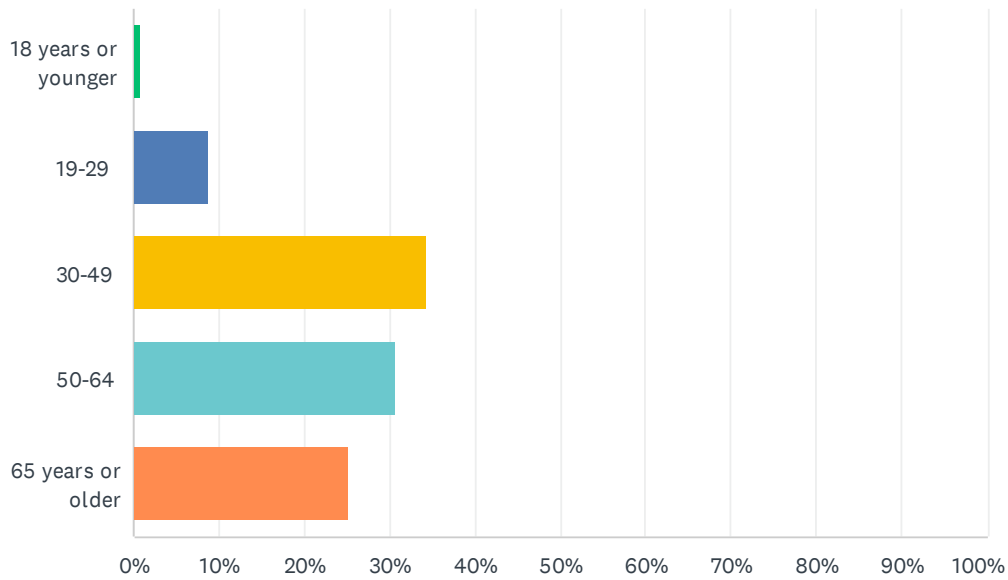


Q1 What is your age?

Answered: 634 Skipped: 4

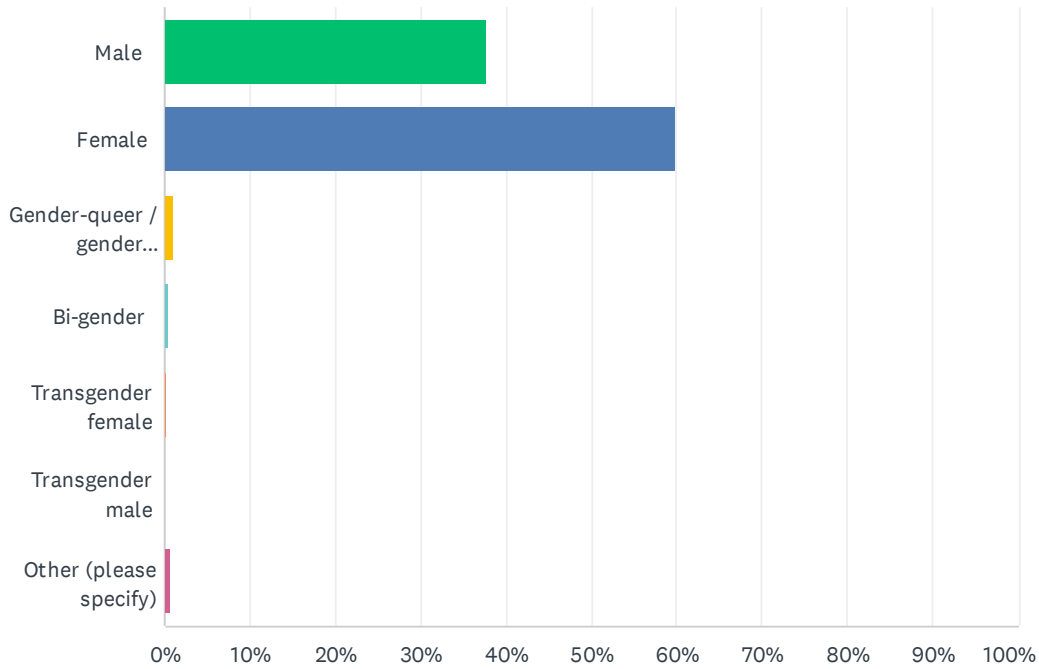


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
18 years or younger	0.95%	6
19-29	8.83%	56
30-49	34.38%	218
50-64	30.76%	195
65 years or older	25.08%	159
TOTAL		634

Q2 With which gender identity do you most identify?

Answered: 632 Skipped: 6

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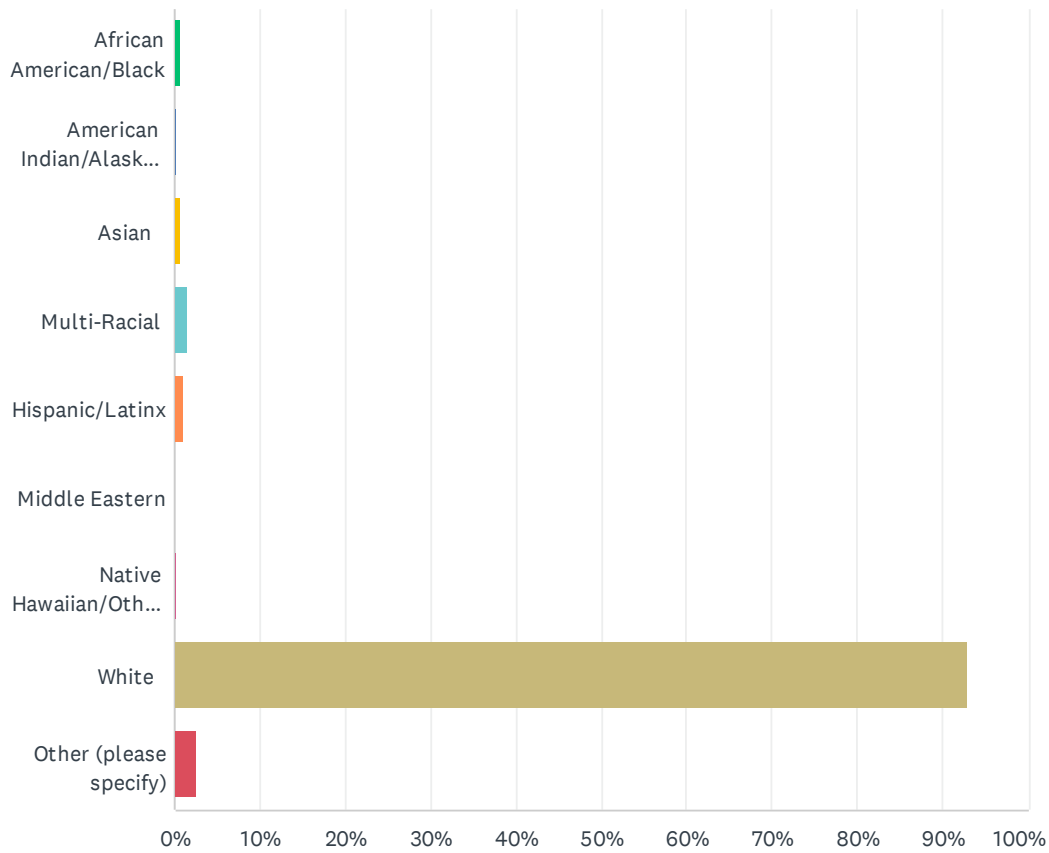


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Male	37.66%	238
Female	59.97%	379
Gender-queer / gender non-conforming	1.11%	7
Bi-gender	0.47%	3
Transgender female	0.16%	1
Transgender male	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	0.63%	4
TOTAL		632

Q3 What is your racial background?

Answered: 633 Skipped: 5

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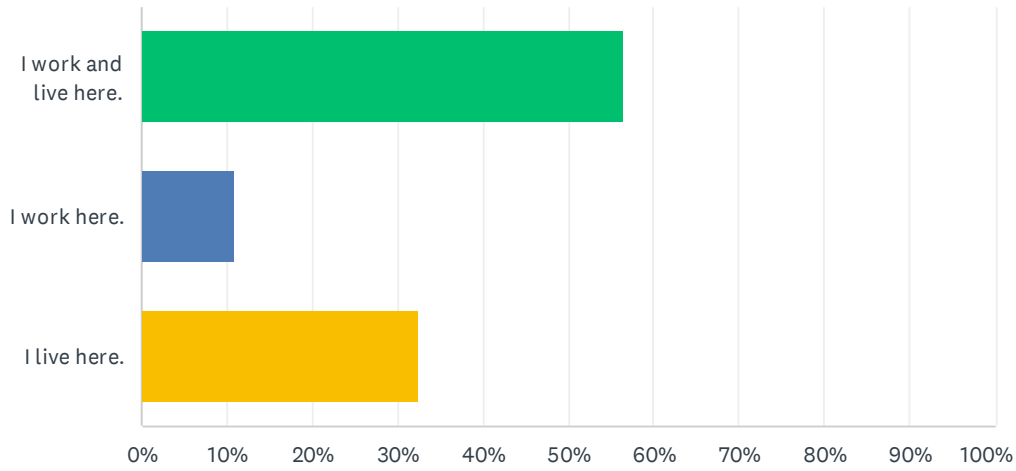


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
African American/Black	0.63%	4
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.32%	2
Asian	0.63%	4
Multi-Racial	1.42%	9
Hispanic/Latinx	1.11%	7
Middle Eastern	0.00%	0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.32%	2
White	93.05%	589
Other (please specify)	2.53%	16
TOTAL		633

Q4 What is your relationship to Bennington?

Answered: 631 Skipped: 7

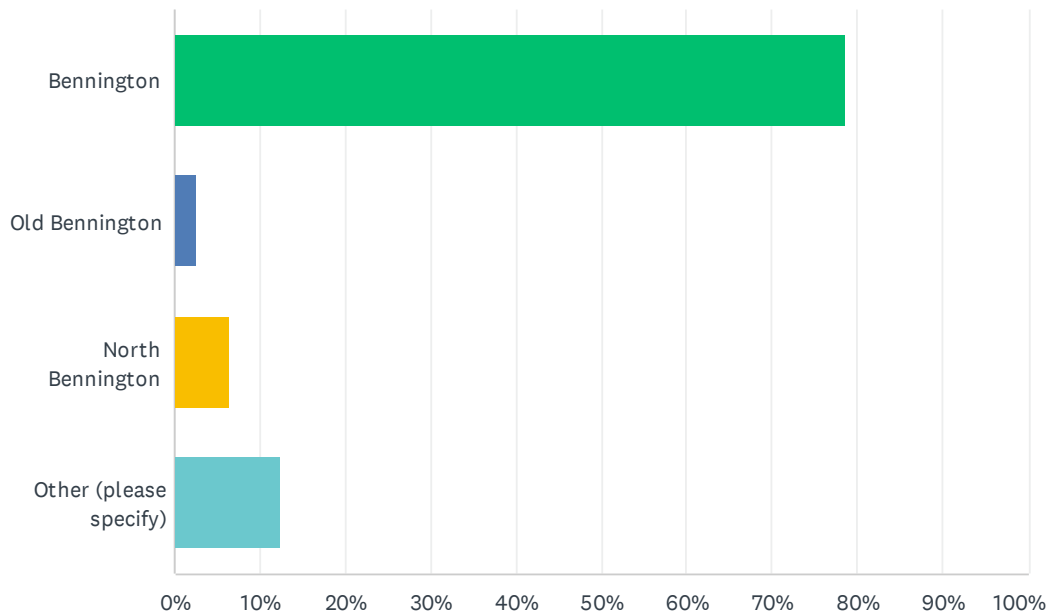
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I work and live here.	56.58%	357
I work here.	10.94%	69
I live here.	32.49%	205
TOTAL		631

Q5 Please select the town/village in which you live.

Answered: 634 Skipped: 4

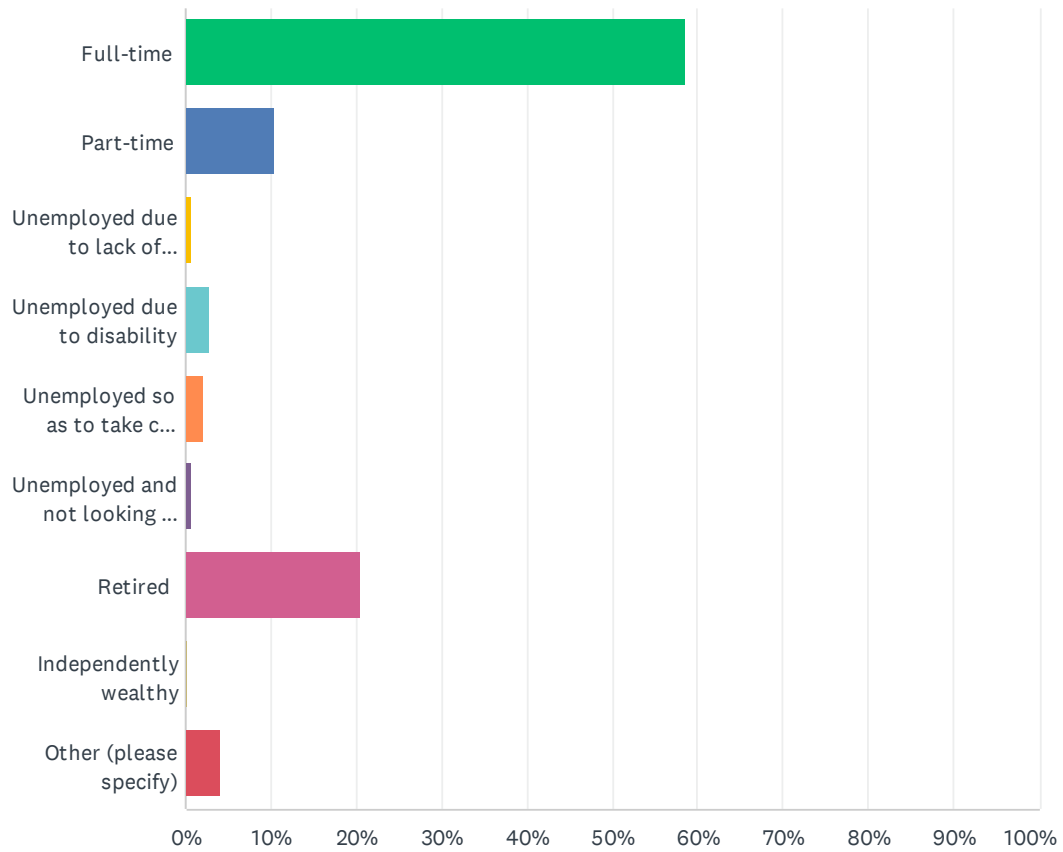


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Bennington	78.71%	499
Old Bennington	2.52%	16
North Bennington	6.31%	40
Other (please specify)	12.46%	79
TOTAL		634

Q6 Please indicate your employment status.

Answered: 633 Skipped: 5

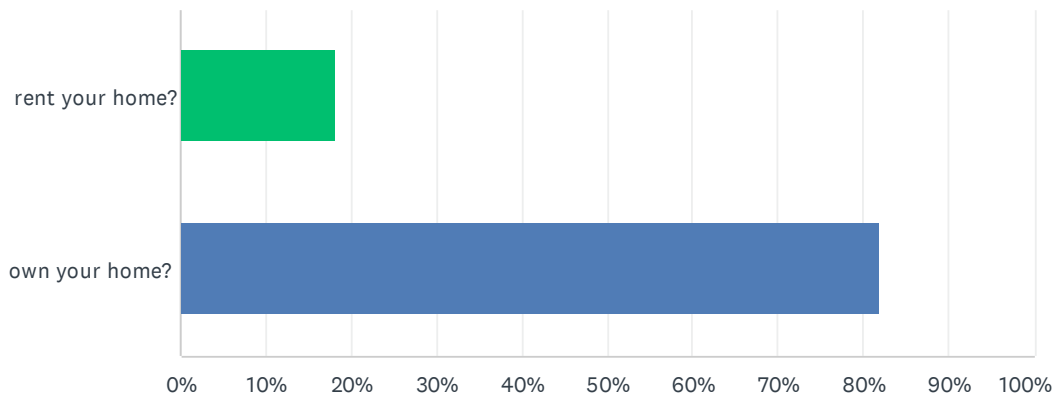


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Full-time	58.61%	371
Part-time	10.43%	66
Unemployed due to lack of training or education	0.63%	4
Unemployed due to disability	2.84%	18
Unemployed so as to take care of family	2.05%	13
Unemployed and not looking for employment	0.63%	4
Retired	20.54%	130
Independently wealthy	0.32%	2
Other (please specify)	3.95%	25
TOTAL		633

Q7 Do you:

Answered: 626 Skipped: 12



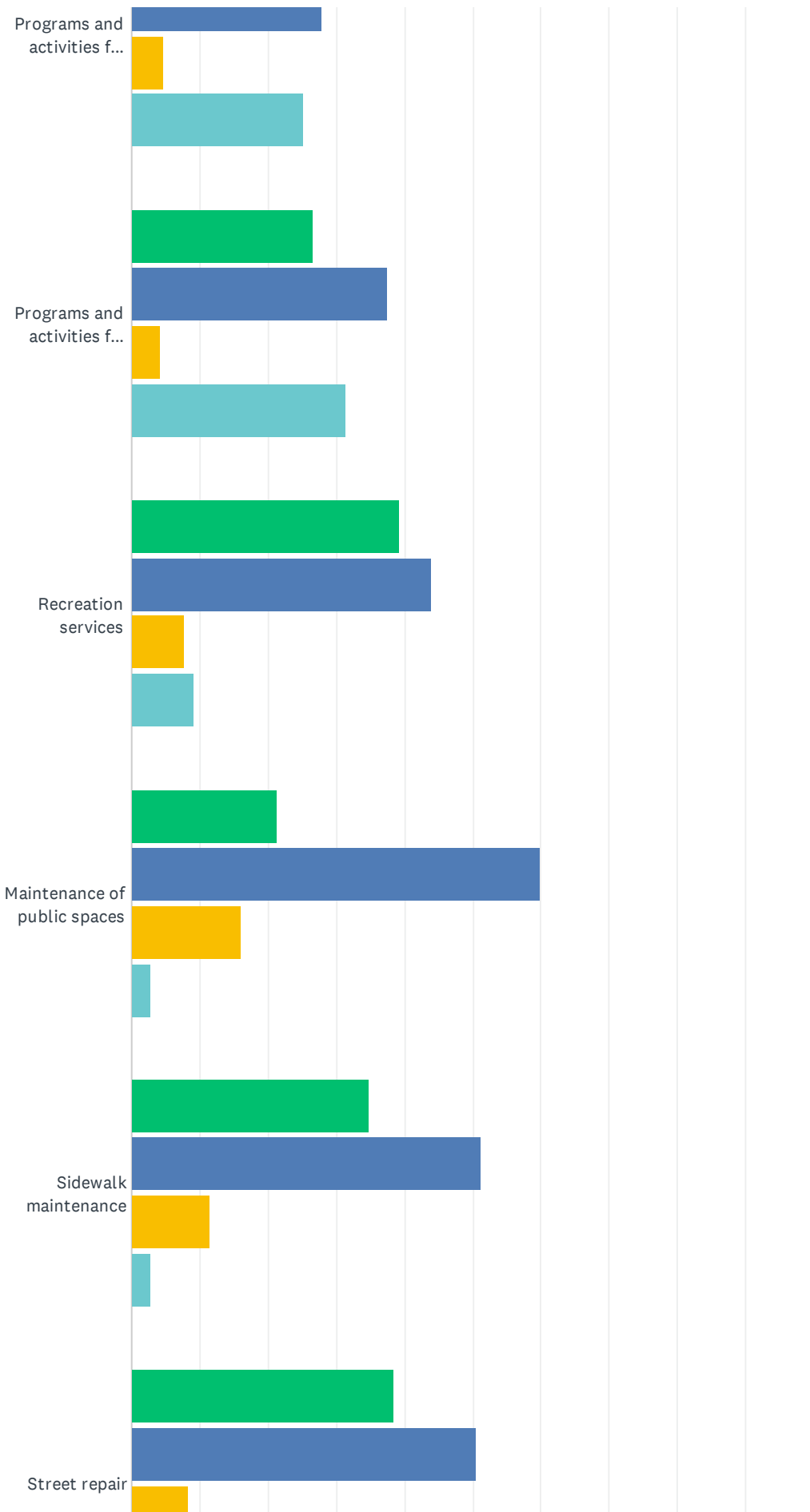
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
rent your home?	18.05%	113
own your home?	81.95%	513
TOTAL		626

Q8 Please rate each of the following services offered by the Town

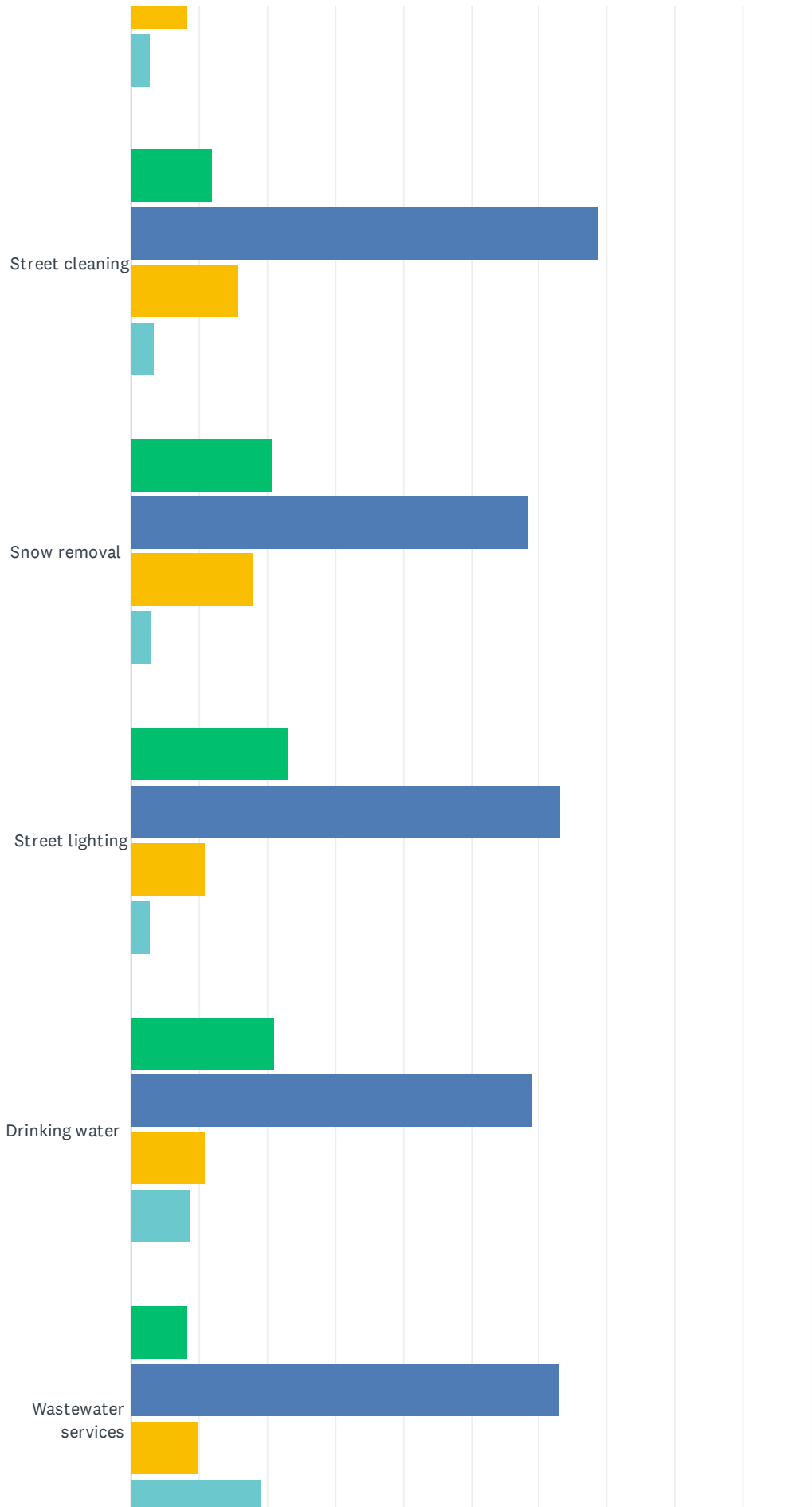
Answered: 602 Skipped: 36



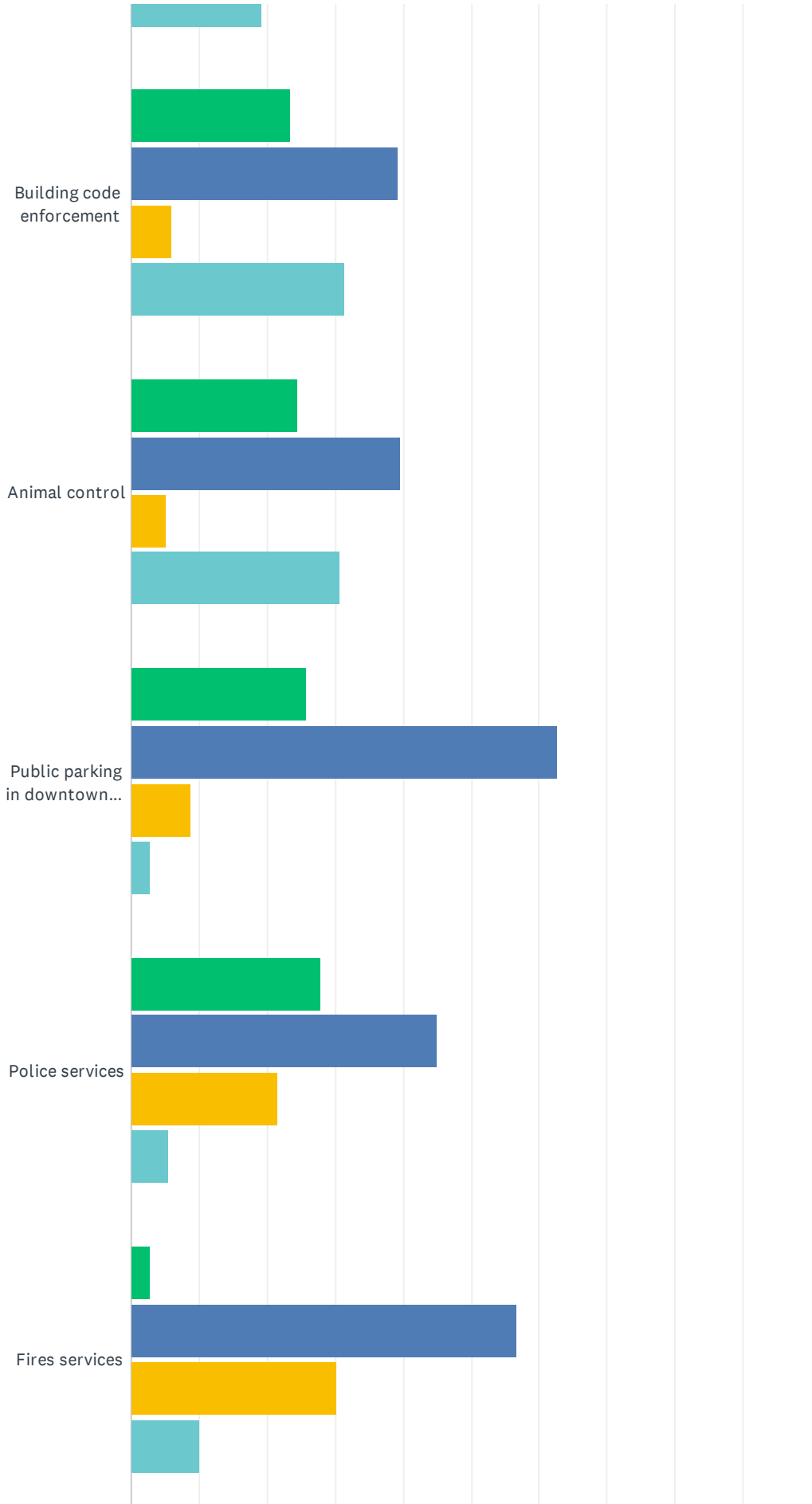
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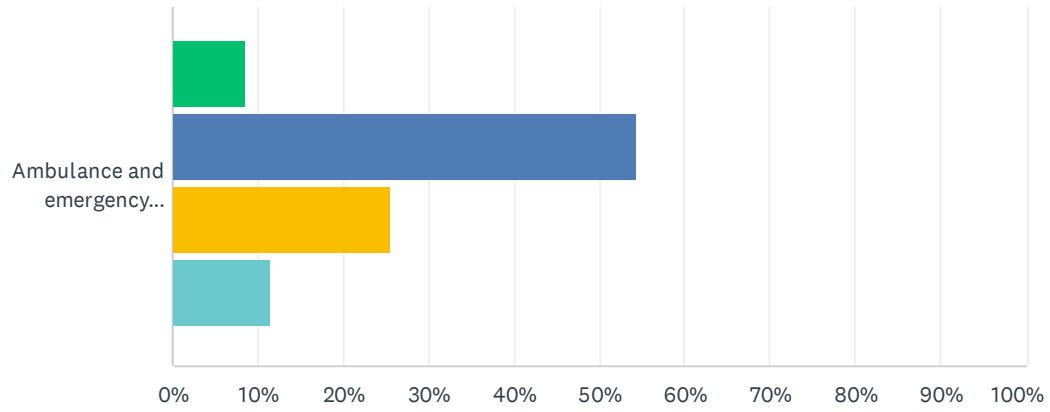
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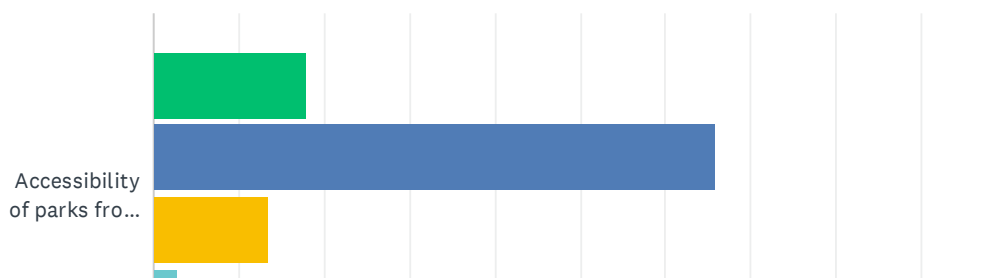
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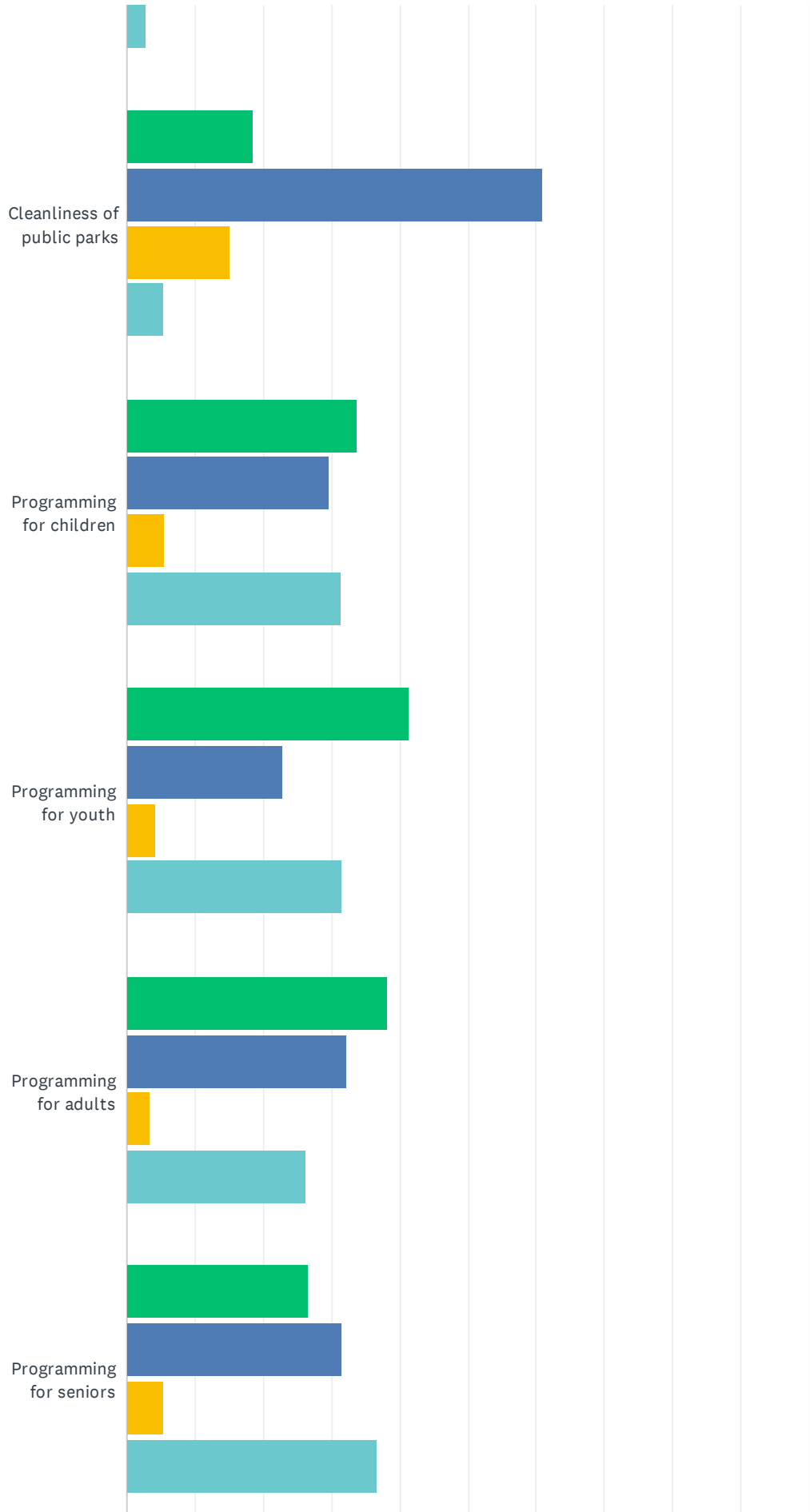
	DOES NOT MEET EXPECTATIONS	MEETS EXPECTATIONS	EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS	DO NOT KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Programs and activities for youth	42.21% 252	27.97% 167	4.69% 28	25.13% 150	597	2.13
Programs and activities for seniors	26.72% 159	37.48% 223	4.37% 26	31.43% 187	595	2.41
Recreation services	39.29% 233	43.84% 260	7.76% 46	9.11% 54	593	1.87
Maintenance of public spaces	21.37% 128	59.93% 359	16.03% 96	2.67% 16	599	2.00
Sidewalk maintenance	34.72% 208	51.09% 306	11.52% 69	2.67% 16	599	1.82
Street repair	38.46% 230	50.50% 302	8.36% 50	2.68% 16	598	1.75
Street cleaning	12.04% 72	68.73% 411	15.72% 94	3.51% 21	598	2.11
Snow removal	20.74% 124	58.36% 349	17.89% 107	3.01% 18	598	2.03
Street lighting	23.15% 138	63.09% 376	10.91% 65	2.85% 17	596	1.93
Drinking water	21.18% 126	59.16% 352	10.92% 65	8.74% 52	595	2.07
Wastewater services	8.22% 49	62.92% 375	9.73% 58	19.13% 114	596	2.40
Building code enforcement	23.45% 140	39.20% 234	6.03% 36	31.32% 187	597	2.45
Animal control	24.50% 146	39.60% 236	5.20% 31	30.70% 183	596	2.42
Public parking in downtown Bennington	25.88% 155	62.60% 375	8.68% 52	2.84% 17	599	1.88
Police services	27.97% 167	44.89% 268	21.61% 129	5.53% 33	597	2.05
Fires services	2.85% 17	56.78% 339	30.32% 181	10.05% 60	597	2.48
Ambulance and emergency services	8.51% 51	54.42% 326	25.54% 153	11.52% 69	599	2.40

Q9 Please rate the parks and recreational opportunities in Bennington:

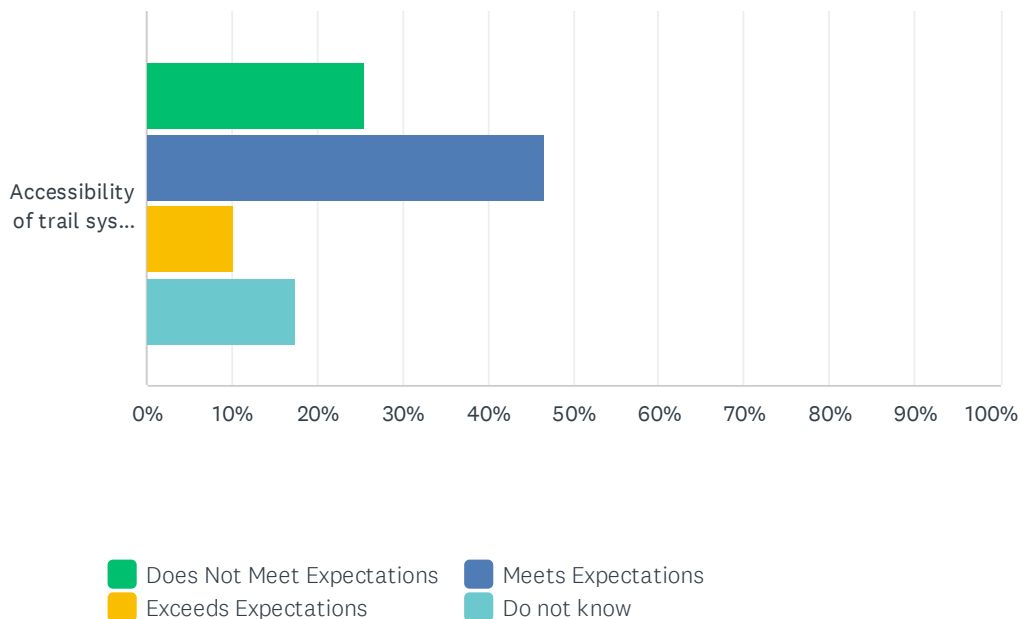
Answered: 553 Skipped: 85



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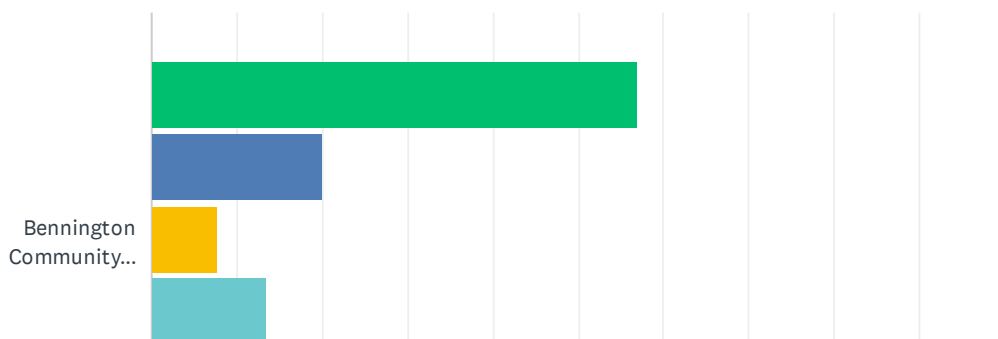
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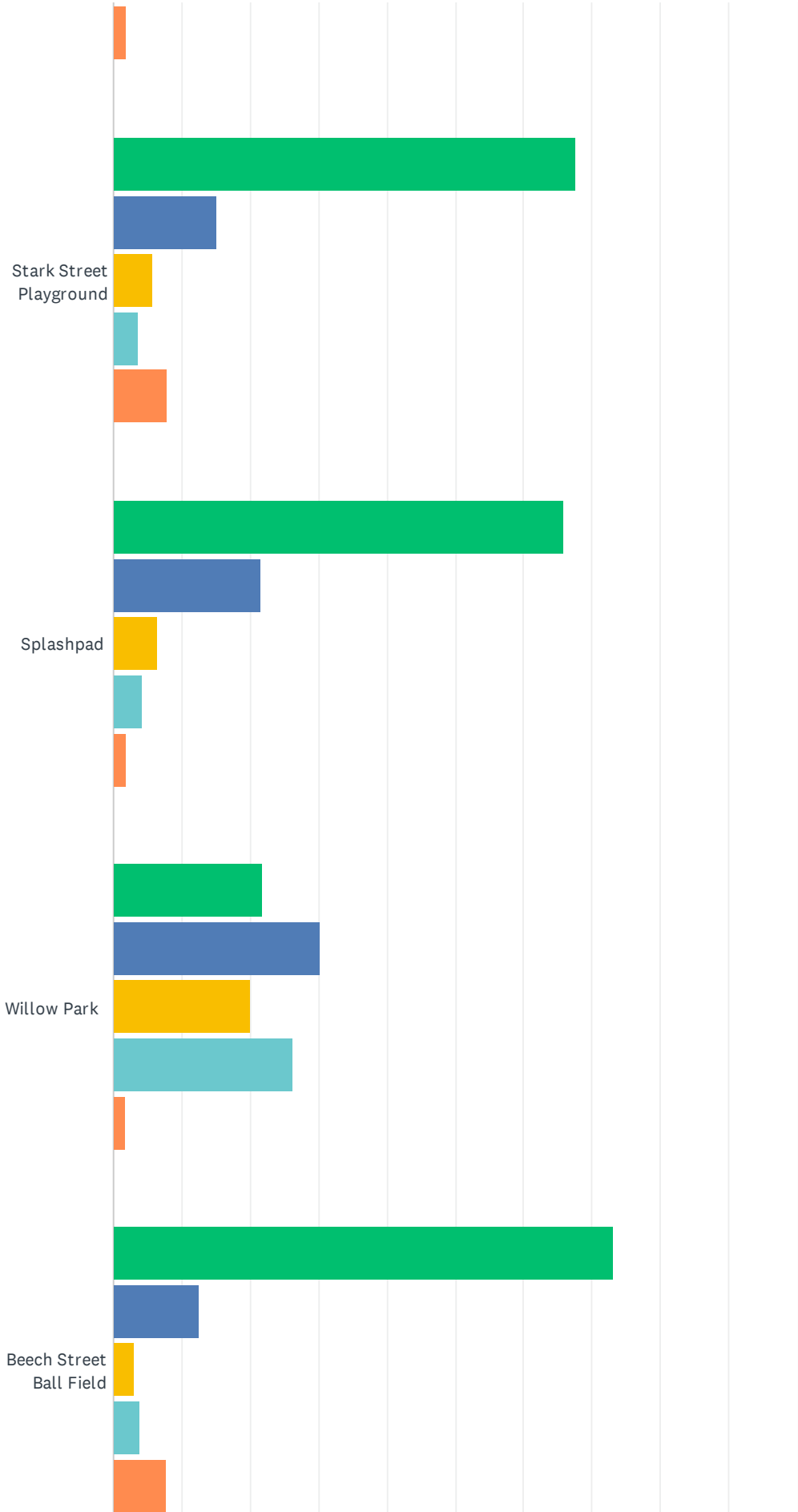
	DOES NOT MEET EXPECTATIONS	MEETS EXPECTATIONS	EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS	DO NOT KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Accessibility of parks from where you live or work	17.93% 99	65.94% 364	13.41% 74	2.72% 15	552	2.01
Cleanliness of public parks	18.48% 102	61.05% 337	15.22% 84	5.25% 29	552	2.07
Programming for children	33.64% 185	29.64% 163	5.45% 30	31.27% 172	550	2.34
Programming for youth	41.27% 227	22.91% 126	4.36% 24	31.45% 173	550	2.26
Programming for adults	38.14% 209	32.12% 176	3.47% 19	26.28% 144	548	2.18
Programming for seniors	26.63% 147	31.52% 174	5.25% 29	36.59% 202	552	2.52
Accessibility of trail system in town	25.54% 141	46.74% 258	10.33% 57	17.39% 96	552	2.20

Q10 How many times have you visited the following facilities/parks in the past 6 months? If need be, please feel free to provide a rough estimate.

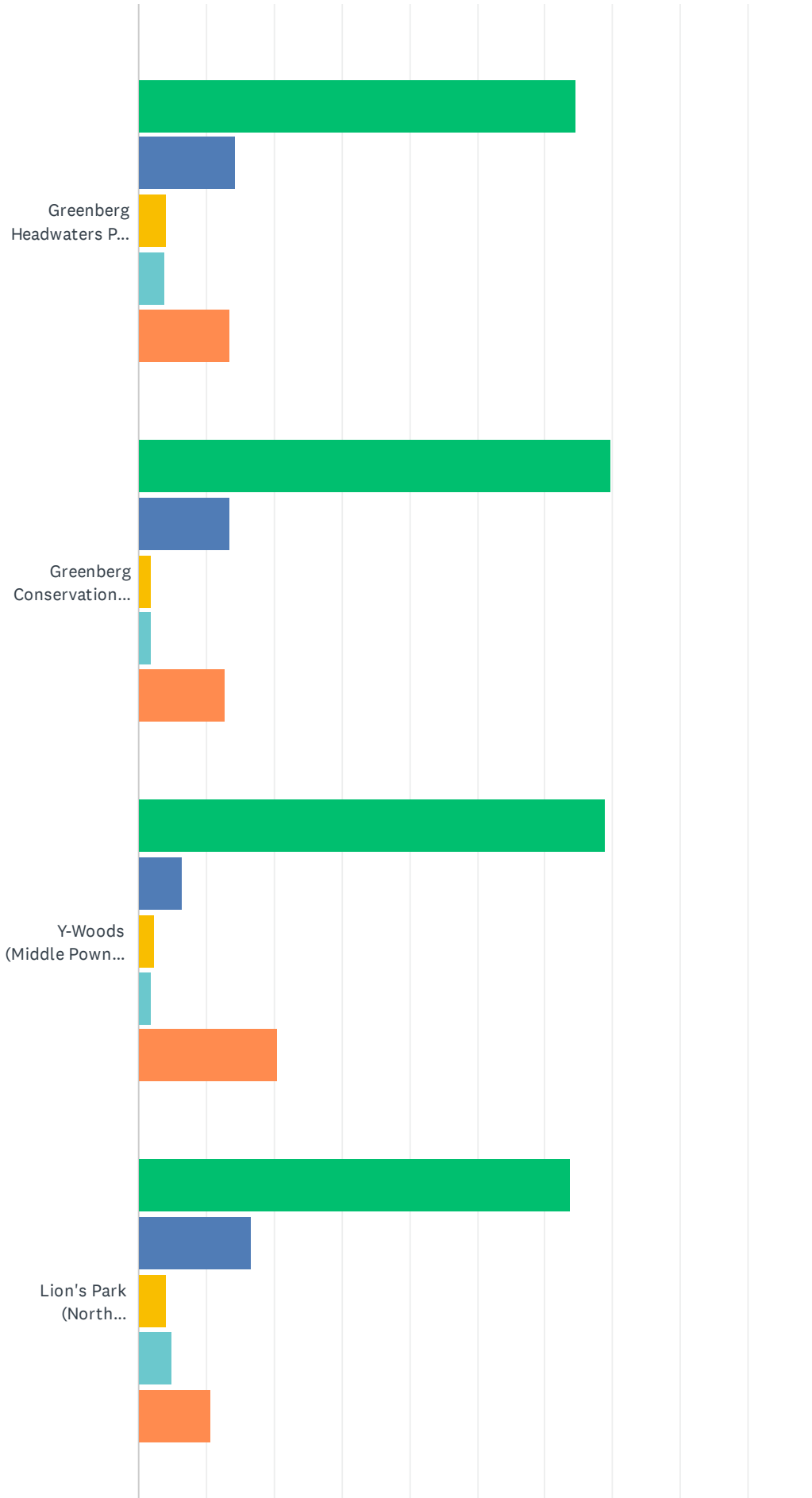
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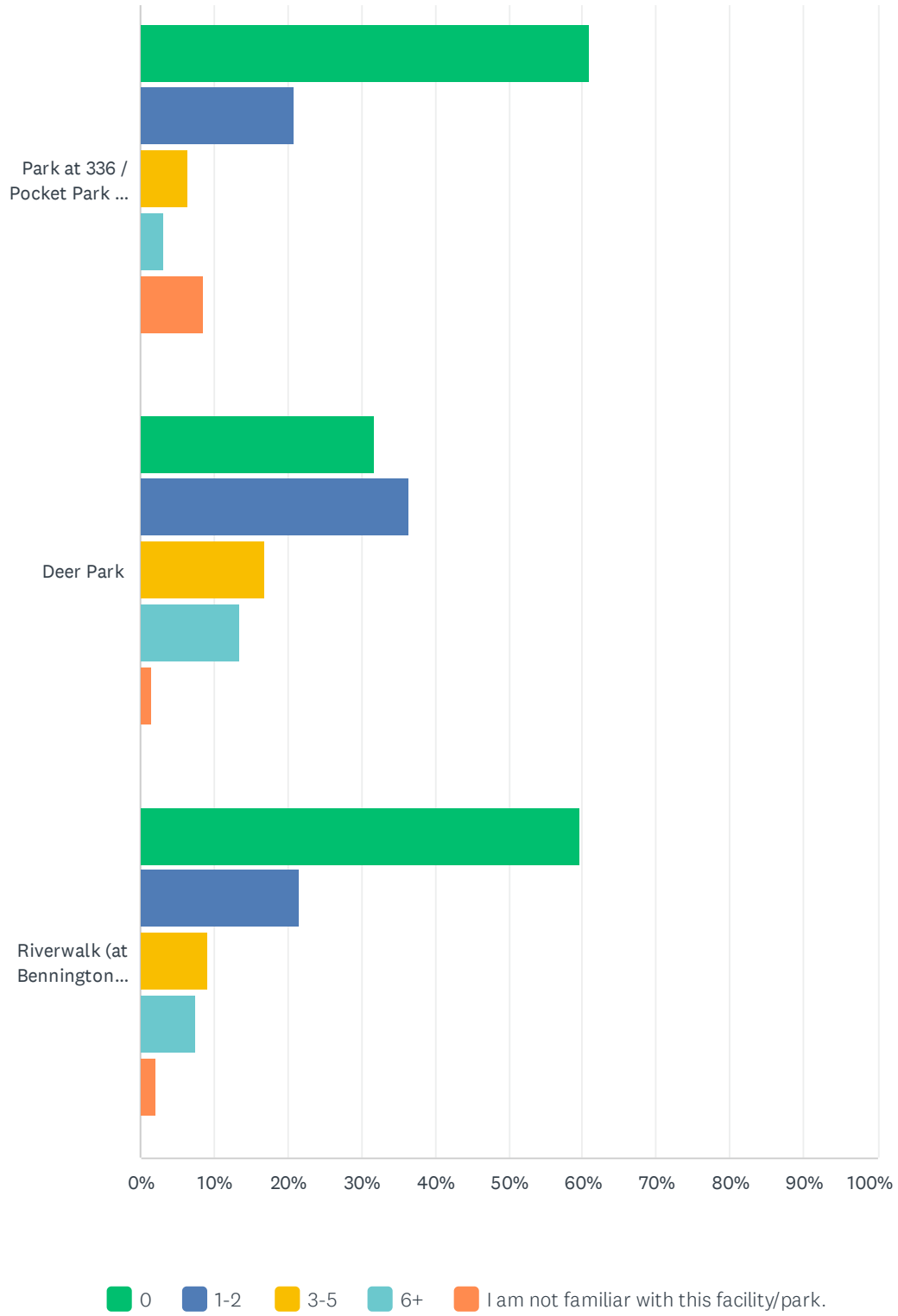
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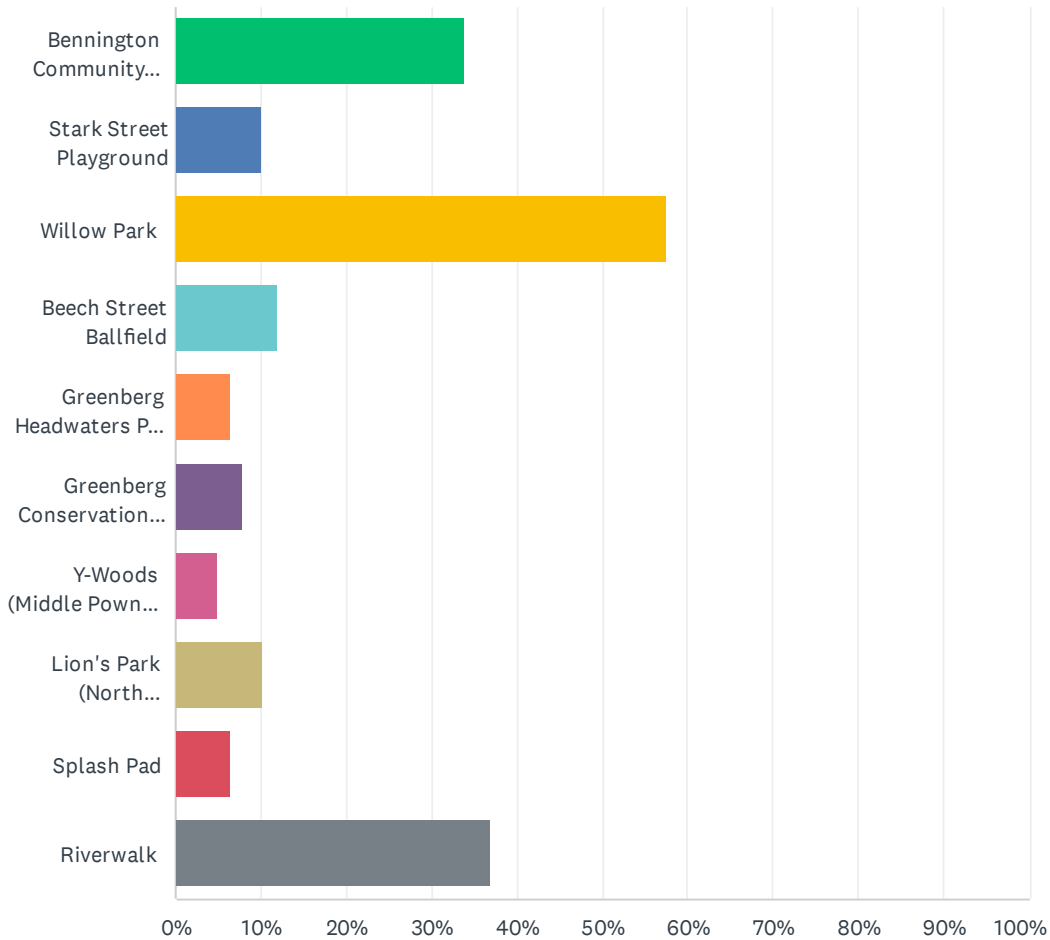
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	0	1-2	3-5	6+	I AM NOT FAMILIAR WITH THIS FACILITY/PARK.	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Bennington Community Center (Rec Center)	56.99% 314	20.15% 111	7.62% 42	13.43% 74	1.81% 10	551	1.83
Stark Street Playground	67.58% 371	15.12% 83	5.83% 32	3.64% 20	7.83% 43	549	1.69
Splashpad	65.82% 362	21.64% 119	6.36% 35	4.18% 23	2.00% 11	550	1.55
Willow Park	21.83% 119	30.28% 165	20.00% 109	26.24% 143	1.65% 9	545	2.56
Beech Street Ball Field	73.04% 401	12.57% 69	2.91% 16	3.83% 21	7.65% 42	549	1.60
Greenberg Headwaters Park (Morgan St.)	64.53% 353	14.26% 78	4.02% 22	3.84% 21	13.35% 73	547	1.87
Greenberg Conservation Reserve (Route 7)	69.65% 381	13.53% 74	2.01% 11	2.01% 11	12.80% 70	547	1.75
Y-Woods (Middle Pownal Rd. / Park Lawn Cemetery)	68.85% 378	6.38% 35	2.37% 13	2.00% 11	20.40% 112	549	1.99
Lion's Park (North Bennington)	63.75% 350	16.58% 91	4.01% 22	4.92% 27	10.75% 59	549	1.82
Park at 336 / Pocket Park on Main Street	60.95% 334	20.99% 115	6.39% 35	3.10% 17	8.58% 47	548	1.77
Deer Park	31.68% 172	36.46% 198	16.94% 92	13.44% 73	1.47% 8	543	2.17
Riverwalk (at Bennington Station)	59.74% 328	21.49% 118	9.11% 50	7.47% 41	2.19% 12	549	1.71

Q11 Please select which two parks or recreational facility the Town should prioritize for improvement in the upcoming budget session?

Answered: 494 Skipped: 144

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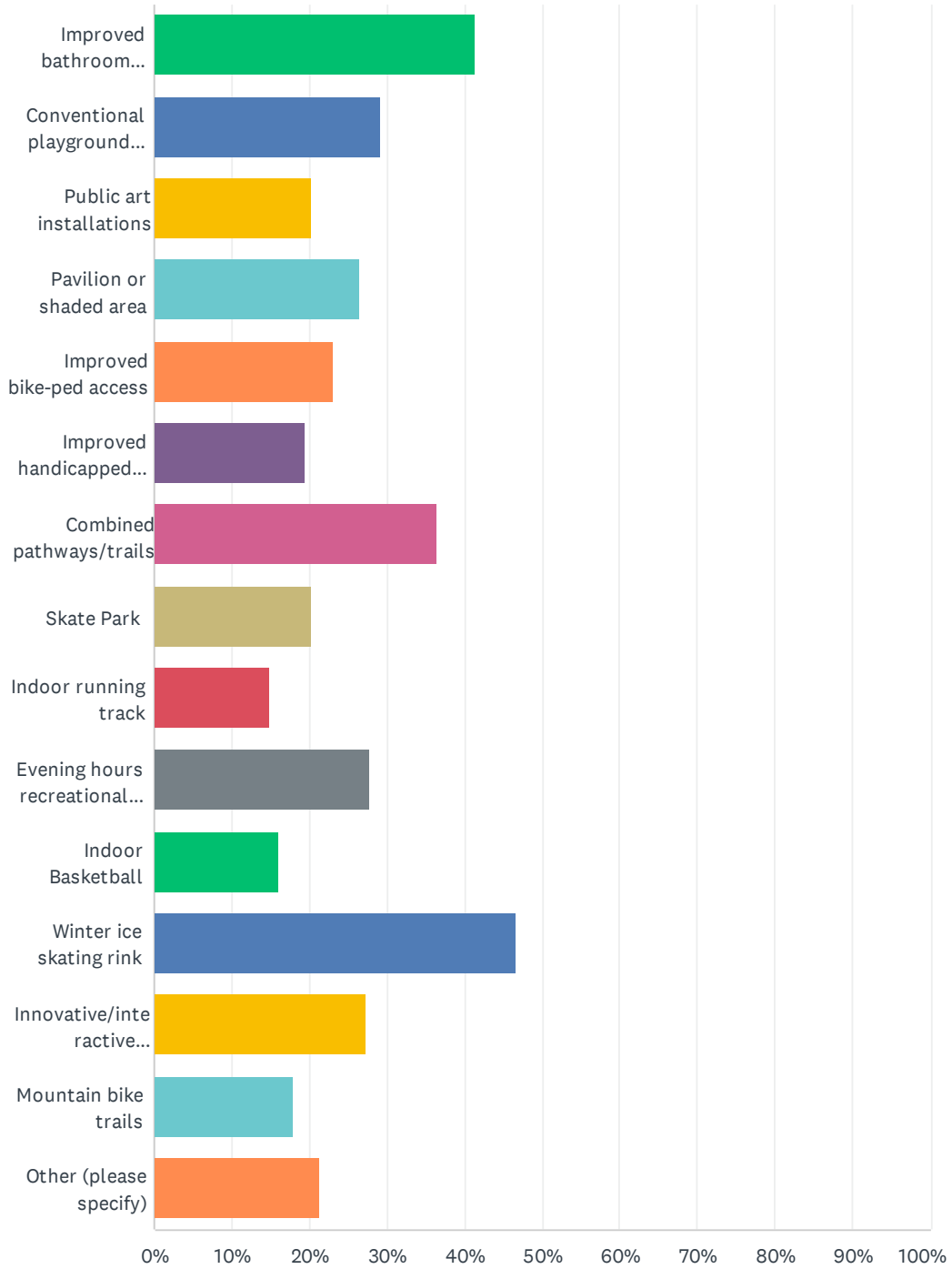


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Bennington Community Center (Rec Center)	33.81%	167
Stark Street Playground	10.12%	50
Willow Park	57.49%	284
Beech Street Ballfield	11.94%	59
Greenberg Headwaters Park (Morgan St.)	6.48%	32
Greenberg Conservation Reserve (Route 7)	7.89%	39
Y-Woods (Middle Pownal Road/Park Lawn Cemetery)	4.86%	24
Lion's Park (North Bennington)	10.32%	51
Splash Pad	6.48%	32
Riverwalk	36.84%	182
Total Respondents: 494		

Q12 What improvements would you like to see at your selected park or facility? (Please check all that apply.)

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Answered: 533 Skipped: 105



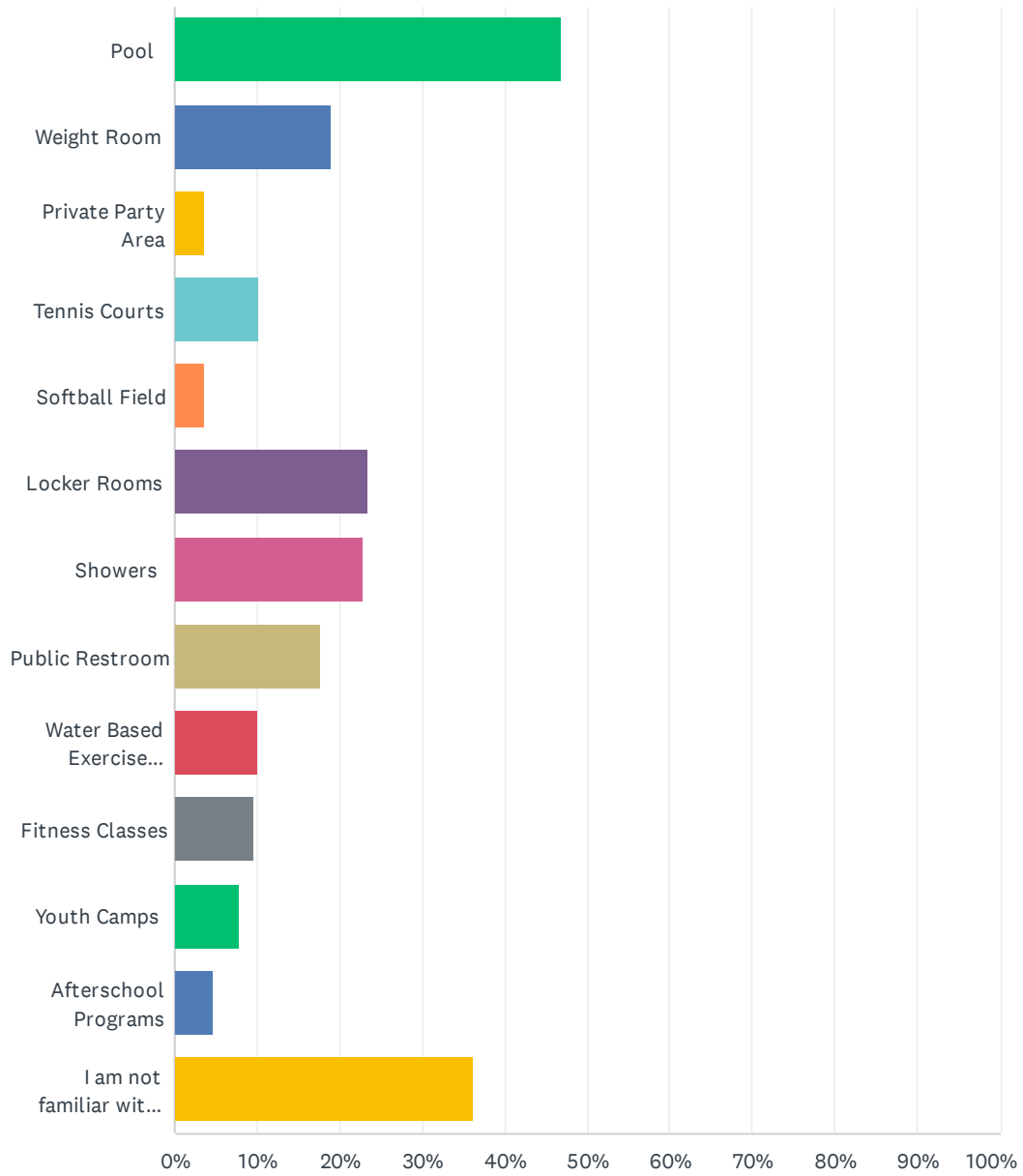
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Improved bathroom facilities	41.28%	220
Conventional playground equipment	29.27%	156
Public art installations	20.26%	108
Pavilion or shaded area	26.45%	141
Improved bike-ped access	23.08%	123
Improved handicapped access	19.32%	103
Combined pathways/trails	36.40%	194
Skate Park	20.26%	108
Indoor running track	15.01%	80
Evening hours recreational activities	27.77%	148
Indoor Basketball	15.95%	85
Winter ice skating rink	46.72%	249
Innovative/interactive playground structures	27.20%	145
Mountain bike trails	17.82%	95
Other (please specify)	21.39%	114
Total Respondents: 533		

Q13 What aspects of the Bennington Community Center (Rec. Center) do you use?

Answered: 473 Skipped: 165

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Pool	46.93%	222
Weight Room	19.03%	90
Private Party Area	3.59%	17
Tennis Courts	10.15%	48
Softball Field	3.59%	17
Locker Rooms	23.47%	111
Showers	22.83%	108
Public Restroom	17.76%	84
Water Based Exercise Programs	9.94%	47
Fitness Classes	9.51%	45
Youth Camps	7.82%	37
Afterschool Programs	4.65%	22
I am not familiar with the Bennington Community Center (Rec. Center)	36.15%	171
Total Respondents: 473		

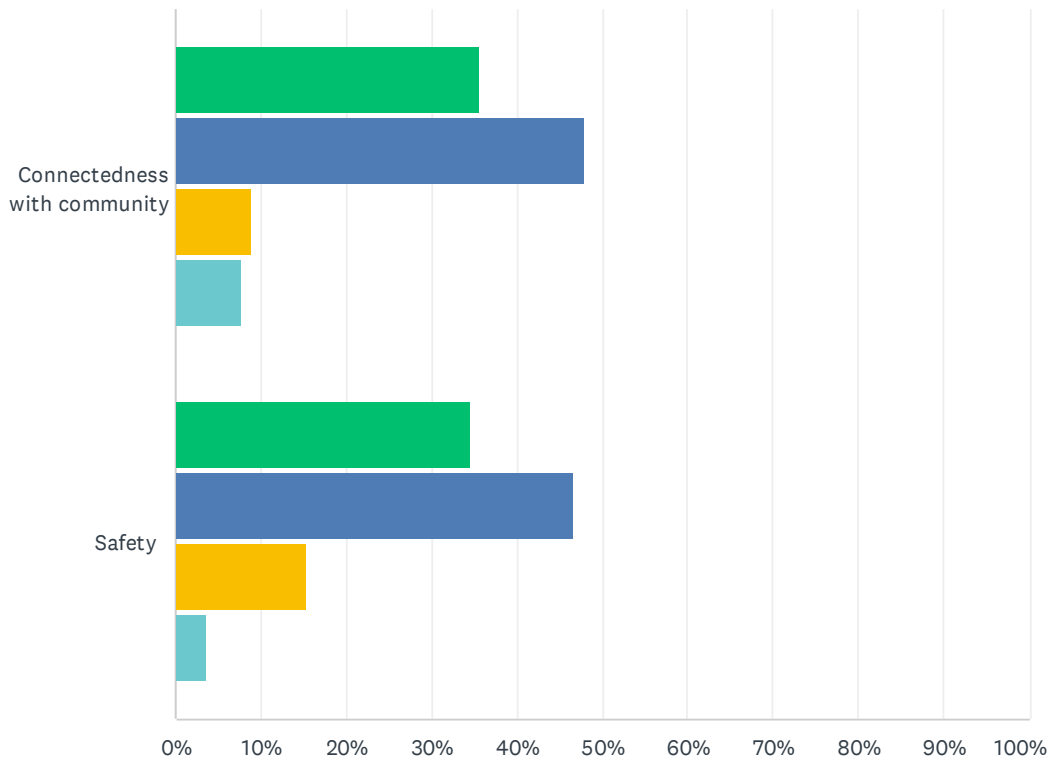
Q14 What improvements at the Bennington Community Center (Rec. Center) would you like to see?

Answered: 246 Skipped: 392

Q15 Please rate each of the following aspects of your neighborhood.

Answered: 533 Skipped: 105

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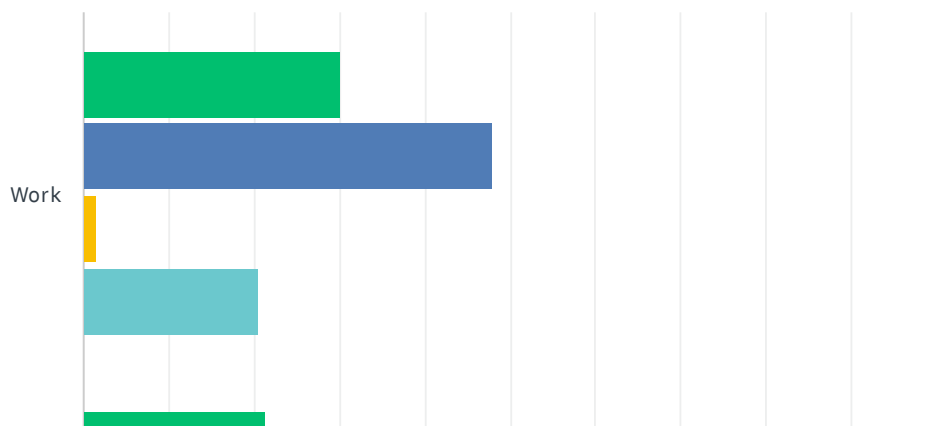


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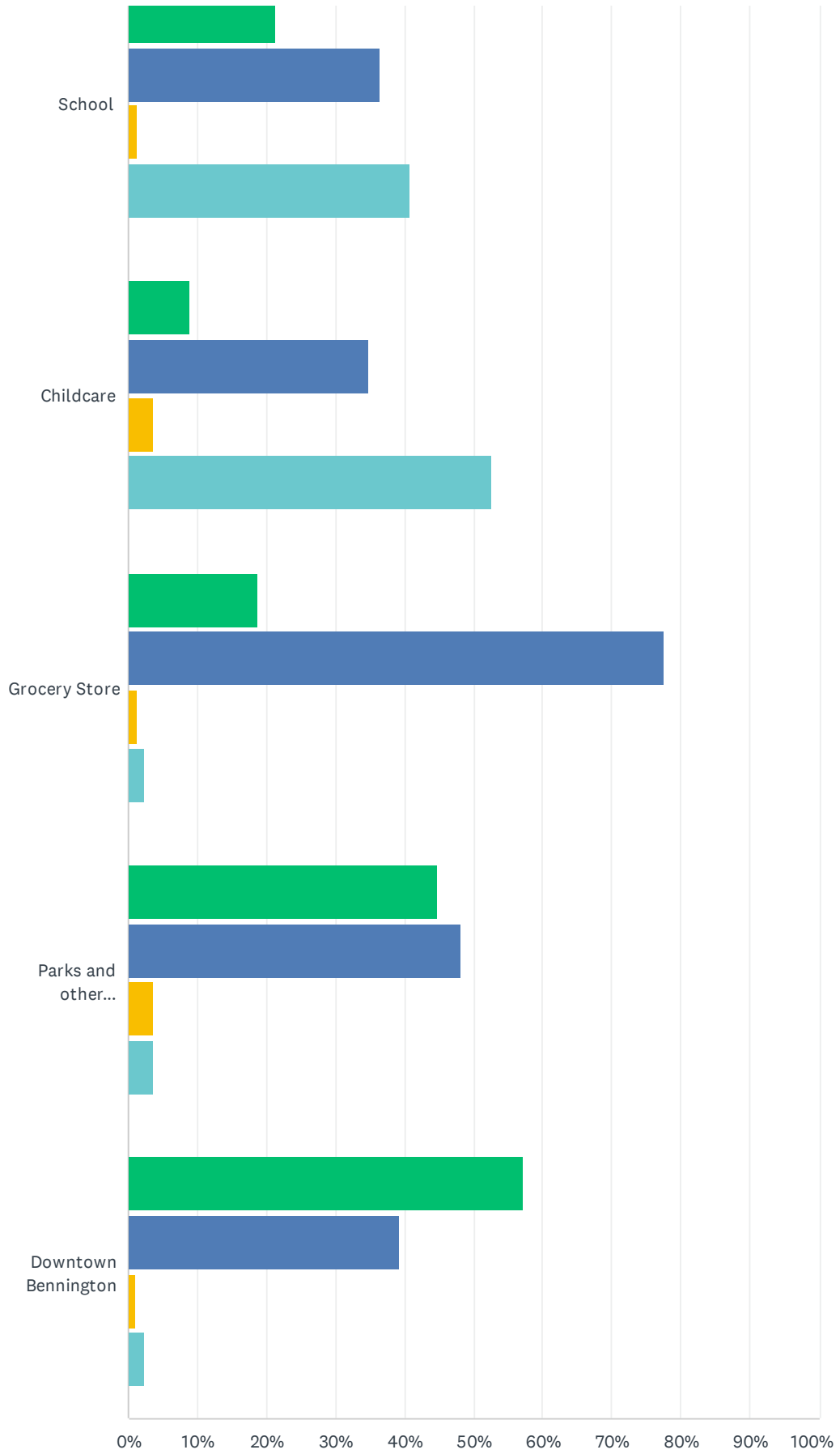
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Connectedness with community	35.61% 188	47.92% 253	8.90% 47	7.58% 40	528	1.88
Safety	34.47% 182	46.59% 246	15.34% 81	3.60% 19	528	1.88

Q16 Would you be able to access the following without a car?

Answered: 543 Skipped: 95



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■ Yes
 ■ No
 ■ Do not know
 ■ N/A

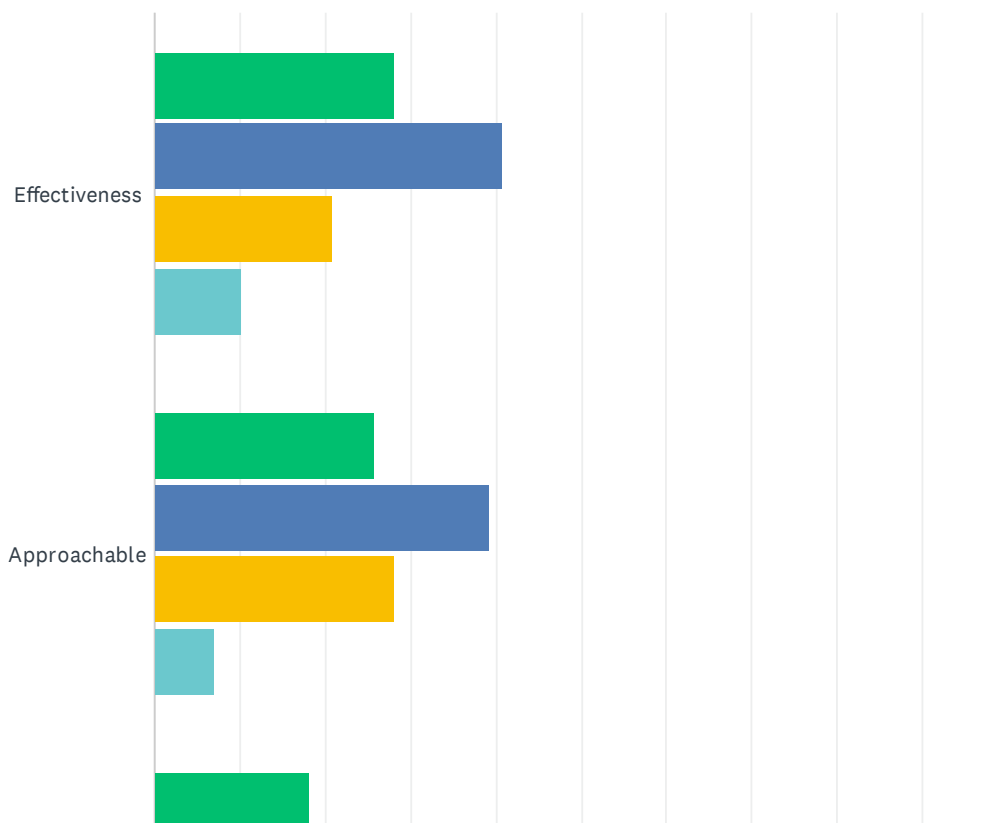
	YES	NO	DO NOT KNOW	N/A	TOTAL
Work	30.15% 161	47.94% 256	1.50% 8	20.41% 109	534
School	21.35% 114	36.52% 195	1.31% 7	40.82% 218	534
Childcare	8.95% 47	34.86% 183	3.62% 19	52.57% 276	525
Grocery Store	18.77% 101	77.51% 417	1.30% 7	2.42% 13	538
Parks and other recreational opportunities	44.71% 241	48.24% 260	3.53% 19	3.53% 19	539
Downtown Bennington	57.22% 309	39.26% 212	1.11% 6	2.41% 13	540

Q17 Please list, in order of preference, three streets that you would like to see improved for the community.

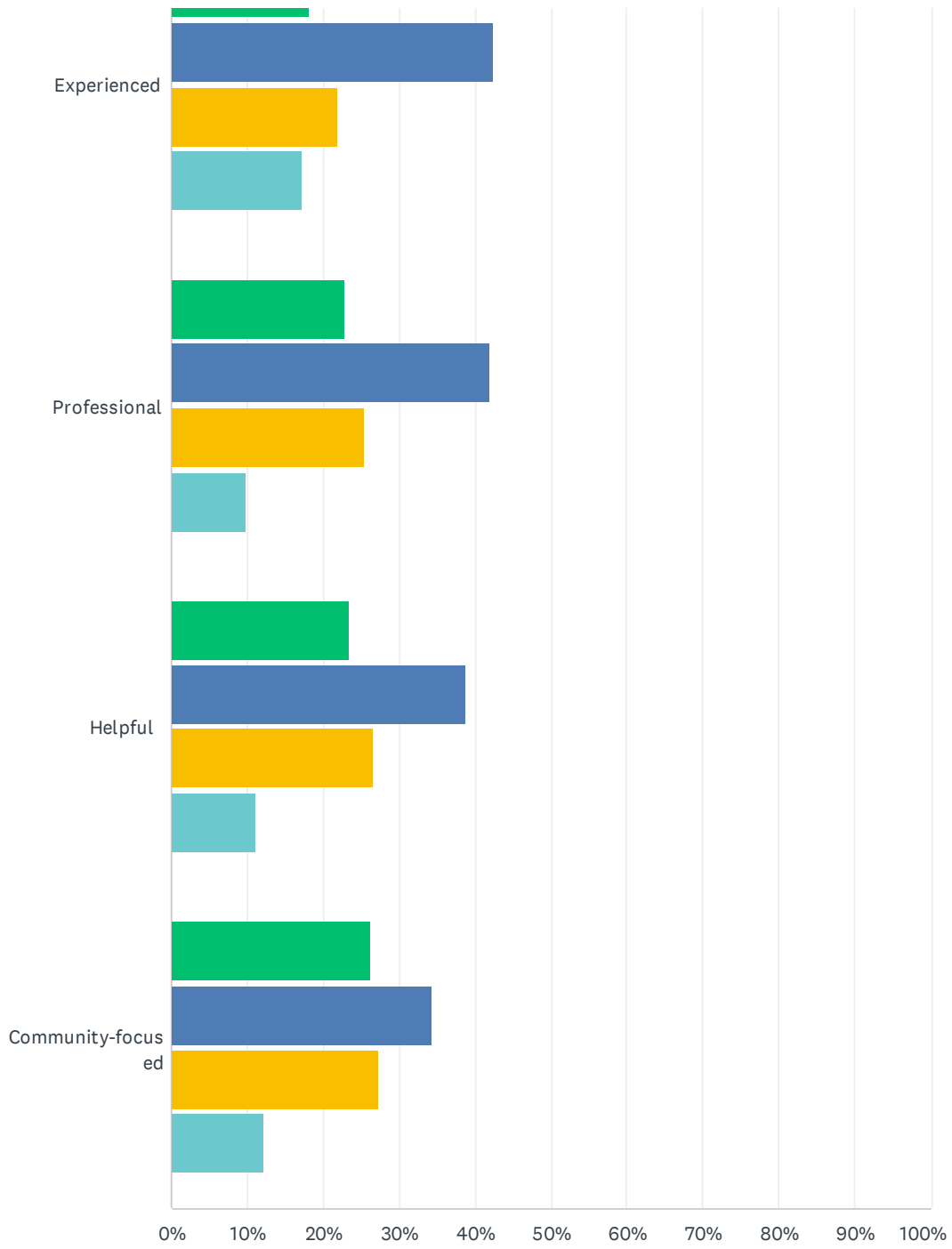
Answered: 378 Skipped: 260

Q18 Please rate the performance of the Bennington Police Department:

Answered: 531 Skipped: 107



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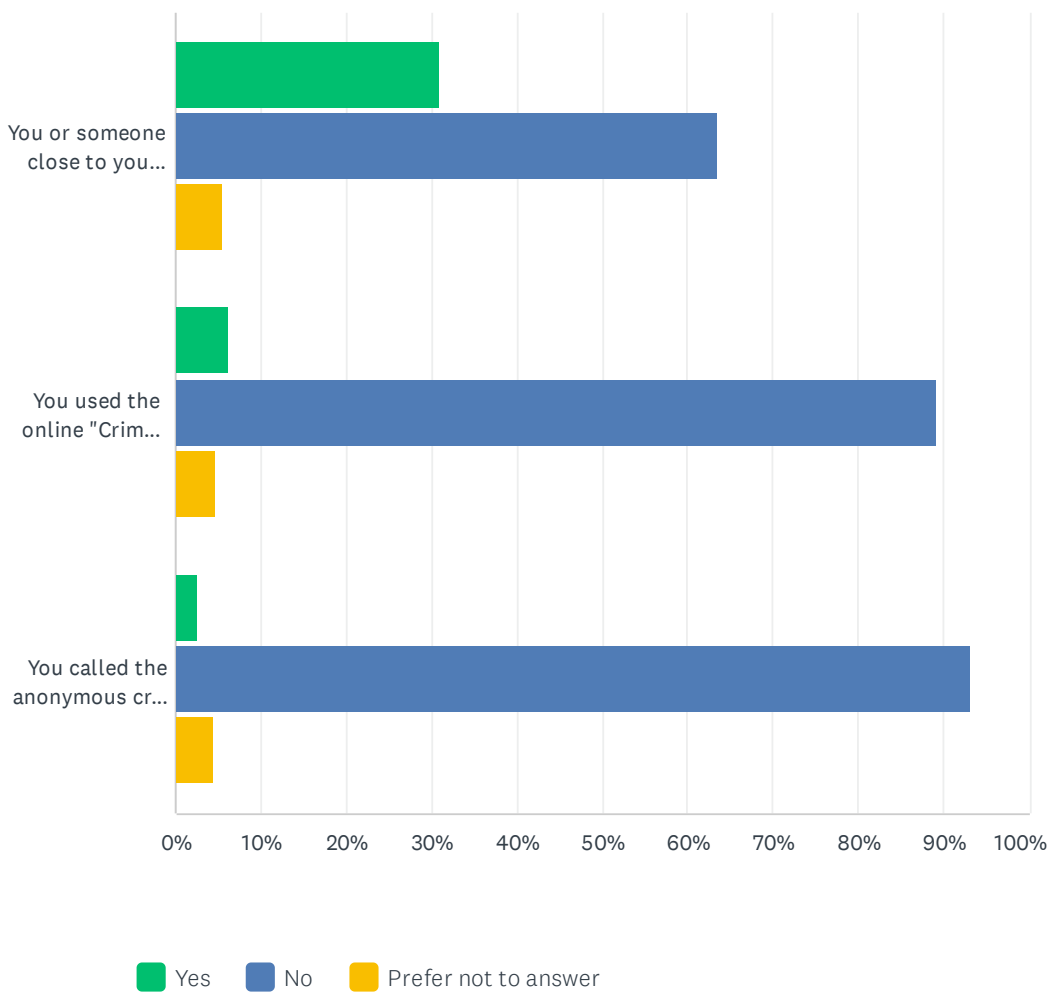
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	DOES NOT MEET EXPECTATIONS	MEETS EXPECTATIONS	EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS	DO NOT KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Effectiveness	28.25% 150	40.68% 216	20.90% 111	10.17% 54	531	2.13
Approachable	25.80% 137	39.17% 208	28.06% 149	6.97% 37	531	2.16
Experienced	18.22% 96	42.50% 224	22.01% 116	17.27% 91	527	2.38
Professional	22.79% 121	42.00% 223	25.42% 135	9.79% 52	531	2.22
Helpful	23.54% 125	38.79% 206	26.55% 141	11.11% 59	531	2.25
Community-focused	26.33% 139	34.28% 181	27.27% 144	12.12% 64	528	2.25

Q19 Please indicate if any of the following apply to you:

Answered: 529 Skipped: 109



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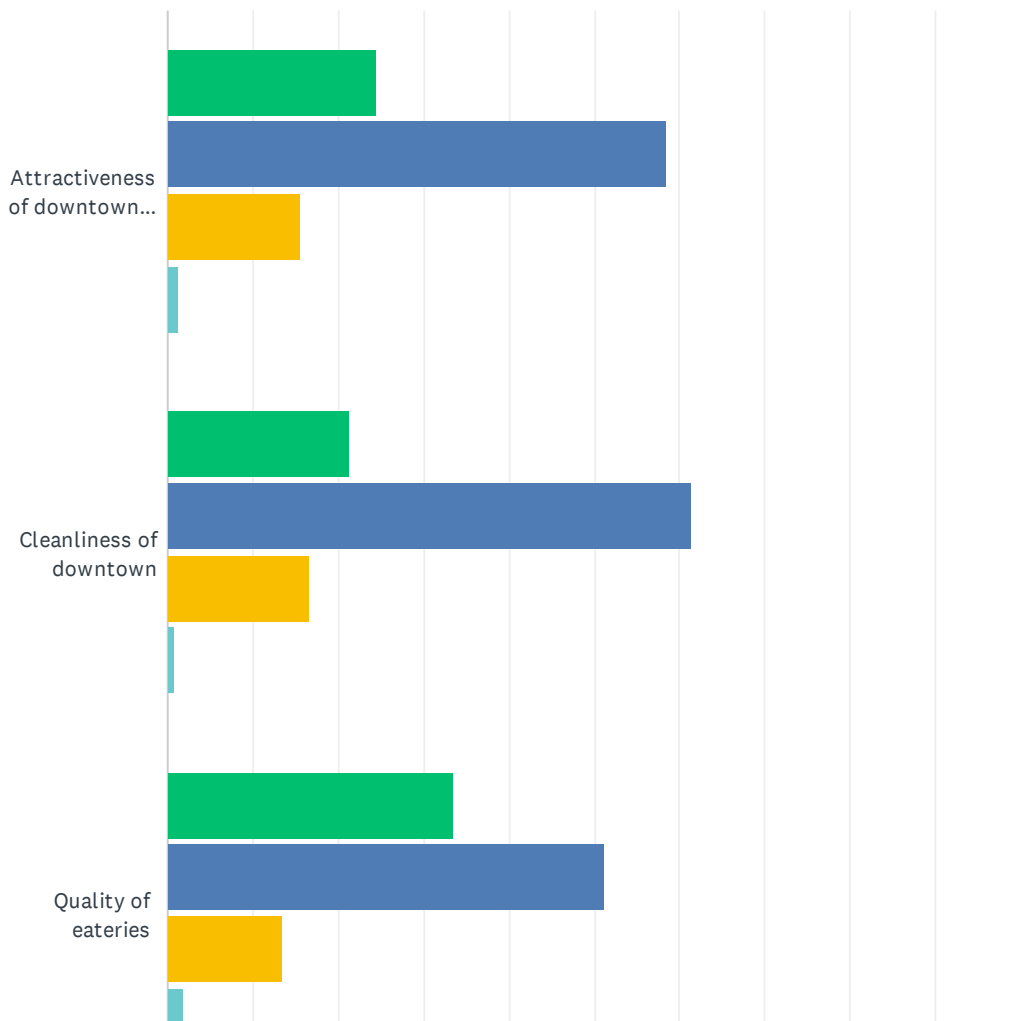
	YES	NO	PREFER NOT TO ANSWER	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
You or someone close to you was a victim of a crime in Bennington	30.93% 163	63.57% 335	5.50% 29	527	1.75
You used the online "Crime Tip Line" through the Bennington Police Department's website	6.08% 32	89.16% 469	4.75% 25	526	1.99
You called the anonymous crime tip line (802-445-3937)	2.48% 13	93.14% 489	4.38% 23	525	2.02

Q20 Over the past year the Bennington Police Department has made numerous changes to its policies and procedures as part of its effort to move towards a community policing model. What suggestions would you like to share to help us further this effort?

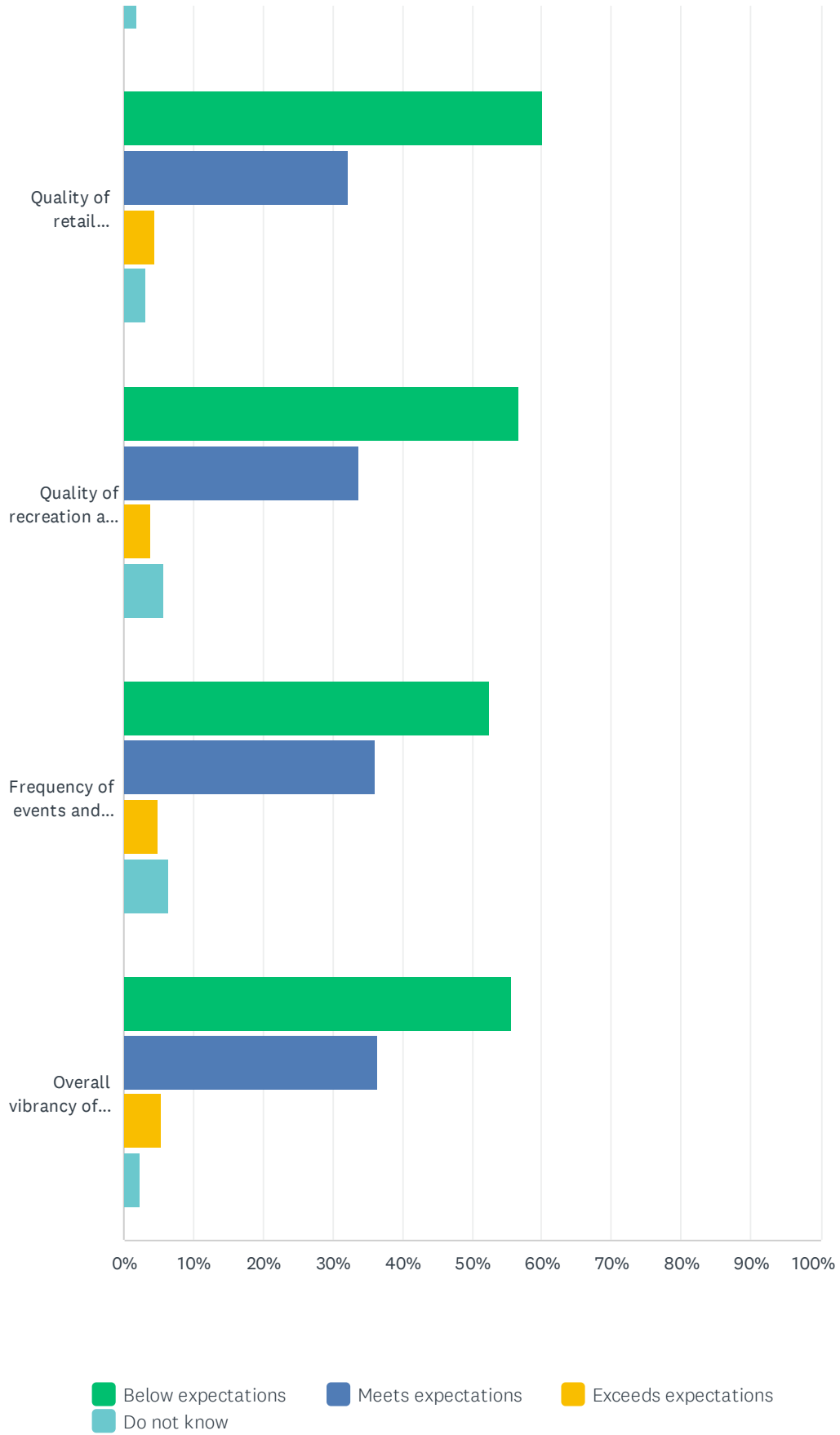
Answered: 325 Skipped: 313

Q21 Please review the following aspects of downtown Bennington:

Answered: 512 Skipped: 126



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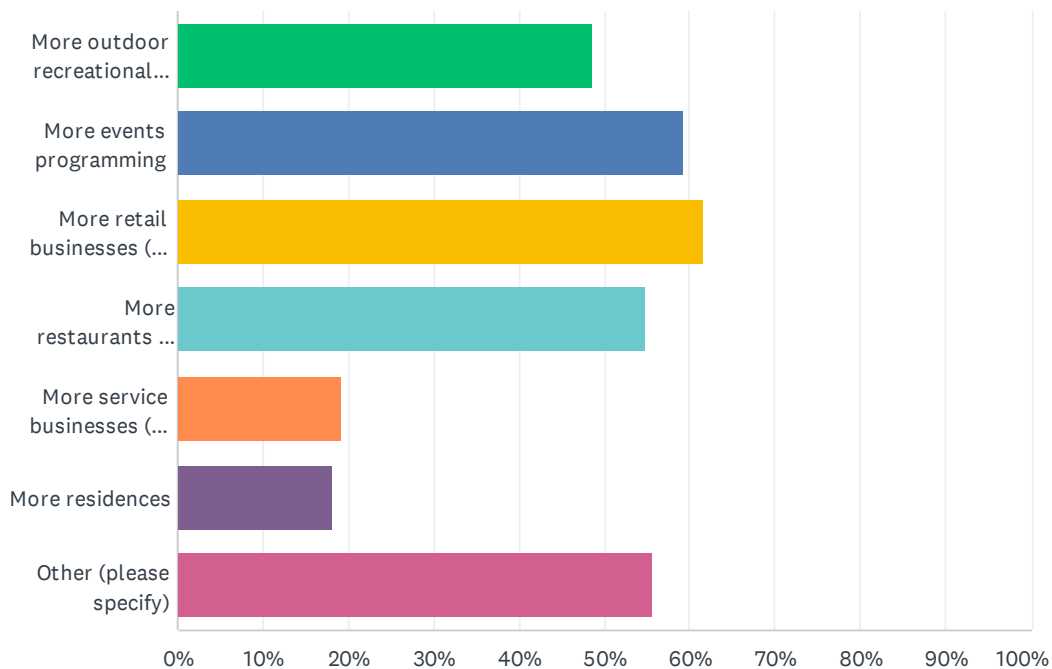


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	BELOW EXPECTATIONS	MEETS EXPECTATIONS	EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS	DO NOT KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Attractiveness of downtown streetscape	24.61% 126	58.40% 299	15.63% 80	1.37% 7	512	1.94
Cleanliness of downtown	21.29% 109	61.33% 314	16.60% 85	0.78% 4	512	1.97
Quality of eateries	33.46% 171	51.08% 261	13.50% 69	1.96% 10	511	1.84
Quality of retail experience	60.08% 307	32.29% 165	4.50% 23	3.13% 16	511	1.51
Quality of recreation and entertainment	56.64% 290	33.59% 172	3.91% 20	5.86% 30	512	1.59
Frequency of events and programs	52.55% 268	36.08% 184	4.90% 25	6.47% 33	510	1.65
Overall vibrancy of downtown	55.73% 282	36.56% 185	5.34% 27	2.37% 12	506	1.54

Q22 What features would improve the vibrancy of downtown Bennington? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 505 Skipped: 133



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More outdoor recreational/gathering space for the community	48.51%	245
More events programming	59.21%	299
More retail businesses (if so, please indicate what kind in the "other" section)	61.58%	311
More restaurants (if so, please indicate what kind in the "other" section)	54.85%	277
More service businesses (if so, please indicate what kind in the "other" section)	19.21%	97
More residences	18.02%	91
Other (please specify)	55.64%	281
Total Respondents: 505		

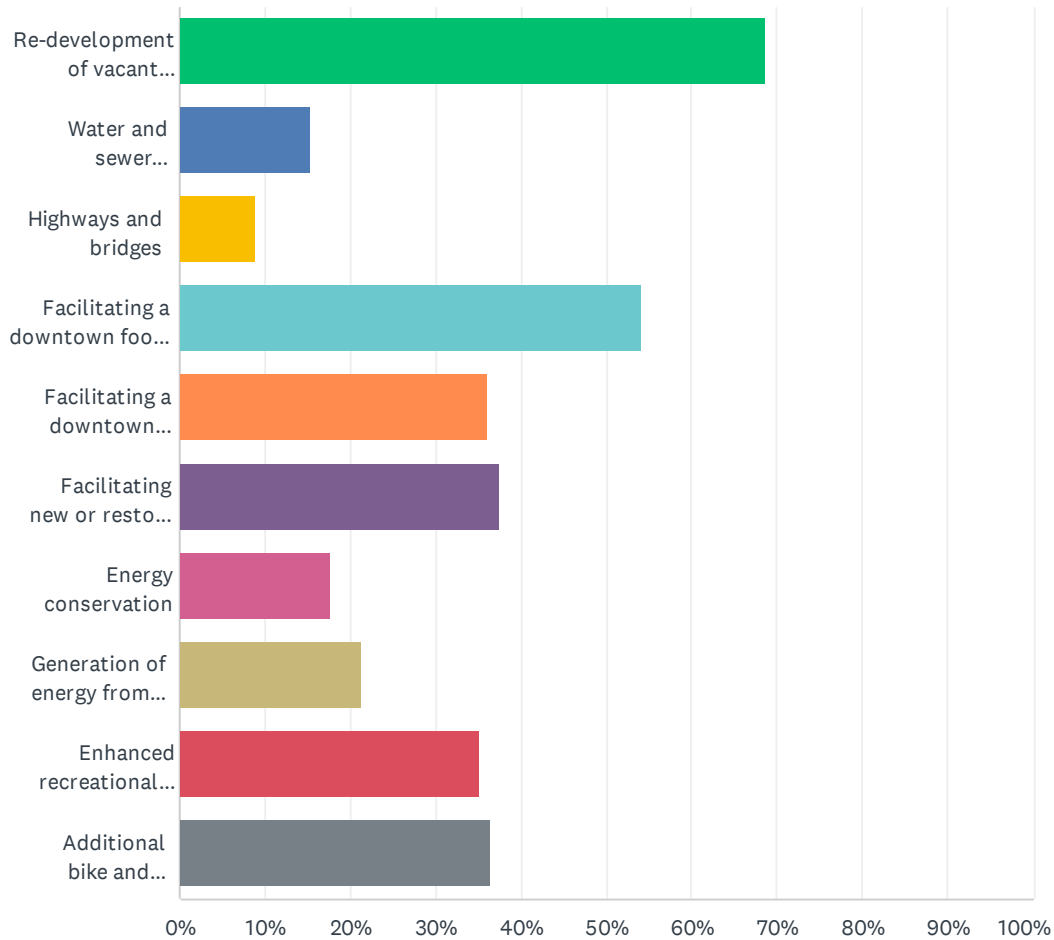
Q23 What kind of retail business that we don't currently have is most needed in our downtown?

Answered: 393 Skipped: 245

Q24 What municipal investment would have the greatest impact on the community?

Answered: 481 Skipped: 157

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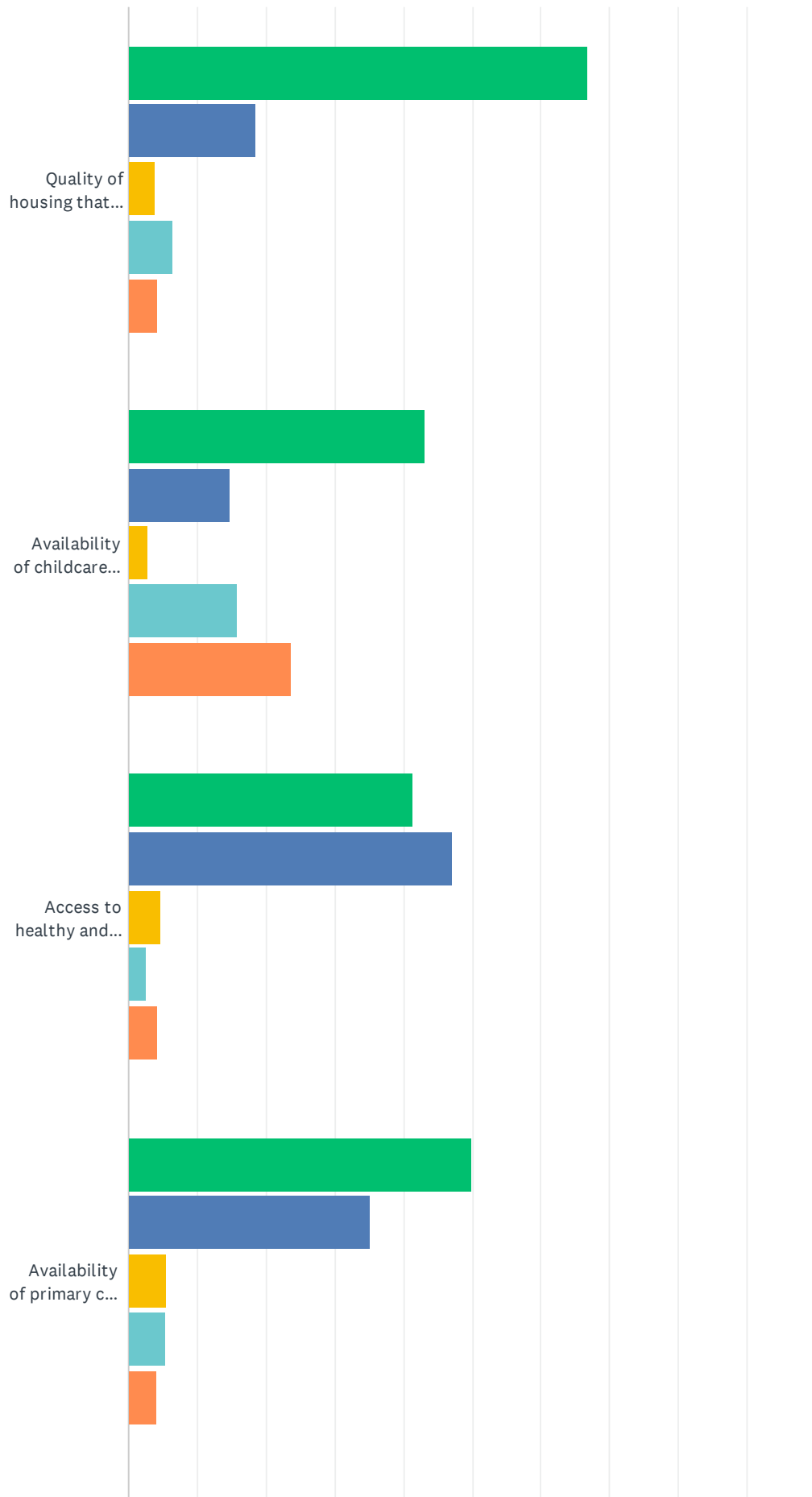


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Re-development of vacant and/or blighted properties	68.61%	330
Water and sewer infrastructure	15.38%	74
Highways and bridges	8.94%	43
Facilitating a downtown food market	54.05%	260
Facilitating a downtown hardware store	35.97%	173
Facilitating new or restored housing	37.63%	181
Energy conservation	17.67%	85
Generation of energy from renewable sources	21.41%	103
Enhanced recreational activities	35.14%	169
Additional bike and pedestrian paths and right-of-ways	36.38%	175
Total Respondents: 481		

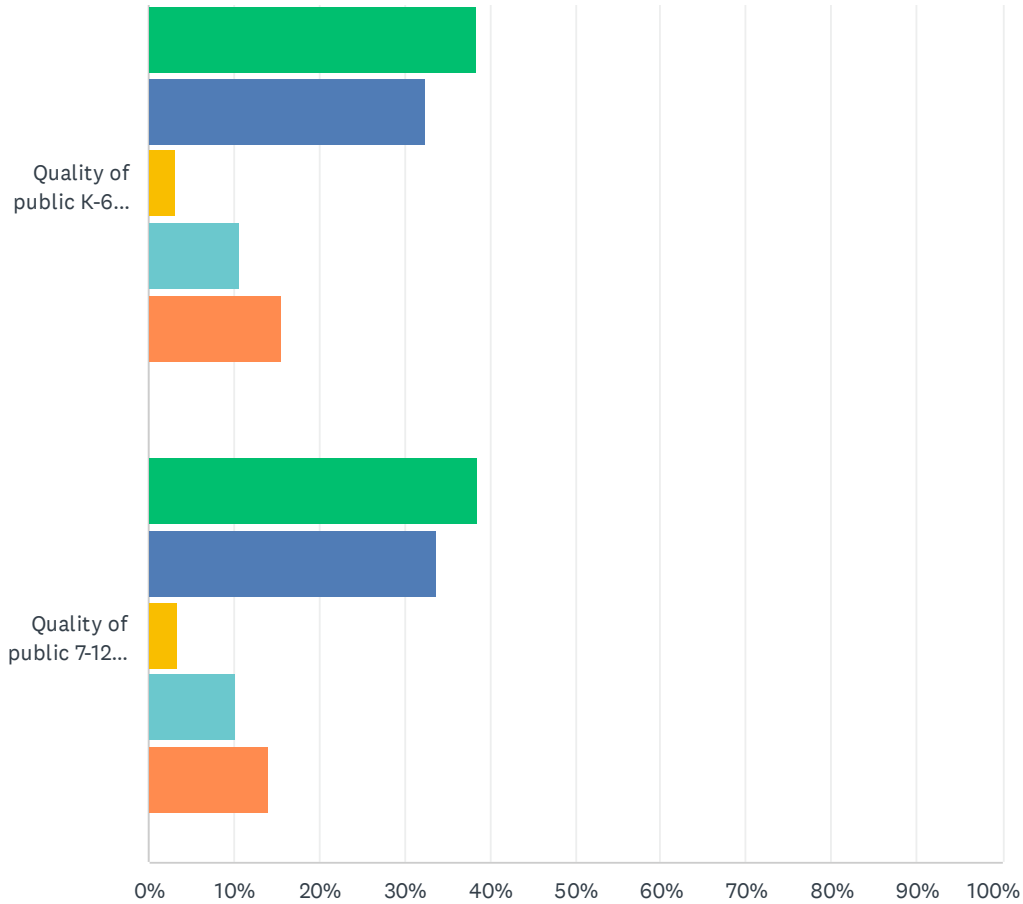
Q25 Please rate each of the non-municipal assets:

Answered: 511 Skipped: 127

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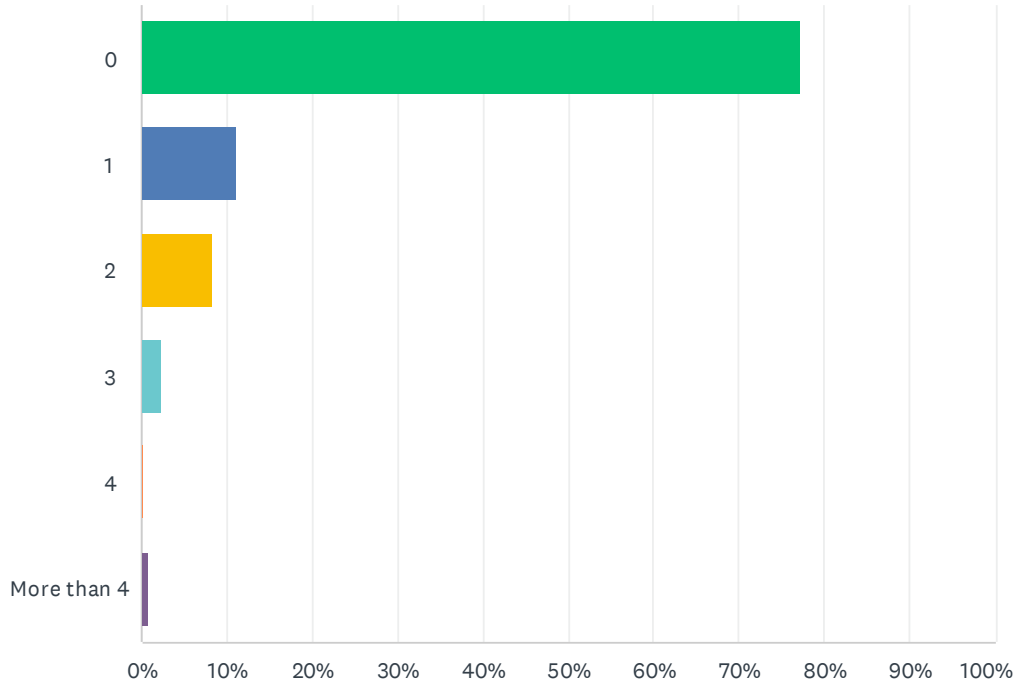
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	BELOW EXPECTATIONS	MEETS EXPECTATIONS	EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS	DO NOT KNOW	N/A	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Quality of housing that is affordable	66.80% 340	18.47% 94	3.93% 20	6.48% 33	4.32% 22	509	1.63
Availability of childcare services	43.14% 220	14.71% 75	2.75% 14	15.69% 80	23.73% 121	510	2.62
Access to healthy and affordable food	41.34% 210	47.05% 239	4.72% 24	2.56% 13	4.33% 22	508	1.81
Availability of primary care services	49.80% 253	35.24% 179	5.51% 28	5.31% 27	4.13% 21	508	1.79
Quality of public K-6 education	38.43% 196	32.35% 165	3.14% 16	10.59% 54	15.49% 79	510	2.32
Quality of public 7-12 education	38.63% 197	33.73% 172	3.33% 17	10.20% 52	14.12% 72	510	2.27

Q26 Do you have any children currently enrolled in the Bennington public schools? If so, how many?

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Answered: 506 Skipped: 132

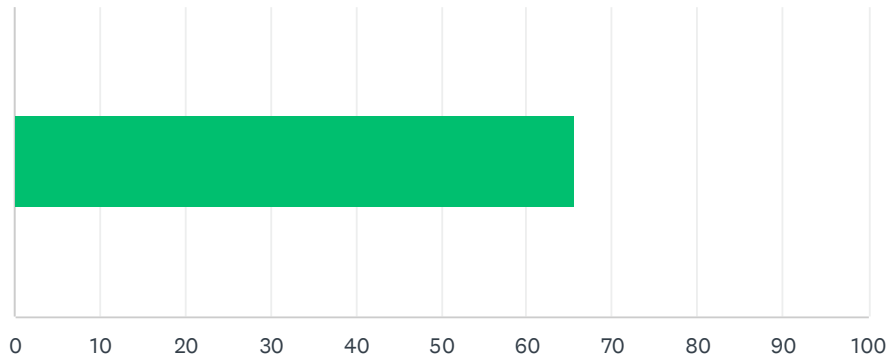


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0	77.27%	391
1	11.07%	56
2	8.30%	42
3	2.37%	12
4	0.20%	1
More than 4	0.79%	4
TOTAL		506

Q27 Please rate your overall quality of life in Bennington, with 100 being the highest score.

Answered: 507 Skipped: 131

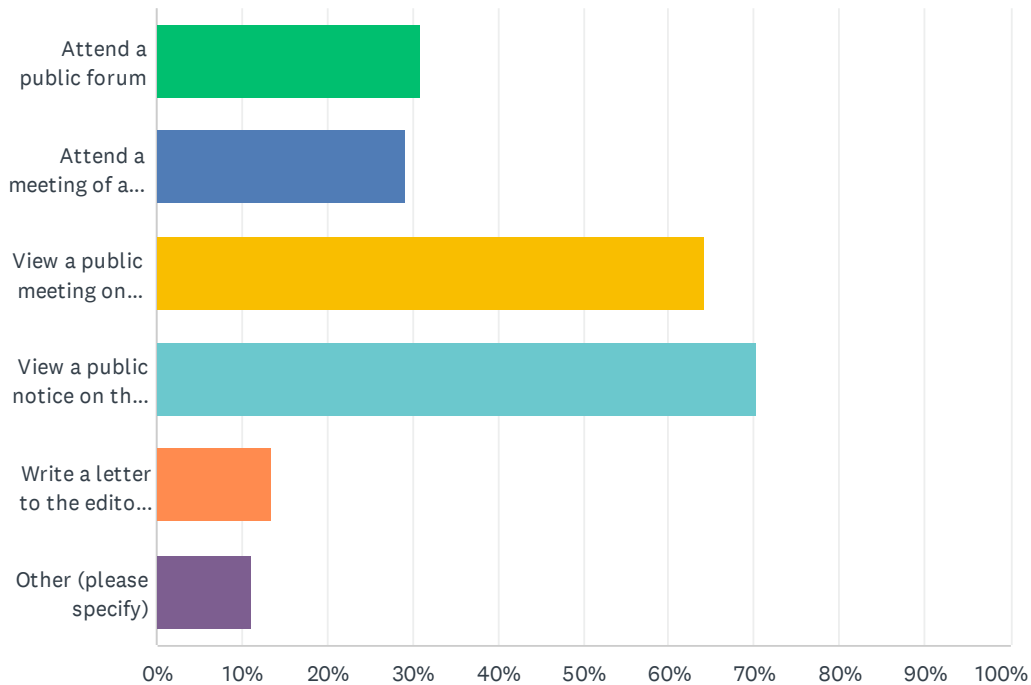
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ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	66	33,328	507
Total Respondents: 507			

Q28 In the past 6 months were you able to do any of the following? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 427 Skipped: 211

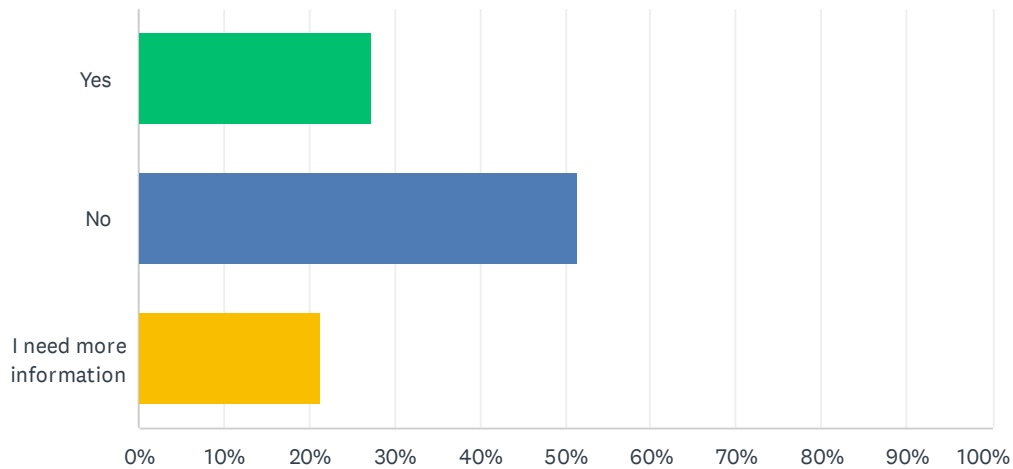


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Attend a public forum	30.91%	132
Attend a meeting of a local board or commission	29.27%	125
View a public meeting on public access television	64.17%	274
View a public notice on the Town of Bennington's website or facebook page	70.26%	300
Write a letter to the editor of the newspaper	13.35%	57
Other (please specify)	11.01%	47
Total Respondents: 427		

Q29 Are you satisfied with the overall performance of Town Government?

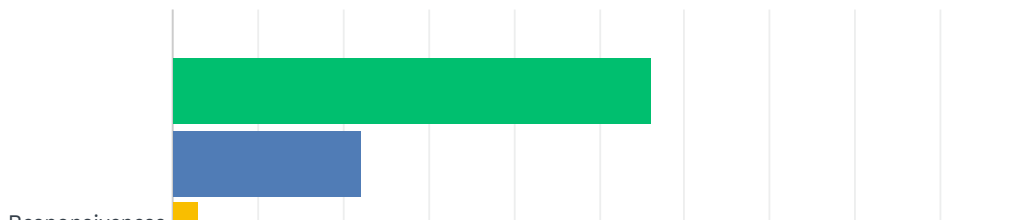
Answered: 501 Skipped: 137



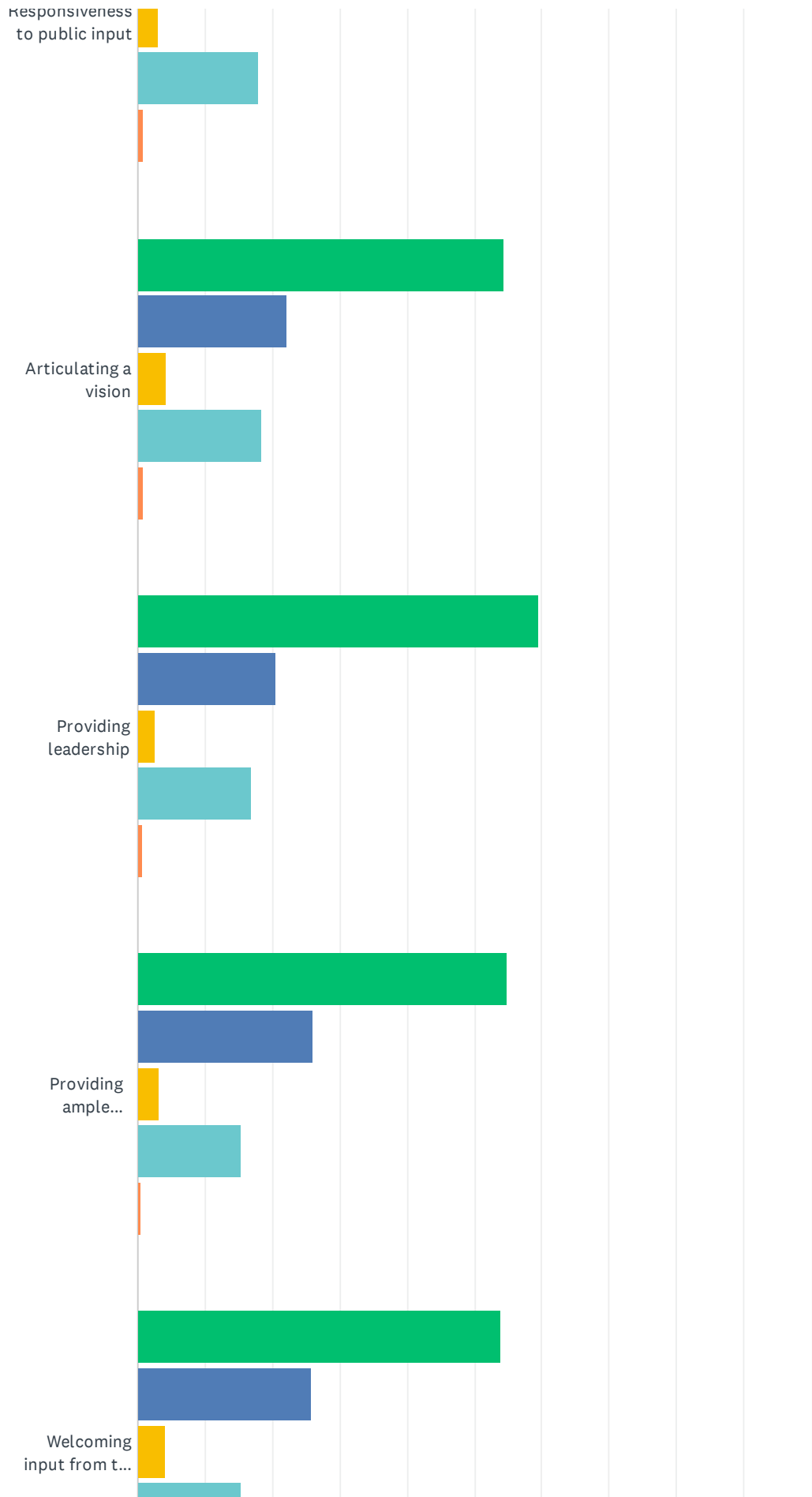
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	27.35%	137
No	51.30%	257
I need more information	21.36%	107
TOTAL		501

Q30 Please rate the performance of the Bennington Select Board

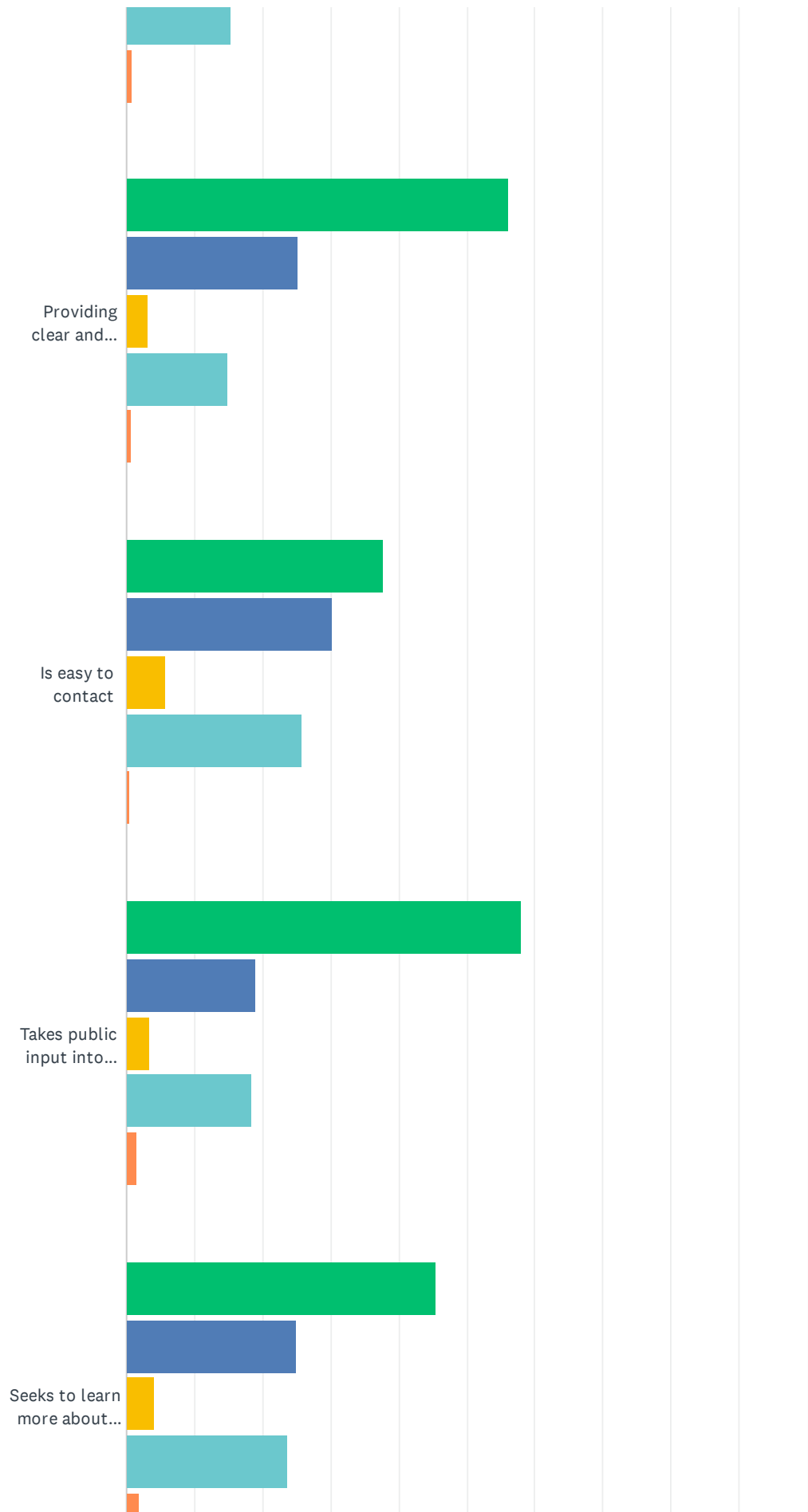
Answered: 495 Skipped: 143



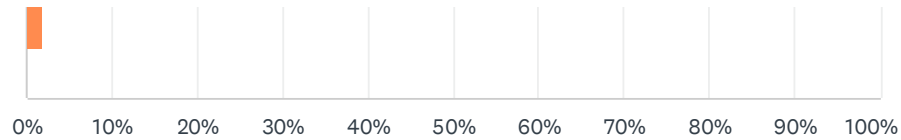
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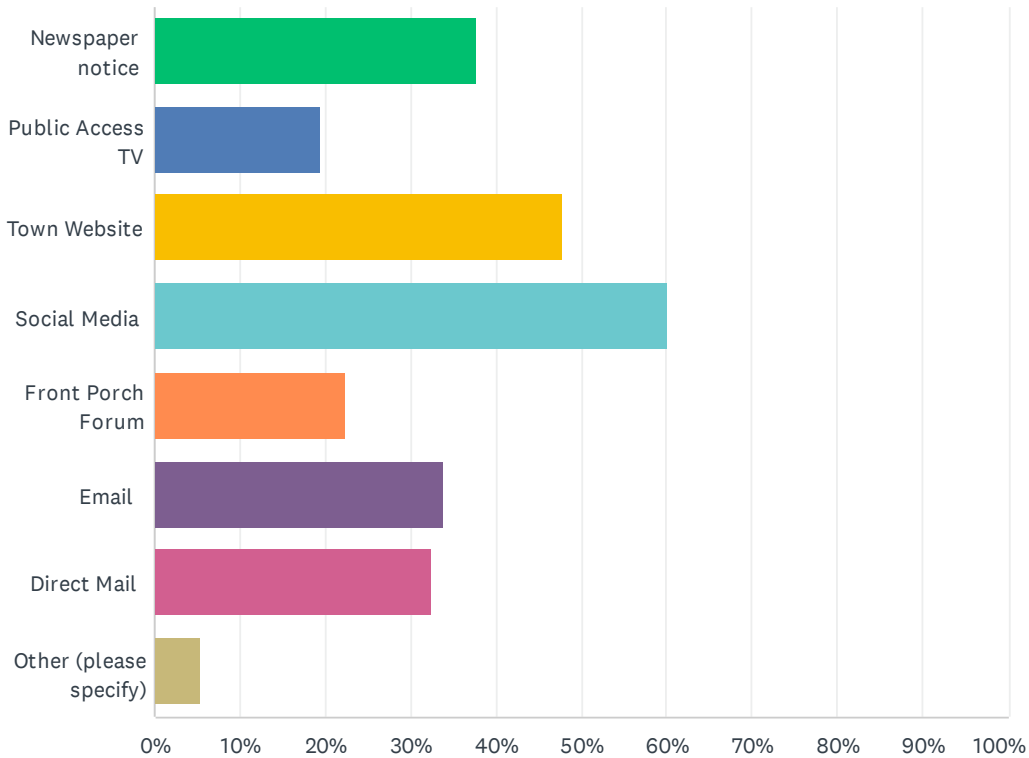
■ Below expectations ■ Meets expectations ■ Exceeds expectations
■ Do not know ■ (no label)

	BELOW EXPECTATIONS	MEETS EXPECTATIONS	EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS	DO NOT KNOW	(NO LABEL)	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Responsiveness to public input	56.07% 277	22.27% 110	3.04% 15	17.81% 88	0.81% 4	494	1.85
Articulating a vision	54.47% 268	22.15% 109	4.27% 21	18.29% 90	0.81% 4	492	1.89
Providing leadership	59.39% 291	20.41% 100	2.65% 13	16.94% 83	0.61% 3	490	1.79
Providing ample opportunity to discuss issues in a public setting before making a decision	54.88% 270	26.02% 128	3.25% 16	15.45% 76	0.41% 2	492	1.80
Welcoming input from the public	54.05% 267	25.71% 127	4.05% 20	15.38% 76	0.81% 4	494	1.83
Providing clear and concise information	56.01% 275	25.25% 124	3.26% 16	14.87% 73	0.61% 3	491	1.79
Is easy to contact	37.70% 184	30.33% 148	5.74% 28	25.82% 126	0.41% 2	488	2.21
Takes public input into account when making decisions	57.93% 285	18.90% 93	3.46% 17	18.29% 90	1.42% 7	492	1.86
Seeks to learn more about topics before them	45.42% 223	25.05% 123	4.07% 20	23.63% 116	1.83% 9	491	2.11

Q31 What is the best way for the Town of Bennington to share information with you?

Answered: 500 Skipped: 138

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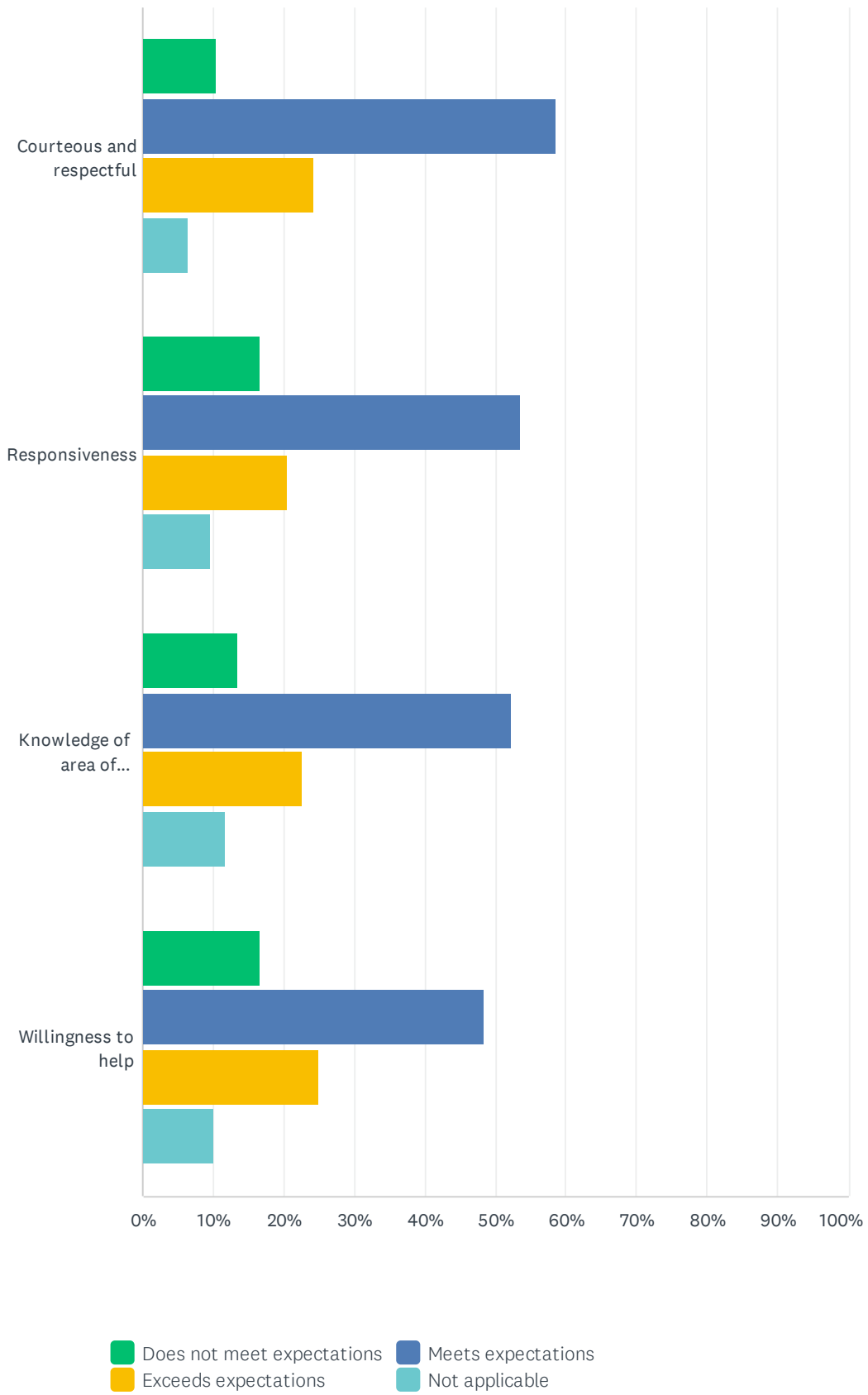


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Newspaper notice	37.80%	189
Public Access TV	19.40%	97
Town Website	47.80%	239
Social Media	60.20%	301
Front Porch Forum	22.40%	112
Email	33.80%	169
Direct Mail	32.40%	162
Other (please specify)	5.40%	27
Total Respondents: 500		

Q32 Please rate the following aspects of the Town of Bennington Staff.

Answered: 494 Skipped: 144

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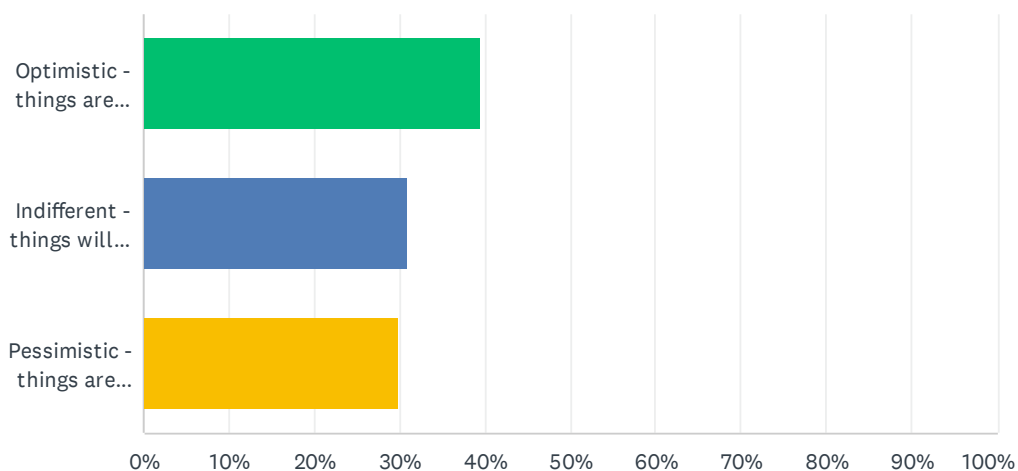


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	DOES NOT MEET EXPECTATIONS	MEETS EXPECTATIONS	EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS	NOT APPLICABLE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Courteous and respectful	10.55% 52	58.62% 289	24.34% 120	6.49% 32	493	2.27
Responsiveness	16.53% 81	53.47% 262	20.41% 100	9.59% 47	490	2.23
Knowledge of area of expertise	13.50% 66	52.15% 255	22.70% 111	11.66% 57	489	2.33
Willingness to help	16.70% 82	48.47% 238	24.85% 122	9.98% 49	491	2.28

Q33 Thinking broadly, how do you feel about the future of the Town in general over the next couple of years?

Answered: 503 Skipped: 135



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Optimistic - things are getting better	39.36% 198
Indifferent - things will stay pretty much the same	30.82% 155
Pessimistic - things are getting worse	29.82% 150
TOTAL	503