

Haines Community Survey Assessment 2023

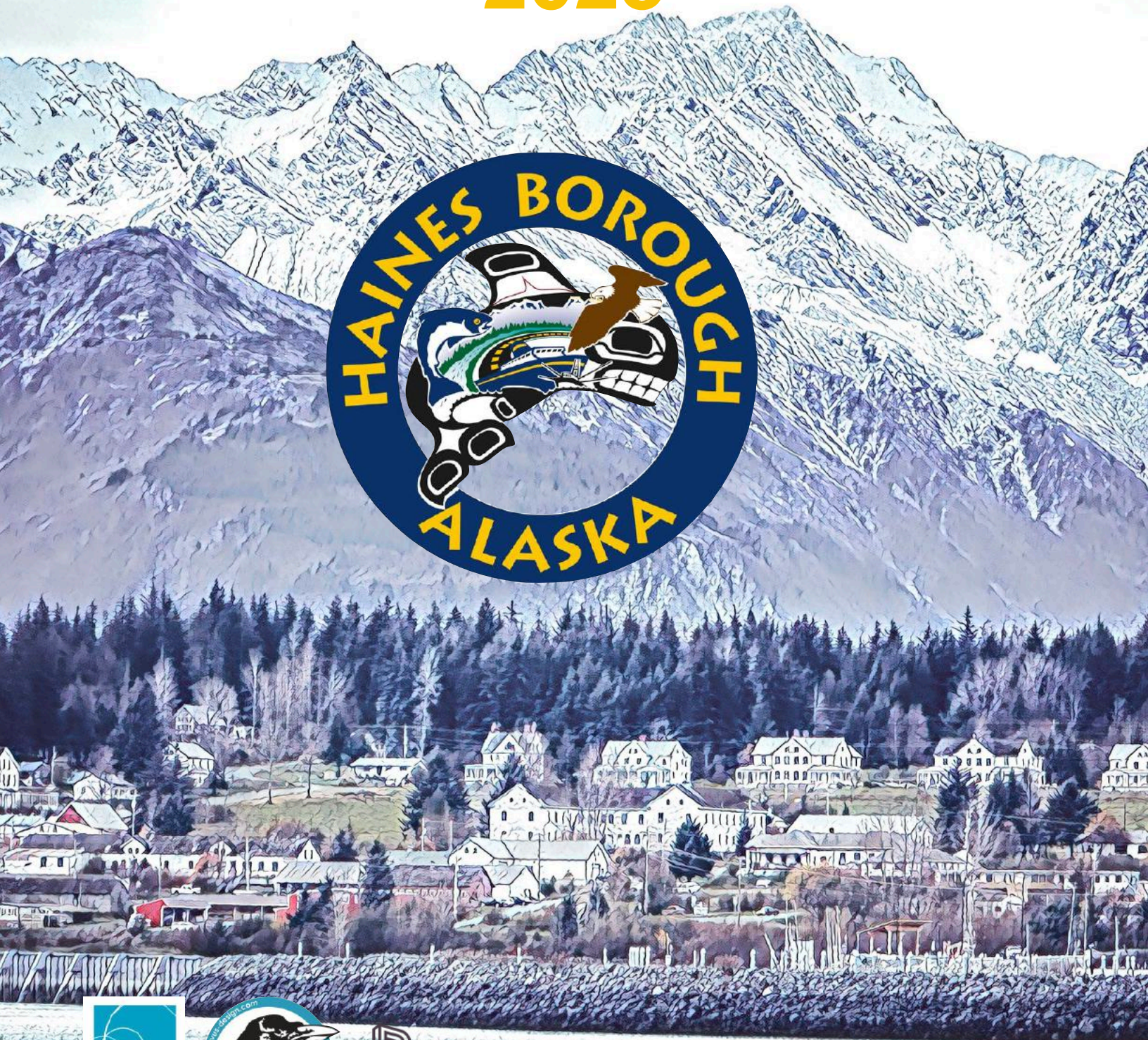


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Summary

Key Findings and Analysis

When asked to describe the character of Haines in their own words, Haines residents provided more than 12,000. They said that Haines is a diverse and passionate community in a beautiful place. Despite strong differences of opinion, the community comes together during times of crisis, and cares for one another. It is a small town characterized by independent, resilient, hardworking, and resourceful individuals.

Residents say the best thing about Haines are its natural beauty, pristine environment, small town atmosphere, access to subsistence, and low overall crime.

The top challenges Haines residents face include the high cost of living, ferry unreliability, the cost of groceries, political divisiveness, transportation cancellations due to weather, transportation and freight costs, limited healthcare, and long winters.

Recreation is a key part of the Haines lifestyle. In the last year, most Haines residents walked, hiked, fished, picked berries, went boating, gardened, or camped.

More than half of residents say that Haines has a high quality of life. The average quality of life ranking is 7.5 on a scale of 1-10. Seventy-nine percent say that Haines is a good or excellent place to raise a family.

According to Haines residents, the primary focus of Borough spending should be on utilities, such as water, wastewater, solid waste, power, and communications. However, community funding priorities vary among community subgroup.

Residents were asked to name the most important project the community can do over the next 5-10 years. A fifth of all comments were transportation focused in some manner, and the most important community project that emerged from the comments is the Lutak Dock project.

Half of Haines residents have lived there for more than 22 years, although 27% live outside of the community for a portion of the year.

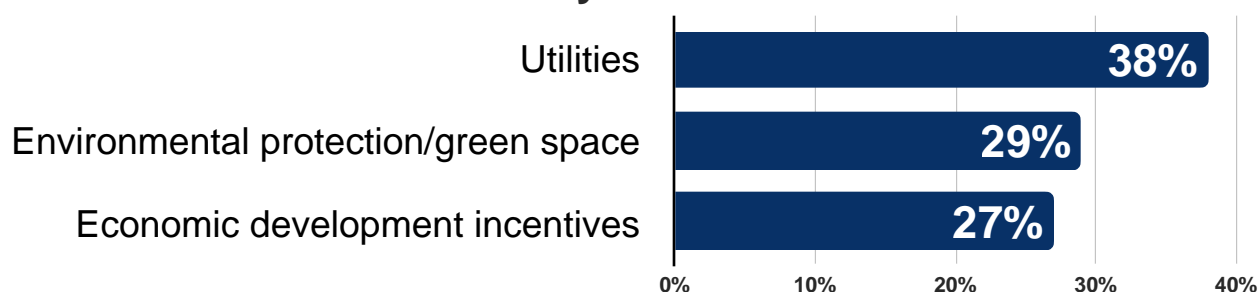
"A real Alaskan town. People raise their families here, retire here, live out their lives. Safe, scenic, clean. The laid-back local character is provided by locally owned businesses and Alaska Native organizations. Our excellent library, museum, pool and many nonprofits provide activities, services, and jobs that make Haines livable. The divisions between local factions are pronounced in our small population, but people support others when we need to." Haines survey respondent

Haines Community Top Priorities

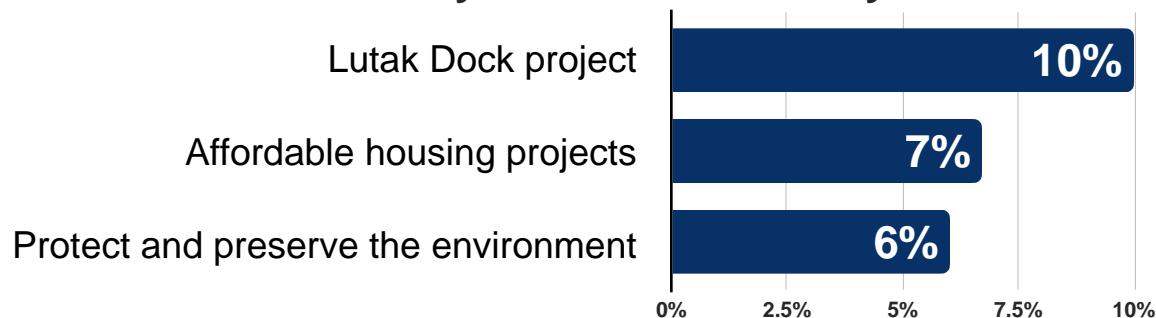
Respondents were given a list of borough funding categories, and were asked to select their two key priorities. Haines communities members selected utilities as the top community need. Respondents were also asked to name the most important community project in their own words. The top community project needed, according to a summary analysis of written responses is the Lutak Dock.

The top three answers to each of these key survey questions are presented below:

If you were responsible for funding community priorities, which would you fund first?



What is the single most important project Haines can do as a community over the next 5-10 years?



The top answers to other key survey questions are presented below:

- What do you like **most** about living in Haines?
Top Answer = **Natural Beauty & Scenery**
- What makes it **challenging** to live in Haines?
Top Answer = **High Cost of Living**
- In your own words describe the **community's character**, people, and attributes.
Top Answer = **Small Town Atmosphere**

Survey Methodology

Agnew Beck Consulting contracted with Rain Coast Data to conduct a community assessment in Haines, Alaska as part of the Haines Borough Comprehensive Plan Revision planning process. The community survey findings provide a data-based evaluation of community needs and goals. The survey asked Haines residents to respond to 12 questions about quality of life, living in Haines, recreation, community character, and community priorities. Survey responses will be used to guide planning efforts.

Rain Coast Data designed the survey instrument on behalf of the City and Borough of Haines, with guidance from the Borough and Agnew Beck. The web-based survey was administered electronically from June 22 through August 31 2023. Paper copies were also made available to survey participants at public meetings and at events such as the Haines Fair.

A total of 660 Haines residents responded to the survey. Responses received represent 31% of all Haines residents aged 15 and older. At this response rate, the survey findings have a 99% confidence level with an 4.2% confidence interval.

The survey findings will be used to shape the Haines Borough Comprehensive Plan Revision Project.

Survey Responses of Haines Community Members

Haines Community	Count
Haines Community Members Aged 15 and older	2,155
Total Haines Members Surveyed	660
Percent of Haines Residents 15+ Surveyed	31%
Confidence level with a 4.2% confidence interval	99%

Data Source: 2020 US Census

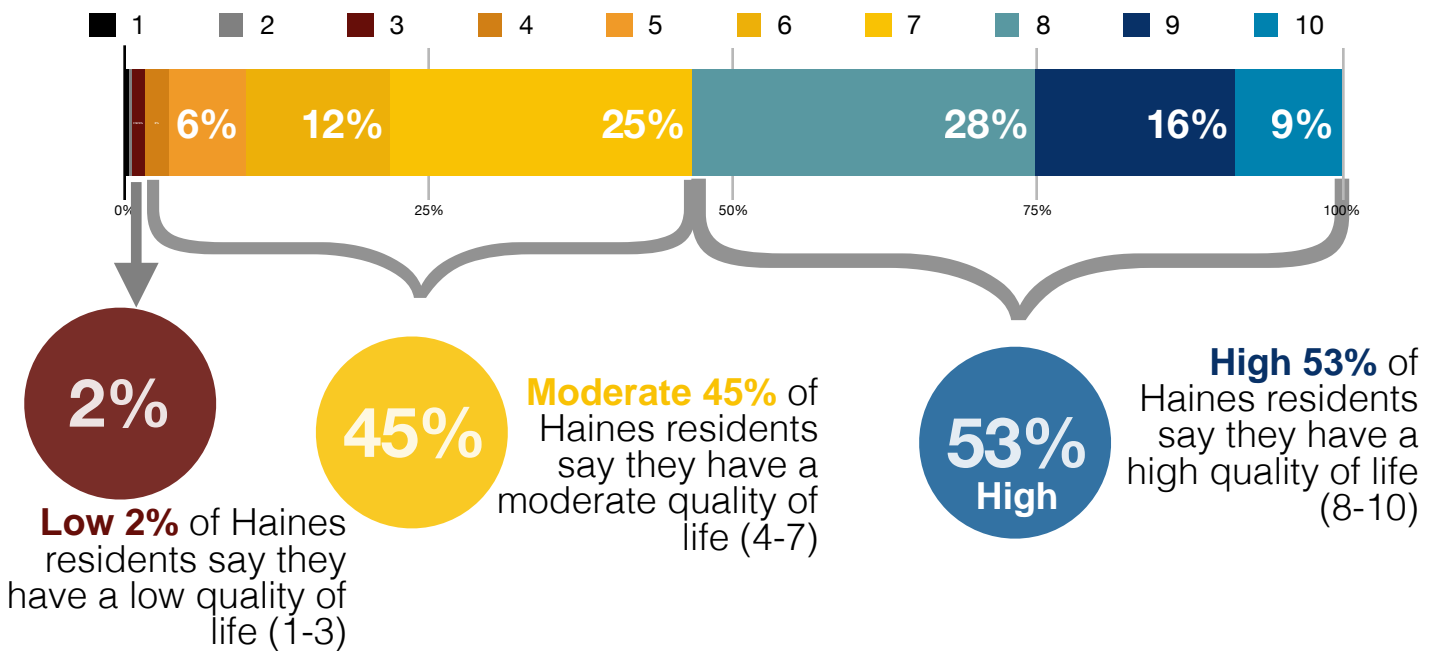
Quality of Life

How would you rate the quality of life in Haines?

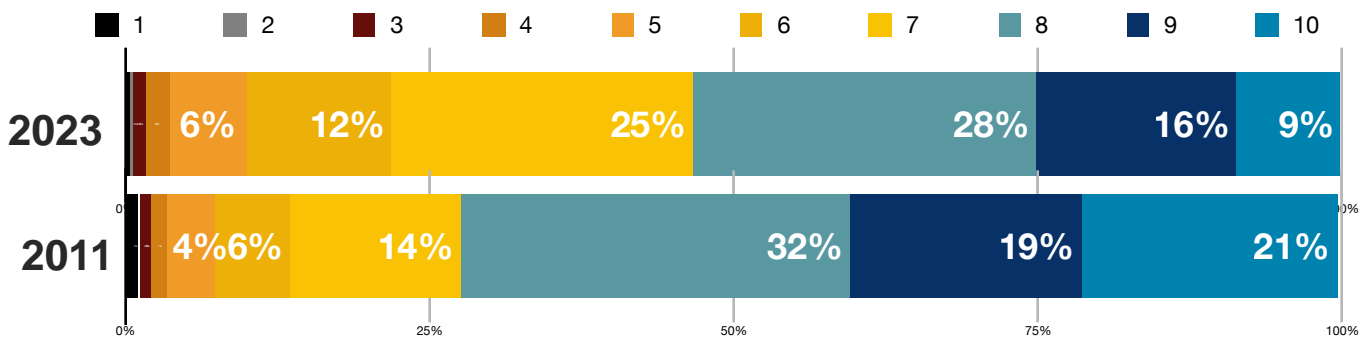
Residents were asked to rate the overall quality of life in Haines. More than half of Haines residents (53%) rated their quality of life highly, or between 8 and 10 on a 10-point scale. Forty-five percent gave a moderate (4 to 7) rating, and just 2% gave a low (1 to 3) rating. The average rating was 7.5 out of 10.

Overall
7.5
Average

On a scale of 1-10 (10 being the best) how would you rate the quality of life in Haines?

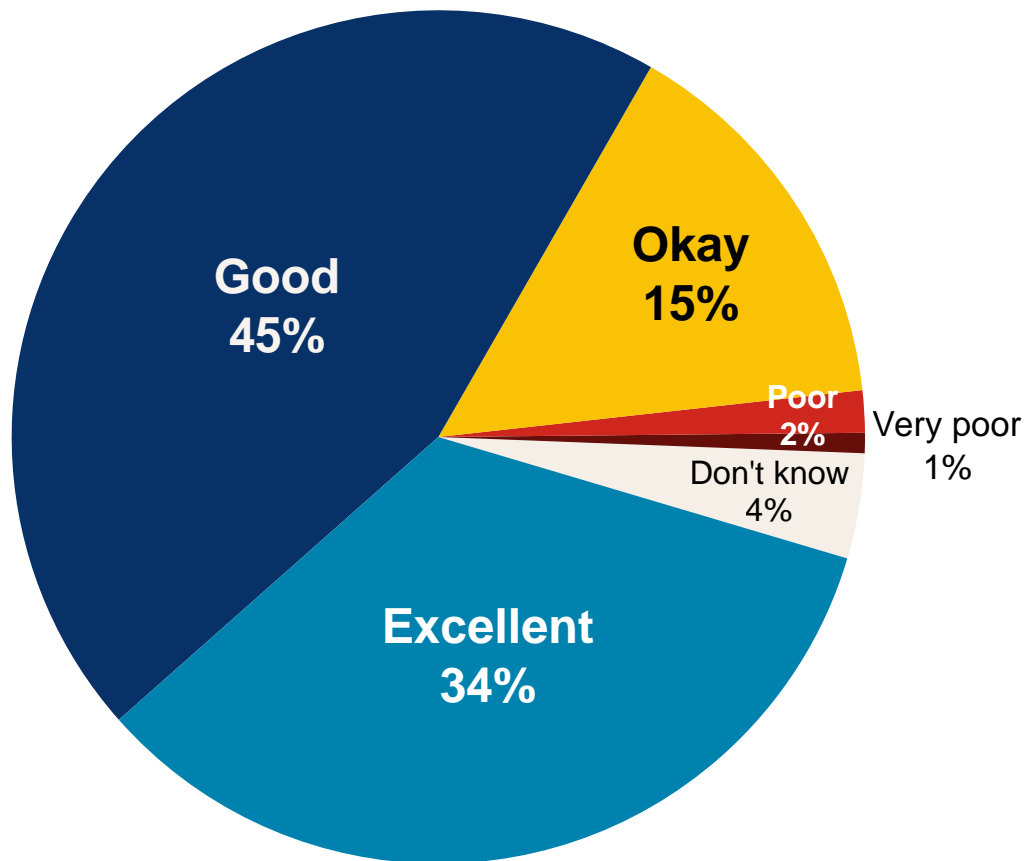


A similar survey was conducted in Haines in 2011. At that time the average rating was 8.1 out of 10, and nearly three-quarters of Haines residents (72%) rated their quality of life as high.



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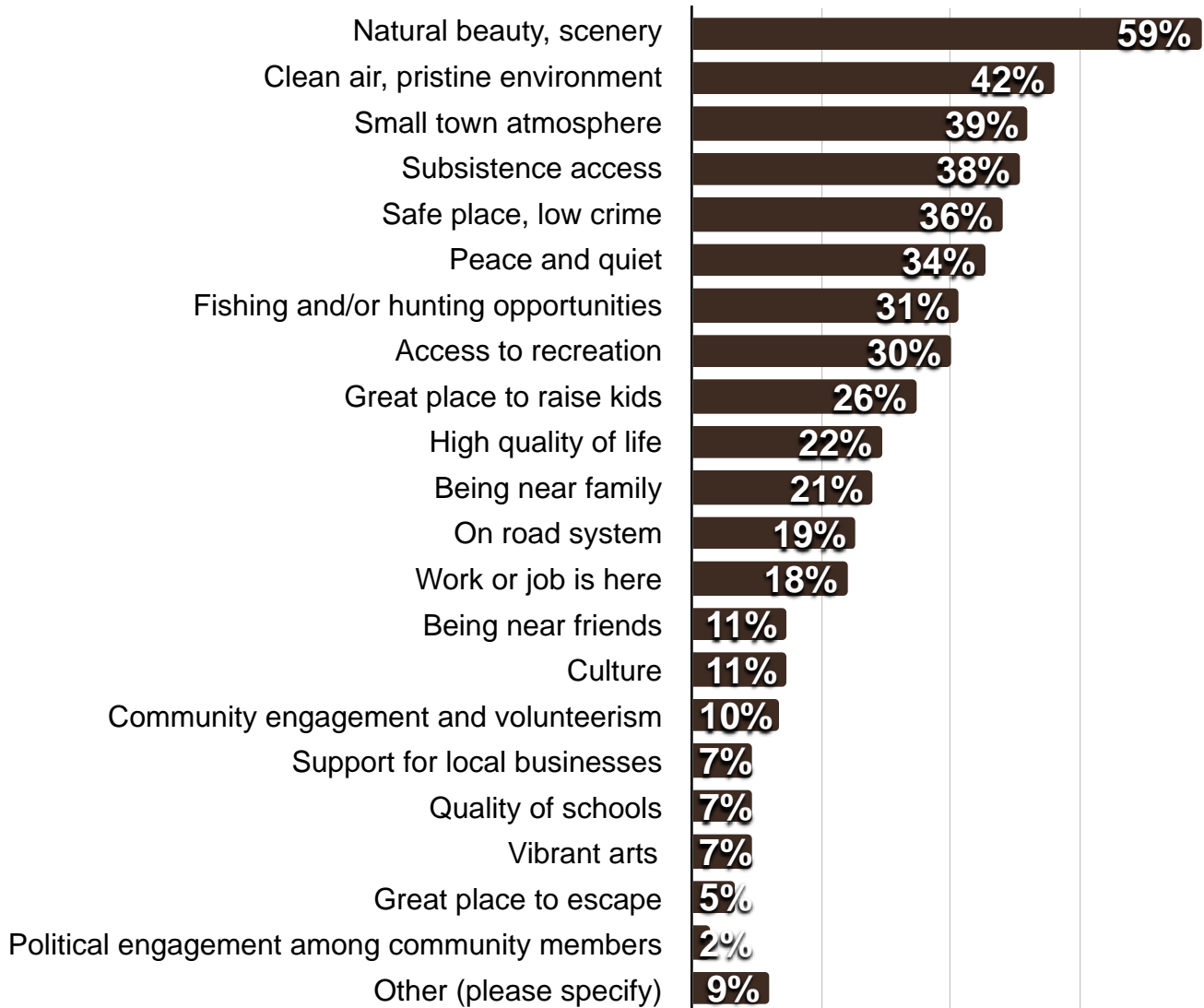
Haines residents were asked to rate Haines as a place to raise a family. More than three-quarters (79%) rated Haines as a good place to raise a family, including 34 percent who rated it as excellent. Just 3 percent rated it as poor or very poor.

Answer Options	2023 Responses	2011 Responses
Excellent	34%	56%
Good	45%	39%
Okay	15%	NA
Poor	2%	3%
Very poor	1%	0%
Don't know		4%

About Haines

The Best of Haines

What do you like most about living in Haines? Mark your top 3-5 answers

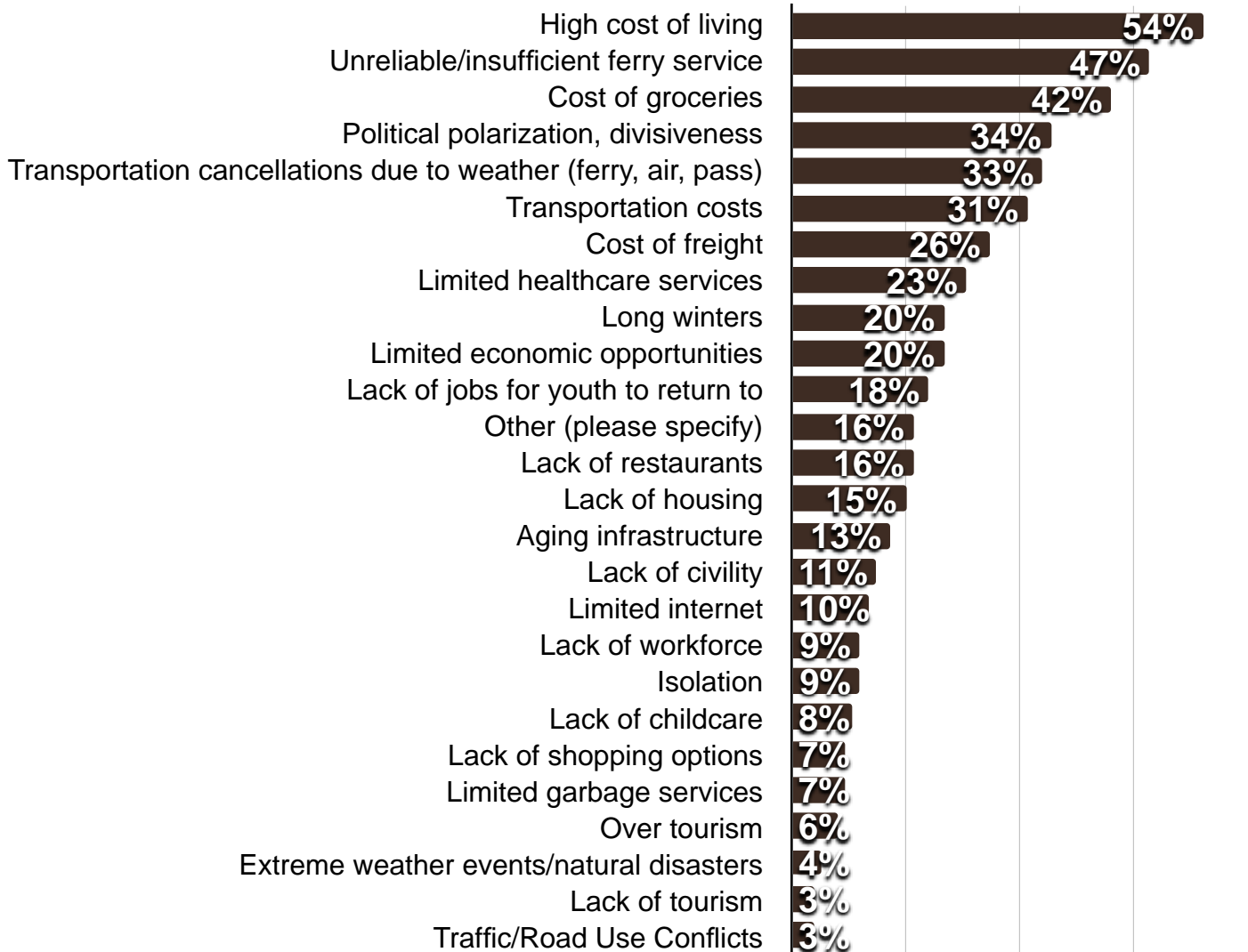


When asked what they liked best about living in Haines, just over half of respondents (59%) mentioned the natural and scenic beauty. Just under half (42%) mentioned the pristine environment, and just over one-third (39%) said the small town atmosphere.

Other top answers included subsistence access (38%), safe community (26%), peace and quiet (34%), fishing and hunting (31%), access to recreation (30%), and a great place to raise kids (21%).

Haines Challenges

What makes it challenging to live in Haines? Mark your top 3-5 answers

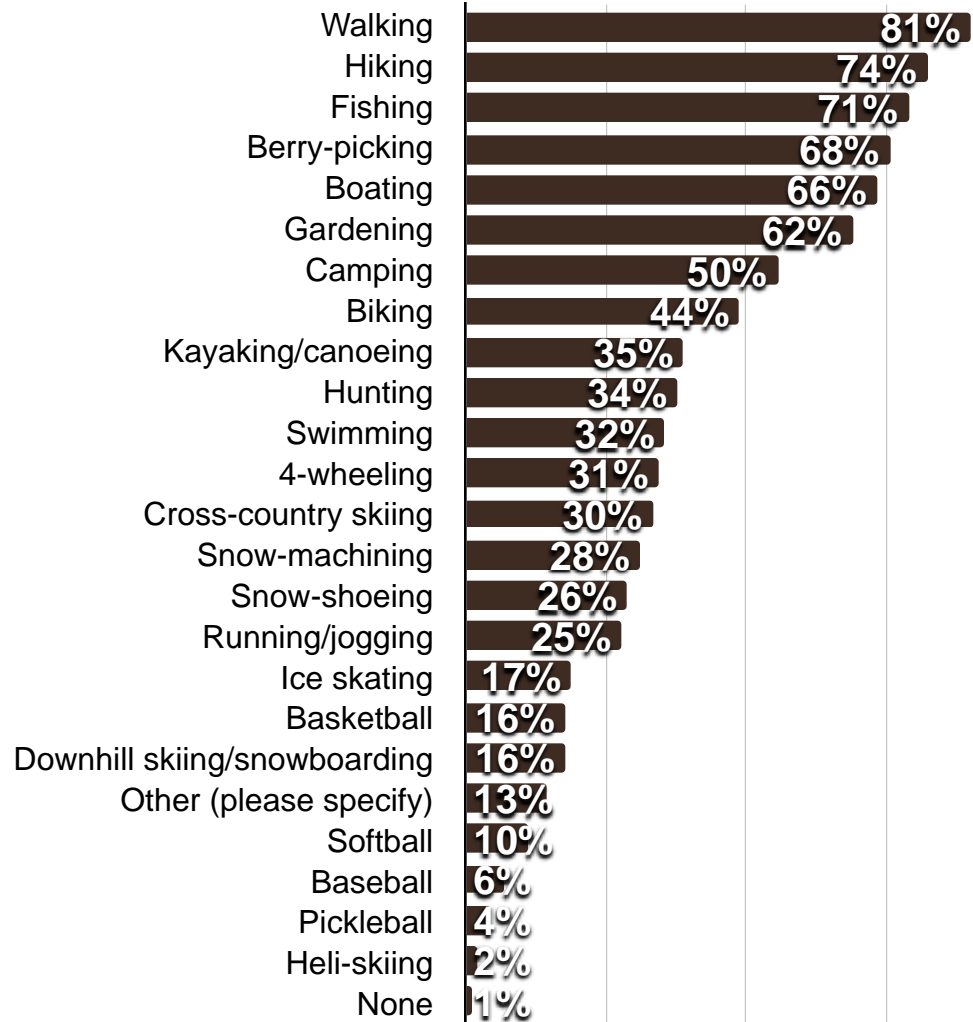


When asked what is most challenging about living in Haines, top answers were focused on three areas 1) high costs; 2) transportation challenges; and 3) community divisiveness. Just over half of respondents (54%) said the high cost of living is the top challenge in Haines. Nearly half (47%) expressed frustration with unreliable or insufficient ferry service; and 42% said the cost of groceries is a key challenge.

Approximately one-third mentioned each of the following: Political polarization and divisiveness (34%); transportation cancellations (33%); and transportation costs (31%). Just over a quarter (26%) said it is challenging to live in Haines due to the cost of freight.

Recreational Activities

In the last year, what types of recreational activities did you participate in, in the Haines area? (Mark all that apply)



Walking, hiking, and fishing were the three most common recreational activities of Haines residents in the last year, followed by berry picking, boating, gardening, camping, biking, kayak/canoeing, and hunting.

The Character of Haines

In your own words describe the community's character, people, and attributes. (Open-ended)

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An analysis of the 515 responses on the character of Haines shows it is a tight-knit community with independent and spirited residents, leading to a mix of unity and division. Economic discussions spark debate, yet there's a shared wish for open conversations. The scenic beauty of the place is a key part of the Haines character. The following is a summary of the responses:

- 1. Small Town Atmosphere (125):** Haines is characterized by its intimate, tight-knit community. For many residents, the charm of Haines lies not just in its size, but in the camaraderie and support shared among neighbors. Haines is a place where community members know each other's names, stories and are always ready with a helping hand.
- 2. Polarization & Diversity of Opinion (115):** The community has a broad spectrum of views, leading to vibrant discussions. However, there are underlying tensions regarding controversial issues, along with concern that the will of vocal minorities drive decision making that is not necessarily representative of the community as a whole.
- 3. Natural Beauty/Environment (100):** Haines is an incredibly beautiful place to live. The landscape, mountains, and ocean views are an integral part of the Haines lifestyle. Recreation and nature are interwoven into the daily lives of many residents.
- 4. Resilience and Self-Sufficiency (80):** Haines residents are uniquely resilient and self-sufficient, with a can-do independent spirit. The community takes pride its ability to rally together, rise above challenges and support each other during difficult times.
- 5. Economic Challenges & Opportunities (57):** Economic considerations, whether related to business, mining, or tourism, remain a pivotal point of discussion.
- 6. Community Participation & Engagement (34):** Residents are actively engaged and participate in community events, arts, non-profits, community service and civic engagement. There is a culture of volunteerism and civic support.
- 7. Alaska Native Culture (32):** Haines' rich Tlingit culture, history, and subsistence ways of life are celebrated in many comments, along with a desire for stronger representation of the Tlingit language and traditions in the educational curriculum, highlighting the continuous influence and significance of its native history.
- 8. Safety & Security (18)**
- 9. Youth & Education (17)**
- 10. Mistrust in Governance (15)**

A full list of responses is included at the end of the report.

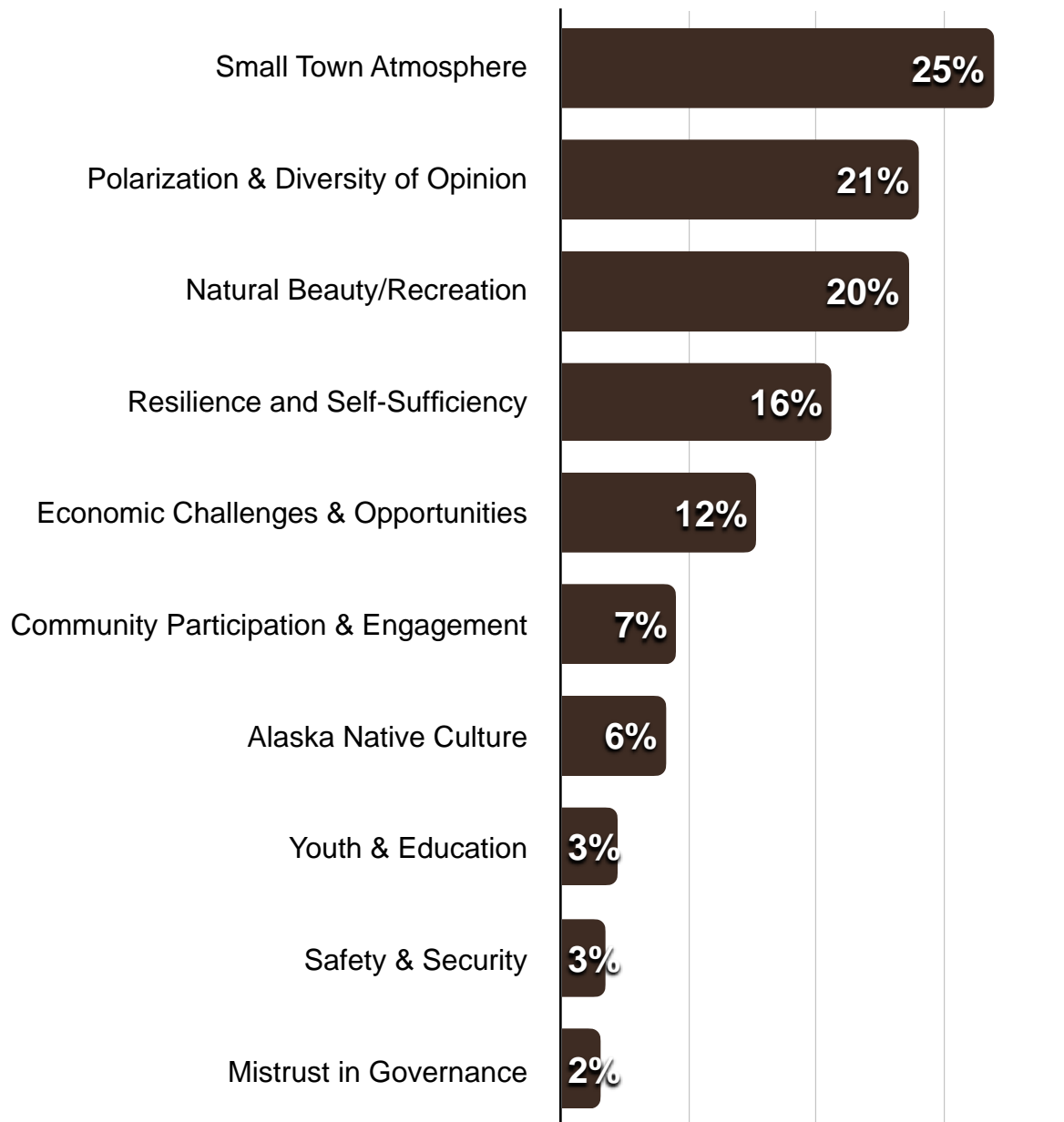
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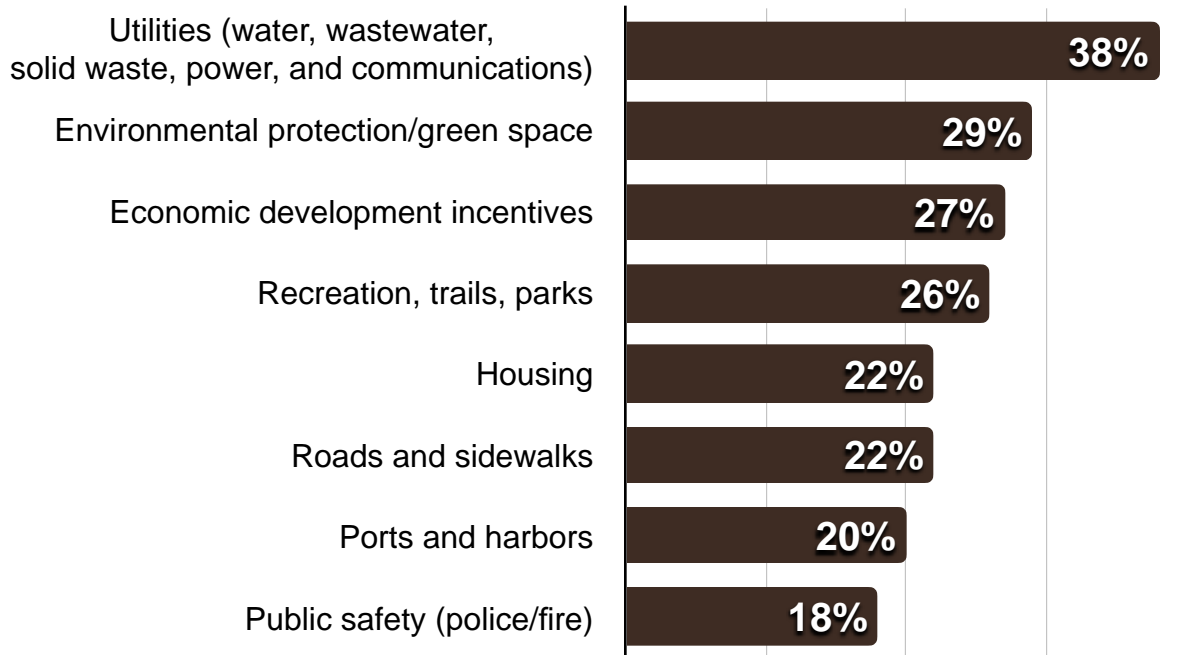
Top 10 chart



Projects and Funding Priorities

Community Funding Priorities

If you were responsible for funding community priorities, which two would you fund first? (Weighed)



Haines residents were asked which two community needs they would prioritize, given a list of eight spending areas.

The top priority among Haines residents is clearly utilities, a category that includes water, wastewater, solid waste, power, and communications - selected by 38% of all community members.

The Most Important Project

What is the single most important project Haines can do as a community over the next 5-10 years? (Open-ended)

572
comments

7,300
words

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Respondents were provided an opportunity to report the most critical community project need in their own words. The top project needed, according to Haines residents, is the Lutak Dock project, comprising approximately 10% of all weighted responses. The next most critical project was the development of affordable housing in the community, with 7% of all project comments focused on housing. Top comments are presented below by the various themes of the Haines Comprehensive Plan, along with a recreation category. Among these higher level categories, transportation projects have the most comments, with 20% of all comments focused on transportation projects. A comment that did not fall into a specific project area was some variation of “stop the mine” written in by 8% of the community. A full list of all responses is included at the end of the report. The following is a summary of the weighed responses.

Transportation Projects (20%)

1. **Lutak Dock:** Complete the Lutak Dock improvements: 10%
2. **Ports and Harbors:** Repair, rebuild, and enhance docks and harbors: 3%
3. **Roads:** Maintaining/Improving roads: 3%
4. **Ferry:** Ensure reliable ferry transportation: 2%
5. **Sidewalks/Trails:** Develop better sidewalks/bike trails: 1%
6. **Freight:** Improve freight affordability: 1%

Recreation Projects (11%)

1. **Environmental Projects:** Protect and preserve the environment, focus on environmentally friendly tourism: 6%
2. **Fisheries Projects:** Protect the salmon habitats and promote sustainable fishing practices: 3%
3. **Recreation Center/Infrastructure:** Invest in recreational infrastructure including support for trails, sports fields, and other recreational facilities 2%

The Most Important Project Continued

Economic Development Projects (10%)

1. **Resource Development, Mining:** Allow natural resource exploration and utilization (including opening Constantine): 4%
2. **Jobs:** Create more job opportunities. Promote business and industry development to stimulate economic growth: 4%
3. **Tourism:** Increase tourism (including encouraging cruise ship industry): 2%

Housing Projects (7%)

1. **Housing:** Develop affordable housing projects: 7%

Utilities Projects (7%)

2. **Public Safety Building:** Build a new public safety building: 2%
3. **Municipal Water:** Drinking and wastewater infrastructure improvements: 2%
4. **Communications:** Improving Internet and Phone Connectivity: 2%
5. **Hydroelectricity:** Develop a local hydroelectric energy source: 1%

Land Use Projects (3%)

1. **Character:** Preserve the uniqueness of Haines: 1%
2. **Fort Seward:** Focus on revitalizing Fort Seward: 1%
3. **Preserve:** Maintain and possibly upgrade parks, clean up and beautification: 1%

Other:

Resource Development: Oppose large mine development (specifically Constantine): 8%

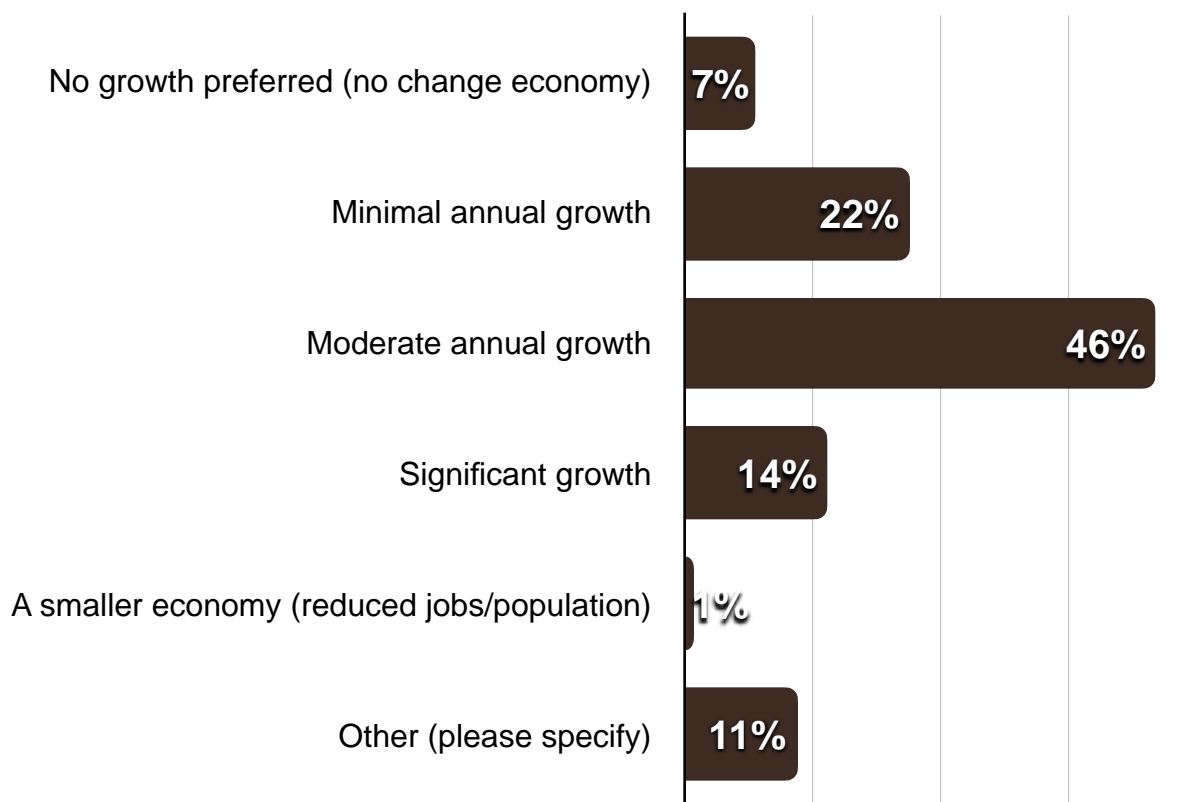
K-12 Education: Support funding for schools: 2%

Many projects were suggested by just one or two individuals, and are thus not included in the summary. A full list of all responses is included at the end of this report.

Appetite for Growth

Despite division over natural resource focused industries, such as mining, Haines residents show a strong appetite for community and economic growth. When asked about their preference for local population and job growth, 82% said they would like to see those numbers grow, including 60% that would like moderate to significant annual growth. Eight percent did not want any growth. Another 11% checked the “other please specify” box. These comments were largely a version of “it depends on the kind of growth.”

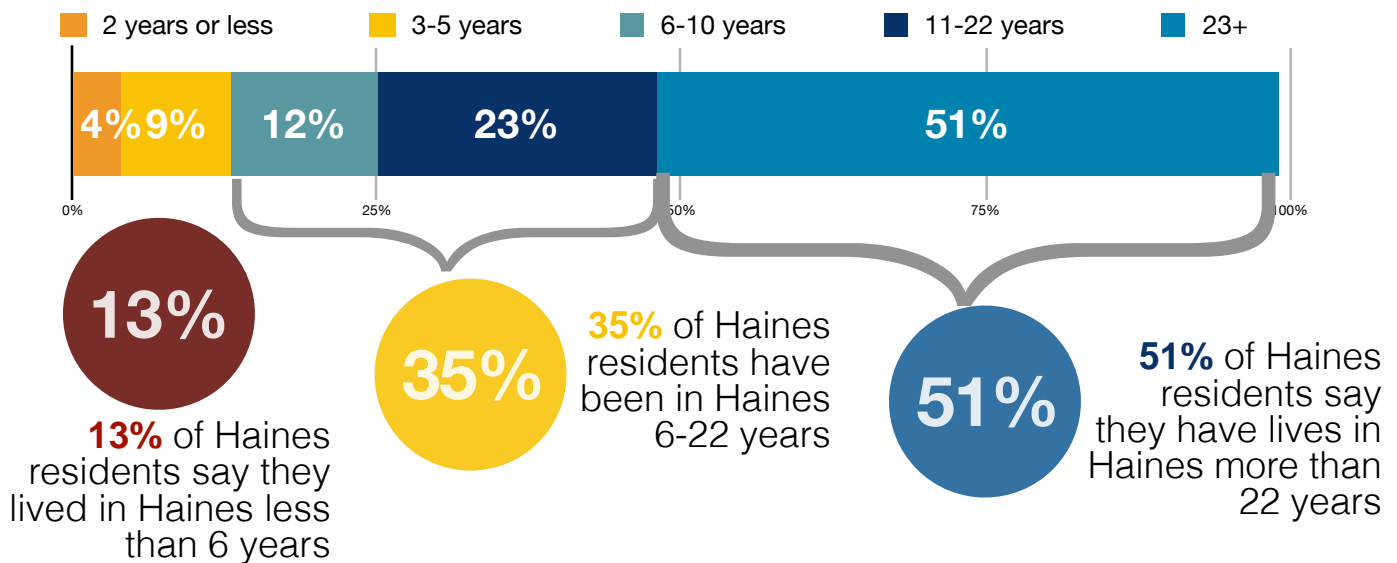
What is your preference for community and economic growth? (population, jobs, etc.)



Respondent Profile

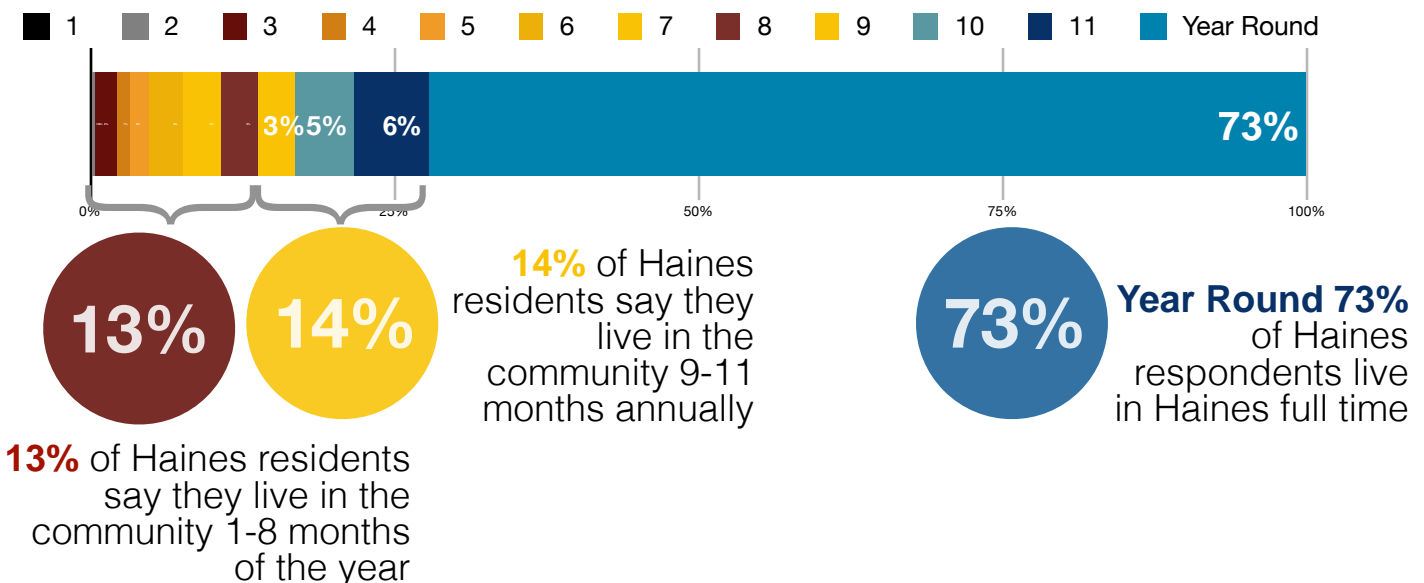
Time in Haines

How many years have you lived in Haines?



Just over half of Haines residents (51%) say they have lived there 23 years or longer. A third (35%) have been there 6 to 22 years. The remaining 13% have been in the community 5 years or less. Nearly three quarters (73%) of residents say they live in Haines year-round.

How many months per year do you typically spend in Haines?



Location, Generation

Where in Haines do you live?

	% of total Unweighted	Haines Actuals	% of total Weighted
Townsite	65%	69%	69%
Mud Bay	16%	8%	9%
Other remote area	5%	5%	5%
Lutak	4%	2%	3%
Mosquito Lake	3%	11%	5%
Chilkat Lake Road/Covenant Life	3%	3%	3%
I don't live in Haines, but I am currently working in Haines	2%	NA	2%
Klukwan	1%	NA	1%
Excursion Inlet	1%	1%	1%

What Generation are you?

	% of total Unweighted	Haines Actuals	% of total Weighted
Greatest Generation 1900 - 1924	0%	1%	0%
Silent Generation 1925 - 1944	3%	6%	4%
Baby Boomers 1945 - 1964	40%	35%	37%
Generation X 1965 - 1980	28%	23%	25%
Millennial Generation 1981 - 1999	25%	27%	28%
Generation Z 2000 (2008)	4%	8%	4%

Source: ADOL. **Note:** Only Gen Z members 15 and older are included in the Haines actuals number, due to the expectation that younger residents were unlikely to partake in the survey.

To ensure that the survey properly represented the overall Haines adult population, the survey data was weighted by geography, age, race, and gender to reflect 2022 Alaska Department of Labor distribution data for Haines residents. The tables above and on the following page show the distribution of the survey population (“unweighted”) as well as the actual distribution of Haines residents (“weighted”).

Race, Gender

What is your race?

	% of total Unweighted	Haines Actuals	% of total Weighted
White (only)	84%	76%	76%
Alaska Native/Native American	12%	18%	17%
Asian	1%	2%	2%
Hispanic or Latino	2%	3%	3%
Black or African American	0.5%	1%	1%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.5%	1%	1%

What is your gender?

	% of total Unweighted	Haines Actuals	% of total Weighted
Male	41%	50%	48%
Female	58%	50%	51%
Other	1%	NA	1%

Source: US Census and ADOL.

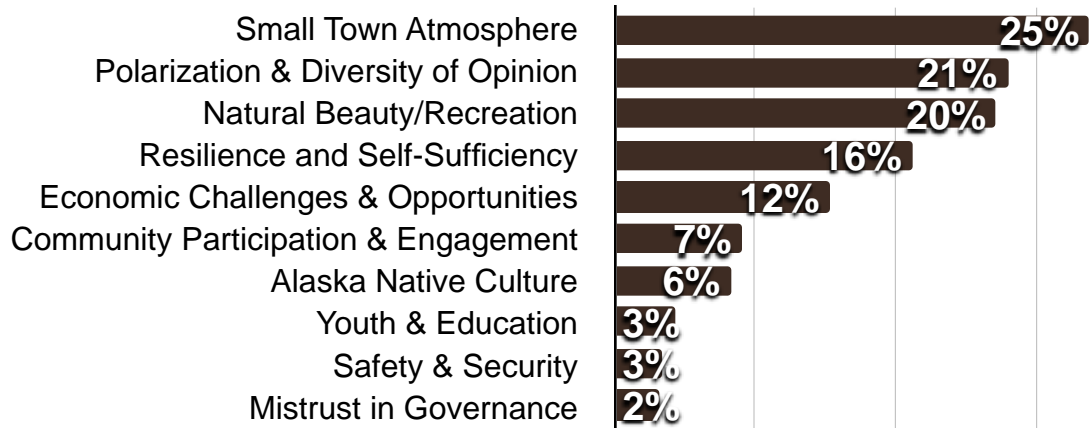
Open-Ended Responses

Open-Ended Responses Summary

Respondents were provided an opportunity to respond to two questions in their own words. A graphical summary of the the full open-ended response summary is below, while the responses in full are presented on the follow pages. The primary community characteristic, according to this analysis, is its small town atmosphere. The top project need is the Lutak Dock project.

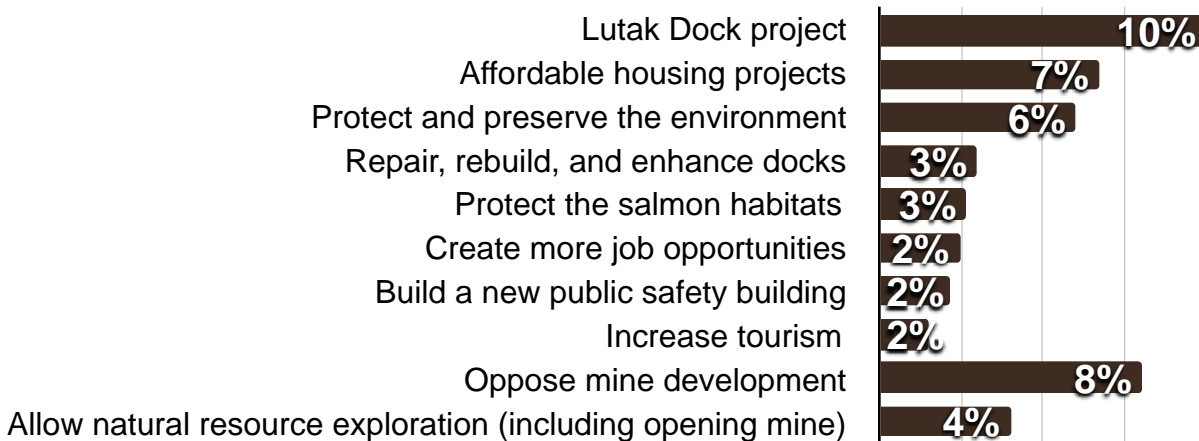
In your own words describe the community's character, people, and attributes. (Open-ended)

Summary of top response categories



What is the single most important project Haines can do as a community over the next 5-10 years? (Open-ended)

Summary of top response categories



In your own words describe the community's character, people, and attributes. (Open-ended)

515
comments

12,600
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The full list of the 515 resident responses to this question are presented below:

- Haines is a beautiful, pristine, safe and wild place to live. It is one of the most community-minded towns that I've ever seen or lived in. The majority of the people who live here know, understand and protect the subsistence way of life that makes this town so special. The people of Haines come together and help one another, no matter what the crisis is or what side of the fence they are on politically. Haines is the best place to live on earth for the people, the animals and the environment and we must protect and keep it that way.
- Older community that is nervous of aging here and younger group that move around so much that they don't lock into volunteerism to keep events alive.
- I enjoy fishing, hunting and the outdoors and Haines needs to keep open the road systems to open other areas that have yet to be developed.
- Friendly
- People trend to value the rights of the individual over the greater good for the community, interesting folks here, but not much diversity.
- Passionate independent folks who want what they want
- Small town close-knit group of people for the most part. Some political divisiveness but most people get along just fine. Very involved community that helps each other regardless of political views especially in times of need..
- Haines can be a great place. We rally around and help each other out. We try to take care of our neighbors. We have such a strong community, but we have a segment of people who have stuck a foot in the mud and refuse to see we have problems here. We have limited housing. We have landlords who have raised the price of rentals beyond affordability. Wages have not increased but everything is double it more what it was 2 years ago. Groceries are not affordable. Gas is not affordable. We have to allow so expansions to happen. We have to upgrade infrastructure. We have to do these things, or we are strangling the town .
- Haines is a tight knit community full of wonderful people.
- Rural, politically divisive, engaged, healthy watersheds, natural environment, limited number of large cruise ships.
- Community's Character: stable; diverse; dramatic esthetic; welcoming; active, wild. People: giving; caring; talented; educated; skilled; eclectic interests; creative; hard working; grateful; self-sufficient; competent; motivated; engaged; protective; helpful; content; active; greedy; self-serving; unaware; ignorant, myopic vision; motivated by material wealth; wanting more; dissatisfied; exploitive; vindictive; hateful; uninformed. Attributes: healthy ecosystems and watersheds with intact, diverse fish, plant and animal communities, a unique jewel that many communities are attempting to reclaim at great cost. Relatively quiet, diverse economy with relatively minimal impact to those afore mentioned priceless qualities.
- Community is outstanding, Majority of the people are caring people, Pristine scenery.
- Mostly a close-knit helpful community that comes together... also very click-y and judgmental.
- The majority of people that live here are nice and easy to engage in conversation with .
- Independent and rugged yet community minded and warm
- Active; engaged; people helping people, whether through great organizations or individuals coming to the rescue. The most beautiful place I know on earth. For a tiny, remote town, so much to do and get involved in. Lots of learning opportunities.
- Engaged community.

- There is a lot of pride for Haines, but there also is a lot of unfairness living here.
- Eclectically sophisticated but backwards.
- A town that needs more.
- Community feels, feel welcome. Outdoor recreation.
- I feel like there is an aging minority who are trying very hard to control how things go in the town and resisting change, which is alienating anyone younger than 50. I would love to see us as a community a little more open to innovation.
- It's a diverse community. Unfortunately there seems to be a small group of people making decisions for the whole that is often not with the majority of who is represented. There seem to be more and more initiatives that threaten to reason I live here and the resources that support the community - fish and waterways.
- Friendly, caring, artists, very clicky.
- Polarized small town that unifies when someone is struggling.
- Good
- Some are super nice; others have such strong agendas (often detrimental to everyone outside of their network) it is hard to trust people.
- Mostly friendly people with diverse political views - the extremes on both sides of the political spectrum are self-centered and myopic. Beautiful scenery and access to recreation and subsistence.
- In times of need people rally and help everyone, but the divisiveness that occurs at other times is less than ideal. The wild, quiet beauty and clean air and water are essential to quality of life here. The work of the nonprofits adds so much to our community. They provide services that improve the quality of community life and also are an important economic factor in the community. The volunteer opportunities are important in community building.
- We love each other, hate each other, but always support someone in need.
- A passionate mix of people who love this place but have widely divergent views on the scale of resource extraction and commercial development.
- Rugged and self-sufficient people.
- Haines residents are passionate independent thinkers. We pulled together after the 2020 landslide, but this community cohesion has diminished. It seems that for almost every issue (drag show at the fair, Lutak dock rebuild, potential mine) half the community is for and the other half against. There are a few loud strident voices who talk a lot.
- A wonderful place to live. Been here every winter for 53 years. A minority group dedicated to resource extraction and development for its own sake. Living with a large group of folks that want to be in Haines.
- Haines is a community pretty evenly divided between a "liberal" contingent which values aspects checked on previous page, work-in-place (technology) employment, and the arts - vs a more "conservative" group which promotes traditional "blue collar" jobs, motorized recreation, and sometimes "good-old-boy" power seeking community control. Haines has outstanding low-impact recreational opportunities for hiking (here and in Canada), boating, arts participation, etc. Increasingly with improved internet capabilities, remote on-line employment is available to combine with what Haines offers without industrializing the Chilkat Valley. My children were all born here. I've lived here 44 years and volunteered hundreds if not thousands of hours to the community; ambulance, trail work, mortuary work, schools, etc.
- I think Haines is incredible and suits me to a tee. I have access to everything I need to live healthy life on a budget.
- Overall people seem pleasant, kind, and helpful. There is always a stress behind their eyes because there is no security that they might not be able to maintain their lives here.
- Despite the political polarity I've experienced nothing but kindness and support from everyone I've encountered in my three years here (and many extended work trips before moving here). People have gone above and beyond to help us in a pinch. I am also extremely grateful for the opportunity to meet and volunteer with my "up the highway" neighbors at the Victory Garden events. It helps so much with the isolation of living out here - which is the only place we could afford to live, but it's also an incredible place to live. I wish there was more acknowledgement from town folks of the unique living situations that we face out here as a community and that there was more support to build up our community resources here. They are needed.

- Having spent my first 50 years in Fairbanks, Haines has been a wonderful place to retire to. It is a good place for those who are independent, has diverse opinions, which isn't a bad thing. I love the town and her people!
- The positives: a beautiful and environmentally healthy place to be with many people who care about a sustainable future. And the negative: people with short-sighted economic goals that could destroy our natural and subsistence way of life.
- Hah! I could write a book.
- Peaceful and beautiful. Slightly lonely sometimes.
- Wide variety of attitudes. Generally helpful. Sometimes overly critical.
- strong good values
- Giving, thoughtful, caring
- political divisiveness but willingness to join forces in emergencies. people are generally generous on a personal level.
- as a lifelong resident from 1965, the overall economy and the way of life has changed with the suburban sprawl things that did when younger have come more restricted and controlled by outside interests
- Great place and nice folks
- Haines is such a diverse community. Families, singles folks (elderly and young), incomes, lifestyles, politics. We all choose to live here for different reasons, and we all manage to get along for the most part. Haines is a small, family oriented, recreational community. In my opinion, a large majority of the residents choose to live here because we are not commercialized. We have not let helicopters or cruise ship tourism dictate our lifestyles. We live here because of the absence of them.
- Bipolar and polarized.
- Quaint small town, quiet , peaceful, beautiful,
- Friendly, welcoming
- Friendly, but insular.
- When the chips are down, neighbors support one another forgetting divisive political agendas. We ALL love the environment here. I could have easily marked ten of the first question.
- Very strong opinions, people see one side of issues yet most folks always willing to help others in time of need, regardless of beliefs.
- Haines is an amazing place with many beautiful, good people.
- Haines is definitely a two side of the coin community but generally people care about each other and are friendly and open to getting to know you. If you want to be known. Like people seek each other out, this is true anywhere you go. Though Haines is famous for its community conflict, I think that is overblown. Conflicts are inevitable with people likely to hold strong opinions on either side. I Definitely grounds for discussion and new ideas. The beauty of this place is why I live here. Keeping it that way is my priority.
- Diverse in interests and occupations.
- The town is a great place to live other than the political part of only certain political side sees things in their narrow-minded view of no work or development. It's easy to say not in my town but where they left from isn't what they moved to, and they should let things be as they have been for years. We need jobs and the money that comes from jobs in Haines and maybe we could revive the town to what it was in the 80's and early 90's.
- Individual thoughts but all enjoy living here. Healthy lifestyle. Willing to help others when needed,
- A wonderful place to live and raise a family. Proof? Both my children returned here to live.
- Bipolar and fantastic
- To many liberals,
- It's a stunningly beautiful but quirky community with people who care passionately about it but is deeply polarized in part because of generations of failures of leadership.
- Friendly
- They are sometime good people and some judge too much.
- Old workforce and lack of youth pursuing education past high school.
- We are a small town with diversity, but we are family.
- 50% rednecks, 50% greenies. I'm 50% each.

- Overall good! Does seem to be some resistance from older community members with young people owning businesses.
- Generally helpful, community oriented. Sometimes stand-offish. Political views of business/economy vs preservation often clash.
- Half hippy half redneck
- Haines is a divided community. Neighborhoods can provide friendly connections, but political differences can create harsh and uncivil exchanges. In general, people are willing to help each other in times of personal or natural disaster. Close friendships can be formed due to shared values, enjoying outdoor recreational experiences together, and interdependence for social gatherings.
- A bunch of entitled people who know what it takes to make a living in Alaska.
- intelligent, artsy, friendly, fun
- People care passionately about the place but don't all care about the same things.
- Haines appeals to passionate, engaged people because of its unique lifestyle and unparalleled beauty. Unfortunately, these same personal attributes lead to community conflict because residents tend to be non-compromising.
- Independent, strong opinions, self-reliant...and somewhat closed minded when it comes to new comers, especially seniors.
- A monopoly of the same people owning businesses and driving prices up for their own benefit
- We are divided on a lot of issues, but when push comes to shove, we are always here for each other. We also raise great kids here.
- friendly, helpful, kind, generous.. with some notable exceptions
- Small town atmosphere in a gorgeous setting, where your value as a person is based not on what kind of car you have or how you dress, or how expensive your house is, but more on how you live your life and how you contribute to the community. Haines is filled with a bunch of strong, independent, folks with great back stories.
- We fight over everything, but come a crisis, we all help each other. We are resilient, self-sufficient, independent, and ornery.
- People are generally friendly although the community can become polarized over issues that can lead to acrimony between citizens. The rural setting of the community is a huge positive attribute that brings many visitors to town.
- Since my arrival I have said Haines is divided into two groups, those that work really hard to make it a better place for themselves, their family's and others, and those who MUST be here, because they do not work well with others. Those that have to be here are often highly educated and independently wealthy, however, they have never learned to empathize and listen to both sides of an argument to find a middle ground. It is that lack of professionalism that will prevent real, true progress here. Three months after we moved here, a number of people told my husband and I that Haines is known throughout Southeast Alaska as a place where they "eat their young" a brutal social setting, where very few survive. I'd say I have been witness to that, time and time again, with the hiring and firing of professionals instead of learning to work with what you have and move forward together. That short sightedness drives quality individuals away. There are genuinely great people, however, it takes time to really weed them out. We could use more kindness and EMPATHY here.
- Good people, no traffic, better fishing
- It depends on what topic/setting your referring to, the weather changes daily.
- Eclectic and friendly
- open, outdoor centered on wilderness
- Engaged, caring community that is deeply divided politically.
- resourceful, skilled, opinionated, divided.
- Beautiful and feisty.
- Good and bad
- You will never meet a group of people more proud to have never left their neighborhood.
- I would describe the character of Haines as layered, people as mostly friendly, and so many attributes that it would be hard to list them all but the top one would be how beautiful it is here.
- Pristine natural beauty, passionate populace, remote, challenging and rewarding.
- Small town where people know each other and in some ways foster great trust in one another and at the same time, in certain respects, foster profound mistrust of one another. The current local

government sees itself as representative of the people, but in fact is only representative of a portion of the town and acts in a self-serving manner bordering on corruption. There is good faith in this community in a broad sense, and in smaller groups that good faith stays within common belief systems and ideologies.

- Haines is a great town in a stunningly beautiful part of Alaska. The folks who live here want to live in a good place and they volunteer and stay involved to help make Haines a great community. Divisive opinions are human and normal; meanness and cruelty is heartbreaking and unfortunate.
- We are composed of extreme opposites and rarely find the common ground.
- Love the friendliness of Haines and the way we use to be so open minded. It's beautiful here and I'd like to see it maintain its pristine environment. It's unfortunately too divisive recently.
- Small town Alaska living with an animated population exercising political diversity.
- This community always comes together in times of need.
- Small town with very friendly and caring people. Very safe place for children. Situated in one of the healthiest and most vibrant ecological settings anywhere on the planet. The local lands and waters produce enough wild food (mostly salmon) to feed the local population times 100. The people here live close to nature. No species have been extirpated or are threatened by human activities. The continuum of respect that we have inherited from our Tlingit forebears continues to this day. It is our responsibility to maintain that unbroken chain of stewardship for future generations.
- Well-meaning people who love their community.
- character: like Juneau was many decades ago - people: eclectic but often cliquish - attributes: one of the most beautiful places on earth to live but that seems to be perpetually threatened by unwise development.
- People here are very kind.
- However much we disagree we always come together to help us in times of crisis as well as times of joy.
- It is a community of characters with no discernible single character - a good thing. The one unifying attribute is, because of the ethnic mix, the community is integrated, and the divisive overt racism of other communities (including ingrown small communities) is largely absent - another good thing.)
- Charming but aging
- Independent people
- Quality community
- Quirky Caring Self-reliant
- I have only lived here for three months but have been coming to Haines for years. I love the small-town atmosphere and how you have connections to most people in one way or another. People here are mostly independent and seem to be willing to help you if you need it.
- too many politics and politicians
- Haines is an interesting place with a special character. The community has shifted in my life time of 16 years but there have always been the attributes that distinguished us from southeast. First, the people here have had an independence, the world is often yours to take here with the wilderness at anyone's finger tips. Two, we are honestly a community growing more and more divided over mining V. Tourism, but we still care about one another and often do our bests to lend assistance to homesteaders and townsfolk.
- Community oriented, tough
- Both independent and interdependent. We want our space and peace but need each other and a community structure to both survive and thrive.
- inspiring habitat with people who appreciate that and will work together to keep the precious environment clean.
- Always willing to lend a helping hand when needed!
- A big dysfunctional family. Hard working, recreation enthusiasts, subsistence lifestyle, quiet/ solitude embracing/ tolerant, creative and resourceful.
- Strong, unique, natural
- Short Sighted
- I enjoy the small-town scale, need more job opportunities but with lack of childcare it makes it hard for parents to work.

- More and more people are drawn to make Haines their home because it's quiet and doesn't have any industrial activity. people are very creative at figuring out a way to make a living here.
- Everyone comes together during a crisis. So they should be able to be civil about political issues. Not having a recall election just because something didn't go their way.
- a melting pot of America that screams for attention.
- People move here and try to shut down all the good stuff so that lacks on jobs and recreation areas.
- Many among the community are divided about most of the issues confronting Haines. I would like to see us lay aside our differences and be more supportive of each other. When we have a crisis, our community rises to the challenge.
- 50% trying to survive and move forward, 30% independent income sitting back, 20% trying to stop anything that might be economically positive.
- Great people for the most part, but a small number of people with limited experience and skills believe they are entitled to make multigenerational decisions for everyone else.
- Haines Community is widely diverse in lifestyles and politics with civility lacking in the latter. As an out-the-road resident, I do not feel well represented with heliports ok'd outside the city airport and the push by our local government to facilitate Ore shipments along our highway and ports which is highly likely to destroy our subsistence lifestyle and fishery jobs.
- The Haines Borough's population has a wide variety of interests, from tourism orientated to subsistence style, from resource extraction with no regulation to folks who don't want any change of improvements to our infrastructure, from politically far right extremist to those on the left. But what continually amazes me is that all those different factions all come together to help individuals, families and whole communities that are in need of help
- Most people show respect for each other even with different views on community topics.
- Good people with polarizing viewpoints.
- Kind people who choose a life of simplicity, beauty, family and community
- Small town in a scenic area, people are across the political spectrum and generally nice and community oriented but divided on the prospects of economic development.
- Outwardly friendly, beyond the surface not so much, cultural and community events outstanding.
- Polarized
- Diverse group
- I like the small-town atmosphere, scenery and lack of heavy traffic.
- Steadfast to principles
- Generally friendly and lots of folks willing to help, but politically divided.
- Divided, judgmental. Comes together in crises.
- As long as nobody brings up politics or the environment, every seems pretty friendly, typical small-town charm. Not even Haines is immune to the mass culture America has cultivated, and that is the all-consuming narrative that my opinion is the only opinion worth anything. It makes people violent and loud.
- Small town character, fairly quiet, low crime and great back country
- Small town vibrancy and passion. Creative, durable, characters.
- Stuck in the 1950s/60s.
- Beautiful, resilient, mostly kind. We are forced to love each other through disagreements and there are some big, sneaky disagreements! It is very, very social. Most people volunteer and enjoy helping in groups. Politically division pretty upsetting. Our community is much younger in character and physical ability than in other places. Wilderness keeps our elderly younger and fitter than elderly elsewhere.
- Small-town, divided, involved.
- Haines is caring, politically and socially diverse place-- an artsy outdoors town. Tlingit culture, natural resources, there is a strong concern for the environment.
- Divided
- Generally most of the people are friendly and helpful.
- Eclectic
- We're a community divided, so many against industry, but without a hospital, mining, tourism, there is nothing to keep ppl here. Those that are here do a good job supporting the youth sports teams. We over support nonprofits.

- Cheap old seasonal people screwing over working residents.
- Small town feel but highly divisive politically.
- caring, friendly, nosey, united
- Haines residents sometimes forget how good they have it and expend energy on divisive issues. Our biggest weakness is that we are seldom pulling in the same direction.
- People matter in Haines. We look after one another. I love the quirky array of people in Haines and believe our differences are actually a huge strength as they mean we're well balanced as a community.
- Nice friendly people
- Most are ok. Some need to leave.
- Awesome
- Haines is a welcoming safe community. We moved here to raise our family in a small town that mountains to ski, oceans to fish and other community features like a pool, library and arts community. We have meet so many wonderful people here and feel very lucky to have found Haines and call it home.
- Love how friendly everyone is, how we help each other when a sickness or natural disaster hits.
- Very independent people live here, most are kind and helpful. But we have people who do whatever they want without regard to anyone but themselves.
- Politically divided and willing to lend a hand. Everyone waves at everyone, but everyone won't listen to everyone.
- Haines is a community that will come together when something terrible happens because everyone wants to "look good." Then, they will relentlessly speak negatively of folks, avoid confrontation, and make up stories as they suit their needs.
- Most folks are friendly and welcoming, the small-town feel is wonderful most of the time.
- Pretty generous overall. If you want to be here you'll love it. If you don't there's nothing more that Haines can do to please you.
- Kind, rugged, independent, family-centric
- Diverse, colorful, somewhat confused
- Wonderful, I love living in Haines.
- Great people, great place but so much divisiveness
- Passionate
- Divided
- The people in Haines are so kind and have created such a great sense of community. Every person I've met would happily help you if you were stuck on the side of the road or give you the shirt off their back if you needed it.
- Haines is like a big family....we disagree/argue over many things, but when someone needs help.....we step up and help!
- Small town, neighbor helping neighbor. Diverse political views on environmental economy.
- Haines has a high concentration of great people, mixed with some low-quality people as well. It's not great for fisherman compared to some of its neighboring towns. A lack of tourists compared to other communities which is great. Winter can be rough with limited community involvement.
- Friendly
- Very pleasant
- This community has become very divided and divisive. You are either part of the green movement or against. Why can't we have good jobs, a great economy and a healthy ecosystem? It shouldn't have to be all or nothing.
- Too political, arguing but it's actually always been like that. Rowdy bars in the mill days.
- Nothing special in comparison to all the other places I've lived.
- The character is a caricature of what it used to be like. The People are living in a bubble that is going to pop. The attributes are archaic, from one side of the entrenched elite to the visions of the newly self-crowned 'locals', that don't fit here.
- Haines is a unique and strong-minded community, and although many of us share different opinions or values, everyone respects that. I think it's because no one is in Haines by coincidence. the fishing can be great sometimes, and I enjoy being able to hunt, catch and grow my own food in peace. I enjoy the community for the most part, but I do wish there could be more youthfulness around town.

- Sectarian, exclusive, divisive, cliquy, elitist
- Most people kind and decent some not so much
- Diverse and eclectic. Strong willed and industrious
- The number one attribute is that we are small pocket of civilization surrounded by wilderness. The people were very divided when I moved here in 1999, but our relationships have improved. People seem more connected since the landslide, covid and everything else we are dealing with. Haines is the best place to live esp. compared to the Lower 48. We head to Hawaii for the winter, but I would prefer to stay in Haines, but my husband swears his arthritis goes away and our cabin is not set up for winter living. Otherwise I appreciate Haines's character over that of where we live in Hawaii.
- All around nice people
- Small community with highly supportive population in terms of supporting local businesses. People possess diverse and likely opposing political positions on many issues. The community is a great place to raise children given the low crime rate.
- Despite differences of opinion, if you're broke down on the side of the road folks will stop and help. People are civil, opinionated, freedom loving, talented, educated, self-reliant, diverse, live and let live attitude.
- The community's character has changed due to those who have moved into Haines within the last 15-20 years. This town used to be more of a bonded community but now it is more divisive than ever. The newbies' move here to get away from the rules and regulations that they moved away from, only to bring that attitude with them and try to change Haines to be like the place they moved from.
- Comes together to support kids and times of need. But also not supportive of each other's views. There is a divide and lack of understanding each other.
- generous, kind people who volunteer in many ways to help others and to keep facilities operating. Though there can be divisiveness among residents, if there is ever a need for help, those residents DO help each other. People take care of one another. Many folks are jack and jills of all trades, able to build their own houses, grow and hunt their own food, etc. Many self-taught, capable in many ways, interesting, smart, creative, artistic.
- Willingness to help each other when needed.
- The community's character has a reputation for being divisiveness, bullish and mean. I think that is here and then I think everyone exists in their own little sub community where everyone is kind and looks after each other and looks and acts quite utopian but it is not based in reality. .
- Everyone helps neighbors and watches out for each other.
- Helpful, tolerant, able to work through very divisive issues.
- Incredible valuable natural resource. divided but supportive community.
- Engaged, opinionated, outstanding in a disaster response, caring during crisis.
- people of Haines are resilient, proud, strong willed and sometimes unable to see things from other points of view outside their own. Care for nature.
- Warm and friendly for the most part, although death threats by bigoted people toward minorities in town is hugely disturbing.
- People not liking change.
- I like the small-town atmosphere but not politics of pro-business all time.
- It is a very tight knit community, and everyone really steps up when it counts.
- Haines is a Family, a wonderful, but dysfunctional family. At sometimes I feel as though there are people who would be willing to physically harm me, but I also know that those same people would help me if they saw my car broken down on the side of the road.
- Independent, strong, intelligent, competent,
- Small town vibe where in general you can trust that others in town have your best interests at heart and are not too busy to lend a hand. Most of the community members are friendly and inviting and genuinely care for and maintain (or improve) the collective quality of life.
- Over all it's a great place. But if you have different opinions, you are singled out as being a troublemaker.
- There is a strong love for place here. People fiercely want to be here, take advantage of this incredible environment and contribute to making the community livable and always better. We

struggle to see the long-term effects of our lifestyle here though (over fishing, mining, driving to Whitehorse/flying down South).

- Just another town
- Mostly poorly educated though good people willing to help others with basic needs.
- Haines has a great community. There is an unfortunate split over land use and politics. The dramatic beauty and access to healthy wild food is worth saving.
- Haines is a contentious community that attracts a disproportionate number of non-working people—either retirees or extremely wealthy people from elsewhere. They have excessive free time to loudly voice their opinions while having no experience or stake in the financial well-being of working people and families. There is a general lack of professionalism and illegal and unethical practices are common. Non-profits, the school, and the borough help support a culture of low pay, high workload, and unprofessional behavior. There is endless opportunity, but it all feels slightly out of reach. Young people with a lot of energy and great ideas often come, get burnt out by the culture, and then are forced to leave because they can't make a viable living. Community members who have been here for a long-time love to talk about how magical it is and refuse to discuss or commit to tangible solutions to create a vibrant community. Anyone who is thriving in Haines does not make their income reliant on this community. We are rapidly losing energetic, hardworking, idea driven young people.
- Haines is a wonderful community full of good people who are always there to help each other out. The best part of a small town is that no matter the different opinions on certain subjects, when in need, there is someone there to help.
- There is a core community of caring and friendly people who make Haines home.
- There is a lot of good in Haines. We have everything we need here. If it's not here, you don't really need it (like restaurants and shopping). Yes, there are people who argue and don't get a long, but that happens no matter where you live.
- The best and the worst in the same people
- Gorgeous community with many great attributes. Also many divisive issues.
- It seems like the same group of people are always relied upon to volunteer for/spearhead the startup of varying activities or events or groups.
- We are a people who love living the Alaskan life. We are hardy. We are tolerant and we are helpful to one another.
- I'd say the community feels almost segregated due to its political division. Other than that down side, I've found the community pretty open to new people and ventures (small biz support)
- Retirement town with lack of medical facilities
- Beautiful place, people politically divided often with lack of respect for differing opinions, drug problems, wonderful volunteers, plentiful subsistence opportunities but could do better in some areas of management.
- I think it is a fairly civil community, but it is lacking youthful energy.
- Unpredictable and resilient
- The people are pretty divided in this town when it's a political issue but when it comes to need help I like the fact that most of everyone here will drop what they're doing to help each other.
- Great community in general but the older population seems hellbent on keeping younger people from moving here and it feels like it's dying.
- Very friendly town
- Small-town feel but with more resources than other places. People are innovative and resourceful, and the art scene here makes things really special.
- Small town attributes are key to living here, friends support community yet divisiveness is a problem. Our community and surroundings are enriching if people choose happiness over complaints.
- I find Haines folks are very friendly.
- Independent, invested in community, all but a few are respectful of others, most have priorities other than having a lot of money.
- Haines is indeed a place of character, both in the sense that locals tend to be principled people (even, and maybe especially, when those principles don't align with others'), and that "small towns make up for their lack of people by having everyone be more interesting." We do well in a crisis, coming together despite our differences to help our neighbors. But outside of the crisis moment, we

forget the importance of a collective character--that set of shared principles that help diverse groups to coexist in something at least resembling unity. The resulting divisiveness that stems from opposing views of our who we are and what our future ought to look like creates ruts between different social groups that, left unchecked, grow into chasms, and it is exhausting to many (on both "sides") whose voices are now largely absent from the public arena.

- Friendly
- In general, a culture of helping hands, pooling resources, creative minds and talented interesting people.
- Division
- Diverse and talented.
- Great small-town vibe, but the lower 48er snowbirds have too much to say about how we manage our town.
- Very divided and love to make laws to try to solve problems.
- People are friendly.
- Charming people who can rely on each other during good times and bad.
- caring and mean all at the same time.
- The people are kind and caring. I love that my daughter can walk around town, and I don't have to worry too much about her safety.
- Friendly small-town atmosphere
- Haines is a friendly place, but when politics are involved it becomes very divided. Some people have a hard time seeing issues from another person's point of view or needs.
- Welcoming, independent, industrious, creative, opinionated
- Haines is a beautiful place with wonderful people. Prioritizing our future generations in our decision making needs to happen more.
- Haines is a 50/50 split on conservatives' liberals. People are generally nice and helpful.
- Tight older (time in Haines) community being changed by people that came here to get away from "S." But want to change it like S.
- Supportive in crises, individualist acceptance, divided politics, strong volunteerism, active retirement population, active outdoors, unpretentious, diverse
- People help each other out and can be friends despite ideological differences.
- Welcoming, open minded, invested in community.
- A real town (not overrun by tourism) with important amenities like excellent library, cultural offerings, spectacularly scenic, many non-profit organizations that contribute to our excellent quality of life.
- Adaptable
- Extreme viewpoints and petty squabbles on either end of the political spectrum bog down public discourse/local government; lack of infrastructure undercuts local businesses' efforts to stay relevant and open; but overall a beautiful and rewarding place to live, mostly due to the natural beauty and a few excellent public facilities and non-profits, such as the library, KHNS, HARK and the swimming pool.
- Independent. Mostly friendly. Generous when there is a need. Active volunteers.
- Strong community interaction; safe, and clean.
- Quaint, friendly, relaxed, decent
- People will and do come together to support big events, but day to day is so divided, everything that would bring industry and income to this town is fought against. Those who have to work to live here and constantly fighting against those that are retired and/or trust funders who don't want anything to change, the town is dying.
- Due to its location and natural beauty Haines is a community with a lot of potential to be a vibrant place that is often unmet due to squabbling, an inability to be professional, and is hamstrung by a sense of possessiveness and entitlement in older longtime residents, often older ones, from across the political spectrum.
- Haines is a fine small town in a gorgeous natural setting. People are friendly, civil, and honest. I worry about pro-development forces who are willing to sacrifice quality of life for economic concerns, much of this happening behind closed doors.
- Beautiful and serene setting, with a divided community that seems to be able to come together when things get rough.

- Outstanding
- Engaged, passionate citizens.
- Community minded, friendly and outgoing.
- Wholesome and helpful
- A very friendly environment, we agree to disagree.
- This is the ancient home of the Tlingit Indians, and it should be respected as such.
- People in Haines are hardworking; appreciative of living in a beautiful, uncrowded place; unafraid of speaking their mind; often helpful to community members. Many are fragile due to age and medical condition. Children and youth are strong, independent, and highly engaged. Many are very gifted in the arts and creativity and ingenuity in general. Entrepreneurs are patient, innovative, and resilient.
- Independent, strong willed, caring, comes together when needed.
- Most people are great, but there are those that need to understand that there needs to be an economy for businesses to survive. You cannot stifle and not support the local economy once every 10 years and expect them to carry what you want when you do not shop local.
- Hateful, angry, divided, poorly educated, extremely mismanaged.
- A wonderful small town feel at first but the born and raised Haines residents have an inflated sense of contentious entitlement.
- Divided in every issue but when the chips are down we come together.
- This is my Ancestral Homeland.
- Haines has a bit of a split personality – we drift from left to right frequently. In general, it is civil with the occasional flare up. Heaty, adventurous population.
- Divisive
- Haines is a diverse community that is unique in its scenic beauty and abundant natural resources. There is a definite divide in people's opinions regarding resource development. A majority of people support responsible resource development and the positive resultant economic development. The Haines community understands the importance of coming together in times of crisis.
- Outdoorsy, Scenic, Artistic and nice people; with a touch of native culture.
- Self-sufficient, strong willed, caring.
- Passionate. Economically diverse, divided, strong.
- Hardworking, Friendly, small-town atmosphere, sense of community.
- Haines is characterized by the residents' high age and shares with many Alaskan towns in its' lack of attracting new residents and departure of older residents. Because of these reasons, I see Haines slowly losing its' ability to maintain a decent ferry schedule. Other aspects of the town will slowly collapse as population declines.
- Most who choose to accept all of the above said challenges turn out to be stellar humans. Those who choose otherwise to winnow out. The Mountains and Sea and summer bugs and stout winters assist in shaping reliable people. help the
- Overly conservative minority limits growth and creativity.
- Divided, no common vision of what we should become. Supportive, friendly.
- very divided, unwilling to compromise.
- Intimate, beautiful.
- Beautiful, friendly,
- Divisive, but within tribes cohesive and supportive.
- Some decent folks make up about half the town. The other half a bunch of weak liberal whiners venturing from the city. Not enough work. Very expensive to buy anything. Poorly planned town. Greedy people running it. Too many relatives in office. Conflict of interest. Ignoring the people and the town this area is amazing. I avoid going to town though. The people outside of town seem to be a lot better. A lot of hateful hippies in town. Overpriced businesses with mediocre service.
- Highly polarized on certain values and beliefs. Many respectful of tribal values but there are also people who state Klukwan doesn't count even though the borough collects our share of online sales tax. In general, low community cohesion due to major divide in community beliefs and values. It affects everything- housing, job creation, and general upward mobility.
- Hardworking kind beautiful place
- Good people
- Amazing

- Haines is in the most beautiful place I have ever seen. I love that it's a small, safe town without the traffic and congestion which is the norm down south. If you can avoid the politics, it can be friendly close-knit community.
- A good town has a dying job market, taxation is crazy, expecting a large wave of homeless soon with unbelievable property tax increases.
- Resilient righteous
- Community character is kind of confusing. A lot of times people rally around the average citizen who has faced adversity but other times when it comes to town issues there are bullies in this town that counter my previous statement. Generally people care and the small town part of knowing everyone is great.
- Contentious
- If you are not a political figure, people are really nice. It seems like people enjoy bullying political figures though.
- Strong sense of community, people care about one another and the environment around us.
- Nice humble people. Great place to raise children. Small town mentality that pulls together during crisis.
- Haines is a quirky, creative community of unique characters in one of the last ecologically healthy and abundant places on earth.
- Haines is a town that relies on volunteers who give of themselves to make the community a better place. Fewer and fewer people are volunteering. Challenging and
- It's a great community filled with people of different viewpoints, but I believe current borough leaders have used their power to undermine the desires of local residents and to direct the borough attorney to misinterpret code. The scenery and the subsistence resources are superb. The different viewpoints of the residents make life here interesting.
- A welcoming town clumsily navigating the imminent evolution of economic virtues, pristine wilderness, infrastructure and quality of life amid a diverse clutch of people and their opinions, the collective knowledge, the history, the community, the politics, the banter...it's a nice!
- I personally visited various mountain towns as potential places to live. Haines beat out: Talkeetna, Girdwood, Seward, Homer, San Juan Islands WA, Hood River OR Bend OR, Joseph OR, Telluride CO, Bozeman MT, Jackson Hole WY. Why? Because of the pristine beauty and the unique characters that inhabit this place I now call home. I am amused and inspired daily. I am able to focus on my remote work within a sanctuary and I enjoy speaking with local artists about potential economic opportunities. There are infinite possibilities for individuals and the town itself to be successful without further resource extraction. People are resourceful here and they are survivors.
- Great people but high depression
- Community is often individualistic and self-reliant. People come together in times of great need despite political differences.
- Kind, safe
- Quiet, peaceful place to live.
- "It takes a village" is an understatement. This is a community of people who welcome all, helps all, and encourages everyone. Proof is the scholarship morning before graduation every year.
- We do have a bunch of people that is against everything.
- The town is polarized. There is a green element that wants to control everything to their selfish perspective of what they think the area should be. Before they moved here logging was the biggest employer and now there is a faction that doesn't want any trees to be cut.
- Regressive, Stalwart, Economically Depressed.
- The warmest community I have ever been a part of
- The community here can really come together when it needs to but prefers conflict. Ironic that I'm a place where freedom is paramount that we don't always afford it to others. Most people are kind however, or at the very least real. You have to be a little crazy to live in a place like this, but the quirks of that kind of crazy that add some space to an otherwise dull burrito. I can't speak for Tlingit culture in his synopsis, which serves as a reminder that most of the madness that I'm writing about is from a wide variety of people who choose to build their lives here.
- The community of the Haines Borough is very diverse. We are a group of misfits I believe. The people here are very divided and opinionated and at times, not very welcoming to newcomers. The

community lacks year-round with and this is taking its toll. Its attributes are the isolation (keeping the population in check), access to outdoor recreation, the library, and the wonderful small business that remain open year-round.

- Artistic, skilled, independent, unique, isolated, special, threatened.
- Good people who mean well, care deeply about towns future; but need to work harder to get along and respect different political positions.
- The community is giving and caring as well as each person! The people care about one another and jump to help anyone in need!
- Haines' personality has not changed much in the last 38 years. You still have a sector of individuals who move to the Haines Borough, build their home and their life, then do not want anyone else to build their home or life next door to them. Example: Viking Cove & Mudbay, 26 mile. As far as I'm concerned, if you want peace and quiet, Alaska is a BIG state, feel free to move away from all of the noise and others trying to make a living.
- To many CAVE People. Citizens Against Virtually Everything (CAVE)
- Strong sense of community. Small town ability to come together when needed. Small town ability to squabble and blame. The residents know they live in the most beautiful place on Earth and they have the stamina to outlast/overcome anything that comes their way; however, they don't realize how much quality of life they are forfeiting by doing so.
- wonderful people who go over and above to be good neighbors
- I COULD GO TO DINNER EVERY NITE WITH FRIENDS FOR A MONTH AND STILL HAVE FRIENDS THAT I HAVEN'T DINED WITH.
- helpful in emergencies; sadly regressive in land use and natural resource decisions, mean.
- friendly, peaceful
- Greedy, self-centered, self-serving, hypocrisy ridden, irrational and unable to share with others. That pretty much sums up the vocal members of the community. Haines has many faces but lately the previous describing words pretty much sums up current events.
- Haines is everything we ever dreamt of. It's quiet and peaceful. Most of the community is very helpful and willing to step out of their way to help someone. The town is small but perfect with most everything one could do.
- Slow pace of life. People help people. community
- Inclusive and community minded.
- Collectively we are the most loving caring group of people on earth. We also have a typical stubborn attitude found in Alaskan people that are highly opinionated and feel it necessary to do whatever is necessary to reach their desired end result. It is a very high survival trait, but Alaskans are more so inclined to do whatever it takes.
- There is a warm and friendly atmosphere that endures until you dig down and reach a layer of polarity and intolerance for diverse ideas. That layer is the only thing stopping Haines from being its best self. It has so much gone for it from growing tourism dollars and great access to stunning wildlife and scenery to road access to make us a truly international access point. Resource extraction might be part of that future, but it needs to balance with the impact to other industries such as fishing and tourism.
- Many
- We have a very diverse community. In a crisis we can put band together and help each other. But if not in crisis, we tend to want to choke each other if we have a difference.
- Haines is a great big family of different cultures that take.
- Haines is truly a special place, and while there are challenges associated with life in a small town, the community as a whole looks out for each another. Haines is also unique because it's so politically divided. It feels like we're approaching a critical crossroad. Will Haines become an industrial haul route and mining town, or will it become a scenic destination, attracting artists, adventurers and travelers?
- Haines is a community of diverse peoples, cultures, thoughts and ideals. You can often find individuals at other ends of the thought spectrum at odds with each other. But when it really counts, when people are hurt, have experienced loss, or need help, then you can see the true strength of Haines. The Community Members band together to lift each other up, regardless of ideals and beliefs.

- Haines is a friendly community-oriented and cultural place.
- Haines is split in half, some are very resourceful, industrious and pragmatic. The other half are entitled, arrogant, and unproductive.
- Haines is full of interesting, progressive, and forward-thinking people who value a high quality of life and wish to preserve a lifestyle that affords access to a clean environment, vibrant arts, effective healthcare, reliable transportation, employment and housing opportunities, great schools, and a warm social environment.
- With nearly 75 percent of the population born elsewhere, Haines is radically diverse, even by Alaska standards (65 percent born elsewhere). As a result, the town is largely ungovernable, with factions competing for wildly divergent visions of what this place should be. The question is whether we ever can create a community that is worthy of this magnificent, wild setting. If we can't, perhaps we all should leave and just return in the summer to harvest some fish, see some bears, and enjoy it for what it is -- a refuge of peace and beauty and quiet in a world that is far too ugly, loud and violent.
- To many people that do not want change
- Haines has a split personality; half want some kind of development to bring jobs and an economy and half think you can pay for everything with cottage industries. Most of the people are good and mean well.
- Proud, engaged, diverse.
- Pleasant, diverse, insulated, inept government, non-communicative, environmentally conscious but reluctant to engage.
- Big split between those educated, socially aware and progressive, and the backwoods rednecks.
- Resilient in desire of freedom to live their own lives how they want to live.
- Scared, policing, like to decide what's best for others.
- For the most part living in a small town is like living with a large family. Everyone knows each other, so for the most part it's easy to trust one another. It's a great town to get out and explore but is difficult to live in at times because of a lack of economic drivers outside of the summer busy season.
- Mostly good people, great place to live the subsistence life style, expensive freight, ridiculous fuel prices.
- Close knit and supportive but oddly divided.
- Out to get ya
- People rally together when needed to help others.
- Diverse but polarized, Haines residents are not afraid to stand their ground politically to the public but often times won't do anything within the town government because of its bad reputation and in fighting.
- Nice people. We should not try to develop the Mosquito Lake School. Should tear it down.
- I love and value and want more diversity in residents like more young people of all colors settling here. I highly value the clean water, fish and subsistence opportunities. I love the wall town atmosphere and unlimited opportunities to volunteer and join any opportunities. I love that even though we don't agree always we always take care of each other.
- For the most part, this is a caring community where people help each other when the need arises. However, there are times when community leaders do not acknowledge and support neighborhood concerns of those living outside the townsite.
- Family oriented, generous volunteerism, scenic, profound environmental quality
- We are a community that is greatly divided, but when worse comes to worse we will come together. That's what is beautiful, people diametrically opposed on either side of many issues, help no one including themselves by not working for compromise, we lose amazing borough employees because people cannot give in a little to one another.
- Divided but diversified.
- Authentic / Wild / Independent / Funky / Resourceful / Extreme ; World-class natural beauty, recreation and subsistence-lifestyle opportunities that should not be sacrificed at all costs.
- Split, real Alaskan and hair brain nut job liberals that don't want real jobs in Haines.
- polarized, uninformed, clique oriented.
- The people in Haines are some of the most kind, considerate and supportive people I have ever met. The access to amazing resources and beautiful scenery is worth visiting and living in Haines. I have genuinely enjoyed my time here and I am excited to keep coming back.

- How can you do that ?
- Friendly
- Haines is a diverse town as far as politics and beliefs but when necessary the entire town comes together to support each other and work together.
- strong willed, resistant to change, down to earth, casual, patriarchal.
- independent, strong willed, capable, talented people. Beautiful town but is getting ruined by ugly industrial waterfront. The people come together in crisis. It is small and safe.
- Haines is a beautiful place where the isolated slowly.
- Interesting folks. Bootstrappers who are happy to play “hero” but refuse to invest in infrastructure or approach challenges with a spirit of cooperation or goal oriented (civil) discussion.
- Transient seasonal with a core group that run the town. The core is idealistic and biased personal beliefs or corporate business to engage community. There are quality people thinking of sustainable natural modes of living based on the resources of the environment.
- Residents are united by their appreciation of the environment, be it for aesthetic, health, subsistence or recreational opportunities. Making a living seems secondary to quality of life up to a certain point. Despite a certain clinging people have to their associations with political outlooks, overall they are safe and kind. We have it good.
- A “real Alaskan” town. People raise their families here, retire here, live out their lives. Safe, scenic, clean. The laid-back local character is provided by locally opened businesses and Native organizations as opposed to Skagway-like economy where every other shop is owned by a cruise company and the town is boarded up in winter. Our excellent library, museum, pool and many nonprofits provide activities, services (and jobs!) that make Haines livable. The divisions between local factions are pronounced in our small population, but people support others when we need to. 1) Promote independent travel and Haines as a year-round destination; 2) Support economic development that does not threaten fish habitat. 3) Respect residents and their concerns for their neighborhoods. 4) Advocate for locals, don’t kowtow to multinational corporations.5) Promote ferry terminal in Haines, not Cascade Point...promote Haines as a bedroom community for ferry workers; lobby to make Haines a crew change port.6) keep downtown open area park as a town center for events, gatherings, etc.
- A typical small town with an atypical number of people who just don’t “get it (how to live with others).”
- Loyal, dedicated, community minded, but divided by outside interests, specifically outside mining interests. We’re allowing a foreign company to divide our community.
- People are generally friendly. Some are working really hard and really enjoy living here, many others are working the system - no job, on welfare, no desire to change and no interest in what Haines has to offer otherwise. Very politically divided.
- Superficially engaged and forward thinking, substantially entrenched and difficult.
- nice
- Haines eats its own and makes it difficult for new people to move here and sustainably live here.
- For the most part, open, honest and caring community
- The community's character is loving, caring, creative, helpful, hateful, threatening and non-inclusive, all in one.
- Living in Haines is like having a Very large extended family with all the challenges and joy that come with family.
- Haines is a special town in a beautiful place, with an engaged community who look out for each other.
- Colorful, good people, Friendly
- Quirky and charming, despite the rough edges and community fractiousness.
- People help each other when they are in need. Active arts community, due to much volunteerism.
- There is a minority in this town that seem dead set on promoting whatever economic development that is possible. Among these people there is little to no concern about the effects of the proposed development on the viability of the natural environment, and a tendency to focus only on the short-term economic gains instead of realizing that the true value of Haines lies in its healthy ecosystem. The people who seek economic development will manipulate, intimidate, and outright lie to pursue their vision, and try to dominate the political realm to achieve their goals. Long term developments

that exist in harmony with the natural environment are rejected because the return from such investments is not as high in the short term. But the degradation caused by the resource extractions cause a long-term decline in the productivity of this place and cause sustainable industries to decline. I have lived here close to 60 years, and while there is kindness in parts of the community, this single-minded pursuit of destructive economic development has caused divisiveness that has, and continues to, tear this community apart.

- Lack of customer service skills and tourism connection with independent travelers is very poor. No concern for the environmental destructions of mining. Budget spending out of control. Cost of unsuitable employees on payroll.
- Gorgeous, nature-loving, close community, polarized.
- Kind
- Independent minded, lack of civility but generous and compassionate when times are tough.
- Overall the people are vibrant, enthusiastic, educated, engaged—many more young people and children, lots of opportunities, yet the deep open discussions and efforts to collaborate and effectively work together are hindered or prevented from happening due to a set agenda concerning large scale resource extraction and building what can become an ore dock that is met with mistrust and discord from multiple sectors of the community.
- Rich in Alaska native culture with a strong colonization impact that continues to threaten quality of life.
- Friendly and caring but contentious and divided.
- People rely on one another and help each other out. We are surrounded by natural beauty and an abundance of wildlife which many residents value highly.
- Different
- The foundation of this community, both temporally and culturally, is the Chilkat and Chilkoot Tlingit people. In the earlier days of colonial settlement by non-natives, many newcomers engaged in resource extraction, and some gained an unreasonable sense of entitlement to those resources. Over the last 50 years, many immigrants have moved to the Chilkat valley and upper Lynn Canal because of the tremendous natural beauty, and the chance to live in a landscape that is healthy, alive and nurturing. Many of these people also established a rich and vibrant arts and music culture, that shares a certain resonance with the great artistic traditions of the Tlingit culture. Unfortunately, a minority segment of the population has maintained a disproportionate grip on local government and municipal affairs and has been attempting for years to steer the community in the direction of heavy industrial development, with a focus on using public resources to subsidize industrial corporate interests. This direction is out-of-step with the majority of residents, and has caused much social acrimony, and distrust of the Borough government.
- 50% intelligent and engaged, 25%-35% not engaged, 15%-25% engaged and dumb.
- Haines is unique, and to me feels very free, like you can be who you want and do what you want without too much judgement, which is hard to find in the world. The sense of community and like everyone is looking out for each other because it's so remote is amazing as well.
- Someone posted on Facebook one time that the only time that Haines residents get along is when some tragedy hits. They weren't wrong. My husband and I have lived in Haines for 14 years. We stay because of the high-quality life we get to live and the relationships that we built over time. This community loves hard, and it equally hates hard. We struggle with agreeing to have bike lanes in downtown, but you can guarantee that the person you are most at odds with on certain issues will be the first one to sign up for a meal train should something happen to you. We are a hardheaded, but resilient little community. You just can't find that anywhere else.
- It's a homie town where it seems everybody knows for each other but is very divisive on the two political extremes.
- Friendly and agreeable
- Haines has some of the most amazing souls I have ever come across.
- Haines is wonderful, but it's hard to start a life here as a young adult. We are choosing not to have kids because teacher retention is so poor and childcare options are few. Housing is a huge issue—gatekeeping of affordable housing is a big problem here. We moved up in our boat which was a very affordable housing option when living in Juneau, but here it's not an option for 6 months of the year. Not being able to live in yurts or trailers except in limited areas reduces affordable housing options

further. I would love to see investment in Haines arts and community resources like the library, and more community engagement with native culture. There's a lot of division not only along ideological lines but also generationally- it would be great to see older generations taking an interest in helping younger generations get established, and for younger generations to appreciate that retirees contribute income to the community without taking jobs. a li

- I can't think of any other place I'd like to live.
- Politically divided and where social cliques rule, Haines is also a place neighbors can be seen helping each other in spite of the differences.
- Happy, kind, and respectful but also rude, judgmental and unfair
- Most people are there for the right reasons, wanting the town to grow and be self-supporting. East coast money and values are crushing the town and preventing needed growth.
- Many highly educated people: retirement community with seniors willing to volunteer; young families here that participate in outdoor adventures -- on land, air, and water; and, finally, a community of conservatives and liberals that are in sore need of learning how to compromise in order that needed projects/events/facility updates can be accomplished.
- Very diverse in views but usually pull together to help each other.
- People come here for the scenery. Stay here for the people they meet. Leave here because of the politics.
- Community can come together, putting their differences aside when needed. Acceptance of different life styles.
- An insular bubble of folks all willing to be heroes in a crisis but not work together otherwise to make the town better functioning.
- Contentious and selfish
- Established residents have open minds about growth, development and opportunities. New residents seem to want to escape their world and create roadblocks to development and forward economic progress.
- Polarized, entrenched, missing the opportunity to grow into a vibrant and cohesive community.
- Proud small town that's isolated.
- Beautiful small town with a community that comes together when someone needs help.
- Generally great place to live, needs more economic opportunities for middle class and young families.
- Big family, people helping people, great recreation opportunities, small group tries to spoil it all by protesting any and all development--unless it is their friends. We can't even repair a dock without a fight.
- Haines is not the same town I moved into. The people who have moved into Haines in the past 20 years moved here to get away from the regulations in their cities, yet they got here and started infiltrating us and bringing the very ideas that they didn't like where they moved from, into Haines. So now our town has become more of a Yuppie community, not the wholesome, hardworking and understanding town that I knew.
- In my experience, Haines is a closed and not terribly welcoming community -- I've lived here six years and am still described as "new to Haines" when I'm introduced. People have lived here their entire lives, never left, and they're okay with that, which mystifies me. When my family and friends who don't live here ask about where I live, I describe Haines as a town set amidst jaw dropping natural beauty filled with vocal, opinionated residents who likely will be evenly divided over the issues, ANY issues, but who will come together as a community when something terrible happens, such as the December 2020 landslide. There's not a great deal of "live and let live" practiced here, but that may be the case everywhere these days; I don't think social media has done us any favors in this regard. And it is my perception that there are a number of families and individuals who have lived in Haines for several generations who seem to regard its laws, codes, etc. as merely "suggestions" for them and they bully and bluster their way to the results they want. Unfortunately, this behavior appears to work for them, so they continue it. There's also an old-timer attitude of "well, that would NEVER happen in Haines!" when it comes to things like drugs and crime. Well, it IS happening here, and it IS drugs. Honestly? I'm not sure I would choose Haines again if I had to do it over again. It's kind of a nasty little town in a beautiful setting.
- Scenic town that supports and encourages art and artists. Ideal for adventures.

- polarized politics, lots of negativity between factions. everyone else just trying to get on with it!
- Friendly, dependable, helpful
- People are pretty caring despite disagreements.
- Friendly, active, helpful
- Generally care for others
- hateful and ignorant
- Recreational
- Good Town, Good People
- Most people are friendly.
- It's a cool place but it's changing too fast to be like the USA.
- To many people don't want growth
- Top notch
- It's a great place to live people really come together when it's needed.
- friendly
- Haines is very fractionated which seems to make it difficult to move on worthwhile projects. For the most part people of Haines are very friendly and helpful. We've lived here for 31 years it was a great place to raise our children. We love the outdoors and the peacefulness of the Chilkat valley.
- Very friendly to newcomers!
- Resilient and want to be left alone.
- Great community
- The borough government is full of out of touch people and there is a lack of professionalism. The people the government listens to are the ones with idle hands.
- A great place to retire.
- The whole town has its highs and lows there's no middle ground.
- Divided is a word that encompasses all of those things. I believe we are going to need modeling from the highest officials of civility, open mindedness and respect to be able to move forward toward growth as a community.
- Friendly
- A great town that needs to embrace new economic opportunities.
- Caring and careful.
- Strong
- A small town in a beautiful place.
- Haines offers a lifestyle that has largely disappeared from the country. Here you can grow, gather, fish and hunt for healthy foods, help your neighbors raise a wall on their house building project, and access unspoiled landscapes by foot, skis or boat. Surrounded by natural beauty and still clean water and air, it is nonetheless a difficult place to live due to weather and limited transportation options. It's not a place to make an easy buck. Therefore it attracts people who love it for what it is now, not for what it can be developed into.
- Diverse economy, beautiful scenery, and small community atmosphere. Not matter your political bent, when people need help everyone steps up!
- friendly, helpful, antagonistic at times, creative, strong
- A vibrant, progressive, artistic, engaged and resilient small-town community in a culturally and environmentally significant area.
- Beautiful town that can be difficult to live in because people can't figure out how to get along.
- Haines is a very scenic small town whose residents are generally very friendly but can be very divided on some issues.
- Haines' community is full of tough people. with that comes a lot of strong opinions and attitudes that sometimes make the town feel bitter. But despite the attitudes, Haines people take care of each other.
- MY POV, I grew up in Haines. Haines (sorta by default) is where I have ended up as an adult with my family. I feel safe here. My children are safe here. I think generally people in Haines care for each other and show up for each other. I know social media is ruining the world and Haines. I don't have a Facebook account and credit that to my positive view on the community of Haines. I don't see the divisiveness because I don't think that same (Facebook) hostility is in the grocery store or at the basketball games. It's not in my interactions with people at public events. I stay here for the natural

beauty. It still blows my mind. I will never take it for granted and I was raised here. I also appreciate that there are not people everywhere. I love being up the river and not seeing a person or hiking for hours and only seeing some mountain goats and a moose.

- Beautiful, remote, quiet,
- wonderful
- Very close knit, arts focused, active.
- Unwilling to accept and adapt to a changing word, friendly and welcoming only to people that align with an Ultra Conservative lifestyle, unwilling to allow renovations to a crumbling infrastructure.
- divisive and grumpy
- Welcoming, warm, and neighborly.
- To many people don't want business growth like mining, logging but love all the products that come from those types of industries, the attitude we want it but not in our backyards.....hmmm
- Friendly, full of characters.
- Most people are nice, the environmentalist are bullies, mean and make the community feel unfriendly.
- Mostly good people but I am sick of people trying to come here to save us from ourselves!
- Haines is a great town. It's split 50/50 politically but everyone mostly gets along. The pay scale the borough pays its employees is really low compared to other areas of the state, which is really unfortunate.
- small town atmosphere
- Friendly
- Friendly, outdoorsy, political.
- This community is filled with healthy people who love to enjoy the wild beauty of the surrounding areas, artists, and subsistence harvesters.
- Positive: Independent people, all the volunteers who contribute time to the community events and the non- profits, and the way that people come together in times of need. Negative: The way that controversial issues are often pushed through without ample opportunity for people to provide input, or they aren't listened to. That major, highly controversial issues are not put to public vote.
- Typical
- A great little town with a greenie problem.
- Help each other, diverse, middle age mostly.
- A divided community, the people who have to work for a living and the people who do not and can volunteer for many things.
- Loud vocal minority putting into ghost town status.
- The community is wide range of beliefs and a lot of part time residents.
- People know each other which is good and bad.
- Small town that eats its own in business, life, and political
- An ungovernable and unkept community of opinionated people in a stunning location of the planet where children's' playgrounds abound, dirty diapers can be found in the rivers and potholes avoided in the streets that take you to a fabulous performing arts center. .
- Conservation groups are bullies and mean, if you don't agree with someone they personally attack you.
- Haines and its residents used to be described as friendly, hard-working and welcoming. Sadly, we are now a community full of strife and dissension and negativity.
- Education has no representation of the Tlingit language and culture.
- Diverse community with strong opinions, though often able to come together around common causes.
- Haines should focus on what unites the community not what divides them (which is what seems to define them)
- Haines is a very diverse community with both sides being extremely opinionated.
- Friendly, divisive, strong willed, resilient
- A warm-hearted group that takes care of itself in hard times and good with some overly vocal outliers continually stirring discontent
- NIMBY-ism, anti-business, anti-development, anti-economy, myopic
- Friendly and supportive

- Older than average. Mailbox money, skewing view of economic realities.
- Toxic, unhealthy, unprofessional, creative, passionate, hard working
- This town is so awful towards one another, there are more than just the vocal minority, but we are afraid to speak up due to the intimidation and vitriol if we disagree with said minority.
- Opinionated and kind
- community character: small diverse town, people: clique-y, attributes: natural, non-industrial community
- bipolar
- Incredibly friendly people, and at the same time extremely polarizing. Haines is unmatched in beauty and opportunity for recreation--however, the weather in the valley is just as unpredictable as the political climate so it can feel very stifling at times. But an incredible place to live, with truly wonderful people.
- Pulls together in times of need, creative, divisive.
- caring,
- adventuresome, independent, solipsistic, skilled, eccentric, heavily subsidized, charitable, verbose, wanting less government, eclectic.
- Friendly, independent people who help each other out during emergencies.
- Many community members feel entitlement and force their own ideas on the entire community.
- Passionate about the things they care the most for.
- Genuine and hardworking
- Most people are kind and respectful, but a small group of pro-industrial development bullies make political engagement challenging and even hazardous.

What is the single most important project Haines can do as a community over the next 5-10 years? (Open-ended)

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comments

The full list of the 572 resident responses to this question are presented below:

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- Prioritize infrastructure needs (i.e. complete the Lutak Dock project, replace the Public Safety Building
- Protect the fishery from the dangers of the "Palmer Project" and shut down the mine exploration.
- Promote tourism as an economic driver, 1 big ship per day port.
- Listen to one another and prioritize this precious valley that we're forever guests in.
- Protect its pristine environment.
- Build a new Public Safety Building
- Protect the fish!
- Recreation center for all ages
- Better sidewalks/bike trail along third and mud bay and Lutak
- Bring the cost of housing down, especially for young renters. Maybe limit Airbnb and similar?
- New Public safety building, and increased infrastructure
- Create a space that kids and teenagers can go to, like a rec center.
- Figure out how to support local businesses better in this impossible climate of skyrocketing shipping prices, staff shortages and insane utilities bills.
- Unite for economic sustainability of residents.
- Lutak/AML dock
- Stop overfishing.
- Create a marketable, integrated trail and Refugio/hut system that can be used for both hiking and skiing.
- Revamp the borough leadership system. Make a system that listens to the people.
- institute an excise tax on timber and mining products
- Transportation infrastructure. Our ferry terminal, barge , and road , and the airport that keeps getting forgotten. If we can't get in or out , goods can't get in or out it costs us.
- remove property tax - a slight increase in the sales tax should cover the loss.
- Create a disaster plan and establish weather stations to track precipitation.
- Enlarge the library.
- Encourage economic development (e.g., Constantine Mine)
- Stop the mine.
- Pave the roads in town. Union, etc.. so sick of my car and house getting dirty from dirt roads. We pay enough in Taxes!
- Protect against indiscriminate industrial development by focusing on melding Haines natural quality of life options with non-impactful employment opportunities.
- Better, faster internet service
- Fix Lutak Dock
- Public safety building
- Affordable housing
- Protect the Chilkat River
- Establish more housing options/regulations that allow for more low-income people to find homes. It's very very hard to have consistent work here.
- Get Constantine going. Got to have family supporting jobs to attract families.
- End local monopolies.

- protect against industrial resource extraction.
- Increase electrical generation production! The only way to free us from our dependency on volatility of oil.
- Put residents as priority over tourists.
- Install a community heat pump loop for downtown.
- New housing options
- Stop the potential mine project and protect the Chilkat.
- Not allow big industries like mining and logging ruin our clean environment and way of life.
- We need something to attract our young people to stay and other young people to come; more diverse job opportunities, recreation, adventures, programs??? Whatever we need to draw them to Haines.
- Stop the mine.
- The waste waters systems need to be properly upgraded.
- Support mine development
- Finish the boat harbor expansion, finish sanitation facility upgrades.
- road maintenance and economic diversity
- Improve ferry system.
- Economic development
- The ferry system
- The Palmer project,
- Fixing the Lutak dock and expanding the airport
- Port at which we receive our goods needs to be secured. It is irresponsible not to prioritize this.
- Haines needs to involve and be respectful of the Native Community. There needs to be a discussion between the communities on how they can come together, work together and achieve great things for Haines together. As Haines continues to grow there needs to be more awareness for those who are moving here. For example - The Chilkat and Chilkoot peoples of this area harvest traditional foods on the very beaches that peoples walk their dogs and don't clean up after them. No one wants dog crap on their food. Simple signs that state you are on the ancestral lands of the Tlingit Nation and in a subsistence harvest area, pick up after your dog. That is one example of many.
- Develop robust communications infrastructure.
- Economic development, this will allow multiple projects.
- Protect our salmon by not allowing the mine to progress any further.
- Stop the mine!
- Build a hospital, and lights on the airport runway so that medevacs can land after civil twilight.
- Protect the serenity, environmentally friendly tourism rather than industrial growth. Attract more remote workers, improve internet infrastructure.
- Protect residents from the Haines Highway becoming an ore haul road and the negative environmental impacts of the Palmer project.
- Find a better way to support their fishermen.
- Ensure financial support and building maintenance for the library and the Chilkat Center.
- Economic development
- Build and fund housing projects like CIA does or condos, so that Haines residents can have safe, affordable, clean & warm places to live. More families would stay in Haines if housing was more affordable.
- green house agriculture
- Fill empty buildings on Main Street
- new firehall / ambulance service facility
- Have a local government that enforces Borough code and doesn't play favorites towards business.
- Put more stalls in the harbor and allow commercial fishing vessels to utilize the giant parking lot that remains empty over the winter.
- Increase tourism as it lasts only 3-4 months. Welcome cruise ship industry and reap the financial benefits. Every day I see 10s of thousands in lost local revenue as ships which visit Skagway pass by on their way north or south. Haines is missing out, BIG TIME.
- Support the Palmer Project mine.

- Work with Constantine Mine (Palmer Project) instead of against it, making sure it is done in a safe and environmentally sound manner and that a portion of profits contribute to the well-being of Haines.
- Attract investment and provide workforce housing options.
- Inside more reliable internet and phone service
- Housing and better medical resources and dependable travel options
- Ensure community access to rivers, beaches, streams, wilderness. We are losing access due to competition with industrial tourism, and private property changing hands to folks who don't value community the same.
- infrastructure - dock, public safety building, etc.
- Strict regulations on natural resource management
- Maintain the health of the environment by keeping industrialization at a very small scale.
- Fuel and mining
- Create a municipality where employees feel valued by administrators and appreciated by community members.
- affordability of costs, lowering taxes and government BS
- Fix roadways
- The Lutak dock
- Move away from oil for heating homes.
- Solidify a stance of no foreign mining companies in the Valley.
- Fixing aging infrastructure
- new or upgraded sewer.
- Bike trails.
- Hydroelectric diversity. We cannot all phase out fuels for transportation and heating without more capacity.
- Secure our ports.
- We need growth and with growth come more taxes, that will help our community in many ways.
- Identity and begin development of renewable energy infrastructure. (Hydro power)
- Boat harbor in excursion inlet
- Become a deep-water port to help import and export out of upper Lynn Canal
- Rebuild Lutak dock.
- Become more food independent from the outside world.
- Eliminate. Divisiveness
- Upgrade Lutak dock for shipping of freight.
- Overhaul and expand internet, sewer and water capacity for town and cruise ship use.
- If you want to build a dumb ski lift, build it in Haines, not Mosquito Lake
- shore up declining infrastructure
- Better health care
- Keep our watershed safe from mines.
- Support our schools and families and the natural beauty we are blessed with.
- Keep air and water clean.
- Fighting Palmer Mine and protecting our salmon
- Hiking biking trails
- Improve aging infrastructure.
- Start promoting alternative economies such as outdoor recreation, tech-based location neutral workers, community college, specialized medical care center.
- Work towards identifying areas of ecological and cultural significance, whether or not on borough-owned lands, and protect these areas for the future health of the economy and the human society here.
- Housing
- Encouraging local food production
- They can leave the trees where the stand. Do not build any more roads thru wilderness. Not allow mining that could endanger the environment.
- Lutak Dock

- Provide cell phone service Borough-wide - not just townsite and increase Internet bandwidth to reasonable levels.
- new pool... saves lives.
- Rebuild aging infrastructure.
- Town Square
- keep the valley mine free while working for creative long-term ways to keep people employed locally.
- preserve the environment.
- support economic growth so families do not have to leave to find decent-paying jobs, also encouraging the community to access the outdoors but developing more trails of varying difficulty levels.
- Lutak dock
- Enact a Homestead exemption that universally exempts the first \$250k of property value on a household's primary residence.
- education regarding benefits of an intact ecosystem
- A ski lift / ski area
- Invest in local food security, work toward produce exportation.
- Improve access in and out of Haines, ferries, planes, roads.
- Constantine mine
- Port
- Discourage the Palmer Project
- create a town square on the borough property at 3rd and main.
- enact policies that protect the environment.
- Stop the mine project.
- Redirect funds for economic development towards infrastructure improvements.
- Winter activity funding -build an ice rink.
- Maintain our docks and harbors.
- Improve economic development by improving neutral workplace opportunities - internet access, housing, and quality of life like recreation infrastructure (trails)s.
- Find a way to create year-round jobs with descent pay.
- Our housing markets.
- Protect our Salmon run.
- Lutak Dock
- self-sufficient re: food, energy
- Keep up on infrastructure maintenance.
- Tourism
- Roads
- Agriculture incentives
- Economic more Jobs
- Lutak dock
- Help bring in the mine for jobs! Support jobs.
- Support small businesses and stop the mine.
- I think the most important thing Haines can do is become more accepting of the mine and do more research on the topic. Many want for Haines to be a pure tourism-based economy and while it has perks it also has many down sides. The people need to realize that the mine is a solution to this and not all excavation and logging leads to ecological destruction.
- Shut down Constantine project.
- Developing a stronger presence in Southeast AK tourism
- Build a dock so we can ship iron ore or other resources out.
- Lutak harbor
- Infrastructure improvements/repair
- Protect our salmon and fishermen and hire a lobbyist to assist higher number returns through ADFG.
- Improve our port. Welcome new economy.
- 1. Develop our own local hydro electric energy source. 2. Finish the Lutak dock.
- Tolerance of diversity in local enterprises
- Develop our port system.

- Repairing, upgrading and developing the Lutak Dock!!!
- Build another subsidized housing facility similar to Dusty Trails. I am deeply concerned that low-income seniors are going to be pushed out of Haines due to increasing rental costs and they are a vital part of our community.
- Diversify and build a solid year-round economy.
- Housing
- There are two, and they go together. Work on infrastructure and build back our economy. We can't have an economy without the infrastructure to support it, and we can pay for the infrastructure without a good economy.
- The Constantine Mine
- Not permitting a mine.
- Fix Lutak dock
- Follow borough code in decision making.
- Get rid of the mine.
- maintain what already exists in Haines.
- Ports and roads
- Continue opposition to the Constantine mine
- Rebuild freight dock.
- Opening the mine
- Housing
- improve borough governance.
- Hospital with CT scanner
- We need to improve indoor recreation and prioritize a community center for yoga, rock climbing, fitness, etc. A place that would also be a friendly place for youth to gather and childcare groups.
- Support all sectors of economic development equally.
- Public safety, police/fire
- Improve housing opportunities.
- Maintain parks.
- Extend boat harbor and include vessel haul out for commercial boats.
- Stop the upper valley mining project.
- Develop the Connley Lake Hydro Project
- Fund the school more.
- Fix the roads!
- Support efforts for local food and energy production. There will be challenges as climate change impacts current supply chains.
- Extend the size of our harbor for more slot access.
- Promote tourism.
- To get ready for war. It's coming and Haines will have painted a gigantic bull's eye on It'sltself, by building an all season, functioning ore export facility and access to the sources in the valley. So fund projects that will protect our citizens and defend our assets.
- Upgrade aging infrastructure and create more year-round employment opportunities for people who stay here in the winter.
- Creating more income for the Borough in order to lower the costs of living for locals.
- support your fishermen! every other town in southeast has boat storage, haul outs and access points except it feels like Haines doesn't care about the fishermen. for example, tourists love watching us work on crab pots in the harbor parking lot, but we aren't allowed to store our boats there even though it makes perfect sense to. all the money we make is poured right back into Haines and it would be nice to have more incentives afterwards.
- Diversify economic opportunities for jobs and revenue for the Borough.
- Recreation center
- We need an industry in Haines that will allow creation of jobs and stable economic growth. Tourism alone is not enough! Especially with record high expenses just to live here! We are currently a community that almost solely relies upon imported goods for every sector. We need some kind of production that we can export and or sustain ourselves with.

- Fund climate change infrastructure such as making heat pumps available, fast EV charging stations, EV incentives; basically anything to do our part preventing more climate change.
- reliable cell phone service to include out the highway.
- Haines is a safe place to live. I think that has to be the 1st priority because if that lapses, then nothing else we have will matter. I think building a public safety building is number 1. Then we need to maintain the facilities we have and upgrade them as needed.
- Build the road from Haines to Juneau
- Lobby SEARHC for a hospital (sooner than 5 years).
- Protect our environment. We have a pristine environment. Let's concentrate on selling the beauty of our area. (No mines.)
- Develop a matrix that vets all proposed projects and activity to ensure they do not negatively impact the health, welfare or integrity of our existing natural environment and all it supports, nor our existing quality of life.
- Build a Recreation Center for the young and old to enjoy.
- Develop city relationships for affordable hotel/transportation in business and medical/work.
- Support mining & tourism
- Recreation center for kids and after school programs
- Provide land for HFR so that recycling can continue and that more plastics can be recycled within the community.
- to determine what we value and why we choose to live here and to determine how to protect those values instead of making Haines into a different place. Learn how to communicate with one another to find common ground and agree on what qualities we want to protect in Haines and how to do that.
- make Haines safe, healthy, and quiet for all.. from children to seniors.. protect habitat.. protect healthy watersheds.. protect public access to waterfronts, rivers, beaches.. protect wildlife habitat.. emphasize the value of quiet and natural, healthy surroundings.. advocate actively for improved ferry service (regular, reliable, affordable)..
- Provide good jobs.
- Support more reliable and more frequent ferry service.
- Haines airport improvement... it is essential to be able to get in and out of town on relatively short notice (for medical, business or pleasure)
- Ski lift
- Support responsible mine and timber.
- Lower the power cost, The cost of fuel is over \$1 more a gal. than Skagway, invite another Fuel Company to come here.
- Becoming more reliant on subsistence and foraging.
- support people over industry
- preserve clean water and fisheries.
- Develop and implement a plan to eliminate impact of cruise ships on cell service.
- restore the fort.
- Transportation/more housing
- Thwart the Japanese mining operation cloaked in a Canadian name to spare us, wildlife, and our reason for tourism from damage from an endeavor that doesn't benefit locals in any significantly positive way.
- Housing
- Harbor for the mine
- Make the triads in downtown better.
- Protect Haines' small-town charm, rural character, high trust community, and wilderness ambiance.
- Protect sensitive habitat, stop ore transport and mining.
- Lower carbon footprint
- Keep roads and harbors up to date.
- Develop infrastructure related to tourism and community investment related to non-disruptive growth and vitality.
- Invest in local sources of food.
- Stop the proposed mine for the upper valley.

- Stop the mine.
- Stop the mine.
- Haines could invest in an accessible trail and hut system to bring low impact tourism and provide a higher quality of life for residents. In conjunction, the town desperately needs a rebranding that is modern, fun, and related to the outdoor culture of this place. Visitors support businesses, businesses invest in community, and everything mentioned creates a higher quality of life for working people here. If folks can't sustainably access outdoor spaces in the Chilkat Valley, there is truly nothing here for people.
- Open Constantine Mine - that will bring jobs, economic growth, keep our young people in town to raise families and not rely on just tourism or fishing for employment.
- Lutak Dock
- enforce code. If you are going to pick and choose what you enforce ..why have any. It's so stupid.
- Public/private transportation partnership
- Invest in trails and other recreational tourism opportunities.
- Environmental protection and protection of water quality in the Chilkat valley
- Support the mine and utilize surrounding natural resources for the benefit of growing the community.
- Repair the roads.
- Extend city water and sewer to all homes within the townsite.
- Work with SEARHC to build a local hospital to provide more/better medical diagnosis and treatment options (i.e. provide suitable land for SEARHC to build that hospital).
- Find alternatives to mining and ore shipment.
- Focus on local economy rather than big corporations like Constantine.
- Finishing the harbor so it can generate more income. There is a shortage of boat parking. Also allow make it so people can store their boat in the big parking lot for the winter which would generate more income.
- Infrastructure for small LOCAL businesses
- I think many young people want to return to Haines to raise their families, but the lack of job opportunities and housing stops them. I think Haines needs more industry to create jobs for people wanting to make Haines home.
- Protect the natural environment.
- Haines recycling
- No Mine
- Putting in recreational infrastructure to make Haines attractive to visitors and stopping any possible environmental impacts such as mining, fish farming, massive recreational developments.
- Form a diverse economic base.
- As long as we're dreaming - it would be to get everyone on the same page about who we are and where we're going, and to change our stance toward each other from one of "us vs them" to "us." If the collective energy of Haines' residents - now being tossed about in a thousand directions that fracture its overall effect - could be redirected toward a common goal (whatever we decide it be) - there isn't much our lil community couldn't accomplish. As it stands, with our energy fractured, we often end up standing in our own way as we approach the future.
- Stabilize utilities, bring state of the art internet to Haines.
- Recreation support (i.e. trails, softball & soccer fields, tennis courts, skatepark).
- improve ferry service, bring waste and sewer management up to standard,
- More affordable housing
- Fully get behind the Palmer project and stop leading southeast Alaska conservation Council run everything from Juneau.
- Decide what we want and stick to it. Keep Haines special and unique and protect our wild.
- Protect our salmon and waterways and prevent the furthering of mining interests at all costs.
- Dock repair/upgrade
- Sound electricity. Fare fuel prices.
- NOT allow the mine to be built. Keeping our water clean with better sewage treatment.
- bring back the hydroelectric project.
- Upgrade our water treatment.
- Improve transportation access.

- TRAILS
- Environmental sustainability
- Improving environmental protections of the fisheries and natural areas that make Haines and the Chilkat Valley an amazing place.
- Design and create a Lutak Inlet community bike trail.
- Roads
- Ensure reliable ferry transportation.
- Protect Chilkat River from degradation and stop promoting Haines as an ore terminal site for Canada.
- Increase community marketing possibilities through livability projects such as townsite green space, parks, trails, and support of the museum and library.
- Repair the Lutak Dock
- stop mine above Chilkat river.
- Prevent ore transport and development of the Constantine & related my projects.
- fix the dock for local freight needs NOT for exporting minerals.
- Help senior citizens with affordable housing needs.
- Affordable Housing
- Garbage included as a utility, community and private property clean up.
- Stop the Palmer Project
- Secure funds and a plan for rebuilding the Lutak dock, it is the most single important piece of infrastructure for the life of this town, regardless of what Morons say otherwise.
- Cultivate/incentivize long term career opportunities.
- Fix 2nd Ave's Road as it's been needed for years.
- Stop the mine projects, make tour companies maintain the areas they use. Groom alders along the roads so water is visible. Especially PICTURE POINT (900 THOUSAND DOLLARS PLUS) OH MY
- Provide affordable housing.
- protect the current quality of life. More is not better.
- Encouraging the transition of aging, increasingly run-down local businesses and facilities to new owners with energy and ideas that can create a thriving local environment. Too many of our buildings and are on a slide into dilapidation while the owners that allowed their property to molder away seek exorbitant payouts.
- Build a hospital, open the mine.
- Welcome the mine to open, welcome industry, fix the Lutak dock.
- Build health care infrastructure - (Hospital/New fire hall) - I believe this will make it sustainable for our aging population to stay in town and increase volunteer recruitment for our currently strained fire/ems.
- build a new city hall that is ada compliant, complete with restrooms.
- FINISH SMALL BOAT HARBOR DOCKS IN NEW BASIN
- Review Title 18 - Zoning Regs
- Keep our environment as pure as possible and welcoming to newcomers.
- Protect our way of life.
- Fix Lutak dock
- Have a stable, vibrant economy. JOBS
- Develop non-extractive economic drivers such as post-secondary education/job training, road tourism, and build small, multiple-family homes such as quadplexes or co-housing.
- Protect our natural environment from large scale mining and any ore shipment on Haines highway.
- Protect our "small town" way of life.
- Consolidate waste disposal involving solid waste, recycling waste and hazardous wastes into a single operation which involves regional drop stations and a borough wide involvement through funding derived from borough budget.
- Fix the communication systems around this town, hard to call for emergency services around here, and affordable housing that isn't condemnable.
- Hydro power.
- Encourage tourism and local economic generation, which includes building new trails and expanding access to wilderness. We have all the riches right here. We can keep them AND share them. To me,

this is dependent upon extreme care with the local environment and ecosystems. This would mean saying no to potential poisoning if waterways under any circumstances that have or may arise.

- Disaster preparation and training
- Lutak dock
- Open the Constantine
- avoid industrial mining rabbit hole and spend effort and funds to promote value added wood products and local seafood marketing.
- Build a floating dock.
- In a sustainable way, increase infrastructure to allow an increase in population. With climate change, people want to move to places like Haines.
- More Natives seen around town, more native culture; art, dance, etc.
- Invest in/promote economic interests and small business. Road repairs.
- Tidal Electrical generation. in light of the federal governments huge upcoming investment in renewable energy, and the Haines Borough's extensive costal footprint, we should be looking seriously at tidal generation.
- Improve Internet service.
- limit tourism
- Complete the freight dock. Discuss the role of Haines as a viable trans-shipment location for regions north of the Haines Borough, including Canadian interests.
- Reduce property taxes and eliminate Sales Tax on food.
- Reduce property taxes.
- improvising the trail system and making more longer hikes available
- Make Borough land available at an affordable price so young people can get established in the community.
- Remove tax breaks and incentives for senior citizens and the wealthy. We have the oldest population in Alaska and that is hurting our long-term growth.
- Continue on with the plan for the Lutak Dock and finish it.
- It would be great if they would help Constantine get developed.
- Public safety building
- Need Conservation Easement application like Kenai has.
- Bringing housing and shipping prices down,
- Stop the palmer Project from unearthing sulfide tailings upriver of Klukwan.
- Hospital
- Invite more businesses and increase competition. This will increase housing. Hopefully lower prices if successful enough. Internet access is terrible here. Outside of town where dsl is available is a joke. Paying more than Starlink for 6mps is worthless.
- Lutak dock
- Figure out the garbage plan to keep residents from burning garbage and polluting the air of their neighbors.
- Work on the proposed new SEARHC clinic.
- Fix the roads (2nd avenue should be first on the list); Dock would be second.
- Make our trails world class and market Haines as the Chilkat Alps
- Housing
- Tough question. Improve our harbor scene so that our fishing community feels respected.
- Fix Lutak Dock
- Get new year-round jobs ,mining, wood pellet manufacturing.
- Not the Lutak Dock
- Protect the river.
- Support industry, logging, mining
- New public safety building that is not sinking into the ground and cracking support post
- Road to Juneau
- Maintain our healthy environment, clean water, and salmon runs to can sustain our community for all generations.
- Upgrade streets and infrastructure.

- Repair roadways, like Second Avenue. Encourage younger volunteers. Boost local businesses and encourage new businesses and service organizations.
- Ski Lift with access to world class intermediate & advanced terrain
- Encourage affordable housing with green spaces that are in accord with preventing farther damage to the fragile environment in which we live.
- Agree to disagree but adapt as one.
- Increase affordable housing opportunities.
- Invest in future generations. Focus on easy wins within our control: tourism & transportation. Interview ages 18-35 hear their interests. Most of us want a no-frills place to hang out with likeminded people, good internet, and ease for travel whether it is walking downtown to OPEN shops or booking it out of town for a client meeting. It is not complicated...
- The freight dock needs updated, and it needs to be sooner than later.
- Protect our natural resources.
- Infrastructure that supports economic development
- affordable housing
- Child care
- Provide more low-income housing and services for those experiencing homelessness.
- Support our fishing fleet.
- Clean up the community. Walk around people do not clean up their property. Junk cars, garbage, apartments with paint the is peeling. Industrial junkyards
- Maximum improvement to the Lutak dock, encouraging more housing options & opportunities for middle class families. Encouraging the state to place Social Services in Haines or at least better access to Social Services.
- Improvements to the Lutak dock. If you've lived in Haines for just shy of 40 years, you would know that the dock has been failing for many, many years. This is not NEW news, but with the Palmer project, it's become another "political" hot topic for a group of people to be against.
- Enhance recycling opportunities.
- Do any of the selected projects to completion (or at least along an achievable set of milestones). Haines needs to track their goals throughout the plan's period, not just at the end of the plan. Haines needs the gov't people power to do this (i.e. more employees) but a dedicated communication department. Haines needs the funding to do all the projects they take on, but budget and human-power and lack of direction end up with only 10% done of 200 projects in the plan vs >75% done of any project. Haines needs the assets to manage properly.
- AML Dock. Drive down at boat harbor.
- improve ferry service.
- protect the salmon fishery.
- Build that hospital.
- Build affordable housing!
- Preserve its green spaces natural resources. I am totally against mining in the valley, too much of a risk to impacting the watershed and quality of life and quiet. I do think Haines has to focus on things that make this a family friendly town where residents, are encouraged to have healthy outlets like swimming (pool) library happenings, the radio station, a better set up for Haines friends of recycling, and preserving our natural resources and quiet. Transportation and access seem to be moving backwards so I think the borough has to become a hard hitter with lobbying the ferry system for consistent and frequent service. Without access to and from gained we cannot maintain a life here.
- Protect our environment.
- Finish the Lutak Harbor with a dock that is for the future not what we already have. We don't know what the future brings, and economic development is planning for the future not just the present.
- condense Borough facilities to afford proper maintenance of what we keep, (including roads, buildings and vehicles)
- Lower gas prices
- Fix roads
- Defeat the opening of a mine up the valley that can never be 100 percent assured it won't have an accident and ruin thousands of years of fish runs in our rivers.
- Agree to disagree.

- affordable housing
- Stop the mine.
- Develop and build a functional and appropriately sized Lutak Dock that meets our community needs but does not spend extra money for functions we do not need.
- Establish a law requiring that all capital projects in excess of \$10 million (regardless of source of funding) must be approved by voters at final design. This would prevent a few members on the assembly from squandering our future on overbuilt/unnecessary monuments that are costly to maintain.
- Develops adequate housing.
- Buy the dump and make it a public utility. Expensive garbage is a tax on the poor. Haines Community Waste solutions operates like they are organized crime.
- Create good paying jobs and lower the price of housing for the elderly.
- Work to keep Haines a safe place to raise a family or retire and expand affordable water/sewer mains.
- Implement lasting protections that encourage responsible stewardship of the land for years to come.
- Protect this wild place! Haines is unique and has a pristine environment that not only benefits the plants and animals but contributes to a high quality of life for residents. We need to do everything we can to protect the rivers, the salmon, and to stop industrial development that threatens to heavily impact and even destroy the ways of life that so many of us depend on, like subsistence fishing, recreating, wild harvesting, hunting, etc.
- Improve local health care facilities to provide local treatment options.
- Stop the Constantine Mine and Ore terminal.
- Support the Palmer Project. Haines needs to get away from relying on summer time economic drivers and get more money moving through our community. With a fully funded mine, Haines residents wouldn't have to search for employment elsewhere, the school would grow (so will its funding), and the Haines Borough will have more tax revenue to support the infrastructure projects listed above. Kids graduate Haines High and want to come home after getting degrees but can't find jobs here that supports families and the cost of living here.
- Open the Constantine mine or improve the boat launches and have harbor provided boat launch/removal.
- Increase government transparency and community involvement.
- Attract location neutral workers/digital nomads.
- Preserve wild and rugged natural environment by shutting down the catastrophic Dowa / Constantine mine project.
- Lutak Dock replacement.
- Stop mine and infrastructure development in Glacier Creek and Klehini. Develop waterfront bike/walking path and trails in valley.
- Invest in economic development that sustains Haines small businesses, arts community & recreation potential.
- improve our trails systems.
- Fix our transportation system and work on job opportunities and housing for the younger generation.
- Make the town more aesthetically pleasing to promote business and instill pride: repair sidewalks, repair roads , cut back weeds.
- Prevent the Palmer mine and haul road.
- Get reliable ferry service.
- Improving programs for children that are sustainable.
- Have reliable ferry service (a state problem). Turn 3rd & Main into a welcoming free community use space (a "third place" for folks to gather)
- Roads
- Prevent mining activities from compromising river systems/ intact ecosystems.
- Beautification. Mow the rights of way. Remove the junk vehicles. Complete exteriors of buildings.
- Balance the need for jobs / economic development with maintaining a clean, unspoiled environment, and maintain a small locally owned community.
- Extend water and sewer systems.
- Lutak Dock

- Invest in small businesses and not sell out to a mine.
- Upgrade utility infrastructure, including internet, wastewater, and making solid waste management a public utility (not private business)
- Year-round tourism with ski/bike/hike/running trails.
- Repair roads that don't belong to the state.
- upgrade Lutak dock and support a mine!
- upgrade utilities/roads in townsite
- Make sure Haines doesn't turn into a Skagway, Sitka, or Ketchikan. Keep tourism in check and keep the heavy industrial sector out.
- Sell the lot on main street.
- Revive fishing - let the ocean re-establish.
- NOT become an ore shipping terminal
- borough roads
- Build a recreation center with a pool, and other facilities for physical health.
- Protect our community from development that would negatively impact our clean environment and quiet, peaceful atmosphere.
- Stay out of national politics, stay a small friendly town.
- Preclude large scale mining in the valley. Develop alternatives to the boom-and-bust approach that is embodied by the Palmer Project.
- Create and implement a set of standards for any human development that protects the Chilkat and Chilkoot watershed to the maximum extent possible, creating a salmon refuge that is inviolable, and that is recognized as the highest and best use of this landscape.
- Stop the mine projects, make tour companies maintain the areas they use.
- improve transportation within and to/from Haines (snow plowing, ferries, etc.)
- New public safety building
- Maintain our pristine environment (no mine tailings degradation our waters nor ore trucks and associated dust affecting our health and community.
- Work with all Portage Cove landowners to develop the waterfront with appropriate adjacent businesses (Delta Western site recently cleared across from the post office), build a continuous waterfront trail with ADA access points as designed, link the harbor, Cruise Ship dock and CIA dock to existing and planned pedestrian access to downtown, Fort Seward, and public transportation to other trails, business, and recreational activities. Make our community accessible and exciting year-round.
- Turn towards cultural and regenerative environmental tourism.
- Protect our pristine environment and natural fish stocks.
- Focus on environmental protection and prohibit industries and development in opposition to a clean, healthy environment.
- Loyal dock
- No ORE dock and NO MINE!!! Keep the swimming pool and library fully funded!
- Recognize the fact that it is the healthy land, water and ecosystem that sustain our community; take steps to ensure the continued health of our greater ecosystem. The Chilkat watershed supports the greater biodiversity (species richness) of any area in Alaska, as well as tremendous abundance of keystone species such as salmon and eagles. We must celebrate and protect this foundation of our community to preserve into the future.
- transition buildings off oil. move to ground source heat pumps.
- Work together
- public safety building and sewage plant
- Affordable housing, protecting natural resources.
- I don't know, but I don't think that Haines necessarily needs some big project. Large change and economic growth sometimes sound nice, but in reality is not always needed. I don't think Haines needs to grow or change a bunch. Then it wouldn't be Haines anymore.
- Invest or build affordable housing communities so that young people can stay and raise families. This town is being gentrified at a fast pace. Young people want to stay but can't afford modest homes, while older generations are buying 2nd homes and leaving them to sit empty for 7 months out of the year.

- Since one major job for the residents is mining projects and their derivatives, make sure that the people know the reality of those jobs and not misinformation Ex. Constantine
- Public transportation. More restaurants
- Improve transportation.
- Housing. Apartments, rent-to-own homes, duplexes.....something.
- Code enforcement. Right now there are no rules. Code what code? Why have it if it doesn't matter. It's only enforced if someone complains, or the borough doesn't like you. It's arbitrary and capricious.
- Remove obstacles to resource extraction.
- Develop space for housing and businesses.
- Repair and maintain the dock for food/supplies deliveries and for personal and vehicle transportation (ferries).
- Jobs
- Reliable phone & internet. Safe roads.
- protection of salmon
- Stop Palmer project.
- Environmental protection
- Affordable housing for residents
- Work on civil communication and a commitment to collaboration & compromise.
- Dock
- Allowing for natural resource exploration and utilization
- No mine
- Lutak dock
- Find an economy that can support families and bring our young people back from college.
- Constantine mine
- Open the mine.
- infrastructure. finish repairing dock, replace public safety building, etc.
- Support mining, fishing & tourism
- Haines needs to decide what it wants to be. Are we a sleepy arts community that is tourist crazy town from April to September and half the residents leave for the winter, or are we a vibrant small town with a thriving year-round economy, with employment, housing, and recreation opportunities available for young families? Or could we be a combination of the two? Do we want to be a place people choose to move to rather than a place to escape from? If we want people to move here and stay here, we need to ensure they have places to live, work, play, and be educated. I think a Haines Borough strategic plan might be useful here -- and not a study that's approved by the Assembly and then put on the shelf to collect dust. No, make it a plan that's endorsed by every incoming Assembly member, a living, working, guiding document. Develop a plan with a vision, mission, goals, benchmarks, performance indicators, etc. Then decisions are easy. If it's not in our strategic plan, we don't do it (think spending \$57,000 on brush clearing -- good lord), but if it IS in our strategic plan (something like keeping the freight dock operational), we go for it with whatever it takes.
- Implement an economic plan to benefit the town year-round and encourages young families to move here/stay here.
- identify entry level housing for young people.
- Bring younger people here with more job opportunities.
- Opening up environmentally clean job opportunities.
- Keep the mining companies from dumping waste into the pristine salmon filled rivers.
- Improve harbor.
- Public Safety Building
- keep the police chief and build him a new building.
- New AML Dock
- Housing
- Eliminate the huge bureaucracy of the govt and streamline it cut the police force in half along with dispatch. It'll save lots of money. We get zero return on investment of the oversized police and dispatch.
- Youth center
- Make something for the kids.

- Tightly control the growth of tourism so it does not become like a Skagway or Juneau.
- Revamp our ports and docks.
- freight dock
- Stop the mine.
- Finish the highway.
- Ferry service
- Grow economy and jobs.
- A new public safety building. It's an embarrassment.
- Make Haines a more vibrant place for the younger generation to want to live and succeed in
- Build a Rec center.
- UPGRADE THE WATER TREATMENT INFRASTRUCTURE
- Economy
- Get Constantine up and running.
- Pull together through conversation, kindness and patience.
- Ferry
- Fix up the Chilkat Center
- My answer to #8 above is specifically about solid waste. The borough should provide this service, not private enterprise. The cost of solid waste should be paid by all residents. The current system is untenable, inefficient, poorly run, expensive, and trash is being illegally dumped and burned.
- Clean waters for our salmon
- Limit the rental properties and assist in access to affordable housing to purchase. buying property helps keep people from having to move away.
- Protect the Chilkat River Watershed
- Prevent the Palmer project from happening.
- Protect environmental integrity and encourage affordable housing.
- Develop a trail system that will draw in independent tourists.
- Clean up the town and provide some things for visitors and locals to do. Put some money into sprucing up the town a bit. Fix up the facilities we have and maintain them (the POOL)! Make it easier for visitors and locals to live here and visit Haines. Get some restaurants! I would love to go out to eat with friends in the winter, we can only go out for a drink. Even in the summer it's hit or miss, you might get yelled at for ordering basil on your pizza and the wait is like two hours. It's a joke. I visit other towns and I am blown away with how organized and nice areas look. Our town looks like someone forgot to hire a landscaper when they left for the summer. There are junk cars, buildings with peeling paint, potholes, etc. It's a mess. We need a make-over.
- Make sure we have a port for the barges.
- improve transportation.
- Create affordable housing.
- Incentivize new business and building development in Haines.
- fund recreation projects (trails, Portage Cove trails) and downtown greenspace to encourage independent tourism.
- Get a hospital for our aging community- hand in hand with the need to update the public safety building.
- Take an interest in our infrastructure docks, roads,
- Re-generate Fort Seward
- 1. Lutak Dock 2. Public Safety Building
- Get Constantine going.
- fiber optic
- Improving infrastructure for a growing seasonal population
- Fighting off the Palmer Project
- Do not allow DOWA into my backyard!!!! Foreign companies (Canada & Japan) can go somewhere else. They will pollute our streams, kill our salmon. They will pollute our environment with the loud noises of trucks and their exhaust. Look at their track record.
- Water infrastructure
- Ensure protection of the natural assets here. Clean water and clean air can't be gotten back once gone.

- Protect our community from any mine development or ore trucks running up and down the highway and through town.
- Support industry such as fishing, logging, heliskiing, etc.
- expansion of the deep-water port facility
- Avoid having a mining haul road/ore dock.
- Support the mine development.
- Build a better dock.
- Get Constantine Mine up and producing.
- lower shipping costs somehow
- Build the road.
- Projects to encourage families to increase.
- fix the dock.
- the dock
- Hydro power
- Learn to live together.
- Limit Airbnb's, open land for housing, provide support for economic growth so young families can afford to live here and raise families.
- Repairing, upgrading and developing the Lutak Dock!!!
- Develop large recreation assets for both locals and visitors.
- Promote economic development and improve the housing needed to support it.
- Lusaka Dock replacement
- Fix the Lutak Dock
- Finish the waterfront plan.
- more housing
- Facilitate stable housing for residents employed locally.
- Build our own Hydro plant.
- Build a recreation center.
- Dock replacement/repair
- Maintain infrastructure.
- Mine development...it will drive other improvements.
- Fix Lutak Dock
- Prepare infrastructure to allow residents to live in an environmentally sustainable way.
- maintain parks and walking trails.
- support mineral exploration.
- Invest in the community! Raise the head tax on cruise ships, do whatever you have to do, but put some money into the people and the families in our town. I recently visited Petersburg, and though I understand that the fish processing and the tax base is of course higher, the community recreation center is mind blowing. If we could fund something one quarter the size of that facility in Haines, people would be amazed. But maybe we should start with some decent roads? It's gotten almost embarrassing.
- Support the schools.
- Lutak Dock
- Block the Palmer Project to assure our fisheries are not threatened.
- Support all opportunities for economic development and jobs for young people and families.
- Develop a more robust outdoor infrastructure such as trails, recreation areas, and parks. For any growth to happen in Haines, there needs to be more defined outdoor spaces.
- Work with AML to lower shipping costs
- Protect our lands and waters and especially salmon. All of us depend on this healthy landscape and only 2% of it is protected.

What do you like most about living in Haines?

"Other, please specify"

- What do you like most about living in Haines?
- A place where there can be growth which in turn will help the town grow
- Accessibility
- All of the above
- All the qualities listed make Haines a great place to live
- Always lived here
- Basically grew up here. Ready to leave though.
- Born & raised here
- BUT.....we NEED A VIBRANT YEAR ROUND ECONOMY
- Chilkat Lake
- Chilkoot + Chilkat Tlingit Culture
- Christmas bazaars, fair, school programs, basketball games
- clean water
- Excellent library and nonprofit resources
- Family Birthplace
- Freedom/Alaskan spirit
- Grew up here
- Haa Kustiye: Our Way of Life
- Haines has always been my HOME!
- Haines Highway Mile 39-40
- Healthy food from the land and sea, wildlife viewing, healthy habitat, healthy watersheds..
- Heritage ties to the land, ancestral ties, domiciled to this area.
- I like that there is no heavy industry
- I love the long dark winters - like having permission to pause, spend time with family and projects, read and visit, etc.
- I would mark them all if I could.
- Incredible Skiing
- Indigenous culture & history
- Individuals can make a difference
- Interdependence with environment
- Investment in local campground
- It's still free from too much government and regulators
- KHNS
- Lack of congestion and traffic
- Land use allows all number of activities, even noisy ones
- less government and police in the past made me settle here
- Long winters
- Low Population density.
- minimal government interference.
- Motorized recreational activities.
- My spouse lives here
- Near water, lots of snow
- None of these apply
- Recycling Center, Library
- relatively intact ecosystem
- Snow
- That's why I came. Been here so long now I am here because it is home.

- The best thing about living in Haines isn't just the beautiful scenery — it's the entire ecosystem. The salmon, moose, bears, wolves, coyotes, mountain goats, lynx, bald eagles, and over 120 species of birds in the area. It's being able to find quiet places to recreate.
- The fire department is awesome
- The key reasons that I live in Haines is because of the pristine environment, natural beauty, the quiet, and the safety.
- The opportunity to do recreational things such as snow machining, boating etc.
- The people
- The people living here is the number one reason we have stayed 40 years
- Tlingit Community and cultural values
- Tribal homeland
- Unmediated connection to life

What makes it challenging to live in Haines?

"Other, please specify"

- A group of people who fight against every form of economic opportunity and development
- All of the above!
- All of these apply
- Borough leadership's disregard for community interests
- Can't hire anyone for any price. Been trying to get house painted for 3 years.
- constant threat of a mine
- Continued efforts by borough manager to make residential neighborhoods into commercial ones by allowing heliports and large events.
- cost at dump; expensive and unreliable ferry service-- I can no longer afford to ferry home from Bellingham so drive in winter. Even a trip to Juneau is expensive; These days, lack of volunteers; aging infrastructure is being addressed but the problem is that we can't even try and fix an aging dock without a group of people turning it into something it isn't and fighting it. Every repair or upgrade or progress is a fight. These battles are tiresome;
- Cost of fuel
- Cost of fuel... auto and heat
- Cost of local govt compared to quality of services. Govt providing tax breaks to wealthy land owners and large corporations but sticking it to the less well to do
- cruise ships significantly impact cell service/connectivity
- Delta Westerns monopoly on oil and gas prices
- Destruction to environment due to mining. Helicopter noise increasing.
- Environmental threat from the proposed mine and the obvious conflict of interest of shareholders in local government not recusing themselves from mining decisions.
- Feeling constant threat of mines, ore transport, big clearcut logging, and the lack of understanding that resource extraction ultimately undermines the environment which our quality of life depends on here.
- Frustration over administration and assembly not reflecting well the half of the community, at least, described as "liberals" below. Also, I don't think the contributions long time Haines senior citizens have made are valued enough. These include taxes, income to Haines, volunteer efforts, etc.
- Fuel costs
- Fuel costs
- Galloping inflation.
- Government that listens to outside experts and not its residents
- Groups of people in the community opposed to anything that would improve the quality of life for others if it is not what they agree with.
- Hard being old here, few senior services
- I've lived or owned property in Haines since 1985, the C.A.V.E. (Citizens Against Virtually Everything)people are exhausting and hypocritical.
- If the proposed Palmer mine goes into production it would destroy the vital ecosystem that makes this valley what it is. I find it challenging
- Inconveniences keep our population small
- Lack of a community space
- Lack of a Veterinarian
- Lack of Access. Many borough facilities and other businesses are not ADA compliant.
- Lack of accessibility
- Lack of career opportunities
- Lack of diverse activities, classes, gathering spaces
- Lack of funding for our ferry system

- Lack of jobs for adult professionals.
- lack of leadership
- lack of places to walk safely in winters.. access to beaches and pullouts are not plowed in winter.. lack of transparency, responsiveness and inclusiveness by public officials to all but big money interests.
- Lack of public restrooms (year round)
- Lack of spaces/activities for kids
- LCC and SEACC
- less access to recreation than other Southeast Alaskan communities
- Liberals ALWAYS stopping progress
- Limited auto mechanics
- Limited indoor activities
- Limited road maintenance
- Loud and speeding trucks on Lutak.
- low level skills, experience in government in borough operation.
- Manipulative government officials
- Municipal jobs are grossly under paid
- No cell phone service
- No ore trucks needed
- No vet or overnight kennel options
- No year round strong economy
- No/limited community indoor recreation
- on top of grocery prices is food tax, totally immoral
- Over spending/taxing of Borough for non-critical infrastructure
- People that buy property then want to control what prior or new arrivals can do with their property. for example buy along the highway and then not want trucking that the state federal highway was designed for!!!
- Political Corruption from State of AK re: local projects (Dowa / Constantine Mine, Haines State Forest Timber Harvesting)
- Poor cell phone reception recently
- Poor road conditions within the townsite are ever present and on going. Been that way for years.
- potential industrial development like the palmer project
- pro-mine forces controlling local government
- Retiree population
- Seemingly constant threat of resource extraction
- Self interested govt - not supportive of residents
- Selfish interest
- Senior exemption to \$300,000 out of town like Kenai Peninsula
- State's insufficient funding of our valuable AMHS
- The "old guard" developers heavy equipment operators seem to keep their hold on power when it appears majority feel differently.
- The attempt for our local politicians to industrialize Haines at the expense of our culture, clean water, salmon, and subsistence life ways that 80% of us depend on.
- The borough government too often has a bunker mentality. Little creativity, little new ideas, little change.
- The cost of living is to high
- The entrenched cliques on both red and blue sides make me sad. So closed.
- The indigenous population decreasing.
- The lack of ferries and the large # of cancelled ferries is a huge concern to me.
- The local government, chamber & outside corporations forcing their vision of good economic opportunities upon all of the citizens of Haines regardless of the cost to our way of life, our health and the health and well-being of the environment.
- The people of Haines
- The people's voice is often overlooked by the Borough Admin. and assembly
- The possibility of a mine that could destroy each of the things I like most about being here!

- The shooting range has become much more used recently and it can feel like being in a war zone someday. Silencers? Something? DO NOT want roadway to Juneau and the road deaths, drugs, and cost of maintenance that would incur. There are now big trucks using airbrakes down the hill I live on, it actually triggers PTSD because of the frequency. They are returning to town from stump dump and thought I've been told it's unnecessary it continues. There are also things being dumped there that look like contaminated dirt and non-tree trash. Has my well been contaminated and is that what caused my cancer in 2021?
- The threat of a mine ruining the environment and altering the complexion of Haines
- The voice of the community is represented in decision making
- There are no recreation centers in Haines. During winter months a recreation center would be great for everyone. It would keep kids off the streets, and reduce depression rates. We should invite a different medical office to open in Haines, that offers better care.
- threat of mining to fisheries, environment
- Threat of natural resource extraction to the detriment of the health ,safety and welfare of our watersheds and the peoples who live here.
- Threat of the mine being built which will destroy our character
- Threat of the Palmer Project
- Too many people who have moved here because it is such a beautiful place, had to bring all their "baggage" with them. They have destroyed many parts of Haines by turning it into the places they left, with countless ridiculous rules and regulations to shut everything productive DOWN!
- unacknowledged opportunities for independent travelers
- uncertainty over unwanted mine construction
- Unnecessary excessive recreational helicopter noise up highway near residential housing.
- Unwillingness to be governed; arrogance and cannibalism: we eat our good people and spit them out.
- Weird way of numbering houses
- What is a challenge is having borough officials with pro business development at all costs ss at all costs
- willful ignorance government representatives
- Witnessing bully-ing by old timers; Interpretation of codes by assembly members and planning commission for one's own personal interests
- 1) The threat of the Palmer Project and other industrial activity degrading the health of our watershed, habitat and the diverse aquatic and terrestrial species they support. 2) Destruction of our quality of life, soundscape, loss of air and water quality. 3) Lack of our Borough Administration's, Planning Commissioners and Assembly member's adherence to code and their lack of transparency.

In the last year, what types of recreational activities did you participate in, in the Haines area? "Other, please specify"

- Active movie watching
- Art and music
- Backcountry aviation
- Backcountry skiing & ski mountaineering
- Beach combing
- because of age and physical condition I do not do many activities that I once did I once did
- bicycling
- Bingo
- bird/wildlife watching
- Birding, Wildlife research, Wildlife Observations, Videography, Still Photography
- birdwatching
- Chop fire wood. Move firewood, stack firewood. Mow Lawn. Shovel snow/ run snow blower.
- crabbing
- Crabbing
- Crafting, quilting, theater, art workshops
- dancing
- Dancing
- Dancing!
- Disc golf
- Eagle Fest
- Farming pigs, chickens, and ducks.
- Finding a balance between work and relaxation.
- Firewood gathering, reading
- flightseeing
- flying
- Foraging
- foraging for foods, playing music, dancing
- FORAGING LOCAL FOODS IN THE WILD
- Getting together with friends
- Golf
- Golf
- Golfing last summer
- Hanging out with friends at the Senior Center or going to lunch at a restaurant
- Having easy access to this incredible landscape is a huge plus.
- Just enjoying scenery
- Listening to audiobooks from the library while walking.
- Making art!
- Motorcycle riding
- Mountain Biking
- mushroom hunting
- My work and volunteerism are recreation for me!
- Packrafting
- Packrafting
- Packrafting, open air painting, river and ocean cold water swimming
- paddle boarding, yoga, golfing.
- Paddleboard
- paddleboarding

- paddleboarding
- parasailing, water-skiing, dog mushing, long range target shooting, rafting, skeet, bird watching, geocaching, racing, sledding
- photography, wildlife viewing, foraging, dog-walking..
- Sewing, church activities, exercise class, family dinners/gatherings, food preservation like canning, preserving , freezing, photography, watercolor painting,
- Sight seeing
- Sledding
- sledding
- snow shoveling
- soccer
- Soccer, volleyball, tons of other water activities, snow bike
- Subsistence fishing,
- Swimming in the Haines pool. Pool needs to be opened year round for all residents! It's the gem of this community and it is what has kept me here and in top physical condition.
- Tlingit language workshops, Tlingit art projects, provided by local tribes.
- Trapping
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Used to do many - but, I'm old now!
- Volleyball
- volunteering
- Watching wildlife, sky watching
- wildlife and nature photography
- Wildlife viewing, citizen science
- Working. The borough understaffed public works and water sewer

What is your preference for community/ economic growth? (population, jobs, etc.) "Other, please specify"

- A steady state economy in which people have adequate resources to meet needs without depleting the resource base upon which we all depend. I prefer minimal growth..
- Address the infrastructure needs of the community before growing the economy, or that growth will be unsustainable.
- Also a shift to more location-neutral type jobs of the future that pull the economy away from boom & bust, resource-extraction-based industries . Emphasis on preserving & nurturing diverse, independent & resilient economy.
- As long as we maintain the quality of life that we have here, I don't see any needed for growth. I would like to see more families and young people move here year round. The Borough could support cottage industries rather than promoting the Constantine mine.
- Better economic opportunity for current population to allow families to afford living, vs existing
- Bigger is not better.
- Brough to focus on its residents and not its self
- Circular economy
- Depends upon what is generating growth. Whether nit requires a rapid influx to enable a new industry, otherwise minimal annual growth
- Diversification.
- doesn't matter what we prefer.
- don't care
- Don't let large Corporations buy out Haines.
- Economic growth that supports tourism, food production, entertainment, and recreation opportunities.
- Economic opportunity IE the new mine to provide jobs for the younger generation and increase Haines revenue
- Economy growth good,
- Evaluate grow and what that means in terms of resources and how it changes the way we know life here.
- expanded economic growth WITHOUT population growth
- Fewer 2nd homes for seasonal residents who exploit subsistence fishing
- Growth commensurate with sustaining the quality of life for the people and natural environment
- Growth in sustainable and renewable ways.
- Growth in the local resource and transportation industries (Ports, docks, highway, utilities)
- Growth that is sustainable given our location and that will not harm our lovely environment.
- Growth, definitely! With community growth as well as economic growth.
- Growth? You need to stop people leaving first
- Haines is never going to see sustained growth. Anything the community can do to attract and keep economic opportunities will improve the quality of life for all residents that live in the community year round.
- I am totally against economic growth that includes further development of the Palmer project, which threatens too much in the watershed.
- I do not want to see any hard rock mining, it will destroy our salmon
- I think that is a misguided question. Economic growth in what sectors? This could be take way out of context depending on what type of economic growth we are talking about
- I would just like the folks here to be better taken care of (infrastructure) and have opportunities for young/new businesses (including available spaces - too many million dollar buildings for sale with no in between)

- I would like those who are so unhappy with what's going on in Haines to try to find another place where they can be happy, instead of working so hard to change things here.
- I'm tired of hearing that we need more jobs. Or that we need to ruin the Chilkat River for a mine because of the economy. It's impossible to hire anybody in this community. There are jobs, just no one that wants to work. There are also so many opportunities for businesses that no one seems to want to do: dog boarding, vet, hair/nails, daycare, construction company, cleaning company, accountant, restaurants, house sitting/caretakers, summer camp for kids, auto shop, ice cream shop, bowling alley, private ferry service, (Just a list of the top of my head of things people need/request that we don't currently have at all or not enough of.)
- Keep it small and clean, quiet
- Large economic growth, minimal but some pop growth
- Maintain existing economy by attracting remote workers and independent travelers
- Maintaining population but improving the jobs base.
- Manufacturing
- Mining, selective logging are areas that people can make a living on, Tourism only benefits a small number of people.
- moderate growth that is not at the detriment of the residents or all ready existing economies
- Moderate growth... any growth! Haines is a welfare and drug town
- No population growth but greater economic opportunities for existing population. Prioritizing natural environment over forced economic growth
- Not so much concerned with "growth" more sustainability. What keeps me in Haines is not the ease of work that's for sure! It's the availability of wild foods, fresh fish, clean water.
- promote rather than fight economic growth
- Rate of growth is secondary to the kind of growth. I want to see and support sustainable growth, increase in local entrepreneurial activity, job training in the schools, with internships, mentoring, possibly an upscale plastic operation to create plastic wood for decks, outdoor furniture, trails, replace window sashes on the barracks building in the fort and at IGA, etc. We can bring better paying jobs in many fields and raise the standard of living for those in the service sector. Invest in local people.
- Regenerative local economic growth that supports HAINES (not Canada, not Japan, and not 5 people in Haines who stand to make money from a mine) economic growth can happen without industrializing Haines
- Regenerative practices infused into all aspects of living. It's not about size-that's so antiquated
- Significant growth in the 24-40 year old labor force. Haines needs more families!
- Significant growth, but calculated, utilizing our beauty and renewable natural resources. Not stripping our land or damaging our ecosystems
- Slow growth based on the will of the local people, not on the will of an international mining company.
- Small business growth - not big corporations, mining companies, chain hotels. Instead foster and environment where small business are supported. Give them tax breaks vs giving tax breaks to local developers and to the mine
- Small population, more jobs
- Stability and improving quality of what we have, minimal growth
- Stop going in the direction you have committed this valley to.
- Support a mine!
- sustainability
- sustainability is the key factor not growth
- sustainable economy and growth. some economic activities with significant growth, others with less
- Sustainable growth that fits our town budget and fits into our physical environment without costing us (or threatening to cost us) our most rare and precious resources, including fish, clean water and peacefulness.
- sustainable growth without harming the environment.
- sustainable growth.. not boom and bust.. not industrial scale.. growth that considers the quality of life at highest priority..
- sustainable, eco-conscious choices for economy and community
- Take care of what we have first! Infrastructure, water, TRAIL MAINTENANCE!

- The premise of this question without qualifying the associated impacts the respondent has in mind re growth, no growth or reduced growth is ambiguous and will require a subjective method to quantify resulting in a biased representation.
- This question should be scrapped. Tying "no growth" to "no change in the economy" or a "smaller economy" to "reduced jobs/population" prejudices responses/.
- Unhindered free markets.
- We need more jobs to build a bigger and thriving community
- We need to minimize large cruise ships and go for independent travelers
- Whatever it looks like to expand capacity and options for locals living constantly on the edge--of business success or failure, of having food on the table, of going into debt to keep a roof. Growth for the sake of healthy and vibrant community, not growth for the sake of growth.
- You have asked for rate of growth. It is more important to know the activity. I support manufacturing...an activity that creates value.
- "Economic growth" is usually a stand in for prostitution of our people and land by the local corrupt government, sold out to multinational corporations. They don't care about our future and safety at all. We need to grow and develop significantly, but independently. There are many other countries that develop mineral resources for themselves, such as Bolivia, Libya, or Iran. They grow, the people alongside the economic development.