

**Lincoln County Futures TEEN Survey**  
**N = 200**

Lincoln County is working to establish a community development plan to build a better future for the community. Our youth will hopefully be a major part of that future, so we need your help. We need you to tell us about the challenges, opportunities and issues that you see as a youth in Lincoln County. Please help us see things from your perspective and help us build the Lincoln County you would want to live in.

<b>How strongly do you agree or disagree with these statements about Lincoln County?</b>	<b>Strongly disagree 1</b>	<b>Disagree 2</b>	<b>Agree 3</b>	<b>Strongly agree 4</b>
There are lots of adults in this community I could talk to about something important.	<b>8.5% 17</b>	<b>24.0% 48</b>	<b>49.5% 99</b>	<b>18.0% 36</b>
This community is an important part of who I am.	<b>14.5% 29</b>	<b>27.0% 54</b>	<b>43.5% 87</b>	<b>15.0% 30</b>
There are people in the community who are proud of me when I do something well.	<b>5.5% 11</b>	<b>18.1% 36</b>	<b>51.8% 103</b>	<b>24.6% 49</b>
This community is an ideal place to live.	<b>16.2% 32</b>	<b>24.7% 49</b>	<b>46.5% 92</b>	<b>12.6% 25</b>
Local leaders are interested in youth opinions and concerns.	<b>18.8% 36</b>	<b>38.7% 74</b>	<b>36.1% 69</b>	<b>6.3% 12</b>
If I had to move, I would miss this community.	<b>19.6% 39</b>	<b>23.6% 47</b>	<b>38.7% 74</b>	<b>19.6% 39</b>
I feel safe in this community.	<b>11.1% 22</b>	<b>17.6% 35</b>	<b>50.8% 101</b>	<b>20.6% 41</b>
There are lots of empty or abandoned buildings where I live.	<b>20.1% 40</b>	<b>39.2% 78</b>	<b>28.6% 57</b>	<b>12.1% 24</b>
I feel proud to identify myself as a member of this community.	<b>11.7% 23</b>	<b>24.0% 47</b>	<b>46.9% 92</b>	<b>17.3% 34</b>
There are people in this community who encourage me to do my best.	<b>6.6% 13</b>	<b>20.7% 41</b>	<b>51.5% 102</b>	<b>21.2% 42</b>
You can often see people selling drugs where I live.	<b>19.1% 38</b>	<b>31.7% 63</b>	<b>31.2% 62</b>	<b>18.1% 36</b>
If I feel like talking, I can generally find someone in this community to talk to right away.	<b>11.6% 23</b>	<b>26.6% 53</b>	<b>45.7% 91</b>	<b>16.1% 32</b>
If I am upset about something personal, there is no one in this community to whom I can turn.	<b>22.6% 45</b>	<b>44.7% 89</b>	<b>23.1% 46</b>	<b>9.5% 19</b>
There are people in this community other than my family who really care about me.	<b>9.1% 18</b>	<b>19.7% 39</b>	<b>49.0% 97</b>	<b>22.2% 44</b>
I don't feel welcome at local businesses.	<b>33.8% 67</b>	<b>41.4% 82</b>	<b>19.2% 38</b>	<b>5.6% 11</b>

It is impossible for me to have a private life because everyone knows everyone here.	<b>11.1%</b> <b>22</b>	<b>41.9%</b> <b>83</b>	<b>29.8%</b> <b>59</b>	<b>17.2%</b> <b>34</b>
There are plenty of things to do in my free time here.	<b>31.8%</b> <b>63</b>	<b>33.3%</b> <b>66</b>	<b>25.8%</b> <b>51</b>	<b>9.1%</b> <b>18</b>
I think it will be very difficult to find a position in my dream job here.	<b>10.2%</b> <b>20</b>	<b>23.5%</b> <b>46</b>	<b>28.1%</b> <b>55</b>	<b>38.3%</b> <b>75</b>
Good opportunities exist in my community to get the education and training I need to achieve my career goals.	<b>14.7%</b> <b>29</b>	<b>34.5%</b> <b>68</b>	<b>45.7%</b> <b>90</b>	<b>5.1%</b> <b>10</b>
I am satisfied with this community as a place to live.	<b>13.8%</b> <b>27</b>	<b>24.5%</b> <b>48</b>	<b>50.5%</b> <b>99</b>	<b>11.2%</b> <b>22</b>
This community is a good place for young people.	<b>16.2%</b> <b>32</b>	<b>32.0%</b> <b>63</b>	<b>42.1%</b> <b>83</b>	<b>9.6%</b> <b>19</b>

<b>How strongly do you agree or disagree with these statements about your school?</b>	<b>Strongly disagree 1</b>	<b>Disagree 2</b>	<b>Agree 3</b>	<b>Strongly agree 4</b>
Teachers ask me to work on special classroom projects.	<b>11.1%</b> <b>22</b>	<b>36.4%</b> <b>72</b>	<b>43.4%</b> <b>86</b>	<b>9.1%</b> <b>18</b>
There are lots of chances for students in my school to get involved in sports, clubs and other school activities outside of class.	<b>6.5%</b> <b>13</b>	<b>15.1%</b> <b>30</b>	<b>49.8%</b> <b>99</b>	<b>28.6%</b> <b>57</b>
There are lots of chances for students in my school to talk with a teacher one-on-one.	<b>8.6%</b> <b>17</b>	<b>21.3%</b> <b>42</b>	<b>54.3%</b> <b>107</b>	<b>15.7%</b> <b>31</b>
I have lots of chances to be part of class discussions or activities.	<b>5.6%</b> <b>11</b>	<b>13.2%</b> <b>26</b>	<b>60.9%</b> <b>120</b>	<b>20.3%</b> <b>40</b>
In my school, students have lots of chances to help decide things like class activities and rules.	<b>15.7%</b> <b>31</b>	<b>40.1%</b> <b>79</b>	<b>36.0%</b> <b>71</b>	<b>8.1%</b> <b>16</b>
I feel safe at my school.	<b>8.0%</b> <b>16</b>	<b>17.6%</b> <b>35</b>	<b>55.3%</b> <b>110</b>	<b>19.1%</b> <b>38</b>
The school lets my parents know when I have done something well.	<b>21.4%</b> <b>42</b>	<b>40.3%</b> <b>79</b>	<b>29.1%</b> <b>57</b>	<b>9.2%</b> <b>18</b>
My teachers praise me when I work hard in school.	<b>13.9%</b> <b>27</b>	<b>27.8%</b> <b>54</b>	<b>46.4%</b> <b>90</b>	<b>11.9%</b> <b>23</b>
My school grades are better than the grades of most students in my class.	<b>8.3%</b> <b>16</b>	<b>31.6%</b> <b>61</b>	<b>40.9%</b> <b>79</b>	<b>19.2%</b> <b>37</b>
The courses I take in school are very interesting to me.	<b>10.3%</b> <b>20</b>	<b>31.1%</b> <b>60</b>	<b>40.9%</b> <b>79</b>	<b>18.1%</b> <b>35</b>
The things I am learning in school now will be very important for me in the future.	<b>13.4%</b> <b>26</b>	<b>26.3%</b> <b>51</b>	<b>44.3%</b> <b>86</b>	<b>16.0%</b> <b>31</b>

The schoolwork I am assigned is meaningful and important.	16.5% 32	34.5% 67	39.7% 77	9.3% 18
Most of the time, I enjoy being in school.	21.4% 41	27.1% 52	41.1% 79	10.4% 20
Most of the time, I try to do my best work in school.	6.2% 12	22.4% 43	49.5% 95	22.4% 43
I am planning on going to college or a technical school when I graduate from high school.	6.9% 13	9.0% 17	23.9% 45	60.1% 113

**What do you consider the greatest challenges for youth in Lincoln County? Please choose the three to five most important issues for you and place a check mark by each issue you consider to be a priority that needs to be addressed.** (Number and percent saying Yes) (N = 195)

52.3%	102	No places for youth to simply hang out and feel safe
39.5%	77	Lack of places to play music, perform or do more creative activities
38.5%	75	Underage drug and/or alcohol use/partying
33.8%	66	Limited or no part-time employment opportunities
26.7%	52	Need more after school activities
25.1%	49	More positive interaction between youth and police
20.5%	40	Lack of counseling for teens
17.9%	35	Lack of tutoring and mentoring for youth
17.4%	34	Few educational opportunities outside of traditional schools
16.4%	32	Limited or no access to drug and/or alcohol prevention programs
14.9%	29	Lack of counseling for families
12.8%	25	No private schools in the county
11.3%	22	Limited school services and programs
10.8%	21	Lack of childcare and early childhood programs

11 Other: (list)

**Please check all the programs you are involved with from the list below.**

(Number and percent saying Yes) (N = 195)

37.9%	74	School groups or clubs, including student government
35.4%	69	School sports
32.3%	63	Church youth groups
29.2%	57	Part-time work
24.1%	47	Volunteer activities
15.4%	30	Organized recreational sports/activities
7.7%	15	Skateboarding, hiking,
4.1%	8	4-H clubs
2.1%	4	Scouting

12 Other (list)

<b>This year at school, how often have other students</b>	<b>Not at all</b>	<b>Once or twice</b>	<b>A couple of times a month</b>	<b>One or more times a week</b>
Taken money or other things from you?	84.0% 163	10.3% 20	3.6% 7	2.1% 4

Damaged your personal items?	<b>77.3%</b> <b>150</b>	<b>16.0%</b> <b>31</b>	<b>4.1%</b> <b>8</b>	<b>2.6%</b> <b>5</b>
Told lies or spread false rumors about you?	<b>53.6%</b> <b>104</b>	<b>26.3%</b> <b>51</b>	<b>10.3%</b> <b>20</b>	<b>10.0%</b> <b>19</b>
Threatened or forced you to do things you did not want to do?	<b>85.6%</b> <b>166</b>	<b>7.7%</b> <b>15</b>	<b>3.6%</b> <b>7</b>	<b>3.1%</b> <b>6</b>
Used the Internet or a cell phone to threaten or embarrass you by posting or sending mean or hurtful messages or photos of you	<b>86.1%</b> <b>167</b>	<b>7.2%</b> <b>14</b>	<b>3.1%</b> <b>6</b>	<b>3.6%</b> <b>7</b>
Called you mean names, made fun of you, or teased you in a hurtful way	<b>71.1%</b> <b>135</b>	<b>17.4%</b> <b>33</b>	<b>6.3%</b> <b>12</b>	<b>5.3%</b> <b>10</b>
Left you out of things on purpose, excluded you from their group of friends, or completely ignored you	<b>73.7%</b> <b>140</b>	<b>14.7%</b> <b>28</b>	<b>5.8%</b> <b>11</b>	<b>5.8%</b> <b>11</b>
Hit, kicked, pushed, shoved you around, or locked you inside of something	<b>85.3%</b> <b>163</b>	<b>6.3%</b> <b>12</b>	<b>4.7%</b> <b>9</b>	<b>3.7%</b> <b>7</b>

**Finally, tell us a little bit about yourself.**

**How old are you?**

0.5%	1	19 yrs old
26.0%	51	18 yrs old
67.5%	133	17 yrs old
1.0%	2	16 yrs old
5.1%	10	No answer

**How long have you lived in Lincoln County?**

4.1%	8	Under 2 yrs
10.2%	20	2-5 yrs
17.8%	35	6-10 yrs
65.0%	128	All my life
3.0%	6	No answer

**Was one or both of your parents born in Lincoln County?**

48.2%	95	No
46.7%	92	Yes
2.5%	10	No answer

**What grade are you in this fall?**

1.0%	2	9th
0.5%	1	10th
0.0%	0	11th

88.3%	174	12th
10.2%	20	No answer

**Are you?**

85	Female
102	Male
10	Prefer not to answer

**What do you consider yourself to be? (Choose all that apply)**

91.4%	180	White
0.5%	1	Asian or Pacific Islander
3.6%	7	Spanish/Hispanic/Latino
3.0%	6	American Indian/Native American, Eskimo or Aleut
5.1%	10	Black or African American

**What is the language you use most often at home?**

96.9%	189	English
1.0%	2	Spanish
2.1%	4	Another language

**How many people live in your household?**

Mean = 4.041

**Of the persons who regularly live with you and your family in your home, how many are:**

2.31	Adults (Age 18 or older)?
1.415	Children?

**Do you live in a single parent household?**

30.3%	59	Yes
64.6%	126	No
5.1%	10	No answer