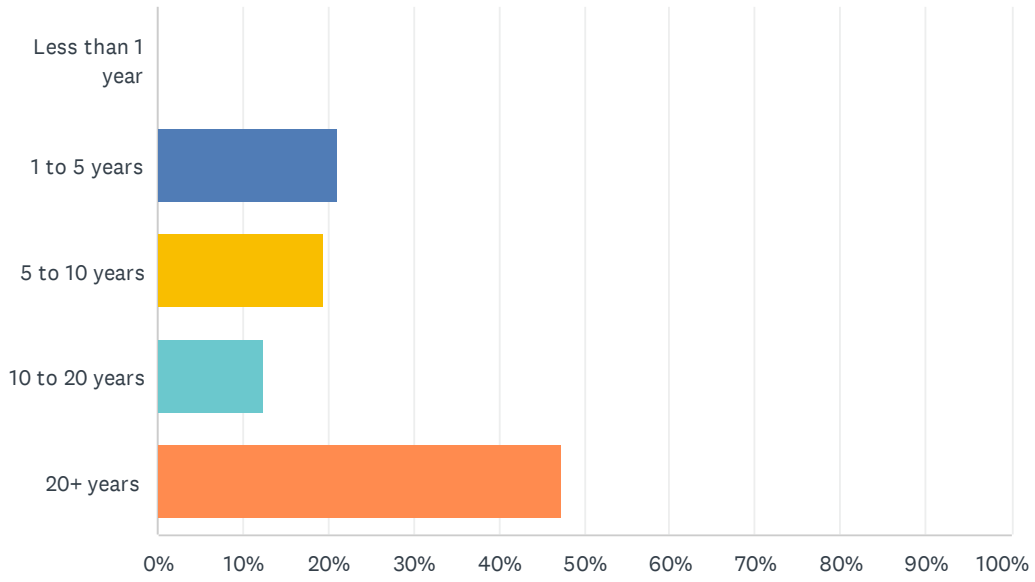
Appendix A

Town of Lyme
Affordable Housing Plan (AHP)

Questionnaire Results
July through December, 2021

Q2 How long have you lived in Lyme?

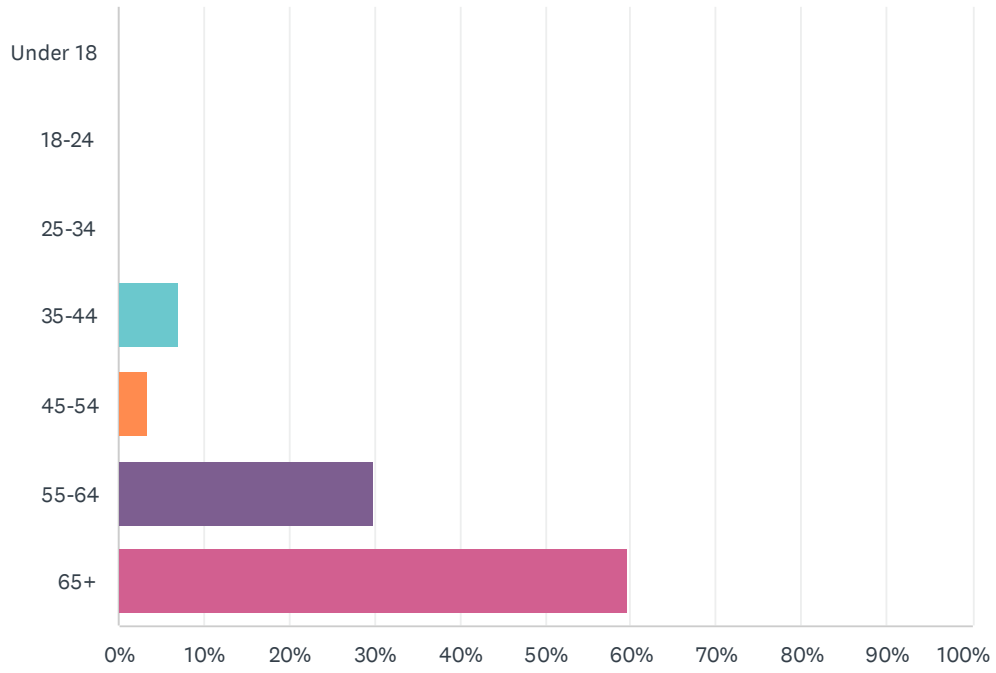
Answered: 57 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 1 year	0.00%	0
1 to 5 years	21.05%	12
5 to 10 years	19.30%	11
10 to 20 years	12.28%	7
20+ years	47.37%	27
TOTAL		57

Q3 What is your age?

Answered: 57 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
18-24	0.00%	0
25-34	0.00%	0
35-44	7.02%	4
45-54	3.51%	2
55-64	29.82%	17
65+	59.65%	34
TOTAL		57

Q4 What is your employment status?

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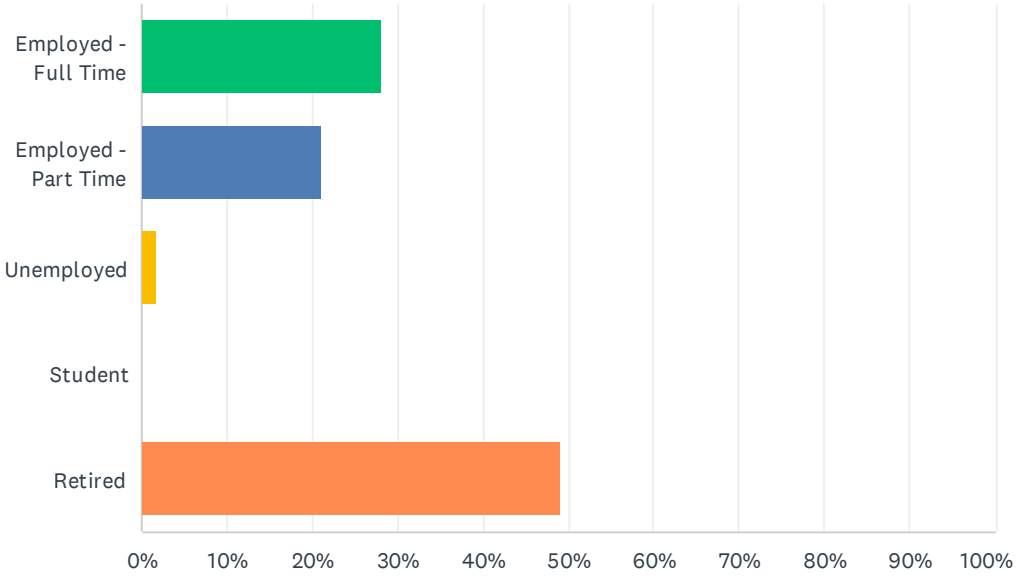
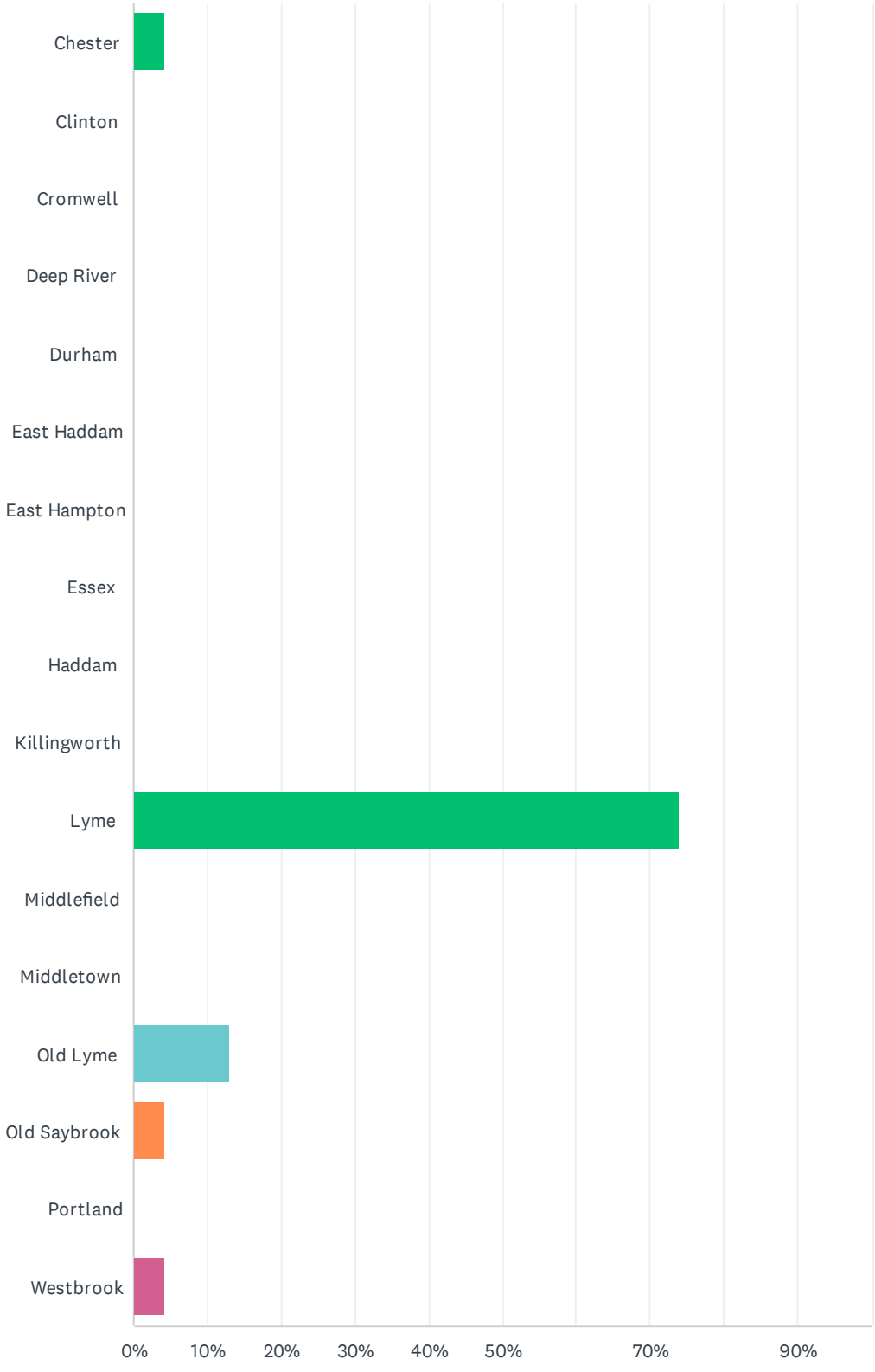


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Employed - Full Time	28.07%	16
Employed - Part Time	21.05%	12
Unemployed	1.75%	1
Student	0.00%	0
Retired	49.12%	28
TOTAL		57

Q5 Which town or city do you work in? Chose the location of your primary job if more than one applies.

Answered: 23 Skipped: 34



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Chester	4.35%	1
Clinton	0.00%	0
Cromwell	0.00%	0
Deep River	0.00%	0
Durham	0.00%	0
East Haddam	0.00%	0
East Hampton	0.00%	0
Essex	0.00%	0
Haddam	0.00%	0
Killingworth	0.00%	0
Lyme	73.91%	17
Middlefield	0.00%	0
Middletown	0.00%	0
Old Lyme	13.04%	3
Old Saybrook	4.35%	1
Portland	0.00%	0
Westbrook	4.35%	1
TOTAL		23

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Retired	1/24/2022 8:09 PM
2	New London	11/22/2021 11:40 AM
3	None	10/20/2021 1:19 PM
4	Wfh	10/7/2021 4:32 PM
5	New Haven	9/30/2021 9:42 PM
6	self employed construction	9/16/2021 10:04 PM
7	Retired	9/16/2021 5:09 PM
8	Retired	9/11/2021 11:30 AM
9	Retired	9/11/2021 11:20 AM
10	Norwich	8/28/2021 5:06 PM
11	N/A Retired	8/16/2021 11:33 PM
12	Retired	8/14/2021 10:20 PM
13	retired - previously worked in new london	8/14/2021 10:01 AM
14	Retired	8/13/2021 7:26 PM
15	Branford	8/13/2021 4:07 PM

16	Retired	8/13/2021 5:36 AM
17	Retired	8/13/2021 5:27 AM
18	Retired	8/12/2021 7:17 PM
19	Retired	8/12/2021 3:15 PM
20	Retired	8/12/2021 3:04 PM
21	N/A	8/12/2021 2:43 PM
22	Groton	8/5/2021 4:33 PM
23	Retired so don't have a work town	7/28/2021 8:33 PM
24	Hartford ct	7/27/2021 1:30 PM
25	Retired	7/27/2021 12:27 PM

Q6 What type of household do you live in?

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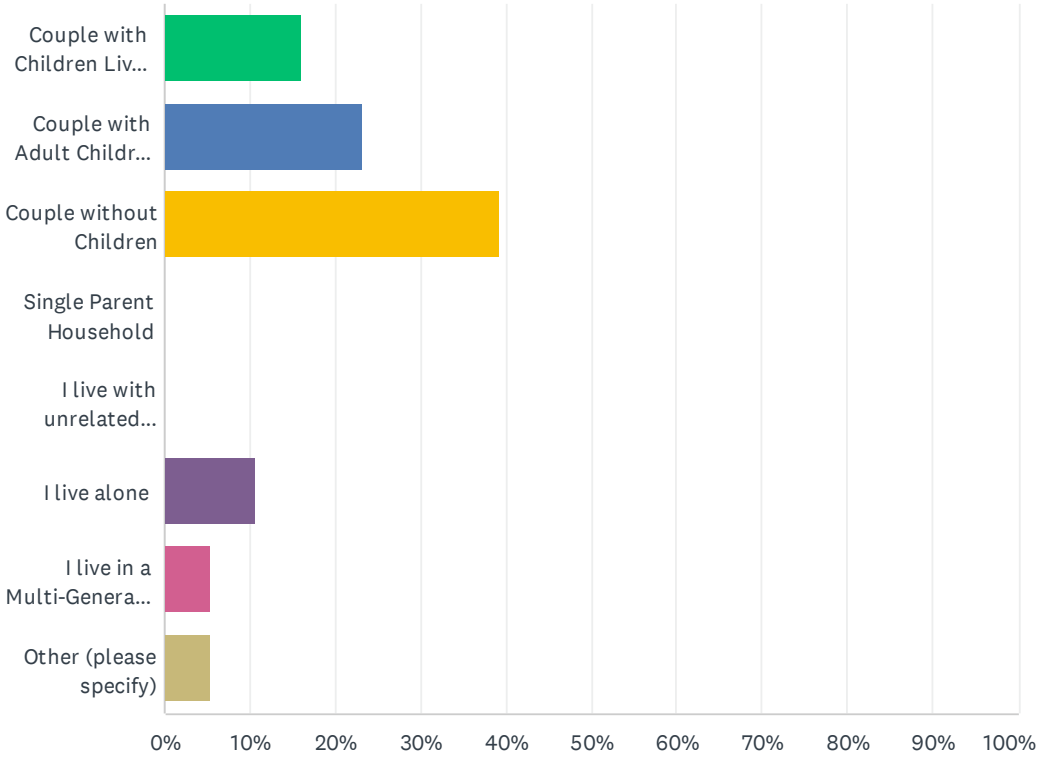

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Couple with Children Living at Home	16.07%	9
Couple with Adult Children (Empty Nester)	23.21%	13
Couple without Children	39.29%	22
Single Parent Household	0.00%	0
I live with unrelated others (roommates)	0.00%	0
I live alone	10.71%	6
I live in a Multi-Generational Household	5.36%	3
Other (please specify)	5.36%	3
TOTAL		56

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	care giver	8/13/2021 2:14 PM
2	Single. Sister resides with me	8/13/2021 5:36 AM
3	Single. Sister resides with me	8/13/2021 5:27 AM

Q7 How many people live in your household, including yourself?

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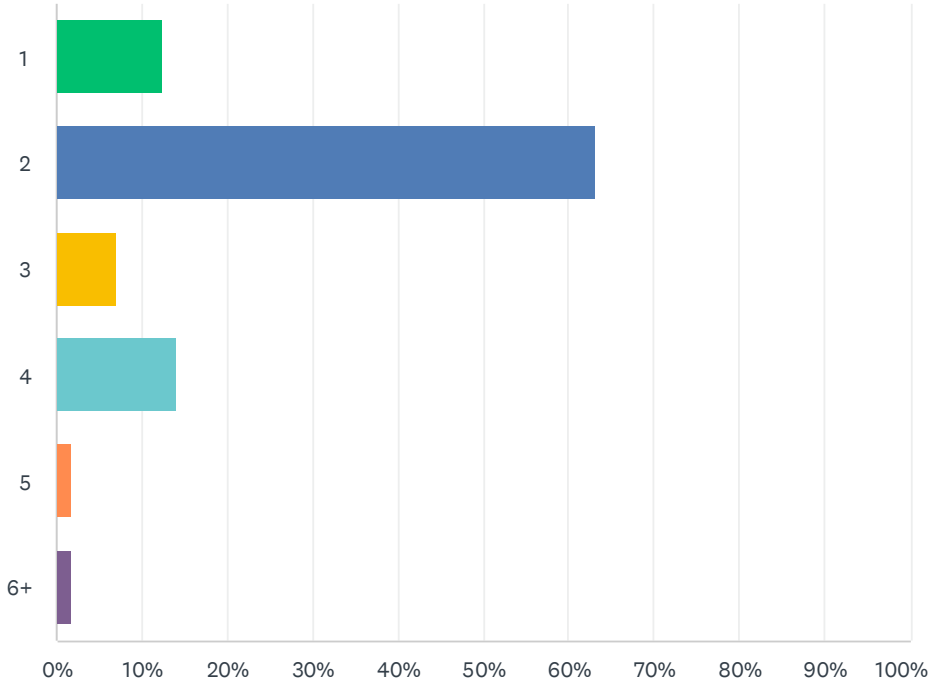

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	12.28%	7
2	63.16%	36
3	7.02%	4
4	14.04%	8
5	1.75%	1
6+	1.75%	1
TOTAL		57

Q8 What type of home do you currently live in?

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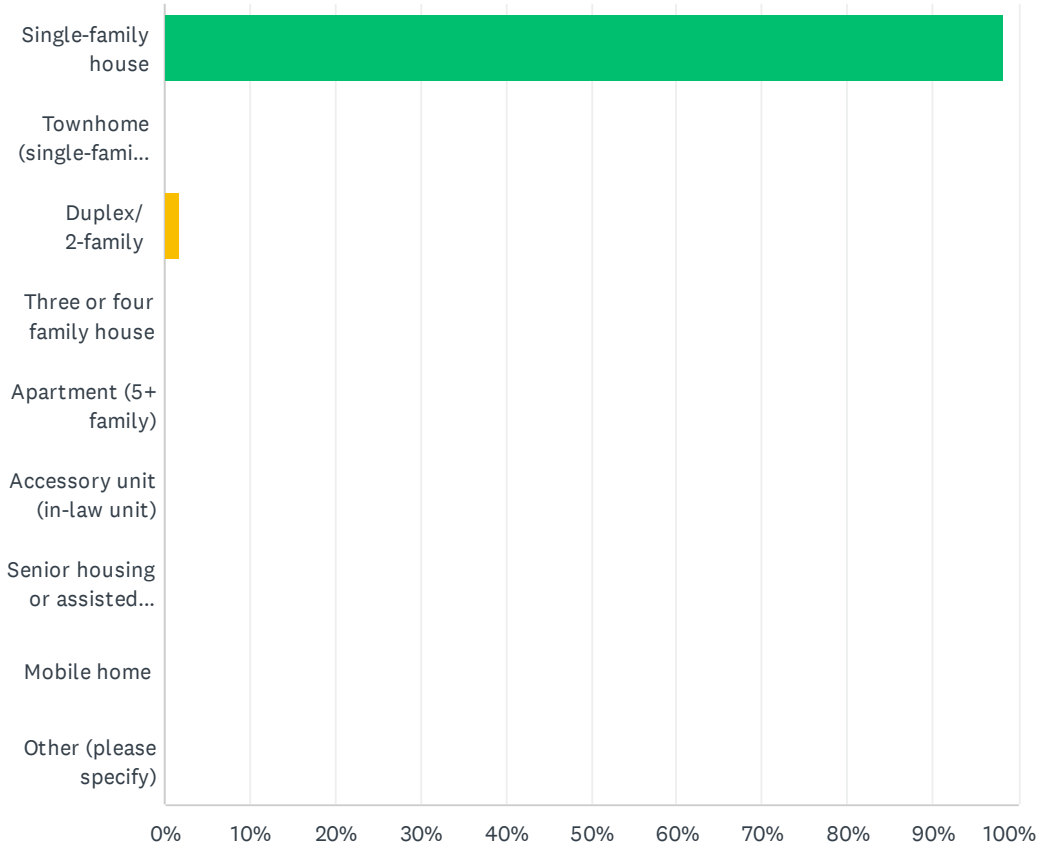

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Single-family house	98.25%	56
Townhome (single-family attached)	0.00%	0
Duplex/ 2-family	1.75%	1
Three or four family house	0.00%	0
Apartment (5+ family)	0.00%	0
Accessory unit (in-law unit)	0.00%	0
Senior housing or assisted living	0.00%	0
Mobile home	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
TOTAL		57

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q9 For demographic purposes, it is helpful to have a sense of household income and ownership status of those responding to this survey. Do you rent or own your residence?

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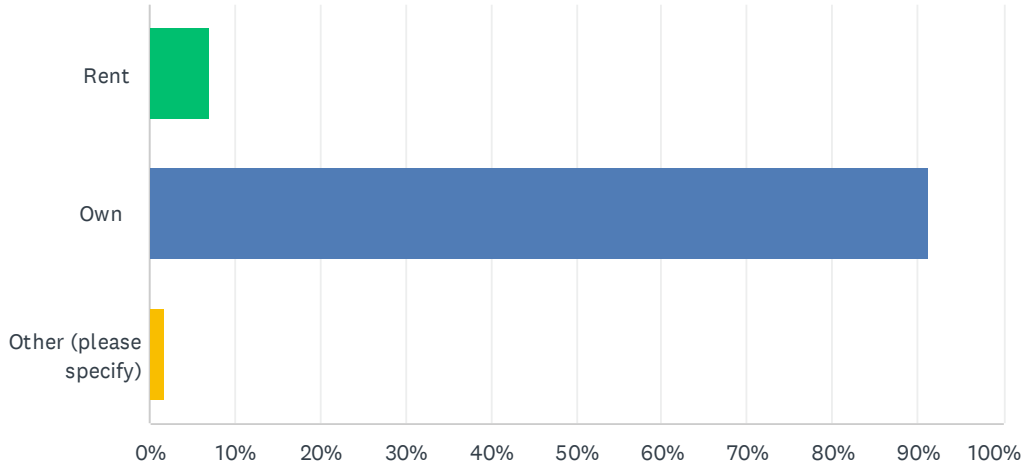
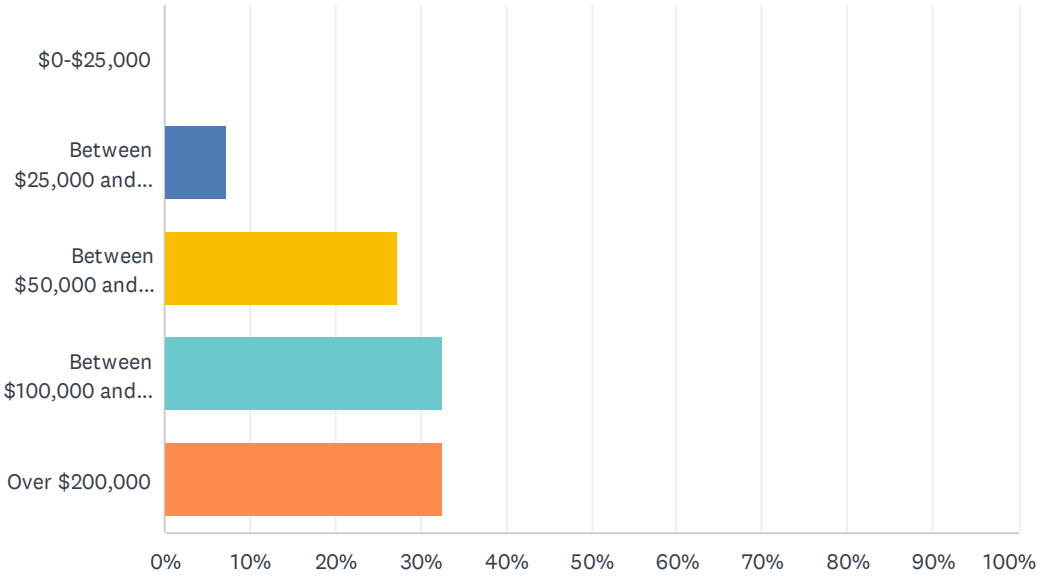


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Rent	7.02%	4
Own	91.23%	52
Other (please specify)	1.75%	1
TOTAL		57

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	live in care giver	8/13/2021 2:14 PM

Q10 Please indicate which annual household income range you currently fall under. Note: Household income measures the combined incomes of all people sharing a particular household or place of residence and includes every form of income.

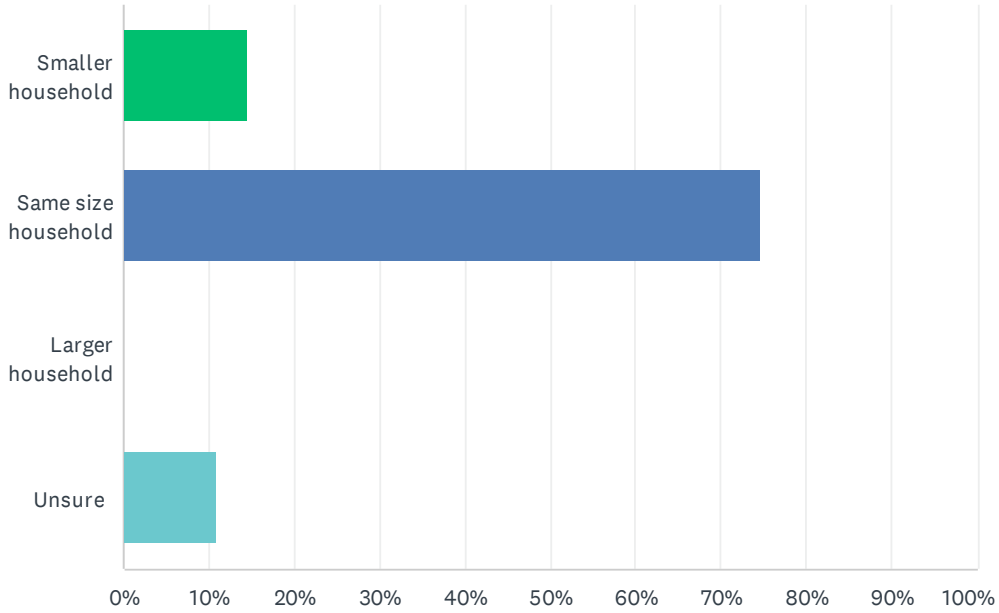
Answered: 55 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
$0-$25,000	0.00%	0
Between $25,000 and $49,999	7.27%	4
Between $50,000 and $99,999	27.27%	15
Between $100,000 and $199,999	32.73%	18
Over $200,000	32.73%	18
TOTAL		55

Q11 What size household do you see yourself living in five years from now?

Answered: 55 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Smaller household	14.55%	8
Same size household	74.55%	41
Larger household	0.00%	0
Unsure	10.91%	6
TOTAL		55

Q12 Looking ahead five years from now, what type of housing do you see yourself living in?

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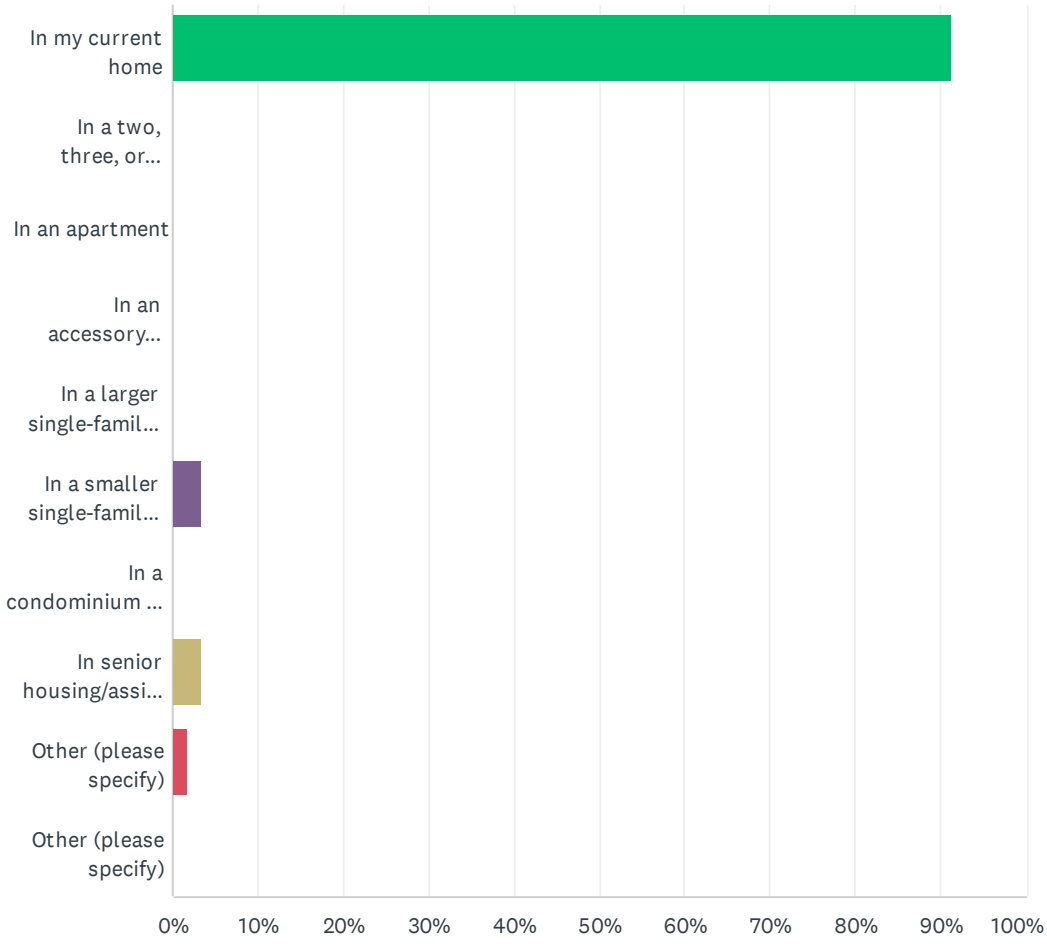

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
In my current home	91.23%	52
In a two, three, or four-family home	0.00%	0
In an apartment	0.00%	0
In an accessory dwelling/in-law apartment	0.00%	0
In a larger single-family home	0.00%	0
In a smaller single-family home	3.51%	2
In a condominium or townhome	0.00%	0
In senior housing/assisted living	3.51%	2
Other (please specify)	1.75%	1
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
TOTAL		57

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q13 Housing in Connecticut is too expensive

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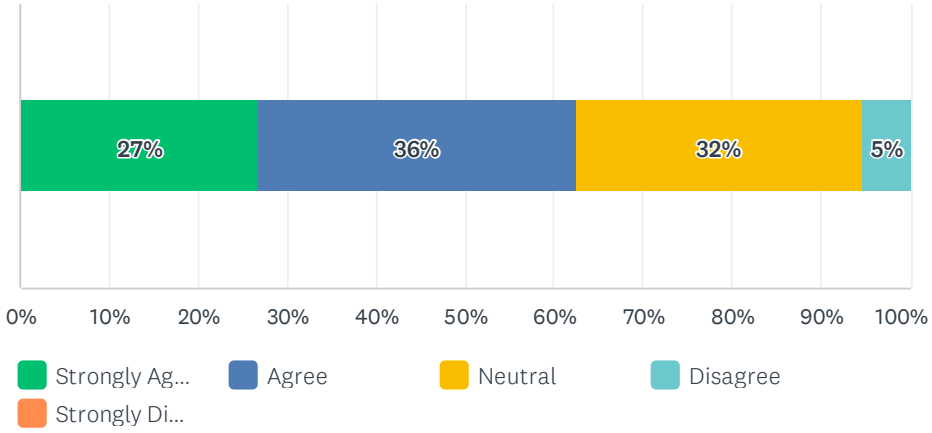

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	27%	15
Agree	36%	20
Neutral	32%	18
Disagree	5%	3
Strongly Disagree	0%	0
TOTAL		56

Q14 Housing in the Lower Connecticut River Valley region is too expensive

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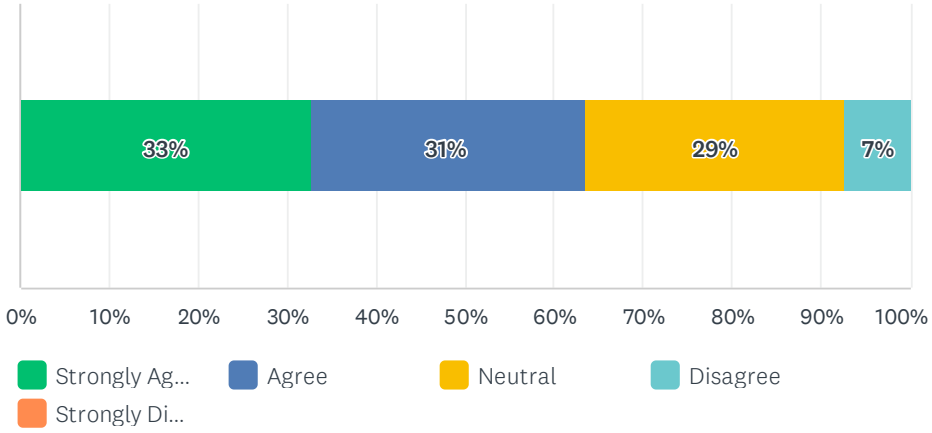
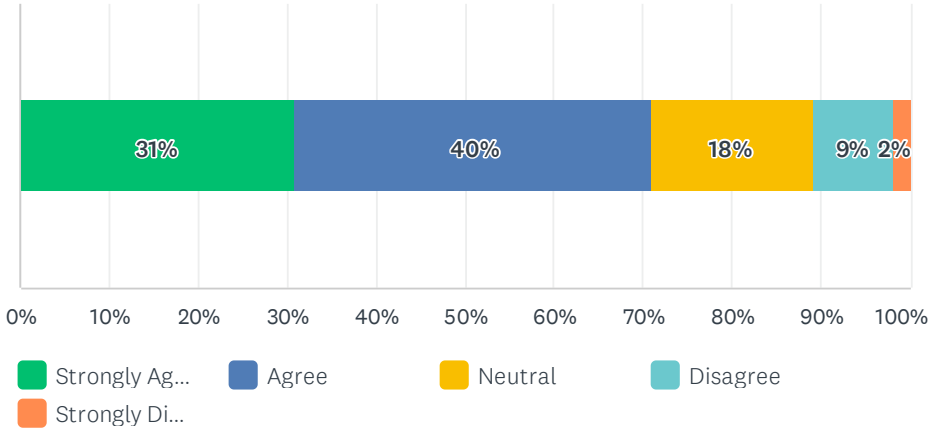


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	33%	18
Agree	31%	17
Neutral	29%	16
Disagree	7%	4
Strongly Disagree	0%	0
TOTAL		55

Q15 Housing in my town or city is too expensive

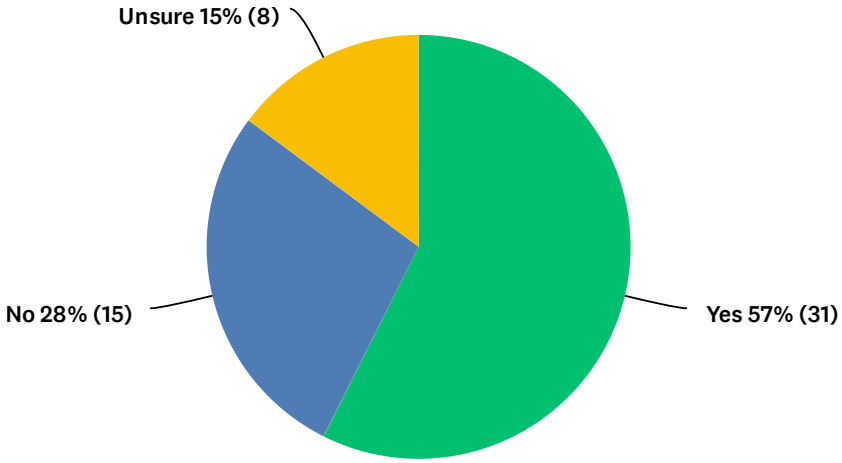
Answered: 55 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	31%	17
Agree	40%	22
Neutral	18%	10
Disagree	9%	5
Strongly Disagree	2%	1
TOTAL		55

Q16 Do you know anyone that would move to your town or city, or, if they already live there, would stay, if it were more affordable?

Answered: 54 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	57%	31
No	28%	15
Unsure	15%	8
TOTAL		54

Q17 Do you think that affordable or attainable housing is an important component of your community's longevity?

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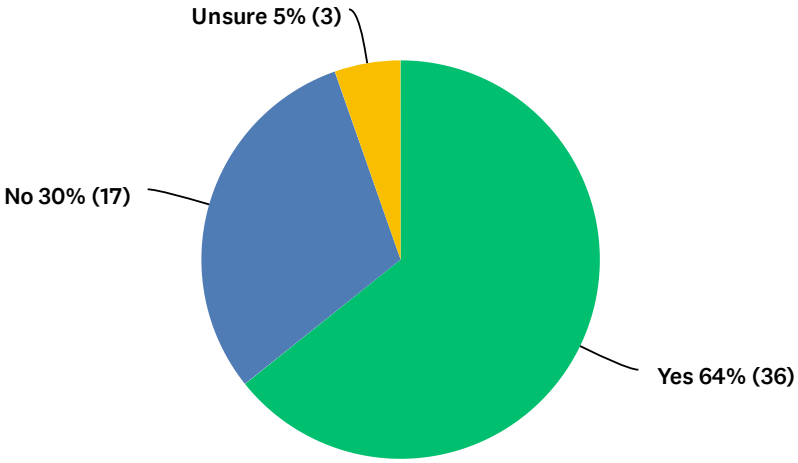
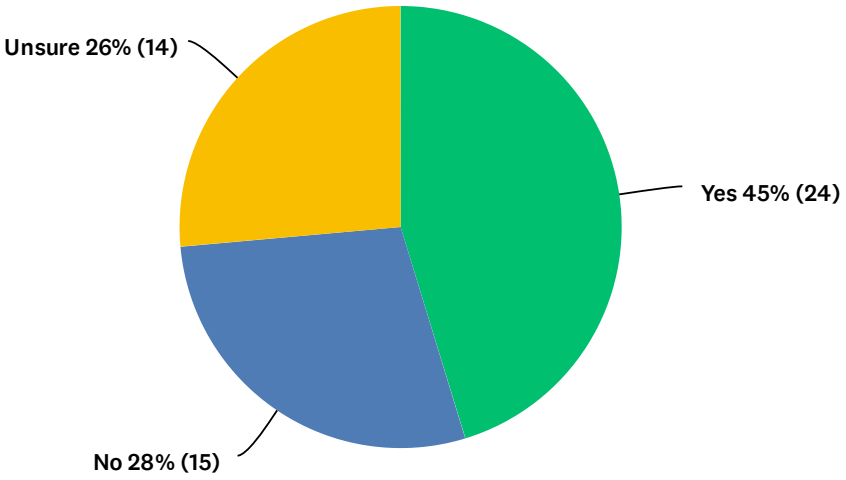


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	64%	36
No	30%	17
Unsure	5%	3
TOTAL		56

Q18 Thinking of your family, friends and neighbors, do any of them struggle with housing costs?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	45%	24
No	28%	15
Unsure	26%	14
TOTAL		53

Q19 Do you personally struggle with housing costs?

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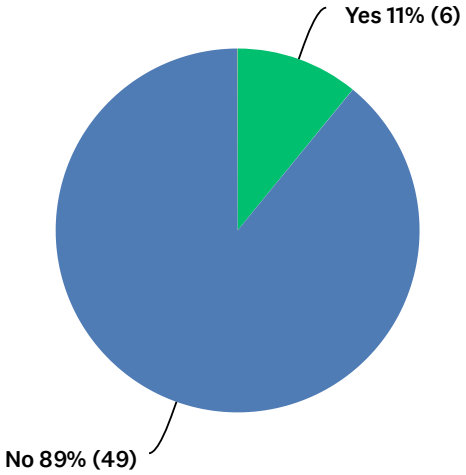

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	11%	6
No	89%	49
Unsure	0%	0
TOTAL		55

Q20 Are you aware of any affordable housing in your community?

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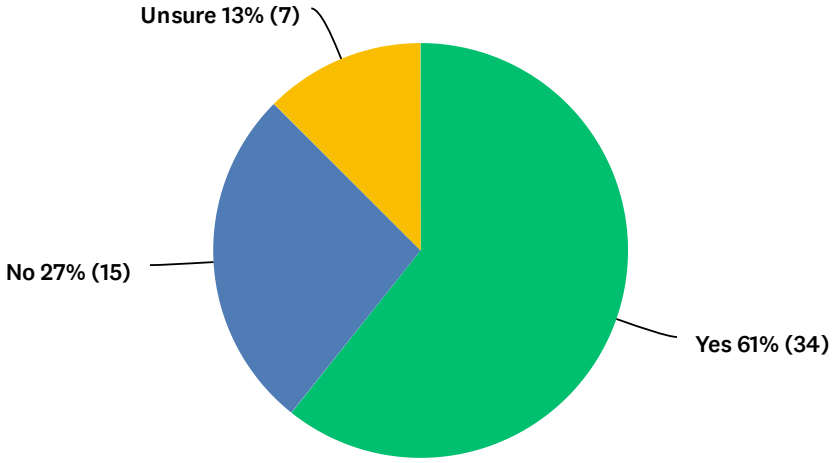

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	61%	34
No	27%	15
Unsure	13%	7
TOTAL		56

Q21 Thinking of the types of housing in your community do you think there are enough options to meet residents' current needs?

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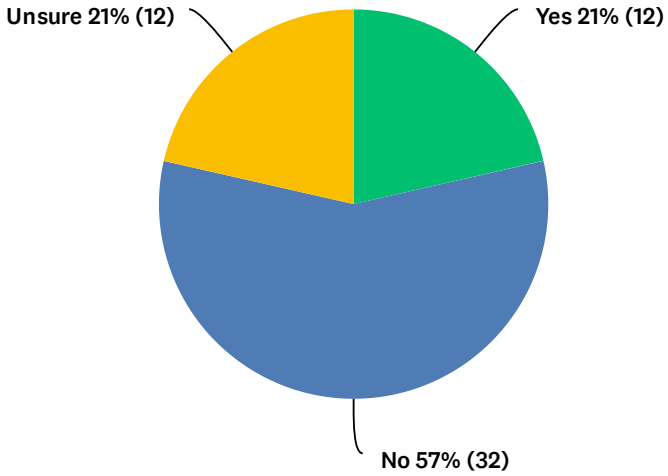

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	21%	12
No	57%	32
Unsure	21%	12
TOTAL		56

Q22 Do you think that the existing housing stock is adequate to satisfy future market demands?

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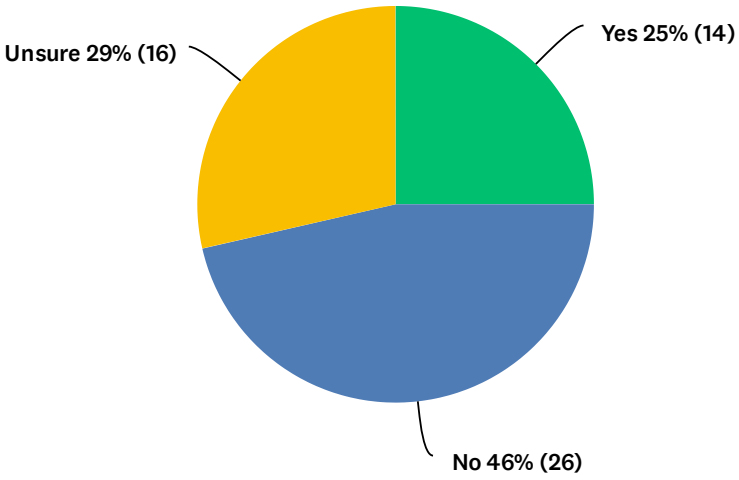
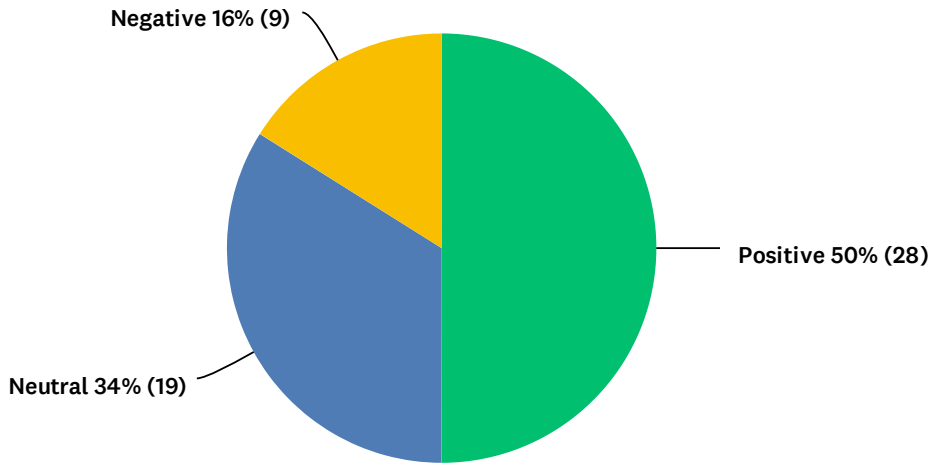


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	25%	14
No	46%	26
Unsure	29%	16
TOTAL		56

Q23 If your community had more diverse housing options, what would the impact on your community be?

Answered: 56 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Positive	50%	28
Neutral	34%	19
Negative	16%	9
TOTAL		56

Q24 If you answered Positive for the previous questions, what specific benefits would more diverse housing options provide?

Answered: 27 Skipped: 30

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	A healthier community to have more diverse residents that can work in the town to provide services.	1/24/2022 8:10 PM
2	Allow younger residents to locate in Town. Allow younger residents to build equity. Increase socio-economic diversity.	1/4/2022 1:00 PM
3	Our town would be less segregated and would benefit from the rich diversity brought into our community.	9/30/2021 10:09 PM
4	-more young families/middle income -more people who work here living here	9/14/2021 9:57 AM
5	Younger people would be able to live here. Young people help old people to stay and in other ways.	9/11/2021 11:22 AM
6	A more diverse population	8/28/2021 5:08 PM
7	more diversity among town residents; ability of wider range of people, (more younger, some older who want to stay in town, racial and economic diversity)	8/22/2021 12:20 PM
8	1. Housing for young people wishing to stay in the community where they grew up. 2. Housing for older people wishing to stay in the community where they've spent their lives. 3. Housing for teachers, EMTs, firefighters, and others who contribute to our community.	8/21/2021 5:57 PM
9	More volunteers. Employment	8/21/2021 11:30 AM
10	People are often afraid of people h things they don't know or have experience with. Living in a diverse community allows people to get to know others that may be different from them. This interaction let's them see that people are just people regardless of cultural and socio-economic background. We are a stronger community when we each bring our differing life experiences to the table.	8/16/2021 11:43 PM
11	More abundant labor pool. More options for senior citizens. More options for young families.	8/14/2021 10:25 PM
12	Diversity is good. The community is healthier with more diversity. Younger people have trouble living here. Many Emergency personnel can’t afford to live here.	8/14/2021 10:24 PM
13	More diversity, including age. Housing for seniors who can no longer maintain a large house.	8/13/2021 4:46 PM
14	Younger families, town volunteers, single people,	8/12/2021 11:34 PM
15	Volunteers and workers.	8/12/2021 11:05 PM
16	I know that our emergency response team (firefighters and EMTs) is in need of reasonable housing to attract and keep staff. Presently it's all volunteer, but if they can't afford to live here, we may lose our free service. Then taxes will go up for sure. Qualifications are different for paid emergency services.	8/12/2021 7:22 PM
17	People who've lived here, and are an integral part of the community would be able to stay here. Lyme has 0 affordable housing. We need to leave town to find it, and it is limited in this area.	8/12/2021 4:23 PM
18	More diverse population; young families moving in; seniors would have options to move to smaller homes; service workers and volunteers who support Lyme could also love here.	8/12/2021 3:07 PM
19	Lyme is a wealthy white town with a lot of senior citizens. More affordable housing would increase diversity (a good thing!) and provide incentives for younger people to move here. I'd also like to see more multi-occupancy housing for seniors who can't stay in their home alone, but can't afford Essex Meadows or Chester Village either.	8/12/2021 2:57 PM
20	Diversity (age, race, income levels). Lyme is white and wealthy. It’s a bad optic that it spends	8/5/2021 4:36 PM

	money/energy on open space but not affordable housing.	
21	Younger people would be able to afford housing and would be available to volunteer. More cultural diversity would enrich our community.	8/3/2021 2:24 PM
22	I think enabling in-law type apartments for rental in existing housing, and setting aside moneys to buy appropriate housing as it becomes available is essential. Our town income depends on its beauty and charm, and there is no reason affordable housing need be unattractive .	7/28/2021 7:52 PM
23	More diverse population income-wise and age-wise.	7/28/2021 4:27 PM
24	A handful of smallholder medium sized single family homes would potentially draw more families with children to town and allow them to live here more comfortably (ie., within their means).	7/27/2021 9:31 PM
25	Bringing younger and more diverse families to the town. Making the town more sustainable long term.	7/27/2021 2:25 PM
26	Greater opportunity for young people who grew up in Lyme to remain in Lyme. It would also allow seniors to age out of their homes and remain in Lyme.	7/22/2021 6:17 AM
27	diversity	7/2/2021 3:54 PM

Q25 Does your community have not enough, too much, or about the right amount of housing choices for the following populations?

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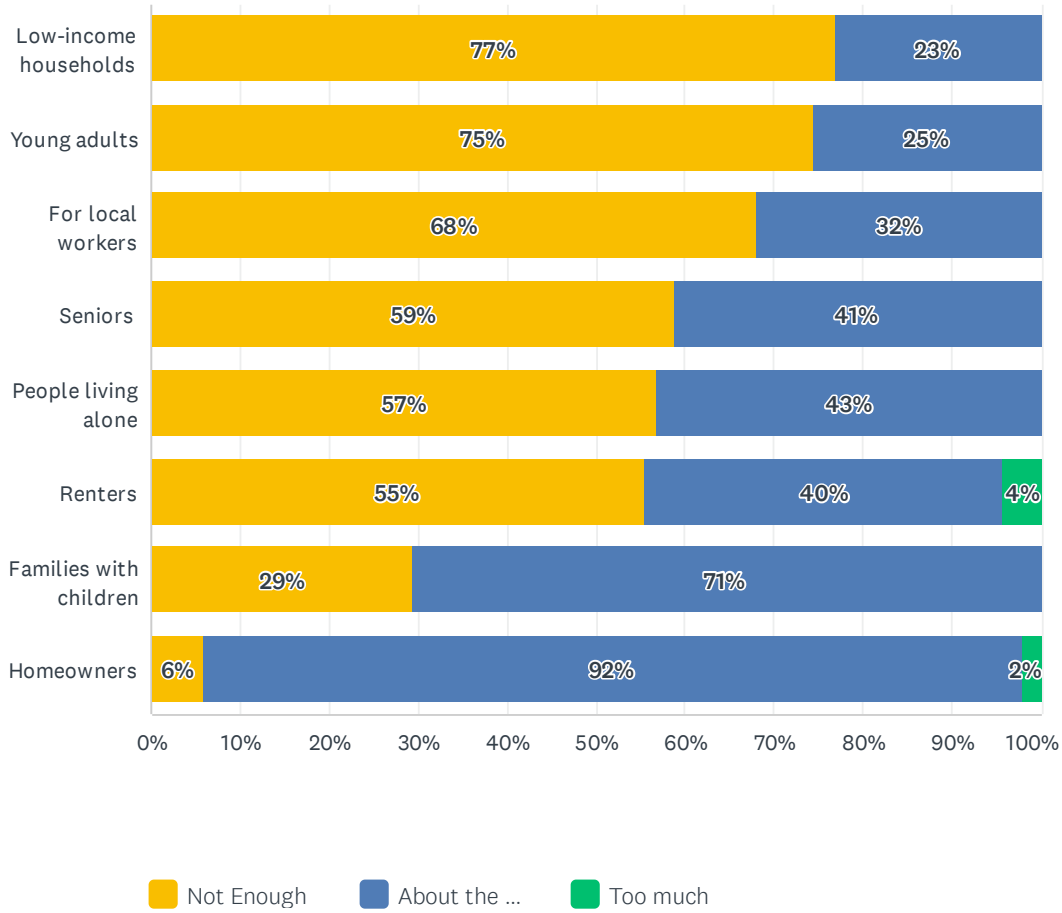


	NOT ENOUGH	ABOUT THE RIGHT AMOUNT	TOO MUCH	TOTAL
Low-income households	77% 40	23% 12	0% 0	52
Young adults	75% 38	25% 13	0% 0	51
For local workers	68% 34	32% 16	0% 0	50
Seniors	59% 30	41% 21	0% 0	51
People living alone	57% 29	43% 22	0% 0	51
Renters	55% 26	40% 19	4% 2	47
Families with children	29% 15	71% 36	0% 0	51
Homeowners	6% 3	92% 46	2% 1	50

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	most older people own their houses	9/14/2021 10:00 AM
2	I don’t want developments however. We need to be mindful of water,and septic	8/14/2021 10:31 PM
3	Young people who would like to live in Lyme and have limited incomes	8/13/2021 4:49 PM
4	I do not know	8/12/2021 3:19 PM

Q26 Are there any neighborhoods or areas of your community that would be suitable to concentrate new development and more diverse housing options? If so, please type those neighborhoods or areas in the comment box below.

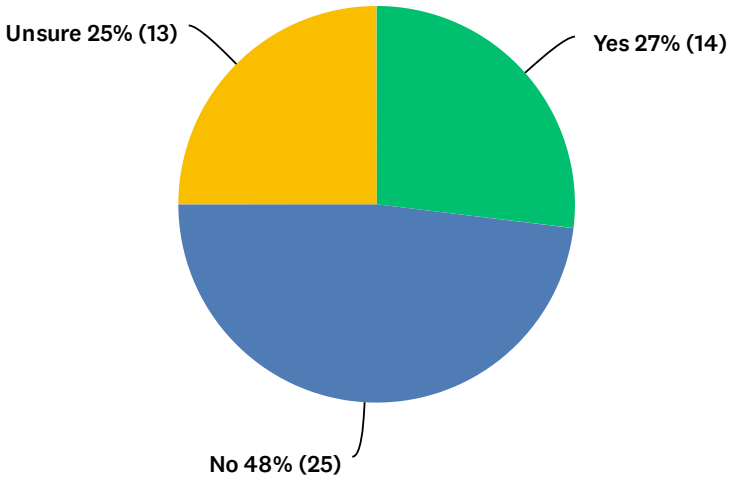
Answered: 31 Skipped: 26

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Hadlyme	1/24/2022 8:11 PM
2	Concentration of new housing options to provide affordable housing is politically difficult. Also, a large number of affordable housing units is economically unfeasible given commutes.	1/4/2022 1:04 PM
3	Not sure	10/20/2021 1:24 PM
4	off of 156 and 82 Beaver Brook area on available lots on Joshuatown Rd.	9/30/2021 10:11 PM
5	No	9/16/2021 5:12 PM
6	No, no public transport, no economic center, no big employers, no stores, gas stations, etc.	9/14/2021 10:00 AM
7	No	8/28/2021 5:09 PM
8	Lack of city water, sewage treatment and sensitive wetlands constrain development.	8/22/2021 3:52 PM
9	many unoccupied parcels of land scattered around town	8/22/2021 12:22 PM
10	Intersection of Hamburg and SalemRoads.	8/21/2021 5:58 PM
11	The Roger Lake area.	8/21/2021 11:32 AM
12	Not sure	8/17/2021 7:31 AM
13	I think affordable development should not be in one area. Two or three houses together or multi family preferably.	8/14/2021 10:31 PM
14	Intersection of Routes 82 and 156.	8/14/2021 10:27 PM
15	I don't know.	8/14/2021 10:03 AM
16	Not sure	8/13/2021 4:49 PM
17	no, salaries must increase	8/13/2021 4:09 PM
18	Don’t know	8/12/2021 11:35 PM
19	The Rogers Lake area.	8/12/2021 11:07 PM
20	Lyme has tons of open space. It would be easy to tuck a community away in the woods.	8/12/2021 4:24 PM
21	If zoning would allow accessory apartments there are a lot of larger homes that would be suitable for apartments. This would be a win win.	8/12/2021 3:19 PM
22	Unclear	8/12/2021 3:09 PM
23	Without knowing what other considerations might apply, I would assume neighborhoods closer to services (the Hadlyme store, schools, church) would be best -- especially for people who can't drive or don't own a car	8/12/2021 3:01 PM
24	Lyme	8/5/2021 4:38 PM
25	I don't know of any specific ones but I am sure that there are areas in town also if the zoning laws were more open to multi family properties that would help. Decreasing the 2 acre minimum might also help	8/3/2021 2:27 PM

26	Can't think of any right now. Perhaps on Route 82	7/28/2021 8:39 PM
27	Concentrating low income housing is a mistake. Much better to integrate it throughout the community by enabling rental units within existing properties.	7/28/2021 7:56 PM
28	There probably will never be new development in Lyme. It is zoned out or vacant land has conservation easements on it.	7/28/2021 4:31 PM
29	This small town is rural without a town center, true neighborhoods or public transit so it is hard to imagine a useful place to “concentrate” affordable housing options.	7/27/2021 9:46 PM
30	Hamburg. Hadlyme.	7/27/2021 2:26 PM
31	There are many areas under private ownership.	7/3/2021 5:00 PM

Q27 In order to meet housing needs of residents and workers, should the State play a greater role in housing policy?

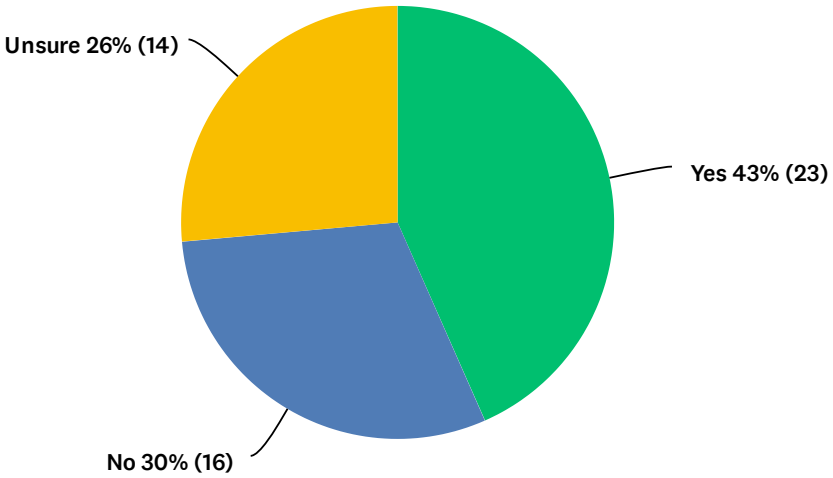
Answered: 52 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	27%	14
No	48%	25
Unsure	25%	13
TOTAL		52

Q28 In order to meet housing needs of residents and workers, should Regional Councils of Governments (COGs) play a greater role in housing policy?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	43%	23
No	30%	16
Unsure	26%	14
TOTAL		53