

As part of a McMaster research study, we did surveys with residents in Beasley, Keith, McQuesten, Rolston, Stinson and Stipley. Here are some highlights from McQuesten. You can see the full report at:

www.crunch.mcmaster.ca/hnstudy.



ABOUT THE STUDY

Our research team at McMaster is doing the Hamilton Neighbourhoods Study to help find out what kind of difference the City of Hamilton's Neighbourhood Action Strategy is making in your neighbourhood. In 2013-14, we interviewed residents in McQuesten, the neighbourhood stretching from Parkdale to the Red Hill Valley and Queenston to the CN tracks. Participants were selected at random.

We talked to **296** residents aged 18 and over in McQuesten.

On average, respondents had been living in McQuesten for **13 years** and living in their current dwelling for **10 years.**

66% would like to stay in their neighbourhood for years to come.

86% of people had not moved in the past year.

85% reported that they were either 'very satisfied' or 'satisfied' with their residence overall, and **77%** with the neighbourhood overall.

92% felt safe in the neighbourhood during the day. At night, they felt less safe in the neighbourhood.

90% described the people in their neighbourhood as 'friendly' or 'very friendly'.

42%
of respondents felt that childcare was important but lacking in the neighbourhood.

74%
of respondents felt that the people in the neighbourhood want the same things for the neighbourhood.

75% agreed that neighbours watch over each other's property.

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was deemed a 'somewhat or serious problem' by **73%** of respondents.

When asked if there was anything that makes it difficult to participate in community events and organizations, the top four responses were:

- 1. Lack of interest**
- 2. Busy with work**
- 3. Health reasons/mobility concerns**
- 4. Busy with children**

People we surveyed were asked: "What do you think are the TWO most important things that would make your neighbourhood a better place to live?" Here's what we heard most often, with the number of responses in brackets.

- 1** Resources needed for children & youth (54)
- 2** Greater police presence needed (40)
- 3** Address drug dealing and use (30)
- 4** Greater sense of community needed (28)
- 5** Problems with neighbours and neighbourliness (26)

GET INVOLVED WITH MCQUESTEN!

Your neighbours have been working on these issues and priorities. If you'd like to find out more or get involved in neighbourhood action in McQuesten, contact:

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McQuesten Community Planning Team
Meets the 2nd Monday of every month from 6:30p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Helen's Centre (785 Britannia Ave, Rm 16 - free childcare available).

To get more information on the Neighbourhood Action Strategy and the McQuesten Neighbourhood Action Plan, visit www.hamilton.ca/neighbourhoods

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

Dr. James Dunn and staff at McMaster University are doing the research study this report is based on. If you have any questions, please contact us.



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