

2019 City of Springfield Community Survey *Appendix A – Open-Ended Comments*

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Overview

For survey questions 26, 27, and 29a, residents of Springfield were given the opportunity to provide open-ended comments. While the results in this Appendix are not statistically valid, they provide useful insights for interpreting the reasons behind citizens' survey responses. The results were recorded verbatim, so spelling and grammatical errors have not been corrected.

Q26. What do you like BEST about living in the City of Springfield?

- A HOME TOWN ATMOSPHERE
- a lot of events/concerts
- ability to run to stores, shops quickie
- About the right size to feel comfortable.
- ABUNDANCE OF THINGS TO DO NO MATTER THE INTEREST
- Access to everything one needs.
- Access to everything quickly, but not a major city feel.
- Access to facilities that provide good physical health. Golf courses, workout facilities, parks, etc.
- ACCESS TO GROCERY, GAS, ETC WITHIN A COUPLE OF MILES EITHER DIRECTION
- ACCESS TO O UTDOOR ACTIVITIES, OPPORTUNITIES
- Accessibility to certain places.
- accessibility y of quality of life amenities, arts, culture, trails parks
- ACCESSIBILITY =, LOCAL PEOPLE, COLLEGES, SMALL TOWN FEEL WITH LARGE TOWN TRENDS
- ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES
- Address system is easy to understand.
- affordability
- affordability
- affordability
- Affordability, fairly easy to start a business, the greenway trail system encourages Springfieldians to get active and explore their own town.
- Affordability, proximity to services
- Affordable and safe
- affordable cost of living
- affordable housing
- affordable housing, cost of living
- Affordable living and convenience.
- affordable of living
- Affordable, clean, safe in my area of town.
- affordable, variety of jobs, shops

- All the convenience of a large city, without the congestion. I also want to clarify, my negative responses in regards to city employees was only pertaining to the Police Department and Animal Control. The City Utilities employees are extremely courteous and kind. I have had contact with many of them, and they have always done their best to answer questions and help.
- A lot of charitable organizations that I can get involved with.
- Art is everywhere, beautiful public spaces
- AS A PERSON WHO IS FINANCIALLY POOR I LIKE ITS AFFORABILITY
- ASIZE AND OFFERINGS OF A LARGER CITY
- availability of choices
- AVAILABILITY OF PLACES TO SHOP ETC
- Availability of services with the smaller community feel
- Availability to find work
- AVAILABLE BUSINESSES AND SERVICES
- AVAILABLE OF MEDICAL CARE, SHOPPING
- BEING NEAR FAMILT
- Being part of an immersive community
- Bib city conveniences, little city problems.
- Bicycle trail, green-ways.
- big small town
- born here
- botanical gardens
- buses
- CAREER
- CAREER OPPORTUNITY
- CENTRAL LOCATION LOTS TO DO
- Cheap
- Cheap
- cheap cost of living
- Christian based town
- Christian churches and values.
- City parks, especially Close Memorial Park. It encourages volunteerism in the community. Youth recreation programs such as soccer are best in class. Public schools are highly rated. Excellent medical care in this community. Missouri State University is a great resource and emphasizes service and service learning. Public libraries are great too.
- city size
- city utilities
- city utilities
- clean
- clean
- clean air, bus transportation
- CLEAN AND SAFE THE PARKS

- CLEAN, GOOD PUBLIC SERVICES, FRIENDLY PEOPLE, GOOD SHOPPING, REALLY GOOD POLICE DEPT.
- CLEAN, LOW CRIME, GOOD SCHOOLS, NATURE OPPORTUNITIES, CLOST TO LAKES
- Clean, proximity to major cities.
- CLOSE ACCESS TO PARKS AND STATE PARKS
- close to doctors, shops
- close to everything
- close to everything
- close to family and lakes
- CLOSE TO HUNTING AND FISHING AREAS, NICE CITY TO LIVE IN
- CLOSE TO MEDICAL CENTER
- Close to needs and entertainment; faster response in emergencies, power loss, snow removal, etc.
- Close to outdoor activities.
- Close to the country
- CLOSE TO WORK AND CHURCH
- CLOSENESS TO A VARIETY OF MEDICAL SERVICES
- Collaboration of the city, the county, the airport, etc. to all work together to make Springfield a great place to live, work, play.
- community areas parks, libraries etc.
- COMMUNITY-MINDED-EASY TO KNOW LOTS OF PEOPLE
- Compact size (Limited sprawl).
- Comparative average CLIMATE - cycle.
- CONCENIENCE OF STORES AND FOOD, HISTORY OF CITY
- conservative values
- convenient grocery stores, restaurants, libraries
- Convenience
- Convenience
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- Convenience
- Convenience
- Convenience - small city
- Convenience of being close to businesses.
- Convenience of facilities in a fairly safe city.
- convenience of getting everywhere
- CONVENIENCE OF SHOPS, RESTAURANTS, FAMILY IS HERE
- convenience to hospitals, entertainment, shopping
- Convenience to medical care.
- CONVENIENCE, CLOSE TO EVERYTHING

- COST OF LIVING; LAKES AND RECREATION; SMALL COMMUNITY
- DIFFERENT DOWNTOWN EVENTS, ART, WALK, ROUTE 66
- diverse activities
- DIVERSITY OF BUSINESS, NIGHTLIFE, PARKS
- DIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY
- Diversity in schools.
- diversity, hospital network
- DOESN'T TAKE LONG TO DRIVE TO WHERE I NEED TO GO
- DON'T ANYMORE, IT HAS GONE DOWNHILL
- Downtown
- Downtown
- Downtown
- EASE OF ACCESS OF VARIETY OF RESOURCES AMENITIES AND RECREATION
- ease of access to medical, shopping and entertainment options
- Ease of access to shopping and dining establishments
- ease of getting around
- ease of getting around
- ease of getting around
- easy access
- Easy access to lakes, rivers, golf, and outdoor activities
- EASY ACCESS TO MOST THINGS
- Easy access to stores
- EASY ENOUGH TO GET AROUND TOWN
- Easy of getting around town and cost of living.
- EASY TO GET AROUND; FRIENDLY PEOPLE; COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
- Eating
- EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES
- ENTERTAINMENT
- Events, proximity to outdoor activities.
- everything I need
- everything I need
- everything is close
- Everything is close, perks of small town.
- everything is right here in town
- Excellent parks and recreation areas.
- facilities available with ease, shopping, restaurants, medical and recreation
- FAIRLY EASY ACCESS TO SHOPPING AND SERVICE
- Fairly inexpensive
- FAMILIORITY
- family
- family
- family

- family
- family
- family
- family and friends
- FAMILY AND FRIENDS, COST OF LIVING
- FAMILY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE
- family, friends
- FEELS RURAL BUT TRYING TO BE A BIG CITY
- food
- FOR A 'CITY' IT IS MORE ECONOMICAL TO LIVE IN SPRINGFIELD THAN ANYOTHER SURROUNDING CITY.
- FOR A SMALL TOWN FEEL, THERE ARE OPTIONS OF LOTS OF THINGS TO DO
- FREINDLY PEOPLE
- Friendliness
- FRIENDLINESS AND COURTESY OF PEOPLE
- Friendliness of most people.
- FRIENDLINESS OF PEOPLE
- friendly
- friendly
- friendly
- friendly
- friendly
- friendly
- friendly
- friendly
- FRIENDLY COMMUNJITY, LOW CRIME RATE
- FRIENDLY PEOPLE
- FRIENDLY PEOPLE
- FRIENDLY PEOPLE
- Friendly people & small town feel.
- FRIENDLY PEOPLE, BEING CLOSE TO LAKE
- friendly, safe
- FUN THINGS TO DO COOL PLACES TO EAT
- GALLOWAY TRAILS AND OTHER OUTDOOR PARKS USE AREAS
- Generally a safe city with very good real estate values for home buyers, and many indoor and outdoor pursuits for people to choose from in the Ozarks Region.
- generally our citizens are caring and honorable people with constrictive values
- Getting around town sometimes.
- GOOD CITY-GREAT PEOPLE-4 SEASONS-GOOD CHURCHES
- Good doctors and a little safer living.
- good intentions
- GOOD PAYING JOB COST OF LIVING LOWER THEM MAJOR CITIES
- GOOD PEOPLE OF SPRINGFIELD

- GOOD PLACE FOR FAMILY
- GOOD PLACE TO RAISE KIDS
- GOOD SCHOOLS, ED OPPORTUNITIES, GROWING TECH COMMUNITY
- good schools, great place to live and raise a family
- Good, wholesome place to raise a family.
- great colleges, affordability, great downtown with police presence
- Great community
- great neighborhoods, access to medical services, stores.
- GREAT VARIETY IN ENTERTAINMENT
- green spaces
- Greenways area, (outdoor initiatives should be an option).
- GREW UP HERE BUT CITY HAS GONE DOWNHILL
- grew up in Springfield like almost everything
- GRID/HIGHWAY SYSTEM
- HAS EVERYTHING I NEED AND CHEAPER THAN CALIFORNIA
- Having lived in larger cities I like that that Springfield offers some big city feel but at the same time I like that it only takes a few minutes to be in the a rural setting.
- HOME TOWN FEELING
- hometown
- hometown
- hometown
- hometown
- hometown attitude, churches
- hometown feel
- honest open govt
- hospitals, fire dept. police
- how beautiful our city is and friendly
- How friendly people are.
- HOW MANY BU SINESS ARE THERE
- HTE SIZE, NOT TOO LARGE, IT OFFERS A LOT
- hunting/fishing/camping
- I AM A LIFETIME RESIDENT SO IT'S COMFORTABLE TO ME
- I don't have to travel to get most things I want and need
- I enjoy working here
- I enjoy the college town/culture it brings - restaurants - outdoor opportunities.
- I grew up in the city of Springfield
- I HATE SPGF, IF MY FAMILY WASN'T HERE I WOULD LEAVE
- I know it well and have grown with it.
- I like having options similar to a large city.
- I like my job.
- I LIKE OUR PARKLAND AND WHAT THEY CAN CONTINUE TO OFFER
- I LIKE SMALL TOWN VALUES IN A LARGE TOWN

- I LIKE THAT ITS A GROWING CITY AND IT OFFERS A LOT OF AMENITIES SUCH AS SHOPPING, RESTAURANTS AND COLLEGES WITH MEDICAL CARE
- I like that Springfield has lots to do with plenty of attractions. It has some perks of bigger cities without being too large, like Kansas City or St. Louis.
- I like the fine arts available.
- I like the size of Springfield
- I LOVE ALL THE OPPORTUNITIES THE CITY HAS TO OFFER
- I love our libraries and the book sales and events at the e Plex or the fairgrounds.
- I WANT TO MOVE OUT OF SPRINGFIELD IT HAS BECOME A DRUG MECCA NOT SAFE PLACE
- In general, it is a good-sized town where your friends and relatives either live within commuting distance or can visit without any difficulty. There are things that one can get involved with either to help others or expend energy.
- INTERNET OPTIONS ARE GREAT, YOU CAN HAVE ANYTHING DELIVERED TO YOU AT HOME, LOTS OF PARKS AND ACTIVITIES TO DO. I LOVE THAT THE POPULATION IS ON THE YOUNGER SIDE AND THAT YOU ALWAYS SEE SOMETHING FUNNY GOING ON. I ALSO LOVE THE ARTWORK ON BUILDINGS IN THE CITY.
- It allows for professional and creative risk because it is so affordable.
- IT ALWAYS BEEN MY HOME AND I LOVE SPRINGFIELD
- It has a smaller city feel but still has access to things you'd find in much larger cities
- it has everything a person needs
- It has everything that a larger city has.
- It has everything.
- It is friendly and relatively safe.
- IT IS MY HOMETOWN
- IT is right size
- it s affordable not heavy traffic
- It uses to be friendly.
- IT WOULD BE NICE IF EVERYONE WOULD TAKE PRIDE IN TAKING CARE OF THEIR HOME LIKE SOME ON OUR BLOCK TRY TO DO FOR THE MOST PART THE NEIGHBOR ON BOTH SIDES OF USE TRY TO B UT THE REST DON'T
- It's a big city that has everything I need, without feeling too big.
- ITS A GREAT PLACE TO RAISE CHILDREN, COMMUNITY FRIENDLY
- It's a vibrant city with a lot of creativity and cool developments happening especially downtown. And the cost of living is very low, which allows for travel and leisure activities.
- It's been a good place to raise family. Religious presence.
- ITS BEEN HOME AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER
- ITS BEEN MY HOME FOR 60 YRS I HAVE FEW COMPLAINTS
- ITS CHEAP AND EVERYONE KNOW EACH OTHER
- ITS CHEAPER THAN CALIFORNIA
- ITS CLOSE TO MY SON

- It's fairly easy to get from one side of town to the other. I've lived in large cities that can take an hour or more to get across town during rush hour. Most people are friendly here. I feel safe here for the most part. I am a single woman living alone, so I never feel 100 % safe but it isn't a worry at the top of my mind. There are plenty of things to do if one is interested....festivals, sports, etc.
- ITS GOT A SMALL TOWN FEEL, ITS EASY TO GET AROUND AND GET THINGS I WANT AND NEED
- It's home
- It's home
- It's home
- It's laid out and easy to get around.
- It's like living in a smaller city with most of what you'd find in larger cities.
- It's my home town it's what I know
- It's my home, never lived anywhere else. It's the size, not too big (yet) and not too small. I'm happy in my neighborhood and getting more involved with WNBA.
- ITS NEAR MOST THINGS TO GO VISIT AND MY FAMILY IS HERE
- It's not too big and commercialized yet.
- ITS PRETTY RELAXED AND SMALL
- ITS SMALL BUT JUST BIG ENOUGH TO HAVE EVERYTHING
- It's small, I'm from St. Charles.
- ITS THE ONLY PLACE IV'E LIVED SO I KNOW WHERE EVERYTHING IS
- I've lived my entire life in this great city of ours. This is my city. I love Springfield. I enjoy the parks and recreational facilities. I enjoy how the city for the most part maintains a good balance with nature, for as large as we are it doesn't feel incredibly dense and urban. I like that people are friendly. I enjoy the community that residents have with each other. We are a friendly town. We say hello to people in passing. We have respect and manners in general. I do enjoy the diversity we have in this community. The interactions between people of different ethnic backgrounds are far more cordial here than the interactions I experienced during my time in St. Louis.
- JOB OPPORTUNITITES
- Lack of congestion; minor traffic issues.
- LACK OF HIGHWAYS, THE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITYIES
- LCOAL NEW BUSINESS, BREWERIES, COOL RESTAURANTS NONCHAIN
- Less crime and affordability of housing.
- Less taxes
- LESS TRAFFIC THAN LARGER CITIES; FRIENDLY PEOPLE, SMALL TOWN LIVING
- LIBRARY, PARKS, AND RESTAURANTS
- like that Springfield is big enough to provide many opportunities in education, vocation, culture experiences yet is small enough that it feels close knit
- LIKE THE FRIENDLINESS OF THE COMMUNITY AND YMCA NATURE CENTER, RESTAURANTS ECT
- LITTLE BUT STILL BIG ENOUGH CITY
- Location
- Location
- Location

- LOCATION HOMYNESS COULD BE MUCH BETTER
- LOCATION TO COLLEGES AND SHOPPING
- LOCATION TO SHOPPING/SERVICES, PARKS
- LOCATION, LAKES ETC
- LOCATION, SIZE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS
- LOTS OF CITY PARKS
- lots of eateries
- lots of entertainment
- LOTS OF OPTIONS FOR SHOPPING AND ENTERTAINMENT
- Lots of options to buy things beside Walmart.
- LOTS OF PARK
- lots of restaurants, improving bike lanes
- Lots of stores handy and quiet.
- lots to do
- lots to do
- love our neighborhood
- low cost of living
- low cost of living
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- LOW COST OF LIVING, CONVENIENCE AND SMALL SIZE NEW DEVELOPMENTS DOWNTOWN, FARMERS PARK AND AT GALLOWA Y
- low cost of living, historic neighborhoods, trails
- LOW COST OF LIVING, NICE PPL, CLOSE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
- LOW DIVERSITY, LESS CRIME, SAFE PLACE TO LIVE
- Lower cost of living than larger cities and convenience of a 10-15 min drive most anywhere.
- Many restaurants and bars. Good cost of living. Nice people.
- Medical facilities
- Medical facilities
- Medical facilities
- MEDIUM SIZE PROXIMITY WEATHER FRIENDLY PEOPLE
- MIX OF BIG CITY/SMALL TOWN
- More opportunities to find what I'm looking for at cheaper prices
- MOST PEOPLE ARE KIND AND FRIENDLY
- mostly friendly residents
- MOSTLY PEACEFULE

- My community has a feeling of safety.
- My daughter and I like the parks.
- My family is close
- My family is here.
- My friends live here.
- MY KIDS LIVE HERE
- My neighborhood and my neighbors.
- MY NEIGHBORS
- MY NEIGHBORS
- nice place to call home
- no traffic
- Not huge, historic, nature
- NOT MUCH BUT CENTRAL LOCATION
- NOT TOO BIG BUT NOT TOO SMALL
- not too big, not too small
- Offers a wide variety of activities.
- OFFERS WHAT YOU FIND IN A BIG CITY BUT FEELS LIKE A SMALL TOWN
- ON MOST PARTS WE HERE BELIEVE IN GOD
- only city I lived in used to be better with less traffic and less crime
- GOOD MEDICAL FACILITIES, MOST PEOPLE ARE COURTEOUS
- OPPORTUNITIES, BIG CITY, SMALL TOWN FEEL
- Our neighborhood.
- outdoors and people
- OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE AND AFFORDABILITY
- Overall a good city.
- OVERALL A PLEASANT, FRIENDLY, THRIVING COMMUNITY
- OZARKS AURA
- Ozarks land and water recreation
- Ozarks, location
- parallel streets, little crime
- PARKS
- PARKS AND ATTENTION TO BEING ECO FRIENDLY
- PARKS AND RECREATION; PUBLIC SAFETY
- Parks and recreation.
- PARKS PROPERTIES
- parks, children's programs
- parks, dining, close to every thing
- Parks, trails, clean air, affordable utilities & housing
- parks. trees
- Parks/Greenway Trails
- People
- People

- PEOPLE AND RESTAURANTS
- PEOPLE ARE FRIENDLY I FEEL SAFE VARIETY OF THINGS TO DO
- people are friendly, restaurants, shopping
- People in the community
- people, area, accessible
- PEOPLE, HISTORY, COST OF LIVING
- Perfect size/ can feel like a small town and big town.
- Planning on moving. There is no industry here. Children everyday needs are overlooked when in need, as well as elders. Homes in nice neighborhoods are allowed to deteriorated and cause ungodly sites as well as problems.
- police and fire response
- potential to grow into a competitive metro area
- proximity to lakes/recreation
- proximity to local business and schools and doctors
- Proximity to natural areas.
- Proximity to nice natural outdoors destinations.
- Proximity to other destinations
- proximity to parks and greenways
- Proximity to things I need/want like my job, food, entertainment.
- Public areas generally feel safe. The city has done very well in recent years to make nice changes to downtown
- QUALITY AND FAMILIARITY OF THE AREA
- Quality of life and cost of living.
- quality of life and education, univ sports/events, intellectual and entertainment opportunities, medical, parks trails
- quality of life due to affordable housing and decent winters
- quality of life, less traffic, safety, cost of living
- QUALITY OF LIVING, PARKS AND TRAILS
- Queen city of the Ozarks, great region
- QUICK AND EASY TO GET AROUND HERE, EVERYTHING IS HERE
- Raising children here.
- reasonable taxes
- recreation opportunities, inclusive atmosphere
- Restaurants, downtown, bass pro, Springfield lake
- Roundtree neighborhood
- SAFE AND FRIENDLY CITY, GOOD AMENITIES
- safety
- safety
- safety
- Safety (low crime), lots of things to do - ball games, good restaurants, low taxes.
- SCHOOL SYSTEM
- schools

- schools, low crime
- schools, people
- SENSE OF BEING PART OF A COMMUNITY
- sense of community
- Sense of community.
- Sense of community.
- SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES TO BE INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY
- SHOPPING IS EASIER SOMETIMES
- size
- size
- size
- size
- size
- size big enough to have amenities small enough to have social/capital
- size of city. colleges. cost of living, restaurants, employment opportunities.
- Size of the city - neighborhood convenient.
- size smaller
- Size, landscape, kind people.
- SIZE, NATUARE
- size, people, trees, locally owned businesses
- SIZE, PROGRESSIVENESS, ACCESS TO OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
- size, safety for family
- Size. We can drive anywhere in the city in 30 minutes or less.
- SLOWER PACE
- small business oriented
- Small city with lot of convenience.
- Small city. Close proximity to everything.
- Small community.
- Small neighborhoods, clean parks.
- Small size.
- small town feel
- small town feel
- small town feel
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- small town feel
- small town feel
- small town feel
- Small town feel in a big town with minimum crime.

- Small town feel with big city amenities, lots of restaurants, good public neighborhood schools, shopping and entertainment, music
- small town feel, lower cost of living, safe
- Small town living in city.
- small town living, big town city feel
- SO MANY THINGS TO DO-SYMPHONY-MUSEUM-DISCOVERY CENTER
- so many places to shop, restaurants
- Some of the resources of a larger city with the ease of use of a smaller community.
- South side is family friendly.
- SPGLD FEELS LIKE A SMALL TOWN IN A BIG TOWN SETTING
- SPRINGFIELD CARDINALS, EASY TO GET AROUND IF YOU HAVE A CAR, AIRPORT
- SPRINGFIELD HAS SLOWLY BECOME A MORE INTERESTING PLACE TO LIVE IN TERMS OF CULTURE, OUTDOORS, FOODS, DIVERSE ACTIVITIES
- Springfield still has a neighborly, small town vibe with the attraction of having big city amenities like JKH Hall, Springfield Cardinals, and Wonders of Wildlife.
- Still that small pace of life atmosphere.
- Stores are open longer
- taxes
- THAT IS A BIG CITY THAT KEEP COUNTY VALUES
- THE AMOUNT OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
- The city has gone downhill.
- The comfort of living in a city that still doesn't feel too big, but has a lot of things to do
- The convenience of getting what I need.
- The cost of living
- THE COST OF LIVING IS LOWER THAN THE REST OF THE STATE
- The cost of living is relatively low and the OTC is a good resource
- The cost of living isn't extreme, it's small business friendly, the history of Route 66.
- The culture and easygoing nature of the city.
- THE CULTURE AND THE COMMUNITY IS EXCELLENT PEOPLE ARE FRIENDLY, EDUCATED , SKILLED AND THAT REFLECTS IN NEIGHBORHOOD AND BUSINESS
- The diversity
- THE DOWNTOWN AREA
- The downtown area is nice for me to walk around and I feel safe in the area
- THE FRIENDLY PEOPLE
- The friendliness of the citizens.
- THE FRIENDLINESS OF THE PEOPLE LIVING HERE
- the geographical region
- THE GORGEOUS PARKS AND LAND SURROUNDING
- THE HARDWORKING, CHURCH GOING PEOPLE WHO CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR OUR CITY TO BE A WONDERFUL PLACE TO BE
- the local parks, trails, rivers and natural beauty of the area
- The parks, trails, stores, restaurants

- THE PEOPLE
- THE PEOPLE
- The people are friendly and the climate is better than up north.
- The people are wonderful.
- the progression and growth of the city and community involvement
- the proximity to lots of things to do
- THE PROXIMITY TO OUTDOOR AREA, THE GREAT MUSIC, THEATER, ART SCENE, THE MOVIE THEATER, KS MU DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL STREET
- The quality of life is high for less money, also love the parks created and maintained.
- The recycling center is always clean and friendly.
- THE RIGHT SIZE CITY YET CLOSE TO THE COUNTRY
- THE SIZE AND AVAILABILITY OF THINGS TO DO
- the size of the town
- The size of the town is best! My family is safe, educated, well-fed, employed, and happy. We have great medical care, entertainment of all kinds, and great options for shopping. Overall, it's a perfect little city that just needs a little help here and there.
- THE SIZE; CONVENIENCE; COUNTRY ATMOSPHERE
- THE SLOWER PACE, BEAUTY, USEABLE TAP WATER AND AIR QUALITY COMPARED TO THE VARIOUS MAJOR CITIES OF ASIA THAT WE HAVE LIVED IN
- The small town mentality. Cost of living is good. Friendliness of the area. Close to bigger cities and Branson. Biking trails and walking trails.
- The way people (honest people) treat each other and others.
- There are so many things to do. Good restaurants, robust nightlife, good medical centers, clean. Springfield is big enough to offer a lot and small enough to make it easy to get around the city!
- There is a lot of things to do as a family. I grew up here it's a great place to have a family.
- There is not much except for having family close that I like.
- Trees, affordable, not too overcrowded
- Trees, good teachers.
- University city with ample links to outdoors and natural areas.
- VARIETY OF ATTRACTIONS RESTAURANTS, SHOPS, ENTERTAINMENT
- variety of restaurants, cleanliness of parks
- Variety of things to do - cultural, sports, outdoors.
- VERY FAMILY FRIENDLY VERY COMPATIVELY LOW COST OF LIVING
- Very friendly community with lots of fun amenities
- very high quality of living
- VERY SATISFIED WITH OVERALL PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO
- VERY SERENE AND BEAUTIFUL
- Violence low
- WALKABLE DISTRICTS DOWNTOWN AND LIVE MUSIC VENUES
- Was nice back in 1997.
- We like the fact there is still a somewhat small town feel to it.
- weather

- WEATHER
- WEATHER AND TAXES,PLUS GOOD MEDICAL TREATMENT
- WEATHER, JOB OPPORTUNTITES AND PA Y
- What can I say, I moved here in 1986 and never left!!!
- What I like most about the City of Springfield is simple, you see this is where I grew up. We moved up here when I turned 6 years old and I must say this city and I have been though some things together, but we faced them things together. If I would have lived somewhere else I wouldn't have met the father of my beautiful Daughter. I guess what I'm trying to say is, My favorite part about living here is the memories that have been made here.
- Wild life.

Q27. What do you like LEAST about living in the City of Springfield?

- 1. Mixed handicapped public transportation. 2. Not being informed of issues.
- A LOT OF RUN DOWN HOUSING AND SCHOOLS IN THE CITY ITSELF COMPARED TO OZARKS
- Aggressiveness of drivers
- AIR TRAVEL
- Air travel is frustrating because of very few non-stop flights to most other cities.
- Airport doesn't have enough options and too expensive to fly from here.
- ALL HWY CORRIDORS INTO TOWN ARE NOT ATTRACTIVE
- All the drugs and addicts and drug dealers. Increased crime due to drugs as well.
- ALL THE HOMELESS PEOPLE HANGING OUT AROUND PLACES OF BUSINESS
- All the meth
- allowing older neighborhood to deteriorate
- Allowing pit bulls to reside in Springfield. We have become infamous for this to exist.
- a lot of crime stealing mostly
- AMOUNT OF HOMELESS AND DRUGS
- Amount of poverty and racism. lack of access for disabled
- AMOUNT OF STRAY ANIMALS
- Appearance/attractiveness of city.
- awful public transportation
- Backward Conservative views that hold our community back! Billy Boss Hogg Long that embarrasses SW Missouri everyday!
- bad roads
- battlefield rd traffic congestion
- Being attacked by diversity.
- Below national average pay, need more options to remove homeless on corners, but assist them. More parking at the zoo.
- BIASED UNEDUCATED MEDIA
- BIG CITY ISSUES, CRIME, POVERTY, HOMELESSNESS, ETC
- Bus stops too far away. I have to walk too far.
- CLANNISH MENTALITY
- city codes not enforced. commercial vehicles parked in neighborhood all day and overnight
- CITY COUNCIL
- City leader's complacency and inattention to a needed aggressive, planned growth of professional communities (both business and residential), citizen/property safety and strict enforcement of laws around property theft and damage (including heavy fines and jail time), and a lack of development of infrastructure (particularly traffic congestion on east/west streets in southern Springfield like Battlefield and Sunshine)
- CITY TRAFFIC
- city traffic

- Crime and population
- CRIME AND POVERTY
- crime and robbery car break ins drug usage
- crime and stormwater, lack of resources for the homeless
- Crime and taxes on retired persons, personal property, etc.
- CRIME AND TRASH
- CRIME HAS BECOME A MAJOR PROBLEM
- crime has gone up in the last ten years
- crime in certain areas
- Crime in neighborhoods.
- crime increase, unsafe areas
- CRIME INCREASING AND BEGGERS
- crime is going up
- crime is out of control
- crime on the rise
- CRIME RATE
- CRIME RATE
- Crime rate and littering problem
- CRIME RATE LACK OF ROAD MAINTENANCE
- CRIME RATE/DRUG ISSUES
- CRIME RATE/FEAR
- Crime rates, available jobs.
- CRIME SEEMS TO BE INCREASING
- crime unsafe
- Crime!!! Thefts!!
- crime, homeless, drugs
- crime, illegal immigrants, drugs
- CRIME, NEIGHBORS TRESPASSING AND NOT WATCHING THEIR KIDS
- crime, overall appearance, quality of life
- CRIME, STREET CORNER PEOPLE
- CRIME, THEFTS, HOMELESS BEGGARS
- CRIME, TRAFFIC, DURGS
- CRIME, UNSAFE AT NIGHTS
- CRUMBLING SIDEWALKS, NO SIDEWALKS CROSS WALKS
- Current laws are not enforced in all areas.
- daily violence and shootings
- developers trying to take over areas close to MSU
- DILAPIDATED HOMES AND BUILDINGS
- dirty
- dirty
- Dirty and dilapidated housing and properties everywhere.
- DISINTEREST OF LAW ENFORCEMENT/JUDICIAL/PROSECUTION

- dislike hearing about shootings, deaths, drugs, there were seldom occasions when growing up
- DISRUNTAL AND RUDE CITIZENS
- Diversity and inclusion is non existent for anyone other than white, straight, religious, or gender identity.
- division of attention between north and south
- Downtown seems to be getting worse. Work on getting it clean and the druggies cleared up and out.
- Drivers
- driving to southside for major stores
- DRIVING ANYWHERE IN THE CITY, TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT WOEFULLY INADEQUATE
- Drug abuse, drug addicts
- DRUG ADDICTS, HOMELESS, PAN HANDLING, THEFT
- DRUG CULTURE
- Drug dealers are released too quickly from jail and resume their trade. Quit locking up drug users and start keeping drug dealers.
- Drug dealers.
- Drug issues and lack of police presence. Low wages.
- DRUG PROBLEM AND CRIME
- drug problems
- Drugs
- Drugs
- Drugs
- Drugs
- Drugs
- DRUGS AND THEFT
- DRUGS AND TRAFFIC
- Drugs theft and poverty
- Drugs, crime in our neighborhood, abandoned houses that are left, homelessness.
- DRUGS, CRIME, HOMELESS, TRAFFIC
- DRUGS, GUNS AND CRIME
- drugs, not cleaning up yards
- DRUGS, UNSAFE TO GO FOR WALKS, UNSAFE PARK DUE TO DRUGS-TOO MUCH RACISM
- DRUGS-THEFT
- DRUGS-THEFT FOR DRUGS, STREET PEOPLE WHO CAN'T GET JOBS BECAUSE OF DRUGS
- Education
- EROTIC DRIVERS
- Esthetically there is no skyline, getting off I44 onto Glenstone is uninviting and poor looking. The architecture of the entire city is regressing. There is no connection of

downtown to anything recreational. Founders Park has a fence around it which is uninviting.

- Ever increasing crime level
- everything
- Everything gets put on the southside of Springfield not on the Northside or anywhere convenient. I don't like that my side of town doesn't get attention, improvements or new businesses. Everything new is put inconveniently on the Southside. Someone like me can't get to.
- EXCESS OF HOMELESS AND MEN LIVING OUT OF BACKPACKS AND LOUNGING AROUND THE LIBRARY STATION
- FAILURE to enforce signaling and/or lane changing violations.
- FEEL SOUTH AND CENTER SGF GETE MORE LOCE THAN THE NORTH SIDE
- Flights are costly.
- flooding due to storm drain and the drug use/homeless
- for the size of the city, traffic is bad it seems. Drivers are very pedestrian UNFRIENDLY. I think more could be done to help motorists respect cyclers, runners, walkers, etc.
- FRIENDLINESS TO HOMELESS PEOPLE, KEEP THE BUMS O UT
- GETTING TOO BIG
- govt security or main problem
- growing amount of homeless and crime
- HANDLING OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, HUMAN RIGHTS LGBTQ ISSUES AND DISCRIMINATION
- Hard to find info
- HEALTH CARE DOMINATED B YONLY 2 INSTITIONS
- HIGH CITY TAXES
- HIGH COST OF LIVING DOWNTOWN, MINIMAL ELECTRIC CARS
- high crime
- HIGH CRIME RATE ON THE NORTH SIDE
- High homeless and energy rate.
- high levels of poverty, drug use, crime
- high per capita crime rate
- high taxes ,getting around Springfield, bus routes and times
- homeless
- homeless
- homeless
- homeless
- homeless
- Homeless camps, trash, and crime
- HOMELESS CRIMES HELP THE PEOPLE SO THEY DON'T HAVE TO COMMIT CRIMES
- HOMELESS MESSING UP CITY PARKS-DRUGS ARE EVERYWHERE

- Homeless people
- Homeless people everywhere and traffic.
- Homeless people on meth, everything north of Chestnut.
- HOMELESS PEOPLE/CITY GOVT USING TAX PAYERS MONEY TO PASS TAX INCREASE
- Homeless/panhandlers and druggie zombies.
- homes not kept up
- Horrible leaders
- HOUSES ARE LESS EXPENSIVE TO BUY THAN IN SURROUNDING TOWNS
- HOW DIRTY THE CITY LOOKS DUE TO THE CITY ALLOWING SLUMLORDS TO ADD WHAT THEY WANT
- how dirty the streets are, there is trash everywhere
- How it is getting crowded, (for example traffic delays).
- HOW LONG IT TAKES TO GET AROUND IN TOWN CONGESTED
- HOW PEOPLE DO NOT MAINTAIN THEIR PROPERTY
- HOW SEGREGATED OFNS END OF TOWN
- How they keep building new buildings and not using the old ones.
- I do not like going downtown because of homeless people and parking
- I don't think wages are high enough here to really support the city. Many people are very poor in the city of Springfield, which brings everything down.
- I HATE IT
- I live in the same neighborhood that I grew up in. I have watched it go from being composed primarily of lower to middle class homeowners to a large portion of transients, vagrants, and unsavory persons. When I was a boy I was never afraid to walk home from school. Now, I fear for my children and can not allow them to walk. People used to keep their drug habits in their own space, and to themselves. Nowadays it's everywhere. We find needles laying in the streets and in the parks. We watch the addicts stumble down the street in the middle of the day. The homelessness in this city has skyrocketed over the past 15 years. I think what I like least is the general trend toward disrespect and apathy for my city by the migrant residents. People throwing trash everywhere, when there are receptacles right around. Just no respect. It's starting to feel overwhelmed and run down it seems.
- I lived on north side and seems like they don't do much with getting us walking trails etc.
- I see police talking on cell phones while driving and running lights when NOT in emergency status.
- I WAS RAISED HERE-PEOPLE ARE NICE BUT IT IS CHANGING
- I wish I could take my dog more places
- I wish the city was more diverse politically. It's hard being an left leaning Independent here.
- I'd say the traffic. Too few main roads that clog up far too easily and even other popular roads to avoid those roads are being impacted as well. A lot of the intersections on these roads don't even have separate turn lanes and some even still have stop signs which could be improved vastly by more roundabouts instead. Springfield has hundreds of thousands

of people than come to this city as a hub to many outlying towns and just cause disastrous and dangerous clutter. Springfield is also a very busy town for truck drivers and they simply don't have enough road space to maneuver their big rigs.

- improvements in streets, parks
- **IN MY PARTICULAR NEIGHBORHOOD THEFT, DRUGS, CRIME GENERALLY**
- Income inequality needs to be addressed with city government taking a more active leadership position. Too much tolerance for smoking and guns. Need more attention to water resources
- inconsistent safety, cleanliness
- **INCREASE IN CRIME AND HOMELESS**
- increase in crime, too much traffic for narrow school and street signs, no lights ill planned infrastructure for growth
- **INCREASED CRIME AND LACK OF TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**
- **INCREASED CRIME RATE AND DRUG USERS WALKING EVERYWHERE**
- increasing crime
- increasing crime
- Increasing drug usage
- **INCREASING TRAFFIC**
- Increasing volumes of traffic.
- Infrastructure system is disproportionate to congestion that continues to increase during peak hour. Springfield still appears to have large pockets of social/economic inequality when you look at the poverty that remains in northern Springfield versus the development taking place from institutions such as MSU, Johnny Morris, etc. There is very much a class divide in the city of Springfield and it is apparent. One additional dislike of Springfield is the airport system and how small it is. Places like Kansas City are recognizing the importance of investing in their airport system to accommodate and attract visitors from all areas of the US, I wish Springfield would put the same consideration into Springfield-Branson national airport.
- It has become dirty, trash in the streets.
- **IT SEEMS TO HAVE BECOME A WELFARE CITY**
- **ITS A CITY**
- It's all white people
- **ITS BECOMING A BIG CITY WITH BIG CITY PROBLEMS/CRIME, TRAFFIC, NOT ENOUGH GOOD PAYING JOBS**
- its not the country
- It's not very pedestrian friendly or bicycle friendly outside of certain areas. Not enough public transportation.
- It's terrible, but used to be one of the prettiest cities, now, sad shape.
- **ITS TOO CROWDED**
- lack of a progressive stance on issues
- **LACK OF ACITIVITES AND INCREASING CRIME**
- Lack of affordable housing for low income. Never know a community event is happening until its over. Finding help for anything is super hard since there isn't anywhere where I

found the information I needed I only found out after a few years of being here and making friends who told me

- LACK OF ATTENTION GIVEN TO THE NORTHSIDE OF SPRINGFIELD
- LACK OF BIKE LANES, CROSSWALKS BUT GOOD OR PEDESTRIANS
- Lack of bike routes
- Connection to trails from center city
- Low wages
- Surrounded by idiot Trump supporters
- Lack of care to the north and west side of Springfield.
- LACK OF CODE ENFORCEMENT I.E YARDS FULL OF TRASH AND SCRAP
- Lack of crime information.
- lack of culture
- LACK OF DEVELOPMEN/DEVITILIZATION OR THOROUGHNESS
- lack of diversity
- lack of diversity
- lack of diversity
- lack of diversity
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- lack of diversity
- LACK OF DIVERSITY AND AIPORT LACK OF SOUTHWEST AIRLINES
- Lack of diversity in city government and staff
- Lack of diversity, arts, and educational opportunities.
- lack of diversity, homeless
- Lack of diversity, lack of public transportation (efficiency of).
- LACK OF DIVERSITY, NEED BETTER PUBLIC TRANSPORTAITON, NOT ENOUGH TRANPARENCY FROM OUR LEADERSHIP
- LACK OF DIVERSITY, TRAFFIC
- Lack of diversity. Lack of understanding of race, sexual orientation, and religion
- LACK OF EASY TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
- Lack of more diversity no matter how hard we try.
- lack of public transportation
- LACK OF QUALITY JOBS-HIGH RENTAL RATES-LAW ENFORCEMENT
- lack of recycling programs, moving homeless camps and bad neighborhoods
- Lack of safe bicycle infrastructure.
- LACK OF SAFETY IN OUR SCHOOLS
- LACK OF SUPPORT TO LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS B Y THE CITY
- lack of things to do
- Lack of traffic law enforcement.
- lack of urgency about diversity
- Lack of walkability, lack of opportunity for young professionals. Lack of action on ordinances regarding neighborhood/property maintenance, beautification.

- LALCK OF DIVERSITY, POORLY TIMED TRAFFIC LIGHTS ON MAIN THOROUGHFARE
- LANE MARKING ON ROAD DO NOT SHOW WELL AT NIGHT OR FOUL WEATHER
- LARGE NUMBER OF PROVERTY STRICKEN NEIGHBORHOODS
- LARGE POPULATION
- LAW ENFORCEMENT CALL TIME
- level of child abuse and domestic violence
- LEVEL OF VIOLENT CRIME FOR A CITY THIS SIZE
- LIMITED THINGS TO DO/EVENTS COMPARED TO OTHER CITIES
- LINEAR COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS THAT REQUIRE CARS TO ACCESS I.E. GLENSTONE STREET
- LITTER EVERYWHERE WE ARE A BEAUTIFUL CITY BUT LITTER SO UGLY
- LITTER, LOW WAGES
- LITTERING OF UNWANTED AD SCENE PAPERS
- LITTLE DIVERSITY, LOTS OF LITTER
- Little Diversity.
- locals are very uneducated
- loitering in front of business gas stations etc.
- Long way from a major city
- Long winters
- Looks of city.
- Lots of abandoned houses and businesses. Bridges (many of them) in disrepair. Their are a lot of streets without lighting and a lot of lots and or vacant unmown properties
- low diversity
- Low income, drugs, drugs, drugs, drugs, traffic, drugs, poor customer service everywhere, the west and north sides.
- Low pay for college graduates, high school graduates get paid the same or more at some places.
- low pay, crime, drivers
- low paying jobs
- LOW WAGES
- Low wages, poor police protection.
- Mail service with never receiving my mail or it being stolen with no response back from postal services, city tree service doping there debris at the front of the drive way to my house which makes it impossible to use my driveway and when asked to stop doing this they turned around and did it again without cleaning up the time before leaving us to clean it. And school zones!!!! Parents or people not picking up their children and making the unsafe choice of passing in the opposite side of the oncoming traffic instead of waiting in line until clear to go on their way. There have almost been kids hit from walking home and car accidents as well. When I brought this up to the principal she stated they are short on law enforcement and can't spend someone out to enforce the law....come on

- MAJOR SEX TRAFFICKING GOING ON AT APTS ON INGRAM MILL RD;
HEAVY RENTAL NEIGHBORHOODS GOING DOWNHILL FAST
- many police officers are obnoxious, not helpful. traffic flow is bad.
- minimal diversity
- morning and evening work traffic
- MOronic, knee jerk reactions from city council
- Most places close too early.
- motorcycle, car, truck noise. Too much influence from Bass Pro and right wing politics
- MSU BASKETBALL STINKS, POLICE, TRAFFIC GETTING WORSE, NEED MORE GREENSPACE HARD DRUGS PANHANDLERS UTILITY BILL GOING UP
- MUST TRAVEL FOR CONCERTS
- MY NEIGHBORHOOD FEELS UNSAFE
- narrow minded
- NEEDS IMPROVEMENT TO BIKE TRAILS AND BIKE COMMUTING
- Neglected appearance of west side of town.
- neighborhood all over the city are getting run down no pride in property ownership
- NEIGHBORHOOD THAT HAVE FALLEN IN DISPAIR MOSTLY NORTHSIDE
- NO BEACH
- No entertainment, pitiful diversity and the schools are lacking on a national average. This appears to be a struggling city.
- no particular gripes
- no progressive thinking
- no city based trash or recycling service
- noise, crime, litter
- North of Sunshine is unsafe - drugs, homeless.
- North side looks scary and unclean. Traffic flow at busy times.
- Not a lot of environmentally friendly services beyond recycling
- not diverse or open minded
- NOT ENOUGH ACTION BE COUNCIL ON LGBTQ WORTH AND HOUSING RIGHTS
- Not enough cultural activities, need Costco and Trader Joe's.
- Not enough high end shops
- not enough high level job opportunities
- not enough jobs
- NOT ENOUGH OF A POSITIVE REPUTATION
- Not enough sidewalks, and not enough time to cross street at crosswalks signal.
- NOT ENOUGH STORM DRAINS
- NOT ENOUGH THINGS TO DO BESIDES EAT OUT
- NOT ENOUGH WALKING TRAILS, NO GOOD DOG PARKS, TRAVEL A LOT AND THIS IS THE ONLY DOG PARK WITH FEES
- Not having more than one utility company to choose from.
- Not having the same access to stores on the north side as the south side.

- not much entertainment
- not up to date
- not very much help on side streets after snow/icy weather
- NUMBER OF HOMELESS WONDERING THE STREETS
- NUMBER OF VEHICLES BEING STOLEN AND CRIME ISSUES
- OBVIOUS POVERTY LEVEL, WHICH KEEPS MANY FROM IMPROVING THEIR LOT
- older/run down areas
- Only 1 Target store.
- OPIOID AND METH USE, POVERTY, CRIME
- Opportunities, recreational activities are limited.
- OPT OUT OF THIS
- ordinances, north side lacks attention, safety
- Out of control property tax increases, tax increases for law enforcement retirement plan, defined benefit retirement plans. If the employees of the City of Springfield, Police, Fire etc. want a Golden Retirement Plan, buck up or shut up!! I fund my own retirement, why in the hell do I have to fund theirs??? City Council, Planning and Zoning choosing big business, local millionaires as winners, the rest of us tax payers are the loser's!! How, you say, by allowing +\$100,000,000 (one hundred million) dollars in rental real estate investment with a 10 YEAR PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION time period. The middle class citizens, retiree's of Springfield are left to foot the bill. Not only for city services, streets, police and fire BUT the lions share Springfield Public Schools! Now, you want a tax increase for streets, sidewalks, law enforcement, fire fighters . . . take it out of the millions you gave away for 10 years. City Council is also backing the Bond increase for SPS, that will increase our taxes even more because you fools gave away the cookie jar!!!!!! Stop giving away our future to millionaires!!! If the investment is so great and they have the money, they should have no problem paying the taxes.
- OVER BUNDANCE OF RUN DOWN AREAS
- OVER POP ULATION INVASION AND OZARKS
- PAN HANDLERS
- Pan handlers
- Panhandlers
- Panhandlers and traffic congestion. Namely around the south Campbell corridor.
- PEOPLE RUNNING RED LIGHTS
- PETTY CRIME, DRUG DEALS IN THE STREETS, POOR REPRESENTATION OF THE CITIZENS AT COUNCIL AND MOST COMMITTEES. I OFTEN SEE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AS THE BIG RANCHER IN THE AREA, FORCING THE LITTLE RANCHERS OUT OF BUISNESS SO THE BIG RANCHER (LOCAL GOVERNMENT) CAN BUY UP ALL WTH WATER RIGHTS. I OFTEN SEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT GIVING AWAY THE STORE IN ABATEMENTS FOR APARTMENT DEVELOPEMENTS WHEN IT'S UNNECESSARY.
- police
- police corruption

- police response to auto theft and break ins
- Political climate, gun availability, drug problems in the area.
- **POOR CHOICE OF SHOPPING AND RESTAURANTS**
- poor pay and property tax too high, rent too high
- poor planning and lack of growth in business community
- **POOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**
- Poor roads and trashy roads
- poor traffic conditions and lack of alternative transport
- poor upkeep of infrastructure/streets
- Potholes
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- Potholes
- potholes on city streets, a lot of bad drivers
- Potholes. North side of town.
- poverty
- poverty
- poverty areas
- poverty, drugs, property crime
- **PREJUDICE OF POLICE OFFICERS**
- professional wages are very low compared to nation
- property tax too high and don't like sales tax on food
- Property theft continues to increase with no transparent plan to tackle the issue. it appears to be disregarded by police with each report.
- prudential beliefs
- **PROVERTY AND HOMELESS**
- public transportation is not reasonable, not bike friendly
- Racism, arch conservatism.
- **RACISM, LOW PAY, BASICALLY A HEE HAW HELL**
- Racist, homophobic bigots residing here. Also, it's DIRTY!
- **RAISING DRUG ISSUES**
- Rampant crime.
- rapidly increasing crime rate, poor public school outcomes high drug impact not enough resources to keep up with crime
- **RIDICULOUS LACK OF TRAFFIC FLOW, LITTLE HELP NO DEVELOPMENT, NOT SAFE, HIGHER COL THAN PLACES MUCH NICER I.E TULSA, NOT BUSINESS FRIENDLY, NO RIGHT TO WORK, HIGH TAXES WITH LITTLE RETURN, ELECTRIC OUTAGES PREVELENT**
- Rising crime
- Rising crime is concerning even though the area I live in is relatively safe...its concerning for the north and west sides.

- RISING CRIME,POVERTY IN NORTH SPRINGFIELD
- roads, crime
- ROADS, STORM RUNOFF
- rude drivers
- RUDE DRIVERS-DOPE HEADS, STREET BEGGARS
- Rundown neighborhoods.
- running red lights, lack of traffic enforcement
- Rush hour traffic sucks! too much congestion!!
- S UDDEND DOWNFALL IN THE COMFORTING FEEL OF A COMMUNITY
DRUGS ARE GOING CRAZY, POLICE ARE TERRIBLY UNERSTAFFED
- SAFETY
- SAFETY
- SAFETY FOR A 20 YR OLD GIRL WALKING AROUND AT NIGHT
- school system
- SEEMS THE KANSAS CITY PROBLEMS ARE ETCHING INTO SPRINGFIELD
- Shabby areas, drugs, empty buildings
- shopping
- Shortage of good paying jobs
- SHOSULD NOT BE SUCH A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH
- Slow response to some progressive issues/problems.
- SLUM LORDS, NEED CITY WIDE GARBAGE PICK UP AND ENFORCE
GARBAGE/LONG GRASS AND OVERALL APPEARANCE OF SHACKS IN
TOWN, POT HOLES
- Small town approaches to larger town problems.
- SNOW, ICE STORMS
- Some of the events that take place on the square that ARE NOT family oriented, like the
Free The Nipple fiasco
- Somewhat limited restaurant and retail options.
- speeders
- SPRINGFIELD I FEEL IS NO LONGER SAFE. WE HAVE ALL THESE ACTIVITIES
TO DO BUT THE CRIME IS PREVENTING A LOT OF US FROM GOING OUT. I
AM ACTUALLY LOOKING TO MOVE BECAUSE I DON'T FEEL SAFE
ANYMORE. THERE ARE HOMELESS PEOPLE EVERYWHERE LITTERING UP
THE ROADS AND HASSLING PEOPLE FOR MONEY. THE GUN VIOLENCE
OMG ITS RIDICULOUS. IT WAS NOT LIKE THIS 10 YRS AGO WHEN I MOVED
HERE.
- STLL A SMALL MINDED REPUBLICAN BACKWARD CITY
- STOPLIGHTS
- street design
- STREETS/POTHOLES
- Tax abatements for privately owned builders.
- taxes

- Taxes are different in different parts of the city. We should not have to pay extra sales tax so property owners can fix up.
- taxes, waste
- **THAT ITS NOT MORE PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY**
- **THAT THE BUS DON'T RUN 24/7**
- The 14 million dollar bridge that did not improve traffic flow.
- The 30%+ population that lives in poverty. I assume most of these are located on the north side of Springfield.
- **THE AMOUNT OF TRASH IS ON THE SIDES OF EVERY ROAD**
- The amount of trash, people begging for money, lack of policing on the streets and pulling people over, amount of traffic, the amount of trash in people's yards, the poverty and how trashy neighborhoods look.
- the behavior of our fellow Springfield citizens
- The bus system isn't always very convenient
- The cars with no licenses, crime, the road conditions.
- The Christian conservative influence had such a prominent position in this city - in effect slows progress down. (Members of James River Army the only citizens in this town.)
- The congestion of traffic & placement of traffic signals. Some traffic signals seem unusually placed and too close to one another. Also unsafe drivers. I actually feel safer driving in larger cities. Especially those drivers that blow through traffic signals, Springfield seems to have an abundance of drivers who do that.
- The court system is trivial, public safety needs to evaluate priorities, the south side vs north side growth and maintenance, dog breed bans.
- The crime and drug use.
- The crime and rapes and them not being taken seriously.
- The crime and the roads.
- The crime rates, how there's a lot of poverty and it's very visible in certain neighborhoods, and feeling unsafe.
- **THE DRIVERS ARE TERRIBLE-NEED MORE DRIVER EDUCATION**
- **THE DRUGS AND THEIR DEALERS; CRIMES OF SHOOTINGS;NOT FOR GUN CONTROL BUT THERES PEOPLE WITH RECORD ABLE TO GET THEM**
- The fact that we are losing our small town feel. All of the come here's that bring their big city plans and ideas trying to change us. Drugs seem to be an ever increasing problem. It comes and goes on my street but I know other neighborhoods have it much worse.
- The fact that we spend an outrageous amount of money on incriminating. And not educating enough, we spend money on golf courses which not even a 3rd of residents can afford to enjoy. We have a crumbling infrastructure and our road ways even in good neighborhoods look terrible. Maybe if we focused on our homeless problem, and people in low income areas, a lot of our problems would be fixable. We would generate income for lower class citizens and cause more revenue to be generated through taxes. Invest in education about political issues both in the city and abroad, as well as education in the direction in which the job market is headed.
- **THE FLOODING STREETS AND THE BAD DRIVERS**

- The growing crime rate.
- THE GUN SHOTS AND THE SIRENS I HEAR EVERYDAY SOMETIMES ITS HOW THE MORNING STARTS
- the huge increase in transients and homeless people, increase in crime
- The increase in crime over the past several years.
- The increase of drug activity.
- The increase of homicide rate.
- The increased number of illegal drug users in the city.
- THE INFLUX OF CRIME ELEMENT, DRUGS, PANHANDLERS, ETC
- THE ISSUE THAT HAVE LEAD TO SOME BEING HOMELESS
- THE LEVEL OF CLEANLINESS OR LACK THEREOF AND TH CRIME RATE
- The MAJOR drug/theft issues.
- THE NORTHSIDE IS NEGLECTED ON STREET CLEANUP AND MAINTENANCE A LOT OF HOMESLESS WALK OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AT NIGHT NOT FEELING SAFE DUE TO THEFT, CRIME VIOLENCE HEAR A LOT ON THE NEWS
- The number of churches.
- THE PANHANDLING
- The poor roads.
- THE POVERTY-WE NEED TO HAVE MORE PROGRAMS FOR THE HOMELESS AND HELP OUR VETS MORE.
- The public educational system is inequitable. Kids in poverty and color are more likely to receive poor education.
- THE RISE OF VIOLENT CRIME
- The rising crime rate. The rental houses in my neighborhood and unkempt yards.
- The roads and drugs.
- the roads don't accommodate for people who commute for work/school and traffic gets horrible
- THE SHAPE OF CITY STREETS
- The substantial increase in the crime rate and associated illegal drug problem.
- The thing I dislike the most about living in Springfield, MO is going to have to be the drug and crime rate. It becomes more and more dangerous every day. At least 1 homicide a week, come on now? Really?
- THE TRAFFIC AND THE PEOPLE BEGGING FOR MONEY
- The traffic.
- The traffic.
- The uptick in crime. We live in a good neighborhood and have had car break-ins and attempted burglary. And all the potholes.
- The way police deal with people, they need to listen more.
- the way roads are designed, traffic is bad.
- THERE ARE TOO MANY HOMELESS FOLKS HERE
- THERE IS TOO MUCH CRIME AND VIOLENCE

- TRAFFIC VIOLATORS
- Traffic
- Areas of crime and higher prevalence of drugs
- Limited shopping including car dealerships, retail
- traffic, crime
- Traffic, decreasing availability of reasonable/affordable rental property.
- Traffic, discourteous drivers.
- TRAFFIC, LITTER
- Traffic, load vehicles, running red lights, barking dogs all night long..
- Traffic, noise, speeding. North side coming into the city looks like a desolate are - need more business and more education.
- traffic, renewing tags ever y 2 yrs. with inspection
- TRAFFIC, ROAD CONDITIONS
- traffic, street maintenance, hostile to diversity
- Traffic, yard underwater from Natl. Ave with .3 rain!
- Traffic. Increasing crime rate. Drugs
- traffic congestion of traffic
- Transients and traffic/poor and inattentive drivers! And the damn huge potholes all over town!
- transportation options
- trash
- trash, litter being attacked by dogs where walking
- TRASHY HOMES
- TRASNCIENTS
- UGLY STREETSCAPES, BURY POWER LINES, MORE LANDSCAPING
- Unaffordable housing and landlords left my places get rundown and not repairing things.
- Unfortunately I have been very unhappy with how law enforcement has handled most issues I have had to contact them for. This does not mean that all of my contacts have been negative, but how cases have been followed through on is not acceptable. The officers and dispatchers have always been courteous. I worked in law enforcement, and I was married to a Police Officer for over 26 years. I have the utmost respect for what they do. I know they are overworked and underpaid for the job they have to do. Unfortunately the failings I have seen are unacceptable. Animal Control has also had an issue with follow through, response and community relations.
- unplanned developments leads to ugly clutter buildings and weird combinations
- URBAN SPRAWL,PANHANDLERS, TRAFFIC
- very little diversity
- WAGES
- wages in medical field
- Way too many billboards and visual pollution. Ugly suburban areas, for example South Campbell, Glenstone, Kearney.

- way too much religion ideology lack of educated citizens lack of tolerance for difference people of minorities
- We feel the neighborhoods on the south central side of town are starting to show signs of decay. We are not happy with the fact there are so many dogs in such a small area and that people will not pick up the waste and the smell drifts across the blocks as the wind blows. There should be licensing of dogs. Also the Fire Department should do public announcements that burning trash and yard waste in the backyard is against the law. This seems to be an increasing problem in our area.
- WE HAVE TO DRIVE TO KC TO GET FLIGHTS THAT WORK FOR OUR FAMILY TOO TIME CONSUMING AND EXPENSIVE OUT OF SGF
- weather
- weather
- What I like least is the lack of affordable housing. Rent prices are becoming outrageous compared to wages and it is causing an ever growing homeless problem which in turn makes our city look like trash. It's a domino effect and it makes me want to move to a smaller city nearby, such as Willard or Seymour. Slum lords are allowed to continue to operate without repercussions and just kick people out when they try to withhold rent in order to get things fixed.
- WHERE I WORK ISN'T THE SAFEST WOULD LIKE MORE POLICE PRESENCE ESPECIALLY ON PATTON AVE
- WHITE TRASH, DRUGS, HOMES WITH NO ELECTRICITY OR WATER, THE VIOLENCE
- Will not regiment anyone.
- Wish there was a park closer to downtown.
- YOU CAN SEE PEOPLE STEALING STUFF AND NOTHING IS DONE, SAME WITH DRUGS
- ZILLION TRASH COMPANIES-CITY SHOULD HAVE TRASH SERVICE.

Q29a. If YES to Question 29, what group or activity?

- 417 day
- 5k helped paint elementary school
- 5K WALK/RUN FOR DIFFERENT CHARITIES
- a udzio reader network free service reader@ku.edu, news etc. on our m-f 2- y pm for visual y impaired/slight disabled
- AA MEETINGS, NAMI, AL ANON, HELPED W/PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- AIDS PROJECT OF THE OZARKS, SPFLD COMMUNITY GARDENS
- AIRPORT BOARD MEMBER
- Alcoholic Anonymous
- AM CANCER SOC
- am legion
- ART MUSEUM/BASS PRO AQUARIUM
- Arts Fest, Multicultural activities and MSU, Cider Days,
- Athletics
- Bekeny Trails
- BIG BROTHERES BIG SISTERS
- Big Brothers Big Sisters, small fund raisers, making change
- biking/hiking trails
- boy scouts
- boy scouts, united way
- Boys and Girls Club
- C.A.R.E animal shelter, and Harmony House
- CABLE TV
- cac, human society, cabsl, drury
- Car show; parade downtown
- CARE
- CASA CAC
- Central HS Choir
- CHILDREN TOPLAY
- Church
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- church , MS Walk
- CHURCH ACTIVITIES
- Church community events
- CHURCH DINNERS IN NORTH SP[RINGFIELD. VICTORY MISSION
- CHURCH EVENTS AND PARTNERSHIP WITH SPS SCHOOLS
- CHURCH GROUP
- church groups, Crosslines
- CHURCH HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES

- church, junior leagues, fairbanks, sps, msu
- CHURCH, NEWBORNS IN NEED, SALVATION ARMY, VICTORY MISSION
- Church, picked-up trash.
- Church/school events
- city parades
- CITY POOL
- CLEAN UP W/CHURCH
- CLEANED PARKS, PLANTED FLOWERS, PICKED UP TRASH
- CLEANING STREETS, PICKING UP TRASH
- cleaning trash, Ozarks green way trail, cleaning community garden
- COMMUNITY WIDE PLAY DRUGS AND DREAM CENTER
- Community diversity event
- COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS OF THE OZARKS
- CONSERVATION PROGRAMS
- Convoy of Hope
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- Convoy of Hope events, church community events
- Convoy of Hope, Crosslines, Just Serve, Church youth group
- Convoy of hope, Dream Center
- Convoy of Hope, Ronald McD House
- CONVOY OF HOPE; FOOD PANTRY
- COVOY OF HOPE, AN MSU STREET CLEAN, OTHER FRATERNITY EVENTS
- CROSSINGS
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- Crossway Baptist church
- Cycling, MORC, Springfield Compact Collective, Springfield Community Gardens
- daughter volunteers at Ozarks feed harvest
- DELIVERED MEALS ON WHEELS FOR 36 YEARS
- Disabled American Veteran's
- Doggie swim, dog fest
- DOLING NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, GREENE COUNTY SHERIFF EVENTS
- doling park
- DOLING SENIOR CENTER
- DONATING TO FOOD PANTRIES AND GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS
- DON'T BULLY MY BULLY SAVING THE PITBULLS
- Doula Foundation, Safe to Sleep
- Dr. Bill Roston Butterfly House - my husband and I volunteer on average 1000 hours a year maintaining the facility, education docents and rearing native butterflies and silk moths for display at the house
- dream center and ronald mcdonald house
- dream center and united way
- Drew Lewis foundation
- ELDER CARE
- Freeway ministries (feeds the poor/homeless)

- FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
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- FUND RAISING WALKS
- Galloway Group
- GALLOWAY VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC
- general aviation at the springfield airport
- GIVE 5 PROGRAM
- GLO, Route 66 Festival, Discovery Center
- GLO, SWMO NOW, PFLAG, SHRINERS, APO
- Glow Center, Women's march
- Go to the park, occasionally.
- GOLF AND SWIMMING
- Golf tournament
- Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Assoc.
- Green County Democrats, Planned parenthood
- Green county parks
- Green Cty Democrats
- Greene County Democrats, Springfield Freethinkers, The Victims Center, Election Judge
- GREENE CTY JAIL
- GREENWAY CLEAN UP
- Greenway Trails upkeep
- GREENWAYS
- greenways.org
- Habitat for humanity
- HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AND CARE TO LEARN
- HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, ENCOURAGE CITY CLEAN UP
- Harmony House Rock n Ribs event.
- HARMONY HOUSE, HOPE CHURCH
- Harmony House, the Chamber, MSU, Care to Learn, SBDC, Downtown Council of Champions, Baron's Club.
- HAVE A GREANSON GO TO PARKS, ZOO, FAIRGROUNDS TRAILS
- helped a couple neighbors mow their yard
- helped raise money for doctors with out borders at my college
- HOA
- HOME CHURCH/CONVOY OF HOPE
- HOPE
- HOPE AND ANCHOR CHURCH, OUTREACH NIGHTLIGHT INTERNATIONAL
- Humane society
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- I USE THE WALKING TRAILS
- I WORKED WITH SPARC BUT NOT VOLUNTEER
- IDEAX FACTORY, JAPANESE FALL FESTIVAL, ROUNDTREE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION; ACTIVITIES ATMSU ART DEPT
- Intrepid Hospice
- ITS ALL DOWNTOWN, SEVERAL FESTIAVALS
- James River Basin Partnership

- jls, drug university, lost and found, khs multiple events st judes
- Jobs With Justice, Minimum Wage increase, canvassing, schools, teachers
- Jordan Valley Clinic
- JPS & EVERY CHOILD PROMISE AND MAYORS COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN
- JUST SERVE.ORG
- KITCHEN
- LGBTQ EVENT
- Library
- LIFE 3 BD HOUSE, HOUSING FOR YOUNG ADULTS
- LIFT UP SPRINGFIELD, WATERSHED, CONVOY OF HOPE
- LINE DANCE PREFORMANCE AT NURSHING HOME
- Little medical school, convoy of hope
- LOCAL ELECTIONS, VARIOUS NON PROFITS
- Local schools, convoy of hope
- LOCAL TECH COMMUNITY GROUPS
- lots
- MADP, Center City Church Group
- MANY OVER THE YEARS
- Master Gardeners
- ME TOO SPRINGFIELD
- Meador Park
- MEADOR PARK NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP
- Meador pool, Chesterfield Aerobics Nathaniel Green, Sequoia
- METRO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
- MIRACLE LEAGUE BALL
- Missouri dept of conservation, Korean vet group, neighborhood watch training
- MLK MARCH
- MOB FUNDRAISERS, CHURCH EVENTS
- Mostly school related activities.
- MS SOCIETY (BIKE MS150)
- MSU Alumni - Street clean/pickup
- MSU Staff Senate Clean Streets Initiative
- Multiple NPO's
- MY SONS SCHOOL
- NAMI
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- Nathaniel Green Park, Home Show
- NATHANIEL GREEN, FARMERS MARKET
- NEIGHBORHODD CLEAN UP
- neighborhood association events
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- NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UPS, WATER AEROBICS CHESTERFIELD, ROUTE 66
FESTIVALS AND ARTS
- Neighborhood cleanup
- NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY CLEAN UP
- Neighborhood meetings
- NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETINGS

- NORTHVIEW SENIOR CENTER EXERCISE CLASS, DOLLING PARK TRAILS, GRANT BEACH PHYLLIS FERGESONS' MEET AND GREET CITY FORUM
- NOVA
- ONES AT THE FAIRGRO UNDS
- Outdoor Days, School community, Girls on the Run.
- Ozarks Food Harvest
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- OZARKS FOOD HARVEST, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
- OZARKS FOOD HARVEST, CONVOY, YORK AND MCBRIDE SCHOOLS, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
- OZARKS FOOD HARVEST, VICTORY MISSION
- OZARKS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY; RESEARCH CHAIRS
- Ozarks Regional YMCA - Ward.
- PARK BOARD
- park board field of dreams
- Parkview pool
- PARROTHEADS THE VENUSE CHURCH
- PFLAG
- Phelps Grove Neighborhood cleanup
- Phelps Grove Park, Art Walk
- PLANTING TREES W.MSU ANINAL SHELTERS AND THRIFT STORES
- Police functions
- Pregnancy care center, Victory Mission deliveries
- PROJECT LINUS MAKE A BLANKET DAY
- prosper Springfield, mayor's com on children
- pta rountree
- public tv
- Q29.10 - Helped James River Church repaint Jarrett Middle School, hold the Stronger Men's Conference, and other smaller work activities.
- rare breed
- RARE BREED, RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE, CONVOY OF HOPE, HARMONY HOUSE
- reading buddy, grand oak mission
- RECYCLING
- RECYCLING, PARK FACILITIES LIKE ALL BUT ESPEINDOOR POOLS, G YMS
- Red Cross
- Regional opera, Contemporary theater, Little Theater
- Relay for Life, Ozarks Food Harvest, Center of Pride
- Rescue One
- Rescue one, Neighborhood cleanup
- RESCURE ONE
- roundtree neighborhood, watershed
- rock in ribs, convoy of hope, queen city music festival
- RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE
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- ROUTE 66 DAYS-GREAT JOB
- Route 66 Festival
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- safe to sleep

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- SAFE TO SLEEP, CHURCH EVENTS
- safe to sleep, rare breed
- SALVATION ARMY
- Salvation army, Crosslines
- school board campaign
- SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD
- SCHOOL OF METAPHYSICS
- School related.
- SCHOOL SYSTEM, CONVOY OF HOPE ARC
- Schools
- Schools
- Second Baptist Church, Ronald McDonald House
- Sertoma Club efforts for Boys and Girls Clubs in Southwest Missouri
- SERTOMA OKTOBERFEST
- Sertoma, WIN, Elks
- SERTOMA, ROTARY, PARROT HEAD, BBBS EVENTS OR DOWNTOWN EVENTS
- several 5K
- SHELTER WORKSHOP
- Shriners Parades
- Sierra Club Cleanups
- sister cities events
- SISTER CITIES, FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN
- SOFTBALL
- SOFTBALL, SOCCER, ART MUSEUM
- SOUTH CREEK TRAIL SEQUITO PARK
- SOUTHERN HILLS CID
- SPARC, SLT, PTA, Literary Council.
- Spfd Land Trust - AHAB - UNA
- SPORTS BOTANICAL
- SPRINGFIELD BULLY ALLIANCE
- Springfield Dream Center
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- SPRINGFIELD LABOR COUNCIL
- SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- SPRINGFIELD REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL
- SPRINGFIELD REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL & GATHERING FRIENDS
- springfield sister cities
- Springfield Westside Optimist Club
- Springfield Zoo
- SPS
- SR Citizen
- Stand, Ducks Unlimited
- Stream clean up
- Stream clean up
- Stronger Men's conference JQH ARENA
- Sunrise Service

- SWMOSPA (Pet adoption events)
- the one we live near giant beach park
- The YMCA
- TRADING HANDS
- trails
- trails/parks
- TURKEY TROT
- united way day of caring
- United Way
- United Way
- united way, fca, little league
- uplift springfield dental clinic
- Used waling and biking lanes and trails.
- USED WALKING TRAILS
- VICTIM CENTER
- Victory mission
- Victory mission
- VISITING PARKS
- Volunteer at a Springfield Public School
- Volunteer at Public Schools
- Walked in Park
- walked trails
- WALKING
- WALKING DOG AT PARK
- WALKING TRAILS, VISITED PARK
- WALKING/BIKING/VISITED SEVERAL PARKS, NIEGHBORHOOD ASSOC MTG
- WE PARKED AT THE PARK AND ATE LUNCH LOOKED UP THE PARK WITH THE RAIN MUSEUM
- Weller Community Garden and food distribution.
- Went to the park.
- WEST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE
- west port swimming field house basketball
- WESTSIDE BETTERMENT MEETING
- WNBA street clean-ups, neighborhood clean-up, Bass Pro Marathon.
- WORK RELATED VOLUNTEERISM
- working with recovering addicts, alcoholics and their families
- YMCA