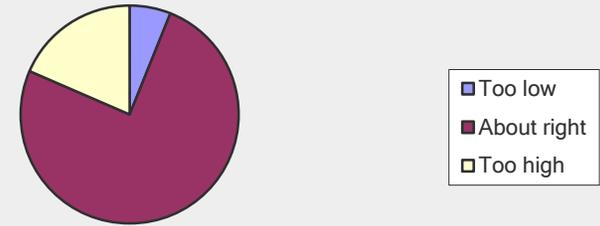


## Parksville Resident Survey 2010 - QUESTION #11

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Question #11 - Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Too low	6.1%	110
About right	75.4%	1360
Too high	18.5%	334
Comments:		148
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1804</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>115</b>

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### Response Date

### Comments:

May 7, 2010 8:58 PM	young people are forced to leave due to lack of jobs and lack of foresight by the city.
May 10, 2010 4:08 AM	Given the overall growth of Oceanside, the limited finite water resources, and the need for arable food growing land, plus the desire for green space, we do not have need for, nor cause to grow.
May 13, 2010 4:35 AM	Certainly not too low. Maybe too high - I'm not sure. I feel that the services the town provides have not kept up with the population growth. I am concerned about infrastructure and the need to plan growth much better than it has been in the past.
May 13, 2010 5:36 PM	Too much subdivision growth
May 14, 2010 4:00 PM	ideal retirement community
May 14, 2010 8:03 PM	There is no need to grow as we cannot afford the taxes and other costs associated with growth.
May 15, 2010 7:43 PM	don't rush change, control it. Design change that can be budgetted for. They will come regardless so be careful how change is planned
May 16, 2010 5:08 AM	I really have no idea how to answer this question.
May 16, 2010 5:33 PM	We need an Official community plan to help us deal with increased growth. There is too much drama and blustering from Ed Mayne and Al Grier. There also too much whining from the special interest groups. Surveys such as these area great way to determine what the majority of Parksville residents want.
May 17, 2010 8:20 PM	I want the city to retain the 'small-town' feeling.
May 17, 2010 10:20 PM	You cannot limit growth (now I'm here) by closing the gates, raising the drawbridges, etc.
May 18, 2010 4:10 PM	We don't have resources (natural and otherwise) with which to grow.
May 18, 2010 5:12 PM	Maybe we would have more people if we had more services (i.e. mini hospital) and shops.
May 18, 2010 5:24 PM	Encourage more rentals--every kind.
May 18, 2010 6:04 PM	much more traffic without good driving
May 18, 2010 6:51 PM	expect for large view-blockers on waterfront
May 18, 2010 9:00 PM	I think that growth is essential, but gradual growth that doesn't overtax our infrastructure.
May 18, 2010 11:32 PM	1.8% is actually a hefty growth rate. This means that from 2001 to 2009 the population has increased about
May 19, 2010 4:16 AM	The beauty of Parksville is rapidly eroding.

May 19, 2010 10:01 PM	The roads have gotten crowded along the main highway
May 20, 2010 5:03 PM	I believe we need more affordable housing for young families to provide the services required by retirees and vacationers.
May 20, 2010 6:00 PM	We do not have proper amenities to support the growth--water, sewer, hospital or walk in clinics or doctors.
May 20, 2010 6:23 PM	More young families are needed. If you build the rec type centres they will come.
May 20, 2010 6:47 PM	This rate of growth is unsustainable without enormous consequences to our local environment, aquifer and ecosystem.
May 20, 2010 8:38 PM	way more traffic on roads
May 20, 2010 8:39 PM	It seems higher than the figures suggest.
May 21, 2010 12:56 AM	Quoting percentages is very misleading. 1.8% sounds higher than 1.3% but as you well know, it all depends on the population figure you start with!
May 21, 2010 9:56 PM	We have lived in a city that was growing at about 9%. You do not want to go there!
May 21, 2010 10:19 PM	With our having to watch water consumption, how fast can we grow?
May 22, 2010 3:50 AM	like Qualicum parksville needs to establish a maximum population and plan within that limit
May 22, 2010 7:55 PM	Too many people for the water system to handle. Tall buildings on the waterfront an EYESORE! and beginning to look like Miami, Florida.
May 23, 2010 3:47 PM	Most seniors will no doubt say keep it low. This will only hurt that very group. We need to attract people and we're not currently doing that.
May 24, 2010 12:18 AM	Focus on Seniors style housing and limit the large single family dwelling
May 24, 2010 1:14 AM	Since my wife and I are part of that 1.3%, I'd say it was just right.
May 24, 2010 7:24 AM	It's a matter of absorptions; both social and environmental, in my view. How hard it must be for the people who have lived in small houses for years without sidewalks, to see their tax rates go up and whole areas grow up around them with huge houses and paved walkways! Yes, their houses are worth a fortune, but how can they sell when there is nowhere else for them to live within their means?
May 24, 2010 5:50 PM	Considering we have more retired residents here in Parksville. We need to attract new residents that are in the middle age.
May 25, 2010 9:40 PM	Need more affordable housing for families with kids and pets. More daycare centres
May 25, 2010 11:09 PM	That is very negligible to be described as growth
May 26, 2010 1:53 AM	We need affordable housing
May 26, 2010 5:12 PM	We are bombarded with water warnings(I use bath water to flush, my lawn is brown during summer) and then city hall announces something like 700 new homes to be built... it's like out of control spending with no way to pay it back, causes me huge stress. If things don't change this year, we're outa here.
May 26, 2010 7:13 PM	no comment
May 26, 2010 7:56 PM	People who would like to move here need jobs
May 26, 2010 8:40 PM	Seasonal residents are welcom. Does not affect census.
May 26, 2010 9:34 PM	Except development on the beach.
May 26, 2010 10:28 PM	Parksville lacks the amenities to support any growth.

May 26, 2010 10:42 PM	Too much emphasis on condo/townhome multi density housing and development for the sake of development. Lots of empty commercial space.
May 27, 2010 3:24 AM	I don't know if this is average growth for a town of this size. My concern is regarding infrastructure to support the growth, such as doctors, water, schools.
May 27, 2010 3:08 PM	Nothing here to attract newcomers.
May 27, 2010 8:43 PM	Way too low. This city is set up around the old. There is nothing here to attract a younger crowd.
May 27, 2010 9:02 PM	Services haven't kept up to the people invasion that the City is allowing to happen. What is actually here compared to other cities? Why do you think people travel to Nanaimo so much?
May 27, 2010 9:21 PM	I moved here in 2004 and the traffic since then has increased drastically.
May 27, 2010 10:08 PM	It's grown faster than 1.3%
May 27, 2010 10:32 PM	Older people need a place to rest, and toilets, transportation.
May 27, 2010 10:43 PM	Should be 2 - 3%
May 28, 2010 6:48 PM	Growth has been rapid, with insufficient planning about the type of growth and where to have it. Parksville's OCP admits we have lost many natural areas. Growth cannot continue indefinitely, that is a fact. Therefore, we must determine what the desired size of our community is and not allow the growth we choose to have negatively impact our community. We need to identify and protect natural habitats and green infrastructure of importance to our community, and do any development once we have laid that foundation.
May 28, 2010 8:01 PM	Don't know.
May 28, 2010 8:43 PM	Needs more density, shopping, walkways, small parks, parking in the downtown.
May 28, 2010 9:19 PM	The issue is that the growth is due to being a retirement town not healthy growth due to a vibrant or growing diverse economy
May 28, 2010 9:38 PM	Projects like Beach Club are too much.
May 28, 2010 10:41 PM	too much emphasis on high end real estate property with neglect and insult (Grier's slum comment) to the residents of Parksville, our environmental concerns and social wellbeing.
May 28, 2010 10:46 PM	1.3 is enough. Infrastructure can't keep up.
May 29, 2010 1:22 AM	We simply CANNOT support the pace and kind of development we are allowing.
May 31, 2010 4:52 PM	If we wanted to live in a big city we would have moved to a big city. Keep Parksville a real community, not turn it into a jungle.
May 31, 2010 9:57 PM	We haven't enough water to supply area now.
May 31, 2010 10:17 PM	Population doubles in 40 years!
May 31, 2010 10:50 PM	To answer this without talking about other factors is absurd.
Jun 1, 2010 10:38 PM	Not sure.
Jun 2, 2010 3:20 PM	I cannot comment as I am a newcomer, but the impending retirement in the next 10 years of baby boomers is sure to impact Parksville and the services etc., should be put in place now.
Jun 2, 2010 3:30 PM	If you run out of enough water to serve your populat it is a sign that there are too many people.
Jun 2, 2010 3:37 PM	Except the majority of the growth seems to be retirees, it would be nice to see more younger families moving here
Jun 2, 2010 8:24 PM	Leave more green spaces, swamps etc., small farms, not any highrise
Jun 2, 2010 8:57 PM	don't know
Jun 2, 2010 10:36 PM	Don't know but prefer slow, thoughtful growth.

Jun 2, 2010 10:51 PM	Big is not always better.
Jun 3, 2010 4:47 PM	Commercial growth and population OK. Our medical is not keeping up as far as facilities and doctors etc. are concerned with our aging population.
Jun 3, 2010 10:05 PM	You must let the city grow. You cannot put a wall around it like Qualicum wants to.
Jun 3, 2010 10:20 PM	Don't grow too fast.
Jun 3, 2010 10:42 PM	Let's keep it small. Big is not necessarily better.
Jun 4, 2010 4:44 PM	Too many people in Parksville.
Jun 4, 2010 5:55 PM	Don't believe your numbers. I think it has grown much faster.
Jun 4, 2010 6:26 PM	As long as the services are kept up to handle the growth. Looking ahead so we are not having to redo things; instead making them adequate in the first place.
Jun 4, 2010 7:52 PM	Water and infrastructure (including sidewalks) need to be addressed before any extended growth.
Jun 4, 2010 9:15 PM	These numbers can not be correct!
Jun 4, 2010 9:58 PM	Water shortage
Jun 4, 2010 10:11 PM	Growth is based primarily on retirement homes, price points are unattainable for young working families/individuals
Jun 7, 2010 4:41 PM	Services do not seem to be keeping pace with any development.
Jun 7, 2010 4:49 PM	Qualicum's idea of a population cap is worth considering.
Jun 7, 2010 5:48 PM	We need more younger families in town.
Jun 7, 2010 6:00 PM	We are building subdivisions and condominiums at a frighteningly rate. Slow down - look ahead. Can we support that population growth?
Jun 8, 2010 4:21 PM	Based on the current systems in place, that seems appropriate, but are we attracting the right demographic? Who are we trying to cater our growth and future to?
Jun 8, 2010 4:43 PM	I miss the green spaces that are now subberbia but it is inevitable.
Jun 8, 2010 4:43 PM	But only encouraging seniors.
Jun 8, 2010 6:25 PM	Most new visitors or residents say there is just something too slow going.
Jun 8, 2010 7:58 PM	Because we don't plan far enough ahead. More people means more services in every way.
Jun 8, 2010 8:54 PM	Need a community plan. The city is a dump.
Jun 9, 2010 6:37 PM	Growth is ok but traffic is becoming heavy - this will only continue.
Jun 9, 2010 6:52 PM	No young families want to move here because Parksville really doesn't have much to offer. There aren't any jobs and the houses are too high.
Jun 10, 2010 4:15 PM	In the next 5 to 10 years it will increase significantly and the city needs to prepare for that (baby boomers are retiring).
Jun 10, 2010 5:11 PM	Green belt - area should be established, an ideal size put into local community plan.
Jun 10, 2010 6:17 PM	If more jobs were created, the growth would go up and tax revenues.
Jun 10, 2010 6:36 PM	Water availability should matter.
Jun 10, 2010 8:31 PM	People come to Parksville for the non-commercial beachfront. Families enjoy the quiet--parks and trails.
Jun 10, 2010 9:13 PM	I have no control over the population growth!
Jun 10, 2010 9:41 PM	Should be no new housing until there is no need for water rationing.

Jun 10, 2010 10:23 PM	Without consideration for water availability, more growth must be slowed down (cutting our usage is not the only answer), not to mention roads, sewers, etc.
Jun 11, 2010 3:08 PM	Doesn't really matter. Town is only attractive to tourists.
Jun 11, 2010 3:31 PM	We have water restrictions now without more development.
Jun 11, 2010 3:41 PM	I live here because it is a small City - I do not want big city growth and problems - no big box stores.
Jun 11, 2010 4:07 PM	Too rapid an increase puts pressure on existing amenities
Jun 11, 2010 4:23 PM	If it grows too fast, the local government won't keep up. No foresight re: water shortage.
Jun 11, 2010 4:29 PM	Cap it.
Jun 11, 2010 4:45 PM	The only water sources we have are limited. Our fire department is limited in what it can do. The City is limited in how much new infrastructure it can pay for, while old stuff needs fixing.
Jun 11, 2010 5:23 PM	Try parking in one of the food stores - it could cause a trip to your shrink.
Jun 11, 2010 5:35 PM	There is nothing to attract younger people to stay here.
Jun 11, 2010 6:33 PM	Development too fast
Jun 11, 2010 6:44 PM	I would like a population cap on Parksville which conforms to the carrying capacity of our environment.
Jun 11, 2010 6:48 PM	Improve entrance to City
Jun 11, 2010 6:49 PM	2006 to present includes world recession, therefore 1.3% is not representative of future growth patterns.
Jun 11, 2010 8:41 PM	If growth is too high or much higher, infrastructure cannot keep up to rate of growth.
Jun 14, 2010 2:58 PM	Need a ceiling.
Jun 14, 2010 6:09 PM	Water. Not enough transit.
Jun 14, 2010 6:48 PM	Especially the Beach Club is inappropriate.
Jun 14, 2010 8:07 PM	Some of the construction of large apartment buildings has not taken into account the rising need for water.
Jun 14, 2010 8:58 PM	People come here because small town is appealing.
Jun 14, 2010 10:16 PM	Keep it small.
Jun 15, 2010 3:10 PM	I think perhaps it is too high but I don't feel too qualified to say for certain.
Jun 15, 2010 8:44 PM	Way too much new urban sprawl.
Jun 15, 2010 9:05 PM	Worry we won't keep up with infrastructure repairs, etc., if we grow too fast. Also, water consumption.
Jun 16, 2010 4:23 PM	Too many old people living here. They stifle the economy. They don't spend their money on anything except what's absolutely necessary.
Jun 16, 2010 5:28 PM	for existing infrastructure
Jun 16, 2010 8:36 PM	No water! Stop depending on growth to fund development. Reduce expectations.
Jun 16, 2010 8:47 PM	Parksville has no "life".
Jun 17, 2010 3:54 PM	1.3% to 1.8% per year would be an increase of 29% to 43% in just 20 years.
Jun 17, 2010 4:15 PM	Lots of room left - could grow higher.
Jun 17, 2010 6:32 PM	Nice and gradual.
Jun 17, 2010 9:03 PM	Need to attract younger families to increase their ratio and reduce senior ratio.
Jun 17, 2010 9:21 PM	It is difficult to keep up to infrastructure requirements including water and roads.

Jun 17, 2010 9:31 PM	There is no more room for houses. Stop cutting down trees.
Jun 17, 2010 9:47 PM	irrelevant
Jun 18, 2010 3:55 PM	About right or lower.
Jun 18, 2010 4:02 PM	Due to major increase in vehicular traffic and limited water resources.
Jun 18, 2010 4:55 PM	We do not have the services to support this growth rate; ie, medical, water, etc.
Jun 18, 2010 6:23 PM	It may have slowed down in the past 3 to 4 years, but the rate of growth is not sustainable for the future.
Jun 18, 2010 6:35 PM	You have allowed the population to exceed the water supply; hence, restrictions and higher rates.
Jun 18, 2010 6:55 PM	Development and population is more than the water supply available.
Jun 18, 2010 8:22 PM	It's going to get higher with baby boomers retiring to Vancouver Island.
Jun 18, 2010 9:38 PM	We need growth but at a controllable rate. Too fast of growth causes financial burden on infrastructure.
Jun 21, 2010 3:28 PM	Other than a hospital, no.