

Township of Wilmot Specific Results of Fireworks Survey:

Total of 216 responses

In the last 3 years, how many times did you attend a public fireworks display?

- Never – 85
- Once - 48
- 2 to 3 - 63
- 4 to 6 - 18
- 7 or more -2

In the last 3 years, about how many times did you watch or attend private or household displays?

- Never - 118
- Once - 27
- 2 or 3 - 41
- 4 to 6 - 22
- 7 or more - 8

In the last 3 years, about how many times did you set off private or household fireworks?

- Never - 169
- Once - 20
- 2 or 3 - 15
- 4 to 6 - 9
- 7 or more - 3

How much do you agree with the following statements?

a. I enjoy attending a public fireworks display

- Strongly agree – 78
- Agree – 66
- Neither agree nor disagree – 34
- Disagree – 13
- Strongly disagree – 25

b. I enjoy attending private or household fireworks

- Strongly agree – 55
- Agree – 34

Neither agree nor disagree – 32

Disagree – 32

Strongly disagree – 62

In your opinion, how safe are:

a. Public fireworks displays

Very safe - 91

Safe - 79

Neither safe nor unsafe - 17

Unsafe - 12

Very unsafe - 17

b. Private or household fireworks

Very safe - 25

Safe - 46

Neither safe nor unsafe - 32

Unsafe - 40

Very unsafe - 73

How much do you agree with the following statements?

a. Fireworks are a good way to celebrate occasions

Strongly agree – 73

Agree – 57

Neither agree nor disagree – 20

Disagree – 29

Strongly disagree – 37

b. Fireworks are disruptive to our community

Strongly agree – 56

Agree – 41

Neither agree nor disagree – 33

Disagree – 45

Strongly disagree – 41

c. Fireworks bring people together

Strongly agree – 59

Agree – 74

Neither agree nor disagree – 35

Disagree – 26

Strongly disagree – 21

d. Fireworks are bad for the environment

Strongly agree – 60

Agree – 42

Neither agree nor disagree – 58

Disagree – 26

Strongly disagree – 30

In your opinion, how do fireworks benefit our community, if at all?

Good for celebrating important occasions - 121

Cultural or religious significance - 58

Brings the community together - 115

Fireworks are a tradition - 115

Makes people happy - 115

Benefits local economy - 49

No benefit - 57

What concerns do you have about the use of fireworks, if any?

Misuse of fireworks for public nuisance – 140

Distress to animals (i.e.. Pets, livestock, wildlife) - 124

Risk of fire or property damage - 117

Increased Noise – 105

Distress to persons with anxiety or PTSD - 97

Effect on environment (i.e.. Air or water pollution) - 89

Risk of injury or death - 85

No concerns - 45

Other – 7

Have you ever made a complaint to your city or Township about fireworks?

Yes – 20

No – 196

Have you ever considered making a complaint about the fireworks, but decided not to?

Yes – 62

No – 132

Please tell us why you decided not to make a complaint (check all that apply):

Believed a complaint would do nothing - 45

Would upset my neighbours if I complained - 17

Not sure how to make a complaint - 16

Not sure what the fireworks rules are - 10

Other - 11

In your opinion, is the amount of regulation for fireworks in your community:

Too little – 77

Too much – 40

About right – 67

Do not know – 32

How much would you support adding new regulations to improve fireworks safety in your community?

Strongly support – 89

Support – 41

Neither support nor oppose – 43

Oppose – 19

Strongly oppose – 24

How much would you support adding the following regulations to improve fireworks safety?

a. Reduce the number of days fireworks are permitted

Strongly support – 92

Support – 27

Neither support nor oppose – 25

Oppose – 35

Strongly oppose – 36

b. Reduce hours during which fireworks can be set off

Strongly support – 92

Support – 52

Neither support nor oppose – 24

Oppose – 22

Strongly oppose – 25

c. Require permits for all private or household use of fireworks

Strongly support – 93

Support – 27

Neither support nor oppose – 21

Oppose – 29

Strongly oppose – 46

d. Provide more education on using fireworks safely

Strongly support – 65

Support – 69

Neither support nor oppose – 62

Oppose – 11

Strongly oppose – 7

e. Reduce the number of days fireworks can be sold

Strongly support – 81

Support – 30

Neither support nor oppose – 41

Oppose – 31

Strongly oppose – 32

f. Require more education for fireworks vendors

Strongly support – 82

Support – 43

Neither support nor oppose – 74

Oppose – 8

Strongly oppose – 9

How much would you support a complete ban on the following to improve fireworks safety?

a. Sale of fireworks

Strongly support – 68

Support – 26

Neither support nor oppose – 24

Oppose – 33

Strongly oppose – 65

b. Private or household use of fireworks

Strongly support – 92

Support – 19

Neither support nor oppose – 15

Oppose – 30

Strongly oppose – 59