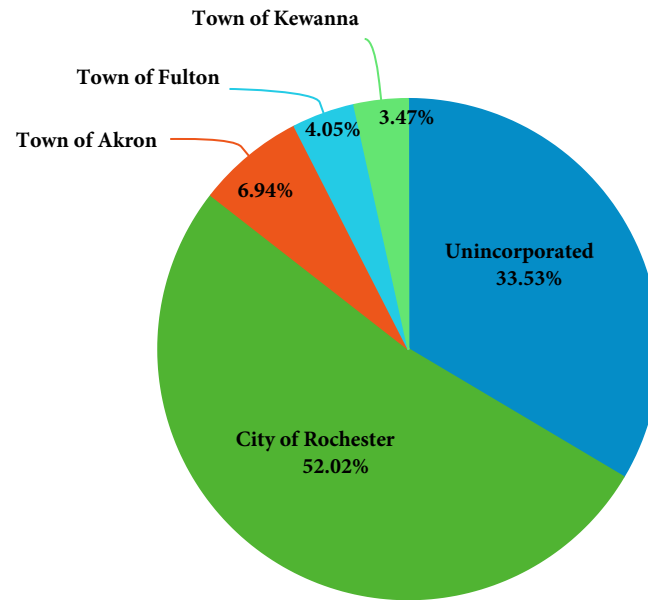


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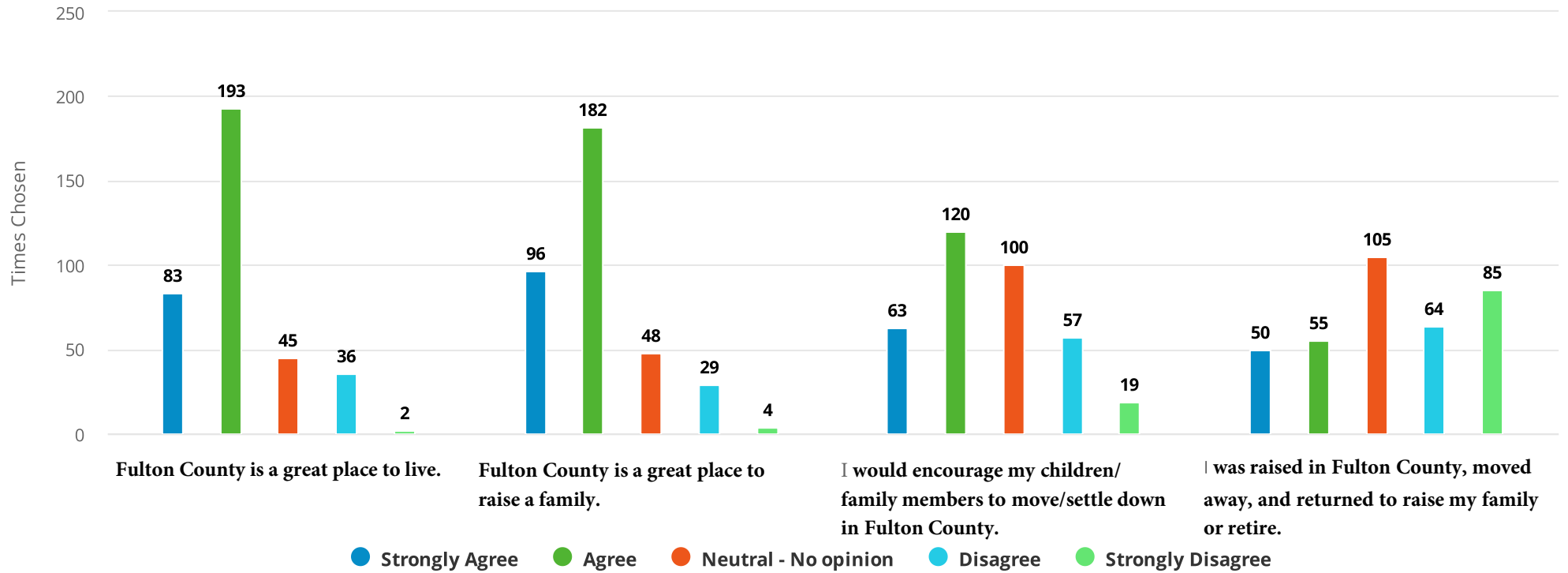
What part of Fulton County do you identify with?

Number of responses: 346



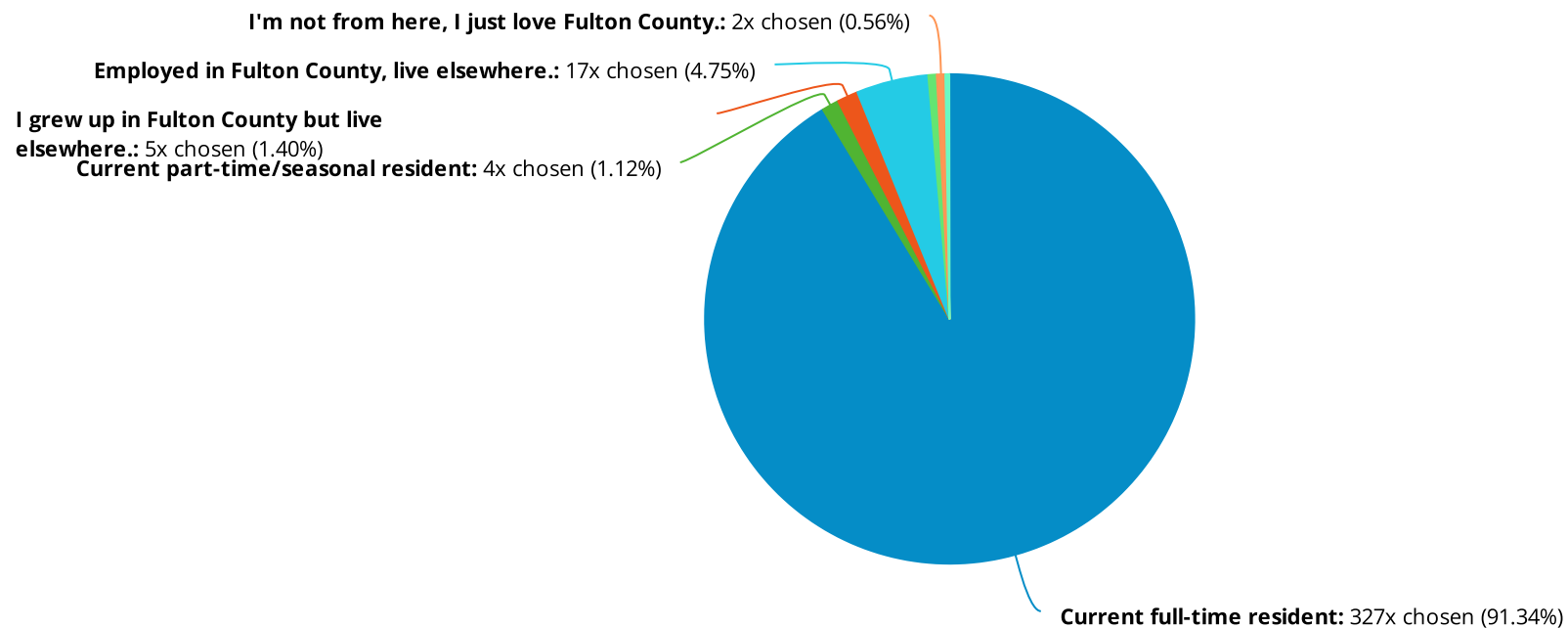
Please tell us your level of agreement with each of these statements. [Consider the use of the name Fulton County to include all communities - Rochester, Akron, Kewanna, Fulton, and the unincorporated areas of the County]

Number of responses: 359



What is your relationship with Fulton County?

Number of responses: 358

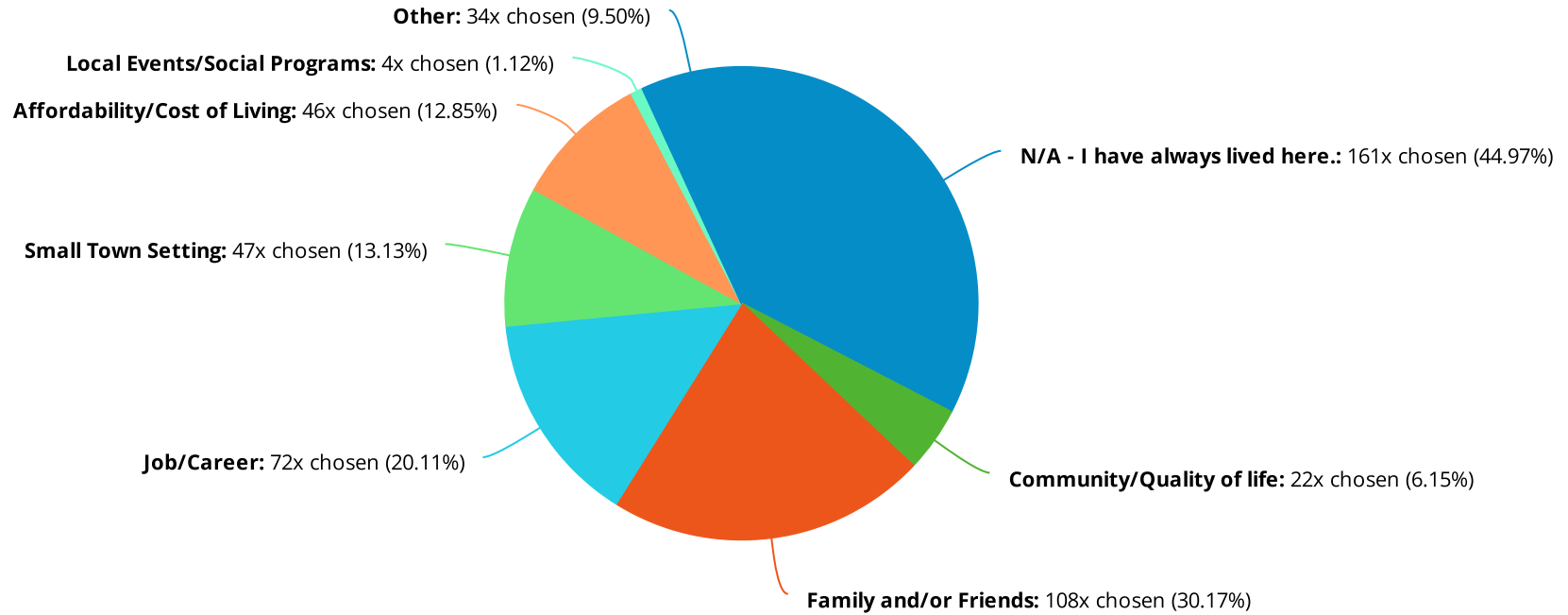


"Other" text answers:

Grew up and own a business

What first brought you to live in Fulton County?

Number of responses: 358



"Other" text answers:

Born and Raised

Other

My family has been here since 1837. I was raised here, moved away, and came back.

to become a pastor of a small town church

Born and raised here, left briefly, then came back

Purchase home and property

My dad moved us here when I was 12.

Farming

My wife grew up close to Rochester. I moved around a lot. I lived in mostly bigger cities before moving here 20 years ago.

Retirement

Don't live in Fulton County

Other

Wife raised here and when I was getting ready to retire from the Navy we decided that Akron was a nicer place to live than anywhere on the West Coast.

Marriage

Married a Resident

husband's job

Had to move in with my dad when I was younger and Fulton county was the place.

Lake Manitou

born here and raised here

Parents moved here while I was just out of high school

Lived here my entire life

Moved home for a job.

Was the center of Dad's territory for his new job back in '70's

purchased a business in Akron

Parents moved here

Other

lake

Very safe place to live with that has a strong faith in God still.

My mom moved us here

Born here

I was 4 y/o

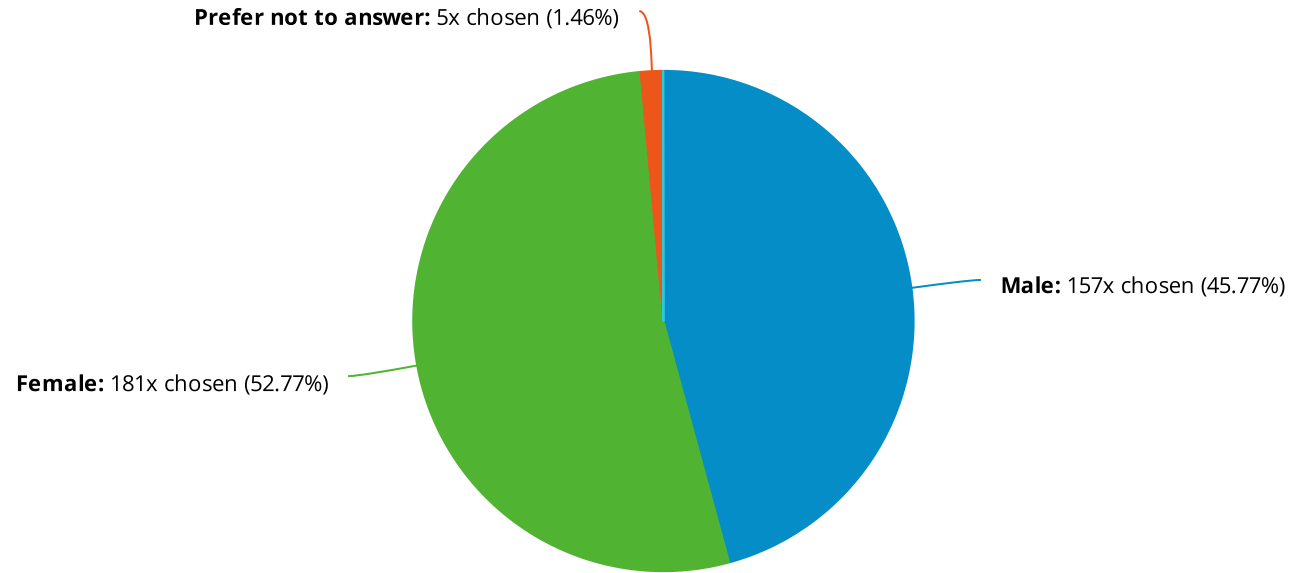
Just working in Fulton, do not live here

Parent's job

Lake

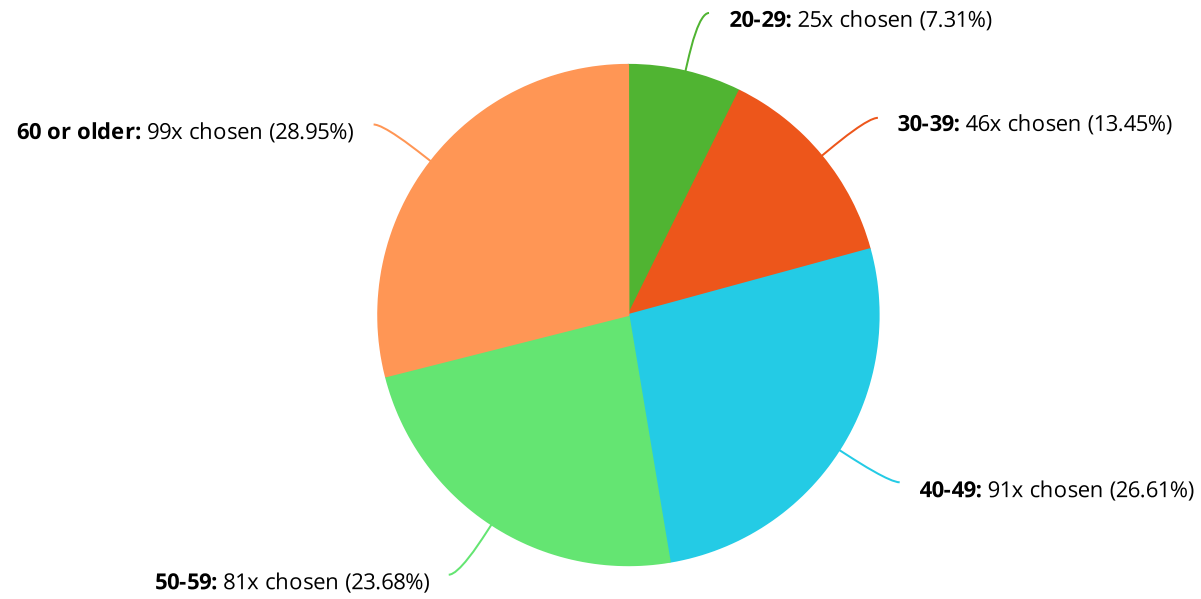
What is your gender?

Number of responses: 343



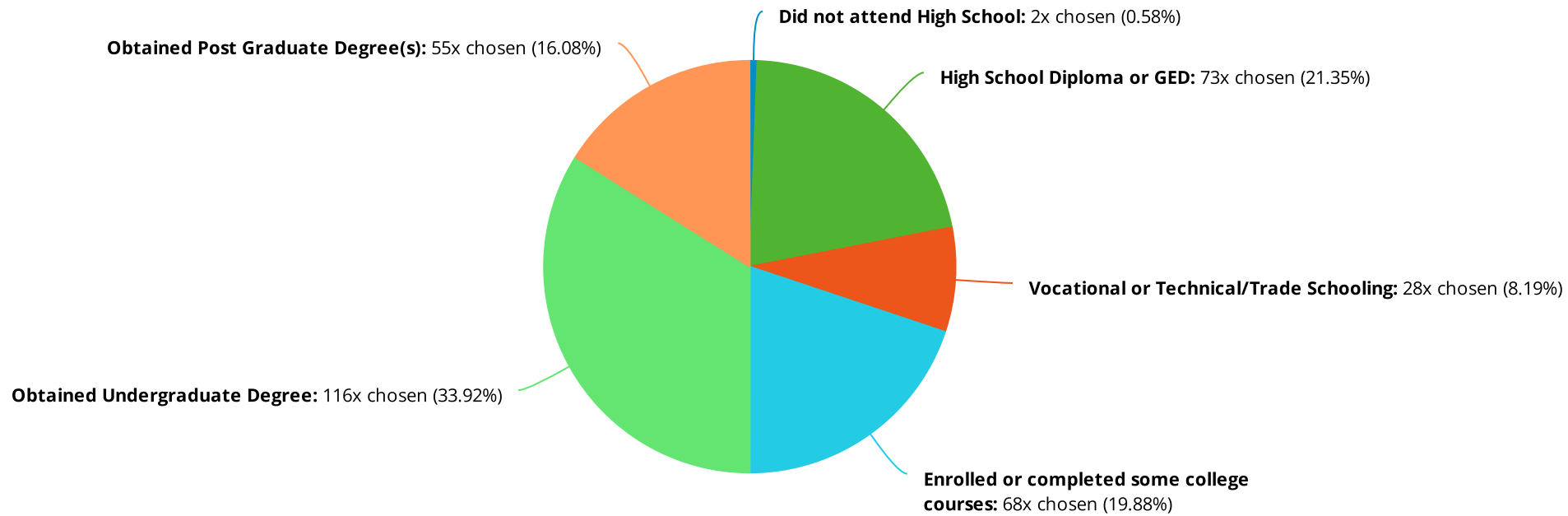
What is your age?

Number of responses: 342



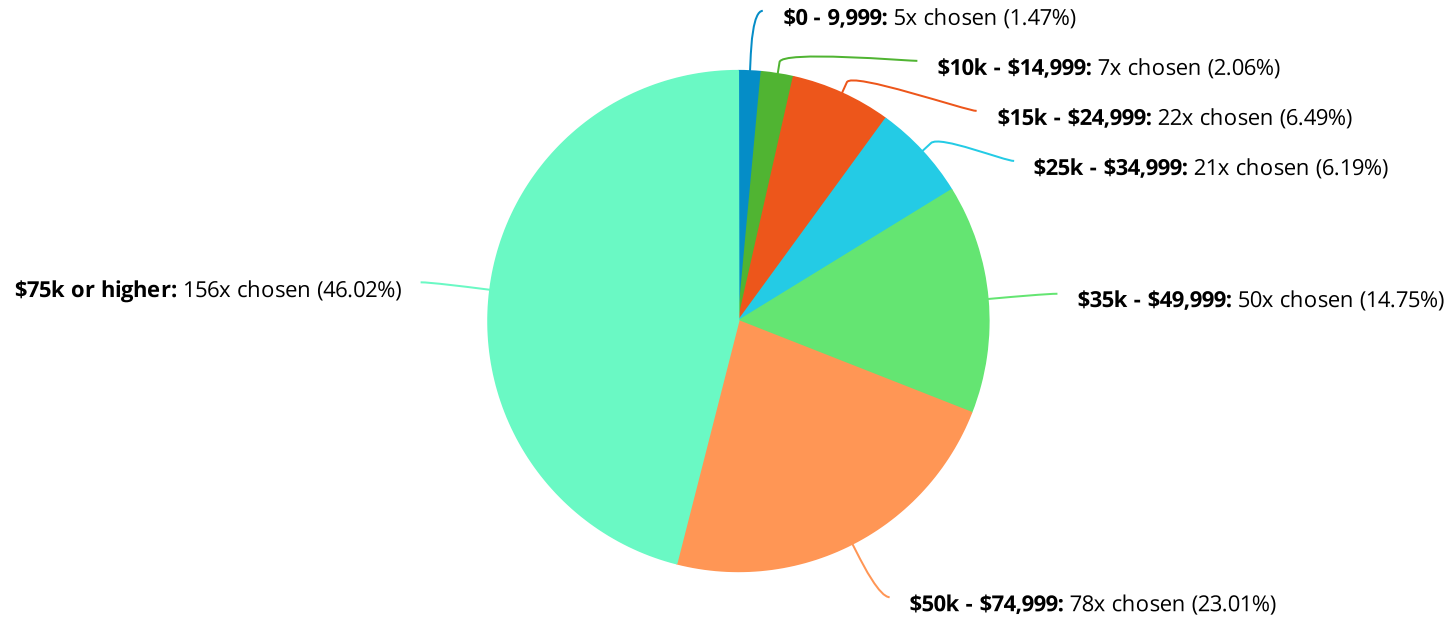
What is the highest level of education completed?

Number of responses: 342



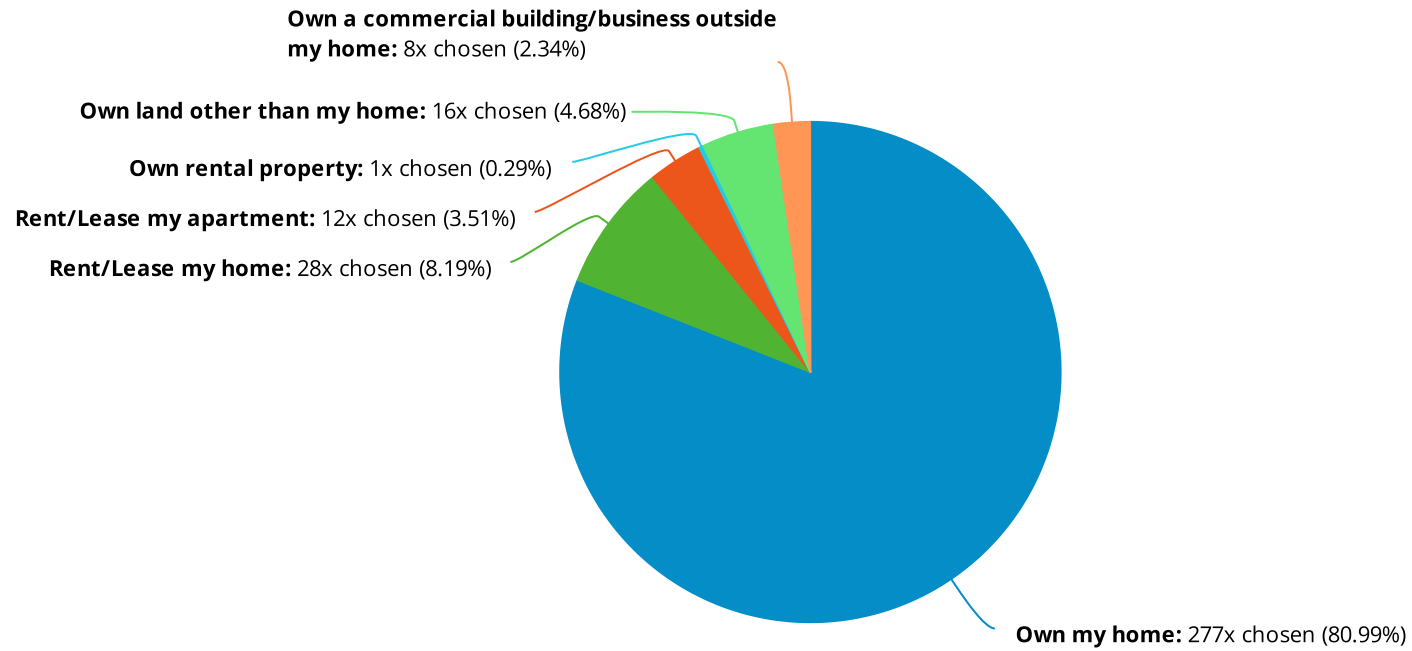
Which category includes your approximate annual household income?

Number of responses: 339



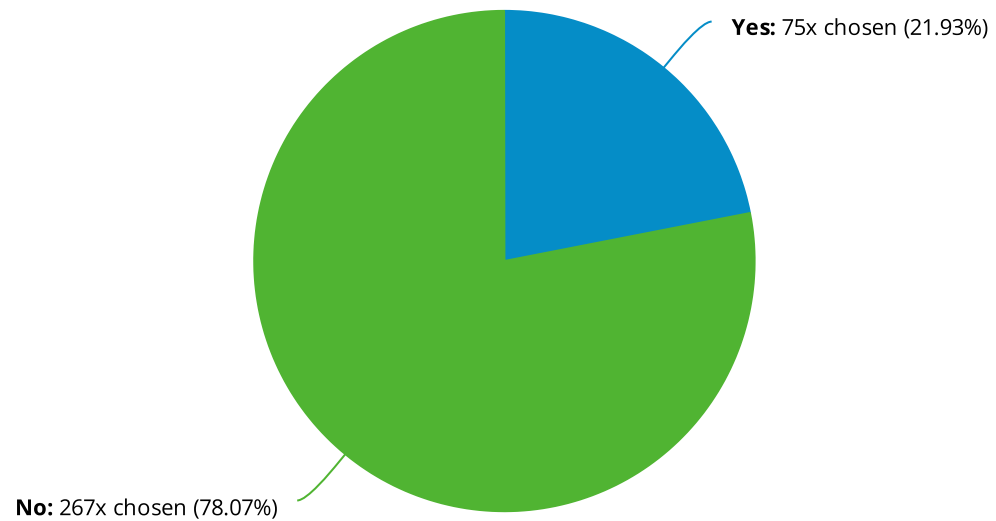
Which of the following applies to you?

Number of responses: 342



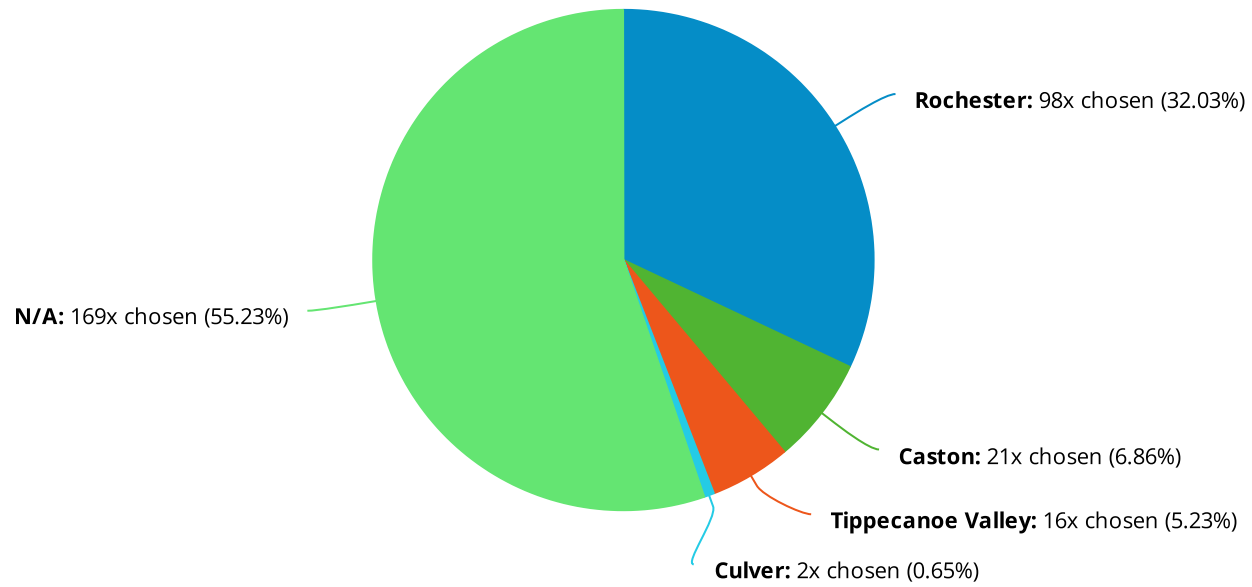
Do you use your home for a business and your primary place of residence?

Number of responses: 342



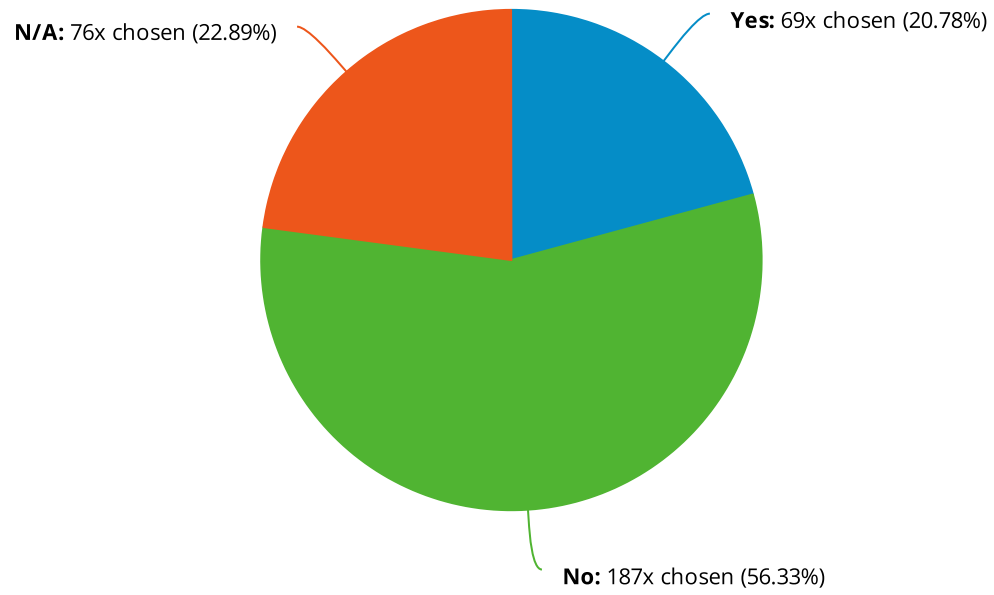
If you have children in school, what school district

Number of responses: 306



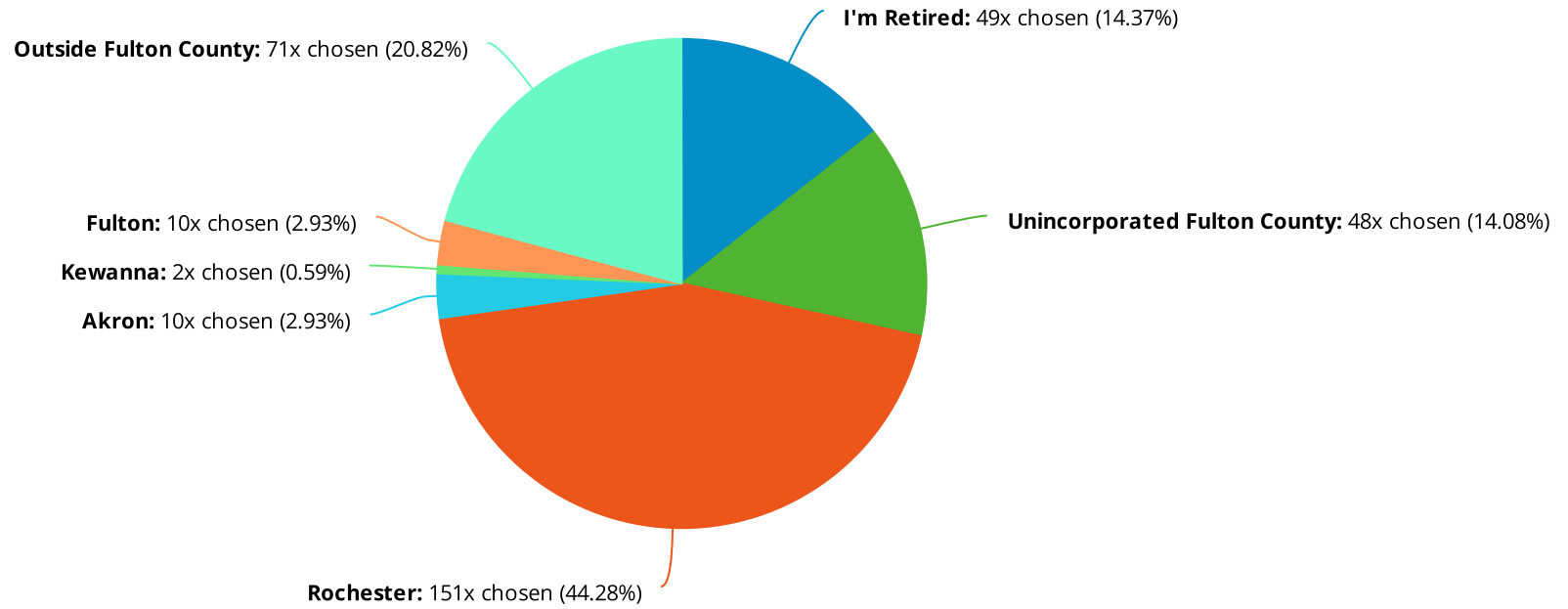
Would you prefer a different school district than the one you live in?

Number of responses: 332



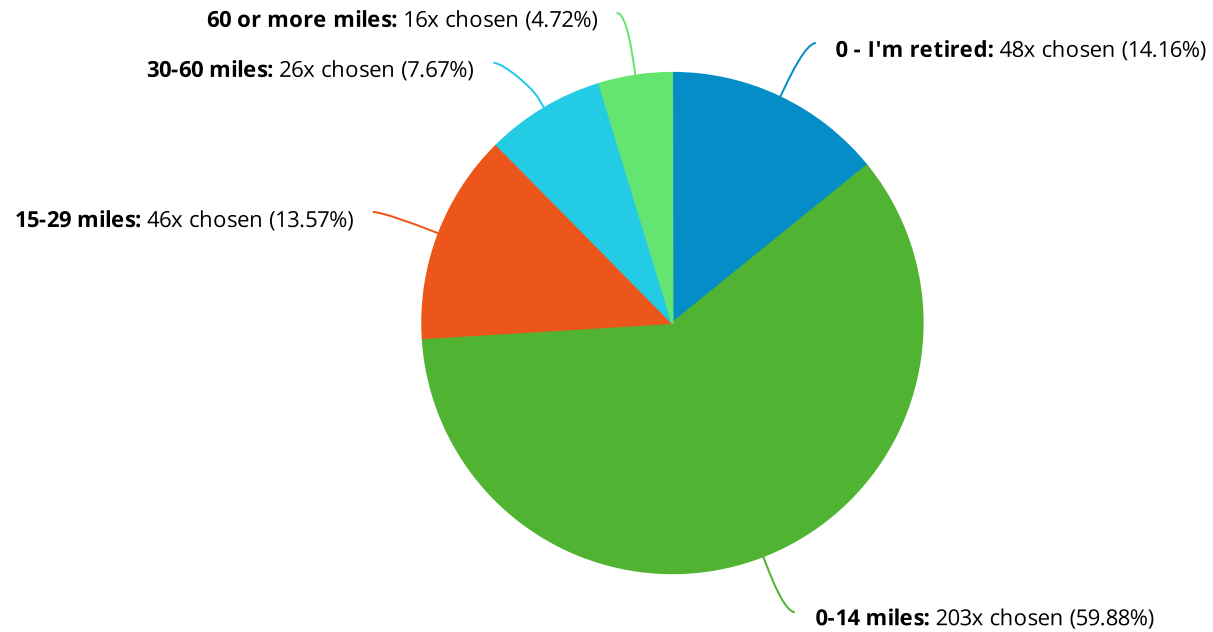
Where is your primary place of employment?

Number of responses: 341



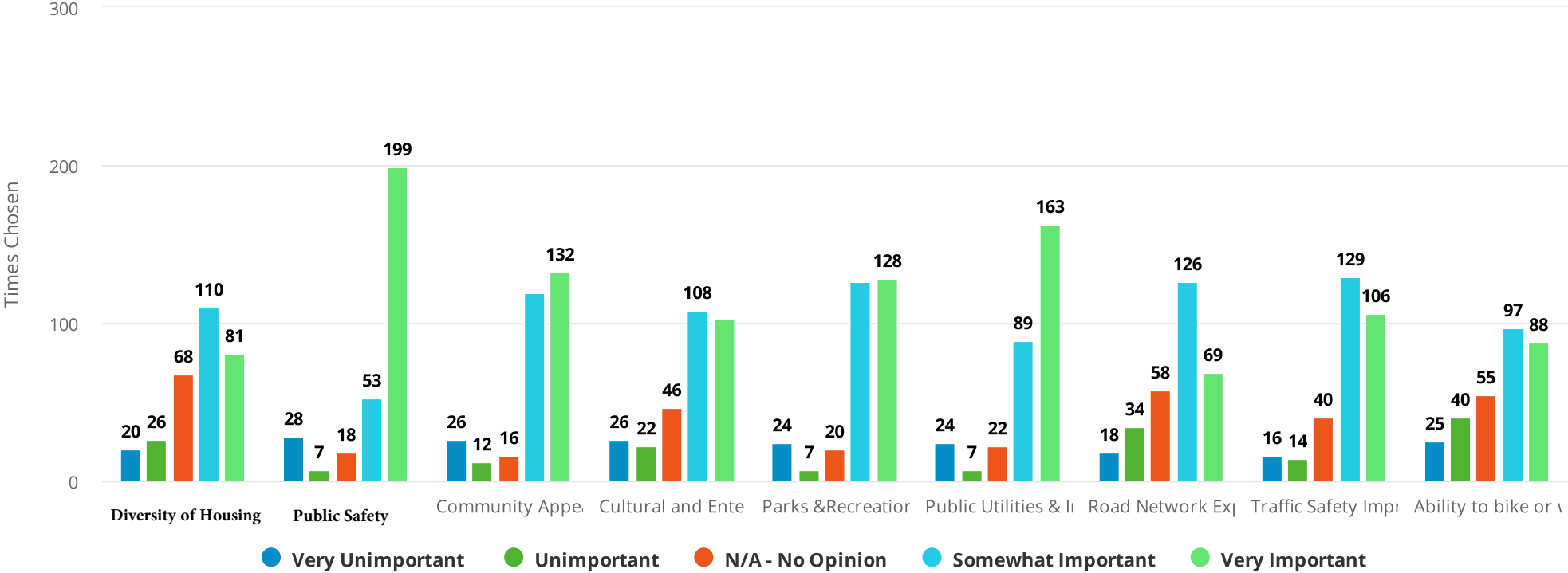
How many miles do you drive to your place of employment?

Number of responses: 339



Below are aspects of our community for which the comprehensive plan helps guide the growth and development - please rate how important it is to you that taxpayer assets are used to improve each aspect.

Number of responses: 305



#1 Top Priority

Number of responses: 302

Public Utilities & Infrastructure (sewer, water, fiber optic, etc.): 30x chosen (9.93%)

Parks & Recreation: 8x chosen (2.65%)

Road Network Expansion & Traffic Safety Improvements: 8x chosen (2.65%)

Natural Resource Protection & Renewable Energy: 7x chosen (2.32%)

Ability to bike or walk to work, school, shopping, etc.: 3x chosen (0.99%)

Diverse Housing Choices: 13x chosen (4.30%)

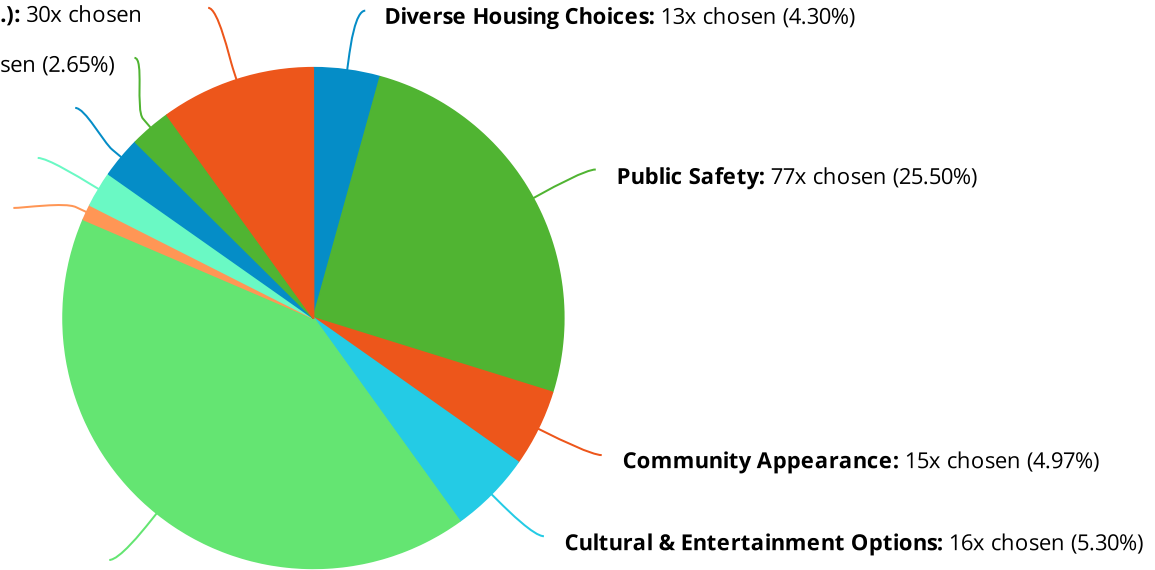
Public Safety: 77x chosen (25.50%)

Community Appearance: 15x chosen (4.97%)

Cultural & Entertainment Options: 16x chosen (5.30%)

Economic Development & Future Growth:

125x chosen (41.39%)



#2 Priority

Number of responses: 302

Public Utilities & Infrastructure (sewer, water, fiber optic, etc.): 33x chosen (10.93%)

Diverse Housing Choices: 17x chosen (5.63%)

Parks & Recreation: 27x chosen (8.94%)

Public Safety: 64x chosen (21.19%)

Road Network Expansion & Traffic Safety Improvements:
15x chosen (4.97%)

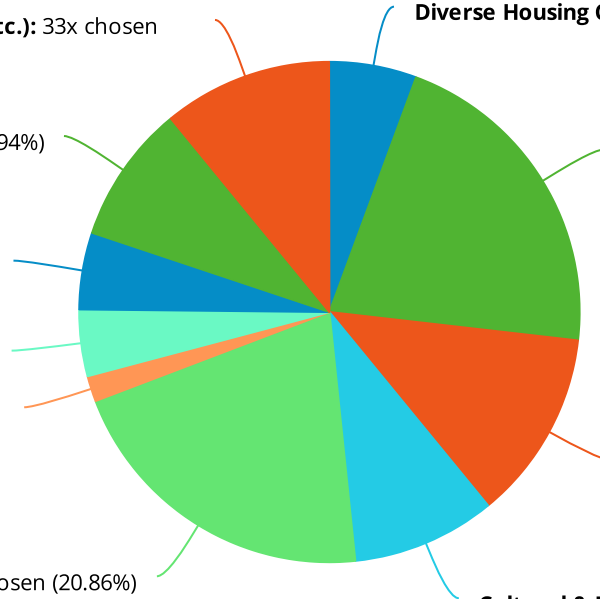
Natural Resource Protection & Renewable Energy: 13x
chosen (4.30%)

Ability to bike or walk to work, school, shopping, etc.: 5x
chosen (1.66%)

Community Appearance: 37x chosen (12.25%)

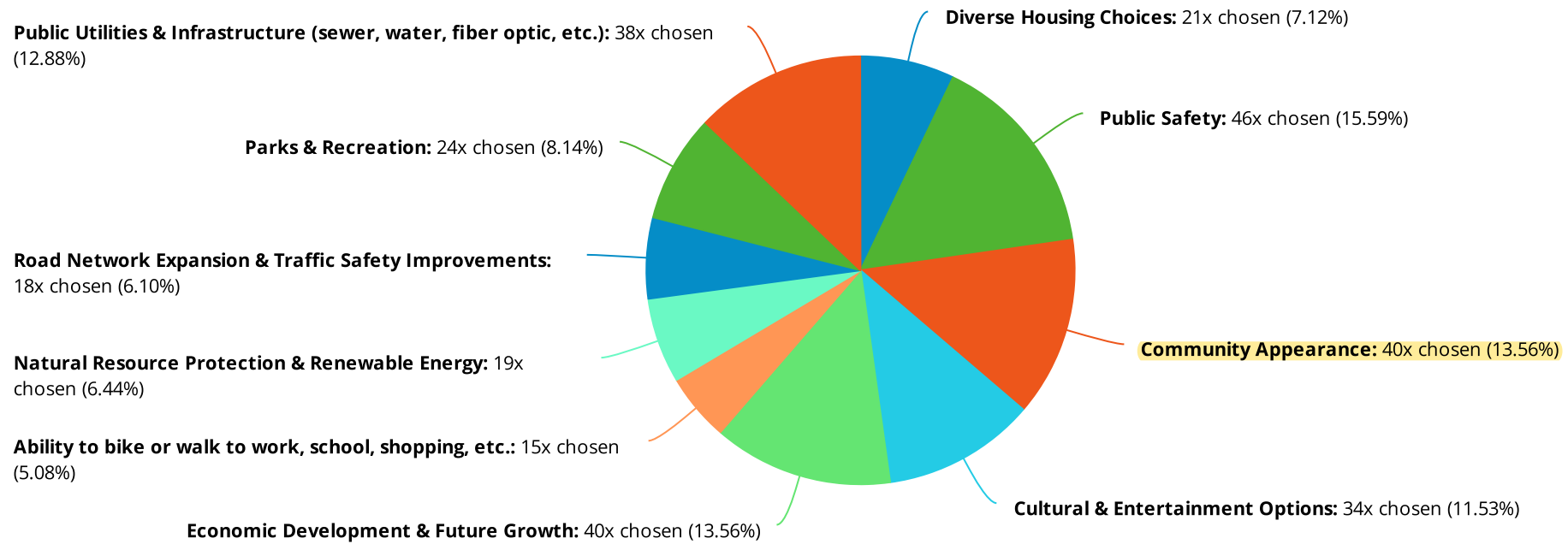
Economic Development & Future Growth: 63x chosen (20.86%)

Cultural & Entertainment Options: 28x chosen (9.27%)



#3 Priority

Number of responses: 295



#4 Priority

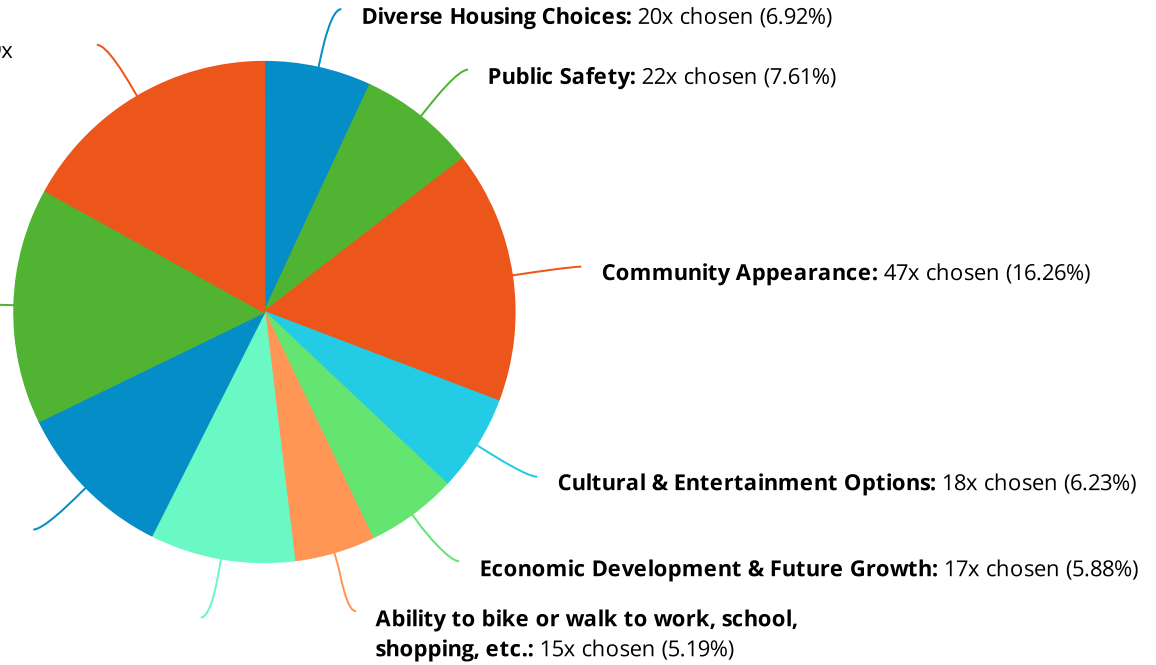
Number of responses: 289

Public Utilities & Infrastructure (sewer, water, fiber optic, etc.): 49x chosen (16.96%)

Parks & Recreation: 44x chosen (15.22%)

Road Network Expansion & Traffic Safety Improvements: 30x chosen (10.38%)

Natural Resource Protection & Renewable Energy: 27x chosen (9.34%)



#5 Priority

Number of responses: 291

Public Utilities & Infrastructure (sewer, water, fiber optic, etc.): 27x chosen (9.28%)

Diverse Housing Choices: 18x chosen (6.19%)

Public Safety: 20x chosen (6.87%)

Parks & Recreation: 64x chosen (21.99%)

Community Appearance: 33x chosen (11.34%)

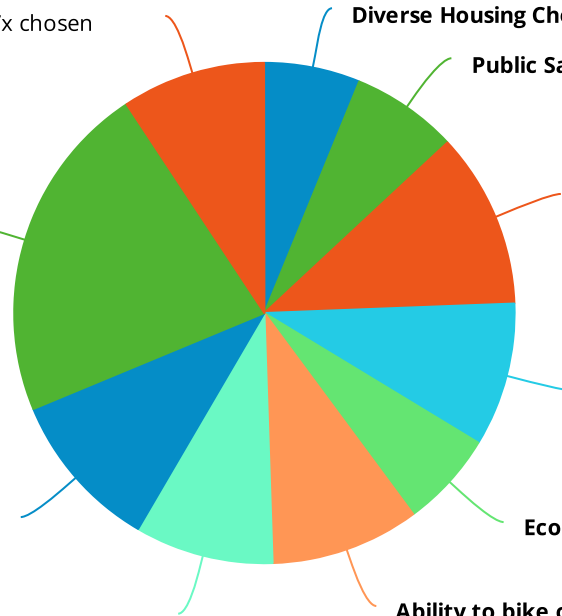
Cultural & Entertainment Options: 27x chosen (9.28%)

Road Network Expansion & Traffic Safety Improvements: 30x chosen (10.31%)

Economic Development & Future Growth: 18x chosen (6.19%)

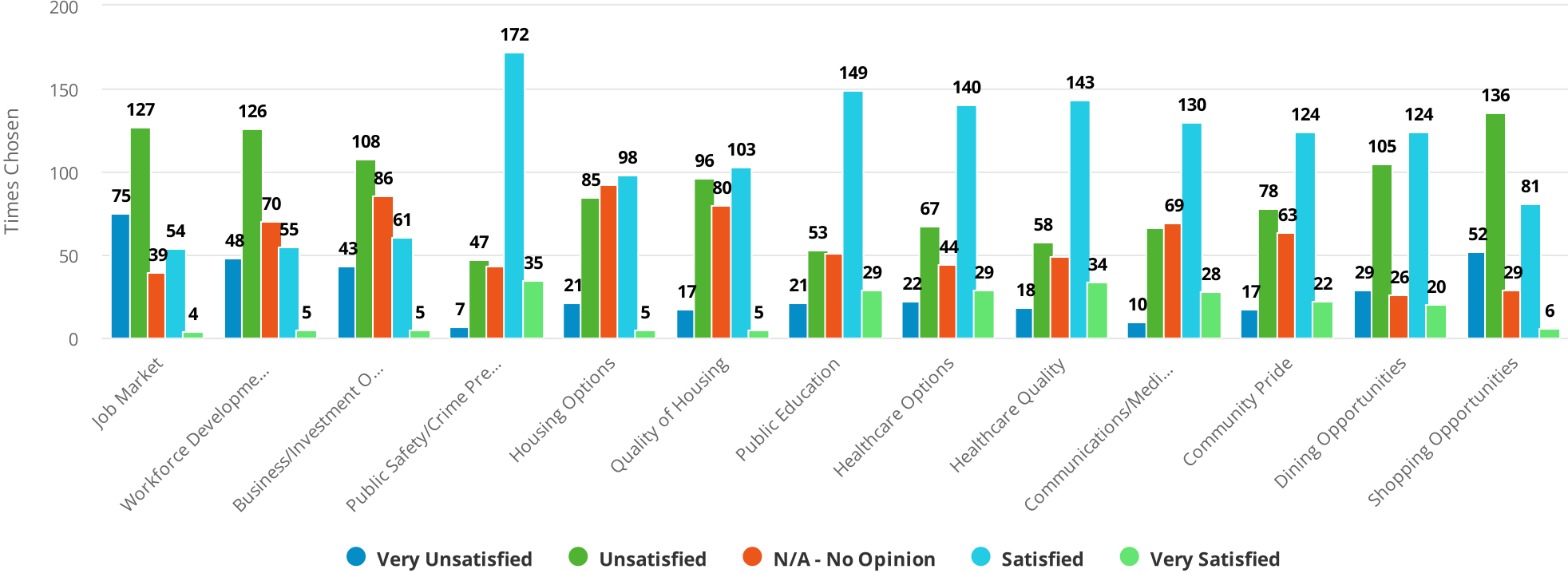
Natural Resource Protection & Renewable Energy: 26x chosen (8.93%)

Ability to bike or walk to work, school, shopping, etc.: 28x chosen (9.62%)



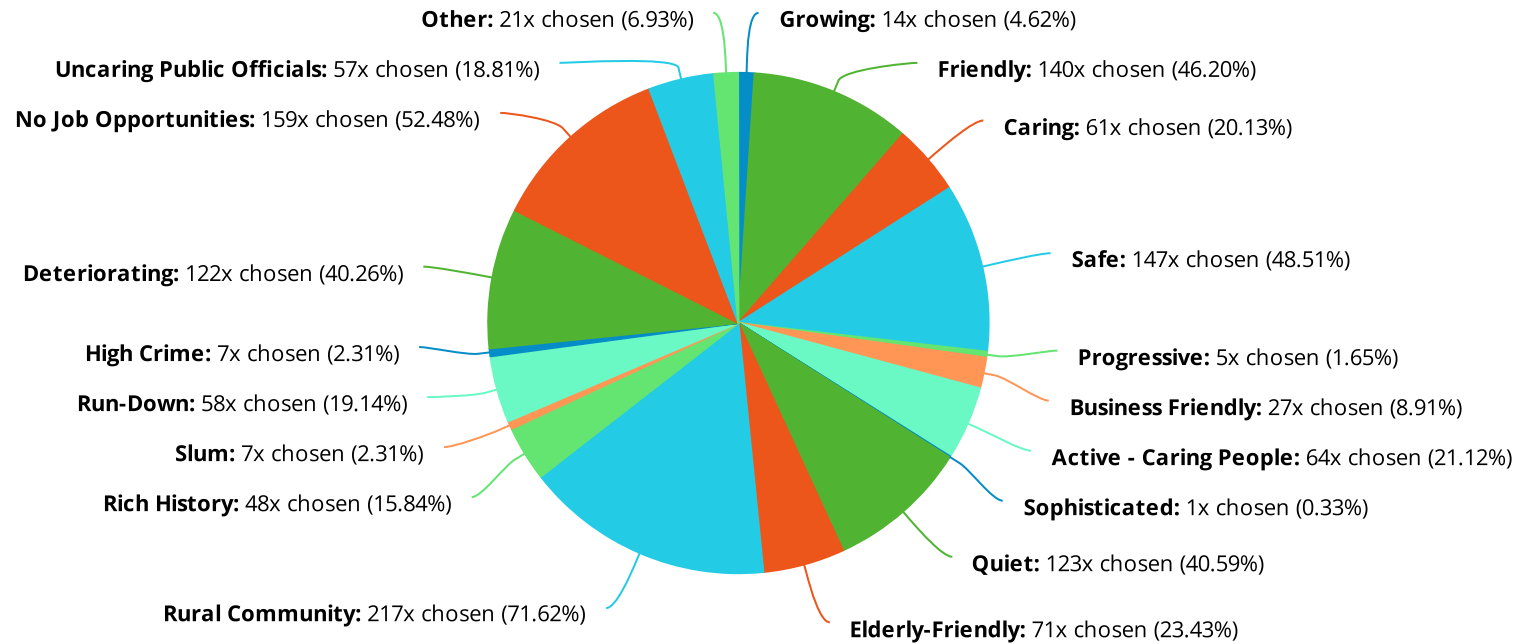
Please rate the following features in our community.

Number of responses: 304



Please select up to five (5) words/phrases which best describe your perception of your community.

Number of responses: 303



"Other" text answers:

Poorly policed when it comes to pollution control

No diversity in government, women particularly do not fit the existing mold

Not welcomeing of new factors

drug infested

Increasing Homelessness

Seems to be a lot of drug issues in this town.

resistant to change

We need higher paying jobs!!!

Drugs are too high

Not many good paying jobs, & drugs everywhere especially with our youth.

Sad

Snobbish

You're either from Rochester or you're an outside, have been all my life. The people of Fulton Co should only exist to serve the needs of Rochester.

No housing/ apartments

Making an effort to improve

Rochester has always been a quiet lake community that kept big business out. Plymouth and Warsaw opened their arms to them.

NOT business friendly

Niche agenda - needs focused on the majority population - not a buddy that needs a job & insurance.

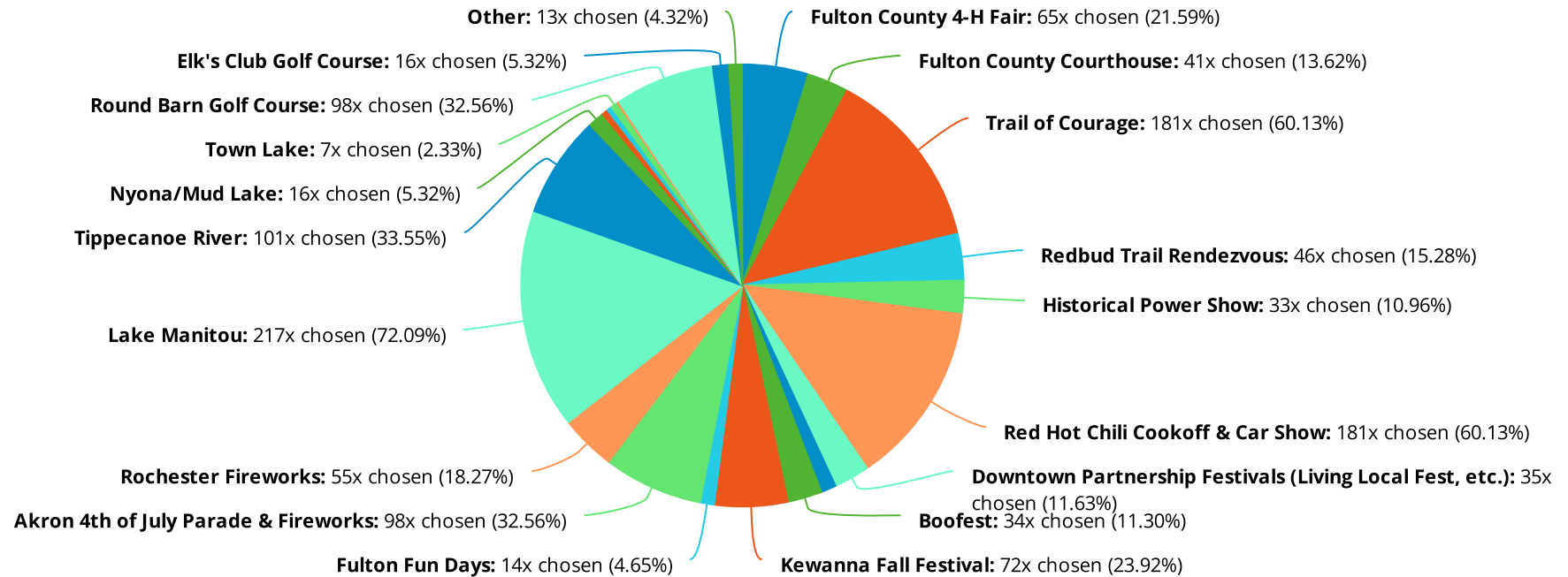
Lot of drugs

Boring

Close minded

Please rank what you believe are the top five (5) attractions to Fulton County.

Number of responses: 301



"Other" text answers:

Reads Racing tracks

Round barn festival

Outdoor Cafes

Rochester Town Park

Nickel Plate Trail

Biking/Walking Trails

hunting cheap land for hunting

Round Barn Golfcourse

Walking paths and trails

Golf Course

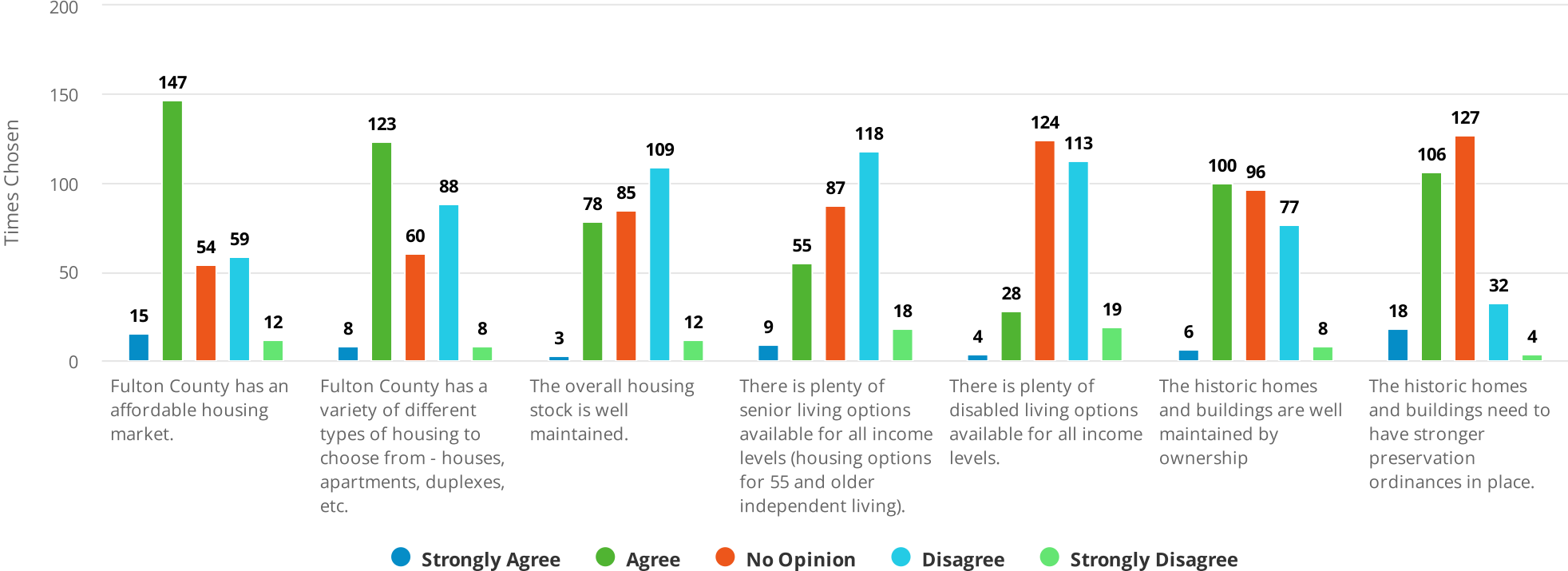
Golf Course

Golf Course

Nickel Plate Trail

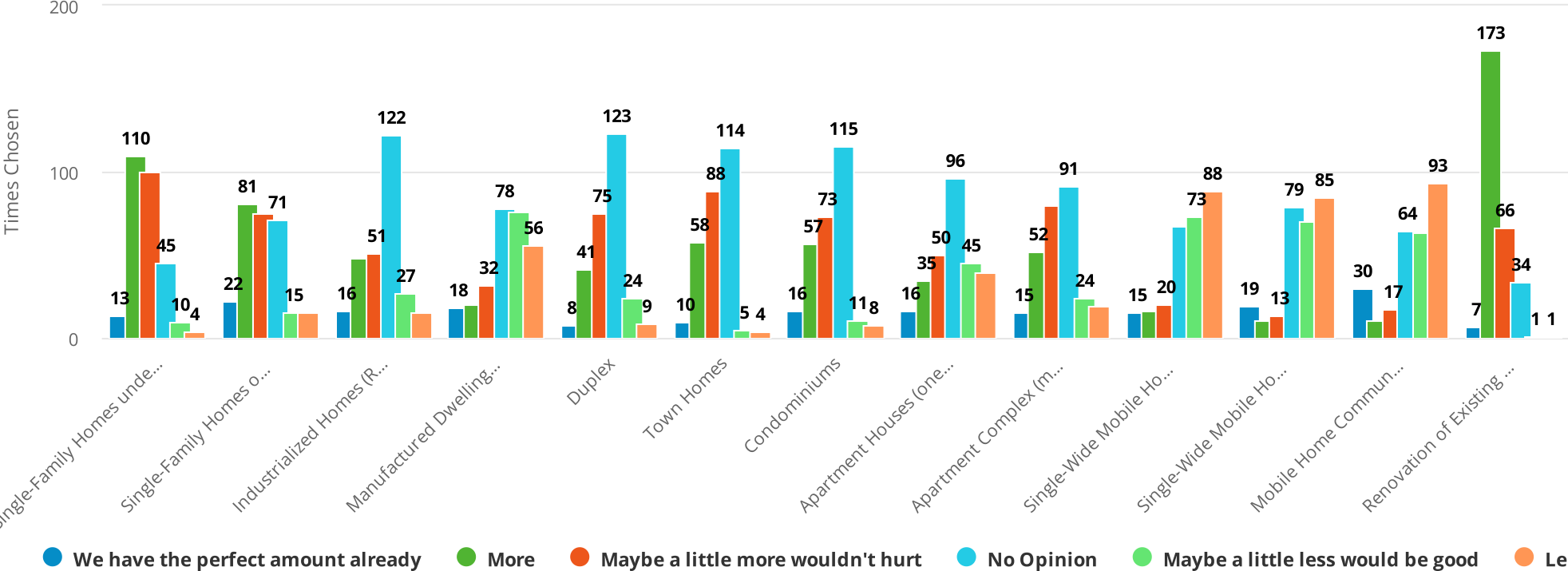
Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements about housing in Fulton County.

Number of responses: 288



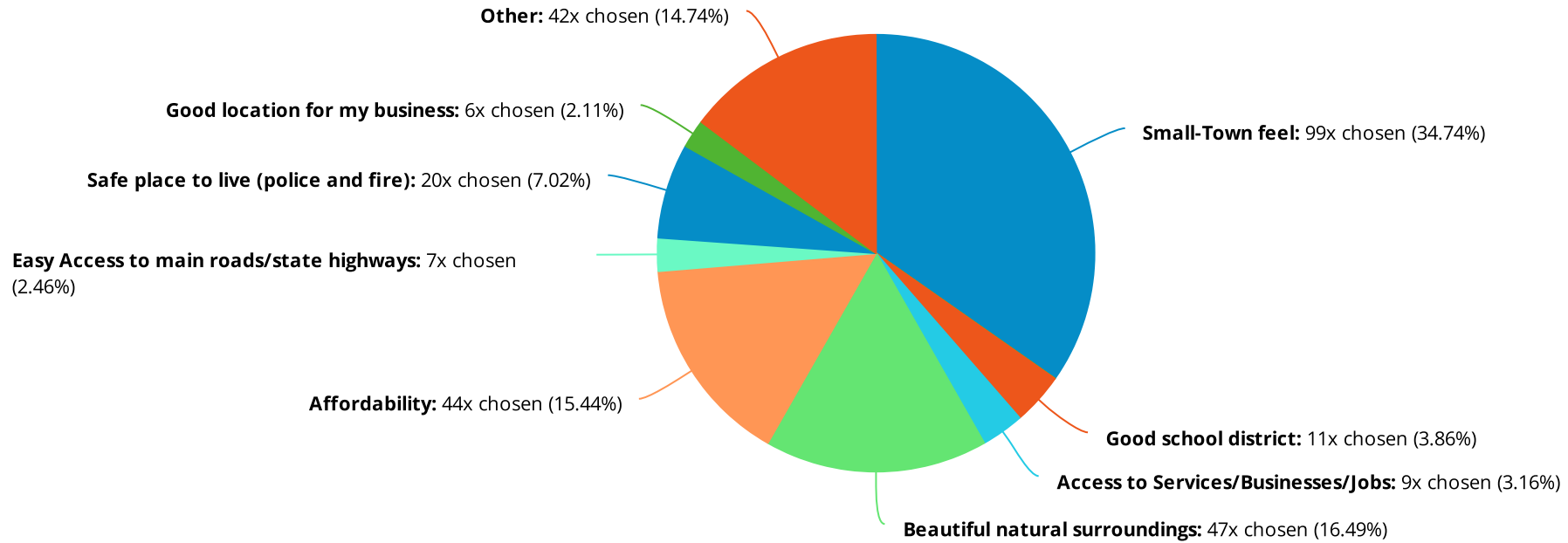
Please state which of each type of housing you would like to see more or less of in the community.

Number of responses: 286



Why do you live where you do?

Number of responses: 285



"Other" text answers:

Close to 31. Easy access to leave

Family ground

Born here and own land

We are Farmers

Own my farm

Family

Where family is located

My Family is here. But If they move away I will follow.

To be near family

We can only afford a small place! It is too small for a family of 4!

Only house available

I'd like to choose more than one of these - small town feel, safe, good school district, beautiful natural surroundings.

Stuck due to unable to move.

Quiet in country

Grew up here

Serves my purpose for now

This is where I grew up and where my family is

I grew up here and my family is here but the town has gone down in the dumps for the last 10 years.

Lake Manitou

Family

family obligations

To be a part of making the community better!

Church parsonage

Family lives in town

work

Other

To be near family

Work

This is where I grew up

I really don't know why I still live in Rochester. There is no jobs, no restaurants, no shopping, nothing to do in Rochester. Downtown is all boarded up. Only thing good about Rochester is the lake.

Bloom where you're planted

My family

Family

Lake Manitou

Family is here

House is paid for

Family is close by and we like the community and school system. It is comfortable and safer.

Live here due to work and family commitments.

Waiting for kids to graduate

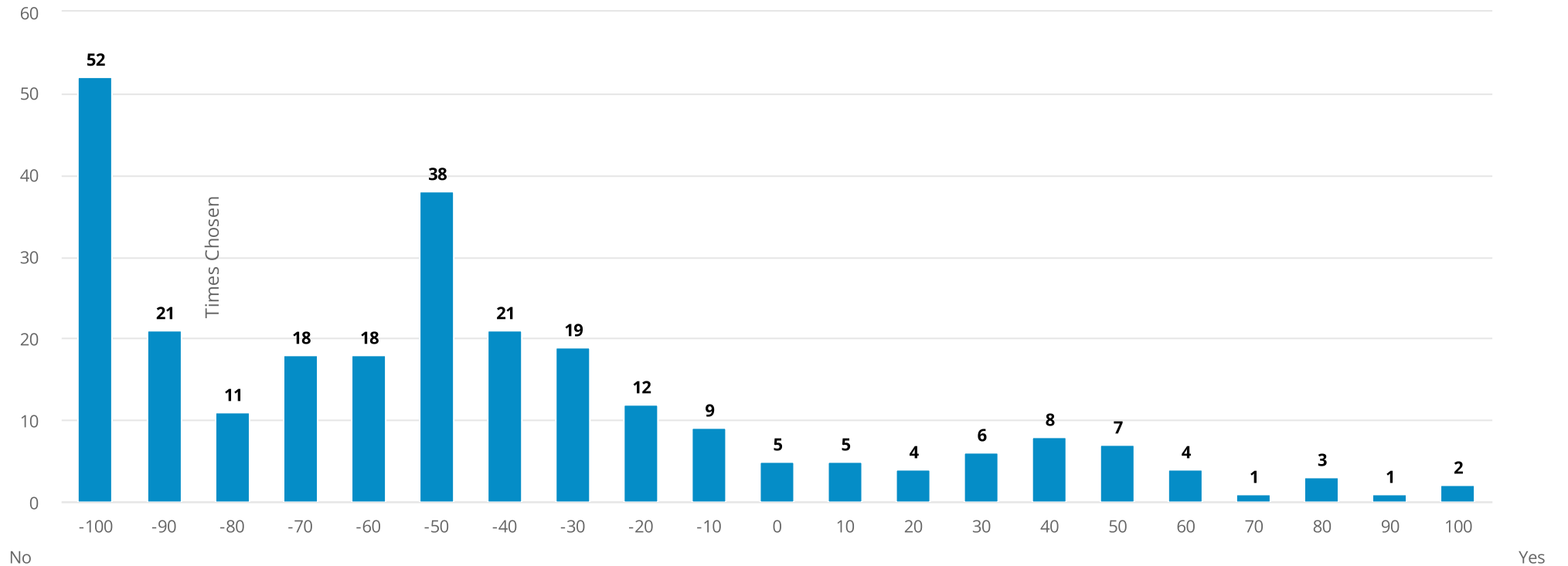
Been in the family for a long time

Family

Have to be close to family otherwise I wouldn't live here

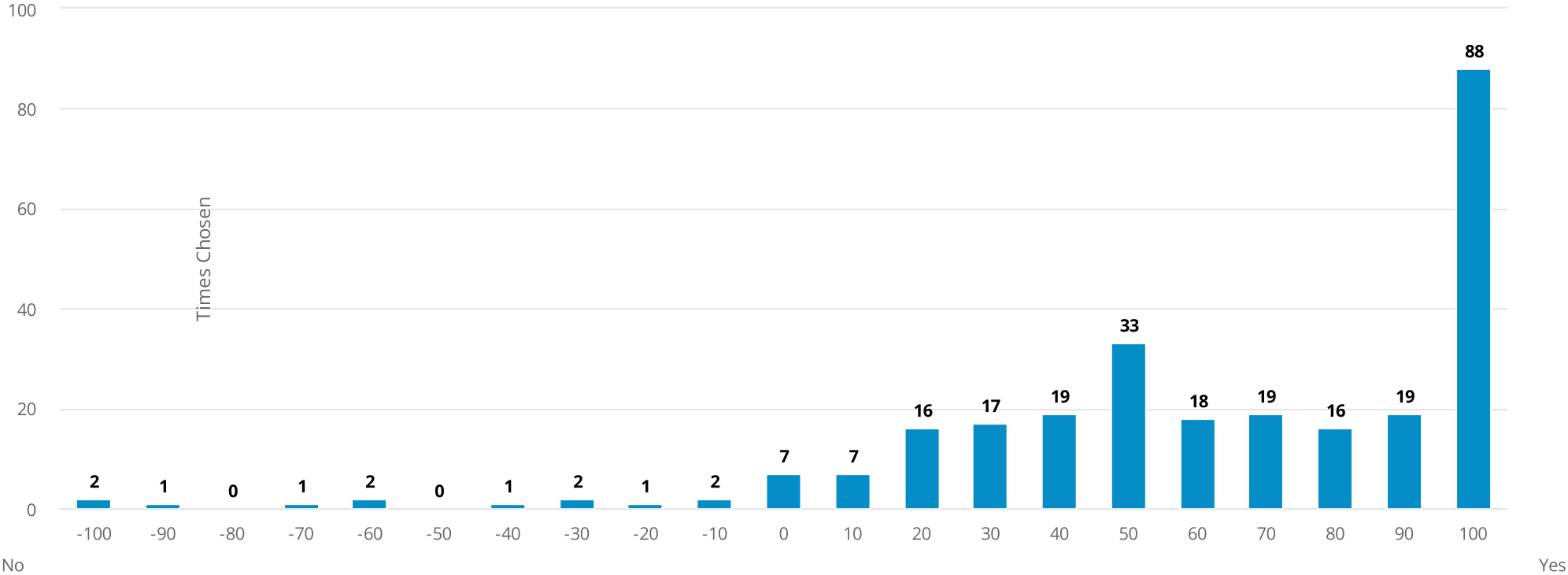
There is a clear branding and marketing message for business attraction and retention in our community -

Number of responses: 265



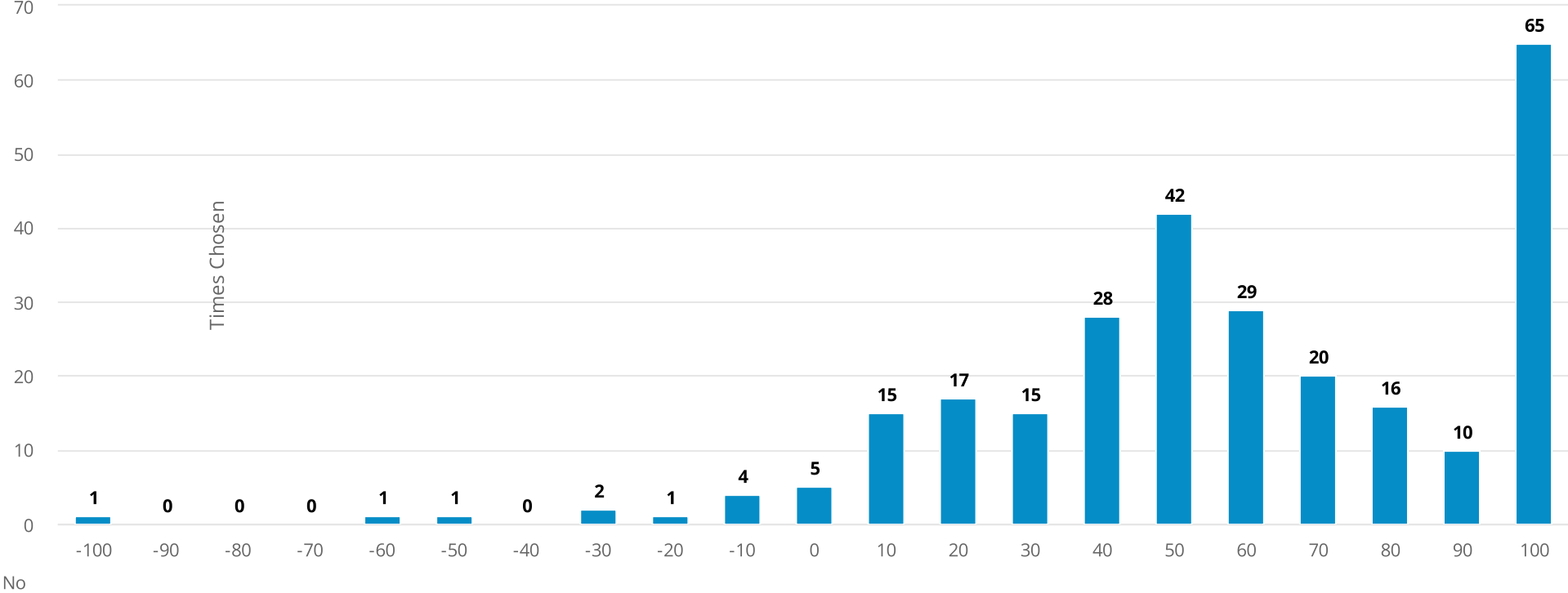
Incentives should be offered to attract new businesses to our community -

Number of responses: 271



Incentives should be offered to existing businesses in our community to aid retention -

Number of responses: 272

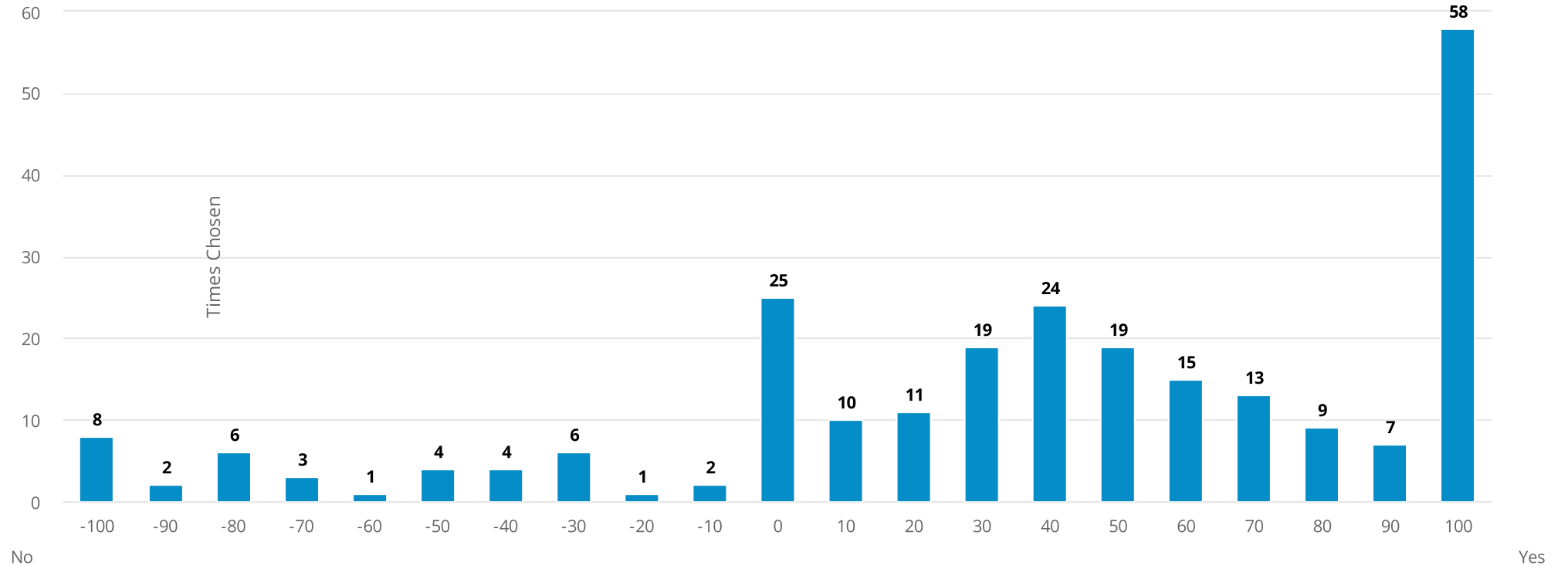


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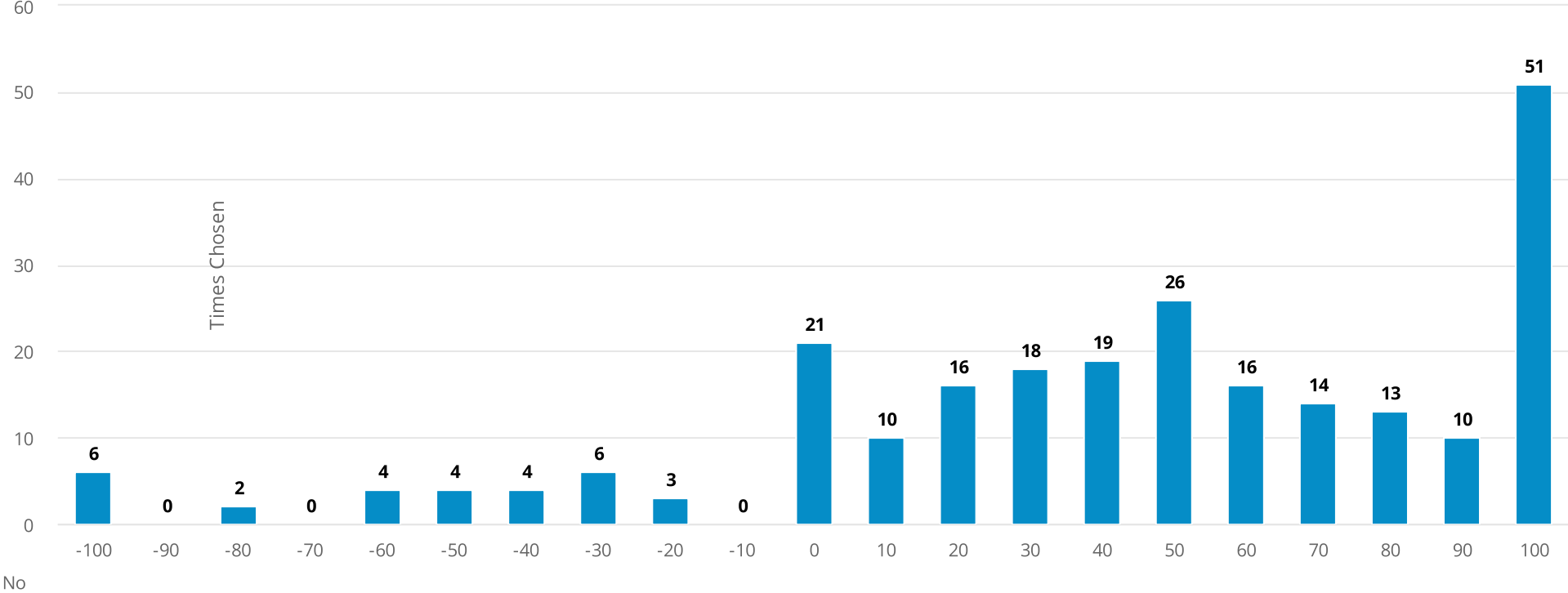
I would like to see future commercial growth on the north side of the city/town I identify with -

Number of responses: 247



I would like to see future commercial growth on the south side of the city/town I identify with -

Number of responses: 243

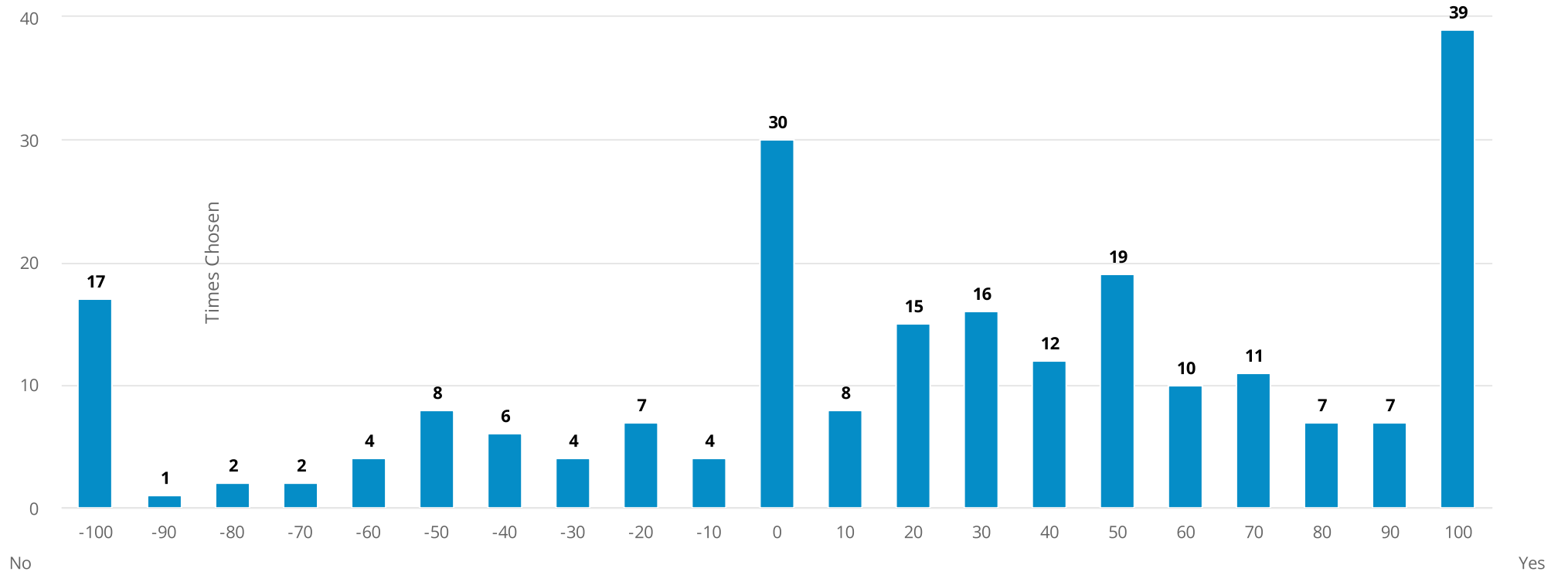


No

Yes

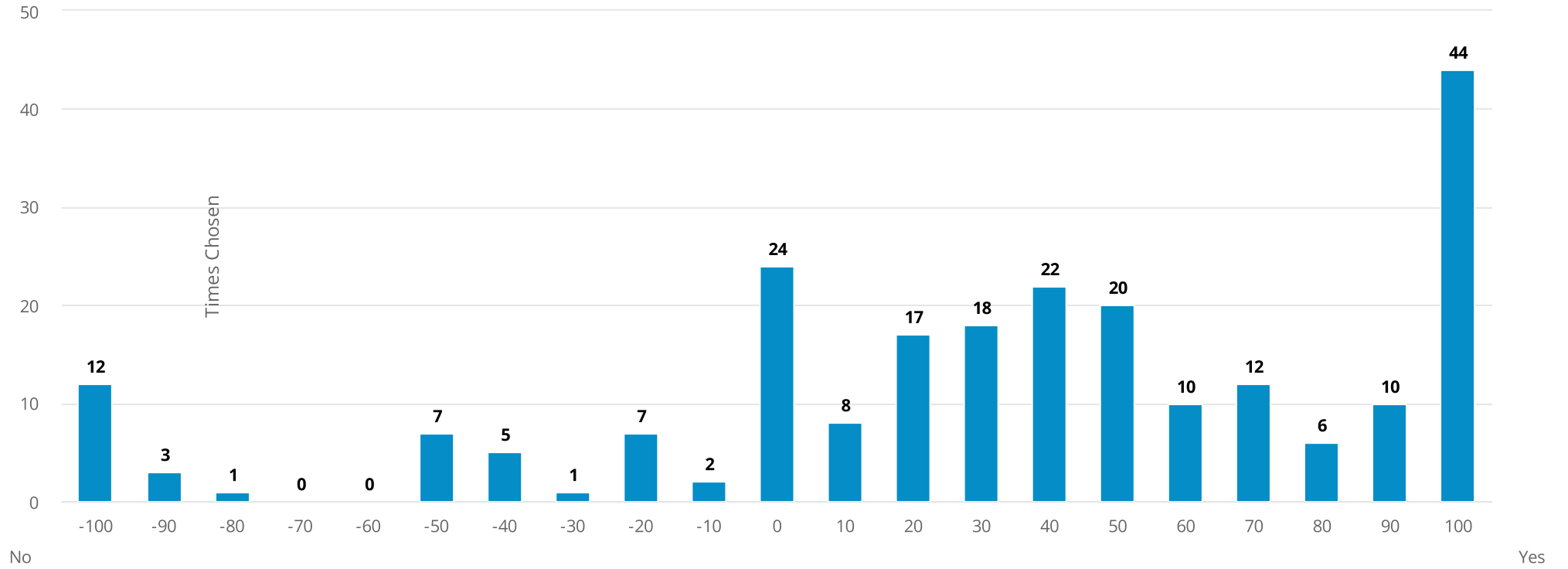
I would like to see future commercial growth on the west side of the city/town I identify with -

Number of responses: 229



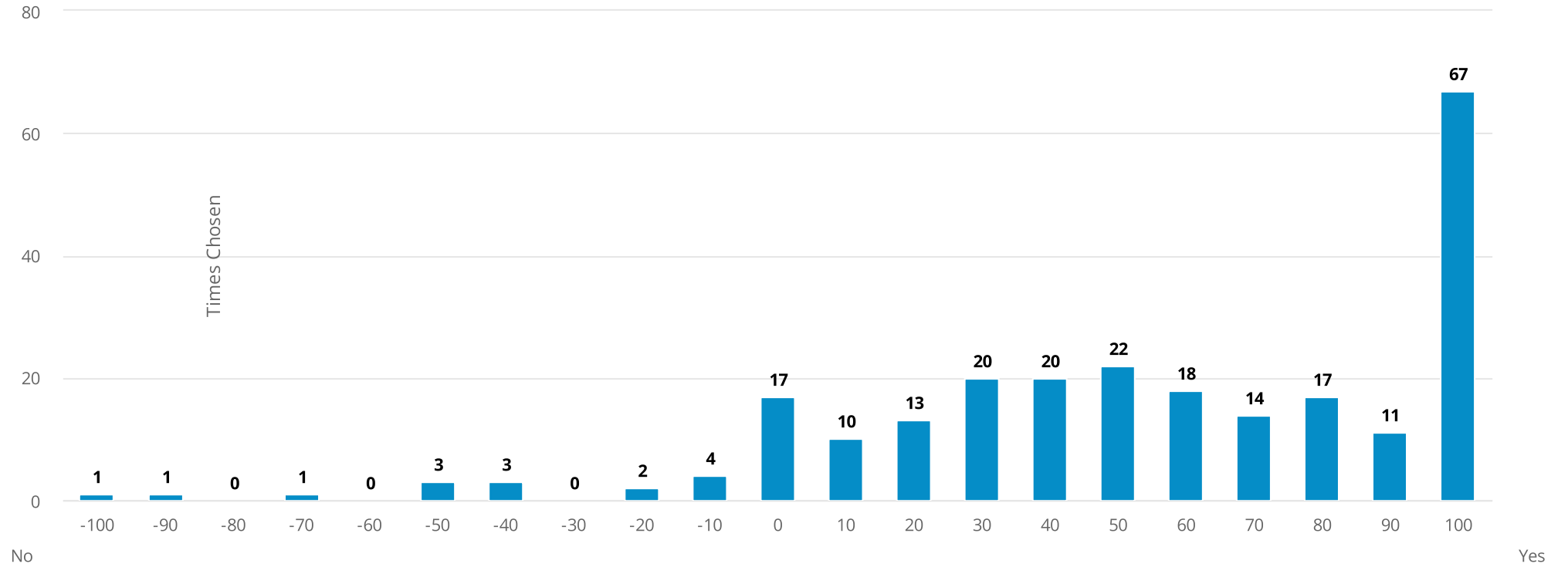
I would like to see future commercial growth on the east side of the city/town I identify with -

Number of responses: 229



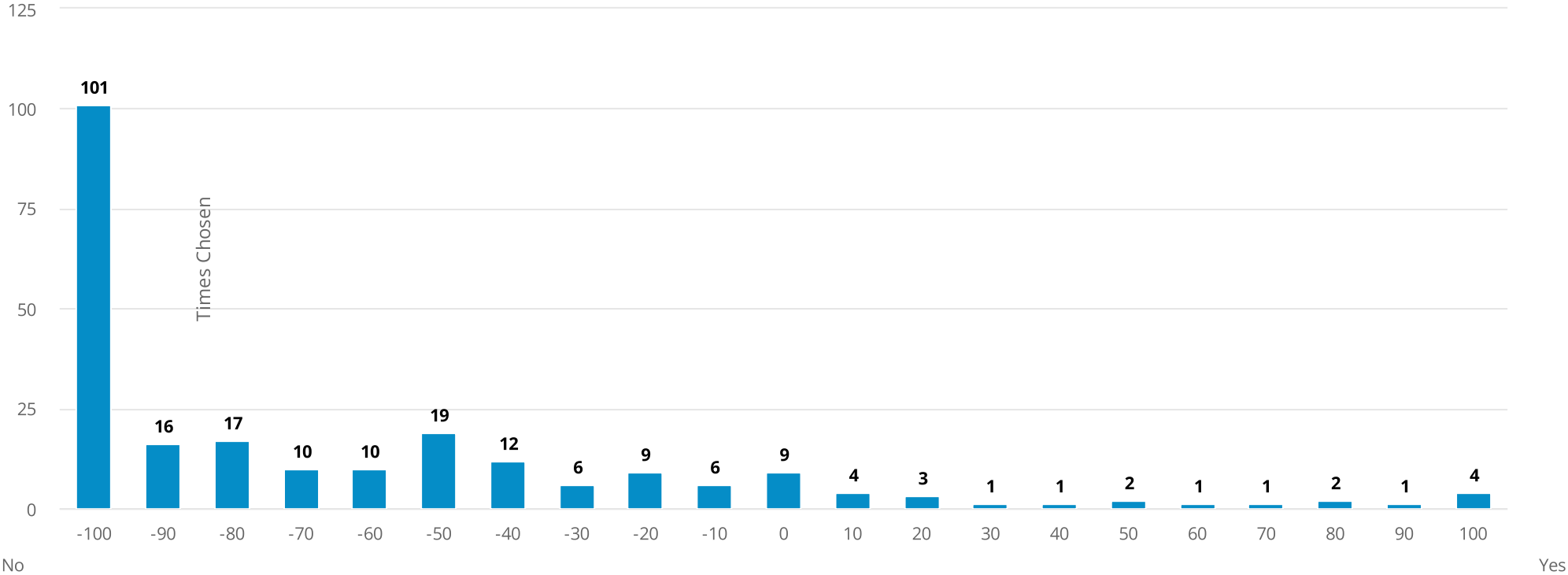
The city/town I identify with should focus on expanding future growth opportunities adjacent to all of the incorporated boundaries (in all directions)

Number of responses: 244



I do not believe the city/town I identify with needs any additional commercial growth.

Number of responses: 235

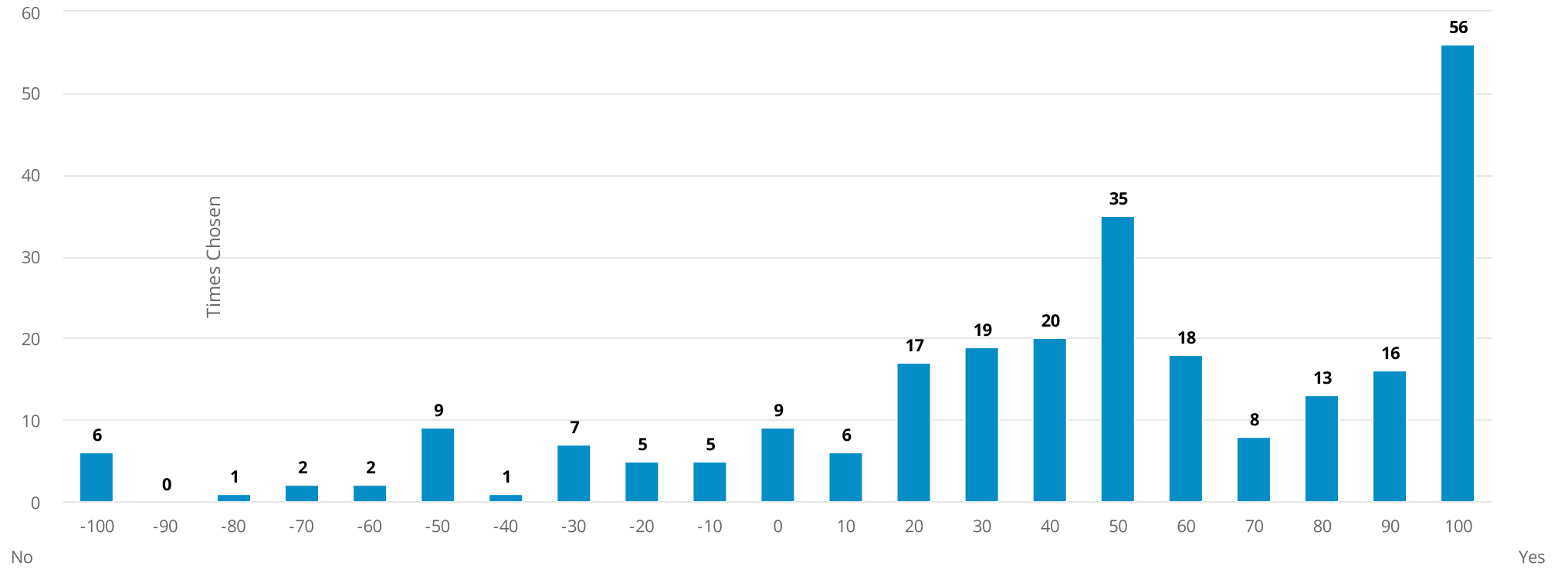


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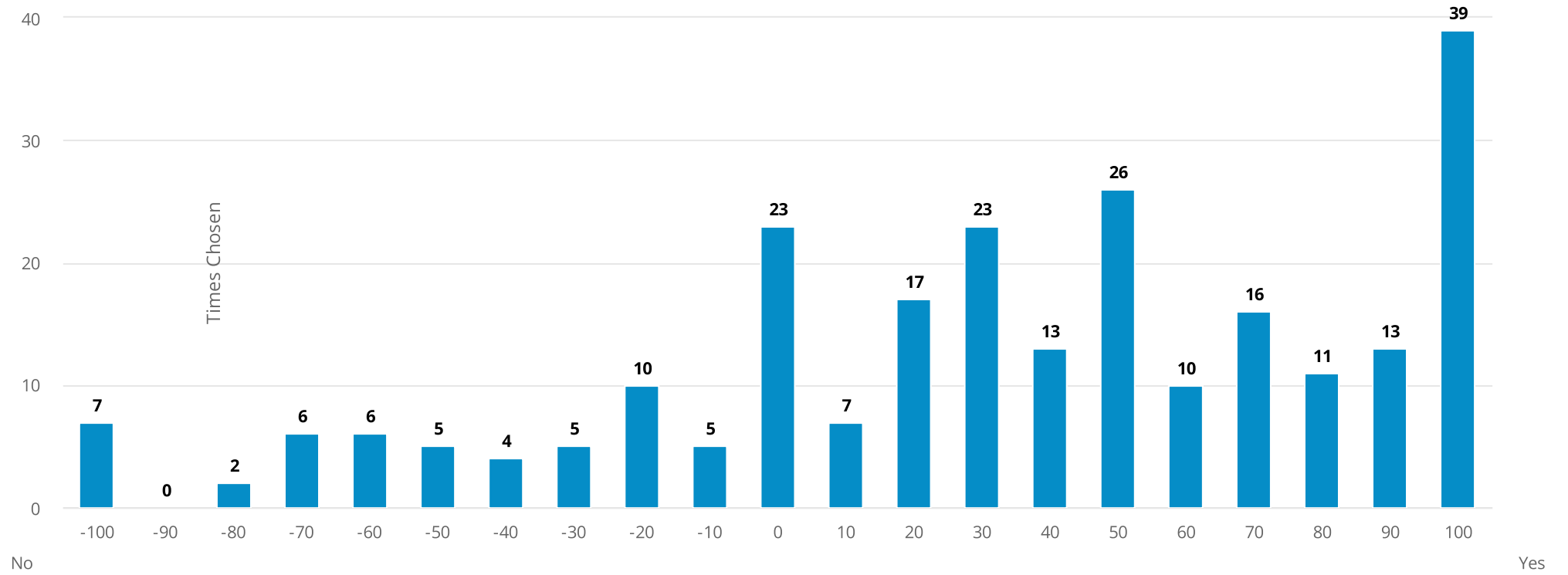
The community should emphasize attracting new business to the area even if the changes are not popular -

Number of responses: 255



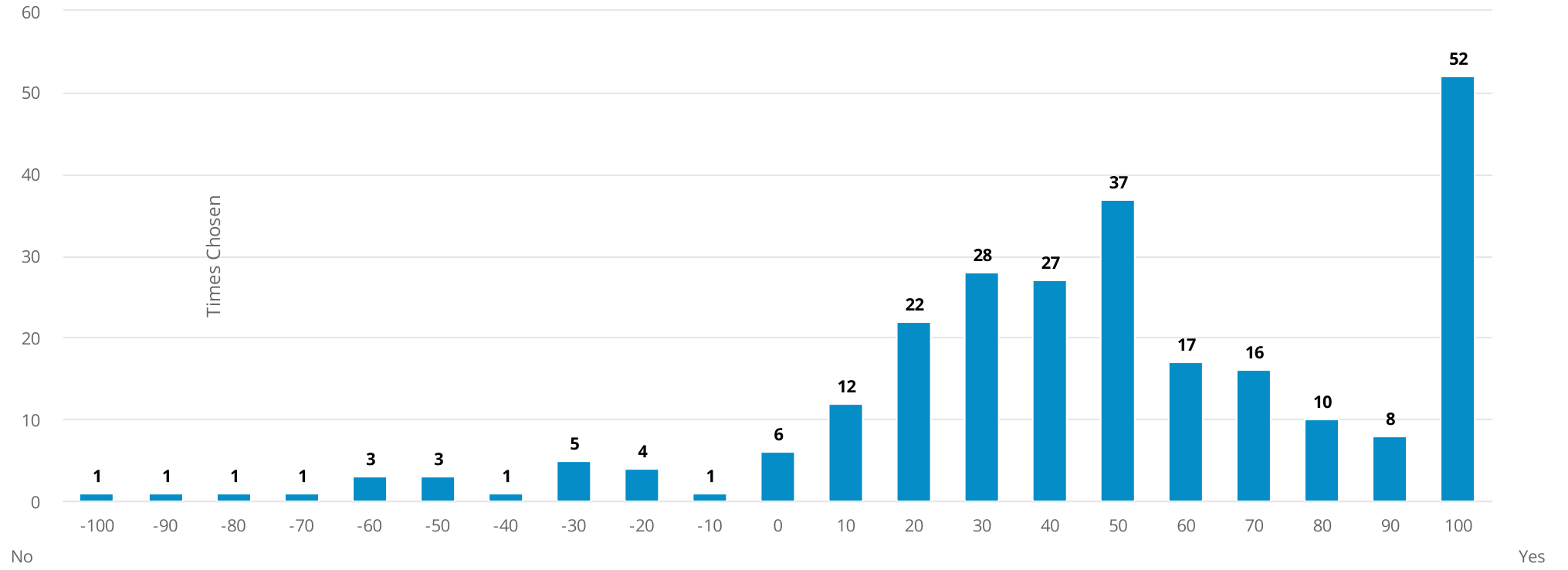
The community should encourage locally owned businesses over large corporate businesses -

Number of responses: 248



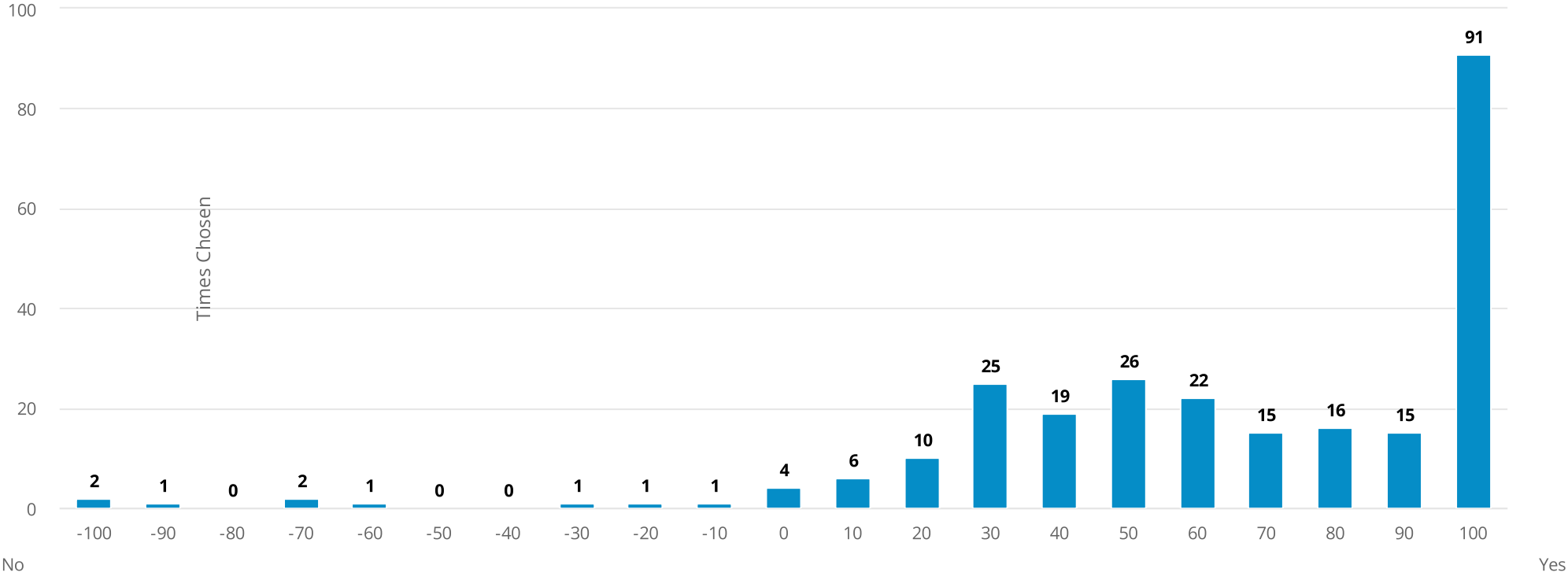
Our community needs more retail development -

Number of responses: 256



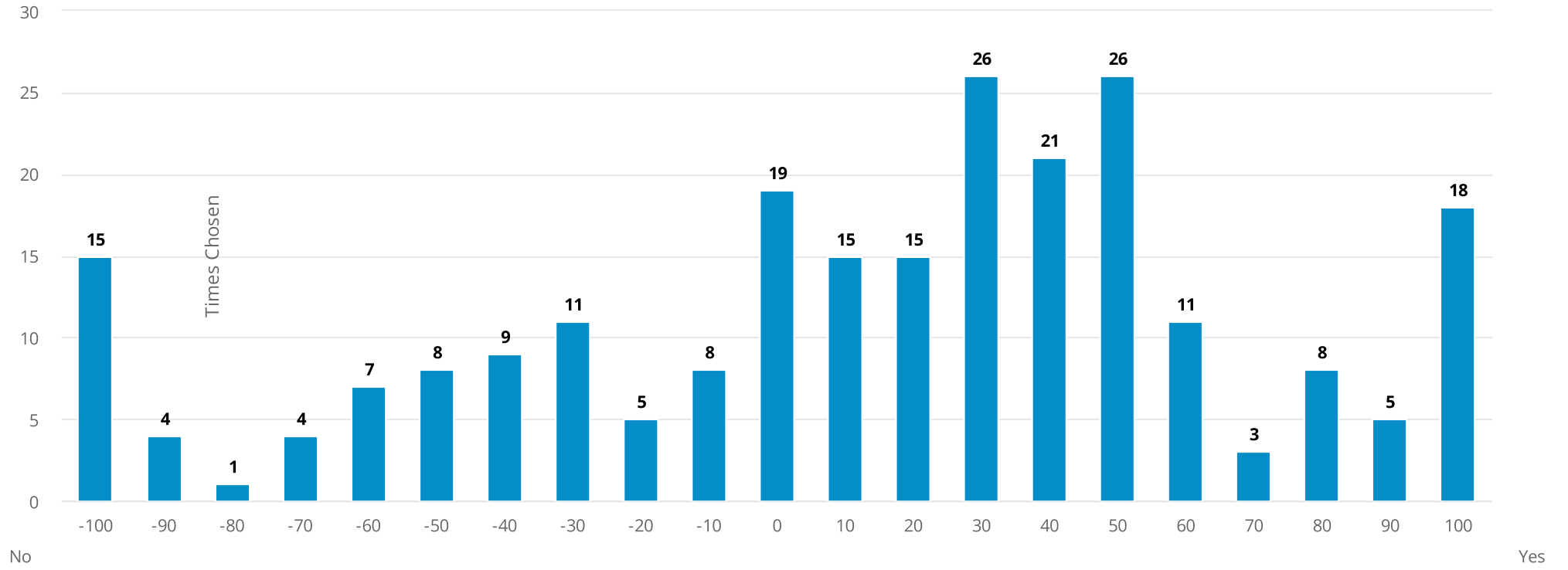
Our community needs more advanced manufacturing jobs -

Number of responses: 258



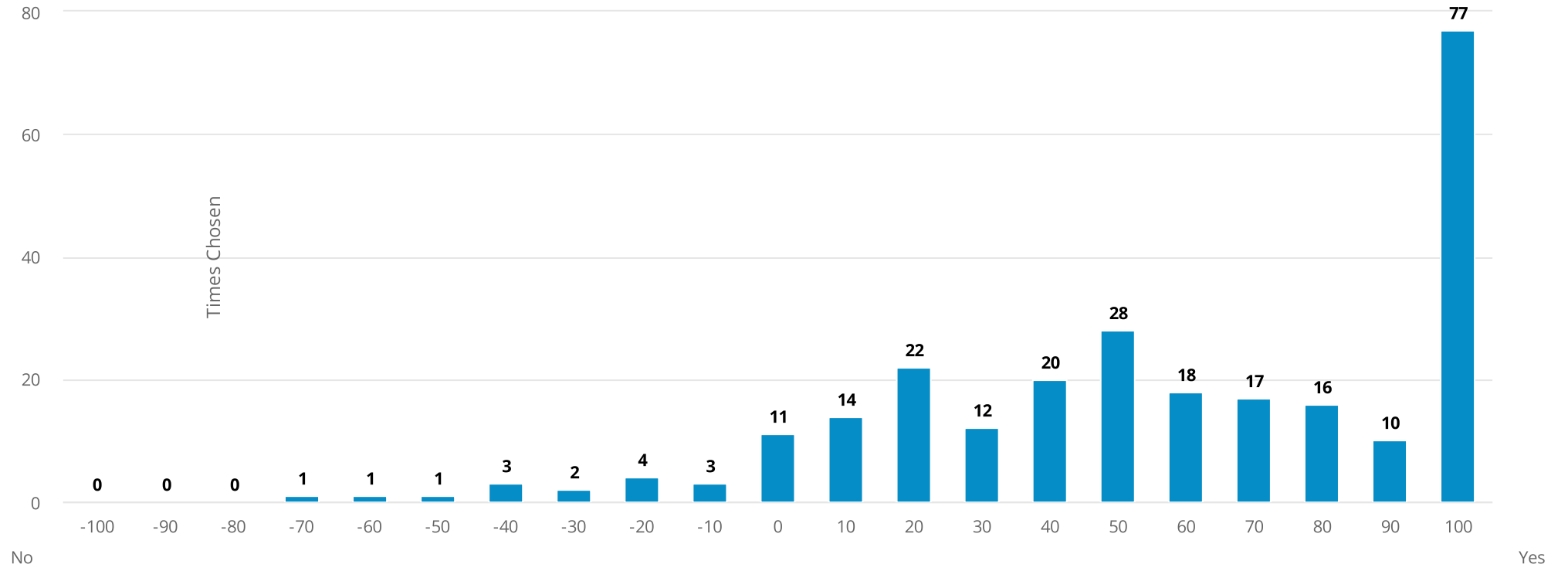
My community has a positive small business environment -

Number of responses: 239



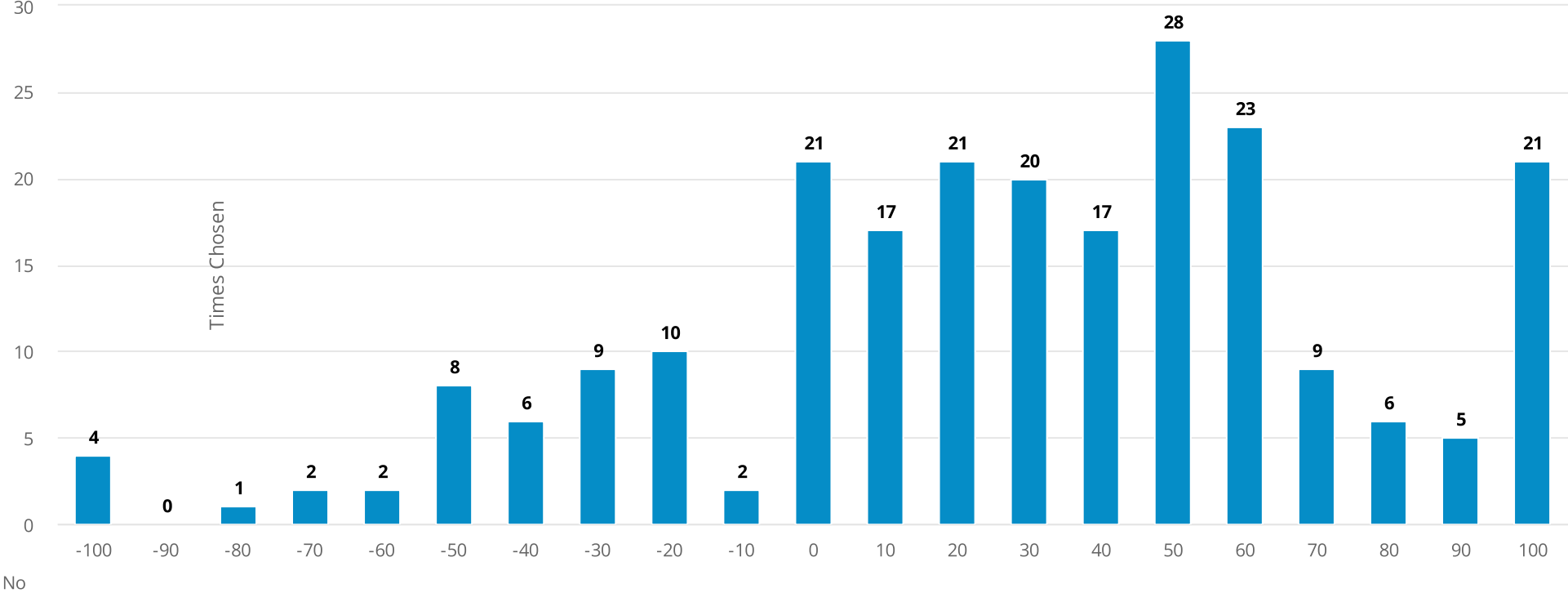
Higher paying jobs should be emphasized over lower-paying jobs -

Number of responses: 260



Our community needs more service-oriented jobs -

Number of responses: 232

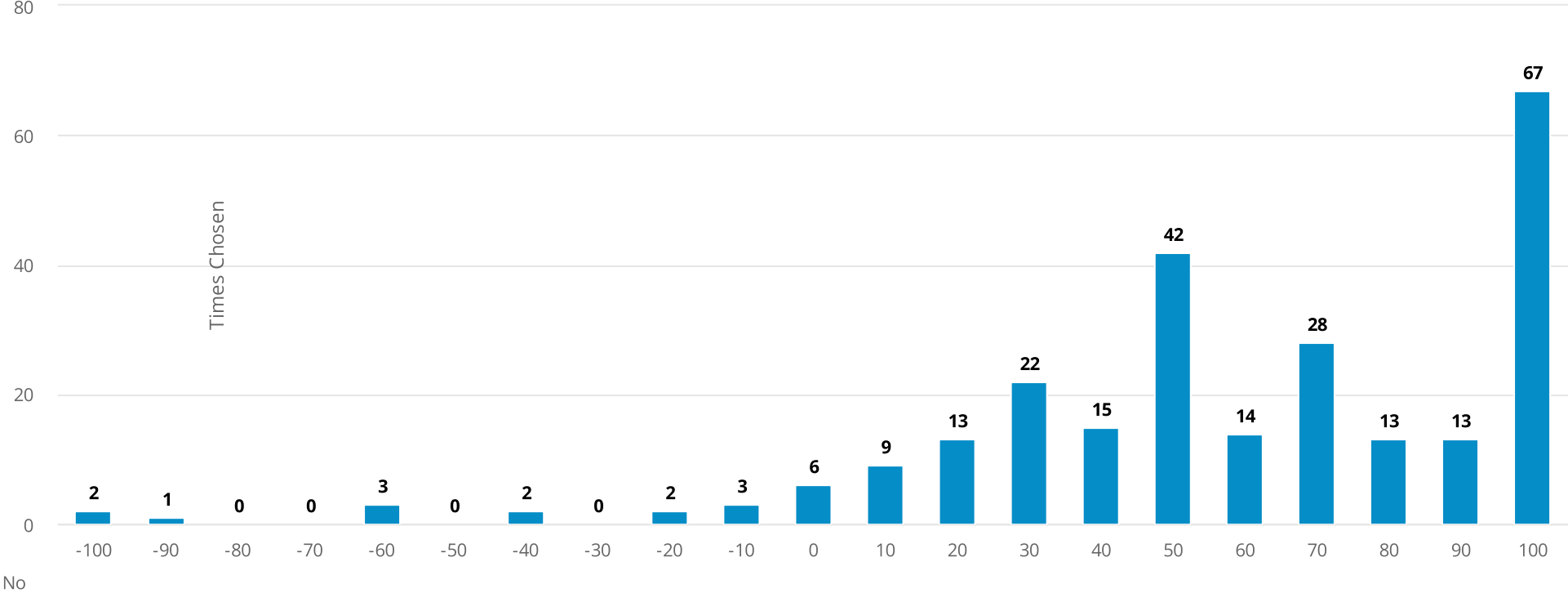


No

Yes

Our community needs more high tech industry jobs -

Number of responses: 255

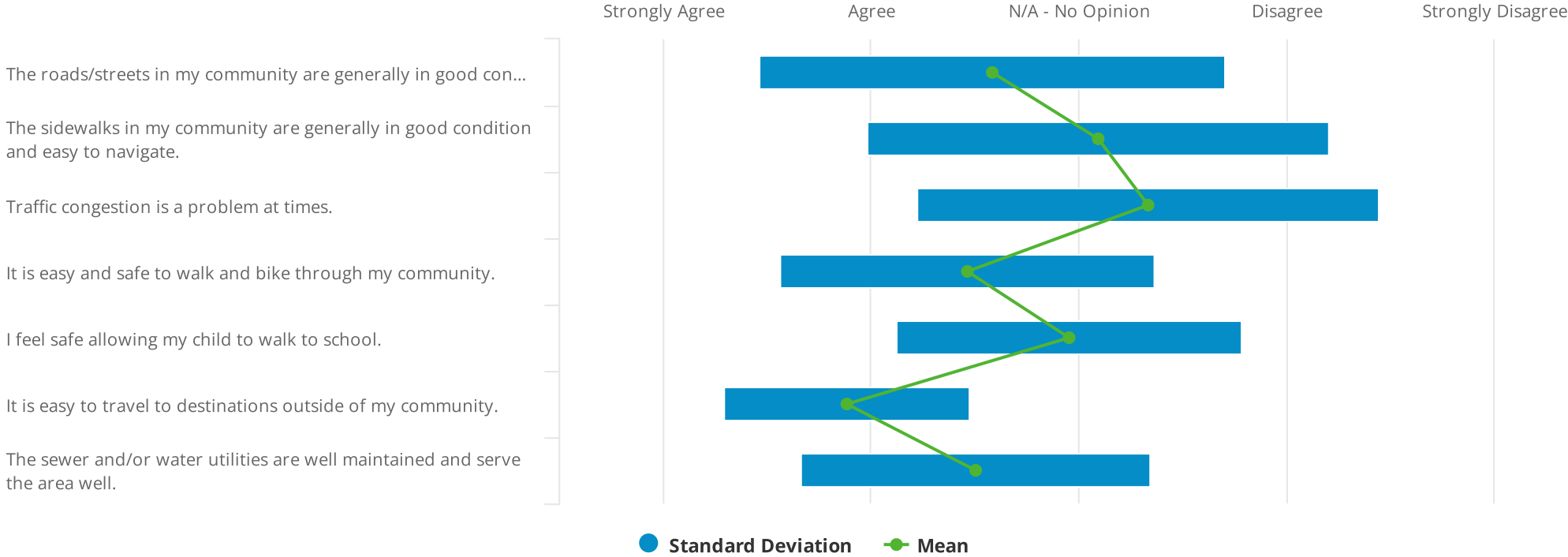


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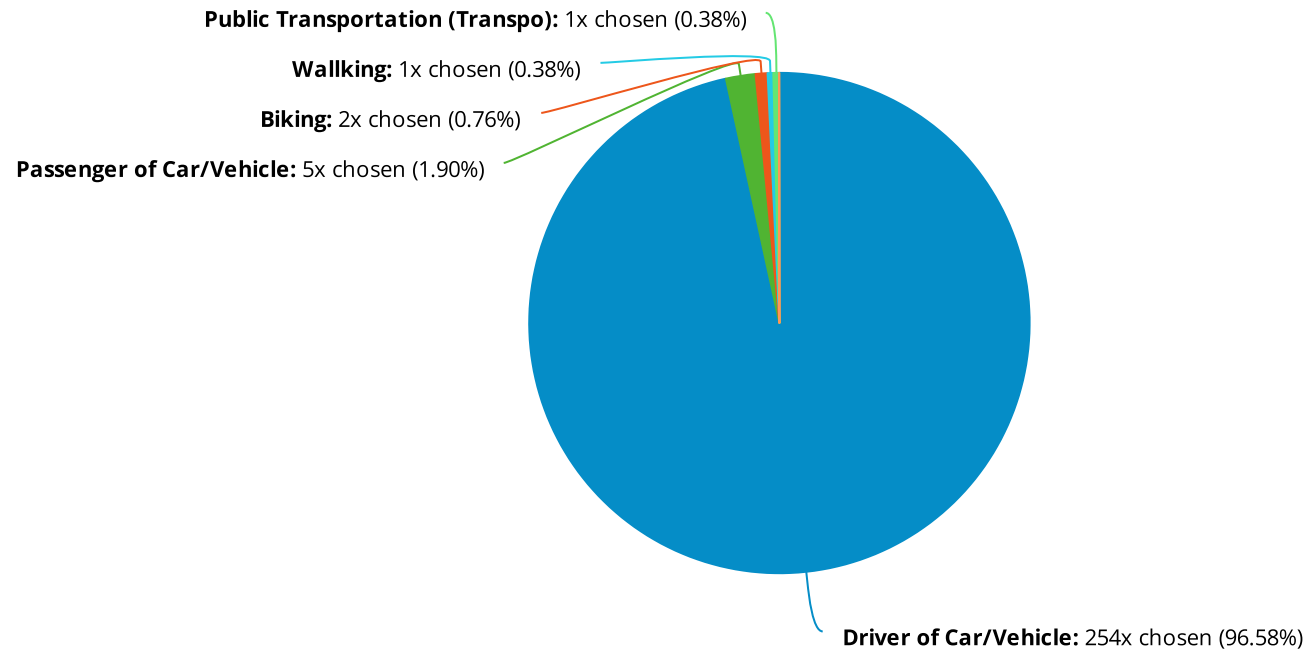
Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements regarding transportation in our community.

Number of responses: 264



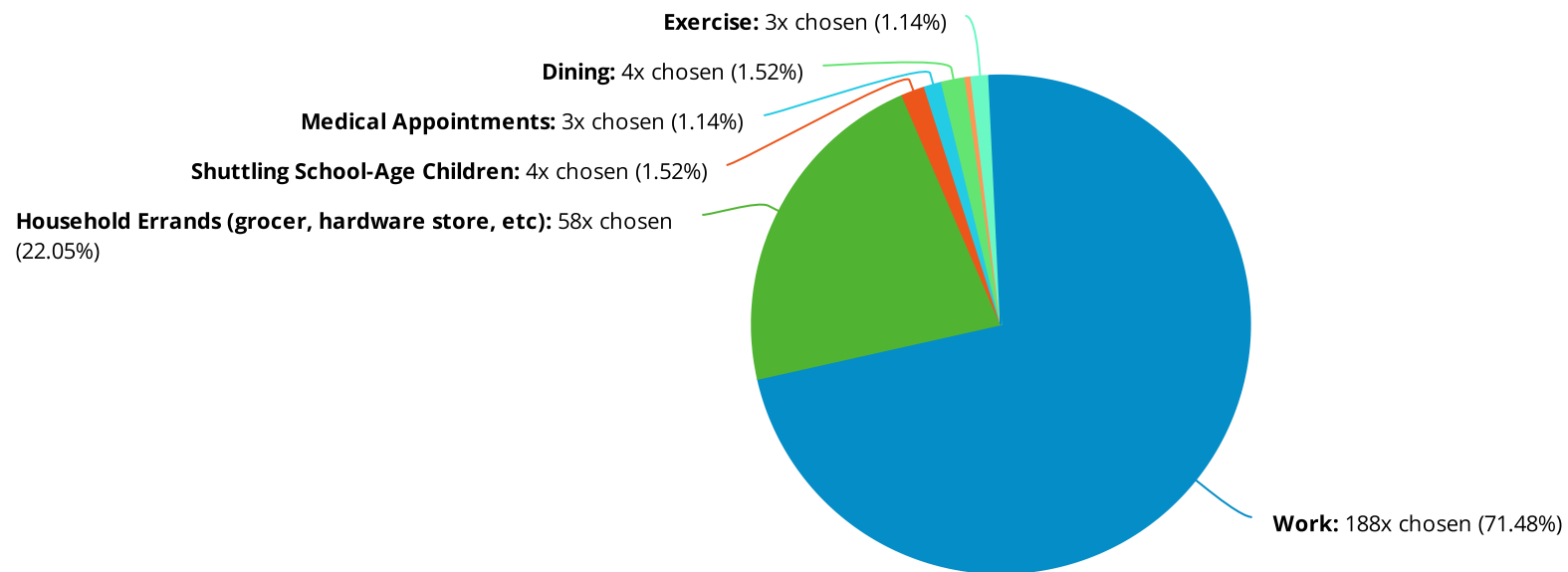
What is your primary mode of transportation?

Number of responses: 263



What is your PRIMARY destination for daily and/or weekly transportation from your home?

Number of responses: 263



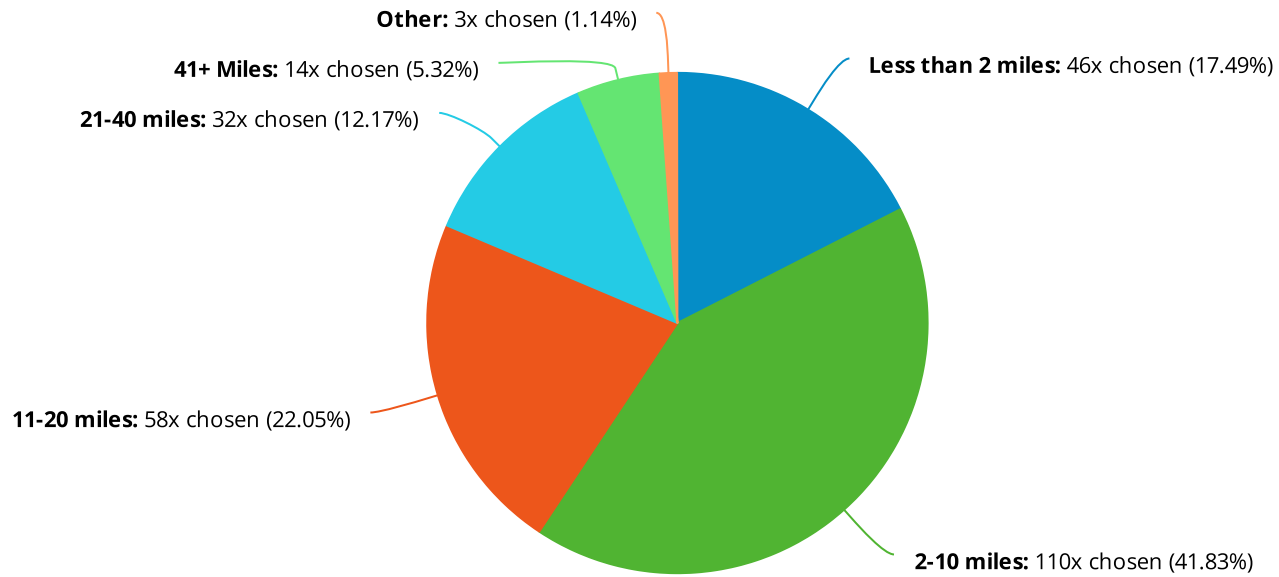
"Other" text answers:

All of the above!

Business errands, banking, post office, etc.

How many miles do you drive to your daily PRIMARY destination?

Number of responses: 263



"Other" text answers:

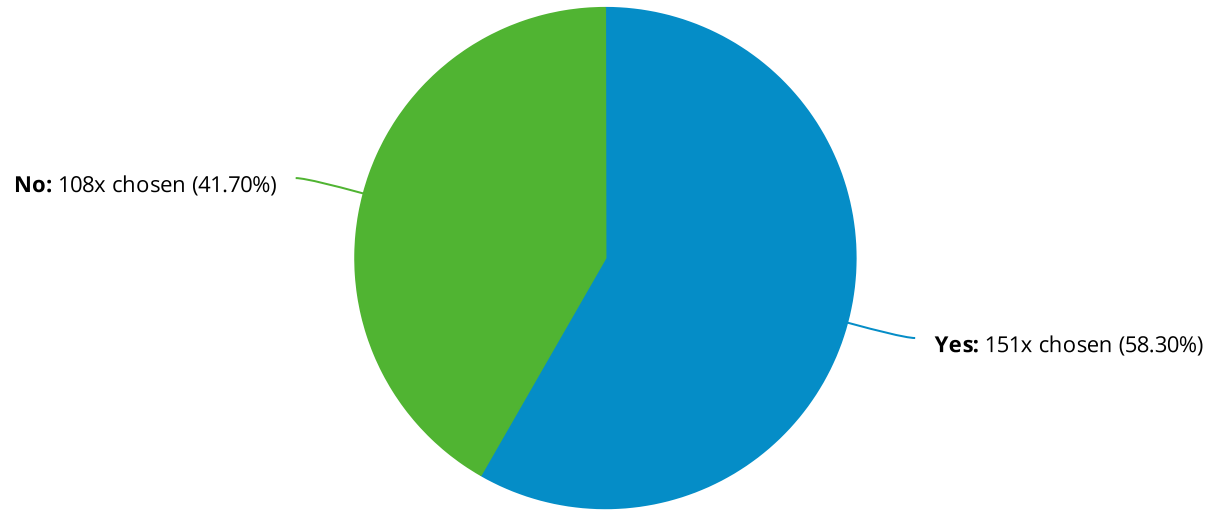
Have to drive to Kokomo to earn a decent living

Don't drive!!!

1/2 mile bike ride in all weather conditions.

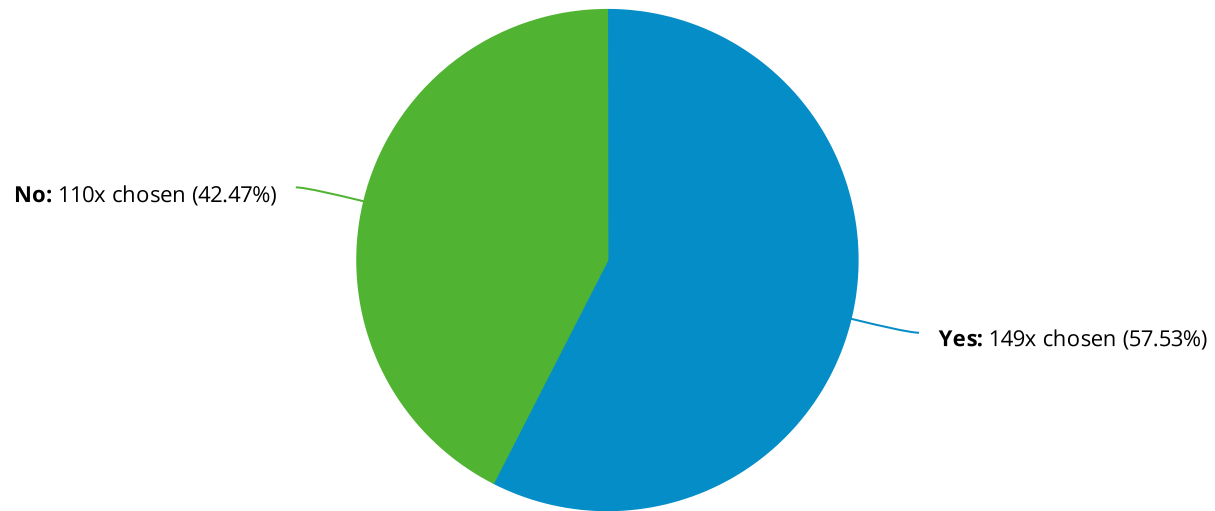
Do you believe the efforts to build new roads/streets and sewer/water expansion to support economic development by cities and towns have been adequate or above par?

Number of responses: 259



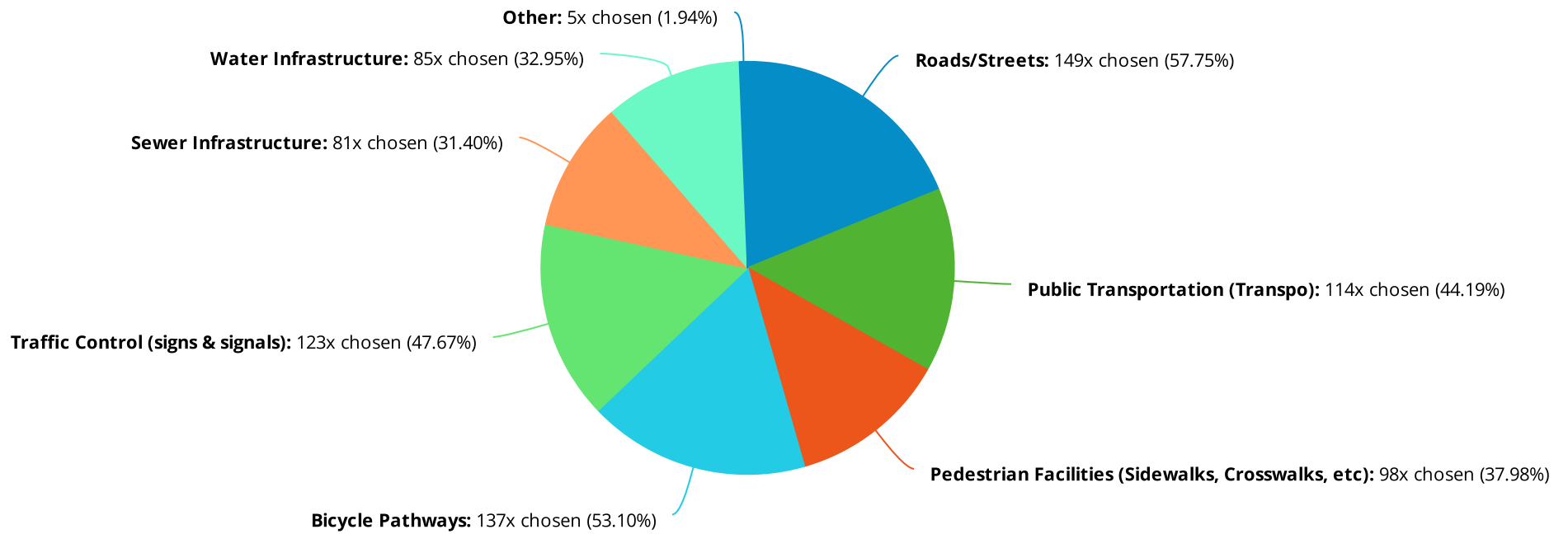
Do you believe the efforts to increase or improve the pedestrian sidewalks by cities and towns have been adequate or above par?

Number of responses: 259



Which of the current aspects of our transportation/infrastructure network do you believe has been well maintained and are in good quality?

Number of responses: 258



"Other" text answers:

None

We live in the country and these do not apply.

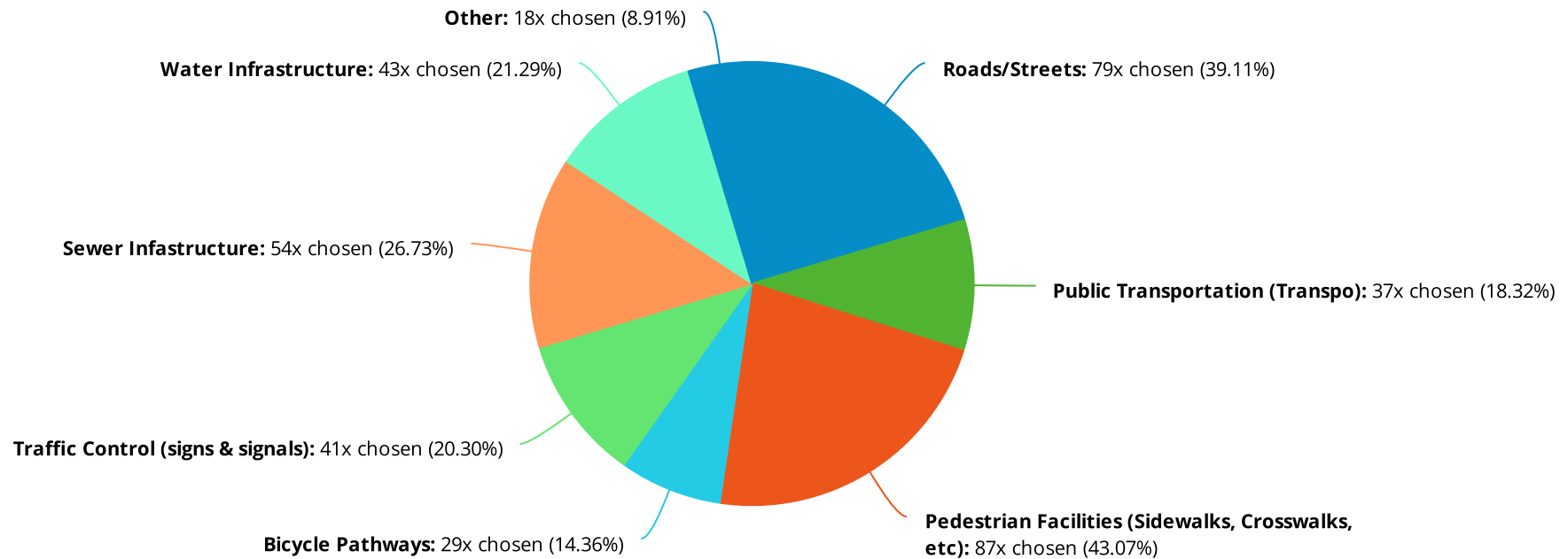
The trail around the golf course to Woodlawn Hospital

county roads are generally in very bad shape.

None of these

Which of the current aspects of our transportation/infrastructure network do you believe have NOT been well maintained and are NOT in good quality?

Number of responses: 202



"Other" text answers:

you spent all this money to make handicap ramps at the sidewalks and never used a wheelchair. All of the flood or have a ridge that is to high. The person in the wheelchair normally about falls out

Need a turn light at 18th and main. Lots of traffic turning towards the high school

Rt 14 between kewanna and winnemac is terrible and dangerous if it rains or snows hard

fiber internet

Businesses need to be held accountable for maintaining parking lots and filling in potholes

I believe there have been steps taken in the past 5 years to improve all of these categories. Continue the current progress.

Street drainage/flooding

Country Roads need more attention.

N/a

Older sidewalks or no sidewalks

No curbs on ninth street; broken, pitted sidewalks around Fansler Park; constant flooding near First Federal after rain.

Transpo needs more capacity, especially evening coverage.

Sidewalks in the City of Rochester are in horrible shape. This needs to be addressed. They look great on the two main streets, but they are horrible off the beaten path.

Roads dont really need repaved as much as they need re-painted. cant even see the lines of most of the main intersctions

Not sure, business parks and empty buildings to attract businesses

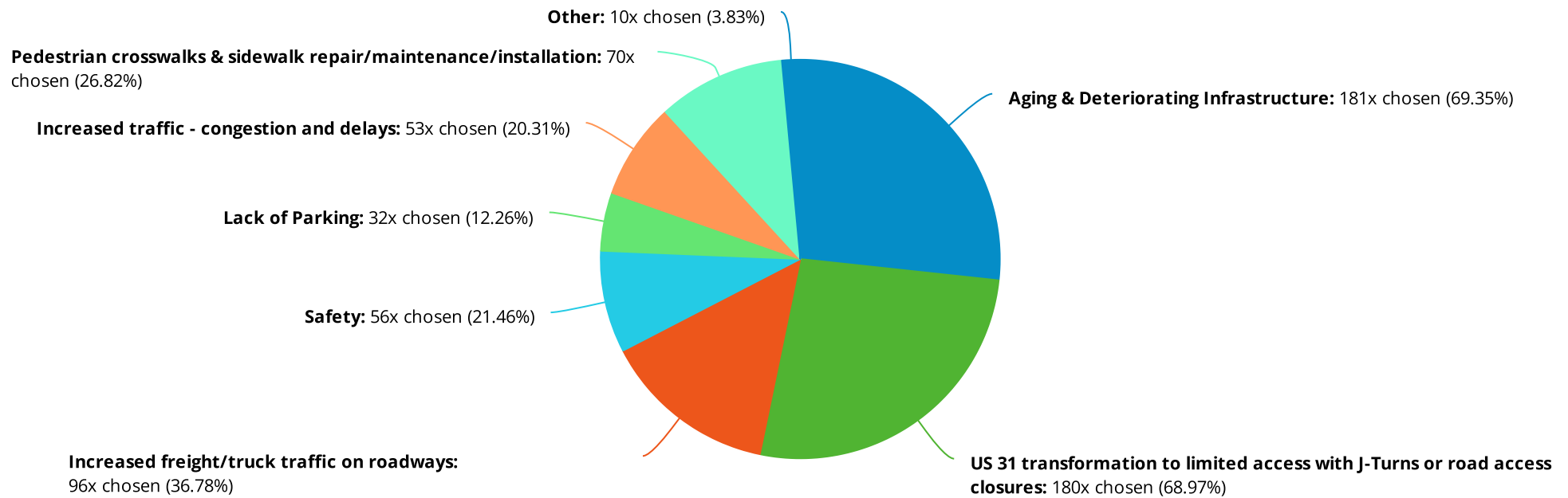
Railroad crossings are in a deplorable state!

Alley's

NA

In your opinion, what will be the three (3) MOST significant transportation challenges in our community in the next 25 years?

Number of responses: 261



"Other" text answers:

lack of funding to keep up with needs

inadequate roads for buggies to come into Rochester.

Left turn and straight away in the same lane creates accidents and congestion. I would make the left lane left turn only and make right lanes straight and right turn. I feel this would give a better flow of traffic.

We should add J-turns on 31 to promote safety, especially as more traffic comes through on the highway.

Widening roads for emergency vehicles and safety of increased traffic

Hwy's 14 and 25, aka 9th and Main St., are atrocious. Pressure should be put on INDOT to pave our two main tributaries in town. Also, the railroad tracks on 9th St. are and have been forever, in ill repair. For referance, travel to Macy or Manchester and see how nice their streets are maintained. If I was a prospective business owner looking to relocate to Rochester, the condition of our two main streets in town would be a major turnoff. This probably should have been put in comments above, but we need to have stronger ordinances in place concerning the appearance of not only the housing inside city limits, but most importantly the businesses that are highly visible, for instance Bee Check Exchange just East of the Post Office. Also Hiatt's Construction right behind the Flagpole. Drive by these two businesses, and others, and tell me how that would look to you as a prospective business relocater to Rochester. These places need to be cleaned up!

Highways going through town and faster routs to the future industrial park.

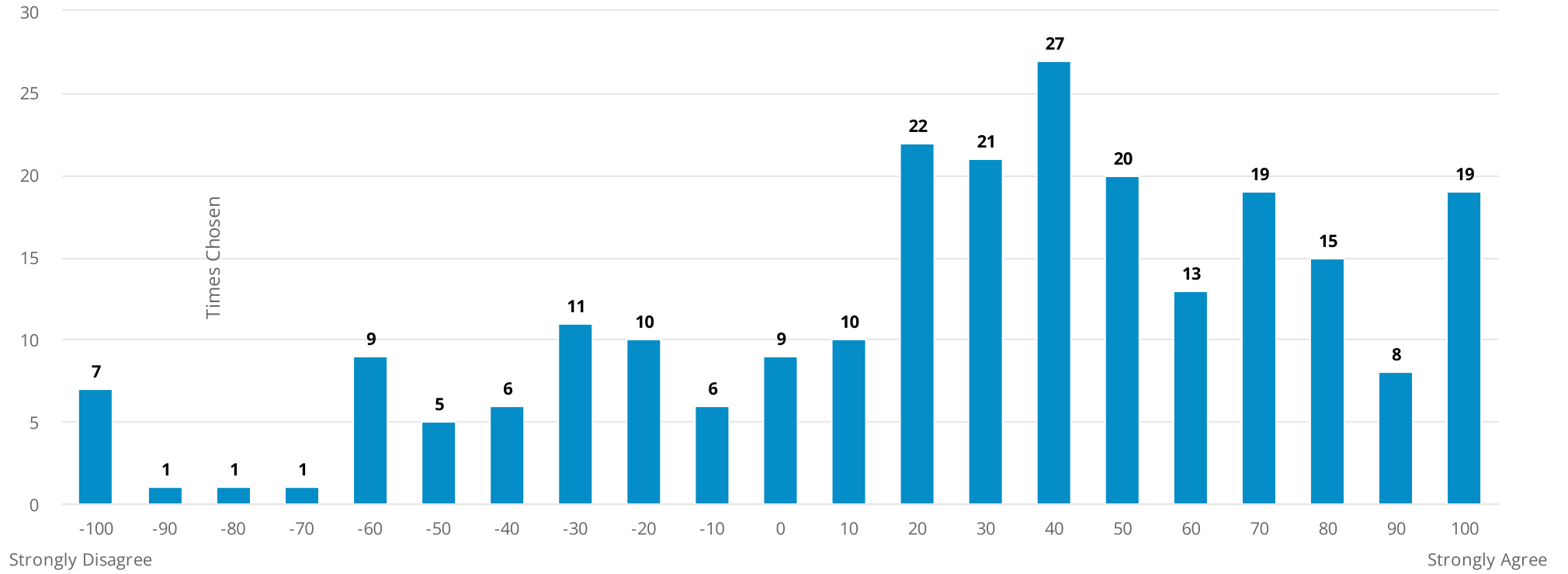
Lake Parking

None of these are issues - feels like a leading questions for someone's J turn suggestion - a HORRIBLE idea.

I think the Limited Access Highway idea needs some serious reconsideration as I don't understand why a City would want to eliminate any access from a major highway. If access is limited, I think 6th & US 31 should be considered as 100N is a heavily traveled road already and has recently been repaved. I also think that Olson & US 31 would also make sense from a public Safety point of view as there are many more households on Olson than there are on 50N, 100N and 200N combined; especially to 200W and even beyond with the river subdivision and households. all the way to 200W. I know there has been discussion of having Monticello road serve as the access West over 31 but I am afraid safety of those on Olson Road will be sacrificed.

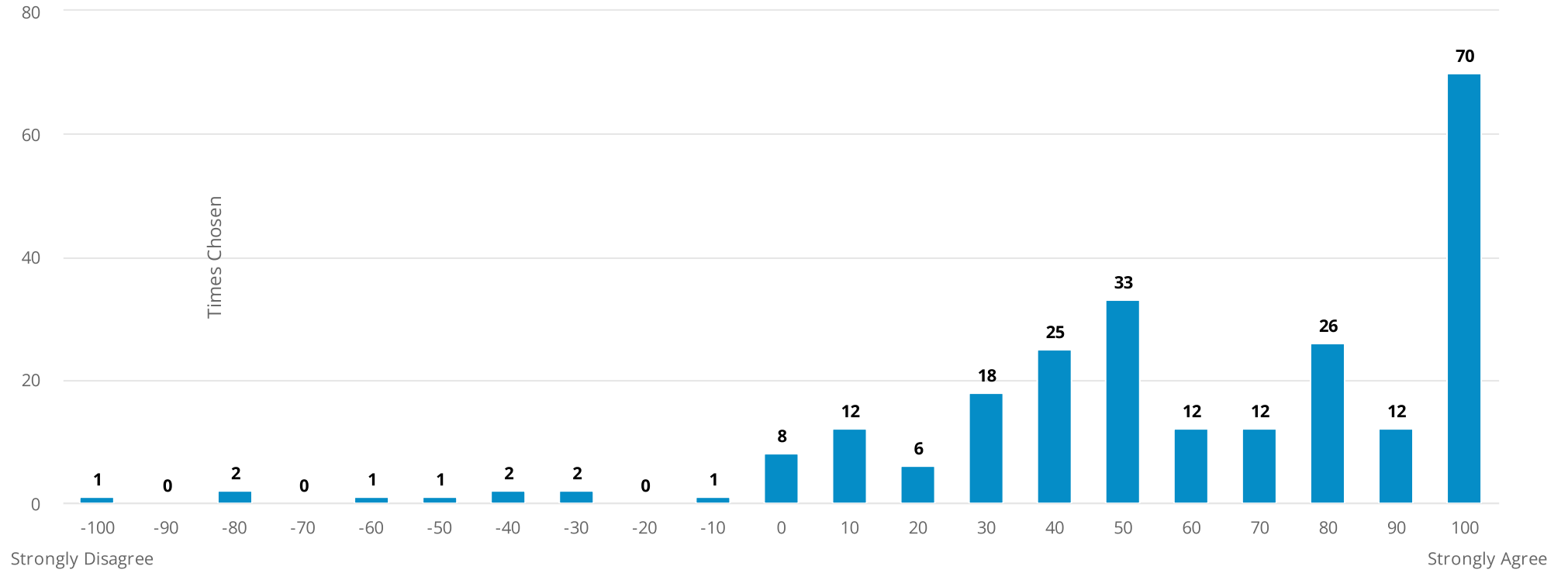
The existing park facilities meet the community's current needs.

Number of responses: 240



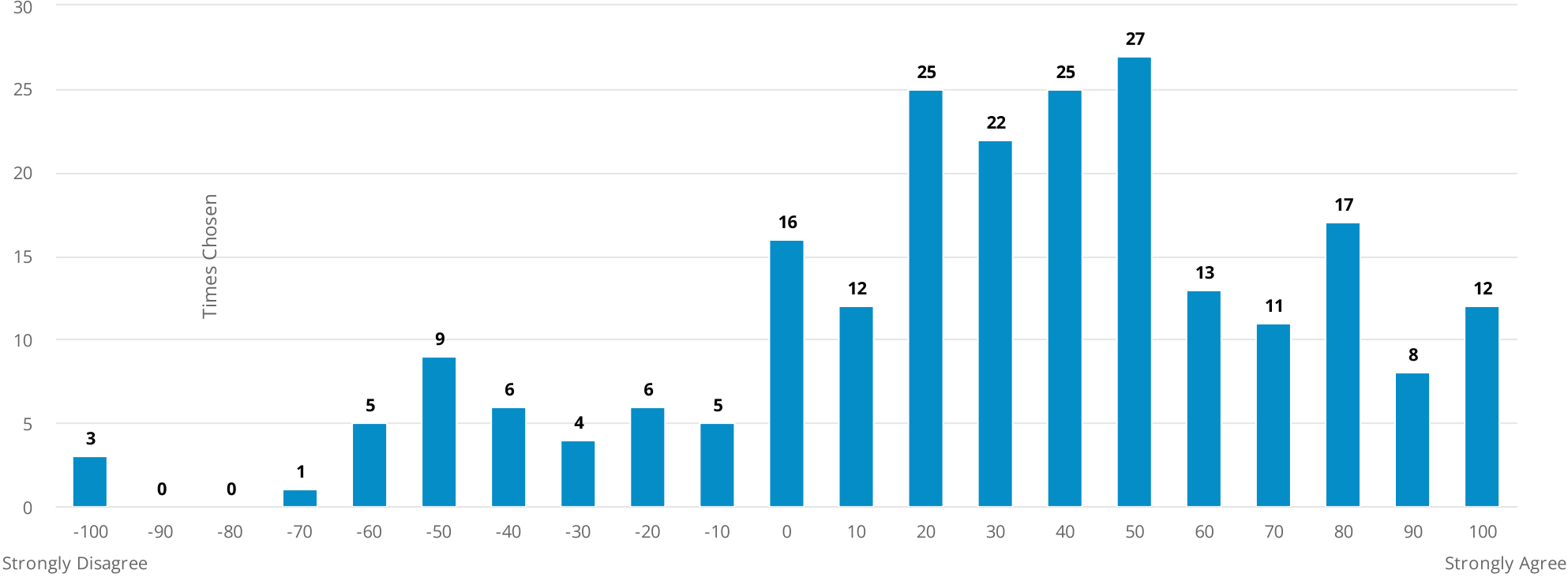
It is important to protect our natural resources and environment from development impacts.

Number of responses: 244



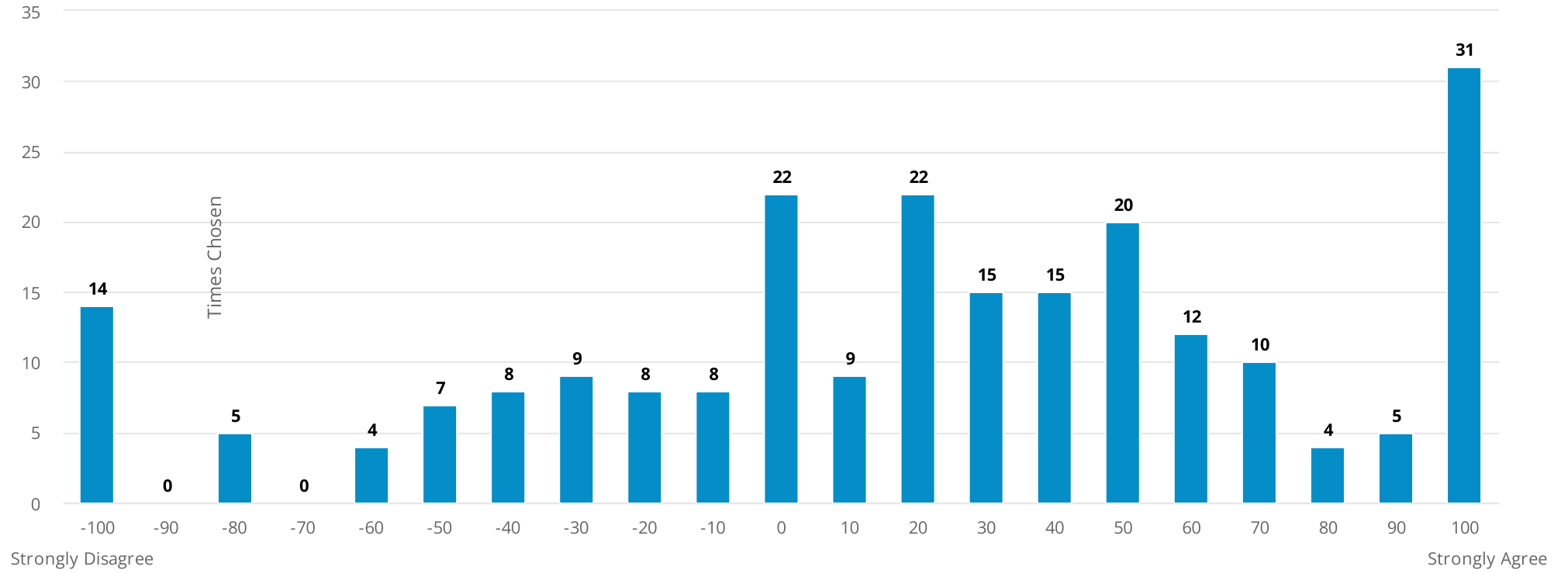
Our community does a good job of protecting its natural resources and the environment.

Number of responses: 227



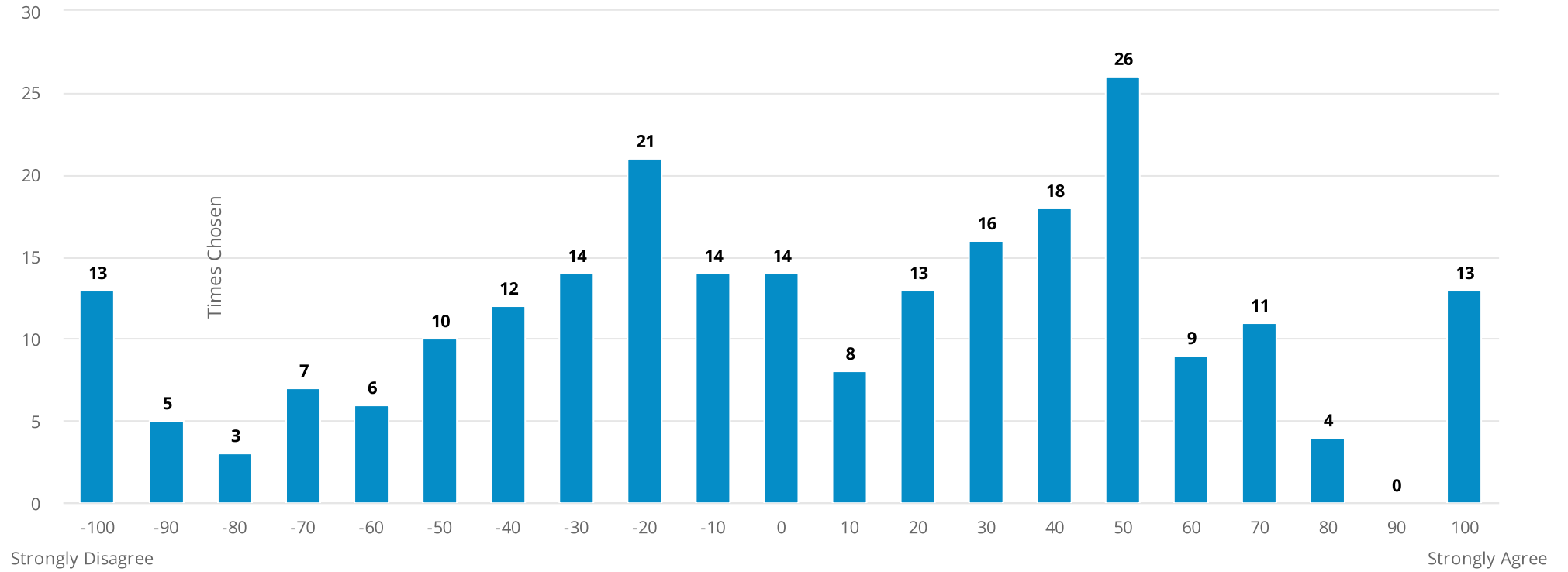
Our community needs additional bike and pedestrian trails and routes.

Number of responses: 228



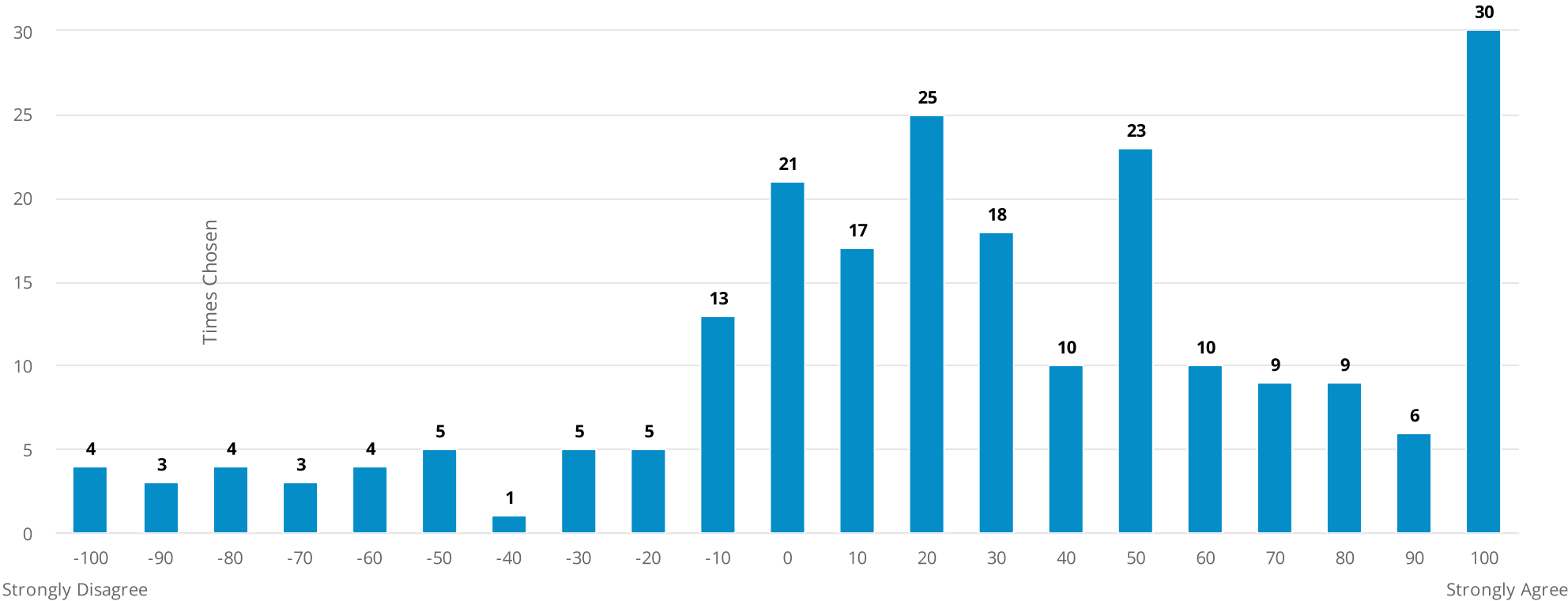
There are plenty of outdoor recreational opportunities in and around our community.

Number of responses: 237



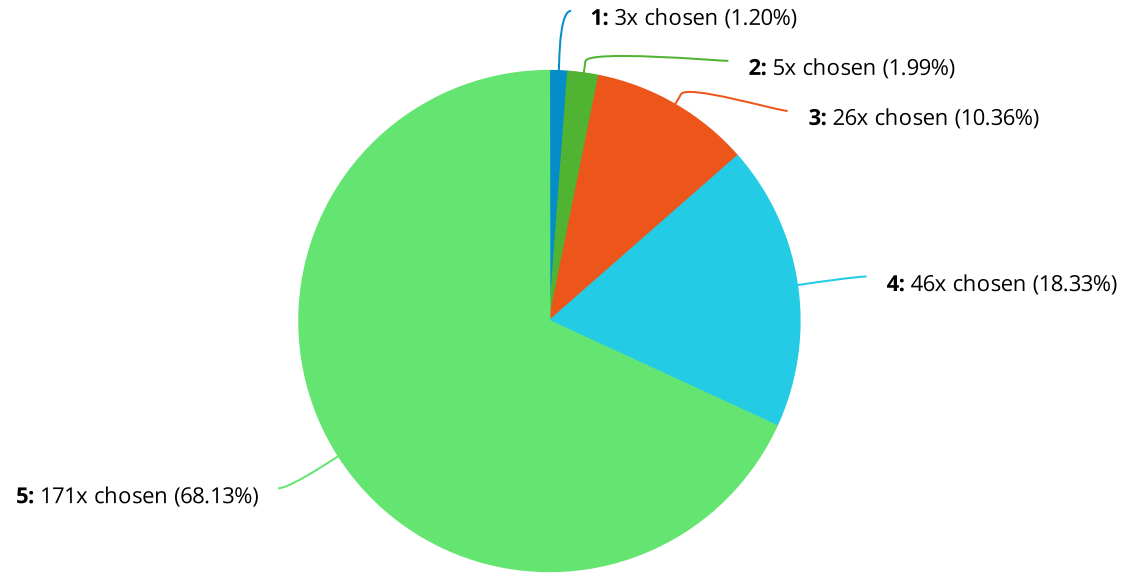
Our community needs more parks and outdoor recreational opportunities.

Number of responses: 225



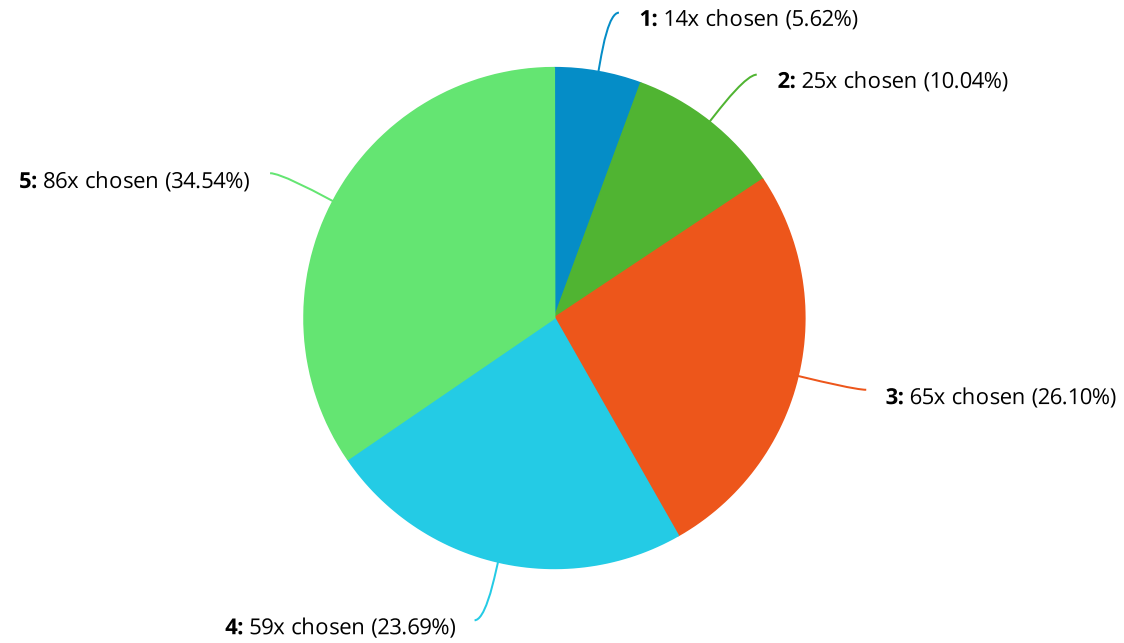
Agriculture is a large contributor to our local economy.

Number of responses: 251



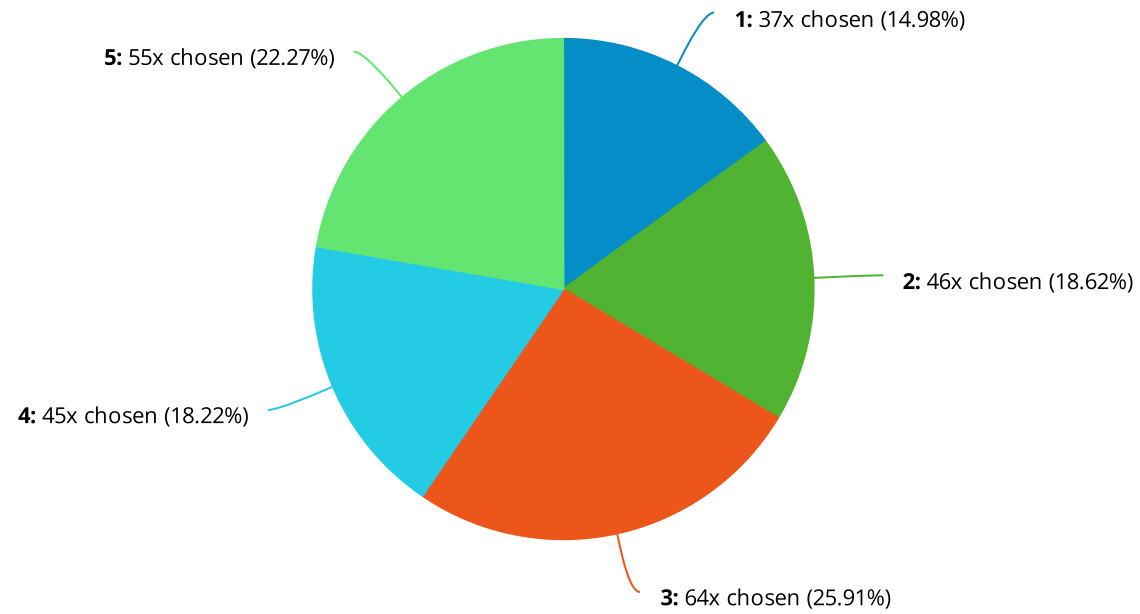
We need to protect our surrounding farm ground from residential and/or commercial development.

Number of responses: 249



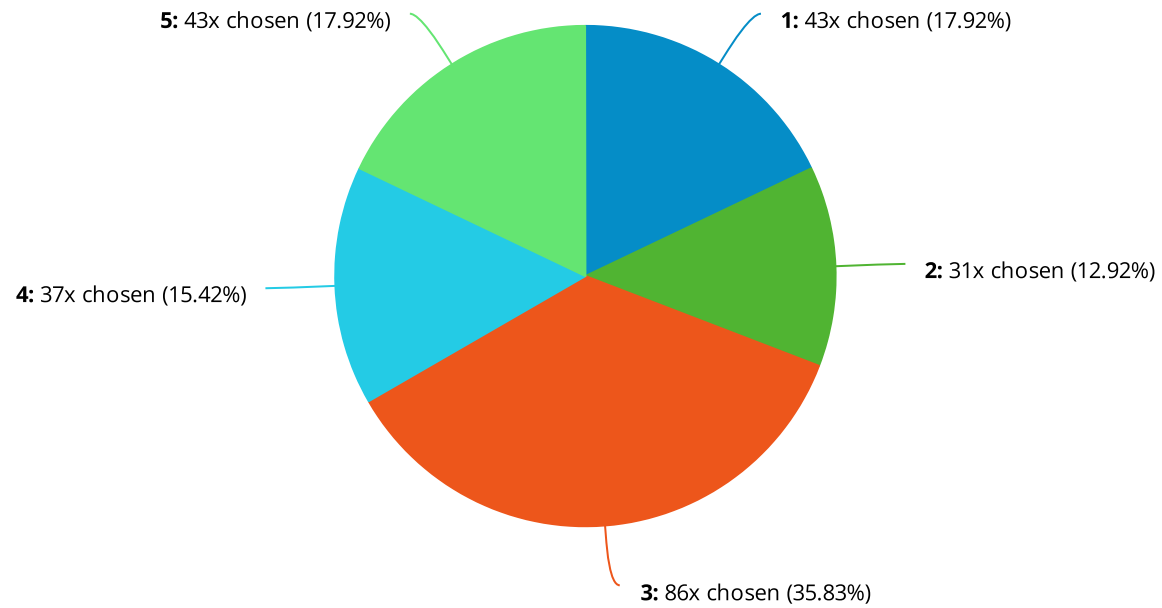
Agricultural practices contribute to the water pollution in our drainage ditches and local waterways (lakes & river).

Number of responses: 247



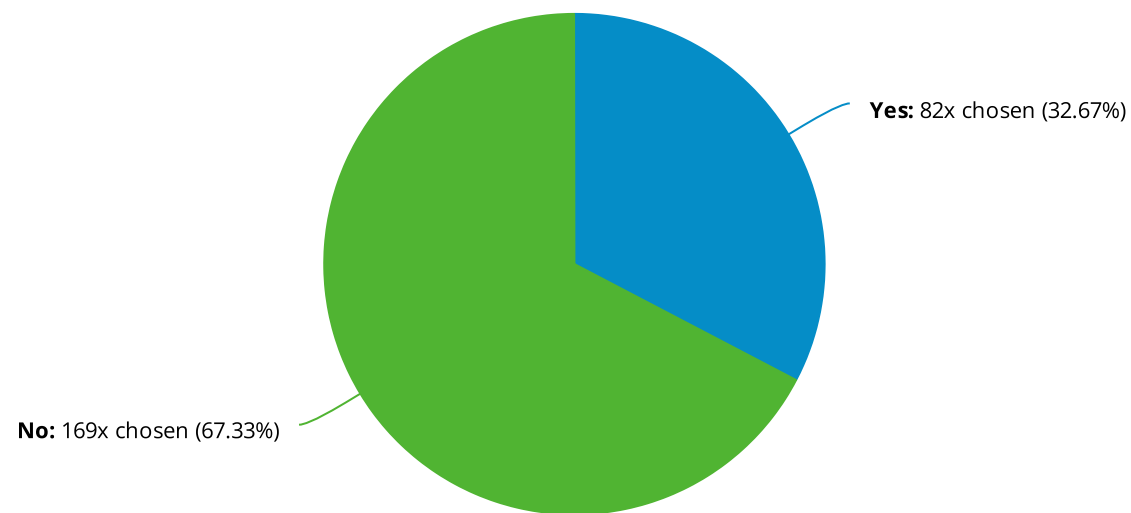
Agriculture fields should have a reduced rate of drainage assessment due to the natural filtering and infiltration area for water run-off.

Number of responses: 240



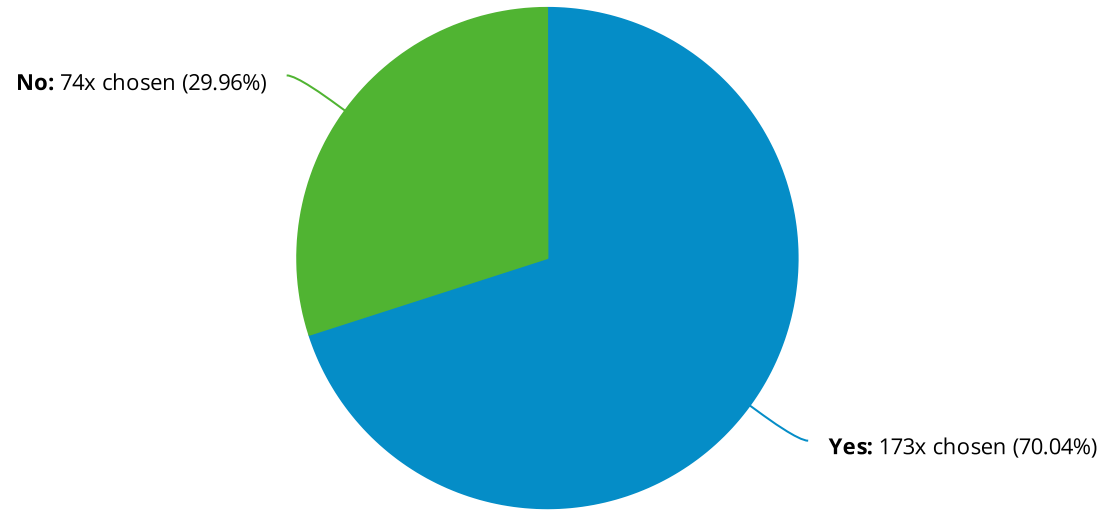
Do you feel subdivisions should be allowed to be developed wherever they want in the AG areas of the unincorporated county?

Number of responses: 251



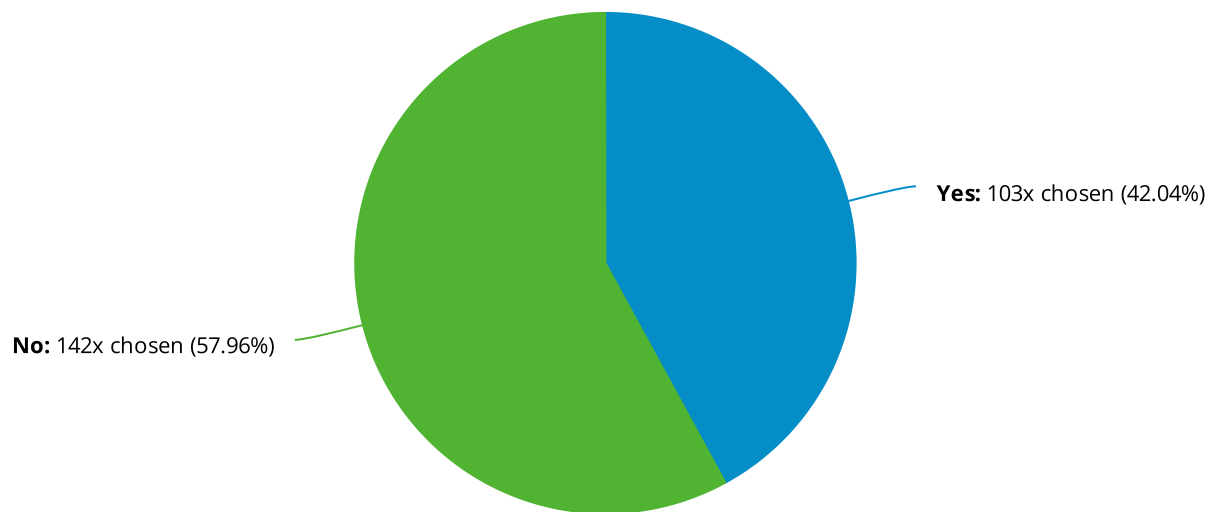
Do you feel existing farming operations should be protected against people who build homes next to them or from subdivision developments?

Number of responses: 247



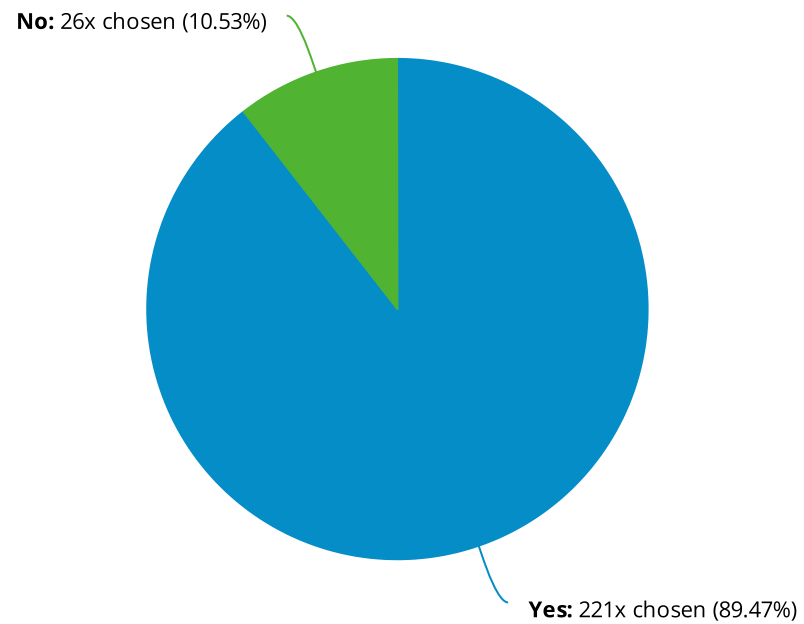
Do you feel confined feeding operations should be allowed more often in the AG areas (unincorporated area) of the County?

Number of responses: 245



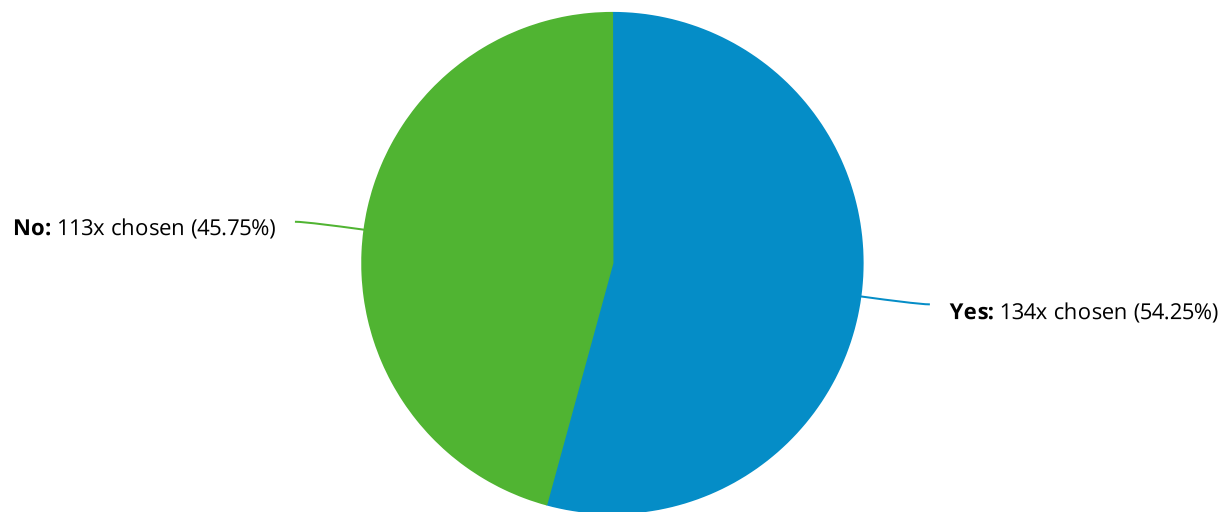
Do you feel families should be able to split off tracts of land at-will for other family members to be able to live on the family farm, knowing 50 years from now there is the possibility the family will no longer own this land?

Number of responses: 247



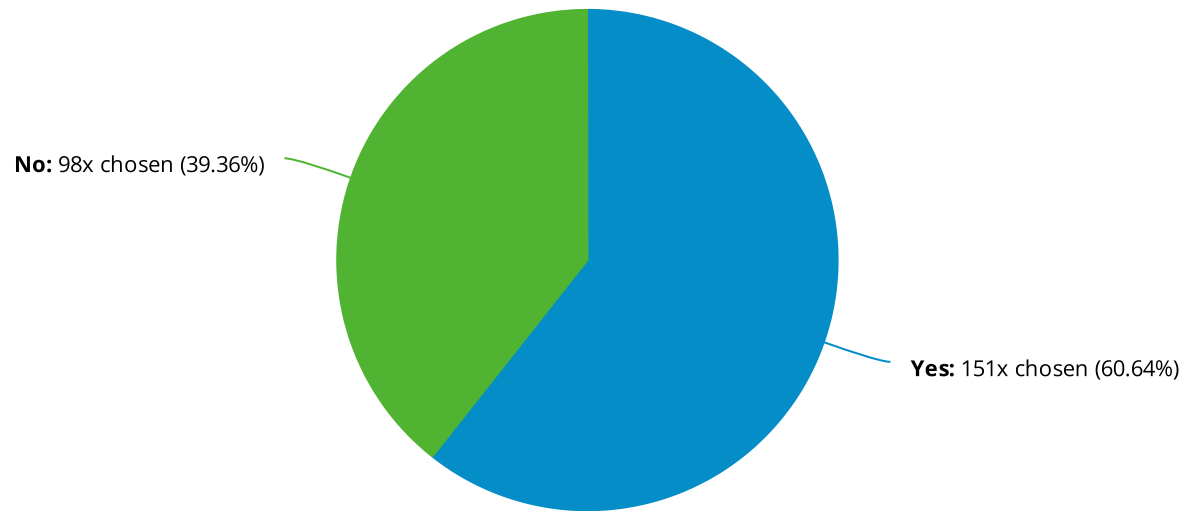
Do you believe large renewable energy projects (wind turbines, solar fields, etc) are important future investments to allow in Fulton County unincorporated/AG areas?

Number of responses: 247



Do you believe owners of agricultural tracts of land should have the right to contract, lease, and/or sell areas of land for wind turbine renewable energy project development?

Number of responses: 249



Do you believe owners of agricultural tracts of land should have the right to contract, lease, and/or sell areas of land for solar renewable energy project development?

Number of responses: 248

