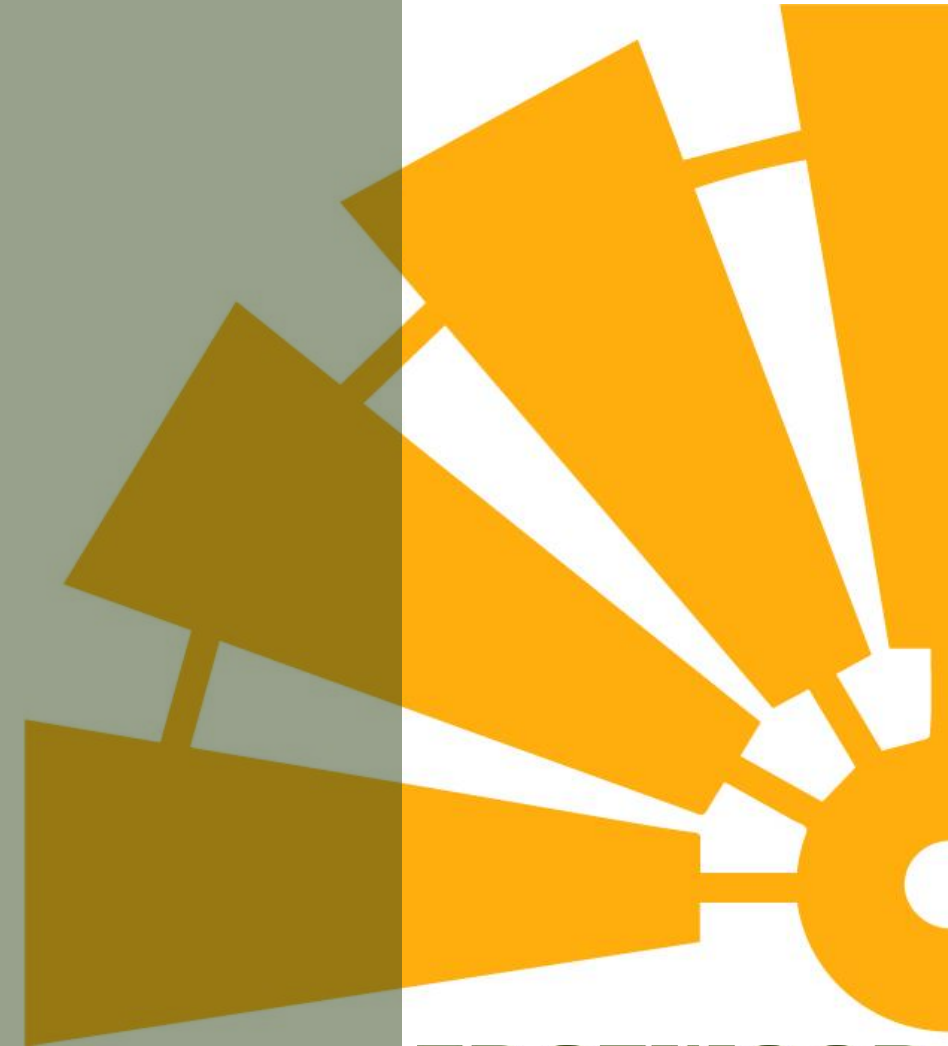


# EDGEWOOD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SURVEY #1

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Topic: Community Preferences and Vision

Open November 8, 2023 through December 20, 2023



**EDGEWOOD**  
Washington



# INTRODUCTION



# ADVERTISING THE SURVEY

The community was encouraged to participate in the survey with electronic distribution via email, Instagram, and Facebook posts and a link from the city website.





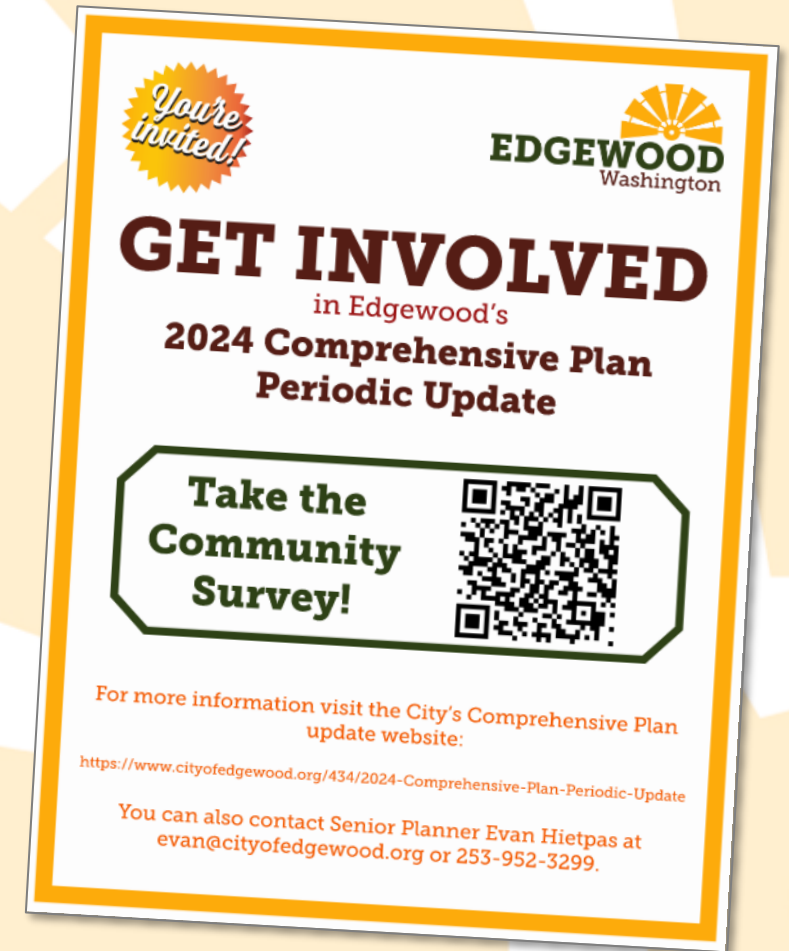
# TAKING THE SURVEY

After typing in the address or scanning a QR code, it was convenient for participants to respond to the survey on their phone, tablets, computer or other devices.



**SURVEY DATES:**  
**November 8, 2023 –**  
**December 20, 2023**

**TOTAL RESPONSES:**  
**139**





# SURVEY INTRODUCTION



## ***Introduction Text:***

Welcome to the City of Edgewood 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update survey.

Throughout the process, various public meetings and surveys will be available for the public to voice their opinions on topics related to the Plan. Open surveys are available when there is a green “open” tab, below. Surveys will take about 15 minutes to complete.

This first survey is open through December 20, 2023

The Comprehensive Plan is the 20-year framework for local policy, planning, and capital facility investment through the year 2044. The City of Edgewood would like the community's input when creating the newest plan and seeks to understand current community characteristics to focus our efforts. You can learn more about the Comprehensive Plan and this update [here](#).



# SURVEY FORMAT



## Various question types were used:

11. What types of community events do you value in your community?



19. How did you hear about the City's Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update?

Select all that apply.

- ☐ City's Website or Social Media
- ☐ Edgewood Community Magazine
- ☐ City Meetings (City Council, Planning Commission)
- ☐ Word of mouth
- ☐ Flyer/Postcard at local business
- ☐ Other



# ICON IDENTIFIERS



**Throughout the slides different icons will appear to easily identify various aspects of questions.**



- Questions that allowed for multiple responses.



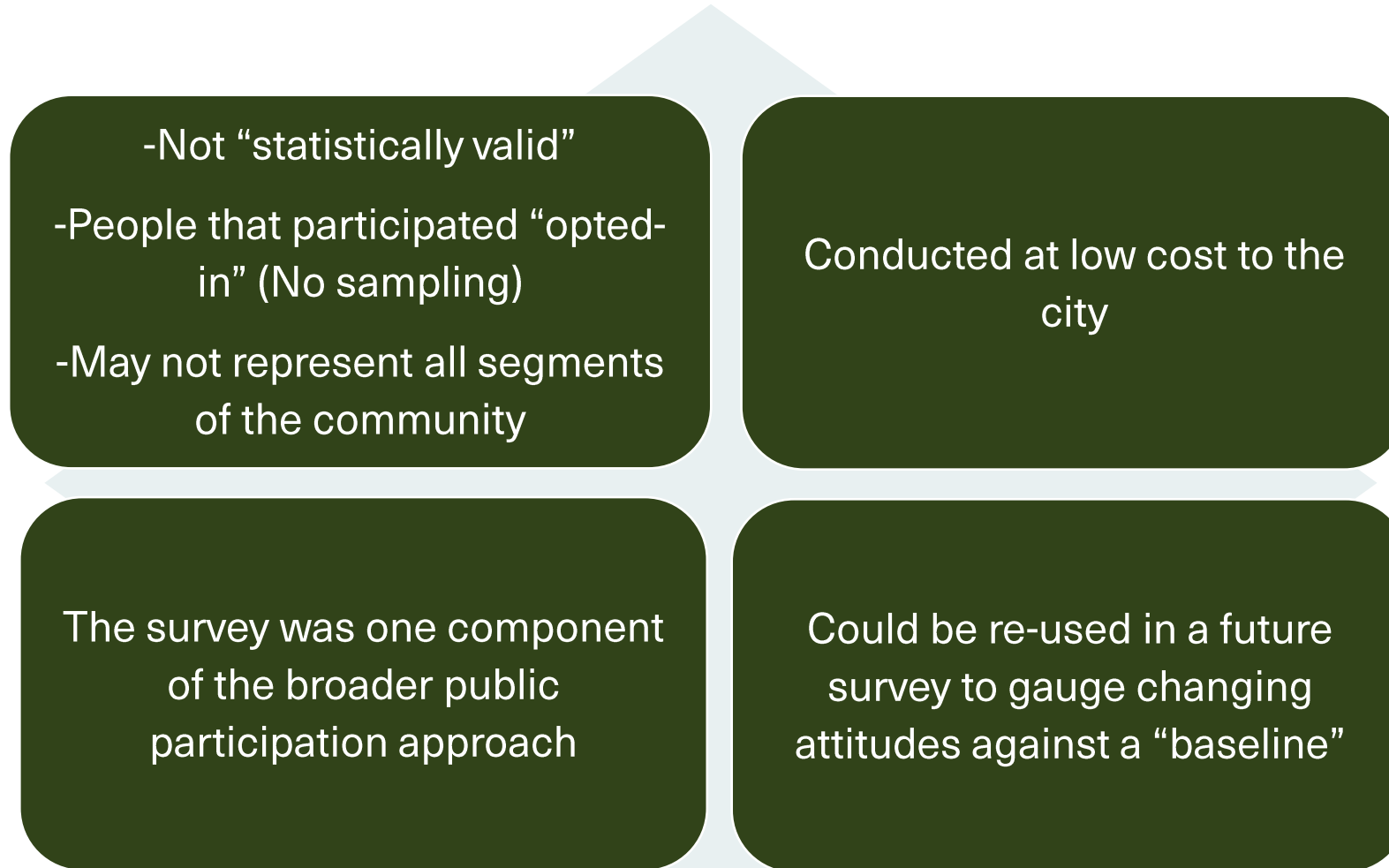
- Short response questions



- Question provided only to business owners



# SURVEY CONSIDERATIONS





# **SURVEY RESULTS**



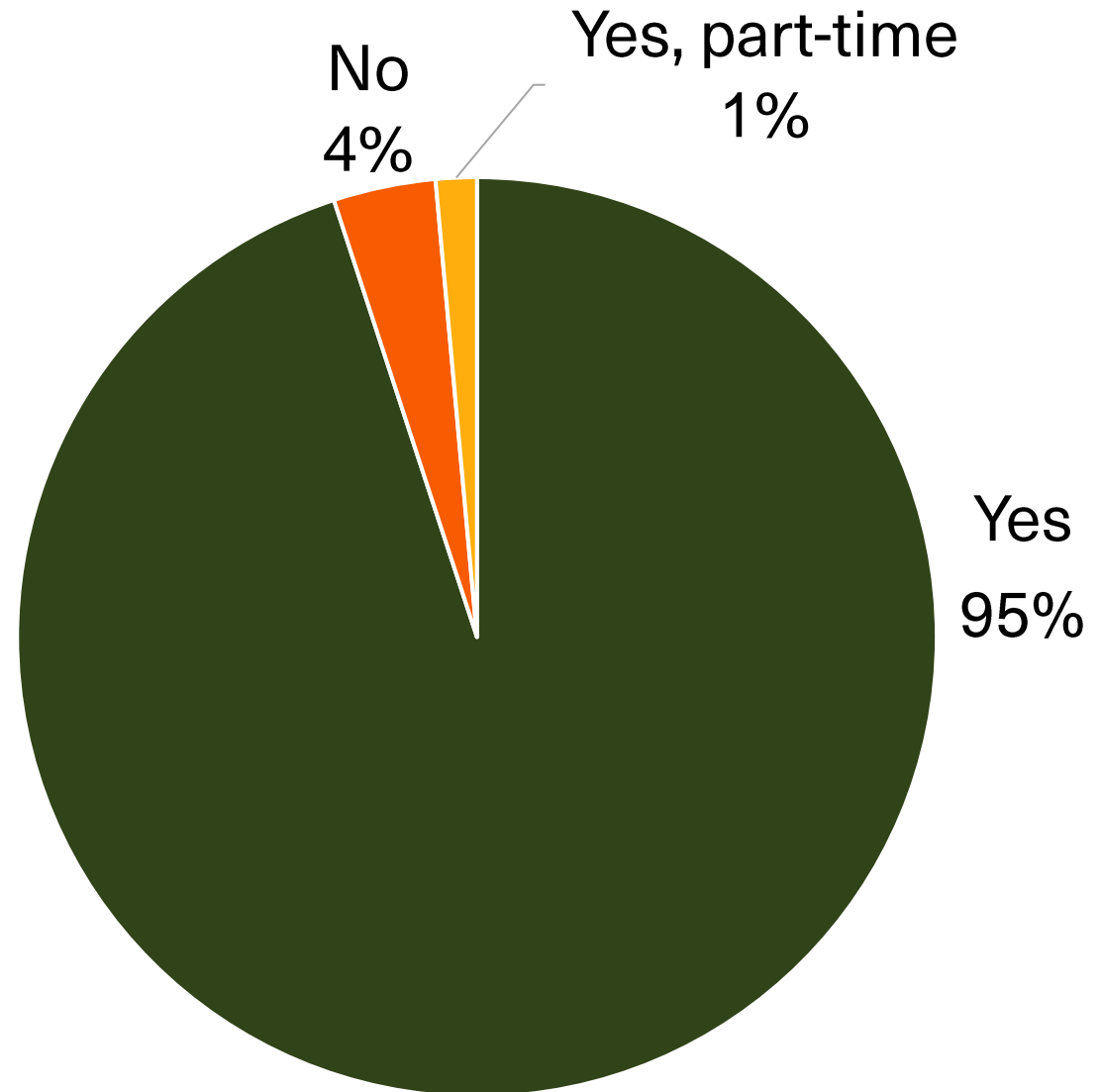
# **COMMUNITY PREFERENCES**



## Q1: DO YOU CURRENTLY LIVE IN EDGEWOOD?



Answered: 139 Skipped: 0 (*REQUIRED*)

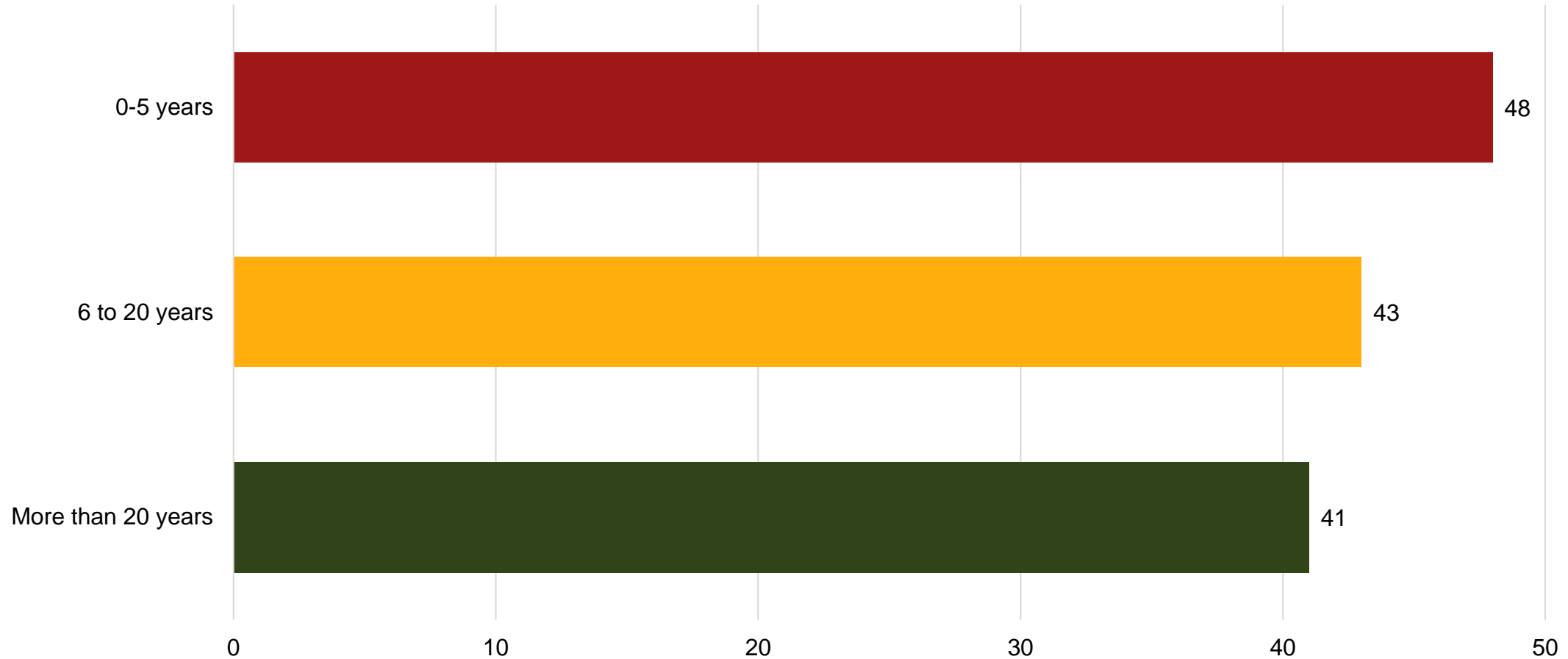




## Q2: HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AN EDGEWOOD RESIDENT?



Answered: 132 Skipped: 7 (RESIDENTS ONLY)

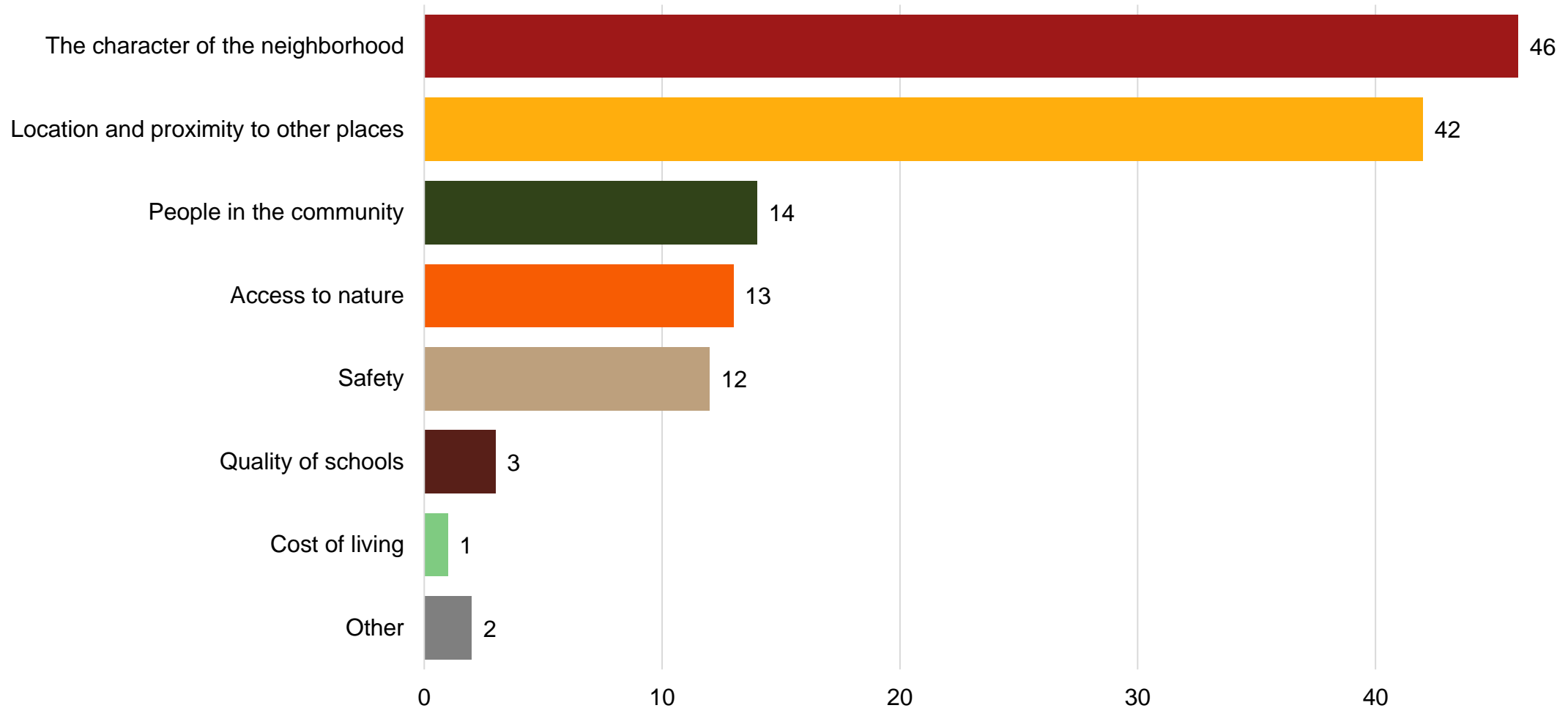




# Q3: WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT LIVING IN EDGEWOOD?



Answered: 133 Skipped: 6 (RESIDENTS ONLY)

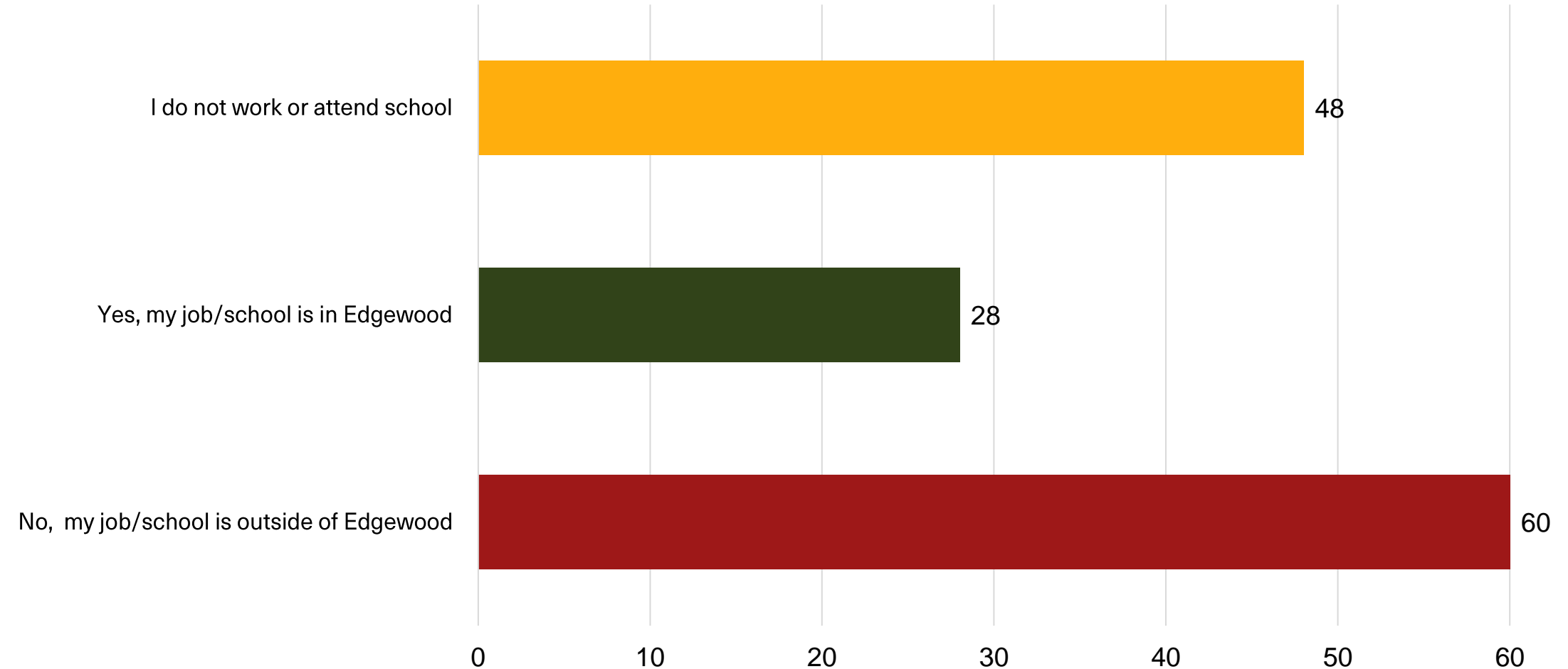




## Q4: DO YOU WORK OR ATTEND SCHOOL IN EDGEWOOD?



Answered: 139 Skipped: 0

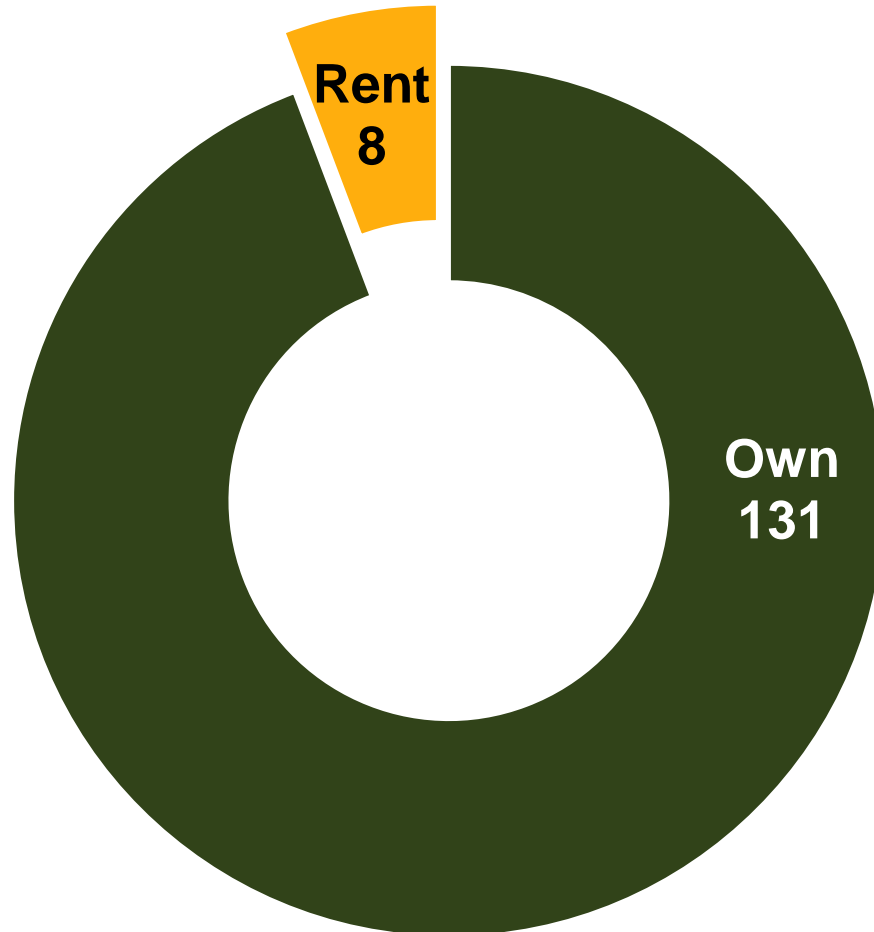




## Q5: DO YOU RENT OR OWN YOUR HOME?



Answered: 139 Skipped: 0



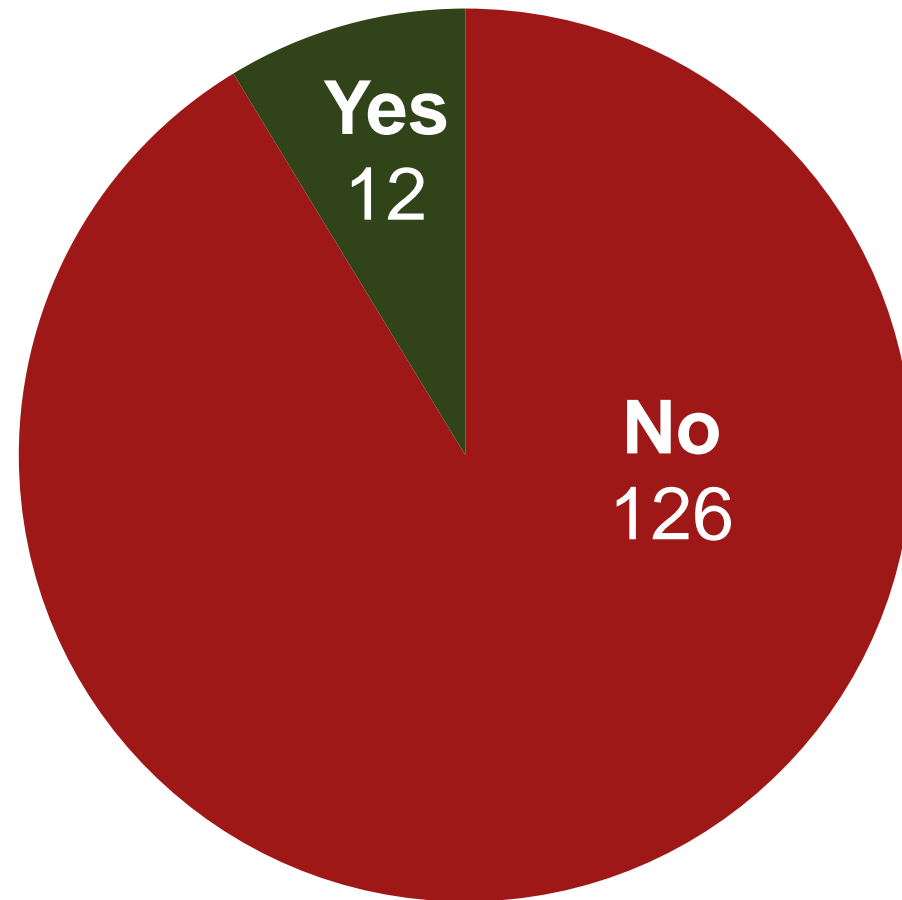
**Q6: When asked**  
***“If given the choice, would you prefer to rent or own?”***  
137 out of 139 participants responded they would rather own a home.



## Q9: DO YOU OWN OR OPERATE A BUSINESS IN EDGEWOOD?



Answered: 138 Skipped: 1

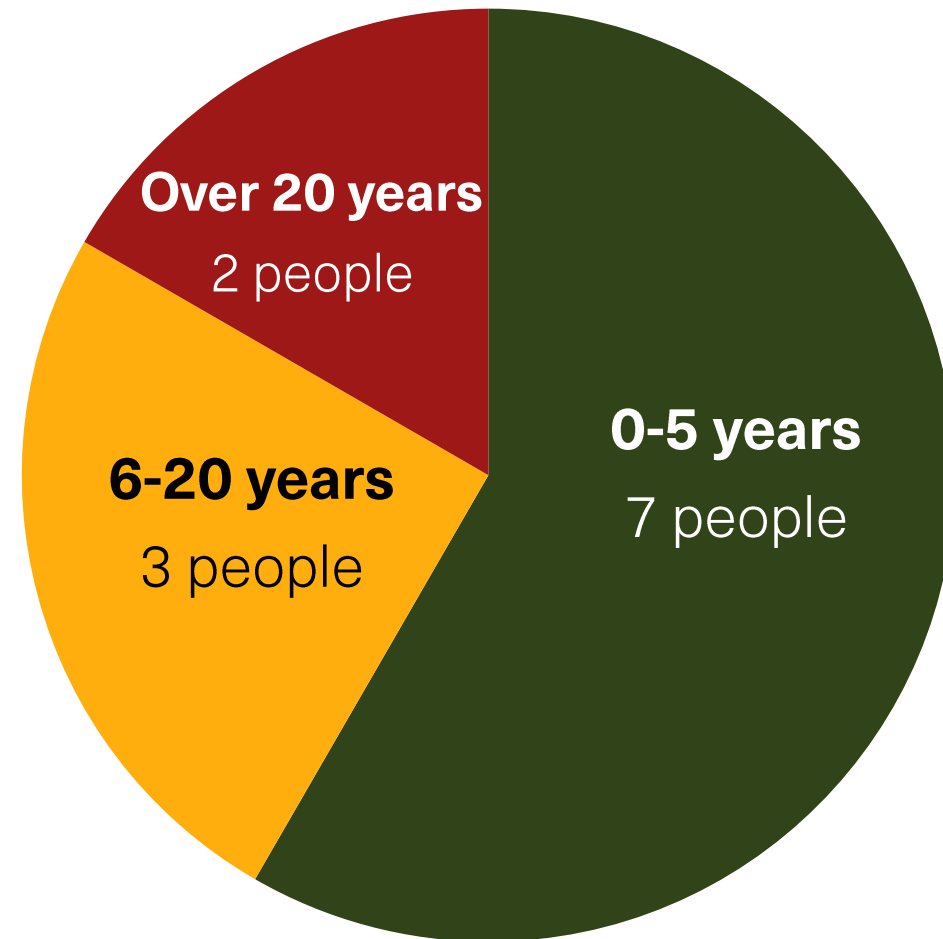




## Q10: HOW LONG HAVE YOU OWNED OR OPERATED A BUSINESS HERE?



Answered: 12 Skipped: 127

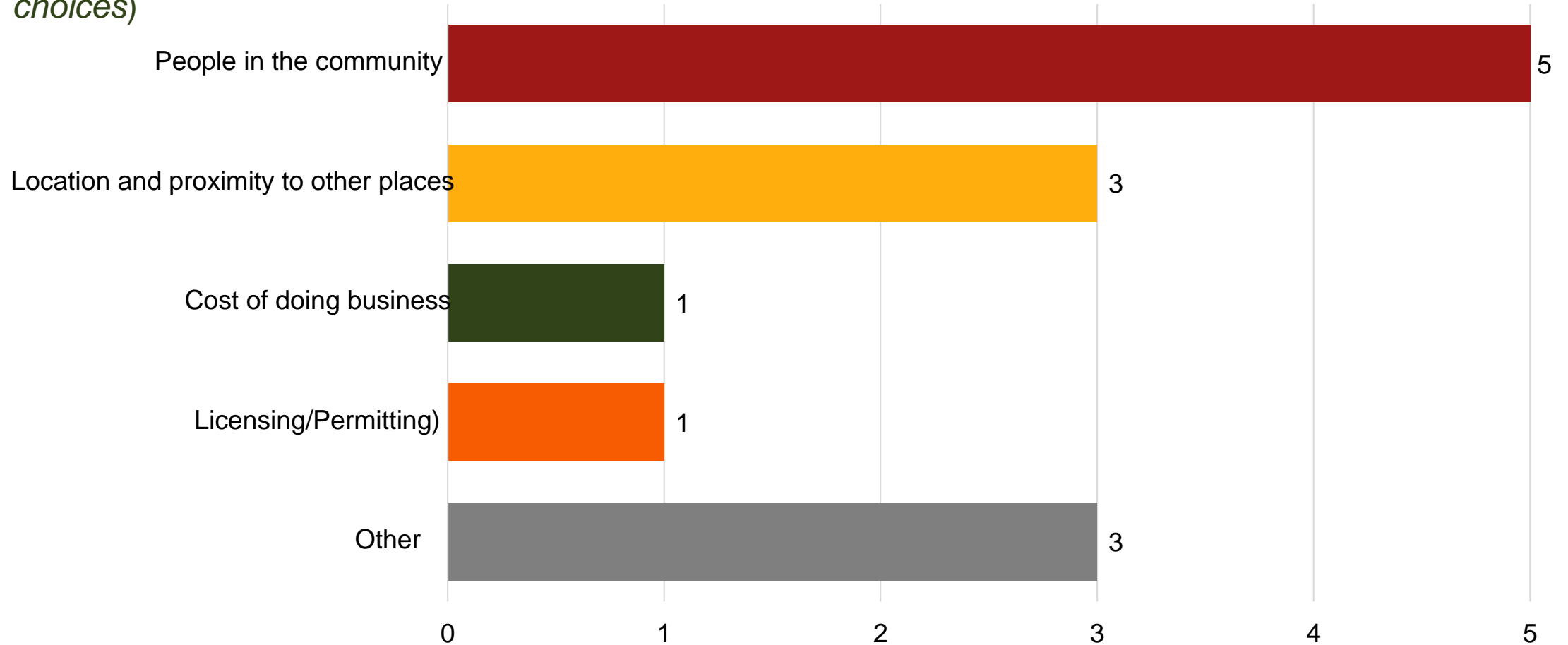




# Q11: WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT OWNING OR OPERATING A BUSINESS IN EDGEWOOD?



Answered: 11 Skipped: 128 (*Could select up to two choices*)





**Q12: WHAT ARE THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES YOU FACE OWNING OR OPERATING A BUSINESS, THAT THE CITY COULD HELP INFLUENCE OR IMPROVE?**



Answered: 7   Skipped: 132

CHALLENGES	# OF TIMES MENTIONED
<b>Permitting and fees</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Communication</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Safety and traffic noise</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Marketing</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Improved pedestrian walkways</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>No issues</b>	<b>1</b>

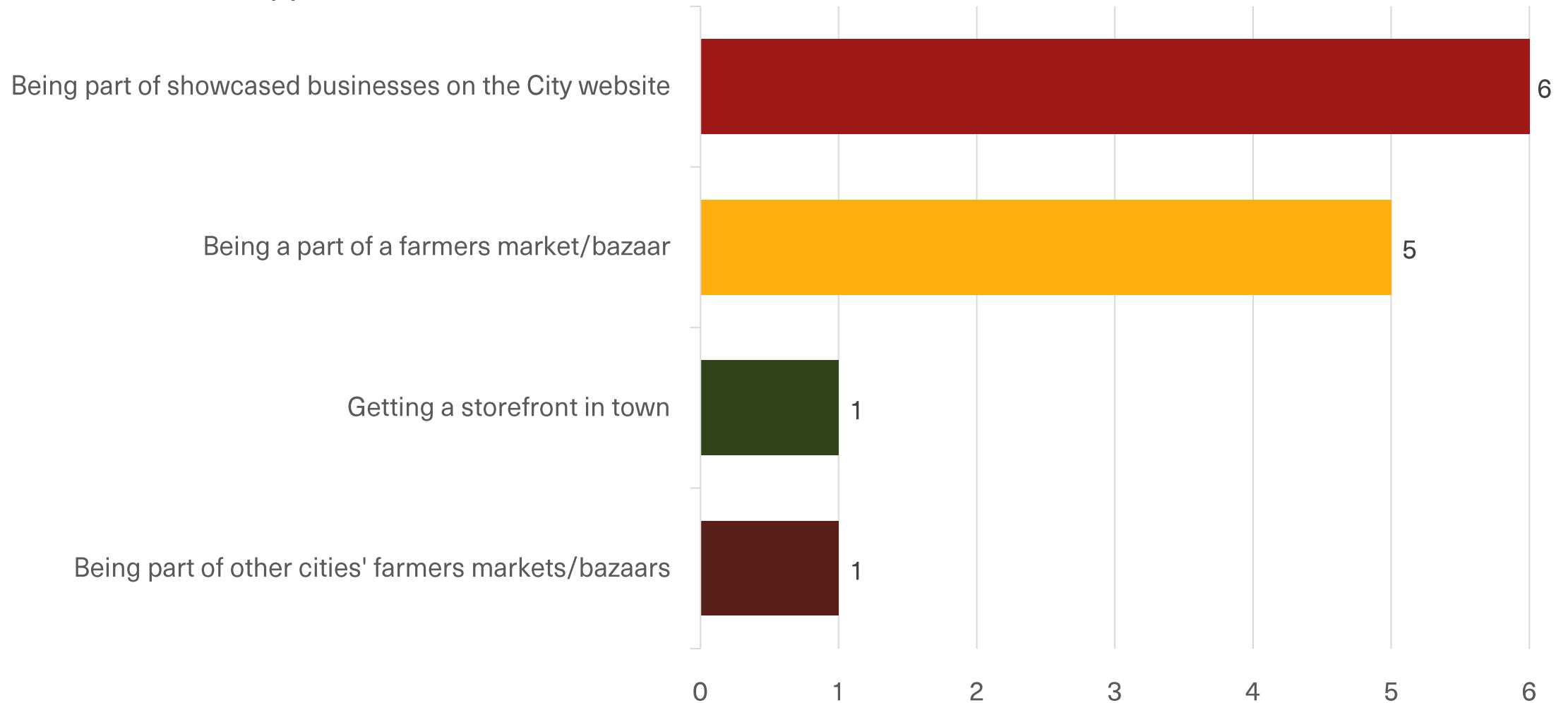




## Q13: AS A BUSINESS OWNER, WHAT OPPORTUNITIES DO YOU HAVE INTEREST IN GETTING INVOLVED IN OVER TIME?



Answered: 8 Skipped: 131

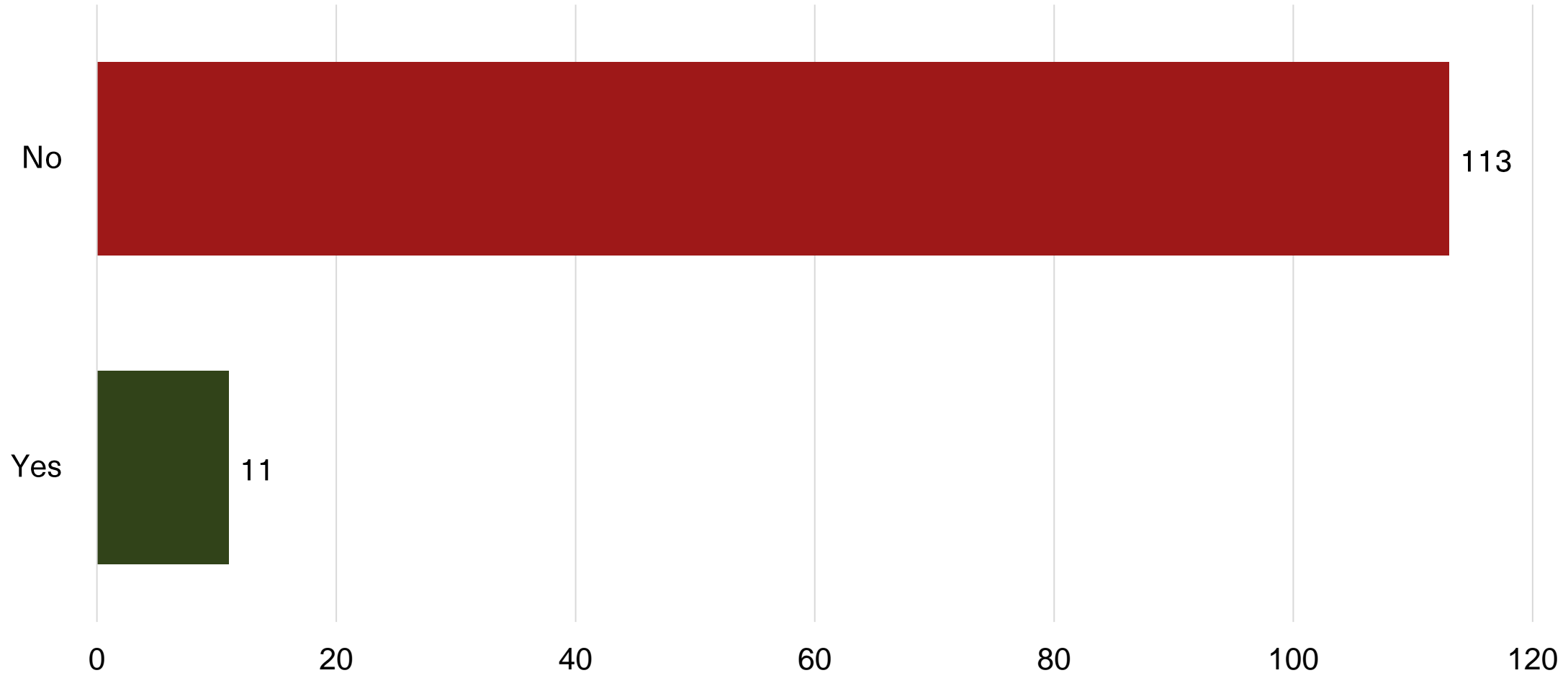




## Q14: ARE YOU INTERESTED IN OPENING A BUSINESS HERE?



Answered: 124 Skipped: 15





**Q15: IF YOU COULD DESCRIBE EDGEWOOD TO SOMEONE NEW USING UP TO THREE TO FOUR WORDS, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?**



Answered: 116 Skipped: 23



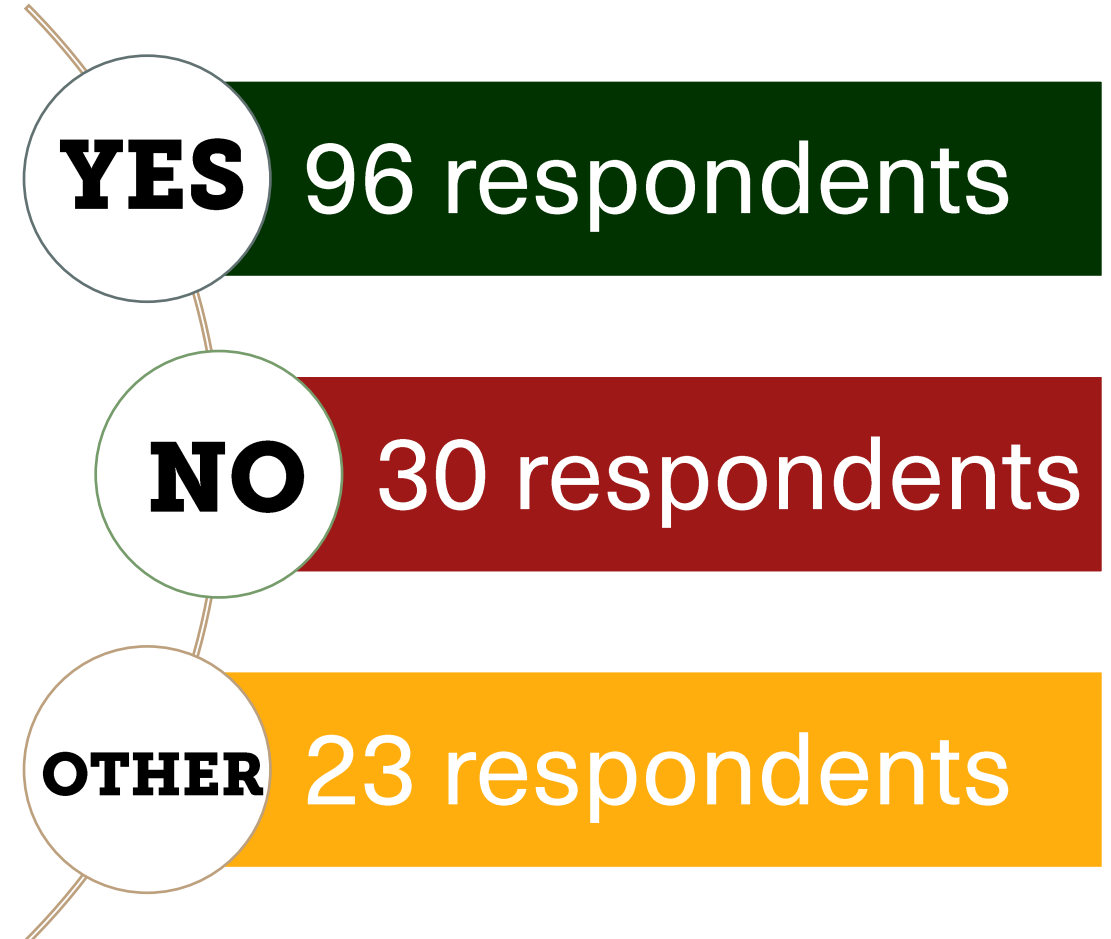


## Q16: DO YOU AGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING VISION STATEMENT FOR EDGEWOOD'S FUTURE?



Answered: 131 Skipped: 8 (Could select "Other" in addition to "Yes" or "No")

"In 2044, we have preserved our small-town character with welcoming and safe neighborhoods. Town Center is our mixed-use hub supporting a vibrant local economy and providing meaningful gathering places. Walking and biking paths connect people and places throughout our community. We strive to be environmentally sustainable, protecting natural systems and preserving trees and open spaces. We are fiscally responsible, providing high quality public services within our financial capacity. Community members are actively engaged in the decisions that shape the future and make Edgewood a unique and special place."

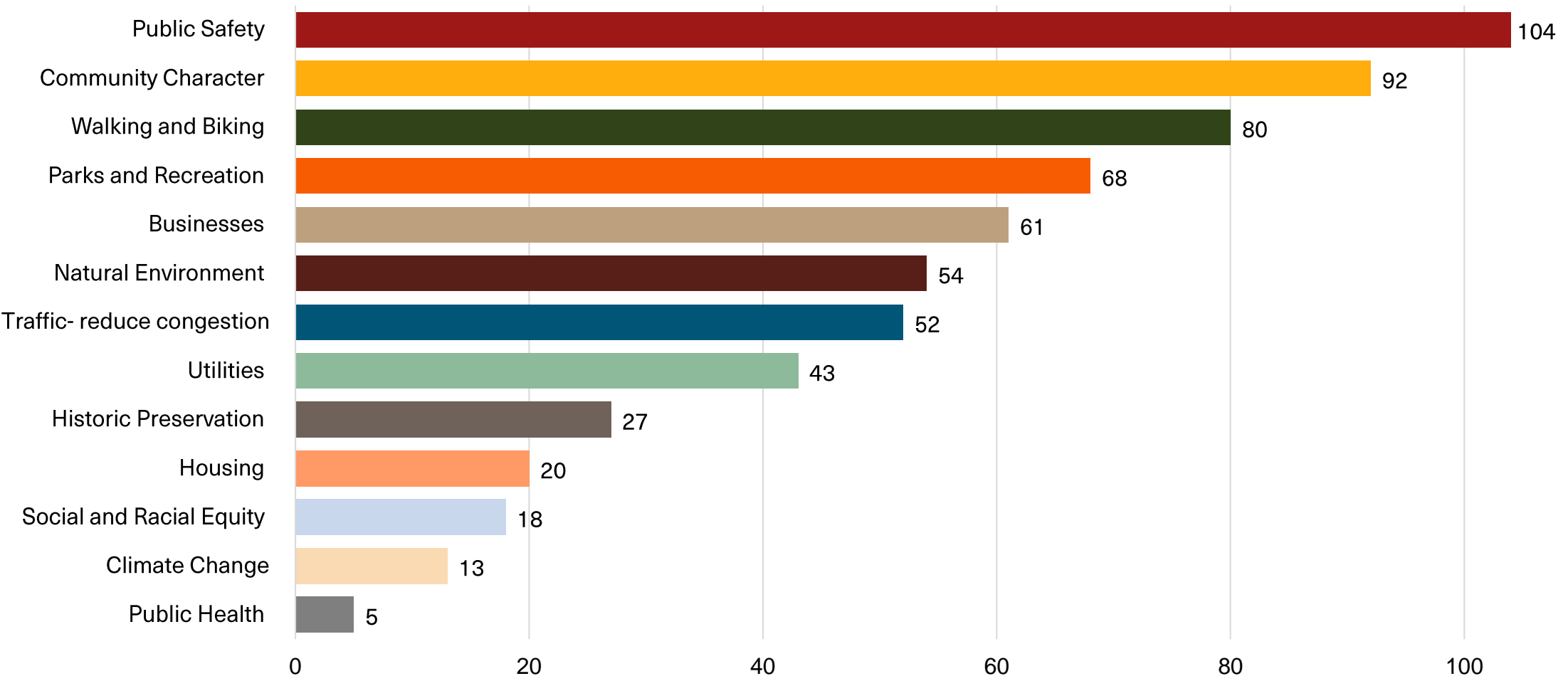




# Q17: IDENTIFY WHAT YOU THINK THE TOP FIVE PRIORITIES SHOULD BE FOR EDGEWOOD IN THE NEXT 20 YEARS.



Answered: 136 Skipped: 3





## Q18: ARE THERE ANY OTHER TOPICS THAT YOU FEEL ARE IMPORTANT FOR THE CITY TO ADDRESS IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?



Answered: 59 Skipped: 80

### **KEY WORD OR CONCEPT – *INFRASTRUCTURE***

- The electricity blackouts need to be addressed.
- Sewer extensions at some point
- Sidewalks, street lighting
- Access for persons with disabilities
- I want to emphasize sidewalks specifically
- Traffic flow, internet coverage
- Too much new housing too fast. Infrastructure needs to be addressed first.
- Sewer access sooner rather than later.





## Q18: ARE THERE ANY OTHER TOPICS THAT YOU FEEL ARE IMPORTANT FOR THE CITY TO ADDRESS IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?



Answered: 59 Skipped: 80

### **KEY WORD OR CONCEPT – COMMUNITY**

- I wish there was somewhere like Fika to hang out at, that is child-friendly, in Edgewood
- Need a new library
- Historic buildings, Dog park would be nice
- I'd love an off-leash fenced dog park!
- Quality public education and libraries
- What is your relationship with Milton and how are you collaborating with their city plan for 161 and other projects to make us feel connected in the same goals as our Milton neighbors?
- Perhaps instead of just walking, a point about transportation access generally (buses, etc.)





## Q18: ARE THERE ANY OTHER TOPICS THAT YOU FEEL ARE IMPORTANT FOR THE CITY TO ADDRESS IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN? (CONTINUED)



Answered: 59 Skipped: 80

### **KEY WORD OR CONCEPT – *GROWTH***

- Don't go along with the expansion of the surrounding communities. Edgewood should continue to be a bedroom town, not a suburb.
- Managing growth intelligently, while preserving as much open space as possible.
- Bring in more restaurants, shopping and remove dead ones like the old Hollywood video building that is rotting. Don't overdo apartment complexes which can attract crime, more drugs and homeless population.
- Commercial building guidelines that maintain our small-town charm
- More restaurants
- Edgewood must maintain a character unique from the homogenization of the I-5 corridor.
- Stop building apartments
- Stop building multi-family residences (apartments).
- I just would like to reiterate that we love the small-town feel. We hope there won't be anymore apartments or large cookie cutter neighborhoods built as we don't have enough local businesses or roads to support them without it impacting current residents.





## Q18: ARE THERE ANY OTHER TOPICS THAT YOU FEEL ARE IMPORTANT FOR THE CITY TO ADDRESS IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN? (CONTINUED)



Answered: 59 Skipped: 80

### **KEY WORD OR CONCEPT – SAFETY**

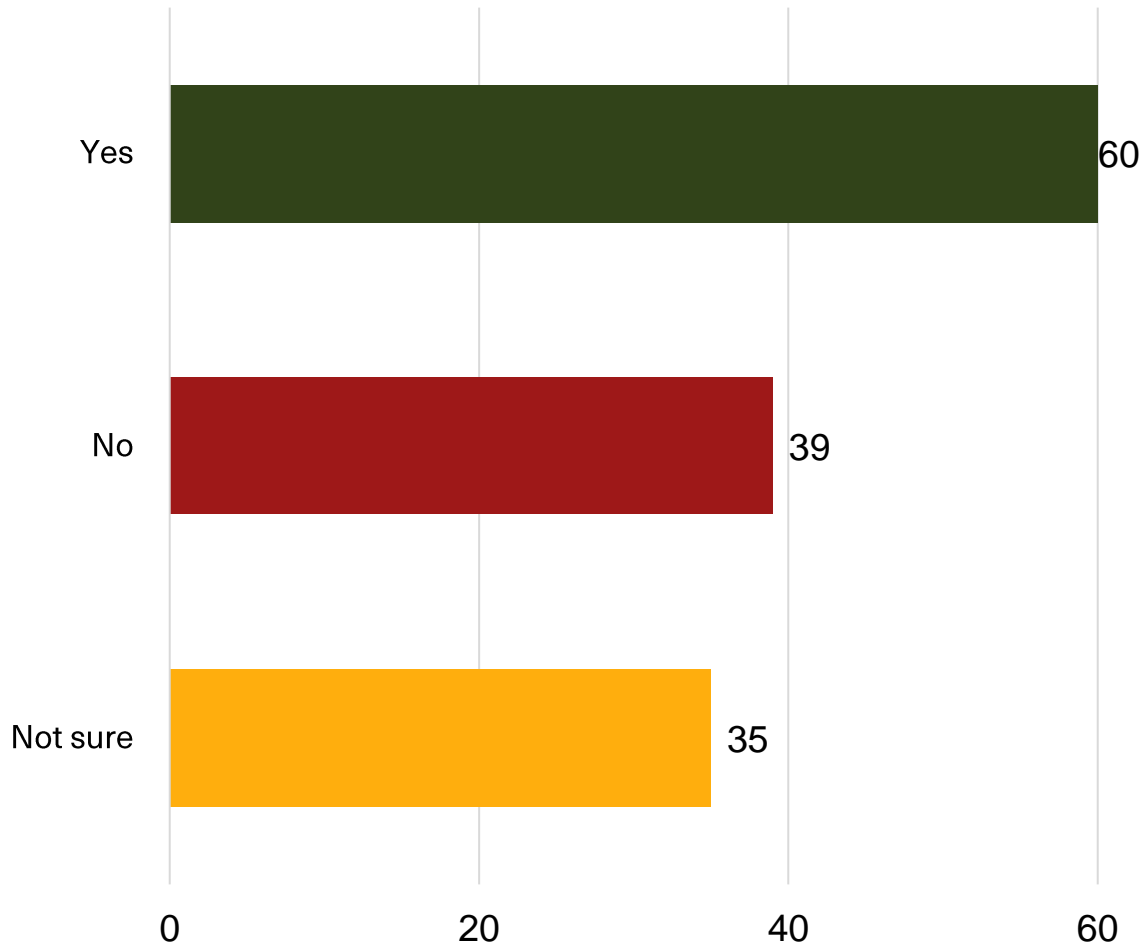
- Make fireworks illegal!!
- Stop using language like "manage crime" the terminology is dehumanizing and avoids confronting real world issues or poverty/discrimination.
- Keep strict law enforcement standards to reduce crime.
- Safety, safety, safety
- Code enforcement.





## Q19: DO YOU THINK THERE IS A NEED FOR MORE PUBLIC SPACES IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

Answered: 134 Skipped: 5



## Q20: IF YES, THEN WHAT TYPE OF PLACES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE MORE OF?

Answered: 57 Skipped: 82

**51 responses:** Outdoor community spaces (e.g. plazas, squares, parks, etc.)

**25 responses:** Indoor community spaces (e.g. rooms, community centers, etc.)



## Q21: WHAT TYPES OF COMMUNITY EVENTS DO YOU VALUE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

Answered: 78 Skipped: 61





## Q22: ARE THERE COMMUNITY GROUPS THAT THE CITY SHOULD BE WORKING WITH ON OUR PLANNING EFFORTS?

Answered: 36   Skipped: 103

Mt. View Community Center (8 mentions)	Schools and Workplaces
City of Milton (2 mentions)	Sahale Outdoors nonprofit
FME Soccer (2 mentions)	Main Street Association
Audubon Society	Edgewood Community Center
Pierce County Master Builders	Edgewood Bible Church
City Parks Alliance	Churches
Girl/Boy Scouts	Artistic & Other Community-based organizations
Friends of the Park	Farmers Markets with local farms





## Q23: IF YOU COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT EDGEWOOD TOMORROW, WHAT WOULD IT BE?



Answered: 108 Skipped: 31

### **KEY WORD OR CONCEPT – LOCAL BUSINESSES**

- More vibrant local businesses
- More restaurants and health food options
- More local restaurants
- Have a specialty coffee cafe with indoor seating that is focused on serving high quality coffee beans and drinks and providing a welcoming atmosphere
- More access to necessities like food from local vendors
- Sustainable business
- More local services. I have to go out of the city for activities for my kid. Also, more food establishments.





## Q23: IF YOU COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT EDGEWOOD TOMORROW, WHAT WOULD IT BE?



Answered: 108 Skipped: 31

### **KEY WORD OR CONCEPT – DEVELOPMENT**

- Keep it small. No more apartments
- Stop expanding. Keep large lots with livestock instead of subdividing and increasing multi family housing.
- Keep Edgewood a small town with that country feel.
- Go back to the rural safe community with large lots/acreage
- To actually have the ability for businesses to open and function in Edgewood without the panning department killing them.
- Keeping building lots to half acre or more
- The main drag on Meridian. The look and feel to be nicer, business buildings. First time I saw it, it felt gross and still does.
- To establish a more functional business corridor along Meridian with more restaurants
- Manage growth
- Stop building apartments in a community that's infrastructure can't manage





## Q23: IF YOU COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT EDGEWOOD TOMORROW, WHAT WOULD IT BE?



Answered: 108 Skipped: 31

### **KEY WORD OR CONCEPT – COMMUNITY**

- More diverse teaching staff
- Crime - traffic, drugs, littering
- More affordable housing I believe this is a way to address equity
- Develop a town center that community could take pride in
- More citizen awareness and involvement in Edgewood city management , planning, future, budgeting, etc.

### **KEY WORD OR CONCEPT – RECREATION**

- Add sidewalks so our children can safely walk to and from school
- Better walking/biking paths
- I would add sidewalks everywhere so Edgewood would be safer to walk and bike around
- Add an off-leash fenced dog park
- Sidewalks for our walkers. It's not safe.
- Add a community pool

### **KEY WORD OR CONCEPT – TRAFFIC SAFETY**

- Put speed bumps or other traffic calming features and sidewalks on 16th St E
- Stop speeding and reckless driving.
- Enforce the speed limit on 8th Street E - Edgewood Police need to write some tickets
- Protected bike lanes to keep drivers away from cyclists.
- Less traffic



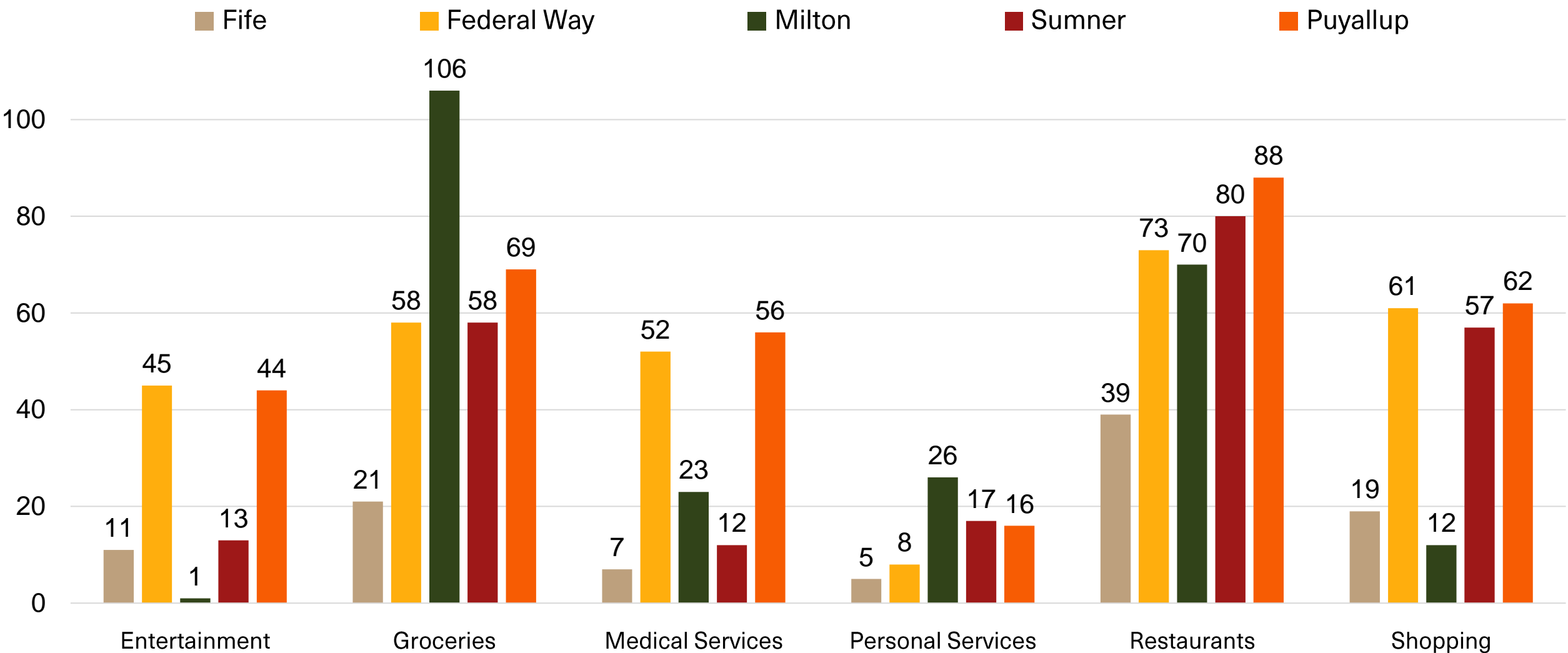




# **TRAVEL TO NEIGHBORING CITIES**

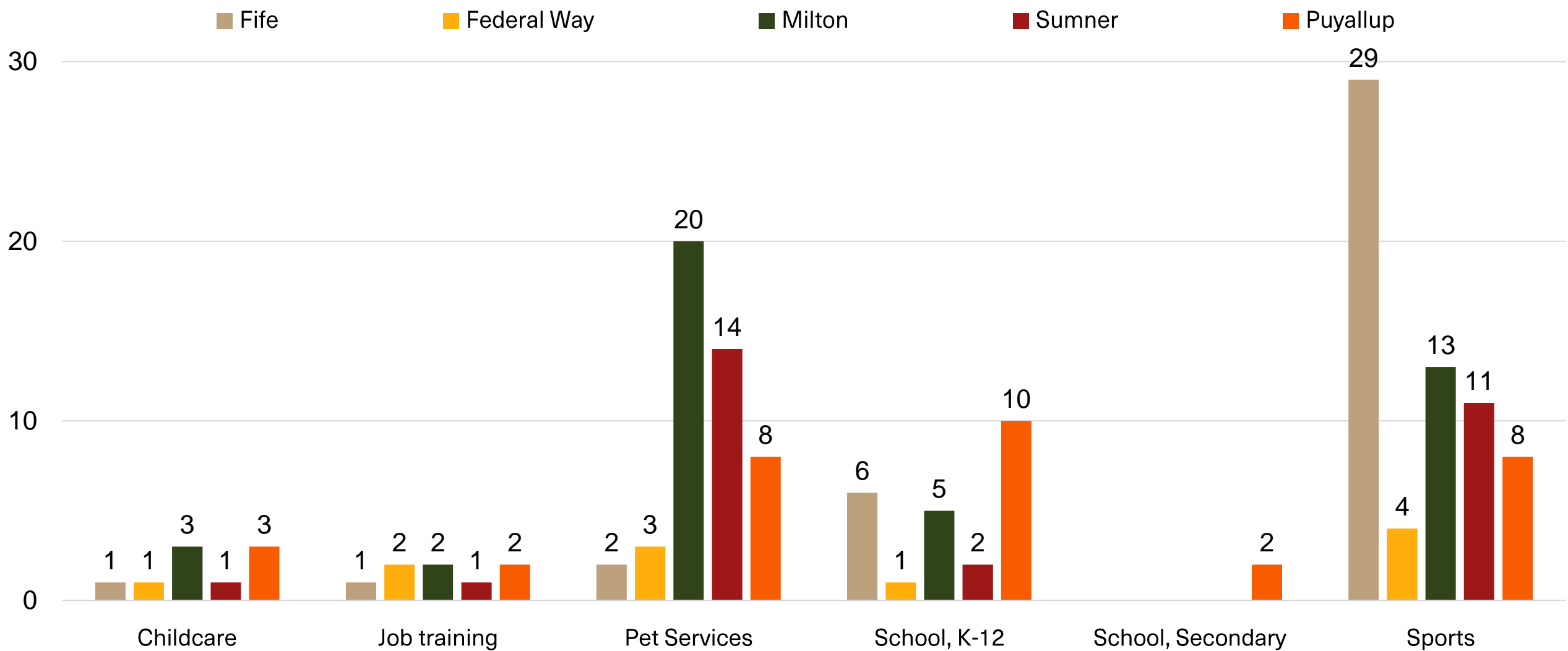


# Q24, 25, 26, 27, & 28: WHICH SERVICES OR ACTIVITIES DO YOU (OR YOUR HOUSEHOLD) GO TO (CITY) FOR?





# Q24, 25, 26, 27, & 28: WHICH SERVICES OR ACTIVITIES DO YOU (OR YOUR HOUSEHOLD) GO TO (CITY) FOR?





**Q29: HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PERIODIC UPDATE?**

Answered: 138 Skipped: 1

City's website or Social Media	Edgewood Community Magazine	City Meetings	Word of mouth	Other
98	35	10	14	10

**Q30: HAVE YOU EVER PARTICIPATED IN A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD BEFORE?**

Answered: 137 Skipped: 2

Yes	No
96	41

**Q31: HAVE YOU EVER ATTENDED A CITY MEETING BEFORE? (CITY COUNCIL, PLANNING COMMISSION, TOWN HALL MEETING, ETC.)?**

Answered: 139 Skipped: 0

Yes	No
72	67

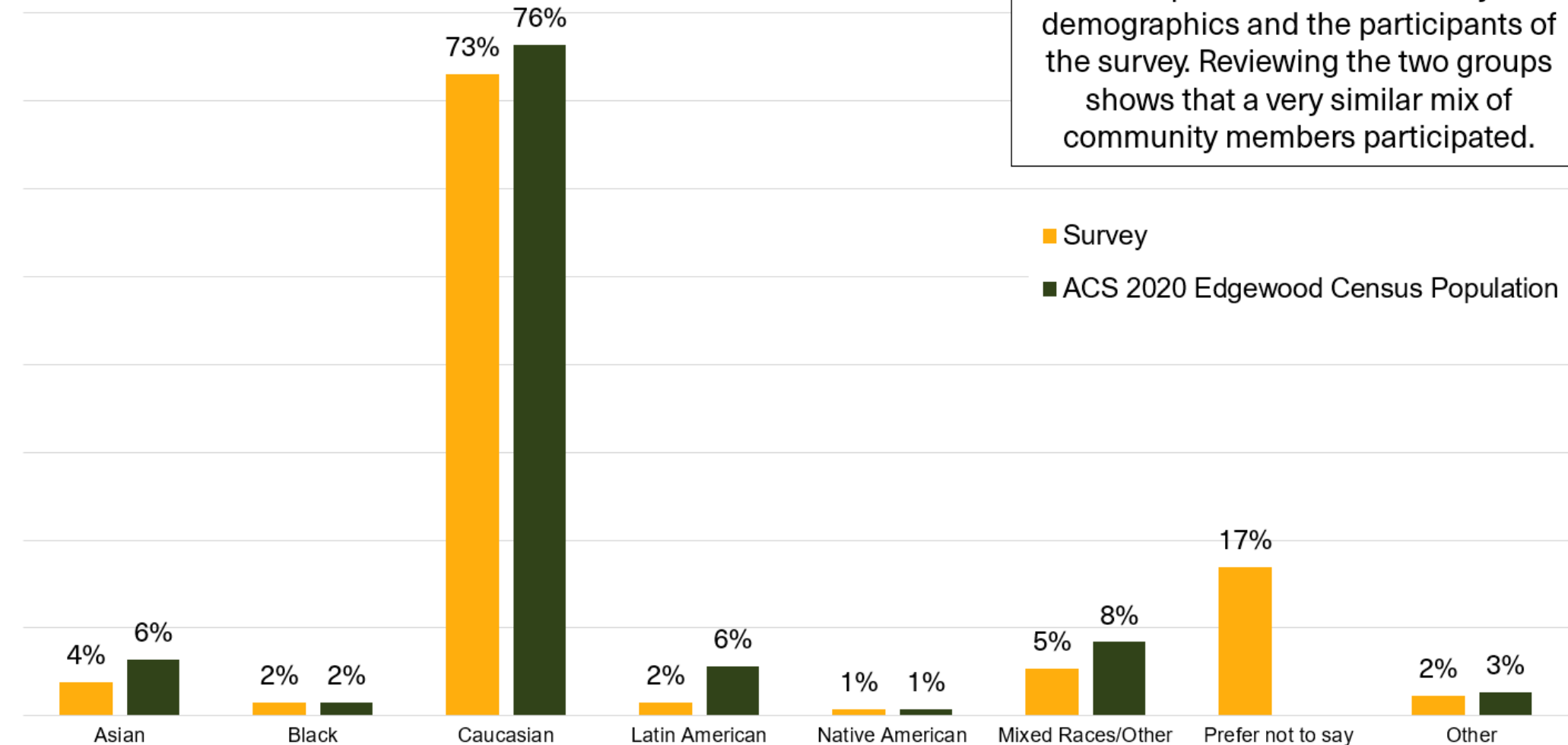


# DEMOGRAPHICS



## Q33: WHAT RACE/ETHNICITY DO YOU IDENTIFY AS?

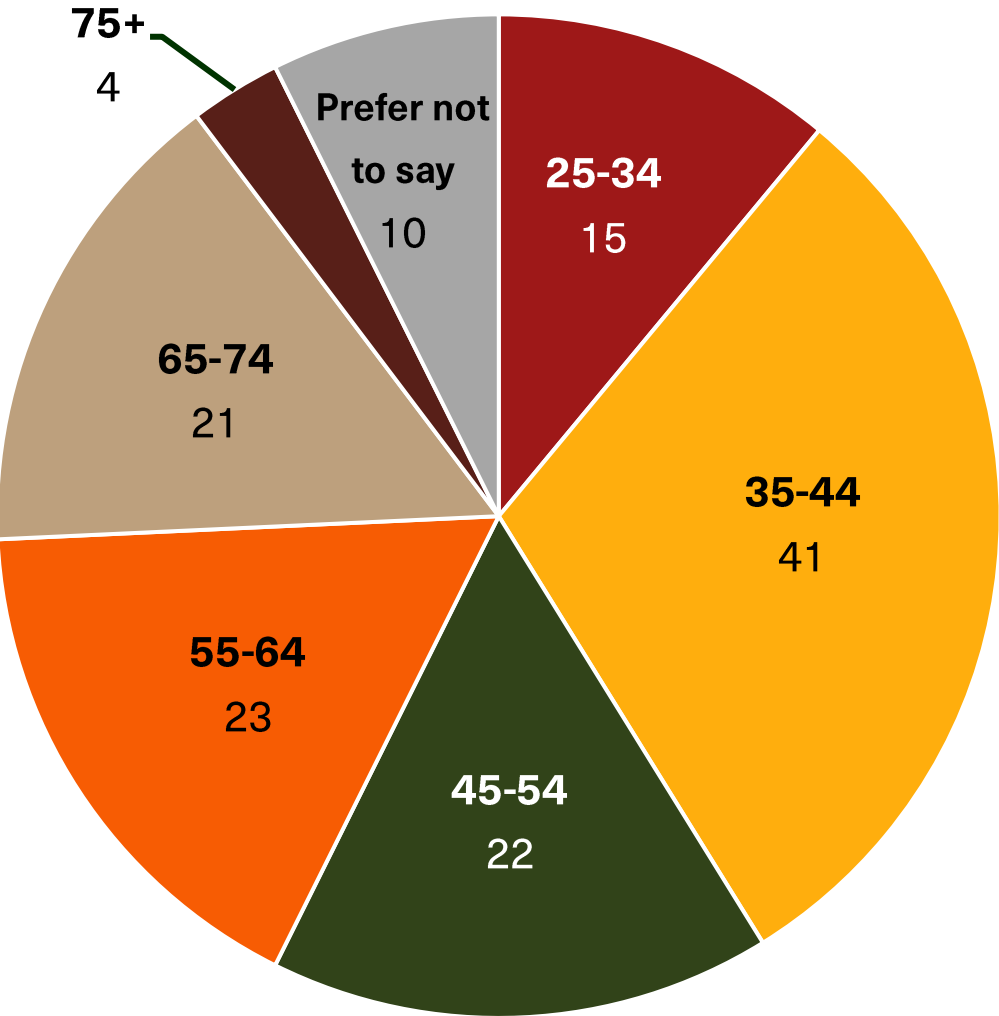
Answered: 130 Skipped: 9





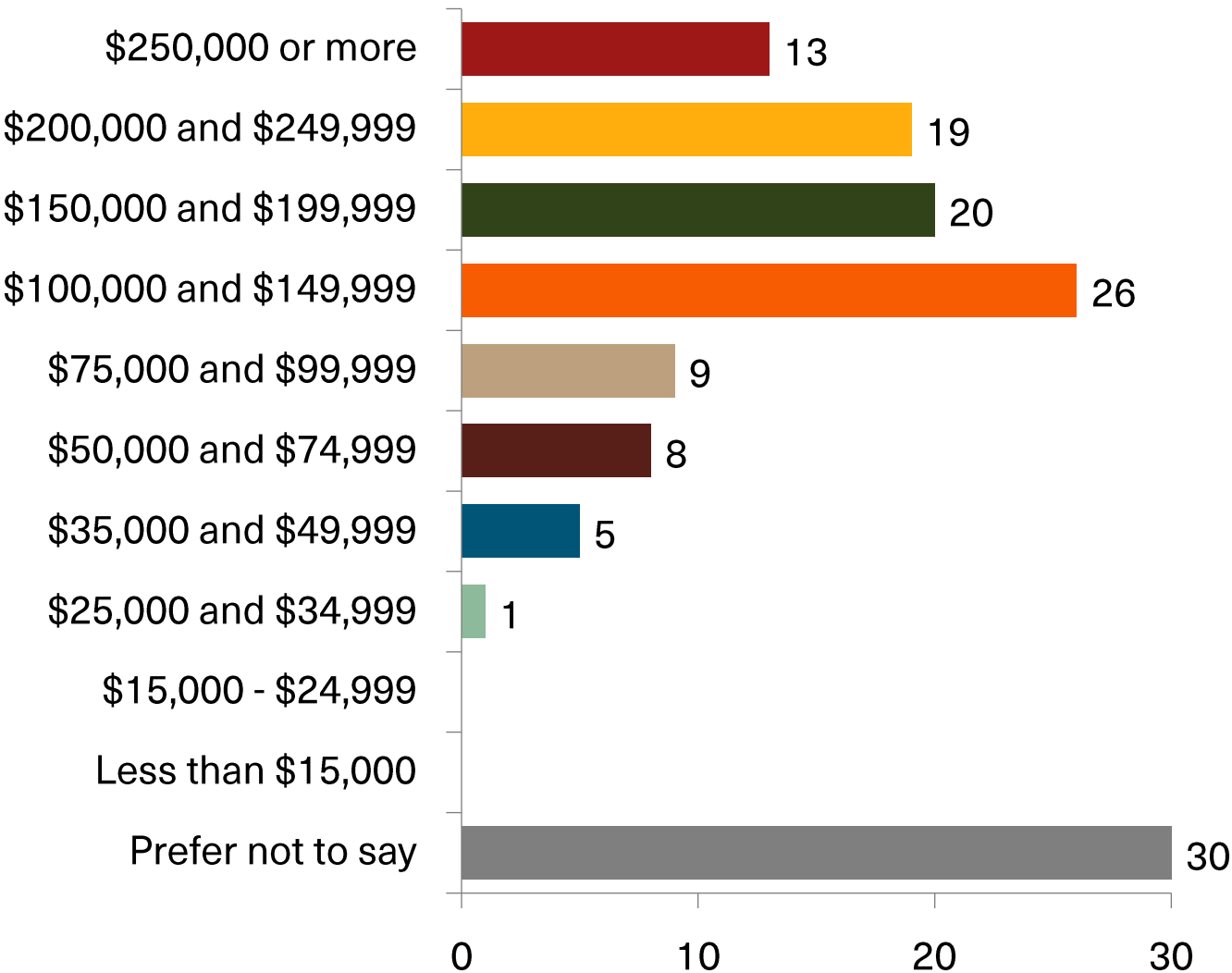
Q34: WHAT IS YOUR AGE?

Answered: 136    Skipped: 3



Q35: WHAT IS YOUR ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME?

Answered: 131    Skipped: 8

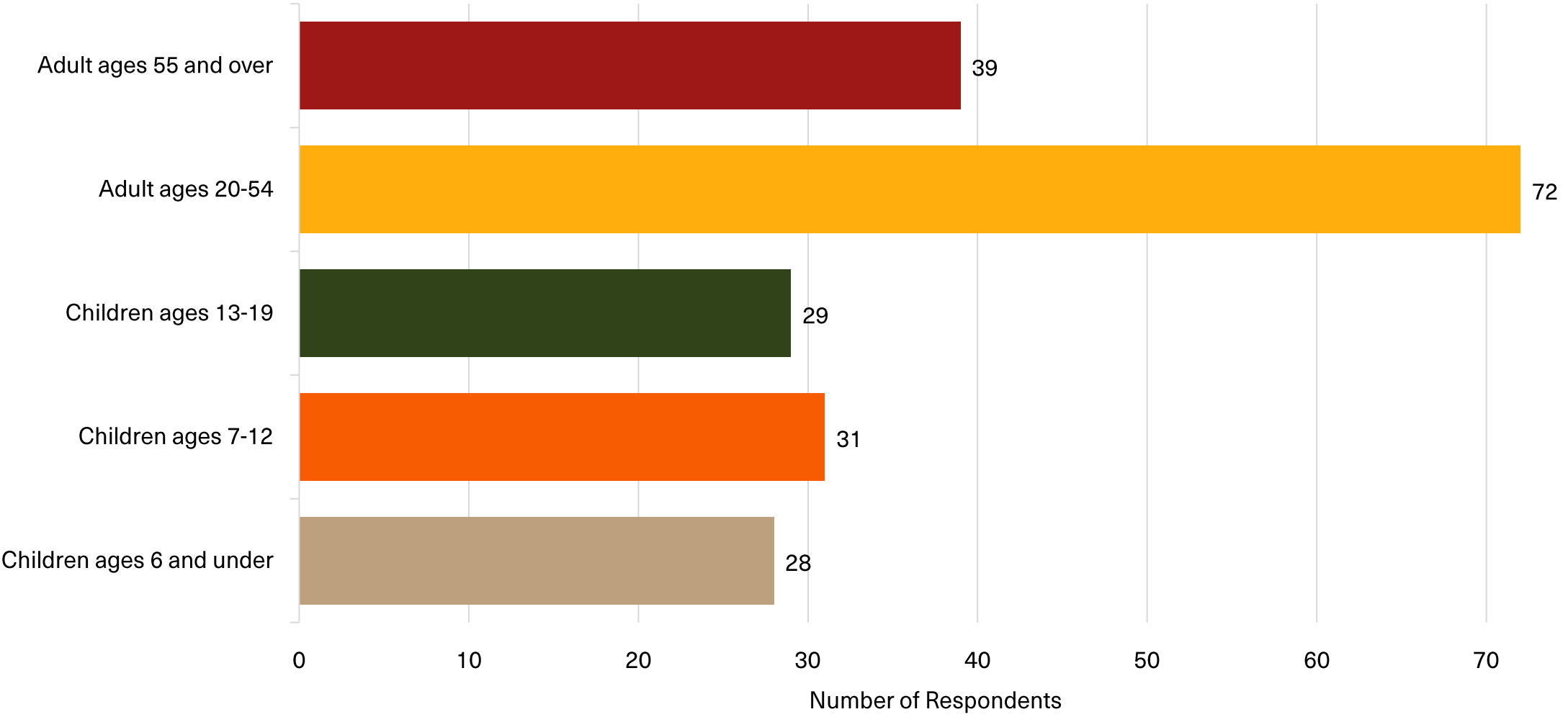




**Q36: NOT INCLUDING YOURSELF, DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ALSO LIVE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD?**



Answered: 118 Skipped: 21







**THANK YOU!**