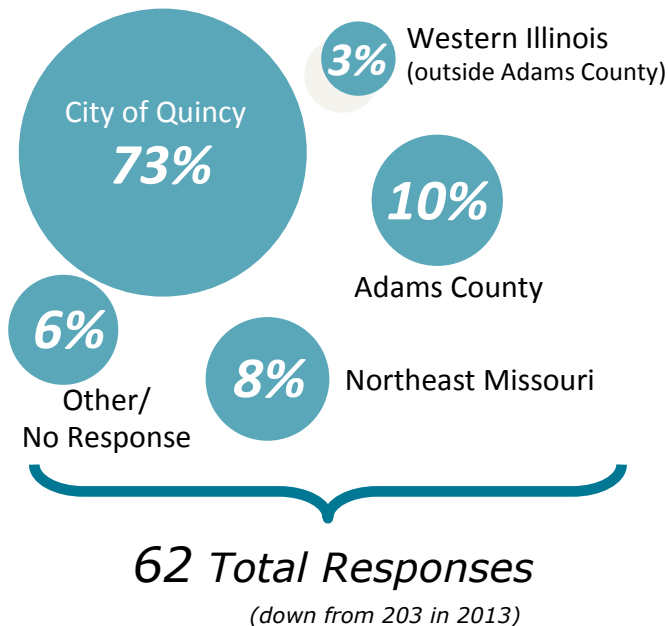


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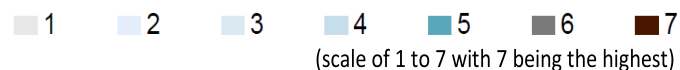
Responses by Location



Quality & Availability of Workers



56% (-7%) of respondents have a favorable opinion of the **Quality of Workers** (above) in the area and **64%** (-4%) of respondents are neutral/positive when it comes to **Availability of Workers** (below) in the area.



Business Growth

27% Increasing -12%

55% Stable +14%



44% of businesses surveyed plan to expand in 3 years
(No change from 2013)

Top Community Strengths

The area's high quality of life and low cost of living remain the top two strengths in 2014. Building Availability/Cost replaces the Local Economy for the #3 spot and Community Leadership remains in the #4 spot.

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| Quality of Life | 79% -1% |
| Cost of Living | 53% -11% |
| Building Availability/Cost | 43% +12% |
| Community Leadership | 40% +1% |
| Land Availability/Cost | 36% +12% |
| Educational System | 31% no change |
| Location | 31% -8% |

Top Community Weaknesses

Cost of Doing Business replaced Workforce/Labor Market as the #1 weakness, reflecting the continued need for improvement at the State level. The area's low unemployment impacts the availability of a qualified workforce which is why workforce development remains one of the region's top priorities.

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Cost of Doing Business | 47% +7% |
| Workforce/Labor Market | 44% +1% |
| Local Economy | 24% +4% |
| Location | 22% +4% |
| Customer/Supplier Accessibility | 19% -1% |
| Building Availability/Cost | 17% +2% |
| Transportation & Community Leadership | 15% -6% & +2% |

Projected Employment Needs

