

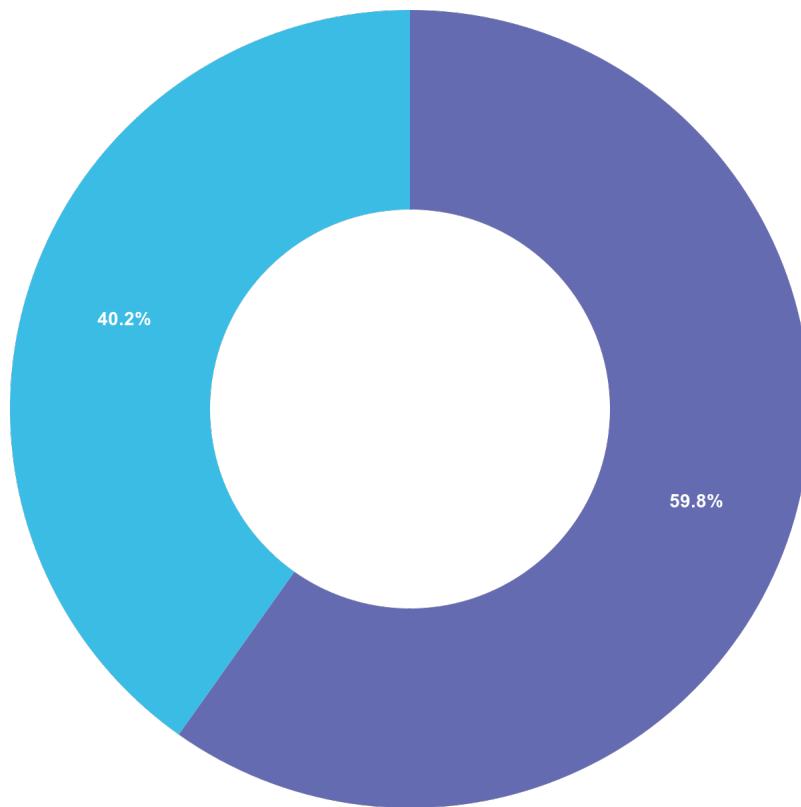


## Licensed Restaurants in the Village of Hill Spring

Thank you for participating in the Village of Hill Spring's survey. Your feedback is important and the information that we collect will allow for the Village to make well informed decisions on important issues, such as this. If you have not read the Villages Licensed Restaurants Backgrounder, please visit <https://hillspring.ca/wp-content/uploads/Village-of-HS-Licensed-Restaurants-Backgrounder.pdf> prior to beginning the survey.

**Q1** Do you live in the boundaries of the Village of Hill Spring?

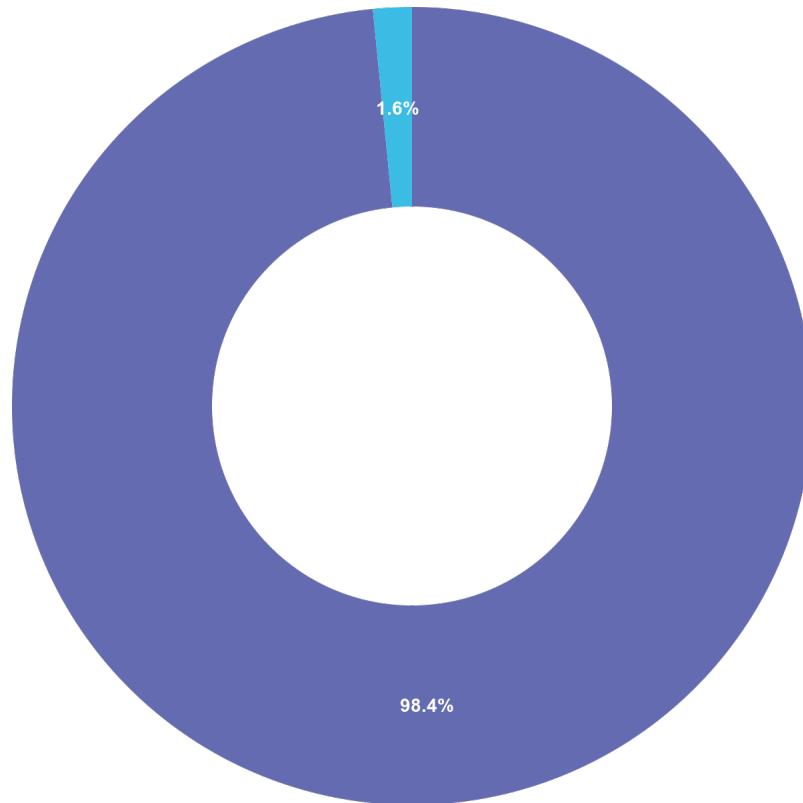
Multiple Choice



	Choice	Totals
●	Yes, I live in Hill Spring.	64
●	No, I live outside of Hill Spring.	43

Responses 107 Answered 107 Unanswered 0

**Q2** Are you 18 years of age or older?  
Multiple Choice



	<b>Choice</b>	<b>Totals</b>
●	Yes, I am 18 years of age or older.	63
●	No, I am under 18 years of age.	1

**Responses** 107 **Answered** 64 **Unanswered** 43

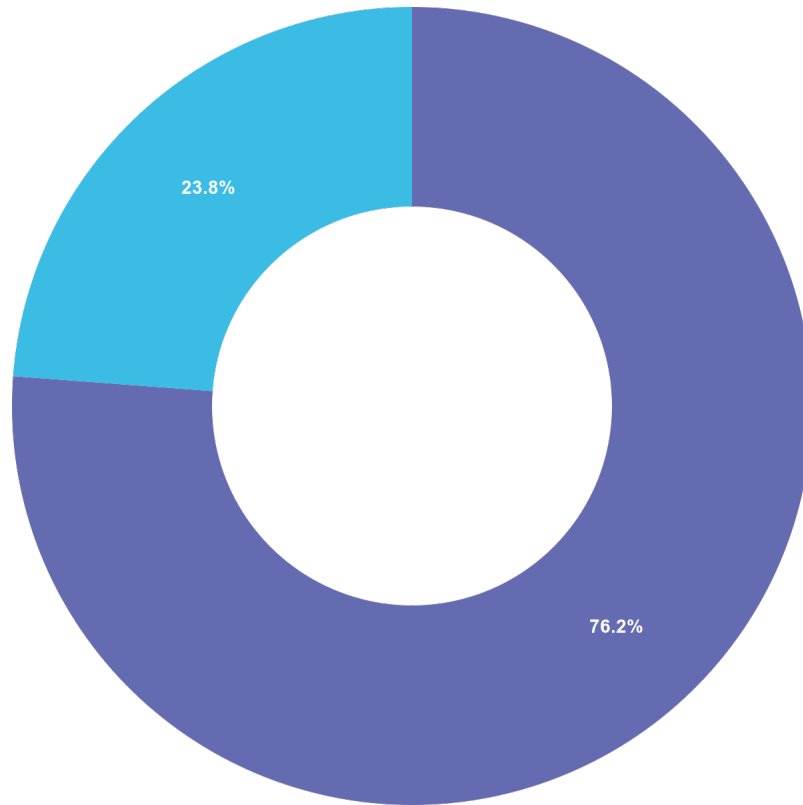
**Q3** What is your name? (anonymous submissions will not be accepted)  
Essay

**Responses** 107 **Answered** 63 **Unanswered** 44

**Q4** Please enter you Street Address (physical address only; P.O Box not acceptable)  
Essay

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**Q5** Have you read the Villages Licensed Restaurants Backgrounder prior to starting this survey.  
Multiple Choice

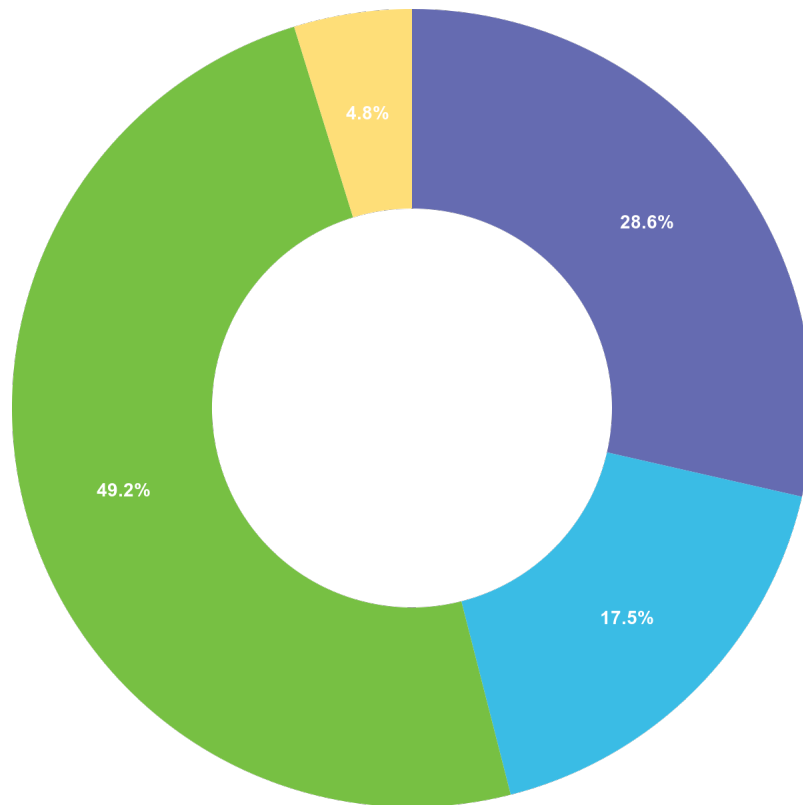


	<b>Choice</b>	<b>Totals</b>
●	Yes.	48
●	No.	15

**Responses** 107 **Answered** 63 **Unanswered** 44

**Q6** Village Council is considering adjusting the Village’s alcohol policy so that a) full-service restaurants can become a vibrant part of the village’s commercial sector and b) Village residents will be encouraged to spend more of their disposable income in support of the local economy. Which of the following statements best describes your position?

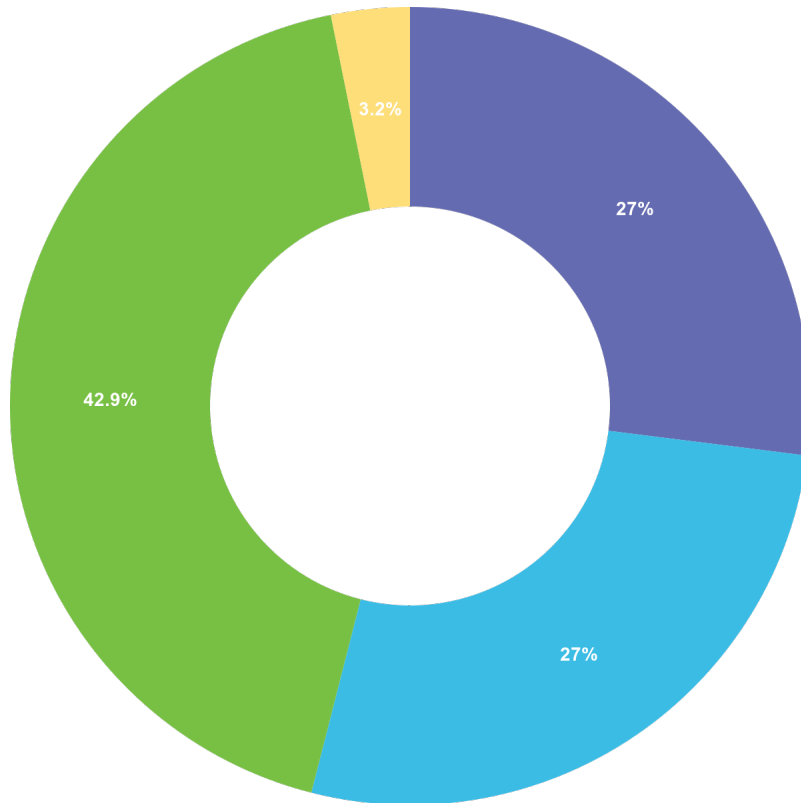
Multiple Choice



Choice	Totals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I do not support adjusting the Village’s alcohol policy, no matter how much it might help the local economy.</li> </ul>	18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I support adjusting the Village’s alcohol policy, but only if it helps the local economy.</li> </ul>	11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I support adjusting the Village’s alcohol policy, regardless of whether it helps the local economy.</li> </ul>	31
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I am indifferent to adjusting the Village’s alcohol policy.</li> </ul>	3

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**Q7** Since it was founded, the Village of Hill Spring has remained a predominantly “dry community”. Which of the following statements best describes your position?  
Multiple Choice



	<b>Choice</b>	<b>Totals</b>
●	The Village of Hill Spring should remain a predominantly "dry" community.	17
●	The Village of Hill Spring should permit licensed restaurants but only licensed restaurants (ie Class "A" license)	17
●	The Village of Hill Spring should end prohibition altogether	27
●	I am indifferent to whether the Village of Hill Spring remains a "dry" community or becomes a “wet” community.	2

**Responses** 107 **Answered** 63 **Unanswered** 44

**Q8** Please provide any additional comments you wish to submit.  
Essay

Additional Comments Provided:

1. I would like to see them stay in town.
2. If you allow this Under the COVID rules the restaurant can do off sales. Look it up
3. It's time for that silly old Ryle to get abolished. If Cardston county wants to be relevant they must start changing rules.
4. To each their own as long as it doesn't negatively affect others.
5. Please open this survey to people in the surrounding area - maybe everyone with a PO Box in Hill Spring? I think it would be beneficial to also contact people who have RV spots within 50 kms?
6. This is NOT a Mormon village and the rest of the population should not be forced to follow Mormon rules.
7. It's nice to go to a restaurant and have a drink with your meal, people do it all over the world. It's time to get with the times.
8. The times are changing, people enjoy having a glass of wine or a beer with dinner, even Utah has rescinded its liquor laws.
9. As a local musician, generating revenue locally, supporting and building our local economy is paramount. [REDACTED] has agreed to play at the restaurant in Hill Spring, in support of our local community. This, and future community building endeavours would be way more possible if alcohol sales were permitted in safe and responsible manners.
10. No further comment
11. What folks do in their homes and property in relation to alcohol consumption is no concern. When negative activities related to alcohol consumption spill over into public property or become a disturbance then there is a concern. Having alcohol on a premises - private or otherwise - makes it a larger target for mischief.
12. Alcohol in moderation, such as restaurants increases social gatherings and should help our businesses survive.
13. It is nice to have a restaurant in town. If selling alcohol with meals makes the business more viable than I support it. I wouldn't really be in favor of having a liquor outlet or an alcohol outlet in town, however.
14. I don't understand how you can determine whether or not it will help the local economy without trying it. There are a lot of B&B's and campgrounds around, and tourists on holiday may like to have a drink with their meal.
15. Serving alcohol will encourage more people to stop in Hill Spring, whether it be people going to Waterton in the summer, or our neighbors across the Waterton Dam. Alcohol is everywhere. When you go out to eat in Lethbridge at Boston Pizza there are people drinking in the restaurant. If you have decided that you don't want to drink, you continue your meal and have water instead. Hill Spring should be no different. The consumption of alcohol should be left up to the choice of each 18+ adult, and we should be taking strides to improve our dwindling economy instead of driving it further into the ground.
16. Making alcohol available in our community will attract individuals that we would rather not have here. We do not want to see drunk individuals on our streets or at our community events. If alcohol is available right here in the community this will undoubtedly be the result. Having one drink with dinner would be fine but who is going to police that? Can a restaurant set a limit on how many drinks a person can have? Can they tell a customer they cannot drink and then attend a function next door at the church or school or community hall where our children are playing sports or on the playground or people are having an activity. NO! The answer to all these questions is NO! We do not want alcohol in our community!
17. What is the AGLC and how will it enforce this bylaw?

18. I realize I do not live in the village of Hill Spring but I do live in the community of Hill Spring and I hope you will consider the views of all the community because it effects the whole community not just those who live in the village boundaries. We do not need to encourage people to drink. There are already enough drunk drivers on the road. It will not make the restaurant successful unless everyone entering the premises orders alcohol. That won't be the case in this location. How will you measure if it helps the restaurant to be "vibrant" and if it doesn't will you resend the bylaw? When will he ask to be allowed to make off site sells of alcohol and will that also be permitted also? With our location that would be a disaster. I'm also very concerned about the location in relation to the school and the ball diamond. It doesn't make sense to me to have people leaving a restaurant after consuming alcohol (who knows how much after all the more we sell the more money we make) where you have children playing. It looks to me like a recipe for disaster. Please say NO to this request. He knew we were "dry" before he built. Many be he should of got this sorted out before.
19. I do not think the sale an alcohol will improve the restaurants business success. Quality of food, cleanliness and ambience are what sustain and grow a restaurant not alcohol sales. I think there is plenty of alcohol consumption in the area as it is. Alcohol is basically a poison and is the cause of great harm in our society, it is a highly addictive substance. I'm not saying there are not responsible drinkers out there. I just think it's wrong to suggest serving alcohol will make the restaurant truly viable. Adults really shouldn't drink booze when the children are present. Sort of juxtaposed to quality family interaction. But I know my opinion is not shared by the population in general. So I hope the restaurant management figures out a solution minus the alcohol. thanks for doing this survey.
20. Off sale alcohol or "take out, or "take out delivery" should not be considered. Licenced dining only would be acceptable. In other words lets not have a liquor store disguised as a restaurant set up in our community. I think it may make a bit of profit for a few folks, but the cost of fixing the problems involved with local alcohol sales would be far greater than the economic benefits. Moderate change in development policy is a wise direction as you can always change things in the future to meet the changing needs of the community. Once you do make change , it is difficult to get rid of them if they don't work out.
21. As far as I am concerned there's no good for the town to allow the changes from a dry town. It only invites morals to deteriorate. No good will come allowing alcohol here in this community.
22. It is too bad that a business is struggling in Hill Spring but they knew when they built their business that it was a "dry" town. I feel like they are overstepping by asking us to bring alcohol into this town so they can be successful. I also don't like the wording of this survey. I feel like it is worded to make the people filling it out feel personally responsible if a business fails because they don't want alcohol in the village. We aren't responsible for a business' lack of research and planning. My family and I live in hill spring for the safety it provides our families and the familiar community feel and I want to protect that at all costs. We lived in a city with thriving economics and a well paying job and chose to leave that behind for the safety and comfort of Hill Spring and I don't want the nature of Hill Spring to change. I do not want to see the Village allow establishments to be able to sell liquor. I am concerned that the establishment owners will not properly follow the guidelines and rules that are set forth by the government, because we are a small community that are not always on the radar or watchful eye of the governing bodies. I feel like the establishment owners will feel like they can get away with not following the rules. I also have experienced people under the influence of both drugs and alcohol entering my place of business at all times of the day which is concerning to me that we will have more of that happening in a Village with small children that play, as well as being near a school. I also feel that if we allow them to be licensed to serve alcohol during the meal that we will open it up for them to eventually be able to sell off sales which I am adamantly against. We do not want to become a waterhole.



23. Who will make sure that 18 year olds are serving the alcohol, managing the intake, and checking for ID's. Who will make sure that all the waitresses/waiters have ProServe? It will take away from our young people looking for jobs to be able to work there if they are under age of 18.
24. I do not believe that it is the job of the citizens of Hill Spring to adjust their quality of life living in this village to the benefit of one business (there is only one restaurant in Hill Spring and it is highly unlikely that the liquor licence amendment will attract other restaurants when in Canada and the United States restaurants are shuttering at a rate of 40% per year.) I also do not like the likelihood that off sales will occur and drinking will undoubtedly happen in our parks, playgrounds, and other public spaces. Also, the cost of extra security etc. for homeowners and existing businesses should not become their responsibility so that one business can benefit. It is not up to other businesses or homeowners to "save" or "benefit" one business in the village to the detriment of everyone else.
25. I do not believe that it is the job of the members of the community to change everything they believe to benefit a single business, which at this time there is only a single business that will benefit from this change. I am also concerned that a business which is in a sector of the economy that is still struggling post covid(restaurant) wants to get a liquor licence and is balancing their future success on the village accommodating their request for said licence. My other concern is most restaurants, including this one, are struggling with getting people in the door and eating in house. If dine in sales are substantially down in all restaurants then how then can we not be concerned that most of the liquor sales will be off sales. The other concern with off sales is where are people going to drink and who is going to police that aspect of this individuals business. There is a school playground, a church, ball diamonds, and roping arena across the street. All of these areas would then be at risk of abuse. And again, I ask, who is going to pay the cost of policing this and cleaning it up. Also, has anyone investigated if the rates of vandalism and public nuisance, etc. will increase and if so by how much. The other concern is that the closest police can be 20 minutes to who knows how long before they can get here so I again ask who is going to deal with these issues that are undoubtedly going to arise. I would also like to know if the business requesting this licence has presented an appropriate business plan with all of these concerns addressed and what their solutions for them are. That only seems reasonable, if you want something as a business, you have to have a plan. It is not up to everyone else to do it for you. What are the rules going to be as far as "full service" restaurant, does a side of fries qualify? What hours will liquor be available for sale? Will the store still function and underage kids from the school be allowed in when people are consuming alcohol? What hours will the off sales be allowed? Is the owner of this business presenting a security plan and the actions they will take if there are issues? Will the liquor be properly secured during closing hours? The particular business in question has many large glass windows, what will be done to secure those windows when the business is not open? Is this business owner prepared to police its patrons, as all other establishments have to do, in as far as letting people drive if they have had too much to drink? I also do not feel that the reasons for this change are justified. A liquor licence does not present a massive amount of profit for a business. The margins are incredibly tight so one cannot expect to create a massive liquid cash flow. The other argument of bringing more restaurants into the village is not legitimate as our population base is way too small. If restaurants in Calgary and Edmonton are failing it is not going to be a market that is large enough for "multiple" restaurants. Also, the argument that it will keep people in the community spending their money is an invalid argument as well as people want diversity of choice so they aren't going to go into any business anywhere if it doesn't have what they desire at that particular time. Overall I feel this is a very, very bad idea that has been poorly thought out on the part of the village as they do not appear to have

addressed the most serious concerns and consequences of this decision. One cannot focus on the perceived positives without also focusing on the negatives.

26. Question 6 ""Village Council is considering adjusting the Village's alcohol policy so that a) full service restaurants can become a vibrant part of the Town's commercial sector and b) Village residents will be encouraged to spend more of their disposable income in support of the local economy is a biased question. A vibrant part implies that if you are against putting this policy in you are against the local economy becoming more vibrant by having licensed restaurants allowed. The first choice for answer one for this question is also biased....I do not support adjusting the Village's alcohol policy, no matter how much it might help the local economy implies that the person choosing this one doesn't care about helping the local economy, which is not necessarily the case and may influence the respondents choice. It's the same with the third choice for answering question 6, I support adjusting the Village's alcohol policy, regardless of whether it helps the local economy. Again this implies that the person choosing this answer doesn't care about the local economy. Great care should be taken in crafting questions and answers for any survey to ensure that both questions and answers are ALL unbiased.
27. One of the questions in the survey asks about adjusting the "alcohol policy". There is no written policy on this issue in the village. Words are important. They should be chosen more carefully so as not to mislead people.
28. The council should support local businesses.
29. There should not be any limitations on sales of alcohol or anything else based on previous religious area prohibitions. Provincial legislation ended prohibition in 2020. Where I spend my disposable income is not the business of the village. This should have been a one line survey, do you support liquor sales in the village, yes or no.
30. Let's be clear, the Village doesn't have a written on the books alcohol policy. This is a joke.
31. In order for this community to thrive it needs to be able to offer all residents and a large tourism population to have a choice.
32. I know that not every customer is going to walk out of the restaurant plastered and looking for trouble. But, my main concern is that Hill Spring's one and only restaurant is directly across from the school, which holds both school and family activities throughout the week after school hours. I don't want to hear a story about some drunk idiot causing trouble (or worse) during one of these events, or even when children are at the playground. I'm concerned about safety, not about the town's "economical success."
33. My worry is that drinking wouldn't be monitored, and drunk driving.
34. Licensing restaurants to serve alcohol with meals in Hill Spring is a reasonable request. Hill Spring being a "dry town" historically should not alone be the basis of such decision-making. Such approval does not infringe on the individual rights of Hill Spring residents choice to drink alcohol, or not to drink alcohol. I do not feel that with proper licensing alcohol sales within our village would lead to undesirable outcomes. Thank you