2024 1:43 PM
196	Funding projects	8/18/2024 12:47 PM
197	Crime, Becoming Portland instead of a connected small town.	8/18/2024 12:47 PM
198	Turning this area in to a mini west side. People love it here for small town vibes and the over building which will never create affordable housing will eventually ruin this place. Should have put more restrictions on huge developers (overpriced apts)Apts. There's alot the city COULD have done in those developments bu they did not.	8/18/2024 12:20 PM
199	Overbuilding in residential zones Losing the character of the community to tourism Demands on natural resources (degradation of rivers and hiking trails)	8/18/2024 12:15 PM

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200	There is No peace and no quiet— too much outdoor music: ski hill, village, sleeping lady, roller coaster, tourists and beeping crosswalk noise	8/18/2024 11:18 AM
201	unsustainable population growth	8/18/2024 9:47 AM
202	Housing prices	8/18/2024 8:46 AM
203	Focus on tourism and no focus on locals. Lack of community center or spaces for locals to congregate	8/18/2024 8:44 AM

Q7 What does 'small-town living' in Leavenworth mean to you? Select all that apply.

Answered: 902 Skipped: 306



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Low crime/safe	71.06% 641
Walkable community	70.51% 636
Closeknit neighborhoods/community	78.49% 708
Local goods/services	59.20% 534
Other (please specify)	15.63% 141
Total Respondents: 902	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Local's only specials	9/30/2024 11:01 AM
2	Overgrowth is not what residents want! We need leaders who actually listen to the residents, rather than "unheard" voices they claim they represent. The numbers involved in public testimony make clear the will of our actual residents.	9/29/2024 3:45 PM
3	Places to congregate with your neighbors. This is lacking in Leavenworth. Most public spaces seem to focus on the tourist economy	9/29/2024 10:29 AM
4	Easier access to amenities for locals, including parking.	9/29/2024 6:43 AM
5	The outreach in my church is huge, and it's wonderful to see the school supplies we collect each late summer, the backpack program where we package food sacks for students in our school district, the dollars, time and efforts we give to UV Mend, etc. It's always wonderful to chat with tourists, to welcome them to our village, and to say hello to our City workers - they continue to try to keep up with street repair, clearing debris where necessary, and just being available for us.	9/23/2024 3:28 PM

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6	Larger lots and fewer homes on them.	9/22/2024 10:35 PM
7	Being able to enjoy town and not deal with idiots who have no sense of respect for our town. Being able to go into town, not have to pay for parking, and enjoy a quiet night. None of these will happen though because the city makes poor financial decisions making them continue to strive for more money. Why do we need those new garbage cans? They overflow so it's clearly not stopping bears.	9/19/2024 2:00 PM
8	Community center	9/15/2024 7:59 PM
9	Easy access to stores and shops.	9/13/2024 4:06 PM
10	No paid parking parking should be free	9/9/2024 4:41 PM
11	The above are all linked together. I like knowing and recognizing the people when I see them around town, at schools, and other local gatherings.	9/9/2024 4:16 PM
12	Diversity; caring about each other; respecting each other	9/9/2024 2:32 PM
13	Reduce tourist impact on full time residents	9/9/2024 11:24 AM
14	People helping each other.	9/9/2024 7:48 AM
15	It should mean that driving to the grocery store (2 miles away from our home) should take about 5 minutes each way; instead, it commonly takes 3 times that long due to traffic.	9/8/2024 2:13 PM
16	More Doctors at Cascade Med.	9/6/2024 10:12 PM
17	small town no seattle voting	9/6/2024 8:38 PM
18	It means we are not over-touristed. We are not focused on spending money for the businesses but for the long term, year around residents.	9/6/2024 5:03 PM
19	Time when we can enjoy the town without worrying about finding a parking space or being overrun by tourists 24/7/365.	9/6/2024 3:23 PM
20	Bike access is very important as we live outside of town so safety for cyclists is high priority, along with sufficient bike parking. I think encouraging more cycling will help with some of the parking challenges. I also worry about drunk driving for those coming into town via car, so shuttle services or other offerings could help reduce that risk.	9/6/2024 2:41 PM
21	Focus on community events and engagement Bikeable community Providing benefits to locals including parking solutions & discounts. Parks for kids & dogs. More trails & preservation of existing. Dark skies & quiet space to enjoy. Support of local schools & programs.	9/6/2024 8:57 AM
22	the actual size of it, less than 10 k people.	9/5/2024 1:53 PM
23	A close-knit community of neighbors who appreciate, protect and contribute to what Leavenworth is is the key.	9/5/2024 1:25 PM
24	Small high quality schools	9/5/2024 7:24 AM
25	It would be nice to have options for locals that weren't inflated by tourist prices.	9/4/2024 4:08 PM
26	Fun things to do	9/4/2024 2:14 PM
27	You need a whataburger, in and Out burger, DairyQueen more places to eat that are affordable .	9/4/2024 1:12 PM
28	A slower lifestyle, open space, less noise.	9/3/2024 9:47 AM
29	Open space, less crowding, less noise pollution and less hectic life style.	9/2/2024 4:32 PM
30	Low traffic	9/2/2024 3:12 PM
31	Supportive environment for young families seeking to live and work in Leavenworth.	9/1/2024 4:53 PM
32	Year round recreational facilities	9/1/2024 10:52 AM
33	A place where all people can be happy and productive while working and living. A place where diversity is encouraged and embraced. A place where we may have different perspectives and opinions but sharing them can be done candidly, respectfully, and diplomatically. AND no one loud group can overly influence the work and governing of our city.	9/1/2024 9:18 AM

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34	Ski hill lodge is the best!!! A place for locals to gather and recreate and drink beer!	8/30/2024 9:33 AM
35	Preserving the quality of neighborhoods by not adding apartments/townhomes/Etc	8/30/2024 7:55 AM
36	Less traffic!	8/29/2024 12:25 PM
37	Can't even get downtown because of all the tourists.	8/28/2024 7:18 PM
38	Local festivals to keep the town moving. The TRADITIONAL ONES that actually brought people to town.	8/28/2024 2:02 PM
39	to be able to go outside or downtown and actually see people you know not all these tourists! Why can't we have a locals day or night out and cater to the resident community!??	8/27/2024 10:16 PM
40	Mutual respect	8/27/2024 8:08 AM
41	Slower pace of life.	8/27/2024 2:31 AM
42	Outdoor activities	8/27/2024 12:33 AM
43	Peaceful, low traffic, opportunities for everyone	8/26/2024 10:47 PM
44	No urban sprawl. Keep Leavenworth small. Plan smart.	8/26/2024 9:57 PM
45	*No chain stores	8/26/2024 6:41 PM
46	Streets that aren't full of potholes. Community center. Less tourists.	8/26/2024 5:42 PM
47	not having to deal with crowds	8/26/2024 4:39 PM
48	I wish it meant a close knit community. But I've rarely encountered such a bunch of whiners	8/26/2024 3:50 PM
49	Drive to high school in under five min	8/26/2024 3:18 PM
50	N/a	8/26/2024 2:48 PM
51	It's a community of people who live and create generations here. That are invested in the entire community-schools, town, environment. Not in it for the financial gain.	8/26/2024 2:46 PM
52	Being able to take your kids to practice without being stuck in traffic for hours.	8/26/2024 2:40 PM
53	We need a bike/walking path that circles the loop from town to East Leavenworth and Icicle!	8/26/2024 2:15 PM
54	A city government that listens to what people want not what she/he thinks is best. Growth like below ski hill is a horrible addition. There will be more wildlife interaction with more homes people can't afford. Vicious cycle and again, sad. Tourism is enough to sustain a local economy. There is not one reason good enough to grow the community. That's been the problem.	8/25/2024 8:24 PM
55	It used to be a lovely place to live, but now all that's thought about is the all mighty dollar. And that new ride by the mouth of the canyon ruined a beautiful view, again, for the all mighty dollar.	8/25/2024 7:59 PM
56	Strong schools	8/25/2024 4:11 PM
57	No unwanted or unsightly projects. Stop the upper valley cross. Limit lights on time on the Alpine Coaster and create some codes to address light pollution. SAVE our night sky!	8/25/2024 11:45 AM
58	Access to public lands, respect for local natural resources. Less people.	8/25/2024 2:11 AM
59	No zero lot lines Houses have yards	8/24/2024 9:16 AM
60	Need a five and dime store	8/24/2024 8:41 AM
61	Community members coming together to support each other	8/24/2024 8:26 AM
62	Minimal light pollution	8/24/2024 6:54 AM
63	I live here for the community and the fact that I can leave my kid at the pump track and not worry about him. That people here care about each other and show up at events, or through the exchange of goods and services. I think we could do more to enhance the local products that our communities produce through farming, or artisan creators. Art in the park and the farmers market are fabulous and how can we leverage this more for the mutual benefit of the locals and	8/23/2024 9:12 PM

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the visitors? Why don't we have a festival more focused on the abundance of what is made here?

64	Bicycle and walking infrastructure needs to be prioritized.	8/23/2024 8:08 PM
65	Small Town Living is NOT being paralyzed by traffic so you are unable to visit a friend, attend a school, church or community event.	8/23/2024 7:28 PM
66	Increased taxes and food prices.	8/23/2024 7:11 PM
67	Easy access to outdoor recreation	8/23/2024 6:29 PM
68	a Hospital District where a majority of its service workers , nurses, professional techs, and doctors live in the Leavenworth vicinity. Cascade School District where a majority of its teachers, para educators, personel staff, and service workers live in the Leavenworth vicinity. A city government where a majority of its full time staff live in the Leavenworth vicinity	8/23/2024 5:51 PM
69	knowing your neighbors, being able to wave when you're driving in town	8/23/2024 4:32 PM
70	feel like you are heard by local government and can be a part of the process	8/23/2024 2:36 PM
71	All of the above	8/23/2024 1:52 PM
72	Short term rentals take away from this and there are massive vacant homes lacking community connection	8/23/2024 11:43 AM
73	I love that I know my neighbors, and that we need to get along regardless of political beliefs. We are connected through the schools, Cascade Medical and run into one another at events or the grocery store.	8/23/2024 11:22 AM
74	Actually having room in between homes and an actual yard	8/23/2024 10:59 AM
75	trustworthy city officials who follow through on their platforms	8/23/2024 7:39 AM
76	It means it's a small town. Much like many small towns. It's different than living in a bigger town or large city. Residents that can afford it like or love it.	8/23/2024 5:01 AM
77	Opportunities to work together for shared common goals. Availability for accessing what services our town offers especially for our school kids and elderly...affordable community center, ability to use beaches and parks and institutions (like WRI-which now our kids won't have because why? Why can't we as a community make sure that is available)	8/22/2024 10:24 PM
78	Lots of great people working together to bring community	8/22/2024 10:19 PM
79	The feel of small town is long gone	8/22/2024 12:17 PM
80	Folks staying out of other people's personal business. A community that lives by the Ten Commandments and the United States Constitution.	8/22/2024 12:12 PM
81	Over tourism being controlled/managed to reduce high-priced housing.	8/22/2024 8:34 AM
82	All of the above would be ideal.	8/22/2024 8:21 AM
83	No close neighbors	8/22/2024 8:11 AM
84	This is what I want, not currently getting, this is how it used to be.	8/22/2024 7:56 AM
85	There are fewer and fewer perks to being a local. It is difficult to get into town at times, and pretty impossible to find a parking space!!	8/22/2024 7:50 AM
86	Having community decision makers who prioritize locals concerns rather than appeasing businesses and developers. Being able to frequent local businesses (and park near them). Having gathering spaces that aren't overrun by tourists. Experiencing quiet evenings in my own backyard without hearing amplified music or screaming Alpine Slide riders.	8/22/2024 7:29 AM
87	Friendly access to services and an opportunity to engage in a meaningful and impactful way.	8/22/2024 7:17 AM
88	Doesn't feel small town	8/22/2024 6:55 AM
89	Local business, local patron relationships are vital to community. The parking and lack of infrastructure makes it difficult	8/21/2024 10:29 PM
90	Being cared for and valued by the people we elect	8/21/2024 9:52 PM

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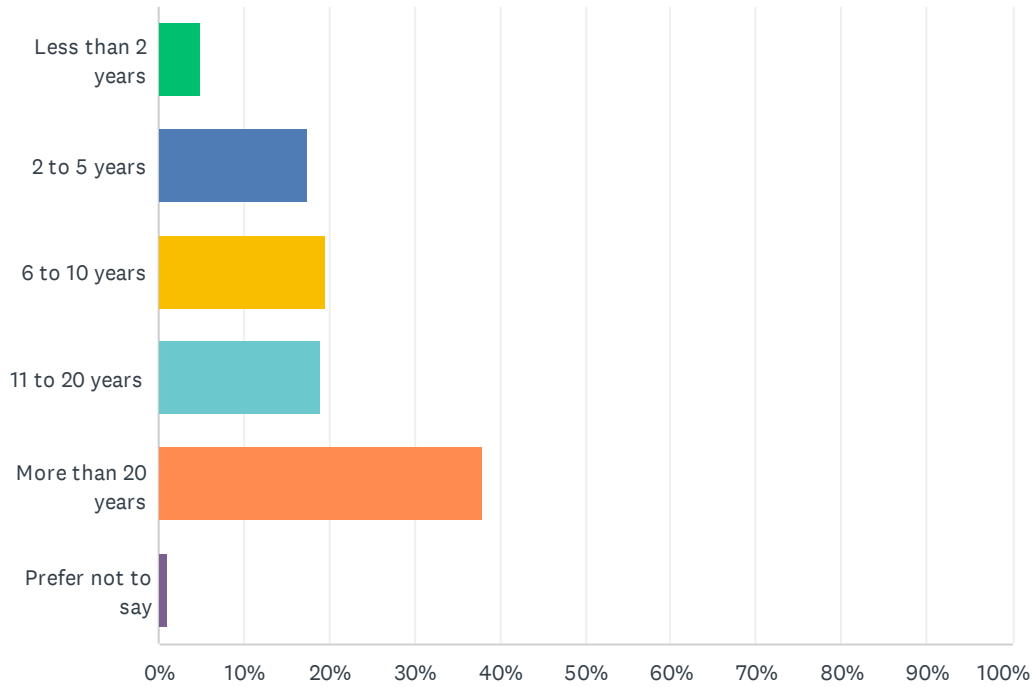
91	A big part of it for me is memories. Being able to tell stories while pointing out where they happened. Leavenworth itself is a tour of so many peoples entire lives, and that is getting lost in the crowds. It's getting lost in the new buildings and the fakery, and they bright shiny things that distract from the natural beauty of this place. Underneath alpine coasters, massive hotels, new condos, etc., are memories being buried. Are generations of, "we used to come to this place where no one ever knew of," being wiped away with dollars. It's heartbreaking, and yet, probably still a fraction of what the natives felt when they saw what was done to this valley and what continues to be done. Those that survived to see it, at least.	8/21/2024 3:33 PM
92	Looking out for your neighbor	8/20/2024 5:11 PM
93	More freedom, less government	8/20/2024 1:59 PM
94	I never frequent local shops because I refuse to pay for parking (if I could find a space). The close knit communities sort lose their sparkle if several houses surrounding yours are STRs.	8/20/2024 12:41 PM
95	Real community with real people Leavenworth has changed so much because of the new residence. That change is based on education and money. It's a failing town	8/20/2024 8:39 AM
96	Full time neighbors	8/20/2024 8:31 AM
97	It's not a real town. It's full of businesses that don't serve the community. I don't need brikabrak. I need my computer fixed. And that's not happening.	8/20/2024 8:23 AM
98	A town that supports locals and offers spaces that consider locals and not just tourists	8/20/2024 7:27 AM
99	Having access to local services such as grocery store and hospital and local parks/ outdoor rec and other normal normal activities and not having to deal with hour long backed up traffic created by and not enough parking that is Leavenworth! Honestly I don't see a solution for the Disney land vibe that is Leavenworth. My family and I prefer hanging out in peshastin Dryden/ cashmere area. Just don't bring the over expansion down here leave some areas for the true locals that don't want to live on a Bavarian themed vacation homed nightmare!	8/20/2024 7:18 AM
100	With the area so spread out, walkable is not really an option	8/20/2024 5:40 AM
101	Circular economy & sustainability.	8/19/2024 8:28 PM
102	Free parking options for locals!	8/19/2024 8:28 PM
103	Town that provides community features supporting families like a covered sports arena or events that put locals first and not tourists first.	8/19/2024 5:34 PM
104	Small town living for me has meant knowing my neighbors (both at work and at home), abundant privacy, room for natural beauty AND a way to make a living.	8/19/2024 2:53 PM
105	Small town living means that we work together to keep our town healthy for those of us who live here, work here and raise families here	8/19/2024 9:27 AM
106	Open space, orchards	8/19/2024 7:47 AM
107	Quiet, less people and traffic.	8/19/2024 7:42 AM
108	Opportunities to see familiar faces (ex Saturday farmers market)	8/19/2024 7:21 AM
109	Not having houses stacked on top of each other. Lower population	8/19/2024 7:17 AM
110	Trail system	8/19/2024 7:11 AM
111	It means home owners actually living here and being contributing members of our society. Know the people you see on the street and being able to drive through town, not sit on the weekend parking lot known as highway 2.	8/18/2024 11:40 PM
112	All of the above., I really enjoy the walkability and community	8/18/2024 10:30 PM
113	LESS PEOPLE	8/18/2024 10:12 PM
114	Green space between properties for fire wise practices. Developments with 3 story homes and zero lot lines are NOT conducive to smart "small town living" in an area at high risk for wildfire.	8/18/2024 9:34 PM
115	No longer exists!	8/18/2024 6:20 PM
116	A climate and supply chain resilient community that can actually provide for all its needs from	8/18/2024 6:14 PM

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	goods harvested and created from materials available within the bio region.	
117	No nightly rentals	8/18/2024 5:42 PM
118	Free parking for locals No chain businesses	8/18/2024 5:15 PM
119	All of it.	8/18/2024 4:35 PM
120	Quiet lifestyle, no traffic, farming communities, everybody knows everybody, locals out at the bar or diner.	8/18/2024 4:25 PM
121	I'd like to see more stores close in which would cater to everyday homeowner necessities Seems that I have to go to Wenatchee for almost everything.	8/18/2024 3:59 PM
122	Being close to town AND the outdoors. Not having as much traffic. As many people.	8/18/2024 3:26 PM
123	Locals don't even want to go downtown anymore and can't afford to or find parking.	8/18/2024 3:17 PM
124	Keeping it to where we can actually afford to live here	8/18/2024 3:01 PM
125	Afordable workforce housinf	8/18/2024 2:44 PM
126	It used to be safe enough to leave your house and car unlocked and not to have to worry.	8/18/2024 2:41 PM
127	It means the checkers at Dan's knowing who I am and letting me know my husband already bought milk today :)	8/18/2024 2:40 PM
128	Similar values	8/18/2024 2:37 PM
129	A town where you are able and wanting to shop local. That is disappearing.	8/18/2024 2:36 PM
130	The biggest for me is closeknit community. You can tell who is just hear for oart time if the year or is from tech, certain areas if our neighborhood everyone greest eachother, talks, checks in in one another and I notice which streets look empty or you see people walk away to avoid having to interact with you.	8/18/2024 2:32 PM
131	Less tourist	8/18/2024 2:13 PM
132	Reduced population to infrastructure design.	8/18/2024 1:34 PM
133	Why go downtown at all unless to use hospital?	8/18/2024 1:02 PM
134	Not having house upon house. Not having 3 story homes towering over their neighbor and no Greenspan. Funny how the mend director wants mass housing on top of each other yet she has jer own massive land out the Icicle. That's called NIMBY.	8/18/2024 12:20 PM
135	Local government that works with and in behalf of the residents/the ability to have a voice	8/18/2024 12:15 PM
136	Low density	8/18/2024 11:42 AM
137	Less tourism	8/18/2024 11:18 AM
138	Regional character; old, established trees and greenspace; a sense of the familiar - continuity, peaceful, refuge from the hustle and bustle that contaminates so much of the built environment.	8/18/2024 9:47 AM
139	Supportive, inclusive communities	8/18/2024 8:46 AM
140	Quiet surroundings. Less crowding. Not having to compete with tourists for access to our town and to recreational opportunities.	8/18/2024 8:27 AM
141	Community	8/18/2024 8:26 AM

Q8 How long have you lived full-time or part-time in Leavenworth?

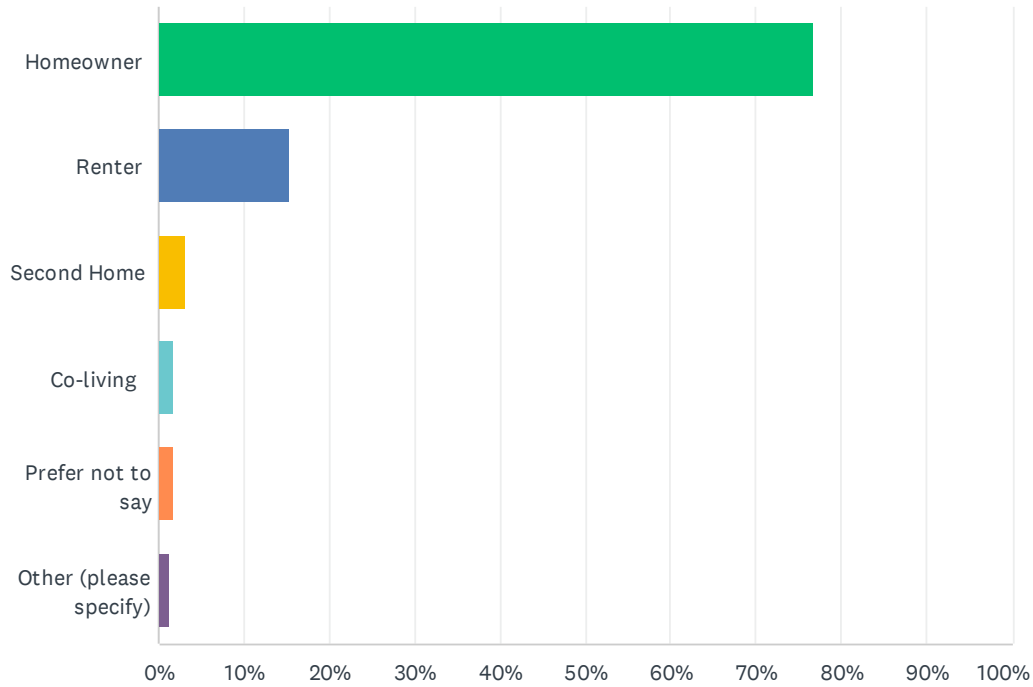
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 2 years	4.86%	44
2 to 5 years	17.55%	159
6 to 10 years	19.54%	177
11 to 20 years	18.98%	172
More than 20 years	37.97%	344
Prefer not to say	1.10%	10
TOTAL		906

Q9 What is your housing situation?

Answered: 901 Skipped: 307



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Homeowner	76.69% 691
Renter	15.43% 139
Second Home	3.22% 29
Co-living	1.66% 15
Prefer not to say	1.78% 16
Other (please specify)	1.22% 11
TOTAL	901

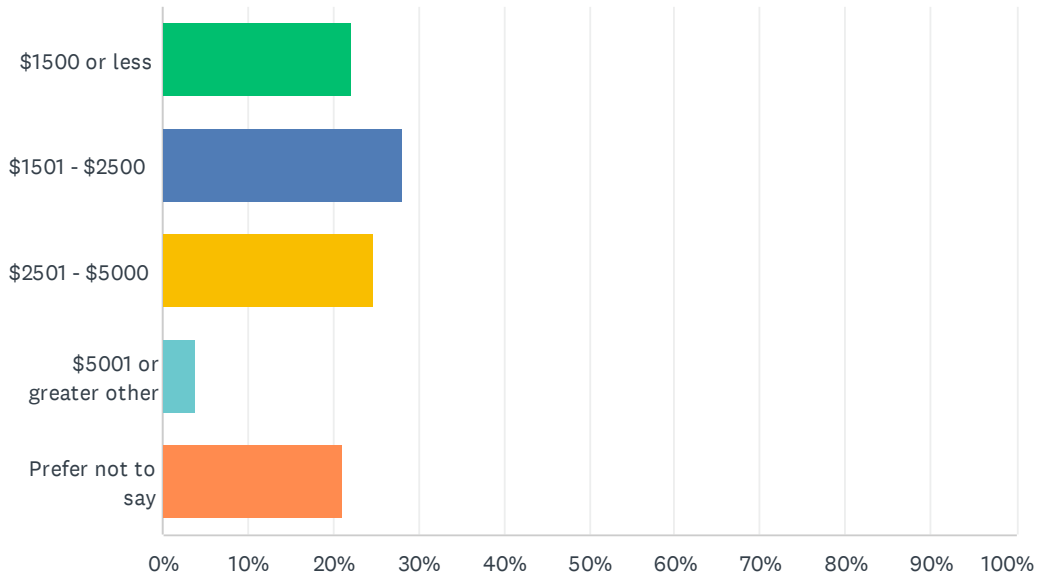
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Grew up here, own an inherited house which is now my 2nd.	9/9/2024 6:40 PM
2	Rv living	8/29/2024 7:14 PM
3	Homeowner after being a renter for 14 years	8/25/2024 2:11 AM
4	Employer provided housing	8/24/2024 5:31 PM
5	At one time a second home, for several years now a FT resident	8/23/2024 2:39 PM
6	Forced to live with family due to home/rent prices and availability.	8/22/2024 8:21 AM
7	Currently living with my parents and my toddler	8/22/2024 8:17 AM
8	Assisted living facility	8/21/2024 9:52 PM

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9	I live in a travel trailer on my sons land.	8/18/2024 6:04 PM
10	Mother-in-law house on family property	8/18/2024 4:25 PM
11	Living in a bus on family property because we cannot afford to own or rent anything	8/18/2024 3:01 PM

Q10 What is your monthly housing cost/payment?

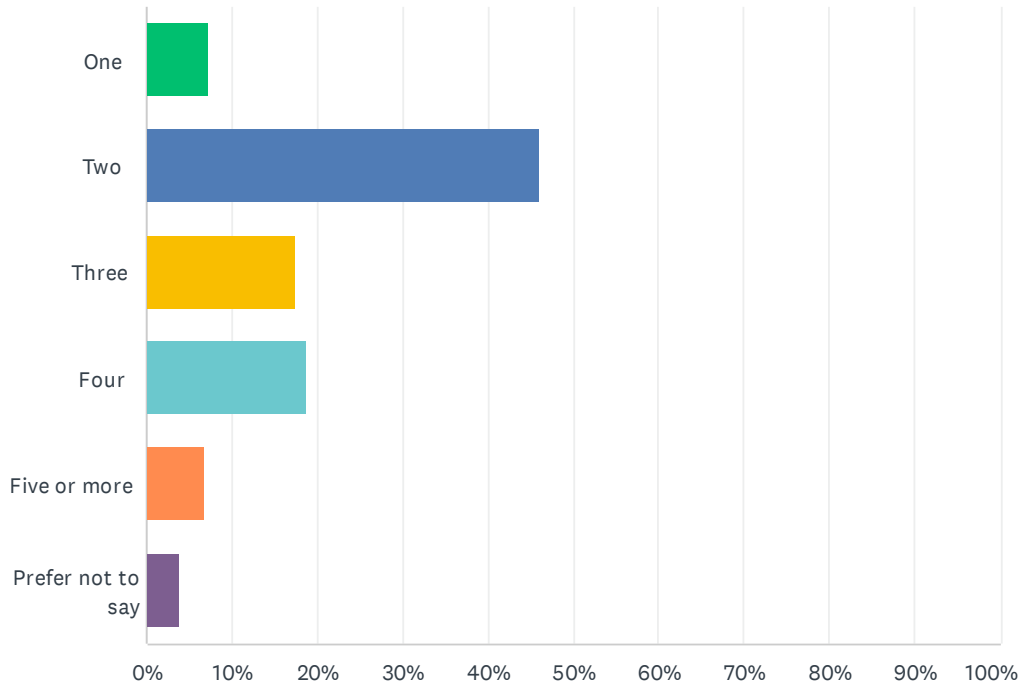
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
\$1500 or less	22.12%	198
\$1501 - \$2500	28.16%	252
\$2501 - \$5000	24.80%	222
\$5001 or greater other	3.91%	35
Prefer not to say	21.01%	188
TOTAL		895

Q11 How many people live in your household?

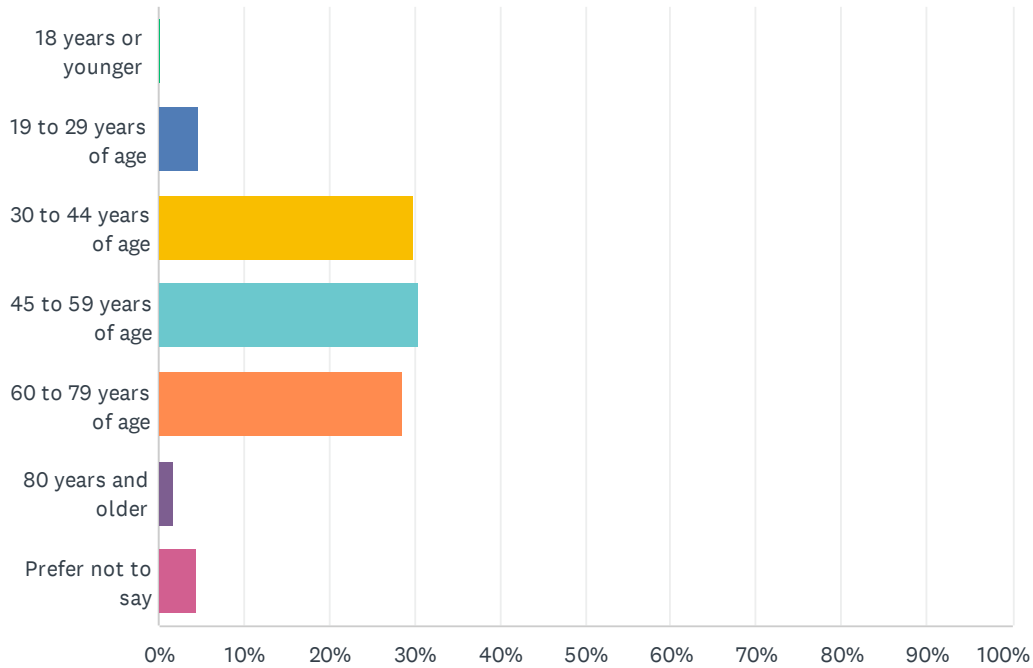
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
One	7.21%	65
Two	45.95%	414
Three	17.43%	157
Four	18.76%	169
Five or more	6.88%	62
Prefer not to say	3.77%	34
TOTAL		901

Q12 What is your age group?

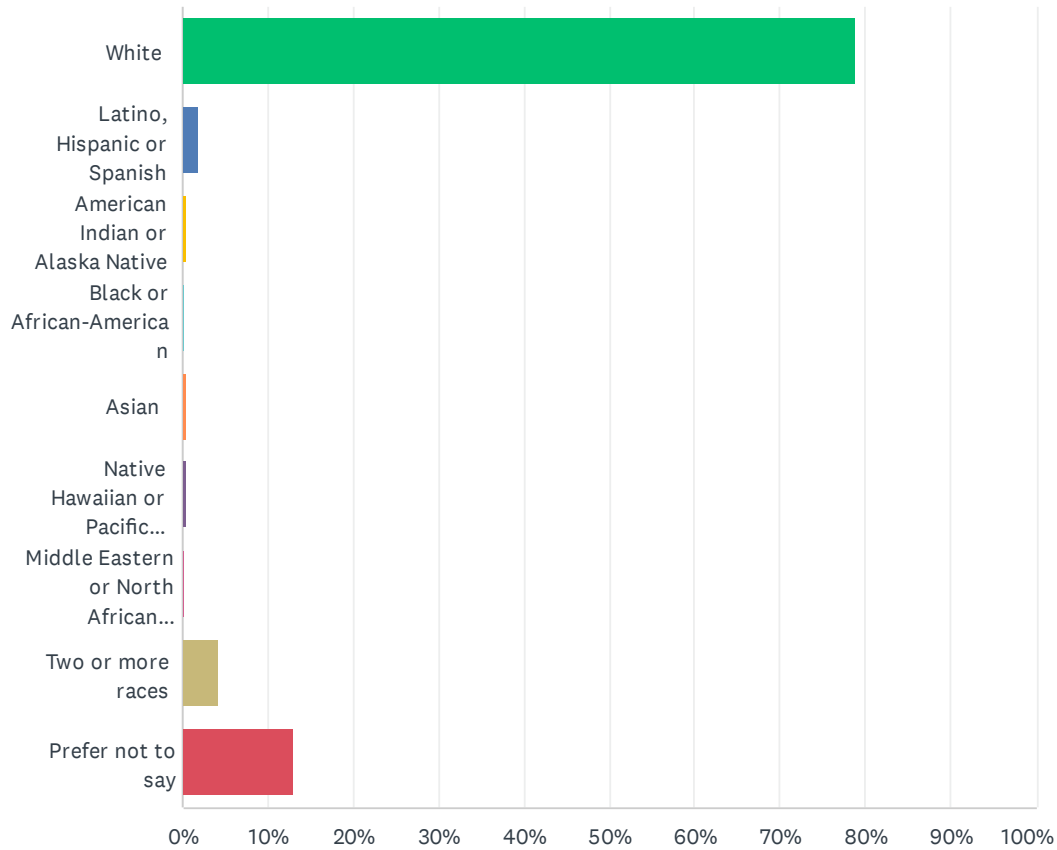
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
18 years or younger	0.22%	2
19 to 29 years of age	4.76%	43
30 to 44 years of age	29.87%	270
45 to 59 years of age	30.42%	275
60 to 79 years of age	28.54%	258
80 years and older	1.66%	15
Prefer not to say	4.54%	41
TOTAL		904

Q13 How would you describe your race?

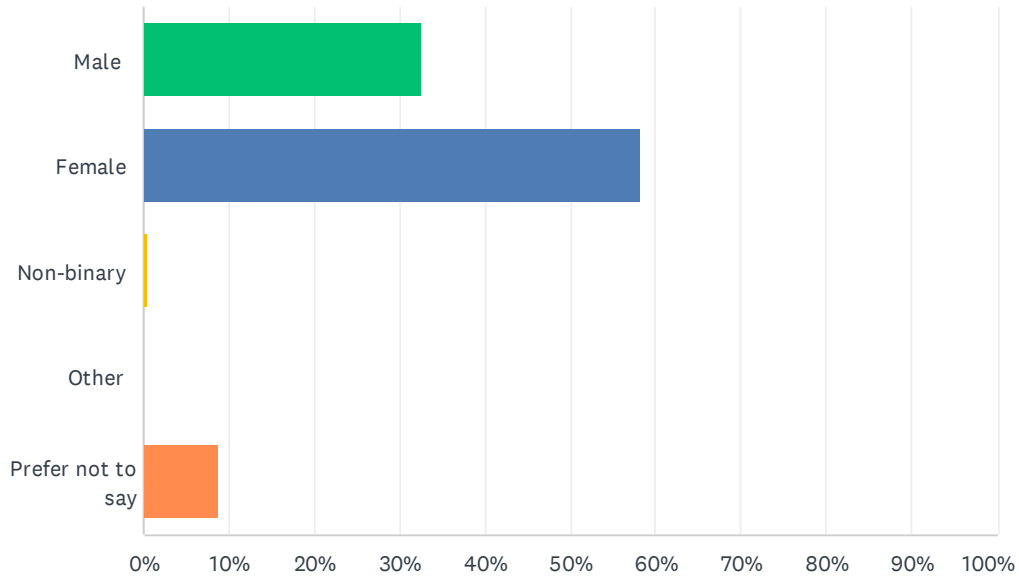
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
White	78.91%	711
Latino, Hispanic or Spanish	2.00%	18
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.44%	4
Black or African-American	0.11%	1
Asian	0.44%	4
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.44%	4
Middle Eastern or North African	0.22%	2
Two or more races	4.33%	39
Prefer not to say	13.10%	118
TOTAL		901

Q14 How would you describe your gender?

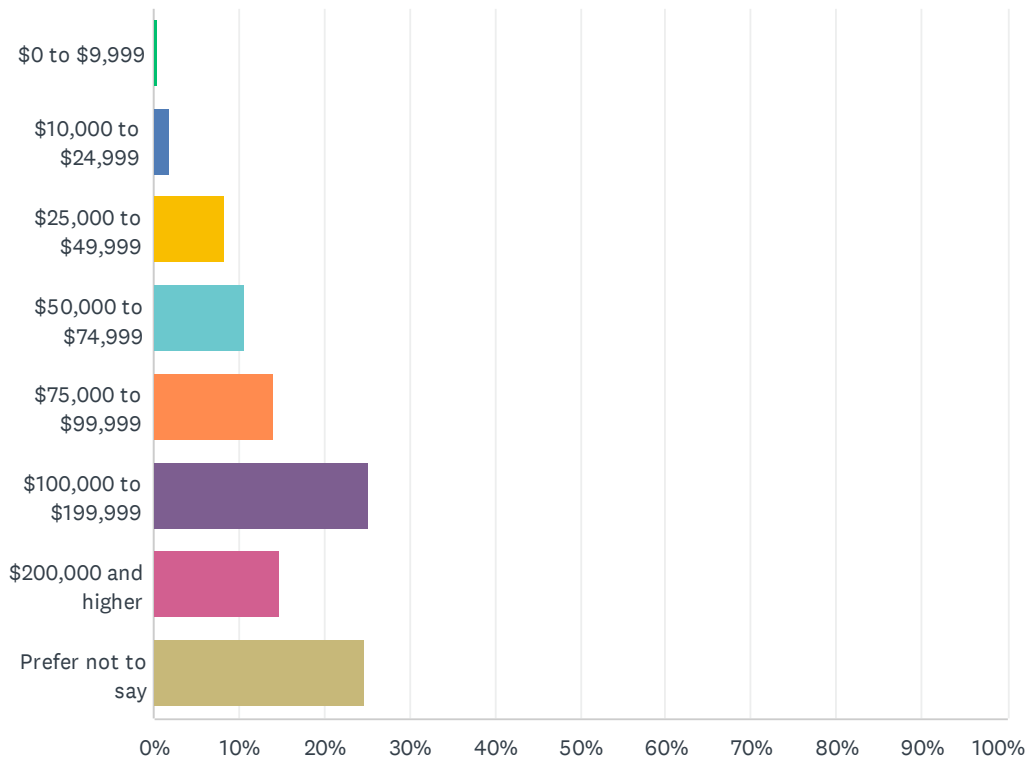
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Male	32.70%	294
Female	58.18%	523
Non-binary	0.33%	3
Other	0.00%	0
Prefer not to say	8.79%	79
TOTAL		899

Q15 What is your approximate annual household income?

Answered: 895 Skipped: 313



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
\$0 to \$9,999	0.45%	4
\$10,000 to \$24,999	1.90%	17
\$25,000 to \$49,999	8.38%	75
\$50,000 to \$74,999	10.61%	95
\$75,000 to \$99,999	14.08%	126
\$100,000 to \$199,999	25.14%	225
\$200,000 and higher	14.64%	131
Prefer not to say	24.80%	222
TOTAL		895

Q16 Do you have any other comments, thoughts, and/or suggestions you'd like to share with us?

Answered: 400 Skipped: 808

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Hate to see the orchards being bulldozed to build houses, apartments, etc. do not want to see changes in short term rentals.	9/30/2024 9:40 AM
2	We need more normal town amenities. Car wash, dry cleaners, florist, restaurants, clothing store for residents, walmart or target . Trader Joes or whole foods would be nice. Appalacia has more amenities.	9/30/2024 9:02 AM
3	I'm against increasing low income housing	9/29/2024 10:25 PM
4	While tourism has many positive impacts on Leavenworth, as noted, budget, diversity of entertainment and dining options, etc.. There is a need for greater economic diversification to create more sustainable growth. I hear a lot of complaining about tourism jobs not supporting a living wage, the cost of living in Leavenworth, etc. What are we doing to attract alternative sectors to the area?	9/29/2024 6:33 PM
5	The City leadership has created such a toxic environment and has so greatly divided this community by driving head-long into their personal agenda rather than hearing the new "unheard" voices of those who have literally checked out of the community due to continually being ignored. Where are the ol' Friends of Leavenworth friends who use to communicate updates so the public was aware of things that impacted them. Only the City narrative is given out, which seems to be very skewed to a particular narrative, instead of listening to the residents who have apparently given up even trying anymore. The legacy of this leadership will be the polarization and desintegration of the community that was the primary asset of our time from before and after the Bavarian of our town. I bet the City has not sought out any data to understand how many and why residents of Leavenworth have moved away. So many of my neighbors already have. What do you think is the reason?	9/29/2024 3:45 PM
6	We have lived in a lot of amazing outdoor towns and we chose to raise our family in Leavenworth. We feel grateful to be able to live here.	9/29/2024 10:29 AM
7	solve the parking problem	9/29/2024 9:58 AM
8	Walkability is not a priority for rural dwellers. We contribute highly to your tax base. It would be great for us to have a voice - but you continue to push us out. I suppose one day I'll have to grocery shop in Monroe to avoid what you have created in town...	9/29/2024 9:26 AM
9	Change is good, planned change is necessary when we can because unplanned change is inevitable.	9/29/2024 6:43 AM
10	Love the "look" of our valley. Too many people and crowding of the streets, rivers, roads, and hard to find free parking is not why we like it.	9/28/2024 4:10 PM
11	Listen to the locals for a change, and not just the developer cash	9/24/2024 6:34 PM
12	The art of BALANCE is critical - housing, greenspace, our supply of food etc. We can stay in a balanced environment here, or we can only hope good choices are always made for our residents in light of any tendency to rank tourism over the needs of our residents.	9/23/2024 3:28 PM
13	My biggest concern is the changes to zoning and allowing multiple condos to be built on lots that are traditionally meant for one house.	9/23/2024 10:21 AM
14	I was unable to go to any of the meetings due to volunteer work but I hope you will listen to the residents. Tourism worked for the early years, but 2 million tourists a year was bad enough. And in a few short years it has shot up to 3 million tourists a year. Stop advertising and bringing in more of them!	9/22/2024 10:35 PM
15	The focus of my family's income should not be a care. My household works 100+ hours a	9/22/2024 9:49 PM

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week to live within our means. To say I don't belong here because of my income is offensive and disrespectful for the work we provide to the community.

16	Stop focusing on money and focus on the locals. The schooling system is not nearly as good as it used to be and a lot of the locals are sick of how popular the towns gotten. There's no reason we should be adverting on tv. Instead of focusing on tourism, focus on making life better for everyone. The housing market has gone down hill, can't even get groceries half the time in the summer because it's all sold out, can't even go to blackbird to swim because the beach is packed. Like seriously, what has this town come to?	9/19/2024 2:00 PM
17	Leave income, race and gender out of your surveys.	9/15/2024 8:16 PM
18	Fire risk is terrifying and is something the town should understand and plan more aggressively for with building codes and construction requirements to mitigate fire spread and risk.	9/15/2024 10:05 AM
19	Please prevent the lit up cross from getting installed on Tumwater mountain. The last think we need is a lightning rod to increase wildfire risk!	9/15/2024 8:15 AM
20	Please do something to stop the number of housing units going into the city doubling up on housing units and making the lots even smaller is a tragedy. Stop trying to pack in so many people and housing units into tiny lots.	9/15/2024 7:30 AM
21	Leavenworth needs to remain a tourist town with more elegant Bavarian style car parks and I love the stylish homes. Parts of US running through Leavenworth need beautifying.	9/13/2024 9:38 AM
22	I am worried we will become a community of second homes. I think that is my primary concern. So - anything we can do to ensure people are living here who actually live here full-time would be great.	9/13/2024 7:24 AM
23	Greatly appreciate the Medical Center plus the pool!!	9/11/2024 11:20 AM
24	We respect the foundation and believes that Leavenworth is built upon, as we see an increase of people moving from the west side, some bring their beliefs and politics with them, and wants to implement them. We are worried what's going on on the west side will arrive here. Crime, homelessness.	9/10/2024 8:00 AM
25	I love the changes to the Oktoberfest celebration. Embracing the local breweries and making it much more family friendly is brilliant. Leavenworth needs a pedestrian tunnel under US 2 and underground parking. A traffic circle at the corner of US 2 and the Chumstick highway. In Bavarian towns even the alleys are spotless and every inch is landscaped beautifully.	9/9/2024 5:09 PM
26	Keep the tourists and commercial outfitters off the icicle it nonNavigable for title	9/9/2024 4:41 PM
27	Thanks for seeking understanding. There are a lot of varying opinions and points of view in our small town. The challenges are complex and will require thoughtful solutions. Adaptability and taking risks on new ideas as well as relying on wisdom from the past will get us all where we want to be together. That's a tall task and I salute the individuals taking this on. Not everyone is going to agree with the solutions whatever they may be. Stay strong and persevere. Don't be afraid to admit when we do something wrong, because even if we're doing it right, we'll make mistakes. Good luck :)	9/9/2024 4:16 PM
28	I am very concerned about overconsumption -- goes along with overtourism -- and its effect on our environment and our future.	9/9/2024 3:10 PM
29	Thanks for asking for input	9/9/2024 2:32 PM
30	Maintain control of STRs and keep access to outlying neighborhoods open and safe despite overwhelming tourism.	9/9/2024 11:24 AM
31	It seems that just a few (developers) are making lots of money to the detriment of many.	9/9/2024 7:48 AM
32	Inflation is hitting everyone. The cost of services to tourists is extremely high and very close to an inflection point. Most businesses I see are no where near capacity due to price gouging. There are always housing difficulties in popular tourist towns. More incentive for investment in outlying areas to build affordable multi unit housing combined with public transportation can help alleviate these housing shortfalls.	9/9/2024 6:39 AM
33	The sidewalk projects up Ski Hill have proven extremely successful and I hope they continue. I live up the Chumstick, and pedestrian traffic around Freund is extremely dangerous. I hope	9/8/2024 11:32 PM

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one day we can explore a similar bike path project that extends up the Chumstick and bridges so people aren't walking under that overpass.

34	I've lived in Leavenworth for 3 years, and am part of the 'COVID wave' of movers from the Westside. We have been welcomed here, although there is an undercurrent of resentment for people like us moving into expensive housing. My main observation is the gap between the aspiration of the city plans to increase affordable housing, and the reality of what's being built and who will buy it. I believe the city needs to urgently adjust it's approach if it wants to truly provide affordable housing, and develop an approach that suits this unique community. The demands of developers are being prioritized over the community currently, and this will result in increased housing prices and more 'people like us', not less. Leavenworth is an incredible community and I want to continue to live here for many years. We moved here for the natural beauty of the area and recreation opportunities, and we should absolutely protect these and develop them sustainably. We do need some investment in infrastructure to manage the busiest tourist months. A bridge or tunnel over Highway 2 at the main intersection to town seems essential, and continued investments in public transit and cycle infrastructure to reduce reliance on cars for locals.	9/8/2024 2:18 PM
35	Growth is inevitable, but if poorly managed it will make visiting Leavenworth a disappointing experience for tourists.	9/8/2024 2:13 PM
36	I believe it would be much more effective to improve our public transport or maybe add a private shuttle service from Wenatchee to Leavenworth to help make it appealing for people to commute here for work, It's 20 minutes away! There is a lot more opportunity for housing in that corridor with more affordable rents/home prices. You are fighting a losing battle trying to make it affordable here, that time has passed. Studio apartment rents here are well over \$1000. I have a very comfortable income and would not consider buying something here due to the cost if I didn't already own a home here. I think most of the longtime residents would agree with that statement. We need to start being a bit more creative with the thought process rather defaulting to the affordable housing mantra.	9/8/2024 11:45 AM
37	I'm concerned about traffic from overtourism. Living off of north road it takes over an hour to get into town during Christmas time. With the new construction by the reindeer farm it will be worse. In the event of a medical emergency this could be tragic. And expensive as the only option would be calling an ambulance. It also seems the city council limits businesses unfairly. No food trucks in town actually hurts the farmers market and makes it impossible for tourists to find somewhere to eat during peak times. No drive thrus makes it hard for my disabled father. Having to pay to park at the highschool during tourist times meant we had to pay to watch our son wrestle. It feels like the tourists and established businesses are the winners and the town residents are the suckers sometimes. We love it here but there needs to be some changes.	9/7/2024 9:07 AM
38	I believe that we could be using our space more efficiently. With parking always being a main concern for both locals and tourists, we should consider a multi level parking facility in one of our current parking lots or in the low level lot on Front street. This idea has been presented as the flower tower and could be designed in a beautiful and functional way.	9/7/2024 7:53 AM
39	I have not been down town since COVID due to parking. There would be more housing if less vacation rentals.	9/7/2024 7:11 AM
40	Play small ball. Focus on what the city can control. Please focus on infrastructure and community improvement. Housing costs is a global issue and shouldn't be a primary focus.	9/7/2024 6:48 AM
41	We had a great time at the community event. Kids had fun, friends and the food was awesome. Well done.	9/6/2024 10:12 PM
42	take care of older people who cant afford to live here	9/6/2024 8:38 PM
43	Please, please do NOT increase density! Do not cram more people into this small space. Do NOT cram more people in to the Ski Hill look and East Leavenworth Road - work with the County to limit that.	9/6/2024 5:03 PM
44	NO increased density in our town or in the surrounding growth area. Please do not increase tourism. No more.	9/6/2024 3:23 PM
45	I'm glad to see this survey! As a younger resident with a young family, I am excited to see how the community can support families [we have to do childcare in Cashmere] as well as recreation for kids [I'm excited for the rock gym and for the potential new pool/rec center]. I like	9/6/2024 2:41 PM

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having some community focused events, as opposed to tourist ones - like the thursday evening farmer's market, which we used to go to every week. Now that it is on Saturday we never attend. There could have been ways to enhance the market with local support [such as offering better meal vendor options] so that vendors benefited without relying on the financial input of tourists, so I would like other community based initiatives to consider those steps before tourism swallows up all the community stuff. We really value the ski hill and skiing in the winter, and do a lot of boating, climbing and hiking and want to see those outdoor activities prioritized. Thanks!

46	There should be a trail system connecting us to Wenatchee. Parking (and those pesky meters) is really a problem. Affordable Housing is important, but there are solutions	9/5/2024 2:36 PM
47	The current push for a dramatic increase in housing density and increased population with inadequate space and no hope of traffic mitigation and a huge need for expanded infrastructure is committing the community to a decreased quality of life and huge future costs. Leavenworth is becoming something we did not anticipate and we harbor some regrets about having moved here.	9/5/2024 1:25 PM
48	Please don't build a parking garage. Talk about losing a small town feel! People who complain about parking need to walk or get on a bike. I realize not all can do this but most can. Let's truly go with a European model and become known for being the most bailable and walkable town. Enough catering to people who want to drive 4 blocks so they can park. It's an insane mindset.	9/5/2024 7:17 AM
49	Side note, please put restroom option at updated Osborn playground. Kids need a toilet!!!! Accessible playground without an accessible bathroom is silly. Even an accessible portapotty would work 😊	9/5/2024 7:02 AM
50	I am pleased the City is undergoing this effort. I hope there is a sincere desire to listen. In my experience with this Mayor and more recent City Councils, there is not a genuine interest in listening to full-time residents, but go on with their own narrow agendas that are destroying this village for their own utopian view of what this place is supposed to be. Many of these changes cannot be undone and are forever changing the landscape of or beautiful village, with many negative impacts and still not successful in lowering housing prices. So thank you for doing this and I do hope you will listen to feedback.	9/5/2024 6:11 AM
51	I own a lot in the UGA but can't afford to make the city required infrastructure improvements to build a home	9/4/2024 7:36 PM
52	The town needs more interactive things to do. And she have a proper Bavarian Beer Hall.	9/4/2024 5:28 PM
53	Of all things, we would love if the roller coaster noise would be reduced. I truly believe the cars need to be enclosed. The sound of the screaming echoes through so much of the residential areas.	9/4/2024 4:56 PM
54	This town is lovely and the community is more than I could have hoped for. But it smells a lot like Steamboat Springs, CO and every other mountain town which end up as millionaire ghost-towns with more second homes and rentals than community members. Balancing the second-home/community growth will be challenging, but should be addressed. Fighting outside tourist money to live in a town you don't derive any value from the tourism itself is quite annoying. I originally thought I'd buy a house when I moved over from Seattle, but don't think I can afford it now. Tax breaks for locals?	9/4/2024 4:08 PM
55	Bring back rental property licenses so we can allow more tourists that will generate more money for the community	9/4/2024 3:24 PM
56	Approve the cross installation on the mountain	9/4/2024 2:56 PM
57	We as a community need to support the downtown business as well as the tourism without tourism and business there is no Leavenworth we would look like peshastin.	9/4/2024 2:44 PM
58	Please help us feel like residents matter more than tourists and growth.	9/4/2024 2:23 PM
59	Don't listen to the haters who seem to be running the town	9/4/2024 2:14 PM
60	We need to look beyond Leavenworth city limits for housing opportunities for lower income and working class people. Yes it's needed, but we can't cram too much into our relatively small city limit area. We have many great neighborhoods that need to be left as is instead of stuffing as	9/4/2024 1:56 PM

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	many people as possible in these neighborhoods. We dont want to feel like we are in a busy city	
61	I would like to see more traffic patrolling in Leavenworth along Hwy 2 to stop speeding	9/4/2024 1:37 PM
62	Our family is so grateful for the opportunity to live in this incredible and unique community. We hope that future growth will be done incrementally and with great intention on the impacts. We hope that the spirit of Leavenworth and the wonderful community we have created here will continue to be treasured and preserved. Finally, we ask that you please keep in mind the entire Cascade School District when looking into the future - not only the city limits. Thank you!	9/4/2024 1:37 PM
63	The City's done a great job on so many levels i.e. parking, park improvements, etc. I hope the City continues to support significant pool upgrades	9/4/2024 1:34 PM
64	No	9/4/2024 1:12 PM
65	Please implement a residential-only parking system on all streets close to the downtown core. I recommend following the same model as Breckenridge Co. They have employee lots, no over night parking on city streets, except those with residential permits, and parking by permit ONLY on core downtown residential streets. See https://www.breckpark.com/residential-permits .	9/4/2024 1:09 PM
66	The City Council should take a stand against the Robert Johnson Tumwater cross and do whatever it can to influence the County to put a stop to it!	9/3/2024 5:19 PM
67	Seems like tourism and the push to create housing should slow down a little.	9/3/2024 9:47 AM
68	The survey questions seemed too leading, especially towards the housing. Seems like a housing agenda was being pushed. Question 15, income should have been broken down more at the higher end.	9/2/2024 4:32 PM
69	It's not overtourism that concerns me...it's more that community infrastructure and engagement doesn't get forgotten or lost in the popularity of our area. I they can coexist with mindful planning.	9/2/2024 4:28 AM
70	I sold my previous home and moved here at my daughter's request when she and her husband decided to start a family. I was lucky—what I sold my old house for (of 32 years!) paid for this house. It is a privilege not available to most, and I was astounded at the cost of housing. For Leavenworth to thrive it must have affordable housing for people working here, childcare for their kids, and a safe environment. The town needs a steady, happy workforce. Too many houses near me are empty much of the time, and simply building more new houses will not solve the housing issue. In my view the city/business community should chip in to help subsidize housing for those employed in Leavenworth. And—new building projects should pause until infrastructure is in place to take care of groundwater issues, water treatment/management and egress plans to accommodate the vast rise of traffic, especially in the case of fire. These things are essential to attracting the mix of generations and income levels necessary for a healthy town, now and in the future.	9/1/2024 4:53 PM
71	This community requires more prioritization , our locals deserve community amenities such as community center, aquatic center , ice rink As seen in the majority of tourism communities in the US .	9/1/2024 10:52 AM
72	I consider Leavenworth my home! Raises our kids here, been here over 33 years. But we will be moving within the year. Mostly due to newcomers people who consider themselves 'locals' and tell me how it is. Plus, traffic has gotten out of hand. The 70 foot lighted cross in my 'backyard' will be what eventually pushes us out.	9/1/2024 9:34 AM
73	Affordable housing, while a noble goal, is not practical in the Leavenworth area. Efforts should be made to work with neighboring communities to provide work force housing.	8/31/2024 8:47 AM
74	Have snow plows not dump all the snow in the driveways, and have that lighted cross projected killed.	8/31/2024 8:37 AM
75	The mountains are the reason why me and most of my friends live here. Please plan for more trails and trailheads so that locals can access the mountains easier	8/30/2024 5:02 PM
76	The city and chamber should partner to fund a position who works on capital improvement projects that build relationships and recreation infrastructures to support tourists and locals. FYI-probably no surprise who turned in these comments-Jennifer Hadersberger here :)	8/30/2024 9:33 AM

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77	Our city streets are crumbling. Infrastructure falling behind from the push for more housing. I don't understand why this has been so much on the forefront. People can commute as they do in most cities to get to their work. A lot of people that live here commute to their jobs in Wenatchee.	8/30/2024 7:55 AM
78	Locals need free parking	8/29/2024 5:22 PM
79	There should not be any further development of business until we can support the already overtaxed utilities and roadways.	8/29/2024 12:25 PM
80	Do something for the local people with out raising taxes!	8/29/2024 7:08 AM
81	Something needs to happen for our children's future here.	8/28/2024 11:09 PM
82	Need to get rid of the Mayor he is nothing but problems for this town since he has been in office. Also too many people from the other side of mountains taking over this town and turning it into a little Seattle.	8/28/2024 7:18 PM
83	The Bavarian theme worked, no need to draw more people. Let's work on improving sustainability instead of tourism marketing, ornate trim, flower boxes and Christmas lights. What about using that money towards pervious streets and parking, cleaning up water runoff, better walk and bike-ability, solar, etc.	8/28/2024 4:03 PM
84	There will be no community without tourism infrastructure. You can't build a community if it's not there.	8/28/2024 2:02 PM
85	The town could really use pedestrian walk signal or traffic light at the ski hill hwy 2 intersection. As well as other traffic slowing methods on hwy 2 through town.	8/28/2024 11:17 AM
86	Let's give quality to our community rather than over burden it with quantity!	8/27/2024 10:16 PM
87	Govern based on common sense not ideology	8/27/2024 9:25 PM
88	Be kind. Listen more. Be realistic; not everyone can have the same things/do the same things, and that is OK!!!	8/27/2024 4:40 PM
89	You should put together a long-term planning commission. Get people to go visit other similar communities and learn what works and what doesn't. Bend, OR, Sandpoint, ID, Kallispell, MT, etc.	8/27/2024 4:34 PM
90	Essential to a community is a mix people with a variety of skills, experiences, and income levels - and a variety of housing types to accommodate that range of people.	8/27/2024 4:17 PM
91	Fix the pool so it can be used year round. Don't allow giant lit up things to damage views and light pollution. My kids love rollercoaster, but the lights suck. Same with the cross they're building... I like Jesus, not light pollution and ruined landscape beauty	8/27/2024 1:07 PM
92	I have lived in tourist driven towns, vail/Taos/Tetons, workers do not need to live in the town, they commute, once they are established aka management level, or accept living with 4 roommates they can pay the higher rent prices if they want to live in town. Our current amenities fire/ems/ recreation facilities are a joke compared to most tourism towns and finding a path to utilize tourism tax's to support local infrastructure is a must, the town needs to demand changes in Washington's regulations around tourism tax, these regulations are for large cities not small towns like Leavenworth/chelan/Winthrop that do not have the local tax base to support the tourism volume that exceeds the local population.	8/27/2024 8:59 AM
93	Leavenworth does not need more big houses or attractions that take up valuable space. It needs affordable homes and downtown parking. Our infrastructure is past capacity and the residents suffer	8/27/2024 8:52 AM
94	I think tourism is the heart and soul of Leavenworth and it's not going away. I think there needs to be restrictions immediately placed on any activities surrounding the rivers and salmon beds and other natural areas. Otherwise, planning for low income housing, parking, and additional STR's (in the right location/setting) and hotels would go a long way to ease supply/demands.	8/27/2024 8:44 AM
95	I enjoy a neighborhood that is diversified in occupation, race, income levels, religion, recreation interests, age, etc. I am older but I love having young children as neighbors. I think children keep me young in mind and spirit.	8/27/2024 8:38 AM
96	We need to take some sharp turns here or we are headed downhill fast.	8/27/2024 8:08 AM

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97	Front street needs to be paved. It's unsafe to walk on due to all the cracked cement.	8/27/2024 7:53 AM
98	We all haven't forgotten about the community center that was hyped up. Build a cheaper one with less bells and whistles (indoor pool please) and we'd all forget about the slide/wave pool, etc. ;)	8/27/2024 1:35 AM
99	There is a need to devote necessary resources for infrastructure development/improvements and parking.	8/27/2024 12:33 AM
100	We love Leavenworth and being close to grandparents in Ellensburg. We are going to continue to be stubborn and get creative - but owning (and renting) housing for our family of 4 is an extreme expense that may make it not possible.	8/27/2024 12:03 AM
101	When you promote affordable housing meant, and create full size apartments at a reasonable price (a studio for 1200 + utilities is not a reasonable price nor an house for a family of three)	8/26/2024 10:47 PM
102	Listen to the locals. It doesn't have to be just tourists or locals. It can be both.	8/26/2024 9:57 PM
103	A safe bike lane down icicle would be AMAZING!	8/26/2024 9:55 PM
104	It would be wonderful to have an indoor pool to use all year long. It's a big job trying to meet everyone's needs. Thanks for working on it!	8/26/2024 9:40 PM
105	Need to allow short term rentals in all of chelan county and specifically in Leavenworth.	8/26/2024 9:18 PM
106	Traffic backup on Chumstick from Hwy 2 is a problem, the proposed roundabout won't fix this. Increased housing is good (better if it's actually affordable) but the infrastructure is not ready. Extend utilities in all of UGAs so growth can actually occur at higher density. Ski Hill for example has a weird mix of city water availability, but everyone has septic systems which keeps lot sizes big.	8/26/2024 8:50 PM
107	Leavenworth needs a community center with an indoor pool and a place for after school activities! Really frustrated that the old Osborne school space has not been designated for this and that the city has not moved forward with what the community strongly voiced for. A parking garage is also really needed badly. I don't understand why the old fruit warehouse property has not been utilized for this.	8/26/2024 8:24 PM
108	Reducing building requirements-lot size. Too many buildings in limited space.	8/26/2024 7:14 PM
109	Do not chase after more parking please. I don't want a town full of hundreds of empty parking spaces 95% of the year.	8/26/2024 6:52 PM
110	I'd love to be part of creating Co-housing in the community	8/26/2024 6:41 PM
111	Better outdoor pool / water park	8/26/2024 5:55 PM
112	I really wish the people in charge would listen to the citizens.	8/26/2024 5:42 PM
113	I have had property in the Lk Wenatchee area for 22 years, and in the past 5 years I have stopped going into Leavenworth due to traffic and parking. The last time I went it was a Wed afternoon in April, it cost me \$8 to park for 2 hours so I could frequent a local business and have lunch. There were very few people in town that day, and it made me question why paid parking was even required. And also made me decide that I was more than happy to drive another hour to Chelan to experience small business shopping as they provide 2 hours free parking.	8/26/2024 5:39 PM
114	We love our cabin near Plain and enjoy all the outdoor opportunities, in addition to the fun found in Leavenworth. Tourism is king and what will pay the bills in the community, but clearly the locals aren't thrilled by it. So, trying to honestly find a balance is most crucial. But don't let the locals/anti-tourism folks gatekeep who is welcome and who isn't, and whose voices are valued and whose aren't.	8/26/2024 5:31 PM
115	Disappointed in what the town has become	8/26/2024 5:05 PM
116	We need to fix parking. That is the biggest issue. We need a parking garage.	8/26/2024 4:48 PM
117	If I could change one thing about Leavenworth, it would be to remove the parking meters, and designate more free parking in or near the downtown core.	8/26/2024 4:39 PM
118	You need to provide locals a place to park and not just the metered or paid parking.	8/26/2024 4:00 PM

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119	Would love to settle in my hometown but not sure if I will be able to in the future.	8/26/2024 3:58 PM
120	Community rec center please!!! Indoor year round aquatic center to include a sauna, pool, hot tub and a gym that is accessible to locals via a membership and ALL visitors (tourist or local) via day pass access.	8/26/2024 3:51 PM
121	I grew up in Leavenworth and have watched the town change for the worse. The over tourism has caused my family to no longer love the town of Leavenworth. Not only do the tourist over populate the town but the amount of people moving to town and changing the culture is extremely disappointing. We have children in the school district but plan to leave as soon as they graduate. I know things can never stay the same but what is happening to our beautiful little town?!	8/26/2024 3:43 PM
122	We absolutely need to do something about housing for workers and low income. I would like to see the development of small pocket parks on empty residential lots. There are so few empty lots left. I don't like the options for bear-proof garbage bins. They are are far too big and too expensive.	8/26/2024 3:43 PM
123	It would be nice to have parking available for working employees that provide for the tourist at a reasonable amount or free.	8/26/2024 3:08 PM
124	Take down the cross on the hill that's being built	8/26/2024 3:03 PM
125	We need two parking garages, one at the north and another in the south	8/26/2024 3:02 PM
126	A Rec center (old Osborn)? For LOCALS ONLY. A place for our kids going to school in this community to play basketball and other indoor recreational options. Must be full time resident to have a membership. To often we fill like we can't enjoy our town with our family because it's so overcrowded.	8/26/2024 3:02 PM
127	Less cruelty by banning horse / carriage. More enviro projects / focus and front street made an official pedestrian area.	8/26/2024 2:51 PM
128	A dog park would go so far here	8/26/2024 2:48 PM
129	The town flourished as a community until 5 or 10 years ago. We were family-centered, school pride was high, we gathered together for eachother. The vision has been lost to greed. How to flip a buck. People are scratching to get by to continue to live here and it's those people who have young families. The city won't even pay their city workers comparable wages-how some people can afford to work here and live here is shocking. We are better than this.	8/26/2024 2:46 PM
130	The city continues to burden surrounding communities without mitigating impacts.	8/26/2024 2:40 PM
131	Get off the tourism bandwagon. Go back to being a town for residents.	8/26/2024 2:37 PM
132	We need a bike/walking path that circles the loop from town to East Leavenworth and Icicle!	8/26/2024 2:15 PM
133	I am hopeful that you guys actually consider the concerns of the people living here.	8/26/2024 1:47 PM
134	Strongly support efforts at building affordable housing and continuing to limit (or, better, limit further) the number of short-term rentals.	8/26/2024 10:32 AM
135	Parking is atrocious on the community side streets. Need to restrict parking to downtown for tourists.	8/26/2024 8:49 AM
136	We have lived in the valley 40 years now. We're very sadden by what has happening to our small town community. No infrastructure, our county commissioners don't abide by our Zoning, they let everything go thru to the point it's not safe. Everything seems in best interest of tourists, not community. And all about money.	8/26/2024 7:28 AM
137	Parking meters have not worked and many visitors are frustrated with them. Residential areas in town are over parked now.	8/25/2024 9:34 PM
138	I would love to see Osborn turned into a community recreation center as promised, not city hall housing. And would also love to see a round indoor pool!	8/25/2024 9:05 PM
139	Please stop growing Leavenworth. It's lost almost all its charm. I love my home but am considering leaving in four years. Stop the insanity of growth. It's not necessary to thrive here.	8/25/2024 8:24 PM
140	Thank you for asking and working on protecting some special aspects of living here!	8/25/2024 4:11 PM

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141	With the amount of traffic, vehicle and foot, I fear it will take too much time to do everyday errands such as post office and groceries and going to get worse.	8/25/2024 3:37 PM
142	Need to work with people that live outside the city limits but still call Leavenworth home, as it stands the majority have no voice and have to suffer with the consequences of poor decisions. Thanks	8/25/2024 2:48 PM
143	Leavenworth is a different place and atmosphere than when I moved here 10 years ago. Tourist and our willingness to accommodate them is loving it to death. It's sad. The use of the river by tubing company needs to be regulated. It is harmful to the river and keeps the locals from being able to enjoy it as we use to.	8/25/2024 12:16 PM
144	Pleased to see the housing going on over by the reindeer farm! The ones being built going up Ski Hill are not "affordable" to most people and will not increase economic diversity. LIGHT POLLUTION is an issue/concern not mentioned here - and it should be. Don't we have codes around that? And PLEASE don't allow that cross to go up, if for no other reason than the fact that we are a tourist town and should be welcoming to all people. The cross is obtrusive not just for tourists. I'm a Christian, but that would be an intrusion on my - and everyone else's right to see the stars and night sky. Pretty self-centered, short-sighted and un-Christian behavior...just saying.	8/25/2024 11:54 AM
145	Suggest the city needs to pull its head out of the sand in regards to the risks from wildfire including budget allocations to help mitigate risks, and improve community safety, relating to wildfires.	8/25/2024 11:52 AM
146	The city is doing a good job! Hang in there and keep up the work. There are still huge housing issues, parking issues, infrastructure issues - including our street surfaces. Lastly, please engage the entire community around light pollution. If we don't get in front of these issues now, it'll be too late.	8/25/2024 11:45 AM
147	Very disappointed in the Chamber - I know their goal is to increase tourism but it seems they do it blindly in reference to the capabilities of the community	8/25/2024 11:23 AM
148	I cannot leave my house by car on Saturdays after 10am during the month of December due to traffic. I live on Pine Street. This is not acceptable. I would love to see more solutions to the gridlock that results from tourism. The same traffic issues are developing during summer weekends. This massively impacts my quality of life and concerns me greatly. I am considering moving to a non-tourist town in the future. The value of my home and the increasing cost of insurance due to wildfire also concerns me.	8/25/2024 10:50 AM
149	We MUST provide affordable housing for our town's workforce!	8/25/2024 10:12 AM
150	Free parking for verified workers in town.	8/25/2024 10:11 AM
151	Remove all the council and mayor	8/25/2024 9:02 AM
152	Emergency evacuation plan need. Only two ways out. Up hwy 2 or down hwy. (Chumstick or North Rd) already the traffic thru town on weekends is slooooooowwww	8/25/2024 8:58 AM
153	I live on ash st near the intersection with summit. There are vehicles parked on the corner blocking the view around the corner for other drivers. I'd assume it's not legal to park on a corner? It would be great to eliminate this issue.	8/25/2024 8:13 AM
154	Businesses need to shoulder more of the costs of over tourism, taxpayers shouldn't subsidize tourist infrastructure.	8/25/2024 8:05 AM
155	The pool taxes should include the lake Wenatchee/plain area for a year round pool	8/25/2024 7:17 AM
156	The city of Leavenworth is very poorly run. The streets are a mess, not repaired and all they can think about is bringing more people in. Wake up, Carl and council.	8/25/2024 6:07 AM
157	Fix the alleys, pour some sidewalks and curbs, repave any residential street of your choice, buy more snow removal equipment, get after the pud to start replacing all these rotting telephone poles. I'd like to see more being put back into the residential part of this town, I use the roads and alleys as an example because it's ridiculous and it's been decades... Can we put all the emotional and social issues aside for just a minute and get some actual work done? We've got the money...	8/25/2024 2:11 AM
158	Something has to happen to address the obvious loud and present problems. We don't need to spend more money on to hire another assessor to define these problems.	8/24/2024 10:29 PM

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159	The trees keep us cool, the lack of makes it hotter	8/24/2024 9:35 PM
160	Please preserve our natural landscape. No crosses. No more spine dlices, etc	8/24/2024 6:41 PM
161	If the we don't improve the cost of living and parking situation in the next few years we aren't going to have people who can afford to or want to work in this town. I also work in retail here in Leavenworth and hear people complain constantly about the meters. No one knows how to use them and half the time they don't work to begin with. The older generation specifically struggles with them. I hear people say they won't be coming back to visit Leavenworth if this is how the parking is going to be.	8/24/2024 1:25 PM
162	Everyone at the city should resign	8/24/2024 1:07 PM
163	The cost of living in Leavenworth has sky rocketed, too many transplants from Seattle moving here, taking over the town and turning it away from the peaceful affordable beautiful town it used to be	8/24/2024 12:53 PM
164	Lack of handicap parking in downtown. Sidewalk conditions	8/24/2024 10:31 AM
165	Please offset the impact of tourism on residences by providing free parking to locals. It's a small thing, but it would shift the pros/cons of living in a tourist town in a meaningful way. The negative impacts of tourism don't even come close to balancing the few positive gains for those of us not employed by the industry.	8/24/2024 9:21 AM
166	I thinking building permits should take into consideration how the structure will impact the families who have already lived in the area. The structures take away the views, the trees, the neighbors are temporary and who knows where they come from. Our community used to stick together and help each other. Now our neighbors are strangers. They might have 2 or 3 families living with them. There are so many cars they don't all fit in the driveways. We are ruining our beautiful town. We don't have to make room for everyone to live here.	8/24/2024 9:16 AM
167	If a farage.were built it wpuld eliminate the tons of cars driving around sode streets to try and park It could have a Bavarian theme	8/24/2024 8:41 AM
168	The obscene roller coaster plastered over a previously natural hillock is a glaring example of our city government's glutenous appetite for the tourist's dollar. Regardless of campaign speeches the focus is still on tourism over residents' needs and concerns.	8/24/2024 7:58 AM
169	Noise and light pollution are ruining the upper valley	8/24/2024 6:54 AM
170	Love our community, but we have had to fight for decency, good decisions too much. (adventure park, traffic, parking. The thrill is definitely gone. Many improvements have been wonderful, but the growth curve has been way too unwieldy and fast. It's just difficult to see so many green spaces go down. Orchards for house is awful. Even if necessary.	8/24/2024 12:16 AM
171	So many! 😊 thank you for creating the space for input and for working towards positive outcomes, solutions and strategies that can create mutually beneficial ways of being in this beautiful space!	8/23/2024 9:12 PM
172	Can we please build a parking garage to accommodate visitors!	8/23/2024 9:06 PM
173	Bike path to Wenatchee. Stop the cross on Tumwater.	8/23/2024 8:08 PM
174	Please wake up.	8/23/2024 8:07 PM
175	Thank you for collecting this data. I suggest the City partner with other agencies to improve/preserve access points to rivers and trailheads, facilitate bike pathways between Leav and Plain/Lake Wen and utilize lodging tax to build community resources such as a recreational center (or at least to mitigate impacts caused by tourism). Thank you	8/23/2024 7:28 PM
176	This is not the best of places to retire, Expensive, lack of winter exercise facilities for older folks, a covered pool for winter would provide a low impact exercise opportunity for residents. It would be unusual for the city to provide experiences for local people not just the tourists	8/23/2024 7:11 PM
177	Put domes or covers on adventure park coaster vehicles to eliminate sounds/screaming	8/23/2024 6:51 PM
178	We ride our bikes a lot and we would like a flashing cross light on the west end of town. Would love to see this town more accommodating and encouraging to commuting by bicycle.	8/23/2024 6:29 PM
179	It's always easier to add changes than take them away later. Proceed slowly and with caution	8/23/2024 4:32 PM

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	when allowing for growth.	
180	Leavenworth had a charm that was wonderful and the reason we came. In the past decade, it has changed and not really for the better, mostly tourism issues. I feel like I arrived to a community that once had charm to an invasion, especially during large events. We are considering finding another place that is more community and less tourist invasion.	8/23/2024 4:11 PM
181	Resist lobby efforts to monetize our town. They have no true interest whatsoever except return on investment ROI. We suffer and suffer the detritus of outside greed.	8/23/2024 3:48 PM
182	Parking is a challenge when you want to go into town to meet a friend or eat/shop and it's getting more squeezed. The other challenge is literally feeling like you are locked down at home during festivals and especially Christmas lighting weekends. You can't leave your house to get to the other side of town or in town to celebrate out to dinner during those times which is disappointing.	8/23/2024 2:59 PM
183	The pool NEEDS shade. It seems like an investment of umbrellas and chairs would be so simple? Im sure residents would appreciate them and even contribute to a fund for them specifically. 😊	8/23/2024 2:39 PM
184	Do not expand STRs.	8/23/2024 2:39 PM
185	I am also concerned with a lack of a community center-lots of tourist-focused amenities/development but lack of community space for people that actually live here	8/23/2024 2:36 PM
186	Please build a year-round community pool / sports center. It would be such an asset to the community!	8/23/2024 1:58 PM
187	Where is question one. Just starts with question 2.	8/23/2024 1:52 PM
188	Density of housing is out of control - impacting traffic and infrastructure significantly. Roads in town are terrible. What are our tax \$'s being spent on?	8/23/2024 1:50 PM
189	While I realize that the town was "saved" by the Bavarian theme and tourism, the town's government needs to balance the needs of the residents with the needs of the tourists.	8/23/2024 1:48 PM
190	All around quality of life was better before increased development 25 years ago.	8/23/2024 1:25 PM
191	Let's get some dedicated pickleball courts for Leavenworth! Leavenworth is falling behind almost every other city, tourist or non tourist, in offering this important amenity to residents and visitors!	8/23/2024 1:10 PM
192	Have seen over tourism in Estes Park, CO, Lake Placid, NY, Stowe, VT, and other places visited. When you can't find a place to park(preferably free), and traffic backs up for miles, the rivers are overrun with inconsiderate recreates, and all the local businesses seem touristy, then they lose their appeal for us. We really appreciate the natural beauty and recreation opportunities in our area.	8/23/2024 1:08 PM
193	Too many nightly rentals which hurt neighborhoods and thousands of people tubing down rivers during the summer especially the Icicle which is small and sensitive	8/23/2024 12:59 PM
194	Please continue to be innovative in the approach to what a sustainable community may look like. Thank you.	8/23/2024 12:55 PM
195	Thanks for putting this survey together! This is very important to get actual feedback from community members.	8/23/2024 11:43 AM
196	Bring back tourism, Christmas lighting, the real Oktoberfest full on classic Oktoberfest. Tourist should keep the lights on in the town not increased property taxes. This mayor truly sucks. Please listen to the real locals who gotten to experience and lived through the real Leavenworth.	8/23/2024 10:59 AM
197	We would love to see the parking situation taken care of or looked at. A parking garage is definitely needed.	8/23/2024 10:47 AM
198	We are hopeful this will be met with open minds by the city government. There are many people against the push for high density.	8/23/2024 10:47 AM
199	The proposed plans for Osborn help, but miss some key points. The community needs multi-functional indoor space, yet we have three schools with classrooms, gyms and facilities that sit dormant half the day and half the year. More green space would be nice, but there is plenty	8/23/2024 9:53 AM

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of that within the natural surround so it is not a priority. What we need are spaces for structured year round recreational activities that the community can access, and can also be a revenue generator for the town. Such as - a year round indoor pool, a covered outdoor turf surface, gym access, climbing facility, fitness center etc. These are amenities that could pay for themselves in the long term through membership and usage fees and could be funded through business loans and lodging tax rather than simply property levies. I appreciate that a plan is forming for the Osborn space, but I also fail to see how the upkeep of it will be self sustaining without it continuing to be needed to be funded by the city and the community as there is no way for it to generate revenue. What happened to the aquatic center idea? Let's invest in infrastructure that raises the level of community resources AND benefits the local economy year round.

200	Wildfire is the number one risk to our community, it's not even close. Housing is the second.	8/23/2024 7:54 AM
201	Maybe it's time to quit advertising so heavy on the west side. Using the time from the very edge of King County - telling/lying to folks so think think it is a 2 hour drive. Maybe tell them it's 2 hours to get to where the traffic stops at the light in Sultan!	8/23/2024 7:53 AM
202	The Bavarian theme saved the town. I believe that. I also believe in change and sometimes it's time to move in a direction that promotes things other than a theme. Restaurants and eateries, create culture. Look up in the sky. Look up towards the enchantments, lake Wenatchee. Look around!!!! No one cares about the Bavarian theme anymore. People want to focus on health in an area that has countless outdoor activities. Stop promoting the carnival type atmosphere that Leavenworth has become known for. Promote it for what it has to offer and what it is truly unique for. The Bavarian theme can be modernized or done away with. Old world attracts older people. The younger generation doesn't tolerate inefficiency and Leavenworth currently has many. Don't listen to the guy sitting next to our right now. Listen to your gut. It's time for a change. And it's ok. Things change. If you don't acknowledge it you will be playing catchup with towns and cities that do. We are far behind and it is apparent when visiting other small towns of our size in Washington state.	8/23/2024 5:01 AM
203	Would like to continue to see Leavenworth as a steward for the environment. Keep green spaces green. No more breweries/wineries. Diversify your council and committees. Put more of these surveys out.	8/22/2024 11:01 PM
204	NO LOCAL PARKING!!!! it's bad, we need to have local passes where we can park for free everyone and not get a freaking parking ticket!!!!!!! Thank you	8/22/2024 10:29 PM
205	I am concerned about the traffic that will be created by the planned road between chumstick and Titus road. With no sidewalks or lighting on Titus where children walk to school in the winter.	8/22/2024 10:26 PM
206	Big lift to keep the small town feel yet allow for growth. Finding a common theme and avenues to achieve that theme gives us a chance to collectively focus! I look forward to finding that as a community!	8/22/2024 10:24 PM
207	Single income house is in okay standing. But family housing in very rough shape for multiple car needs and multiple incomes to support children	8/22/2024 10:19 PM
208	Second home owners from Westside should not be able to vote or register cars here if they are living here part time.	8/22/2024 9:57 PM
209	We love the pool and how walkable front street is now (stay strong despite some loud critics — it's so great!). Would love more, extensive bike paths and childcare/camp options for elementary school kids.	8/22/2024 9:53 PM
210	I love this town dearly and will do all that I can to stay here. I believe all of the challenges faced have reasonable solutions. And investment into the younger generation of starting business and home owners is vital for a smooth transition into the future.	8/22/2024 9:31 PM
211	We should be able to support amenities for locals such as the pool without additional taxes.	8/22/2024 9:27 PM
212	thank you for listening to us to the best of your ability!	8/22/2024 8:40 PM
213	I think long term strategies in regards to building, infrastructure, and parking/traffic is a good discussion, particularly in relation to escape routes in the event of an emergency. I look forward to hearing Council and community input at the September meetings	8/22/2024 8:16 PM
214	Please understand that this town and many other places can only with stand so much. There is a limit to how much you fit into an area. We need to remember the needs of those before us,	8/22/2024 7:11 PM

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such as plants & wildlife and create a more regenerative & resilient community and economy. Fast money and fast thinking are harming this town and its inhabitants. We must think outside of traditional ways of income and tourism and begin to work with our environment instead of against it. Please decrease the input of this town, we are maxed out, we need breathing space. Everyone is feeling the stress of the growth, it can be a beautiful thing but feels like it's only benefiting a small minority, a lot of us are suffering. For a small town, us small folks do not feel heard. The adventure park was a devastating blow to our voice, we feel unheard and that our voice doesn't matter. Please consider the timeline and longevity of this town, when is enough, enough? Thanks for putting out this survey.

215	The paychecks from the companies and businesses in the area are far less than what it costs to live here. Without a housing solution, business will continue to have a high turn over rate and people will continue to leave the area	8/22/2024 6:38 PM
216	Please modernize the water supply system and fix the roads	8/22/2024 6:16 PM
217	It would be amazing to have a community center with an indoor pool. Could we leverage tourism dollars to help fund it?	8/22/2024 6:15 PM
218	Parking is a nightmare especially for locals who work in town. Leavenworth will not have workers if they can't access work easily. Give back to locals with parking passes for current employees that work downtown without accessible parking.	8/22/2024 5:36 PM
219	Take the parking meters out.As a local I find that I don't go into town anymore. I used to support local business much much more. The parking meters ruined the small town feel and are a hassle.	8/22/2024 5:33 PM
220	I understand the need to build new houses and apartment complexes, but it's ruining the feel of our town and taking away from the large open spaces that make leavenworth feel like a small town. when everything begins to be more cramped together (ex. the new houses on ski hill) it takes away from our towns beauty.	8/22/2024 2:54 PM
221	Please don't build a cross unless you plan to build other similar religious symbols like Buddha, an Om, the Star of David, a flower of life and anything else that suggests that ALL are welcome here.	8/22/2024 1:43 PM
222	fix the roads, stop allowing the building of over priced apartments, stop charging locals to patronize downtown business via parking fees. The parking tickets are out of hand	8/22/2024 1:22 PM
223	Spend less time making this place a tourist destination, and focus on improving the town for the locals who have lived here for generations, and who our businesses rely on for 8 months out of the year.	8/22/2024 12:42 PM
224	Stop the cross from going up. Ridiculous.	8/22/2024 12:17 PM
225	Try to use common sense for decisions that specifically impacts locals	8/22/2024 12:17 PM
226	It appears that the decision makers in this community are the ones that benefit the most from promoting growth.	8/22/2024 12:13 PM
227	Overtourism is a problem. We are not set up for all the tourists. I can't even get out of my house at times because of the traffic.	8/22/2024 10:32 AM
228	What are you going to do with this survey data?	8/22/2024 8:34 AM
229	Leavenworth is a beautiful place to live,	8/22/2024 8:32 AM
230	Caring for young children and their families is a chief concern of mine. Making sure they are well cared for and respected build the foundation of a strong society. High quality, affordable child care and preschool options are vital for families. Leavenworth has an amazing opportunity to use the Osborn Elementary property to create a space for just this purpose.	8/22/2024 8:29 AM
231	Only people who should vote should live full time in boundaries	8/22/2024 8:27 AM
232	Build a parking garage.	8/22/2024 8:25 AM
233	Affordable housing is sub \$1500 a month for two people. This is barely manageable on 40k a year. Actually affordable housing needs to be planned to sustain the workforce that sustains this town. Without a workforce the tourists will not come.	8/22/2024 8:21 AM
234	I would just like to see decisions be made with a little more attention toward locals as	8/22/2024 8:21 AM

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we(locals) feel like we have been abandoned by most of our local government representatives. Take for example our school district student numbers are plummeting due to generational locals who've had enough of it and just moved away. It would be nice to feel heard and maybe even feel like an actual community member and not abandoned by leadership.

235	Thank you for what you have done for the community	8/22/2024 8:17 AM
236	Stop killing the rivers keep commercial tubing on the wenatchee river icicle is all private	8/22/2024 8:11 AM
237	We need more community space that works year-round. Something like a climbing wall or indoor pool.	8/22/2024 7:59 AM
238	Stop over-tourism. Focus on the community to save Leavenworth.	8/22/2024 7:56 AM
239	No	8/22/2024 7:51 AM
240	Better curb side recycling - bringing yard waste/recycle/glass to city 2X a week is becoming a zoo! Please put a flashing crosswalk (like the one at CVBank) at the far end of town - ski hill or mine street? Especially after you get the new parking/restrooms done at city lot! Make preserving the night sky a priority - esp with so much new construction! Stress in building code and neighborhood etiquette if possible? Right up there with being bear aware - community service announcements! Thank you!	8/22/2024 7:50 AM
241	Be careful on trying to winding down tourism. It is the only industry in town. Before tourism it was a dying town.	8/22/2024 7:18 AM
242	The City needs to do a better job of communicating with and making citizens feel heard. This is a problem that almost all municipalities face, but there are many opportunities to do a much better job with communication strategies and engagement.	8/22/2024 7:17 AM
243	Open up part of Front St to accommodate dropping off elderly, handicapped - it can still be no parking just make it accessible. Clean up the garbage cans in the alleys. Leavenworth has lost all of its charm.	8/22/2024 7:14 AM
244	This survey seems too narrowly focused on items the city is already working on/considering which might limit the scope of future visioning. Providing an "other" category is insufficient for gathering new potentially popular priorities.	8/22/2024 7:07 AM
245	We need dedicated pickleball courts. It builds community, keeps folks engaged as well as brings tourists. Our Main Street in town needs pavement help. Having anyone walk that is older or with a disability is tricky with all the potholes.	8/22/2024 7:02 AM
246	Stop the building until we can figure out traffic flow	8/22/2024 6:57 AM
247	I feel it's hard to visit / shop the core downtown area	8/22/2024 6:50 AM
248	We are a tourist town and a beautiful place to live. We have attracted a wide range of new residents with financial means which has driven up the cost of housing. The mayor has a passion for "affordable" housing. I think all residents want more affordability (and all residents love puppies). Our community did not address this seriously when the first signs of the significant issue first started. The genie is out of the bottle. I support the direction MEND and Solid Foundations is taking. It is a measured and scalable program that is easily understood. I do not support the mayor's attempt to simply tax the Lodging industry for a stream of money with no specific plan shared publicly. It is good we are attempting to solve this situation, but I'm not sure what leadership is hoping to gain from this survey they don't already know....	8/22/2024 6:17 AM
249	I haven't been to town since they closed the street. Looks cute but too difficult to find parking and get where I want to go. Getting to my parents house in big weekends is impossible- going anywhere is impossible. You feel like a prisoner to your home.	8/22/2024 5:56 AM
250	Open Main Street back up for parking	8/22/2024 5:14 AM
251	Remove the current mayor and council before they do anymore damage.	8/22/2024 4:58 AM
252	The roads need to be paved, and sidewalks need to be put in the neighborhoods.	8/22/2024 4:14 AM
253	we need more family friendly opportunities for tourists and locals alike. if front street is going to stay closed, it needs to be beautified and updated. support for young and new and upcoming businesses needs to happen	8/22/2024 2:07 AM
254	Open front street to parking. This is a part of the small town feel.	8/22/2024 1:08 AM

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255	It would be nice if the city council focused on how we could make the city better for the residents rather than the tourist.	8/21/2024 11:09 PM
256	I believe that if we want Leavenworth to Florida we have to lean into tourism. Without tourists Leavenworth would just be another failed logging town.	8/21/2024 10:53 PM
257	I have grave concern about public emergencies such as shootings, earthquakes, wildfires causing evacuation. We have very few resources here for anything in regards to a large scale emergency. When the streets are gridlocked with traffic and there are tens of thousands of people in town, if there was an emergency like a shooting/bomb, or some other reason to evacuate, people wouldn't even be able to get to emergency services due to traffic and roads. There are few ways in and out of our town. What planning is being done? What safety measures? What community education?	8/21/2024 10:29 PM
258	Need to take care of locals/work force	8/21/2024 10:01 PM
259	If the people who move here cant get along with the people who have lived here their whole life, and vice versa, it is going to get worse. Please attempt to help make this issue less of a problem	8/21/2024 9:52 PM
260	We moved here to embrace this town we love and we do. It was very disappointing to realize how many here support the liberal Seattle ways. It won't be long before the distrust and crime follows. God help us!	8/21/2024 9:15 PM
261	Make more kid friendly places !! & affordable homes	8/21/2024 9:08 PM
262	I appreciate the work the city is doing to improve workforce housing. I think one of my biggest concerns with tourism is the impact on the river (which I understand the city doesn't have control over), bear management (I think bear proof garbage should be mandatory) and access to a pool/community/rec center year round	8/21/2024 9:02 PM
263	More recreation opportunities (ww kayak park, climbing gym, ice skating, etc) would be very welcomed. I hope I can someday afford to buy here. Put some greenery on front street! Create a brick pathway instead of the ugly street with bollards and portapotties...	8/21/2024 7:38 PM
264	Please remember we are a town based on tourism	8/21/2024 6:29 PM
265	The area most impacted currently by overtourism seems to be the Icicle and Wenatchee River tubing scene. Other than that town appears to be thriving and changes seem a little slow but positive.	8/21/2024 5:21 PM
266	Please do everything possible to preserve Leavenworth's small-town character. Begin to moderate tourism. Force our primary industry (tourism) to contribute to minimize the adverse impacts of tourism.	8/21/2024 3:44 PM
267	If you're the folks who enforce the changes, maybe start listening to the locals who oppose what's happening more often. Thanks for caring. :)	8/21/2024 3:33 PM
268	Please don't allow others who are not from the area to erect religious illuminated symbols that detract from the natural beauty here	8/21/2024 2:13 PM
269	The path to Affordable Housing needs to be a partnership with the County and other cities within the County. Building AH in the most expensive area of the county does not seem a wise use of tax dollars.	8/21/2024 2:04 PM
270	If Leavenworth is going to continue to grow, a significant investment will need to be made for all infrastructure (utilities, parking, and traffic). Also, to improve local patronage to the downtown, the city should allow free parking for residents.	8/21/2024 10:33 AM
271	The city needs to put community over tourism. How can they build a huge park lot but not keep the pool open	8/20/2024 11:18 PM
272	Our community would greatly benefit from a community center at Osborne.	8/20/2024 10:05 PM
273	Leavenworth has been discovered statewide, nationally and internationally. To preserve our community, we need more young families to live here affordably. Most of high school graduates who choose to live in the area, settle in Cashmere or other valley communities. We're losing our best and brightest to over priced housing.	8/20/2024 7:43 PM
274	More affordable housing. Less short term rentals	8/20/2024 5:50 PM

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275	Keep on trying-remember that we can't please everyone and that people are more important than dollars	8/20/2024 5:11 PM
276	City needs to refocus back to current residents and less on possible future residents and tourists.	8/20/2024 3:28 PM
277	Parking and lack of biking options are my biggest complaints. Make the area more bikeable please!!	8/20/2024 3:10 PM
278	The new WUI fire code we adopted is ridiculous, everything is too expensive, affordable housing attempts have been joke and only add more red tape and unnecessary government programs. Give homeowners and law abiding citizens more freedom to do what they want. livestock rules are ridiculous, I'm tired of walking on eggshells	8/20/2024 1:59 PM
279	The RCWs are clear regarding noise pollution and the mayor refuses to do anything help residences impacted. He is calloused, smug, and disrespectful towards the LAP impacts on our well-being.	8/20/2024 1:03 PM
280	I really hope the city is able to step in and prevent this giant glowing cross to be built. It's a horrible move in terms of protecting and valuing our wildlife, our dark sky, a message of inclusiveness to our visitors and the natural beauty of our area.	8/20/2024 12:34 PM
281	Develop more bike paths, parking structures, and a shuttle service from Safeway/hampton inn to downtown!	8/20/2024 12:30 PM
282	This town rides on the backs of it's locals, and there's not even enough space for us to go to work. Our town has been at capacity for a long time with all the tourist and locals can barely exist in the space we call our home. We are desperate for actual, significant, free, available parking	8/20/2024 12:28 PM
283	The city needs to make affordable housing and infrastructure improvements a requirement for any future housing developments. The intersection of Chumstick Hwy and Hwy 2 will become a nightmare once the development across from the Reindeer Farm is complete.	8/20/2024 11:54 AM
284	If there is not adequate water to protect existing structures in the event of a large fire, the insurance companies will make it unaffordable to live or have a business in Leavenworth.	8/20/2024 11:54 AM
285	I have seen several groups raising concerns over the downtown parking and the high density housing issues online as well as in the paper. I hope they and we are being listened to.	8/20/2024 11:41 AM
286	Get it together	8/20/2024 8:39 AM
287	2 story max building height in residential zone.	8/20/2024 8:31 AM
288	I can't wait to sell and move to a real town.	8/20/2024 8:23 AM
289	I am concerned that in my "golden years" my town will become unaffordable to us, this makes me so sad	8/20/2024 8:20 AM
290	Thank you for offering this survey and considering how tourism affects our community. It's crucial to me that we create spaces where our local community can thrive and connect, without tourists always being the focus. I'd love to see more areas in town where locals receive discounts. After living here for 15 years, I find myself avoiding town because there's not much that feels geared toward locals. It would be wonderful to have more healthy dining options that cater to the people who actually live here. While I love this area, it's unfortunate that I don't feel as connected to the town itself.	8/20/2024 7:27 AM
291	I like the codes that county has put in place for vacation homes. Affordable housing for the working class otherwise Leavenworth will have work force that lives in their rvs and vans on the side of the road.	8/20/2024 7:18 AM
292	Na	8/20/2024 6:14 AM
293	We need a parking garage out of town with some kind of constant tram that drops people off and picks them up. I'm really concerned with the increase in crime (bikes being stolen out of garages..). Ultimately, we need another option for through traffic. Tourist walking across Highway 2 like it's a neighborhood street. We need like a gondola ride or some thing, to carry people over the highway lol. The increase and tourism and car driving through town makes it nearly impossible for me to get across town (during peak seasons).	8/19/2024 8:28 PM

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294	This town is becoming a tourist town and not a community town because it is really hard to afford to live here with the increased property taxes and expensive amenities to cater to all the tourist who come here. I understand the city makes a lot of money off the tourist which is great but I'm sure you can figure out how to help full time residents of this city to be able to afford to live here also.	8/19/2024 7:31 PM
295	Housing availability and cost is the biggest issue that our city has been facing.	8/19/2024 6:27 PM
296	If we don't prepare to turn our community into a resilient wildfire community none of this matters. We're the highest risk town in the USA but have never held a mock evacuation of the town. Places in California prepare like this for their wildfire season. We need to involve the town people more to create pockets of excellence and show each other what to do to be prepared. Is there a plan for the schools? Do they practice these evacuations?	8/19/2024 5:34 PM
297	Leavenworth as a 25% full-time occupancy rate. If and when the economy slows down the tourism will slow down we do not have a large enough full-time Bass to prevent this town from crashing in a financial crisis.	8/19/2024 5:07 PM
298	I wish whomever owns the bakery or lot on the corner of Chumstick and Highway two also old car wash would be asked to clean up or tear down! It's an eyesore and the first thing people see when they pull into our town.	8/19/2024 4:57 PM
299	I don't really understand why all of the parking was turned into pay parking. Our town was so successful and a national treasure with qualities that many small towns would have loved to have. There is still hope to fix it before people move away permanently or stop visiting. Please reconsider and make Leavenworth friendlier to visitors. Making festivals less crowded is always possible - no need to destroy the whole town. Making many events available throughout the year will spread out the visitors and a good job has been done in this area.	8/19/2024 2:53 PM
300	It would be great to collaborate with our valley our future on future community visioning	8/19/2024 1:20 PM
301	Traffic, parking used to be an issue on weekends or festivals now its mid week too. Can not avoid it to run errands, shop. Locals should not have to pay to park, we deal with enough tourism.	8/19/2024 1:00 PM
302	Please please consider stopping the cruelty with the carriage horses. Ban them.	8/19/2024 10:24 AM
303	Increase infrastructure capacity before its too late. Please put an indoor pool at the Osborn site, a huge bonus would be a surf wave there too. Give up on affordable housing because its a pipe dream!	8/19/2024 9:32 AM
304	Please stop putting tourism above quality of life for locals. Community does not exist without locals.	8/19/2024 9:27 AM
305	I appreciate the survey and would hope that there's someone actually reading and hearing locals (especially long time locals who see the change) feedback and actually take it to heart. Wish there was more consideration for locals input and less „this is what we did and do, not really consulting with anyone's opinion“. Us locals are the ones effected by mass tourism, costs of living increasing, traffic, involuntary listening to music blasted until late or throughout the day... and many locals do not profit from the decreased quality of living here, that all these things bring with it. This town was a lot different several years ago and that's what drew people to this place. Nowadays I hear many complaints from tourists saying it's too crowded, no parking, turning into a tourist trap ... like many other places. It is incomprehensible to me, how we don't look into "real Bavarian" infrastructures and laws they made, to combat selling out a town. It seems like we're only looking at how to make more festivals and advertising it more and more, without things in place that can handle such masses. We got to be careful to not destroy what we came to enjoy. People try to get away from cities... why re-introduced the things that they try to get away from... noise, lights, crowds, traffic...? Makes no sense. We have the perfect place for „sanften Tourismus“ yet we copy the schemes of towns that have made the big mistake of selling out and can't backpaddle anymore. Why not talk to actual Europeans and learn from their experiences and skip the steps they are now trying to reverse? I am Austrian... born and raised... I have a 5 year degree in tourism and marketing. Managed Hotels in Austria and worked at many others all over Europe, Australia and the US. I have seen the pros and cons of tourism and at times I was considering joining the City council, but it seems like there's one goal that is followed and any veto is not heard or considered- marketing, festivals and piling in more tourists. Sad really to see this happening. After all, I love the Alps, but the crowds there made me move far away from family- to Leavenworth- because 20 years ago it was like Austria, but without the mass-tourism and here we are, going	8/19/2024 8:52 AM

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right down the same path. Only... nowadays Austria is learning and trying to reverse what they did at least by providing infrastructure (parking garages, trash bins, bathrooms, etc.), implementing and monitoring decibel meters and putting a cap on vacation (2nd and 3rd +) homes. Anyways, thanks for the opportunity to voice my opinion.

306	Don't bend over leavenworth	8/19/2024 8:41 AM
307	Something needs to be done to allow local residents parking privileges in order to shop locally and patronize local businesses. For example, my sister lives in Carmel, CA, another tourist town, but all residents have a sticker on their car that allows twice the allotted time. If it says "2 Hour Parking," they get 4 Hours. Something similar to that would be most appropriate for full time residents.	8/19/2024 8:08 AM
308	More pedestrian-only streets, move parking away from the city center. Also would be nice to have a climbing gym and more indoor fitness places (outdoors is great but sometimes weather does not permit enjoying it in full). Thank you!	8/19/2024 7:21 AM
309	I'm on the verge of getting a remote job that pays \$150k a year, and even then, I'm far FAR away from being able to afford a house anywhere near my hometown.	8/19/2024 7:20 AM
310	Paid parking is forcing me to not visit downtown. Period	8/19/2024 5:21 AM
311	Stop doing surveys and start doing anything positive for town. Get rid of the lunatic mayor and the council that agrees with him	8/19/2024 5:14 AM
312	Thanks for doing this. I was glad to see childcare included. There are so many young families in Leavenworth & I don't always feel that our priorities are reflected in decision-making. I worry about our toddlers & kids & tweens & teens who don't have many indoor spaces to be together in winter.	8/19/2024 3:00 AM
313	Protect Leavenworth's charm	8/18/2024 11:39 PM
314	I grew up in Leavenworth, am raising my family in Leavenworth and love this community. Being a resident is becoming more and more challenging due to overcrowding and over tourism. There are several things that we enjoyed doing for years, that are so overcrowded now, that we feel like they are just for the tourists, like being on the river or hiking local trails or camping up the Icicle or just going to dinner on a weekend. We pay a premium to live here, but aren't living the same quality of life any longer.	8/18/2024 11:15 PM
315	As a young teacher, I would love to purchase an affordable home in the city one day. Any actions geared towards making permanent housing more available is always a top issue for me.	8/18/2024 11:08 PM
316	Local parking areas, primarily and strictly for locals that work in town. We run and work these shops we shouldn't have to pay just to go to work when parking is already a big mess. There's bars and wineries all over this town. Need more attractions that cater to the teens and kids of our community, give them something to do. Arcade? Movie theater? Bowling? Something different than that "adventure park" you approved.	8/18/2024 10:47 PM
317	Parking is so necessary please bring back parking	8/18/2024 10:28 PM
318	Town is not desirable for a family. We can't eat out, shop, travel or discover our community because of the nightmare that is downtown. and now every outsider in the state visits all the natural spaces, we avoid town at all costs. And rarely even get groceries. Stop the tour busses. Stop the advertising.	8/18/2024 10:12 PM
319	Stop building permits!	8/18/2024 9:57 PM
320	The city should sponsor along with business owners an affordable housing complex available to those working in tourism in Leavenworth. Continuing to build "affordable" housing (like taller houses on smaller lots) that just ends up being purchased as 2nd homes does not address the affordable housing and workforce issues.	8/18/2024 9:34 PM
321	Very hopeful the cross doesn't go up on ranger road	8/18/2024 9:24 PM
322	Please leave the library parking for City hall and library patrons.	8/18/2024 9:07 PM
323	Please consider issuing locals an annual parking pass for a fixed fee.	8/18/2024 8:49 PM
324	As we do this activity we need to find workable solutions and not let the whiners dominate the	8/18/2024 8:14 PM

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conversation. We need to build a stable low income housing for workers in our community to build neighborhoods and communities.

325	STRs have ruined the housing situation in Leavenworth! Require all STR owners to LIVE ON SITE and the problem will magically disappear and there will be so much more housing for locals!!	8/18/2024 7:48 PM
326	I'm trying everything in my power to let my kids finish school here before I have to move. I cannot afford to retire while living here. I could never afford a home on a single income and my rent will only increase as time goes on. I've been here half my life and it's a shame I'll be forced out of area.	8/18/2024 6:45 PM
327	Please get the tubing companies off of the river.	8/18/2024 6:34 PM
328	Not sure why you are asking! You do not listen to residents which is evident by Chumstick and Ski hill over development!	8/18/2024 6:20 PM
329	Care for the land first and foremost, otherwise this community will not be around for long. This is a fragile ecosystem and an even more fragile location to live in full-time. It requires exceptional land stewardship practices in order to survive for many more generations of people.	8/18/2024 6:14 PM
330	Stop the Bavarian Theme, it's outdated, just stop!	8/18/2024 5:52 PM
331	I can't go to town in the weekends Too much traffic The Adventure Park should have never been approved I attended the public meeting and 98% of those attending were opposed to it yet it passed	8/18/2024 5:42 PM
332	I feel overtourism and affordable housing and small town feel are the opposite of growth. If this town hadn't wanted to grow and attract tourists then it shouldn't have developed the Bavarian theme. It's lovely, it will grow and housing cost will always be an issue where there is growth.	8/18/2024 5:29 PM
333	It would be great if the city would provide full time residents with a parking pass so we don't have to pay for parking. Also, I'd prefer no more sub divisions or large apartment complex's. The city is quickly becoming overwhelmed with people. It would be smart to not enable further over population by adding more high density housing. Thanks,	8/18/2024 5:15 PM
334	Please open front street. Not enough parking to be able to park and work in the town I grew up in.	8/18/2024 5:13 PM
335	Hate the roundabouts! Need increased parking for down town with shuttles.	8/18/2024 5:08 PM
336	Too many to list	8/18/2024 5:06 PM
337	Disappointing survey with leading questions, lack of depth, and biased options for response. You'll get the answers you want here and base your "visioning" sessions on them. I'm going to attend, but mostly as a concerned citizen. Don't forget here that without these tourists coming to town, we'd be nothing but Goldbar and Sultan. I don't care for tourists, but man at least I recognize their importance in making this community so special. No tourists = no restaurants. No development of trail systems. No unique downtown. No fun events. The person who complains the most here is the Mayor. I voted for him twice and sometimes wish I hadn't. This seems like a self fulfilling pet project for him.	8/18/2024 5:06 PM
338	Open front street Monday through Friday during January, February, March, April. Locals would have their town back temporarily. It would look much better parked up than deserted. The middle of the street isn't needed for pedestrians during that time.	8/18/2024 4:55 PM
339	Tourism was not invented here, it has been done elsewhere effectively w/o parking wars. Estes Park Colorado has a great model. An "original" solution is not needed, simply evaluate what others have done and USE their idea. Don't over think it	8/18/2024 4:53 PM
340	Life is very expensive here. The more we can support locals and their efforts to thrive here, the richer and healthier our community will be.	8/18/2024 4:51 PM
341	Offer more housing options, townhomes, condos, and improve parking abilities for visitors (parking garages/shuttle services to the Main Street/center). Keep the historic/German charm of the city!	8/18/2024 4:49 PM
342	Allowing the adventure park to be built is the single worst thing that has ever happened to this community. Residential citizen's quality of life, mental health, property value and enjoyment	8/18/2024 4:49 PM

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has been changed forever and is devastating. Greedy ego driven self serving choices were made by the leadership and chamber at the time.

343	please listen to those who have been here longer than 20 years. stop pushing the old timers out of this community	8/18/2024 4:47 PM
344	Open the streets for more parking, traffic flow better! Make it easier for delivery's.	8/18/2024 4:33 PM
345	Start caring about locals. Stop trying to get a dollar out of every single thing. Save farmland. Bring back the Leavenworth I grew up in.	8/18/2024 4:25 PM
346	ADU's, condo conversion, 0 lot lines, and smaller lot size that the city has implemented will have a detrimental outcome to this city. You have only made it easier for people out of town to own second homes and harder for locals to even rent. Cramming more into a limited is not the answer because eventually nobody will want to live here.	8/18/2024 4:18 PM
347	Thank you for opportunity to give input and help chart the community future. We sometimes think about moving away sure to problems.	8/18/2024 4:16 PM
348	affordable housing for the work force is key to Leavenworth's future.	8/18/2024 4:12 PM
349	The city needs to fix the parking PROBLEM!! Parking in front of peoples homes or church parking lot should not be the answer. City needs a parking garage , and allow reduced fees to employees of businesses .	8/18/2024 4:05 PM
350	Strong community is built by people who have a path to home ownership in the community that they live and work in. The trend of homes in our town being used as second homes that are mostly unoccupied is not a good one.	8/18/2024 4:02 PM
351	I'd like to see the Link bus transit service the Plain and Lake Wenatchee area again. Those that live outside the city limits are underserved and under heard. And- a community center has been promised so many times in the past 25 years- and nothing has appeared. Hard to unite without a community space.	8/18/2024 3:59 PM
352	The livability of community has declined drastically I'd like a community in which I could live more comfortably, provided goods and services which catered to residents, and not just those with open wallets, who are entitled to be entertained.	8/18/2024 3:59 PM
353	Quit adding housing until you figure out what to do with the roads	8/18/2024 3:52 PM
354	I think that airbnbs should be banned . There is a housing crisis and houses either sit empty cause they are 2nd homes or are being used as airbnb while people who want to invest in the community are forced out	8/18/2024 3:51 PM
355	city is doing a fine job with getting community input, but I hope it will play a strong leadership role too and help community better understand what is possible.	8/18/2024 3:45 PM
356	When growing up we didn't have to worry about finding parking, businesses had items that locals need and knew where to find them. The cost to drive to Wenatchee to purchase items (gifts, groceries) even with high fuel cost is cheaper however if you don't go early in the morning good luck on getting home in a timely manner. Too many stop lights this town has 4 stop lights from Chumstick to Ski Hill. Surprised this town hasn't had a major injury due to the conditions of the downtown sidewalks, roads, etc. and the residential roads are just as bad no parking and terrible conditions.	8/18/2024 3:37 PM
357	We need more ownership housing options for our workers! We need to tax the 2nd homeowners!	8/18/2024 3:35 PM
358	With the news of yet another tourist attraction "The Castle" up mountain home - we are even closer to considering moving. It feels like Disney Land with little to no consideration about the quality of life for people who call this home.	8/18/2024 3:27 PM
359	Sometimes it seems like it's very hard for new businesses that could be great for the community to get a start if they're no connected to one of the "key" families. I think Leavenworth will be a turnoff for new people to stay and establish themselves and be part of the community if this keeps happening.	8/18/2024 3:26 PM
360	Please repave the downtown city streets. I watch so many people trip and fall every day walking around.	8/18/2024 3:17 PM

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361	Please make housing affordable. I'd like to eventually be able to own a home and have a family but that is just not possible at the current prices. My husband and I have had to change careers and move into a bus in an attempt to afford to continue living in the area. Make actual houses affordable to own. Welfare apartments don't cut it plus even those are too expensive. Your "affordable housing" is not affordable	8/18/2024 3:01 PM
362	Please clean up the lot where the car wash & bakery both front and behind such an eye sore as soon as you come into town!!! 🙄	8/18/2024 2:54 PM
363	The property values are outrages and it's only good if you are going to sell and move out of the area	8/18/2024 2:52 PM
364	Bear proof trash cans should be provided to all homes, especially if the bears are not being relocated	8/18/2024 2:51 PM
365	A few of us who have rented here for a while have been saving up for a future home here (any small, existing home), but it's been quite competitive with homes going to those who can pay a much higher amount or to those who see it as a second, third home or rental. It's a bit frustrating. I love the community and location, and this isn't the end of the world for us, as we love the rental we're at, but I do see myself living here with this community and am a bit worried that several of us renting here will not get that opportunity.	8/18/2024 2:50 PM
366	Remember it's not just a tourist town. People live here. Not everyone is a business owner. All decisions shouldn't be about tourism and the town core.	8/18/2024 2:48 PM
367	Provide free parking decals for local residents / tax payers.	8/18/2024 2:44 PM
368	I loved growing up in Leavenworth for the natural beauty and the safety the small town provided as a kid. The wetlands, front street, the mountains, and the orchards are being rooted up or turned over into business, mansions, or bars. The generations now have no idea what it's truly like to grow up in a beautiful natural Bavarian village Leavenworth used to be.	8/18/2024 2:41 PM
369	Growth in Leavenworth has been mostly a good thing, except that housing prices have outpaced home construction so dramatically. I would love for everyone that wants to live and work in Leavenworth to have the option, and to cut down on commuting, by having more housing right in town. More density is a good way to achieve that. Open space is provided by our wonderful parks and the mountains all around us, we don't need big yards! Second homes are really unfortunate and I think a deed restriction program so that someone can choose to sell their home exclusively to a permanent resident (with or without some level of price control) would be a good thing. A neighbor of mine is selling their property by word of mouth, not on the open market, to ensure it doesn't go to a second homeowner, and all the neighbors are SOOOOO grateful to them. We just want people to be part of the community. Also, we need a year-round pool!!!! Kids are falling behind on learning to swim because of the short season.	8/18/2024 2:40 PM
370	I think the city could do a better job of mitigating tourism. I've suggested it before — create Residential Parking Zones. Don't force us taxpayers to do it. Look at where some of the "parking creep" occurs and make it RPZ. I frequently witness tourists parking in neighborhoods when Therese's ample parking available—they just don't want to pay for it. Also think the city should continue to look for ways to expand affordable housing options. I know you're doing this and I support it!	8/18/2024 2:38 PM
371	Start by listening to your community voices. A \$450k condo squished in with a bunch of other high rises is not affordable The lowest wage earners keep this town going and make dollars for all the owners. Think about what THEY need for a change.	8/18/2024 2:36 PM
372	I appreciate the city to take the time and out this survey together! Thank you so much! I really hope some good change can come out of this.	8/18/2024 2:32 PM
373	Thanks for everything you do to include community input - it's appreciated.	8/18/2024 2:30 PM
374	More community services like a new pool year round would be great. Housing options.	8/18/2024 2:22 PM
375	I believe we can have a close knit community and also support tourism. Continue with both tourist focused and community focused improvements. These include improvements to downtown "walking street" and good use of spaces such as Osborne and Festhalle for community members.	8/18/2024 2:15 PM
376	Glad y'all are trying to engage the community but hopefully these points and others will be listened to.	8/18/2024 2:15 PM

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377	I live in unincorporated chelan co but value being able to contribute as a SD and levy payee and voter, and i need ltown for services	8/18/2024 2:14 PM
378	There needs to be long term house rentals available. Get rid of STRs	8/18/2024 2:13 PM
379	The mayor's housing fetish is silly. He is doing nothing more then trying to cement his personal legacy.	8/18/2024 2:12 PM
380	Less government regulation on private properties.	8/18/2024 1:59 PM
381	Stop making it hard for tourist to visit this city. Lower commercial leases and make people want to come back and visit this beautiful city	8/18/2024 1:55 PM
382	I live in Plain and am a senior who is finding it harder to remain independent. I would love to move closer to services, doctor, and shopping. I can sell my manufactured home but can't find any options like a small condo that I could afford. I am glad there is a focus on workforce housing but the increases ed housing options are all too expensive for a single senior who wants to stay here and maintain their friendships and community connections.	8/18/2024 1:54 PM
383	We need affordable apartments as well as affordable houses to own. But we don't need them in every single neighborhood. So a balance between preserving neighborhoods as they are along with affordable housing for younger people.	8/18/2024 1:52 PM
384	Leavenworth is changing for the good and the bad. We love living in Leavenworth, being part of the community and looking forward to seeing how changes will be made.	8/18/2024 1:43 PM
385	More emphasis on local fire safety in neighborhoods, holding businesses accountable for keeping their property fire-wise.	8/18/2024 1:38 PM
386	Leavenworth is being over developed for the infrastructure, roads, parking, amenities. We do not need more high density housing!! What is going to happen to Chumstick and Ski Hill once the Mend apartments are finished?! No one will be able to move around during weekends and holidays, more so than now!! The city needs to take action on the safety and well being of our current residents instead of trying to bring in more. We do not want to be a suburb of Seattle!!	8/18/2024 1:37 PM
387	Keep our small town feel, not an urban feel. Also, give parking vouchers for locals to go downtown. And accessibility sucks downtown. I also tripped and fell on the uneven concrete around the bricked area on the sidewalks.	8/18/2024 1:02 PM
388	Your lack of action of actual leadership in affordable housing has cost so many to lose their homes because they cannot afford to live here. Meanwhile you approve condo zoning that will only result in developers maximizing profits. No idea how Mayor Carl won his reelection.	8/18/2024 12:54 PM
389	Leavenworth's leadership does not seem to care about the people who have lived here and have helped build this town. We are selling out to the almighty dollar and destroying the thing that made Leavenworth great. We cannot sustain the growth of tourism that we are experiencing. Overtourism has destroyed many towns, and we need to have the courage to say enough.	8/18/2024 12:47 PM
390	I personally know dozens of people who have sold and left Leavenworth, not because they could not afford to live here, but because Leavenworth is becoming a place that has lost the very vision that the Project Life put forth: A place where the community comes together to build together. The polarization that the City leadership has fostered and actively created is appalling. That such disrespect of contrary views by City government leaders is outrageous. This is not the Leavenworth that existed a decade ago, and the disunity is utterly disgusting. When "politics" holds more value that the very residents who actually live here, there is a problem. When solid, committed residents this town have so much distrust for the mayor and council members, and they abandon ship, there is something wrong, and it's time for leadership to do some serious soul-searching.	8/18/2024 12:47 PM
391	The mayor is not fair or kind to the residents who want to be heard and respected. They deserve better treatment. Lilit Vespier was very difficult for the community to work with. Glad she is gone. The council should be more engaged in talking to real people they don't know about what life here is like for them. The community engagement nights, or some other format, should involve active listening and open mic. At least every quarter.	8/18/2024 12:19 PM
392	You are too hung up on dividing us by all by your questions of race, gender, income level, etc	8/18/2024 11:42 AM
393	Please have more CIVIL DISCUSSION and control outright rude behavior at meetings	8/18/2024 11:18 AM

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394	Comprehensive community planning well ahead of the virtually assured tourism growth will keep Leavenworth sustainable into the future.	8/18/2024 10:46 AM
395	This survey's obvious skew toward housing makes it nearly invalid.	8/18/2024 9:47 AM
396	It feels that Leavenworth lacks focus on the community. The local gym is closing without a plan for replacement. There is no community center, indoor pool, spaces for community to congregate. There is an abandoned school without any plan - would be a great community center! The town is lacking desirable resources for people to live- besides access to the outdoors.	8/18/2024 8:44 AM
397	Would love to see a focus on keeping our wild spaces wild. Protecting our rivers. Instead of focusing on creating more parking, let's become a true European village and focus on biking and walking everywhere. Stop reacting to the parking demands and change the culture.	8/18/2024 8:29 AM
398	This town is on a path to being ruined by overtourism and too rapid growth.	8/18/2024 8:27 AM
399	Tourism is what gives many employment opportunities for locals. No jobs-no town	8/18/2024 8:26 AM
400	Chumstick-Fir-Highway intersection needs a 2-lane large traffic circle.	8/18/2024 8:24 AM

