

SUMMIT LAKE

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS



People Task Force
September 15, 2021



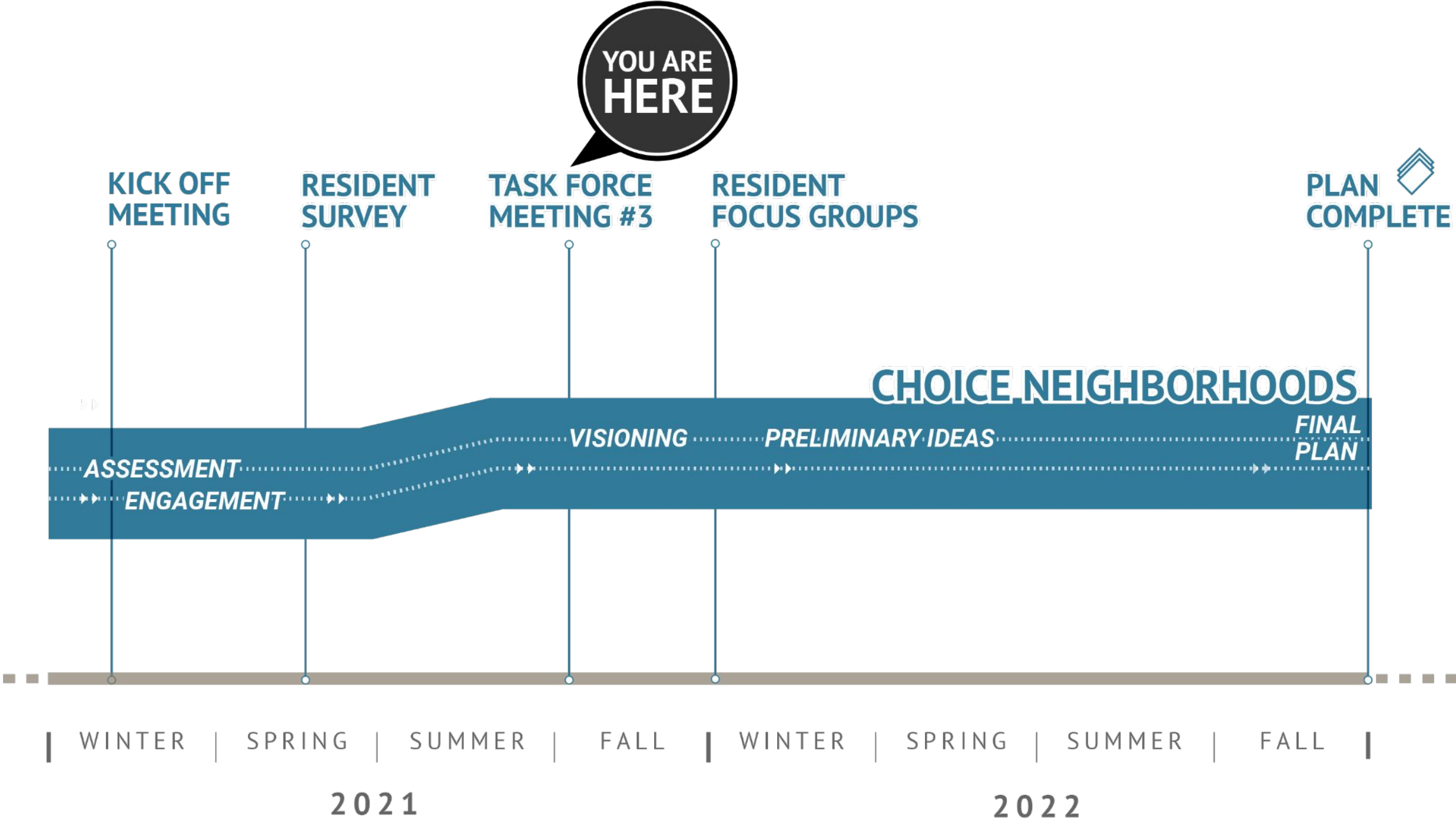


Welcome!

Today's Agenda

- **Choice Neighborhoods activities update**
- **Review of workshop**
- **Review of survey results**
- **Next steps**

Schedule



Choice Activities to Date

REVIEW OF NEIGHBORHOOD CONDITIONS



SURVEYS COMPLETED:

132

Summit Lake Apartment Residents



INTERVIEWS 

22 *Apartment residents*

21 *Service providers*

7 *Stakeholders*

WEBSITE 

<https://www.akronciviccommons.org/choice-neighborhood>

FIRST ROUND OF COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

68 *Participants signed in*





WE HAD A GREAT TIME AT OUR FIRST SUMMIT LAKE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP!

HISTORY +
BACKGROUND

COLLABORATIVE
MAP

FOOD +
DRINK

SPIN WHEEL

KIDS STATION

SURVEYS



A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT

to our resident volunteers and Y on the Fly!



WELCOME TO THE **SUMMIT LAKE** COMMUNITY WORKSHOP!

RAFFLE

A CHANCE TO WIN \$25!
To be entered into the raffle you must collect **three stamps** from completing the activities below:

	1. WRITE YOUR PERSONAL HISTORY OF SUMMIT LAKE
	2. SHOW US ON THE COLLABORATIVE MAP
	3. GIVE A SPINWHEEL TESTIMONIAL
	4. FILL OUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY (this one is worth two stamps!)

Your Name:

Email OR phone number:

YOU MUST include your contact information above to be eligible to win!

Once you've collected your stamps, return this card to the sign in station and you will be contacted if you win.

and to Akron Civic Commons for the raffle!

Summit Lake on July 20





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LAKE
MAKE NEIGHBORHOODS

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"I'VE TASTED THE DIFFERENCE!"

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I ❤️ SUMMIT LAKE

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BE A HERO FOR MOUNT LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD

64 Crayola Crayons
Crayola Company
98 Crayola Crayons
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TO THE
IT LAKE
ITY WORKSHOP!

2 COLLABORATION
SUMMIT LAKE
OUR SUMMIT LAKE
DIVERSE NEIGHBORHOODS

2 Neighborhoods



What would we like to see in our neighborhood?
What are the biggest challenges we face?
What are the biggest opportunities we have?

- 1. More green spaces
- 2. More affordable housing
- 3. More public transportation
- 4. More community centers
- 5. More job opportunities

Champion

Front Porch Fellowship on July 21





SUMMIT
LAKE

DAILY WINNERS!
Vote and enter daily
for a chance to win
\$1000 for a chance to win
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1
WELCOME TO THE
SUMMIT LAKE
COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

A poster titled "A Great History of Summit Lake" and "A Great Future for Summit Lake". It features a list of community goals and a small map of the area.

2 COLLABORATIVE MAP

STEP 1 Place the home sticker where you live

STEP 2 Use the heart sticker to show us a neighborhood place you love

SUMMIT LAKE
COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

3

Place the corresponding sticker below to explain your issue or idea.



What is an issue you would like to see this neighborhood plan solve?

Place one sticker on the map and the matching one below with your answer.

- Public parks in Millie
- Banned out street light; needs to be repaired
- Come shop late - need one in the neighborhood
- Need a bank - even in the Greeny side would help
- Aisle pharmacy needs in the community
- NEED A DRIVE STORE/PHARMACY
- A school in the neighborhood - so important that our school should go
- Change colors to 2024
- More to see chess cases - it says step 2, not lights, etc
- Plant trees on vacant city lots
- Repair playground fence safety issues
- Fix up empty houses (green)
- When construction is done and build a...
- Repair street lights on Edison
- Create bike ways on Edison
- Light up the playground
- Repair street light on Edison
- Tear down dilapidated abandoned buildings
- More clean dilapidated buildings bring business to neighborhood. Ex: some residents to have...
- Plant...
- Better maintenance of the playground...



\$\$\$
Your neighborhood won the LOTTERY!
How would you spend that money to improve your community?

What about your neighborhood makes you feel... 😞

What about your neighborhood makes you feel... 😟

What's the most important thing you would do during your short tenure to improve the community?

Mayor for a day!

Yay! Choose 2
Pick any 2 questions to answer.

What about your neighborhood makes you feel... 😍

What about your neighborhood makes you feel... 😞

Double take!
Pick a pin the wheel spin again!

Double take!
Pick any 2 questions to answer.

Yay! Choose 2
Pick any 2 questions to answer.

I'M AMAZING!!



Neighborhood history and background

IN THE PAST

"We used to..."

FISH PARK CHURCH GARDENS LAUGH
EVENTS
PLAY LAKE
BALL
HANGOUT FAMILY
LIVE FRIENDS
KIDS RIDE BIKES
WALK BASEBALL
FOOTBALL RUNNING AROUND

"My fondest memory is..."

"NEIGHBORS HELPING MOVE OUR FAMILY BELONGINGS INTO OUR NEW HOME"

"WATCHING THE DUCKS SWIM"

"MY GRANDPARENTS WENT TO THE DANCEHALL ON A DATE"

"EVERY OTHER FRIDAY WE WENT SWIMMING AT LINCOLN ELEMENTARY"

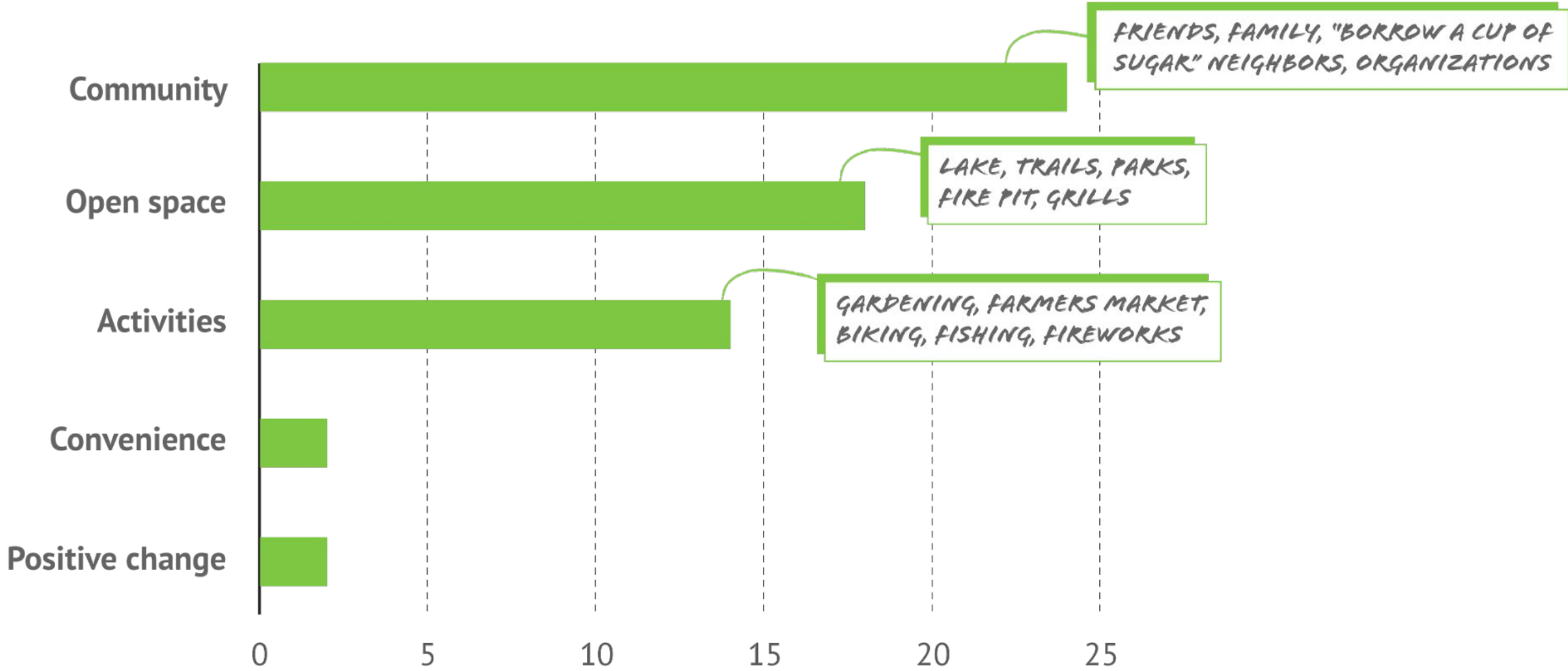
"BUILDING TWO HUGE CHAIRS WITH THE BUILD CORPS AND LEO"

"RIDING BIKES WITH ALL THE KIDS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND GOING TO ALL THE CORNER STORES GETTING CANDY"

Neighborhood history and background

IN THE PRESENT

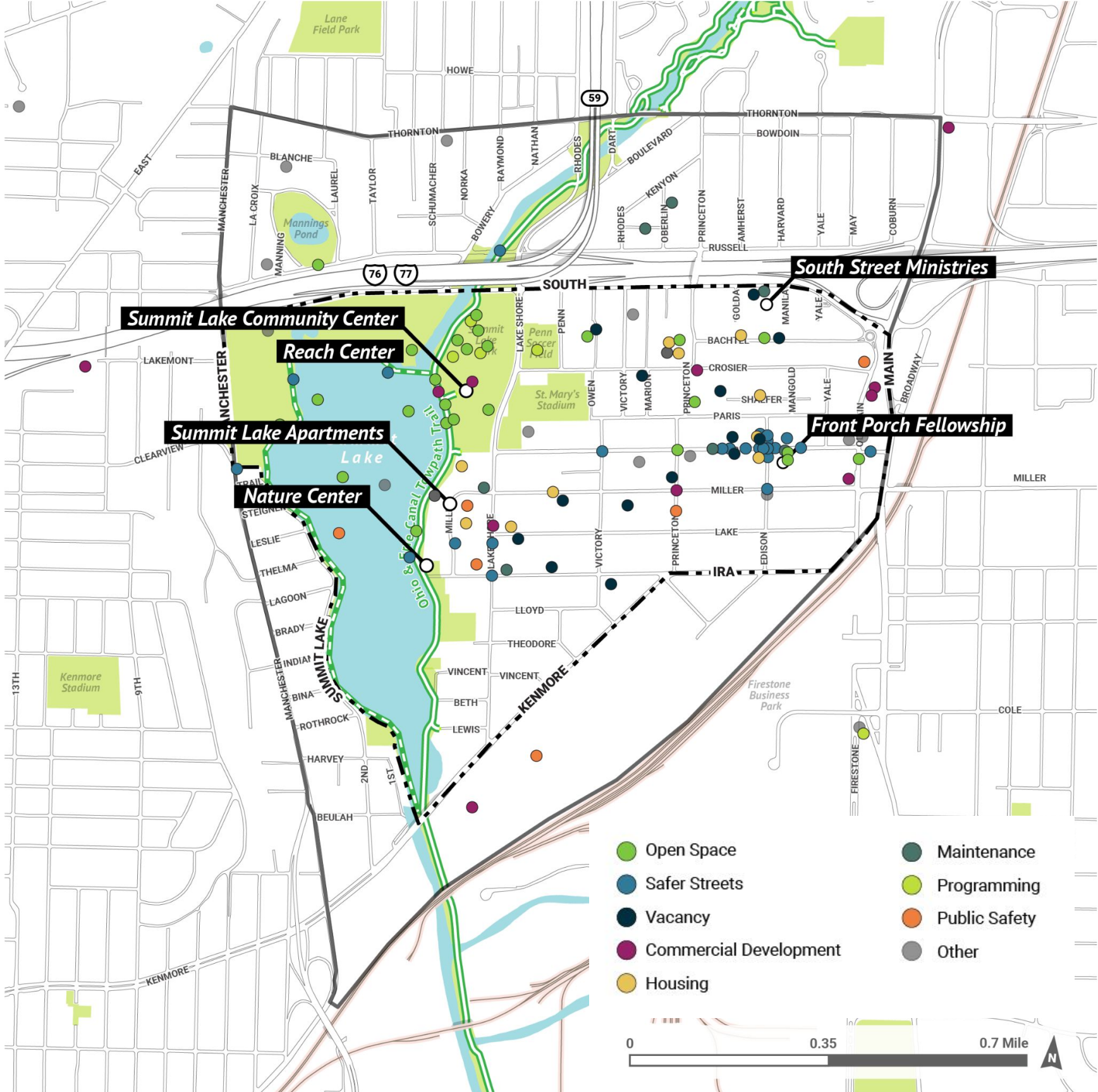
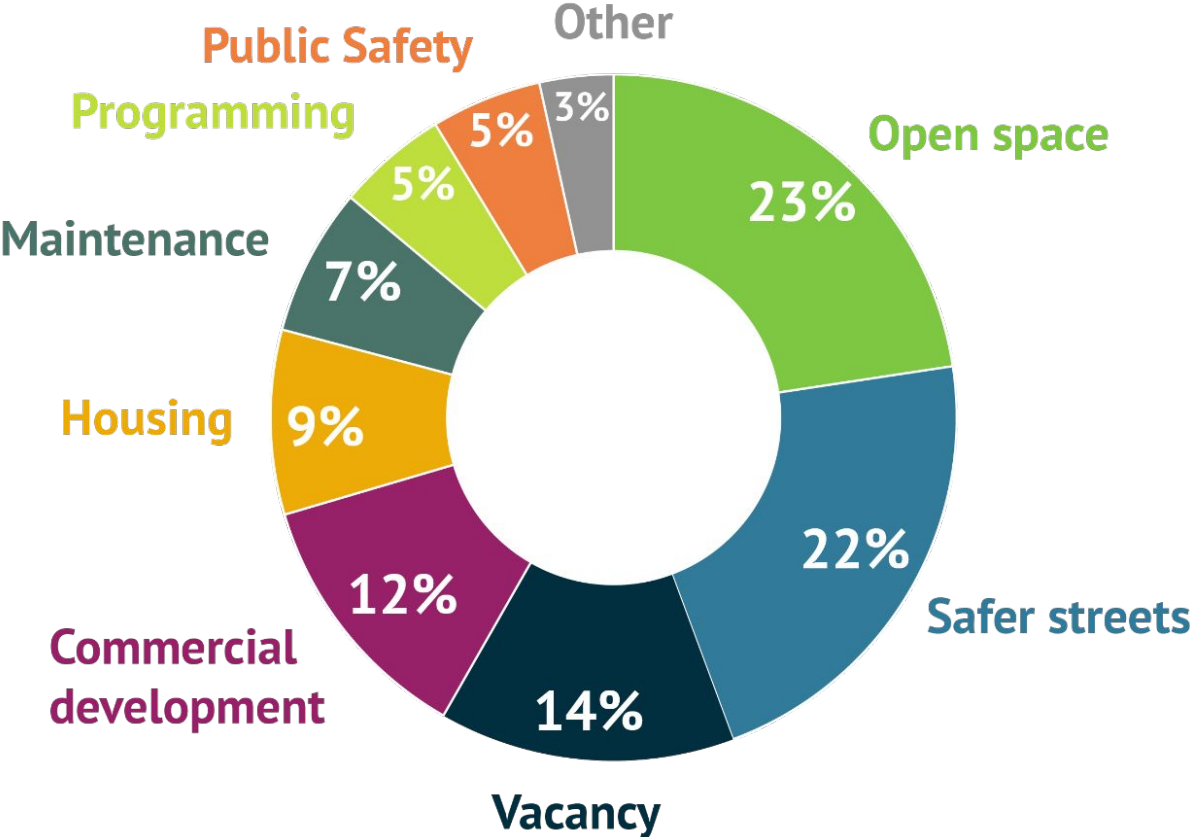
"My favorite thing in the neighborhood is...."



Collaborative map

What is an issue you would like to see this plan solve?

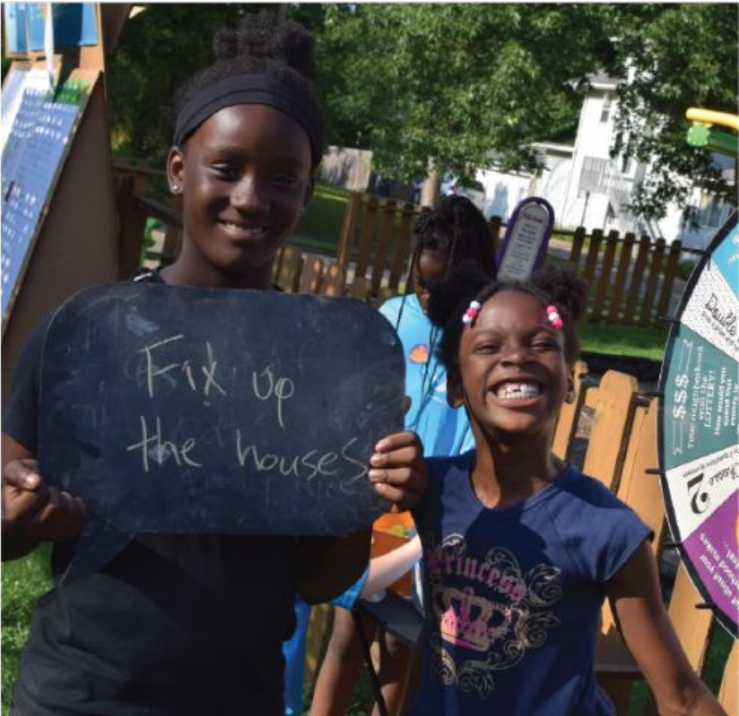
[115 comments]



Spin wheel



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Your neighborhood won the LOTTERY!
You have been **ELECTED** Mayor for a day!



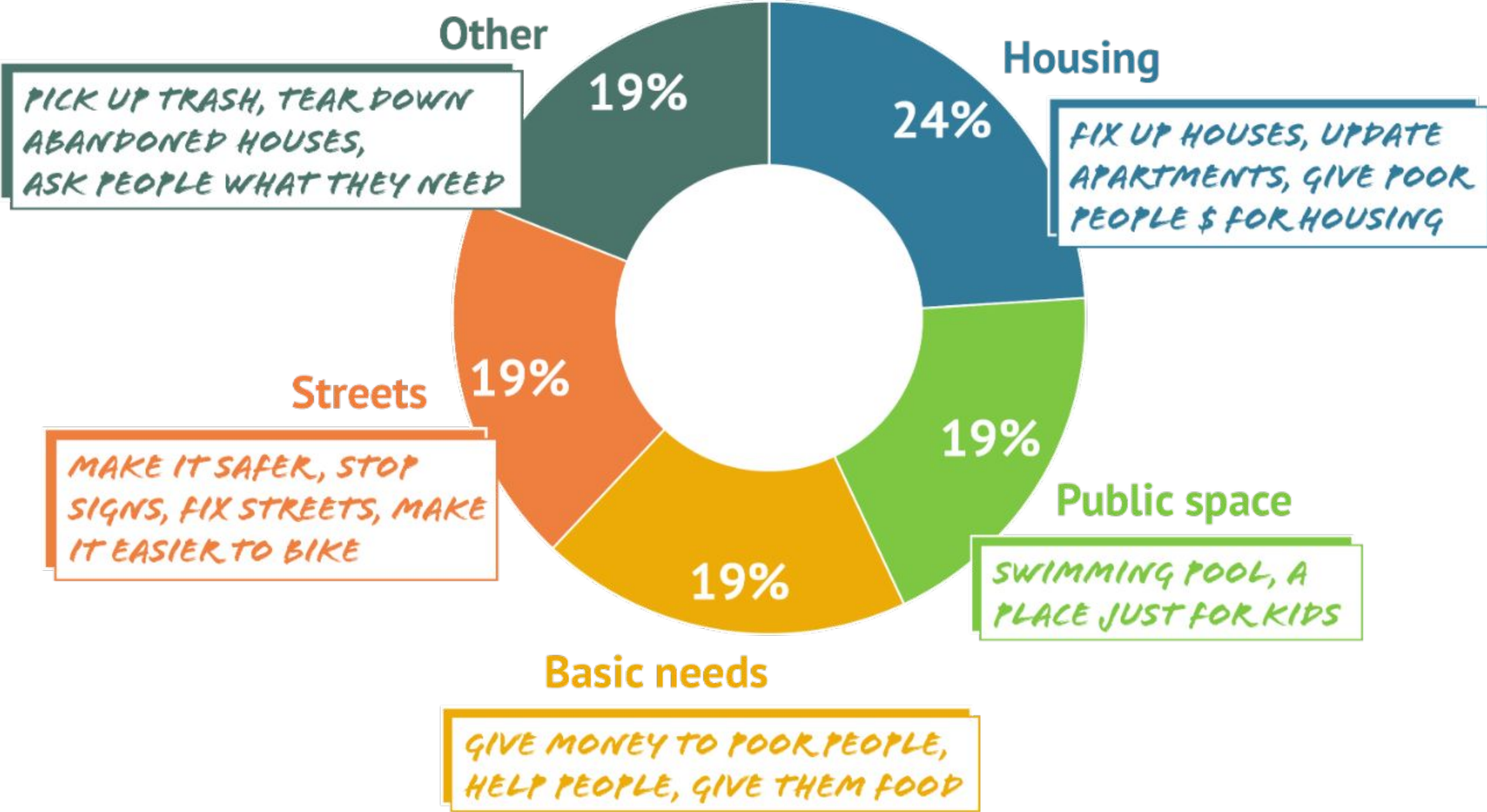
Spin wheel

What would you do to improve your community?

[21 comments]

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Your neighborhood won the LOTTERY!

You have been **ELECTED** Mayor for a day!



Summary: *what we've most frequently heard*

Community

There is a lot of pride in Summit Lake with committed residents and organizations looking to improve the community.

"THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY HERE."



Summary: *what we've most frequently heard*

Open space

The Civic Commons has brought the community to the water - the programming and activities on Summit Lake are invaluable.

However, what is happening on the lake often feels separate from the rest of the community.

There are great park spaces around Summit Lake but fewer opportunities on the hill.



"SUMMIT LAKE FEELS SO FAR AWAY. IF YOU DON'T LIVE A BLOCK AWAY IT FEELS SO FAR AWAY. YOU AREN'T CONNECTED. IT'S JUST FAR."

Summary: *what we've most frequently heard*

Streets

Streets and sidewalks are in poor condition and cars move too fast!

"PEOPLE FLY UP AND DOWN THE STREETS (SPEEDING) ON IRA. YOU CAN HEAR IT AT NIGHT. I WATCH PEOPLE BLOW RIGHT THROUGH THE STOP SIGNS.."



Summary: *what we've most frequently heard*

Quality of life

The overgrown lots, unsealed buildings and trash are major quality of life issues for neighbors.

Property owners need help to maintain houses.

The neighborhood safer now but there is still work to do and there's still a perception of Summit Lake as a dangerous place.

"THE NEIGHBORHOOD HAS GOTTEN BETTER, THE DRUG ACTIVITY HAS GONE DOWN BUT HOMELESS CAMPS ARE TUCKED AWAY IN THE COMMUNITY."



Summary: what we've most frequently heard

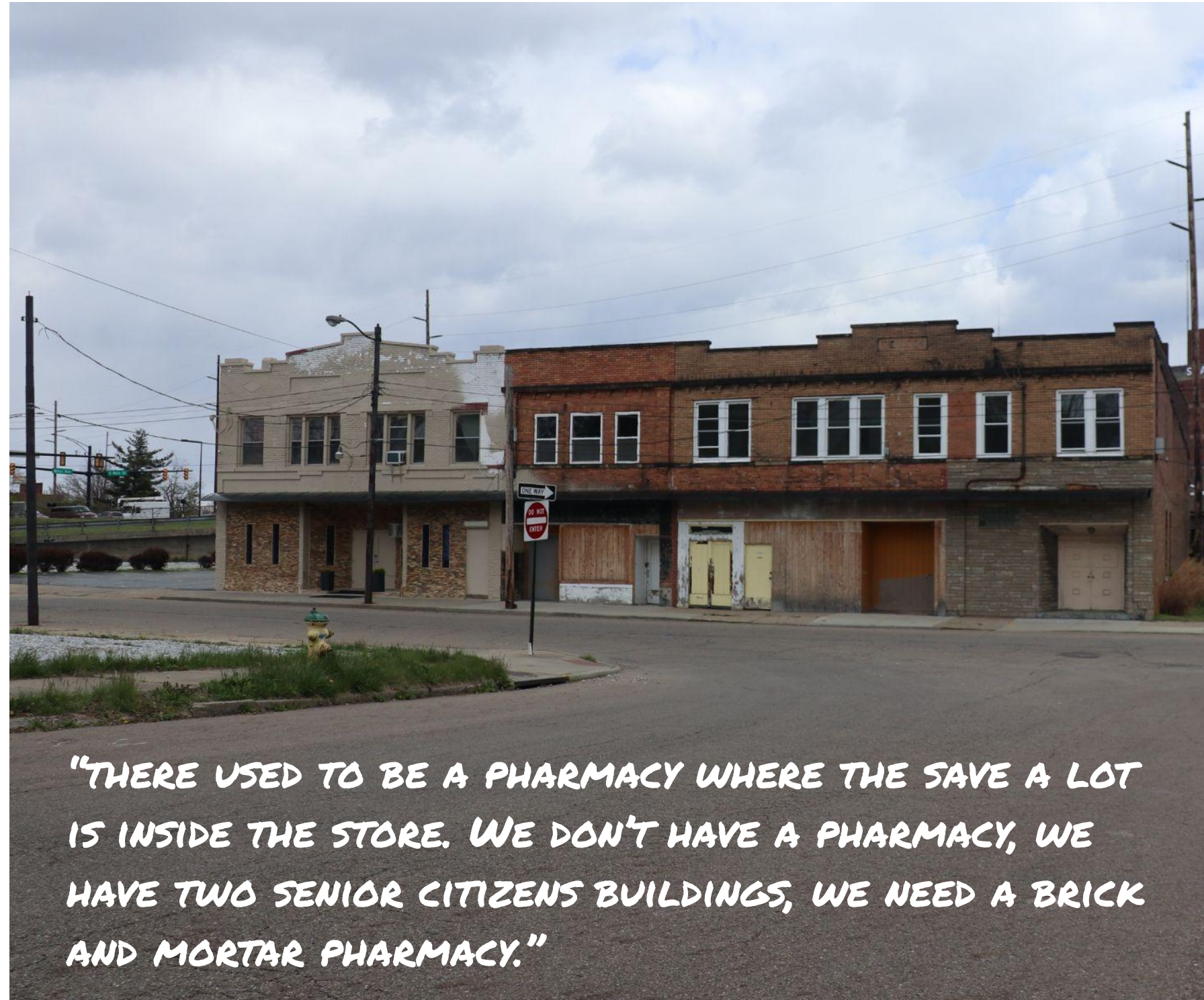
Basic needs

There are not enough retail amenities in Summit Lake. You have to leave the community to take care of basic shopping and needs.

It's difficult to get a loan or land for housing in the neighborhood.

Basic needs must be met first, people are in survival mode.

"THERE ARE NO AMENITIES AROUND HERE. IF YOU WANT A CUP A COFFEE YOU'RE OUT OF LUCK. TO GET LUNCH, YOU HAVE TO UBER OR DOOR DASH.



"THERE USED TO BE A PHARMACY WHERE THE SAVE A LOT IS INSIDE THE STORE. WE DON'T HAVE A PHARMACY, WE HAVE TWO SENIOR CITIZENS BUILDINGS, WE NEED A BRICK AND MORTAR PHARMACY."

Survey



Summit Lake Community Workshop



Summit Lake Apartment pop-ups

3**How many people live in your household including you?**

[132 responses]

	RESPONSES	
1-Person Households	49 out of 88	56%
2-Person Households	38 out of 71	54%
3-Person Households	23 out of 44	52%
4-Person Households	15 out of 27	56%
5-Person Households	5 out of 7	71%
6-Person Households	0 out of 1	0%

***132 surveys completed
out of 238 Summit Lake
Apartments households -
(55% response rate)***

04

What *THREE* things do you like *MOST* about the neighborhood ?

[127 responses]

Housing is affordable

74%

Parks and recreational spaces

60%

Access to public transportation

31%

Close to family/friends

26%

Access to neighborhood social services

23%

Location

18%

Access to youth and early learning programs like Head Start

15%

05 What *THREE* things are the biggest problems with the neighborhood?

[123 responses]

High crime/I don't feel safe here

51%

Lack of shopping/retail store option

43%

Poor street lighting

29%

Number of vacant/abandoned properties

15%

Too few school options

13%

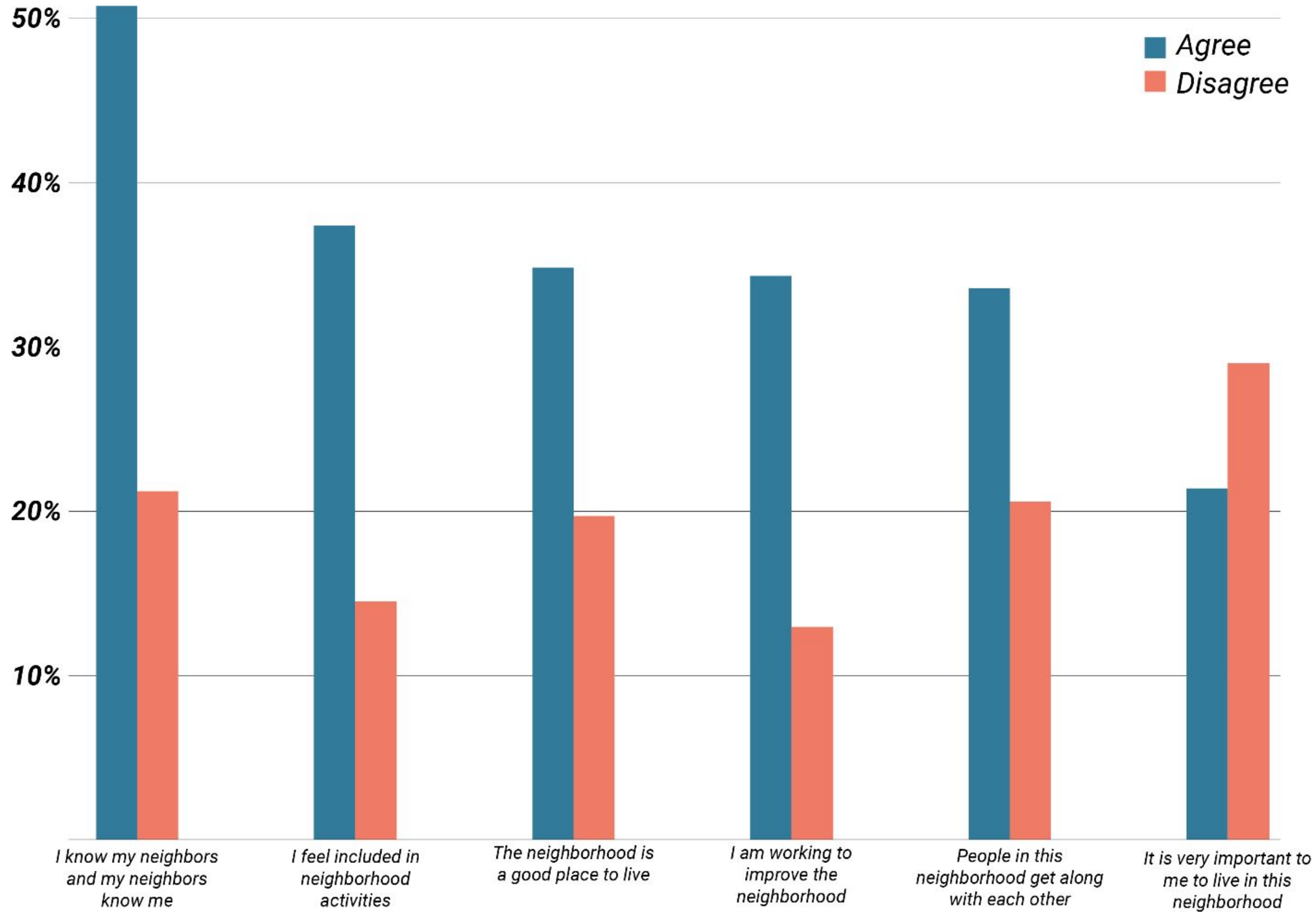
Nothing - I like everything about this neighborhood

11%

"I DON'T FEEL SAFE AFTER DARK, AND PEOPLE THROW THEIR TRASH ON THE GROUND AND THE DUMPSTER AREA IS FILTHY"

07 Please tell us if you agree with the following statements about your neighborhood

[132 responses]



08

How safe do you feel in the following situations?

[132 responses]

VERY SAFE

Inside your apartment/home

52%

Walking to and from the Reach Opportunity Center and/or Summit Lake Community Center

41%

In the neighborhood during the day

38%

VERY UNSAFE

Walking around the lake at night

32%

In the neighborhood at night

21%

Walking to and from the Save A Lot or Aldi

11%

09

Have you personally seen or been a victim of any of the following crimes while living in the neighborhood?

[127 responses]

Gunshots

51%

Domestic violence/Fighting between family members

31%

Assault/Physical Attack

23%

Vandalism

20%

Drug Activity (buying, selling, using)

19%

Burglary/Theft

17%

Car break-ins

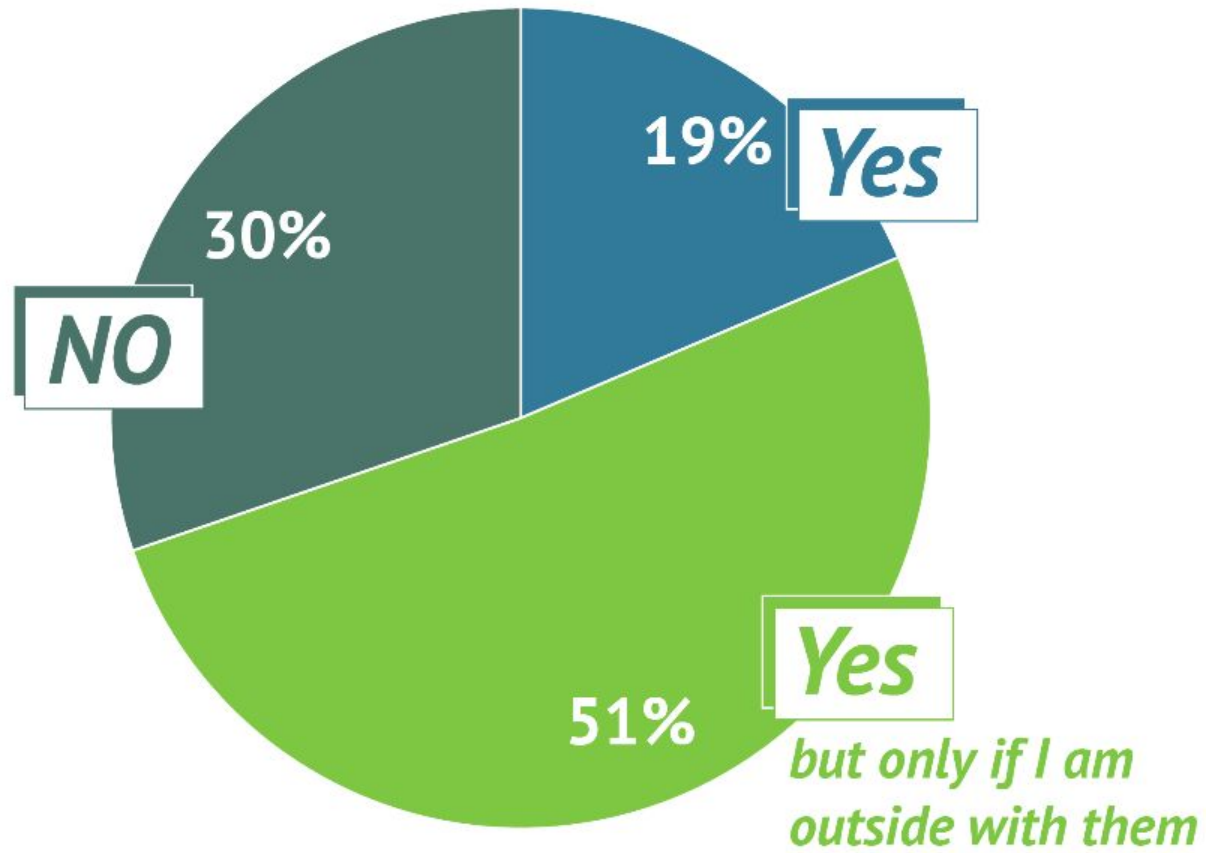
15%

Teenage violence

12%

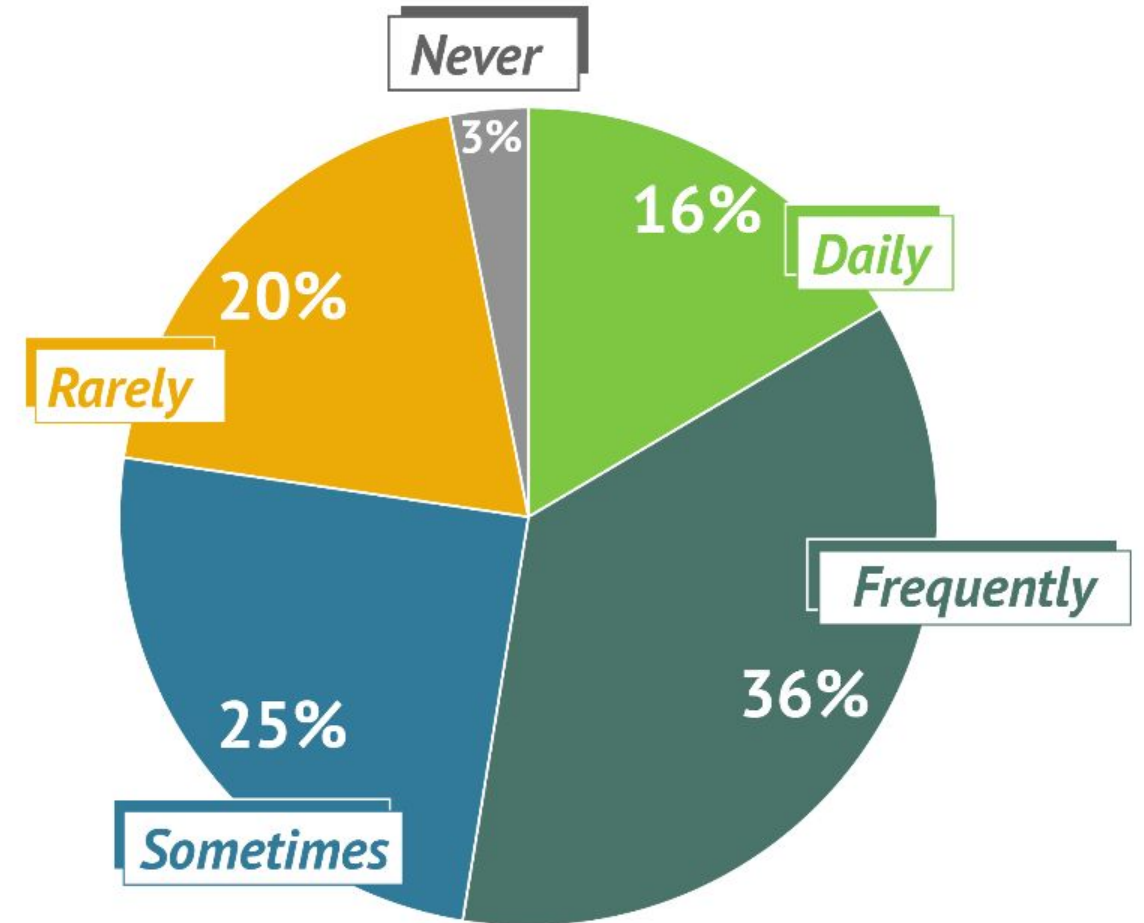
10 Do you allow your child(ren) to play outside your home?

[86 responses]



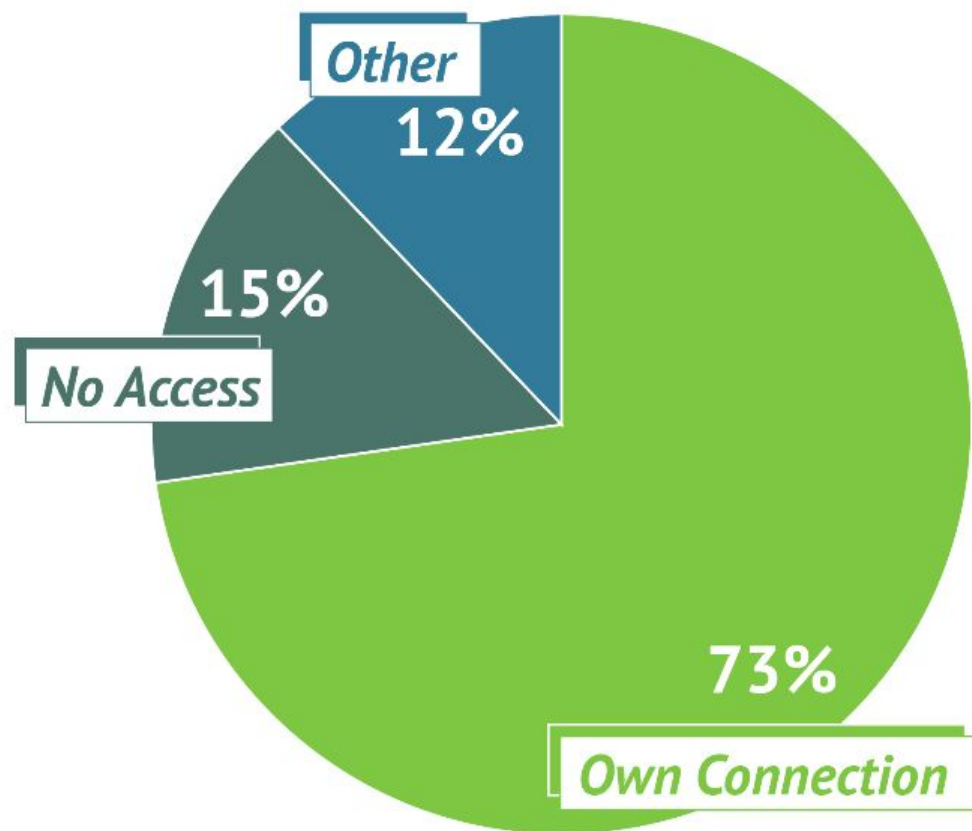
11 How often do you feel crime occurs in the neighborhood?

[97 responses]



13 How do you MOST OFTEN access the internet ?

[132 responses]



14 What device(s) do you use to access the internet ?

[130 responses]

Smartphone - 85%

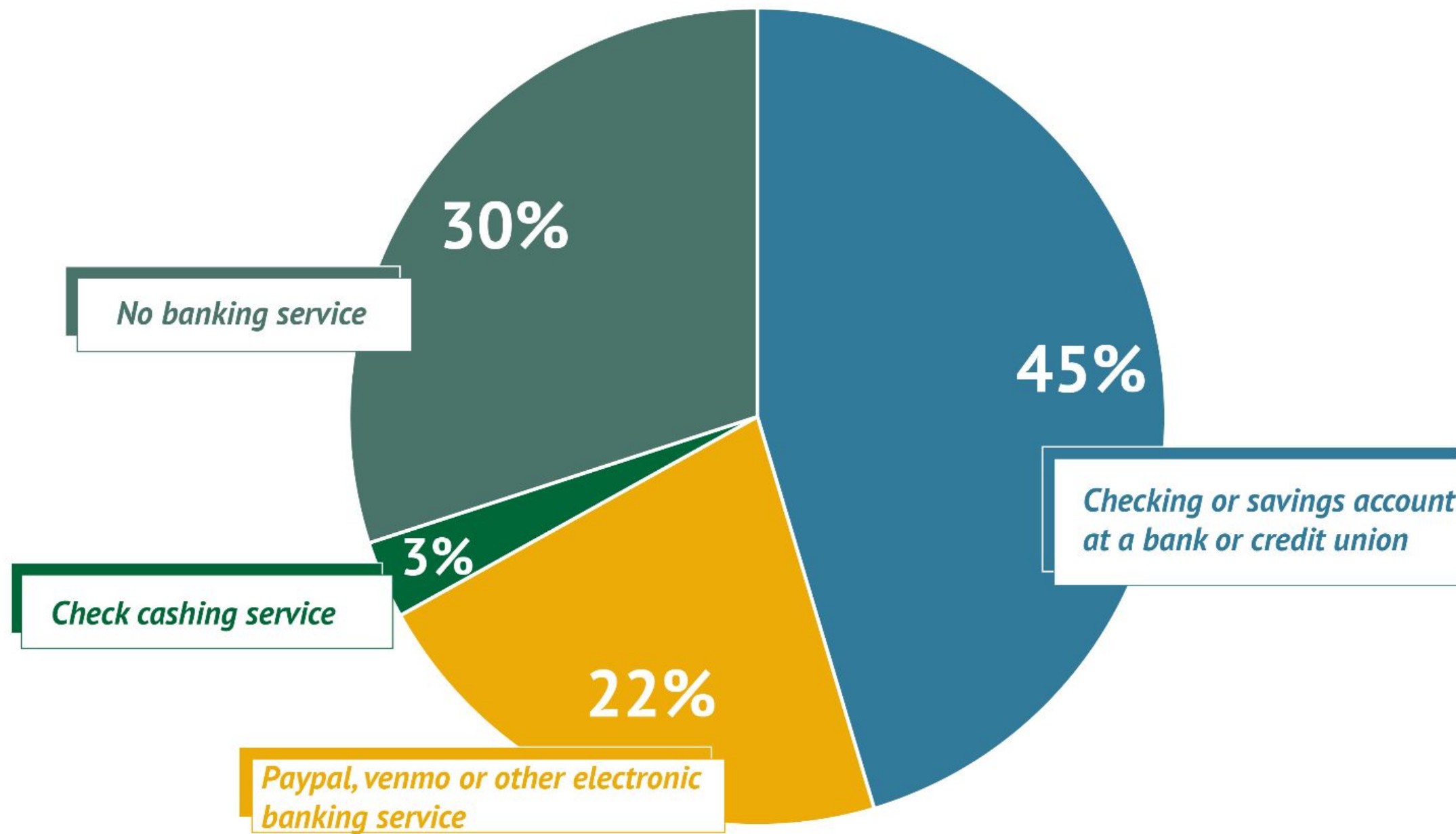
Laptop Computer - 41%

Tablet / ipad - 28%

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What form of banking service do you use?

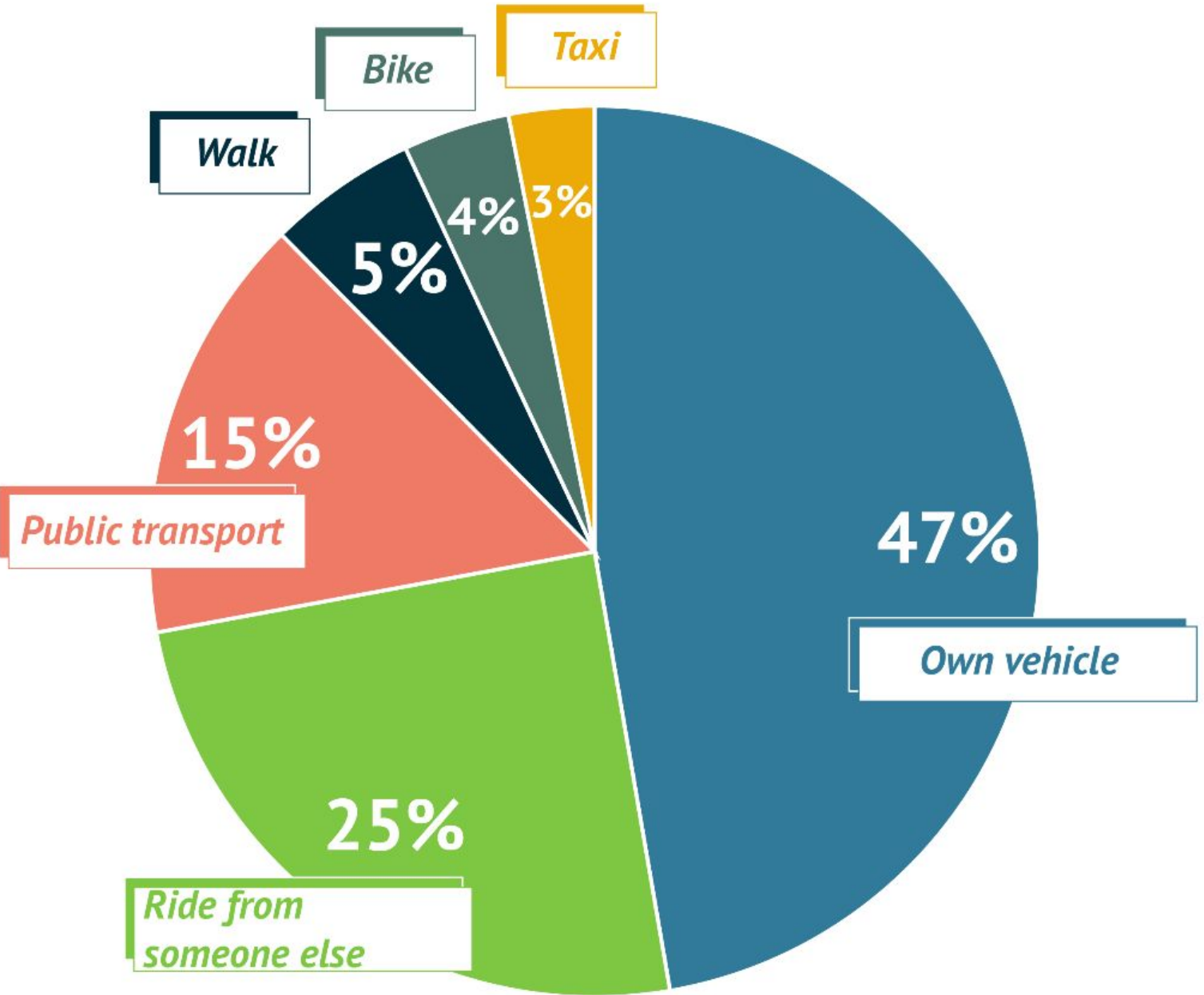
[130 responses]



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What is the main way you get around ?

[129 responses]



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How much of a problem is transportation when trying to get to work, school, appointments, shopping, etc.?

[132 responses]

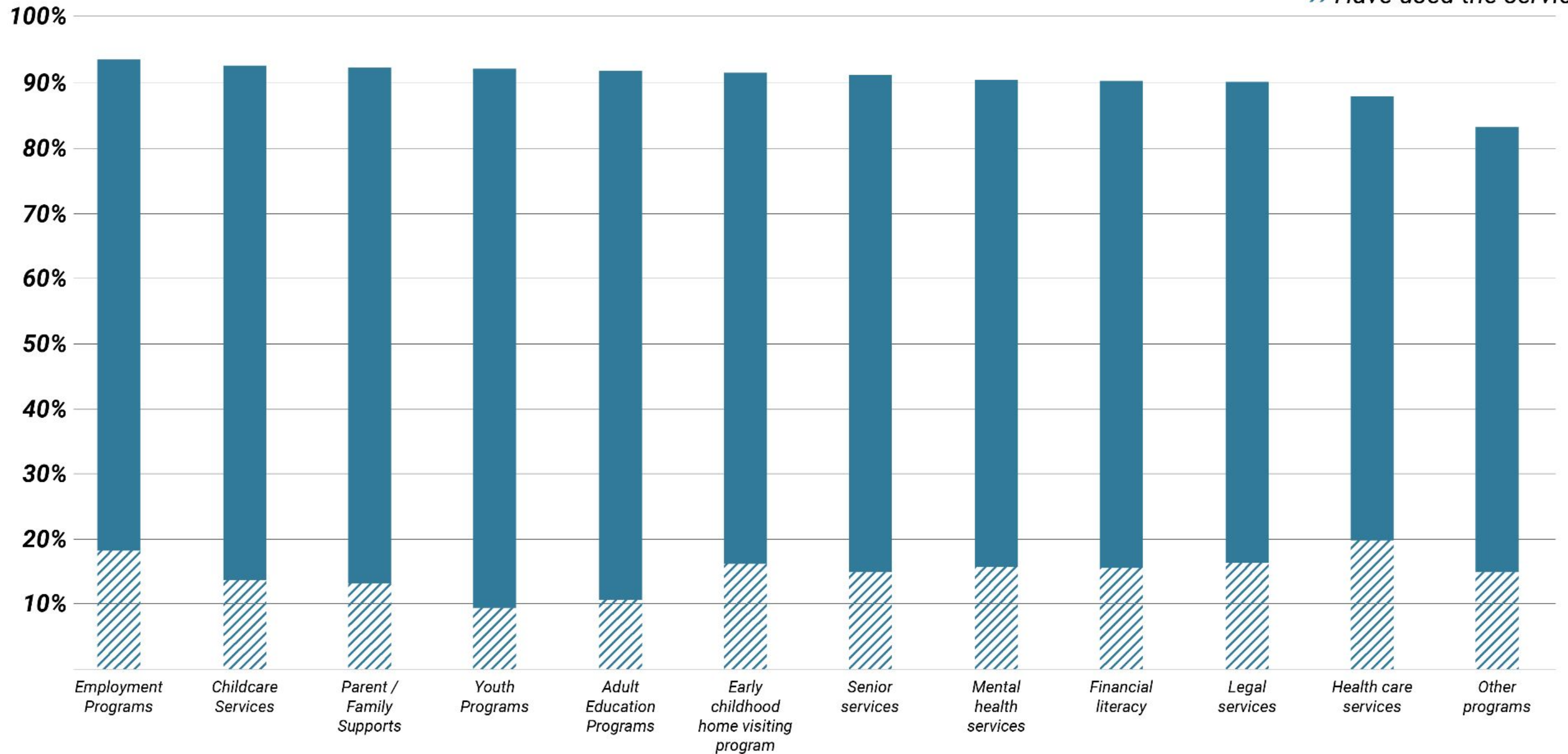
	RESPONSE
No problem - I always have access to transportation	39%
Not very big - I usually have access to transportation	36%
Somewhat big - I have unreliable access to transportation	19%
Very big - I have no access to transportation	7%

18

For each service listed, mark if You are AWARE of the service and if you have USED the service

[132 responses]

■ Aware of the service
▨ Have used the service



19 What makes it difficult for you to use the services that are available

[129 responses]

53% of the respondents have **no difficulty** in getting the services they need.

For those who do have difficulty, these are the top reasons why:

I do not know what services are available

42%

Services are offered at times that do not work for me

34%

I don't have transportation or don't know how to get to the services I need

31%

There are too many expectations and tasks to follow up on when I get services

21%

It takes too long to get services; there is a waitlist

19%

20 What needs do you or a member of your household have right now?

[132 responses]

44% of the respondents and their family have **no needs** right now

For those who do, these are the top needs:

Financial/Legal Issues

32%

Budgeting/Credit

31%

Transportation

31%

GED/ Adult High School Diploma

22%

Emergency food assistance

18%

Help getting a loan

18%

Computer training

16%

Services for individuals with disabilities

16%

Help applying for public benefits

15%

Job/Vocational training

15%

Small business classes

15%

Services to help remove/expunge criminal record

11%

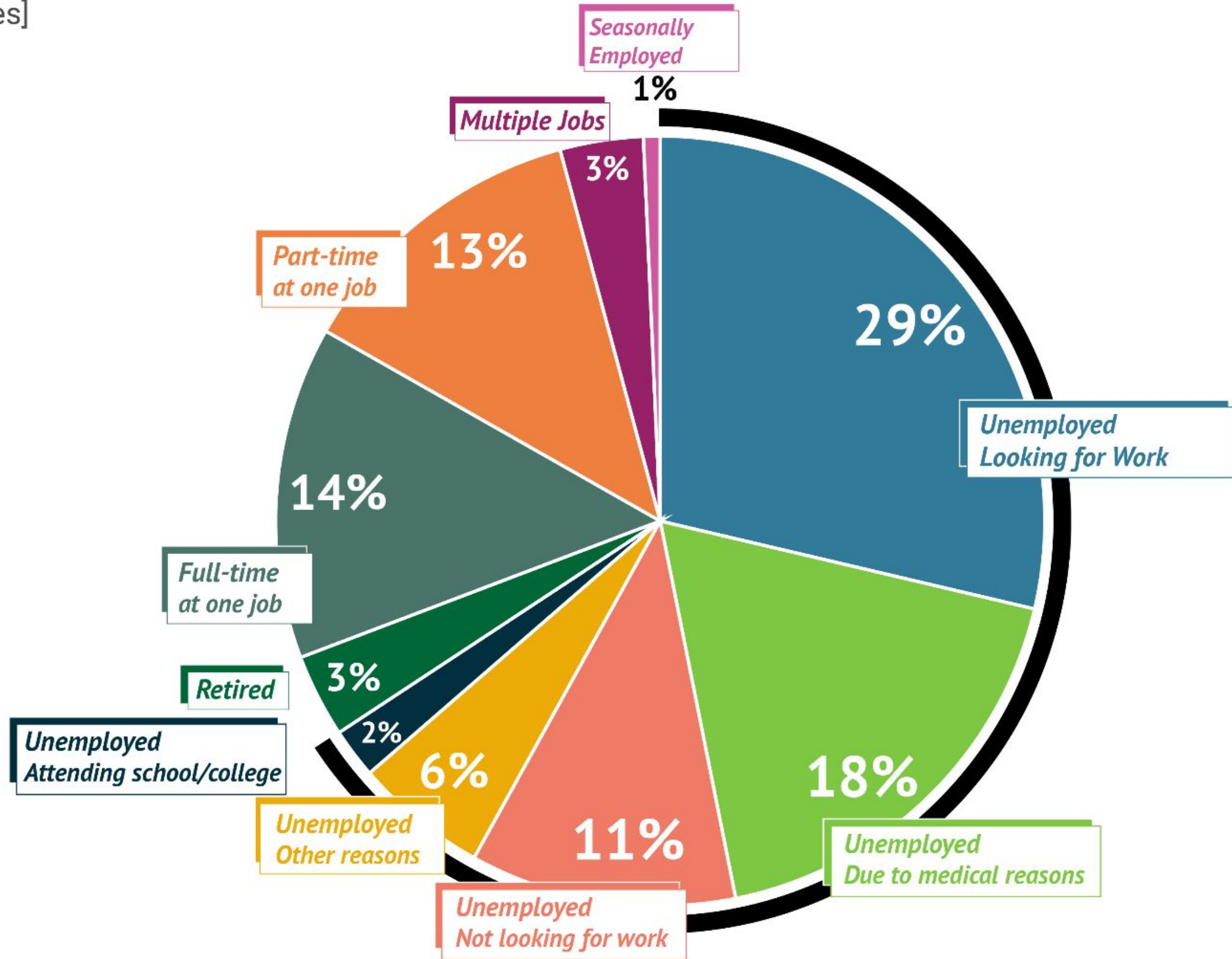
Senior / Caregiver Services

3%

21

What is the current employment status of the adult members of your household?

[128 responses]



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If you are working or looking for work, what makes it hard to keep or find work?

[128 responses]

38% of the respondents have **no difficulty** in finding/keeping a job.

For those who do have difficulty, these are the top reasons why:

Affordable childcare / childcare in general

42%

Lack of transportation

34%

Disability, medical / health limitations

31%

Lack of job skills/training / job experience

21%

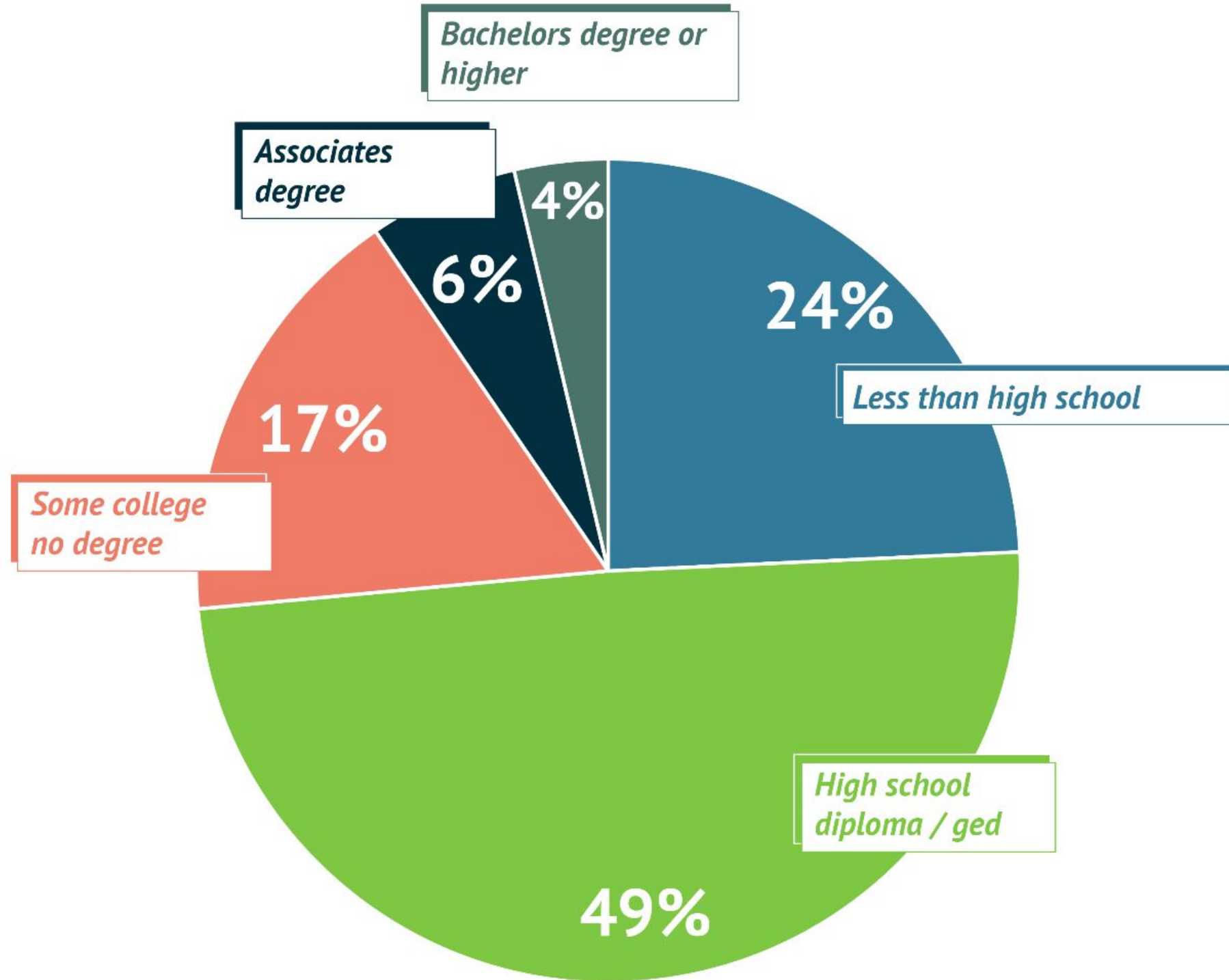
Lack of a high school diploma / ged

19%

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What is the *HIGHEST* level of schooling each adult in your household has completed?

[123 responses]



24 *Do you have any children under 18 years old in your household?*

[132 responses]

	RESPONSES	
Yes*	58%	77
No	42%	55

*of the 77 respondents with children, 60 had kids between 0-5, and 39 had kids K-12

25 What childcare do you currently have for your child(ren) ages 0-5. (check all that apply)

[60 responses]

	RESPONSES	
Cared for by yourself/parent/grandparent	63%	42
Attends kindergarten	12%	8
Attends Head Start (3-5 year old)	7%	5
Attends Early Head Start (0-2 year old)	6%	4
Attends a public preschool	6%	4
Attends another professional childcare center (such as faith-based program, private preschool)	3%	2
Cared for by a babysitter/nanny/friend	3%	2
Goes to paid childcare in a private home	0%	0

28 Which school(s) do the children in your household currently attend?

[33 responses]



29 How often do you participate in activities at your child(ren)'s school, for example, Back to School Night, report card conferences, Parent Teacher Association (PTA)?

[39 responses]

	RESPONSES	
Regularly (monthly)	31%	12
Occasionally (several times per year)	44%	17
Rarely (once a year)	18%	7
Never	8%	3

31

Do your children participate in any organized after school programs (e.g. sports, dance, art, music, or other after school program)?

[37 responses]

87% of children do not participate in any organized after school programs

32

Why don't your children participate in afterschool programs? (check all that apply)

[32 responses]

	RESPONSES	
I don't know what programs are available	34%	11
No reliable transportation to get to and from programs	25%	8
Program hours don't work with my schedule	16%	5
Available programs don't address my child's interests	16%	5
Programs cost too much	16%	5
I am concerned about gangs and/or neighborhood violence	9%	3
I have no need for or interest in activities for my children	3%	1

33 **What program(s) would your child(ren) be interested in? (check all that apply)**

[37 responses]

	RESPONSES	
Summer program	62%	23
Recreational or sports program	49%	18
Arts/Performing arts/Music program	46%	17
After school program	43%	16
Tutoring	24%	9
Life skills program (such as study habits, budgeting, computer literacy)	22%	8
Cyber safety (internet, social media, etc.)	11%	4
Leadership/mentoring program	8%	3
Job training/employment program	5%	2
College preparation	0%	0
None	14%	5

34 *Have any of your children been diagnosed with a special need (ex. learning disability, ADHD)?*

[76 responses]

	RESPONSES	
No, I do not have a child with a special need	71%	54
Yes, and he/she is receiving services to support that need	12%	9
Yes, but he/she is NOT receiving services to support that need	7%	5
Not sure	12%	9

35 *In general, how would you rate the health of your household? (mark one answer in each row)*

[129 responses]

	EXCELLENT/GOOD		FAIR/POOR	
Adults in household	63%	93	37%	54
Children in household	96%	65	4%	3

36

Do you have health insurance ?

[129 responses]

90% of the adults have health insurance

97% of the children have health insurance

38

Have you or your children been to the Emergency Room more than once in the past 12 months?

[129 responses]

41% of the adults and children have been to the Emergency Room more than once in the past 12 months.

37

Where do you (and your children) usually go when you are sick or need health advice?

[128 responses]

2% of the respondents are not receiving health services.

For those who do, these are the top places where:

My Primary Care Doctor/ Pediatrician/Specialist

43%

Hospital Emergency Room

33%

Non-Emergency Services from hospital

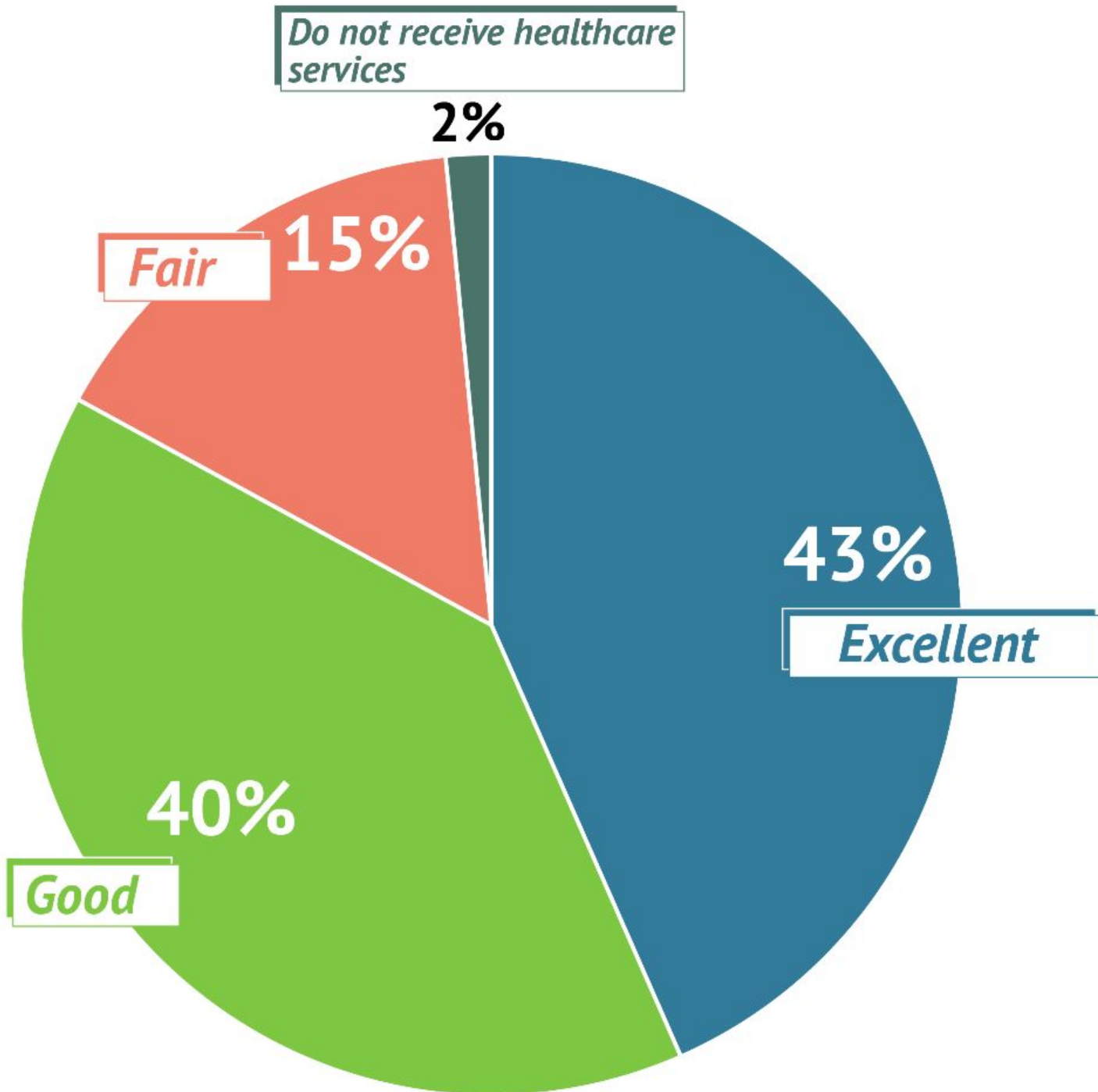
30%

AxessPointe

28%

39 How do you rate the healthcare you receive ?

[129 responses]



40 What makes it hard for you to get quality healthcare?

[129 responses]

64% of the respondents have *no difficulty* in accessing quality healthcare.

For those who do have a difficulty, these are the top reasons why:

- Lack of transportation** 43%
- Long waiting room times** 33%
- Waitlist for services / too long to get an appointment** 30%
- Finding doctors that accept my health plan** 28%
- Offices are not open when I need them** 15%

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Does anyone in your household have the following health conditions? Are they being treated for that condition?

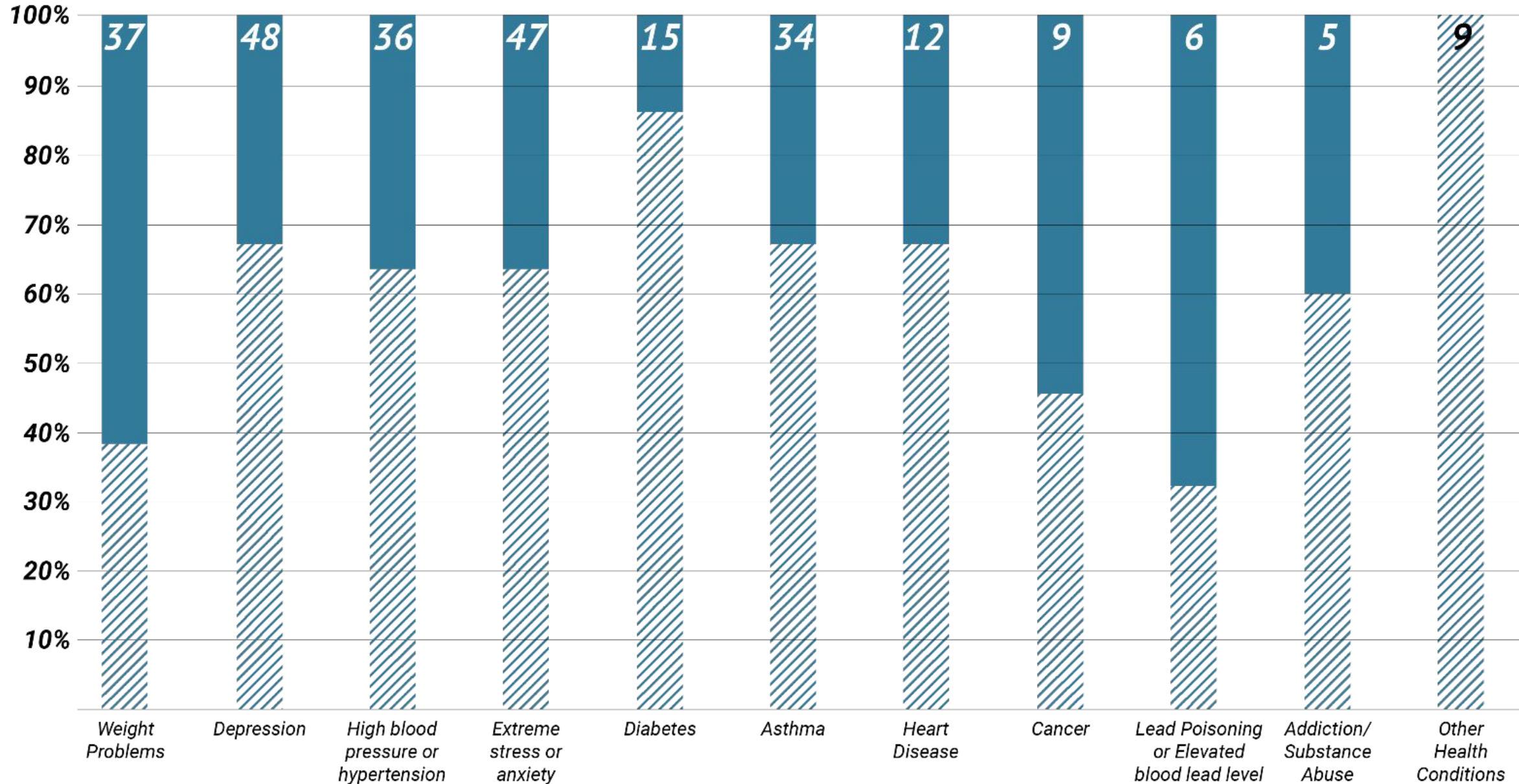
[114 responses - adults]

23% of adults reported no health conditions, for the rest, these are reported conditions and percentage treated:

0 Number of people who report having the condition

■ Not being treated
 ▨ Are being treated

Additionally **35%** of children were reported to have asthma, of whom **58%** were being treated



43 What are the main health needs of your household currently? (check all that apply)

[127 responses]

	RESPONSES	
Eye care/Glasses	28%	36
Weight loss assistance	21%	27
Dental care/Orthodontics	20%	26
Services to reduce stress, anxiety, depression	18%	23
Physical fitness/exercise programs	14%	18
Help with chronic health issues (e.g. asthma, diabetes, high blood pressure)	13%	17
Primary health care	9%	11
Stop smoking services	6%	7
Pediatric care	4%	5
Prenatal care	3%	4
Getting health insurance	2%	3
Substance abuse treatment	0%	0
None	44%	56
Don't know	2%	2

44% of residents don't have a stated health need

44 On average, how many days a week do you exercise for 30 minutes or longer (e.g., walking, biking, playing sports, gardening)?

[128 responses]

	7 days/week	5-6 days/week	3-4 days/week	1-2 days/week	Never
Adults in household	18% 24	7% 9	19% 26	30% 40	27% 36
Children in household	44% 27	11% 7	13% 8	8% 5	23% 14

45 What keeps you and your family from being physically active? (check all that apply)

[126 responses]

43% of the respondents are as **active** as they want to be.

For those who are not, these are the top reasons why:

Too tired

41%

Health conditions

30%

I don't have time

24%

Neighborhood is not safe for me/my children

20%

46 During the past week, how many times did you eat fruits and/or vegetables?

[127 responses]

	Never	Once most days	Once every day	2 times/day	3-4 times/day	5+ times/day
Self/Head of household	6% 8	21% 27	28% 35	19% 24	17% 22	9% 11
Children in household	3% 2	17% 12	25% 17	17% 12	22% 15	16% 11

47 If you are not eating as many fruits and vegetables as you would like, what are the reasons? (check all that apply)

[122 responses]

73% of the respondents gave no specific reason, for the rest, these are the top reasons why:

Fruits and vegetables in local stores are of low quality

48%

Cost of fruits and vegetables

39%

Do not like fruits or vegetables

12%

48 Where do you do most of your grocery shopping? (check only one)

[128 responses - hard copy surveys had multiple responses]

Save a lot

38%

Acme

29%

Walmart

19%

Aldi

17%

Giant Eagle

17%

49

How has COVID-19 impacted you and your household?

[123 responses]

34% of the respondents and their family faced **no impact** from COVID-19

For those who did, these are the top impacts:

I and/or a family member lost a job

37%

I have felt very isolated and lonely

36%

My children went to 100% virtual schooling or hybrid learning

27%

I am behind on my utility payments

27%

I am concerned about my/a family member's mental health

25%

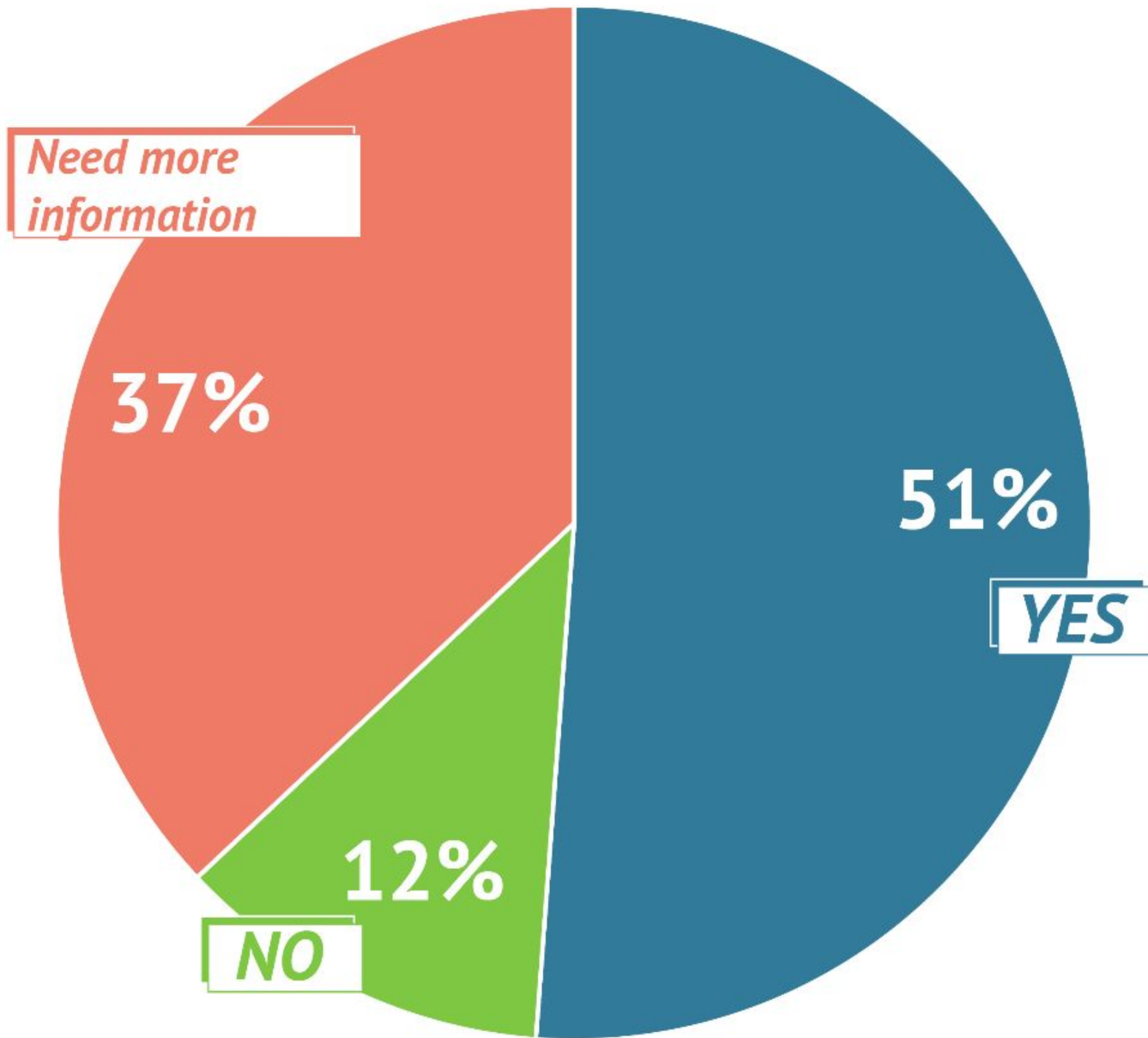
I have lost someone close to me

17%

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If Summit Lake Apartments is improved, would you be interested in returning to a new and improved unit?

[127 responses]



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Are you interested in purchasing a home or condominium in the future?

[126 responses]

*55% of the respondents are **very interested** in purchasing a home or condominium in the future*

54

Are you involved with the following associations/organizations in the community? (check all that apply)

[127 responses]

	RESPONSES	
Summit Lake Apartments Resident Meetings	20%	26
Church group/faith-based organization (specify below)	8%	10
Summit Lake Neighborhood Association	5%	6
Parent Teacher Association (PTA) at your child's school	3%	4
Neighborhood Watch	3%	4
Summit Lake Community Council	2%	2
Summit Lake Community Development Corporation (CDC)	2%	2
Senior or Social Club	0%	0
Exercise group	2%	2
None	74%	94

26% of residents indicate they are involved with an organization or association in their community

55

How do you get information about what is happening in the neighborhood? (check all that apply)

[127 responses]

	RESPONSES	
AMHA meetings/newsletters/fliers	58%	74
Word of mouth (family/friends/neighbors)	30%	38
Internet/e-mail	22%	28
Facebook	20%	25
TV	18%	23
Text Messages from an organization/group	13%	17
Bulletin Board in front of the Community Center	13%	17
Summit Lake Community Council	13%	17
Next Door	9%	12
Newspaper	8%	10
Radio	7%	9
Twitter	2%	2
Instagram	2%	2
None	8%	10

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What is your preferred way to get information about what is happening in the community? (select one)

[127 responses - hardcopies marked more than one]

	RESPONSES	
AMHA meetings/newsletters/fliers	39%	50
Text Messages from an organization/group	17%	22
Internet/e-mail	17%	21
TV	13%	16
Word of mouth (family/friends/neighbors)	12%	15
Facebook	10%	13

Emerging themes for a neighborhood vision of the future



Summit Lake will be a safe and desirable place to live.

There will be a strong sense of community where people look for out for each other.

Residents will have what they need to be healthy and independent.

Natural assets will be an integral part of the community and will help make it unique.

Next Steps

- **Workshop #2 for Land Use planned for September 28 at Reach Opportunity Center**
- **Round 2 Choice workshops planned for late October**
- **Services focus groups with residents and providers in the Fall/Winter**