

As part of a McMaster research study, we did surveys with residents in Keith, Stinson and Stipley neighbourhoods. Here are some highlights from Keith. You can download a full report at www.crunch.mcmaster.ca/projects/hnstudy.

Hamilton neighbourhoods study
2014 study update
KEITH
neighbourhood

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. We interviewed residents in the Keith neighbourhood in 2012 and 2013. Participants were selected at random.

We talked to 307 residents aged 18 and over in Keith.

On average, they had been living in Keith for **11 years** and living in their current dwelling for **8 years**. **81%** of people we talked to had not moved in the past year.

65% would like to stay in their neighbourhood for years to come.

87% reported that they were either 'very satisfied' or 'satisfied' with their residence overall, and **77%** with the neighbourhood overall.

99% felt safe in the neighbourhood during the day.

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

Overall, the people we surveyed felt that services and amenities already in the neighbourhood were accessible.

For over half of the services/amenities that we asked about, at least 1 in 5 people felt that it was lacking in the neighbourhood.

Over **50%** felt that poor air quality was a 'serious problem' in Keith.

People generally agreed that the neighbourhood works together to solve problems, has good leaders and ways of sharing information. People agreed that neighbours are friendly, trustworthy, and look out for each other.

Over **50%** felt that banks were lacking.

Close to **50%** felt that places to buy healthy food were lacking.

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 Nothing/no improvements needed (48)
- 2 Pollution, air quality, environmental concerns (40)
- 3 Groceries (37)
- 4 Industrial neighbours (34)
- 5 Resources needed for children and youth (31)

GET INVOLVED WITH KEITH!

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 Keith, contact:

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Keith Neighbourhood Hub

An organization of residents, service providers and others connected to Keith neighbourhood. They have lots of information on neighbourhood issues, news, and events and they publish a neighbourhood newsletter, The Keith Chronicles.

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

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

Dr. Jim Dunn and his 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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