


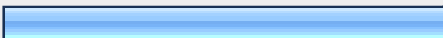
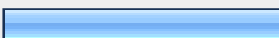
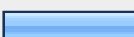


TRForward Community Perceptions Survey - a 4 page survey - click next at the bottom

1. Thinking about Thief River Falls growth, do you feel Thief River Falls population has grown too slowly, about right or too fast?							
	Too Slowly	Somewhat Slowly	About Right	Somewhat Fast	Too Fast	Rating Average	Response Count
Growth Rating	25.0% (469)	38.7% (726)	34.2% (641)	1.5% (28)	0.6% (11)	2.14	1,875
	<i>answered question</i>						1,875
	<i>skipped question</i>						30

2. What is the ideal population for TRF? (TRF is currently around 8,500 in population.)			Response Percent	Response Count
7,000			0.9%	16
8,500			8.0%	150
10,000			34.8%	651
12,000			29.3%	548
15,000 or more			18.4%	345
Don't Know			8.7%	162
	<i>answered question</i>			1,872
	<i>skipped question</i>			33

3. Please rate your satisfaction with the quality of our community's...

	Not Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Extremely Satisfied	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
preschool	3.9% (72)	10.6% (195)	30.8% (567)	14.9% (274)	5.1% (94)	34.8% (641)	3.10	1,843
kindergarten	6.8% (126)	9.5% (176)	30.1% (555)	14.1% (260)	5.5% (101)	34.0% (627)	3.03	1,845
elementary (grades 1 to 5)	4.5% (82)	9.2% (170)	30.9% (569)	17.1% (314)	7.1% (130)	31.2% (574)	3.19	1,839
middle school (grades 6 to 8)	8.1% (148)	13.1% (240)	27.3% (499)	12.9% (236)	4.7% (85)	33.9% (619)	2.89	1,827
high school (grades 9 to 12)	6.0% (110)	14.2% (259)	28.0% (513)	14.0% (256)	4.8% (88)	33.0% (604)	2.96	1,830
community and technical college	3.8% (70)	13.5% (249)	36.2% (665)	21.6% (398)	6.1% (113)	18.7% (344)	3.16	1,839
recreational learning/community education	11.0% (202)	22.8% (419)	32.5% (599)	11.1% (205)	2.6% (48)	20.0% (368)	2.65	1,841
job retraining programs	12.8% (233)	19.6% (356)	22.2% (403)	6.3% (114)	1.8% (32)	37.4% (681)	2.43	1,819
	answered question							1,856
	skipped question							49

4. Do you feel that TRF has a problem with...

	Little Problem	Problem, but Law Enforcement is effective	A growing problem and we need more effort	We have a problem and we need action right now	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
Drugs	8.2% (152)	27.4% (509)	46.0% (856)	15.7% (292)	2.7% (51)	3.35	1,860
Theft (shoplifting; stealing from garages, yards, parked cars)	13.1% (242)	36.8% (680)	36.8% (680)	9.8% (181)	3.4% (63)	2.93	1,846
Domestic Violence	12.6% (232)	41.3% (758)	30.1% (552)	8.1% (148)	8.0% (146)	2.78	1,836
Criminal Sexual Conduct	18.7% (343)	39.1% (717)	27.3% (500)	6.4% (118)	8.5% (156)	2.60	1,834
Drunk Driving	10.4% (191)	47.1% (865)	25.1% (460)	13.6% (250)	3.8% (69)	2.84	1,835
Disorderly/Disruptive Conduct	18.7% (343)	46.8% (858)	21.6% (397)	7.0% (129)	5.9% (108)	2.49	1,835
Mischief by people under 18	16.3% (301)	37.0% (682)	30.7% (566)	11.3% (208)	4.7% (87)	2.83	1,844
	<i>answered question</i>						1,867
	<i>skipped question</i>						38

5. TRF is a good place for...								
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Rating Average	Response Count
raising a family.	1.5% (27)	2.2% (41)	13.4% (250)	46.9% (873)	34.1% (635)	1.8% (34)	4.12	1,860
children (birth to 10)	1.3% (24)	2.6% (47)	13.0% (239)	49.3% (908)	29.6% (545)	4.3% (80)	4.08	1,843
middle school age (11 to 14)	2.6% (48)	8.8% (162)	19.5% (357)	39.8% (729)	22.7% (417)	6.5% (120)	3.76	1,833
high school age (15 to 18)	3.0% (55)	13.6% (250)	20.1% (370)	35.9% (661)	20.0% (369)	7.4% (137)	3.61	1,842
high school grads (19 to 20)	5.3% (97)	22.9% (420)	24.4% (448)	27.3% (501)	12.5% (230)	7.6% (140)	3.20	1,836
young adults (21 to 29)	6.5% (120)	26.4% (484)	25.8% (473)	26.8% (492)	9.7% (178)	4.8% (88)	3.07	1,835
adults (30 to 64)	2.3% (43)	8.5% (156)	22.0% (405)	45.5% (836)	18.7% (344)	3.0% (55)	3.72	1,839
senior citizens (65 and over)	1.4% (26)	3.6% (66)	15.5% (285)	46.3% (853)	26.7% (492)	6.5% (120)	4.00	1,842
young single adults	9.8% (180)	31.2% (573)	27.6% (507)	18.6% (341)	7.2% (133)	5.6% (103)	2.81	1,837
married people	1.8% (33)	4.6% (85)	23.4% (429)	49.0% (898)	18.6% (342)	2.6% (47)	3.80	1,834
unmarried adults (30 to 54)	5.2% (96)	21.7% (400)	30.0% (552)	25.1% (462)	8.0% (148)	9.9% (182)	3.10	1,840
unmarried adults (over 55)	3.5% (65)	12.2% (223)	30.4% (557)	32.0% (587)	9.9% (181)	12.0% (219)	3.37	1,832
	answered question							1,869
	skipped question							36


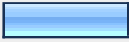
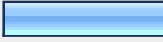
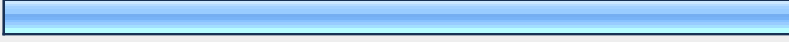
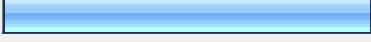
6. Please rate your satisfaction with the quality of your...

	Not Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Extremely Satisfied	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
Current job	5.2% (92)	12.1% (213)	31.0% (547)	27.3% (483)	17.6% (311)	6.8% (121)	3.43	1,767
Current level of pay and benefits	10.4% (183)	20.8% (367)	29.8% (525)	22.0% (388)	10.6% (187)	6.4% (113)	3.02	1,763
Satisfactory relationship with coworkers	2.8% (49)	11.4% (201)	34.7% (611)	28.9% (509)	14.9% (263)	7.2% (127)	3.45	1,760
Opportunity for future advancement	19.7% (347)	22.2% (392)	28.3% (500)	13.1% (231)	7.3% (128)	9.5% (167)	2.63	1,765
Job security	8.5% (150)	17.3% (305)	34.1% (600)	21.2% (372)	11.5% (203)	7.3% (128)	3.11	1,758
	<i>answered question</i>							1,769
	<i>skipped question</i>							136

7. To what extent to you agree or disagree with the following statements:

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Rating Average	Response Count
TRF should strive to be an economic, cultural and recreational center for Northwest MN.	1.7% (29)	2.1% (36)	14.0% (244)	46.4% (811)	35.9% (626)	4.13	1,746
TRF has all the retail stores I need	42.5% (752)	40.4% (715)	8.8% (156)	7.6% (135)	0.7% (12)	1.84	1,770
TRF has all the services I need	31.9% (562)	38.6% (681)	15.1% (266)	13.9% (245)	0.6% (10)	2.13	1,764
TRF has enough restaurants	42.1% (745)	37.1% (657)	10.5% (185)	9.0% (159)	1.3% (23)	1.90	1,769
TRF residential, commercial is laid out well	10.9% (192)	23.8% (418)	37.9% (666)	26.2% (461)	1.3% (22)	2.83	1,759
TRF has enough job opportunities	23.6% (417)	43.0% (760)	21.3% (377)	11.5% (203)	0.6% (10)	2.22	1,767
TRF has an energetic business community	20.8% (368)	32.0% (565)	32.2% (569)	14.2% (251)	0.7% (13)	2.42	1,766
	<i>answered question</i>						1,777
	<i>skipped question</i>						128

8. Do you receive your primary health care in TRF or elsewhere?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Always elsewhere		4.4%	75
Mostly elsewhere		8.2%	141
An even split		10.5%	181
Mostly in TRF		52.4%	903
Always in TRF		24.5%	422
<i>answered question</i>			1,722
<i>skipped question</i>			183

9. How satisfied are you with...

	Not Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Extremely Satisfied	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
general medical care in TRF	14.0% (248)	25.9% (457)	39.3% (694)	15.1% (267)	4.0% (70)	1.8% (31)	2.69	1,767
specialized medical care in TRF	29.0% (511)	28.4% (500)	24.8% (437)	7.2% (126)	2.2% (38)	8.5% (149)	2.18	1,761
Dentists in TRF	13.7% (242)	14.9% (263)	38.2% (673)	19.8% (349)	6.8% (119)	6.5% (115)	2.90	1,761
Mental health services in TRF	8.8% (155)	11.8% (208)	24.7% (435)	7.1% (125)	2.8% (49)	44.8% (788)	2.70	1,760
Wellness/fitness facilities in TRF	4.1% (73)	12.3% (217)	45.5% (800)	20.5% (360)	8.2% (144)	9.4% (166)	3.18	1,760
Eye care in TRF	2.4% (43)	10.0% (177)	44.1% (777)	27.5% (484)	10.0% (177)	6.0% (105)	3.35	1,763
Long term care facilities in TRF	10.6% (186)	15.6% (274)	29.8% (524)	8.4% (147)	2.4% (42)	33.3% (585)	2.65	1,758
<i>answered question</i>								1,771

10. Please rate your satisfaction with the								
	Not Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Extremely Satisfied	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
availability of arts and cultural opportunities	30.9% (544)	29.9% (526)	23.4% (411)	2.2% (39)	0.6% (11)	12.9% (227)	1.99	1,758
quality of arts and cultural opportunities	27.8% (489)	28.7% (504)	25.6% (449)	3.5% (61)	0.9% (15)	13.6% (238)	2.08	1,756
availability of recreational opportunities	33.8% (595)	32.6% (573)	24.3% (428)	4.7% (83)	1.1% (20)	3.4% (60)	2.03	1,759
TRF park system	9.7% (171)	28.7% (506)	41.5% (731)	14.3% (251)	3.4% (59)	2.4% (43)	2.72	1,761
TRF bicycle/walking trails	19.8% (348)	26.1% (460)	34.8% (613)	10.3% (181)	2.7% (48)	6.4% (112)	2.47	1,762
TRF area snowmobile trails	8.3% (147)	14.5% (256)	31.0% (546)	9.3% (163)	3.2% (57)	33.7% (593)	2.77	1,762
TRF area ATV trails	18.8% (329)	16.5% (290)	22.6% (396)	4.7% (82)	1.5% (26)	35.9% (630)	2.28	1,753
	answered question							1,771
	skipped question							134

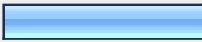



11. Please state your opinion on the following projects (if you have no opinion you can leave the answer blank)

TRF Needs This			
	Yes	No	Response Count
Outdoor public swimming pool	73.7% (1,185)	26.3% (423)	1,608
Indoor public swimming pool	51.1% (733)	48.9% (701)	1,434
Multi function community center with pool, fitness equipment, basketball courts, etc	64.1% (979)	35.9% (549)	1,528
More bicycle/walking trails	64.7% (977)	35.3% (534)	1,511
A large park with multiple outdoor activities and large picnic/community gathering area	52.8% (775)	47.2% (694)	1,469
More small neighborhood parks	29.8% (418)	70.2% (985)	1,403
Soccer fields	37.5% (500)	62.5% (833)	1,333
Baseball fields	30.7% (400)	69.3% (904)	1,304
Trees	64.9% (919)	35.1% (497)	1,416
Use Taxes to Build			
	Yes	No	Response Count
Outdoor public swimming pool	48.3% (586)	51.7% (628)	1,214
Indoor public swimming pool	35.6% (341)	64.4% (617)	958
Multi function community center with pool, fitness equipment, basketball courts, etc	50.7% (528)	49.3% (513)	1,041

More bicycle/walking trails	47.8% (474)	52.2% (518)	992
A large park with multiple outdoor activities and large picnic/community gathering area	39.3% (354)	60.7% (547)	901
More small neighborhood parks	22.6% (174)	77.4% (595)	769
Soccer fields	25.8% (200)	74.2% (574)	774
Baseball fields	24.9% (184)	75.1% (556)	740
Trees	49.5% (444)	50.5% (453)	897
Use Taxes to Maintain and Operate			
	Yes	No	Response Count
Outdoor public swimming pool	57.2% (693)	42.8% (518)	1,211
Indoor public swimming pool	42.0% (405)	58.0% (560)	965
Multi function community center with pool, fitness equipment, basketball courts, etc	49.9% (517)	50.1% (519)	1,036
More bicycle/walking trails	52.9% (522)	47.1% (464)	986
A large park with multiple outdoor activities and large picnic/community gathering area	42.7% (387)	57.3% (520)	907
More small neighborhood parks	28.2% (219)	71.8% (558)	777
Soccer fields	29.2% (226)	70.8% (549)	775
Baseball fields	28.7% (213)	71.3% (530)	743
Trees	52.8% (462)	47.2% (413)	875



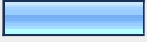




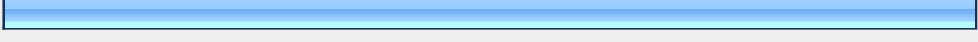
	<i>answered question</i>	1,741
	<i>skipped question</i>	164

12. Transportation							
	Not Adequate	Somewhat Adequate	Adequate	Very Adequate	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
Does TRF have adequate local bus and taxi service?	23.2% (404)	35.8% (623)	25.7% (447)	3.2% (55)	12.2% (212)	2.10	1,741
How would you rate TRF passenger air service through Delta/Northwest Airlines?	12.2% (211)	30.9% (537)	29.1% (506)	3.8% (66)	24.0% (416)	2.32	1,736
Does Northwest Minnesota have adequate highways for existing needs?	8.6% (150)	24.3% (423)	53.8% (937)	10.1% (176)	3.2% (55)	2.68	1,741
	<i>answered question</i>						1,751
	<i>skipped question</i>						154

13. Do you rent or own where you live?			Response Percent	Response Count
Rent			13.1%	227
Own			80.3%	1,388
Live with parents			3.5%	61
Other			3.1%	53
answered question				1,729
skipped question				176

14. Housing							
	Not Satisfactory	Somewhat Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
How satisfied are you with your current housing?	6.1% (105)	15.6% (268)	35.0% (599)	31.3% (537)	11.9% (204)	3.27	1,713
How satisfied are you with the condition of your current housing?	6.3% (108)	16.8% (287)	34.7% (595)	31.5% (539)	10.7% (184)	3.24	1,713
How satisfied are you with the availability of housing in the TRF Area?	21.5% (363)	28.2% (476)	35.9% (606)	11.7% (197)	2.7% (45)	2.46	1,687
answered question							1,726
skipped question							179

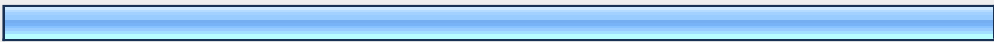
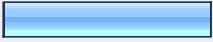











15. Questions:									
	Single family home	Mobile home/manufactured house	Condo/twin home	Apartment	Boarding House/Dorm Room	Assisted Living Nursing Home	Income assisted housing	No opinion/None of the above	Response Count
I live in a..	75.8% (1,308)	11.0% (189)	1.3% (22)	6.4% (111)	0.1% (2)	0.3% (5)	0.6% (11)	5.4% (93)	1,726
In my opinion, TRF needs more...	31.4% (502)	5.3% (84)	20.8% (333)	28.9% (462)	7.4% (118)	13.0% (208)	14.1% (226)	34.9% (557)	1,598
	<i>answered question</i>								1,733
	<i>skipped question</i>								172

16. If it were available I would move to a...			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Single family home		21.5%	346
Mobile home/manufactured house		2.5%	41
Condo/twin home		9.1%	147
2 Bedroom Apartment		3.5%	57
3 Bedroom Apartment		3.7%	60
4 Bedroom Apartment		1.6%	26
Income assisted housing		3.0%	49
No opinion		65.0%	1,048
	<i>answered question</i>		1,612


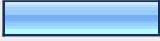
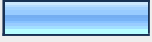
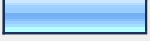
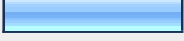
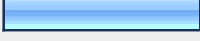
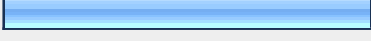
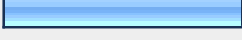
17. Recycling				
	Yes	No	N/A	Response Count
Should the City of TRF have separate curbside pick-up of recyclables?	59.8% (868)	24.9% (362)	15.3% (222)	1,452
Would you pay extra for this service?	27.8% (398)	56.1% (802)	16.1% (230)	1,430
	answered question			1,457
	skipped question			448

18. To what extent to you agree or disagree with the following statements:							
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Rating Average	Response Count
There is a strong sense of community in TRF	5.2% (90)	15.4% (267)	33.6% (582)	40.5% (701)	5.3% (91)	3.25	1,731
I feel proud to live in the Thief River Falls area	4.0% (69)	7.1% (122)	31.7% (547)	45.4% (785)	11.9% (205)	3.54	1,728
TRF government leaders work together	11.3% (194)	24.5% (421)	46.1% (793)	16.2% (279)	2.0% (34)	2.73	1,721
TRF business leaders work together	7.7% (133)	21.8% (375)	47.5% (815)	21.0% (361)	1.9% (33)	2.88	1,717
TRF community has a clear vision for its future	17.2% (296)	38.0% (656)	36.8% (634)	7.2% (124)	0.9% (15)	2.37	1,725
TRF has a strong community of volunteers	3.7% (63)	11.3% (195)	37.7% (650)	42.1% (726)	5.2% (90)	3.34	1,724



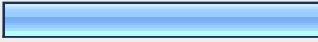
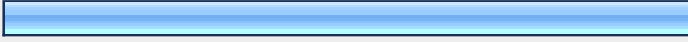
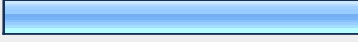


TRF has a enough community social events	13.6% (235)	36.4% (627)	33.8% (583)	15.1% (260)	1.1% (19)	2.54	1,724
TRF is free of racial discrimination	12.2% (209)	27.4% (470)	39.0% (670)	18.3% (314)	3.2% (55)	2.73	1,718
answered question							1,739
skipped question							166

19. I live in or closest to...		Response Percent	Response Count
TRF		66.3%	1,141
Rural TRF		13.8%	237
St. Hilaire		3.3%	56
Goodridge		1.9%	33
Newfolden		3.3%	57
Plummer		2.7%	47
Red Lake Falls		2.0%	35
Middle River		1.2%	20
Viking		1.6%	27
Red Lake Nation		0.3%	6
Warren		1.3%	22
Canada		0.2%	4
Other		2.1%	36
answered question			1,721

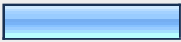
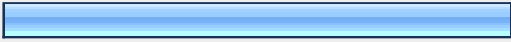
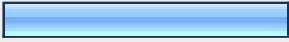
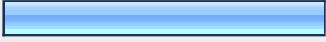
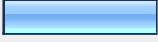


		<i>skipped question</i>	184
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20. Total Household Income			
		Response Percent	Response Count
\$0 to \$20,600		5.8%	96
\$20,601 to \$29,000		10.2%	170
\$29,001 to \$36,500		9.6%	159
\$36,501 to \$44,250		9.3%	155
\$44,251 to \$52,000		11.9%	197
\$52,001 to \$60,000		13.0%	216
\$60,001 to \$90,000		24.4%	406
\$90,001 and over		15.8%	263
		<i>answered question</i>	1,662
		<i>skipped question</i>	243


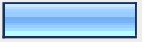
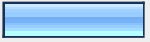
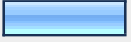
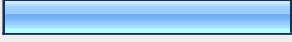
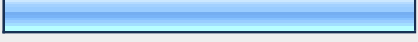
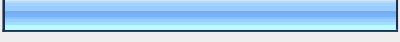
21. My age is

		Response Percent	Response Count
14-17		0.4%	7
18-20		1.3%	23
21-29		21.0%	361
30-49		45.8%	787
50-64		23.8%	409
65-74		5.2%	90
Over 74		2.5%	43
		<i>answered question</i>	1,720
		<i>skipped question</i>	185

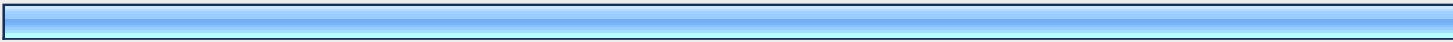




22. Number in Household

		Response Percent	Response Count
1		11.6%	197
2		33.8%	577
3		18.9%	323
4		21.4%	365
5		10.0%	171
6		2.6%	44
over 6		1.6%	28
		<i>answered question</i>	1,705
		<i>skipped question</i>	200

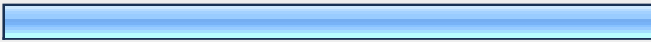

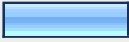







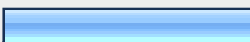

23. Years in TRF area

		Response Percent	Response Count
None		1.4%	24
0 to 3		8.7%	149
4 to 6		9.1%	156
7 to 10		7.9%	136
11 to 20		19.1%	327
21 to 35		27.5%	470
over 35		26.2%	449
		<i>answered question</i>	1,711
		<i>skipped question</i>	194

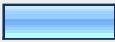

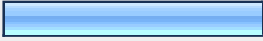









24. What is your race?

		Response Percent	Response Count
White		97.0%	1,646
White/Hispanic		0.8%	14
American Indian		1.1%	18
Black/Afro American		0.1%	1
Asian		0.4%	6
Other		0.7%	12
		<i>answered question</i>	1,697
		<i>skipped question</i>	208

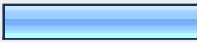

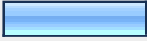

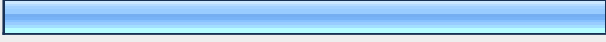
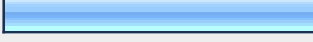


25. Where are you employed?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Digi-Key		43.3%	738
Arctic Cat		4.1%	70
Meritcare (incl. NWMC)		8.2%	140
Local or State Govt		4.0%	69
Educator		7.2%	123
Service Provider		4.7%	80
Retail Business		3.6%	62
Wholesale Business		0.3%	5
Other Manufacturing		0.7%	12
Other Healthcare		1.5%	25
Other		16.5%	282
Retired		5.8%	98
		answered question	1,704
		skipped question	201

26. How would you characterize your employment?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Part Time Hourly		7.3%	126
Full Time Hourly		55.5%	952
Salaried Professional		17.1%	294
Other Professional		1.2%	20
Supervisor/Middle Management		3.9%	67
Business Executive		1.6%	28
Farmer		0.5%	8
Self Employed – no non-seasonal employees		1.7%	29
Self Employed – have employees		2.4%	41
Retired		4.9%	84
Unemployed		1.3%	22
Other		2.6%	45
		<i>answered question</i>	1,716
		<i>skipped question</i>	189

27. Marital Status

		Response Percent	Response Count
Single and have never been married		12.8%	221
Single Parent		5.2%	89
Widowed/Divorced		9.3%	161
Married and never had children		5.5%	94
Married with children at home		40.2%	693
Married empty nesters		20.5%	354
Living with partner		4.9%	85
Other		1.5%	26
		<i>answered question</i>	1,723
		<i>skipped question</i>	182