



## Public Survey Results

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# **A Joint Land Use Study for Camp Crowder and the Harry S. Truman Coordinating Council**



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## **Background**

As part of the Camp Crowder Joint Land Use Study's public outreach efforts, a 22-question survey was developed and distributed to help the JLUS steering committees and project team gain insights into the community attitudes regarding Camp Crowder activities. The public was given three options for completing the survey: 1) participate in the real-time survey at the public kick-off meeting that was held on October 1, 2013; 2) complete the survey online using a link on the project's website; or 3) submit a paper copy of the survey, which was provided to the steering committees for wider distribution.

A total of 55 survey responses were collected – 12 were collected during the real-time survey at the public kick-off meeting and 43 were collected online. No paper copies of the survey were completed.

## **Key Takeaways**

Overall, the public survey demonstrated the community's general support for operations occurring at Camp Crowder, as well as its commitment to take action to protect Camp Crowder's future mission. Some of the key takeaways or points of interest include:

- Most respondents were from Crowder College or other educational entity;
- 24% of respondents live within two miles of Camp Crowder;
- 87% of respondents believe that communication between Camp Crowder and community is either positive or neutral;
- 79% of respondents think the training at Camp Crowder is either "very important" or "important";
- **100% of respondents support the National Guard presence in region;**
- **97% of respondents agree that the community must take action to ensure Camp Crowder can continue its mission;**
- 86% of respondents either "rarely" or "never" hear noise related to National Guard training areas;
- 66% of respondents "hardly notice" noise impacts, while 24% say they don't experience any noise impacts; and
- 74% of respondents "never" feel unsafe due to proximity to Camp Crowder; 25% do not live near Camp Crowder.

The full survey results are shown below. Please note that some questions allowed multiple responses; thus, the final response count may exceed 55 responses.

## Survey Results

Q1.

In what area do you live?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
City of Neosho	36.4%	20
Newton County	43.6%	24
McDonald County	7.3%	4
Other	12.7%	7
<i>answered question</i>		<b>55</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>0</b>

Q2.

How long have you lived in the region (defined as Neosho, Newton County, or McDonald County)?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
More than 20 years	53.7%	29
Between 5 and 20 years	24.1%	13
Less than 5 years	11.1%	6
I do not live in Neosho, Newton County, or McDonald County	11.1%	6
<i>answered question</i>		<b>54</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>1</b>

Q3.

What is your current land ownership status?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I own property within the region, but do not live there.	3.8%	2
I own property and live in the region.	67.9%	36
I rent property in the region.	15.1%	8
I do not own or rent property in the region.	13.2%	7
<i>answered question</i>		<b>53</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>2</b>

Q4.

In what industry are you employed? [Choose ALL that apply.]		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Department of Defense	0.0%	0
Crowder College, local schools, or other educational	66.7%	38

entity		
Another federal, state, or local agency	12.3%	7
Agriculture or related field	1.8%	1
Industry, manufacturing, or related field	3.5%	2
Food and beverage, or related field	1.8%	1
Retail or commercial	3.5%	2
Self-employed/Other	7.0%	4
I am not currently employed	3.5%	2
<b>answered question</b>		<b>57</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>1</b>

Q5.

<b>In what age range do you fall?</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
0-17	0.0%	0
18-34	16.7%	9
35-55	50.0%	27
55+	33.3%	18
<b>answered question</b>		<b>54</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>1</b>

Q6.

<b>Are you aware that Camp Crowder is a Missouri Army National Guard installation located in Neosho and Newton County?</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Yes	100.0%	54
No	0.0%	0
<b>answered question</b>		<b>54</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>1</b>

Q7.

<b>How far away do you live from Camp Crowder?</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Within 1/2 mile	5.6%	3
Between 1/2 mile and 1 mile	3.7%	2
Between 1 mile and 2 miles	14.8%	8
More than 2 miles	75.9%	41
<b>answered question</b>		<b>54</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>1</b>

Q8.

Are you familiar with the types of training conducted at Camp Crowder?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	29.6%	16
Somewhat	55.6%	30
No	14.8%	8
<i>answered question</i>		<b>54</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>1</b>

Q9.

What types of training have you understood are conducted at Camp Crowder? [Choose ALL that apply.]		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Live-Fire Demolition	32.1%	42
Rifle/Pistol Qualification	33.6%	44
Helicopter Operations	21.4%	28
Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Detection	10.7%	14
Other (please specify)	2.3%	3
<i>answered question</i>		<b>131</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>6</b>

Q10.

Where do you get most of your information about Camp Crowder?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Directly from someone who works/trains there	9.3%	5
From friends who know people who work/train there	9.3%	5
Just from general discussion in the community	59.3%	32
From the media	18.5%	10
I don't know anything about Camp Crowder	3.7%	2
<i>answered question</i>		<b>54</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>1</b>

Q11.

How would you characterize communication between Camp Crowder and the community?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Positive	54.7%	29
Negative	0.0%	0
Neutral	32.1%	17
There is no communication between Camp Crowder and the community	13.2%	7

<i>answered question</i>	<b>53</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>2</b>

Q12.

<b>How important do you think the training that occurs at Camp Crowder is:</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Very important	55.8%	29
Important	23.1%	12
Not very important	1.9%	1
Not important at all	0.0%	0
I don't know enough to characterize the training at Camp Crowder.	19.2%	10
<i>answered question</i>		<b>52</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>3</b>

Q13.

<b>Do you know anyone who trains at Camp Crowder?</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Yes	32.7%	17
No	67.3%	35
<i>answered question</i>		<b>52</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>3</b>

Q14.

<b>Do you support the National Guard presence in Newton County?</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Yes	100.0%	53
No	0.0%	0
<i>answered question</i>		<b>53</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>2</b>

Q15.

<b>How strongly do you agree with this statement: "The local community must take action to ensure the continued mission of Camp Crowder and their contributions to our economy"?</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Strongly agree	49.1%	26
Agree	47.2%	25
Neutral/Unsure	3.8%	2
Disagree	0.0%	0

Strongly disagree	0.0%	0
<b>answered question</b>		<b>53</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>2</b>

Q16.

<b>What percent of the regional economy do you understand the National Guard contributes?</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
50% or higher	4.0%	2
Between 30 and 50%	6.0%	3
Less than 30%	32.0%	16
Unsure	58.0%	29
<b>answered question</b>		<b>50</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>5</b>

Q17.

<b>How often do you hear noise (e.g., gunfire, demolition, other) related to the National Guard training areas from your property?</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Daily	2.0%	1
Weekly	11.8%	6
Rarely	47.1%	24
Never	39.2%	20
<b>answered question</b>		<b>51</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>4</b>

Q18.

<b>How often do you hear helicopter or other aircraft noise associated with Camp Crowder from your residence or property?</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Daily	0.0%	0
Weekly	5.9%	3
Rarely	64.7%	33
Never	29.4%	15
<b>answered question</b>		<b>51</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>4</b>

Q19.

<b>How severe are the noise impacts from Camp Crowder when you experience them?</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
I hardly notice them.	66.0%	33

They are mildly disruptive.	10.0%	5
They are severely disruptive.	0.0%	0
They're so bad I wish I could move.	0.0%	0
I don't experience any noise impacts from operations at Camp Crowder.	24.0%	12
<b>answered question</b>		<b>50</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>5</b>

Q20.

<b>Do you ever feel unsafe due to your proximity to Camp Crowder?</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Often	0.0%	0
Sometimes	1.9%	1
Never	73.6%	39
I do not live near Camp Crowder.	24.5%	13
<b>answered question</b>		<b>53</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>2</b>

Q21.

<b>Will you attend the next meeting in December?</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Yes	28.3%	15
No	28.3%	15
Unsure	34.0%	18
I will try	9.4%	5
I'm going fishing	0.0%	0
<b>answered question</b>		<b>53</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>2</b>

Q22.

If you would like, please enter any additional questions or comments for our review in the space below.

- "I have heard noise from my place of business, but not my personal property since I don't live near it. However, I have never felt threatened or been concerned by the noise level that I have heard from my business."
- "Please open Camp Crowder to hunting again. Bow hunting only."
- "What type of activities would Crowder College do on the Camp Crowder land?"
- "I work at Crowder College and highly support Camp Crowder being part of our community!"
- "Upgrades must be accomplished at the Neosho Airport to accommodate any additional mission at Camp Crowder."