



# Regional Trends & Issues

## Strategic Direction Annual Regional Survey

Survey Respondents	Elected officials	Staff	Staff Title
<b>Counties Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	
Big Stone	4	4	EDA, Emergency Management, Planning and zoning, Family Services
Chippewa	4	2	County Coordinator, Veterans services
Lac qui Parle	1	3	County Coordinator, Planning and Zoning, County Engineer
Swift	4	3	Sheriff, Veterans Service, Emergency Management
Yellow Medicine	3	3	County Coordinator, Planning and Zoning, Family Services
<b>Cities Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16</b>	
Appleton	3	1	Police chief
Barry	1		
Benson	2	1	Police chief
Canby	1	1	City Manager
Clara City	2	1	Economic Development
Clarkfield		2	City Manager, Public Works
Clinton	1		
Dawson	2		
Echo	1		
Graceville	1		
Granite Falls	1		
Hanley Falls	1	1	Clerk
Kerkhoven	3		
Madison	1	1	City Manager
Marietta	1		
Montevideo	1	5	City Manager, EDA, Police Chief, HRA, Public Works
Murdock	1		
Odessa		1	
Ortonville	1	1	EDA staff
Watson		1	Clerk
<b>School Districts Total</b>			
Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley, Ortonville MACCRAY, Montevideo, Dawson-Boyd Benson, Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg Yellow Medicine East	6/10 Superintendents and Principals responded		
<b>Township Total</b>	17/94 Townships responded		
Toqua Township, Louriston Township, Lake Shore Township, Cerro Gordo Township, Hantho Township, Perry Township Swede Prairie Township, Freeland Township, Hamlin Township, Maxwell Township, Benson Township, Appleton Township Edison Township, Six Mile Grove Township, Fairfield Township, Minnesota Falls Township, Normania Township			

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## Response Rate

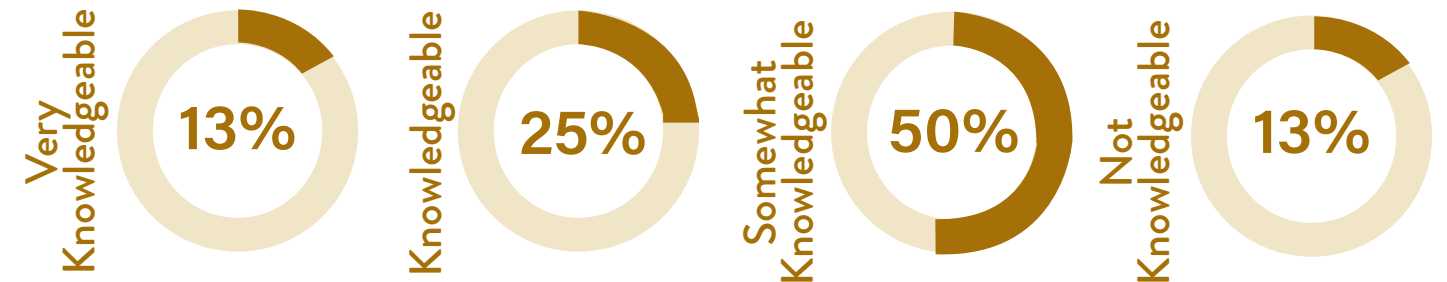
103 completed out of 518 sent

- 5/5 Counties responded
- 20/37 Cities responded
- 17/94 Townships responded
- 8/10 School districts responded

Sent via email 11/20/19 to 518 individuals including:

- Mayors and City Councils
- City Clerks/managers
- County and City HRA
- County Administrators
- County Commissioners
- Township board members
- Superintendents and Principals
- School Board members
- UMVRDC commissioners
- Economic Development Staff
- County Emergency Mangers
- County Planning and Zoning
- County Engineers
- Upper Sioux Community Tribal Council

### How knowledgeable are you on the UMVRDC and its programs and services?



### Issues identified as critical in regional survey (appearing in ranked order)

1. Childcare Accessibility & Affordability
2. Workforce Recruitment
3. Marketing our Region to Attract New Residents, Workers, Families & Visitors
4. Improved Broadband Accessibility
5. Road/Bridge Planning or Funding
6. Demolition of Dilapidated Housing & Commercial Properties
7. Housing Rehabilitation
8. Business Incentives
9. Sewer, Sanitary Sewer, Storm Water, Drinking Water Infrastructure Planning or Funding
10. Assisting with Financing for Businesses in our Community
11. Commercial Property Rehabilitation
12. Redevelopment of Vacant Lots
13. Rental Housing
14. Senior Housing
15. Capital Improvement Planning
16. Comprehensive or Strategic Planning
17. Emergency Preparedness
18. Industrial Park Infrastructure Planning or Funding
19. Addressing Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
20. Safe Routes to School Planning or Implementation
21. Supporting Local Renewable Energy Options
22. Recycling Systems
23. Zoning or Ordinances Review or Updating
24. Website Development or Updating
25. Solid Waste Planning
26. Transit Options
27. Addressing Climate Change
28. Zoning or Ordinance Enforcement
29. Trails and Parks Planning or Funding
30. Community Beautification
31. Renewable Energy & Efficiency for Public Buildings
32. Protecting Historical & Cultural Assets
33. Sidewalk Policies
34. Public Art

