

# Bruce and Grey Community Safety and Well-Being Survey

## **Introduction & Consent**

Welcome! Thank you for your interest in this survey.

This survey is being hosted by CCI Research Inc. on behalf of the Municipalities of Bruce and Grey Counties as part of the implementation of a collaborative Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (CSWBP). The survey, which is meant to be completed by residents of Bruce County or Grey County, will help us understand the current state of well-being and feelings of safety among the people of Bruce and Grey so we can continue to work together to focus on local actions to improve the quality of life for everyone.

It will take approximately 15 minutes to complete the survey. We will ask you questions about your day-to-day life, health, education, employment, and safety experiences. By sharing your experiences and what matters to you, you can help to shape life in Bruce and Grey, determine community priorities, and indicate where you think change is needed. Please answer based on your experiences since March 2020.

Your participation in this survey is voluntary and you can refuse to participate or withdraw from the survey at any time simply by stopping the survey. Once you have submitted the survey, you will not be able to withdraw your responses, since they are not linked to individual respondents. Your decision to participate or not will not have an impact on any services you are currently receiving from county social services, a community organization, or a health service, and we do not ask for your name at any time.

Your responses will be kept confidential by grouping responses together and by removing any identifying information. Survey responses will be stored on a secure server at CCI Research Inc. during data collection and then will be provided to Grey and Bruce Counties. Only the project coordinator and staff who are supporting the project from CCI Research and Grey and Bruce Counties will have access to the raw data. The results will be summarized in a report and shared with local stakeholders and partners. A cleaned and de-identified version of the data set will also be posted on a publicly accessible data sharing website. This data set will not include your open-ended responses (e.g., comments) or any information that could identify you, certain groups (e.g., certain ethnic groups) or organizations. For more information about this local data sharing initiative, please visit the website [bgdisc.ca](http://bgdisc.ca).

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact the CSWBP Coordinator, through the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Bruce Grey website, [cswbp-brucegrey.ca](http://cswbp-brucegrey.ca).

By completing and submitting this survey, you are providing your consent for participation.

## **WHERE DO YOU LIVE?**

We are asking you to answer this survey based on where you live in Bruce County or Grey County, or where you spend the majority of your time or own property as a part-time or seasonal resident in Bruce County or Grey County.

**1. Are you a permanent, year-round resident in either Bruce County or Grey County?**

- Yes, Bruce County *(go to question 3a)*
- Yes, Grey County *(go to question 3b)*
- No

**2. Are you a part-time or seasonal resident in either Bruce County or Grey County? (e.g., you spend winters somewhere else, or you live here part of the year for work)**

- Yes, Bruce County *(go to question 3a)*
- Yes, Grey County *(go to question 3b)*
- No - *This survey is for residents of Bruce County and Grey County. Thank you for your time.*

**3. a. In which municipality is your residence? (Bruce County)**

- Municipality of Arran-Elderslie
- Municipality of Brockton
- Municipality of Kincardine
- Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula
- Municipality of South Bruce
- Town of Saugeen Shores *(go to question 5)*
- Town of South Bruce Peninsula
- Township of Huron-Kinloss

**3. b. In which municipality is your residence? (Grey County)**

- City of Owen Sound *(go to question 5)*
- Municipality of Grey Highlands *(go to question 5)*
- Municipality of Meaford
- Municipality of Southgate
- Municipality of West Grey
- Town of Hanover *(go to question 5)*
- Town of the Blue Mountains
- Township of Chatsworth *(go to question 5)*
- Township of Georgian Bluffs

**4. Which community do you live in? (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_**

**5. How long have you been a resident of this community?**

- Less than 1 year
- 1 year to less than 3 years
- 3 years to less than 6 years
- 6 years to less than 10 years
- 10 years to less than 25 years
- 25 years or more

**HAPPINESS, LIFE SATISFACTION, AND SPIRITUAL WELL-BEING**

**6. In general, how satisfied are you with your life as a whole?**

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

**BELONGING, TRUST, AND RELATIONSHIPS**

**7. How would you describe your feeling of belonging to your local community?**

- Very strong (*go to question 8*)
- Strong (*go to question 8*)
- Neither weak nor strong (*go to question 8*)
- Weak
- Very weak

**7. b. Please share with us the main reason why you would describe your feelings of belonging to your local community as weak or very weak.**

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**8. To what extent do you agree with the following statement:**

**I would recommend this community to others as a place to live.**

- Strongly agree (*go to question 9*)
- Agree (*go to question 9*)
- Neither agree nor disagree (*go to question 9*)
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

8. b. Please explain the main reason why you would not recommend the community to others as a place to live.

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9. How do you feel about your relationships with your neighbours?

- Very satisfied (go to question 10)
- Satisfied (go to question 10)
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied (go to question 10)
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- Not applicable (I do not have neighbours) (go to question 10)

9. b. Please share with us the main reason why you are dissatisfied with your relationships with your neighbours.

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10. For each of the following, please tell us how many people you trust. Select one response for each group.

	Trust ALL	Trust MOST	Trust SOME	Trust A FEW	Trust NONE
a. Neighbours					
b. Colleagues at Work					
c. Businesses in the Community					
d. Healthcare Agencies					
e. Community Service Agencies					
f. County Social Service Programs					
g. Police Services					

**COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PERCEPTIONS/EXPERIENCE OF CRIME**

**11. How do you feel about your personal safety in your community?**

- Very satisfied (*go to question 12*)
- Satisfied (*go to question 12*)
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied (*go to question 12*)
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

**11. b. Please describe one thing that would make you feel safer from crime.**

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**12. Over the last three years, do you think crime in your community has...**

- Decreased substantially
- Decreased somewhat
- Remained the same
- Increased somewhat
- Increased substantially

**13. Compared to other communities in Ontario, do you think your community has...**

- Lower rates of crime
- About the same rates of crime
- Higher rates of crime

**14. How safe do you feel from crime in the following areas?**

	Very SAFE	Reasonably SAFE	Somewhat SAFE	Somewhat UNSAFE	Very UNSAFE	NOT APPLICABLE
a. When you are in your own home after dark						
b. Walking alone in your neighbourhood after dark						
c. Walking alone downtown after dark						

If you answered Somewhat UNSAFE or Very UNSAFE for any of the categories in question 14 above:

**14. d. Please share with us the main reason that you feel unsafe.**

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**15. In your opinion, the role of policing in ensuring community safety is...**

- Extremely important
- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not so important
- Not at all important

**16. How would having more police officers in your neighbourhood/community make you feel?**

- Much safer
- A little bit safer
- No different
- A little less safe
- Much less safe

**YOU'RE HALFWAY THERE! We really appreciate your input! Please continue.**

**17. Which groups do you think play a role in community safety? Select all that apply.**

- Community Services (i.e., support services provided by community agencies, like the United Way, the Alzheimer Society, or Victim Services, etc.)
- Elected officials
- Employers
- Faith Institutions
- Family/Youth Services
- Fire Services
- Hospitals
- Mental Health and/or Addiction Services
- Paramedic Services
- Police
- Primary Care (Doctors Offices or Nurse Practitioner Clinics)
- Residents (i.e., everyone who lives in the community)
- Schools, Colleges or Universities
- Social Services (i.e., services provided through your County or municipality, like Ontario Works or ODSP, etc.)
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**18. How much, if at all, do your feelings about safety and crime impact what you do (where you go and when)?**

- Not at all
- Very little
- Some
- Quite a bit
- Significantly

**19. Do you have children between the ages of 5 and 12?**

- Yes
- No (*go to question 20*)

**19. a. To what extent do you agree with the following statement:**

**I feel comfortable allowing my child/children to play outside unsupervised.**

- Strongly agree (*go to question 20*)
- Agree (*go to question 20*)
- Neither agree nor disagree (*go to question 20*)
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

19. b. Please share with us the main reason that you do not feel comfortable allowing your child/children to play outside unsupervised.

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20. The next question asks about the top areas where you feel improvements are needed to increase safety and well-being in your community.

Please rank the **BOLDED** categories on the left in order of importance with 1 being most important and 10 being least important.

**Please Note:** The column on the right gives you examples of the types of concerns that are included in each category. It might be helpful to read through these lists before you complete the ranking exercise

**ADDICTIONS/SUBSTANCE MISUSE**

- Alcohol misuse
- Cannabis misuse
- Illegal drug use and misuse
- Prescription drug misuse
- Gambling (online, racetrack, etc.)
- Availability of addiction services
- Access to addiction services
- Affordability of addiction services
- Coordination between addiction services in the community
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMUNITY BELONGING AND NEIGHBOURHOOD/ENVIRONMENT**

- Relationship with neighbours
- Unsafe or unwanted behaviours or activities in the community
- Resident safety
- Support for newcomers
- Support for older adults who are vulnerable
- Support for vulnerable youth
- Traffic safety
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_



— **CRIME PREVENTION**

- Animal cruelty
- Arson
- Break and enter
- Child abuse
- Drug trafficking
- Elder abuse
- Fraud (online, telephone, etc.)
- Gang activity
- Homicide
- Human trafficking
- Intimate partner or domestic violence
- Physical assault
- Sexual assault
- Theft
- Threats
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

— **EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT**

- Availability of education opportunities
- Access to education opportunities
- Affordability of education opportunities
- Education quality
- Availability of job opportunities
- Access to job opportunities
- Job quality
- Opportunities to develop employment skills
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

— **EMOTIONAL VIOLENCE, BULLYING AND HARRASSMENT**

- Emotional violence, bullying and/or harassment in homes
- Emotional violence, bullying and/or harassment in schools
- Emotional violence, bullying and/or harassment in workplaces
- Emotional violence, bullying and/or harassment in businesses and other public spaces
- Emotional violence, bullying and/or harassment in neighbourhoods and communities
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

— **HEALTHY CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

- Availability of leisure activities for children
- Access to leisure activities for children
- Affordability of leisure activities for children
- Availability of childcare
- Access to childcare
- Affordability of childcare
- Positive role models
- Positive peer groups
- Stable and nurturing home environments
- Availability of social support services for children
- Access to social support services for children
- Coordination between social support services for children in the community
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

— **HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS**

- Availability of housing
- Access to housing
- Affordability of housing
- Safety of housing
- Quality of housing
- Homelessness
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

— **MENTAL HEALTH**

- Mental health (such as depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder)
- Emotional or psychological trauma
- Suicide
- Availability of mental health services
- Access to mental health services
- Affordability of mental health services
- Coordination between mental health services in the community
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

— **PHYSICAL HEALTH**

- Availability of health services such as a family doctor
- Access to health services such as a family doctor
- Availability of services for persons with a physical disability
- Access to services for persons with a physical disability
- Availability of exercise opportunities
- Access to exercise opportunities
- Affordability of exercise opportunities
- Access to healthy food
- Availability of healthy food
- Affordability of healthy food
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

— **POVERTY AND INCOME**

- Ability to pay bills and meet basic needs
- Ability to enjoy life and participate in leisure activities
- Stress related to financial concerns
- Availability of financial supports
- Access to financial supports
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**21. NOW: For those categories above that you ranked 1-3, please go back to those lists in the right-hand column and check off all issues that are of particular concern to you or require more attention. Please select all that apply – but **ONLY** for those categories that you ranked 1-3.**

**If you are in need of URGENT mental health support or intervention, please call the Mental Health Crisis Line of Grey Bruce at 1-877-470-5200.**

**If you are in need of mental health support or intervention, and wish to locate treatment services in your area, please dial 211.**

## **PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS**

We would like to know more about you so that we can create groupings of answers based on categories like age, gender, community affiliation, etc. so that we can better understand feelings of safety and well-being for all/diverse populations.

### **22. With which gender do you most identify?**

- Female
- Male
- Prefer to describe my own gender identity \_\_\_\_\_
- Prefer not to say

### **23. What is your age?**

- Younger than 15 years of age
- 15 to 19 years
- 20 to 24 years
- 25 to 34 years
- 35 to 49 years
- 50 to 64 years
- 65 to 79 years
- 80 years of age or older

### **24. Do you self-identify as a person with Indigenous ancestry and/or identity (e.g., First Nations, Metis, Inuk (Inuit))?**

- Yes (*go to question 27*)
- No

### **24. b. Do you self-identify as Low German Speaking Mennonite, Old Order Mennonite, Orthodox Mennonite, Old Order Amish, or Amish?**

- Yes (*go to question 27*)
- No

### **24. c. Do you self-identify as a visible minority?**

- Yes
- No

### **25. Do you consider yourself to have a physical, intellectual, mental health, or learning disability?**

- Yes
- No

**26. Were you born in Canada?**

- Yes (*go to question 30*)
- No

**26. b. How long have you lived in Canada?**

- Less than 1 year
- 1 year to less than 3 years
- 3 years to less than 6 years
- 6 years to less than 10 years
- 10 years to less than 25 years
- 25 years or more

**27. Which of the following best describes your current marital status?**

- Single, never married
- Married
- Widowed
- Divorced
- Separated
- Living common-law

**28. What is the highest level of education you have completed?**

- Did not attend school
- Some elementary or some high school education
- High school diploma
- Some college or some university
- Apprenticeship or college degree, diploma, certificate
- University degree (Bachelor's)
- Graduate degree (Master's, PhD)

**LAST PAGE! You're almost done. Great job.**

**29. What is your total annual household income?**

- Less than \$10,000
- \$10,000 to \$19,999
- \$20,000 to \$29,999
- \$30,000 to \$39,999
- \$40,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$59,999
- \$60,000 to \$69,999
- \$70,000 to \$79,999
- \$80,000 to \$89,999
- \$90,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 to \$124,999
- \$125,000 to \$149,999
- \$150,000 to \$199,999
- \$200,000 and over
- Prefer not to say

**CONCLUDING QUESTION**

**30. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your safety and well-being in Bruce and Grey?**

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**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY!**

If you have any additional questions about this survey or the Bruce and Grey Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, please contact the CSWBP Coordinator through the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Bruce Grey website, [cswbp-brucegrey.ca](http://cswbp-brucegrey.ca).