

Tioga County Partnership for Community Health: Building a Better Community

**Community Resources Detailed Analysis:
County & Local Government
Law Enforcement & Safety
Education & School Officials**

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Introduction

Five-hundred-and-five Tioga County residents completed the Tioga County Partnership for Community Health Community Survey in 2015. The survey was comprised of several sections including questions about Community Resources, Community Activities, Community Support, and Environment. This particular report focuses on the following categories of the community resources portion of the survey: government, law, and education.

Method

The current report focuses on the specific areas within the Community Resources portion of the overall survey: government, education, and safety. Participants rated how well each category meets their needs by placing themselves in one of five categories: “I don’t know about these services,” “I don’t use these services,” “does not meet my needs,” “partially meets my needs, and “meets my needs (see Appendix A).” For this report, respondents who placed themselves in the first two categories, indicating they either don’t know about or don’t use the services, were excluded from the following analyses.

This report examines how various predictors influence the extent to which residents’ needs are being met in terms of government, education, and safety. Predictor variables include “feeling at home in the community,” “being interested in the community,” education, relationship status, employment status, age, and region of residence.

A note about statistical significance: When comparing groups on their self-reported response category, we found that often some groups were significantly more likely to report having needs met than others. By “significantly more likely” it is meant that the groups did not differ merely due to chance, random factors, or happenstance. Rather, a statistically significant influence indicates that group membership had a meaningful influence on which category respondents put themselves into (i.e., does not meet my needs, partially meets my needs, or meets my needs). In other words, being a member of the group significantly affected whether or not needs were being met.

Data Analysis

Table 1

Self-Reported Utilization/Need for Various Community Resources

<i>Community Resource</i>	<i>Don't know about it</i>		<i>I don't use it</i>		<i>Doesn't meet my needs</i>		<i>Partially meets my needs</i>		<i>Meets my needs</i>		<i>Total</i>
	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>	
<i>County Gov't</i>	33	5.79	22	3.86	95	16.67	232	40.70	188	32.98	570
<i>Local Gov't</i>	25	4.37	22	3.85	80	13.99	240	41.96	205	35.84	572
<i>Law Enforcement</i>	10	1.75	29	5.07	54	9.44	153	26.75	326	56.99	572
<i>Safety</i>	25	4.36	16	2.79	36	6.27	191	33.28	306	53.31	574
<i>Educational System</i>	5	1.23	70	17.16	40	9.80	128	31.37	165	40.44	408
<i>School Officials</i>	50	8.88	103	18.29	131	23.27	186	33.04	93	16.52	563

Table 1 shows the overall number of respondents who answered the questions about the community resources included in this report. In each category, fewer than 9% of all respondents indicated complete unawareness of the resource, while no fewer than 19% indicated that they do not use it in any given category. Results indicate that among Tioga County residents who are aware of and need the resource, the majority of respondents indicated that it at least partially meets their needs. However, there was only approximately 55% or less agreement that any given resource completely met respondents' needs. The top categories for meeting needs were law enforcement and safety. The categories in which needs were met the least were county government and school officials.

County Government

Five factors influenced the extent to which respondents’ needs were being met by county government officials. These factors include feeling at home in Tioga County, interest in Tioga County, relationship status, employment status, and region. Figures 2.1-2.5 show those results in terms of number of respondents who self-selected into each category. Tables 2.1-2.5 show the percentage of respondents within each category who chose “does not meet my needs,” “partially meets my needs,” or “meets my needs.”

Figure 2.1

Feeling at Home in Tioga County as a Predictor of Needs Met by County Government

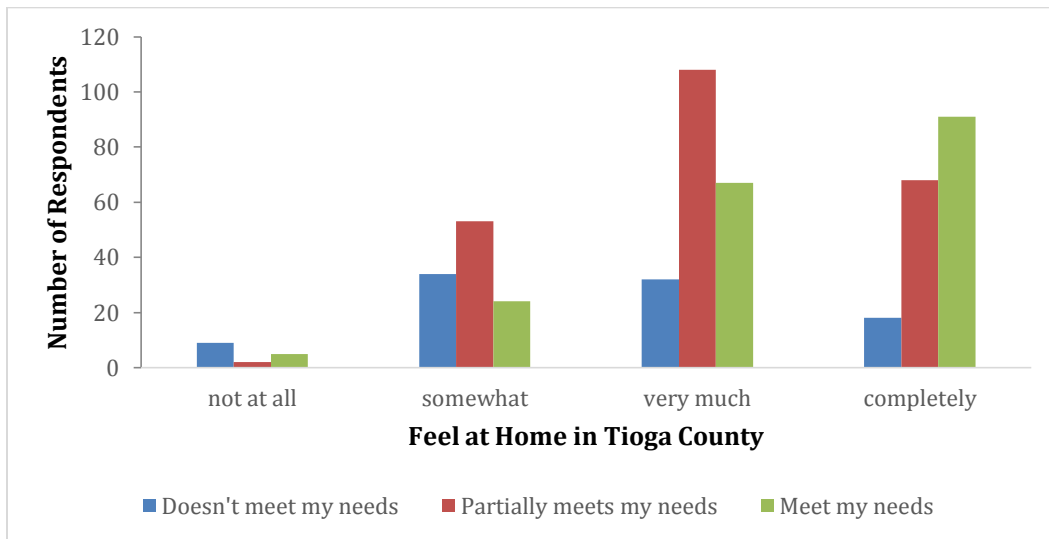


Table 2.1

Feeling at Home in Tioga County as a Predictor of Needs Met by County Government

Do you feel at home?	Doesn't meet my needs	Partially meets my needs	Meets my needs
Not at all (n = 16)	56.3%	12.5%	31.3%
Somewhat (n = 111)	30.6%	47.7%	21.6%
Very much (n = 207)	15.5%	52.2%	32.4%
Completely (n = 177)	10.2%	38.4%	51.4%

The data indicate that over half of the participants who indicate that they do not at all feel at home reported that county government does not meet their needs. Respondents who were more likely to report feeling at home were less likely to categorize themselves into the “does not meet my needs” category.

Figure 2.2

Interest in Tioga County as a Predictor of Needs Met by County Government

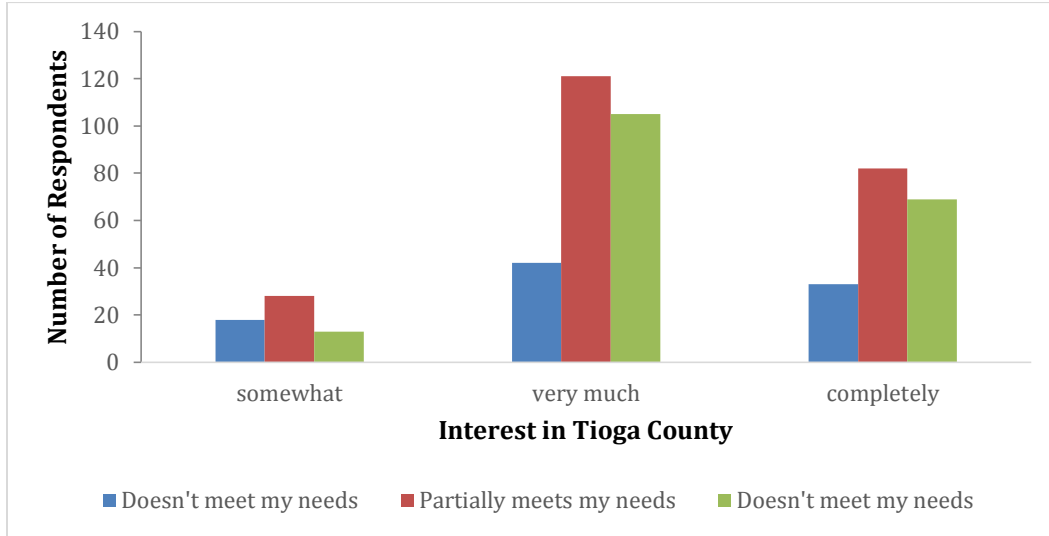


Table 2.2

Interest in Tioga County as a Predictor of Needs Met by County Government

How interested are you?	Doesn't meet my needs	Partially meets my needs	Meets my needs
Somewhat (n = 59)	30.5%	47.5%	22%
Very much (n = 268)	15.7%	45.1%	39.2%
Completely (n = 184)	17.9%	44.6%	37.5%

The data indicate that those who indicate a higher level of interest in Tioga County are more likely to also indicate that their needs are being met by county government. Among respondents who indicate only somewhat being interested, 30% indicate that county government does not meet their needs.

Figure 2.3

Relationship Status as a Predictor of Needs Met by County Government

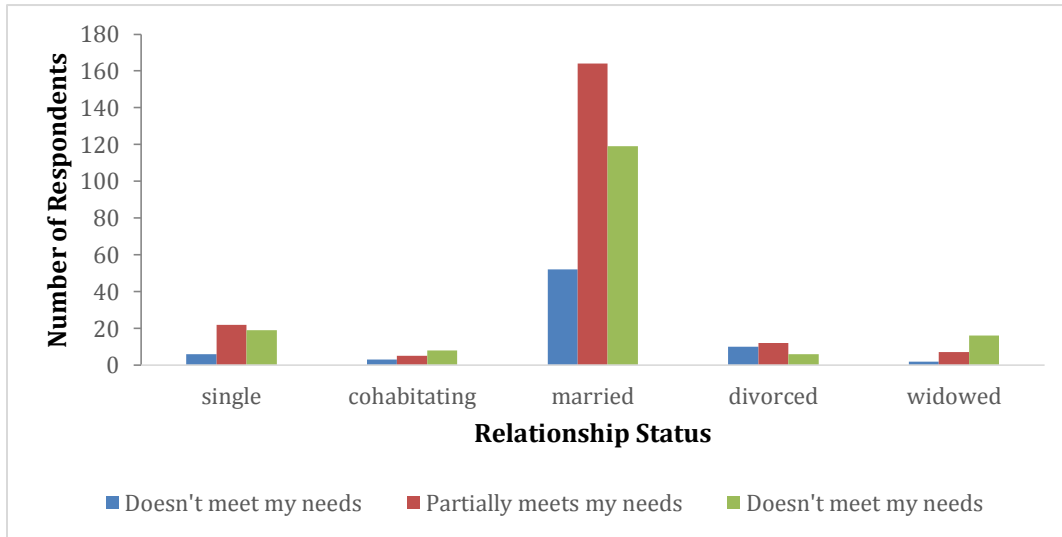


Table 2.3

Relationship Status as a Predictor of Needs Met by County Government

Relationship status	Doesn't meet my needs	Partially meets my needs	Meets my needs
Single (n = 47)	12.8%	46.8%	40.4%
Cohabitating (n = 16)	18.8%	31.3%	50%
Married (n = 335)	15.5%	49%	35.5%
Divorced (n = 28)	35.7%	42.9%	21.4%
Widowed (n = 25)	8%	28%	64%

Respondents who are cohabitating or divorced indicate that county government does not meet their needs more so than any other relationship group. Respondents who are widowed are most likely out of all of the groups to say that county government meets their needs.

Figure 2.4

Employment Status as a Predictor of Needs Met by County Government

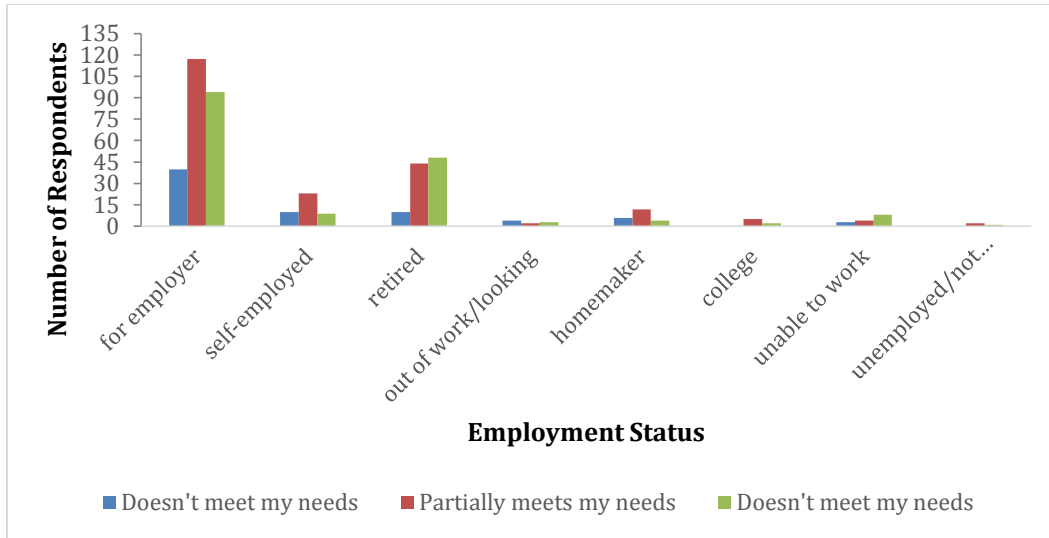


Table 2.4

Employment Status as a Predictor of Needs Met by County Government

Employment status	Doesn't meet my needs	Partially meets my needs	Meets my needs
For employer (n = 251)	15.9%	46.6%	37.5%
Self-employed (n = 42)	23.8%	54.8%	21.4%
Retired (n = 102)	9.8%	43.1%	37%
Out of work/looking (n = 9)	44.4%	22.2%	33.1%
Homemaker (n = 22)	27.3%	54.5%	18.3%
College (n = 7)	0%	71.4%	28.2%
Unable to work (n = 15)	20%	26.7%	53.6%
Unemployed/not seeking (n = 3)	0%	66.7%	33.3%

Although only based on 9 respondents, it appears that those who are out of work/looking for work are most likely to report that county government does not meet their needs. Working for an employer, being retired, and being unable to work are all statuses that predict high levels of needs met by county government.

Figure 2.5

Region as a Predictor of Needs Met by County Government

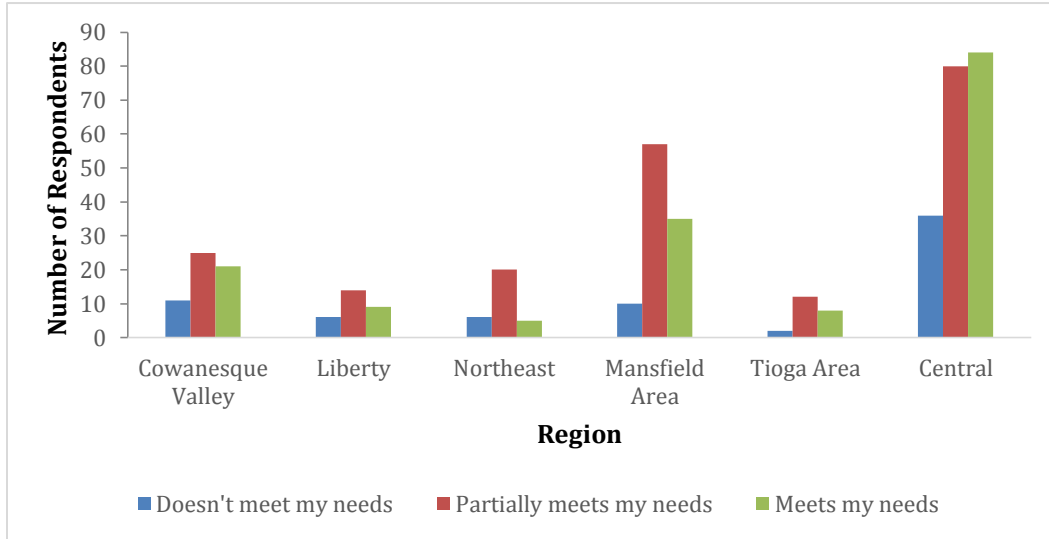


Table 2.5

Region as a Predictor of Needs Met by County Government

Region*	Doesn't meet my needs	Partially meets my needs	Meets my needs
Cowanesque Valley (n = 57)	19.3%	43.9%	36.8%
Liberty Area (n = 29)	20.7%	48.3%	31.0%
Northeast (n = 31)	19.4%	64.5%	16.1%
Mansfield Area (n = 102)	9.8%	35.9%	34.3%
Tioga Area (n = 22)	9.1%	54.5%	36.4%
Central (n = 200)	18%	40%	42%

The data indicate that respondents from the Central/Wellsboro Area indicate that county government meets their needs at a higher rate than any other region, but the rate was only 42%. Four areas including Cowanesque Valley, Liberty, Northeast, and Central

indicate that approximately 20% of all respondents believe that county government does not meet their needs. In the Liberty Area, only 16% indicate that county government does not meet their needs.

Summary of County Government

Respondents who report the highest proportions of needs being met by county government are more likely to both feel at home and be interested in Tioga County. When examining relationship status, widows and those who are cohabitating also indicate that county government meets their needs relative to other relationship statuses. Finally, among those reporting a specific employment status, retired respondents believe that county government meets their needs more than any other employment group.

Respondents who believe that county government does not meet their needs are less likely to report feeling at home in Tioga County. Also, they report that they are not interested in Tioga County. Respondents who are divorced or out of work also were likely to report that county government does not meet their needs.

Local Government

Six factors predicted extent to which needs were being met by local government. These factors include feeling at home in Tioga County, interest in Tioga County, relationship status, employment status, age, and region. Figures 3.1-3.6 show those results in terms of number of respondents who self-selected into each category. Tables 3.1- 3.6 show the percentage of respondents within each category who chose “does not meet my needs,” “partially meets my needs,” or “meets my needs.”

Figure 3.1

Feeling at Home as a Predictor of Needs Met by Local Government

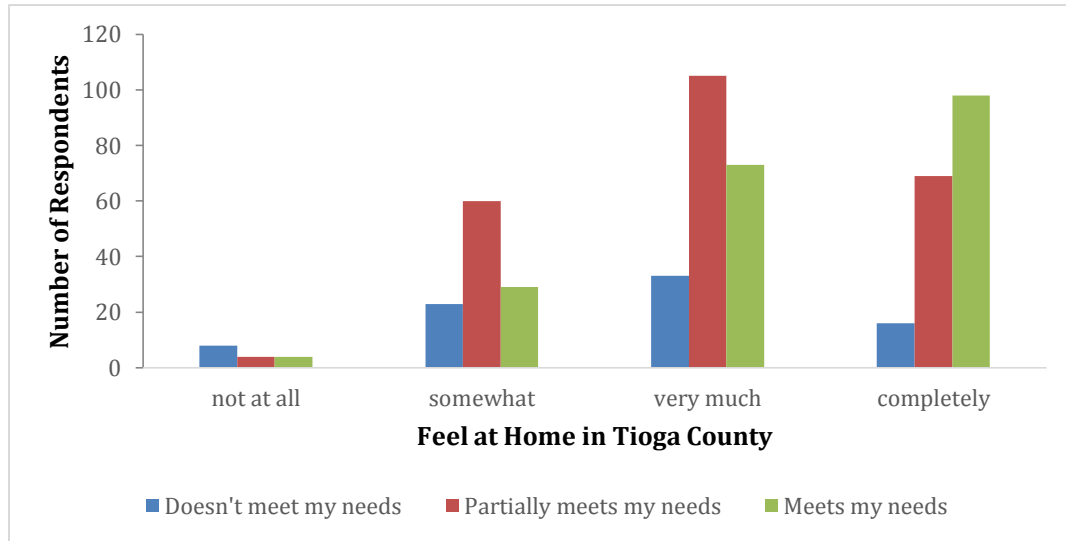


Table 3.1

Feeling at Home as a Predictor of Needs Met by Local Government

Do you feel at home?	Doesn't meet my needs	Partially meets my needs	Meets my needs
Not at all (n = 16)	50%	25%	25%
Somewhat (n = 112)	20.5%	53.6%	25.9%
Very much (n = 211)	15.6%	49.8%	34.6%
Completely (n = 183)	8.7%	37.7%	53.6%

Respondents who report feeling at home in Tioga County were more likely to report that needs are being met by local government. Fifty percent of respondents who do not feel at home in Tioga County reported that local government does not meet their needs. There is a clear trend that feeling more at home in Tioga County is related to a greater perception of needs being met by local government.

Figure 3.2

Interest in Tioga County as a Predictor of Needs Met by Local Government

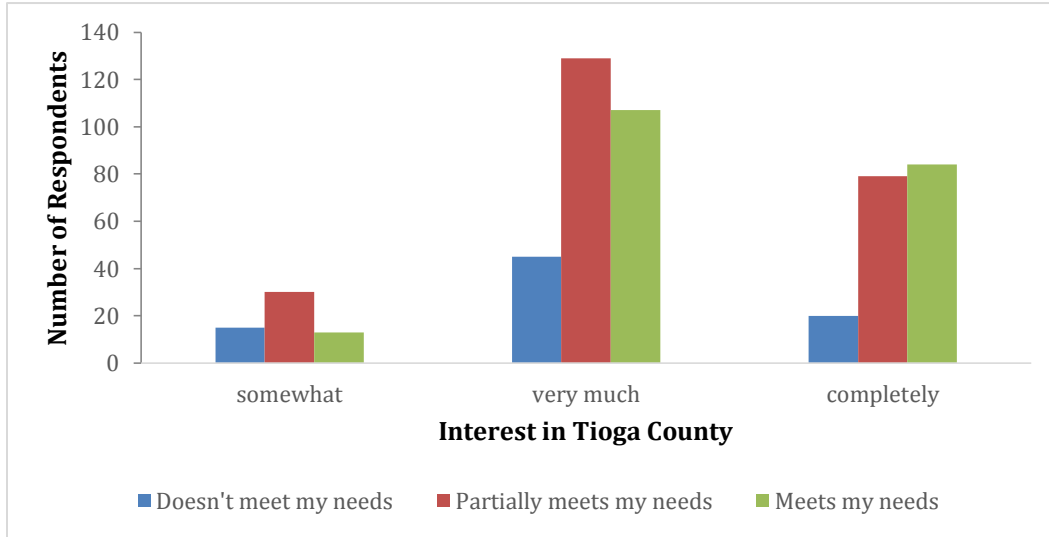


Table 3.2

Interest in Tioga County as a Predictor of Needs Met by Local Government

How interested are you?	Doesn't meet my needs	Partially meets my needs	Meets my needs
Somewhat (n = 58)	25.9%	51.7%	22.4%
Very much (n = 281)	16%	45.9%	38.1%
Completely (n = 183)	10.9%	43.2%	45.9%

Respondents who report being interested in Tioga County were more likely to report that needs are being met by local government. Over fifty percent of respondents who only somewhat feel at home in Tioga County reported that local government only partially meets their needs. There is a similar trend among these data that we saw above in the feeling at home data; more interest in Tioga County is related to a greater perception of needs being met by local government.

Figure 3.3

Relationship Status as a Predictor of Needs Met by Local Government

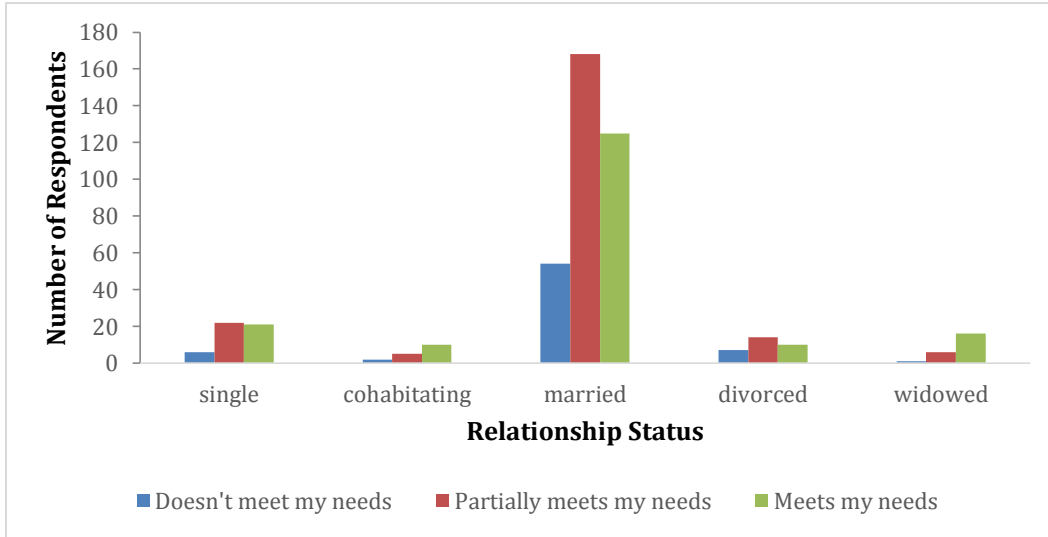


Table 3.3

Relationship Status as a Predictor of Needs Met by Local Government

Relationship status	Doesn't meet my needs	Partially meets my needs	Meets my needs
Single (n = 49)	12.2%	44.9%	42.9%
Cohabitating (n = 17)	11.8%	29.4%	58.8%
Married (n = 347)	15.6%	48.4%	36%
Divorced (n = 31)	22.6%	45.2%	32.3%
Widowed (n = 23)	15.0%	26.1%	69.6%

The largest category in the relationship status was “married” with 347 out of 467 total respondents indicating that they are married. Among the married group, only 36% agreed that local government meets their needs. Respondents who reported being

widowed showed the highest level of needs being met, but this should be interpreted with some caution, as there were only 23 total respondents in that category.

Figure 3.4

Employment Status as a Predictor of Needs Met by Local Government

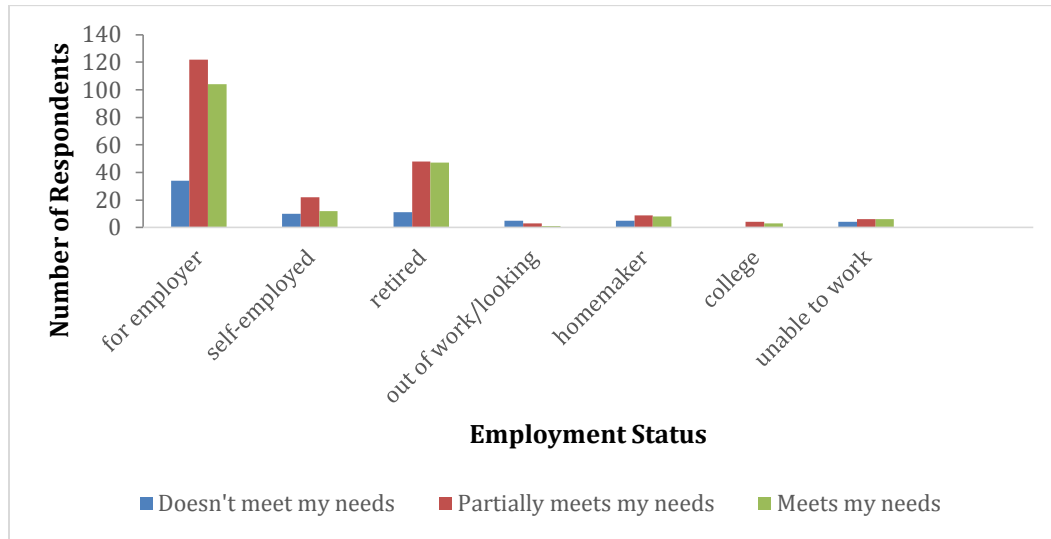


Table 3.4

Employment Status as a Predictor of Needs Met by Local Government

Employment status	Doesn't meet my needs	Partially meets my needs	Meets my needs
For employer (n = 260)	13.1%	46.9%	40%
Self-employed (n = 44)	22.7%	50%	27.3%
Retired (n = 106)	10.4%	45.3%	44.3%
Out of work/looking (n = 9)	55.6%	33.3%	11.1%
Homemaker (n = 22)	22.7%	40.9%	36.4%
College (n = 7)	0%	57.1%	42.9%
Unable to work (n = 16)	25.0%	37.5%	37.5%

Although only based on 9 respondents, it appears that those who are out of work/looking for work are most likely to report that local government does not meet their needs. Working for an employer, being retired, a homemaker, and being in college are all statuses that predict high levels of needs met by local government.

Figure 3.5

Age as a Predictor of Needs Met by Local Government

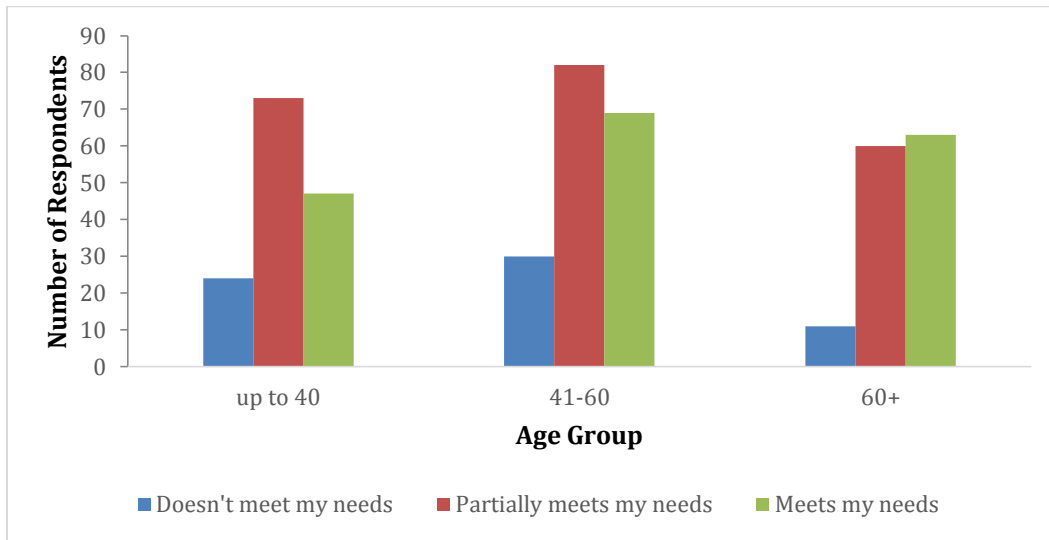


Table 3.5

Age as a Predictor of Needs Met by Local Government

Age group	Doesn't meet my needs	Partially meets my needs	Meets my needs
Up to 40 (n = 144)	16.7%	50.7%	32.6%
41-60 (n = 181)	16.6%	45.3%	38.1%
Over 60 (n = 134)	14.2%	46.8%	39%

Respondents in the older age groups were slightly more likely to indicate that needs were being met by local government. Those in the younger age groups were slightly less likely to indicate that needs are being met by local government. Although the rates are very similar, it is worth noting that less than 40% of each age group agree that local government meets their needs completely.

Figure 3.6

Region as a Predictor of Needs Met by Local Government

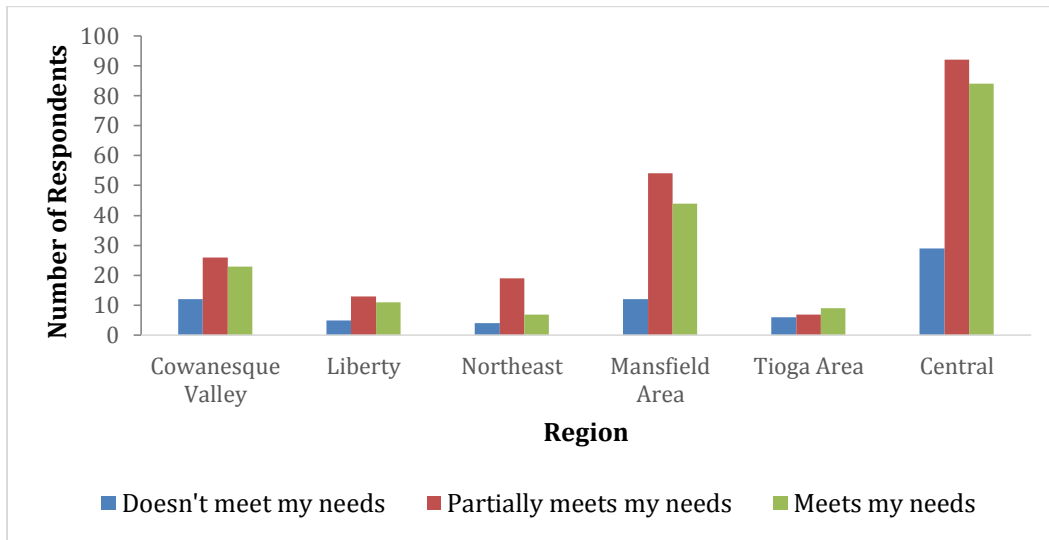


Table 3.6

Region as a Predictor of Needs Met by Local Government

Region*	Doesn't meet my needs	Partially meets my needs	Meets my needs
Cowanesque Valley (n = 57)	19.7%	42.6%	37.7%
Liberty Area (n = 29)	17.2%	44.8%	37.9%
Northeast (n = 31)	13.3%	63.3%	23.3%
Mansfield Area (n = 102)	10.9%	49.1%	40.0%
Tioga Area (n = 22)	27.3%	31.8%	40.9%
Central (n = 200)	14.1%	44.9%	41.0%

Respondents in the Northeast region were much less likely to indicate that local government meets their needs compared to all other regions. While 40% of the Tioga Area respondents said that local government meets their needs, nearly 30% also indicated that local government does not meet their needs.

Summary of Local Government

Respondents who report highest ratings of “meets my needs” are more likely to feel at home and be interested in Tioga County, be a widow, be employed by an employer, be 60 years old or older, and live in the Central Area.

Respondents with high ratings of “does not meet my needs” are more likely to not feel at home or be interested in the county, be divorced, be out of work or self-employed, be less than 60 years old, and live in the Tioga Area.

Law Enforcement

Three variables predicted the extent to which law enforcement meets the needs of Tioga County residents. These factors include feeling at home in Tioga County, interest in Tioga County, and region. Figures 4.1-4.3 show those results in terms of number of respondents who self-selected into each category. Tables 4.1-4.3 show the percentage of respondents within each category who chose “does not meet my needs,” “partially meets my needs,” or “meets my needs.”

Figure 4.1

Feeling at Home as a Predictor of Needs Met by Law Enforcement

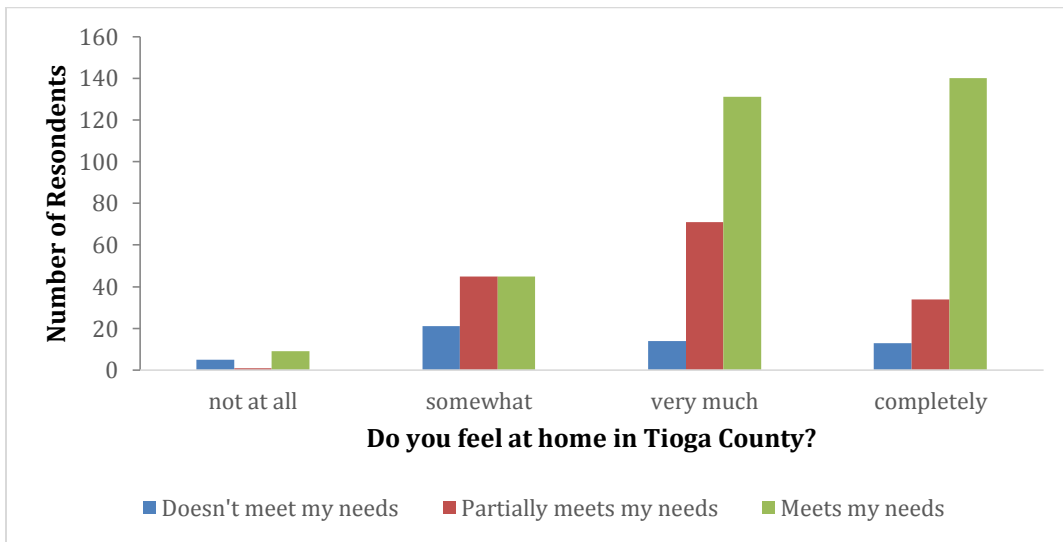


Table 4.1

Feeling at Home as a Predictor of Needs Met by Law Enforcement

Do you feel at home?	Doesn't meet my needs	Partially meets my needs	Meets my needs
Not at all (n = 15)	33.3	6.7	60.0
Somewhat (n = 111)	18.9	40.5	40.0
Very much (n = 216)	6.5	32.9	60.6
Completely (n = 187)	7.0	18.2	74.9

One-third of respondents who do not feel at home in Tioga County indicate that law enforcement does not meet their needs. Respondents who feel completely at home overwhelmingly indicated that law enforcement meets their needs completely (74%).

Figure 4.2

Interest in Tioga County as a Predictor of Needs met by Law Enforcement

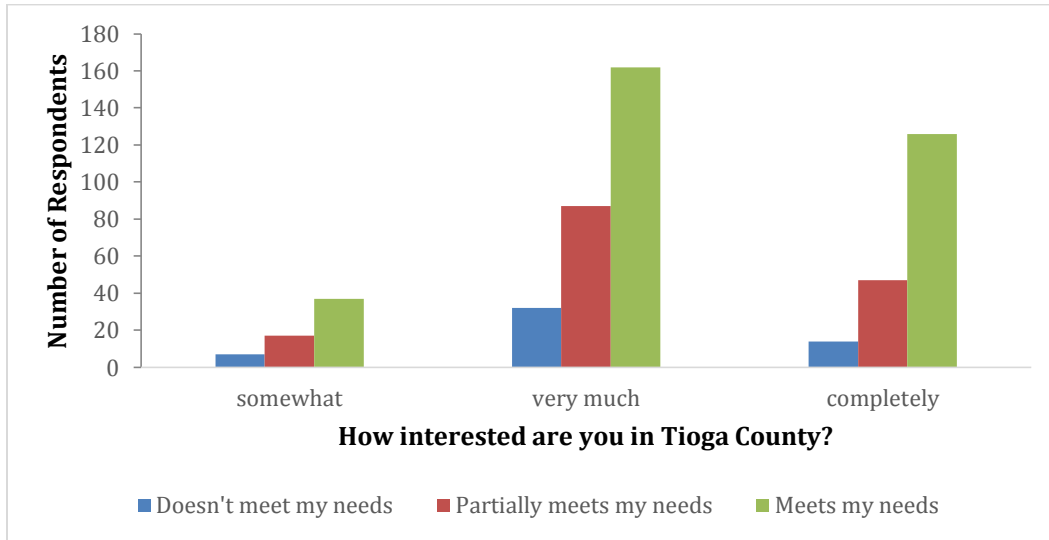


Table 4.2

Interest in Tioga County as a Predictor of Needs met by Law Enforcement

How interested are you?	Doesn't meet my needs	Partially meets my needs	Meets my needs
Somewhat (n = 61)	11.5	27.9	60.7
Very much (n = 281)	11.4	25.1	57.7
Completely (n = 187)	7.5	28.5	67.4

There is a slight trend toward respondents who are more interested in Tioga County are more likely to report being satisfied with law enforcement.

Figure 4.3

Region as a Predictor of Needs met by Law Enforcement

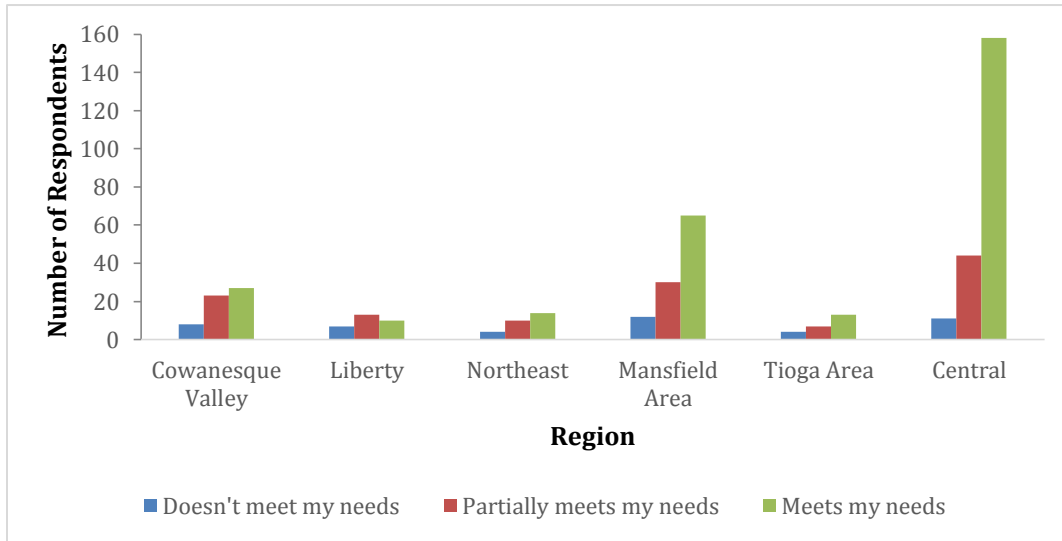


Table 4.3

Region as a Predictor of Needs met by Law Enforcement

Region*	Doesn't meet my needs	Partially meets my needs	Meets my needs
Cowanesque Valley (n = 58)	13.8	39.7	46.6
Liberty Area (n = 30)	23.3	43.3	33.3
Northeast (n = 28)	14.3	35.7	50
Mansfield Area (n = 107)	11.2	28.0	60.7
Tioga Area (n = 24)	16.7	29.2	54.2
Central (n = 213)	5.2	20.7	74.2

Respondents in the Central area were least likely to say that law enforcement does not meet their needs and most likely to indicate that it completely meets their needs. The other striking finding is that only 33% of respondents from the Liberty area indicated that law enforcement meets their needs.

Summary of Law Enforcement

Respondents who report highest ratings of “meets my needs” are more likely to feel at home and be interested in Tioga County and live in the Central Area. Respondents with high ratings of “does not meet my needs” are less likely to feel at home or be interested in the county and live in the Liberty Area.

Safety

The same three variables predicted the extent to which safety needs are being met among Tioga County residents. These factors include feeling at home in Tioga County, interest in Tioga County, relationship status, employment status, and region. Figures 5.1-5.3 show those results in terms of number of respondents who self-selected into each category. Tables 5.1-5.3 show the percentage of respondents within each category who chose “does not meet my needs,” “partially meets my needs,” or “meets my needs.”

Figure 5.1

Feeling at Home as a Predictor of Safety Needs Being Met

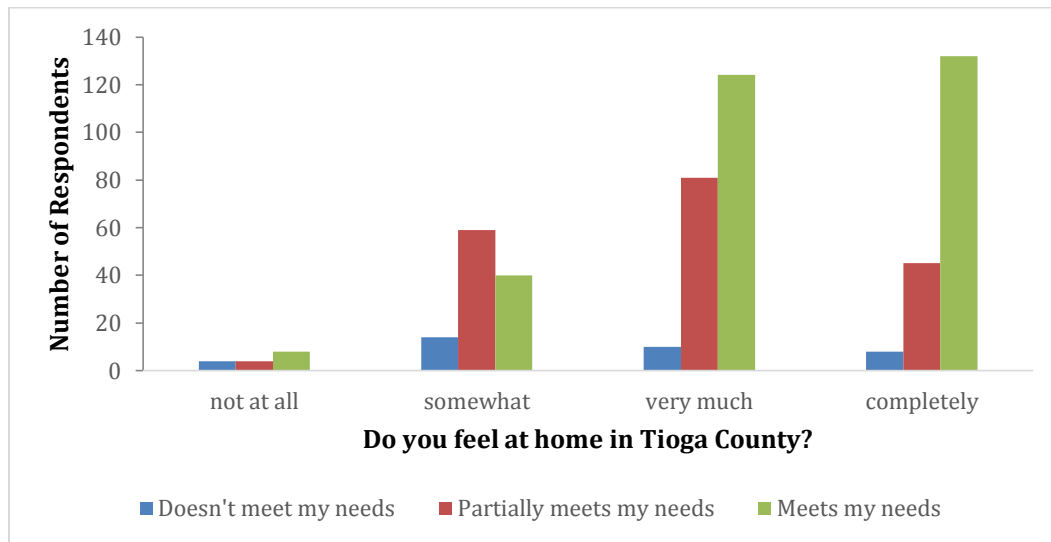


Table 5.1

Feeling at Home as a Predictor of Safety Needs Being Met

Do you feel at home?	Doesn't meet my needs	Partially meets my needs	Meets my needs
Not at all (n = 16)	25.0	25.0	50.0
Somewhat (n = 113)	12.4	52.2	35.4
Very much (n = 215)	4.7	37.7	57.7
Completely (n = 185)	4.3	24.3	71.4

One-quarter of respondents who do not feel at home in Tioga County indicate that safety needs are not being met and only 50% say that their safety needs are being met. Respondents who feel completely at home overwhelmingly indicated that safety needs are being met completely (71.4%). Very few respondents who feel very much or completely at home in Tioga County indicated that safety needs are not being met (~4%).

Figure 5.2

Interest in Tioga County as a Predictor of Safety Needs Being Met

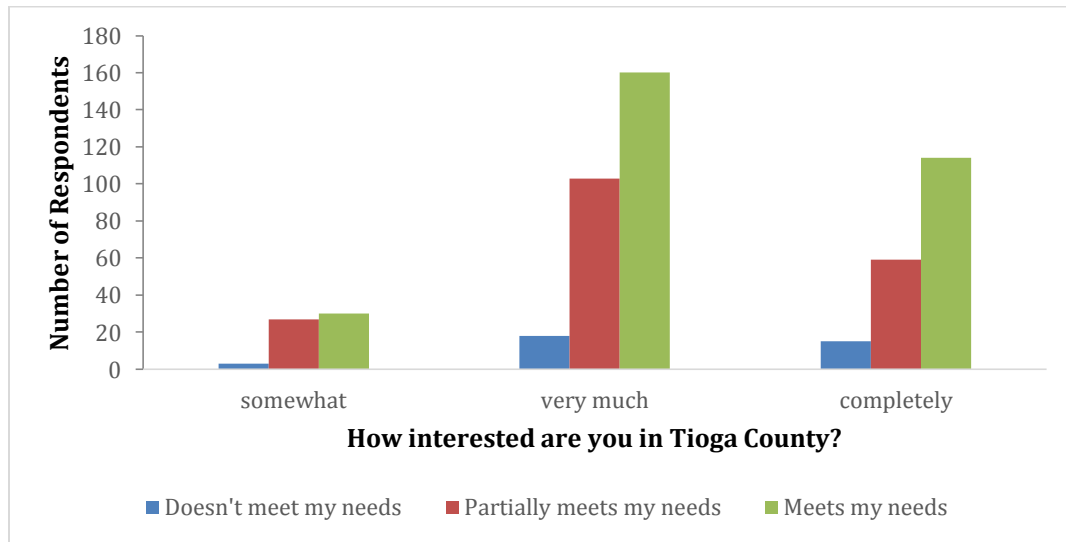


Table 5.2

Interest in Tioga County as a Predictor of Safety Needs Being Met

How interested are you?	Doesn't meet my needs	Partially meets my needs	Meets my needs
Somewhat (n = 60)	5.0	45.0	50.0
Very much (n = 281)	6.4	36.7	56.9
Completely (n = 188)	8.0	31.4	60.0

There is a slight trend toward respondents who are more interested in Tioga County are more likely to report that safety needs are being met.

Figure 5.3

Region as a Predictor of Safety Needs Being Met

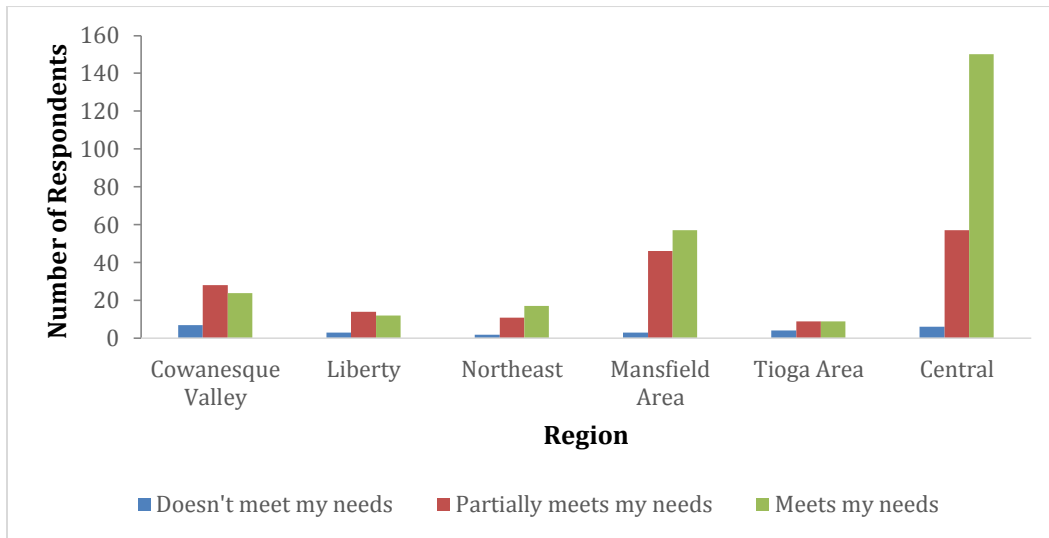


Table 5.3

Region as a Predictor of Safety Needs Being Met

Region*	Doesn't meet my needs	Partially meets my needs	Meets my needs
Cowanesque Valley (n = 59)	11.9	47.5	40.7
Liberty Area (n = 29)	10.3	48.3	41.4
Northeast (n = 30)	6.7	36.7	56.7
Mansfield Area (n = 106)	2.8	43.4	53.8
Tioga Area (n = 22)	18.2	40.9	40.9
Central (n = 213)	2.8	26.8	70.4

Respondents in the Tioga Area had the highest rate of safety needs not being met while the Central Area had the highest rate of needs being completely met.

Summary of Safety

Respondents who report highest ratings of “meets my needs” are more likely to feel at home and be interested in Tioga County and live in the Central Area. Respondents with high ratings of “does not meet my needs” are less likely to feel at home or be interested in the county and live in the Tioga Area.

Education

Four variables predicted the extent to which education needs are being met among Tioga County residents. These factors include feeling at home in Tioga County, interest in Tioga County, education level, and region. Figures 6.1-6.4 show those results in terms of number of respondents who self-selected into each category. Tables 6.1-6.4 show the

percentage of respondents within each category who chose “does not meet my needs,” “partially meets my needs,” or “meets my needs.”

Figure 6.1

Feeling at home in Tioga County as a Predictor of Education Needs being Met

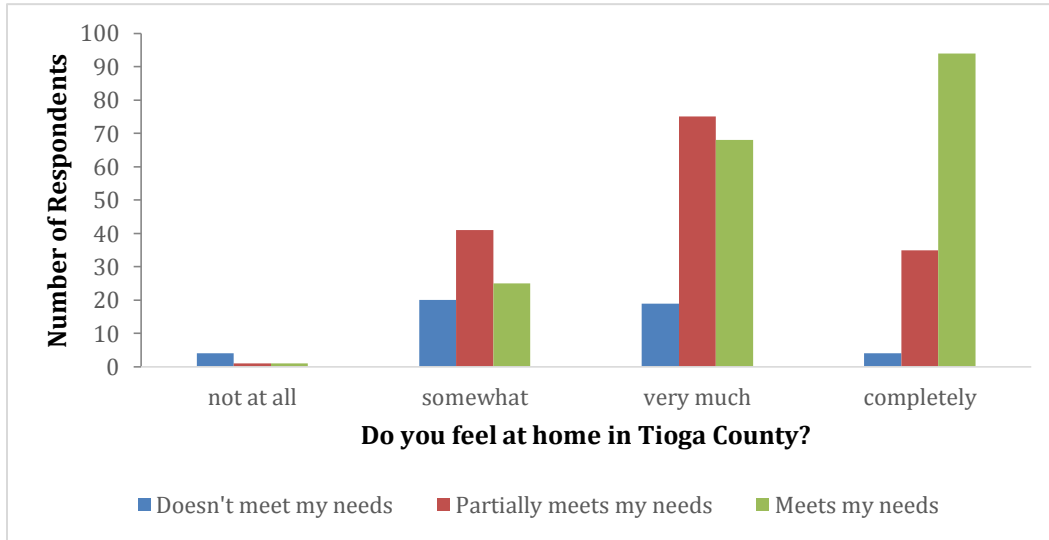


Table 6.1

Feeling at home in Tioga County as a Predictor of Education Needs being Met

Do you feel at home?	Doesn't meet my needs	Partially meets my needs	Meets my needs
Not at all (n = 6)	66.7	16.7	16.7
Somewhat (n = 86)	23.3	47.7	29.1
Very much (n = 162)	11.7	46.3	42.0
Completely (n = 133)	3.0	26.3	70.0

Over 66% of respondents who do not feel at home in Tioga County were extremely likely to report that their education needs were not being met. Conversely, 70% of those who feel completely at home here say that their education needs are completely being met.

Figure 6.2

Interest in Tioga County as a Predictor of Education Needs Being Met

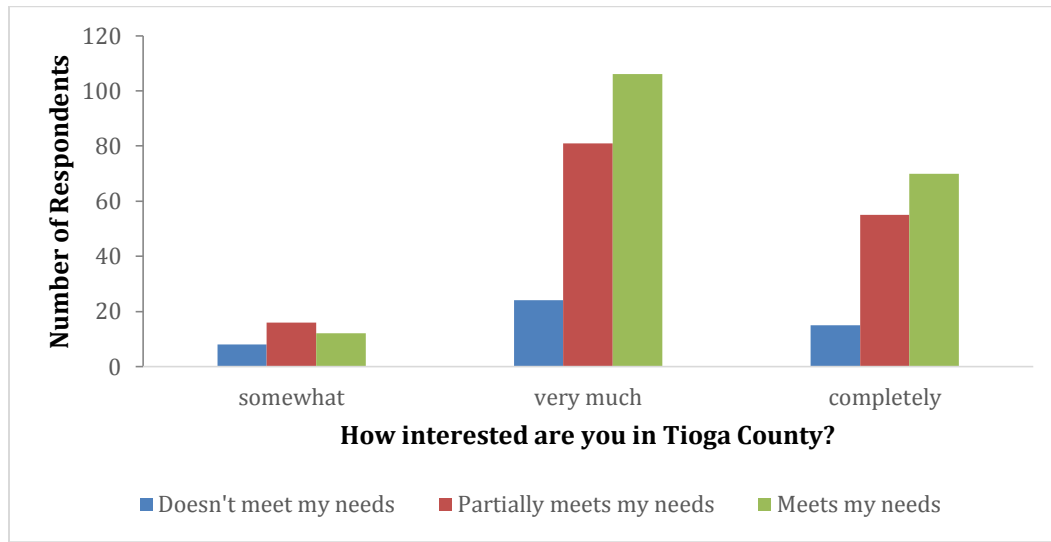


Table 6.2

Interest in Tioga County as a Predictor of Education Needs Being Met

How interested are you?	Doesn't meet my needs	Partially meets my needs	Meets my needs
Somewhat 36	22.2	44.4	33.3
Very much 211	11.4	38.4	50.2
Completely 140	10.7	39.3	50.0

Only 33% of respondents who do not feel at home in Tioga County reported that their education needs were being met. Conversely, 50% of those who feel completely at home here say that their education needs are completely being met.

Figure 6.3

Education Level as a Predictor of Education Needs Being Met

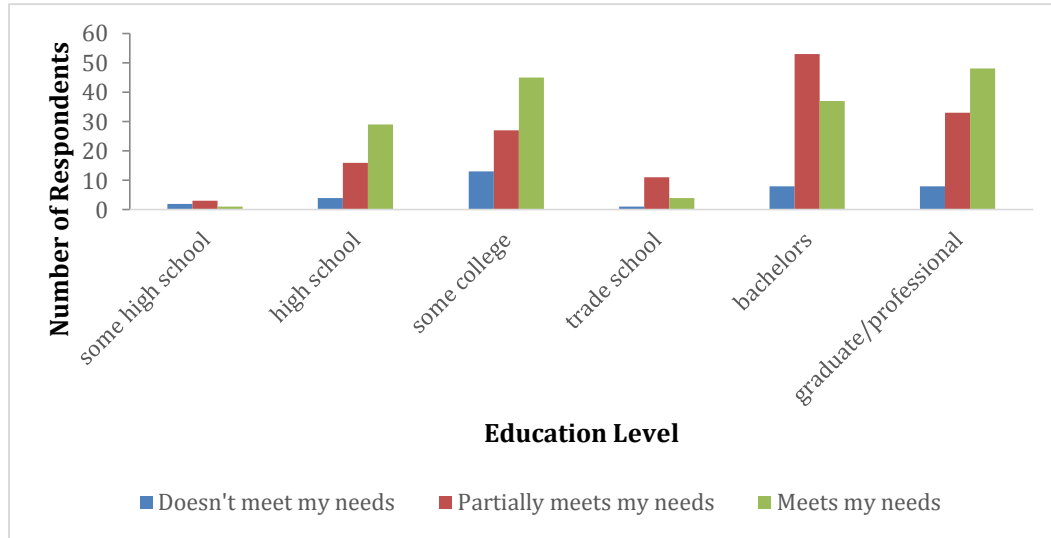


Table 6.3

Education Level as a Predictor of Education Needs Being Met

Education	Doesn't meet my needs	Partially meets my needs	Meets my needs
Some high school (n = 6)	33.3	50.0	16.7
High school (n = 49)	8.2	32.7	59.2
Some college (n = 85)	15.3	31.8	52.9
Trade school (n = 16)	6.3	68.8	25.0
Bachelor's (n = 98)	8.2	54.1	37.8
Graduate/professional (n = 89)	9.0	37.1	53.9

Respondents who have a less than a high school education or who have attended a trade school were most likely to indicate that education needs are not being met. Those with a high school education, some college, or a graduate degree were most likely to say that education needs were being met.

Figure 6.4

Region as a Predictor of Education Needs Being Met

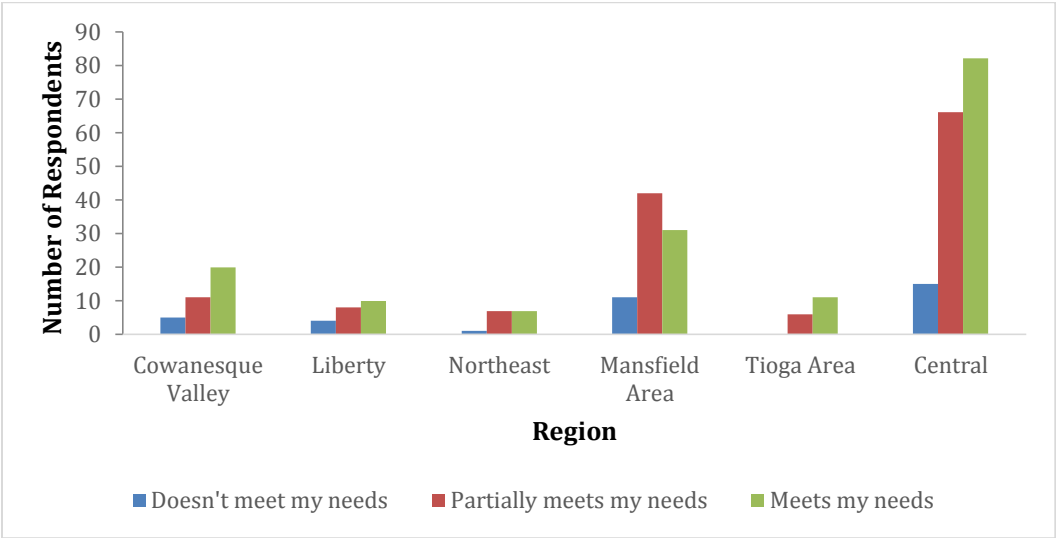


Table 6.4

Region as a Predictor of Education Needs Being Met

Region*	Doesn't meet my needs	Partially meets my needs	Meets my needs
Cowanesque Valley (n = 36)	13.9	30.6	55.6
Liberty Area (n = 22)	18.2	36.4	45.5
Northeast (n = 15)	6.7	46.7	46.7
Mansfield Area (n = 84)	13.1	50.0	36.9
Tioga Area (n = 17)	0	35.3	64.7
Central (n = 163)	9.2	40.5	50.3

Respondents from the Cowanesque Valley, Liberty, and Mansfield Areas all had relatively high rates of education needs not being met. However, Cowanesque Valley had a relatively high rate of 55.6% of its respondents saying that education needs are completely met. Respondents from the Mansfield Area were least likely to indicate that education needs were completely met.

Summary of Education

Respondents who report highest ratings of “meets my needs” are more likely to, feel at home and be interested in Tioga County, have a high school diploma, some college, or graduate degree, and live in the Cowanesque Valley, Tioga, or Central Areas.

Respondents with high ratings of “does not meet my needs” are more likely to feel at home or be interested in the county, have less than a high school education or have completed a trade school, and are more likely to live in the Cowanesque Valley, Mansfield, or Liberty Area.

School Officials

Three variables predicted the extent to which education needs are being met among Tioga County residents. These factors include feeling at home in Tioga County, interest in Tioga County, and region. Figures 7.1-7.3 show those results in terms of number of respondents who self-selected into each category. Tables 7.1-7.3 show the percentage of respondents within each category who chose “does not meet my needs,” “partially meets my needs,” or “meets my needs.”

Figure 7.1

Feeling at home in Tioga County as a Predictor of Needs Met by School Officials

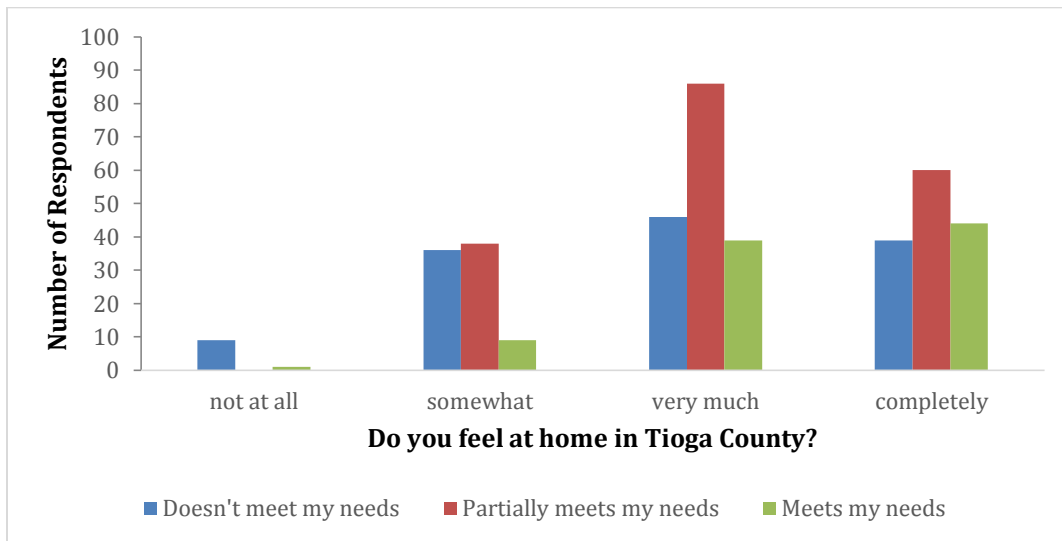


Table 7.1

Feeling at home in Tioga County as a Predictor of Needs Met by School Officials

Do you feel at home?	Doesn't meet my needs	Partially meets my needs	Meets my needs
Not at all (n = 10)	90.0	0.0	10.0
Somewhat (n = 83)	43.4	45.8	10.8
Very much (n = 171)	26.9	50.3	22.8
Completely (n = 143)	27.3	42.0	30.8

Respondents who do not or only somewhat feel at home in Tioga County were much more likely to report that school officials do not meet their needs compared to the other groups. Respondents who feel more at home in Tioga County were more likely to report satisfaction with school officials. However, it must be noted that the highest rate of “meets my needs” was only 30.8% for those who feel completely at home in Tioga County.

Figure 7.2

Interest in Tioga County as a Predictor of Needs Met by School Officials

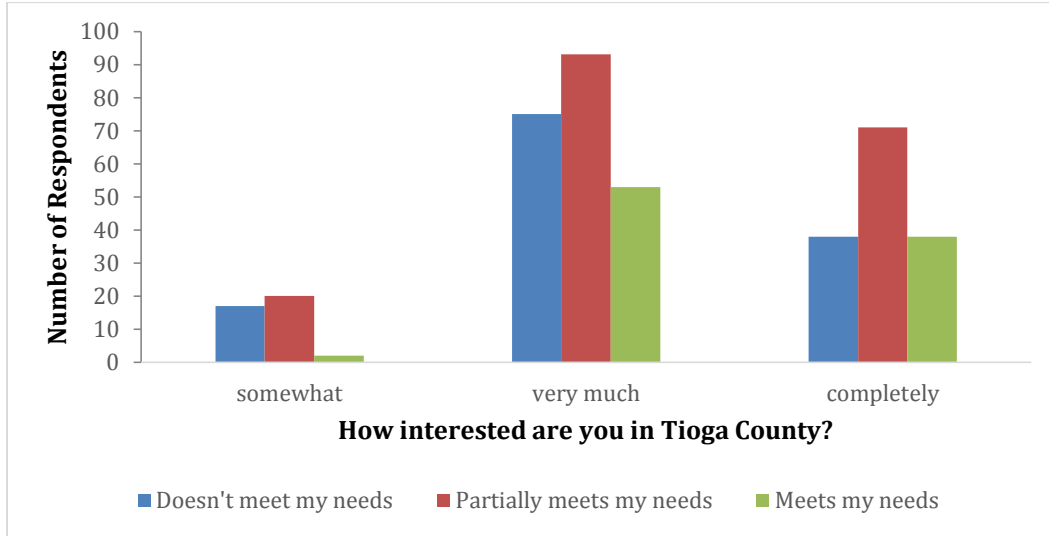


Table 7.2

Interest in Tioga County as a Predictor of Needs Met by School Officials

How interested are you?	Doesn't meet my needs	Partially meets my needs	Meets my needs
Somewhat (n = 39)	43.6	51.3	5.1
Very much (n = 221)	33.9	42.1	24.0
Completely (n = 147)	25.9	48.3	25.9

Respondents who are only somewhat interested in Tioga County were much more likely to report that school officials do not meet their needs compared to the other groups. Respondents who are more interested in Tioga County were more likely to report satisfaction with school officials compared to those who are only somewhat interested.

However, it must be noted that the highest rate of “meets my needs” was only 25.9% for those who feel completely at home in Tioga County.

Figure 7.3

Region as a Predictor of Needs Met by School Officials

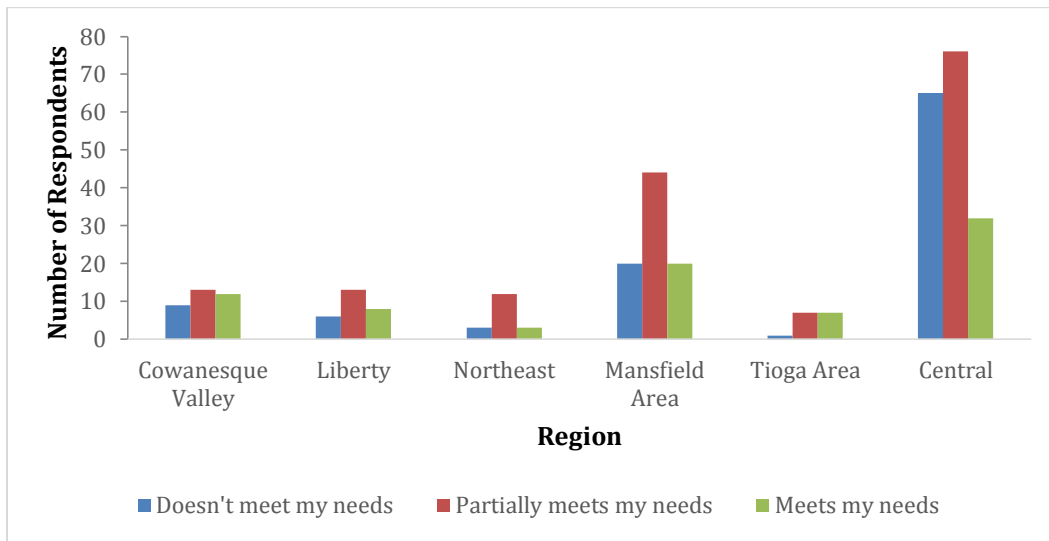


Table 7.3

Region as a Predictor of Needs Met by School Officials

Region*	Doesn't meet my needs	Partially meets my needs	Meets my needs
Cowanesque Valley (n = 34)	26.5	38.2	35.3
Liberty Area (n = 27)	22.2	48.1	29.6
Northeast (n = 18)	16.7	66.7	16.7
Mansfield Area (n = 84)	23.8	52.4	23.8
Tioga Area (n = 15)	6.7	46.7	46.7
Central (n = 173)	37.6	43.9	18.5

Over 20% of respondents in the Cowanesque Valley, Liberty, Mansfield, and Central areas indicated that school officials do not meet their needs. Respondents from the Tioga Area indicate the highest rates of school officials meeting their needs completely with a rate of 46.7%.

Summary of School Officials

Respondents who report highest ratings of “meets my needs” are more likely to feel at home and be interested in Tioga County and to live in the Tioga Area. Respondents with high ratings of “does not meet my needs” are less likely to feel at home or be interested in the county and more likely to live in the Central, Cowanesque Valley, Liberty, or Mansfield Areas.

General Summary and Discussion

The data indicate that Tioga County residents overwhelmingly report that their governance, safety, and education needs are being met when they feel at home in the county and when they are interested in the county. Respondents who do not feel at home in the county indicate that their needs are not being met at higher rates than their counterparts. Overall, it appears that respondents with more education, who are older, and who live in the Central area are more likely to report that their needs are being met compared to their relative counterparts.

The variable associated with the lowest level of meeting needs among all respondents was school officials. Relatively few respondents reported that their needs are being completely met by local government and by school officials.

***Township Comparisons**

Participants were asked to report which borough or township they live in. We received answers from 35 separate towns and boroughs. The reported information was matched up to one of six Tioga County planning regions (see Table 7).

Table 7

Cowanesque Valley	Liberty	Northeast	Mansfield	Tioga	Central
Chatham	Liberty	Jackson	Arnot	Lawrenceville	Charleston
Deerfield	Morris	Millerton	Blossburg	Tioga	Duncan
Elkland	Union	Rutland	Covington		Shippen
Farmington	Ward	Roseville	Hamilton		Wellsboro
Knoxville		Sullivan	Mansfield		Whitneyville
Nelson			Putnam		Middlebury
Osceola			Richmond		Holliday
Clymer					Delmar
Brookfield					
Westfield					
n = 54	n = 25	n = 29	n = 107	n = 20	n = 205