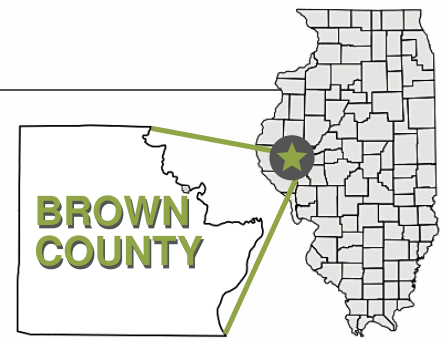


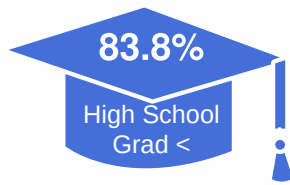
# 2018 Brown County Community Survey

Your 2018 Brown County Survey Report is a tool for community stakeholders to help them make informed decisions about future work. The information available here and in the full report online includes current demographic and survey data to better understand what Brown County residents think about life, work, play, and progress in Brown County. **We heard you, Brown County!**



## BROWN COUNTY at a Glance 2016 & 2017 demographic data

Population <b>6,791</b> <small>(4,852 without the prison population)</small>	Median Age <b>37.4</b>	Median Household Income <b>\$52,000</b>	Median Property Value <b>\$87,400</b>	Unemployment Rate <b>2.9%</b>	Poverty Rate <b>11.7%</b>
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## SURVEY RESULTS

**68.4%**  
of respondents would like to see more homes under \$150,000 when asked about types of housing.

**49.3%**  
of respondents said they believe B.C.'s Quality of Life has improved over the past 5 years while **35%** believe it has stayed about the same.

**81.5%**  
of respondents said the Quality of Life in B.C. is generally good, one of the best, or the best in Western Illinois.

**79.8%**  
of respondents would recommend Brown County as a good place to live.

**88.7%**  
of respondents are somewhat or very satisfied with living or working in B.C.

The typical survey respondent was a female between 40-49 years of age who has lived in Mt. Sterling for more than 20 years.

### Priorities:

- Housing - affordability & selection
- Education - quality of schools
- Safety
- Retention of young people
- Childcare

### Respondents wish for (more)...

- Restaurants
- Shopping
- Movie Theater
- Farm & Home Supply
- Daycare
- Family activities

### Quality of Life is...

**HAPPINESS**  
**Safety**  
**FAMILY**  
**Peaceful**

### THANK YOU!

- 541 community survey respondents
- 65 high school survey respondents
- 43 focus groups participants

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