

# Report for South County Needs Assessment

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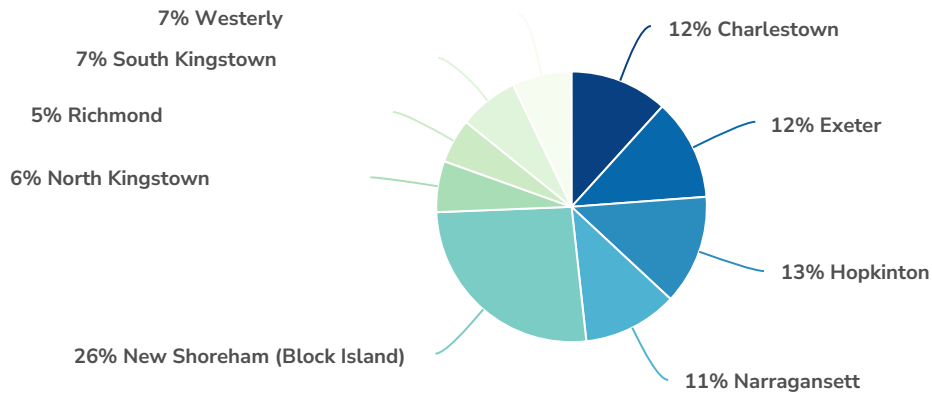


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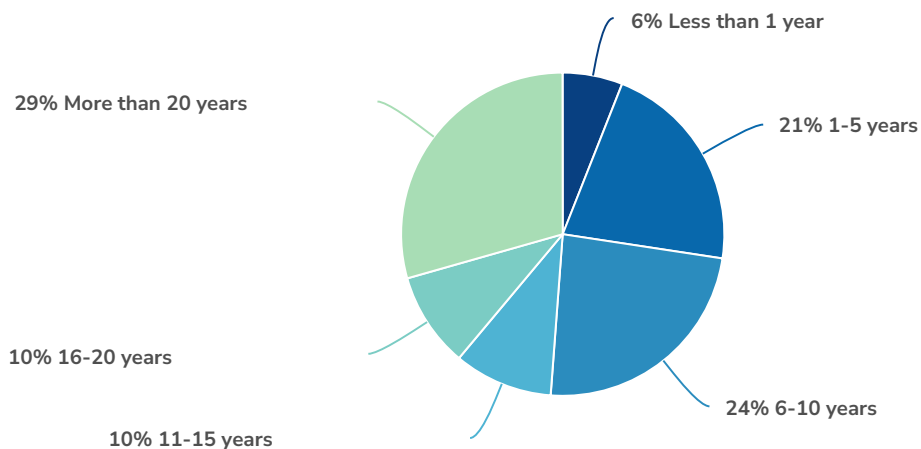
1. Which of the following Washington County cities/towns do you currently live? (if more than one, please choose the city/town where you spend the majority of your time)



Value	Percent	Responses
Charlestown	11.7%	59
Exeter	12.1%	61
Hopkinton	13.1%	66
Narragansett	11.3%	57
New Shoreham (Block Island)	26.1%	132
North Kingstown	6.1%	31
Richmond	5.3%	27
South Kingstown	7.1%	36
Westerly	7.1%	36

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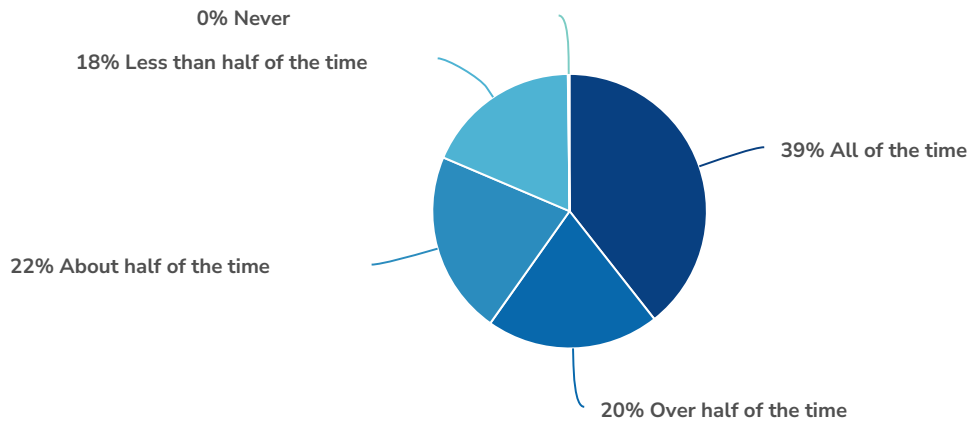
## 2. How long have you lived in this city/town?



Value	Percent	Responses
Less than 1 year	6.0%	30
1-5 years	21.4%	108
6-10 years	23.8%	120
11-15 years	9.9%	50
16-20 years	9.5%	48
More than 20 years	29.4%	148

Totals: 504

### 3. How often are you able to get to the places you need to go?



Value	Percent	Responses
All of the time	39.4%	199
Over half of the time	20.4%	103
About half of the time	21.6%	109
Less than half of the time	18.4%	93
Never	0.2%	1

Totals: 505

4. When you need to go somewhere, which of the following methods of transportation do you use? (Select all that apply)

Value	Percent	Responses
I drive myself	65.1%	329
Family or friend drives me	40.2%	203
Public transportation (bus)	45.5%	230
Public transportation (train)	21.4%	108
Taxi	28.5%	144
Ride sharing service (e.g., Uber, Lyft)	25.5%	129
Walk or bike	30.7%	155
Other - Write In (Required)	5.7%	29

<b>Other - Write In (Required)</b>	<b>Count</b>
Ferry	9
ferry	3
Boat	1
Ferry	1
Ferry / fly	1
Ferry and car	1
Ferry or plane	1
Ferry, Airplane	1
Ferry, then car	1
No other tools.	1
Point Judith Ferry	1
Public transportation - boat	1
Rides through my medical insurance	1
Run	1
Run or boat	1
Senior Ride Service	1
When I cannot get transportation I also might ask a friend	1
out to restaurant	1
senior bus, westerly village	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29</b>

5. When you need to go somewhere, where are you most likely to go?  
(select all that apply)

Value	Percent	Responses
Doctor/medical appointments	64.9% 	326
Grocery shopping	72.5% 	364
Senior/community center	22.3% 	112
Social/family events	60.6% 	304
Work	55.2% 	277
Other - Write In	5.4% 	27

Other - Write In	Count
Beach or Greenway Trail to walk the dog	1
Casino entertainment	1
Exercise	1
Food bank	1
Go to the countryside to relax.	1
Hiking, walking	1
Household errands or professional assistance	1
Kid's activities	1
Leisure Activities	1
Mainland	1
Meetings	1
Only drive in Westerly and Pawcatuck Connecticut	1
Totals	26



Other - Write In	Count
Other functions	1
Pharmacy	1
Pick up prescriptions	1
Post Office	1
To the beach	1
Volunteer opportunities	1
Volunteer work	1
YMCA, Library	1
YMCA, parks	1
sports games	1
synagogue	1
vfw, vet center	1
volunteer efforts	1
volunteer work	1
Totals	26

6. Have you had difficulty finding a ride to a medical appointment in the past 6 months? If yes, please select all reasons that apply:

Value	Percent	Responses
I have not had trouble finding a ride to a medical appointment in the past 6 months.	55.9%	273
I need a wheelchair accessible vehicle.	7.8%	38
I don't have enough money for the fare.	10.7%	52
I don't know who to call to request a ride.	16.8%	82
My friends and family are not available to take me.	21.7%	106
There are no rides available when I call.	12.9%	63
I can't get a ride at the time I need to go.	13.5%	66
I have to wait too long for a ride back home after my appointment.	10.7%	52
Other - Write In (Required)	3.5%	17

<b>Other - Write In (Required)</b>	<b>Count</b>
Cancelled ferries. Ferry doesn't run frequently enough in the winter to get to mainland appointments and back home	1
Have a car	1
I have not needed a ride to medical appointments.	1
I need rides for appointments I cannot drive myself home from such as after anesthesia or surgery.	1
I take myself	1
If it is far one friend from Village volunteer helps, health causes a lot of body pains.	1
It's overwhelming to coordinate appointments on the mainland with the boat schedule and then transportation on the mainland	1
MTM	1
My work and ferry schedules, weather can cause ferry cancellations, and have no car on the mainland,	1
No but yes. There have been times that I have to spend several nights in a hotel to attend a doctors appointment because the ferry schedule in the winter doesn't allow the time for an appointment and round trip in one day.	1
No, but my son who couldn't drive did. It is rare to be able to get an Uber or taxi service in Charlestown or Westerly where he worked.	1
Not a relevant question for me	1
When ferry doesn't run	1
Without cause	1
independent	1
no trouble as I drive myself	1
reluctant to ask for help	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17</b>

7. If public transportation were available in your area, how much would you be willing and able to pay per ride (one-way trip)?

Value	Percent	Responses
I would not pay to take public transportation	10.3%	51
\$1 or less	10.3%	51
\$1.01 - \$2	22.2%	110
\$2.01 - \$3	22.2%	110
\$3.01 - \$4	11.7%	58
\$4.01-\$5	11.1%	55
More than \$5	9.3%	46
Other - Write In	3.0%	15

Totals: 496

Other - Write In	Count
Bus pass	1
Depends on destination. In town trips, < = \$1. South county \$1-5, out of soco \$5-10	1
Ferry	1
I don't need it but if I did I'd pay whatever necessary	1
I guess I would pay whatever necessary for public transportation if that becomes a reality in the future.	1
I presently have a car & can drive. We also have a ride service sponsored by our senior advisory committee. \$4 one way	1
I would be willing to pay anything for a ride I just cannot find one for surgery or after anesthesia.	1
None	1
Not applicable	1
What ever the rate is	1
Whatever the Block Island ferry charges	1
u mean the boat?	1
unsure/a fair amount	1
whatever competitive rates are in place statewide	1
Totals	14

## 8. How would you describe your...

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
<b>Overall health</b>				
Count	174	263	54	7
Row %	34.9%	52.8%	10.8%	1.4%
<b>Physical health</b>				
Count	149	250	81	20
Row %	29.8%	50.0%	16.2%	4.0%
<b>Mental/emotional health</b>				
Count	152	226	102	18
Row %	30.5%	45.4%	20.5%	3.6%
<b>Diet</b>				
Count	141	229	90	34
Row %	28.5%	46.4%	18.2%	6.9%

## 9. How often are your daily activities limited by your mental/emotional health?

Value	Percent	Responses
All of the time	1.6%	8
A lot of the time	15.7%	78
Some of the time	47.2%	235
Not at all	35.5%	177

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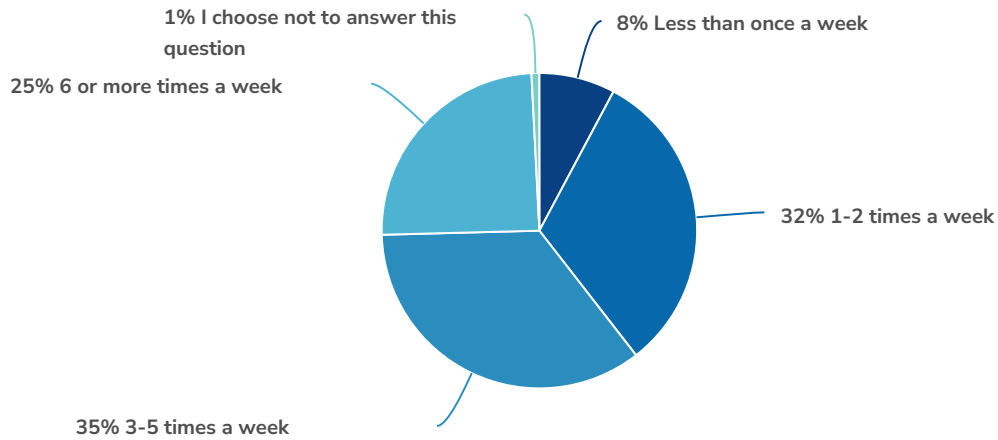
## 10. How often are your daily activities limited by your physical health?

Value	Percent	Responses
All of the time	2.0%	10
A lot of the time	15.0%	75
Some of the time	44.7%	224
Not at all	38.3%	192

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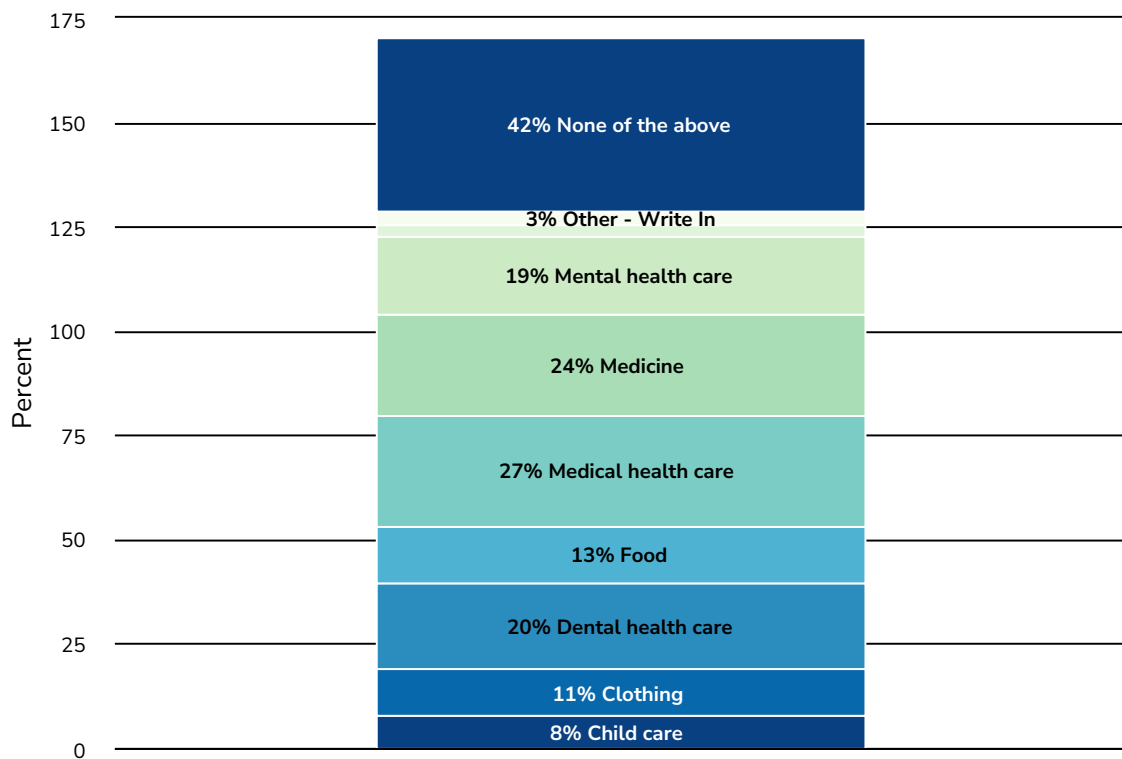
11. How often do you see or talk to people that you care about and feel close to? (For example: talking to friends on the phone, visiting friends or family, going to church or club meetings)



Value	Percent	Responses
Less than once a week	7.8%	39
1-2 times a week	31.7%	158
3-5 times a week	35.1%	175
6 or more times a week	24.6%	123
I choose not to answer this question	0.8%	4

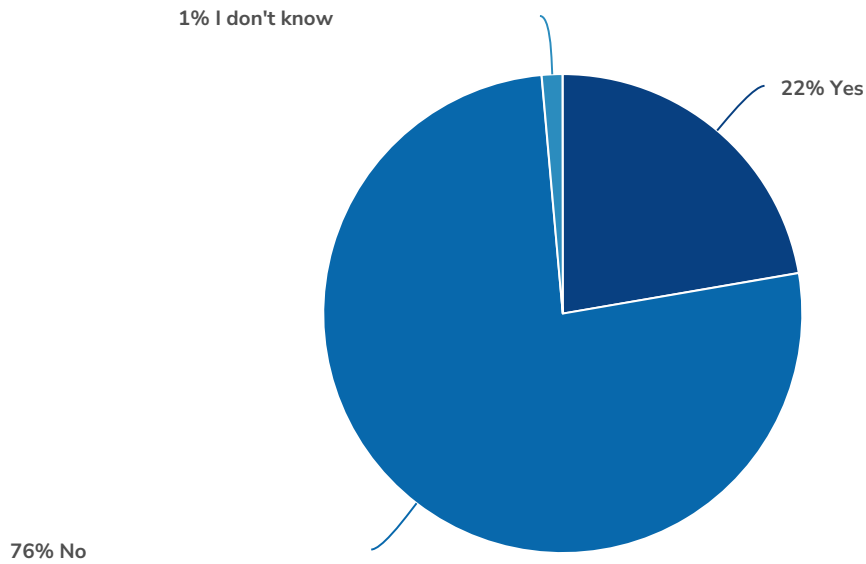
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12. In the past year, have you or any family members you live with been unable to get any of the following when it was really needed? Check all that apply.



Other - Write In	Count
A gym or space to work out/meditate/rehabilitate injuries in order to stay mentally and physically sound	1
Access to a gym/fitness center in order to not lose my mind	1
Expensive perscriptions	1
Financial aid for eviction because no program covered BI	1
Food out here is too expensive, there aren't many vegan options and the restaurants are too expensive, rarely open, not flexible to dietary needs and often not very kind. It's ridiculous. To Get to the mainland because of the boat schedule and flying is far too expensive	1
Help due to making too much as a single mom of a disabled boy	1
I especially like Village and church members, it feels nice to belong to an organization. I am able to talk to people, more, especially on the phone and if the village has meetings. I do not see my family often or get much help. Widowed since 2017.	1
I need an upper and lower GI but can't find a ride and my husband has severe back and knee problems and cannot walk far unassisted. He falls down and can't get up.	1
Live alone	1
Living on an island makes it more difficult	1
Pay electric bills	1
Rental assistance/hardship assistance	1
none	1
transportation to the mainland due to a ferry schedule that is devised only for the mainland in reality. And don't ask the impotent Public Utilities Commission to help. They sit on their thumbs and do whatever the monopoly wants. It's criminal. Might as well put statues there.	1
we put off some things	1
Totals	15

13. In the past 12 months, did you or anyone else in your household ever cut the size of your meals or skip meals because there was not enough money for food?



Value	Percent	Responses
Yes	22.3%	111
No	76.3%	379
I don't know	1.4%	7

Totals: 497

14. Please rate your satisfaction with the following services, supports, or opportunities in your community.

	Very satisfied/satisfied	Very dissatisfied/satisfied	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Do not have access to this service	Don't know/prefer not to answer
Physical activity opportunities (e.g., exercise classes, walking paths, trails) Count Row %	348 69.7%	72 14.4%	66 13.2%	7 1.4%	6 1.2%
Affordable, nutritious, quality food Count Row %	313 63.2%	102 20.6%	73 14.7%	4 0.8%	3 0.6%
Home health aide services Count Row %	241 48.8%	65 13.2%	97 19.6%	22 4.5%	69 14.0%
Caregiver support (e.g., respite and support groups) Count Row %	237 47.7%	65 13.1%	105 21.1%	15 3.0%	75 15.1%
Opportunities for continued learning (e.g., adult education, workshops, tours, etc.) Count Row %	226 45.4%	122 24.5%	111 22.3%	18 3.6%	21 4.2%

	<b>Very satisfied/satisfied</b>	<b>Very dissatisfied/satisfied</b>	<b>Neither satisfied or dissatisfied</b>	<b>Do not have access to this service</b>	<b>Don't know/prefer not to answer</b>
Opportunities in your neighborhood for informal sharing and social interaction Count Row %	263 52.6%	110 22.0%	100 20.0%	11 2.2%	16 3.2%
Social services and supports (housing assistance, parenting support, meals on wheels, food pantry, eligibility assistance, etc.) Count Row %	287 57.7%	64 12.9%	95 19.1%	10 2.0%	41 8.2%
Services that help people to find and access the health and social services they need Count Row %	301 60.7%	64 12.9%	86 17.3%	13 2.6%	32 6.5%

	Very satisfied/satisfied	Very dissatisfied/satisfied	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Do not have access to this service	Don't know/prefer not to answer
Access to urgent care services when you are sick and need care right away Count Row %	307 61.6%	83 16.7%	84 16.9%	13 2.6%	11 2.2%
Access to medical services Count Row %	321 64.6%	90 18.1%	79 15.9%	4 0.8%	3 0.6%
Access to mental health services Count Row %	256 51.5%	93 18.7%	109 21.9%	6 1.2%	33 6.6%
Access to substance use services Count Row %	230 46.4%	84 16.9%	106 21.4%	9 1.8%	67 13.5%

15. Have you ever felt excluded in your community because of any of the following? (select all that apply)

Value	Percent	Responses
Age	8.9%	44
Family status (e.g., no children)	16.8%	83
Gender	8.1%	40
Income	16.6%	82
Physical or emotional disability	17.6%	87
Religion or cultural background	18.1%	89
Sexual orientation	4.1%	20
Skin color, race or ethnicity	16.0%	79
Other - Write In	2.8%	14
No, I have never felt excluded	50.3%	248



**Other - Write In****Count**

Housing Circumstances - I do not have year-round housing. I cannot afford what is available, and there isn't much available. I work for the Town. 1

I haven't explicitly felt excluded but I do not participate in community activities. 1

It's easy to be excluded from community if you don't drink 1

Lack Family legacy/Ties to Island 1

My son with a brain injury 1

Not from area originally 1

Our family's neurodiversity plus a lack of community awareness and education around disabilities. So much alcoholism in the community. Not enough healthy outlets year round 1

Very clannish and exclusionary community 1

Weight 1

Willing to speak out and not worry about whether it cost me a cocktail party invitation. 1

because I have not live here for the last thirty years 1

politics 1

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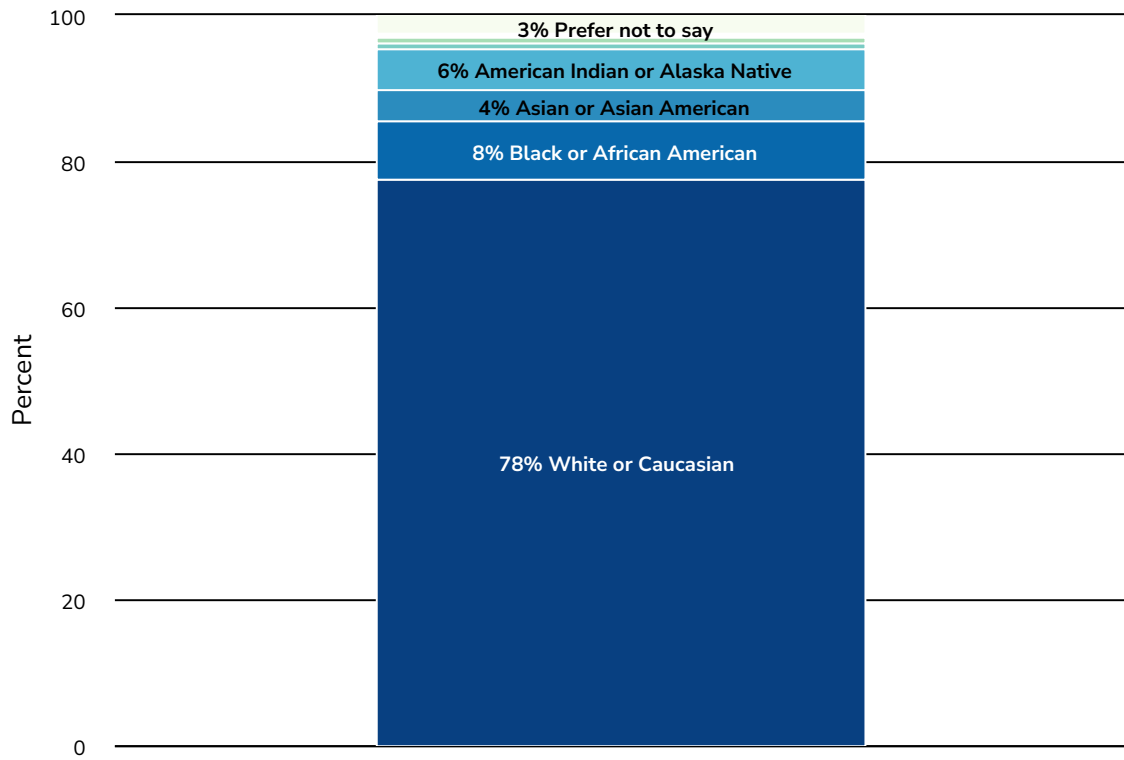
16. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree that each of these housing-related issues are challenges facing your community

	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>
Housing Discrimination				
Count	82	155	172	85
Row %	16.6%	31.4%	34.8%	17.2%
Availability of housing options (different types)				
Count	160	168	129	42
Row %	32.1%	33.7%	25.9%	8.4%
Cost of housing/rent				
Count	213	173	81	34
Row %	42.5%	34.5%	16.2%	6.8%
Homelessness				
Count	81	131	204	77
Row %	16.4%	26.6%	41.4%	15.6%
Presence of unkept (or vacant) homes and properties				
Count	54	154	185	101
Row %	10.9%	31.2%	37.4%	20.4%
Cost of repair, maintenance, or ADA accessibility needs				
Count	112	220	99	62
Row %	22.7%	44.6%	20.1%	12.6%
Neighborhood safety				
Count	96	142	171	85
Row %	19.4%	28.7%	34.6%	17.2%
Flooding				
Count	49	155	192	95
Row %	10.0%	31.6%	39.1%	19.3%

17. Indicate the level of impact each of the following factors has on your ability to stay in the community.

	<b>Significantly impacts</b>	<b>Somewhat impacts</b>	<b>Slightly impacts</b>	<b>Does not impact</b>	<b>I don't know/not applicable</b>
Supply of available housing Count Row %	154 30.9%	103 20.6%	76 15.2%	143 28.7%	23 4.6%
Quality of available housing Count Row %	149 30.1%	115 23.2%	74 14.9%	138 27.9%	19 3.8%
Cost of available housing Count Row %	165 33.2%	89 17.9%	104 20.9%	119 23.9%	20 4.0%
Type of available housing Count Row %	139 27.9%	82 16.4%	101 20.2%	157 31.5%	20 4.0%
Location of available housing Count Row %	128 25.7%	87 17.4%	98 19.6%	160 32.1%	26 5.2%

## 18. What is your race?



Value	Percent	Responses
White or Caucasian	77.5%	389
Black or African American	8.0%	40
Asian or Asian American	4.4%	22
American Indian or Alaska Native	5.6%	28
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.8%	4
North African or Middle Eastern	0.8%	4
Bi-racial	0.2%	1
Something else not listed here (please specify)	0.2%	1
Prefer not to say	2.6%	13

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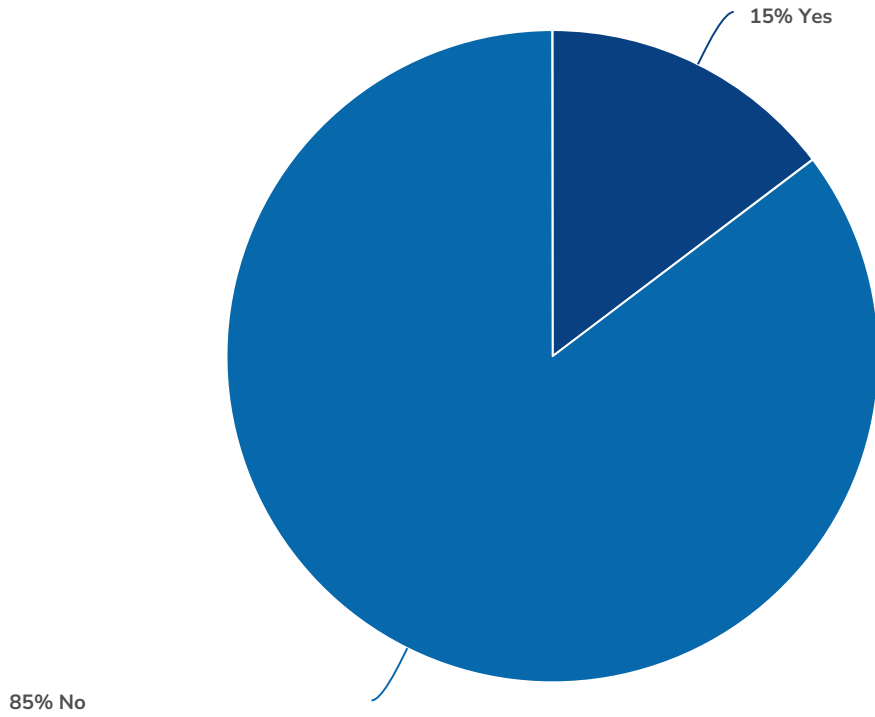
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### 19. Are you Hispanic or Latinx?



Value	Percent	Responses
Yes	14.7%	73
No	85.3%	422

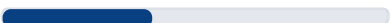

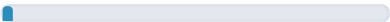
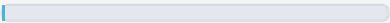
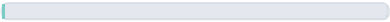
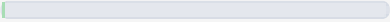
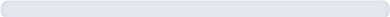
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20. What is your sexual orientation? Please select all that apply.

Value	Percent	Responses
straight (heterosexual)	88.4%	442
lesbian	4.0%	20
gay	1.4%	7
bisexual	1.8%	9
asexual	1.0%	5
queer	0.8%	4
questioning or unsure	0.2%	1
prefer not to disclose	3.4%	17
Something else not listed here (please specify)	0.4%	2

Something else not listed here (please specify)	Count
Pansexual	1
does it matter? this is weird.	1
Totals	2

21. In terms of gender, how do you identify? Select all that apply.

Value	Percent	Responses
man	39.4% 	195
woman	57.4% 	284
non-binary	3.0% 	15
questioning or unsure	0.6% 	3
transgender	0.8% 	4
prefer not to disclose	1.0% 	5
Something else not listed here (please specify)	0.2% 	1

Something else not listed here (please specify)	Count
does it matter? this is weird.	1
Totals	1