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Park County: Community Input for CSBG Needs Assessment

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Key Findings

Based on input from community members in Park County, the following areas are top concerns for low-income individuals and families.

Housing

The availability of affordable housing is the top concern for community members in Park County. Housing is scarce and incredibly expensive. Neither homes to rent or to buy are available or affordable. Homes have been converted for Airbnb or Vrbo, reducing supply even further. The housing crisis is causing many to stay in shelters and motels/hotels for extended periods of time (6-12 months or more) because there is nowhere else for them to go.

Employment Barriers, Particularly Low Wages and Childcare

When asked about the main cause of poverty in Park County, the most common answer was *low wages*. Many also need childcare, especially for younger children. Numerous daycares statewide and locally have closed recently, preventing people from going to work. Daycare options outside of typical business hours are extremely rare, if nonexistent, meaning some parents cannot take jobs requiring shifts in the evenings, overnight, and on weekends (e.g., retail, hospitality, healthcare). Participants discussed the need for additional employees in various sectors, but barriers to gainful employment such as lack of housing, low pay, childcare, and transportation, prevent people from filling those positions.

Transportation and Long Distances to Services

Owning a car, maintaining it, paying for needed repairs, and paying for gas can be extremely taxing on a family budget. Living in a frontier county, people need transportation to get to needed services. Particularly for those in smaller towns, like Meeteetse, transportation is critical.

Services for Senior Citizens

In Park County, there is a need for affordable, in-home care for the elderly to help with household chores, medication management, and hygiene routines. Organizations that serve the elderly are severely understaffed. Transportation, housing, medical care, food security, cost of utilities, and prescriptions are all concerns for seniors, especially when many of them have fixed incomes.

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Medical Care, Including Mental Health Services

While participants thought the Park County healthcare system is an asset to the community, the cost of healthcare is prohibitive. *Receiving medical care (including dental work)* was the second most difficult thing for survey respondents; 54% said this was difficult for them sometimes or most of the time. The two most common barriers to good health were *cost of medical care* (38%) and *cost of nutritious food* (36%). While local providers can address basic healthcare needs, residents need to travel for specialty care. Many travel to Billings, MT (over 90 minutes one way). This requires access to transportation and time off work. The mental healthcare system in Park County was a major concern for participants as well. Qualified mental health providers are scarce, and most service providers have long waitlists. Additional hurdles to gaining access to mental health care services include a lack of transportation to and from appointments, costs of care, a lack of insurance coverage that will help pay for services, and social stigma.

Cost of Living and Inflation

Community members expressed concern over the cost of living and inflation. The cost of gas, groceries, rent, energy, and basic goods have all increased dramatically this year. Low-income populations are particularly affected by inflation, resulting in people choosing which basic services they purchase (cutting back on medication to pay for food, for instance).

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Methods

The Yellowstone Country Assistance Network (YCAN) contracted with Align to conduct the community input portion of their Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) needs assessment for Park and Hot Springs Counties in Wyoming. This report covers the methods and results for Park County. Align gathered data using an online survey, focus groups, and interviews.

Survey

Align drafted survey questions tailored toward residents who are low-income or living in poverty. The survey collected data on demographics, housing, employment, income and asset building, health, civic engagement, community involvement, and local services.

Align contracted with Marketing Systems Group to obtain a sample of residents in Park County with individual annual incomes less than \$50,000. Using Survey Monkey, Align sent an invitation and a link to every person in the sample (2,173 total invitations) on October 10, 2022. On October 21, 2022, Align sent a reminder email to all those who did not open the survey or who partially completed it. Align also sent follow-up messages thanking those who completed it. Of the initial invitations, 158 emails bounced, 1,267 were never opened, and 721 were opened. In all, 219 people responded to the survey; 9 of these respondents reported not living in Park County, leaving 210 valid responses. Align closed the survey on November 14, 2022. As an incentive for participation, Align provided one \$100 gift card to a randomly drawn respondent.

Focus Groups

Align conducted two virtual focus groups of service providers in Park County. One was held on September 13, 2022, and the second was on September 19, 2022. Align invited people to participate in the focus groups through YCAN networks and contacts, primarily the Healthy Park County Coalition, the Northwest Wyoming Poverty Alleviation Coalition, and the Powell Economic Partnership and Powell Chamber of Commerce. Four people attended the first session and six attended the second. Align asked the groups about the county's strengths, challenges, and needs related to employment, education, income and asset building, housing, medical care, mental health, children and youth, seniors, and civic engagement.

Interviews

Using the Community Resource Inventory of 2019, Align invited additional stakeholders to participate in one-on-one interviews. Five people agreed to be interviewed. All interviews took

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place between October 24, 2022, and November 4, 2022, via online video conferencing. Align asked the same questions in both the focus groups and the interviews.

Results

Park County residents feel that their communities are well-connected, neighbors help each other when needed, and they are aware of others' needs. The schools are high-quality and provide a lot of resources for children. The food banks and food programs (such as the Loaves and Fishes Program) help many people as the cost of food has skyrocketed. Many faith-based organizations provide services for low-income individuals and families. For a rural county, the community has a robust healthcare system, offering preventative and primary care at reduced costs if needed. One challenge identified by participants is communicating these various community resources to people who may need them. Knowing what is available, how to apply for services, understanding qualifications, and navigating the system can be extremely challenging.

The remainder of this section is organized by categories of need, summarizing the findings from the interviews, focus groups, and the online survey.

Children and Youth

When it comes to children and youth in Park County, focus group participants discussed the need for mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment services. There is no inpatient program in the county for minors, so they are often transported to Billings or elsewhere in the state, away from their families.

The school system offers a lot of resources for children, but those are not available in the summer and during school breaks. Food security, availability and cost of childcare, staying busy and productive, and transportation are also concerns for youth in the county.

On the Park County Community Needs Survey, the second most common¹ barrier to employment was *childcare/dependents* and 82% of survey respondents thought *childcare assistance* was needed in Park County.

¹ After *no barriers*

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Civic Engagement

Civic engagement (voting, volunteering, participating in community events) is often low priority for those who are low-income. Working multiple jobs, transportation, and worrying about the next meal will take precedence over community engagement. Volunteerism, in general, was extremely impacted by the COVID pandemic, and agencies are trying to increase their volunteer base again.

The community could invite vulnerable populations to participate in their community, recruiting younger volunteers, and offering causes and events that will appeal to them. However, reaching this population can be challenging and they may not be aware of community events.

Civic engagement was difficult for the respondents of the survey as well. A plurality (36%) of respondents reported that they are involved in their community *a little*, and believed most people in Park County were more involved (53% thought most people in Park County were involved *a moderate amount*.)

Education

When it comes to education, focus group participants agreed the community needs more options for trade schools and other non-traditional education. Those who are low-income sometimes experience barriers to attending college, and the need for employees in the trades is high. Northwest College in Powell is a good resource for the community. Participants agreed that the K-12 schools in the county are organized and high-quality.

Education is important to the residents of Park County. On the survey, 82% of respondents agreed that *education* is most or somewhat needed in Park County.

Employment

Participants discussed the need for additional employees in various sectors, but the lack of affordable housing is preventing potential employees from moving to the area. Transportation to get to and from work is another concern for low-income individuals. To find gainful employment, job seekers need housing, and they need transportation.

Many also need childcare, especially for younger children. Numerous daycares statewide and locally have closed recently, preventing people from going to work. Daycare options outside of typical business hours are extremely rare, if nonexistent, meaning some parents cannot take jobs requiring shifts in the evenings, overnight, and on weekends (e.g., retail, hospitality, health care).

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Participants identified the need for additional job training and continuing education. The small population in the area does not attract a lot of businesses, limiting the availability and choices for job seekers. The lack of qualified candidates for professional positions and skilled labor is also an inhibitor for employers.

The Park County Community Needs Survey found that Park County residents are concerned about low wages. *Being employed with a livable wage* was the third most difficult problem for participants (behind *receiving medical care, including dental work* and *having money to put gas in my car*).

When asked about the main cause of poverty in Park County, the most common answer was *low wages*. When asked about barriers to employment, the top four answers² were *pay too low to support family, childcare/dependents, physical disability, and physical health concerns*. When asked about barriers to employment in the community, the top three answers were *pay too low to support families, childcare/dependents, and lack of training, skills, or experience*.

Housing

Housing was a major concern for focus group and interview participants. Housing in Park County is scarce and expensive. Neither homes to rent or to buy are available or affordable. Homes on the market are selling at record speeds (if they make it to the market at all). Even housing units that are rundown and neglected are becoming unaffordable. A simple duplex recently cost \$500-\$600 per month, now runs \$2,350 per month. Many housing units have been adapted for short-term accommodations through companies like Airbnb and Vrbo. The housing crisis is causing many to stay in shelters and motels/hotels for extended periods of time (6-12 months or more) because there is nowhere else for them to go.

The county needs more shelter options. Housing services has had funding cuts the past few years. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) units require background and credit checks, which many people cannot pass. The county needs more apartment buildings that will accept people with criminal backgrounds and poor credit.

The small number of income-adjusted units in the county always have a long waitlist. Renters have limited options when landlords do not fix necessary home repairs. It seems the laws favor landlords, leaving renters without much recourse.

² After no barriers

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For the county and state to develop economically, housing must be addressed. Without housing, people cannot move to the area, schools cannot grow, services cannot grow, and we will continue to see gaps in the workforce. It is a complex problem that many stakeholders in Park County are aware of.

On the survey, 40% of respondents reported *being able to pay my rent or mortgage* is sometimes or most of the time difficult. When asked about receiving financial assistance in the last 12 months, the most common answer was for *rent/housing* at 16%. *Utilities* was the third most common answer at 12% (*food/nutrition* was second at 13%).

When asked about the main cause of poverty in Park County, 24% of respondents said *lack of affordable/quality housing* (the third most common answer). When asked about housing problems, the top three answers³ were *I cannot afford to make needed repairs on my home*, *I cannot find affordable housing to buy*, and *I cannot find affordable housing to rent*. When asked about housing problems in the community, the top three answers were *people cannot find affordable housing to rent*, *people cannot find affordable housing to buy*, and *people cannot afford to make needed repairs on homes*.

Income and Asset Building

Participants discussed the difficulty of building assets when cashflow is limited and people are worried about putting food on the table. The cost of living and inflation have been major concerns in Park County and nationwide. It takes income to build assets, and many do not have the income to get started. One participant said, “It is hard to meet today’s needs with today’s checks. It is hard to get ahead when you’re just getting by.” As mentioned in the Housing section, housing scarcity and pricing is making it more difficult to purchase a home.

Navigating the system can also be difficult because most information and applications are online. For those who do not have a computer or internet access, downloading important documents or completing lengthy applications is near impossible with only a monthly cell phone. Building income and assets is also difficult for those who do not receive any employer benefits. Some participants mentioned the availability of financial literacy classes through the county, which is a great resource.

³ After none of the above

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Medical Care

Focus group and interview participants shared that medical care is incredibly expensive, even for those who are not considered low-income. Participants worried that people put off receiving medical care because of the expense, which can exacerbate symptoms and chronic conditions. Seniors, especially, do not always have access to the medical care they need. Those who are low-income are more at risk of diabetes, cancer, and mental health, suicide, and substance abuse concerns. Participants wondered whether vulnerable populations receive free screenings and preventative care at recommended levels and whether they have adequate transportation to and from medical appointments. Navigating the healthcare system can be difficult and there is a need for patient advocacy.

Participants shared that there are good medical facilities in the area. Both Cody and Powell have hospitals. The Heart Mountain Free Clinic in Cody provides medical care and wellness education for people who are uninsured and live at or below 200% of the national poverty guidelines. This clinic is an excellent resource for the county. One Health/Heritage in Powell provides a sliding scale fee structure, although the cost is still prohibitive.

Medical care in smaller communities, like Meeteetse, can be even more challenging. While Meeteetse offers first responders, they do not actually transport individuals to the hospital. Clinical services are offered every other Wednesday, but only on that one day. Most residents need to travel at least 30 miles to receive medical care, and even further for specialists. Without a vehicle or the ability to drive, the challenge to receive medical care grows exponentially.

Access to and cost of medical care was a concern for survey respondents as well. *Receiving medical care (including dental work)* was the second most difficult thing for survey respondents; 54% said this was difficult for them sometimes or most of the time (behind *having money to put gas in my car*). The two most common barriers to good health were *cost of medical care* (38%) and *cost of nutritious food* (36%). When asked about barriers to good health in the community, 69% marked *cost of medical care*, 62% marked *cost of medication*, and 52% marked *cost of nutritious food*. Respondents felt *help paying for medications*, *health insurance*, and *medical care* were the third, fourth, and fifth most needed resources in the community (behind *affordable housing* and *support for senior citizens*).

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Issues

The mental healthcare system in Park County was a major concern for focus group and interview participants. Qualified mental health providers are scarce, and most service providers have long waitlists. Truly, there are not enough providers to meet the needs of clientele. One organization

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only has two counselors, and their staffing problems are not unique. Without immediate access to counselors, participants expressed concern about an increasing suicide rate.

Participants expressed frustration about the local Title 25 system (the state statute related to emergency detention when a person is reasonably thought to be a danger to themselves, others, or who is unable to meet basic needs, as a result of mental illness). The county has no inpatient facility, and the local hospitals are unable to hold people. This means, people are sent to jail or get transported across the state. Participants said it feels impossible to get someone into an inpatient treatment center (located elsewhere around the state), with “ridiculous amounts” of paperwork and an arduous application process. Participants expressed the need for a local facility where people in a mental health crisis can safely stay for two or three days.

For juveniles, the system is “a mess” as well. Many Park County juveniles in a mental health crisis are transported to the Wyoming Behavioral Institute in Casper or a facility in Billings, which is not optimal for Wyoming residents. Saint Joseph’s Children’s Home in Torrington, WY has an eight-week waitlist, minimum.

Additional hurdles to gaining access to mental health care services include a lack of transportation to and from appointments, costs of care, a lack of insurance coverage that will help pay for services, and social stigma. When it comes to substance abuse, law enforcement is seeing an increase in availability of illicit substances—they are cheaper and more accessible. People sometimes self-medicate with substances if they cannot receive professional services for mental health concerns. Simply put, the county needs more access to mental health and substance abuse programs across the board.

On the Park County Community Needs Survey, 10% of respondents reported that *mental health concerns* was a barrier to their own employment, and 18% thought it was a barrier for people in the community. When asked about barriers to their own good health, 20% reported *cost of mental health services* and 10% reported *access to mental health services*. When asked about barriers to good health they see in the community, 46% reported *cost of mental health services*, 35% reported *addiction*, and 33% reported *access to mental health services*. In addition, 84% thought *mental health services* were needed in Park County, and 83% thought the same for *substance abuse services*.

Senior Citizens

In Park County, there is a need for affordable, in-home care for the elderly to help with household chores, medication management, and hygiene routines. Organizations that serve the elderly are severely understaffed. These positions often do not pay well, and the burnout rate is

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high. Home health centers, care centers, and senior centers are in desperate need of Certified Nursing Assistants and other positions. Many providers have limited hours or have closed completely because they are short-staffed. Without this assistance, it becomes more difficult for seniors to live independently in their own homes. Compounding the problem is that high-quality group homes and assisted living facilities are sparse in the area. Case management services for the elderly would be beneficial.

Transportation, housing, medical care, food security, cost of utilities, and prescriptions are all concerns for seniors, especially when many of them have fixed incomes. The aging population sometimes has difficulty navigating the digital world, limiting access to applications and information about financial assistance. They are also more likely to become victims of financial scams and may need assistance detecting scams and reporting them. The COVID pandemic was especially hard on seniors, who became more isolated and distanced from their social networks. Even when the elderly have transportation, navigating public buildings with a walker or wheelchair is difficult because many buildings are not accessible. Participants agreed that the county could use more services to meet the needs of low-income senior citizens.

Respondents of the survey agree. Respondents felt *support for senior citizens* was the second most common need in Park County (89%; behind *affordable housing* at 96%).

Conclusion

Community members in Park County identified several needs for individuals and families who are low-income. Housing, employment barriers, transportation, the rural area, services for senior citizens, medical care, mental health services, and the cost of living are primary concerns.

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Appendix

Focus Group and Interview Participants

Annalea Avery, Cody Regional Health Foundation
Bill Crampton, Park County Public Health
Linda Dalton, Powell Senior Center
Chief Roy Eckerdt, Powell Police Department
Ronda Elias, Park County Public Health
Jacqueline Fales, Park County Court Supervised Treatment Program
Michelle Gutierrez, Northwest Health Care
Angela Johnson, Meeteetse Town Clerk and Treasurer
Janita Krayniak, Pastor for United Methodist Church
Jessi Kinkade, Department of Family Services
Colette Mild, Previous Chief Financial Officer of One Health
Lisa Peterman, Crisis Intervention Services for Park County
Linda Seaton, Meeteetse Library
Ashley Trudo, Cody Regional Health
Geoff Weimer, Public Health Response Coordinator

Focus Group and Interview Questions

*Note: Not every participant/group was asked every question.

1. What do think are the county's greatest strengths?
2. What do you think are the greatest challenges?
3. What needs do you see in:
 - Employment
 - Education
 - Income and asset building (savings accounts, owning a car or home, college savings, retirement accounts)
 - Housing
 - Medical care
 - Mental health and substance abuse
 - Children and Youth
 - Seniors
 - Community involvement (voting, volunteering, participating in community events)
4. What resources/agencies do you refer people to when they need assistance?
5. What gaps are there?
6. What barriers or limitations do low-income individuals and families encounter?
7. What would it take to end poverty in your county?

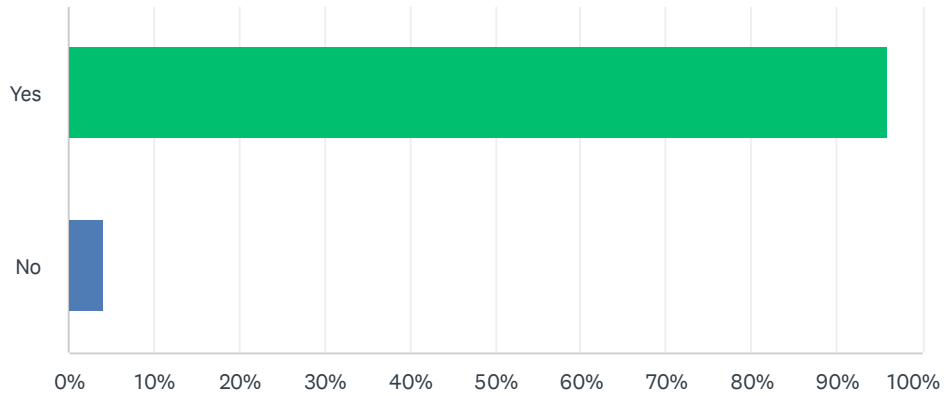
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Survey Results

The following pages provide the results from the Park County Community Needs Survey. Align incorporated a skip pattern into the questions about household income (questions 7–14). Each survey respondent was only asked one question about income, based on their household size. All other questions were asked of all respondents.

Q1 Do you live in Park County, Wyoming?

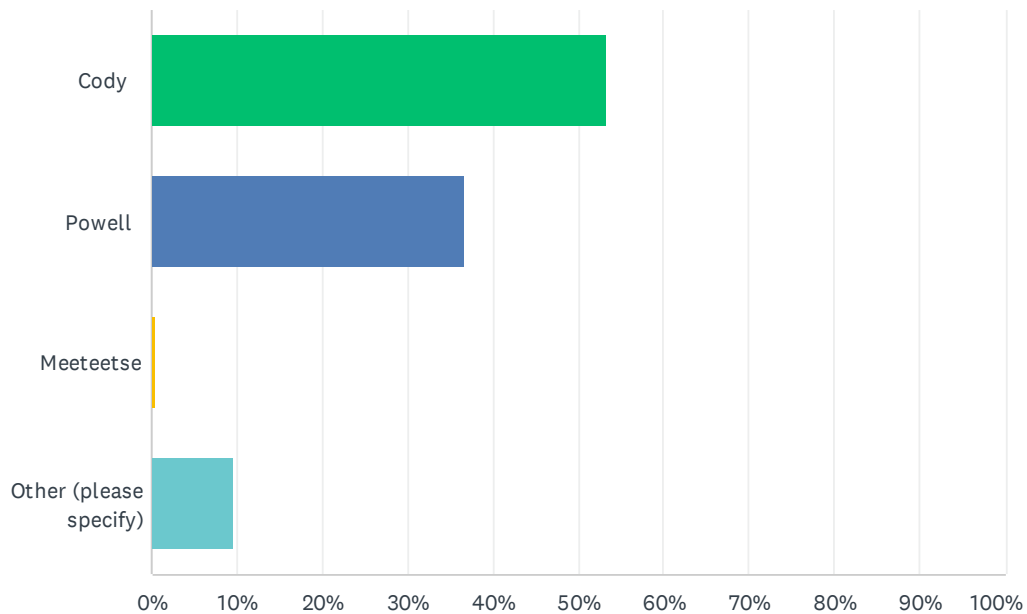
Answered: 219 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	95.89%	210
No	4.11%	9
TOTAL		219

Q2 Where do you live?

Answered: 218 Skipped: 1



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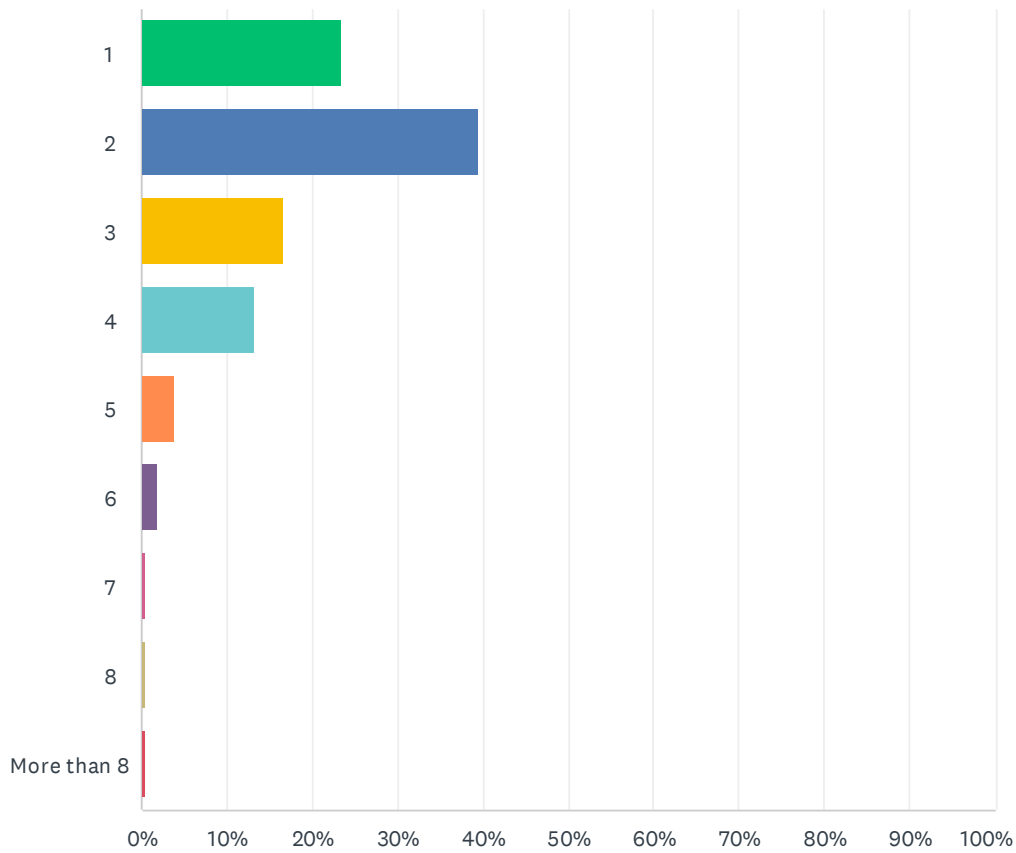
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Cody	53.21%	116
Powell	36.70%	80
Meeteetse	0.46%	1
Other (please specify)	9.63%	21
TOTAL		218

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Clark	10/23/2022 8:28 AM
2	Lennox, SD	10/21/2022 1:55 PM
3	Seeattle	10/21/2022 1:01 PM
4	Thermopolis	10/21/2022 12:21 PM
5	Wapiti	10/21/2022 12:17 PM
6	14 miles out in the country	10/21/2022 11:54 AM
7	Frannie	10/19/2022 5:21 PM
8	Wapiti	10/12/2022 7:54 AM
9	Ravalli county mt	10/11/2022 9:27 PM
10	Clark	10/11/2022 4:08 PM
11	North Dakota	10/11/2022 8:46 AM
12	Minnesota	10/11/2022 8:10 AM
13	Oregon	10/10/2022 8:20 PM
14	Clark	10/10/2022 8:02 PM
15	Clark	10/10/2022 7:50 PM
16	Ralston	10/10/2022 6:29 PM
17	Ralston	10/10/2022 5:01 PM
18	Canada	10/10/2022 4:25 PM
19	Arvada Wy	10/10/2022 3:06 PM
20	unincorporated area west of Cody	10/10/2022 2:33 PM
21	Cody - out of town	10/10/2022 2:30 PM

Q3 Including yourself, how many people live in your household?

Answered: 205 Skipped: 14

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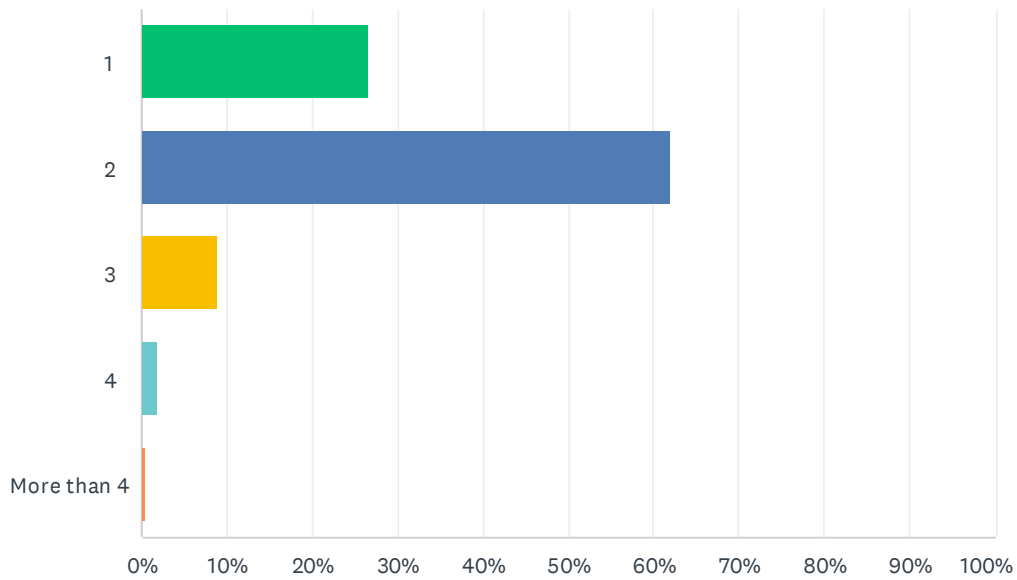


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	23.41%	48
2	39.51%	81
3	16.59%	34
4	13.17%	27
5	3.90%	8
6	1.95%	4
7	0.49%	1
8	0.49%	1
More than 8	0.49%	1
TOTAL		205

Q4 Of those in your household, including yourself, how many are adults over the age of 18?

Answered: 203 Skipped: 16

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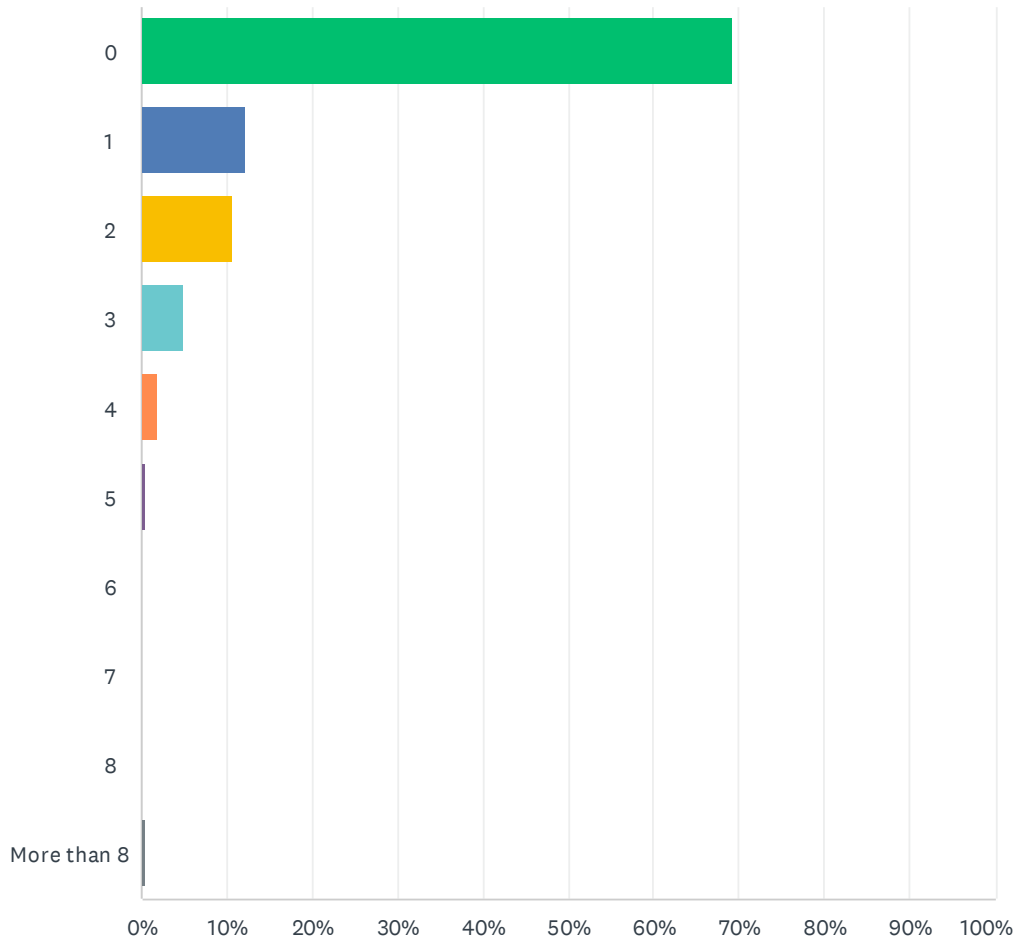


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	26.60%	54
2	62.07%	126
3	8.87%	18
4	1.97%	4
More than 4	0.49%	1
TOTAL		203

Q5 Of those in your household, how many are children under the age of 18?

Answered: 205 Skipped: 14

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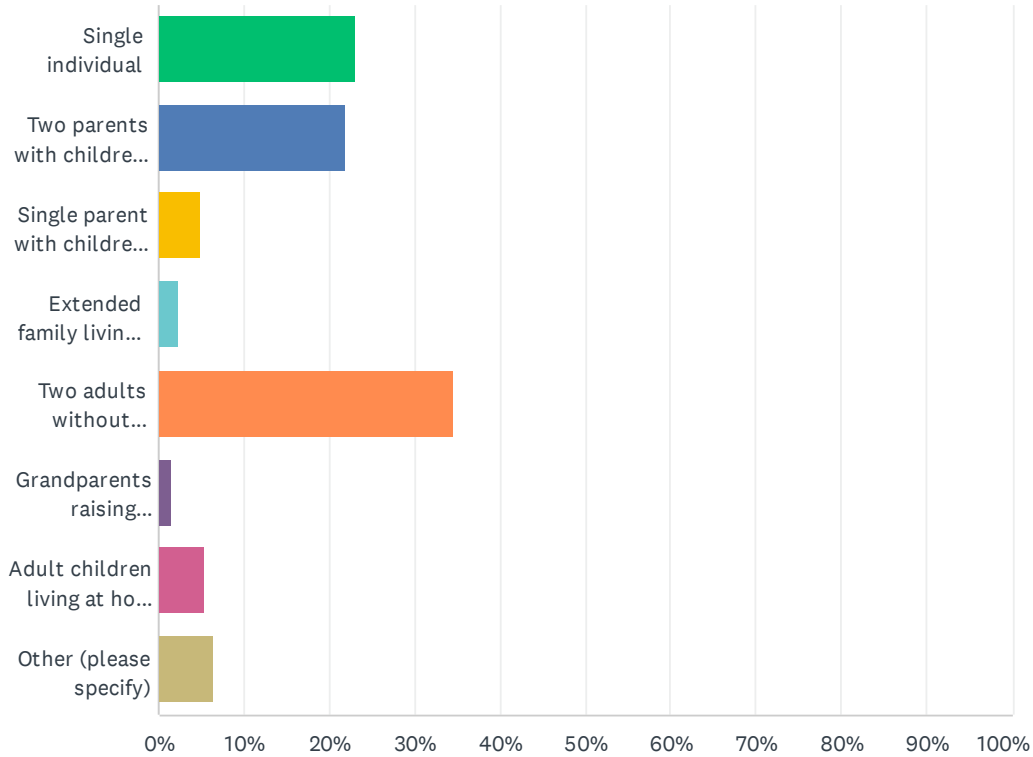


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0	69.27%	142
1	12.20%	25
2	10.73%	22
3	4.88%	10
4	1.95%	4
5	0.49%	1
6	0.00%	0
7	0.00%	0
8	0.00%	0
More than 8	0.49%	1
TOTAL		205

Q6 Which of the following best describes your family type within your household?

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Answered: 205 Skipped: 14



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Single individual	22.93%	47
Two parents with children living at home	21.95%	45
Single parent with children living at home	4.88%	10
Extended family living together (aunts, uncles, grandparents)	2.44%	5
Two adults without children in the home	34.63%	71
Grandparents raising grandchildren	1.46%	3
Adult children living at home with one or two parents	5.37%	11
Other (please specify)	6.34%	13
TOTAL		205

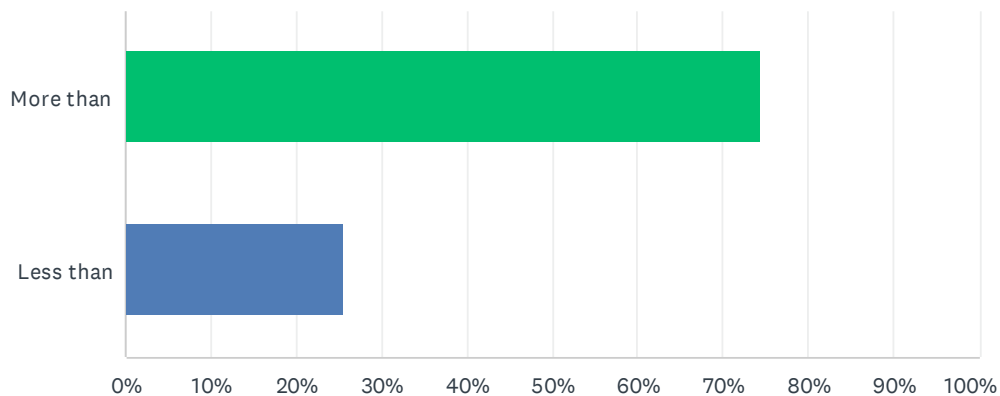
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1	2 adults no kids	10/25/2022 10:44 PM
2	Two parents raising a niece and nephew	10/23/2022 8:41 PM
3	mother, daughter and son in law	10/21/2022 11:55 AM
4	Two sisters	10/13/2022 7:01 PM
5	sisters living together	10/13/2022 12:24 PM
6	Daughter and kids live with me	10/10/2022 7:39 PM

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7	Adult child, living with single parent and 1 grandparent	10/10/2022 6:56 PM
8	Two parents with exchange student living with us.	10/10/2022 6:03 PM
9	..zombies	10/10/2022 4:47 PM
10	Sisters	10/10/2022 4:37 PM
11	Disabled individual	10/10/2022 2:53 PM
12	Boyfriend/Girlfriend. Girlfriends so. 50% of the time	10/10/2022 2:42 PM
13	All Adult (Roommates)	10/10/2022 2:42 PM

Q7 This question asks about your total household income earned per year. Household income includes money from employment, self-employment, Social Security, retirement, disability, worker's compensation, unemployment, VA benefits, and alimony earned by everyone in the household. Is your total annual household income **MORE THAN** or **LESS THAN \$16,987?**

Answered: 43 Skipped: 176

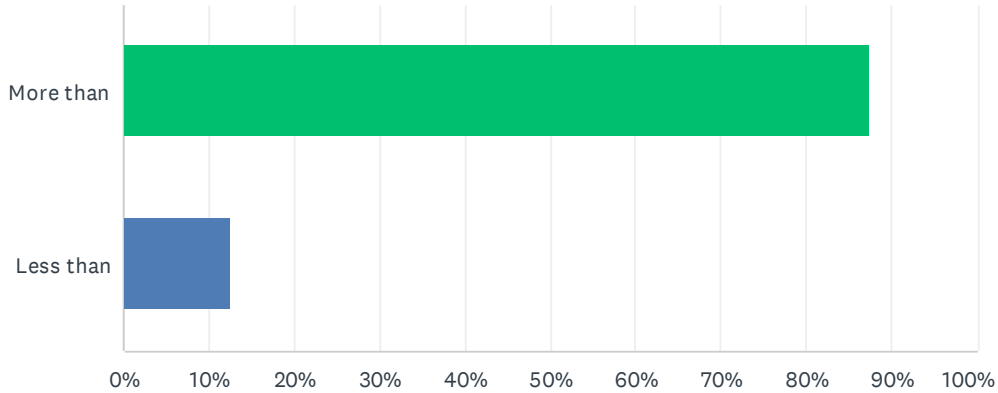


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
More than	74.42% 32
Less than	25.58% 11
TOTAL	43

Q8 This question asks about your total household income earned per year. Household income includes money from employment, self-employment, Social Security, retirement, disability, worker's compensation, unemployment, VA benefits, and alimony earned by everyone in the household. Is your total annual household income **MORE THAN** or **LESS THAN \$22,887?**

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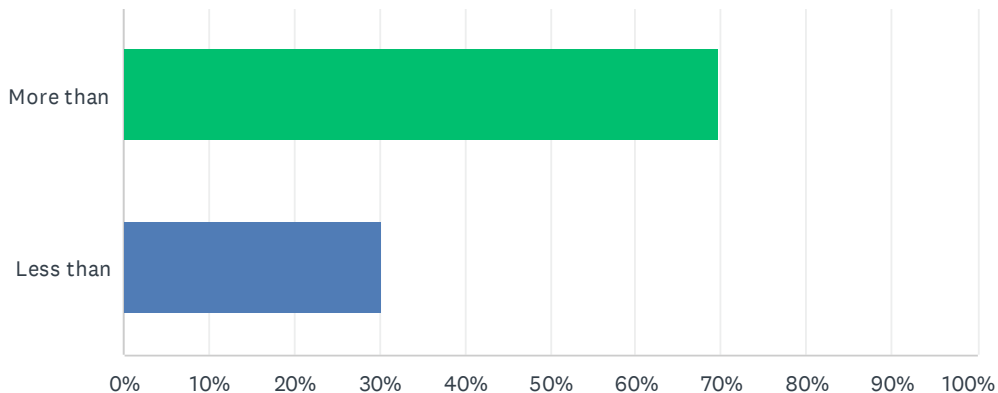
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
More than	87.50% 70
Less than	12.50% 10
TOTAL	80

Q9 This question asks about your total household income earned per year. Household income includes money from employment, self-employment, Social Security, retirement, disability, worker's compensation, unemployment, VA benefits, and alimony earned by everyone in the household. Is your total annual household income MORE THAN or LESS THAN \$28,787?

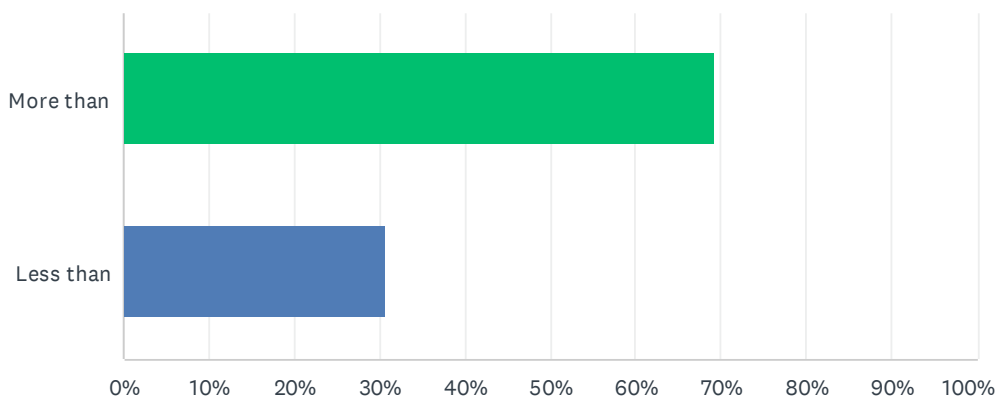
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More than	69.70%	23
Less than	30.30%	10
TOTAL		33

Q10 This question asks about your total household income earned per year. Household income includes money from employment, self-employment, Social Security, retirement, disability, worker's compensation, unemployment, VA benefits, and alimony earned by everyone in the household. Is your total annual household income **MORE THAN** or **LESS THAN \$34,687?**

Answered: 26 Skipped: 193

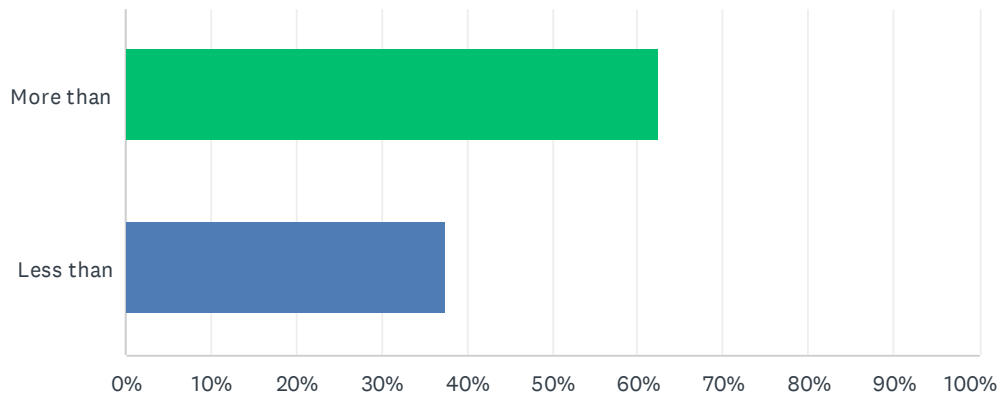


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More than	69.23%	18
Less than	30.77%	8
TOTAL		26

Q11 This question asks about your total household income earned per year. Household income includes money from employment, self-employment, Social Security, retirement, disability, worker's compensation, unemployment, VA benefits, and alimony earned by everyone in the household. Is your total annual household income **MORE THAN** or **LESS THAN \$40,587?**

Answered: 8 Skipped: 211

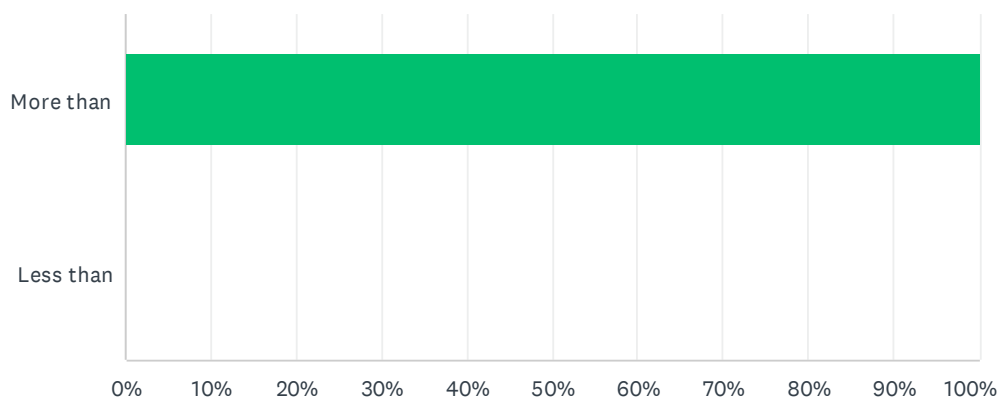
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
More than	62.50% 5
Less than	37.50% 3
TOTAL	8

Q12 This question asks about your total household income earned per year. Household income includes money from employment, self-employment, Social Security, retirement, disability, worker's compensation, unemployment, VA benefits, and alimony earned by everyone in the household. Is your total annual household income **MORE THAN** or **LESS THAN \$46,487?**

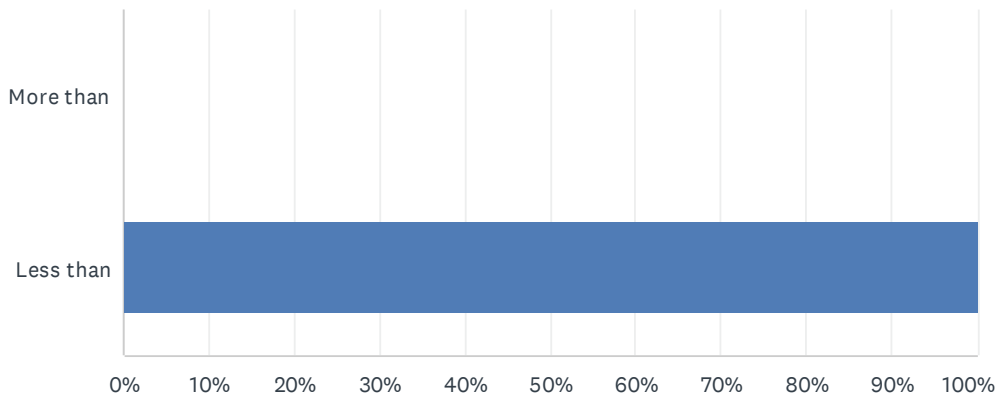
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
More than	100.00% 4
Less than	0.00% 0
TOTAL	4

Q13 This question asks about your total household income earned per year. Household income includes money from employment, self-employment, Social Security, retirement, disability, worker's compensation, unemployment, VA benefits, and alimony earned by everyone in the household. Is your total annual household income **MORE THAN** or **LESS THAN \$52,387**?

Answered: 1 Skipped: 218

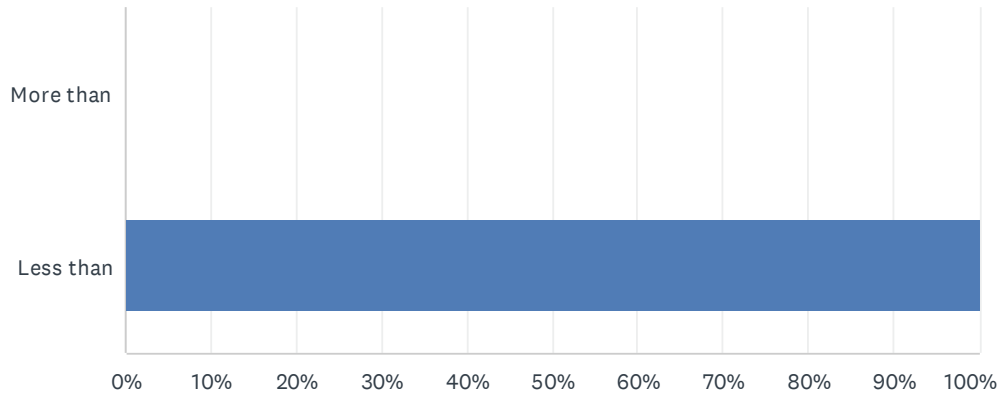


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More than	0.00%	0
Less than	100.00%	1
TOTAL		1

Q14 This question asks about your total household income earned per year. Household income includes money from employment, self-employment, Social Security, retirement, disability, worker's compensation, unemployment, VA benefits, and alimony earned by everyone in the household. Is your total annual household income **MORE THAN** or **LESS THAN \$58,287**?

Answered: 1 Skipped: 218

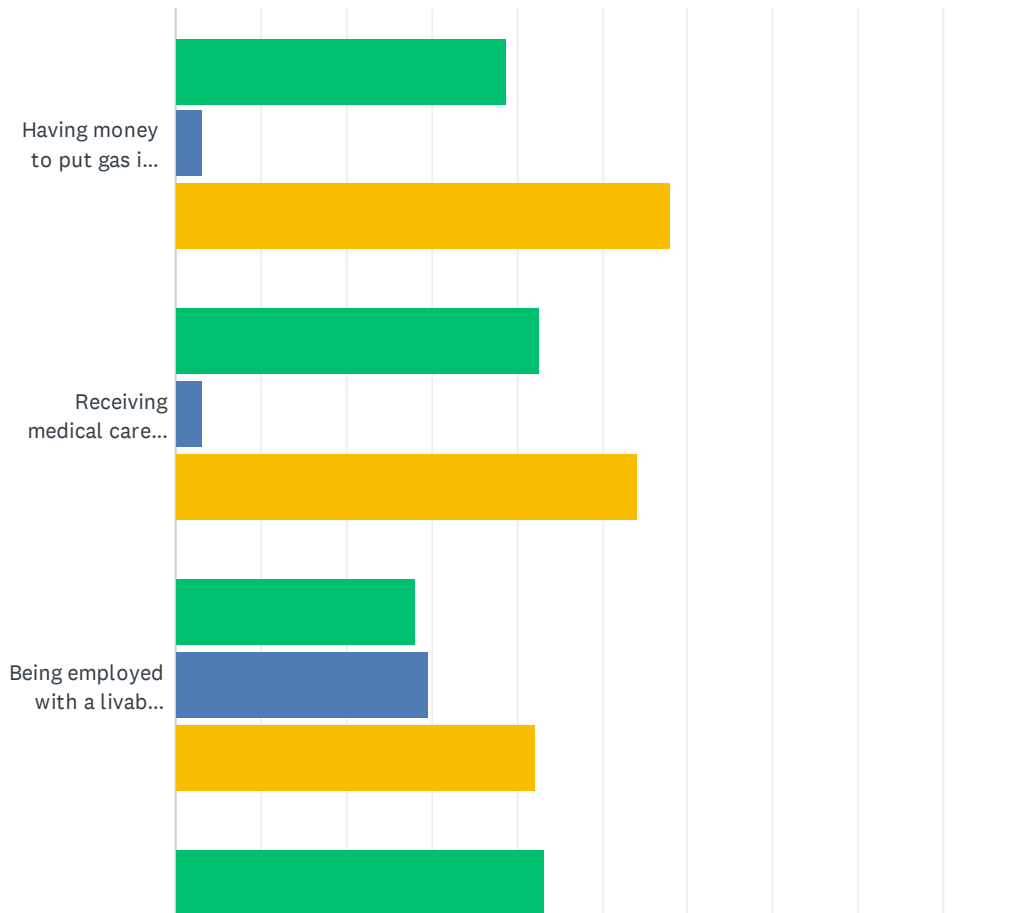
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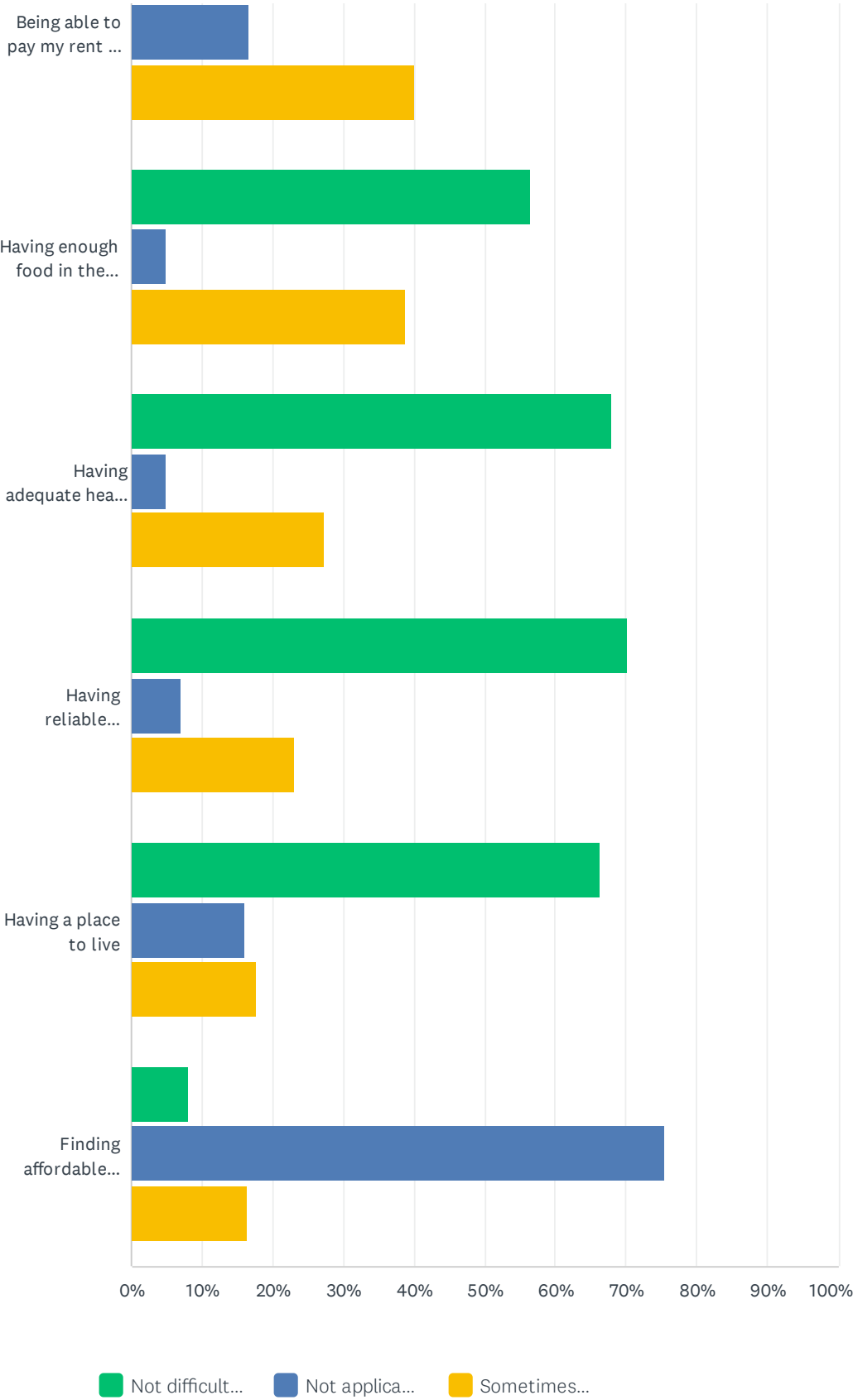
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
More than	0.00% 0
Less than	100.00% 1
TOTAL	1

Q15 Mark what is difficult for you most of the time, sometimes difficult, or not difficult for you.

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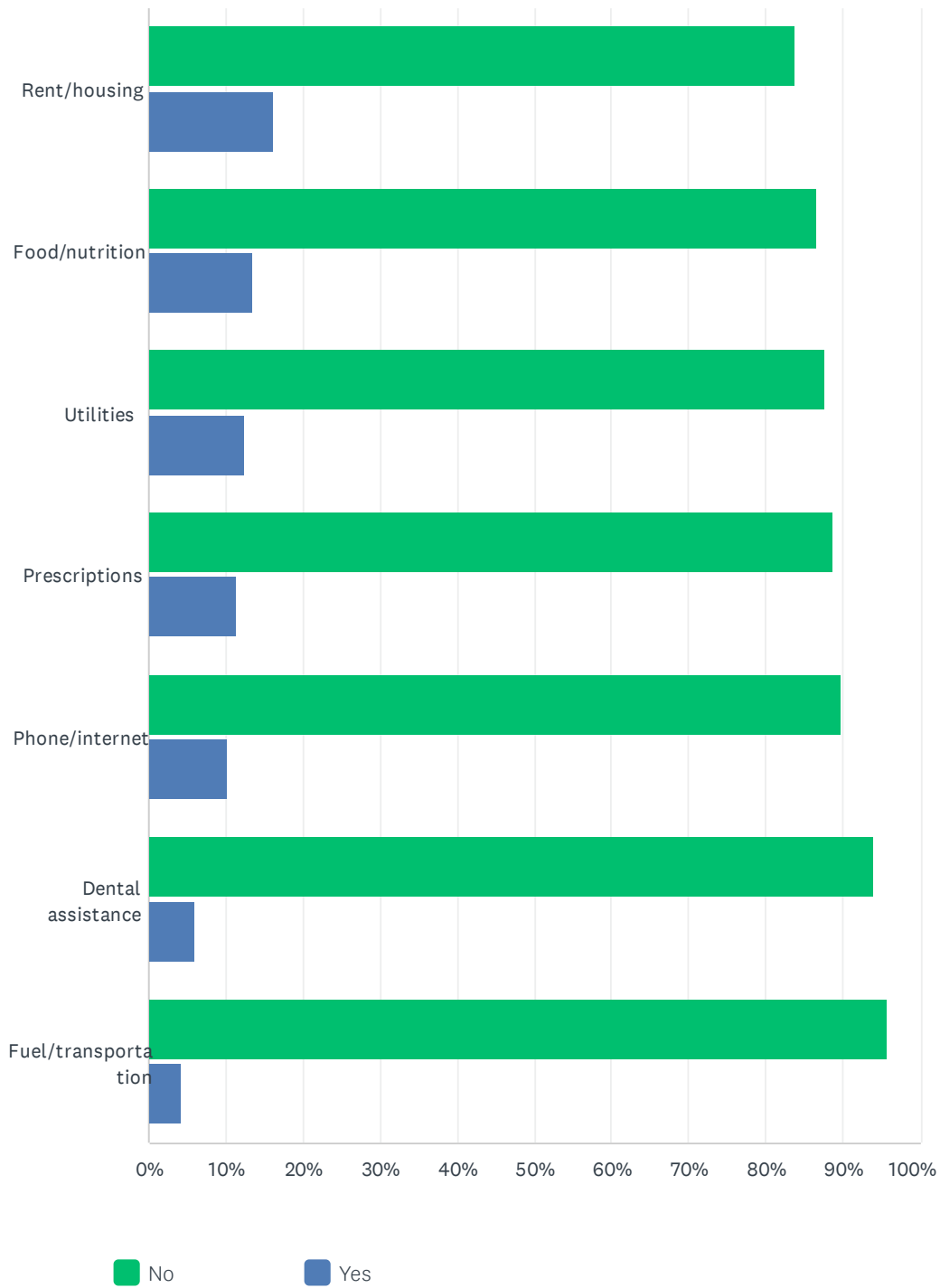
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	NOT DIFFICULT FOR ME	NOT APPLICABLE	SOMETIMES OR MOST OF THE TIME DIFFICULT FOR ME	TOTAL
Having money to put gas in my car	38.83% 73	3.19% 6	57.98% 109	188
Receiving medical care (including dental work)	42.55% 80	3.19% 6	54.26% 102	188
Being employed with a livable wage	28.11% 52	29.73% 55	42.16% 78	185
Being able to pay my rent or mortgage	43.32% 81	16.58% 31	40.11% 75	187
Having enough food in the home	56.45% 105	4.84% 9	38.71% 72	186
Having adequate heat in the home	67.91% 127	4.81% 9	27.27% 51	187
Having reliable transportation that meets my needs	70.05% 131	6.95% 13	22.99% 43	187
Having a place to live	66.31% 124	16.04% 30	17.65% 33	187
Finding affordable childcare	8.20% 15	75.41% 138	16.39% 30	183

Q16 In the last 12 months, have you or a household member received financial assistance for any of the following?

Answered: 188 Skipped: 31

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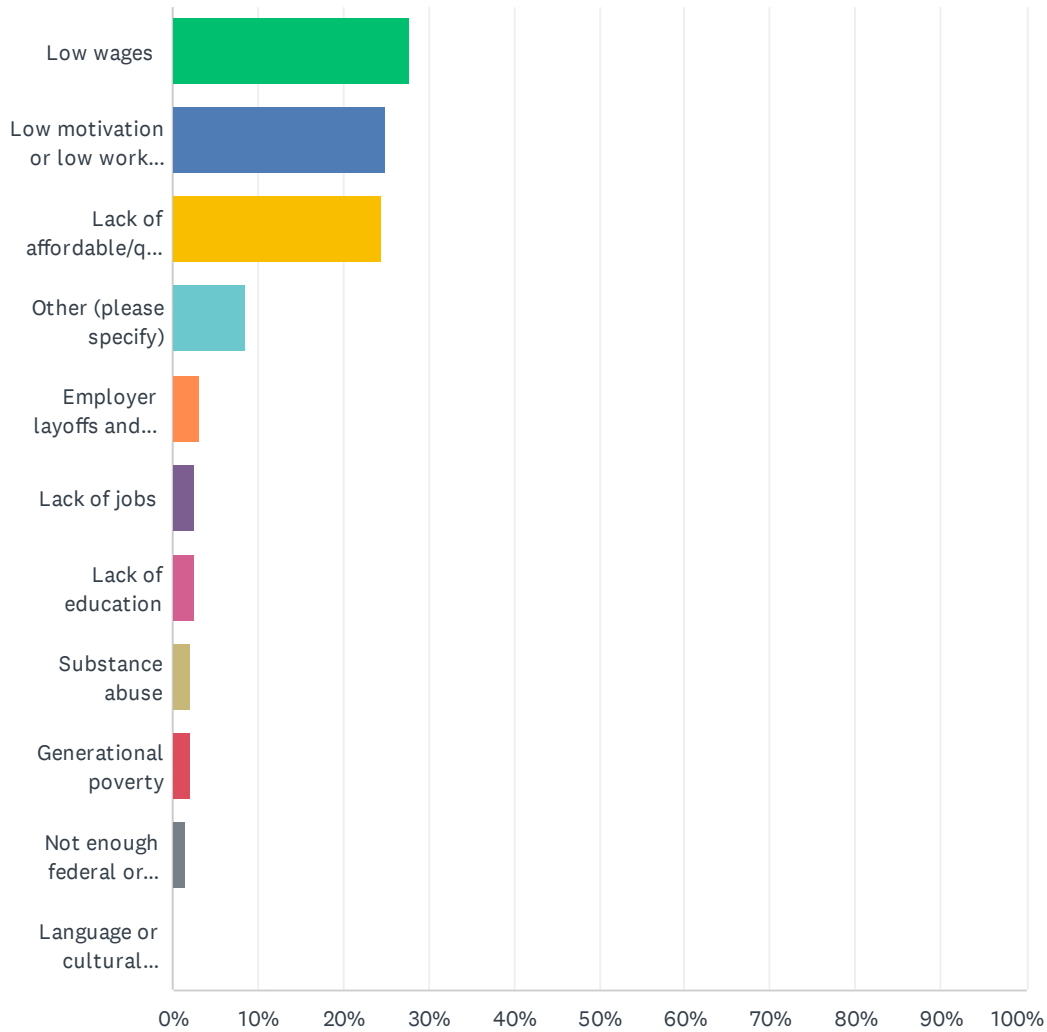
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	NO	YES	TOTAL
Rent/housing	83.78% 155	16.22% 30	185
Food/nutrition	86.63% 162	13.37% 25	187
Utilities	87.70% 164	12.30% 23	187
Prescriptions	88.71% 165	11.29% 21	186
Phone/internet	89.78% 167	10.22% 19	186
Dental assistance	94.09% 175	5.91% 11	186
Fuel/transportation	95.70% 178	4.30% 8	186

**Q17 What do you think is the main cause of poverty in Park County?
Choose only one.**

Answered: 188 Skipped: 31

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Low wages	27.66%	52
Low motivation or low work ethic	25.00%	47
Lack of affordable/quality housing	24.47%	46
Other (please specify)	8.51%	16
Employer layoffs and economic changes	3.19%	6
Lack of jobs	2.66%	5
Lack of education	2.66%	5
Substance abuse	2.13%	4
Generational poverty	2.13%	4
Not enough federal or state investment	1.60%	3
Language or cultural barriers	0.00%	0
TOTAL		188

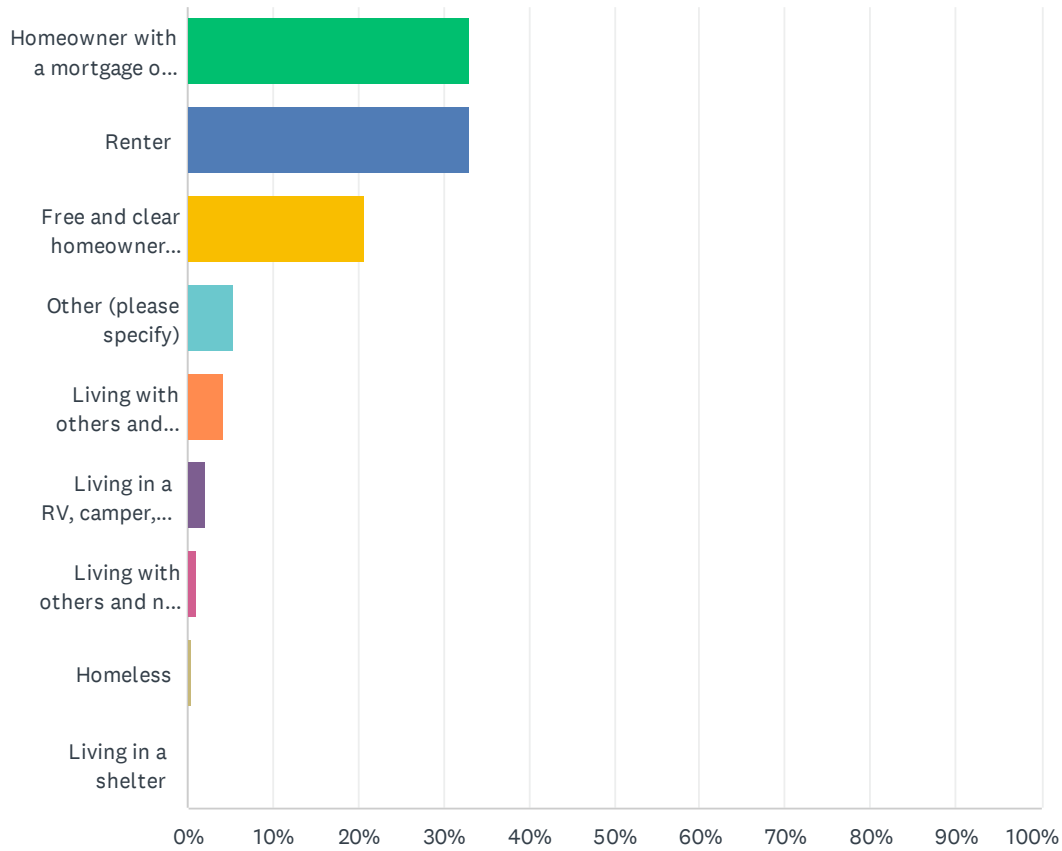
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1	Don't have a clue	10/21/2022 3:36 PM
2	since the pandemic, everything has been hard!	10/21/2022 12:49 PM
3	have no idea. living in the country keeps me isolated from what goes on in Cody	10/21/2022 11:57 AM
4	Not enough help for hard working families who need the help with food assistance.	10/17/2022 4:59 PM
5	Employers feel they can't pay a wage that a family can live off of to pay the high rent, plus utilities with out having to take on two or three jobs per person. Which is crushing the drive and people are not there for the kids because they are always at work. If family is important some will just give up on the many many hours of not seeing family and settle for one job just so they can be with family. Montana and built houses in some towns that stay at a lower cost of around 175,000 and never go up. So that people can afford to buy a house. This allows the younger generation to be able to stay in the area. So many lost the places they had been renting for years just because the owners thought they could sell them for a lot more money than they were worth during covid. Others raised the rent overnight. Not 50.00, but by hundreds. I was lucky to have had a good landlord. Most of Cody's jumped at the opportunity to stick it to the people. People had to leave the area unexpectedly and lose everything. So sad.	10/12/2022 10:47 AM
6	Taxes on place to high	10/11/2022 11:01 AM
7	More than one of the choices	10/11/2022 10:13 AM
8	Inflation, joe Bidens policies, poor economy and out of staters driving housing cost up	10/10/2022 7:49 PM
9	All of the above	10/10/2022 7:41 PM
10	High cost of living (food, fuel, housing) compared to wages	10/10/2022 3:29 PM
11	Combination of affordable housing, economic changes and low wages and	10/10/2022 3:11 PM
12	Cost of living increasing, groceries increasing in price- but increase in wages.	10/10/2022 2:46 PM
13	Inflation	10/10/2022 2:44 PM
14	Everything too expensive and no motivation for folks to work anymore.	10/10/2022 2:43 PM
15	High cost of living	10/10/2022 2:37 PM
16	Lack of job stability at Northwest College	10/10/2022 2:27 PM

Q18 Which of the following best describes your current housing situation?

Answered: 188 Skipped: 31

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Homeowner with a mortgage or loan	32.98%	62
Renter	32.98%	62
Free and clear homeowner without a mortgage or loan	20.74%	39
Other (please specify)	5.32%	10
Living with others and assisting with rent or mortgage	4.26%	8
Living in a RV, camper, van, or other vehicle	2.13%	4
Living with others and not paying rent or mortgage	1.06%	2
Homeless	0.53%	1
Living in a shelter	0.00%	0
TOTAL		188

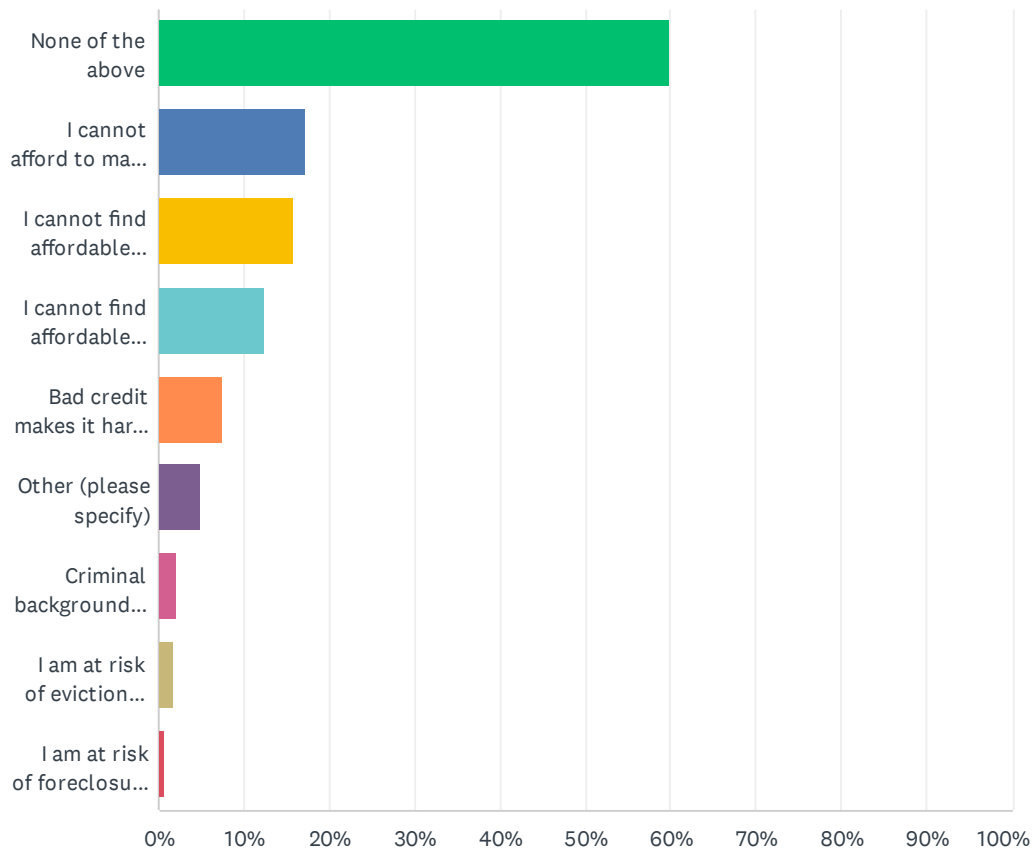
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1	own mobile home, rent lot	10/22/2022 8:25 AM
2	Own mobile home, rent lot	10/19/2022 9:04 PM
3	Rent, reduced rent in agreement to work on house.	10/12/2022 10:50 AM
4	Home owner, but the home is too small so we were forced to rent to have a large enough house for the family.	10/10/2022 9:29 PM

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5	House burned down, living in RV, land is free and clear.	10/10/2022 8:08 PM
6	Living with/in laws house taking care of her property	10/10/2022 7:23 PM
7	Employer offers a house to live in while am working	10/10/2022 6:40 PM
8	Low income apartment	10/10/2022 3:04 PM
9	Renting with ERAP assistance	10/10/2022 2:58 PM
10	Renter, but doing repair and maintenance for a rent discount	10/10/2022 2:28 PM

Q19 Do any of these housing problems apply to you? Mark all that apply.

Answered: 185 Skipped: 34



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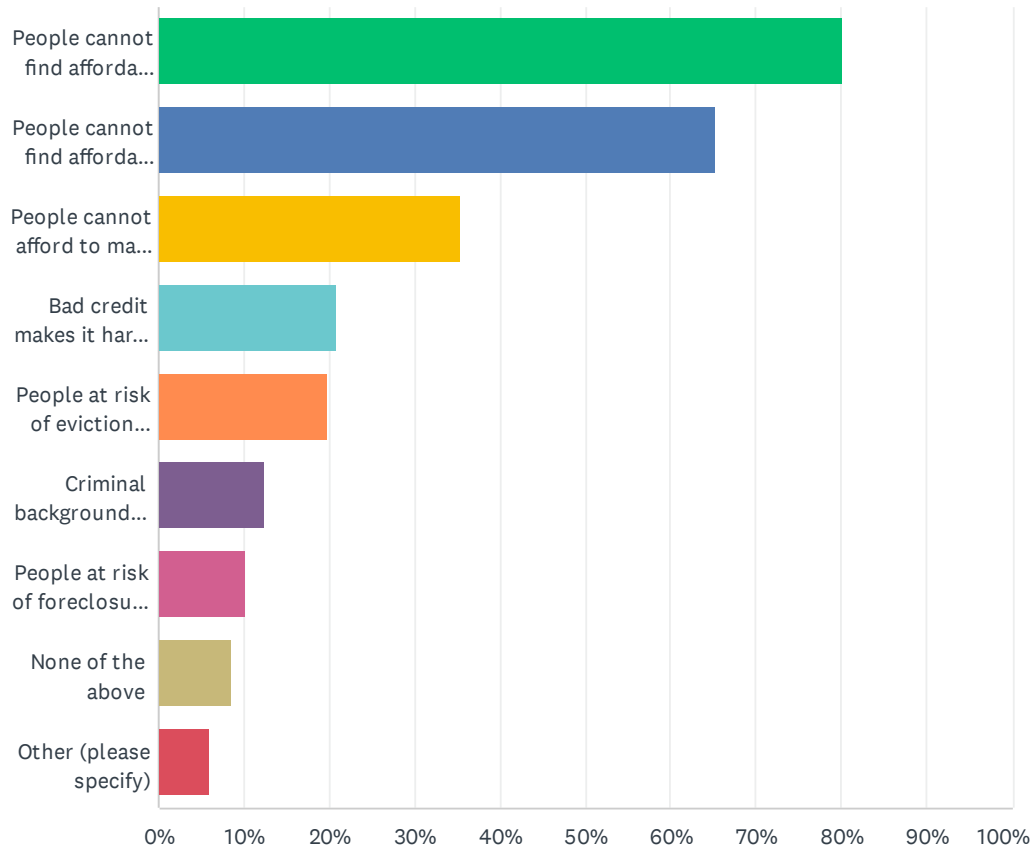
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	60.00%	111
I cannot afford to make needed repairs on my home	17.30%	32
I cannot find affordable housing to buy	15.68%	29
I cannot find affordable housing to rent	12.43%	23
Bad credit makes it hard to find a place to rent	7.57%	14
Other (please specify)	4.86%	9
Criminal background makes it hard to find a place to rent	2.16%	4
I am at risk of eviction from home that I rent	1.62%	3
I am at risk of foreclosure on home that I own	0.54%	1
Total Respondents: 185		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	need a new house..can't afford	11/7/2022 10:19 AM
2	Lack of rv parks in Powell	10/21/2022 3:38 PM
3	At the time I moved here(5yrs) I was homeless and my income was not as much. As a veteran I didn't qualify for anything being single. Until these people from church bought this repro house for me to live in and redo.	10/12/2022 10:56 AM
4	Have to worry about taxes	10/11/2022 11:03 AM
5	property tax	10/11/2022 7:22 AM
6	Inflation is driving cost up to rebuild.	10/10/2022 8:11 PM
7	Income don't support renting a place	10/10/2022 6:46 PM
8	After taking care of the basics (housing, utilities, food, and gas....there is very little left for upkeep to a home....a vehicle repair can throw us into a rail spin	10/10/2022 3:33 PM
9	Making rent every month	10/10/2022 2:55 PM

Q20 What housing problems, if any, do you see in the community? Mark all that apply.

Answered: 187 Skipped: 32

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
People cannot find affordable housing to rent	80.21%	150
People cannot find affordable housing to buy	65.24%	122
People cannot afford to make needed repairs on homes	35.29%	66
Bad credit makes it hard to find a place to rent	20.86%	39
People at risk of eviction from homes they rent	19.79%	37
Criminal background makes it hard to find a place to rent	12.30%	23
People at risk of foreclosure on homes they own	10.16%	19
None of the above	8.56%	16
Other (please specify)	5.88%	11
Total Respondents: 187		

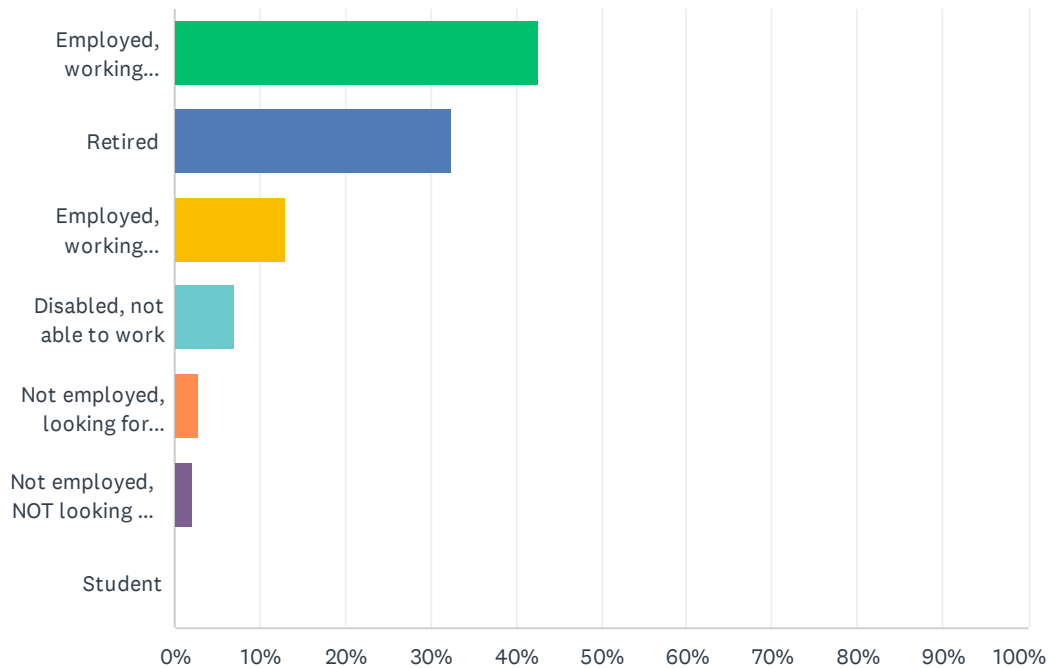
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1	The past two years has bee HARD om all of us in these U.S	10/21/2022 12:52 PM
2	really have no idea	10/21/2022 11:59 AM
3	employers not willing to pay enough and people unable to find jobs paying wages to sustain growing costs of housing, food, etc.	10/13/2022 2:45 PM
4	Out-Of-Control Property Taxes!	10/12/2022 7:58 AM

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5	home owners are inventors that don't allow pets, people are not educated on emotional pet rights	10/11/2022 7:04 AM
6	Overly expensive rentals and greedy landlords. Very many houses are now vacation rentals	10/10/2022 9:07 PM
7	To expensive	10/10/2022 7:43 PM
8	Taxes	10/10/2022 7:30 PM
9	Low wages and mediocre jobs make it hard for average people	10/10/2022 6:25 PM
10	Not enough rentals because of AirBnB's	10/10/2022 6:06 PM
11	This area seems to be thought of as a retirement, community. Too many people, are stuck in their ways. Also too many, are closet, racists, bottom line!	10/10/2022 2:37 PM

Q21 What is your current employment status?

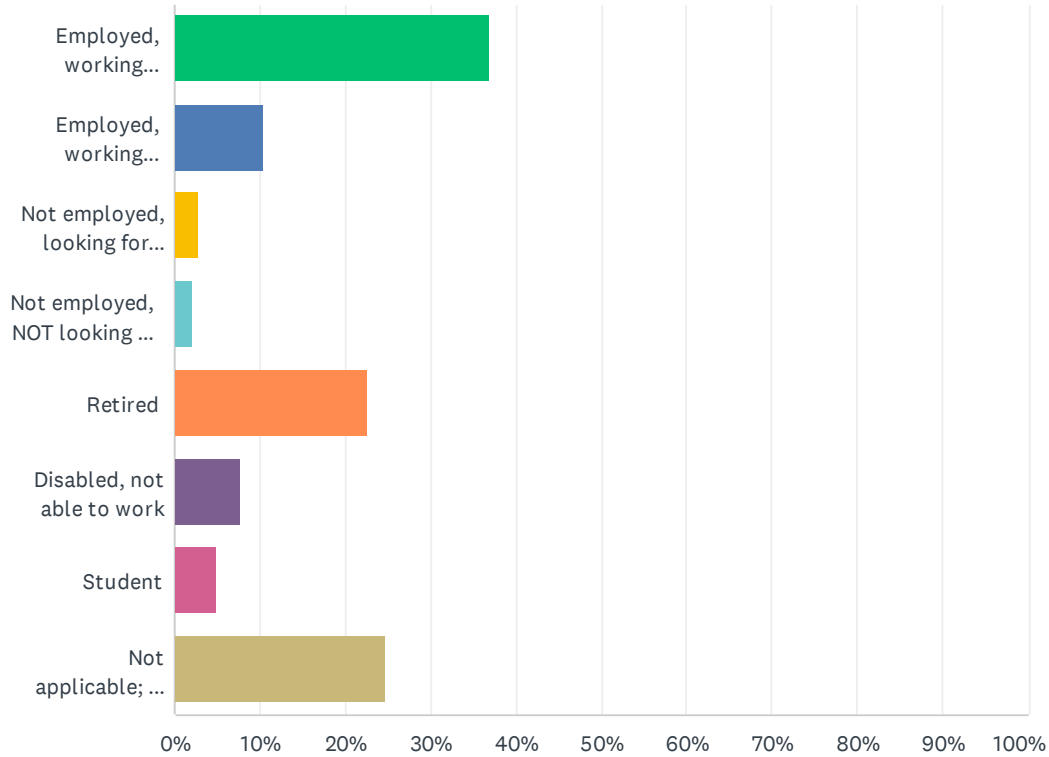
Answered: 185 Skipped: 34



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Employed, working full-time	42.70%	79
Retired	32.43%	60
Employed, working part-time	12.97%	24
Disabled, not able to work	7.03%	13
Not employed, looking for work	2.70%	5
Not employed, NOT looking for work	2.16%	4
Student	0.00%	0
TOTAL		185

Q22 What is the employment status of the other adult(s) in your household? Mark all that apply.

Answered: 182 Skipped: 37

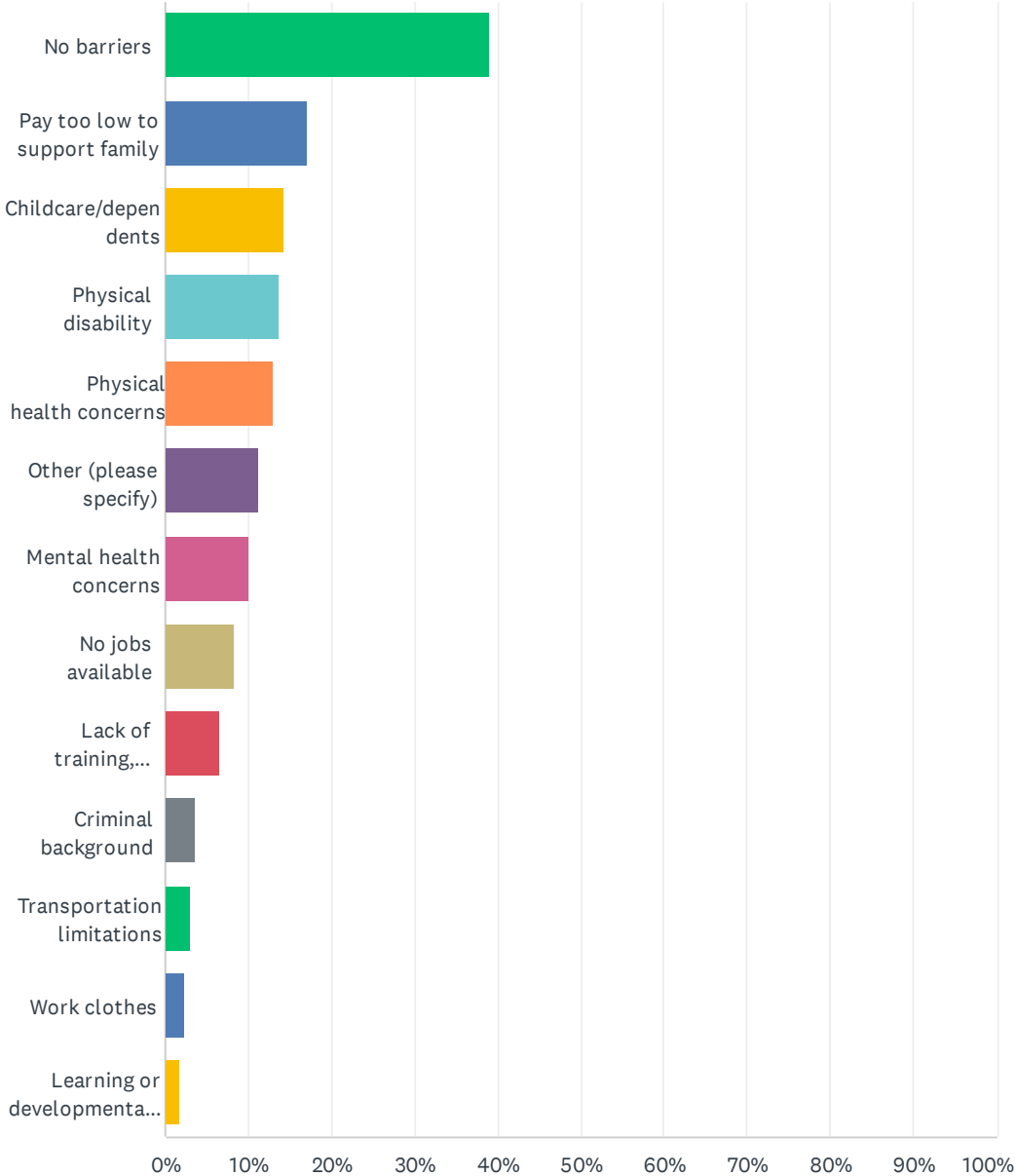


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Employed, working full-time	36.81%	67
Employed, working part-time	10.44%	19
Not employed, looking for work	2.75%	5
Not employed, NOT looking for work	2.20%	4
Retired	22.53%	41
Disabled, not able to work	7.69%	14
Student	4.95%	9
Not applicable; no other adults in household	24.73%	45
Total Respondents: 182		

Q23 What are your barriers to employment, if any? Mark all that apply.

Answered: 169 Skipped: 50

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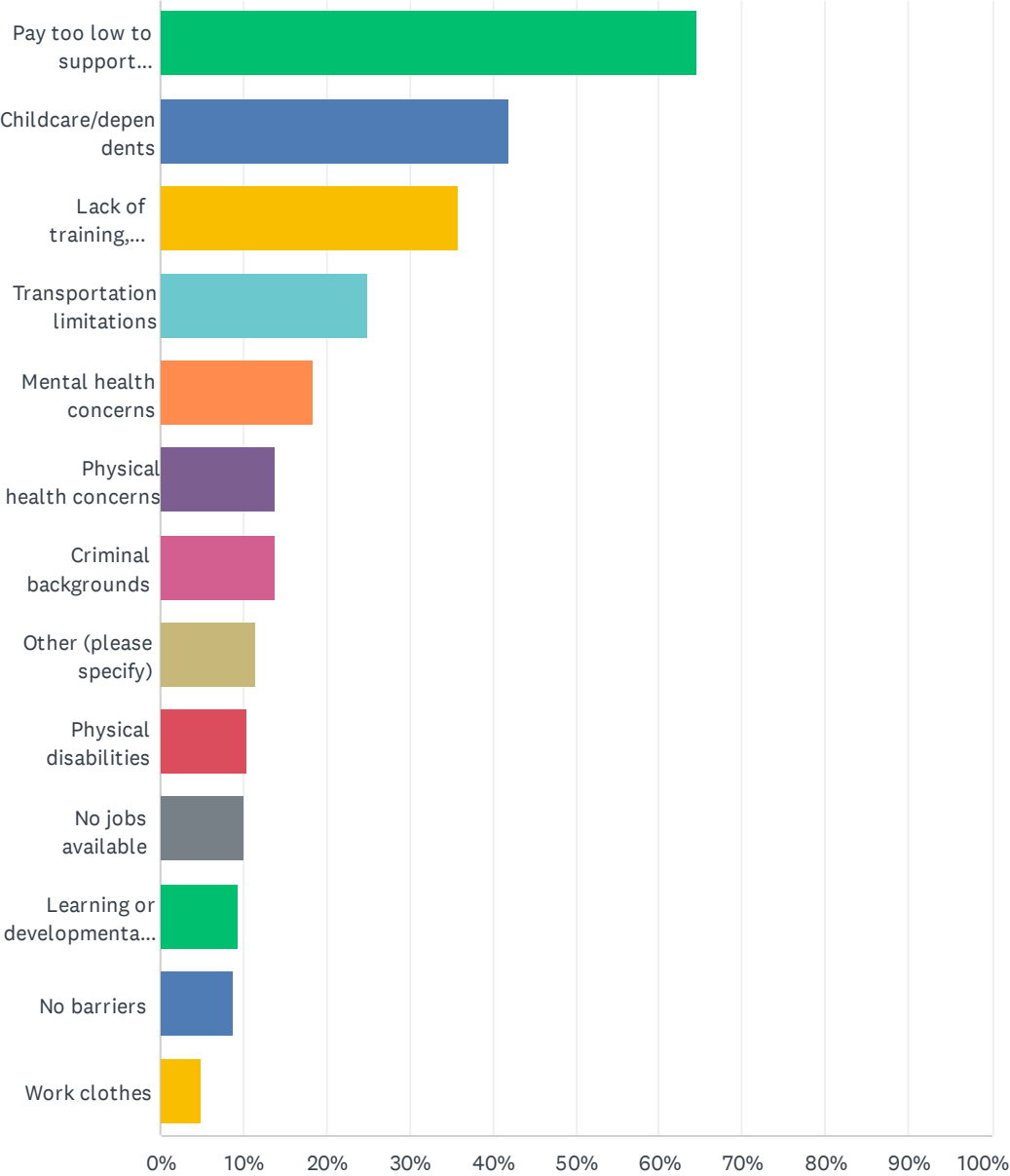
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No barriers	39.05%	66
Pay too low to support family	17.16%	29
Childcare/dependents	14.20%	24
Physical disability	13.61%	23
Physical health concerns	13.02%	22
Other (please specify)	11.24%	19
Mental health concerns	10.06%	17
No jobs available	8.28%	14
Lack of training, skills, or experience	6.51%	11
Criminal background	3.55%	6
Transportation limitations	2.96%	5
Work clothes	2.37%	4
Learning or developmental disability	1.78%	3
Total Respondents: 169		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Age	10/22/2022 10:27 AM
2	Sexism	10/22/2022 9:59 AM
3	None	10/21/2022 7:53 PM
4	Again the pandemic and economics has been hard on all!	10/21/2022 12:54 PM
5	80 and happy	10/21/2022 12:03 PM
6	not looking for work. I am 81 years old.	10/21/2022 12:00 PM
7	Retired	10/19/2022 3:13 PM
8	Finding work (remote or local) that aligns with my high level of education, skillset, and interest that pays appropriately; I am unable to move/relocate	10/13/2022 3:02 PM
9	Retired two months ago. Will be tough, though	10/12/2022 8:01 AM
10	Too old	10/11/2022 6:11 PM
11	Retired	10/11/2022 11:45 AM
12	Lack of a degree	10/11/2022 9:43 AM
13	Retired	10/10/2022 9:16 PM
14	Disability and work few hours to buy food and gas, loosing eyesight, soon I won't be able to drive, social security doesn't pay the bills	10/10/2022 7:47 PM
15	No jobs in chosen profession	10/10/2022 7:00 PM
16	Wage	10/10/2022 5:48 PM
17	I'm retired	10/10/2022 4:32 PM
18	Retired and elderly	10/10/2022 3:46 PM
19	Our ages are 76 and 80 respectfully. We are retired	10/10/2022 2:46 PM

Q24 What barriers to employment do you see in the community, if any? Mark all that apply.

Answered: 181 Skipped: 38



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Pay too low to support families	64.64%	117
Childcare/dependents	41.99%	76
Lack of training, skills, or experience	35.91%	65
Transportation limitations	24.86%	45
Mental health concerns	18.23%	33
Physical health concerns	13.81%	25
Criminal backgrounds	13.81%	25
Other (please specify)	11.60%	21
Physical disabilities	10.50%	19
No jobs available	9.94%	18
Learning or developmental disabilities	9.39%	17
No barriers	8.84%	16
Work clothes	4.97%	9
Total Respondents: 181		

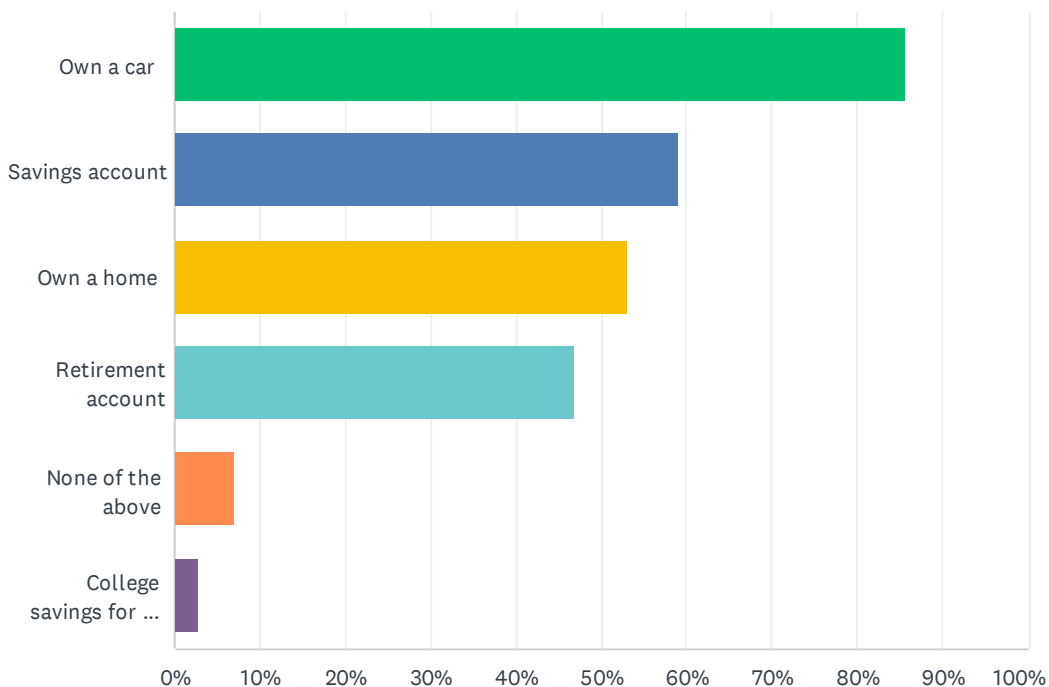
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Lack of initiative or incentive to work	10/24/2022 8:28 AM
2	Lazy	10/22/2022 12:27 PM
3	Low motivation	10/22/2022 8:33 AM
4	Same as above	10/21/2022 12:54 PM
5	no idea	10/21/2022 12:00 PM
6	jobs are available but may not pay enough to sustain a family and jobs available are not be diverse enough to accommodate a diverse workforce (education levels, skill levels, specialized, adaptable schedules to accommodate family duties, and so forth; health, vacation, and retirement benefits lacking for hourly employees which makes their wage worth even less, Wyoming has had an 11% average inflation for 2021 and most wages have not risen to that level; Lack of employer flexibility to accommodate employees; Many of the above list likely impact workers; political narrative often doesn't benefit lower wage earners and those lower wage earners are also low on time/understanding of how political decisions impact them directly.	10/13/2022 3:02 PM
7	Limited work opportunities locally. Low pay to travel to town.	10/11/2022 4:14 PM
8	Jobs may be available, but they don't pay well. There are not good jobs.	10/11/2022 3:21 PM
9	if there are jobs available it is hard to find what they are	10/11/2022 10:56 AM
10	unwilling to work low paying jobs	10/11/2022 10:38 AM
11	Lack of work ethic	10/10/2022 9:52 PM
12	None	10/10/2022 7:47 PM
13	Lack of motivation to work low skilled job.	10/10/2022 7:39 PM
14	Lack of work ethic for newly employed workers	10/10/2022 7:00 PM

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15	Lack of desire to work	10/10/2022 5:29 PM
16	Lack of high paying jobs	10/10/2022 5:06 PM
17	Not willing to work	10/10/2022 4:41 PM
18	IDK...so many businesses have limited hours or services because of lack of workers, so I don't know why those who are physically able do not work	10/10/2022 3:38 PM
19	Lack of desire to work and cost of living, too high.	10/10/2022 2:46 PM
20	All of the above, except, no barriers!	10/10/2022 2:40 PM
21	Work ethic of the younger generation	10/10/2022 2:29 PM

Q25 Which of the following assets do you have? Mark all that apply.

Answered: 183 Skipped: 36

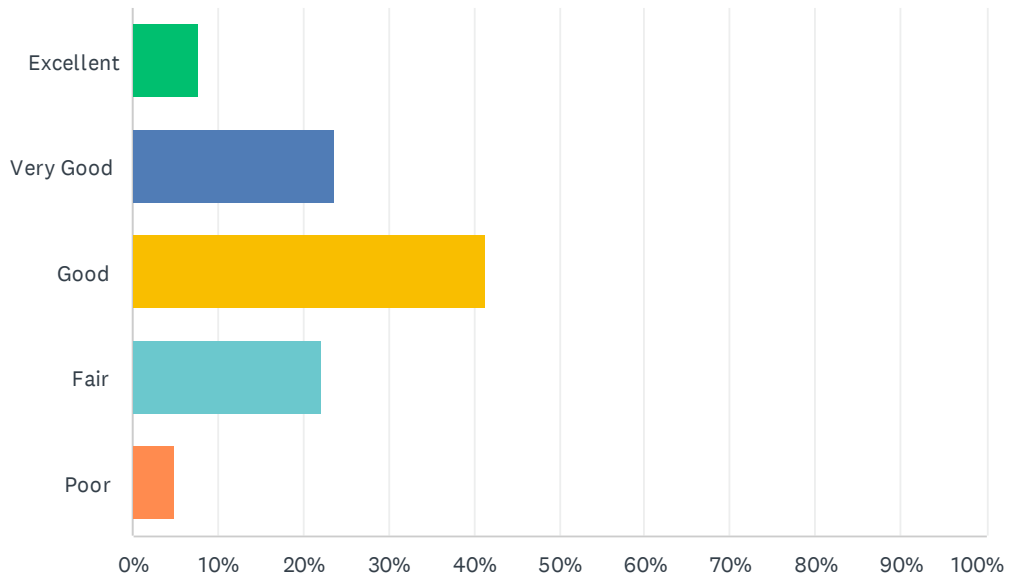


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Own a car	85.79% 157
Savings account	59.02% 108
Own a home	53.01% 97
Retirement account	46.99% 86
None of the above	7.10% 13
College savings for me or my children	2.73% 5
Total Respondents: 183	

Q26 In general, how do you rate your physical health?

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Answered: 181 Skipped: 38

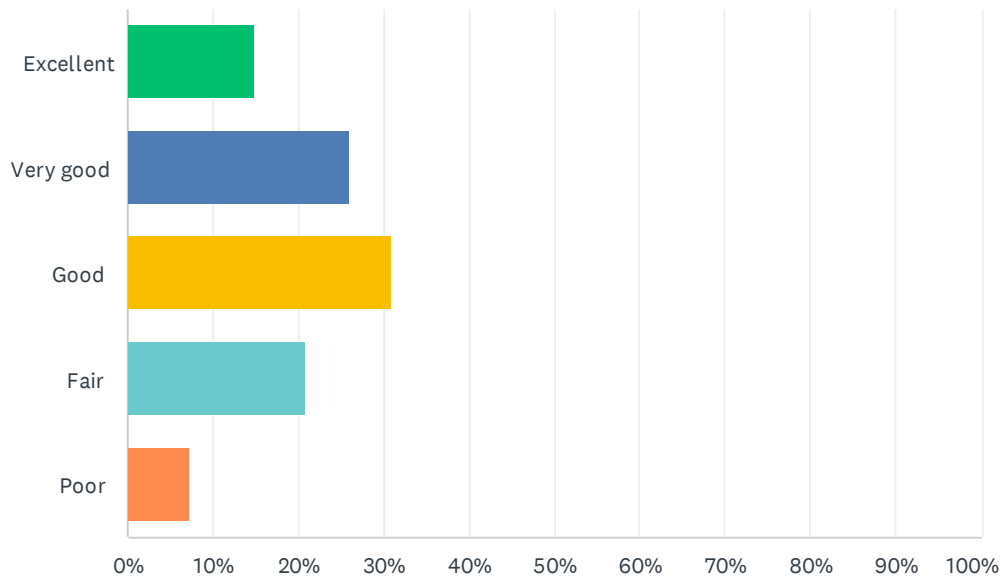


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	7.73%	14
Very Good	23.76%	43
Good	41.44%	75
Fair	22.10%	40
Poor	4.97%	9
TOTAL		181

Q27 In general, how do you rate your overall mental or emotional health?

Answered: 181 Skipped: 38

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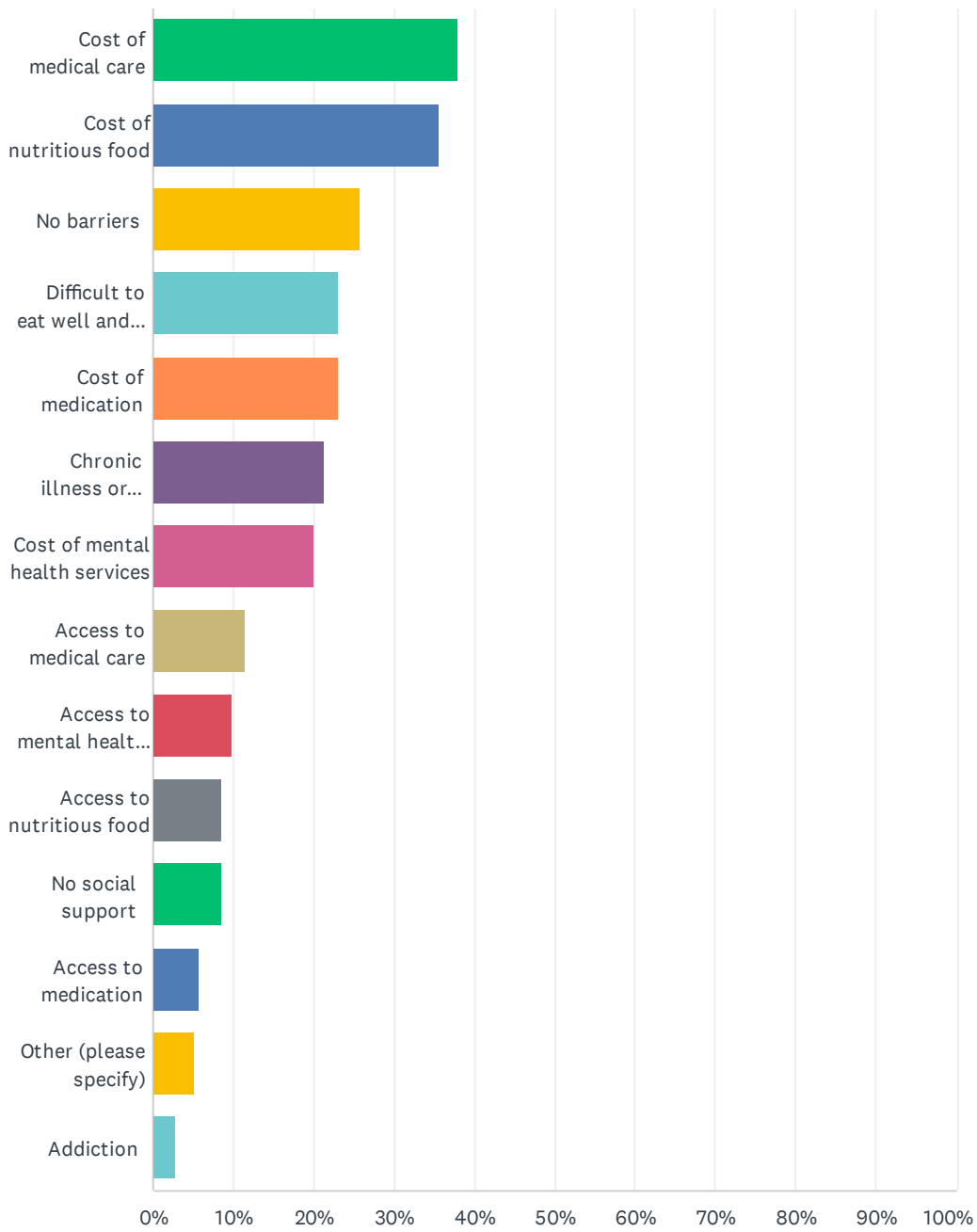


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	14.92%	27
Very good	25.97%	47
Good	30.94%	56
Fair	20.99%	38
Poor	7.18%	13
TOTAL		181

Q28 What are your barriers to good health, if any? Mark all that apply.

Answered: 174 Skipped: 45

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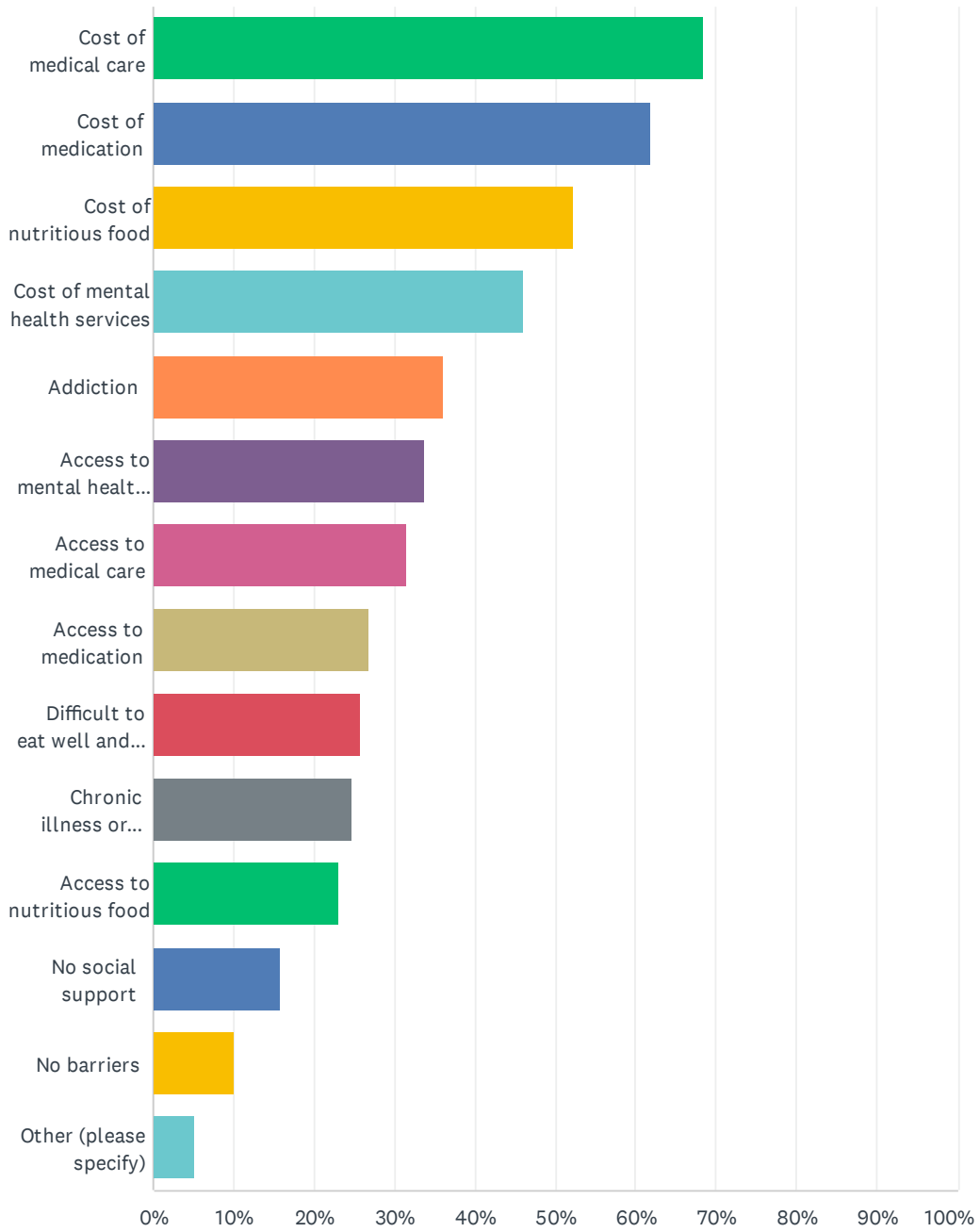
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Cost of medical care	37.93%	66
Cost of nutritious food	35.63%	62
No barriers	25.86%	45
Difficult to eat well and exercise	22.99%	40
Cost of medication	22.99%	40
Chronic illness or disability	21.26%	37
Cost of mental health services	20.11%	35
Access to medical care	11.49%	20
Access to mental health services	9.77%	17
Access to nutritious food	8.62%	15
No social support	8.62%	15
Access to medication	5.75%	10
Other (please specify)	5.17%	9
Addiction	2.87%	5
Total Respondents: 174		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Access to specialized eye care	10/24/2022 8:31 AM
2	None	10/21/2022 7:56 PM
3	lack of local specialist that I need and going out of state often is more expensive and risk of not being covered by health insurance. I see a counselor in CA via the phone but she won't work with insurance because they are too difficult, so I have to pay out of pocket, but I really like this one. It is expensive to shop around mental health but it is also really important to find one that you resonate with.	10/13/2022 3:12 PM
4	Cost of dental care	10/11/2022 9:45 AM
5	Age	10/10/2022 9:55 PM
6	Access to quality healthcare	10/10/2022 7:01 PM
7	Powell grocery stores have very little to offer those with Celiac	10/10/2022 3:50 PM
8	Neither my husband nor my job offers insurance so can't afford the medical care I KNOW I need.	10/10/2022 3:47 PM
9	All of the above, except, no barriers!	10/10/2022 2:44 PM

**Q29 What barriers to good health do you see in the community, if any?
Mark all that apply.**

Answered: 178 Skipped: 41

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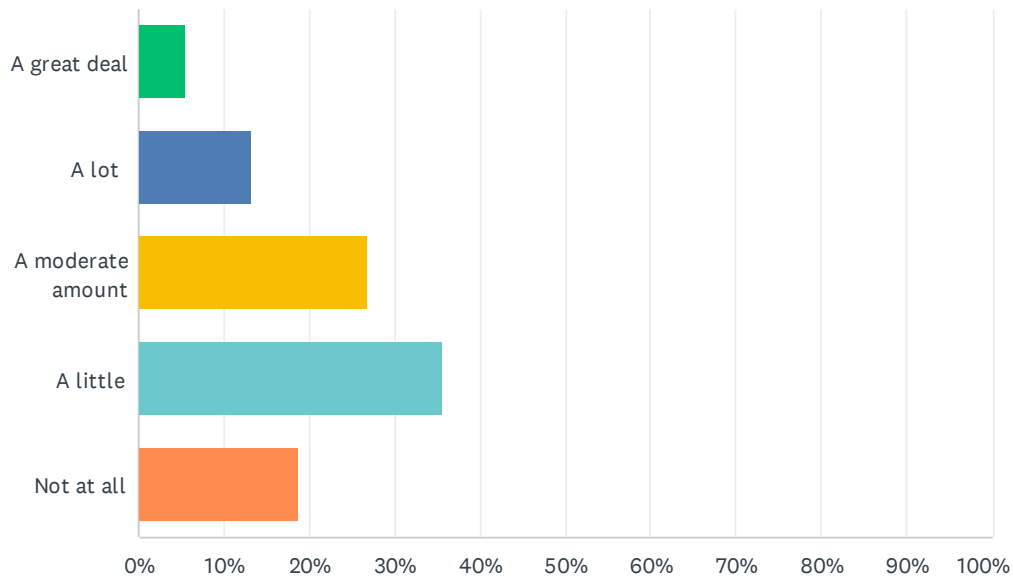
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Cost of medical care	68.54%	122
Cost of medication	61.80%	110
Cost of nutritious food	52.25%	93
Cost of mental health services	46.07%	82
Addiction	35.96%	64
Access to mental health services	33.71%	60
Access to medical care	31.46%	56
Access to medication	26.97%	48
Difficult to eat well and exercise	25.84%	46
Chronic illness or disability	24.72%	44
Access to nutritious food	23.03%	41
No social support	15.73%	28
No barriers	10.11%	18
Other (please specify)	5.06%	9
Total Respondents: 178		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	A place to cook and store food. A place to live	10/22/2022 10:30 AM
2	have no idea	10/21/2022 12:01 PM
3	lack of access to specialist, small population, no Medicaid expansion, women's health access particularly for post child bearing, menopausal, and other female specific	10/13/2022 3:12 PM
4	Support for kids who are suffering from mental illness in this county and need help and not punishment. With out being sent hours away or to a jail facility and not to a mental health facility. Families should be supported not pushing when they have a child suffering from a mental illness.	10/12/2022 11:07 AM
5	No employer offered health insurance.	10/10/2022 8:20 PM
6	No real health driven amenities like bike paths or local maintained hiking trails	10/10/2022 6:29 PM
7	Cost of food	10/10/2022 5:51 PM
8	The cost of any kind of medical or dental care for those without insurance	10/10/2022 3:47 PM
9	All of the above, except, no barriers! Also the lack of good quality professionals, overall!	10/10/2022 2:44 PM

Q30 How involved are you in your community (for example, volunteering, voting, participating in community events)?

Answered: 182 Skipped: 37

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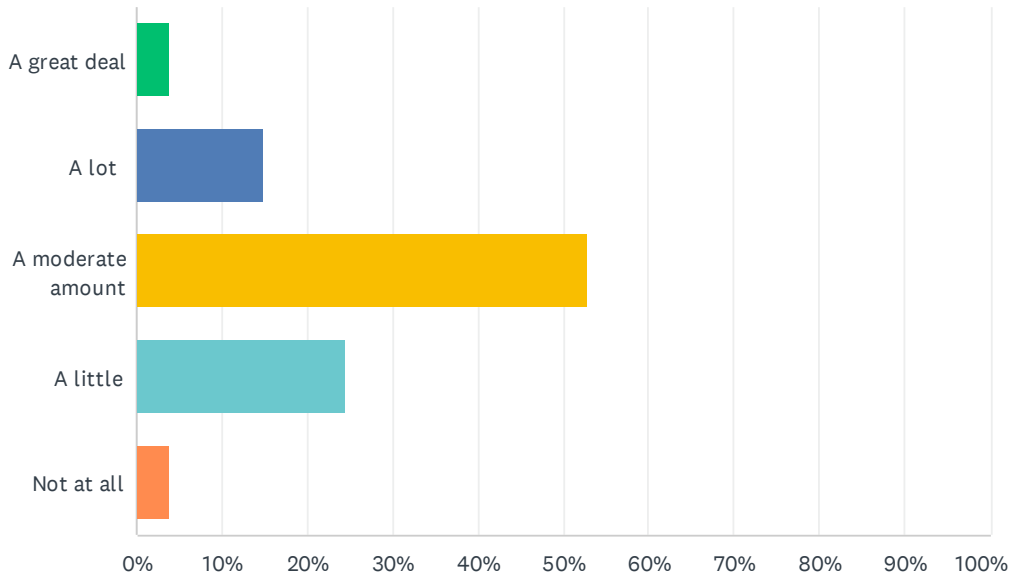


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A great deal	5.49%	10
A lot	13.19%	24
A moderate amount	26.92%	49
A little	35.71%	65
Not at all	18.68%	34
TOTAL		182

Q31 How involved are most people in Park County (volunteering, voting, participating in community events)?

Answered: 180 Skipped: 39

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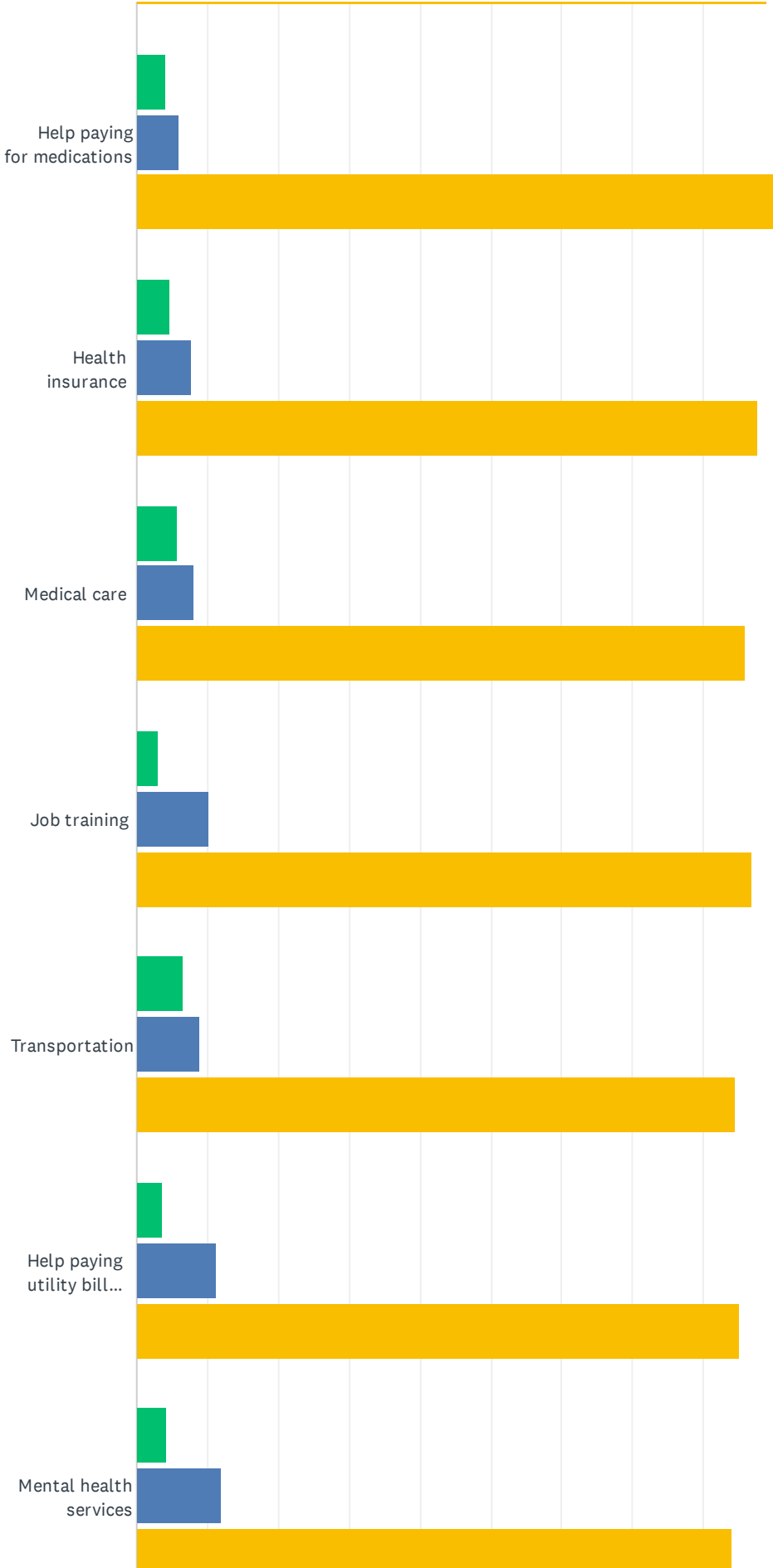
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
A great deal	3.89% 7
A lot	15.00% 27
A moderate amount	52.78% 95
A little	24.44% 44
Not at all	3.89% 7
TOTAL	180

Q32 For each of the following community resources, please mark whether you think it is most needed, somewhat needed, or not needed in Park County.

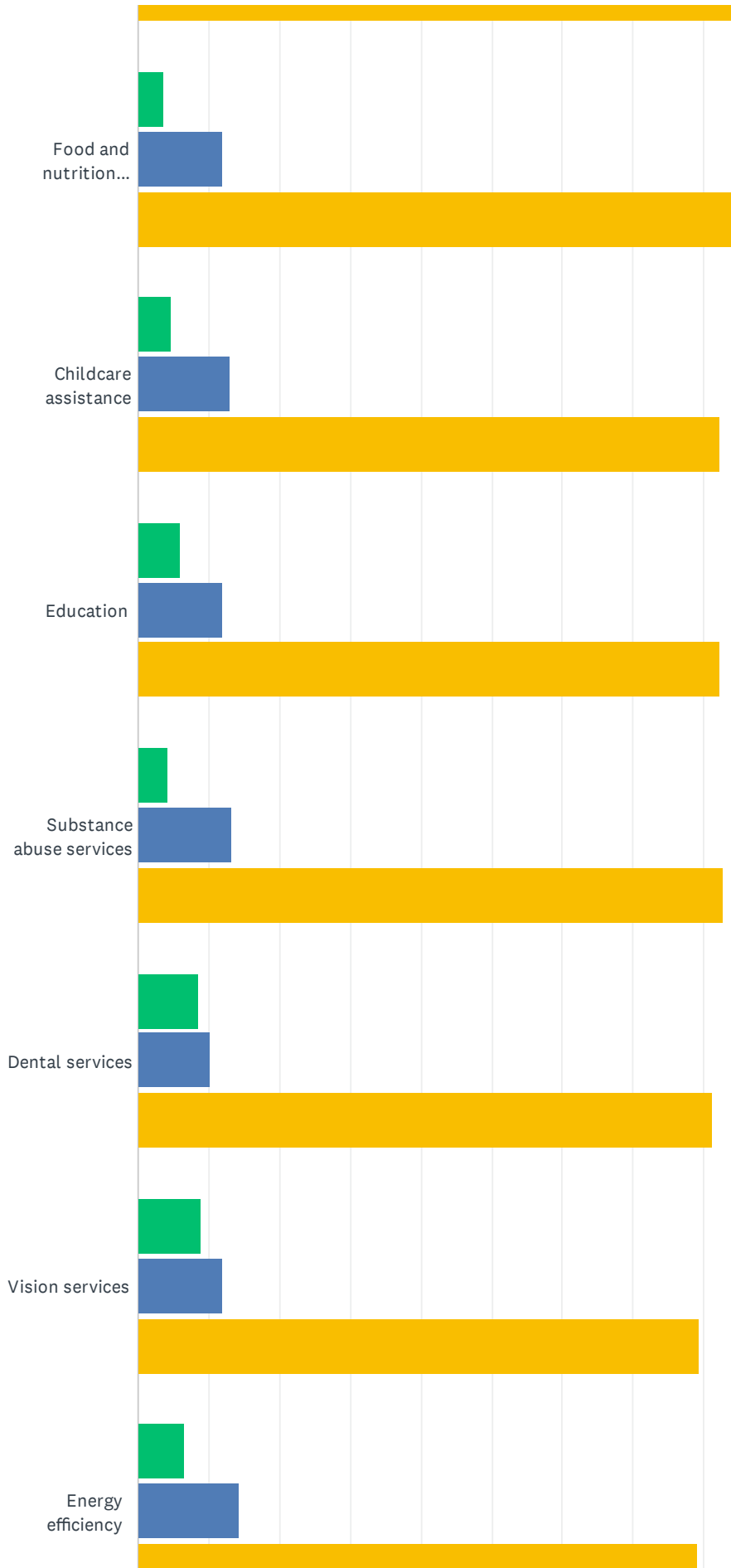
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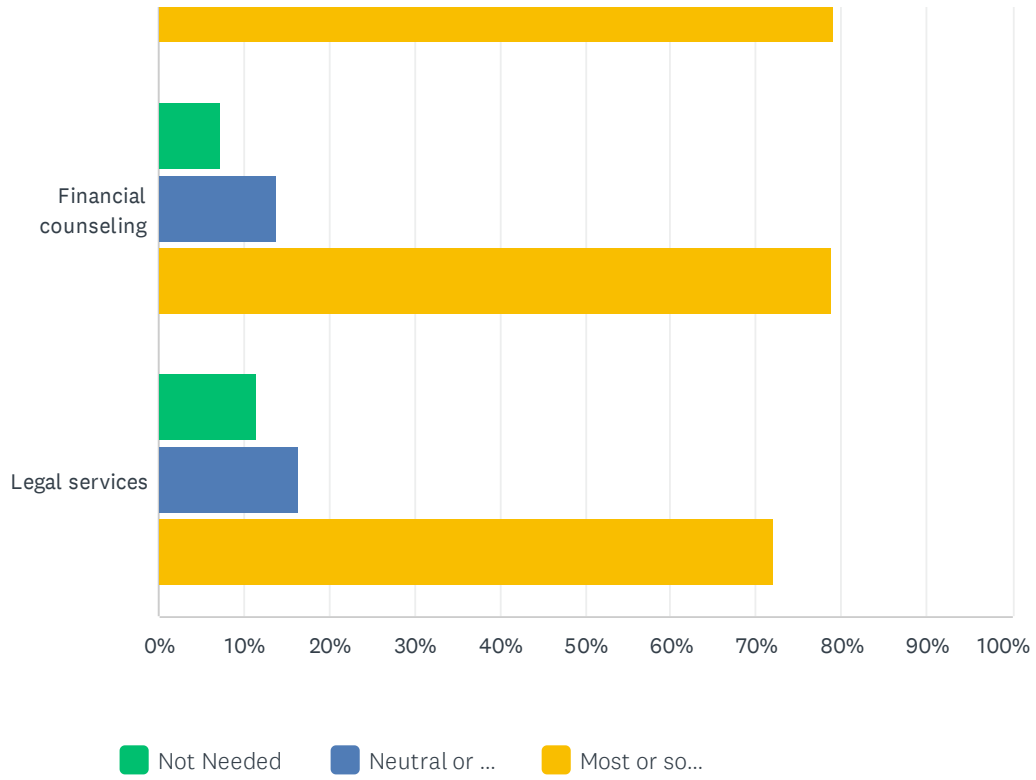
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	NOT NEEDED	NEUTRAL OR DON'T KNOW	MOST OR SOMEWHAT NEEDED	TOTAL
Affordable housing	0.59% 1	3.53% 6	95.88% 163	170
Support for senior citizens	5.20% 9	5.78% 10	89.02% 154	173
Help paying for medications	4.12% 7	5.88% 10	90.00% 153	170
Health insurance	4.68% 8	7.60% 13	87.72% 150	171
Medical care	5.85% 10	8.19% 14	85.96% 147	171
Job training	3.01% 5	10.24% 17	86.75% 144	166
Transportation	6.55% 11	8.93% 15	84.52% 142	168
Help paying utility bills or deposits	3.59% 6	11.38% 19	85.03% 142	167
Mental health services	4.17% 7	11.90% 20	83.93% 141	168
Food and nutrition assistance	3.59% 6	11.98% 20	84.43% 141	167
Childcare assistance	4.73% 8	13.02% 22	82.25% 139	169
Education	5.92% 10	11.83% 20	82.25% 139	169
Substance abuse services	4.19% 7	13.17% 22	82.63% 138	167
Dental services	8.43% 14	10.24% 17	81.33% 135	166
Vision services	8.88% 15	11.83% 20	79.29% 134	169
Energy efficiency	6.55% 11	14.29% 24	79.17% 133	168
Financial counseling	7.27% 12	13.94% 23	78.79% 130	165
Legal services	11.52% 19	16.36% 27	72.12% 119	165

Q33 How can the community better meet the needs of people living in poverty?

Answered: 92 Skipped: 127

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	acceptance,encouragement,access to services and knowledge of services already in place.	11/7/2022 10:24 AM
2	Keep the community food cupboards going! They are wonderful.	10/29/2022 9:16 PM

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3	Unfortunately it's foreseeable no man has answers to	10/27/2022 1:36 AM
4	loaves and fishes	10/25/2022 10:51 PM
5	Access to nutritional food through food bank programs like Loaves and Fishes	10/24/2022 8:38 AM
6	Lower grocery costs, lower rent and also lower housing costs.	10/23/2022 8:51 PM
7	Making help easier to ask for and receive. The application process is a nightmare.	10/22/2022 4:56 PM
8	I think the community is helping those in need a lot more than any other community I have lived in. The high cost of food is not helping the issue. Loaves and fishes is a huge help.	10/22/2022 2:42 PM
9	Inflation is to high	10/22/2022 12:30 PM
10	Quit allowing the VRBO'S to use up all the rentals. I live between Alger and Beck, close to Canal Park. There are 8 vacation rentals in a 2 block radius of me. As you know, Canal Park has a lot of homeless people. If people want a VRBO, then make a section of town for just that. No renting in the winter months either. It's no different than having a business and people coming and going. Better public transportation.	10/22/2022 10:39 AM
11	Affordable housing	10/22/2022 10:05 AM
12	I would like to see more job trainings offered. Also drug abuse help.	10/22/2022 8:43 AM
13	affordable housing	10/22/2022 8:31 AM
14	Higher wages, were I work I make 15 dollars an hour. This is not the field I have worked in my whole life however after rent phone and food there is nothing left	10/21/2022 8:45 PM
15	Supporting current organizations available.	10/21/2022 8:02 PM
16	Employees need to be a great deal more helpful. Help find programs that people can qualify for. Be more consistent in decision making. If you qualify for poverty programs you should qualify for others. I understand people like Brett Farve have abused the system, but not all people are dishonest. Need assistance with transportation. All of my medical specialist are a minimum of 200+ miles round trip. Have to cancel appointments lack of funds for gas & maintainence and co-pays. Is there any programs available to me to assist with vehicle expenses? If so could you let me know where to look.	10/21/2022 6:25 PM
17	Reach out to those people. Most are too proud to accept help	10/21/2022 1:35 PM
18	Have more engaging work programs that go out of their way to recruit people in, and more access to personal aid programs.	10/21/2022 1:22 PM
19	Try moving into the 21st century	10/21/2022 1:15 PM
20	Pray	10/21/2022 12:59 PM
21	The city & county needs to invest in affordable housing areas and get grants to help build them. Forward Cody money would be best used for a housing development for seniors and mid income households	10/21/2022 12:24 PM
22	Determine the root cause and direct them to social services that can best help them become more self sufficient.	10/21/2022 12:24 PM
23	Allow job sharing, ie one works am another pm for same job. Assistance with child care.	10/19/2022 9:13 PM
24	Stop and help families who are asking for help. We asked for help through the state for snap but aren't accepted by only \$100-\$200 but no one takes into consideration all the bills our money goes to just to survive, keep a roof over our heads and to make sure our utilities stay connected at all times. It's just not fair to families like ours who are working to keep it together when we can't even get a little help to put food into our home.	10/17/2022 5:08 PM
25	Lower taxes and help more with mental and physical difficulties	10/14/2022 10:26 AM
26	Businesses pay their employees a livable wage	10/13/2022 9:24 PM
27	Jobs for young families and daycare. Motivational help. Not sure why people don't want to work. Some businesses have to close down a few days because they don't have enough help!!!!?????	10/13/2022 7:12 PM

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28	by helping and understanding their needs	10/13/2022 12:31 PM
29	Housing. My landlord is getting ready to sell our house and there is NOTHING affordable to put a family of 4. WE are at risk of being fully employed but homeless.	10/13/2022 8:45 AM
30	Propping up folks to enable them to get and keep jobs	10/12/2022 3:55 PM
31	Park county needs all of these things to be improved and the rules to be looked at so that everyone can qualify. Not just people with kids.	10/12/2022 11:12 AM
32	More public transportation for all ages, not just seniors.	10/12/2022 8:07 AM
33	Lower housing costs and better insurances to cover dental and vision.	10/11/2022 10:18 PM
34	Somehow have one location for people to go to get the assistance they need. We have many groups that do provide assistance but it involves running all over town to that individual location and filling out repetitive paper work	10/11/2022 10:01 PM
35	Education	10/11/2022 6:15 PM
36	Expect adults to work instead of giving them government money.	10/11/2022 4:17 PM
37	Accept federal money and use it instead of yelling about government spending. USE IT! (I'm a Republican and have been forever.)	10/11/2022 3:26 PM
38	Higher wages, a decrease in inflation (cost of living), & more access to available programs.	10/11/2022 1:35 PM
39	Put some one in office to help people not rape	10/11/2022 11:08 AM
40	maybe more education about poverty although people in poverty are not inclined to seek help	10/11/2022 11:01 AM
41	Training in work ethics, employability, financial freedom from programs, self-worth	10/11/2022 10:22 AM
42	Affordable housing for young adults and young families that isn't falling down around us.	10/11/2022 9:48 AM
43	Financial planning and affordable housing	10/11/2022 9:47 AM
44	Realize that there is a problem, then collectively come up with solutions.	10/11/2022 9:45 AM
45	Build low-income affordable housing for all ages, not enough to support a sustainable workforce	10/11/2022 7:09 AM
46	Vocational rehabilitation with life skills, food donations, job skills training, affordable housing.	10/11/2022 7:02 AM
47	I really thinking allowing for the low income assistance to be put on a sliding scale would greatly help the community. If someone is not qualified for food stamps it could be by as little as \$2 dollars and they get \$0s for help. Or a sliding scale would just give them less than the full amount for their home.	10/11/2022 5:55 AM
48	Provide more affordable housing.	10/11/2022 4:38 AM
49	Higher wages and stop local businesses from price gouging the locals. Give up on marathon oil coming back and find actual ways for the state to fund schools and social programs. Care more about locals and less about giving raises to career politicians	10/10/2022 11:52 PM
50	improve the wages and more recourses for job seekers	10/10/2022 11:25 PM
51	N/a	10/10/2022 10:01 PM
52	??	10/10/2022 9:35 PM
53	Participation in community events	10/10/2022 9:33 PM
54	Better job finding services	10/10/2022 9:14 PM
55	General education classes like reading, math, English, nutrition, health, cooking, finance, life skills. Most people I worked with are just plain ignorant of many things that makes life just a little easier. I also see many of the poorer people with bad teeth and don't feel like they can afford to get them fixed.	10/10/2022 8:44 PM
56	The government needs to step back. Specifically the fed government but it starts local. If we ran on limited government and limited spending the hospitals wouldn't be dependent on the	10/10/2022 7:56 PM

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gov. To pay their bills and thereby fire good employees for poor reasons. The education system should be revamped similarly with parents wishes in mind not the other way around

57	Educate them	10/10/2022 7:50 PM
58	Get them a job	10/10/2022 7:36 PM
59	Lower property taxes	10/10/2022 7:30 PM
60	more support for addiction rehabilitation as well as mental health services. The most important would be more housing opportunities for low income and moderate income. For example, my husband and I make too much for low income housing, but struggled to find something that we could afford. I think it is especially important that people stuck in the poverty cycle are able to get out.	10/10/2022 7:14 PM
61	Stop judging and start helping	10/10/2022 6:58 PM
62	Have local recourses and public bus services for low income workers. Also set a local minimum wage.	10/10/2022 6:31 PM
63	Raise the minimum wage. Create affordable housing.	10/10/2022 6:09 PM
64	I am not sure, if more is available, will the one's who need it truly use it or just a lot of the scammers who don't need it.	10/10/2022 5:16 PM
65	Provide services for the most basic necessary living expenses. Teach them how to save their money and work towards their goals. Assistance buying homes or finding rentals that are inexpensive	10/10/2022 5:09 PM
66	More higher paying jobs and more affordable rentals. To control the number of Airbnb's	10/10/2022 4:59 PM
67	Affordable health care, financial training, down-payment help for purchasing a home, child care	10/10/2022 4:50 PM
68	Provide clear and easy access to services. Have assistance information all in one place. Make housing affordable for the people who actually work here.	10/10/2022 4:44 PM
69	With the increase in taxes it's difficult for landlords to keep rent reasonable. Medical care can bankrupt people who have worked hard their entire life. I just don't know!	10/10/2022 4:43 PM
70	Don't know	10/10/2022 4:34 PM
71	When the costs of EVERYTHING are high, people can't afford to live. We make out well in our household and do t spend too frivolously, yet we are even finding it difficult to purchase groceries for our family, or put fuel in my vehicle since I have to commute every day from Powell to Cody for work. Those combined could easily be 600+ a month. Then you add in your rennet/mortgage, your health coverage, utility bills, etc. park county is no longer a place where people can afford to live. I have employees who have told me they may have to resort to living in their cars just so they can afford food. I've loved living in park county but it's out of hand.	10/10/2022 4:05 PM
72	Help and assistance should come with compliance to work and attend training for their benefit	10/10/2022 4:05 PM
73	In our case, we are those that " fall between the gap " ...too much income to get any government assistance but not enough to pay for medical insurance...and needed repairs to home, to eat nutritionally, to heat our home. We have wonderful medical facilities in Park County so the services are available to those who have insurance. If you happen to qualify for medical, dental, housing, fuel, and food assistance...you are good to go here. I think property taxes, housing repair, and other expenses has driven rent up. Although wages are increasing, it would be difficult for 2 parents working full time @ \$ 18.00/hr and paying for childcare to afford housing. Inflation has driven cost of food, gas , and utilities up (Thanks Joe/Democrats) so difficult for many to make ends meet. It is a national problem, not just here but I think property taxes could be controlled locally.	10/10/2022 4:05 PM
74	education and motivation	10/10/2022 3:59 PM
75	Compare wages in what people would be paying for rent and what would be left to live on..	10/10/2022 3:53 PM
76	The grocery and gas prices are way too high.	10/10/2022 3:46 PM
77	Cost of living is to high and income to low making affordable dental, health, life insurance unaffordable.	10/10/2022 3:44 PM

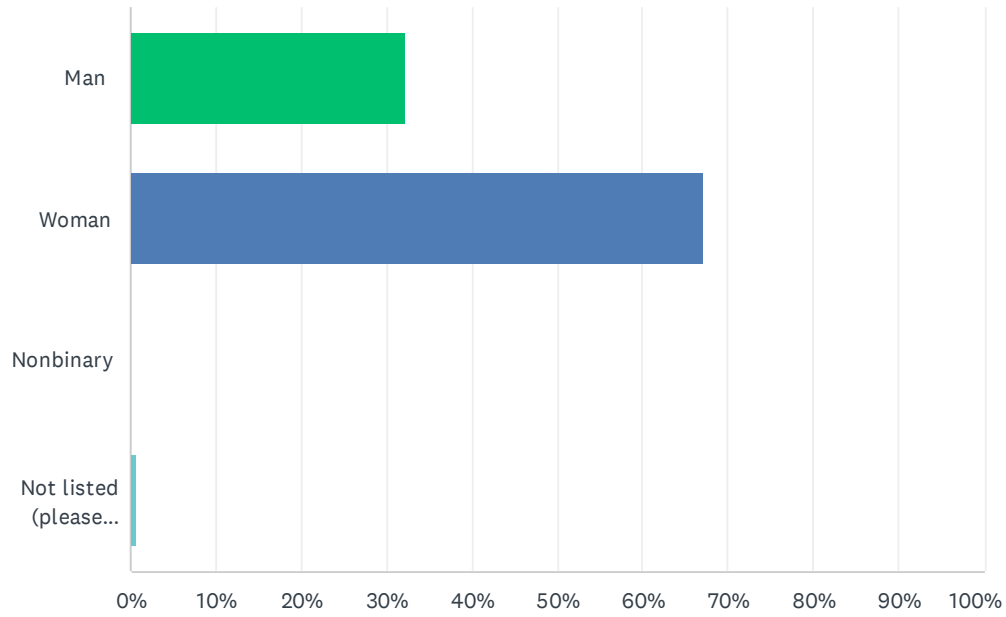
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78	Services in one spot and one application	10/10/2022 3:16 PM
79	Offer classes for people to take	10/10/2022 3:09 PM
80	Helping people without making them feel bad about needing assistance. A lot of assistance programs aren't really known to people who could really benefit from them.	10/10/2022 3:01 PM
81	Job training. Working to motivate people to have the desire to work.	10/10/2022 3:00 PM
82	the mental health and other medical services in the area are a joke. providers aren't trustworthy and the institutions are very poorly managed from top to bottom.	10/10/2022 2:59 PM
83	Better access to nutrition, medical care, appropriate medication, car repairs, gas	10/10/2022 2:58 PM
84	TRUE information on our public servants and more easy access to available help	10/10/2022 2:52 PM
85	Just help then help themselves	10/10/2022 2:52 PM
86	By being alot more caring and understanding. Giving more of a hand up, than a hand out. Making people, accountable for their actions!	10/10/2022 2:50 PM
87	Providing self development classes, events, seems that a lot of the community has a problem with being able to work on a consistent basis and stay working hard, just a product of how our modern society shapes younger individuals	10/10/2022 2:49 PM
88	free quality public education affordable child care (daycare etc.) support for the caregivers of elderly/disabled family members living wages	10/10/2022 2:41 PM
89	Actually help people who are in need. Raise that household income limit because its too low and no one can get ahead	10/10/2022 2:37 PM
90	Employers, from Walmart to Northwest College, squeeze every bit of labor possible out of someone while keeping hours *just* low enough to make sure workers are part-time and not eligible for benefits, promotion, etc. Too many white collar jobs are contract-to-contract (no stability) or minimum wage (not enough to afford to live alone without assistance). And how the hell is it possible to be too poor for Medicaid?!	10/10/2022 2:35 PM
91	Bring down housing & fuel prices	10/10/2022 2:32 PM
92	Lower the Costs of everything	10/10/2022 2:29 PM

Q34 What is your gender?

Answered: 171 Skipped: 48

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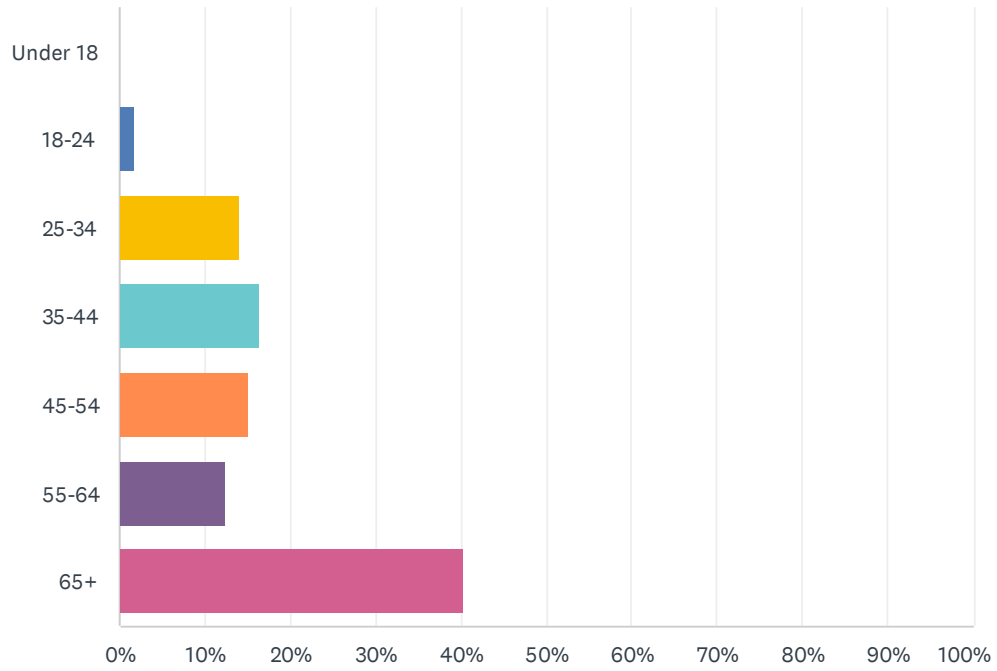
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Man	32.16% 55
Woman	67.25% 115
Nonbinary	0.00% 0
Not listed (please identify)	0.58% 1
TOTAL	171

#	NOT LISTED (PLEASE IDENTIFY)	DATE
1	Transman	10/11/2022 12:16 PM

Q35 What is your age?

Answered: 171 Skipped: 48

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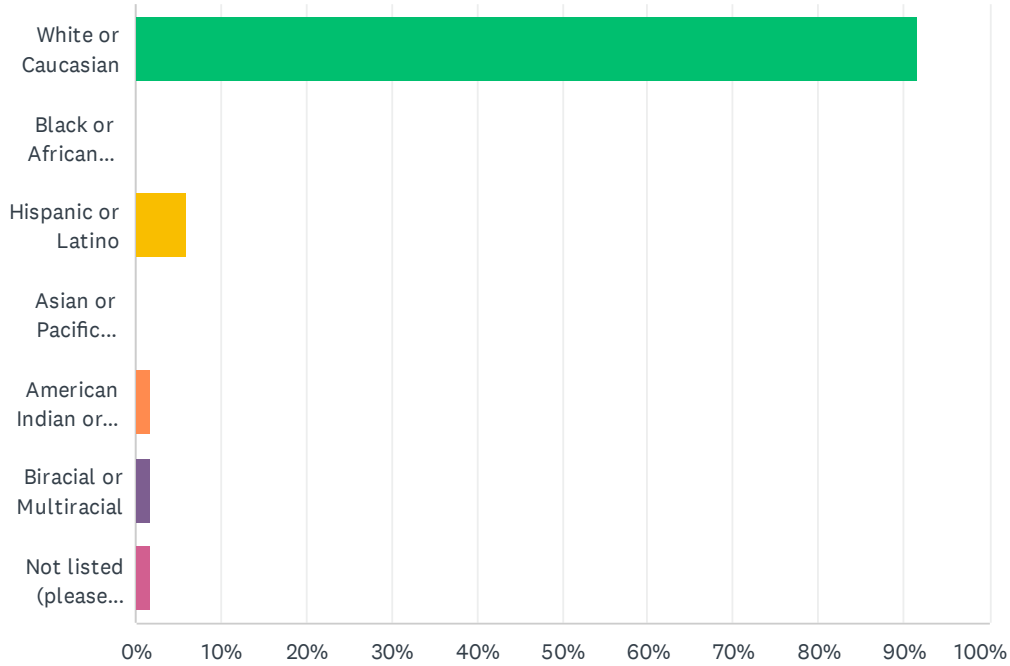


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
18-24	1.75%	3
25-34	14.04%	24
35-44	16.37%	28
45-54	15.20%	26
55-64	12.28%	21
65+	40.35%	69
TOTAL		171

Q36 What best describes your race and ethnicity? Mark all that apply.

Answered: 170 Skipped: 49

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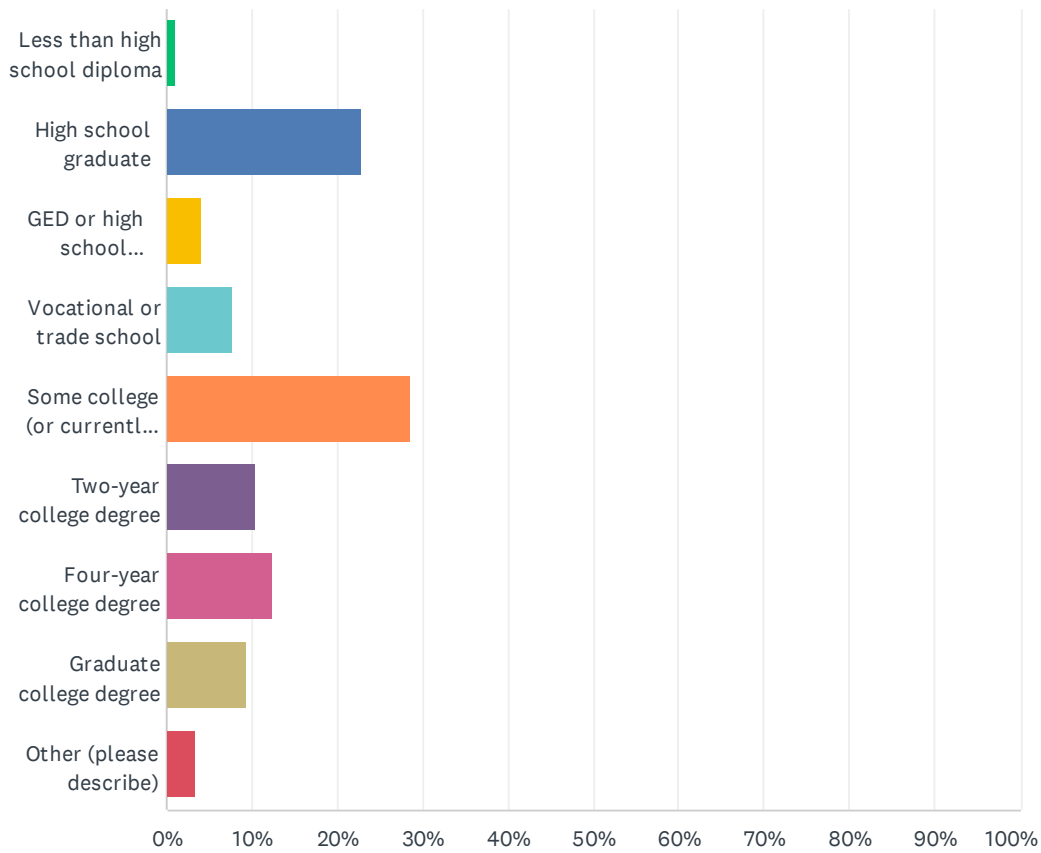
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
White or Caucasian	91.76%	156
Black or African American	0.00%	0
Hispanic or Latino	5.88%	10
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.00%	0
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1.76%	3
Biracial or Multiracial	1.76%	3
Not listed (please identify)	1.76%	3
Total Respondents: 170		

#	NOT LISTED (PLEASE IDENTIFY)	DATE
1	Hawaiian	10/17/2022 5:09 PM
2	N/A	10/10/2022 7:51 PM
3	No ones business	10/10/2022 2:54 PM

Q37 What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Answered: 171 Skipped: 48

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Less than high school diploma	1.17% 2
High school graduate	22.81% 39
GED or high school equivalency	4.09% 7
Vocational or trade school	7.60% 13
Some college (or currently in college)	28.65% 49
Two-year college degree	10.53% 18
Four-year college degree	12.28% 21
Graduate college degree	9.36% 16
Other (please describe)	3.51% 6
TOTAL	171

#	OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE)	DATE
1	I had formal training as a keypunch operator in the U.S. Army	10/22/2022 2:44 PM
2	Two year +other college courses and vocational training.	10/10/2022 8:47 PM
3	Doctor of Pharmacy	10/10/2022 4:45 PM
4	Masters	10/10/2022 3:12 PM
5	Doctor	10/10/2022 3:10 PM

Q38 What is the highest level of education of the other adult(s) in your household? Mark all that apply.

Answered: 170 Skipped: 49

