## **Budgeting Priorities Reported by Dover Residents**

## 2013 National Citizen Survey

Random Mail Survey Conducted Fall, 2013

Local Government Service Areas		Average Score
1	Emergency police/fire response (crimes in progress, fire, rescue)	1.210
2	Emergency ambulance response (advanced life support)	1.239
3	Street snow plowing	1.306
4	Public Schools (K-12 curriculm)	1.327
5	Business retention and economic development	1.510
6	Sidewalk snow plowing	1.535
7	Street, sidewalk and curb maintenance	1.668
8	Health inspections (restaurants, housing standards, disease control)	1.684
9	Student transportation	1.702
10	Curbside solid waste and recycling pick up	1.718
11	Extracurricular (school) activities	1.740
12	Youth drug/alcohol prevention efforts (Youth to Youth, DARE)	1.773
13	Parks and playground maintenance (grounds, equipment, safety upgrades)	1.793
14	Storm run-off drainage system maintenance	1.810
15	Programs assisting victims of crime (case consultation, legal system support)	1.814
16	Programs for low-income families (health services, housing, child care)	1.819
17	Teen Center and related recreation activities	1.880
18	Community oriented policing (downtown/neighborhood patrols)	1.883
19	Downtown public parking	1.885
20	Public transportation (COAST, FasTrans, Transportation center)	1.902
21	Fire and life safety public education efforts (home and business)	1.909
22	Building inspections (plumbing, electrical, safety codes)	1.930
23	Middle/high school assigned police officer	1.932
24	Youth playground and summer camp programs	1.969
25	Senior Center and related recreation activities	1.976
26	Community events/programs (4th of July, Cocheco Arts, Holidays)	1.987
27	Indoor pool and related year-round activities	2.003
28	City Hall office hours (auto registration, vital records, tax assessing)	2.013
29	Library materials (literature, audio, historical documents, museum passes)	2.033
30	Library children's room and related programming	2.035
31	Library hours of operation	2.051
32	Outdoor pool and related summer only recreation activities	2.066
33	Roadside tree trimming and weed control	2.088
34	Streetscape maintenance (flowers, litter, decorative lights, street signage)	2.088
35	Library public computer availability	2.091
36	Community Fitness Center/Gymnasium and related recreation activities	2.114
37	Communication with citizens (newsletter, program brochures, Web site)	2.123
38	Municipal building maintenance (custodial/preventative maintenance)	2.128
39	Traffic related police patrols (stop sign, speed, crosswalk enforcement)	2.207
40	Animal control (investigate complaints, retrieve/shelter stray animals)	2.230
41	Recycling Center hours	2.246
42	Availability of public meeting space for citizens and nonprofit groups	2.367

**Highest Priority** 



**Medium Priority** 



**Lower Priority**