

Wentworth Master Plan

Community Survey Results
November 13, 2021

Initial Mailing "The Survey"



479 EDDM

(Wentworth Residents)

311 First Class

(Out-of-Town Tax Payers)



August 19, 2021



Total: 790

Front



The Town of Wentworth, NH Master Plan

It's time to fill out your

MASTER PLAN COMMUNITY SURVEY!

Don't miss this chance to express your opinion about the future of Wentworth!

The deadline to complete the survey is **August 31!**



Fill out your survey online...

<https://tinyurl.com/Wentworth-Community-Survey>

If you are unable to fill out the survey online, please call or email Mapping and Planning Solutions to request that a hard copy be mailed to your address.
jgarneau@mappingandplanning.com or (603) 991-9664

You can also pick up a hard copy, or additional copies, at the Town Offices.
Check the town's website for more details and to click on the survey link!

Back



A presentation of the Community Survey "Results" will be given after the receipt and tabulation of the survey data. Check the town's website for future notifications!

Fill out your survey online - it is fast and easy!

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Second Mailing "The Reminder"



484 EDDM

(Wentworth Residents)

324 First Class

(Out-of-Town Tax Payers)



September 29, 2021

Total: 808

Wentworth Residents & Tax Payers...

**have you filled out your
MASTER PLAN COMMUNITY SURVEY?**



**The deadline to complete the survey has
been extended to October 15, 2021!**

Fill out your survey online...

<https://tinyurl.com/Wentworth-Community-Survey>

**Every member of your
household over 16 is eligible!**

**There is still time to share your vision
for the future of Wentworth. Please take
just 10-15 minutes to fill out the
confidential survey. Thank You!**

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**Your opinion is important!
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our survey. Thank You!**

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Completed Surveys

➤ **228 (89.7%)**

▪ ***Online surveys completed***

➤ **26 (10.2%)**

▪ ***Paper surveys returned***

➤ **254**

▪ **Total surveys returned**

Rate of Return (average of both mailings)

All Completed Surveys (254) vs. *Total Mailed (799)	31.7%
All Completed Surveys (254) vs. **Housing Units (504)	50.3%
All Completed Surveys (254) vs. **Population (845)	30.0%

**Total Mailed is the average of both mailings; $790 + 808 / 2 = 799$*

***Housing & Population from Census 2020*

Average Rate of Return
10-15% (Survey Gizmo)
10-20% (Constant Contact)

The Survey - Promotion

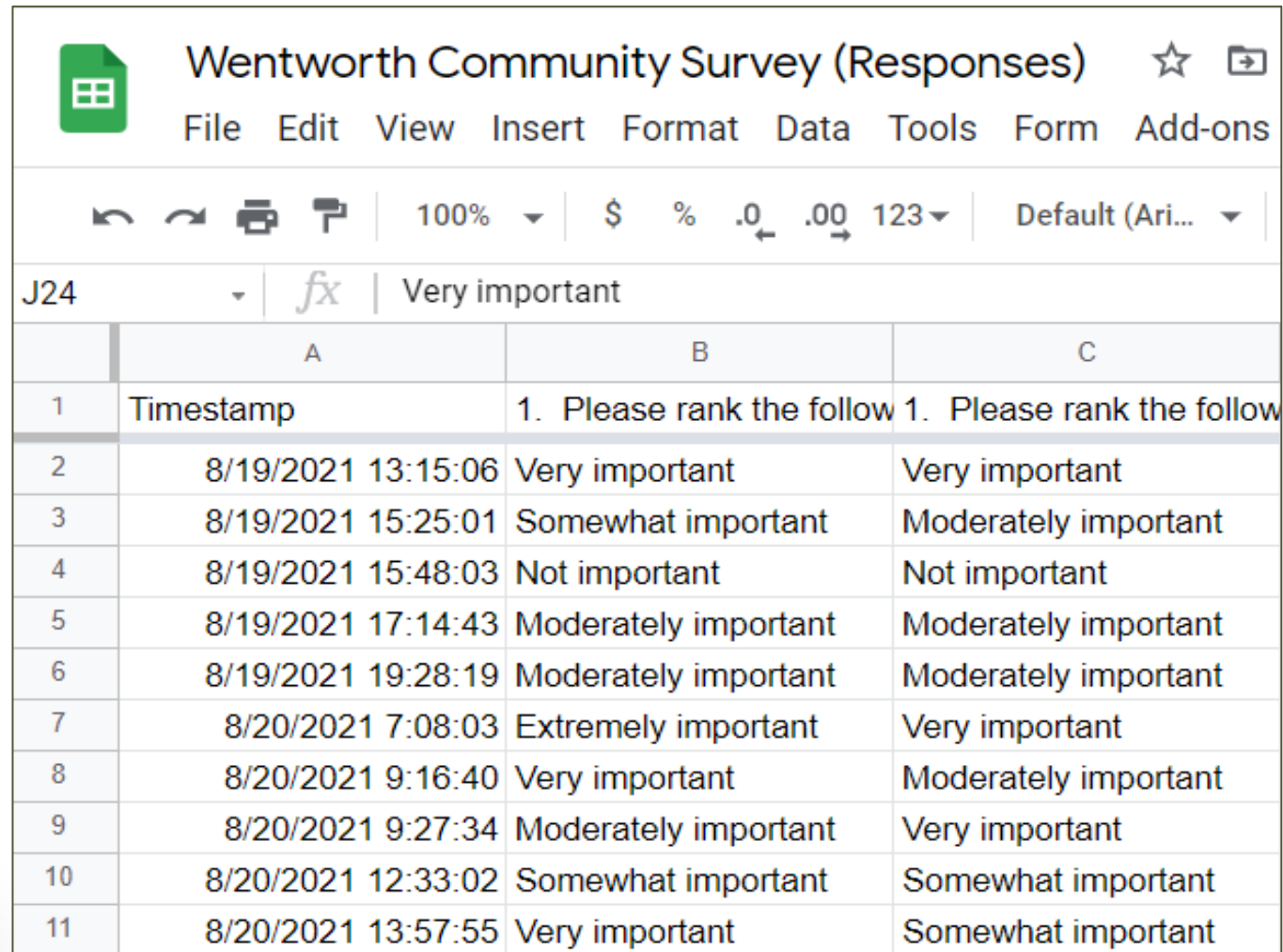
- Initial Mailing & Reminder Mailing
- Deadline extended for the return of the survey
- Promoted on the town's website, the Wentworth Bulletin Facebook page, Shawnees, the Library and other locations throughout Wentworth

Paper & Online Combined

- On October 15, 2021, the online survey was closed for responses
- After this date, the 26 paper survey results were entered by MAPS into the Google Forms platform
- Resulting in 254 total responses

Combined Data in Google Sheets

(easily brought into Excel spreadsheet)



The screenshot shows a Google Sheet interface for a survey titled "Wentworth Community Survey (Responses)". The sheet contains a table with 11 rows of data. The first column is labeled "Timestamp" and the subsequent columns are labeled "1. Please rank the follow" (likely "1. Please rank the following statement as..."). The data shows various responses regarding the importance of the survey.

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J24		fx	Very important
1	Timestamp	1. Please rank the follow	1. Please rank the follow
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3	8/19/2021 15:25:01	Somewhat important	Moderately important
4	8/19/2021 15:48:03	Not important	Not important
5	8/19/2021 17:14:43	Moderately important	Moderately important
6	8/19/2021 19:28:19	Moderately important	Moderately important
7	8/20/2021 7:08:03	Extremely important	Very important
8	8/20/2021 9:16:40	Very important	Moderately important
9	8/20/2021 9:27:34	Moderately important	Very important
10	8/20/2021 12:33:02	Somewhat important	Somewhat important
11	8/20/2021 13:57:55	Very important	Somewhat important

Goggle Forms to Excel

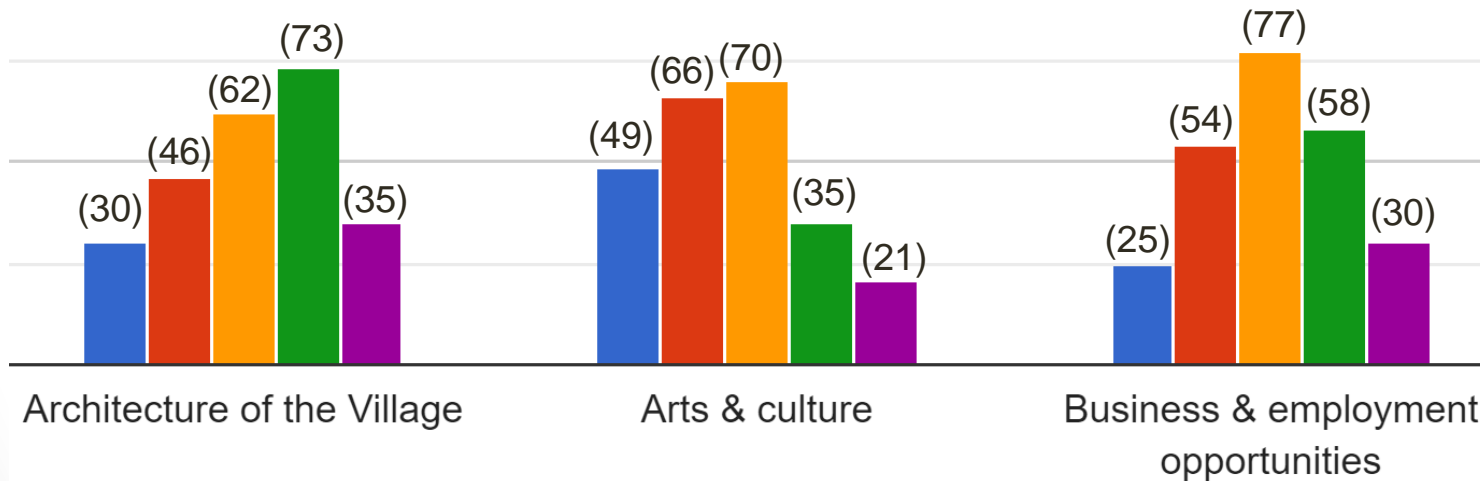
This presentation was prepared using summary charts and graphs provided by Google Forms and the download of extensive data results from the survey into an Excel spreadsheet and Word documents. More than 350 written comments where also recorded for three questions; these are available as separate documents.

Now the results....

Question #1a.

Please rank the following according to their importance to you.

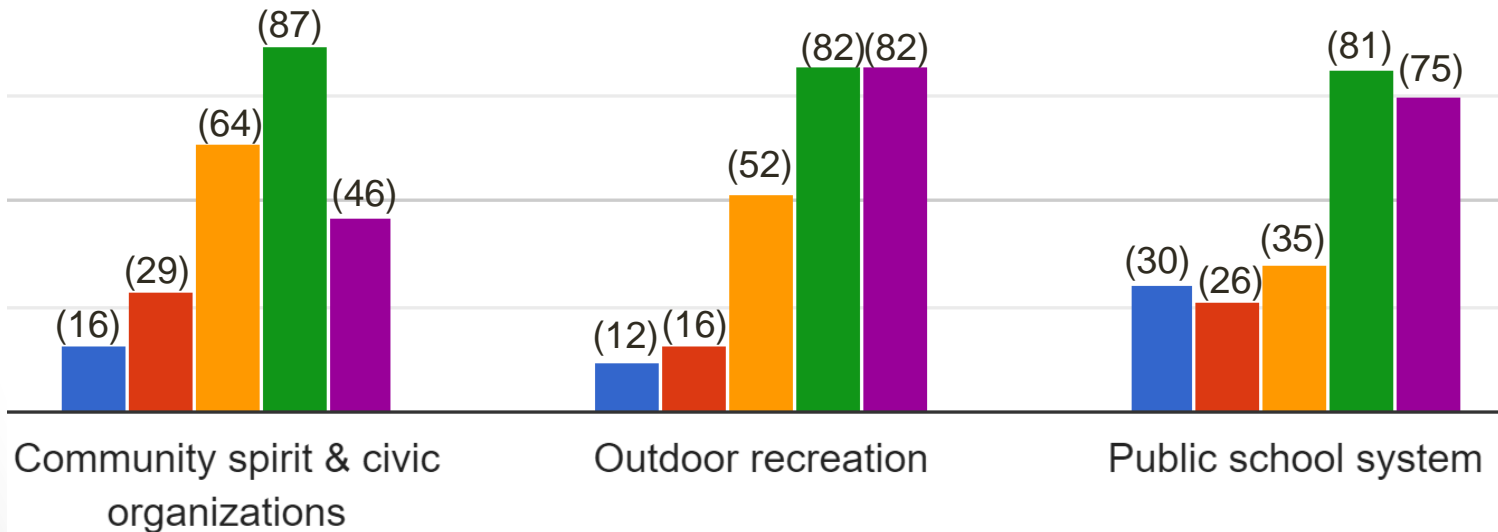
■ Not important ■ Somewhat important ■ Moderately important ■ Very important ■ Extremely important



Question #1b.

Please rank the following according to their importance to you.

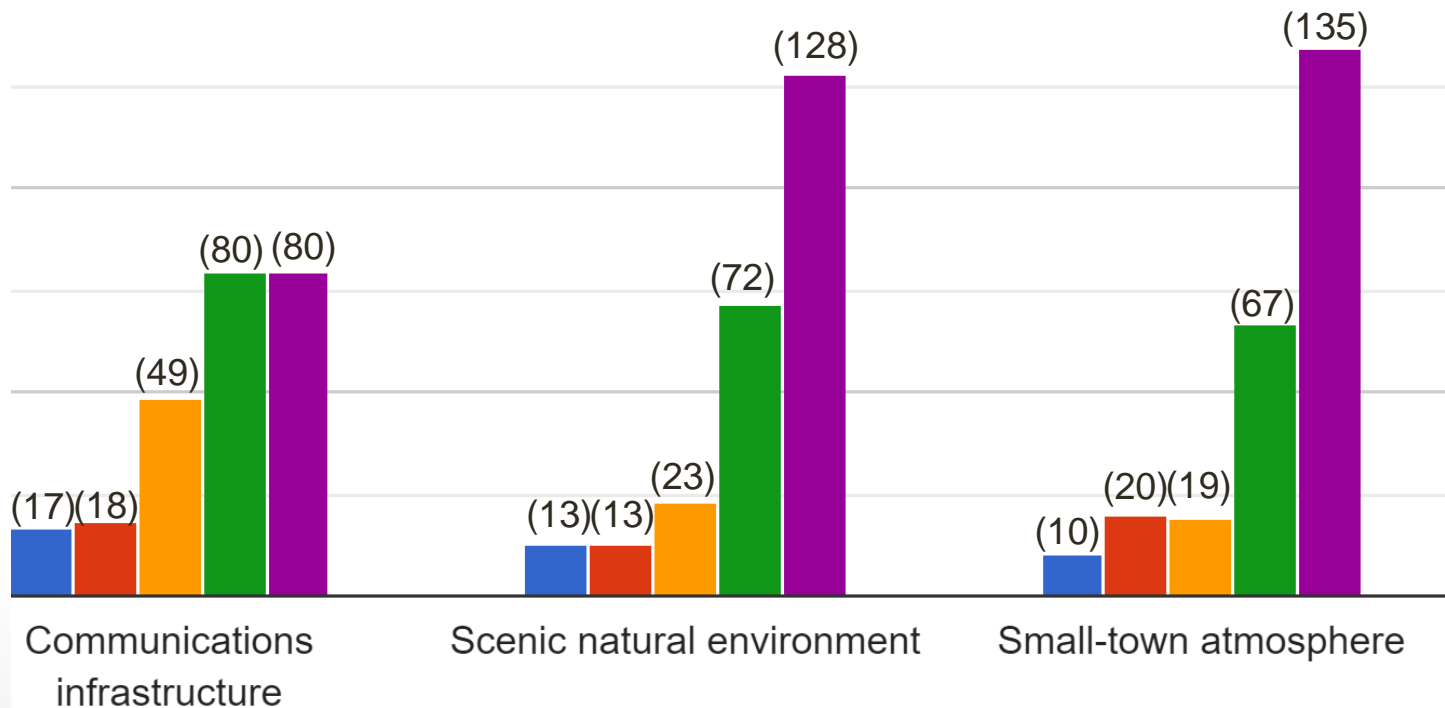
Not important Somewhat important Moderately important Very important Extremely important



Question #1c.

Please rank the following according to their importance to you.

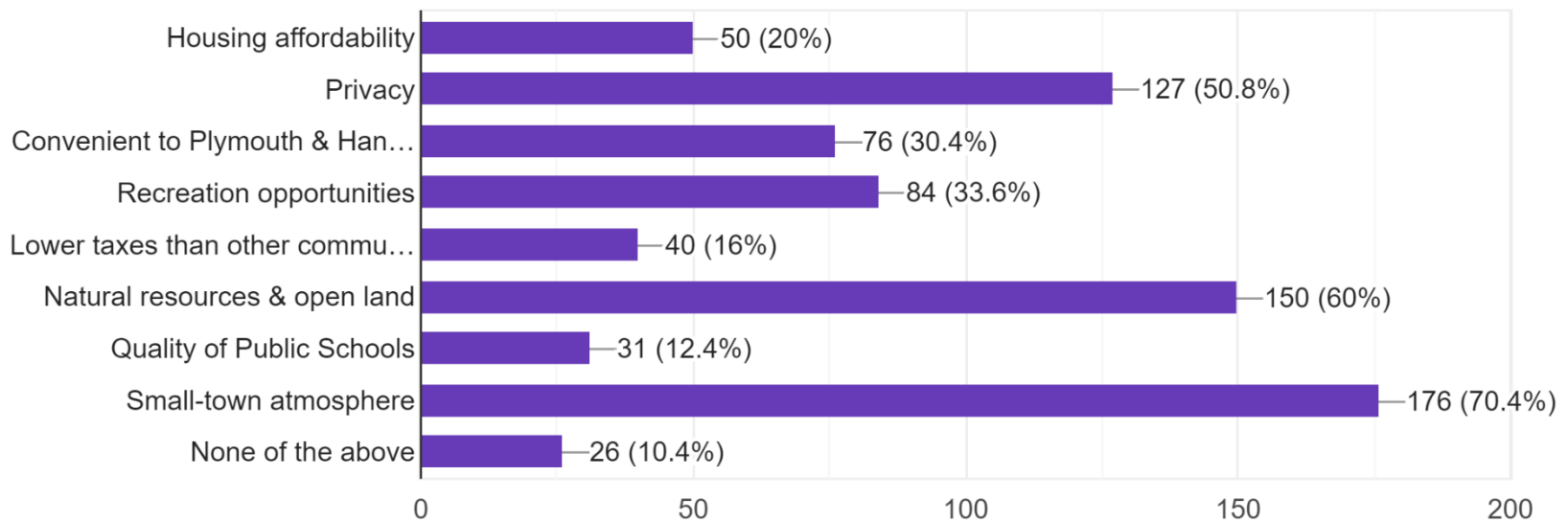
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Question #2.

Why do you live in Wentworth? (check all that apply)

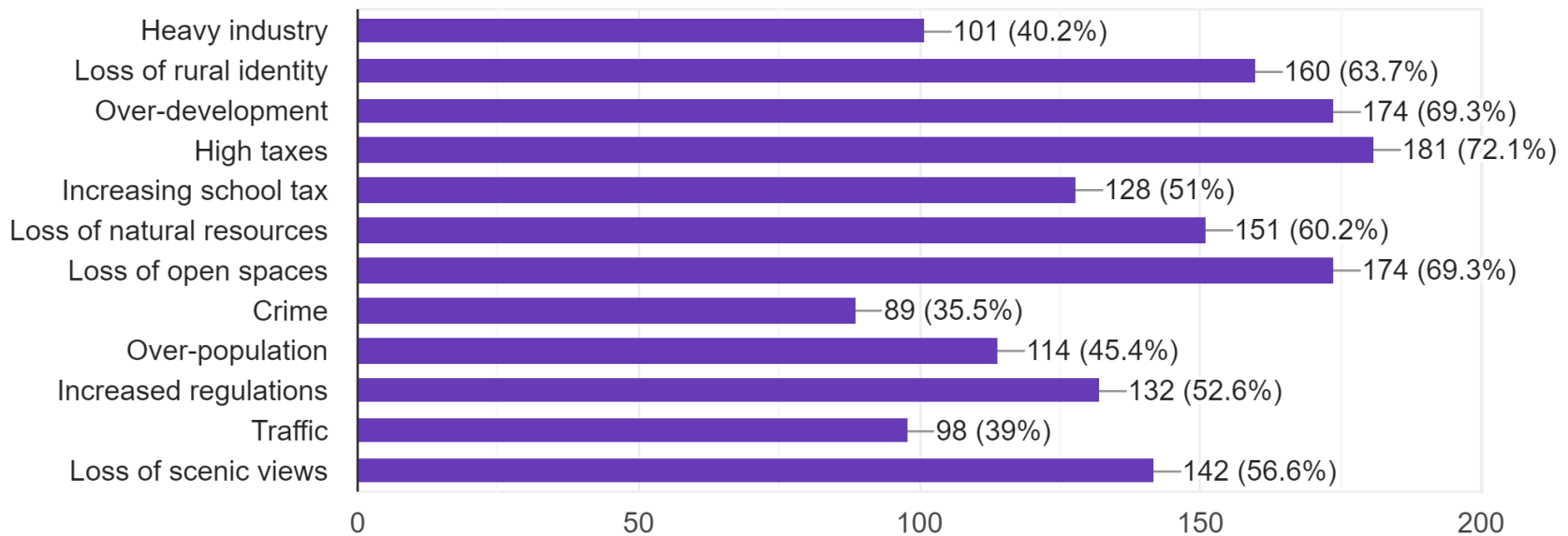
98.4% answered this question(250/254)



Question #3.

*What are your greatest concerns for the future ?
(check all that apply)*

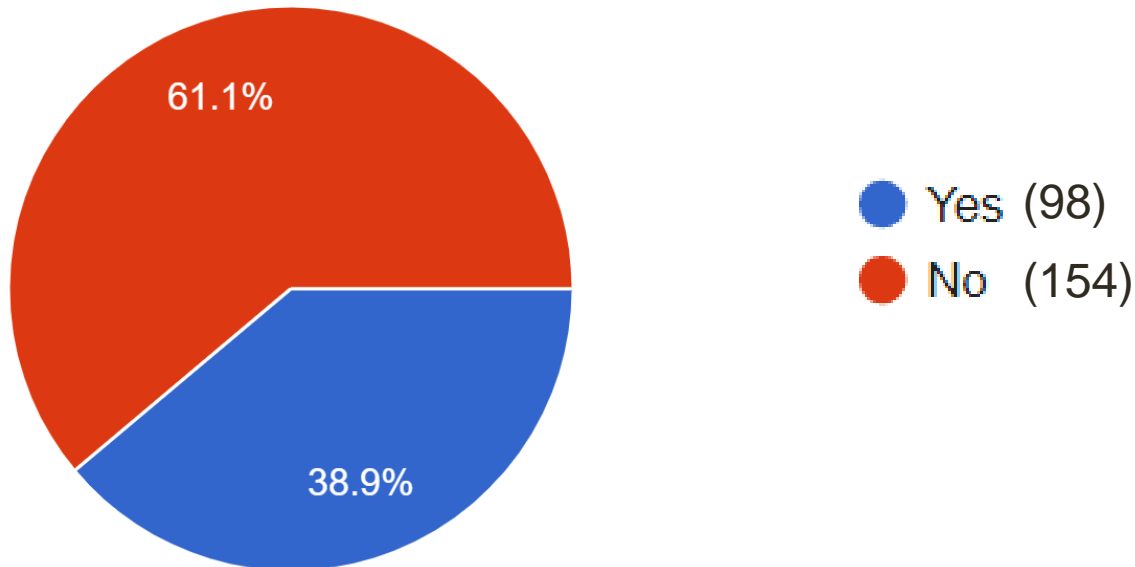
98.8% answered this question (251/254)



Question #4.

Are you familiar with the town's Subdivision Regulations, which are available on the town website under the Planning Board section?

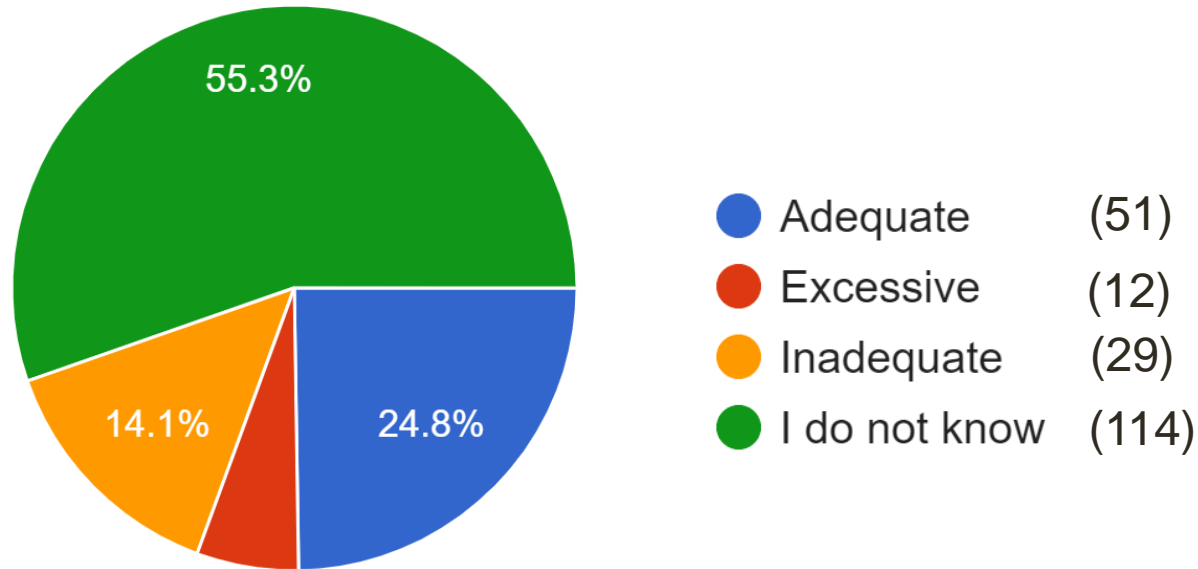
99.2% answered this question (252/254)



Question #4a.

If you are aware of the Subdivision Regulations, do you think they are...?

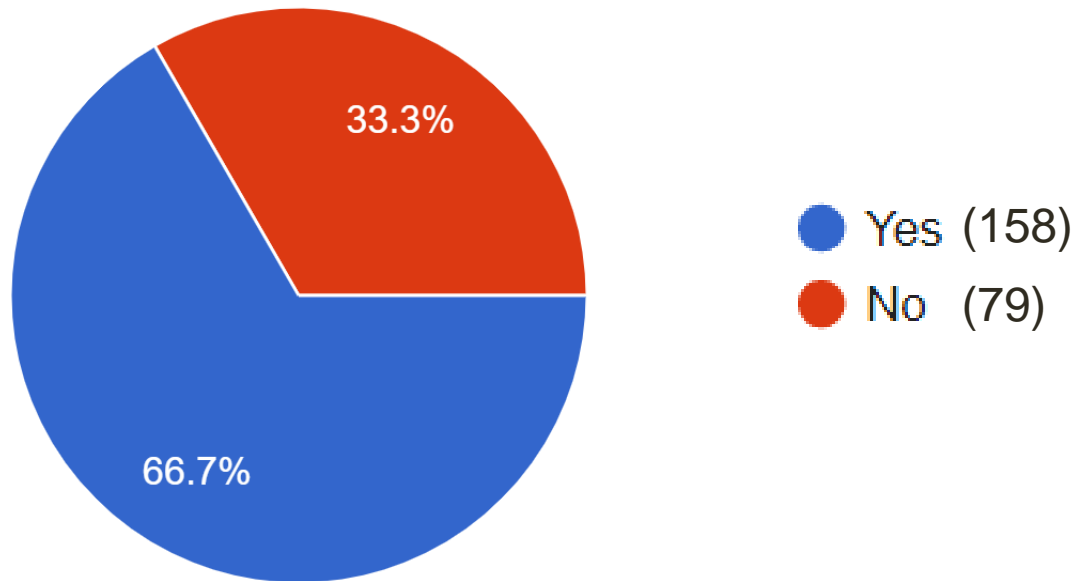
81.1% answered this question (206/254)



Question #5.

Would you support Site Plan Review for commercial, industrial, and business properties (i.e., non-residential, or multi-family housing)

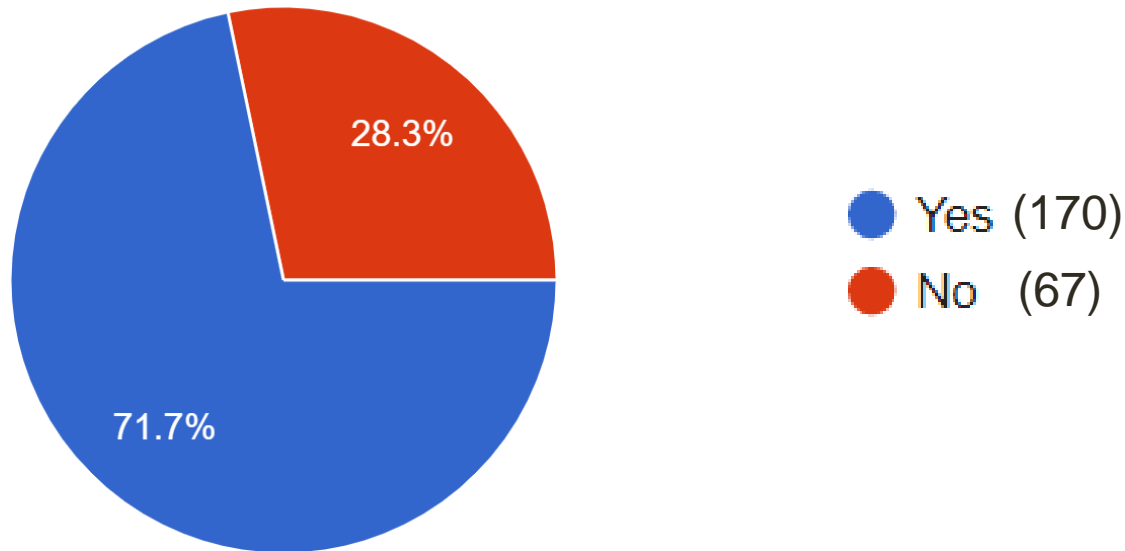
93.3% answered this question (237/254)



Question #6.

Would you support the development and promotion of a Heritage District from Old Town Hall over the covered bridge, through the Village Commons, and up Route 25 to Route 25A?

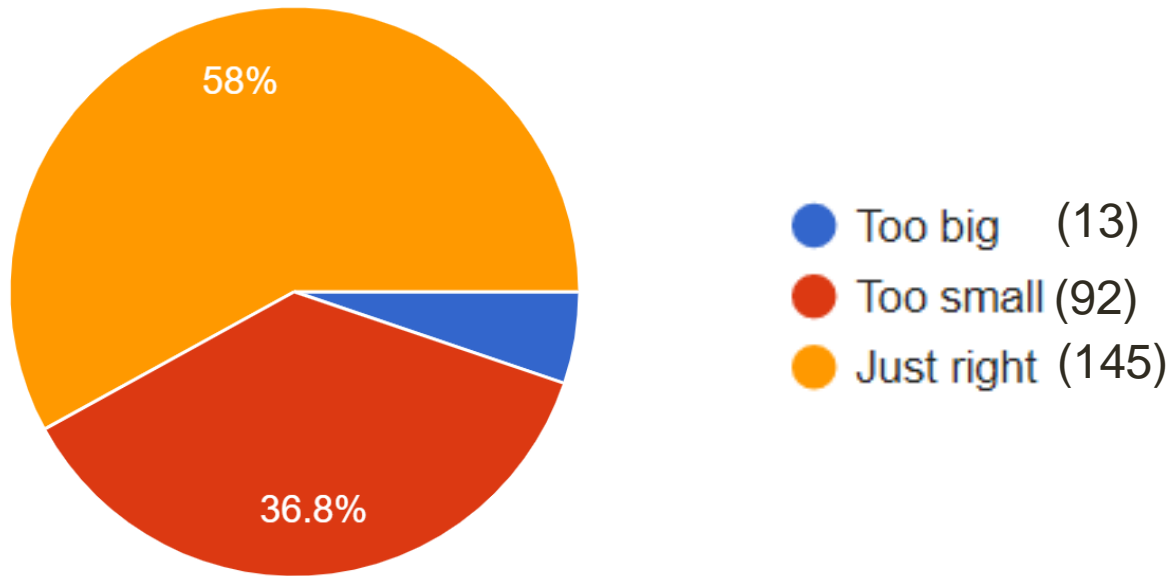
93.3% answered this question (237/254)



Question #7.

Are you satisfied with the current minimum lot size of 1 acre for single family homes?

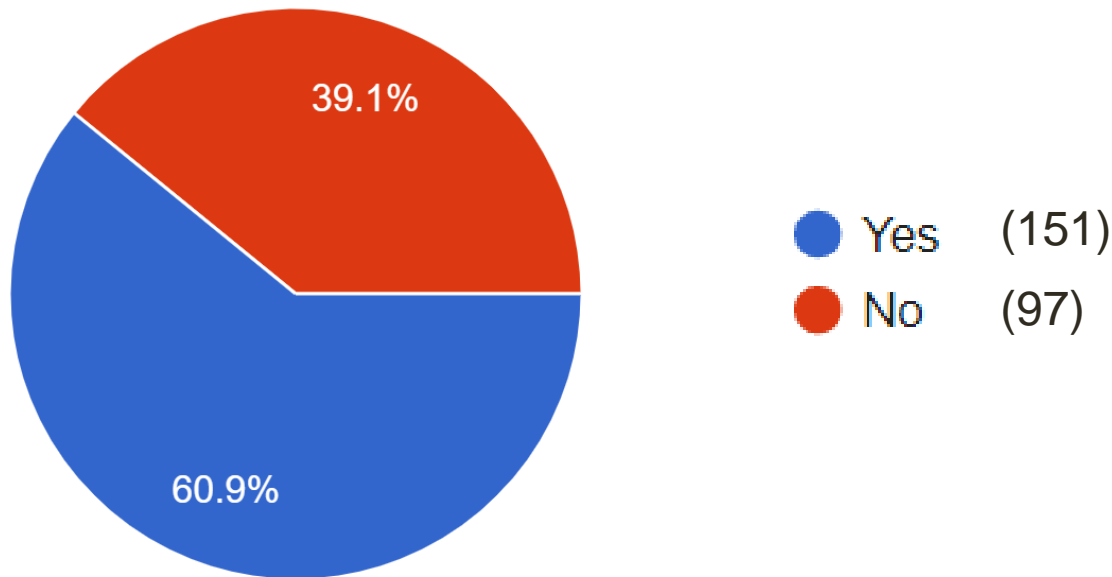
98.4% answered this question (250/254)



Question #8.

Should the town adopt an ordinance regulating lighting on commercial signs?

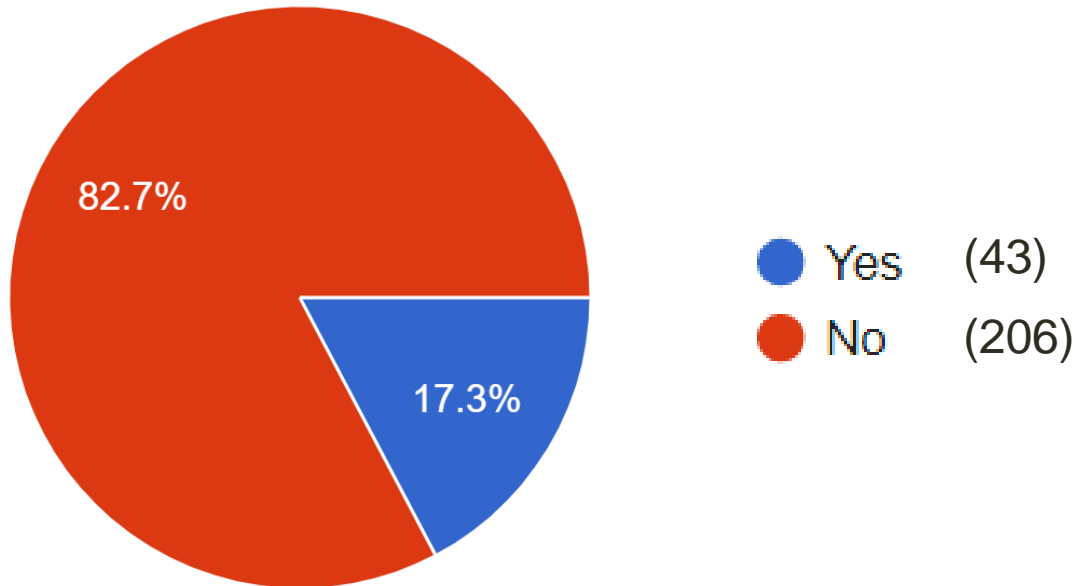
97.6% answered this question (248/254)



Question #9.

Should a crosswalk with traffic lights be installed in front of the Village Commons on Route 25?

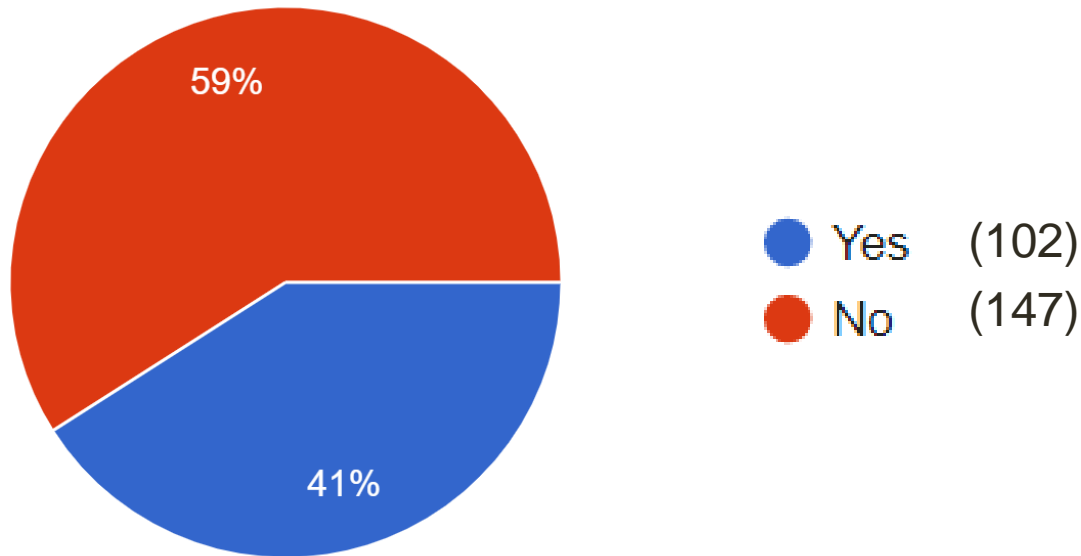
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Question #10.

Should the town work with the state to implement more traffic control measures, such as dropping the speed limit to 25 mph, near the Village Commons?

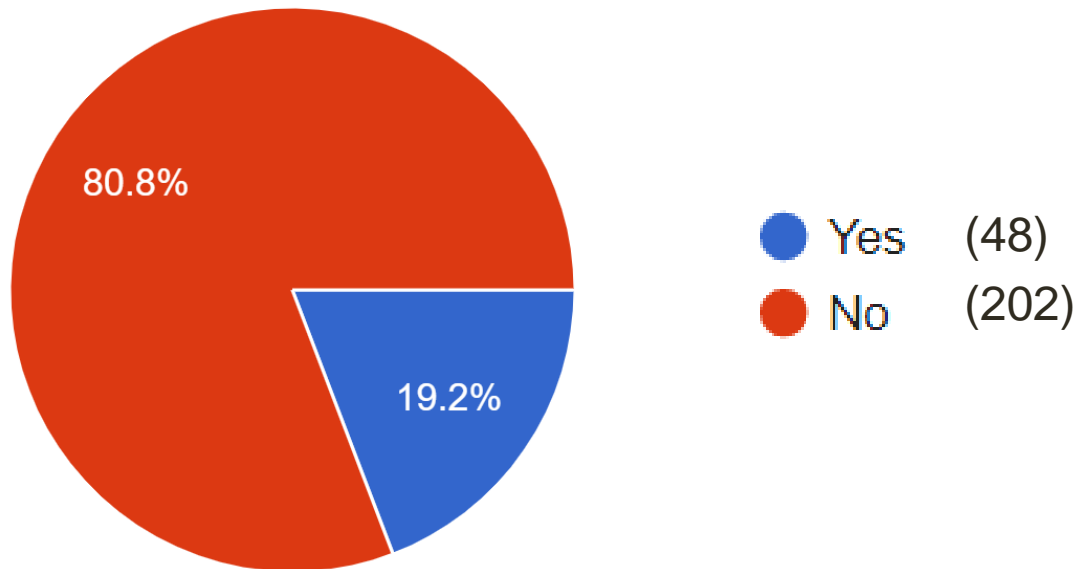
98.4% answered this question (250/254)



Question #11.

Should the town work with the state to install a traffic light at the intersection of Routes 25 and 25A, based on a new traffic study on Dollar General?

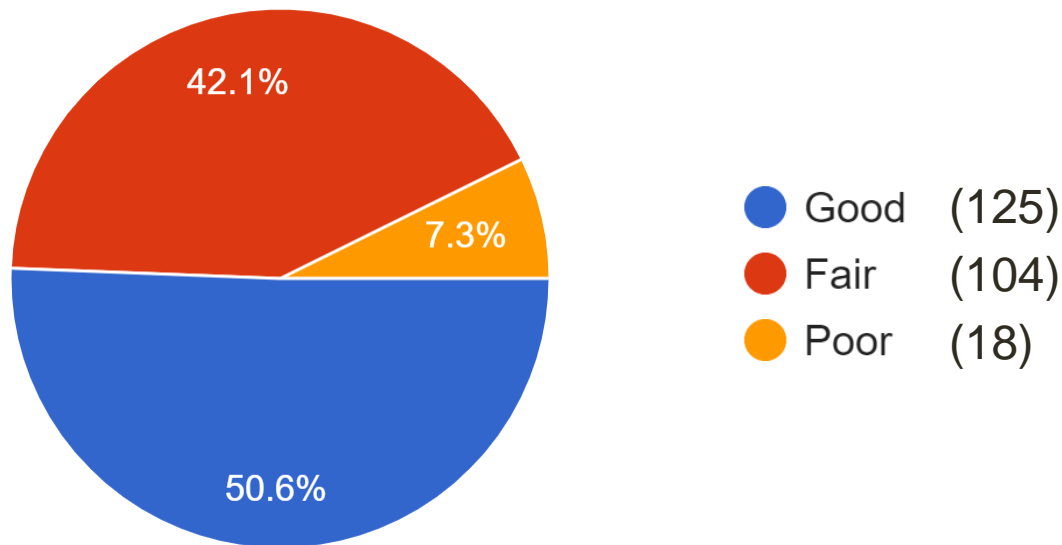
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Question #12.

What is the general condition of town-owned roads?

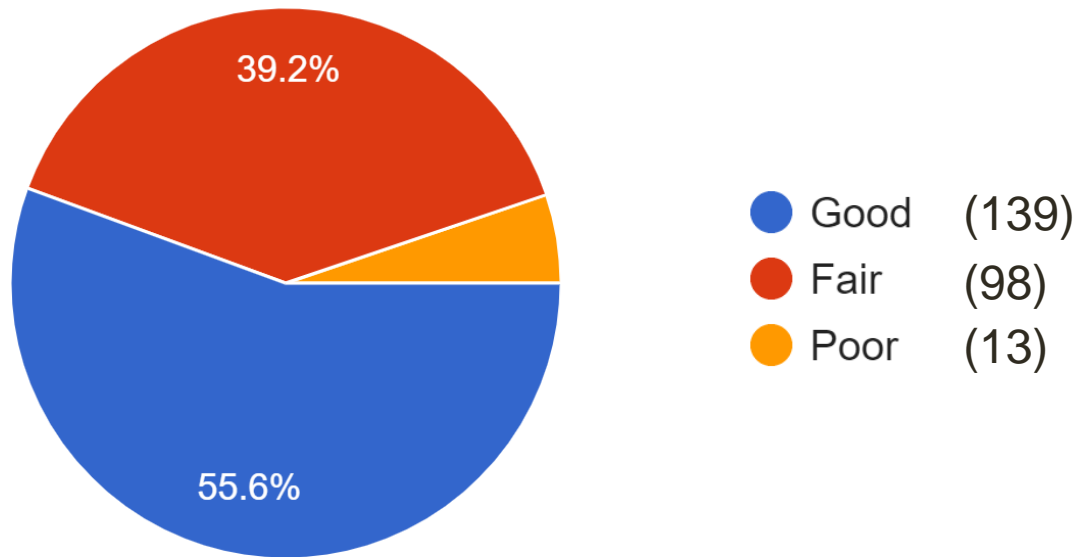
97.2% answered this question (247/254)



Question #13.

What is the general condition of state-owned roads?

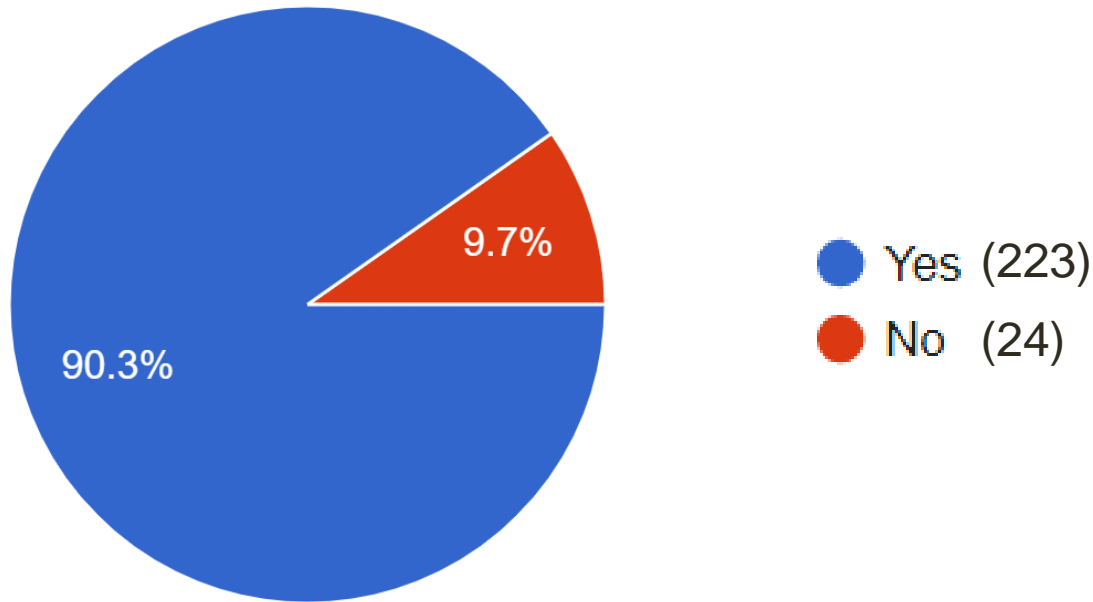
98.4% answered this question (250/254)



Question #14.

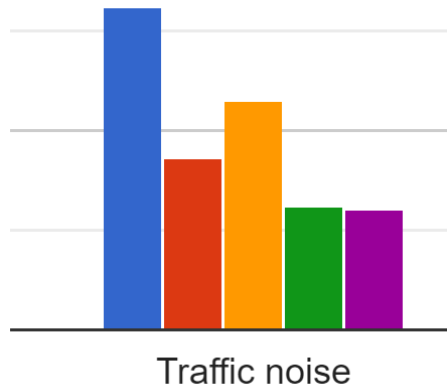
Is parking adequate at or near town facilities?

97.2% answered this question (247/254)

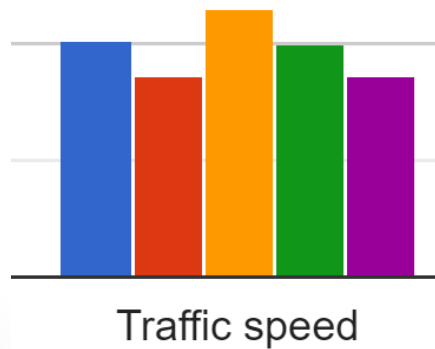


Question #15a.

What aspects of the transportation system are most concerning?



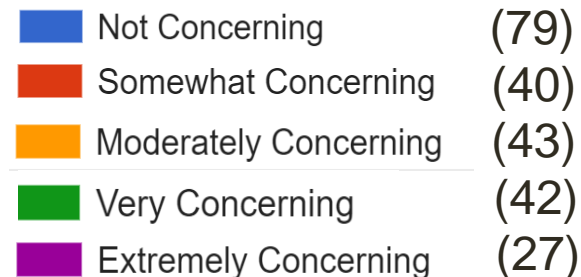
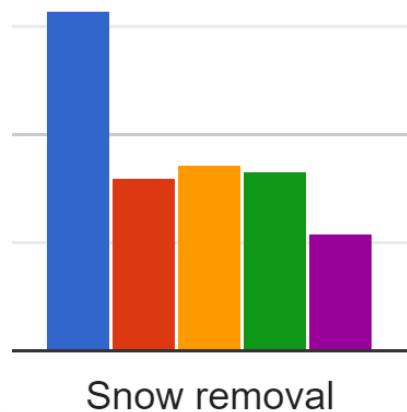
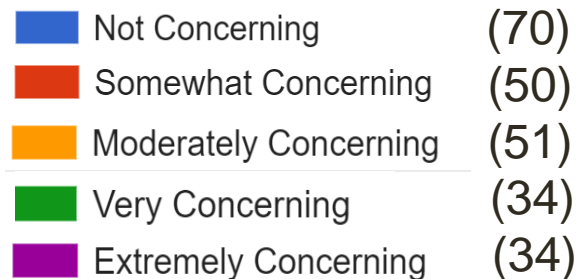
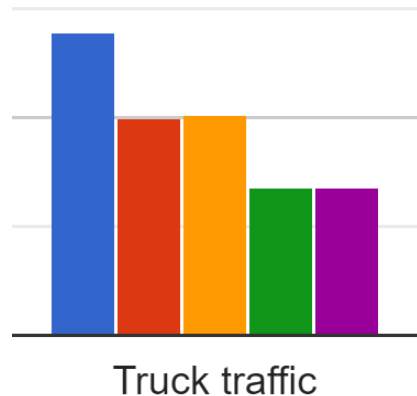
Not Concerning	(81)
Somewhat Concerning	(43)
Moderately Concerning	(58)
Very Concerning	(31)
Extremely Concerning	(30)



Not Concerning	(51)
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Very Concerning	(50)
Extremely Concerning	(43)

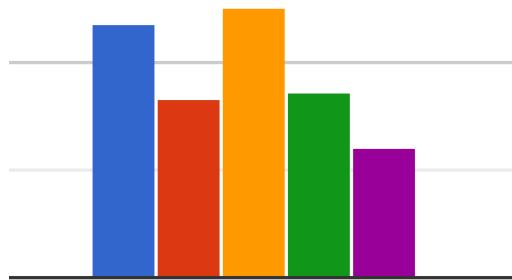
Question #15b.

What aspects of the transportation system are most concerning?



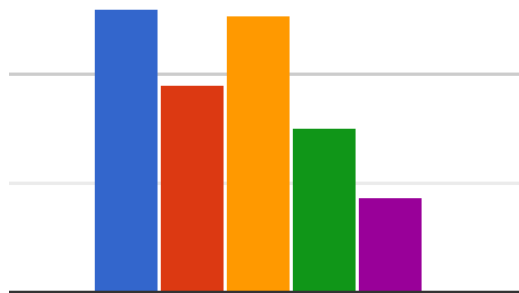
Question #15c.

What aspects of the transportation system are most concerning?



General road maintenance

Not Concerning	(59)
Somewhat Concerning	(42)
Moderately Concerning	(63)
Very Concerning	(43)
Extremely Concerning	(30)

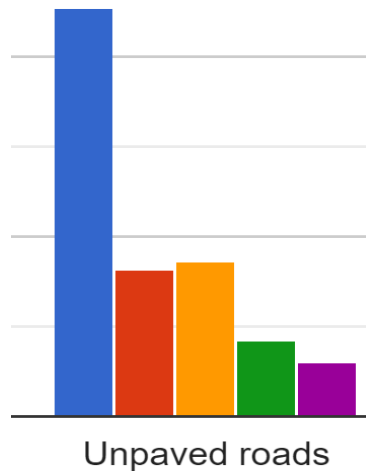


Dangerous intersections

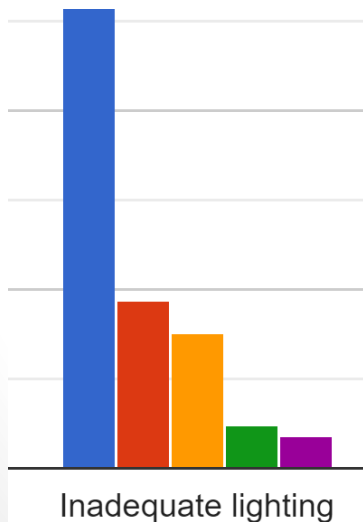
Not Concerning	(65)
Somewhat Concerning	(48)
Moderately Concerning	(64)
Very Concerning	(38)
Extremely Concerning	(22)

Question #15d.

What aspects of the transportation system are most concerning?



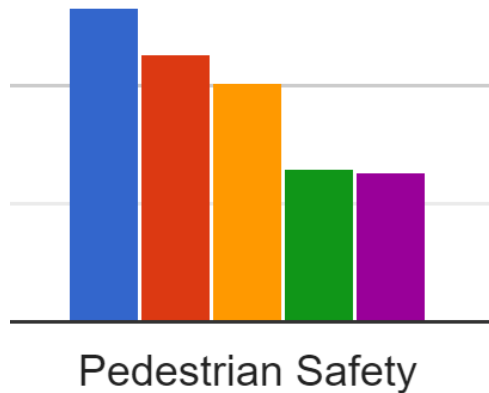
Not Concerning	(114)
Somewhat Concerning	(41)
Moderately Concerning	(43)
Very Concerning	(21)
Extremely Concerning	(15)



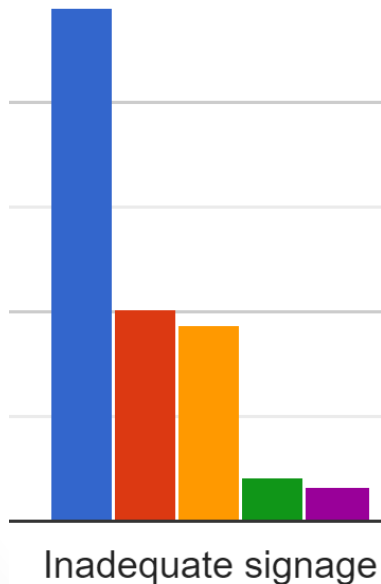
Not Concerning	(129)
Somewhat Concerning	(47)
Moderately Concerning	(38)
Very Concerning	(12)
Extremely Concerning	(9)

Question #15e.

What aspects of the transportation system are most concerning?



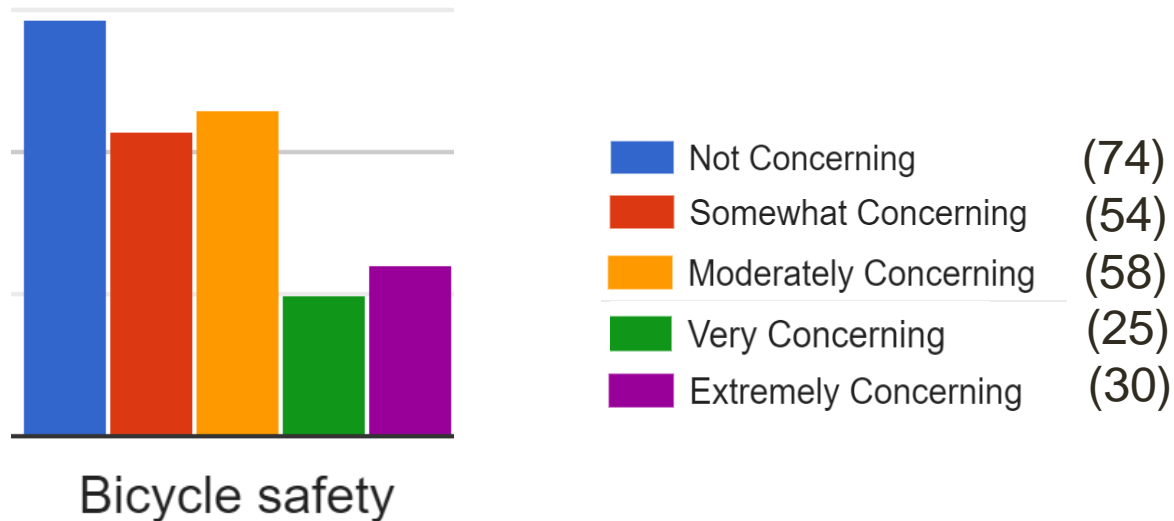
Not Concerning	(67)
Somewhat Concerning	(57)
Moderately Concerning	(51)
Very Concerning	(33)
Extremely Concerning	(32)



Not Concerning	(123)
Somewhat Concerning	(51)
Moderately Concerning	(47)
Very Concerning	(11)
Extremely Concerning	(8)

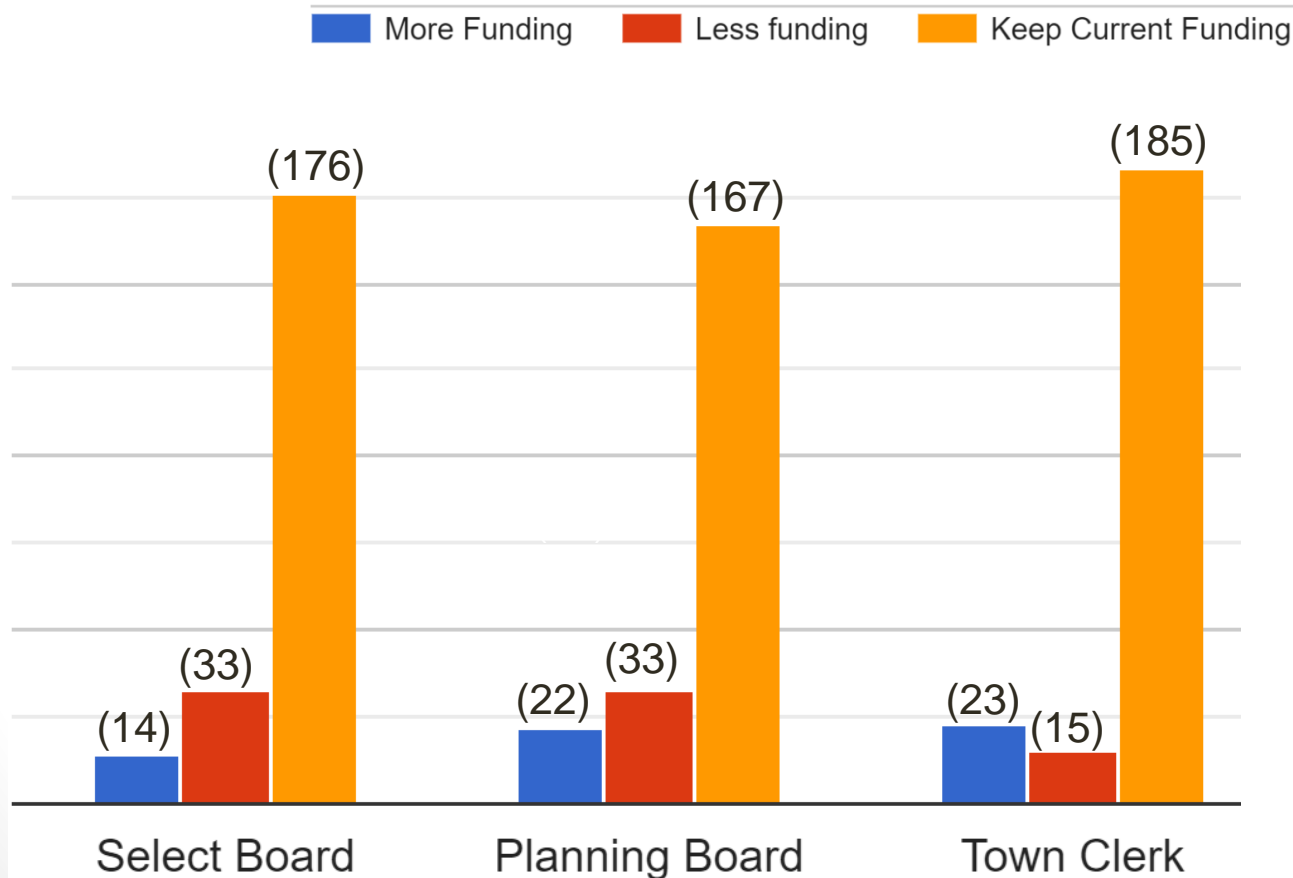
Question #15f.

What aspects of the transportation system are most concerning?



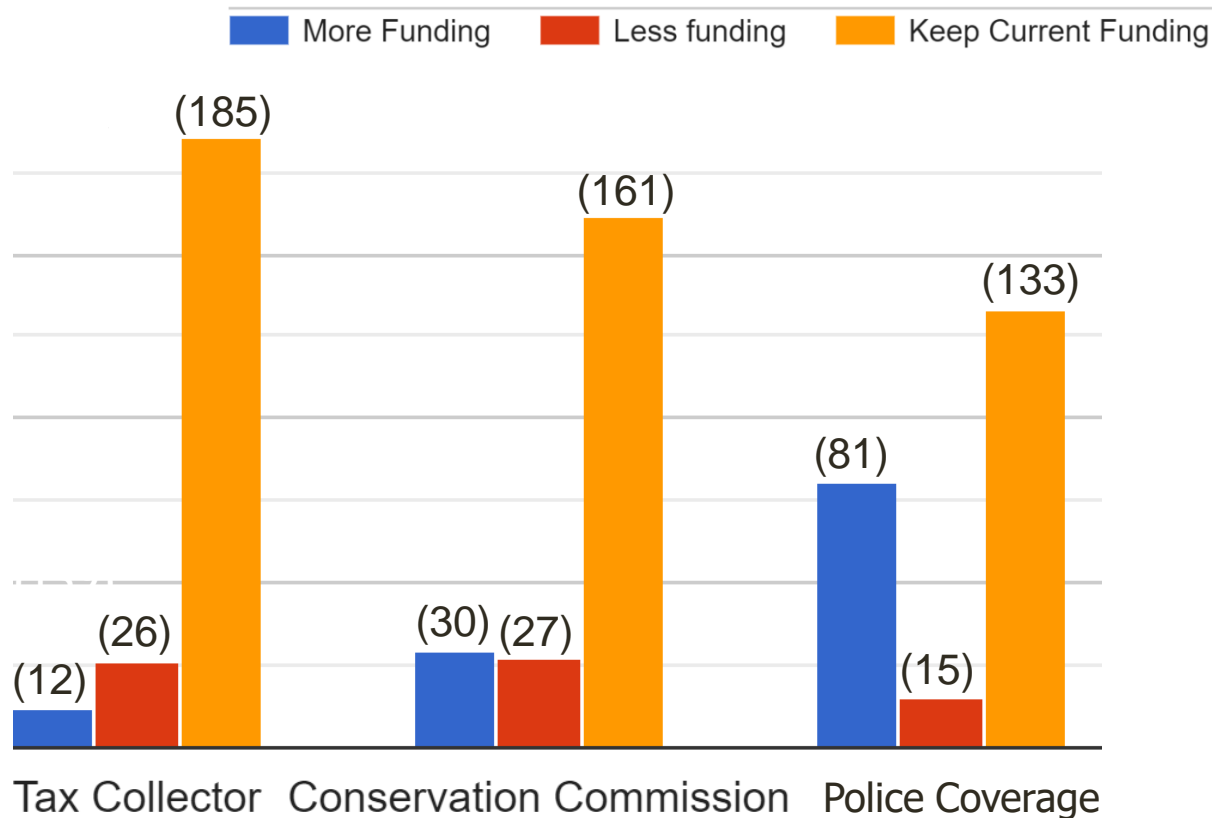
Question #16a.

Should these departments or facilities receive MORE or LESS funding, or is the current funding adequate?



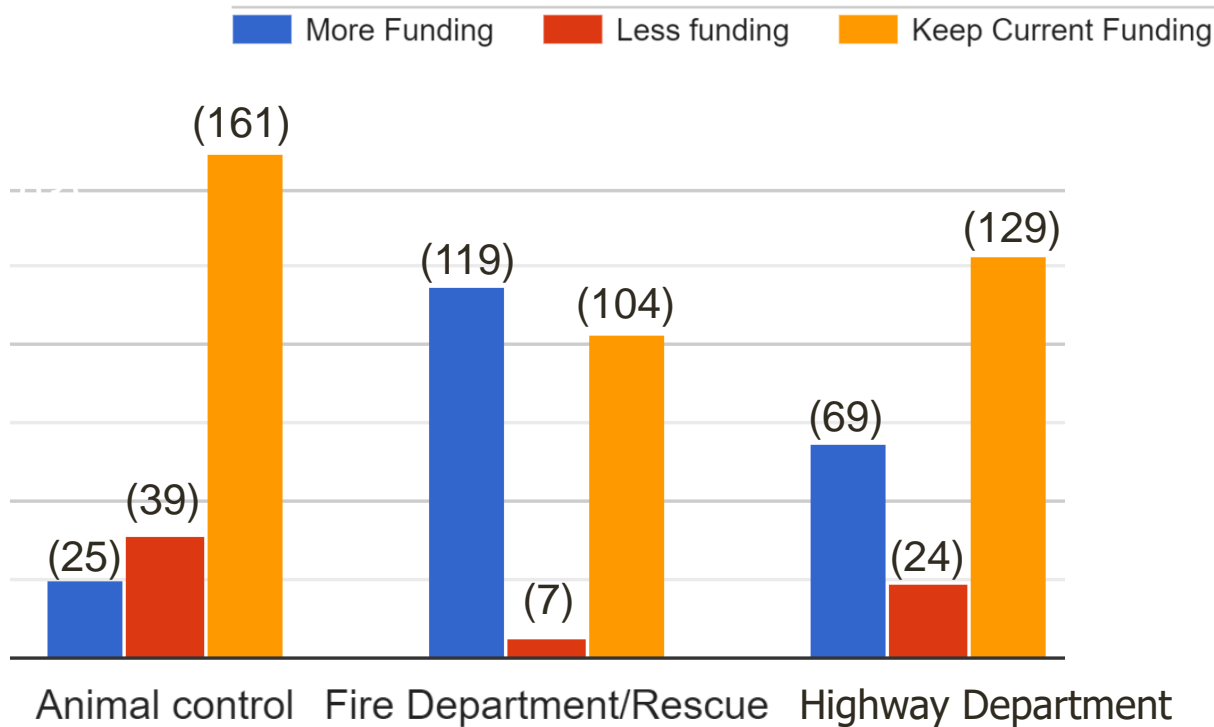
Question #16b.

Should these departments or facilities receive MORE or LESS funding, or is the current funding adequate?



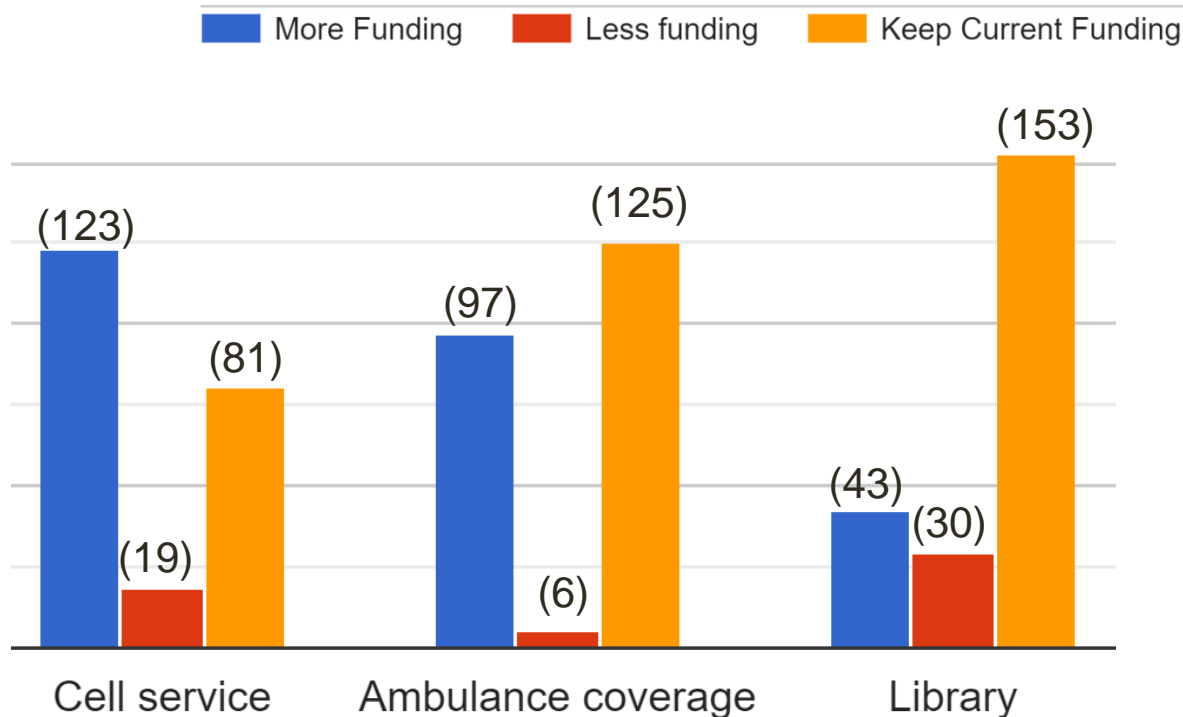
Question #16c.

Should these departments or facilities receive MORE or LESS funding, or is the current funding adequate?



Question #16d.

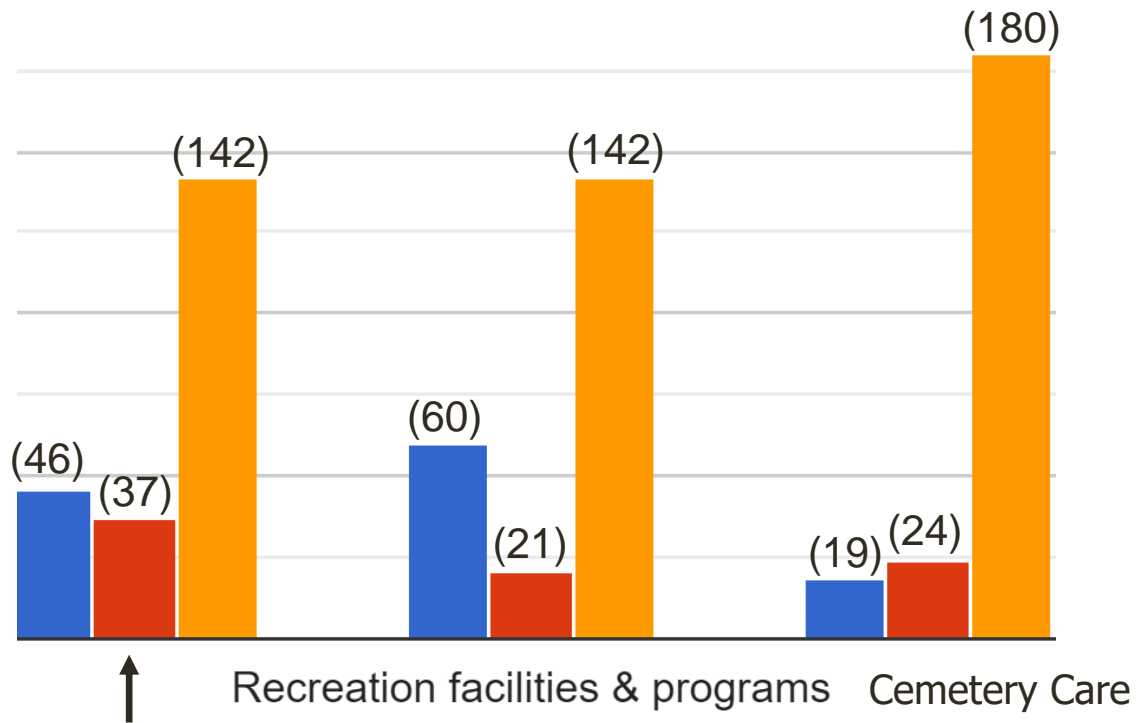
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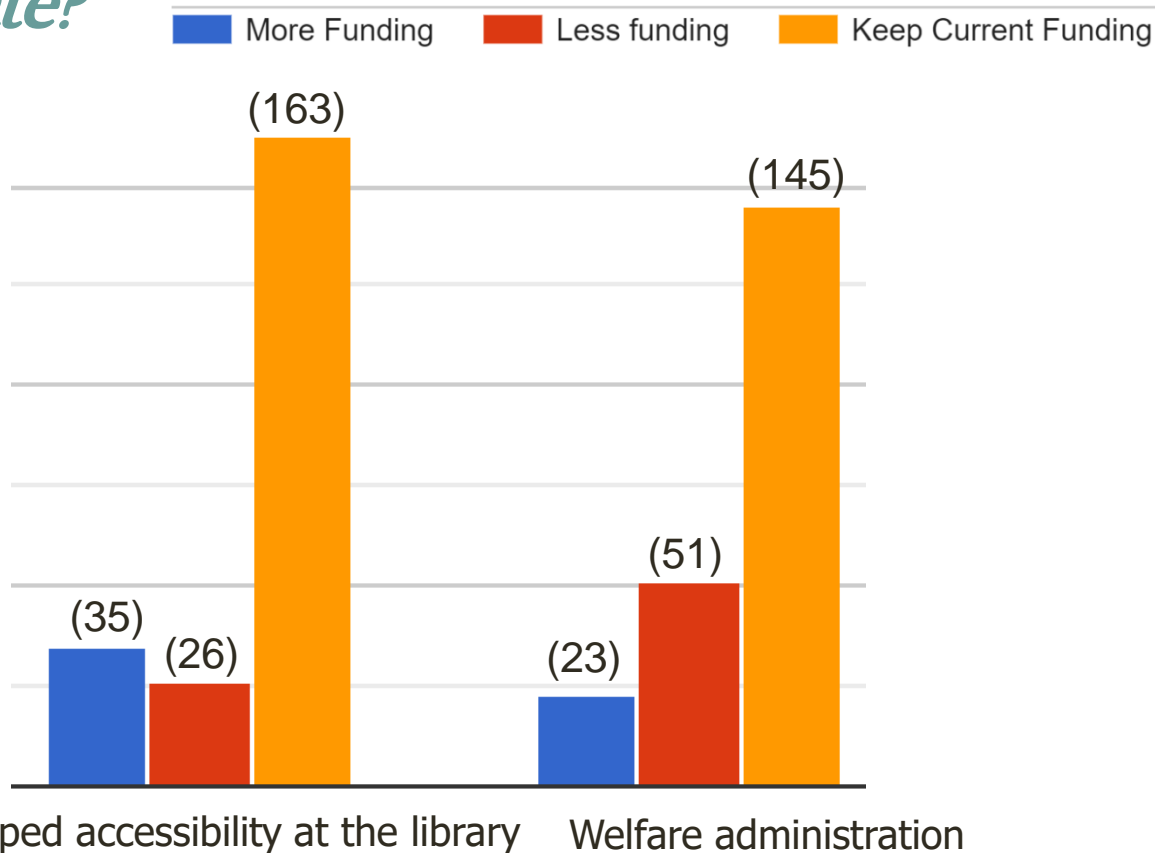
More Funding Less funding Keep Current Funding



Public Meeting Rooms/Old Town Hall

Question #16f.

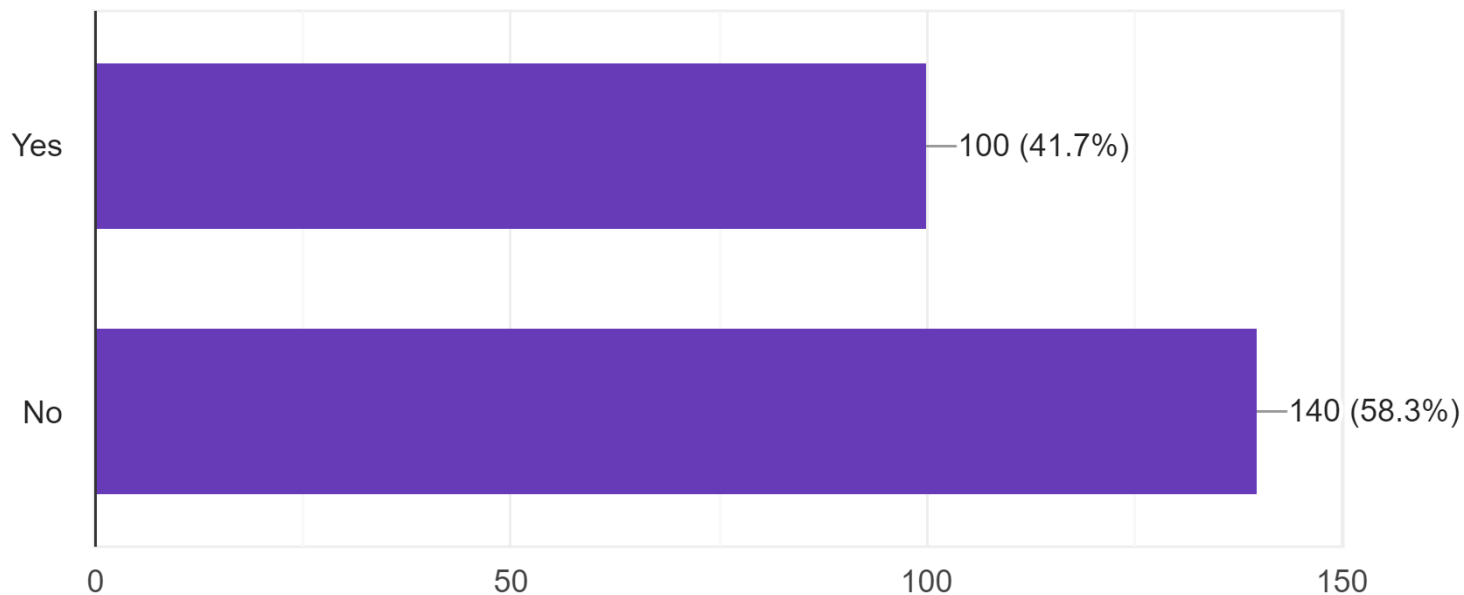
Should these departments or facilities receive MORE or LESS funding, or is the current funding adequate?



Question #17.

Would you like to see the Select Board explore the possibility of increasing its size from three members to five members?

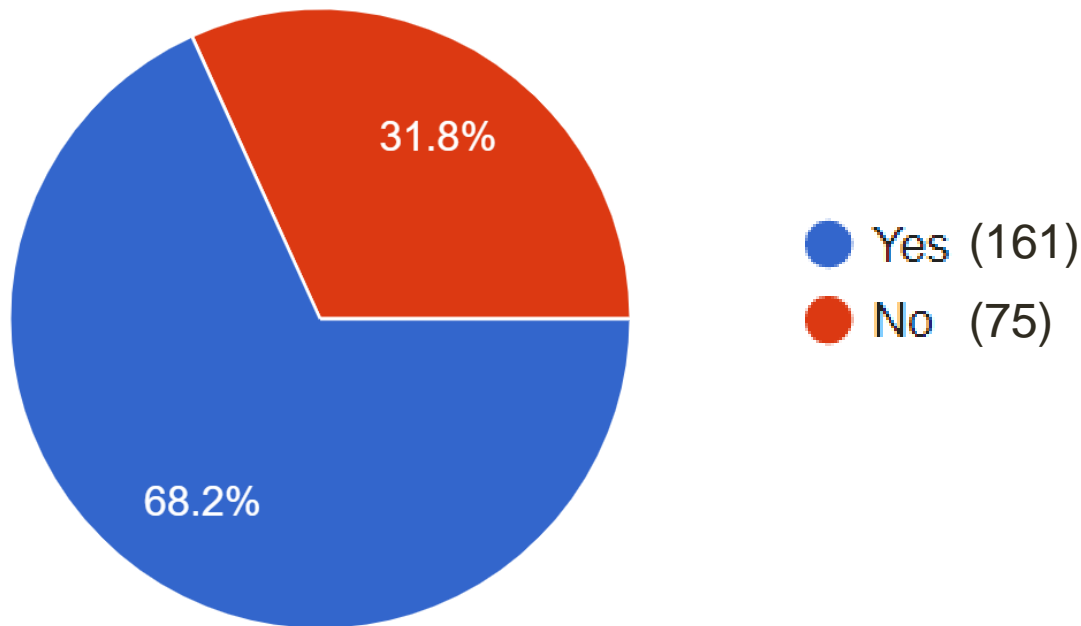
94.4% answered this question (240/254)



Question #18.

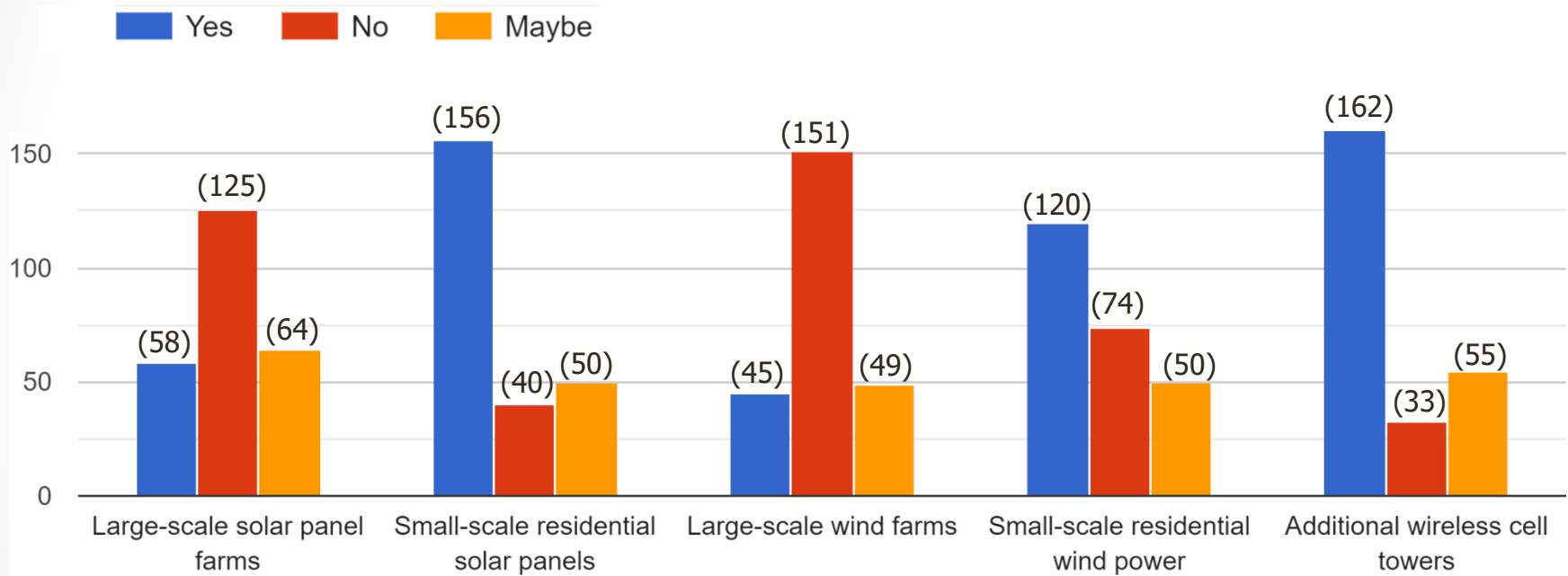
Would you favor regionalizing the Wentworth Elementary School with Warren and/or Rumney?

92.9% answered this question (236/254)



Question #19.

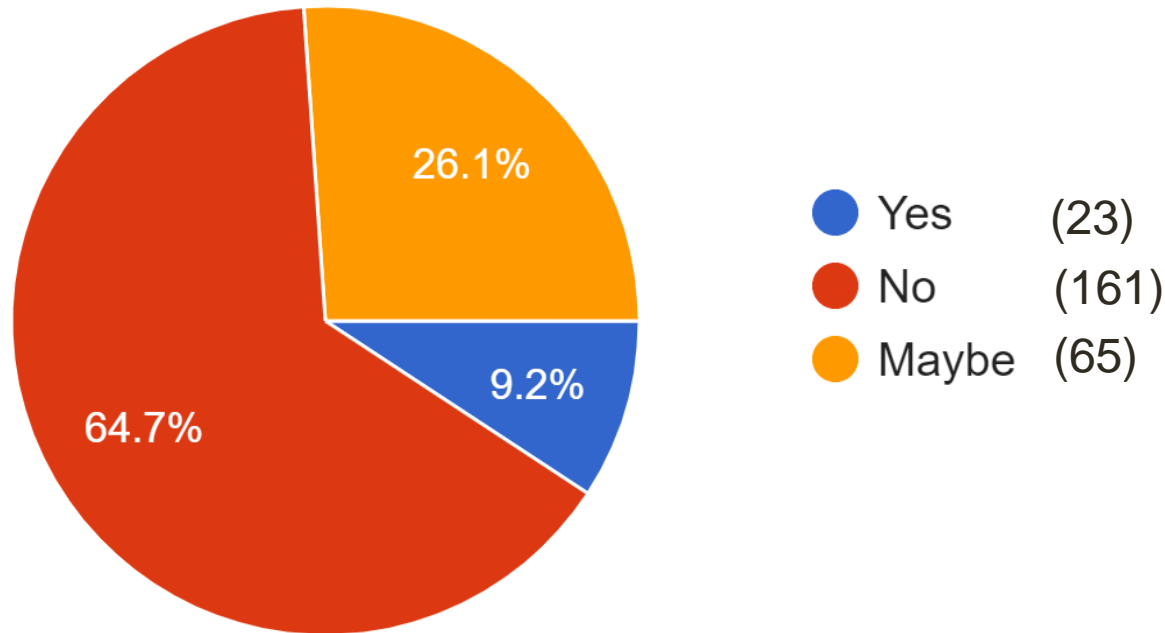
Would you support these types of projects?



Question #20.

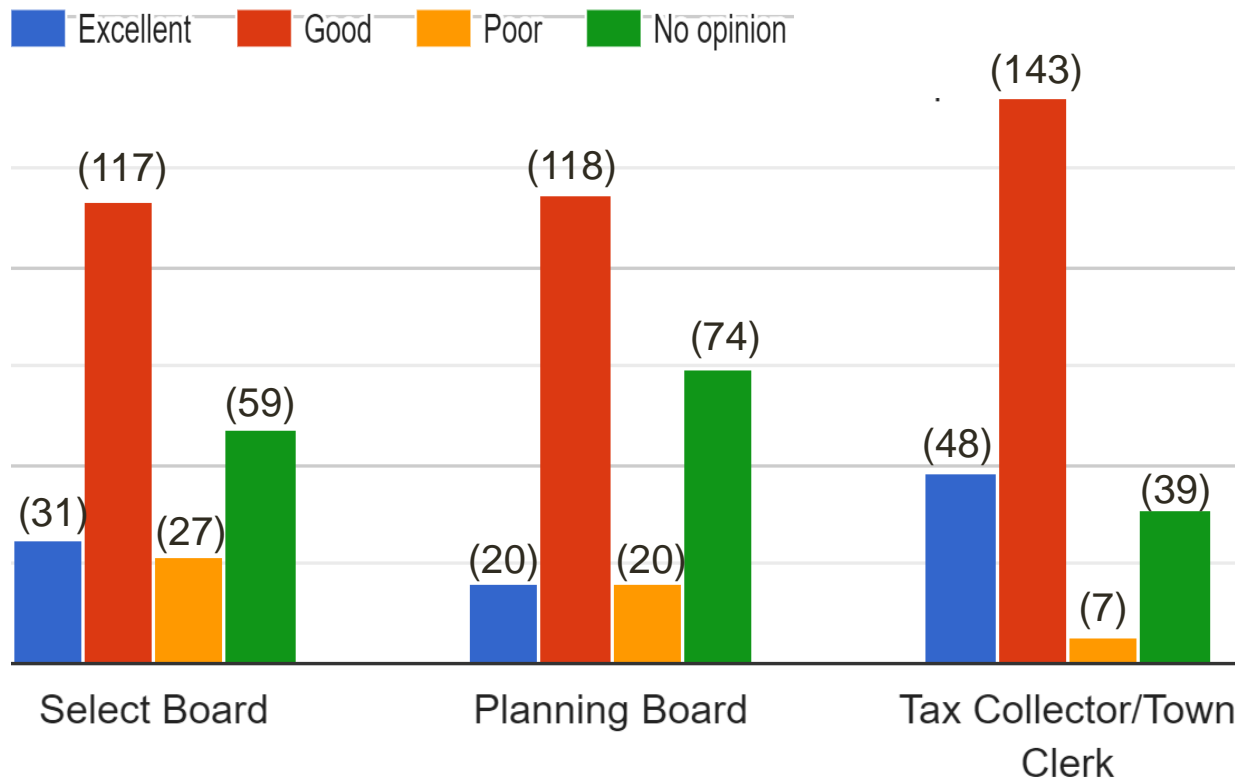
Would you support the development of a Solid Waste Facility (landfill/commercial dump)?

98.0% answered this question (249/254)



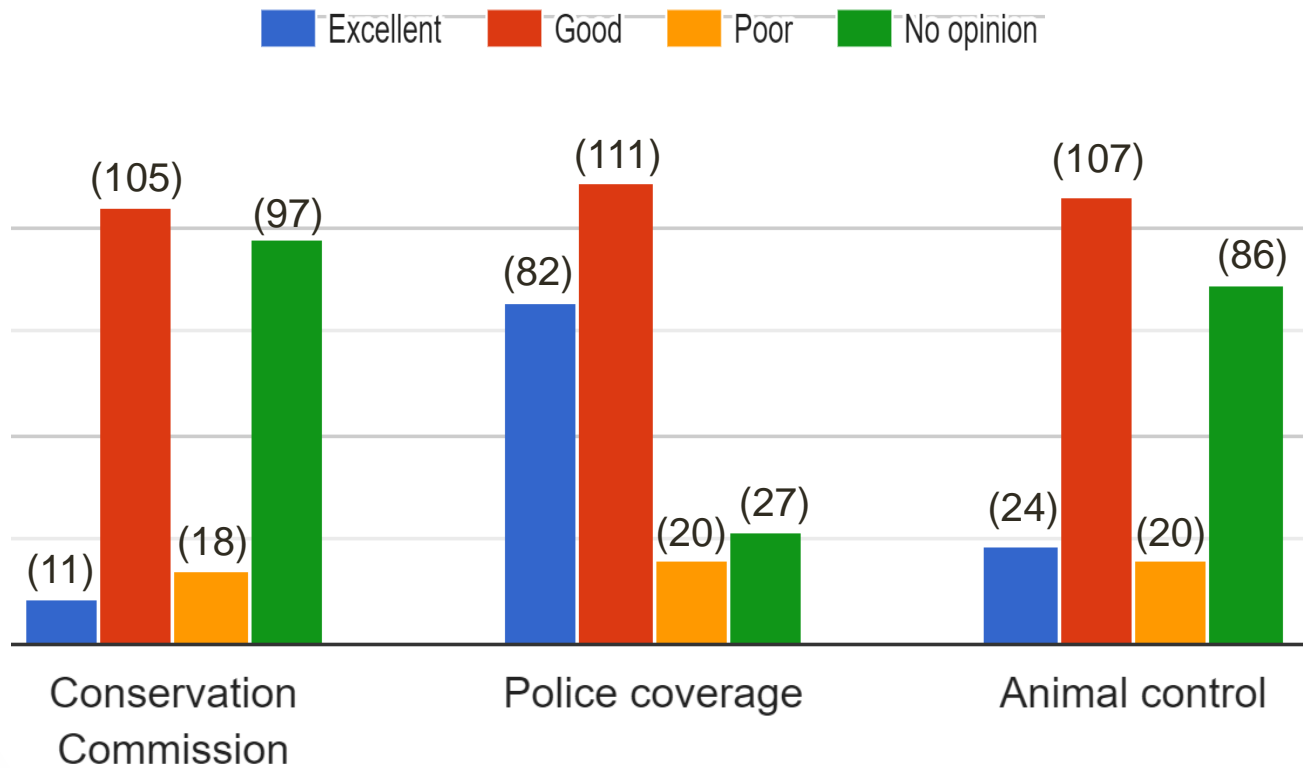
Question #21a.

What is your opinion of how well these departments, services or facilities serve the town?



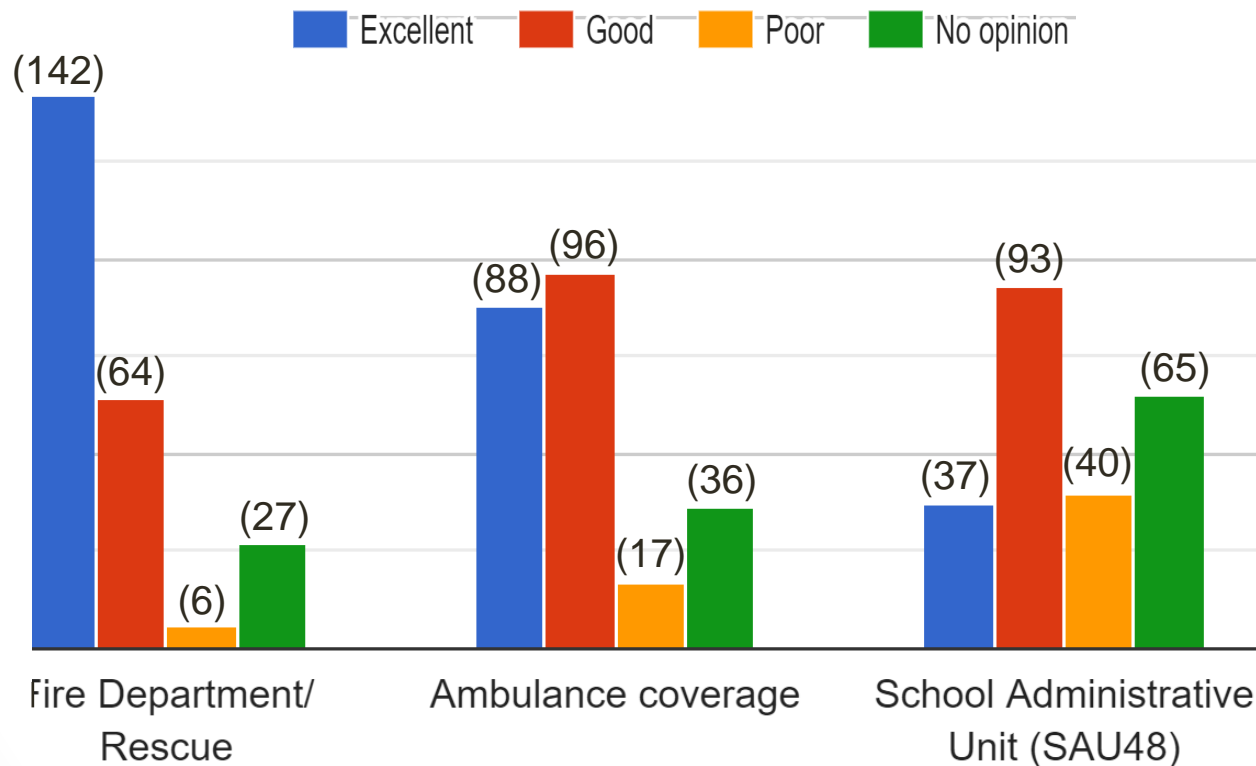
Question #21b.

What is your opinion of how well these departments, services or facilities serve the town?



Question #21c.

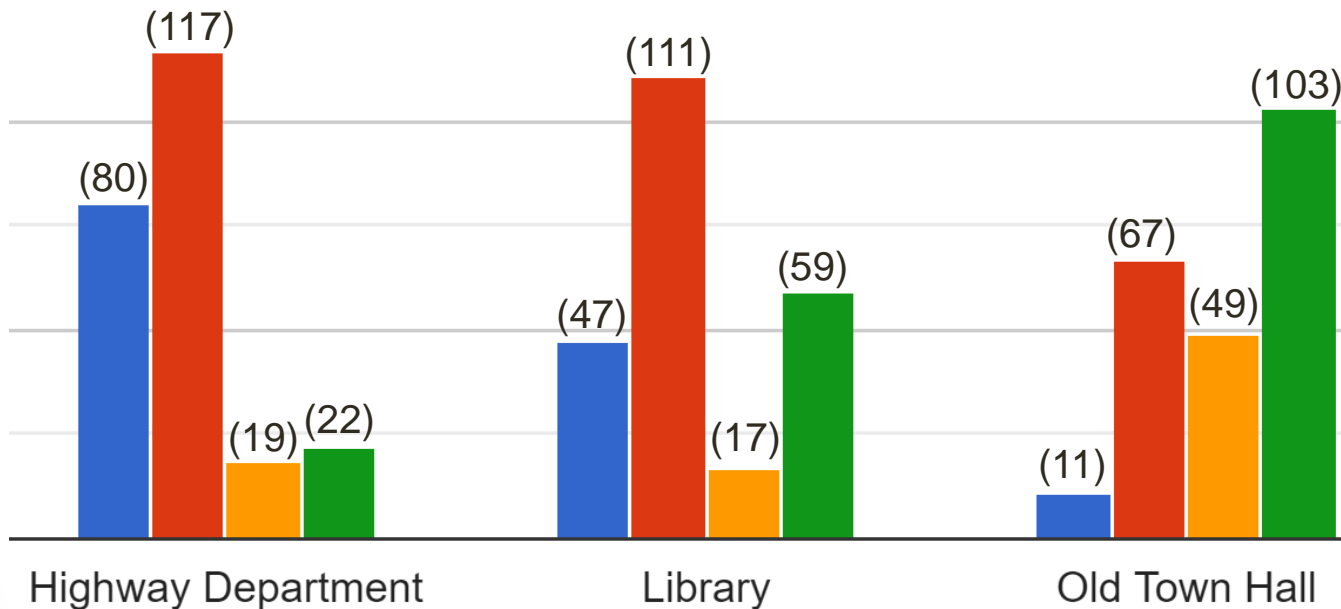
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Question #21d.

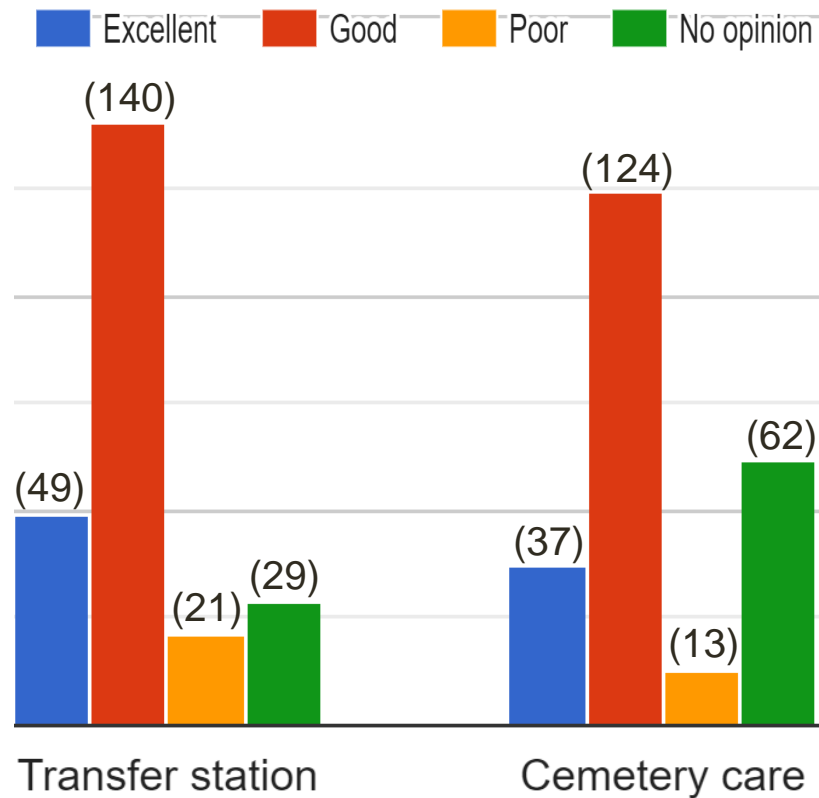
What is your opinion of how well these departments, services or facilities serve the town?

■ Excellent ■ Good ■ Poor ■ No opinion



Question #21e.

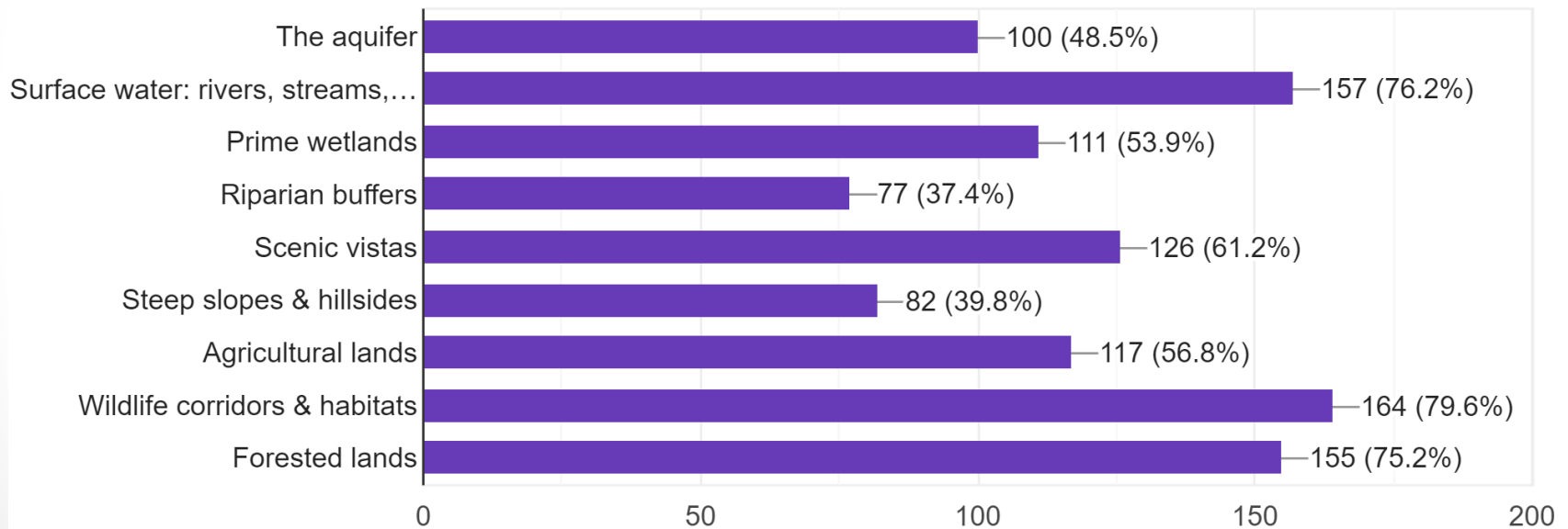
What is your opinion of how well these departments, services or facilities serve the town?



Question #22.

Should the town do more to protect...? (check all that apply)

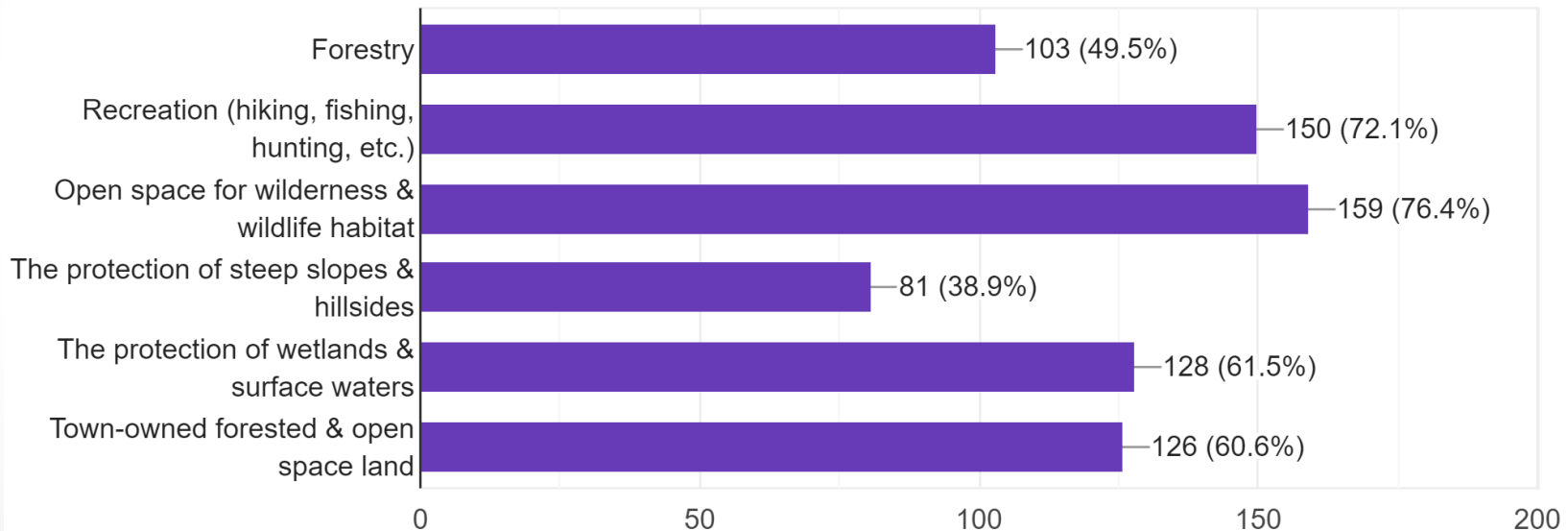
81.1% answered this question (206/254)



Question #23.

Should the town actively promote more conserved land for...? (check all that apply)

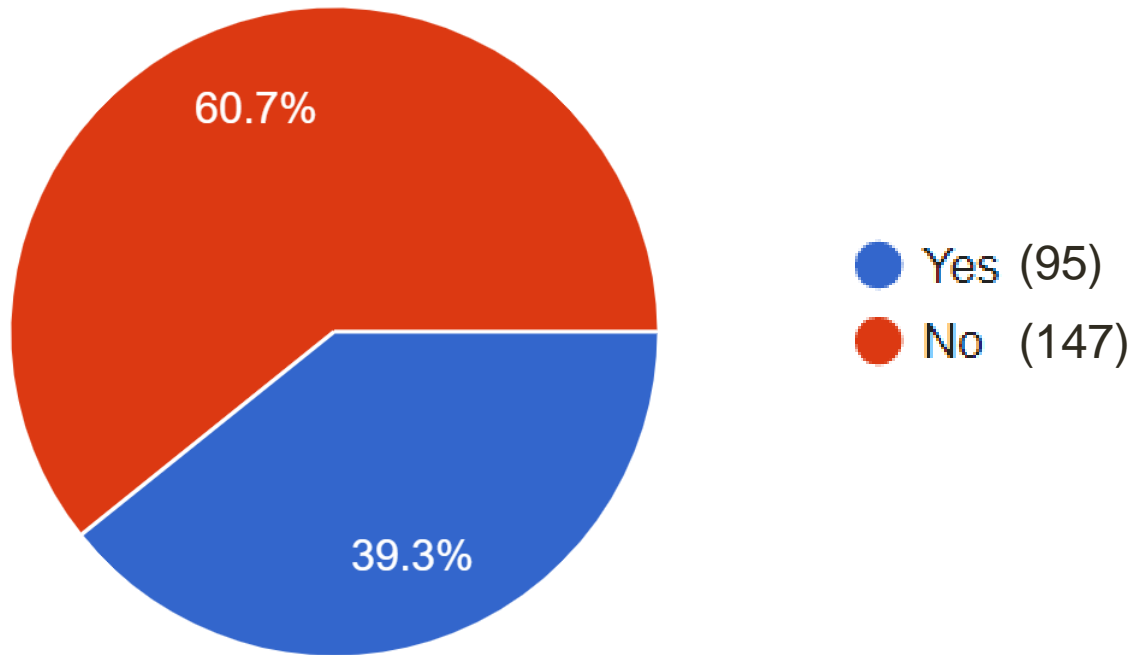
81.8% answered this question (208/254)



Question #24.

Should there be more bicycle lanes on roadways?

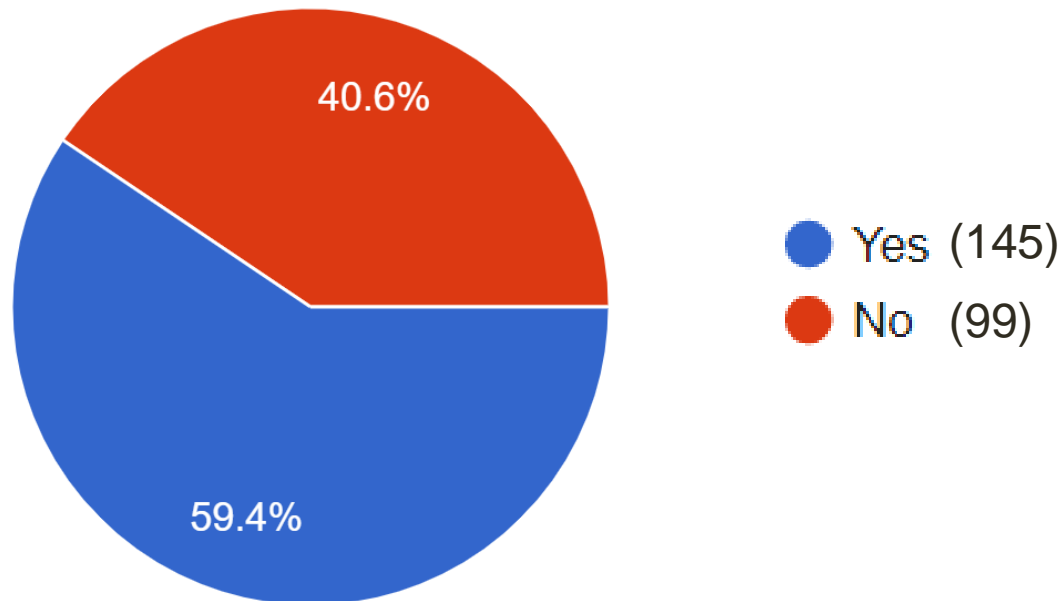
95.2% answered this question (242/254)



Question #25.

Should there be more non-motorized multi-use trails throughout the town and the town forest?

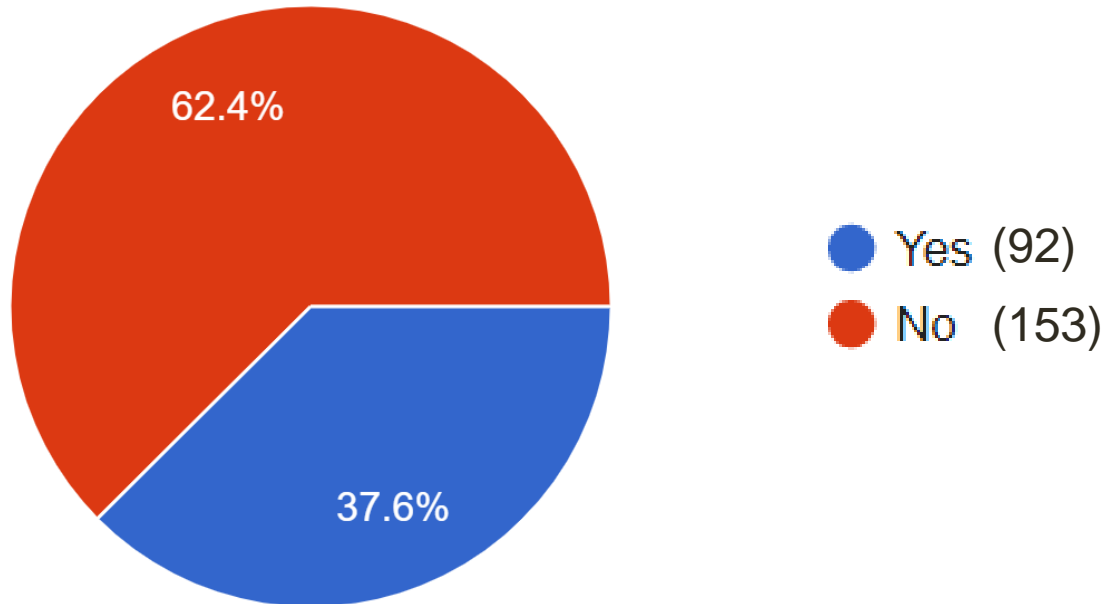
96.0% answered this question (244/254)



Question #26.

Should the town allow ATV accessibility throughout the town?

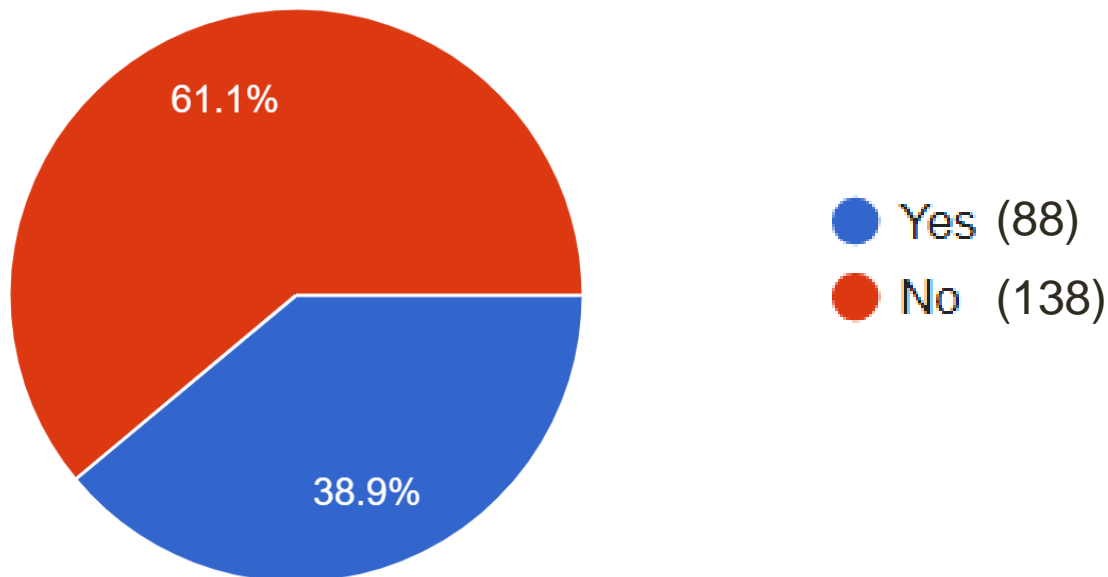
96.4% answered this question (245/254)



Question #27.

Should Class VI (6) roads be discontinued (removed as public rights of way) to protect property owners?

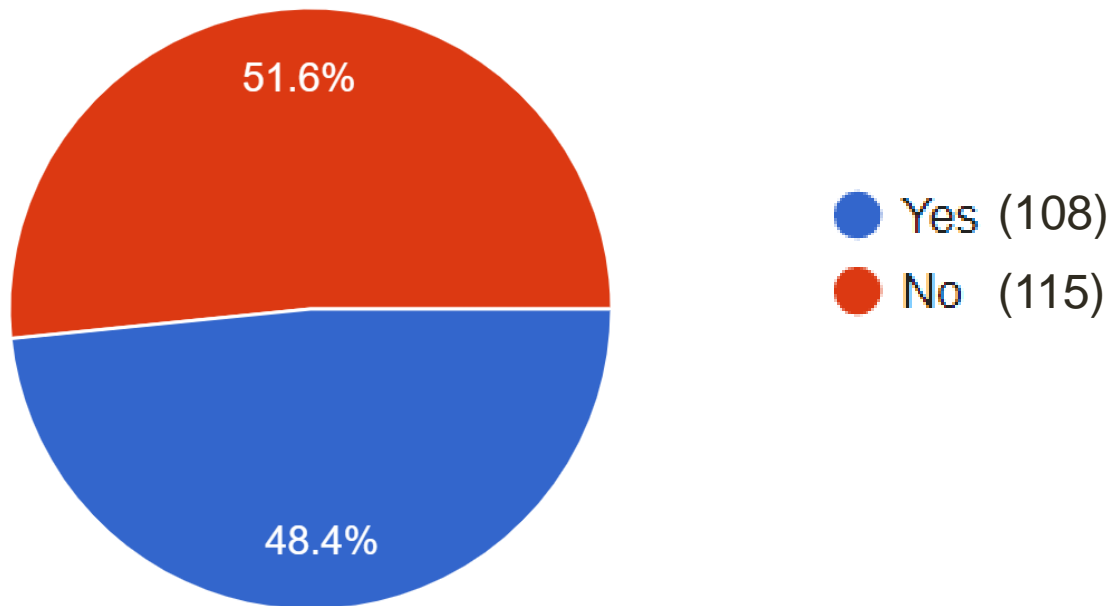
88.9% answered this question (226/254)



Question #28.

Should the town promote the state-owned Plummer Ledge Natural Area as a tourist destination?

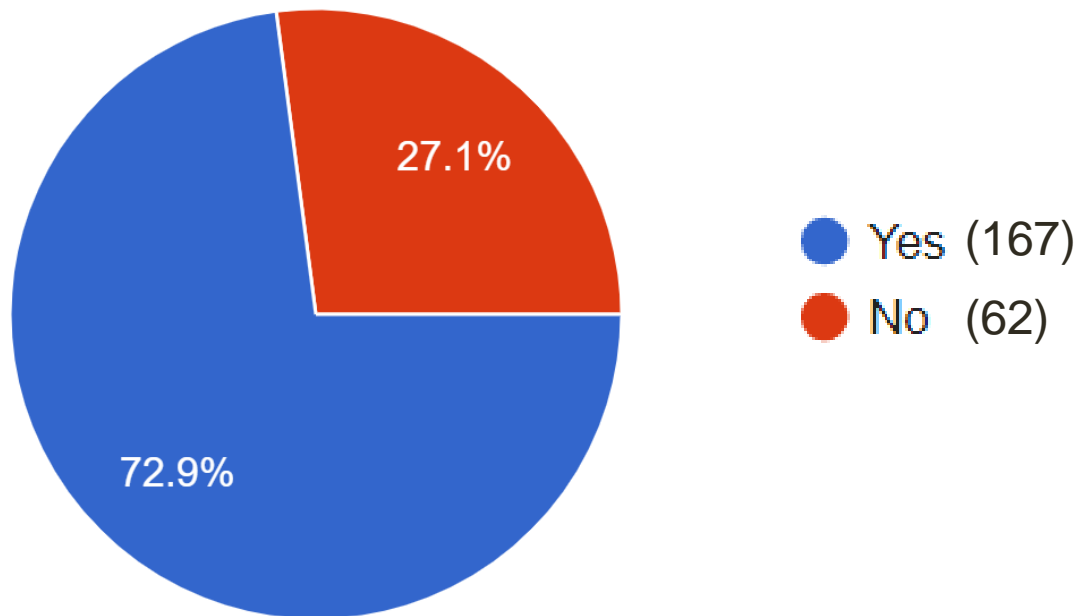
87.7% answered this question (223/254)



Question #29.

Should the town allow non-motorized trails and other park amenities within the town-owned land of the Plummer Forest?

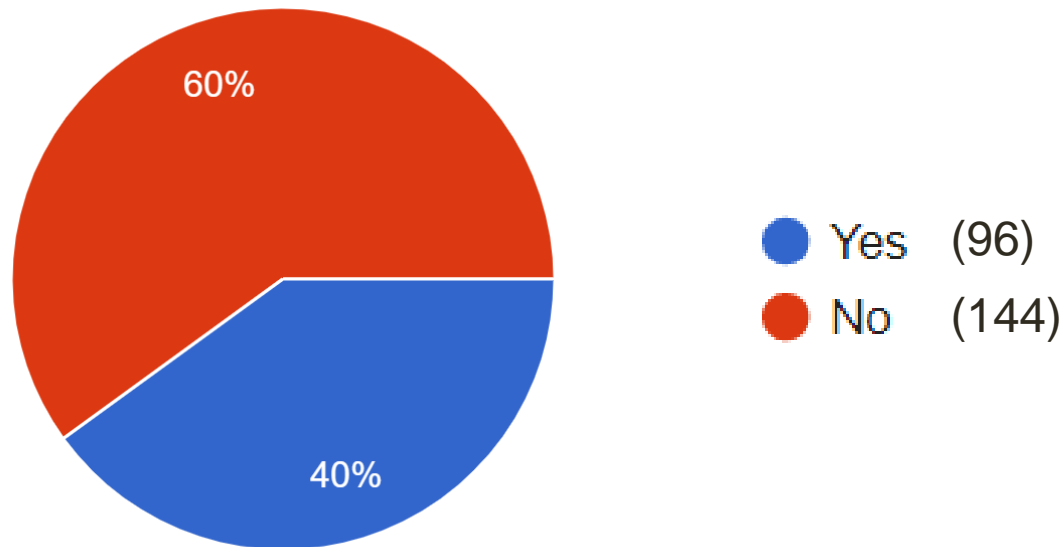
90.1% answered this question (229/254)



Question #30.

Hamilton Park is town-owned and has access to the Baker River. FEMA funding requires this to be open to the public. Should the town increase parking to allow for open public use of this area for more than just baseball?

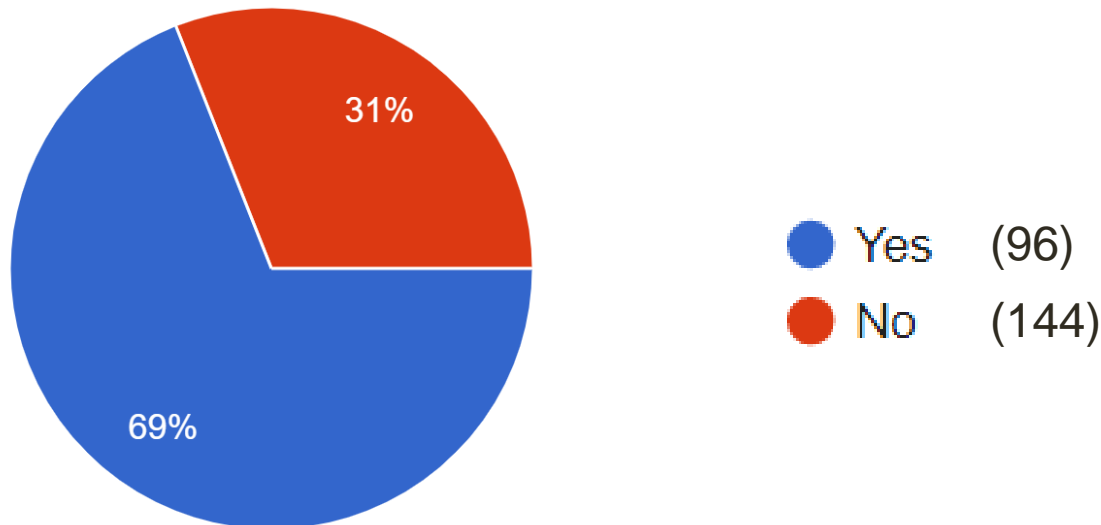
94.4% answered this question (240/254)



Question #31.

The Town of Wentworth owns the smaller parking area and tennis courts at Riverside Park with limited access to the Baker River. The Webster Library owns the remaining property; the rest of the property to the bridge is private. Should the town limit the parking access to residents only within this limited area?

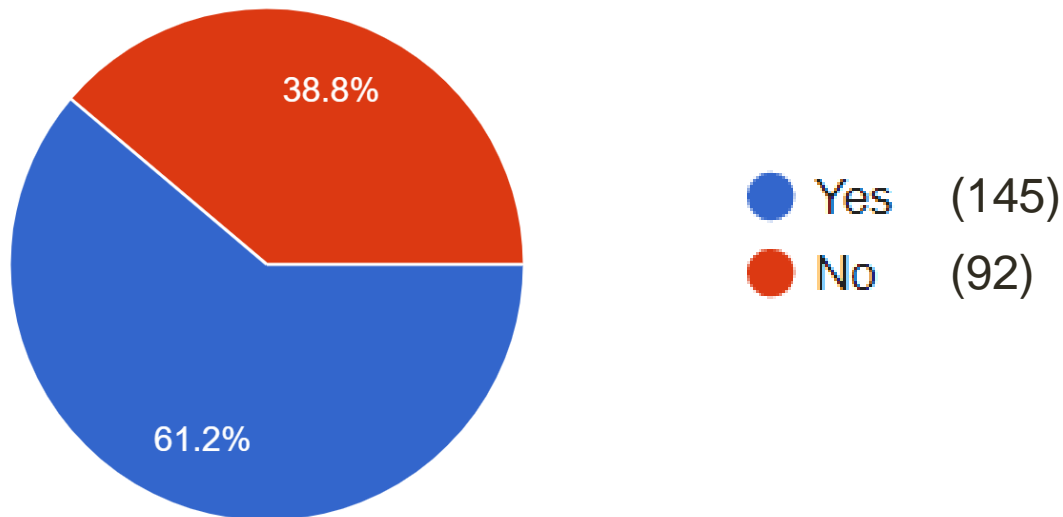
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Question #32.

The Historical Society controls the South Bank of the Baker River behind the Historical Society. There is parking across at the Old Town Hall. Should the Town of Wentworth negotiate with the Historical Society to potentially gain access to the lower section of the property to develop an area of open access for picnics and swimming?

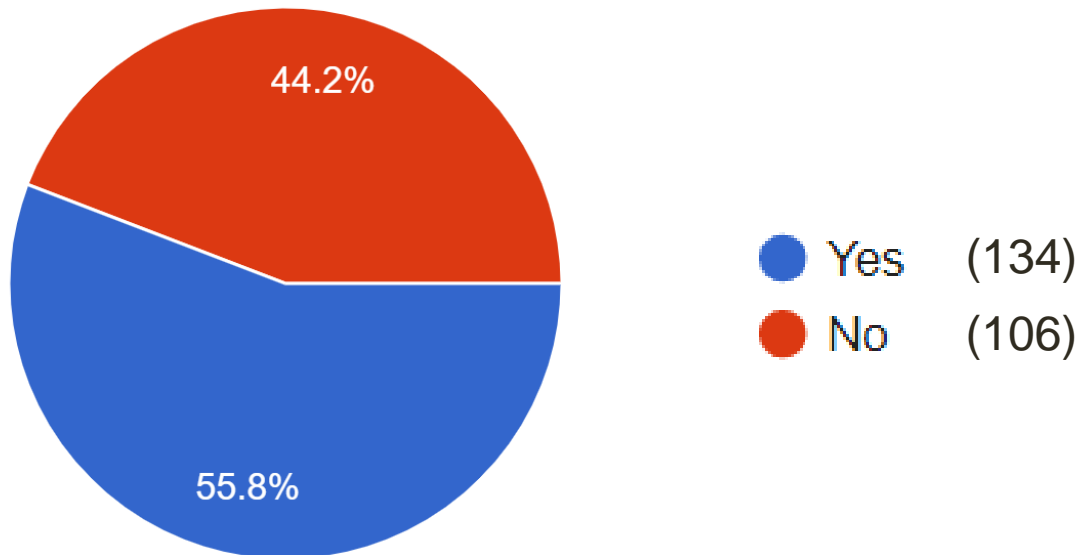
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Question #33.

If the South Bank area behind the Historical Society is opened for public access, should the town investigate installing public toilets at the Old Town Hall for use by patrons of the South Bank Recreational Area?

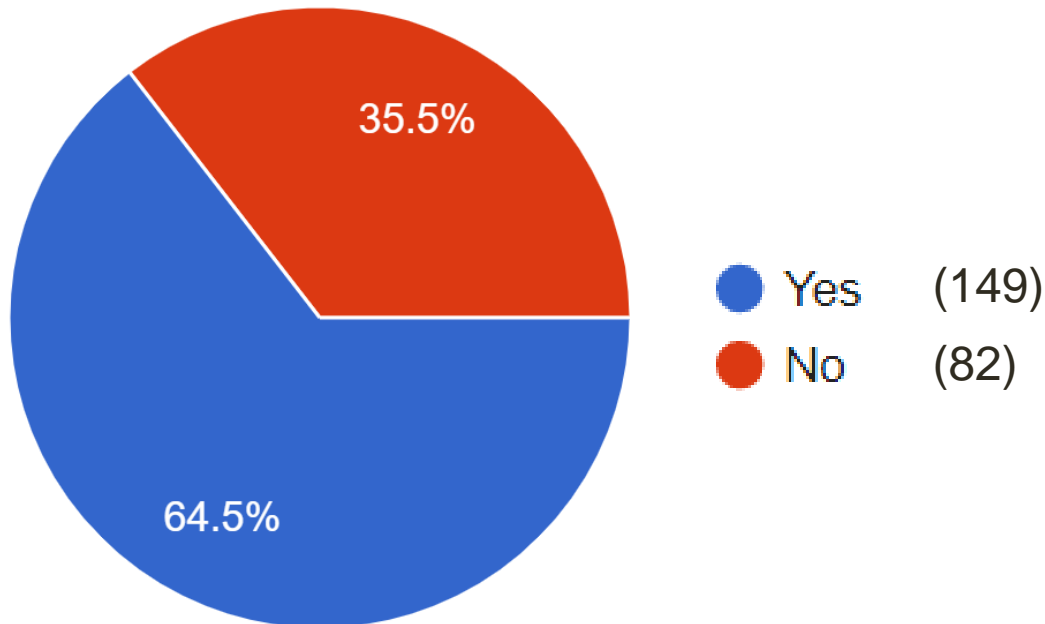
94.4% answered this question (240/254)



Question #34.

Should the history of the town be better promoted and subsidized?

90.9% answered this question (231/254)



Question #35.

Should these historic sites in town be protected?

In order from left to right....

Wentworth Historical Society (Old Train Station)

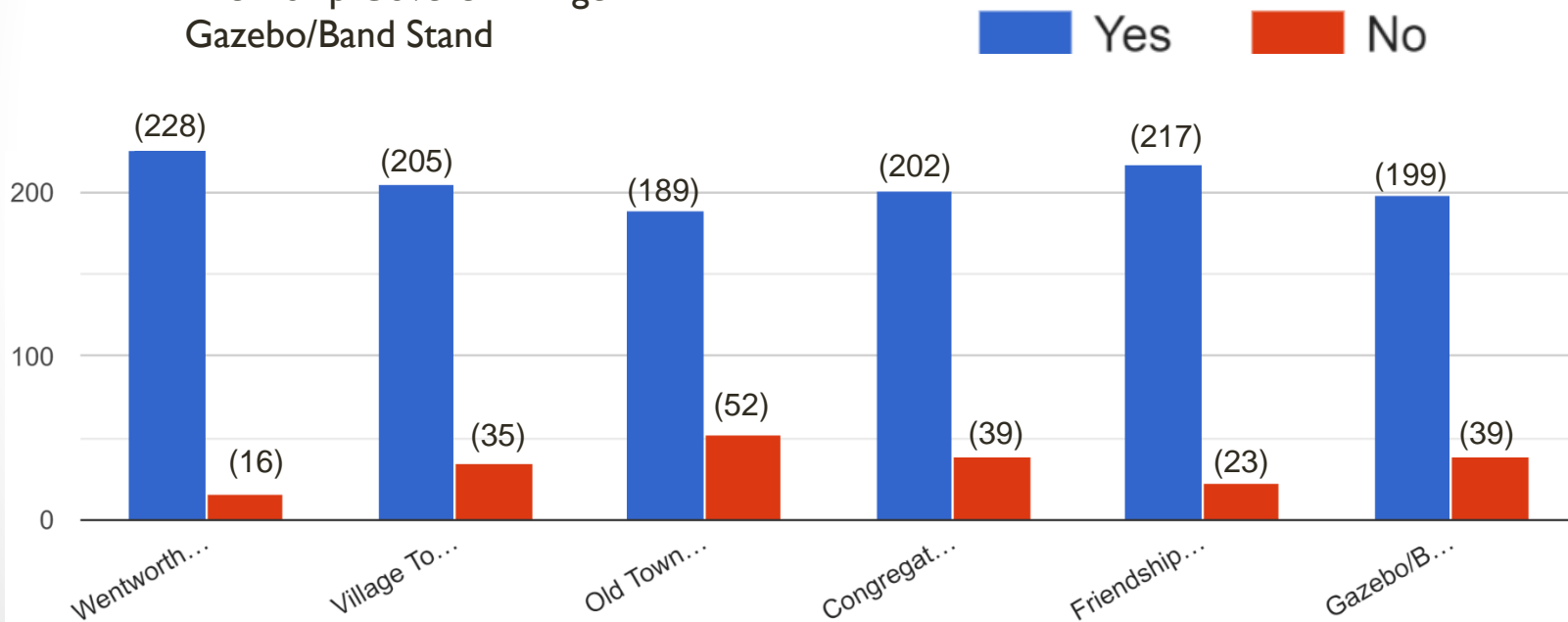
Village Town Common & surrounding buildings

Old Town Hall

Congregational Church

Friendship Covered Bridge

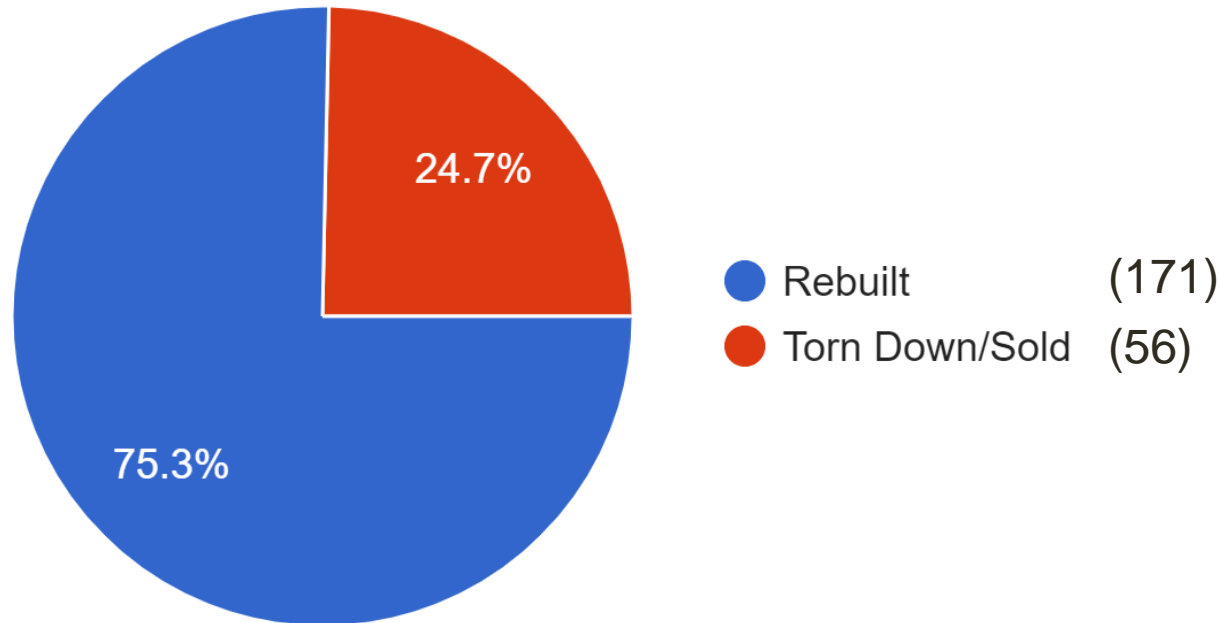
Gazebo/Band Stand



Question #36.

Should the Old Town Hall be rebuilt by the town, in the most economical way possible, as a location for public meetings and an event venue, or should the Old Town Hall be torn down/sold?

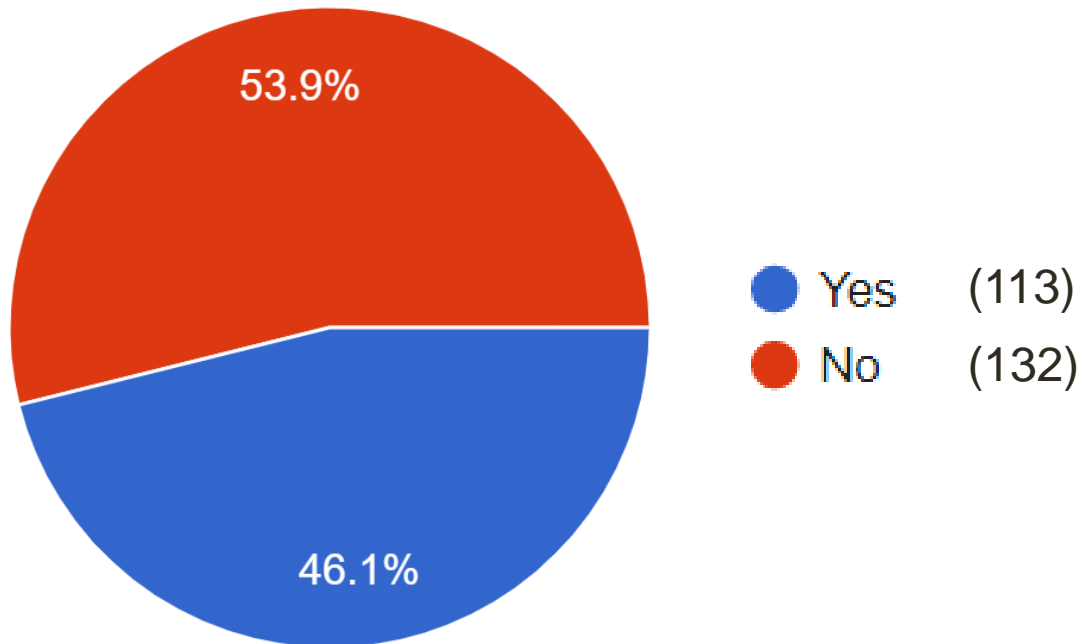
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Question #37.

Are arts & culture important to your lifestyle?

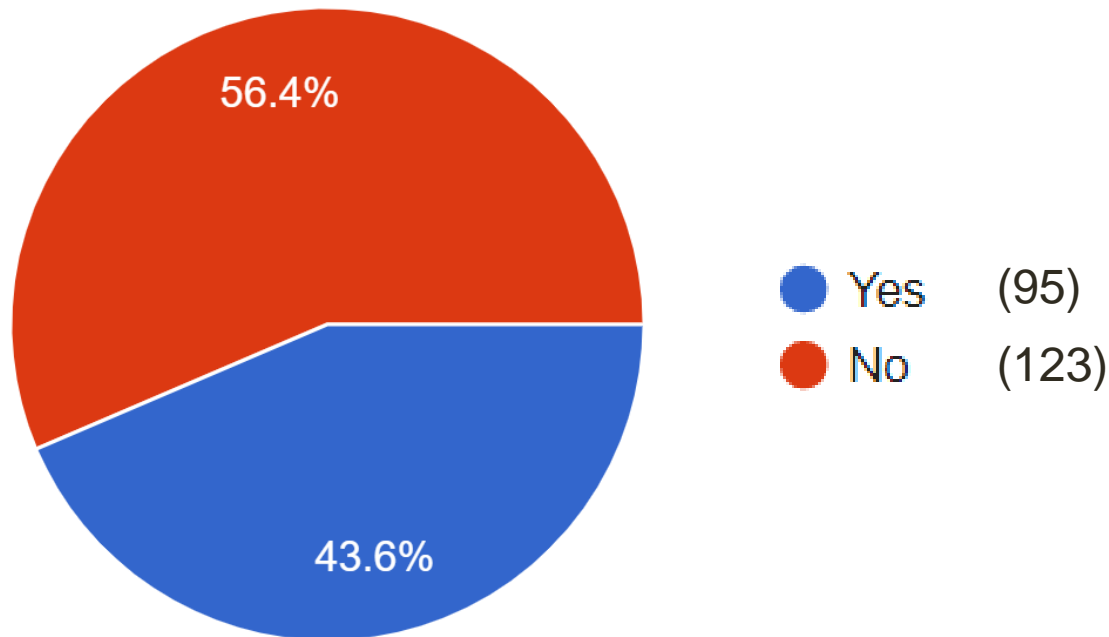
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Question #38.

Does the town provide adequate arts & culture?

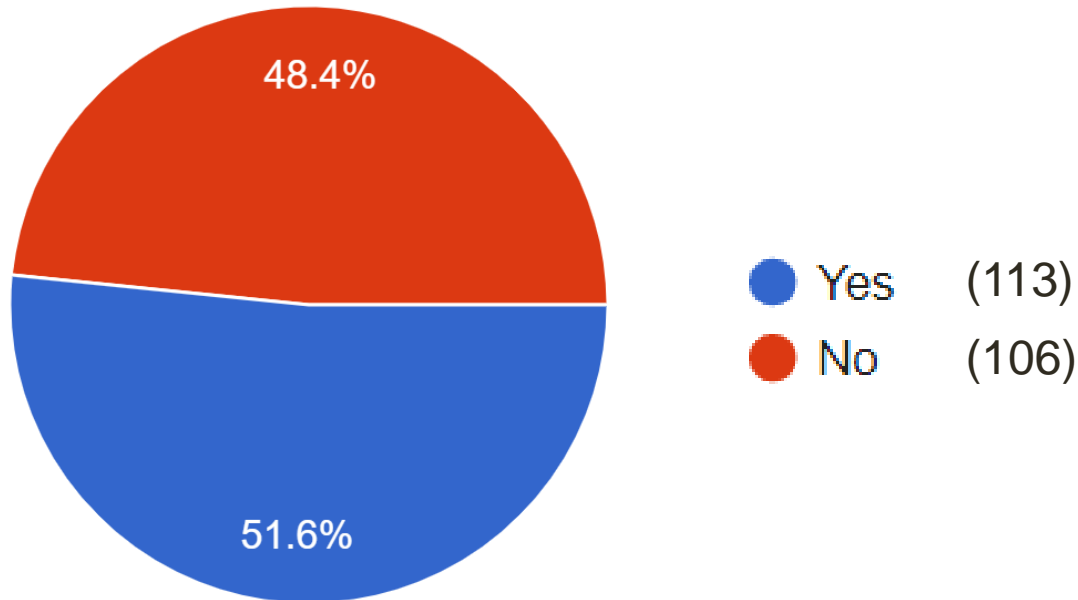
85.8% answered this question (218/254)



Question #39.

Should the town provide more opportunities for arts & culture?

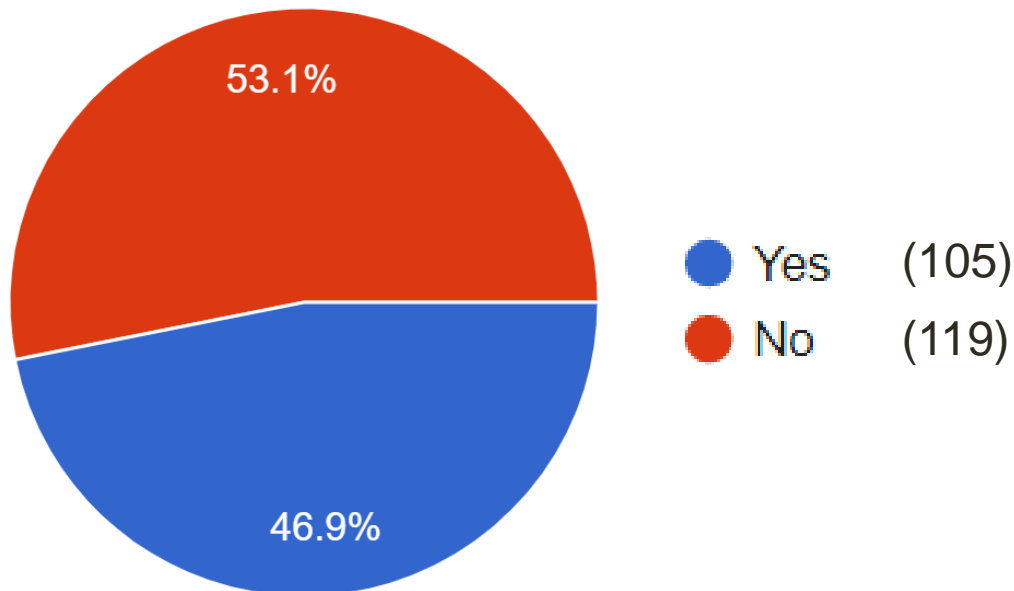
86.2% answered this question (219/254)



Question #40.

Should an indoor dance and concert venue exist in Wentworth?

88.1% answered this question (224/254)



Question #41.

What arts & culture would you like to see, or see more of, in town? (please list three)

35.4% answered this question (90/254)

Common Threads

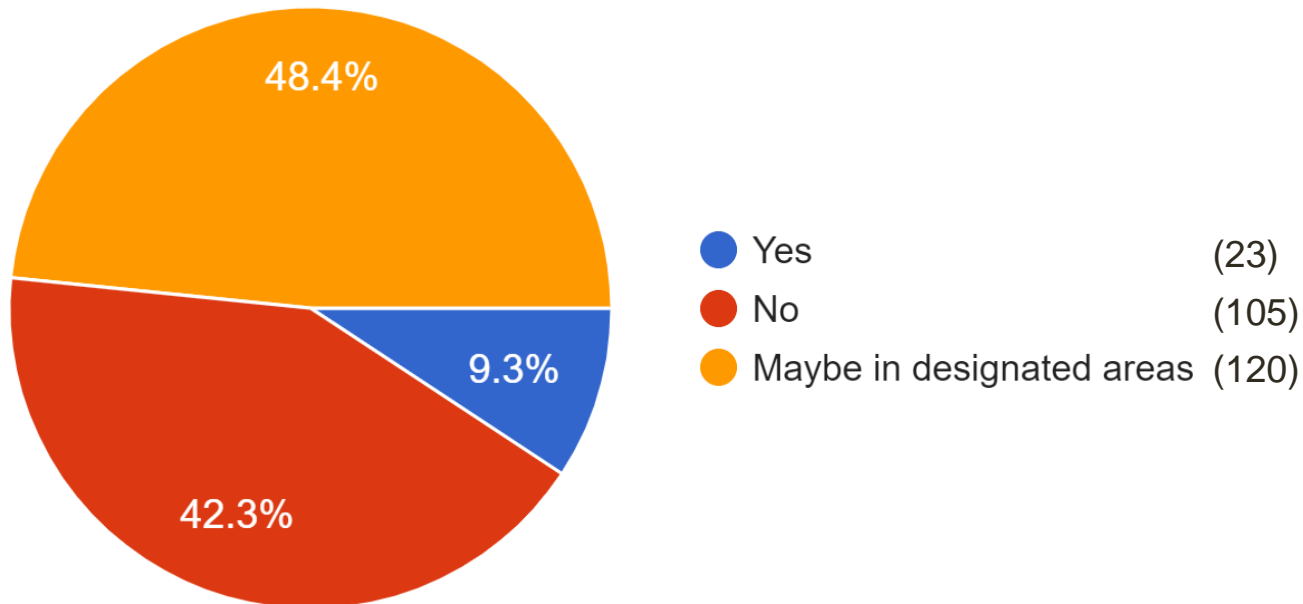
- Theatre/Plays
- Music Concerts/Band Stand Events
- Art & Craft Shows
- Farmers Markets
- Story Telling
- Children's Activities
- Craft Shows & Programs

See separate document for full list.

Question #42.

Would you like to see more commercial development in town?

97.6% answered this question (248/254)



Question #43a.

*Would you support the following types of businesses?
(check all that apply)*

In order from left to right....

Restaurants

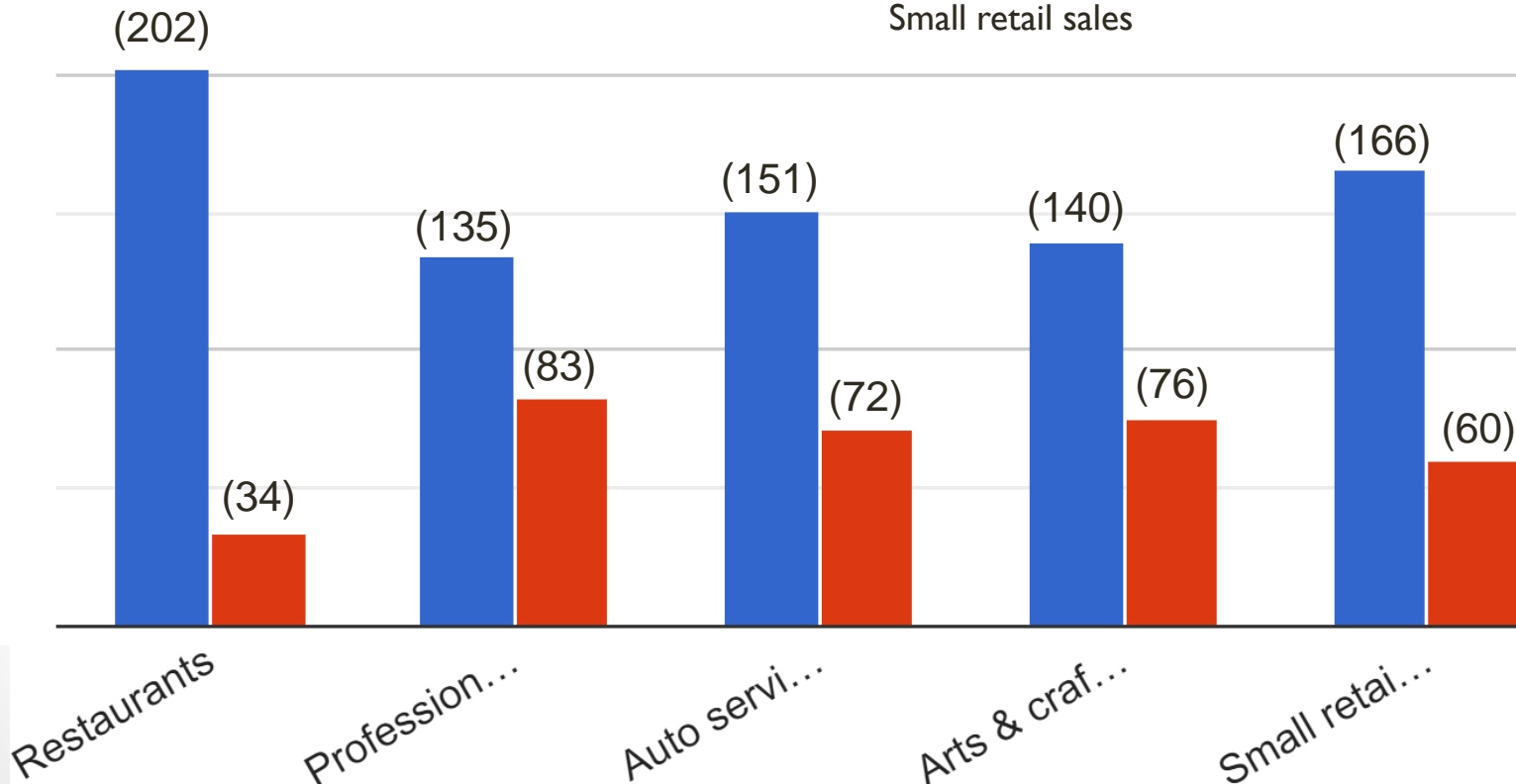
Professional offices/health practices

Auto service & repair

Arts & craft store or gallery

Small retail sales

Yes No



Question #43b.

*Would you support the following types of businesses?
(check all that apply)*

Yes No

In order from left to right....

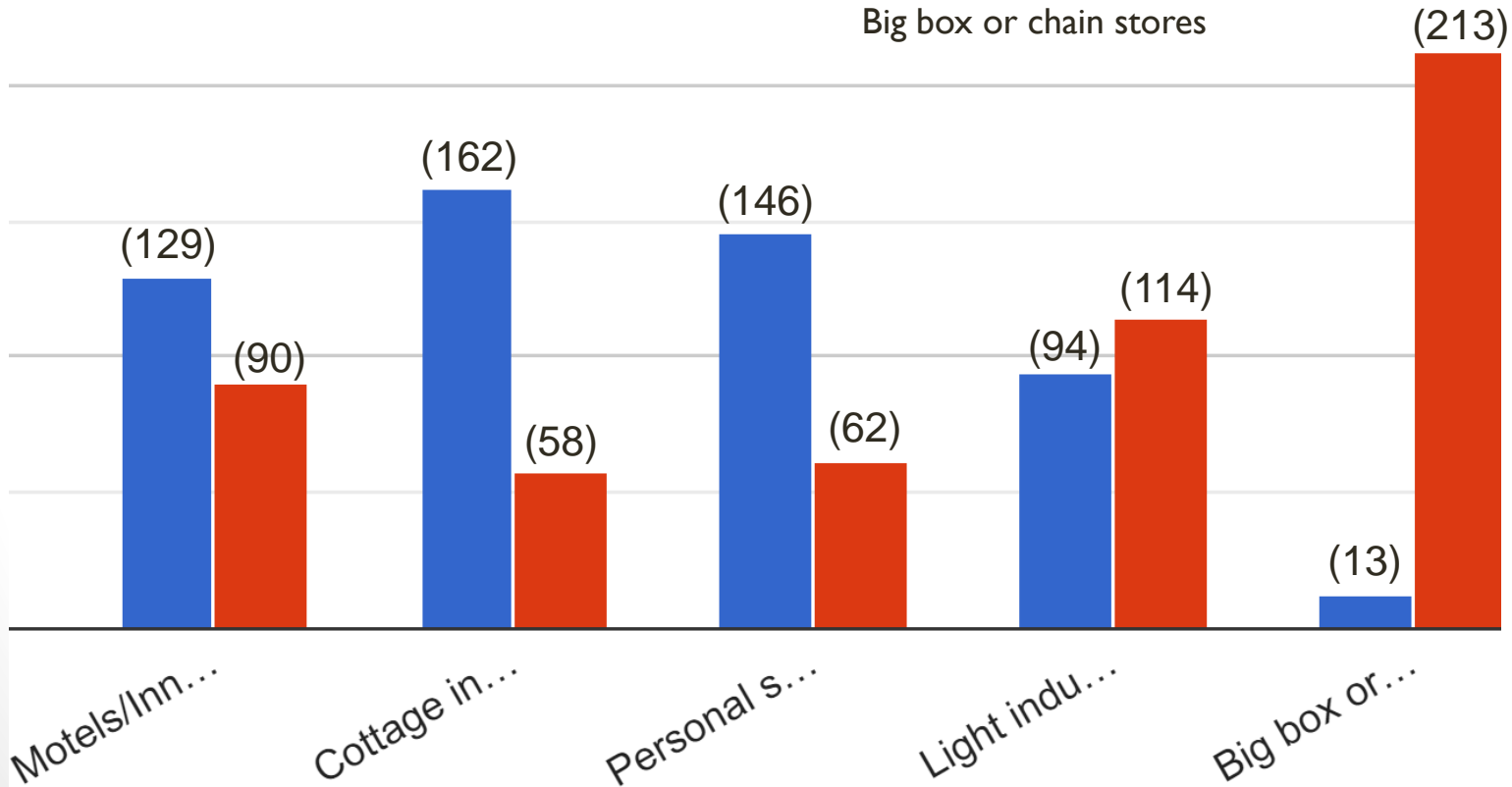
Motels/Inns/Bed & Breakfasts/Air B&B

Cottage industries/home occupations

Personal services

Light industry

Big box or chain stores



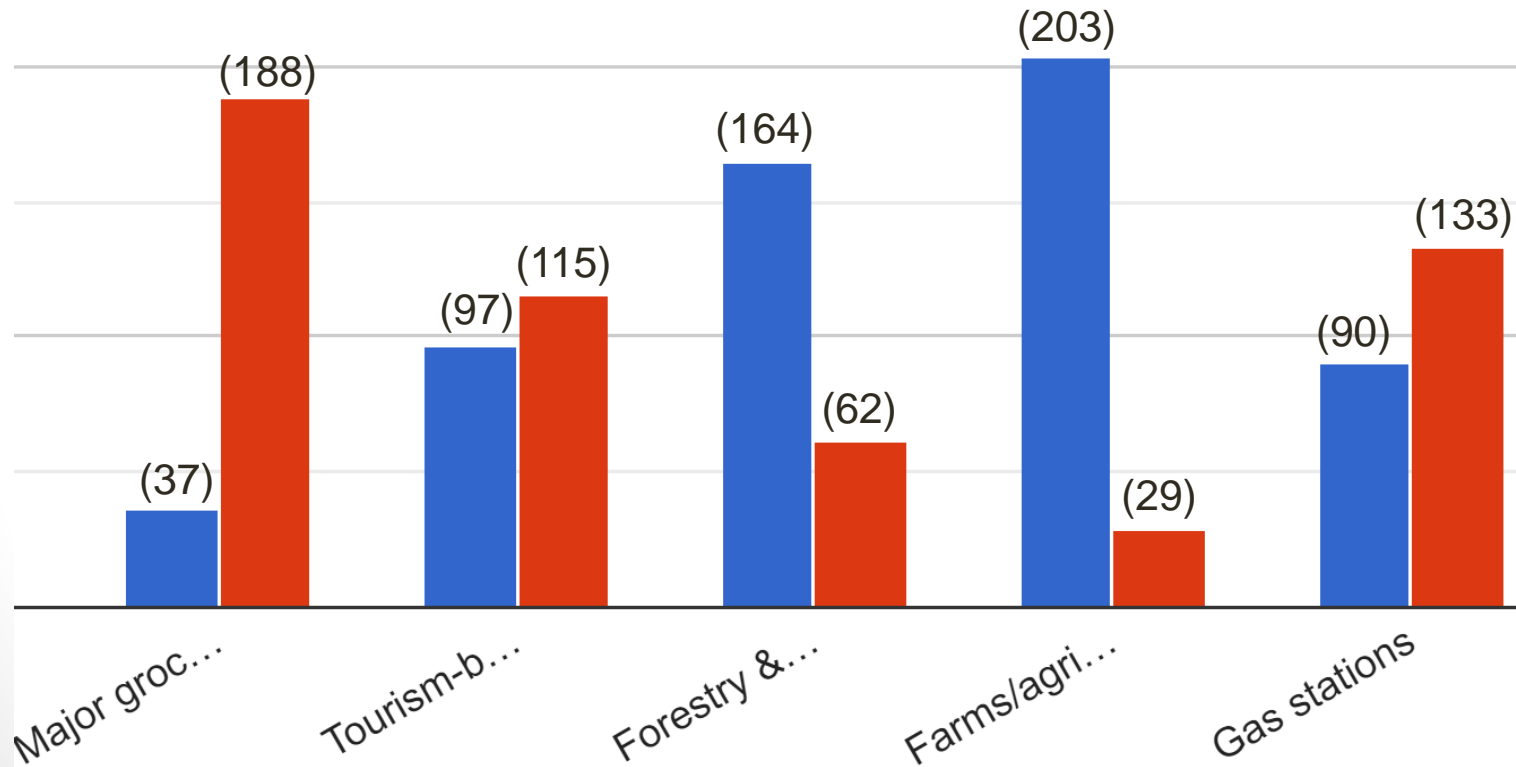
Question #43c.

*Would you support the following types of businesses?
(check all that apply)*

Yes No

In order from left to right....

- Major grocery stores
- Tourism-based businesses
- Forestry & wood product industry
- Farm/agri-businesses
- Gas stations



Question #43d.

*Would you support the following types of businesses?
(check all that apply)*

■ Yes ■ No

In order from left to right....

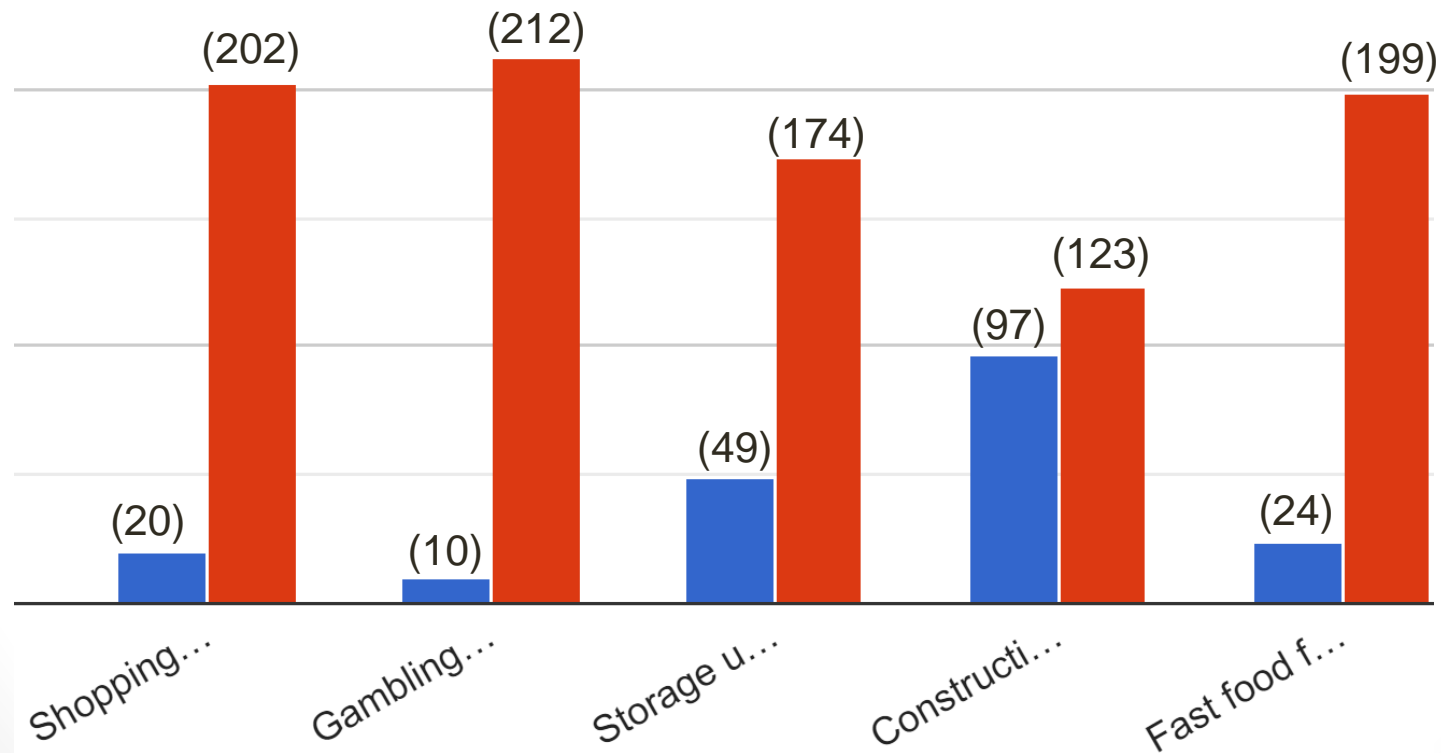
Shopping centers/outlets

Gambling facilities

Storage units

Construction businesses

Fast food franchise



Question #43e.

*Would you support the following types of businesses?
(check all that apply)*

■ Yes ■ No

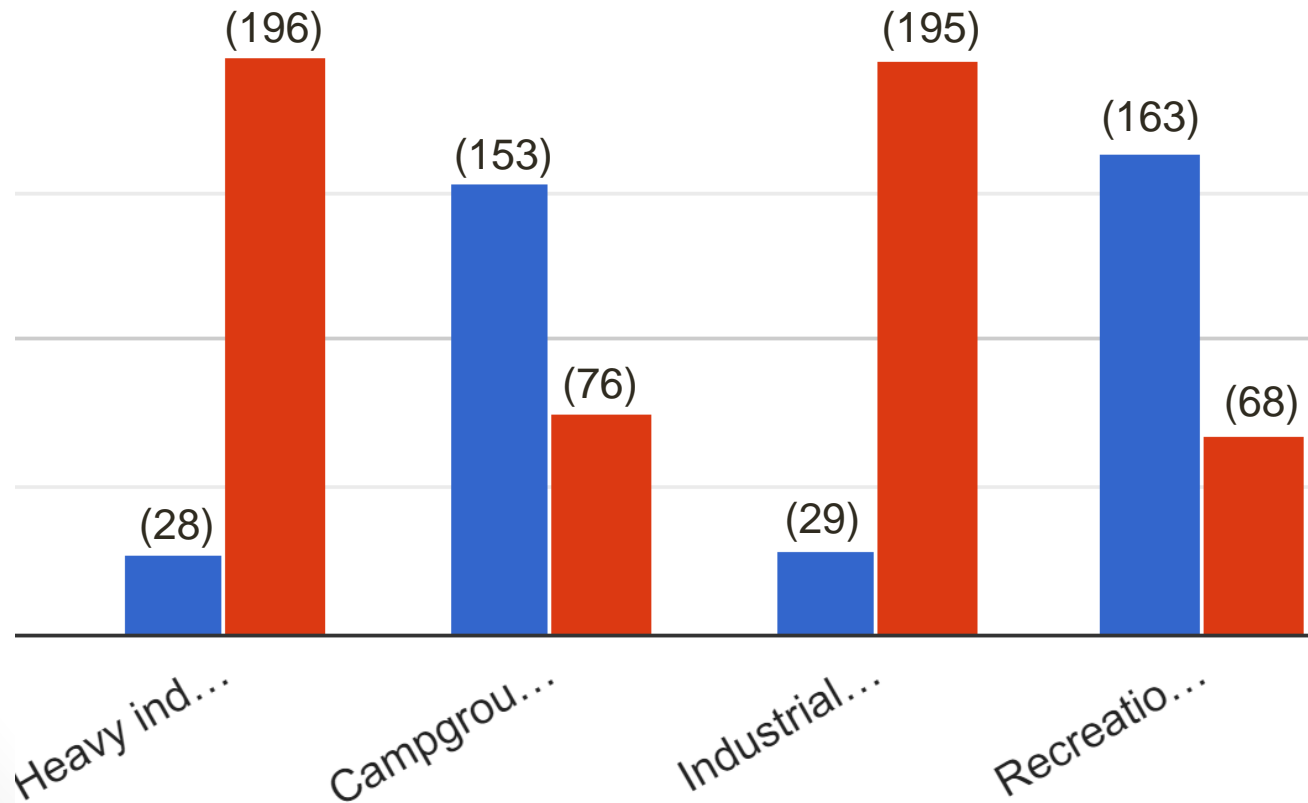
In order from left to right....

Heavy industry/manufacturing

Campgrounds

Industrial park

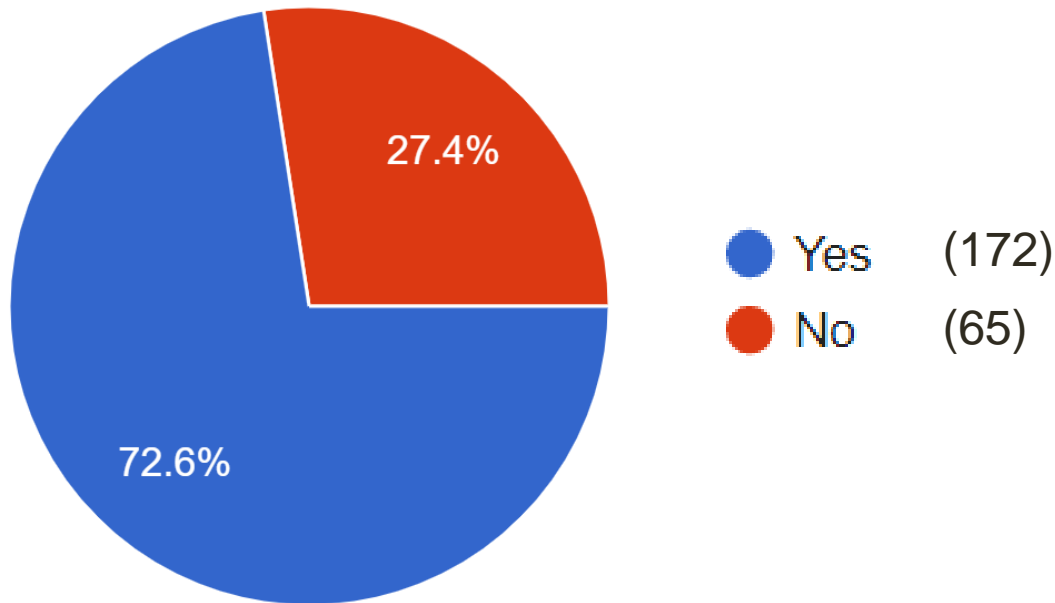
Recreation-based businesses



Question #44.

Should the Planning Board have the authority to review and approve commercial and industrial development to align with the Master Plan?

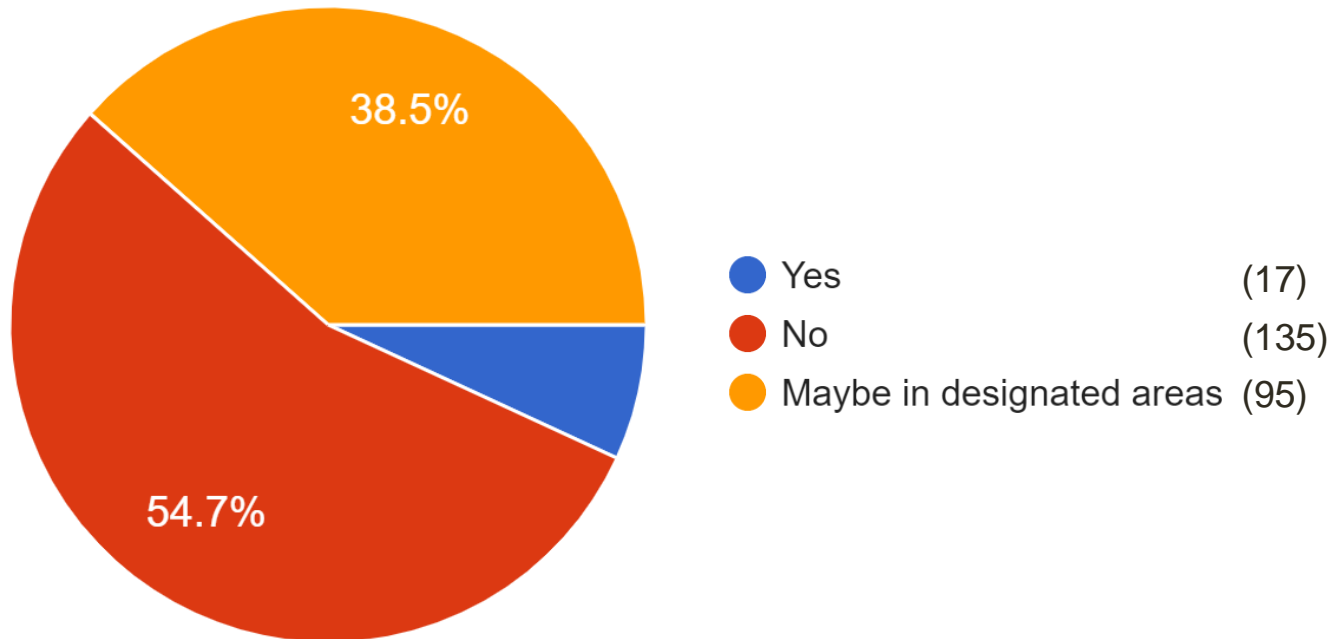
93.3% answered this question (237/254)



Question #45.

Would you like to see more industrial development in town?

97.2% answered this question (247/254)



Question #46.

*What business or services are most needed in town?
(please list three)*

41.3% answered this question (105/254)

Common Threads

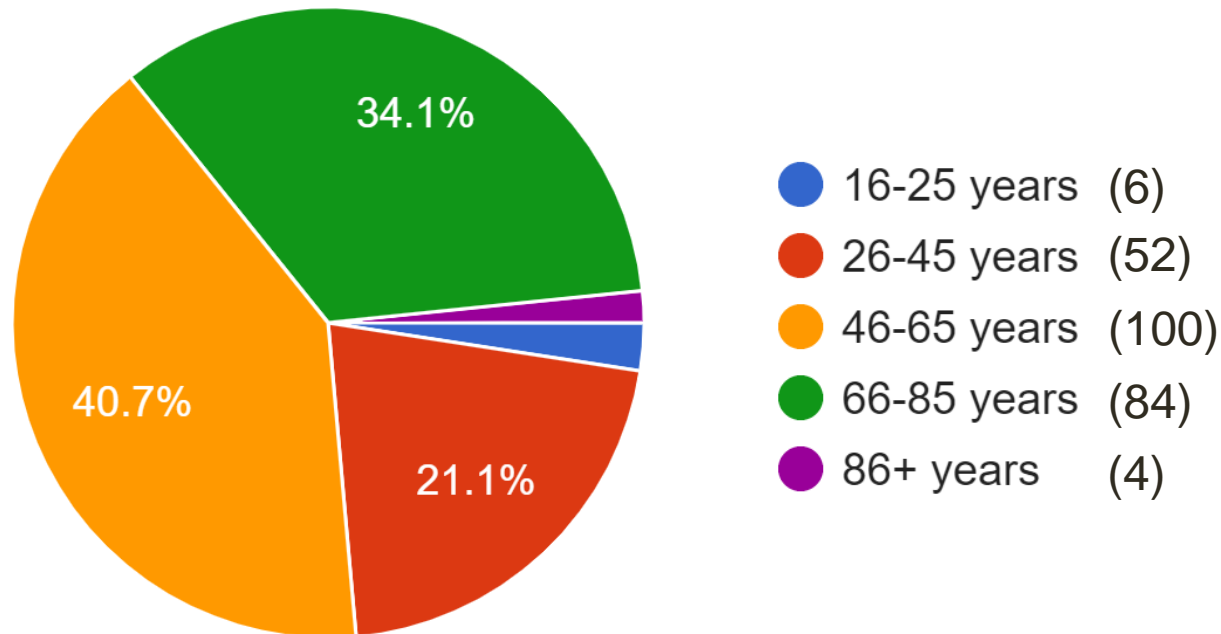
- Restaurants
- Gas Station
- Small Grocery Store
- None
- Better Cell & Internet Service
- Bed & Breakfasts
- Auto Repair
- Hardware Store

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Question #47.

What is your age?

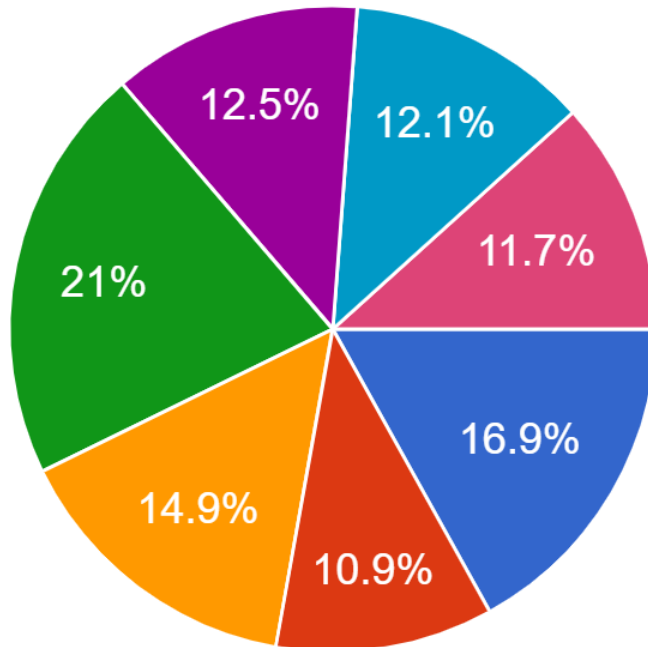
96.8% answered this question (246/254)



Question #48.

What best describes your residency?

97.6% answered this question (248/254)

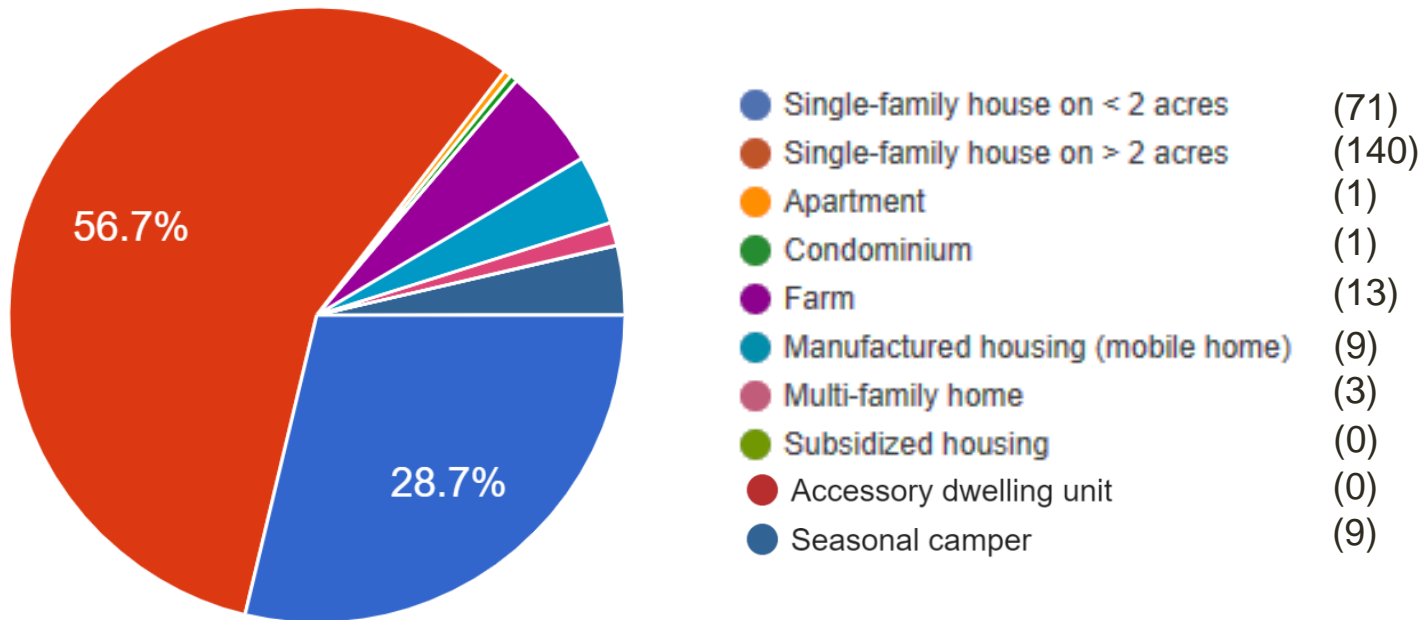


- Year-round resident: 1-5 years (42)
- Year-round resident: 6-10 years (27)
- Year-round resident: 11-20 years (37)
- Year-round resident: 20+ years (52)
- Year-round resident: Lifelong (31)
- Seasonal resident (30)
- Non-resident property owner (29)

Question #49.

In which type of housing do you currently live?

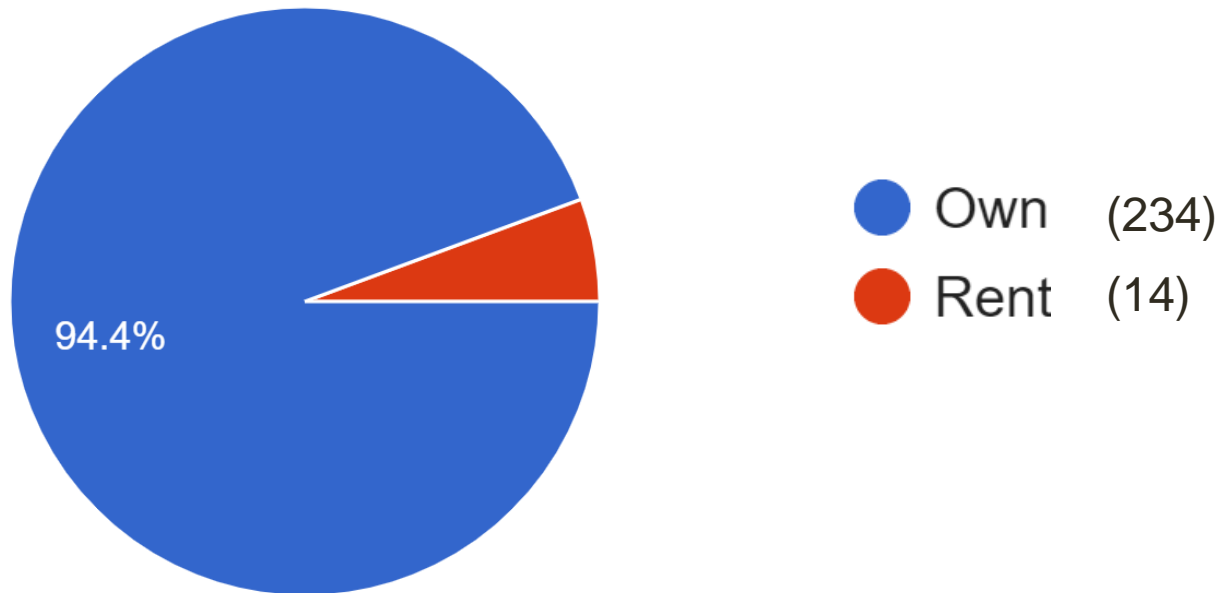
97.2% answered this question (247/254)



Question #50.

Do you own or rent?

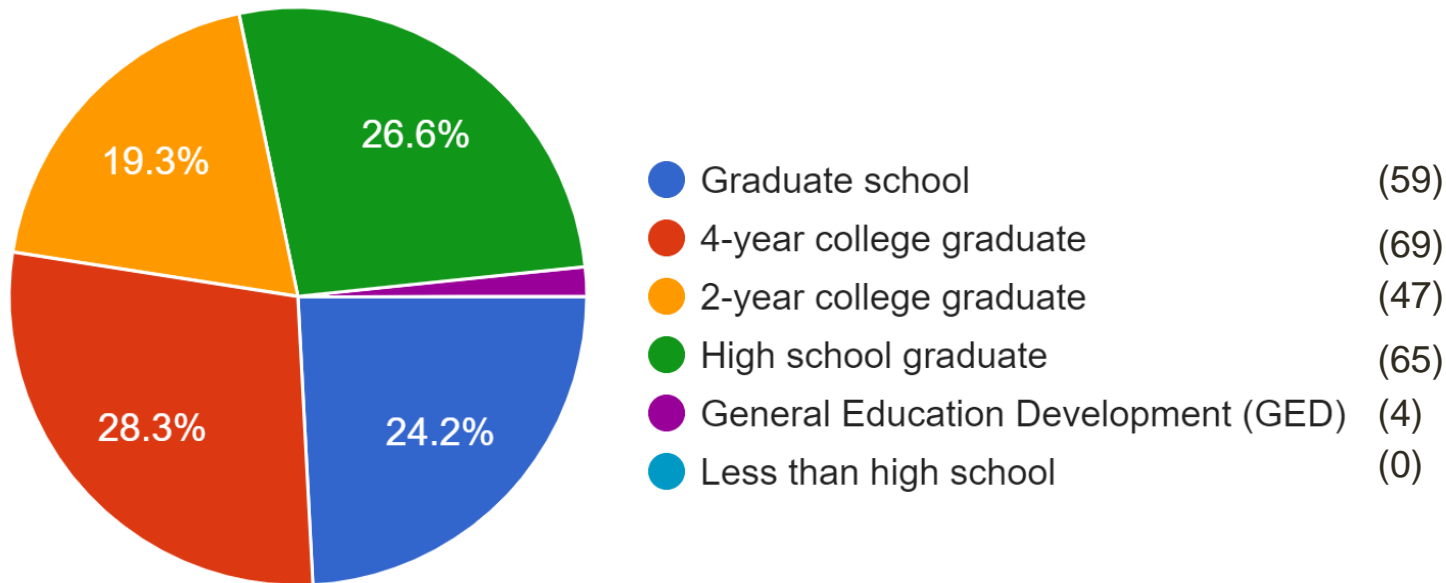
97.6% answered this question (248/254)



Question #51.

What is your highest level of completed education?

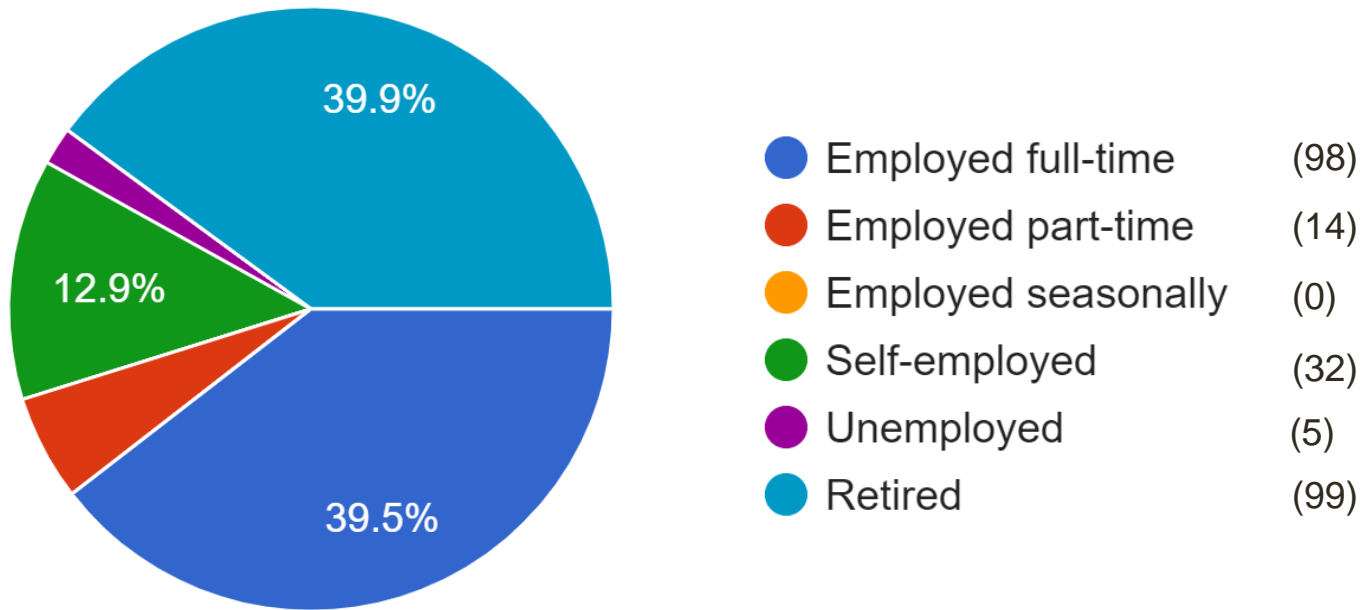
96.0% answered this question (244/254)



Question #52.

What is your employment status?

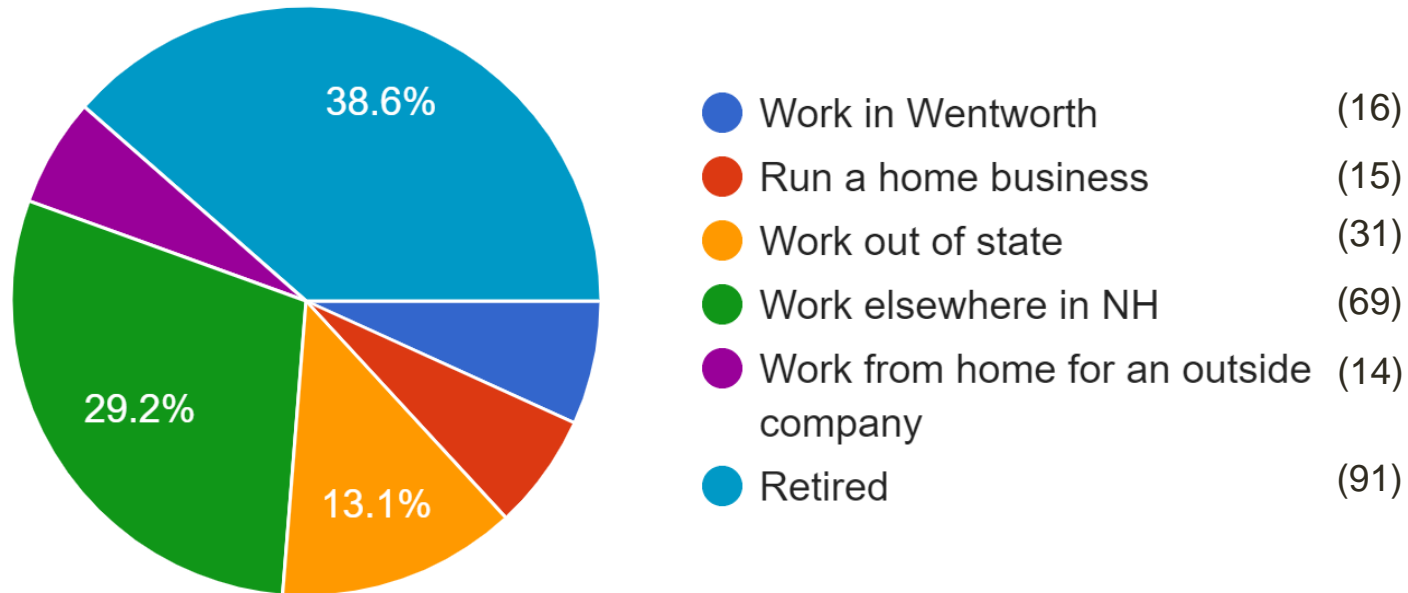
97.6% answered this question (248/254)



Question #53.

Where do you work?

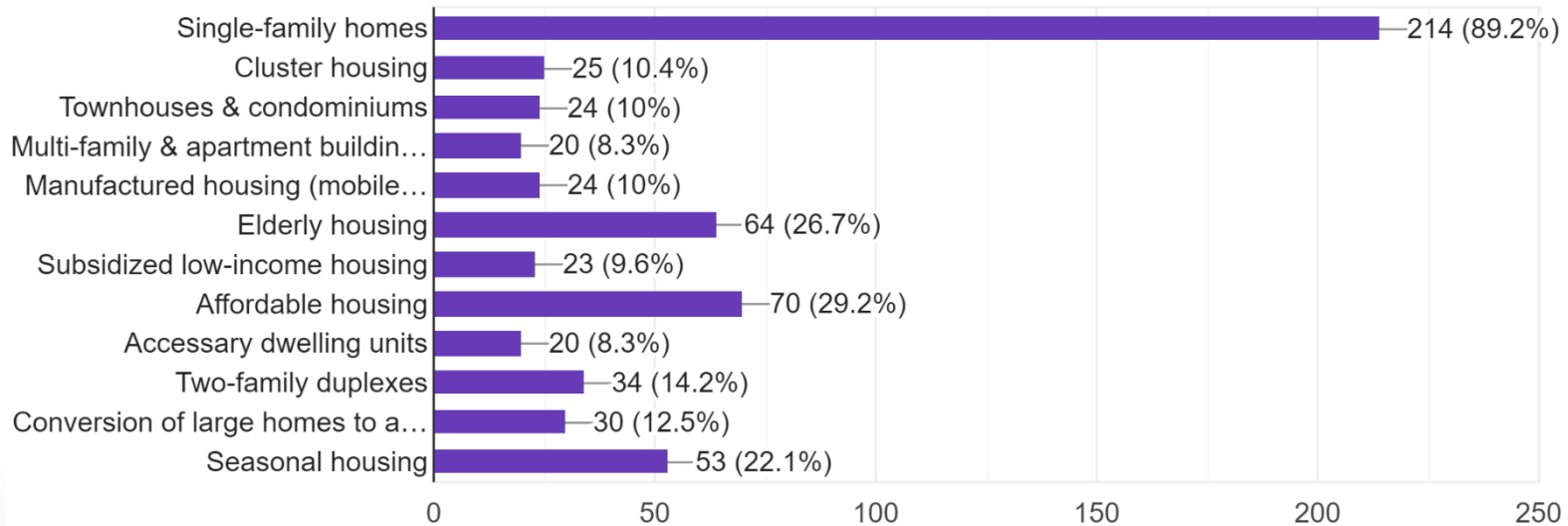
92.9% answered this question (236/254)



Question #54.

What types of housing would you like the town to encourage? (check all that apply)

94.4% answered this question (240/254)



Question #55.

In 25 words or less, please describe your “vision” of what this town should be like ten years from now.

67.7% answered this question (172/254)

Common Threads

- Keep it the “way it is”
- Rural small town atmosphere
- Retain scenic beauty
- Cleaner, no junk in yards
- Better Cell & Internet Service
- Small business additions
- Limit ordinances & regulations
- More activities for young people
- Repair old town buildings & add recreation areas

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