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## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REPORT

This Appendix is a compilation of all input collected during the comprehensive planning process. The goals, objectives and strategies of this Comprehensive Plan were created, in part, as a response to the issues identified and ideas collected herein.

# B



### ASSETS/OPPORTUNITIES

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- PARCEL
- STREAM

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## What is great about

[living, working, shopping, eating,  
getting around, relaxing, playing, etc.]




in Tuscola?

- Infill Development (corner of Barker & New View)
- Open lot opportunity (indoor rec center)
- pool (possible tear down & redevelop w/ new pool rec amenities)
- community gardens along RR easement
- outlets @ AMERILAND
- undeveloped land east of interstate 57.
- Opportunities
  - create identity to further capture outlet tourism
- Close to Bloomington & Springfield, so great place for meetings / day trips.
- ~~THEATRE~~ Theatre Group that draws participants & audience from throughout Central Illinois. Draws at least 1,000 people each show to town.
- Safe from major crime
- Sense of community

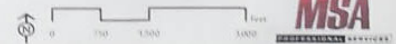


### LIABILITIES/THREATS ●

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**t** What is not great about  
[living, working, shopping, eating,  
getting around, relaxing, playing, etc.]  
in Tuscola?

- Subdivision behind Subway (Meadowview) - deterioration
- hard to find apartments/houses to rent (quality)
- Amishland (Vacancy)
- need for restaurants (casual to fine dining)
- More restaurants (ditto)
- Schools need air conditioning
- Competitive cheer team
- Threat - loss of TIF Revenue
  - Infrastructure improvements
- Not enough serious emphasis on arts + ~~the~~ culture
- Need something to draw people from Mall area to downtown
- Need to draw/~~attract~~ attract more young, interesting + diverse people. ~~to make~~

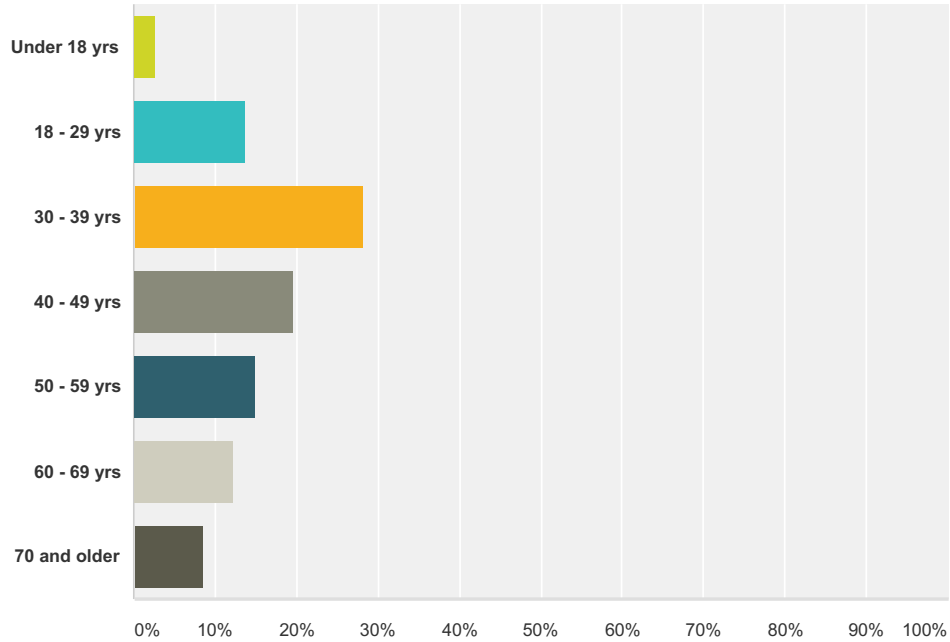


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Q1 Your age (person filling out the survey)

Answered: 153 Skipped: 4



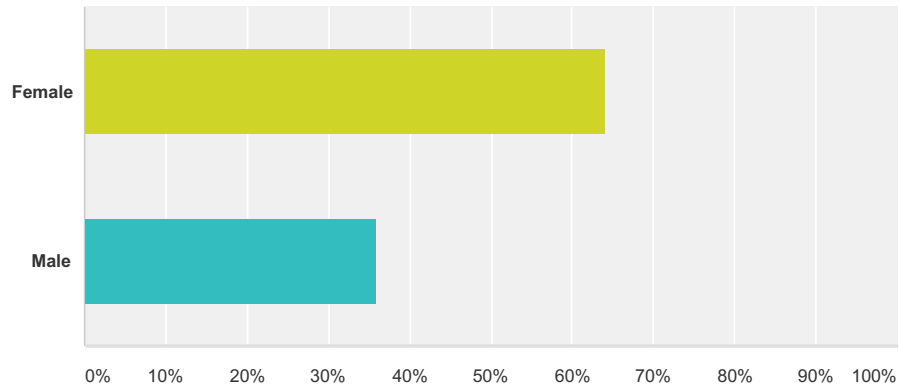
Answer Choices	Responses
Under 18 yrs	2.61% 4
18 - 29 yrs	13.73% 21
30 - 39 yrs	28.10% 43
40 - 49 yrs	19.61% 30
50 - 59 yrs	15.03% 23
60 - 69 yrs	12.42% 19
70 and older	8.50% 13
<b>Total</b>	<b>153</b>



TUSCOLA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - COMMUNITY SURVEY

**Q2 What is your gender?**

Answered: 150 Skipped: 7



Answer Choices	Responses	
Female	64.00%	96
Male	36.00%	54
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>

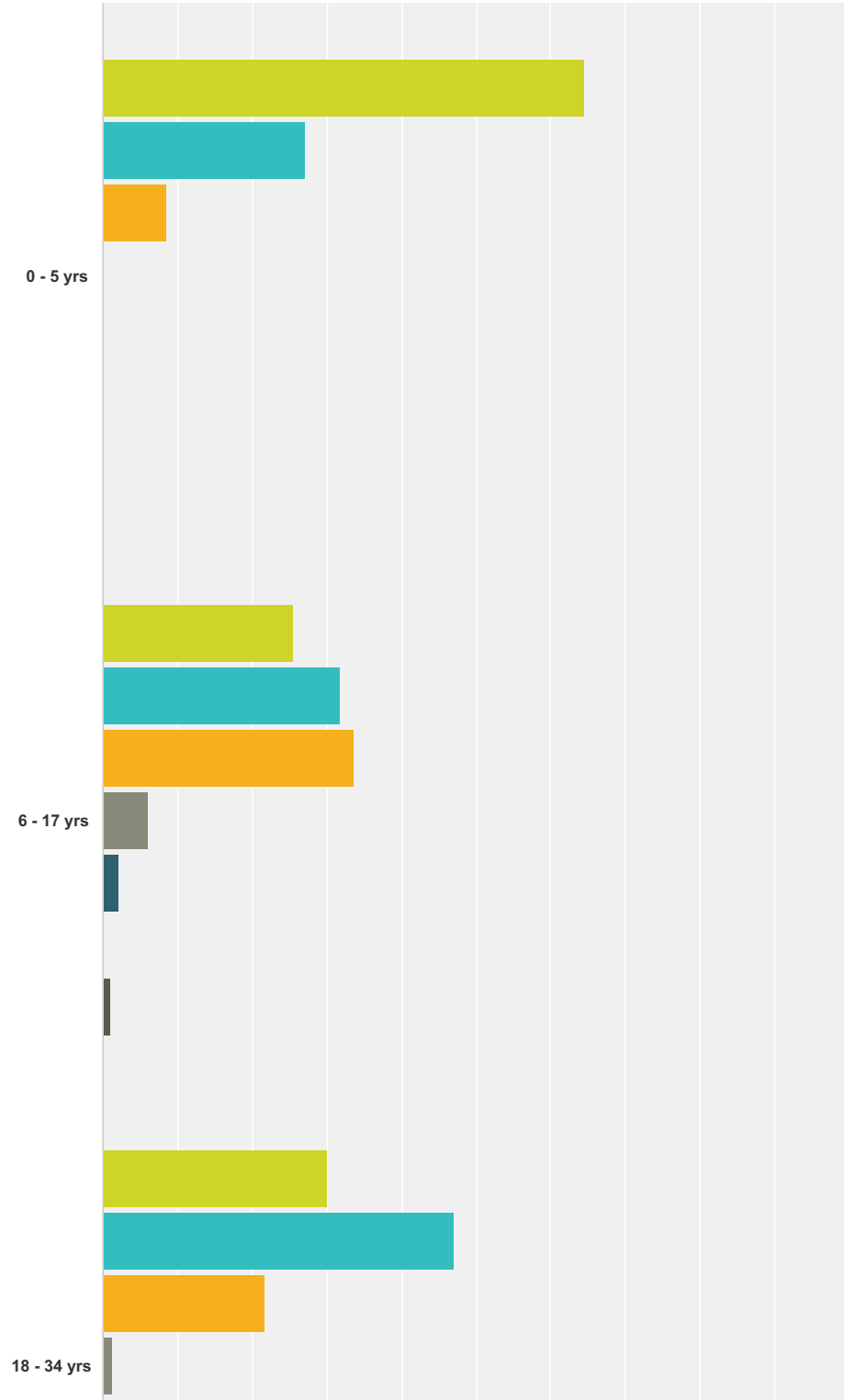




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**Q3 How many people in each of the following age groups live in your household, including yourself?**

Answered: 153 Skipped: 4

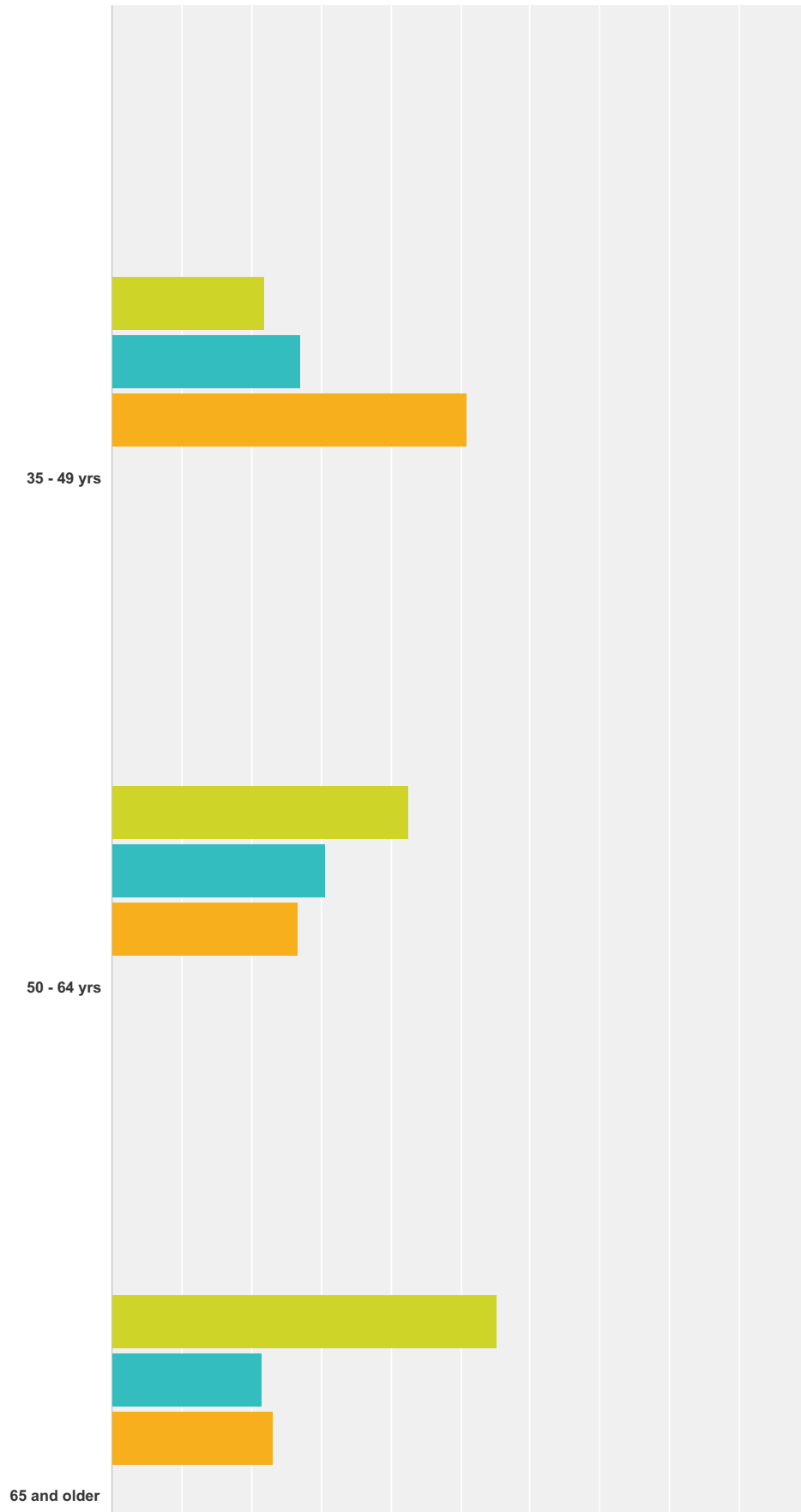


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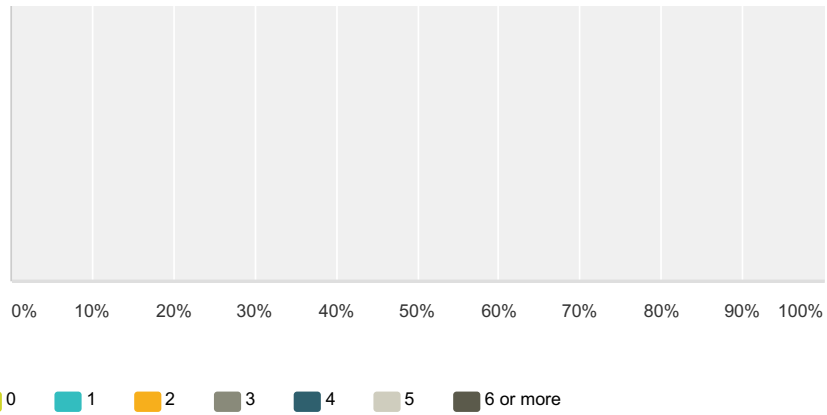


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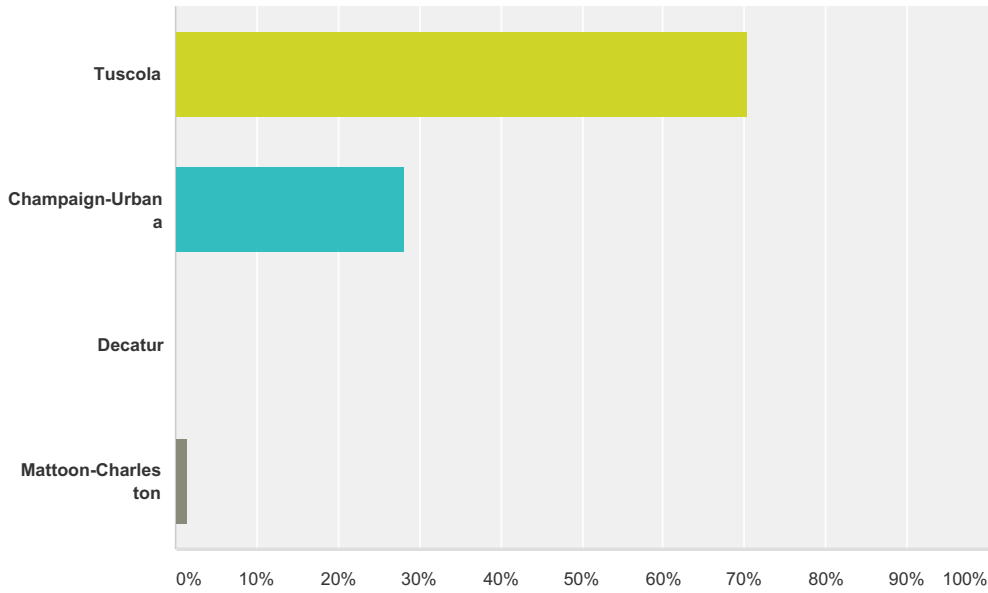
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more	Total
0 - 5 yrs	64.41% 38	27.12% 16	8.47% 5	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	59
6 - 17 yrs	25.51% 25	31.63% 31	33.67% 33	6.12% 6	2.04% 2	0.00% 0	1.02% 1	98
18 - 34 yrs	30.12% 25	46.99% 39	21.69% 18	1.20% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	83
35 - 49 yrs	21.88% 21	27.08% 26	51.04% 49	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	96
50 - 64 yrs	42.67% 32	30.67% 23	26.67% 20	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	75
65 and older	55.36% 31	21.43% 12	23.21% 13	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	56



TUSCOLA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - COMMUNITY SURVEY

**Q4 In what community do you work?**

Answered: 128 Skipped: 29



Answer Choices	Responses
Tuscola	70.31% 90
Champaign-Urbana	28.13% 36
Decatur	0.00% 0
Mattoon-Charleston	1.56% 2
<b>Total</b>	<b>128</b>

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	retired	10/22/2015 9:52 AM
2	Retired	10/21/2015 1:51 PM
3	None	10/5/2015 11:03 PM
4	retired	8/26/2015 8:03 AM
5	retired	8/17/2015 8:35 PM
6	Two are retired	8/17/2015 7:22 PM
7	retired	8/17/2015 6:26 PM
8	Arthur	8/1/2015 8:53 AM
9	retired	7/18/2015 8:08 PM
10	Disability	7/18/2015 2:08 PM
11	Retired	7/17/2015 4:33 PM
12	Sidell, IL	7/17/2015 10:16 AM
13	student	7/9/2015 10:55 AM





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14	Student	7/9/2015 9:21 AM
15	Retired	7/8/2015 9:49 PM
16	Bloomington	7/7/2015 8:24 PM
17	Travel for work	7/7/2015 6:56 PM
18	retired	7/7/2015 3:32 PM
19	Stay at home mother	7/7/2015 3:15 PM
20	Tolono	7/7/2015 3:09 PM
21	A	7/7/2015 3:06 PM

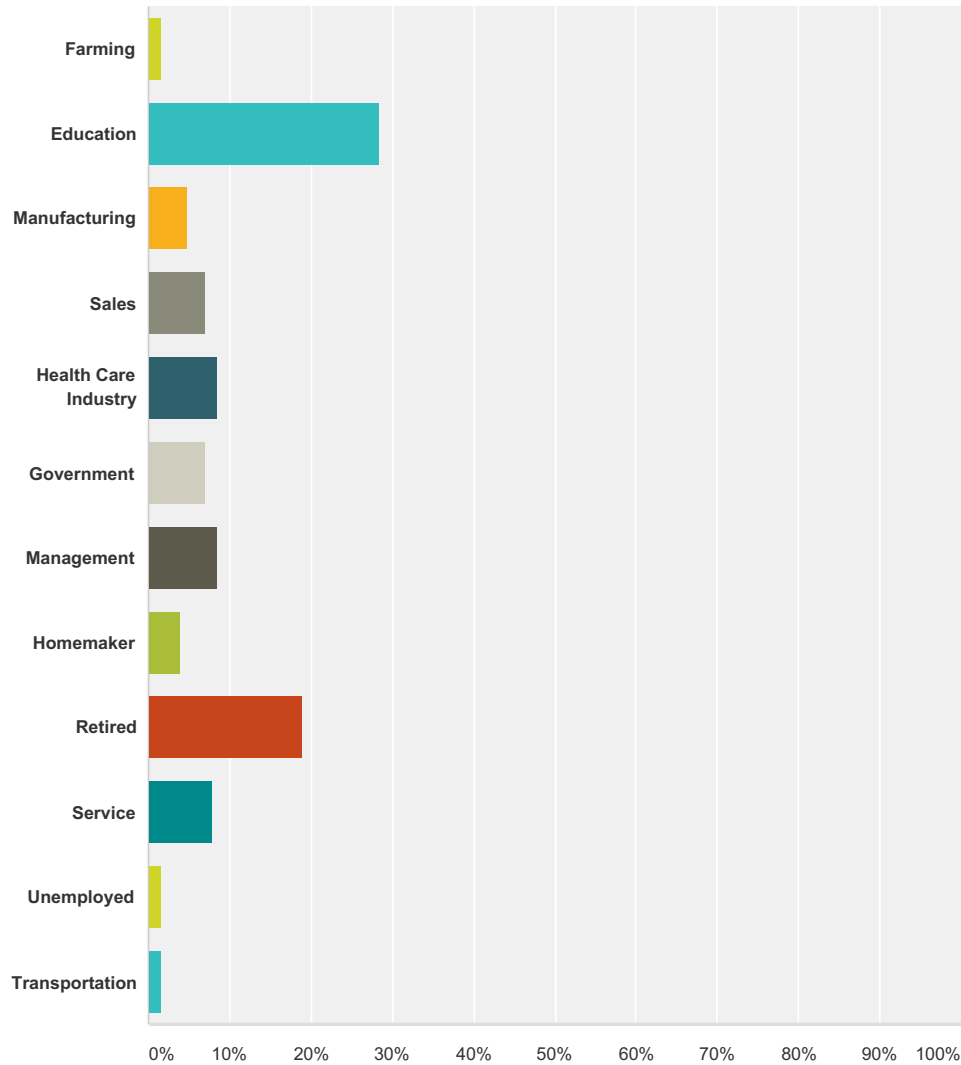




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**Q5 What is your occupation?**

Answered: 127 Skipped: 30



Answer Choices	Responses
Farming	1.57% 2
Education	28.35% 36
Manufacturing	4.72% 6
Sales	7.09% 9
Health Care Industry	8.66% 11
Government	7.09% 9
Management	8.66% 11
Homemaker	3.94% 5





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Retired	18.90%	24
Service	7.87%	10
Unemployed	1.57%	2
Transportation	1.57%	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>127</b>

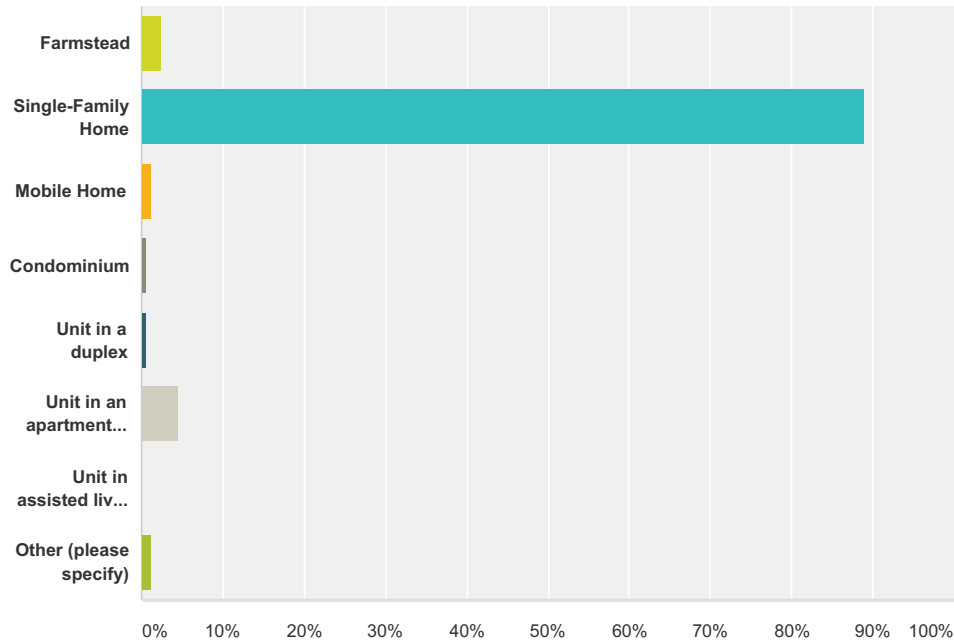
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1	retired	10/22/2015 9:52 AM
2	business owner	10/22/2015 9:04 AM
3	Construction	10/17/2015 10:41 PM
4	accounting	9/4/2015 7:56 PM
5	Union electrician	8/17/2015 7:22 PM
6	Finance	8/17/2015 2:08 PM
7	Pastor	8/8/2015 3:58 PM
8	babysitting	8/3/2015 2:13 PM
9	Software Development	7/20/2015 10:03 PM
10	Disability	7/18/2015 2:08 PM
11	veterinary technician	7/17/2015 9:31 PM
12	Self employed Photographer	7/17/2015 8:46 AM
13	Banking	7/15/2015 4:01 PM
14	Architecture	7/9/2015 3:14 PM
15	Engineering	7/9/2015 11:22 AM
16	student	7/9/2015 10:55 AM
17	student	7/9/2015 9:21 AM
18	none	7/9/2015 7:09 AM
19	Chemist/Laboratory Supervisor	7/8/2015 8:21 PM
20	Comment	7/8/2015 5:58 PM
21	Religious Organization	7/8/2015 4:00 PM
22	Graphic Design (freelance)	7/8/2015 1:38 PM
23	Banking	7/7/2015 10:36 PM
24	Office	7/7/2015 6:21 PM
25	engineering	7/7/2015 5:24 PM
26	Environmental arena	7/7/2015 5:00 PM
27	Groundskeeping	7/7/2015 4:16 PM
28	Finance	7/7/2015 4:07 PM
29	design and computers	7/7/2015 3:23 PM
30	Sahm	7/7/2015 3:15 PM
31	Teaching	7/7/2015 3:09 PM



TUSCOLA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - COMMUNITY SURVEY

**Q6 What type of dwelling do you live in?**

Answered: 155 Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	Responses
Farmstead	2.58% 4
Single-Family Home	89.03% 138
Mobile Home	1.29% 2
Condominium	0.65% 1
Unit in a duplex	0.65% 1
Unit in an apartment facility	4.52% 7
Unit in assisted living facility	0.00% 0
Other (please specify)	1.29% 2
<b>Total</b>	<b>155</b>

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	unit in downtown	8/18/2015 11:55 PM
2	Plus one loves on apartment on top of gsrsgc	8/17/2015 7:22 PM

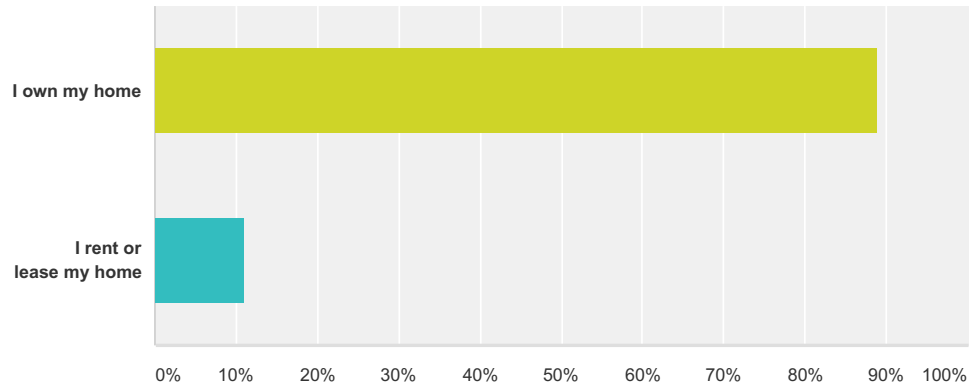




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**Q7 Do you own or rent your home?**

Answered: 155 Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	Responses
I own my home	89.03% 138
I rent or lease my home	10.97% 17
<b>Total</b>	<b>155</b>





TUSCOLA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - COMMUNITY SURVEY

**Q8 If you would like more information on the Comprehensive Plan process and about events associated, please enter your email address.**

Answered: 43 Skipped: 114

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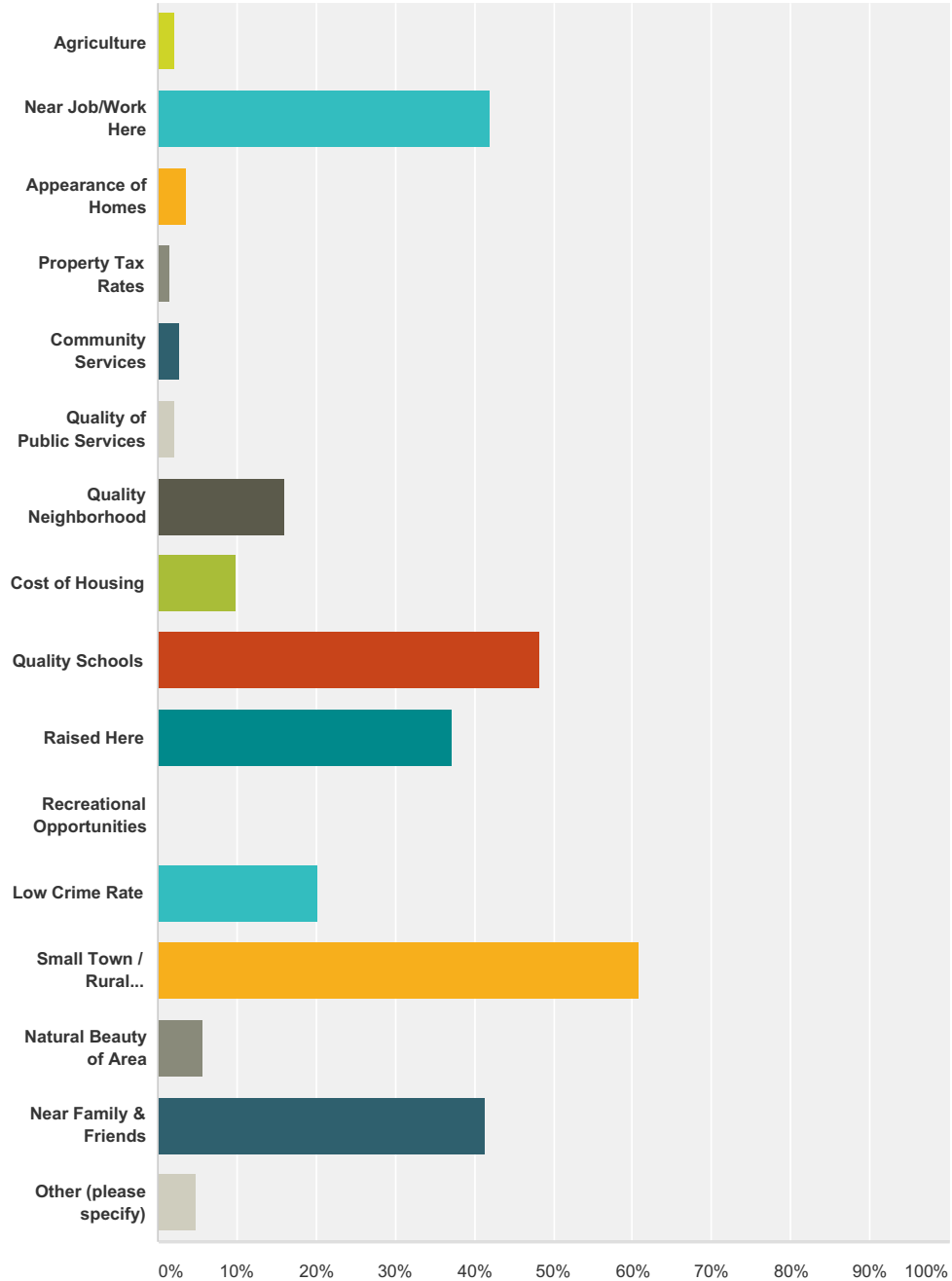




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**Q9 What are the THREE most important reasons you and your family choose to live in Tuscola?**

Answered: 143 Skipped: 14



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Answer Choices	Responses
Agriculture	2.10% 3



## TUSCOLA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - COMMUNITY SURVEY

Near Job/Work Here	41.96%	60
Appearance of Homes	3.50%	5
Property Tax Rates	1.40%	2
Community Services	2.80%	4
Quality of Public Services	2.10%	3
Quality Neighborhood	16.08%	23
Cost of Housing	9.79%	14
Quality Schools	48.25%	69
Raised Here	37.06%	53
Recreational Opportunities	0.00%	0
Low Crime Rate	20.28%	29
Small Town / Rural Atmosphere	60.84%	87
Natural Beauty of Area	5.59%	8
Near Family & Friends	41.26%	59
Other (please specify)	4.90%	7
<b>Total Respondents: 143</b>		

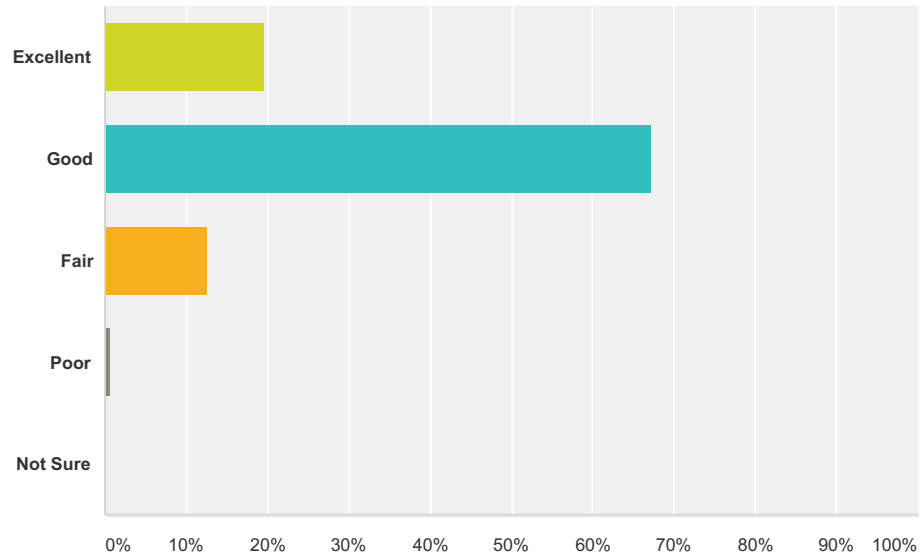
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	job opportunity here	10/21/2015 4:17 PM
2	Cost of housing 40 years ago	10/21/2015 3:10 PM
3	Job opportunity here	8/27/2015 9:31 AM
4	Tuscola is the ideal combination of a small community, but with the amenities of a larger town. (Outlet Mall, Dining, Community Services, etc.)	7/20/2015 10:52 PM
5	unique small businesses	7/17/2015 9:35 PM
6	Shopping and restaurants	7/17/2015 9:17 AM
7	Did not really have a choice as I am assigned my location by my bishop, but we had asked for this area	7/8/2015 4:02 PM



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Q10 Overall, how would you rate the quality of life in Tuscola?

Answered: 143 Skipped: 14



Answer Choices	Responses
Excellent	19.58% 28
Good	67.13% 96
Fair	12.59% 18
Poor	0.70% 1
Not Sure	0.00% 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>143</b>

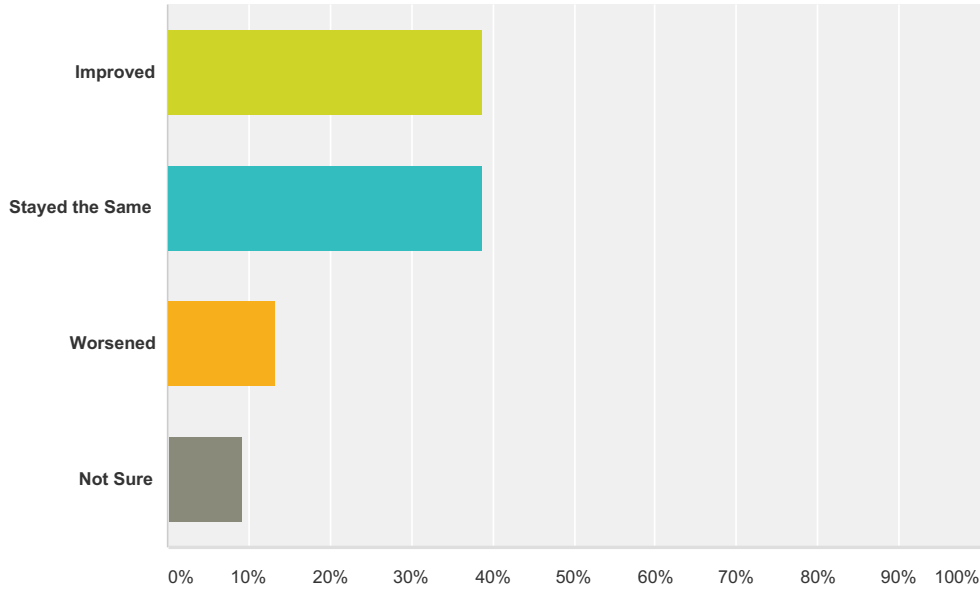
#	Comments	Date
1	Not as many opportunities as in a larger area (YMCA, Park Services programs)	7/9/2015 10:01 AM
2	taxes are too high	7/8/2015 10:24 AM
3	Stop with the fast food chains. Get a family sit down restaurant.	7/8/2015 7:38 AM
4	Noise pollution from trains is a big problem.	7/7/2015 6:03 PM



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**Q11 Over the past 10 years has the quality of life in Tuscola:**

Answered: 142 Skipped: 15



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Improved	38.73%	55
Stayed the Same	38.73%	55
Worsened	13.38%	19
Not Sure	9.15%	13
<b>Total</b>		<b>142</b>

#	Comments	Date
1	Only slightly worsened . More empty store fronts downtown, loss of restaurants, fewer ____	10/21/2015 4:17 PM
2	In the past 4 years the schools are getting worse. No longer Blue Ribbon status.	10/21/2015 3:10 PM
3	No IA in Jr. High. No new softball/baseball diamonds short sighted on the opportunities a full size gym at NW and new diamond to host large school as well as non school tournaments. It would have brought sales tax to all from mall/downtown/all retail, hotels, restaurants, gas....as well as income to those business owners and would provide income for opportunities for new businesses.	9/4/2015 8:01 PM
4	More empty storefronts downtown, loss of restaurants, fewer festivals	8/27/2015 9:31 AM
5	Only lived here less than four years so far	8/19/2015 12:01 AM
6	heroin epidemic	7/17/2015 9:14 AM
7	many properties not taken care of, lots of apartments.	7/11/2015 5:09 PM
8	More businesses here but not more opportunities of things to do (activities center like YMCA)	7/9/2015 10:01 AM
9	On one hand, we have grown with wonderful businesses, but on the other, I think we've also been dealing with lots of prevalent drugs.	7/8/2015 7:47 PM





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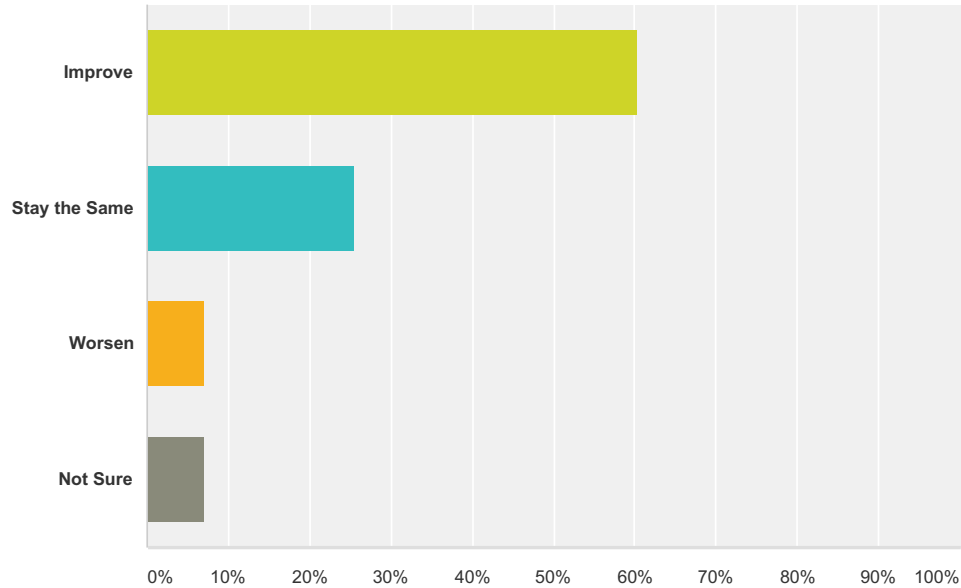
10	Sadly Tuscola has gone down hill regarding things for people in the Community to do. We no longer have any festivals or large events that draw crowds like we use to. The Sparks in the Park has mud volleyball, three on three and a couple of bands that cater to one type of people. Nothing really fun and inviting like carnival rides, a selection of vendors, or booths throughout the park. The "Farmer's Market," is sad to see each Saturday. Someone needs to step in and think out of the box. We need to have a community that draws out more of the locals to support our town.	7/8/2015 2:03 PM
11	I've only been here for 9 years.	7/8/2015 1:42 PM
12	It seems like the quality in the schools isn't quite what it once was. And there is a definite drug problem that needs address. We also need something for our kids to do.	7/7/2015 9:42 PM
13	I purchased my home and moved to Tuscola in August 2014, I do not have a 10 year opinion.	7/7/2015 3:32 PM



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**Q12 Over the next 10-20 years, do you expect that the quality of life in the City will:**

Answered: 141 Skipped: 16



Answer Choices	Responses	
Improve	60.28%	85
Stay the Same	25.53%	36
Worsen	7.09%	10
Not Sure	7.09%	10
<b>Total</b>		<b>141</b>

#	Comments	Date
1	with fertilizer plant I am very concerned about environmental factors worsening. QOL - no real efforts to build local economy. most businesses are left on own to build self up - there is a secure foundation in fire/police safety - housing is secure. School system is not secure - always watch that \$	10/21/2015 4:17 PM
2	If the academics in the school continues to slide - too much teach turn over.	10/21/2015 3:10 PM
3	my feeling is that improvements in education will probably miss my kids and improve in other communities that's why I say worsen instead of stay the same.	9/4/2015 8:01 PM
4	With fertilizer plant, I am concerned about environments focus worsening QOL-No real efforts to build local economy. Most businesses are left on own to build self up. There is a secure foundation in fire/police safety. Housing is secure. School system is secure-ALWAYS watch that \$\$	8/27/2015 9:31 AM
5	Tuscola appears to be on a growth trajectory. This is great. As a citizen, I am thrilled by the prospect of being a part of Tuscola as it continues to develop and expand.	7/20/2015 10:52 PM
6	I am afraid that the crime rate will go up.	7/15/2015 4:16 PM
7	walking paths will help improve people's quality of life	7/10/2015 8:54 PM
8	See above.	7/8/2015 2:03 PM
9	Unsure what the increase in population due to Cronus will do to Tuscola.	7/7/2015 3:42 PM

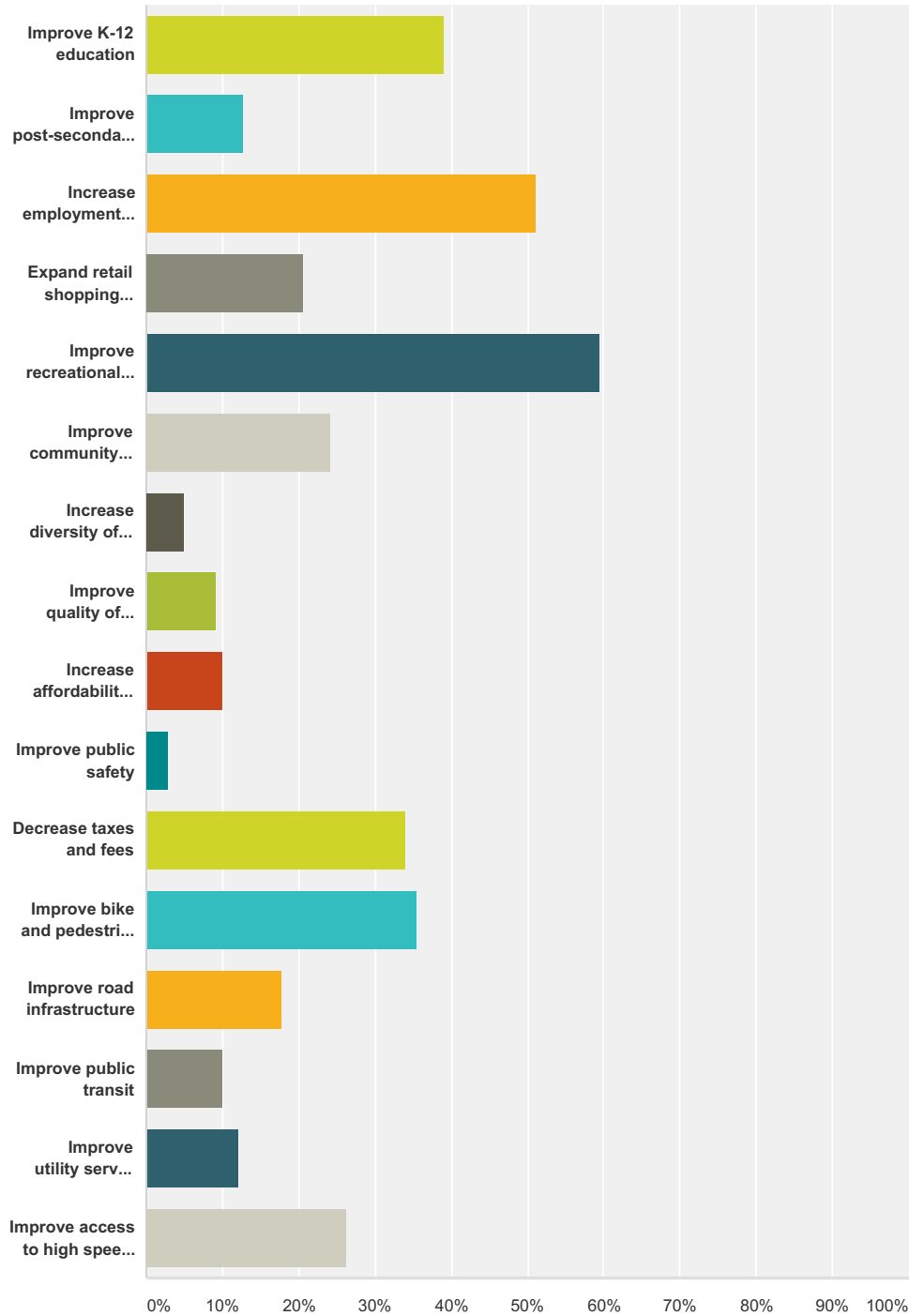




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**Q13 Please indicate your top FOUR changes which you think would improve the quality of life in Tuscola.**

Answered: 141 Skipped: 16



Answer Choices

Responses



## TUSCOLA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - COMMUNITY SURVEY

Improve K-12 education	39.01%	55
Improve post-secondary education opportunities	12.77%	18
Increase employment opportunities	51.06%	72
Expand retail shopping options	20.57%	29
Improve recreational facilities	59.57%	84
Improve community services	24.11%	34
Increase diversity of housing types	4.96%	7
Improve quality of housing	9.22%	13
Increase affordability of housing	9.93%	14
Improve public safety	2.84%	4
Decrease taxes and fees	34.04%	48
Improve bike and pedestrian facilities	35.46%	50
Improve road infrastructure	17.73%	25
Improve public transit	9.93%	14
Improve utility service (including telecommunications)	12.06%	17
Improve access to high speed internet	26.24%	37
<b>Total Respondents: 141</b>		

#	Other/Comments	Date
1	at least 1 nice restaurant Increase employment opp. for small businesses	10/21/2015 4:17 PM
2	Improve appearance of railroad track areas	10/21/2015 3:55 PM
3	Request an Amtrak Stop	10/21/2015 2:51 PM
4	Pave brick streets	10/21/2015 2:40 PM
5	Nice sit down restaurant	10/21/2015 2:20 PM
6	Increase small business opportunities. At least one nice restaurant.	8/27/2015 9:31 AM
7	We need a full service restaurant and no more fast food. But realize fast food is great for travelers	8/17/2015 7:26 PM
8	I would like to see some kind of housing code. Too many derelict houses. It gives a bad impression to people coming to our town to buy or start a business	8/17/2015 1:49 PM
9	more businesses in down town	7/17/2015 9:35 PM
10	We need to consider totally revamping the downtown that has been on the decline for decades. Improvement of streets, added sidewalks. Coordination of civic groups so that we can have a flow of "events" throughout the spring, summer and fall PROMOTED by an organized and VERY active Public Relations group to bring others to Tuscola for more than just a simple visit.	7/10/2015 11:41 AM
11	We have no rec facilities or programs in the community. Many want to be active outside but the availability in non existent. We also need a decent restaurant (not fast food).	7/9/2015 10:01 AM
12	fun stuff for kids to do	7/9/2015 7:15 AM
13	Park and Recreation Director	7/8/2015 9:55 PM
14	Strong need for sit-down restaurant (TGIF, Chilis, 54th St. Bar & Grill). High school students lack choices in elective classes.	7/8/2015 6:48 PM
15	Improve restaurants	7/8/2015 6:01 PM



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16	"Nice" restaurant	7/8/2015 3:43 PM
17	I would love for Tuscola to have a Y facility. The old Northward lot would be perfect for it. That lot is beautiful and just sits there empty. Our community would get so much use out of a Y. So many go to surrounding areas and spend there money elsewhere. Tuscola needs to do something to encourage people to spend here. Even if we built a new Community building on that lot and added features to it, I think it would help. Why spend money on the current building?? Tuscola needs a much larger area and could rent it out even more than it is now.	7/8/2015 2:03 PM
18	I wouldn't mind paying more taxes if the money is spent well.	7/8/2015 3:10 AM
19	If I were to leave it would be to obtain better schools, especially at the high school level.	7/7/2015 7:19 PM
20	Would love to see a large dog park. Would love to see swimming allowed at Wimple. Am hoping someday we get a really nice restaurant.	7/7/2015 6:30 PM
21	More activities for youth that doesn't involve sports and relatively inexpensive to the youth/family	7/7/2015 5:21 PM
22	lack of entertainment opportunities in this community. Music in particular.	7/7/2015 3:35 PM
23	YMCA	7/7/2015 3:16 PM
24	In particular, I'd like to put on the record that keeping the brick streets brick is important to me.	7/7/2015 3:07 PM



## TUSCOLA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - COMMUNITY SURVEY

## Q14 What is Tuscola's biggest asset?

Answered: 114 Skipped: 43

#	Responses	Date
1	Tanger Outlet	10/22/2015 10:03 AM
2	I-57 - 2 chemical plants - good leadership	10/22/2015 9:36 AM
3	agriculture	10/22/2015 9:09 AM
4	location - crossroad to C/U - M/C - D	10/21/2015 4:17 PM
5	location	10/21/2015 3:55 PM
6	agriculture	10/21/2015 3:28 PM
7	It's people	10/21/2015 3:10 PM
8	Location on I-57 & Railroads; Tanger Mall	10/21/2015 2:51 PM
9	progressive	10/21/2015 2:40 PM
10	Small town close to big cities	10/21/2015 2:20 PM
11	Forward Thinking Community Leaders	10/21/2015 2:07 PM
12	Close to University of Illinois	10/17/2015 10:44 PM
13	small town atmosphere	10/2/2015 3:11 PM
14	Mall	10/2/2015 2:54 PM
15	Nothing changes	9/17/2015 1:26 PM
16	the outlet mall...just because it is a stand out compared to other like communities.	9/4/2015 8:01 PM
17	Location-crossroad to C/U-M/C-D	8/27/2015 9:31 AM
18	Location	8/19/2015 11:40 AM
19	Brian Moody, TIF, attracting business	8/19/2015 12:01 AM
20	Schools	8/17/2015 8:38 PM
21	Small but with a lot to offer	8/17/2015 7:26 PM
22	the people	8/17/2015 6:32 PM
23	Schools	8/17/2015 2:11 PM
24	Its people	8/17/2015 1:49 PM
25	None	8/14/2015 5:42 PM
26	Many people with long term commitments to the community	8/8/2015 4:02 PM
27	mall	8/3/2015 2:18 PM
28	Tuscola has an energy or attitude that feels akin to the optimistic post-war 1950's. I recommend that we invest in and very cautiously grow the city experts and leadership groups.	7/20/2015 10:52 PM
29	Many food/retail services for a small town	7/20/2015 9:49 AM
30	It's volunteer fire dept	7/18/2015 9:39 PM
31	Community atmosphere	7/18/2015 8:47 PM
32	The people	7/18/2015 8:47 PM
33	It is close to two universities.	7/18/2015 8:13 PM
34	Our locality. We have hard working individuals and many others who are capable and well driven. Due to being a small town we all are known for pitching in.	7/18/2015 7:26 PM



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35	Small town but have what you need here	7/17/2015 9:47 PM
36	small town charm	7/17/2015 9:35 PM
37	Small town living	7/17/2015 4:08 PM
38	people	7/17/2015 10:19 AM
39	the people	7/17/2015 9:39 AM
40	my house	7/17/2015 9:14 AM
41	Accessibility	7/17/2015 8:48 AM
42	School system	7/15/2015 7:31 PM
43	Small town atmosphere	7/15/2015 4:16 PM
44	Willingness to grow & change with time	7/12/2015 7:59 PM
45	shopping mall and chemical plants	7/11/2015 5:09 PM
46	Friendly people	7/10/2015 8:54 PM
47	Its proximity to major roadways such as I-57, route 36 and route 45.	7/10/2015 11:41 AM
48	Outlet mall	7/9/2015 11:26 AM
49	closeness to champaign	7/9/2015 10:57 AM
50	Small knit.community	7/9/2015 10:37 AM
51	The mall	7/9/2015 10:01 AM
52	tanger outlets mall	7/9/2015 7:15 AM
53	Overall cleanliness	7/8/2015 9:55 PM
54	small town, friendly people, friendly community	7/8/2015 9:33 PM
55	Schools	7/8/2015 9:06 PM
56	The convenience of having retail options here.	7/8/2015 8:49 PM
57	Schools	7/8/2015 8:24 PM
58	businesses	7/8/2015 7:47 PM
59	Our shopping mall, community swimming pool, and other shopping (ex: IGA, Sav Mor, Do It Best, etc.)	7/8/2015 6:48 PM
60	Farm ground	7/8/2015 6:01 PM
61	Small community that is able to provide most services for its residents	7/8/2015 4:02 PM
62	People	7/8/2015 3:43 PM
63	Park	7/8/2015 2:30 PM
64	Location - access to major highways - access to anywhere	7/8/2015 2:13 PM
65	I think the mall and our schools are our biggest draw.	7/8/2015 2:03 PM
66	Outlet mall and surrounding businesses	7/8/2015 1:42 PM
67	Tanger outlet mall	7/8/2015 10:40 AM
68	mall	7/8/2015 10:24 AM
69	Ervin Park	7/8/2015 8:14 AM
70	"Tourist" attractions	7/8/2015 7:38 AM
71	Schools	7/8/2015 3:10 AM
72	Brian moody	7/8/2015 12:05 AM
73	It's people	7/7/2015 10:38 PM
74	the main street brick road and the down town that needs rebuilt with more shops.	7/7/2015 10:16 PM
75	The community feel.	7/7/2015 9:42 PM



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76	small town atmosphere while being close to larger towns	7/7/2015 9:31 PM
77	Tanger Outlet Center	7/7/2015 8:35 PM
78	Safe environment	7/7/2015 8:28 PM
79	Shopping mall	7/7/2015 7:50 PM
80	Small town feel	7/7/2015 7:46 PM
81	Mall	7/7/2015 7:25 PM
82	small town with good shopping	7/7/2015 7:19 PM
83	Schools	7/7/2015 7:00 PM
84	People	7/7/2015 6:30 PM
85	The town has everything you need from grocery stores to hardware stores. We have all we need in one town.	7/7/2015 6:03 PM
86	Schools	7/7/2015 5:47 PM
87	It is a small town with many bigger city amenities	7/7/2015 5:31 PM
88	retail	7/7/2015 5:27 PM
89	Mall/small town appeal	7/7/2015 5:21 PM
90	School system	7/7/2015 5:12 PM
91	Blank canvas, lots of land, lots of buildings to redo	7/7/2015 5:02 PM
92	Clean small town that is not overrun with new housing.	7/7/2015 4:48 PM
93	Community involvement	7/7/2015 4:24 PM
94	The Outlet Mall & good schools	7/7/2015 4:23 PM
95	School district	7/7/2015 4:22 PM
96	Quiet/safe town	7/7/2015 4:21 PM
97	It's rural lifestyle.	7/7/2015 4:19 PM
98	Outlet mall	7/7/2015 4:14 PM
99	RETAIL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR A COMMUNITY OF 4,000	7/7/2015 4:09 PM
100	The people	7/7/2015 3:51 PM
101	School/Youth	7/7/2015 3:49 PM
102	Small town atmosphere	7/7/2015 3:42 PM
103	The outlet mall and Cronus	7/7/2015 3:37 PM
104	Flesors	7/7/2015 3:35 PM
105	school	7/7/2015 3:26 PM
106	Mall	7/7/2015 3:16 PM
107	School District	7/7/2015 3:14 PM
108	LOCATION	7/7/2015 3:12 PM
109	small town and potienial growth	7/7/2015 3:10 PM
110	Sports	7/7/2015 3:10 PM
111	Small town feel	7/7/2015 3:09 PM
112	Schools	7/7/2015 3:09 PM
113	A good school system	7/7/2015 3:07 PM
114	Its location	7/7/2015 2:24 PM





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Q15 What is your biggest concern for the future of Tuscola?

Answered: 111 Skipped: 46

#	Responses	Date
1	No Tax Base	10/22/2015 10:03 AM
2	New Family Restaurants, new Dollar General	10/22/2015 9:36 AM
3	environmental safety	10/22/2015 9:09 AM
4	complacency & stagnation - environmental (fert. plant)	10/21/2015 4:17 PM
5	State of Illinois	10/21/2015 3:55 PM
6	environmental safety	10/21/2015 3:28 PM
7	Making Tuscola attractive for young families to move to	10/21/2015 3:10 PM
8	Enforcement of ordinances for property maintenance. Too many unkempt and dilapidated buildings in town	10/21/2015 2:51 PM
9	We need good jobs that draw quality people to town	10/21/2015 2:20 PM
10	Infrastructure is aging	10/21/2015 2:07 PM
11	That it will continue to be a sports-centric community and therefore will not evolve	10/17/2015 10:44 PM
12	solving problems within the state government to keep people living in the state of Illinois	10/2/2015 3:11 PM
13	Schools	10/2/2015 2:54 PM
14	Nothing changes	9/17/2015 1:26 PM
15	immediate quality of high school education. ACT prep. high school dual credit options. quality of options for class courses. curriculum meeting the job market.	9/4/2015 8:01 PM
16	complacency & stagnation-environmental (fertilizer plant)	8/27/2015 9:31 AM
17	Offering services and shopping opportunities	8/19/2015 11:40 AM
18	Success of the downtown retail arts and tourism	8/19/2015 12:01 AM
19	employment	8/17/2015 8:38 PM
20	Alcohol and drug use in our community	8/17/2015 7:26 PM
21	continuing to grow	8/17/2015 6:32 PM
22	Youth migration	8/17/2015 2:11 PM
23	We need better twenty first century social media about our town.	8/17/2015 1:49 PM
24	To many rude people	8/14/2015 5:42 PM
25	Holding on to young people and young families	8/8/2015 4:02 PM
26	I honestly don't know	8/3/2015 2:18 PM
27	Though I have no reason to believe this will occur, I worry about the city losing a major employer. A combination of prevention and contingency seems a good topic for city leadership.	7/20/2015 10:52 PM
28	Keeping people involved in the community	7/20/2015 9:49 AM
29	High school preparatory classes for college need to improve	7/18/2015 9:39 PM
30	improvement of recreation activities	7/18/2015 8:47 PM
31	Population growth & losing the small town feel	7/18/2015 8:47 PM
32	There are too many people who are not concerned about work.	7/18/2015 8:13 PM



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33	Becoming too commercialized with corporate America. We need to remember of how we started off as a town. I think certain things can help us improve our town by doing more festivals and things downtown. We focus much on sports and should focus on the arts and programs that allow the town to enjoy things as a whole.	7/18/2015 7:26 PM
34	Lack of entertainment or social activities	7/18/2015 2:15 PM
35	Employment	7/17/2015 9:47 PM
36	businesses leaving	7/17/2015 9:35 PM
37	Drug control	7/17/2015 4:08 PM
38	crime/drug use	7/17/2015 9:39 AM
39	economy	7/17/2015 9:14 AM
40	As we grow in size comes new problems that we must be ready to address and handle.	7/15/2015 7:31 PM
41	Crime	7/15/2015 4:16 PM
42	State financial crisis affecting our town	7/12/2015 7:59 PM
43	up keep of properties	7/11/2015 5:09 PM
44	Small school	7/10/2015 8:54 PM
45	As a bedroom community, that it will continue to lose its identity with nothing that "sparks" interest to draw outsiders to stop and take a look at us. The Tanger Outlet Mall is probably the closest thing that does that now....but we need to develop quality FULL SERVICE restaurants and a true feature to make our community a "destination."	7/10/2015 11:41 AM
46	Need to expand dining and shopping opportunities	7/9/2015 11:26 AM
47	increased crime	7/9/2015 10:57 AM
48	Finding quality affordable housing	7/9/2015 10:37 AM
49	It will turn in to a Mahomet or Monticello	7/9/2015 10:01 AM
50	That there will be no expansion in parks and recreation	7/9/2015 9:23 AM
51	none	7/9/2015 7:15 AM
52	Streets and roads	7/8/2015 9:55 PM
53	drug usage, underage drinking, not enough activities for kids and teenagers	7/8/2015 9:33 PM
54	Jobs	7/8/2015 9:06 PM
55	Keeping the infrastructure up to date	7/8/2015 8:49 PM
56	Downtown businesses,	7/8/2015 8:24 PM
57	The drug use not being dealt with	7/8/2015 7:47 PM
58	The draw of industry will increase population and bring more crime to the city. It is important to me that the city remains a wholesome community where our citizens feel safe on the streets.	7/8/2015 6:48 PM
59	Schools	7/8/2015 6:01 PM
60	That schools will consolidate and our students will have to go to another town for education.	7/8/2015 3:43 PM
61	Town will increase in population too quickly for services to keep up	7/8/2015 2:13 PM
62	Families choosing not to live here because of the lack of things for their children and them to do.	7/8/2015 2:03 PM
63	That the quality of the school system doesn't go downhill.	7/8/2015 1:42 PM
64	Focusing on activities/facilities of a few and not for the whole	7/8/2015 10:40 AM
65	safety after expanding	7/8/2015 10:24 AM
66	It's going to get too big	7/8/2015 7:38 AM
67	N/A	7/8/2015 3:10 AM
68	short-sighted council members	7/8/2015 12:05 AM
69	Rapid growth instead of steady	7/7/2015 10:38 PM





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70	empty, run down houses and lots that aren't maintained make certain areas of our town look run down. I also think that there needs to be more for kids to do in town. I think the town lacks things for kids of all ages to do. also family the lack of family dinning needs to change. with the mall here there are people that come from all over the place and they constantly ask for family restaurants other than Denny's. we are constantly having to tell them we have nothing to that they say we will finish up here and head to Mattoon or Champaign then.	7/7/2015 10:16 PM
71	Drug use and education improving to what it used to be. We need to teach our children things out side of some text books. Sportsmanship being a big one.	7/7/2015 9:42 PM
72	rising house prices	7/7/2015 9:31 PM
73	Loss of support of locally owned businesses	7/7/2015 8:41 PM
74	That we will be able to keep up with our growth.	7/7/2015 8:35 PM
75	None at this time	7/7/2015 8:28 PM
76	Roads	7/7/2015 7:50 PM
77	Continuing to stay safe while growing	7/7/2015 7:46 PM
78	More crime developing	7/7/2015 7:25 PM
79	quality of education	7/7/2015 7:19 PM
80	Higher property taxes	7/7/2015 7:00 PM
81	Afraid Tuscola / Douglas county will tax me out of my home. Real estate taxes are a huge burden for me.	7/7/2015 6:30 PM
82	Low number of homes in the middle class range (&120,000 to \$165,000)	7/7/2015 6:03 PM
83	Better employment opportunities	7/7/2015 5:47 PM
84	I would hate to see it get too big and bring in negative big city issues. crime, drugs etc...	7/7/2015 5:31 PM
85	Growth	7/7/2015 5:27 PM
86	No emphasis for nonathetics will create more youth acting out in bad ways	7/7/2015 5:21 PM
87	the proposed chemical plant	7/7/2015 5:12 PM
88	No planned growth strategy which would lead to a suburban type or development where traffic and crappy business are everywhere.	7/7/2015 5:02 PM
89	That it will tear down old structures in favor of new buildings. Preserve history!!!!	7/7/2015 4:48 PM
90	Lack of affordable housing	7/7/2015 4:24 PM
91	The community is very cliky & has a bad reputation for being snotty. If you're not someone with money or have a "good" last name, you're a no body.	7/7/2015 4:23 PM
92	cost of living	7/7/2015 4:22 PM
93	Becoming to much like champaign and not keeping the small town feel.	7/7/2015 4:21 PM
94	It will become too industrialized.	7/7/2015 4:19 PM
95	Not enough local jobs	7/7/2015 4:14 PM
96	LOSING THE SCHOOL	7/7/2015 4:09 PM
97	Jobs	7/7/2015 3:51 PM
98	Crime/Drugs	7/7/2015 3:49 PM
99	Becoming to large and losing the small town feel.	7/7/2015 3:42 PM
100	The school not being able to compete for new taxpayers in the community.	7/7/2015 3:37 PM
101	Becomes a fast food, second hand store capital of the world	7/7/2015 3:35 PM
102	people moving out to put their children into larger school districts that have better facilities and opportunities i.e. St. Joe, Mahomet, Unity	7/7/2015 3:26 PM
103	Competitive K - 12 Education; Specifically 9 - 12	7/7/2015 3:17 PM
104	public safety	7/7/2015 3:12 PM
105	not enough affordable housing and school is not prepared for influx of students	7/7/2015 3:11 PM





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106	infrastructure as town grows	7/7/2015 3:10 PM
107	Safety	7/7/2015 3:10 PM
108	Lack of recreational for families. Need YMCA	7/7/2015 3:09 PM
109	N/a	7/7/2015 3:09 PM
110	Providing appropriate places for kids to keep entertained and out of trouble	7/7/2015 3:07 PM
111	Over population	7/7/2015 2:24 PM

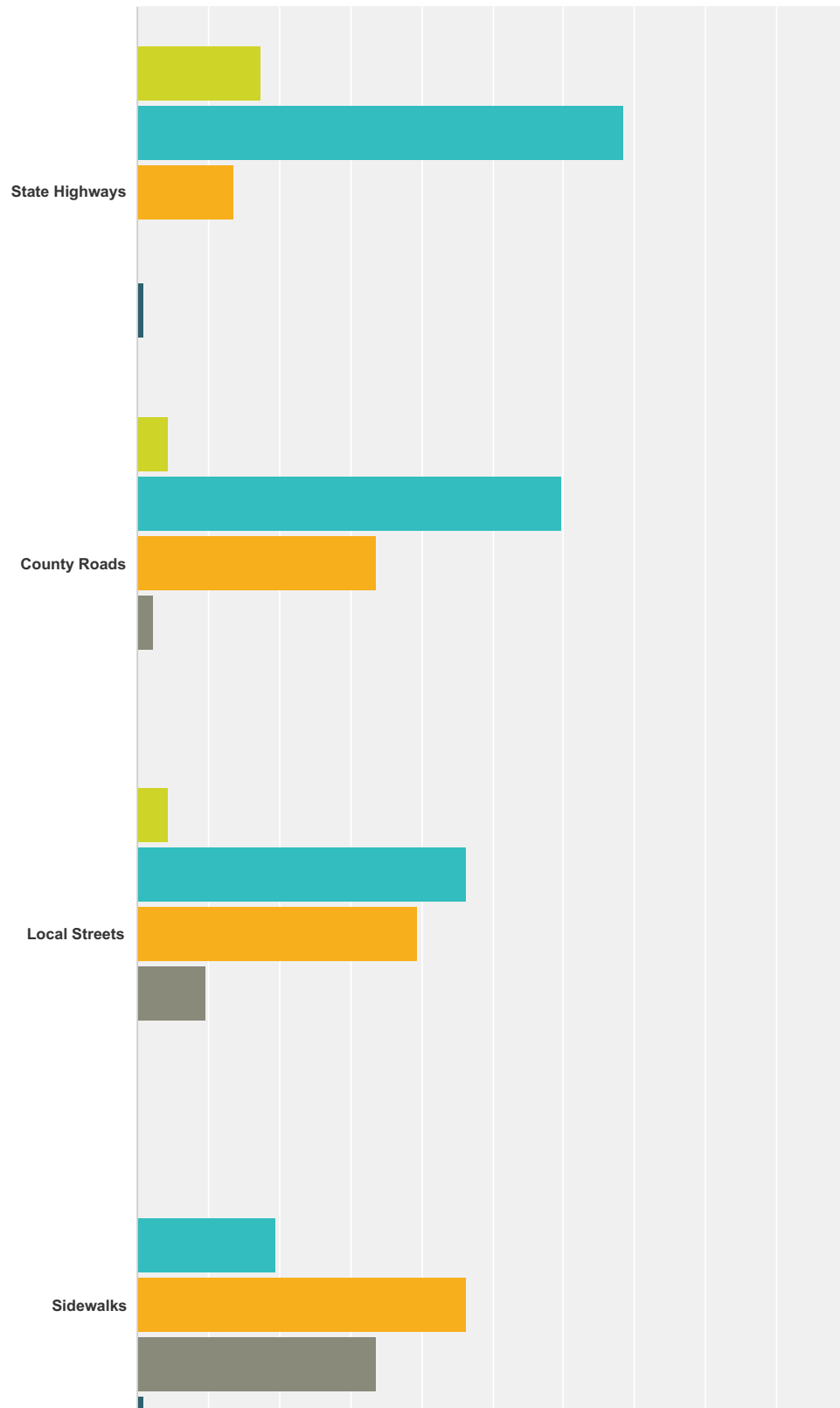




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Q16 Rate the following in Tuscola:

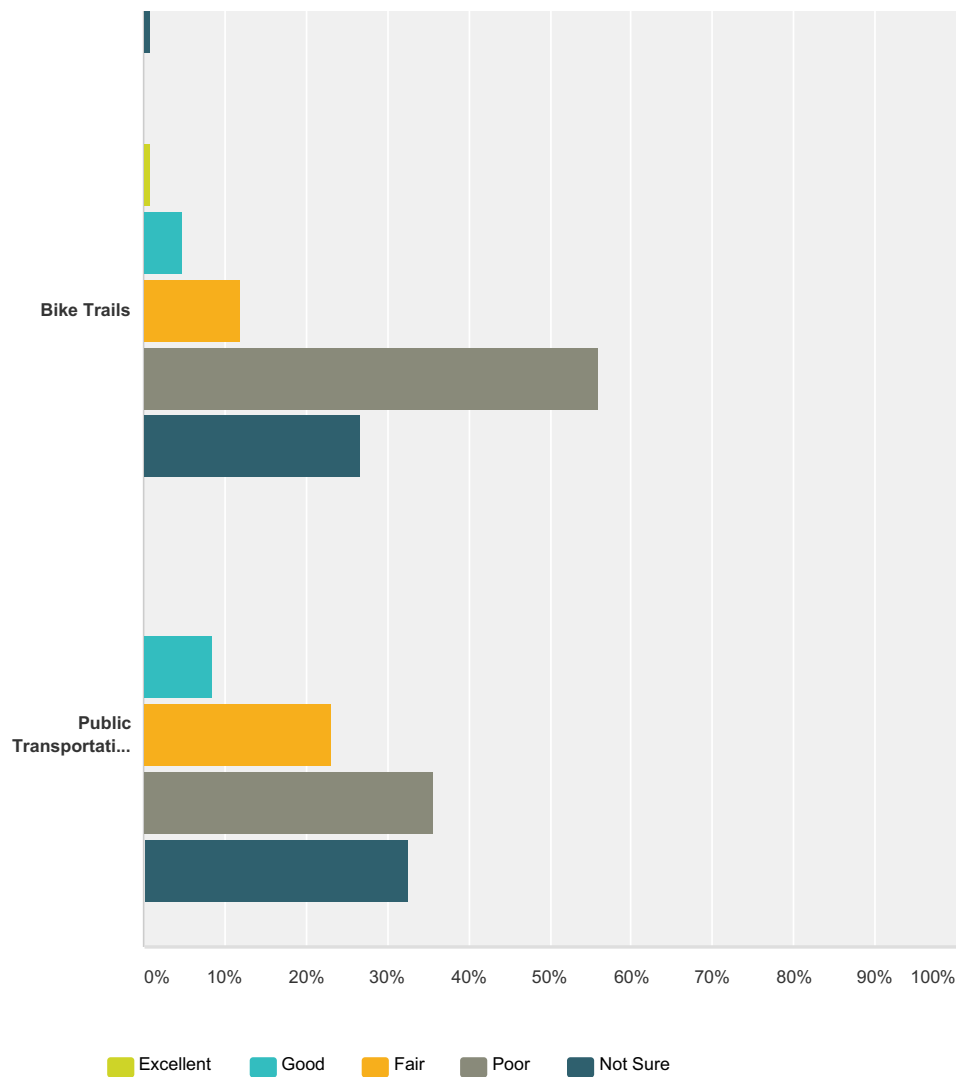
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	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not Sure	Total
State Highways	17.29% 23	68.42% 91	13.53% 18	0.00% 0	0.75% 1	133
County Roads	4.48% 6	59.70% 80	33.58% 45	2.24% 3	0.00% 0	134
Local Streets	4.48% 6	46.27% 62	39.55% 53	9.70% 13	0.00% 0	134
Sidewalks	0.00% 0	19.40% 26	46.27% 62	33.58% 45	0.75% 1	134
Bike Trails	0.79% 1	4.72% 6	11.81% 15	55.91% 71	26.77% 34	127
Public Transportation Services	0.00% 0	8.53% 11	23.26% 30	35.66% 46	32.56% 42	129

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	collaborative driving - carpooling; bike trails don't exist; no one know about bus service	10/21/2015 4:20 PM
2	Need dependable Public Transportation & Amtrak Stop	10/21/2015 2:51 PM





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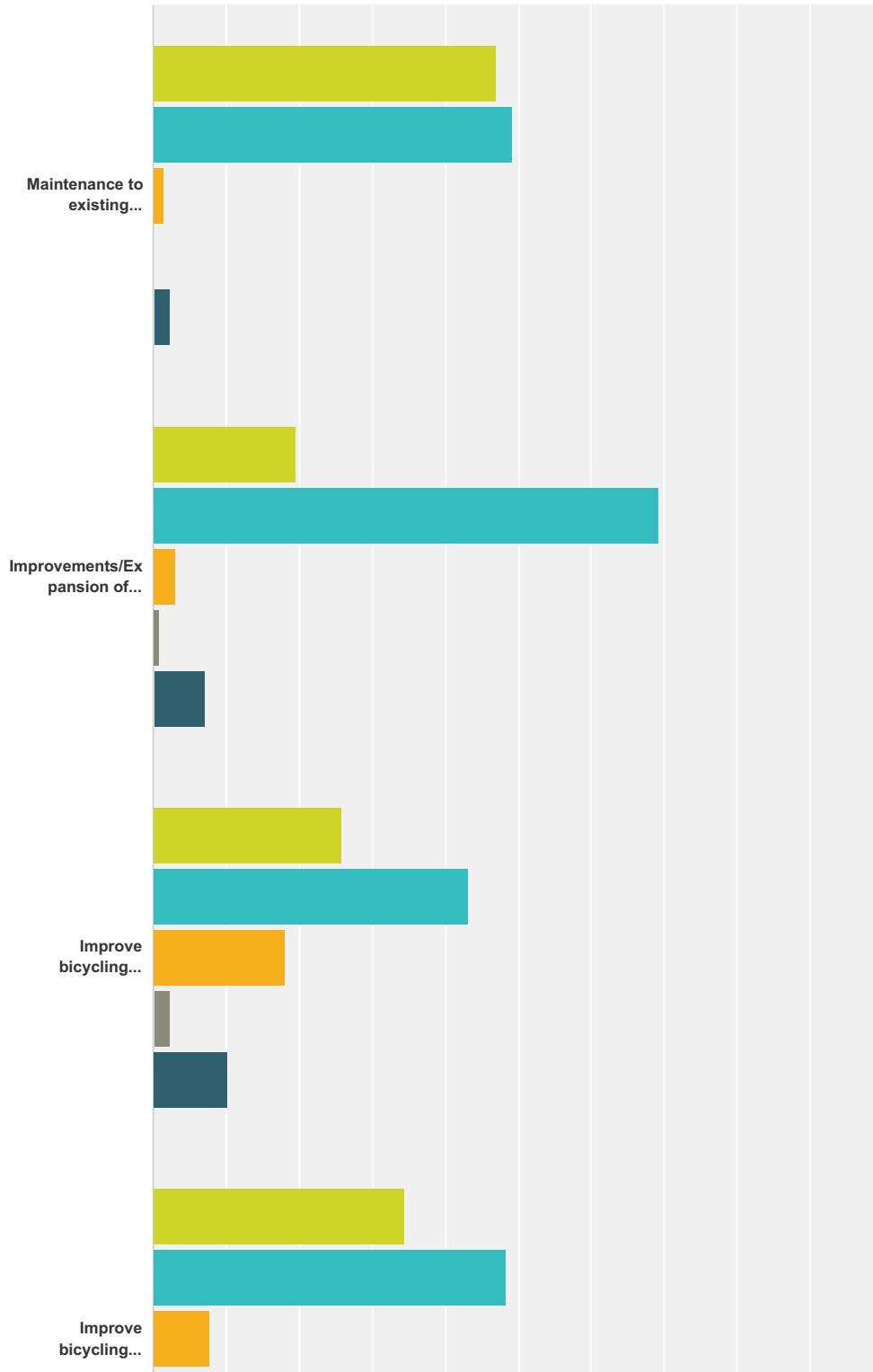
3	bike-i don't want to pay for it. public transit- I don't know how much it is needed. I don't need it so I think it is fine. everything in town is walking distance so public transit is only needed for those that truly can't walk there.	9/4/2015 8:03 PM
4	Not aware of any bike trails	8/8/2015 4:06 PM
5	Not sure if we need public transporatation services??	7/15/2015 7:35 PM
6	Need more walking biking paths. We have a lot of bikers and joggers here.	7/10/2015 8:56 PM
7	On really needs to be paved and not rocked like it has been for the last few years and there really needs to be lines put on that road.	7/7/2015 10:20 PM
8	Our storm sewers are in desperate need of repair.	7/7/2015 6:38 PM
9	Save the brick roads, they also have historical merit.	7/7/2015 3:39 PM
10	Need sidewalks esp. to all schools	7/7/2015 3:12 PM



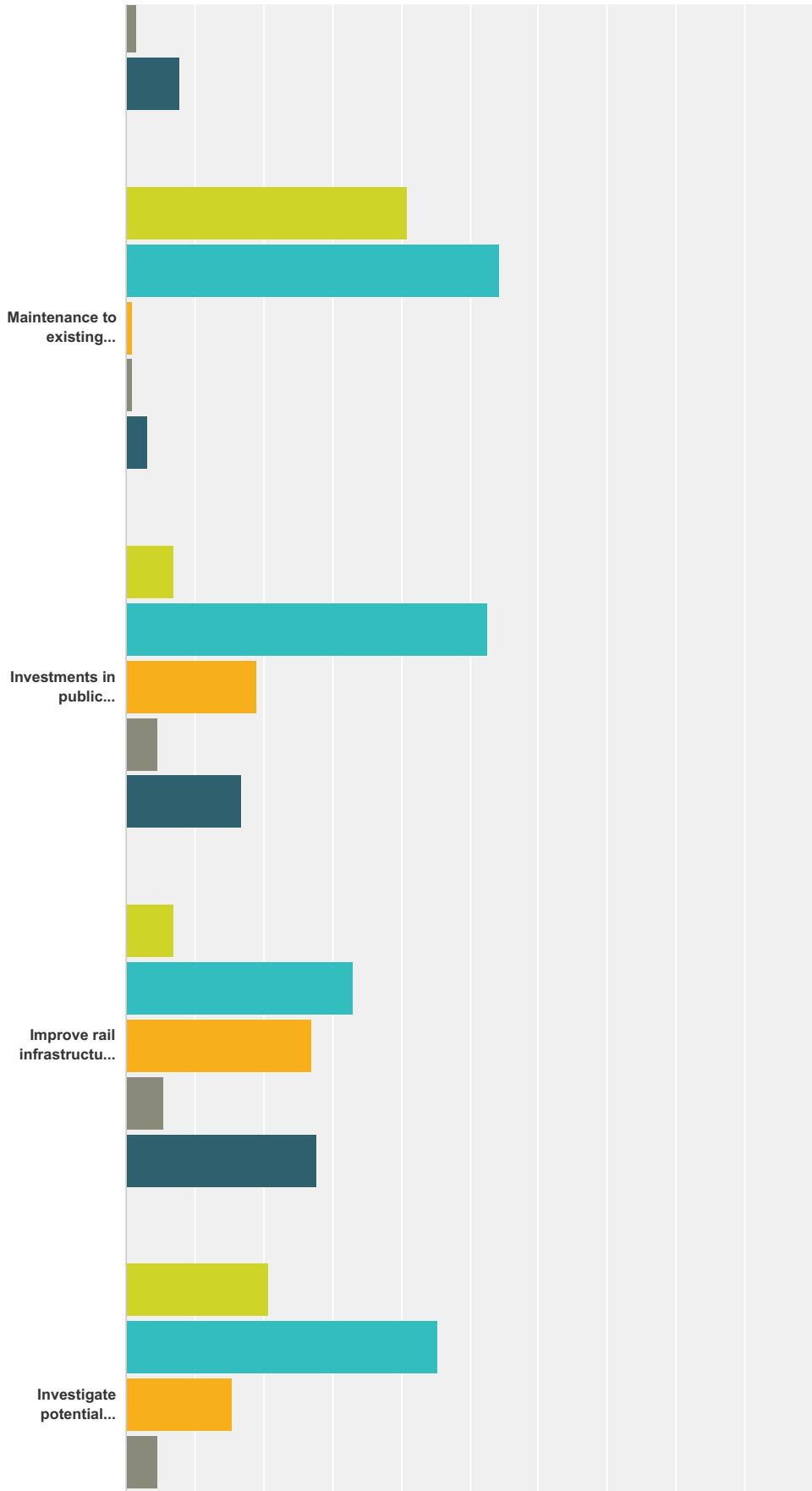
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**Q17 During the next ten years, which of the following transportation investments do you support in Tuscola?**

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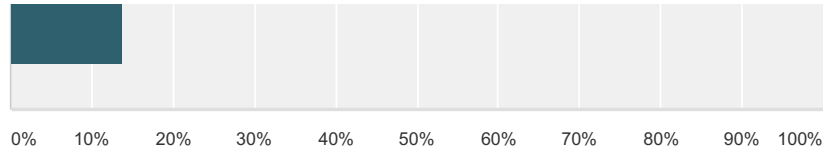


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■ Strongly Support   
 ■ Support   
 ■ Oppose   
 ■ Strongly Oppose   
 ■ Not Sure

	Strongly Support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Not Sure	Total
Maintenance to existing roadways (local, county and state)	46.97% 62	49.24% 65	1.52% 2	0.00% 0	2.27% 3	132
Improvements/Expansion of existing roadways	19.69% 25	69.29% 88	3.15% 4	0.79% 1	7.09% 9	127
Improve bicycling opportunities by adding bike lanes to existing roads	25.98% 33	43.31% 55	18.11% 23	2.36% 3	10.24% 13	127
Improve bicycling opportunities by developing off-street trails	34.38% 44	48.44% 62	7.81% 10	1.56% 2	7.81% 10	128
Maintenance to existing roadways (local, county and state)	40.94% 52	54.33% 69	0.79% 1	0.79% 1	3.15% 4	127
Investments in public transportation services	6.87% 9	52.67% 69	19.08% 25	4.58% 6	16.79% 22	131
Improve rail infrastructure to increase local freight capacity	6.92% 9	33.08% 43	26.92% 35	5.38% 7	27.69% 36	130
Investigate potential Amtrak Station in Tuscola	20.77% 27	45.38% 59	15.38% 20	4.62% 6	13.85% 18	130

#	Comments	Date
1	Existing roads not wide enough for bike lanes; YES!!! to Amtrak	10/21/2015 4:20 PM
2	local(in tuscola only) public transit not needed. isn't the town only about 4 square miles?	9/4/2015 8:03 PM
3	Streets are not wide enough for a bike lane. YES!!! to Amtrak Station in Tuscola!	8/27/2015 9:39 AM
4	An amtrak train station would be a giant	8/17/2015 1:53 PM
5	I opposed public transportation and an Amtrak Station because I don't feel like Tuscola is now or will soon be at a scale where these are necessary or useful developments. My focus would be on hardening or expanding existing infrastructure. The development around Shopko, repurposing the truck stop lot, was spectacular, for example.	7/20/2015 11:09 PM
6	Again, historical aspect, yet still relevant. We are not only a farming community but are affected by the rail system itself.	7/18/2015 7:31 PM
7	I hate when trains stop and cover all railroad crossings!!	7/9/2015 10:04 AM
8	An addition of an Amtrak Station would not benefit our citizens. This would only increase crime.	7/8/2015 6:51 PM
9	Amtrak station would be awesome.	7/8/2015 7:40 AM
10	Biking is easy. We are in a community where you may safely ride without interference. Should that change I would support. Amtrak would be great but C-U and Mattoon are quick drives.	7/7/2015 10:42 PM
11	We have too much noise pollution of trains.	7/7/2015 6:03 PM
12	Encourage Taxi service for personal transportation	7/7/2015 3:39 PM
13	Addition of public transportation could have an impact on the socio-economic status of the community that will require additional resources to be provided as well.	7/7/2015 3:20 PM





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Q18 What are Tuscola's strengths/weaknesses regarding Transportation Infrastructure?

Answered: 69 Skipped: 88

Table with 3 columns: #, Responses, Date. Contains 25 rows of survey data regarding transportation infrastructure.





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26	rough rr crossings, would like "quiet zone" rules for rr's, get rid of pavement bricks.	7/17/2015 9:42 AM
27	Access to and from interstate.	7/17/2015 9:15 AM
28	Older streets and alleys that need updated and repaired. Sidewalks need repaired or added. Bike trails needed. I sidewalk/trail is needed from the golf course and Northward areas to the other side of town like the park. I feel main roads are in very good shape.	7/15/2015 7:35 PM
29	Easy access.	7/10/2015 8:56 PM
30	Transportation has been well planned over the past years with easy access to the "inside" of the city and excellent routes "around the edge" on all sides.	7/10/2015 11:45 AM
31	more residential streets need curb and gutter and improved drainage systems.	7/9/2015 11:29 AM
32	Lack of transoptation for those who cannot drive.	7/9/2015 10:04 AM
33	Weakness: no ability for green transportation (bicycling)	7/9/2015 9:27 AM
34	none	7/9/2015 7:19 AM
35	The roads are well maintained. The city allows slow moving vehicles like golf carts is a strength also.	7/8/2015 8:53 PM
36	Would love to have a bike trail and a place to rollerblade!	7/8/2015 8:27 PM
37	North Line needs a sidewalk/ bike lane, much like Prairie street has.	7/8/2015 7:51 PM
38	Easy access	7/8/2015 6:02 PM
39	Good access to other communities through the state highways, but need to improve streets and sidewalks to be more pedestrian/biker friendly	7/8/2015 4:03 PM
40	Need to keep maintaining the roads and re-do roads and sidewalks in connection to a long-term plan	7/8/2015 3:47 PM
41	Too many city streets have no sidewalks, putting bicycles, skateboards, children in the streets to play - can be dangerous	7/8/2015 2:16 PM
42	I do not think there is an issue regarding the Transportation Infrastructure in Tuscola.	7/8/2015 2:06 PM
43	Not sure, but we are an active community. Pedestrians would appreciate repairs to sidewalks!	7/8/2015 1:45 PM
44	Rough roads tear my car up. Bike lanes are not used in my opinion. Would love off trail bike paths and better upkeep on the walking path at the park.	7/8/2015 10:45 AM
45	The only weakness is public transportation but I don't think we have enough people to have a successful bus system. It could put the school buses out of business if they make stops to/by schools	7/8/2015 7:40 AM
46	Location to highways and interstate is biggest strength. Non existent bike paths and trails are greatest weakness.	7/8/2015 12:08 AM
47	Research techniques. No decision has been done on a whim.	7/7/2015 10:42 PM
48	Some roads in town need redone	7/7/2015 9:44 PM
49	Easy access to interstate	7/7/2015 8:32 PM
50	Roads/sidewalks aren't that great in areas.	7/7/2015 8:07 PM
51	Strengths access to railroads	7/7/2015 7:47 PM
52	Many roads need improved as far as water drainage and general age	7/7/2015 7:28 PM
53	Trains blocking the town is a weakness.	7/7/2015 6:38 PM
54	Noise pollution from trains is a problem in Tuscola.	7/7/2015 6:03 PM
55	Not enough public transportation if they plan on expanding.	7/7/2015 5:49 PM
56	Many sidewalks are poor or don't exist in some subdivisions.	7/7/2015 5:34 PM
57	not enough options for public transportation. I.e. after bars close to help people not drive home.	7/7/2015 5:23 PM
58	Again a blank canvas, we are at a great crossroads. Just need to utilize it smart and sustainably	7/7/2015 5:04 PM
59	Dial-a-Ride is a joke	7/7/2015 4:26 PM
60	Safety for the number of children that ride bikes around town	7/7/2015 4:26 PM
61	Weakness: bike lanes	7/7/2015 4:22 PM



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62	N/A	7/7/2015 4:21 PM
63	Recreational pathways for bikes, running, walking. Crowned roads are in town.	7/7/2015 3:54 PM
64	Neutral	7/7/2015 3:45 PM
65	Curbs and drainage are horrendous. During storms some intersections are not usable.	7/7/2015 3:39 PM
66	the work along 36 (adding of curbs and level sidewalks) has been a huge improvement to our city. I wish side streets could slowly be curbed and have sidewalks added as well.	7/7/2015 3:29 PM
67	Access to I-57 and Rt 36 makes travel quite convenient.	7/7/2015 3:20 PM
68	I love the brick roads and I think that they should be kept up so that they don't have to be replaced. Some of the sidewalks are in horrible shape.	7/7/2015 3:09 PM
69	I-57 is a strength. Rail crossings are a weakness. Lack of sidewalks also a problem.	7/7/2015 2:26 PM

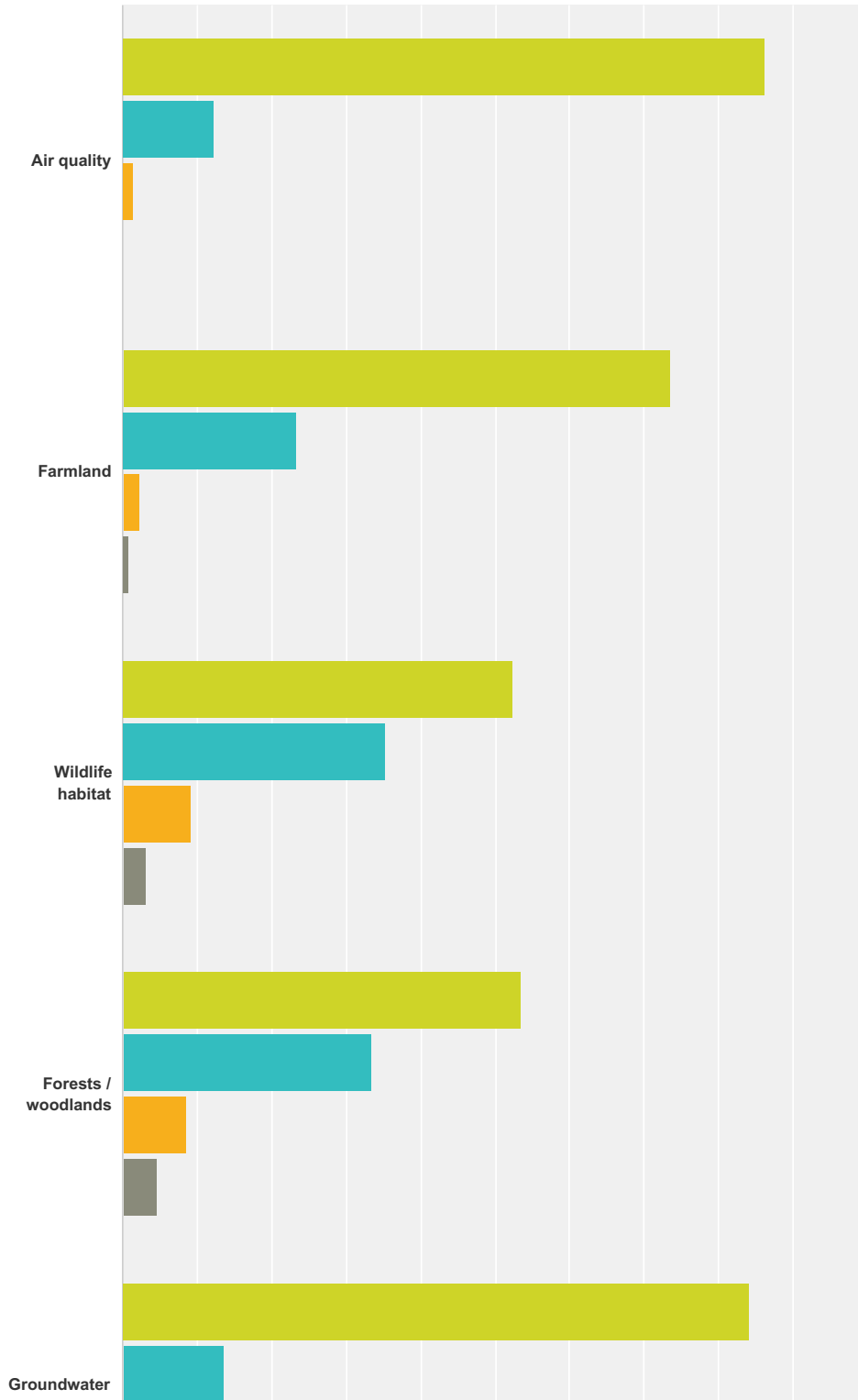




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**Q19 Please share your opinion on how important it is to protect each of the following resources in Tuscola.**

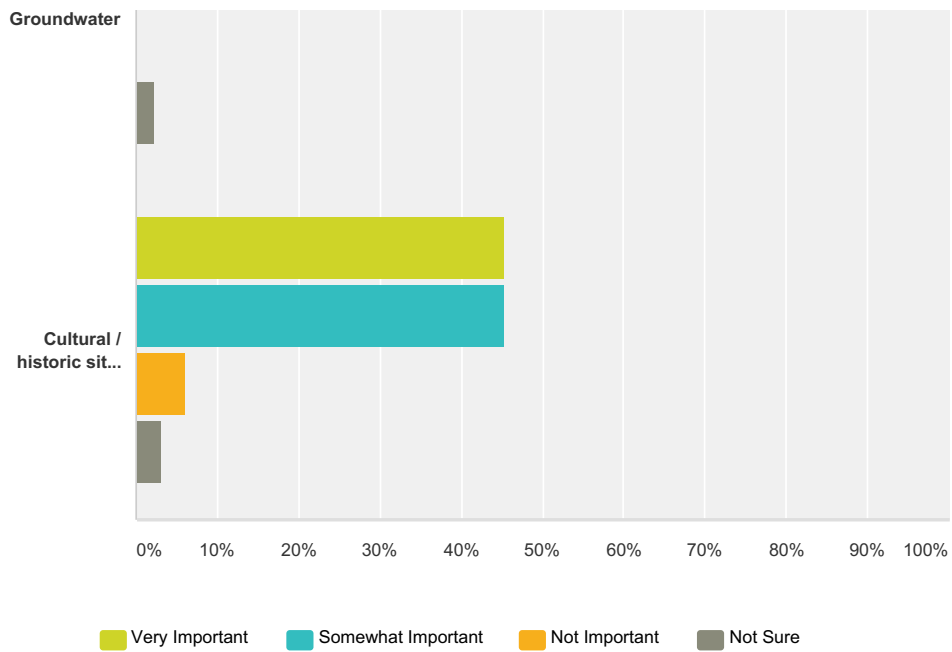
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	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Not Sure	Total
Air quality	86.26% 113	12.21% 16	1.53% 2	0.00% 0	131
Farmland	73.48% 97	23.48% 31	2.27% 3	0.76% 1	132
Wildlife habitat	52.31% 68	35.38% 46	9.23% 12	3.08% 4	130
Forests / woodlands	53.49% 69	33.33% 43	8.53% 11	4.65% 6	129
Groundwater	84.09% 111	13.64% 18	0.00% 0	2.27% 3	132
Cultural / historic sites & buildings	45.38% 59	45.38% 59	6.15% 8	3.08% 4	130

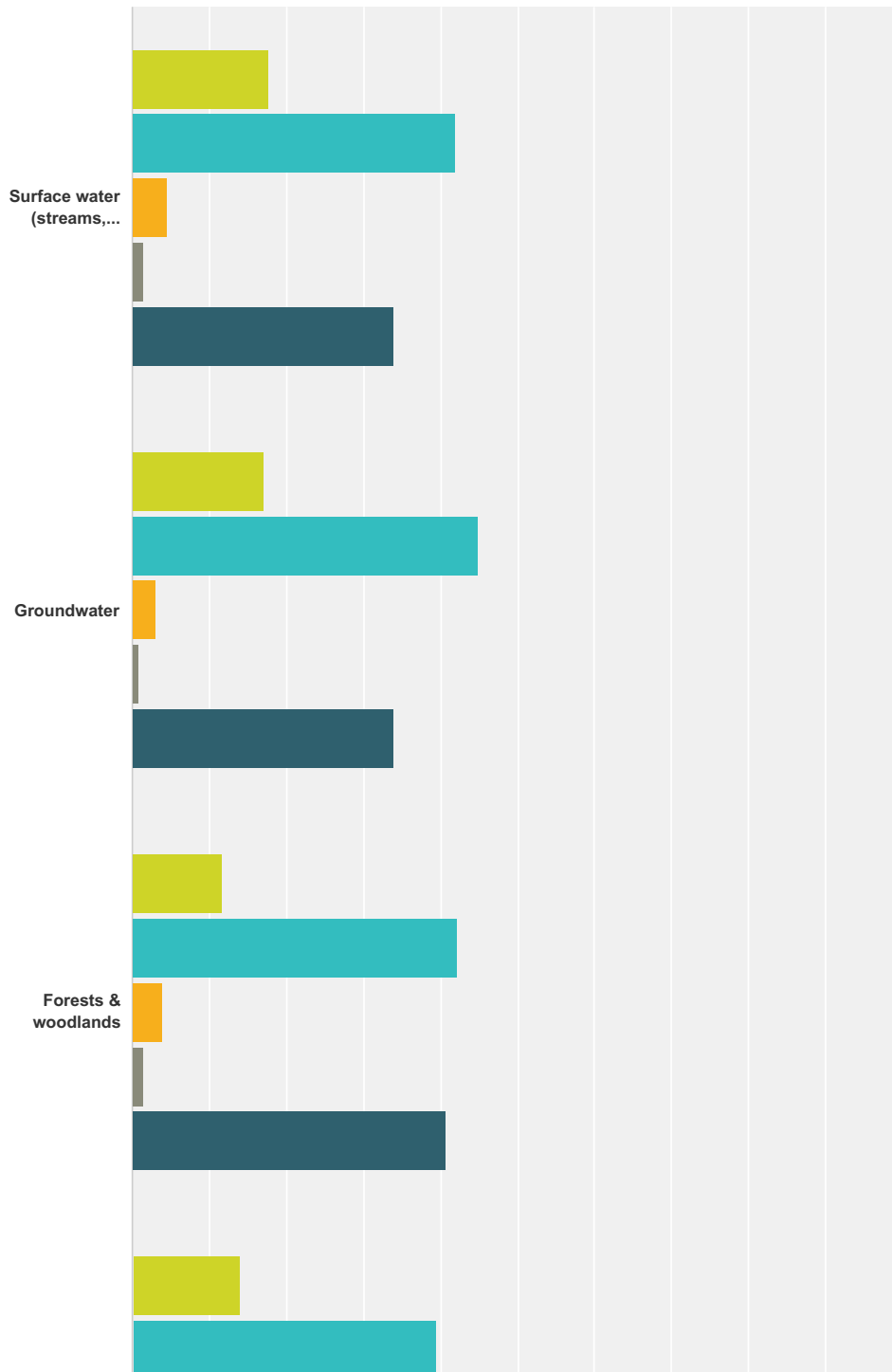
#	Comments	Date
1	Void short term gains & loose long term resources	10/21/2015 4:22 PM
2	kill the rabbits and squirrels they eat my flowers and vegetables. if you call dollar general historical than no do not protect that :-). o. just remembered, put up a white or tan vinyl fence etc to hide the stuff (I believe electrical stuff) on rte. 36 by Proud Marys.	9/4/2015 8:22 PM
3	Avoid shorterterm gains & loose longterm resources.	8/27/2015 9:59 AM
4	Keep attracting business to downtown to occupy and maintain historic properties.	8/19/2015 12:06 AM
5	We need to get flouride, etc out of all city water!!	7/8/2015 1:47 PM
6	Owners should show that they are willing to open the books when requesting dollars. Means test grants.	7/7/2015 3:42 PM



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**Q20 In your opinion, current environmental policies and regulations in Tuscola adequately protect the following environmental areas from damage or disruption:**

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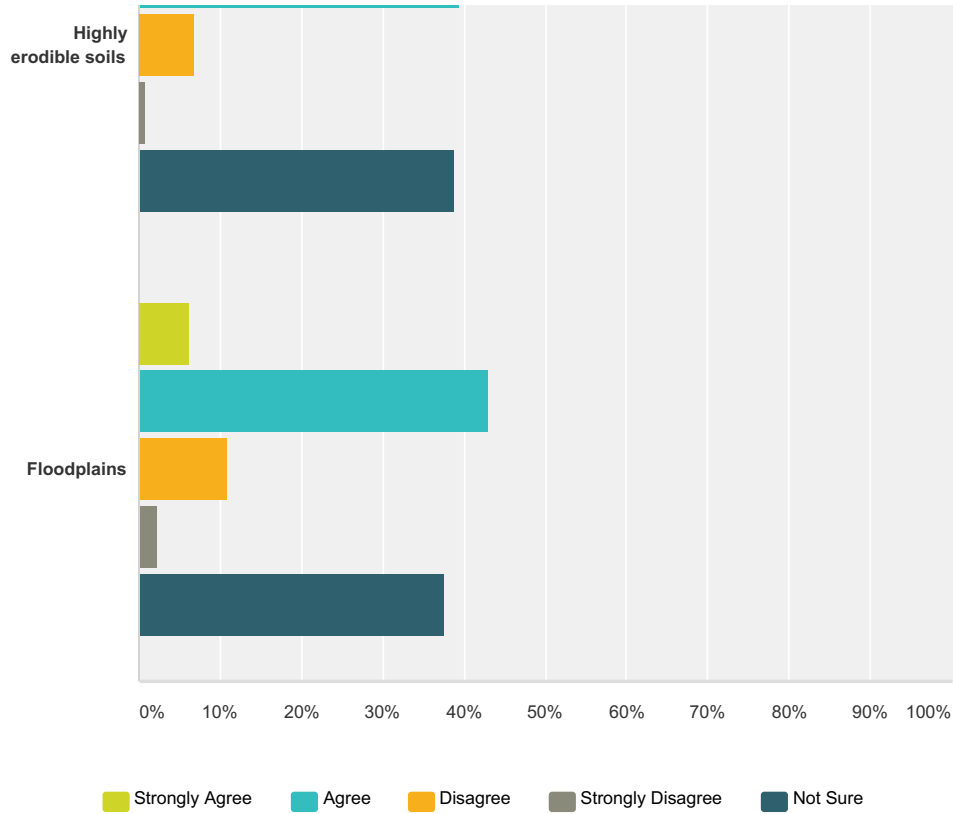


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	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure	Total
Surface water (streams, rivers, lakes)	17.83% 23	41.86% 54	4.65% 6	1.55% 2	34.11% 44	129
Groundwater	17.05% 22	44.96% 58	3.10% 4	0.78% 1	34.11% 44	129
Forests & woodlands	11.72% 15	42.19% 54	3.91% 5	1.56% 2	40.63% 52	128
Highly erodible soils	13.95% 18	39.53% 51	6.98% 9	0.78% 1	38.76% 50	129
Floodplains	6.25% 8	42.97% 55	10.94% 14	2.34% 3	37.50% 48	128

#	Comments	Date
1	I need to be educated	10/22/2015 9:11 AM
2	Too much emphasis on Econ Dev has been a highly ____ - dirty fuel - product development	10/21/2015 4:22 PM
3	drains close to my home do not drain well/quickly enough when we have over an inch of rain	10/2/2015 3:24 PM
4	Too much emphasis in economic development has been on highly dirty fuel-product development.	8/27/2015 9:59 AM
5	What forest and woodlands are there?	8/4/2015 2:31 PM
6	Unfortunately, I have no current knowledge of Tuscola environmental regulations. I do not view Tuscola as a carelessly destructive community, but this is simply an observation.	7/20/2015 11:15 PM
7	The agriculture sector works tirelessly with state agencies to continually improve and utilize best management practices in order to be the best stewards of the land which also protect their city neighbors.	7/10/2015 11:48 AM
8	I am not sure what the policies are	7/8/2015 8:55 PM



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9	Could still use some more work on the flooding stuff.	7/7/2015 9:47 PM
10	A lot of building up of natural flood plains. Where is all that water supposed to go?	7/7/2015 8:45 PM
11	I an not familiar with the policies of this nature	7/7/2015 5:37 PM
12	NO FRACKING!!	7/7/2015 5:05 PM

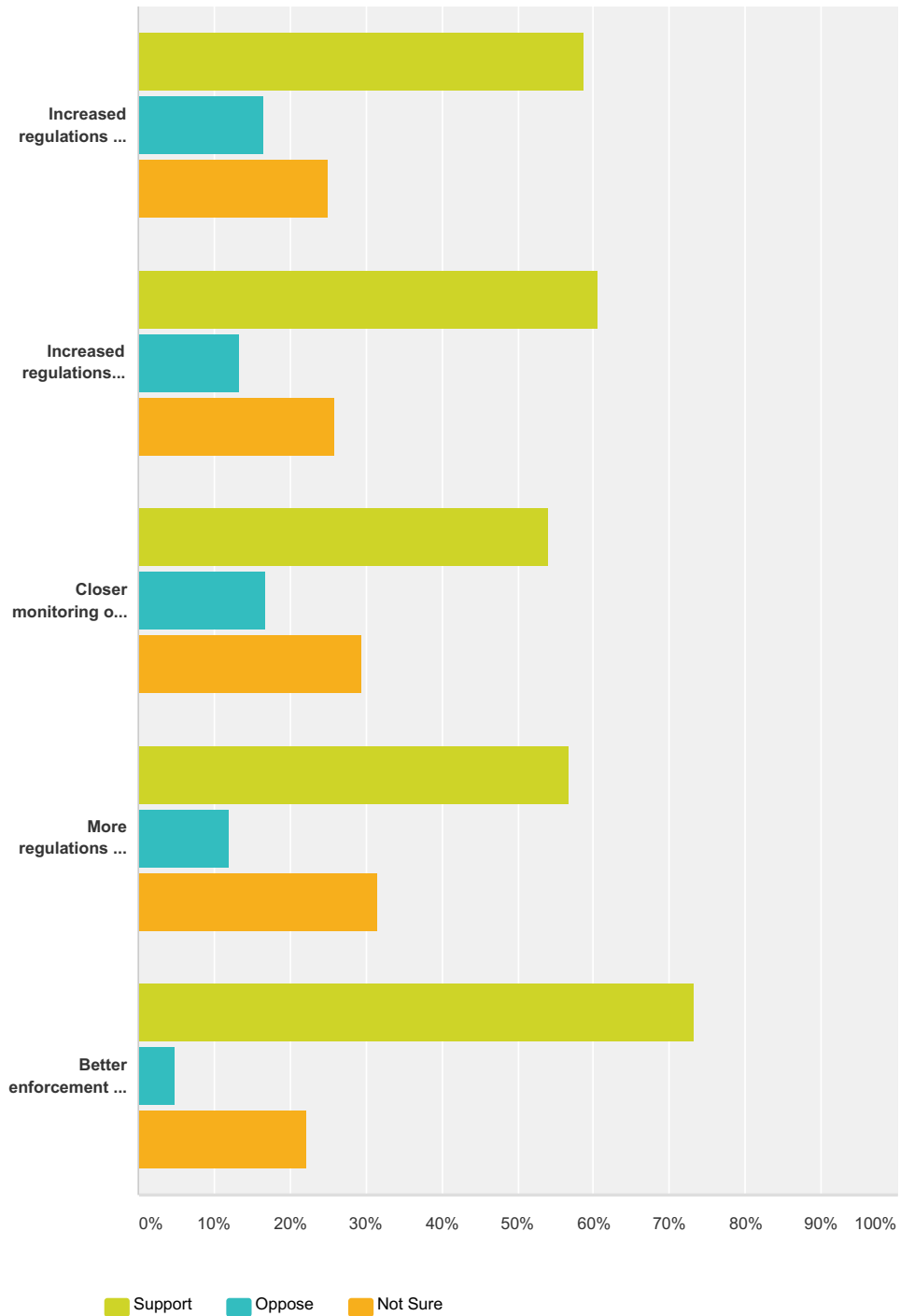




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**Q21 Initiatives to protect and improve the natural environment sometimes include increased monitoring and regulation efforts. Would you support or oppose the following efforts?**

Answered: 128 Skipped: 29







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	Support	Oppose	Not Sure	Total
Increased regulations on the use of pesticides and fertilizers	58.59% 75	16.41% 21	25.00% 32	128
Increased regulations regarding the development near streams and rivers	60.63% 77	13.39% 17	25.98% 33	127
Closer monitoring of private septic systems	53.97% 68	16.67% 21	29.37% 37	126
More regulations to protect agricultural lands	56.69% 72	11.81% 15	31.50% 40	127
Better enforcement of existing laws and regulations	73.23% 93	4.72% 6	22.05% 28	127

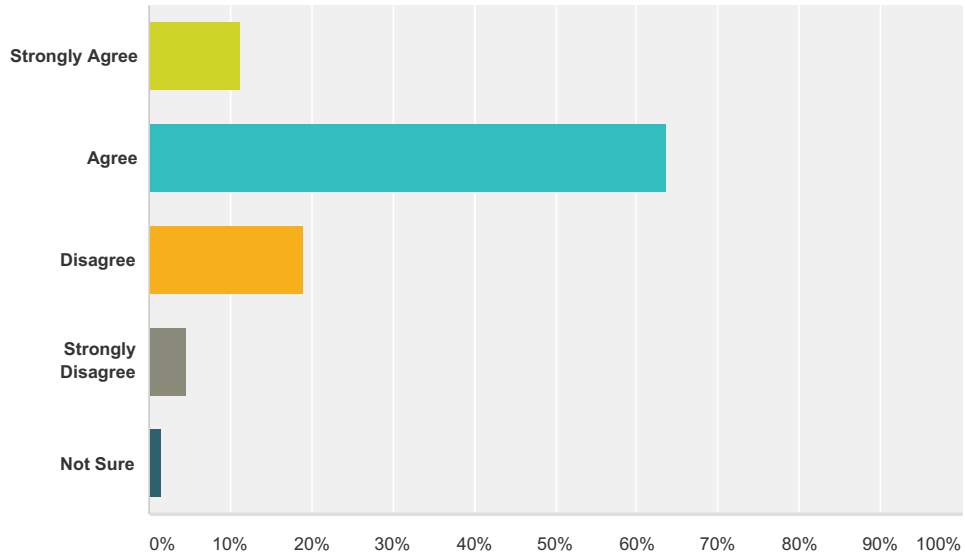
#	Comments	Date
1	I need to be educated	10/22/2015 9:11 AM
2	After living on the east coast, I know first hand the importance of these regulations to keep land and property safe.	8/19/2015 12:06 AM
3	I'm sorry, I just don't have a handle on this topic.	7/20/2015 11:15 PM
4	I feel currently that our law enforcement is at a good level the way they are. Possibly needing to enforce and protect other aspects of the town.	7/18/2015 7:37 PM
5	More than "more laws" or "stronger enforcement," it is VITAL that all parties "come to the table" for dialogue to better understand what is already being done to safeguard streams and the water supply. Everyone involved has the best interests of their families at heart.	7/10/2015 11:48 AM
6	I support reasonable regulations but oppose govt regulating people to death.	7/7/2015 6:42 PM



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Q22 Current park and outdoor recreational facilities around Tuscola currently meet your needs:

Answered: 132 Skipped: 25



Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	11.36%	15
Agree	63.64%	84
Disagree	18.94%	25
Strongly Disagree	4.55%	6
Not Sure	1.52%	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>132</b>

#	Comments	Date
1	Bike trail - hard to do with farming equipment	10/21/2015 4:22 PM
2	We need more playgrounds like the new one that was just built	10/21/2015 3:12 PM
3	need a new pool and a dog park	10/2/2015 3:24 PM
4	now fine for our family but was bad for our last 12 years. fighting for diamond time. no way to reserve the diamond beyond rec games. and on another note extending past city outdoor, renting the school gyms should include volleyball poles and net. how is the basketball hoops and nets part of the gym and rentable but volleyball poles and net are equipment?	9/4/2015 8:22 PM
5	Would like more shade area at pool	8/17/2015 1:56 PM
6	Need to develop the old high school property - trees, small shelter	8/8/2015 4:09 PM
7	I'm particularly impressed with Ervin Park. I would first suggest improving the roadways and parking within the park. It can become congested and potentially unsafe when children are present.	7/20/2015 11:15 PM
8	We have very good parks in town, but some improvements to the pool and concession area is needed	7/18/2015 8:53 PM





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9	I think we lack certain amenities for those that we are so capable of. Such as not much is done involving Wimple Park, that seems forgettable at times. Possibly events can be held out? Music and or Bluegrass nights, town picnics, kite-flying?	7/18/2015 7:37 PM
10	Baseball & softball fields (minus HS field) need updating	7/12/2015 8:01 PM
11	need more walking & bike paths & enforce the pick up after your dog rules!	7/9/2015 10:37 AM
12	As stated above, Tuscola needs more options for families. We need to be spending out money here to help Tuscola, not other local towns.	7/8/2015 2:08 PM
13	fix wood playground at park	7/8/2015 10:28 AM
14	overall I agree but the prairie land pride play area really needs some work not just paint but fixing the things that are broken.	7/7/2015 10:25 PM
15	great park improvement	7/7/2015 9:49 PM
16	Would be awesome to see the tennis courts upgraded!!!!!!!!!!!!	7/7/2015 8:42 PM
17	Need more recreational facilities for the public.	7/7/2015 5:51 PM
18	Pavilions at park could use updating	7/7/2015 4:28 PM
19	The park is great but there isn't really any place to hike or let dogs run.	7/7/2015 4:24 PM
20	Some of the playground equipment needs to be repaired and repainted	7/7/2015 4:17 PM
21	Have played in the volleyball sandpit for 25 years. Have asked for lights and it never happens	7/7/2015 3:52 PM
22	Agree to a point there are no exercise points along the walking trail in the park.	7/7/2015 3:42 PM
23	Dog park and baby park needed	7/7/2015 3:31 PM
24	Need to update park and make more family friendly	7/7/2015 3:13 PM
25	I think a skate park would be a great addition and would NOT foster the "wrong" element within our town.	7/7/2015 3:11 PM

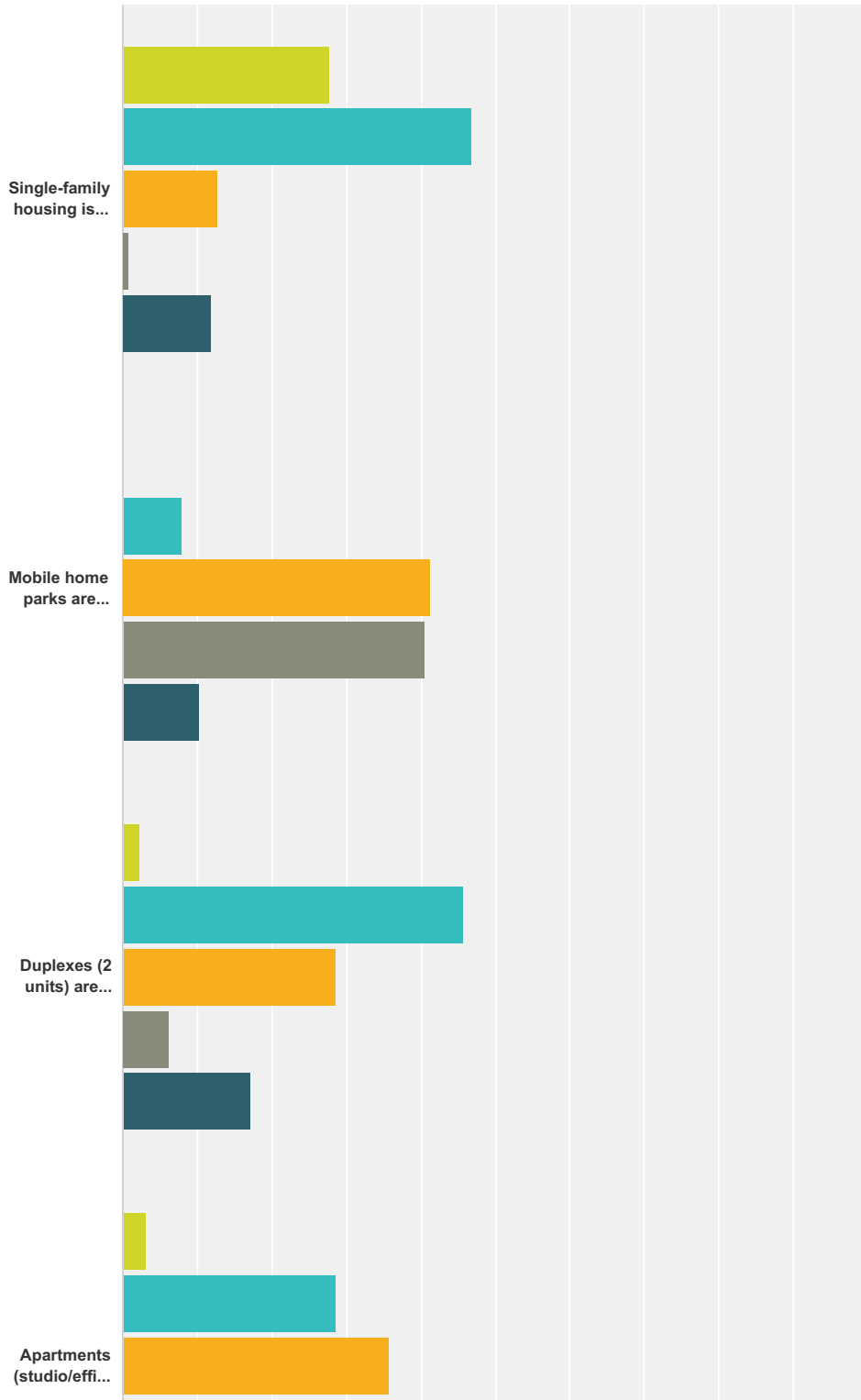




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**Q23 Please share your opinions about the types of new housing and housing improvements needed in Tuscola.**

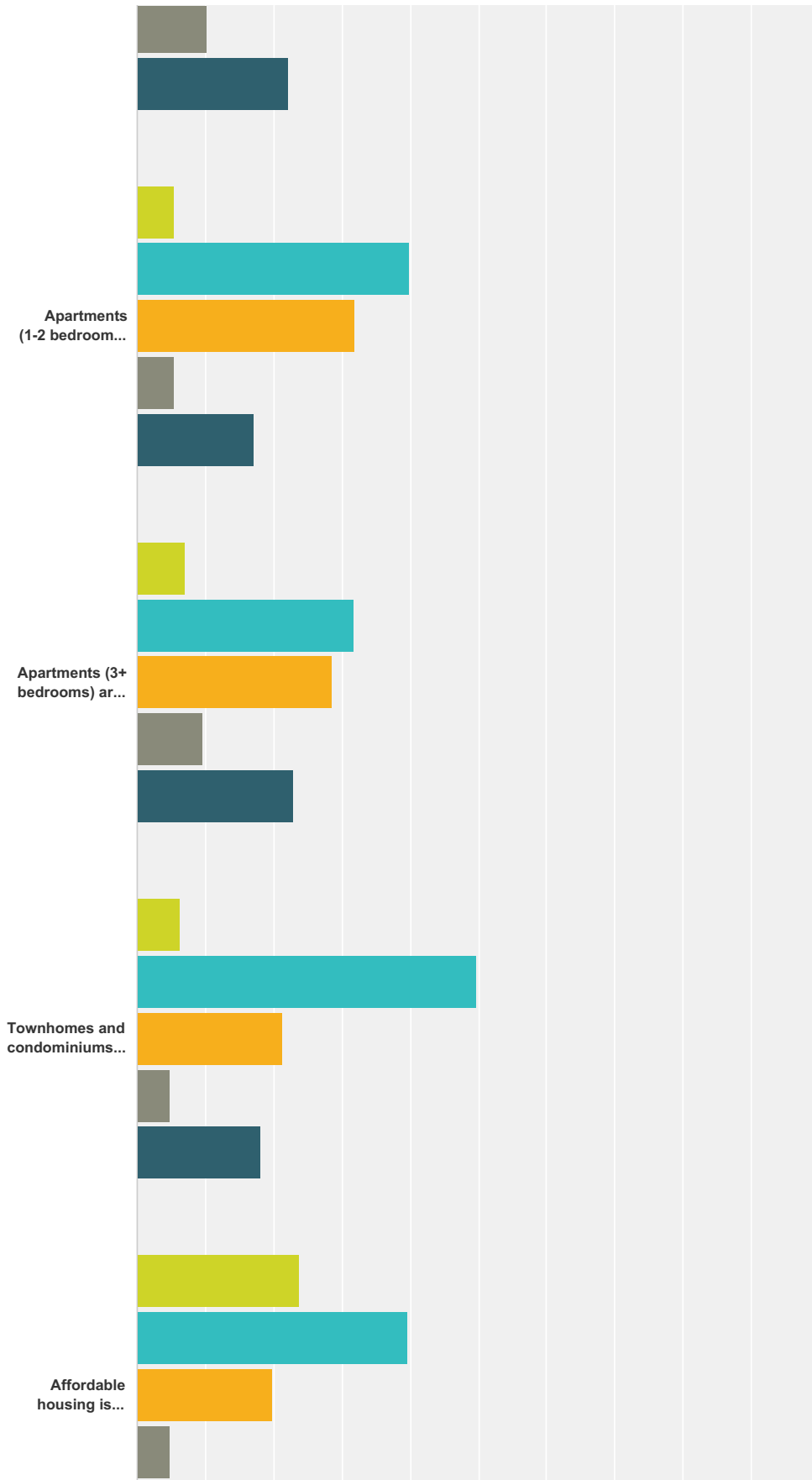
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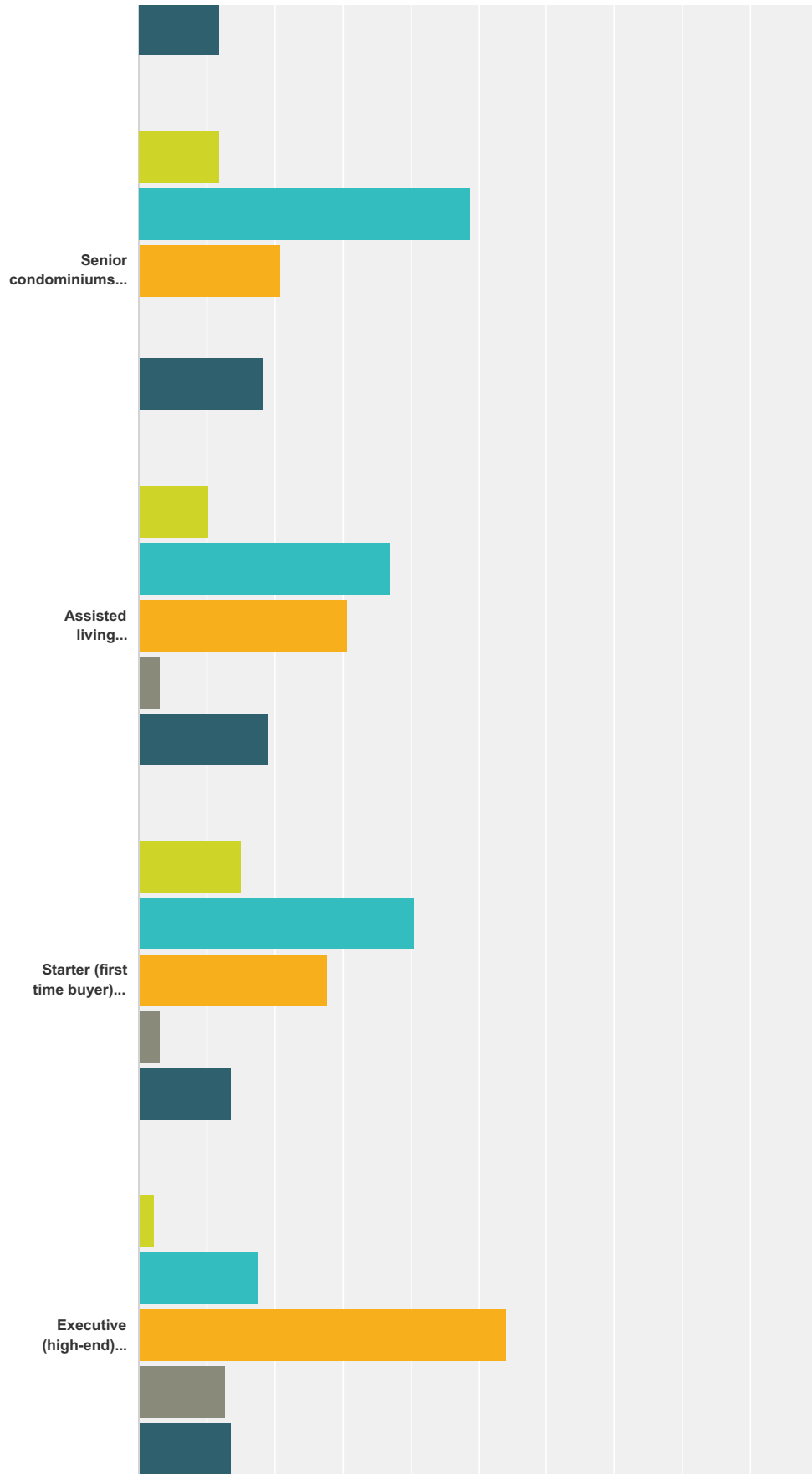
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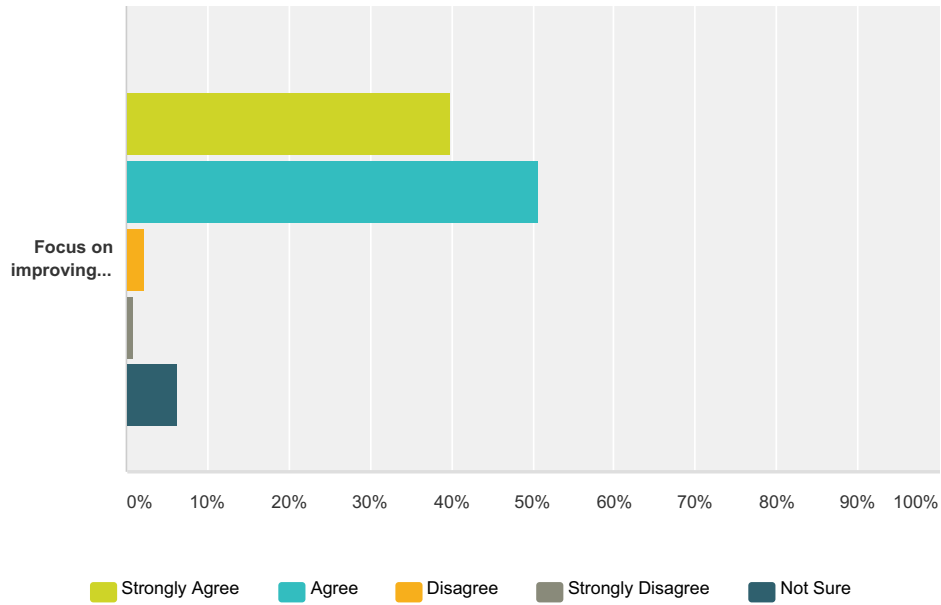


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	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure	Total
Single-family housing is needed	27.78% 35	46.83% 59	12.70% 16	0.79% 1	11.90% 15	126
Mobile home parks are needed	0.00% 0	7.94% 10	41.27% 52	40.48% 51	10.32% 13	126
Duplexes (2 units) are needed	2.33% 3	45.74% 59	28.68% 37	6.20% 8	17.05% 22	129
Apartments (studio/efficiency) are needed	3.17% 4	28.57% 36	35.71% 45	10.32% 13	22.22% 28	126
Apartments (1-2 bedrooms) are needed	5.47% 7	39.84% 51	32.03% 41	5.47% 7	17.19% 22	128
Apartments (3+ bedrooms) are needed	7.14% 9	31.75% 40	28.57% 36	9.52% 12	23.02% 29	126
Townhomes and condominiums are needed	6.30% 8	49.61% 63	21.26% 27	4.72% 6	18.11% 23	127
Affordable housing is needed	23.81% 30	39.68% 50	19.84% 25	4.76% 6	11.90% 15	126
Senior condominiums and apartments are needed	12.00% 15	48.80% 61	20.80% 26	0.00% 0	18.40% 23	125
Assisted living facilities for seniors are needed	10.24% 13	37.01% 47	30.71% 39	3.15% 4	18.90% 24	127
Starter (first time buyer) homes are needed	15.08% 19	40.48% 51	27.78% 35	3.17% 4	13.49% 17	126
Executive (high-end) homes are needed	2.38% 3	17.46% 22	53.97% 68	12.70% 16	13.49% 17	126
Focus on improving existing housing quality	39.84% 51	50.78% 65	2.34% 3	0.78% 1	6.25% 8	128

#	Comments	Date
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1	We have more assisted living facilities for seniors than the area can support. Focus in improving existing housing quality in certain neighborhoods.	10/21/2015 4:24 PM
2	Need to enforce property maintenance	10/21/2015 2:55 PM
3	Assisted living-we have more than this area can support. Improve housing in certain neighborhoods.	8/27/2015 10:01 AM
4	Strongly would like to see certain homes cleaned up in Tuscola as there are some very trashy areas. Maybe some new laws?	8/17/2015 7:31 PM
5	Improve existing houses very much needed	8/17/2015 1:58 PM
6	Many old homes are lanquishing and running down the neighborhoods - city intervention could lead to those properties being sold and rehabilitated	8/8/2015 4:12 PM
7	I particularly want to emphasize good quality first time buyer homes. This segment, I believe, contributes positively to the long term growth of The city.	7/20/2015 11:23 PM
8	We have such great historic houses in town, some need to be fixed, but regardless of their condition they need to be cherished.	7/18/2015 7:42 PM
9	There has been an admirable focus on improving the quality of housing in the northeast part of town. I would like to see that continue if properties are available for sale for development that can be razed and new structures added. There are several properties currently for sale throughout Tuscola that represent all of the choices listed above. Unless and until there is a major influx of need for more, it really isn't necessary. Homes are currentlly on the market for quite some time before a sale occurs.	7/10/2015 11:56 AM
10	Out the slum lords, do not get into the business of senior housing. The Meister property was a fiasco	7/7/2015 3:44 PM

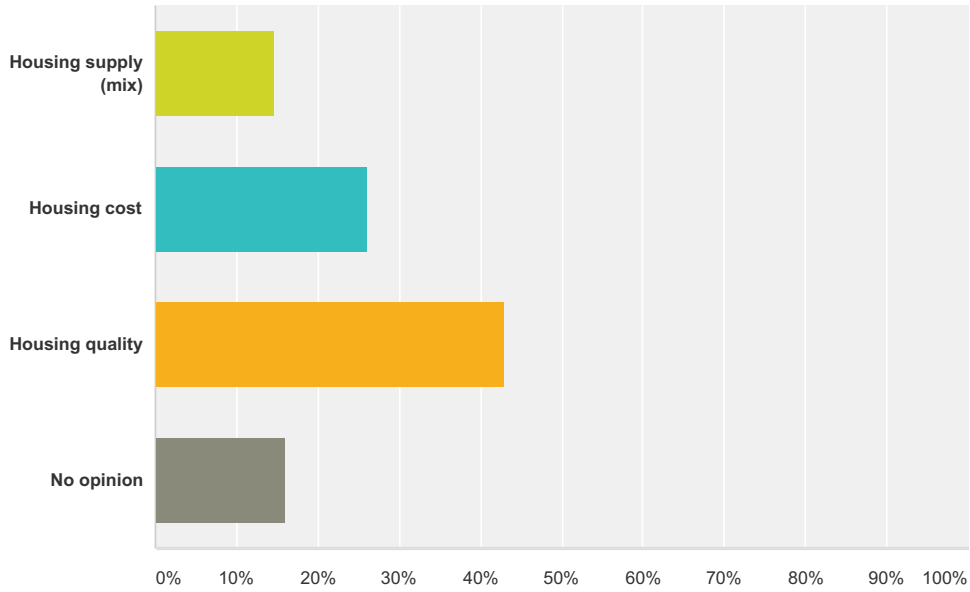




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**Q24 Which of the following aspects of housing is most important to improve in Tuscola?**

Answered: 130 Skipped: 27



Answer Choices	Responses	
Housing supply (mix)	14.62%	19
Housing cost	26.15%	34
Housing quality	43.08%	56
No opinion	16.15%	21
<b>Total</b>		<b>130</b>

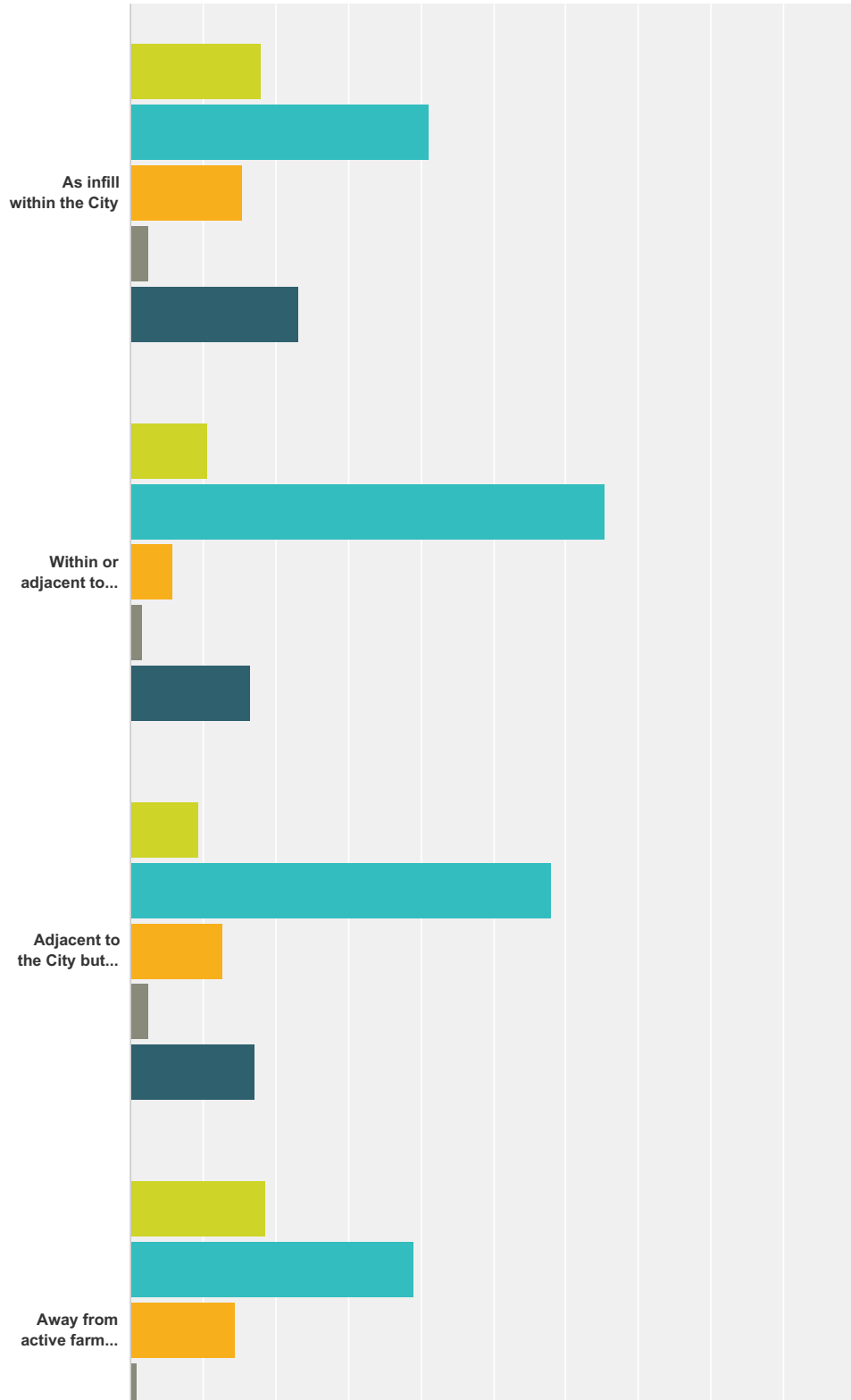




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**Q25 In Tuscola, new residential development should be located:**

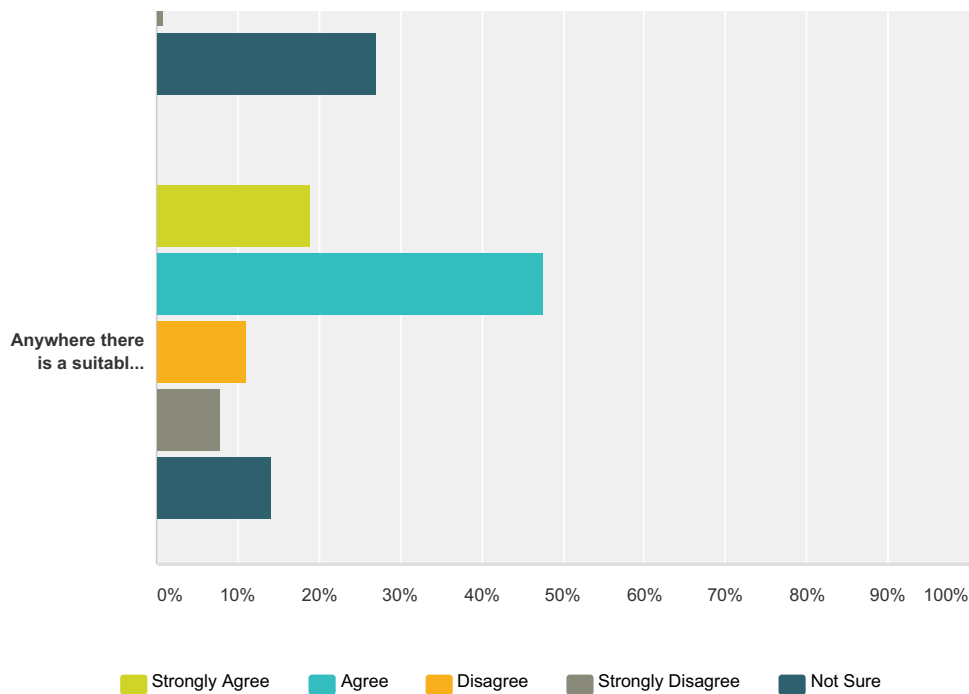
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	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure	Total
As infill within the City	17.95% 21	41.03% 48	15.38% 18	2.56% 3	23.08% 27	117
Within or adjacent to existing City land	10.74% 13	65.29% 79	5.79% 7	1.65% 2	16.53% 20	121
Adjacent to the City but annexed in	9.40% 11	58.12% 68	12.82% 15	2.56% 3	17.09% 20	117
Away from active farm operations	18.64% 22	38.98% 46	14.41% 17	0.85% 1	27.12% 32	118
Anywhere there is a suitable site for development	19.05% 24	47.62% 60	11.11% 14	7.94% 10	14.29% 18	126

#	Comments	Date
1	Develop Residential Old North Ward Site	10/21/2015 2:13 PM
2	whose definition of suitable	9/4/2015 8:50 PM
3	Going outside the existing city water and sewer grid would be an expensive infrastructure upgrade when there are plenty of empty lots in town to build on.	8/19/2015 12:10 AM
4	In general, I would recommend improving or developing existing space within the city before expansion, but I do not strictly oppose expansion.	7/20/2015 11:23 PM
5	I would share concern about locating housing in the middle of a farm. It's no different than building in the middle of the Kraft plant in Champaign....they're already located there, you'd be locating in the middle of industry....and it's important for people to truly stop and understand that business people are making a living off of land that in many cases is a multi-generational legacy. Just because a certain faction deems it "better for the general public as a whole" doesn't mean it is appropriate to disrupt business and those who have built their livelihood on that land. I'm quite certain that those who would like to see this happen would not be willing to give up their career or their current home just because someone else thinks it's time for a better use. I would suggest the development of a LAND USE COMMITTEE that would be comprised of interests from MANY factions, including agriculture.	7/10/2015 11:56 AM
6	t	7/8/2015 12:11 AM

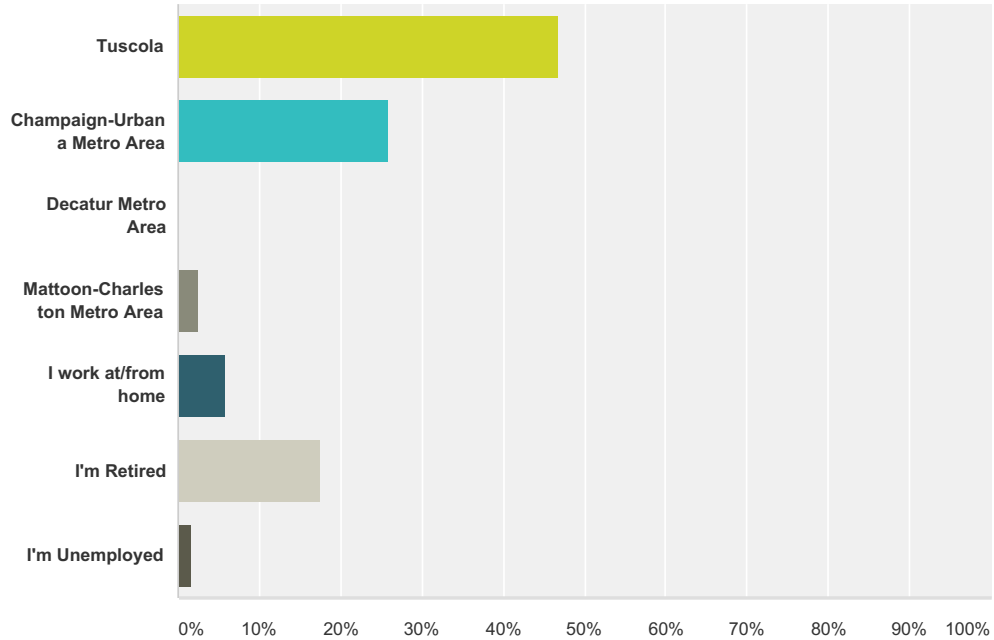




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**Q26 In which geographic location are you currently employed?**

Answered: 120 Skipped: 37



Answer Choices	Responses	
Tuscola	46.67%	56
Champaign-Urbana Metro Area	25.83%	31
Decatur Metro Area	0.00%	0
Mattoon-Charleston Metro Area	2.50%	3
I work at/from home	5.83%	7
I'm Retired	17.50%	21
I'm Unemployed	1.67%	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>120</b>

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Two retired but one retired person made their living in the champaign-Urbana metro area	8/17/2015 7:35 PM
2	College student.	7/18/2015 7:58 PM
3	Disabled	7/18/2015 2:31 PM
4	Sidell, IL	7/17/2015 10:25 AM
5	student	7/9/2015 11:03 AM
6	Student	7/9/2015 9:34 AM
7	I am in school	7/9/2015 7:33 AM
8	Bloomington	7/7/2015 8:42 PM





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9	Travel for work	7/7/2015 7:08 PM
10	also work part-time @ mall in Tuscola	7/7/2015 5:30 PM

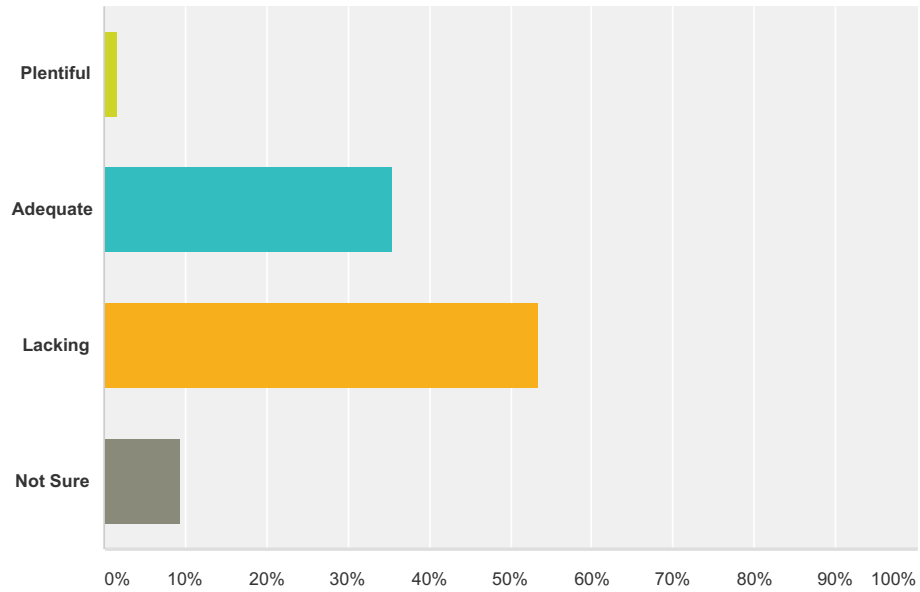




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**Q27 In your opinion, how would you describe the availability of employment opportunities in Tuscola?**

Answered: 127 Skipped: 30



Answer Choices	Responses
Plentiful	1.57% 2
Adequate	35.43% 45
Lacking	53.54% 68
Not Sure	9.45% 12
<b>Total</b>	<b>127</b>

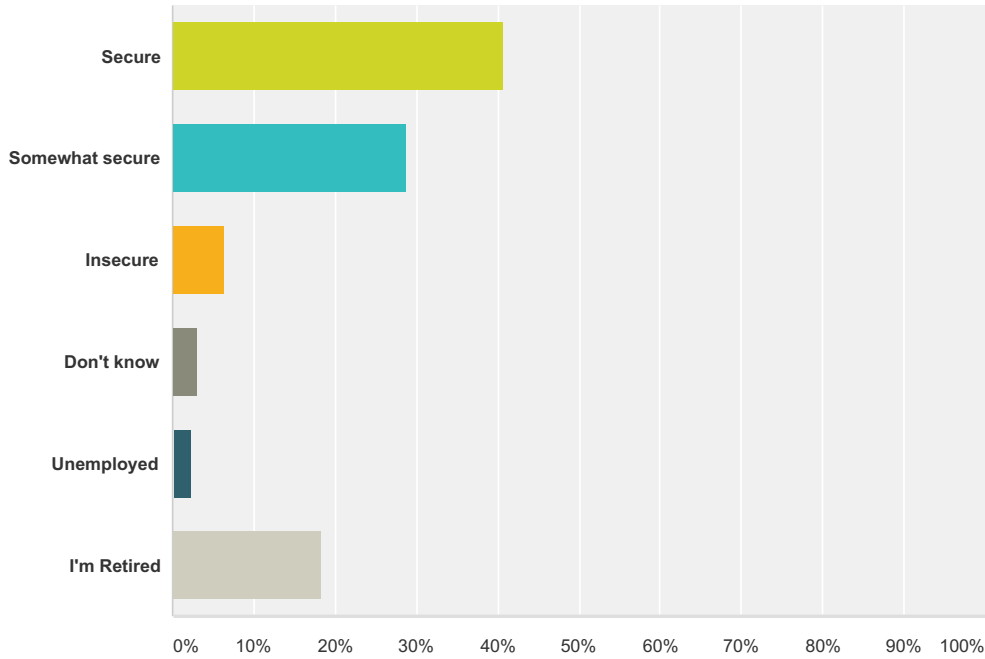
#	Comments	Date
1	more for college - associate degree jobs	10/21/2015 4:32 PM
2	Adequate for restaurant jobs, lacking for professional jobs!	10/21/2015 3:14 PM
3	More for college-associate degree jobs.	8/27/2015 10:21 AM
4	My industry does not exist within Tuscola. Ideal case, I would like to see more professional jobs available within Tuscola.	7/20/2015 11:51 PM
5	mostly min. wage jobs.	7/11/2015 5:22 PM
6	the problem is people aren't applying. I think there is a huge lack of full time jobs here in town. But part time jobs are over flowing.	7/7/2015 10:35 PM
7	Adequate for those prepared.	7/7/2015 2:32 PM



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**Q28 How secure do you believe your employment to be over the next 3-5 years?**

Answered: 125 Skipped: 32



Answer Choices	Responses	
Secure	40.80%	51
Somewhat secure	28.80%	36
Insecure	6.40%	8
Don't know	3.20%	4
Unemployed	2.40%	3
I'm Retired	18.40%	23
<b>Total</b>		<b>125</b>

#	Comments	Date
1	Self employed	7/17/2015 8:56 AM

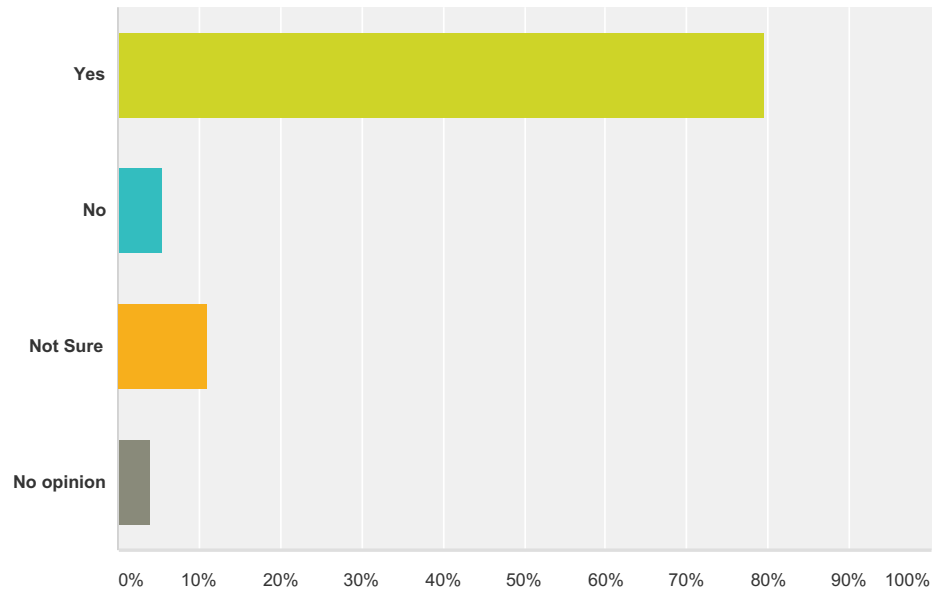




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**Q29 Do you believe the City should commit funding to retain, attract or grow private sector businesses and jobs in Tuscola?**

Answered: 127 Skipped: 30



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	79.53% 101
No	5.51% 7
Not Sure	11.02% 14
No opinion	3.94% 5
<b>Total</b>	<b>127</b>

#	Comments	Date
1	Retaining is most important and most lacking	10/21/2015 4:32 PM
2	The TIF Program is very good.	10/21/2015 2:58 PM
3	QUALITY JOBS bringing quality people to town	10/21/2015 2:23 PM
4	Most important and most lacking.	8/27/2015 10:21 AM
5	That is what brought us here	8/19/2015 12:14 AM
6	Especially where such funding results in infrastructure that is generally beneficial to the city, even should the directly benefitting business cease operation.	7/20/2015 11:51 PM
7	Only if it does NOT offer tax breaks to move here.	7/17/2015 9:50 AM
8	I am quite unfamiliar with "how" this would be done. Would enjoy learning more about it before offering an opinion.	7/10/2015 12:19 PM
9	If the town has enough positives, we don't need to spend money to get or keep people here.	7/7/2015 6:53 PM





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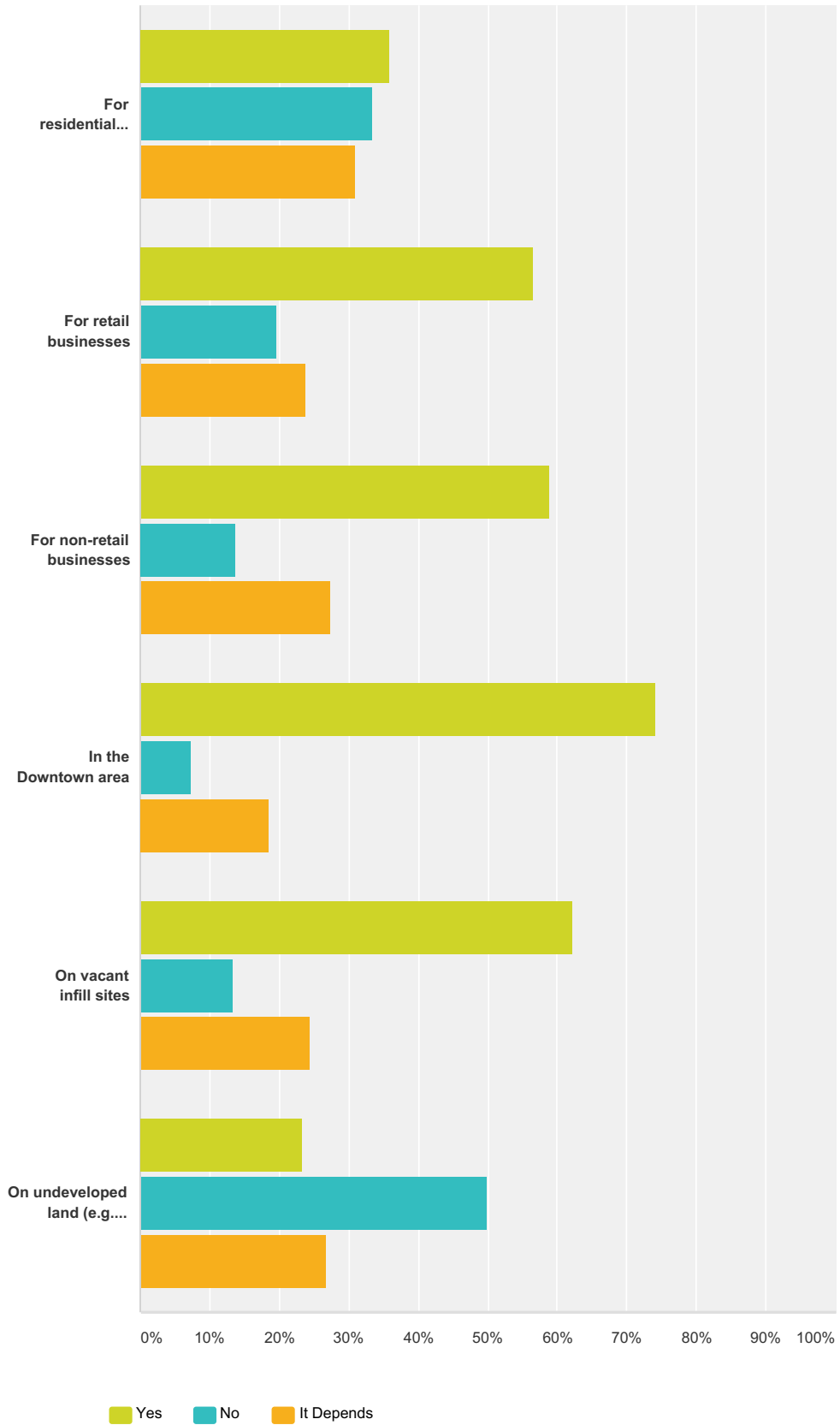
**Q30 Should Tuscola offer financial incentives to encourage private sector development and investment?**

Answered: 124 Skipped: 33





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	Yes	No	It Depends	Total
For residential development	35.83% 43	33.33% 40	30.83% 37	120
For retail businesses	56.56% 69	19.67% 24	23.77% 29	122
For non-retail businesses	58.97% 69	13.68% 16	27.35% 32	117
In the Downtown area	74.19% 92	7.26% 9	18.55% 23	124
On vacant infill sites	62.18% 74	13.45% 16	24.37% 29	119
On undeveloped land (e.g. farmland)	23.33% 28	50.00% 60	26.67% 32	120

#	Comments	Date
1	We have a lot of empty business sites - work on that 1st	10/21/2015 4:32 PM
2	...all depending on what they are	10/21/2015 2:23 PM
3	::Cited TIF for all "Yes" answers::	10/21/2015 2:14 PM
4	We have a lot of empty business sites-work on that first.	8/27/2015 10:21 AM
5	Use financial incentives to promote the improvement of existing locations. I also favor incentivizing business over residential development. At this point in time, I feel that would be most beneficial to the community.	7/20/2015 11:51 PM
6	We have done well with a few new places downtown, the fitness center, Flesor's, Vault and Vintage Karma within the last 10 years; downtown Tuscola NEEDS to be embraced even more. We need a sense of entertainment and more localized shops. People come from all over to go to our mall. By going to the outlet mall they don't get to know Tuscola by entering our town only 500 feet in. Downtown is an obvious way to get to know and see Tuscola.	7/18/2015 7:58 PM
7	I will admit that I am "uneasy" about offering incentives to "new" business when long term EXISTING business owners have worked long and hard to maintain services for the citizens of Tuscola WITHOUT this financial assistance. PLUS....I am VERY uneasy when we offer incentives to a new business to come in that offers the same products and services as an existing business that has been here for years and struggled through the hard times without help. Not exactly fair to throw competition their way. IF, however, a new business that offers goods and services NOT CURRENTLY OFFERED in Tuscola were to scout our community as a potential location, I would be much more at ease with that possibility.	7/10/2015 12:19 PM
8	Stop gifting tax exemptions for everyone but citizens who live and spend money here	7/7/2015 3:50 PM

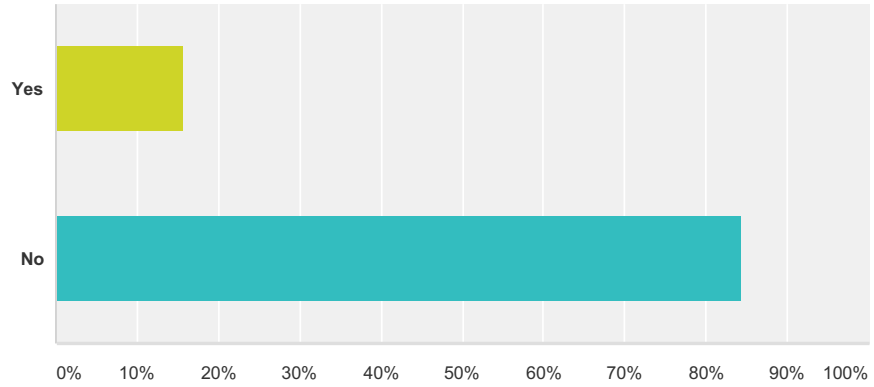




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**Q31 Do you own or operate a business in the area?**

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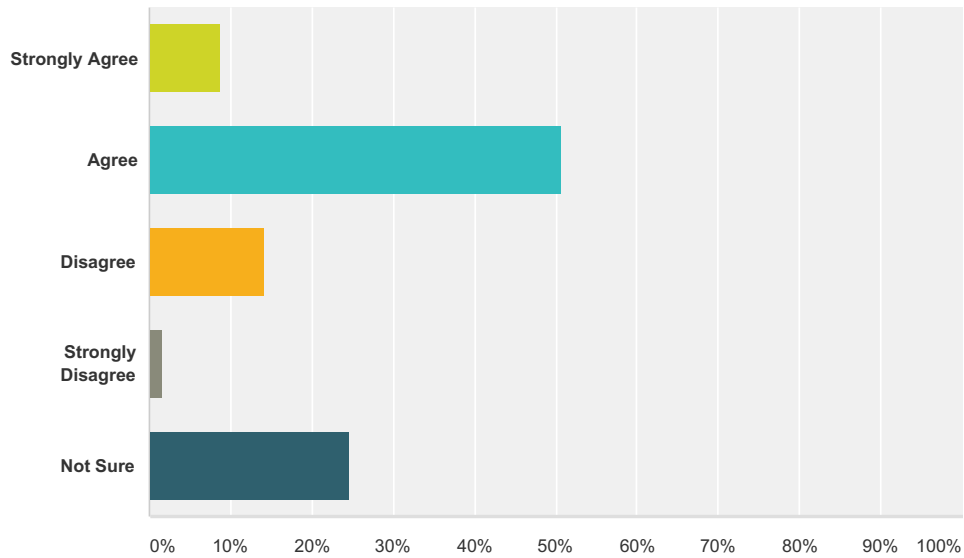
Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	15.75% 20
No	84.25% 107
<b>Total</b>	<b>127</b>



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**Q32 Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement: "Tuscola is a good place to start a business."**

Answered: 126 Skipped: 31



Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	8.73% 11
Agree	50.79% 64
Disagree	14.29% 18
Strongly Disagree	1.59% 2
Not Sure	24.60% 31
<b>Total</b>	<b>126</b>

#	Please comment	Date
1	Lack of Population	10/22/2015 10:08 AM
2	Was not 10-20 years ago - very cliquish then. Now a bit better but no real changes of communication with City or ED	10/21/2015 4:32 PM
3	Just need to citizens to support it such as a good sit down restaurant. Need to help or guide small businesses decide if they have what it takes to succeed.	10/21/2015 2:58 PM
4	Perhaps with a new building inspector it might be.	10/17/2015 10:51 PM
5	Was not 10-20 years ago, very cliqueish town. Now a bit better but no real Chamber of Commerce with city or economic development.	8/27/2015 10:21 AM
6	Great location	8/17/2015 2:03 PM
7	This of course depends greatly on what sort of business. That said, Tuscola offers a growing community, talent base, and local transportation infrastructure. It is also not so far away from larger cities such as Champaign and Mattoon so as to be inaccessible.	7/20/2015 11:51 PM
8	Depends on what the business is	7/18/2015 8:57 PM





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9	Evidently not because we have several businesses that have gone out of Tuscola.	7/18/2015 8:27 PM
10	Re-opening of Flesor's is a great truth. It was a sour moment decision that changes the sisters' lives. Other stores like the Pantry, Vault, and Vintage Karma. From now on we get to see how long they will last by the looks of Kelsey's Furniture.	7/18/2015 7:58 PM
11	I think it is AS LONG AS the business owner has ALL of his "bases" covered. You cannot simply open your door without EXCESSIVE efforts in the way of public relations, advertising, and participation in civic groups, offering to have a presence at community and school events, etc. I have seen businesses come and VERY QUICKLY GO when they don't PROMOTE themselves effectively. (Obviously, that might be true ANYWHERE, but in a small town, it's even MORE important.)	7/10/2015 12:19 PM
12	They usually don't last	7/9/2015 10:57 AM
13	Depends on the business	7/7/2015 5:55 PM





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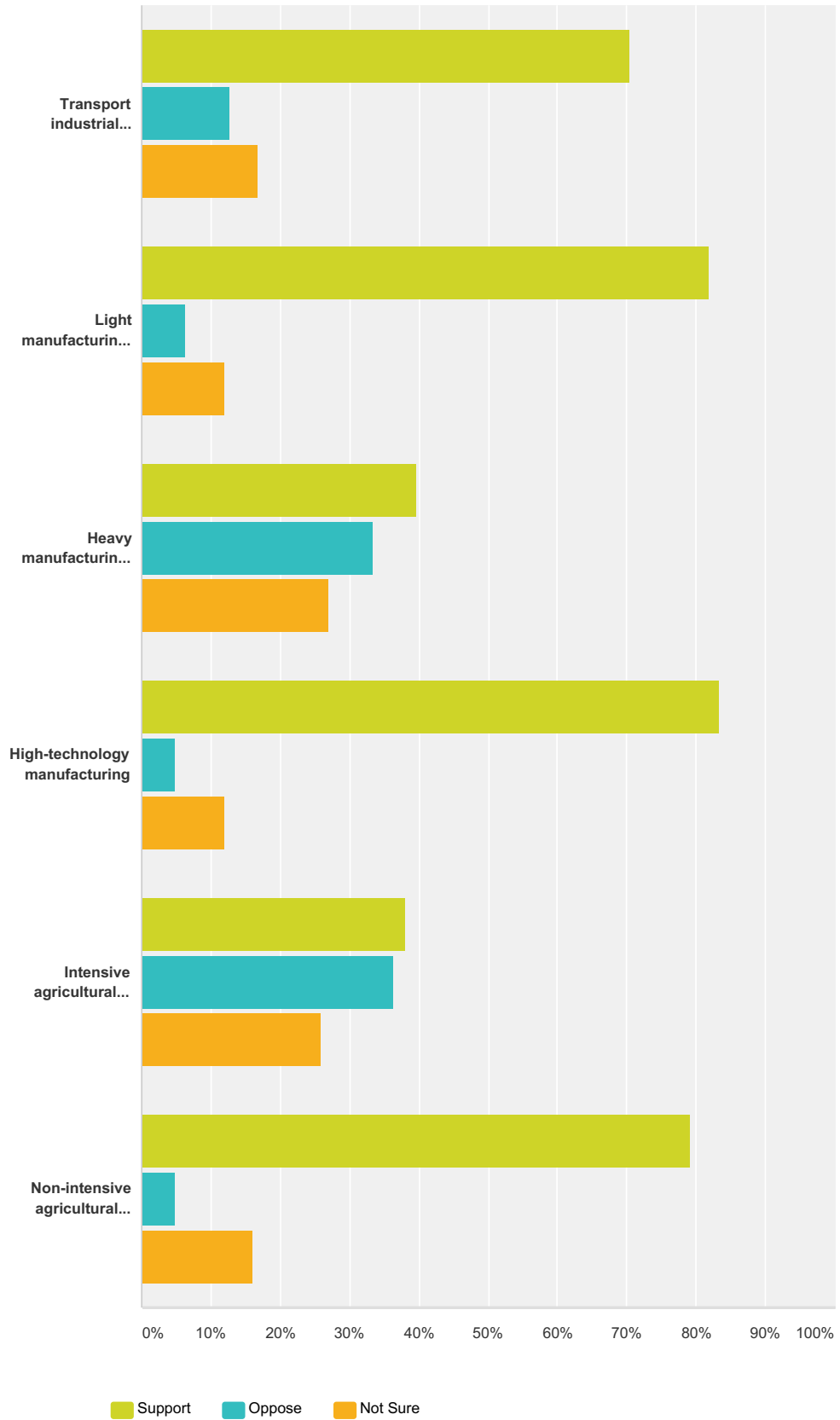
**Q33 Do you support or oppose the development of the following types of industrial establishments in City?**

Answered: 126 Skipped: 31





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	Support	Oppose	Not Sure	Total
Transport industrial (warehousing, distribution centers, etc.)	70.40% 88	12.80% 16	16.80% 21	125
Light manufacturing (product assembly, product fabrication, etc.)	81.75% 103	6.35% 8	11.90% 15	126
Heavy manufacturing (primary manufacturing such as foundries, etc.)	39.68% 50	33.33% 42	26.98% 34	126
High-technology manufacturing	83.33% 105	4.76% 6	11.90% 15	126
Intensive agricultural operations (e.g. "factory" farms or egg processing plants, etc.)	37.90% 47	36.29% 45	25.81% 32	124
Non-intensive agricultural related businesses (implement dealer, etc.)	79.20% 99	4.80% 6	16.00% 20	125

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	no heavy manufacturing - too much toxic crap for environment. NO! NO! NO! to intensive agricultural operations	10/21/2015 4:32 PM
2	Too much toxic crap for environment.	8/27/2015 10:21 AM
3	I believe we need to be VERY, VERY careful about appearing "too desperate" to locate industry in this community. Sometimes you get what you ask for and if you're willing to "take anything," it can be more detrimental than helpful to your cause. I also believe the public needs to be MUCH better informed during the process than they have in the past. The citizens who pay taxes and raise their families here are "investing" themselves in the community and need to be kept abreast much more effectively. We only have the newspaper currently.....and many citizens have had to learn more about development in Tuscola from word-of-mouth or through news agencies out of Champaign.	7/10/2015 12:19 PM
4	if the type of company lowers property values then we don't want them here. note the poverty stricken "river towns" of western Illinois. no at plants utilizing largely migrant based work forces.	7/8/2015 12:17 AM
5	Outside city in Industrial areas are fine.	7/7/2015 3:45 PM

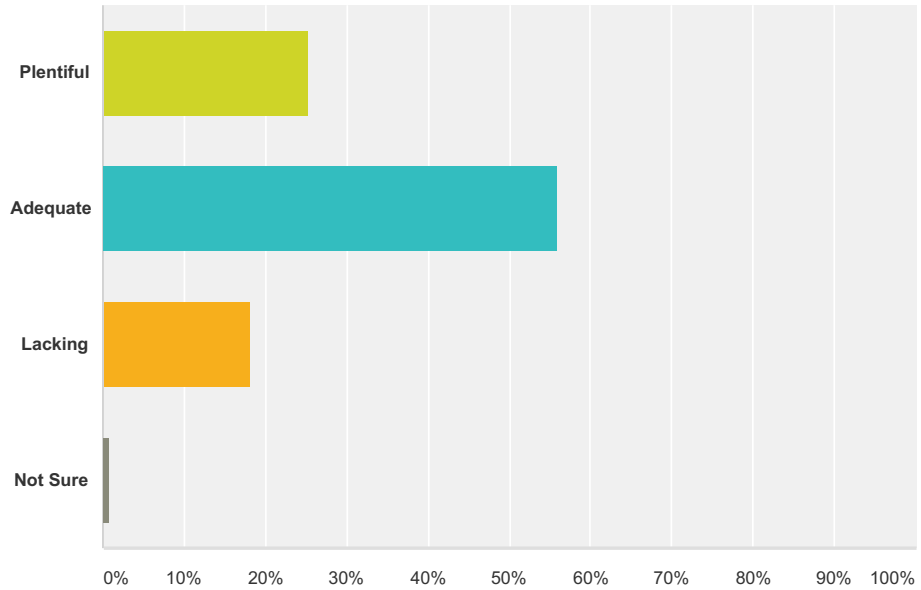




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**Q34 In your opinion, how would you describe the availability of places to shop in Tuscola?**

Answered: 127 Skipped: 30



Answer Choices	Responses	
Plentiful	25.20%	32
Adequate	55.91%	71
Lacking	18.11%	23
Not Sure	0.79%	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>127</b>

#	Comments	Date
1	Need new Dollar General	10/22/2015 9:40 AM
2	Home center is great - plenty of retail with mall.	10/21/2015 4:32 PM
3	Outlet Mall	10/21/2015 3:14 PM
4	[Lacking] Except for Tanger	10/21/2015 2:58 PM
5	except for the winter hours that the outlet mall keeps and iga should open earlier and close later.	9/4/2015 9:08 PM
6	Home Center is great-plenty retail with mall.	8/27/2015 10:21 AM
7	Particularly when considering the size of Tuscola. It's an embarrassment of riches. Local stores do command a premium, but the local convenience is fantastic.	7/20/2015 11:51 PM
8	We need a second grocery store to get competition.	7/18/2015 8:27 PM
9	discount food place needed	7/11/2015 5:22 PM





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10	The Tanger Outlet Mall has been TREMENDOUS in MANY ways to both Tuscola and the County. The County was financially "in the red" when it came to town and in the first year alone, the budget turned from red to black due to the taxes contributed by Tanger alone. Both of my children had their first jobs at Tanger Outlet Mall and made good money while learning valuable people skills that have assisted them in their careers after college. I make every attempt to do as much shopping as I can at the mall and keep those dollars at home. In addition, Sav Mor Pharmacy, Tuscola's OUTSTANDING hardware store and other privately owned businesses are a tremendous asset to our community.	7/10/2015 12:19 PM
11	Need another grocery store	7/9/2015 10:43 AM
12	shopko stinks need something bigger	7/8/2015 10:34 AM
13	Need a cheaper grocery store	7/7/2015 4:22 PM
14	We need a party store like the paper factory ever since that one closed :(	7/7/2015 3:17 PM

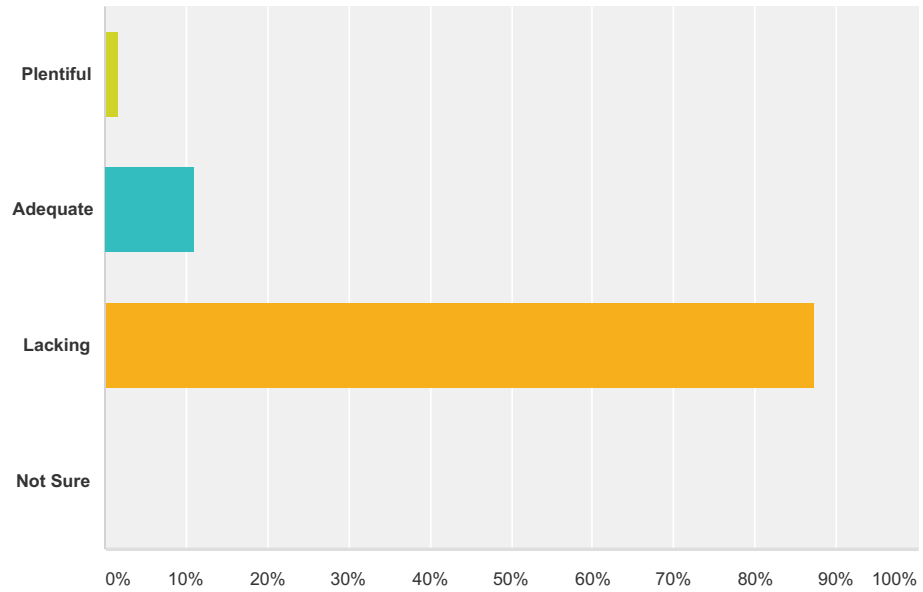




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**Q35 In your opinion, how would you describe the availability of places to dine in Tuscola?**

Answered: 126 Skipped: 31



Answer Choices	Responses
Plentiful	1.59% 2
Adequate	11.11% 14
Lacking	87.30% 110
Not Sure	0.00% 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>126</b>

#	Comments	Date
1	Need a Sit-Down Restaurant	10/22/2015 9:56 AM
2	Need Family or "Sit-Down" Restaurants	10/22/2015 9:40 AM
3	Tuscany - luncheonette	10/21/2015 4:32 PM
4	Sit Down Restaurant	10/21/2015 3:14 PM
5	Need an up to date sit down restaurant	10/21/2015 2:58 PM
6	Not enough good family restaurants.	10/2/2015 3:17 PM
7	Steak House -	10/2/2015 3:03 PM
8	Lacking in fine dining.	9/17/2015 2:11 PM
9	we need a Billy Barooz (like in Champaign) or a JT Walkers (like in Mahomet)	9/4/2015 9:08 PM
10	Miss Tuscany and 1871 Luncheonette	8/27/2015 10:21 AM
11	Need a sit down resturants	8/17/2015 7:35 PM



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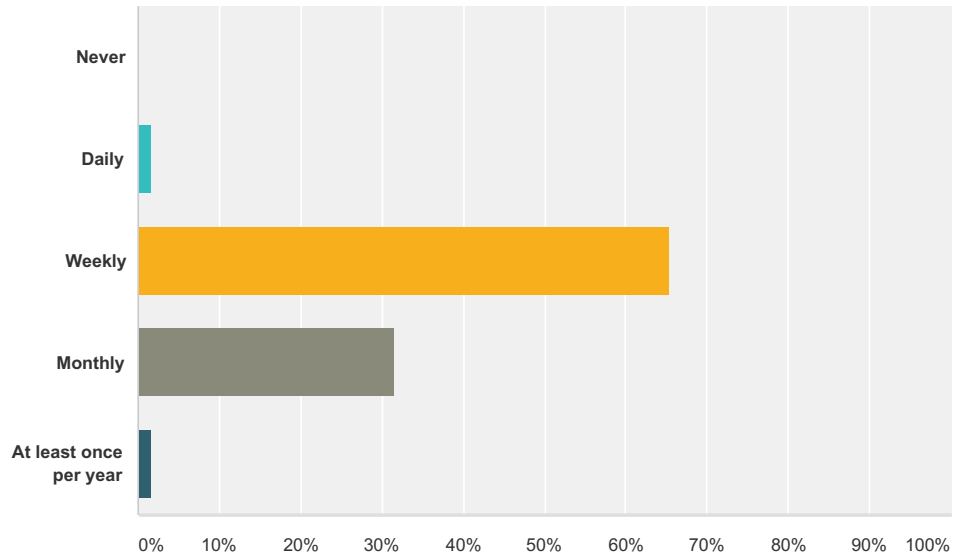
12	we need a nice restaurant in Tuscola	8/17/2015 6:40 PM
13	I mark adequate only because the ration of sit-down to fast food chain is too low. It would be an improvement to have a higher ratio of sit down dining. A Cracker Barrell or a Tuscany replacement would be ideal.	7/20/2015 11:51 PM
14	If we had more sit down type dining. less people would go out of town to shop.	7/18/2015 9:00 PM
15	We have good options yet they overlap one another. We have Jimmy John's and we have Subway? We have so many fast food restaurants. This town desperately needs culture, exposing some sort of cuisine would be more than perfect. Something so even similar as Mona's in Atwood. One thing that would be nice is a breakfast or brunch place.	7/18/2015 7:58 PM
16	Fine dining	7/17/2015 9:55 PM
17	It's all fast food :(	7/17/2015 4:24 PM
18	We need nicer sit-down restaurants	7/17/2015 8:56 AM
19	too many fast food, need sit down dining	7/11/2015 5:22 PM
20	Need a good sit down place and a sports bar	7/10/2015 9:02 PM
21	SEVERELY LACKING. Ideally.....we could use a nice family restaurant with conference room facilities....it would be tremendous to "theme" them with portraits of city fathers and business leaders along with a history of what they contributed to the community along the way. Our car immediately turns to Champaign on the occasions that we have dinner out....there is simply nothing to choose from in Tuscola other than quick, fast food.	7/10/2015 12:19 PM
22	No more fast food!! We need a decent place - like Tuscany	7/9/2015 10:57 AM
23	Need more.family.dining opportunity	7/9/2015 10:43 AM
24	Cracker Barrel, chilli's, Applebee's would be great!	7/9/2015 9:34 AM
25	I would love to see a nicer sit down restaurant	7/8/2015 9:02 PM
26	I would like to see a family restaurant or two.	7/8/2015 8:04 PM
27	We need more sit down restaurants, steak houses and such.	7/8/2015 2:13 PM
28	Fast-food is not, in my opinion, a "place to dine."	7/8/2015 1:52 PM
29	Enough fast food. We need an actual restaurant	7/8/2015 7:48 AM
30	need more fancy dine in.	7/8/2015 3:23 AM
31	we need another Lucas/Tuscany style restaurant.	7/8/2015 12:17 AM
32	needs more family dinning places that are open til at least midnight.	7/7/2015 10:35 PM
33	Needs decent sit down dining establishments	7/7/2015 8:55 PM
34	need higher end dining not just fast food	7/7/2015 7:34 PM
35	Need more full service restaurants	7/7/2015 7:08 PM
36	I would like to see a sit down restaurant in Tuscola	7/7/2015 6:09 PM
37	need a sit down resturant, in addition need something with more hours availibility at mall for customers	7/7/2015 5:30 PM
38	Majority is fast food	7/7/2015 5:20 PM
39	NEED A COUPLE OF NICER SIT DOWN RESTAURANTS	7/7/2015 4:14 PM
40	Terrible!	7/7/2015 4:00 PM
41	Terrible especially on holidays.	7/7/2015 3:50 PM
42	We need a sit down casual resturant like TGIF's or Applebee's	7/7/2015 3:45 PM
43	It would be nice to have some nicer places to eat like, Applebees, Steak N Shake, etc.	7/7/2015 3:17 PM
44	Too much fast food	7/7/2015 3:16 PM



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### Q36 How often do you leave Tuscola to shop?

Answered: 127 Skipped: 30



Answer Choices	Responses	
Never	0.00%	0
Daily	1.57%	2
Weekly	65.35%	83
Monthly	31.50%	40
At least once per year	1.57%	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>127</b>

#	Comments	Date
1	Monthly or less	10/21/2015 4:32 PM
2	Some items as selection of food items required a trip to a larger store	10/21/2015 2:58 PM
3	I'm including Amazon.com and a semi-regular trip to the Urbana Meijer.	7/20/2015 11:51 PM
4	WE BUY WHAT WE CAN IN TOWN, BUT HAVE TO GO OUT OF TOWN FOR VARIETY.	7/18/2015 9:00 PM
5	We usually shop in town or in the county.	7/12/2015 8:05 PM
6	I can honestly say that I divide my shopping in thirds....1/3 in Tuscola, 1/3 in Champaign and 1/3 online. (That's interesting. I really hadn't thought about this until you asked.)	7/10/2015 12:19 PM
7	I shop in town 95% of the time. I believe in supporting our town.	7/8/2015 8:04 PM
8	Multiple times a week. Groceries almost always unless we need the item quickly.	7/8/2015 2:13 PM
9	I haven't shopped at the mall here in months.	7/8/2015 7:48 AM
10	Grocery shopping	7/7/2015 4:22 PM

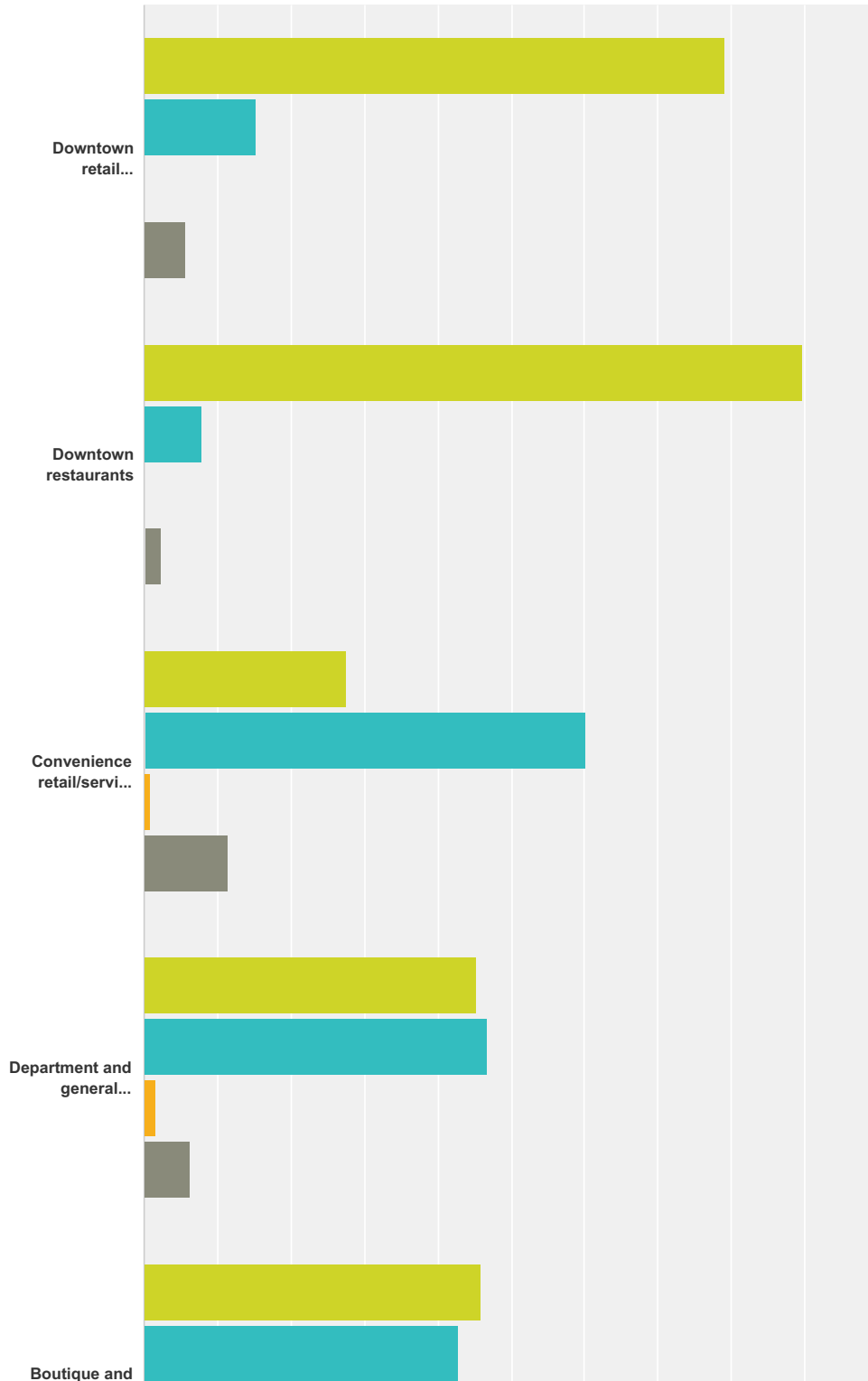




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**Q37 Please share your opinions about the supply of various retail and service businesses in Tuscola.**

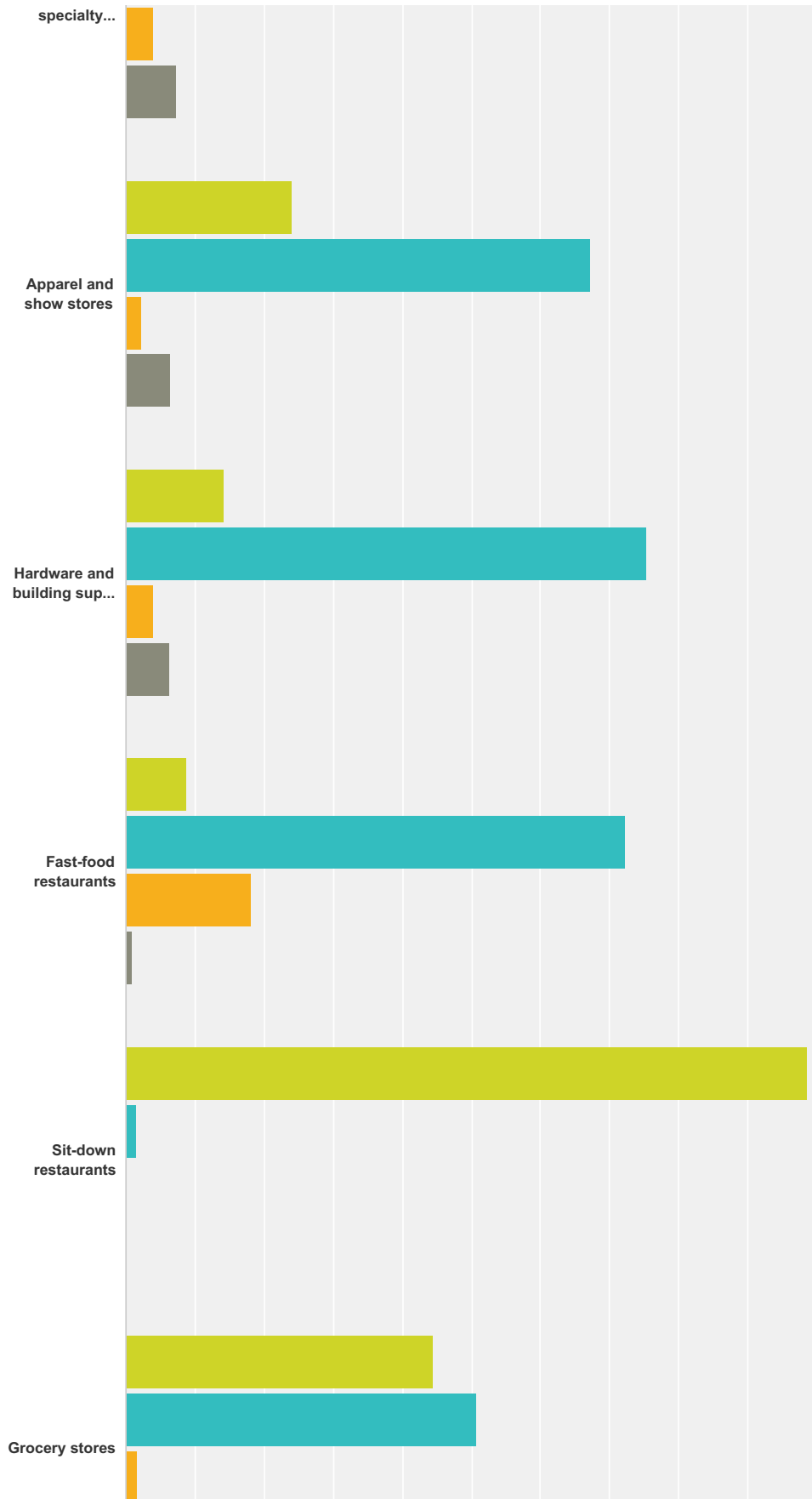
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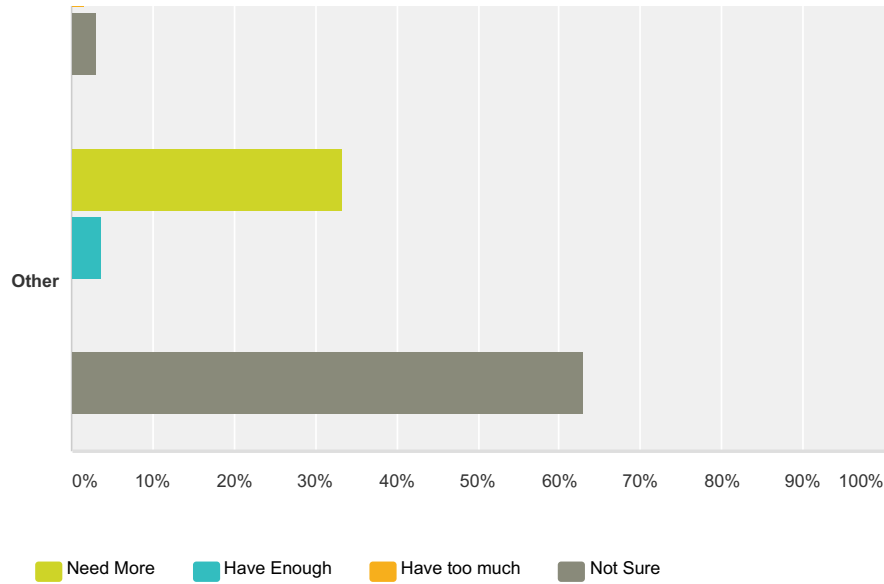
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	Need More	Have Enough	Have too much	Not Sure	Total
Downtown retail shopping/services	79.20% 99	15.20% 19	0.00% 0	5.60% 7	125
Downtown restaurants	89.76% 114	7.87% 10	0.00% 0	2.36% 3	127
Convenience retail/services in/near my neighborhood	27.64% 34	60.16% 74	0.81% 1	11.38% 14	123
Department and general merchandise stores	45.24% 57	46.83% 59	1.59% 2	6.35% 8	126
Boutique and specialty retail stores	45.97% 57	42.74% 53	4.03% 5	7.26% 9	124
Apparel and show stores	24.00% 30	67.20% 84	2.40% 3	6.40% 8	125
Hardware and building supply stores	14.29% 18	75.40% 95	3.97% 5	6.35% 8	126
Fast-food restaurants	8.73% 11	72.22% 91	18.25% 23	0.79% 1	126
Sit-down restaurants	98.44% 126	1.56% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	128
Grocery stores	44.44% 56	50.79% 64	1.59% 2	3.17% 4	126
Other	33.33% 9	3.70% 1	0.00% 0	62.96% 17	27

#	If "Other", please specify or enter comments	Date
1	hard to say on grocery stores, DG is alt to Shopko. Brew Pub, Locally Sourced Food, Wines, Winery-Tasting Room of Illinois Wines, christian book/resources, wood working, quilting, etc.	10/21/2015 4:32 PM
2	Don't need big box stores	10/21/2015 2:58 PM
3	iga longer hours	9/4/2015 9:08 PM





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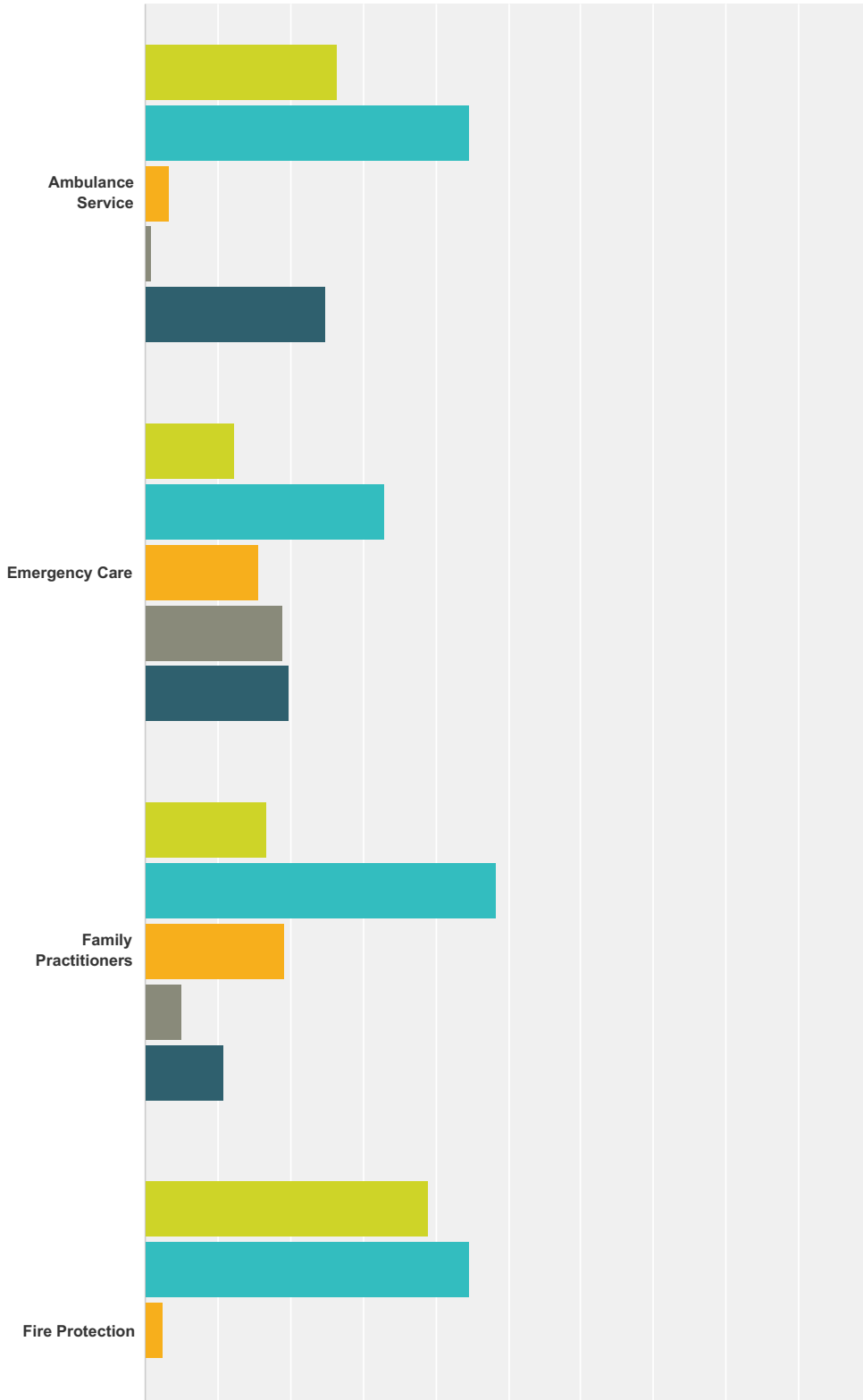
4	Destination Store-hunting, quilting, Christian book/resources, woodworking. Brew Pub-locally served foods, wines, wine tasting room for Illinois wines.	8/27/2015 10:21 AM
5	More arts destination businesses	8/19/2015 12:14 AM
6	The IGA is great, if not overpriced. It would be nice to see it grow into a larger store with more options, such as organic foods and general merchandise. Tuscola lacks certain types of entertainment retail, such as bowling or a theater.	7/20/2015 11:51 PM
7	Parks... Again embrace what we already have. The old lot of what was Northward, community park similar to what we have around the courthouse for meeting places, festival space. Such a town could beautify our village.	7/18/2015 7:58 PM
8	Entertainment	7/18/2015 2:31 PM
9	To clarify, I would want to scrutinize the downtown area before any recommendations were made and a TRUE "strategic plan" penned JUST FOR THAT AREA ALONE. Buildings are old and crumbling, the current business owners work their fingers to the bone.....will they be able to sell these businesses someday or will the storefront remain empty? Is there another ....better use.....for the downtown area? I have to wonder if the downtown should be rennovated for professional business men and women....attornies, accountants, engineers....ideal parking out front but it may be time to raze some buildings and begin anew .....but if that happens, it NEEDS TO HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE THEME. We have no "coffee bars" or restaurants near the mall that could truly attract more people. I notice that Sarah Bush is planning a clinic at a prime location at the mall entrance....THIS...is SPECTACULAR. There's every reason to think that patients who come to Sarah Bush for a simple checkup might shop AND DINE in Tuscola before they head home.	7/10/2015 12:19 PM
10	Need Walmart, Target, or Meier, along with sit-down restaurants.	7/8/2015 7:00 PM
11	We definitely need more options for groceries. IGA is nice, but the quality of the produce is awful. There prices are way to high as well.	7/8/2015 2:13 PM
12	We need a Trader Joe's!! :)	7/8/2015 1:52 PM
13	IGA could use some competition but I don't think we need a Walmart.	7/7/2015 9:54 PM
14	I would check sit down restaurants twice if possible	7/7/2015 3:50 PM
15	If Dollar General moves south of the tracks, it would still be nice to have a "Corner Grocery" type store on the north side. A gas station on the north side would be kind of nice, too.	7/7/2015 3:17 PM
16	Prices are too high	7/7/2015 3:16 PM



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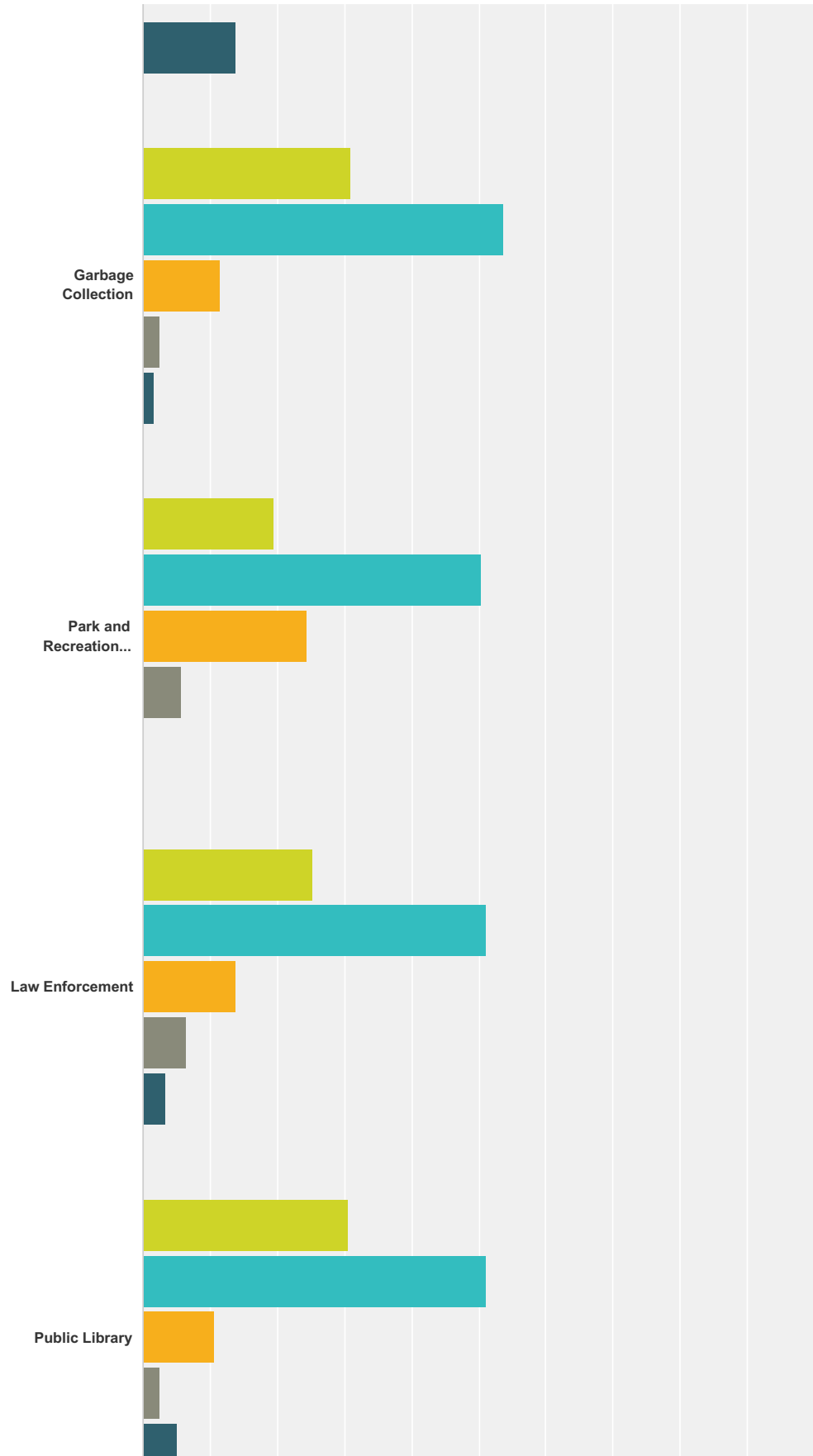
**Q38 From your experience, please rate the following services in Tuscola.**

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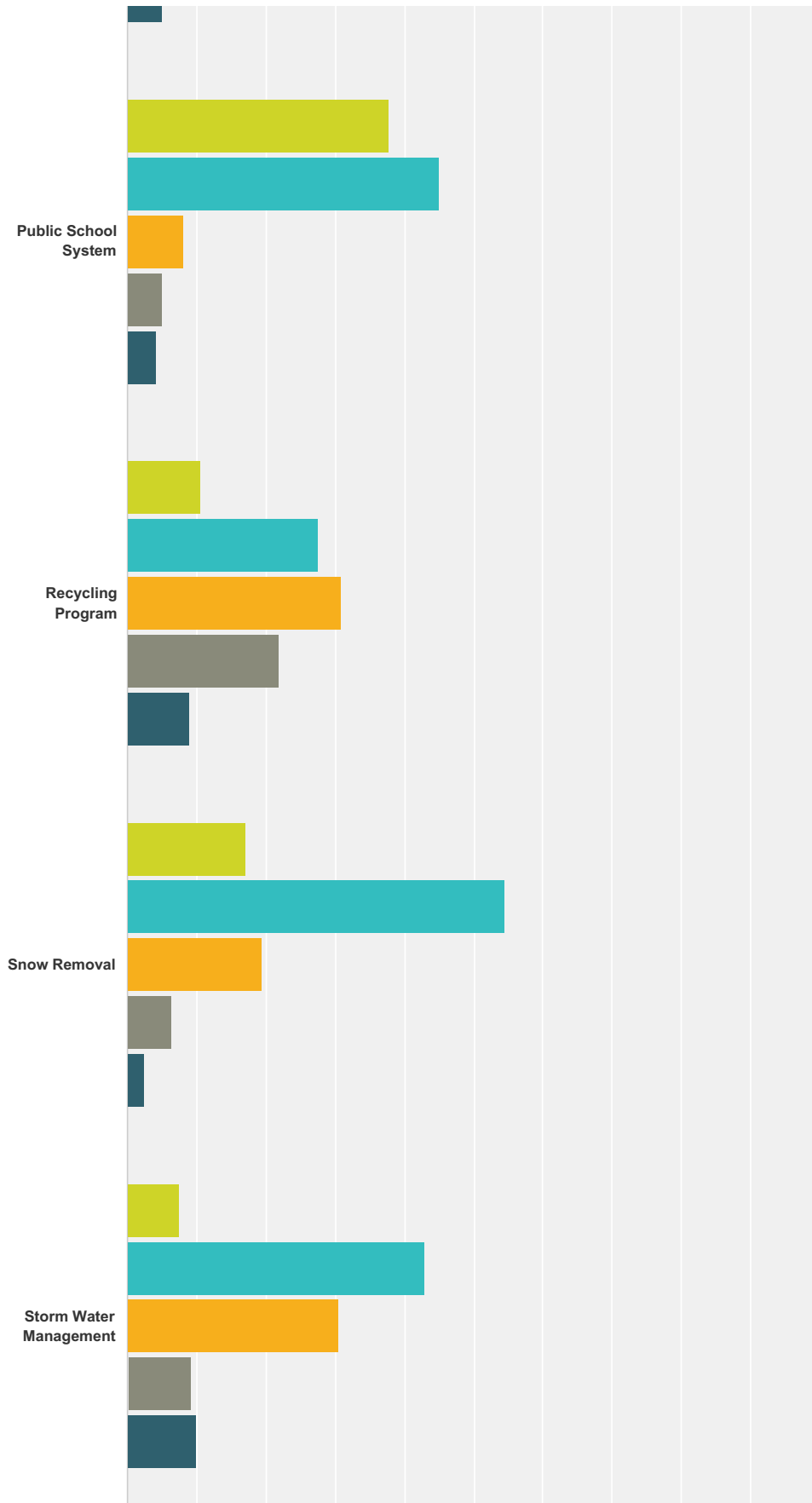
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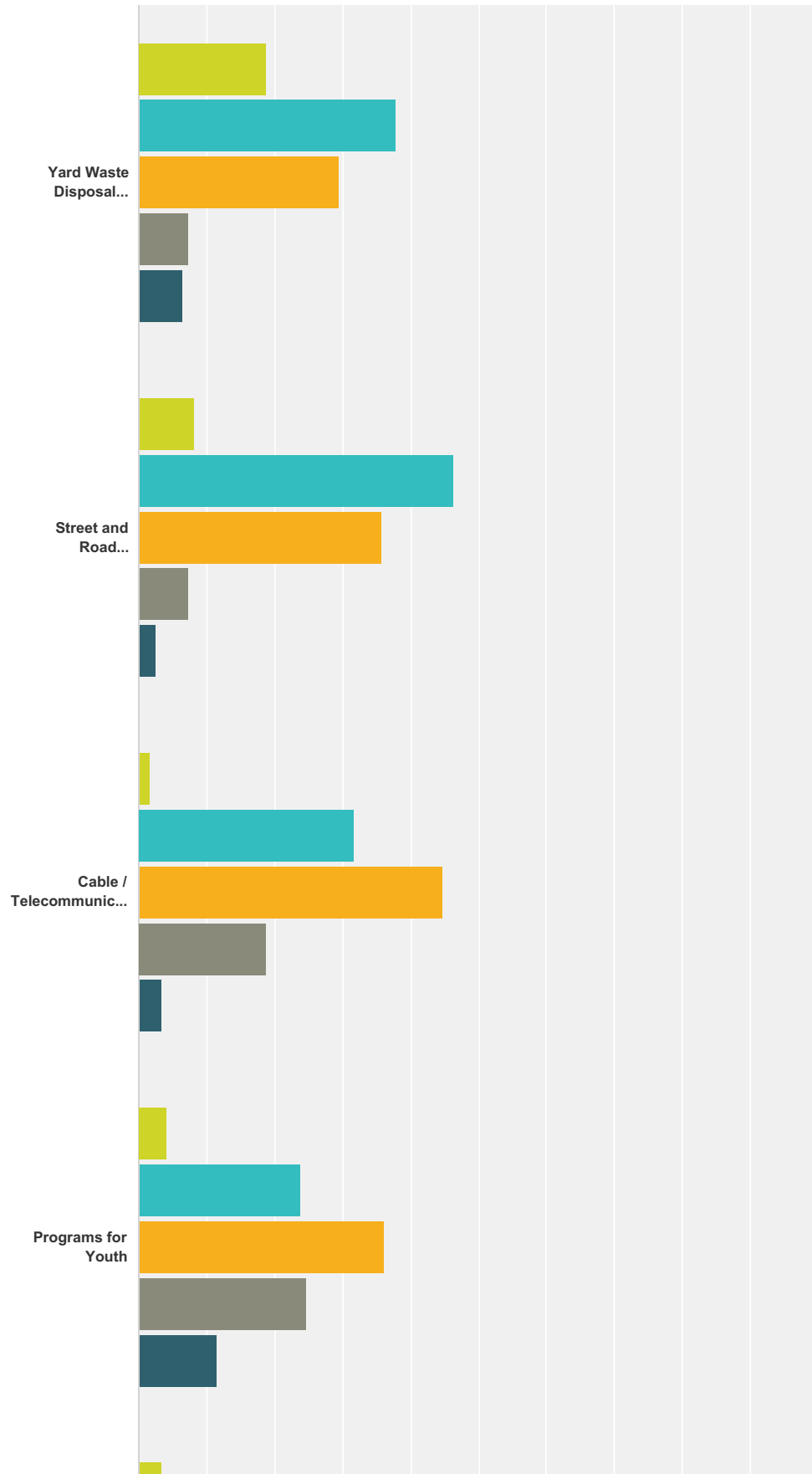




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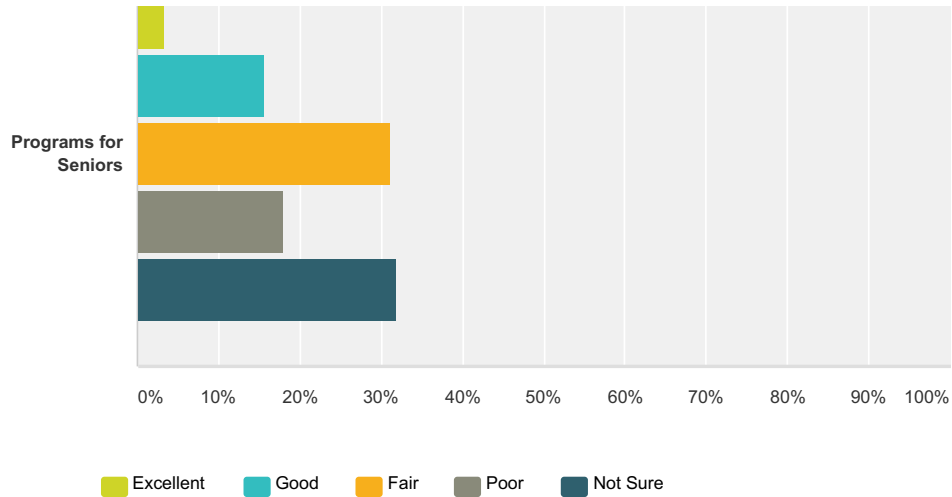


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	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not Sure	Total
Ambulance Service	26.45% 32	44.63% 54	3.31% 4	0.83% 1	24.79% 30	121
Emergency Care	12.40% 15	33.06% 40	15.70% 19	19.01% 23	19.83% 24	121
Family Practitioners	16.67% 20	48.33% 58	19.17% 23	5.00% 6	10.83% 13	120
Fire Protection	39.02% 48	44.72% 55	2.44% 3	0.00% 0	13.82% 17	123
Garbage Collection	30.89% 38	53.66% 66	11.38% 14	2.44% 3	1.63% 2	123
Park and Recreation Facilities	19.51% 24	50.41% 62	24.39% 30	5.69% 7	0.00% 0	123
Law Enforcement	25.20% 31	51.22% 63	13.82% 17	6.50% 8	3.25% 4	123
Public Library	30.58% 37	51.24% 62	10.74% 13	2.48% 3	4.96% 6	121
Public School System	37.70% 46	45.08% 55	8.20% 10	4.92% 6	4.10% 5	122
Recycling Program	10.57% 13	27.64% 34	30.89% 38	21.95% 27	8.94% 11	123
Snow Removal	17.07% 21	54.47% 67	19.51% 24	6.50% 8	2.44% 3	123
Storm Water Management	7.44% 9	42.98% 52	30.58% 37	9.09% 11	9.92% 12	121
Yard Waste Disposal Options	18.85% 23	37.70% 46	29.51% 36	7.38% 9	6.56% 8	122
Street and Road Maintenance	8.13% 10	46.34% 57	35.77% 44	7.32% 9	2.44% 3	123
Cable / Telecommunications	1.63% 2	31.71% 39	44.72% 55	18.70% 23	3.25% 4	123
Programs for Youth	4.10% 5	23.77% 29	36.07% 44	24.59% 30	11.48% 14	122





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Programs for Seniors	3.28%	15.57%	31.15%	18.03%	31.97%	122
	4	19	38	22	39	

#	Comments	Date
1	Programs for Youth/Seniors: need more ways to tell town about it and share what exists.	10/21/2015 4:34 PM
2	Cable & Internet not up to date	10/21/2015 3:02 PM
3	We are spoiled with our disposal options and the youth are hard to communicate with	10/21/2015 2:16 PM
4	need school sponsored 5th and 6th basketball and 5th - 8th baseball and softball to get parent coaches out of the equation. For that matter keep parent coaches out of the school system as well. need/should have allowed soccer, swimming and those previously mentioned to operate even without entire school funding. leave it up to the kids what they want to play and those activities will thrive those that do not have the numbers to support will not survive.x	9/4/2015 9:31 PM
5	Need new ways to tell town about it and share what exists for youth and senior programs.	8/27/2015 10:27 AM
6	Internet speed is a town wide issue, recycling bins need to be emptied more often	8/19/2015 12:18 AM
7	Dedicated recycling depot would be great, including electronics drop off. More regular yard waste pickup days would be a nice convenience.	7/21/2015 12:09 AM
8	What current youth programs do we have apart from life-guarding and programs that are religious driven?	7/18/2015 8:03 PM
9	I would just like to say that for the services that I marked EXCELLENT, that they are all BEYOND EXCELLENT.	7/10/2015 12:30 PM
10	We need more programs for our youth. We also need other options for cable providers. Mediacom is RIDICULOUS!!!	7/8/2015 2:19 PM
11	If theroad crew could not just stop in the middle of the road with no warning that would be great.	7/7/2015 9:59 PM
12	Need aid in redirecting flooding in yard	7/7/2015 8:08 PM

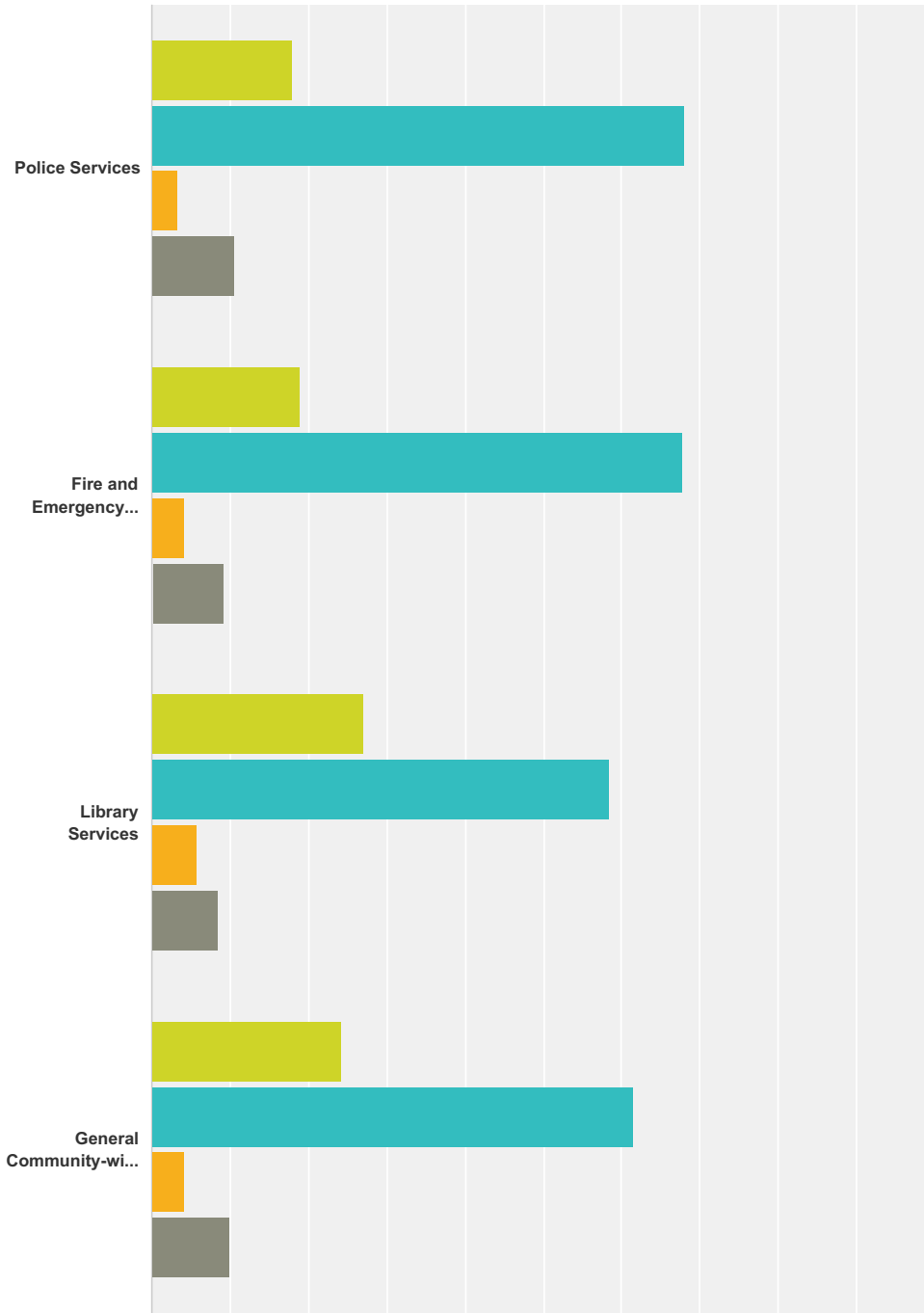




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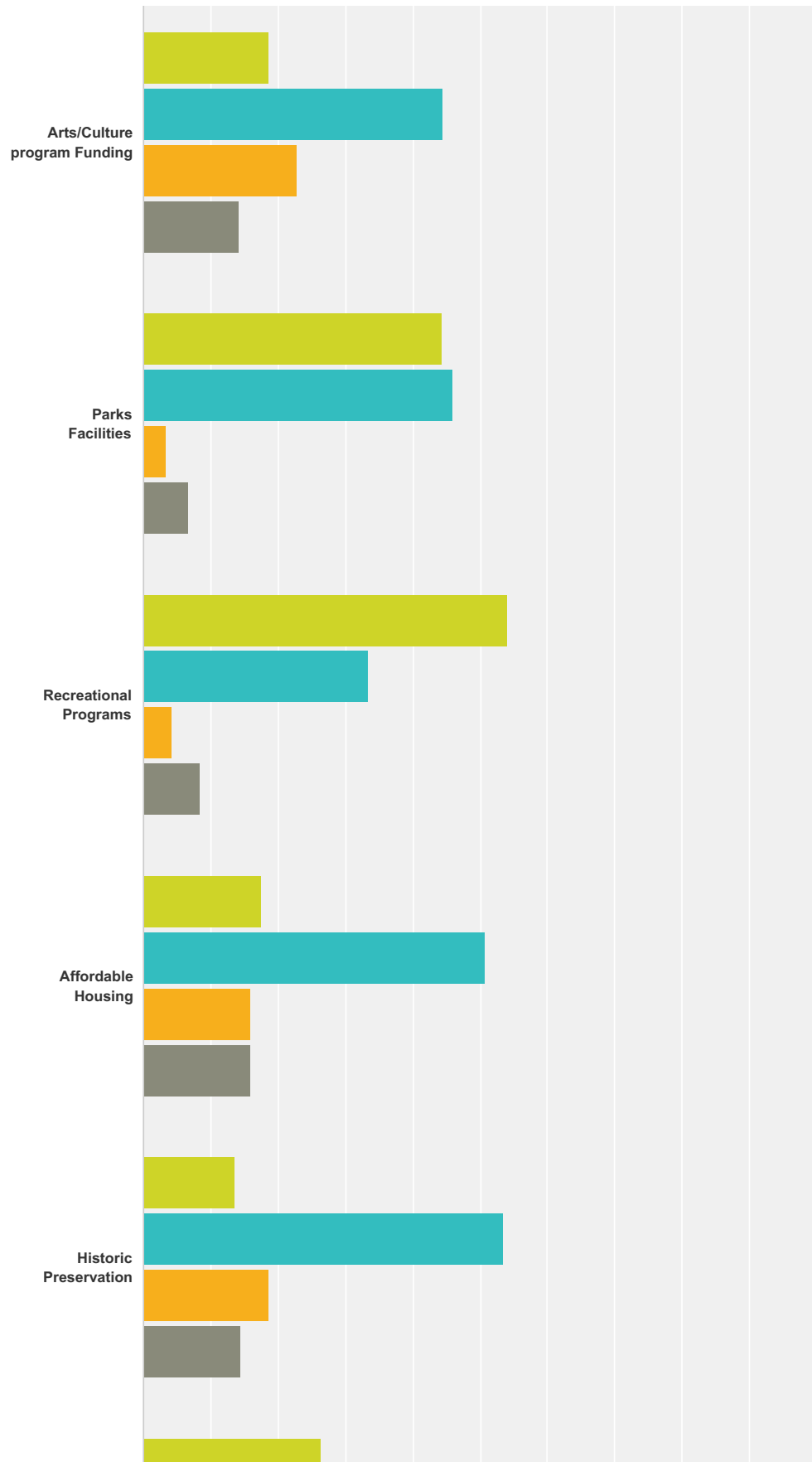
**Q39 The City of Tuscola supports many public services with a limited budget. How would you like the City to prioritize spending on these services? Please indicate your spending preferences based on your satisfaction with these public services.**

Answered: 122 Skipped: 35



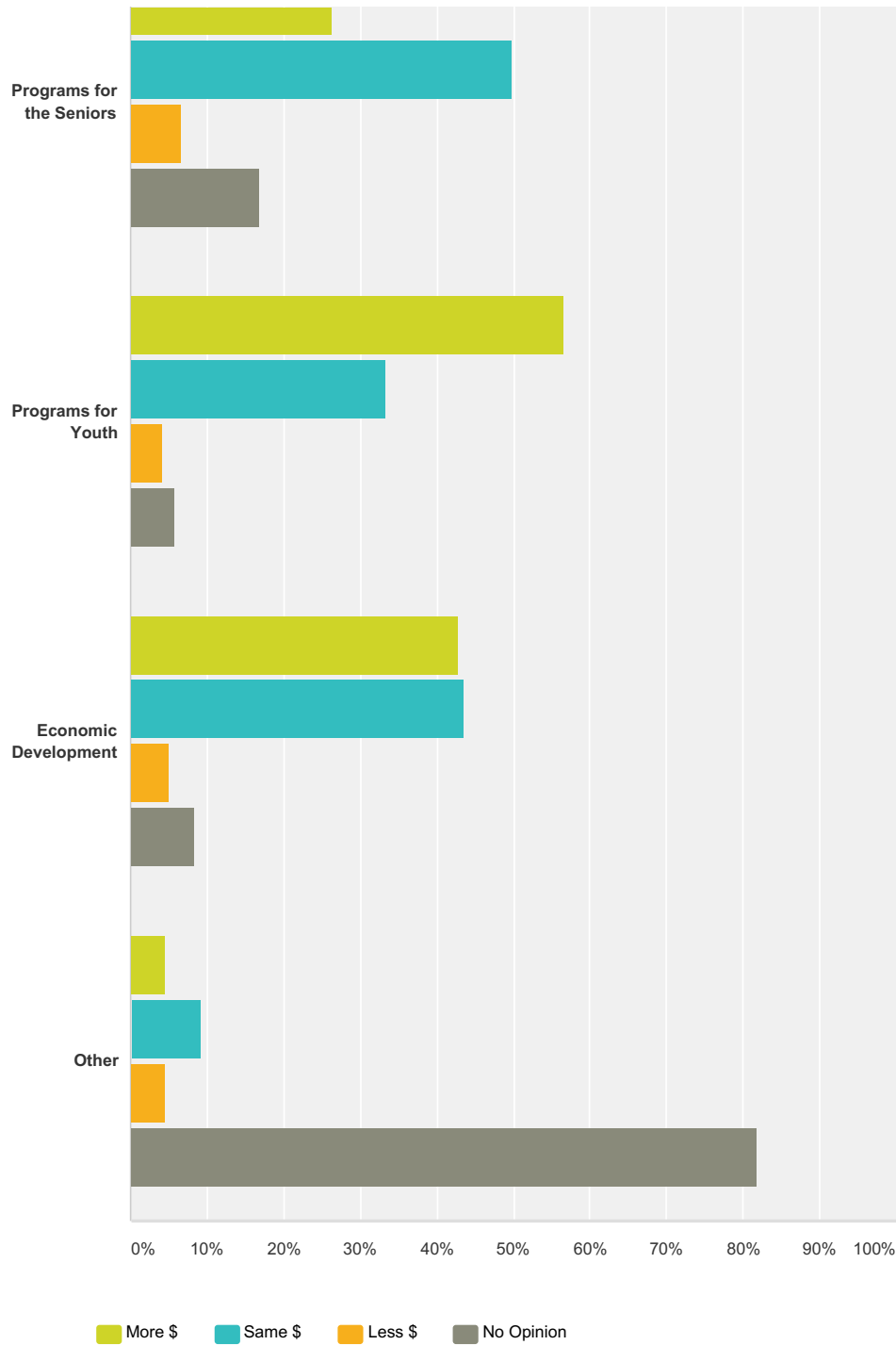


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	More \$	Same \$	Less \$	No Opinion	Total
Police Services	18.03% 22	68.03% 83	3.28% 4	10.66% 13	122
Fire and Emergency Services	19.01% 23	67.77% 82	4.13% 5	9.09% 11	121
Library Services	27.12% 32	58.47% 69	5.93% 7	8.47% 10	118





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General Community-wide Clean-up, etc.	24.17% 29	61.67% 74	4.17% 5	10.00% 12	120
Arts/Culture program Funding	18.49% 22	44.54% 53	22.69% 27	14.29% 17	119
Parks Facilities	44.17% 53	45.83% 55	3.33% 4	6.67% 8	120
Recreational Programs	54.17% 65	33.33% 40	4.17% 5	8.33% 10	120
Affordable Housing	17.50% 21	50.83% 61	15.83% 19	15.83% 19	120
Historic Preservation	13.56% 16	53.39% 63	18.64% 22	14.41% 17	118
Programs for the Seniors	26.27% 31	50.00% 59	6.78% 8	16.95% 20	118
Programs for Youth	56.67% 68	33.33% 40	4.17% 5	5.83% 7	120
Economic Development	42.86% 51	43.70% 52	5.04% 6	8.40% 10	119
Other	4.55% 1	9.09% 2	4.55% 1	81.82% 18	22

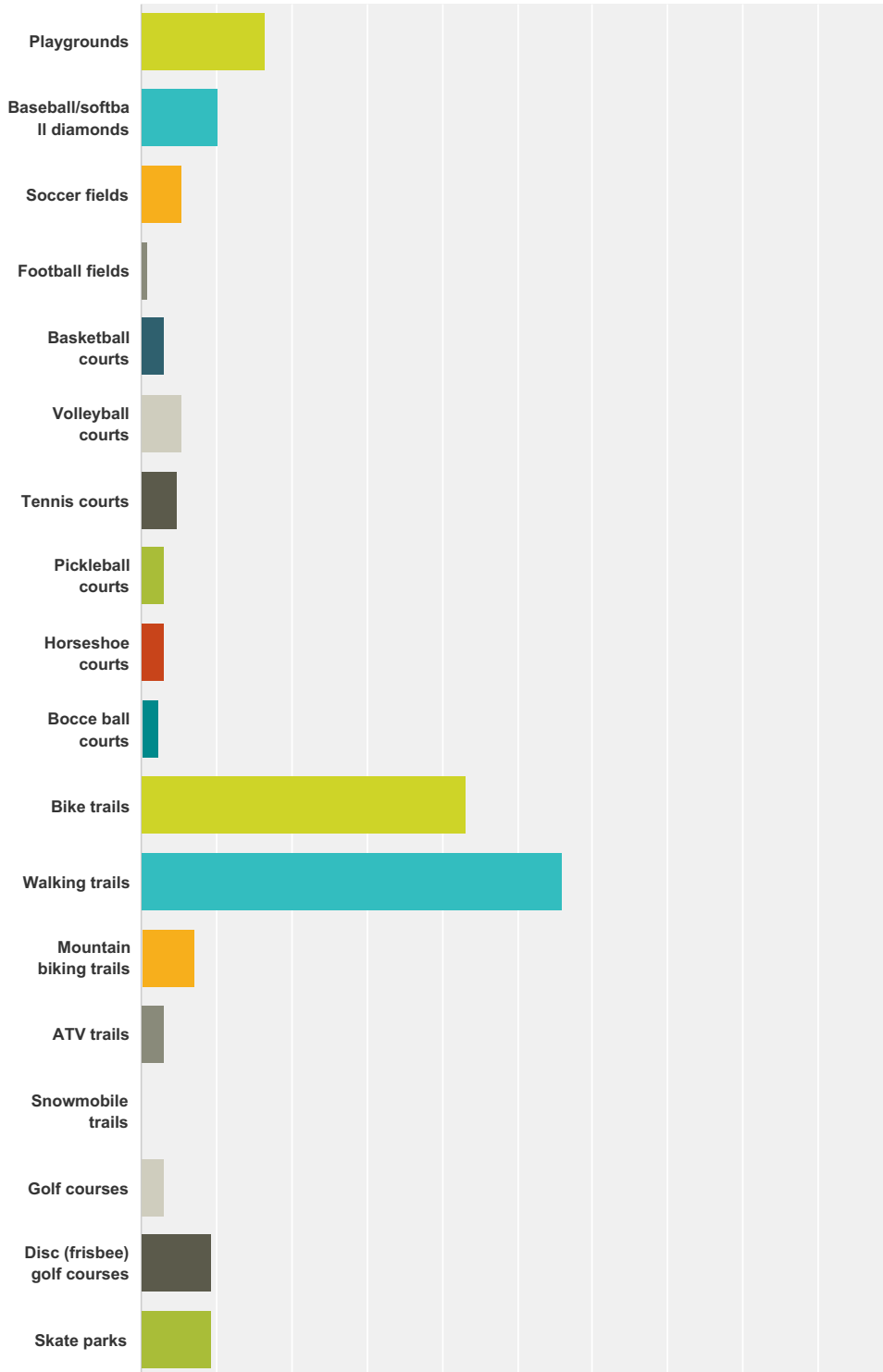
#	If "Other, please specify or enter comments:	Date
1	library money used wisely! movie rental kiosk since we have no other type of movie rental in town. and implement a hygen code in the library.	9/4/2015 9:31 PM
2	Rail service	8/19/2015 12:01 PM
3	I believe affordable housing has a net positive impact on a community, but the scale and management of the property are key to extracting the benefits.	7/21/2015 12:09 AM
4	Prioritizing a budget is probably the most difficult job of all. Considering the state of the nation, I feel it is IMPERATIVE to keep our safety FIRST AND FOREMOST as far as priorities. Many of the programs listed can be improved with more volunteerism and those people can be found by sharing the stories of each entity and soliciting the elbow grease it takes to get the job done. Peace Meal (as a senior service) is a tremendous example.....we actually have SENIORS delivering to SENIORS in many cases ....it's a TEAM of churches and civic organizations and it's important to cultivate a culture of "paying it forward."	7/10/2015 12:30 PM
5	k-12	7/8/2015 3:27 AM



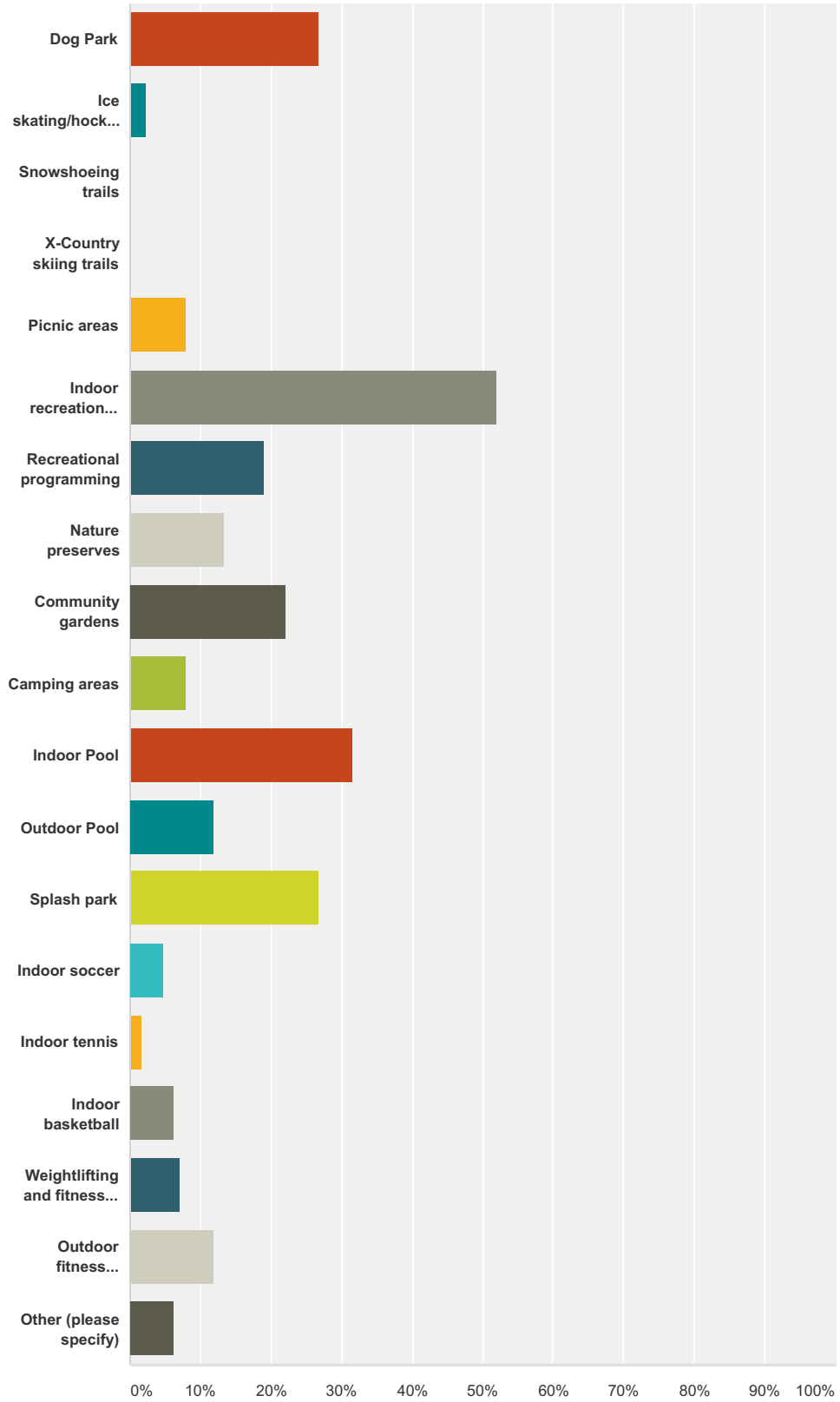
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**Q40 Please indicate up to FIVE types of recreation amenities that you would like to see expanded or improved in Tuscola, either by the City or by the private sector.**

Answered: 127 Skipped: 30



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Answer Choices

Responses



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Playgrounds	16.54%	21
Baseball/softball diamonds	10.24%	13
Soccer fields	5.51%	7
Football fields	0.79%	1
Basketball courts	3.15%	4
Volleyball courts	5.51%	7
Tennis courts	4.72%	6
Pickleball courts	3.15%	4
Horseshoe courts	3.15%	4
Bocce ball courts	2.36%	3
Bike trails	43.31%	55
Walking trails	55.91%	71
Mountain biking trails	7.09%	9
ATV trails	3.15%	4
Snowmobile trails	0.00%	0
Golf courses	3.15%	4
Disc (frisbee) golf courses	9.45%	12
Skate parks	9.45%	12
Dog Park	26.77%	34
Ice skating/hockey rink	2.36%	3
Snowshoeing trails	0.00%	0
X-Country skiing trails	0.00%	0
Picnic areas	7.87%	10
Indoor recreation facilities	51.97%	66
Recreational programming	18.90%	24
Nature preserves	13.39%	17
Community gardens	22.05%	28
Camping areas	7.87%	10
Indoor Pool	31.50%	40
Outdoor Pool	11.81%	15
Splash park	26.77%	34
Indoor soccer	4.72%	6
Indoor tennis	1.57%	2
Indoor basketball	6.30%	8





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Weightlifting and fitness centers	7.09%	9
Outdoor fitness courses/stations	11.81%	15
Other (please specify)	6.30%	8
<b>Total Respondents: 127</b>		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	-	10/22/2015 10:09 AM
2	Ag Tourism - corn maze - farm equip rides - experience place - heritage farm	10/21/2015 4:34 PM
3	1	10/21/2015 3:59 PM
4	More arts programs	10/17/2015 10:55 PM
5	Indoor pool badly needed	8/17/2015 2:07 PM
6	I suggest focusing on strong basic services, like playgrounds, picnic areas, and well maintained parks over expanded services for little played sports such as frisbee golf and ice skating.	7/21/2015 12:09 AM
7	I am not sure we need anything else. You do a great job.	7/18/2015 8:34 PM
8	Just a comment....I chose these areas because I see MANY, MANY people walking, gardening, caring for their pets and so many could use the benefit of an indoor pool for exercise. I think these areas are the most realistic improvements we could make and would be in addition to the fabulous parks we already have.	7/10/2015 12:30 PM





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### Q41 What are Tuscola's strengths/weaknesses regarding its community services?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 117

#	Responses	Date
1	Strength: we have a range of community services but those that do not involve school age children are not easy to discover.	10/21/2015 4:34 PM
2	Weak schools - people need to recognize academics are not strong	10/21/2015 3:15 PM
3	Baseball & Softball Facility	10/21/2015 2:25 PM
4	Open to improvements and forward thinking	10/21/2015 2:16 PM
5	Too sports focused	10/17/2015 10:55 PM
6	lacking of youth programs	10/2/2015 3:06 PM
7	You almost have to drive to everything.	9/17/2015 2:14 PM
8	Strength-we have a range of community services but not easy to those that do not involve school age children to discover.	8/27/2015 10:27 AM
9	Typical of communities it's size	8/19/2015 12:01 PM
10	While not perfect they are far better than any town I have lived in	8/19/2015 12:18 AM
11	Slow to implement	8/17/2015 2:41 PM
12	We have a great volunteer base in Tuscola. Needs organizing and more opportunities. I would like to see a coordinator so one can put a list out for people to find opportunities	8/17/2015 2:07 PM
13	Tuscola has a tremendous volunteer pool that push numerous programs forward that my children enjoy firsthand. In terms of weakness, I sometimes find awareness to be an issue. This is likely my problem, but a more active presence / calendar on the city webpage may be helpful.	7/21/2015 12:09 AM
14	I think it has geared most recent improvements to toddler age children in the park. Now it is time to give the teen, preteen children more opportunities.	7/18/2015 9:08 PM
15	Sparks in the Park is adequate, yet the only "festival" we seem to have. Old Fashioned Days is gone, Harvest Fest is too.	7/18/2015 8:03 PM
16	Great park, need more sit siren restraurants	7/17/2015 9:57 PM
17	Just think we need to get kids more involved in programs. Keep them off the streets and away from drugs.	7/17/2015 4:30 PM
18	Willingness to ask what people think!	7/10/2015 9:04 PM
19	A definite strength are the people who run them.....Tuscola graduates, local business people, sincere and dedicated. Their weaknesses would result from tight budgets that limit what they can do and that is just a fact of life we need to work with and around.	7/10/2015 12:30 PM
20	Lack of rec programs / facilittes - need a YMCA or similar program	7/9/2015 12:38 PM
21	we are lacking a civic center type of facility	7/9/2015 11:05 AM
22	Strength community cares and wants to improve weakness need more.community programs for families and individuals to participate in like Charleston's rec dept.	7/9/2015 10:48 AM
23	Lots of volunteers in youth activities	7/9/2015 9:37 AM
24	Opportunities for young people are only focused on sports, need greater diversity	7/8/2015 4:09 PM
25	Maybe they could be more consistent in strength	7/8/2015 4:02 PM
26	Tuscola needs to be more open to people's opinions. For the last ten years I have been hearing all sorts of people complain about other towns doing so many things to engage their residents. Tuscola needs to improve some of the activities that go on. Have a community meeting and ask for people to come an voice ideas or something.	7/8/2015 2:19 PM



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27	We could use more entertainment... Miniature golf, movie theater, go-carts...	7/8/2015 1:56 PM
28	Concentration of money in one area.	7/8/2015 11:03 AM
29	Recreation/park is biggest strength..	7/8/2015 8:29 AM
30	We don't have a lot to offer	7/8/2015 8:09 AM
31	The strength is the ability to think cognitively and make decisions which are best for the whole. The weakness is those few whom may have a bird in their ear and suggest that we need an indoor pool, for instance. We're lucky to keep our outdoor pool open and we would explore an indoor facility? Hopefully that's just filler.	7/7/2015 11:02 PM
32	I think they are doing well.	7/7/2015 9:59 PM
33	Strength - Fire Dept., ambulance & park	7/7/2015 9:03 PM
34	Strength: the park weakness: not having trails	7/7/2015 4:33 PM
35	Recreation is a weakness and dining	7/7/2015 4:05 PM
36	Not a lot for teenage kids to do outside of organized sports.	7/7/2015 4:01 PM
37	services are adequate	7/7/2015 3:53 PM
38	too much reliance on volunteers to run youth programs lead to inconsistency in effectiveness year to year	7/7/2015 3:28 PM
39	Need indoor facilities for all	7/7/2015 3:20 PM
40	Available locations but with a lack of funds.	7/7/2015 2:34 PM

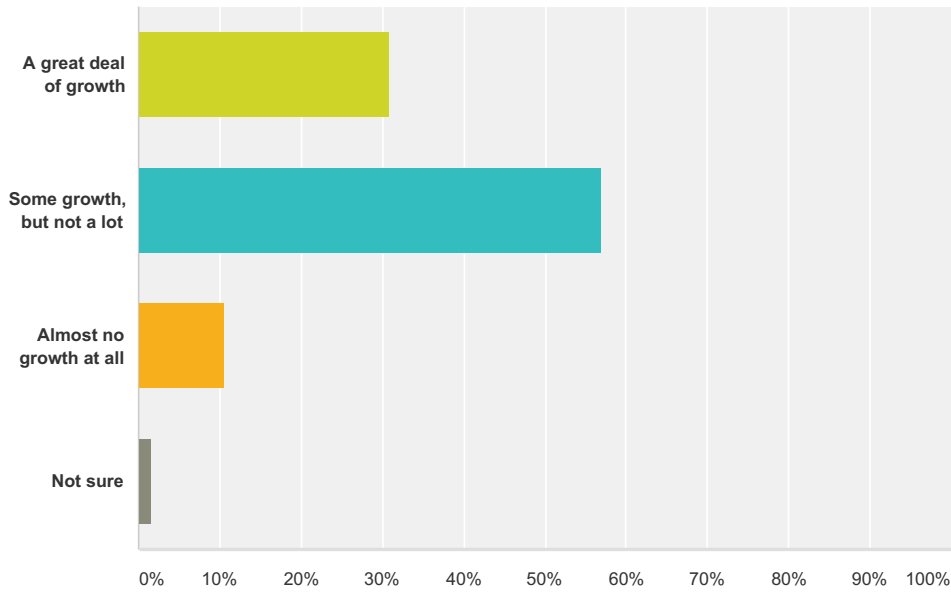




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**Q42 Over the past five years, how much growth do you think Tuscola has experienced?**

Answered: 123 Skipped: 34



Answer Choices	Responses
A great deal of growth	30.89% 38
Some growth, but not a lot	56.91% 70
Almost no growth at all	10.57% 13
Not sure	1.63% 2
<b>Total</b>	<b>123</b>

#	Comments	Date
1	primarily housing growth	10/21/2015 4:37 PM
2	Cronus	10/21/2015 3:16 PM
3	Except in the fastfood industry	9/17/2015 2:18 PM
4	if we actually get the factory this time	9/4/2015 9:41 PM
5	Still need a sit down restaurant similar to Philo Tavern	8/17/2015 2:12 PM
6	The Candy Kitchen, Daylight Donuts, CRONUS, the old truck stop redevelopment, and surely others have made this a strong five years for Tuscola, in my opinion.	7/21/2015 12:23 AM
7	more businesses but not much in people	7/9/2015 1:49 PM

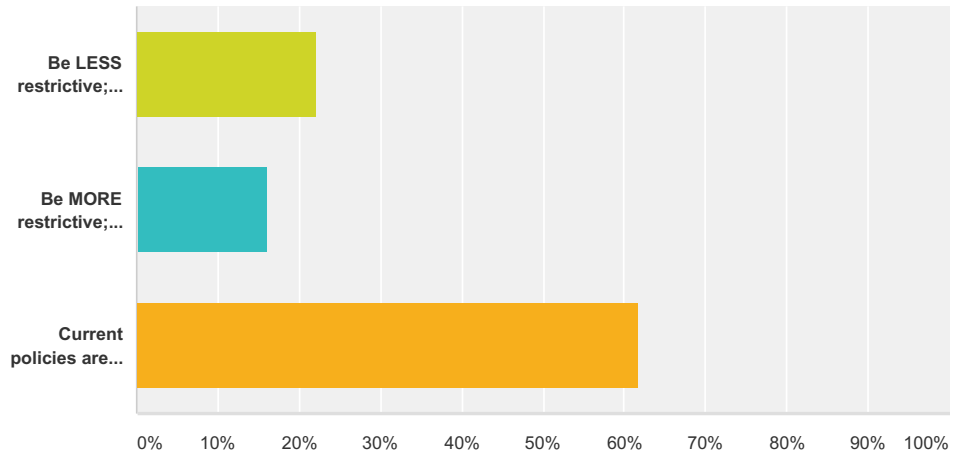




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### Q43 How would you direct your City leaders and planners with regard to land use policies and regulations?

Answered: 118 Skipped: 39



Answer Choices	Responses
Be LESS restrictive; allow MORE flexibility for where and how land may be used and developed	22.03% 26
Be MORE restrictive; allow LESS flexibility for where and how land may be used and developed	16.10% 19
Current policies are okay	61.86% 73
<b>Total</b>	<b>118</b>

#	Comments	Date
1	protect our environment: water/ag land	10/21/2015 4:37 PM
2	Need to enforce property maintenance ordinances	10/21/2015 3:06 PM
3	Protect our environment-water/air/land	8/27/2015 10:29 AM
4	Need a property maintenance ordinance.	8/19/2015 12:01 PM
5	I do not know the policies	8/17/2015 2:12 PM
6	BE CAREFUL. BE SELECTIVE. IF SOMETHING SEEMS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS.	7/10/2015 12:37 PM
7	Allow more land for family.housing	7/9/2015 10:50 AM
8	Do not become a property owner unless you are going to develop it	7/7/2015 3:56 PM





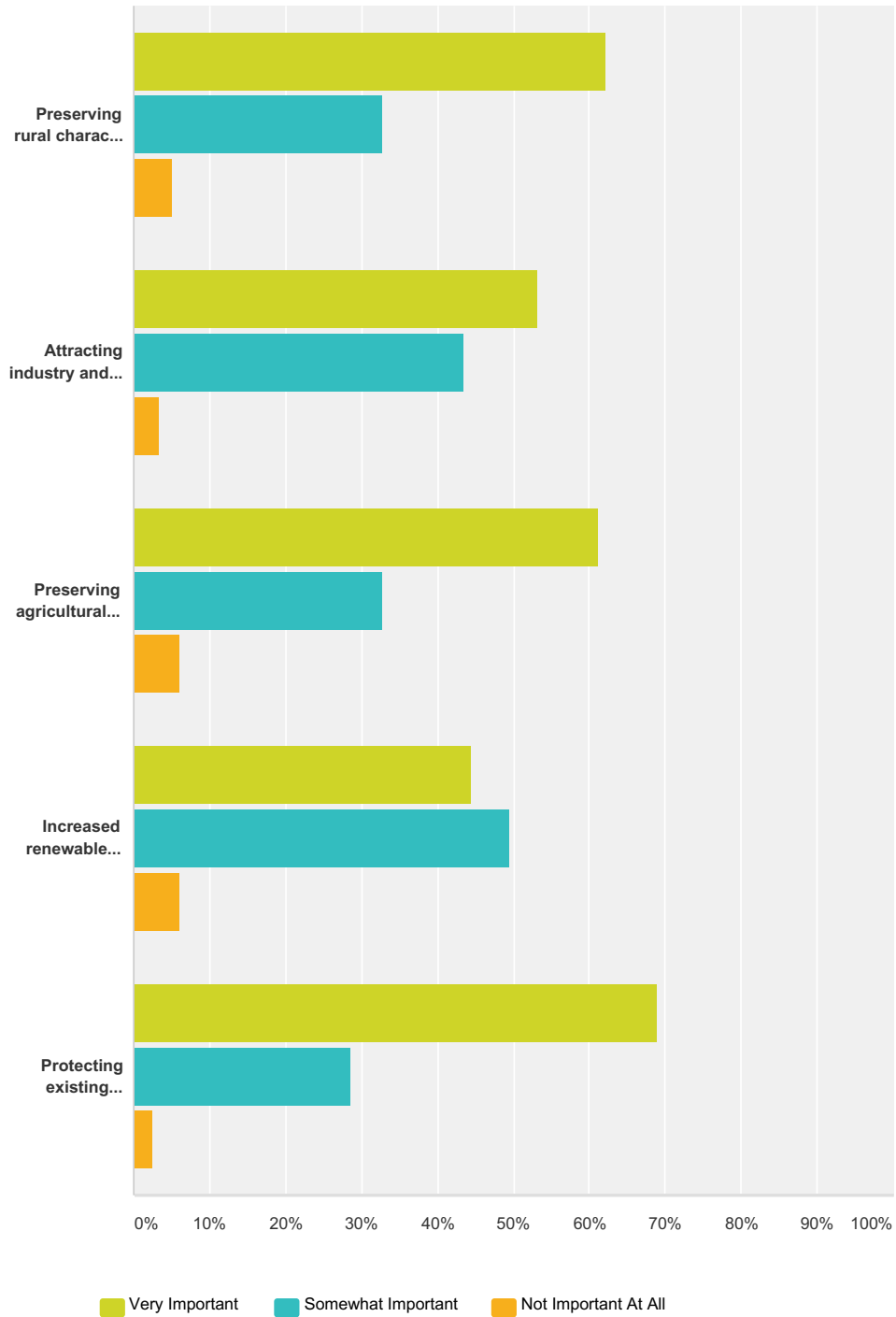
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**Q44 Whenever a development project is proposed, be it new homes, new commercial or manufacturing uses, or mining or energy uses, City leaders must balance competing interests. Please indicate the importance of each of the following to you:**

Answered: 121 Skipped: 36



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	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important At All	Total
Preserving rural character and scenery	62.18% 74	32.77% 39	5.04% 6	119
Attracting industry and potential jobs	53.33% 64	43.33% 52	3.33% 4	120
Preserving agricultural land and production	61.21% 71	32.76% 38	6.03% 7	116



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Increased renewable energy production	<b>44.44%</b> 52	<b>49.57%</b> 58	<b>5.98%</b> 7	117
Protecting existing residential areas	<b>68.91%</b> 82	<b>28.57%</b> 34	<b>2.52%</b> 3	119

#	Comments	Date
1	do not attract industry at the expense of or land/world	10/21/2015 4:37 PM
2	[Attracting industry and potential jobs] need small to medium manufacturing not more chemical plants that effect health & environment	10/21/2015 3:06 PM
3	Not at the expense of our land/world.	8/27/2015 10:29 AM
4	Instead of building on new land, why not re-do what we already have? Spaces like the trailer parks are GREAT to build new housing and are in great locations for a town of one-square mile.	7/18/2015 8:08 PM
5	AGAIN, BE CAREFUL. BE THOUGHTFUL. BE RESPECTFUL of those who already occupy the land in question.	7/10/2015 12:37 PM

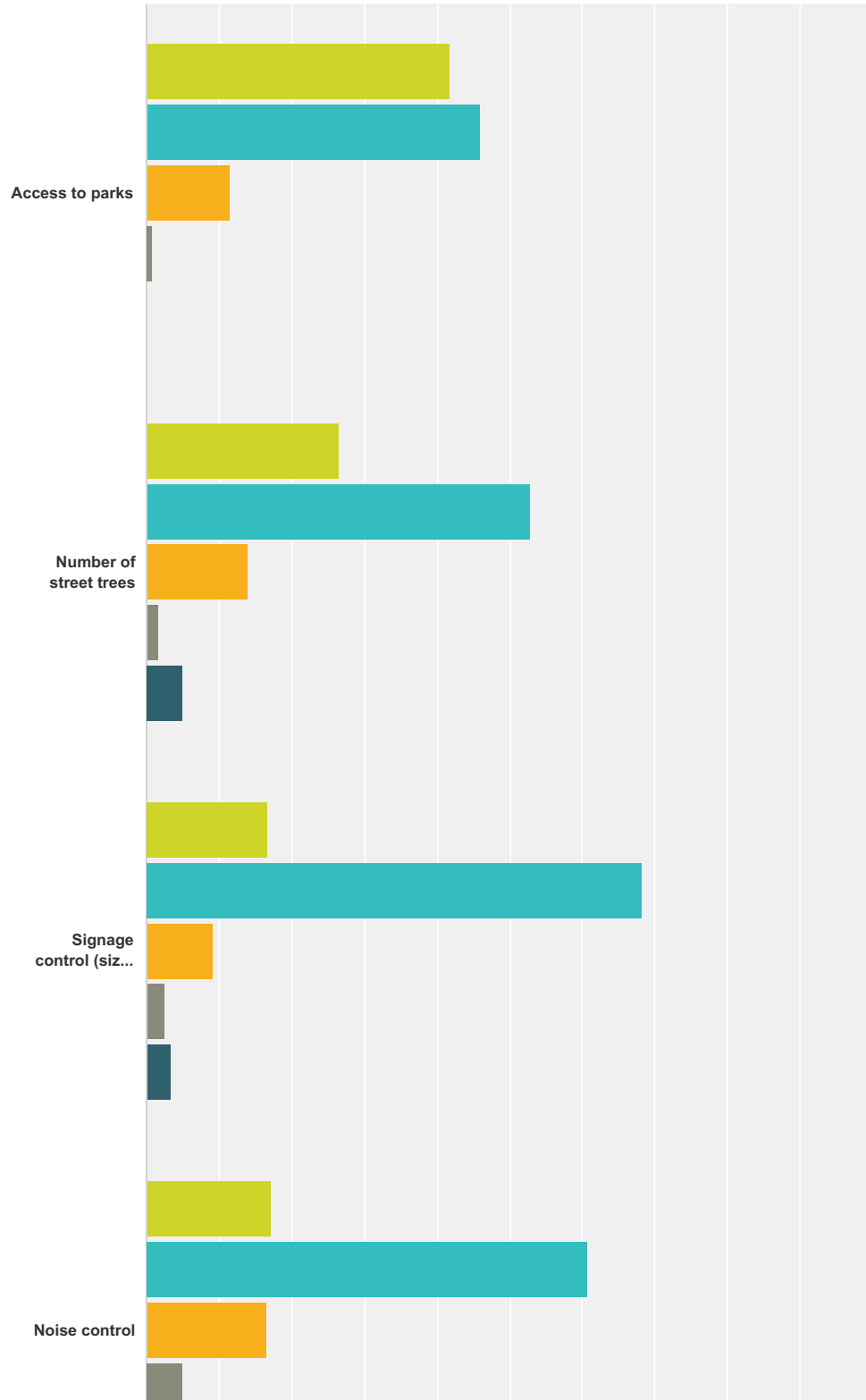




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**Q45 How do you rate the following aspects of Tuscola?**

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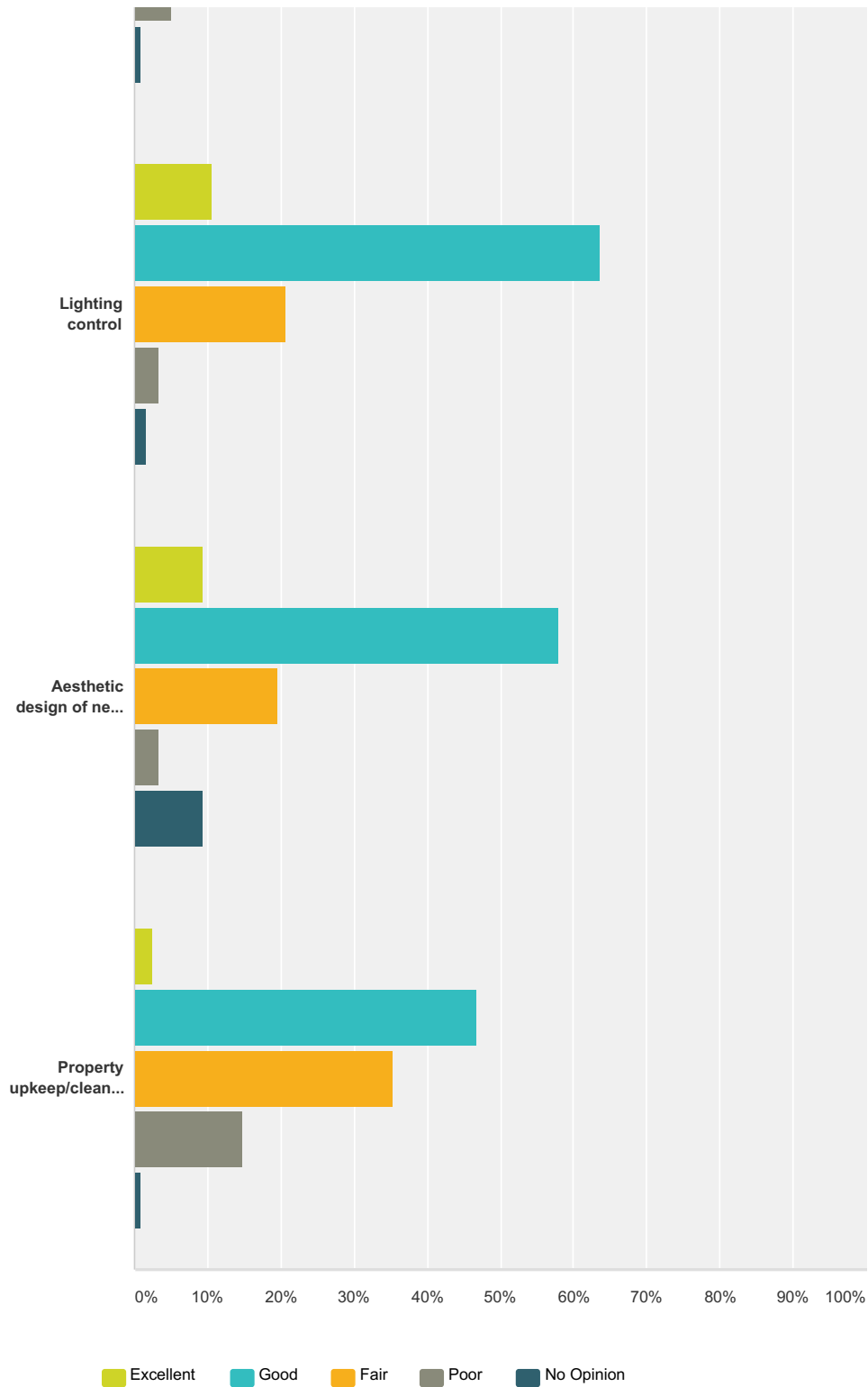


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	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion	Total
Access to parks	41.80% 51	45.90% 56	11.48% 14	0.82% 1	0.00% 0	122





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Number of street trees	<b>26.45%</b> 32	<b>52.89%</b> 64	<b>14.05%</b> 17	<b>1.65%</b> 2	<b>4.96%</b> 6	121
Signage control (size and location of signs)	<b>16.67%</b> 20	<b>68.33%</b> 82	<b>9.17%</b> 11	<b>2.50%</b> 3	<b>3.33%</b> 4	120
Noise control	<b>17.21%</b> 21	<b>60.66%</b> 74	<b>16.39%</b> 20	<b>4.92%</b> 6	<b>0.82%</b> 1	122
Lighting control	<b>10.74%</b> 13	<b>63.64%</b> 77	<b>20.66%</b> 25	<b>3.31%</b> 4	<b>1.65%</b> 2	121
Aesthetic design of new development	<b>9.40%</b> 11	<b>58.12%</b> 68	<b>19.66%</b> 23	<b>3.42%</b> 4	<b>9.40%</b> 11	117
Property upkeep/cleanliness	<b>2.46%</b> 3	<b>46.72%</b> 57	<b>35.25%</b> 43	<b>14.75%</b> 18	<b>0.82%</b> 1	122

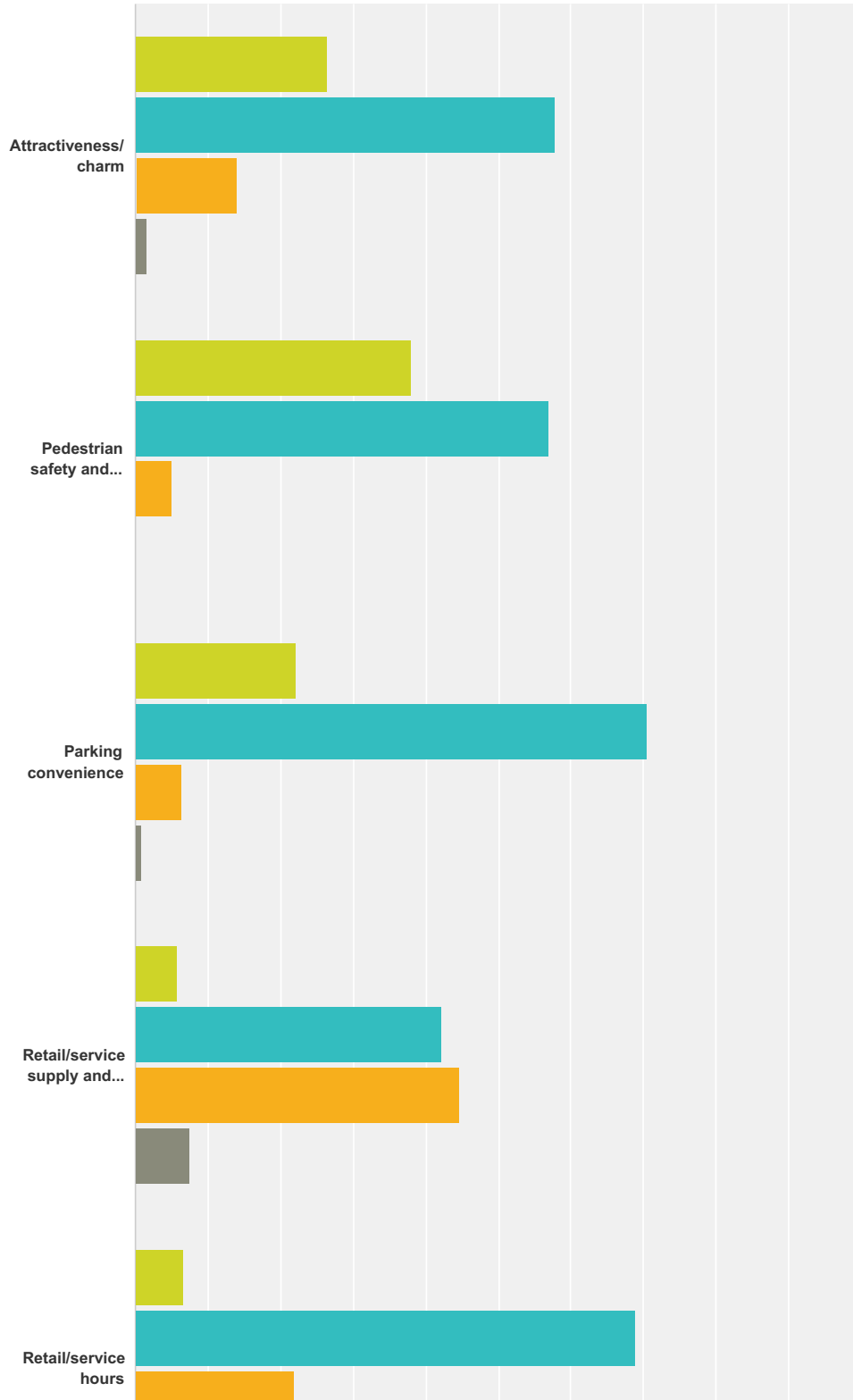
#	Comments	Date
1	Too many absentee property owners leading to too many rundown, dilapidated properties that are eyesores to the neighborhoods & reflect poorly on the city and effect property sales & values.	10/21/2015 3:06 PM
2	With the increase in trains, the noise associated with them blowing their horns has also dramatically increased. It brings property values down. Tuscola should work hard to make Tuscola a quiet zone for trains, especially when Cronus opens and the train volume increases even more.	9/17/2015 2:18 PM
3	Road between shopko fast food dangerous, too wide. Also Jimmy Johns entrance from the north fine. Burger kings is too small. Why wouldn't they be the same?	9/4/2015 9:41 PM
4	There are a high number of poorly maintained properties that are a health and safety hazard. Absentee owners let property deteriorate.	8/19/2015 12:01 PM
5	Repeating there are some private homes that need a lot of attention. Somewhat of an embarrassment when showing strangers to our community around. Also there are some corners that need to have trees trimmed back. Blind corners are a danger	8/17/2015 7:42 PM
6	Too many sub par houses neglected and looking detelict.	8/17/2015 2:12 PM
7	Why is the park mostly closed in the winter (non summer months)?	8/4/2015 2:43 PM
8	property upkeep need work	7/18/2015 9:12 PM
9	I would like to see a tree planting project for Main Street. The colors in the fall are stunning. Many of those trees are older and more trees need to be planted to prepare for when the older trees are gone. Maybe work with the Main Street home owners to plant more colorful trees. Are there any grants to replace/plant new trees?	7/8/2015 7:10 PM
10	A lot of houses in Meadowview need cleaned up	7/8/2015 10:39 AM
11	Wish houses that are owned by the city would be mowed more often. Neighbors are all mowing a nearby yard, because city never checks on it and mows it, but the park gets mowed several times a week.	7/7/2015 5:36 PM
12	Noise control are trains. too loud and too long	7/7/2015 3:56 PM



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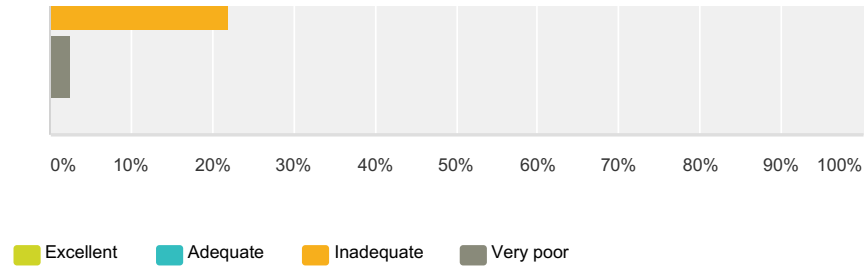
**Q46 Please rate the following aspects of Downtown Tuscola:**

Answered: 122 Skipped: 35





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	Excellent	Adequate	Inadequate	Very poor	Total
Attractiveness/charm	26.45% 32	57.85% 70	14.05% 17	1.65% 2	121
Pedestrian safety and comfort	38.02% 46	57.02% 69	4.96% 6	0.00% 0	121
Parking convenience	22.13% 27	70.49% 86	6.56% 8	0.82% 1	122
Retail/service supply and variety	5.79% 7	42.15% 51	44.63% 54	7.44% 9	121
Retail/service hours	6.72% 8	68.91% 82	21.85% 26	2.52% 3	119

#	Comments	Date
1	Downtown is down again - I have been here 25+ years and have seen it go up and down	10/21/2015 4:37 PM
2	Vacant buildings are a turn-off. Employees at businesses taking prime parking from customers, retailers need to realize that their hours the same as their customers cut their income. Need to adjust their hours or open late Friday and not limited weekend hours.	10/21/2015 3:06 PM
3	dollar general needs an exterior face lift.	9/4/2015 9:41 PM
4	Downtown is down again. I have been here 25+ years and have seen it decline.	8/27/2015 10:29 AM
5	Unused buildings and poor upkeep on some and vacant lots.	8/19/2015 12:01 PM
6	I wish we could get business to stay open a little later down town	7/18/2015 9:12 PM
7	As I think about these aspects, I realize that I really do not use downtown much at all anymore.....nothing there. I "pass through" and maybe that is a starting point. What can make us STOP AND UTILIZE these businesses that are working so hard to succeed downtown? I truly believe there is a need for a SOUND comprehensive plan for that area on its own!	7/10/2015 12:37 PM
8	Need one pharmacy type store to be open 24 hours	7/9/2015 10:50 AM
9	Quality of schooling.	7/8/2015 8:46 PM



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**Q47 As the community continues to grow and change, what would be the ONE thing you would not want to see change in Tuscola?**

Answered: 70 Skipped: 87

#	Responses	Date
1	Jobs	10/22/2015 10:09 AM
2	Employment opportunities	10/22/2015 9:42 AM
3	Keep the stump dump!	10/22/2015 9:27 AM
4	The personal/property safety	10/21/2015 4:37 PM
5	Small Town Atmosphere	10/21/2015 3:49 PM
6	People caring about people	10/21/2015 3:16 PM
7	Become forward, out of the box, thinking on how to do things.	10/21/2015 3:06 PM
8	Blacktop brick pavements	10/21/2015 2:48 PM
9	Not too much bigger in population	10/21/2015 2:25 PM
10	"CAN DO" Attitude	10/21/2015 2:17 PM
11	I would NOT like to see any increase in property taxes.	10/21/2015 1:59 PM
12	Low crime rate	10/17/2015 10:56 AM
13	consolidation of schools	10/2/2015 3:43 PM
14	A ton of mobile homes.	9/17/2015 2:18 PM
15	added programs/offerings in the high school. asap.	9/4/2015 9:41 PM
16	the personal/property safety	8/27/2015 10:29 AM
17	Influx of big box stores and more low end housing	8/19/2015 12:01 PM
18	Historic integrity	8/19/2015 12:20 AM
19	Small town charm	8/17/2015 7:42 PM
20	That neighbors care about each other	8/17/2015 6:46 PM
21	Don't ever cover the brick streets.	8/17/2015 2:43 PM
22	A good restaurant housing maintenance standards and keeping our school quality high	8/17/2015 2:12 PM
23	Its desire to be a family-friendly community	8/8/2015 4:23 PM
24	Importance of schools in community	7/20/2015 10:01 AM
25	the tight community we are	7/18/2015 9:12 PM
26	Keep the town neat and clean.	7/18/2015 8:39 PM
27	Our locality and sense of independence. We are the county seat and are stable within ourselves and a pillar of the county. I would hate to see too many chain locations within our town.	7/18/2015 8:08 PM
28	Small town feeling	7/17/2015 4:36 PM
29	The small town feel	7/17/2015 9:57 AM
30	downtown growth	7/17/2015 9:24 AM
31	Nice sit-down restaurant should be added	7/15/2015 4:35 PM
32	safety	7/11/2015 5:28 PM





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33	idk	7/10/2015 9:06 PM
34	Small town atmosphere. I would not want crime to spiral upward and drug offenses to skyrocket. I would hope it would remain safe and trend to an UPSCALE living standard. It clearly was during the 60's and especially 70's, but I have seen it decline rapidly in the past few years. New homes or historic older ones, I love to see people invest themselves and their time in the upkeep and improvement of their investment. That's what appeals others to "take a drive through Tuscola" with the prospect of buying and living here.	7/10/2015 12:37 PM
35	small town feel	7/9/2015 1:49 PM
36	don't turn your back or forget about the folks that have been around for a long time by focusing only on new opportunities	7/9/2015 11:08 AM
37	The small town charm	7/9/2015 10:50 AM
38	No skate park or dog park downtown	7/9/2015 9:40 AM
39	I don't want our neighborhoods to go down economically	7/8/2015 8:10 PM
40	Need to preserve the brick pavement of north Main Street.	7/8/2015 7:10 PM
41	It's hometown feel	7/8/2015 6:08 PM
42	Diversity of opportunities for work and recreation	7/8/2015 4:11 PM
43	Small town feel and level of safety	7/8/2015 4:04 PM
44	I would really like for us to have some sort of Community Center to offer different opportunities to the youth in town and surrounding areas.	7/8/2015 2:21 PM
45	No "big box" stores, such as Wal-Mart.	7/8/2015 1:59 PM
46	Living in a quiet community that I feel safe in.	7/8/2015 11:07 AM
47	The addition of a good restaurant.....Steakhouse/seafood	7/8/2015 8:34 AM
48	Losing local farmland to developments	7/8/2015 8:12 AM
49	small town feel	7/8/2015 12:23 AM
50	The character of the town and no, I don't think I can really put into words what that is.	7/7/2015 11:06 PM
51	The small town feel	7/7/2015 10:01 PM
52	small town friendliness	7/7/2015 9:07 PM
53	Indoor facility for families and youth	7/7/2015 8:58 PM
54	Would like a Walmart store	7/7/2015 8:50 PM
55	More shaded streets/mature trees	7/7/2015 8:08 PM
56	Small town feel	7/7/2015 7:55 PM
57	Loss of community pool	7/7/2015 7:10 PM
58	Freedoms we have.	7/7/2015 7:04 PM
59	Noise pollution from trains and new development of homes	7/7/2015 6:14 PM
60	Don't sacrifice small-town charm for tax dollars.	7/7/2015 5:15 PM
61	Keep it slow paced and green!	7/7/2015 5:12 PM
62	The small town feel	7/7/2015 4:34 PM
63	No clue	7/7/2015 4:07 PM
64	Small town feel.	7/7/2015 4:03 PM
65	education	7/7/2015 3:58 PM
66	Keep and restore the brick streets	7/7/2015 3:56 PM
67	please preserve the old buildings downtown!!!	7/7/2015 3:42 PM
68	small town comfort, excellent schools	7/7/2015 3:31 PM





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69	preservation of historical buildings. History is important. You can't just tear stuff down because you don't want to pay to keep it nice.	7/7/2015 3:22 PM
70	Regulation of signage along Rt. 36 Starting to look trashy.	7/7/2015 2:36 PM





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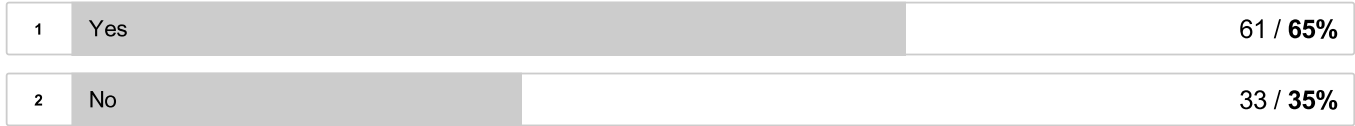
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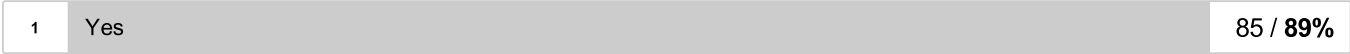
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