

Public Engagement Survey

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

12 July 2021 - 25 November 2021

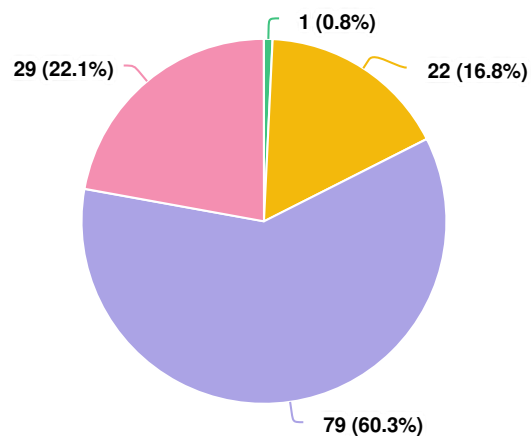
PROJECT NAME:

Community Engagement



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 Please indicate your age range:



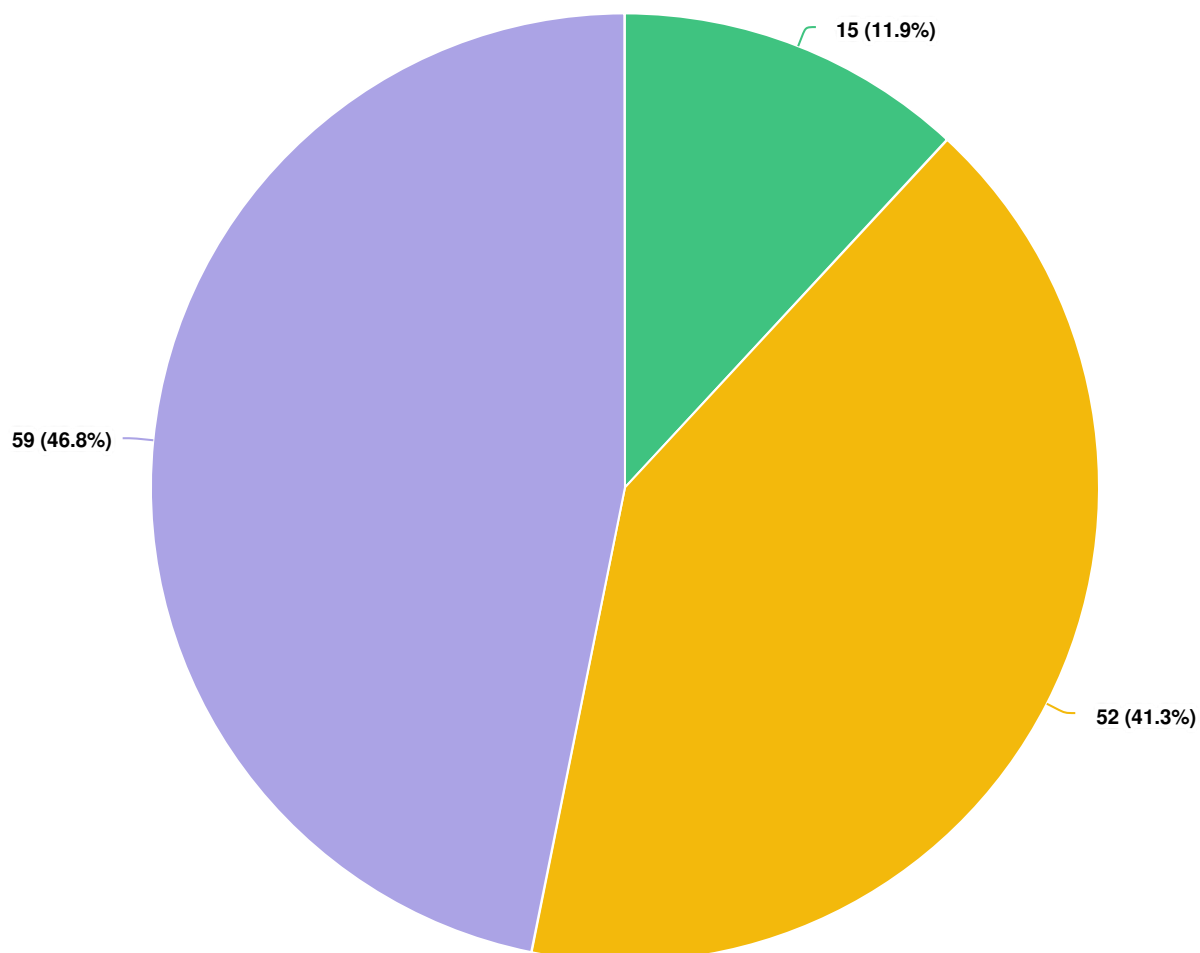
Question options

● 19 years and younger ● 20-35 years ● 36-64 years ● 65 plus years

Mandatory Question (131 response(s))

Question type: Dropdown Question

Q2 Including yourself, how many people live in your household?

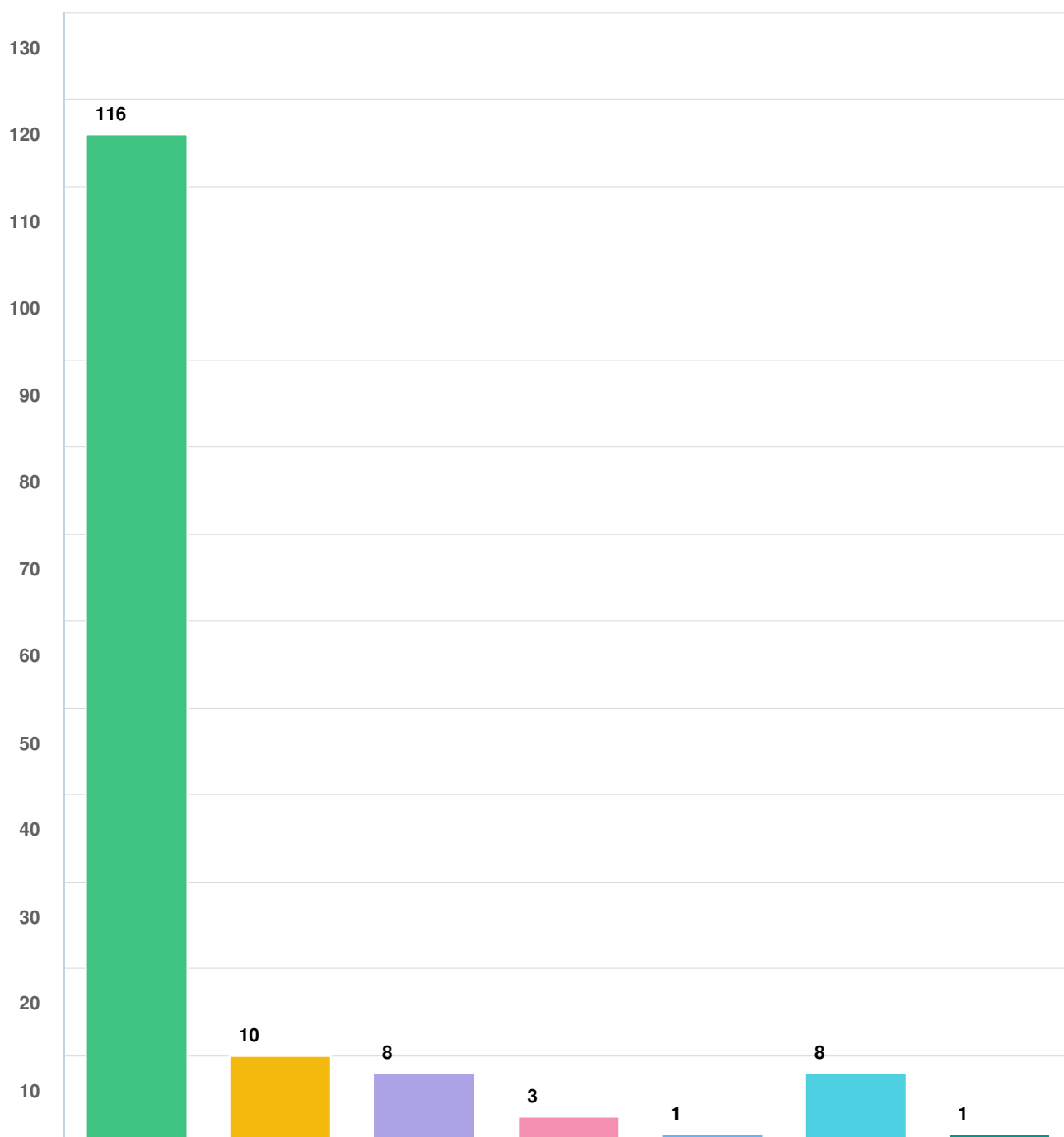


Question options

● 1 ● 2 ● 3 or more

*Optional question (126 response(s), 5 skipped)
Question type: Dropdown Question*

Q3 In the Rural Municipality of West River, are you:



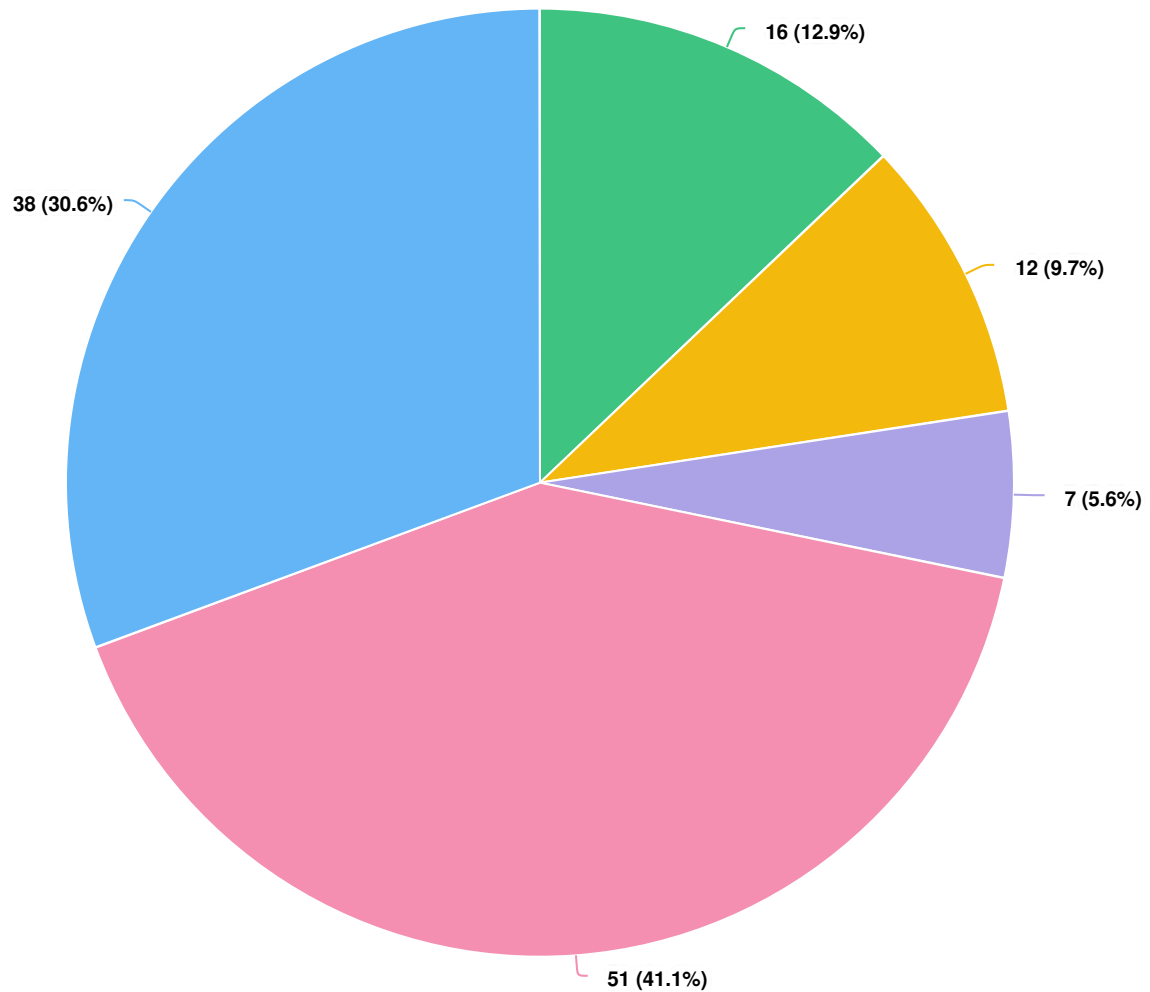
Question options

- A full-time resident
 ● A part-time or seasonal resident
 ● The owner of a year-round business in the community
- The owner of a seasonal business in the community
 ● An employee of a business in the community
- The owner of undeveloped land
 ● Other (please specify)

Optional question (131 response(s), 0 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q4 | If you responded that you are a full or part-time resident of the municipality, approximately where do you live?

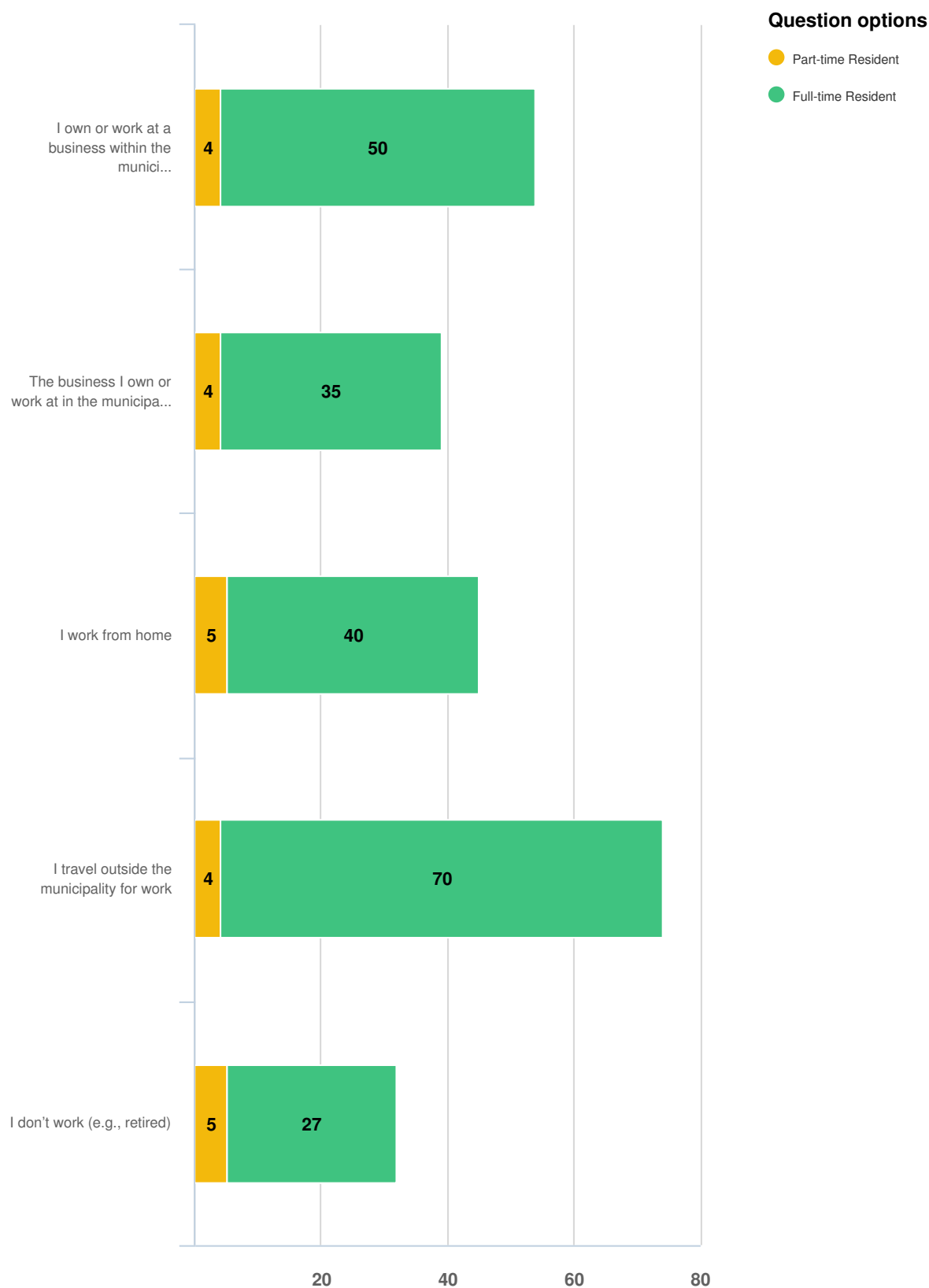


Question options

● Meadowbank ● Bonshaw ● New Haven-Riverdale ● Afton ● West River

Optional question (124 response(s), 7 skipped)
Question type: Dropdown Question

Q5 If you are a year-round or seasonal resident:



Optional question (126 response(s), 5 skipped)

Question type: Likert Question

Q5 | If you are a year-round or seasonal resident:

I own or work at a business within the municipality

Part-time Resident : 4

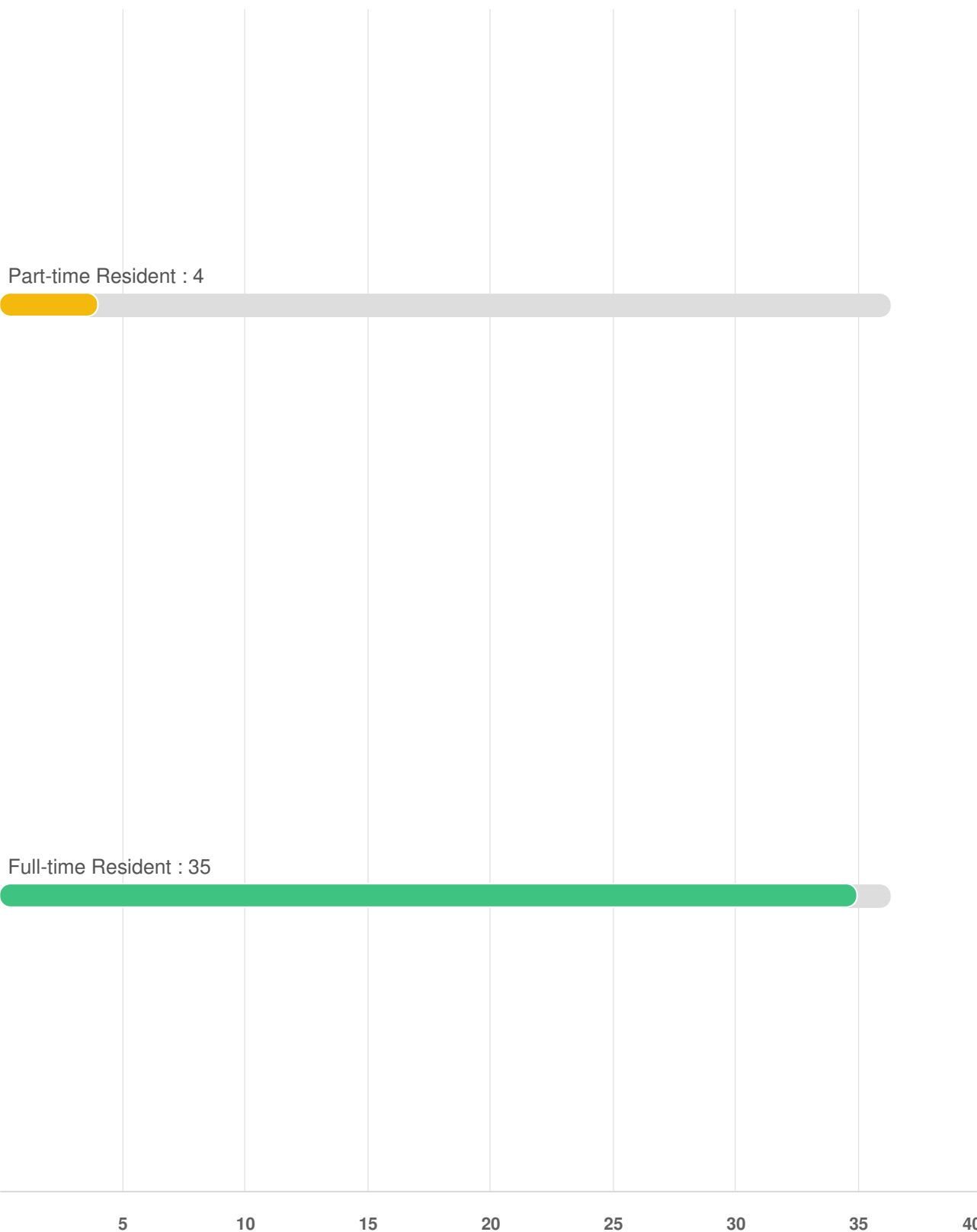


Full-time Resident : 50



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The business I own or work at in the municipality is a home-based business



I work from home

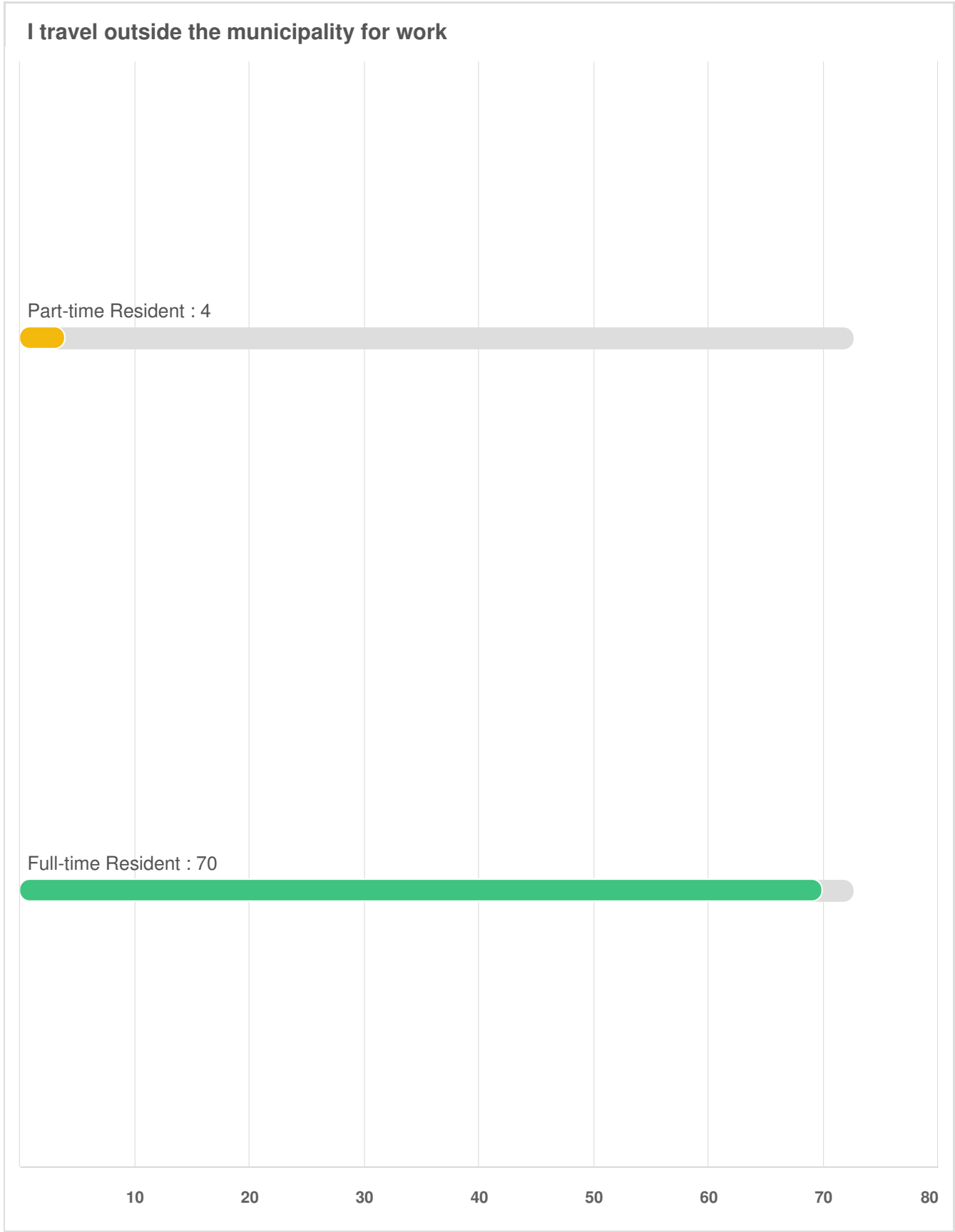
Part-time Resident : 5

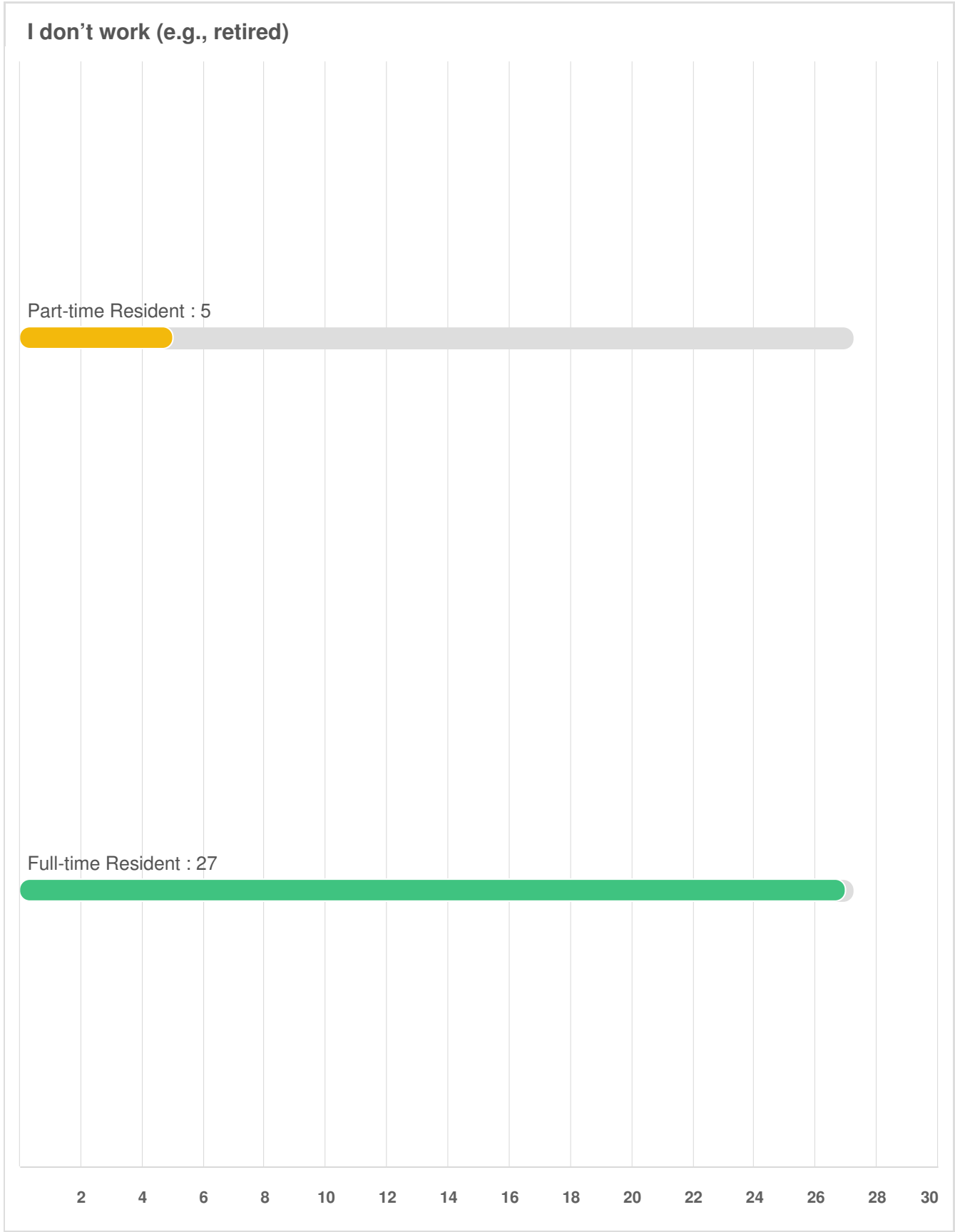


Full-time Resident : 40

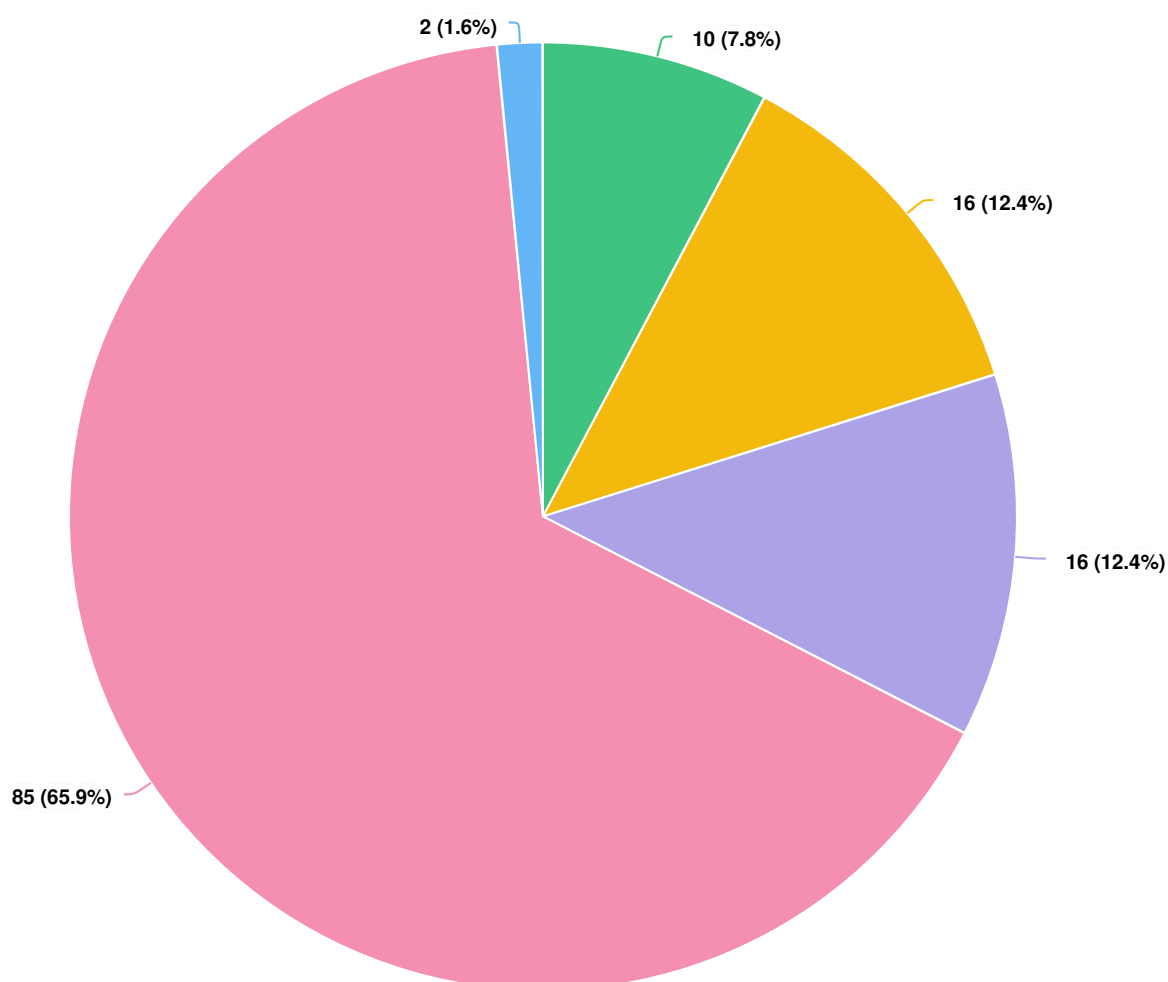


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Q6 How many years have you lived in this area?

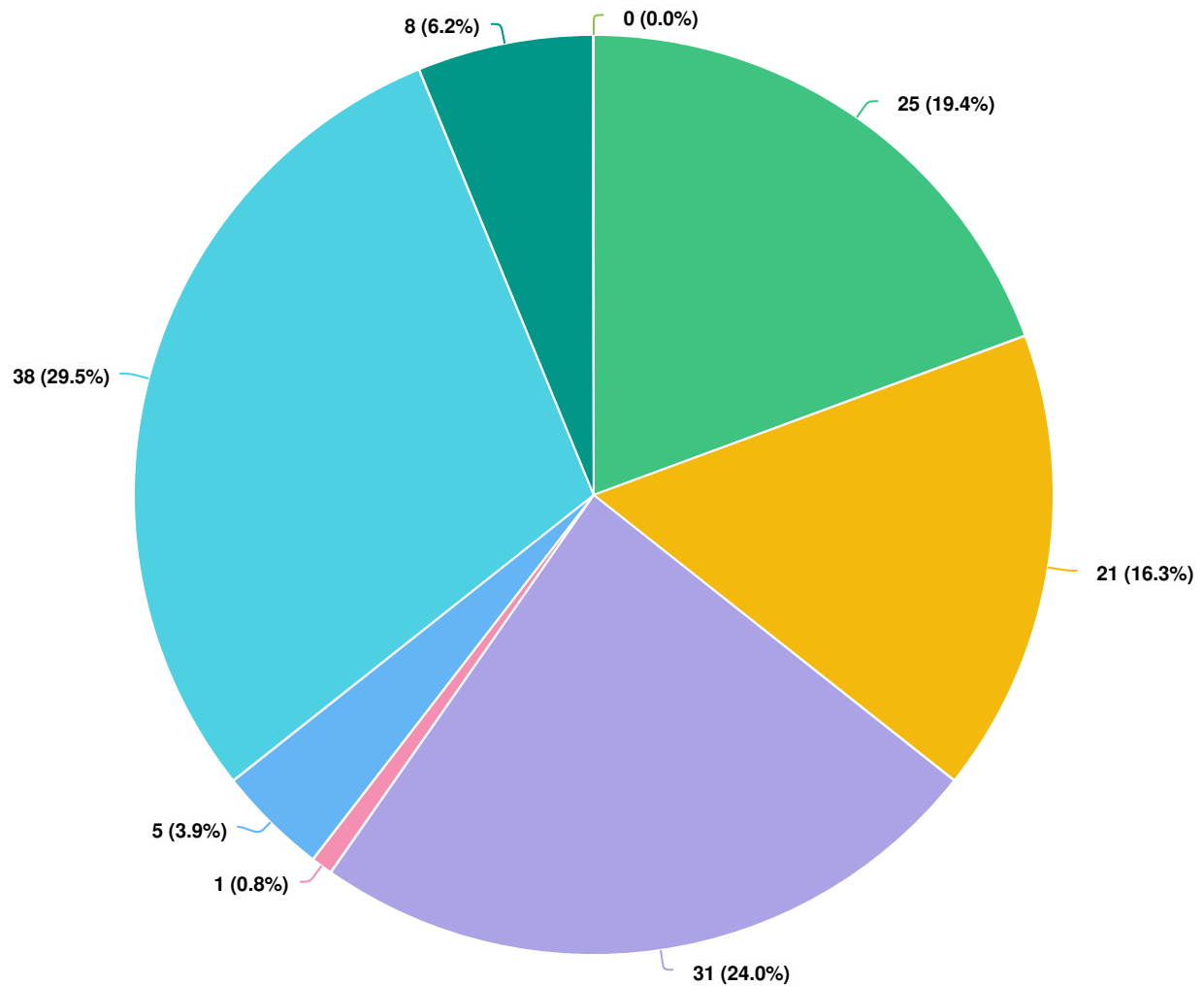


Question options

☐ I don't live here ☐ More than 10 ☐ 6-10 ☐ 2-5 ☐ Less than 2

Optional question (129 response(s), 2 skipped)
Question type: Dropdown Question

Q7 Why did you choose to live in the community (even if only part time)?

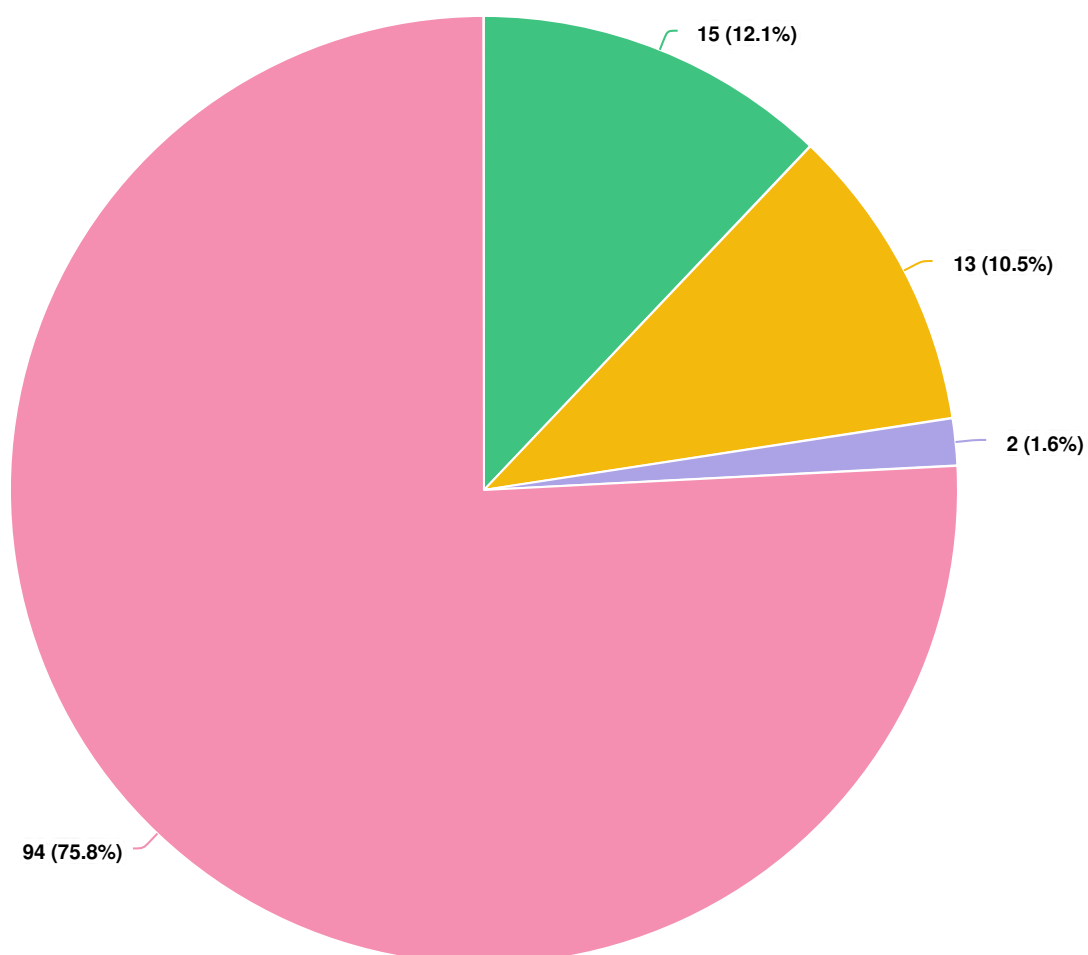


Question options

- I don't live here
- Other (please specify)
- It's in the country but close to services
- Cost of housing is low
- It's where I work
- I grew up here
- To be near friends and family
- Natural beauty of the area

Optional question (129 response(s), 2 skipped)
Question type: Dropdown Question

Q8 Do you anticipate a need to change your housing type within the next 5 years?

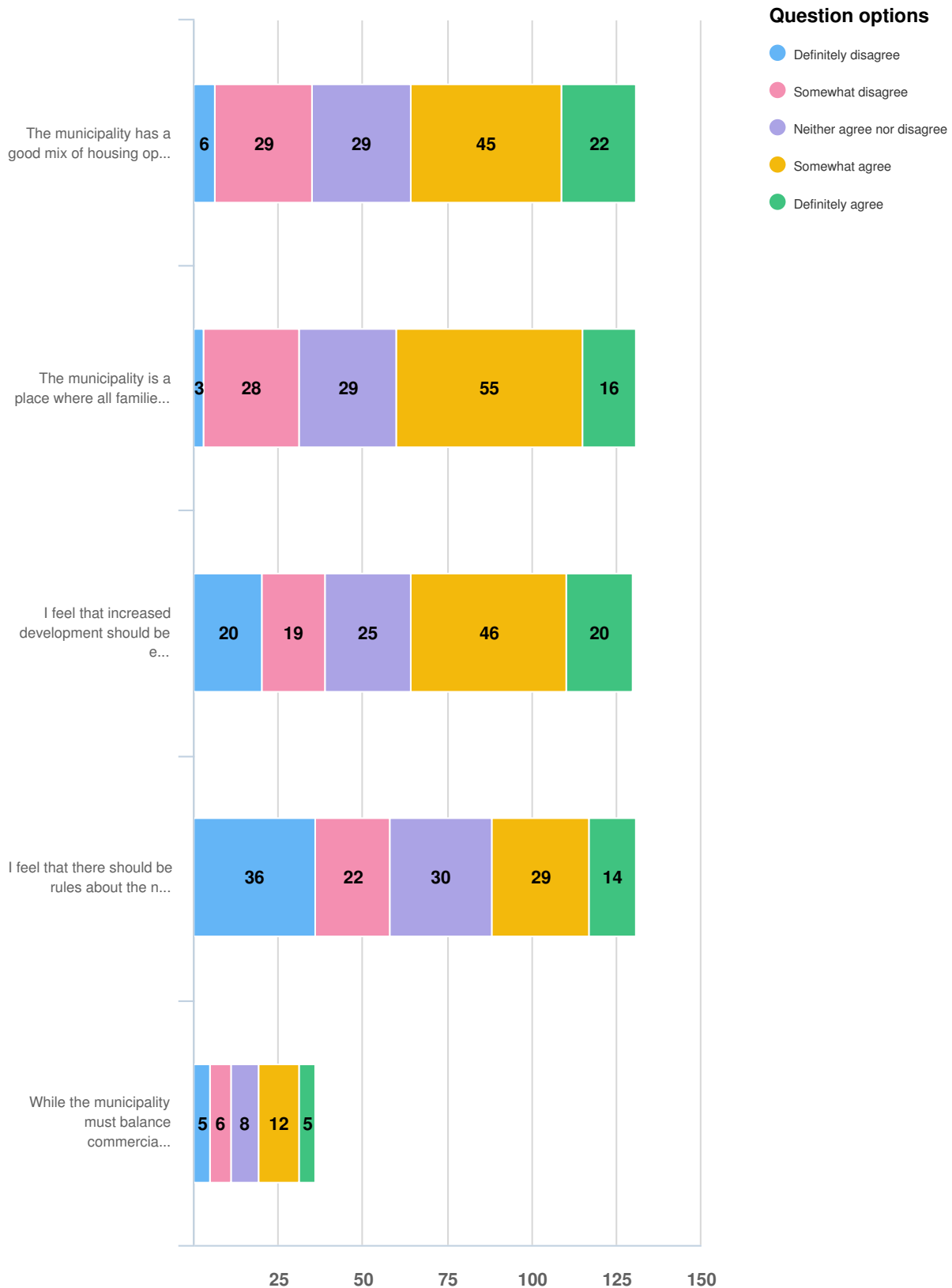


Question options

- I do not anticipate changing housing within the next 5 years
- Yes, for a more accessible home
- Yes, for a smaller home
- Yes, for a bigger home

Optional question (124 response(s), 7 skipped)
Question type: Dropdown Question

Q9 Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:



Optional question (131 response(s), 0 skipped)

Question type: Likert Question

Q9 | Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:

The municipality has a good mix of housing options for people in all stages of life.

Definitely disagree : 6



Somewhat disagree : 29



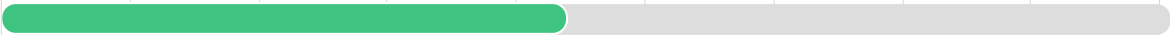
Neither agree nor disagree : 29



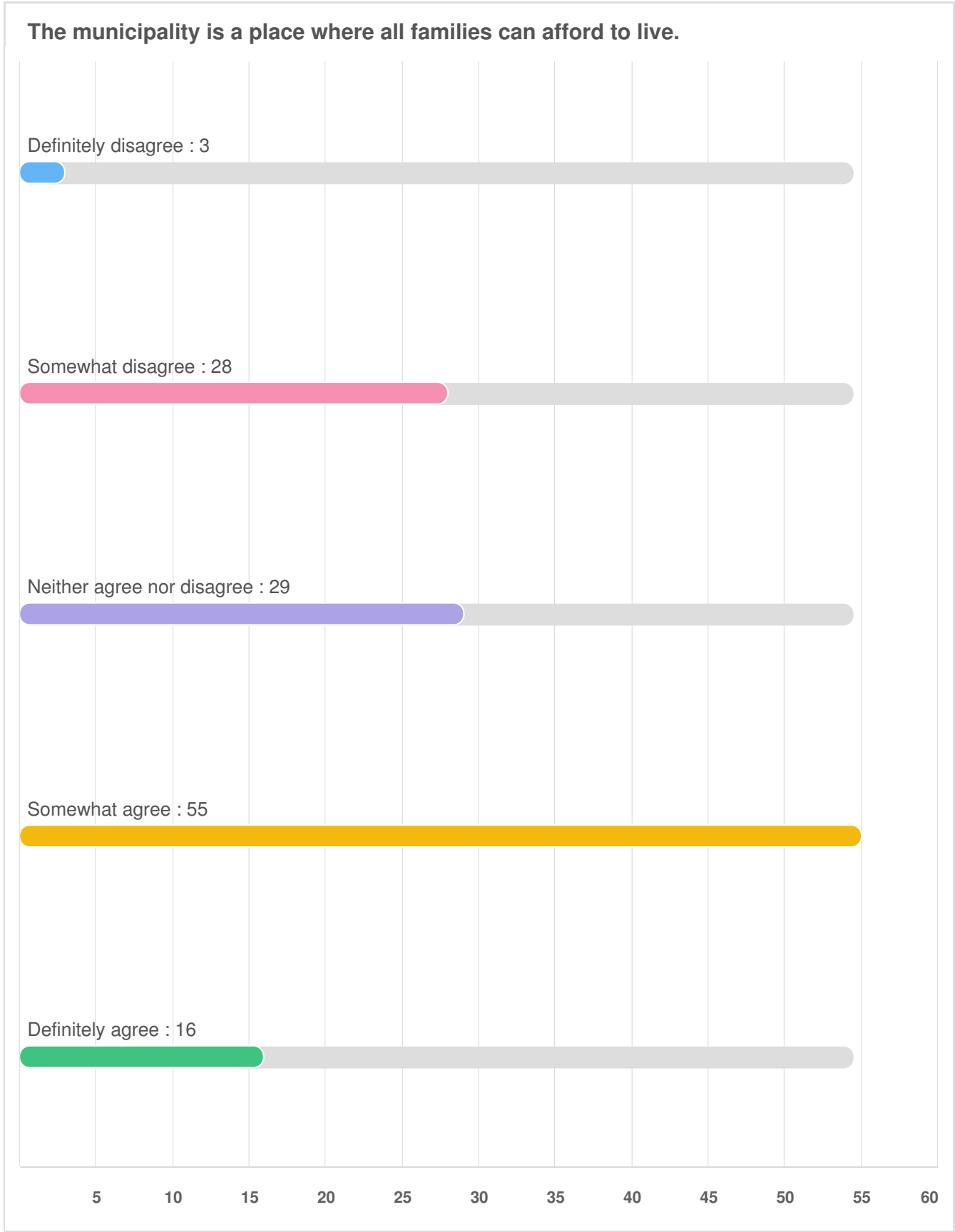
Somewhat agree : 45

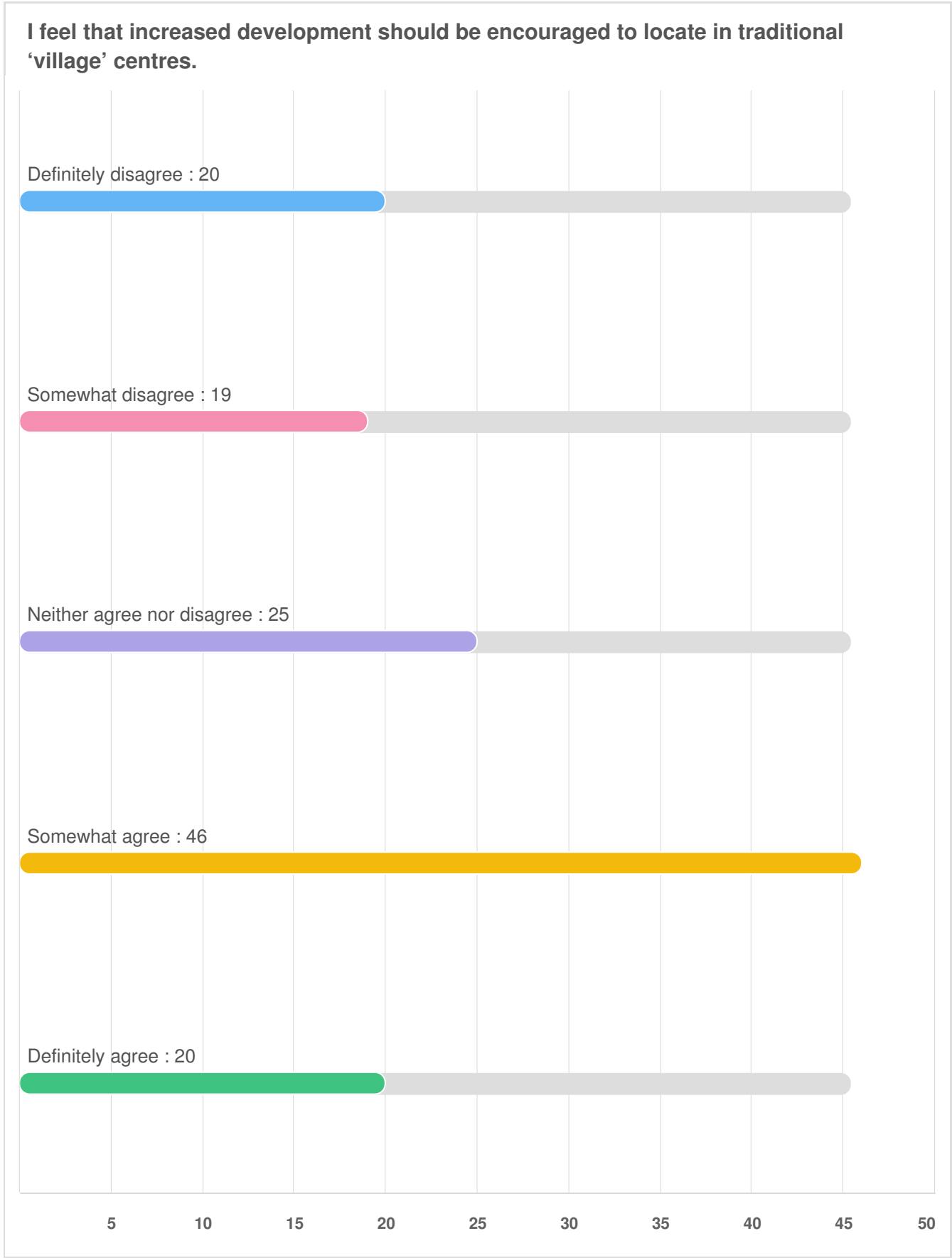


Definitely agree : 22



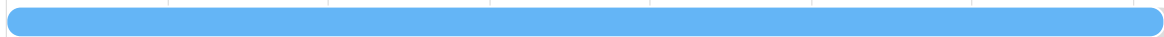
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I feel that there should be rules about the number of accessory buildings on a property.

Definitely disagree : 36



Somewhat disagree : 22



Neither agree nor disagree : 30



Somewhat agree : 29

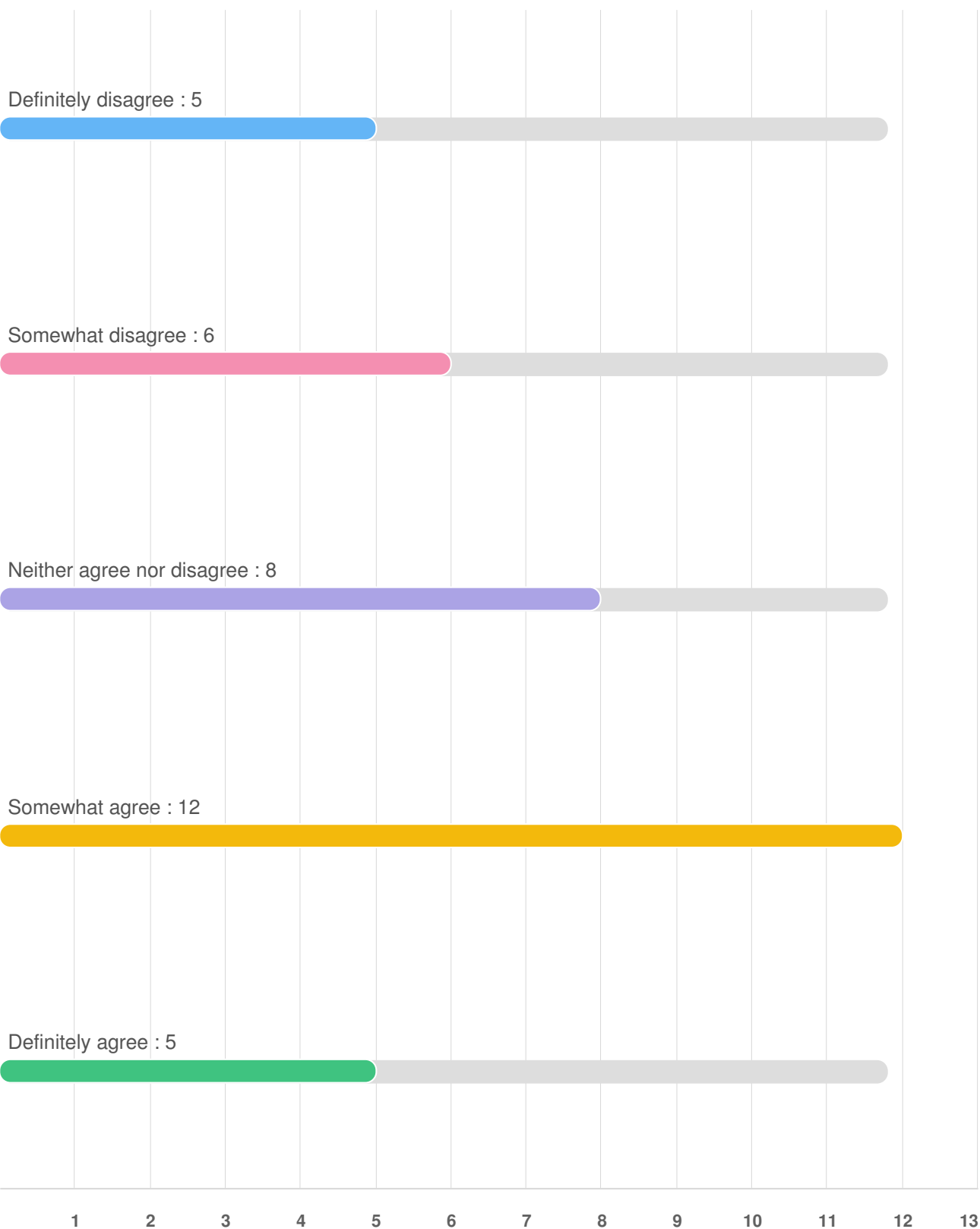


Definitely agree : 14

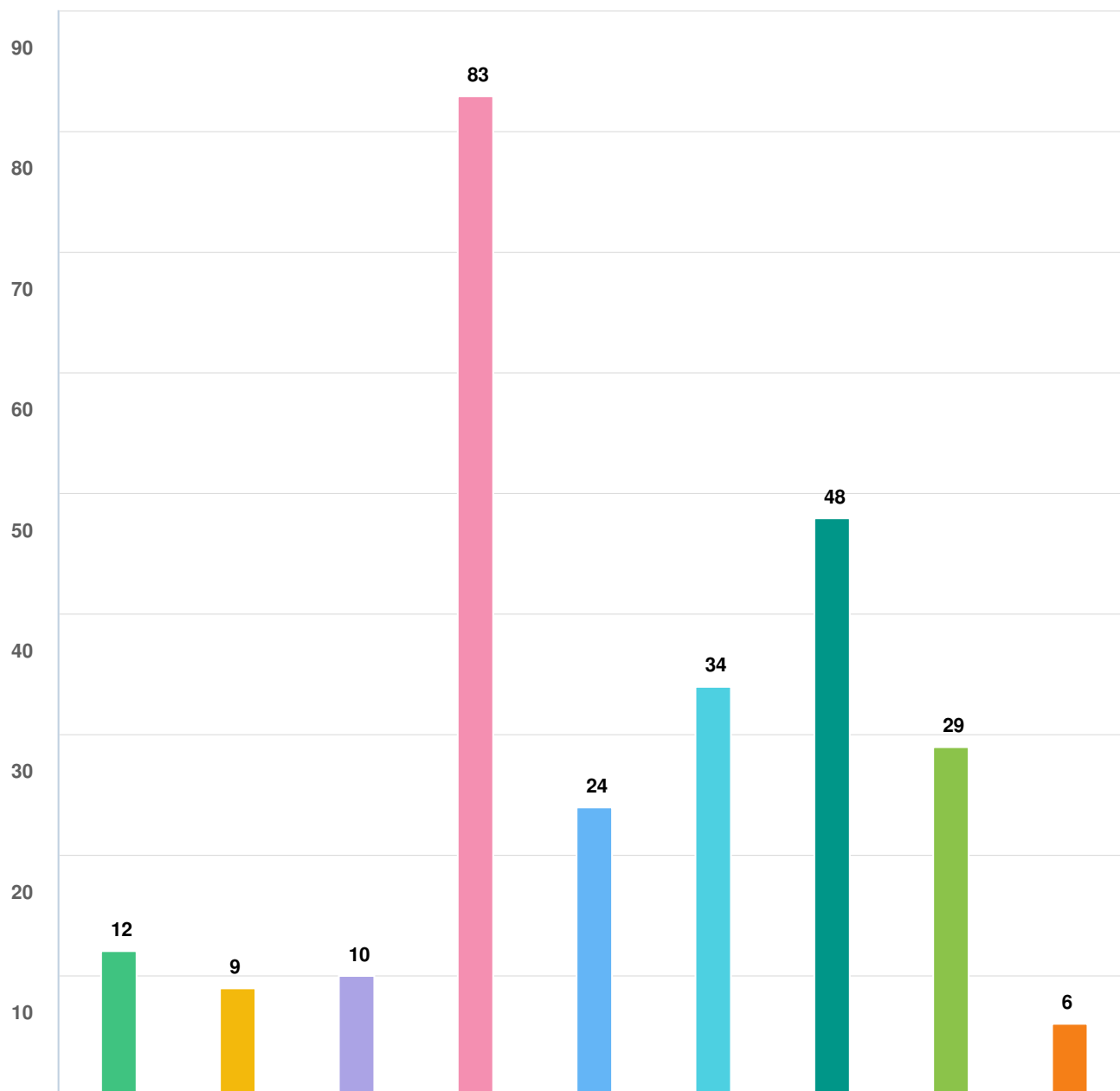


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While the municipality must balance commercial/tourism businesses AND supporting year-round residents, my priority is:



Q10 I participate in the local economy in the following ways:



Question options

- Other (please specify) ● I do not work (e.g. retired), but I support local businesses as often as I can.
- I do not work in the municipality, but I support local businesses as often as I can
- I use personal services providers (hair salons, massage therapists) ● I use professional services (lawyer, accountant)
- I support local businesses
- I work in a commercial/industrial field (not related to agriculture, fisheries, or tourism) within the municipality
- I work in agriculture in the municipality ● I work in tourism hospitality in the municipality

Optional question (127 response(s), 4 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q11 When setting standards for home-based businesses, how important are each of the following criteria (with 1 being the most important, and 5 being the least important) ?

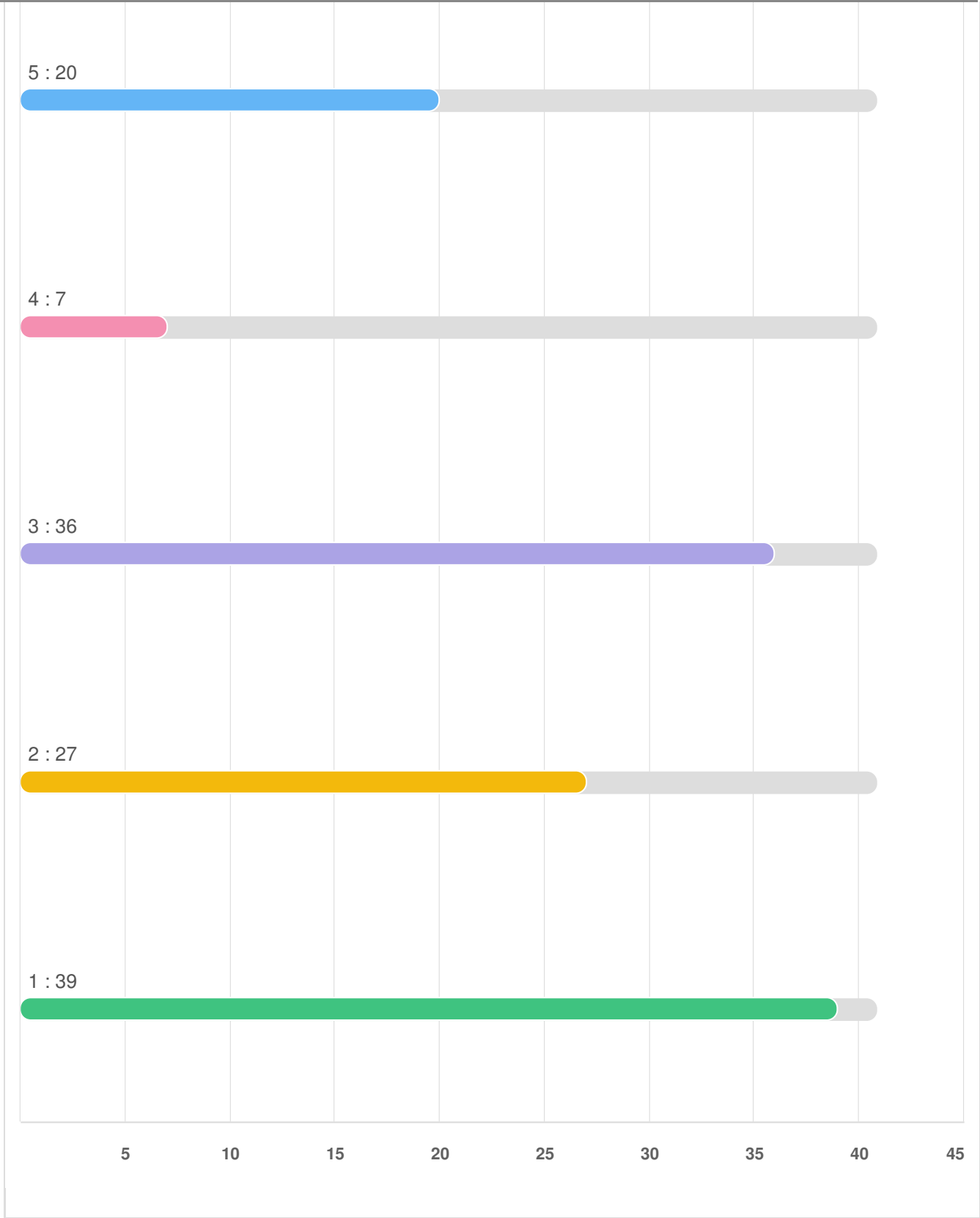


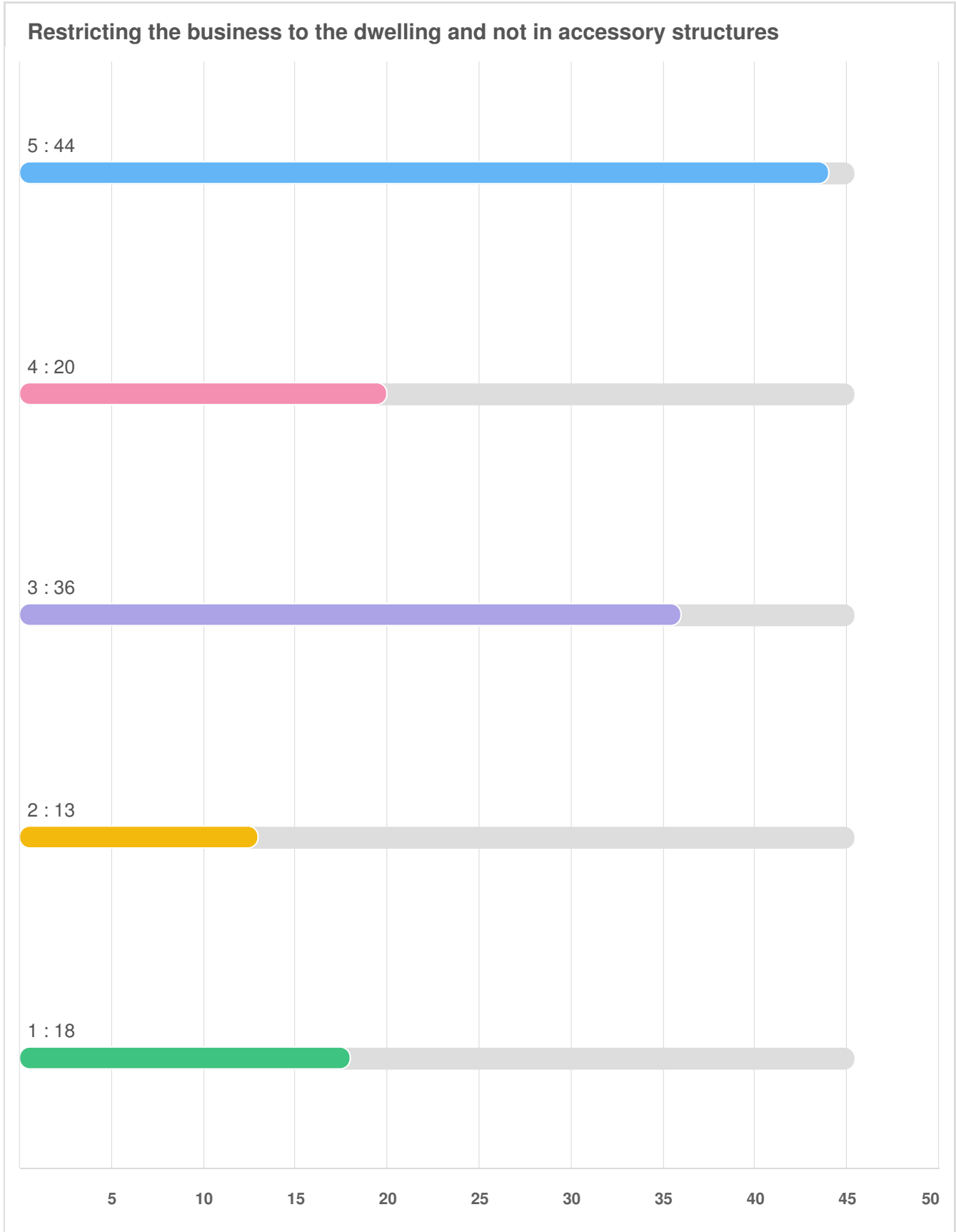
Optional question (131 response(s), 0 skipped)

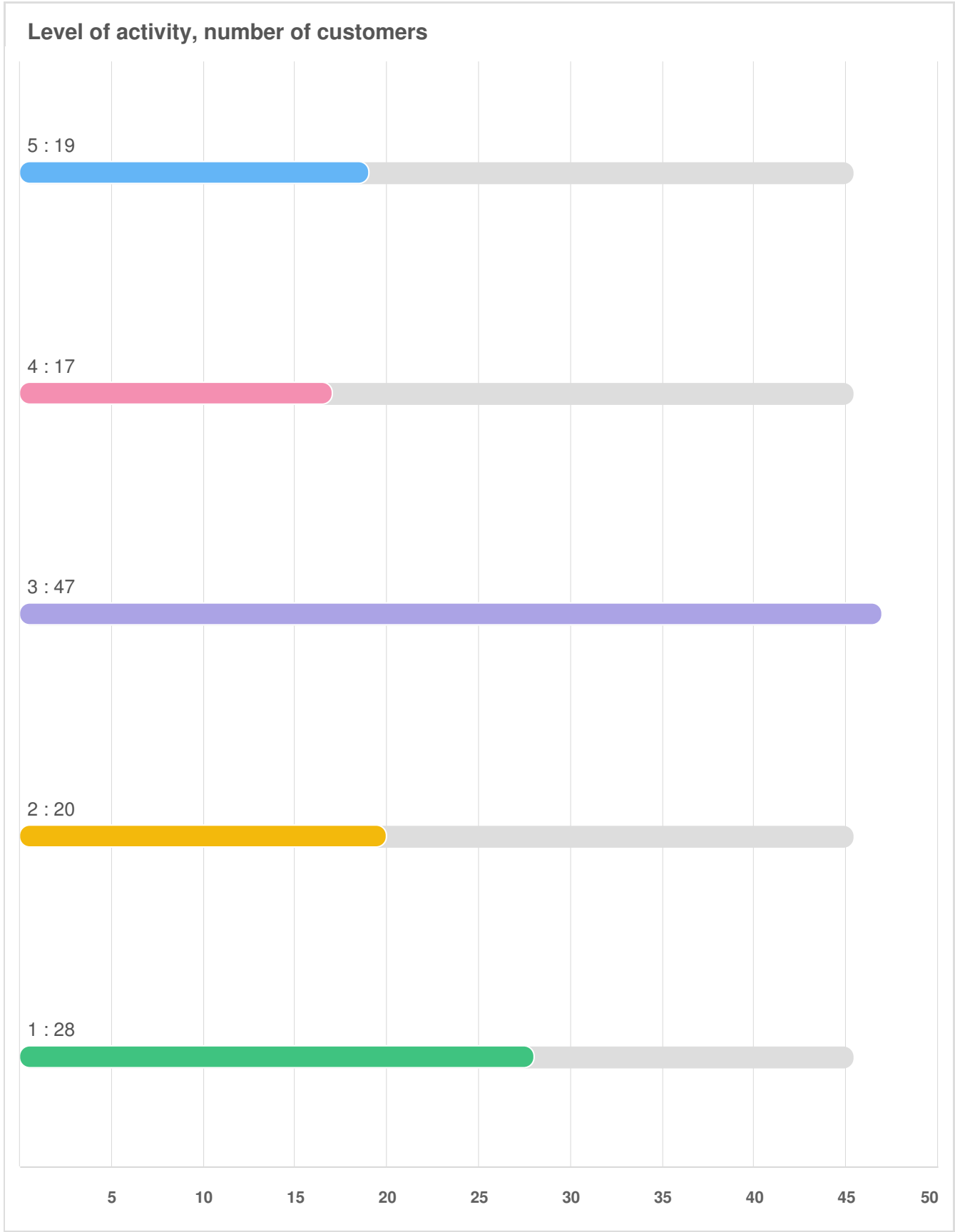
Question type: Likert Question

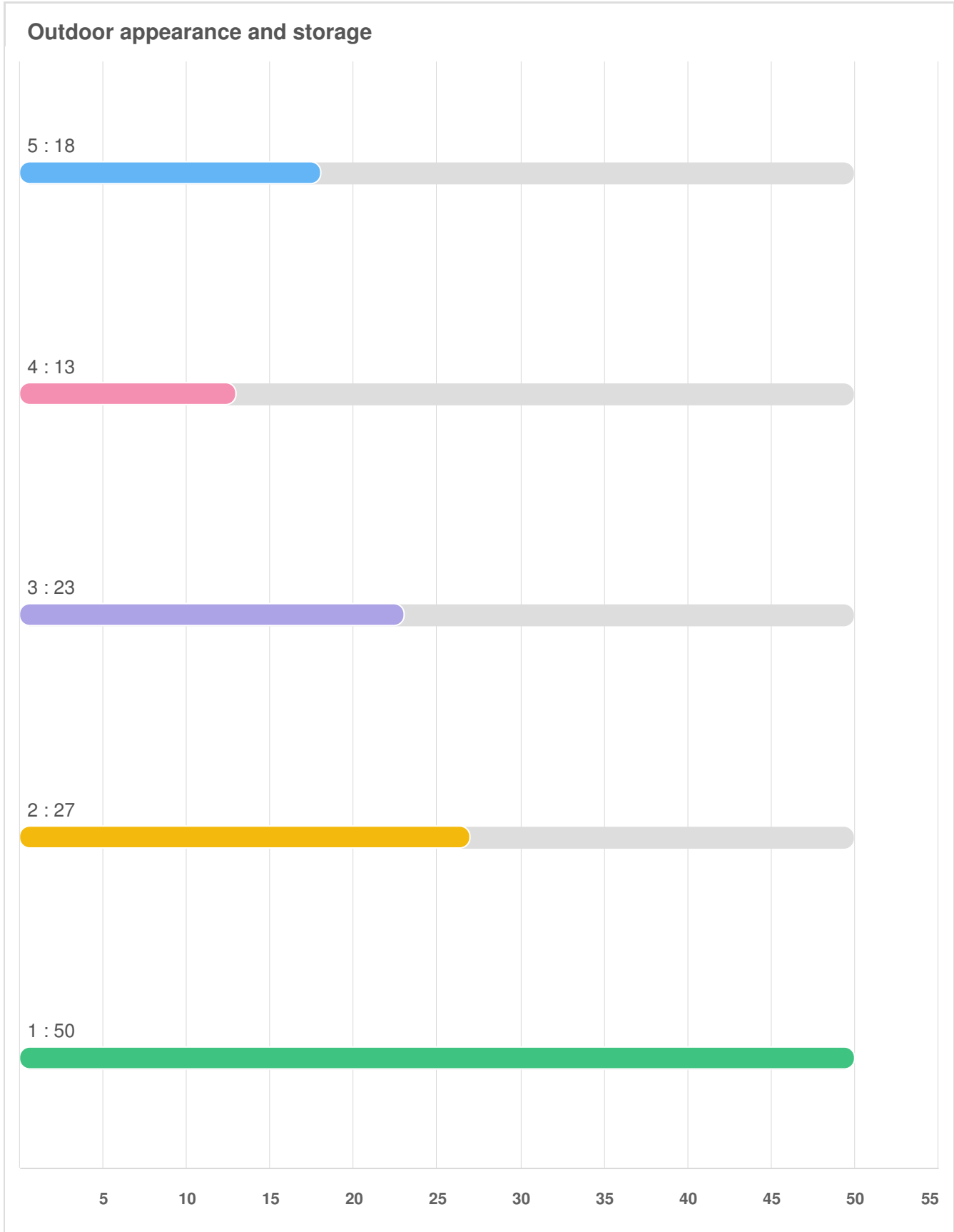
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Types of home-based business

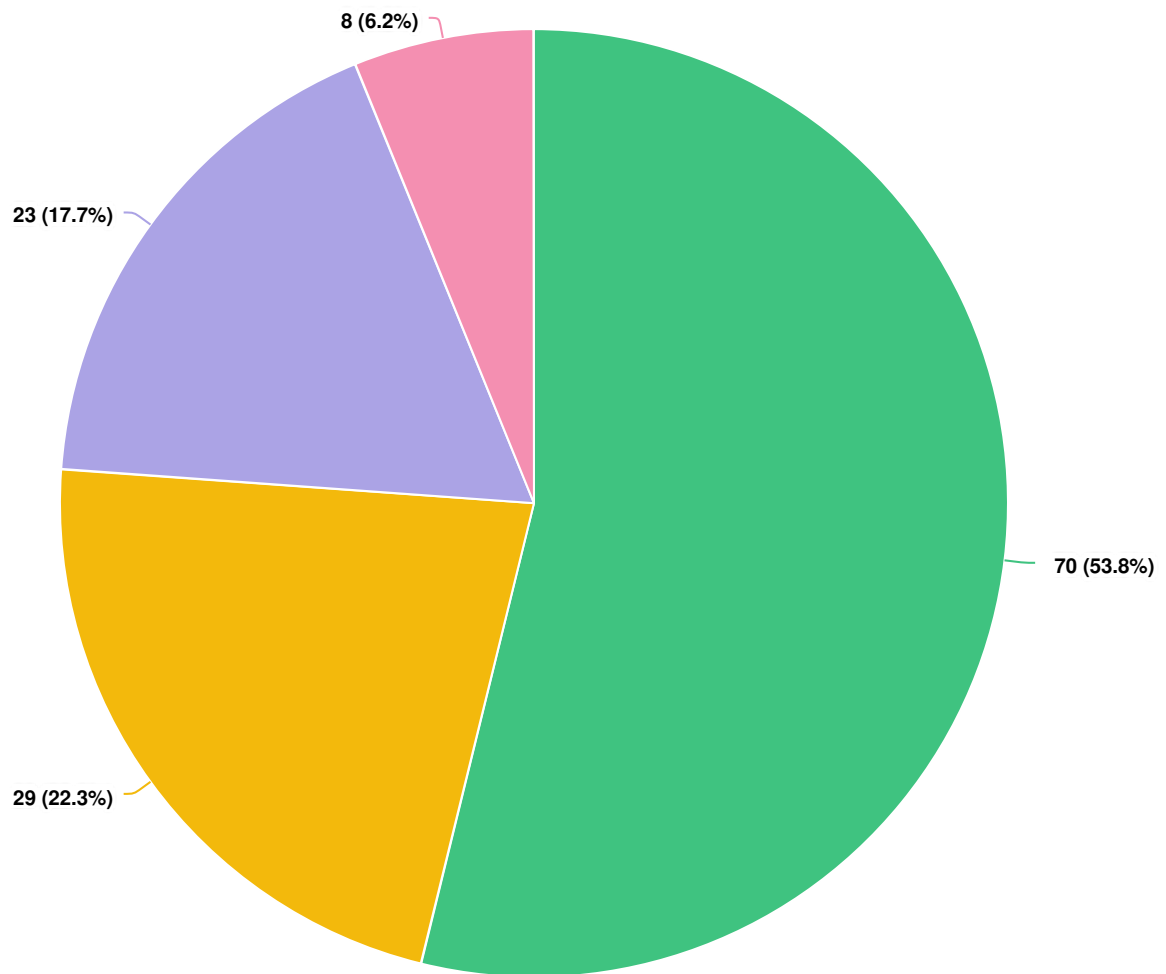








Q12 While the municipality must balance commercial/tourism businesses AND supporting year-round residents, my priority is:

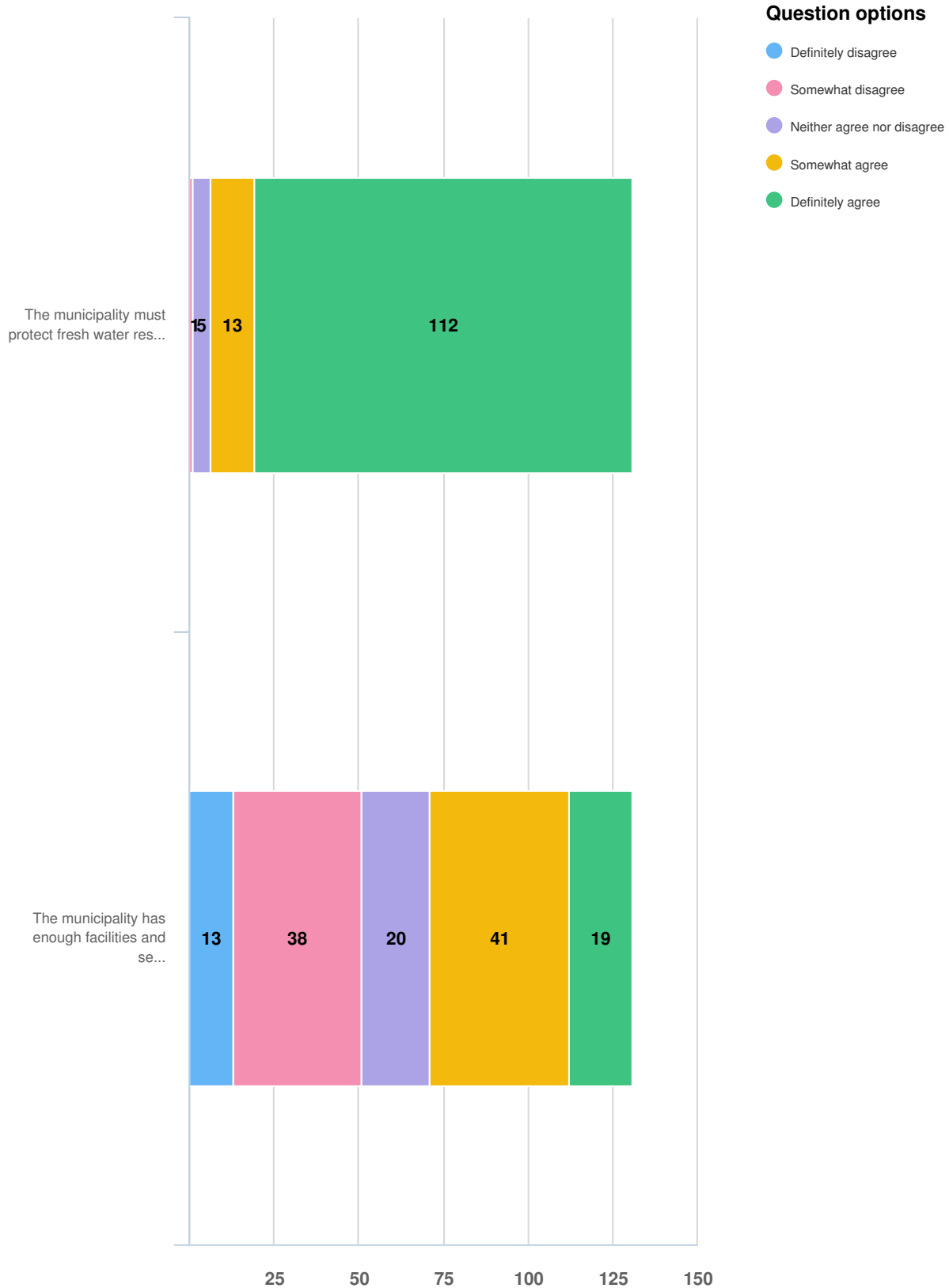


Question options

- Strongly encouraging tourism/commercial
- Moderately encouraging tourism/commercial
- Moderately protecting year-round residents
- Strongly protecting year-round residents

Optional question (130 response(s), 1 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

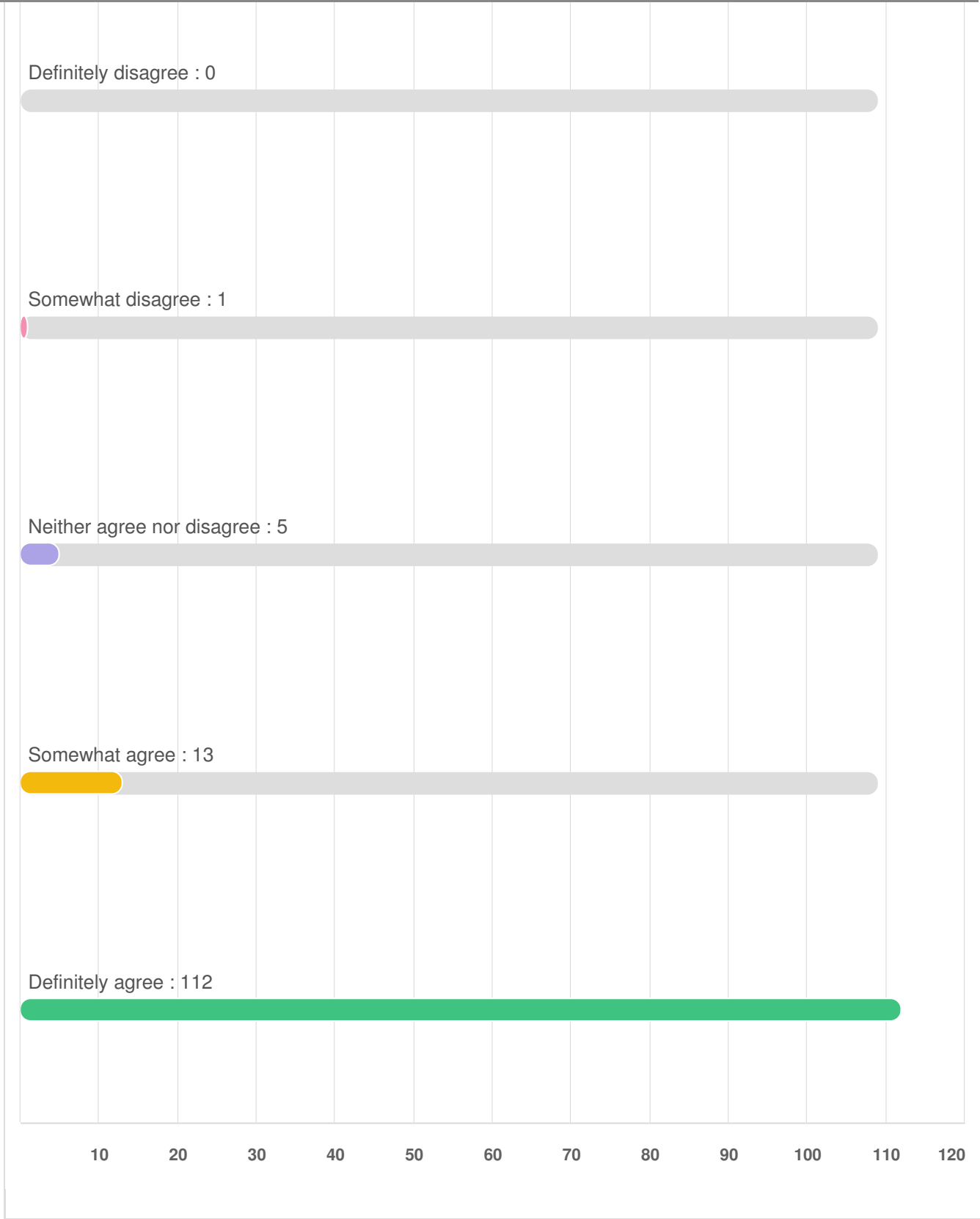
Q13 For the following questions, please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:

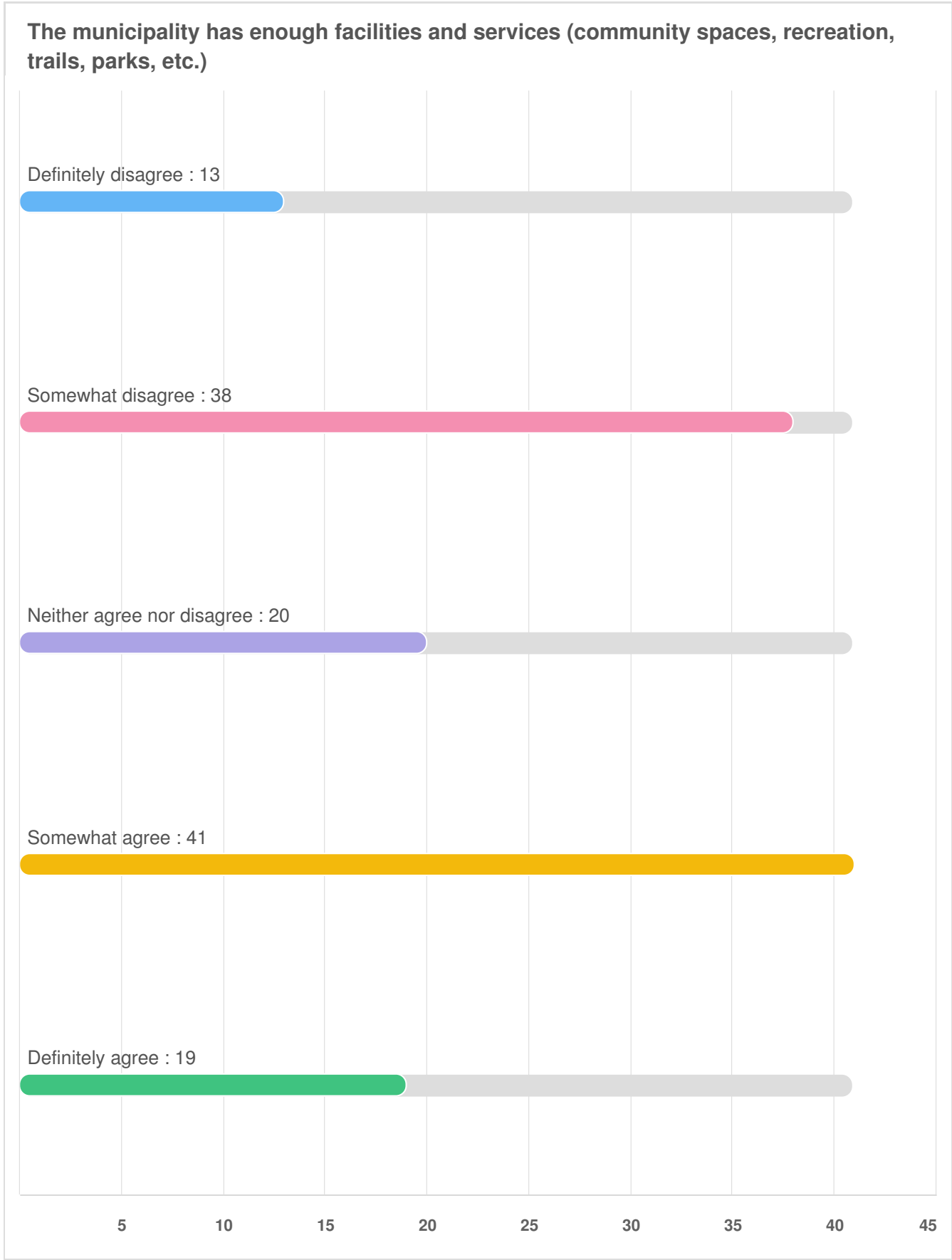


Optional question (131 response(s), 0 skipped)
Question type: Likert Question

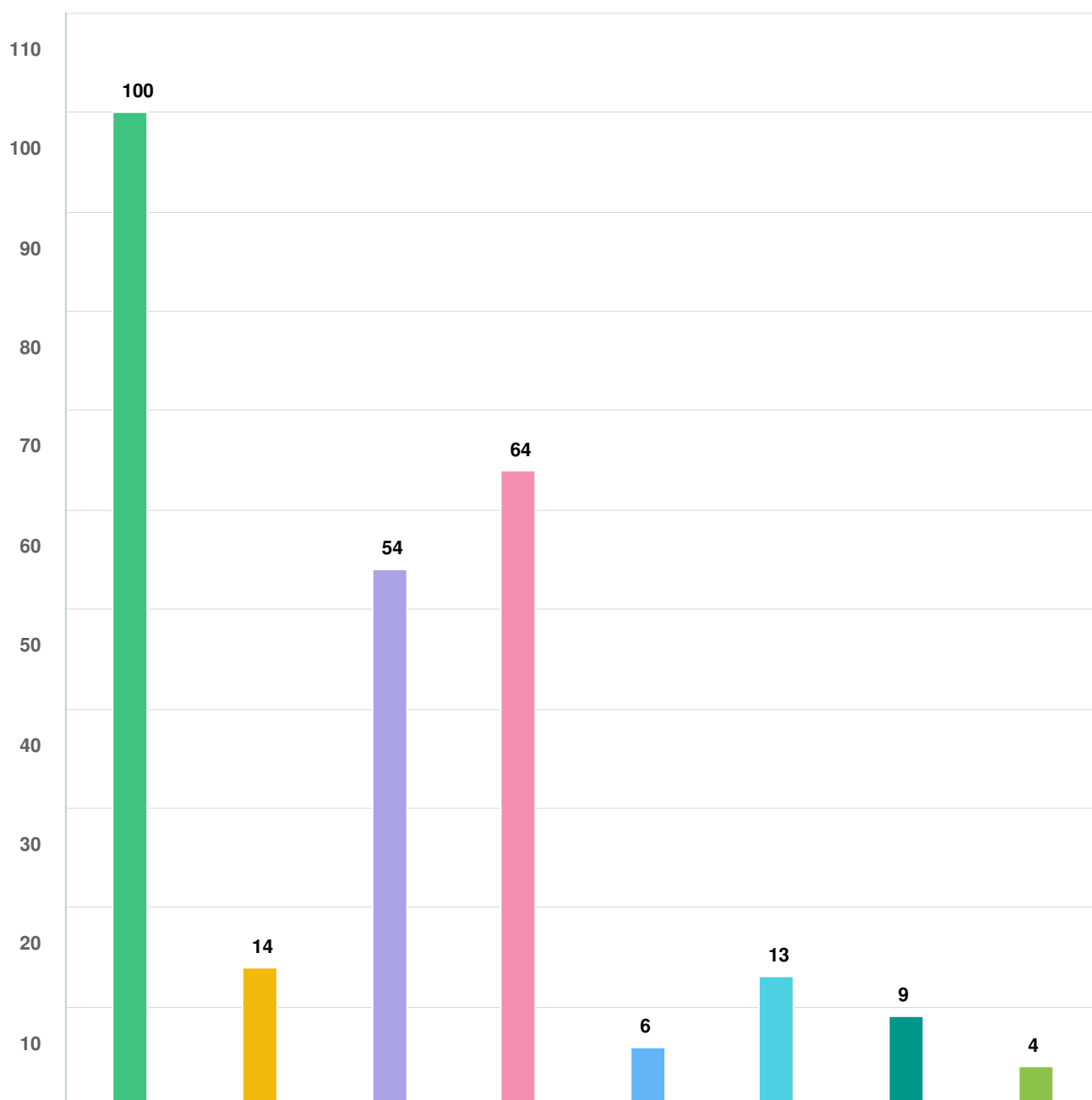
Q13 For the following questions, please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:

The municipality must protect fresh water resources such as streams, wetlands and groundwater.





Q14 What are your thoughts about food security and small scale agriculture?



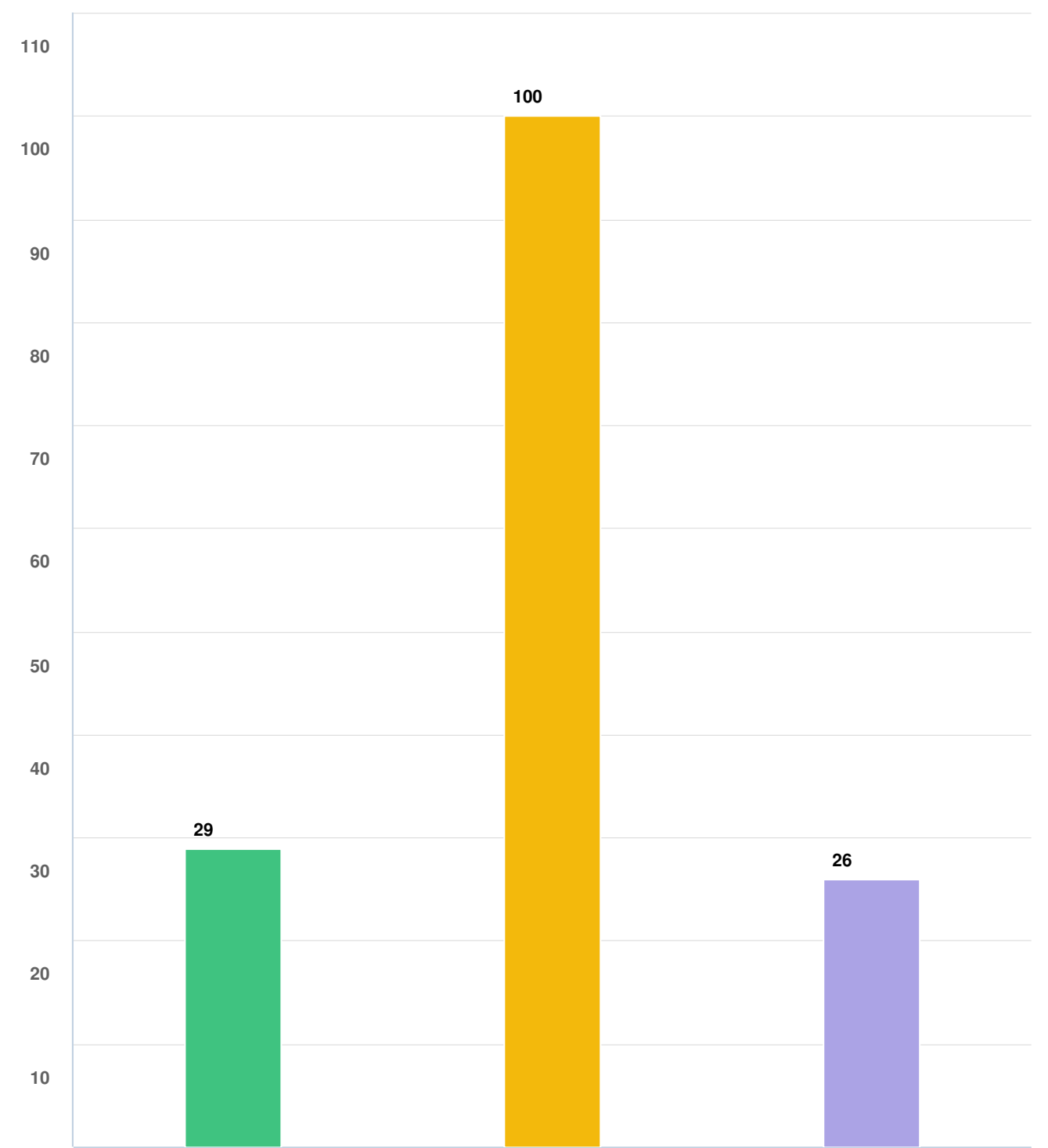
Question options

- Other (please specify) ● There is no impact on me
- Farming has a negative impact on the natural environment (pesticides and soil erosion, etc.)
- Farming activities can be a nuisance (dust, noise, smell) ● It is a source of local food
- Farming provides local jobs and income ● Farming is a way of life for me and/or my family
- It is an important part of the community fabric

Optional question (131 response(s), 0 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q15 Have you ever experienced flooding or erosion on your property? If so, where and when?



Question options

☐ Please provide some details: ☐ No ☐ Yes

Optional question (130 response(s), 1 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q16 Please rank the following initiatives in order of priority for you (with 1 being the most important and 8 being least important):

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Responding to environmental challenges	3.19
Preserving the existing character of the community	3.54
Reserving land for agricultural use	3.54
Encouraging energy efficient houses	4.33
Increasing housing choice and affordability	4.55
Increasing municipal services	5.04
Supporting tourism industry	5.36
Developing active transportation in the community	5.48

Optional question (131 response(s), 0 skipped)

Question type: Ranking Question

Q17 | What is the most important thing the municipality needs to move successfully into the future? What would you change or preserve?

Anonymous

9/11/2021 03:57 PM

Preserving the shore frontage. Limiting the subdividing of farm land. Development is important for growth, but dividing off road front lots is poor planning. Land becomes inaccessible. If a field is to be developed, an access road should be required.

Anonymous

9/11/2021 03:59 PM

It has to limit development in environmentally sensitive areas and prevent the loss of agriculture from the area - there is no need for additional housing to be built on forested sites and if prevent the loss of agricultural land we can prevent more forest being converted to other land-uses

Anonymous

9/11/2021 04:13 PM

Change:Bike lanes- there are 20+ cyclists riding past my house every day from May through October. People are driving 80-100kph and there are no paved shoulders nor bike lanes. So, widen the roads for all types of roads travel. Preserve: Don't let the rivers become overloaded with fast moving boats/ docks; keep things quiet. The rivers are beautiful for recreation and leisure/ nature- keep them and the waterfronts as they are with natural vegetation. Encourage natural re-forestation and biodiversity around the farming areas.

Anonymous

9/11/2021 04:24 PM

Work with the residents in all matters

Anonymous

9/11/2021 04:33 PM

Affordability

Anonymous

9/11/2021 04:34 PM

More outdoor sports facility's, ball field, soccer field etc.

Anonymous

9/11/2021 05:14 PM

safety on roadways. We have children taking buses, adults cycling, farm equipment using the thoroughfare roads drivers need to slow down.

Anonymous

9/11/2021 05:32 PM

Work on preserving the natural undeveloped areas. Keeping the green spaces.

Anonymous

9/11/2021 06:01 PM

more businesses brought into Cornwall to encourage local support.
(hardware store, pet food store, flower shop etc) question 16:
unable to complete.

Anonymous

9/11/2021 07:34 PM

Preserve the country feel of the region. Keep the fields as fields
and not subdivisions.

Anonymous

9/11/2021 08:20 PM

Options for seniors wishing to stay in the community but in a multi
unit housing community setting, not a care home. Those who are
active but with options for property management..ie grass cutting
and snow removal. I would love to stay in the area but need to
downsize property!

Anonymous

9/11/2021 09:37 PM

I would like to have a convenience store back in new dominion
More businesses will help with tourism and with buying local

Anonymous

9/11/2021 09:44 PM

Farms have to environmentally friendly to neighbours Having Cows
for exp basically directly adjacent to your property when they have
lots of land to put the animals from the sight of others.

Anonymous

9/11/2021 10:41 PM

Increase farm land protection and Reduce development of
subdivisions which makes the area just a bedroom community and
abuses the land base. Agriculture is the most important industry in
PEI for 12 months of the year. Tourism is only 3 months a year.

Anonymous

9/11/2021 10:43 PM

Rapid development with little planning and regard for farmers,
neighbours, community character and future long term land use
needs to be addressed. It is a problem across bedroom
communities of larger towns in PEI. Proper planning to maintain
beach access, slow waterfront and ocean development and
preserve the few remaining ocean vistas should be a high priority
before they are developed. Every week there any many housing
starts and we are becoming less valuable to tourism appeal and
destroying our quality agriculture land base. Farms, fishing and
beautiful scenery drives our other industry, tourism. Without those,
West River will just be a large subdivision

Anonymous

9/12/2021 09:05 AM

Include sidewalks in Afton and beyond for to support safe biking
and walking activity.

Anonymous

9/12/2021 09:25 AM

Be careful not to hinder development, do not adopt the riverdale plan.

Anonymous

9/12/2021 09:35 AM

Do not allow subdivisions to ruin it bring a country setting. Don't allow huge commercial ventures which do not related to a country setting or are part of tourism such as wineru

Anonymous

9/12/2021 09:37 AM

Stop having covenants to allow people to build what they want and require this is not Charlottetown

Anonymous

9/12/2021 10:25 AM

Preserve the rural feel of the community. Minimize commercialism and control signage. Add bicycle/walking lanes to encourage safety. Protect shorelines.

Anonymous

9/12/2021 10:46 AM

A doctor / medical clinic in this area

Anonymous

9/12/2021 01:02 PM

I think it is very shortsighted to sell off farmland to build houses or businesses. I would like there to be a halt on any land rezoning from here on out. Too much development endangers the environment and the ecological balance of the land. We live here because we like the rural aspect. We do not want more businesses.

Anonymous

9/12/2021 04:14 PM

Regulate housing types and land use. Too many mini homes on private lots and subdivisions being filled with mini homes, municipality is becoming one big trailer park (because minihomes are prohibited in Cornwall). Water front vistas need to be protected from development.

Anonymous

9/12/2021 05:35 PM

Better roads !

Anonymous

9/12/2021 07:05 PM

Effective communication with its residents.

Anonymous

Keep municipal taxation low.

9/12/2021 07:12 PM

Anonymous

9/12/2021 08:37 PM

Keep in mind this is a rural area; we don't need attempts to put in sewage and water systems unnecessarily. While it is important to ensure the area is safe, clean and uses/activities don't encroach on or interfere with your neighbors right of peaceful enjoyment of property. Stay out of your neighbors business. Already, individuals are overstepping and pushing.

Anonymous

9/12/2021 09:49 PM

Social eateries in Cornwall

Anonymous

9/13/2021 08:08 AM

Better controls and enforcement on traffic/speed limits with so many more people moving into the area.

Anonymous

9/13/2021 09:11 AM

I think that repaving of rural highways would benefit everyone

Anonymous

9/13/2021 10:06 AM

Protecting land.

Anonymous

9/13/2021 12:58 PM

limit unplanned development and urban sprawl

Anonymous

9/13/2021 07:40 PM

Maintenance of agricultural lands from housing development

Anonymous

9/14/2021 12:06 AM

Preservation of natural areas and involvement of young people in that.

Anonymous

9/14/2021 10:55 AM

Preserve as area of natural beauty with relative proximity to city, while providing options/businesses to encourage all residents (full or part time) as well as visitors to come and stay in the area. That may be helped by encouraging essential businesses (groceries with local stock, gas) to establish here to avoid having to leave the area for errands (personally we like to lump errands with other activities and assume it is similar for others)

Anonymous

9/15/2021 07:03 AM

Preserving farmland and making it more affordable for the farmer to operate his farm.

Anonymous

9/15/2021 07:14 AM

Farm land

Anonymous

9/15/2021 07:21 AM

Restriction on the number of housing developments until the present ones are fully developed

Anonymous

9/15/2021 12:36 PM

Access to technology is key. The poor access to quality high speed internet is limiting for small businesses in the community.

Anonymous

9/15/2021 05:17 PM

Maintain the rural character

Anonymous

9/16/2021 08:18 AM

Preserve farmland

Anonymous

9/16/2021 08:29 AM

Preserve farmland. Dunedin should join with West River and not Cornwall

Anonymous

9/16/2021 10:24 AM

Protecting agriculture land

Anonymous

9/16/2021 03:50 PM

Keeping children safe from drivers who feel the need to fly on our roads through low speed limits. I would open the stream that has been closed behind our home since the hurricane so it can flow again. Have more access to the people you need to talk to at Afton Hall.

Anonymous

9/16/2021 10:26 PM

Preservation of our unique community identities is very important to me

Anonymous

9/17/2021 02:37 PM

Keeping farm land and stoping the development of subdivisions in the rural area

Anonymous

9/17/2021 04:40 PM

Local market

Anonymous

Engage residents To ensure prosperous community. Restrict the

9/17/2021 04:41 PM

location of mobile homes

Anonymous

9/17/2021 07:56 PM

Develop and maintain a strong sense of community via community events. Add / expand active transportation and park / sporting facilities.

Anonymous

9/18/2021 06:16 PM

Encourage small to med subdivisions on non-prime farmland. Advocate for responsible soil enhancement practices by all farmers. Treat resident requests for variances, etc with fairness, reasonableness, respect and accomodation. Do not allow previous community councils to entrench their land use policies in perpetuity. Elected officials must have the freedom and right to govern with input and vocal support of their constituents.

Anonymous

9/19/2021 08:20 PM

More public beach access (24h/7days) and trails playgrounds and nature spaces.

Anonymous

9/24/2021 05:13 PM

Increase sense of connection between neighbours.

Anonymous

9/24/2021 05:14 PM

Allow development so long as it includes larger "country" sized lots.

Anonymous

9/25/2021 10:02 AM

We all moved to this area for the country living feel not the town of Cornwall feel . Leave well enough along

Anonymous

9/25/2021 10:12 AM

Develop outdoor spaces, ie: walking trails, dog park.

Anonymous

9/25/2021 10:13 AM

Preserve the natural environment while increasing needed infrastructure.

Anonymous

9/25/2021 10:26 AM

Farmers attitudes toward non farming community, farm taxation, subsidies and seasonal work plus EI benefits is absurd. Farming is an industry that provides small tax, unregulated vehicles and operations and want support and admiration. Vertical farms should be encouraged and incentivised. Leave the coastal areas for residents, move farms to interior only. What chemicals are they using around us and them. Farmers are a protectionism group that hold us hostage to their antiquated practices. Farmers are rude

and unwilling to accept difference or non farming community.

Anonymous

9/25/2021 10:49 AM

Preserving existing agricultural operations.

Anonymous

9/25/2021 10:56 AM

With more children in the area, I think it is becoming more and more important for us to have safe spaces for them to walk/play. It was not really possible for me on maternity leave to get out and walk when there is no safe place to do so without driving to a trail or to town.

Anonymous

9/25/2021 12:24 PM

The municipality does not arbitrary rules about the location and size of accessory buildings and other similar bylaw rules to control exactly how a property should look based on arbitrary societal expectations.

Anonymous

9/25/2021 12:31 PM

Fibre op everywhere there is a paved Street. I'm ok route 19 along the shore and it didn't come down this way.

Anonymous

9/25/2021 01:52 PM

Sustainable farming.

Anonymous

9/25/2021 02:07 PM

More services, gas stations, groceries...

Anonymous

9/25/2021 04:07 PM

Regular communication with residents through a detailed website including Meeting agendas and minutes. Promote the website using posters and signage.

Anonymous

9/25/2021 04:41 PM

Your survey is broken. Only allowed to select one number between 1-8 once

Anonymous

9/25/2021 05:15 PM

Housing planning. Suburbs being created without a cohesive plan.

Anonymous

9/25/2021 07:52 PM

Hi- speed internet that is affordable

Anonymous

9/26/2021 05:56 AM

Don't create alot of rules and bylaws

Anonymous

9/26/2021 07:12 AM

Clearing farm land

Anonymous

9/26/2021 07:58 AM

I think it is important that we preserve the natural beauty of the area and that building be done to fit into the natural beauty

Anonymous

9/26/2021 09:21 PM

Encourage someone to open a small corner type grocery store ... even summer season !

Anonymous

9/27/2021 10:16 AM

The municipality needs to protect its natural assets, its viewsapes and its agricultural base - at present we risk undermining tourism, future agriculture and the character of our community through development of forest and agricultural areas.

Anonymous

9/27/2021 12:05 PM

Need more businesses to bring people and money into the area. Would love to see a brewery, a restaurant, a bakery, etc. Would also LOVE to see safe active transportation infrastructure to invite more young families to develop in the area.

Anonymous

9/27/2021 12:14 PM

Encourage and foster businesses that wish to grow within the community, not place unnecessary road blocks before entrepreneurs

Anonymous

9/27/2021 03:02 PM

Options for children. A park at afton hall, a rink maybe ? Activities for youth, a volunteer program etc.

Anonymous

9/28/2021 07:51 PM

I think it's important for municipalities to provide opportunities for community members to get together to socialize and have opportunities for people new to the community to meet others.

Anonymous

9/29/2021 11:37 PM

I would like to see an organic fruit and vegetable stand and it would be nice if there was a gas station close to the community.

Anonymous

9/30/2021 05:08 PM

Community spirit and rights of a farm community.

Anonymous

10/06/2021 10:49 PM

Sustainable planning and an engaged community. Preserve the rural qualities of the communities and the scenic vistas - avoid subdivisions and development on prime agricultural land or waterfront properties that are susceptible to erosion.

Anonymous

10/13/2021 12:59 PM

Important thing: It needs people who feel engaged in the community, from their small community of neighbours to the traditional community areas of the Rural Municipality, to the RM as a whole. And so far, the process (not to mention pandemic and other stresses) is making it hard for people to be engaged. Change: Frankly, if I could change anything, it would be the MGA process that's left some areas towing the line with these RM requirements and others unincorporated and very glad they are not having to deal with this. This RM is just beginning some long and probably contentious discussions on planning and land use that been pushed down to the RM level from previous provincial government's level, and people just may not be able to give time and effort. There is a great disparity in this process, between incorporated and not, between trained professionals in planning/consultation/finances and residents who want a quiet rural existence, etc. Preserve -- community, peace, clean and quiet environment.

Anonymous

10/13/2021 03:13 PM

be a leader in achieving net zero in all buildings. Protect natural areas.

Anonymous

10/13/2021 06:27 PM

Allow more commercial land for local businesses to flourish.

Vicki Bryanton

10/13/2021 08:38 PM

Know more about the population you serve. Increase communications with more interested residents. Have a feasible plan, follow it, be able to enforce any bylaws.

mmacfadyen

10/13/2021 09:07 PM

protect the waterways and let private land owners do what ever they want. with their land Ex I want to put my 7th Shed on my neighbors property.

Anonymous

10/14/2021 10:53 AM

Preserve our parks, trails ,beach access, heritage buildings/sites and all public gathering areas or halls.

Anonymous

10/14/2021 03:01 PM

Control speeders on meadowbank

Anonymous

10/14/2021 09:35 PM

Waterfront accessibility. No giant subdivisions jammed everywhere.

Anonymous

10/18/2021 08:35 PM

Look at ways to enhance and compliment the natural beauty in the area. Preserve rural feel, maintain existing agricultural lands. Leave subdivisions and other high density options to the towns and cities.

Optional question (88 response(s), 43 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question