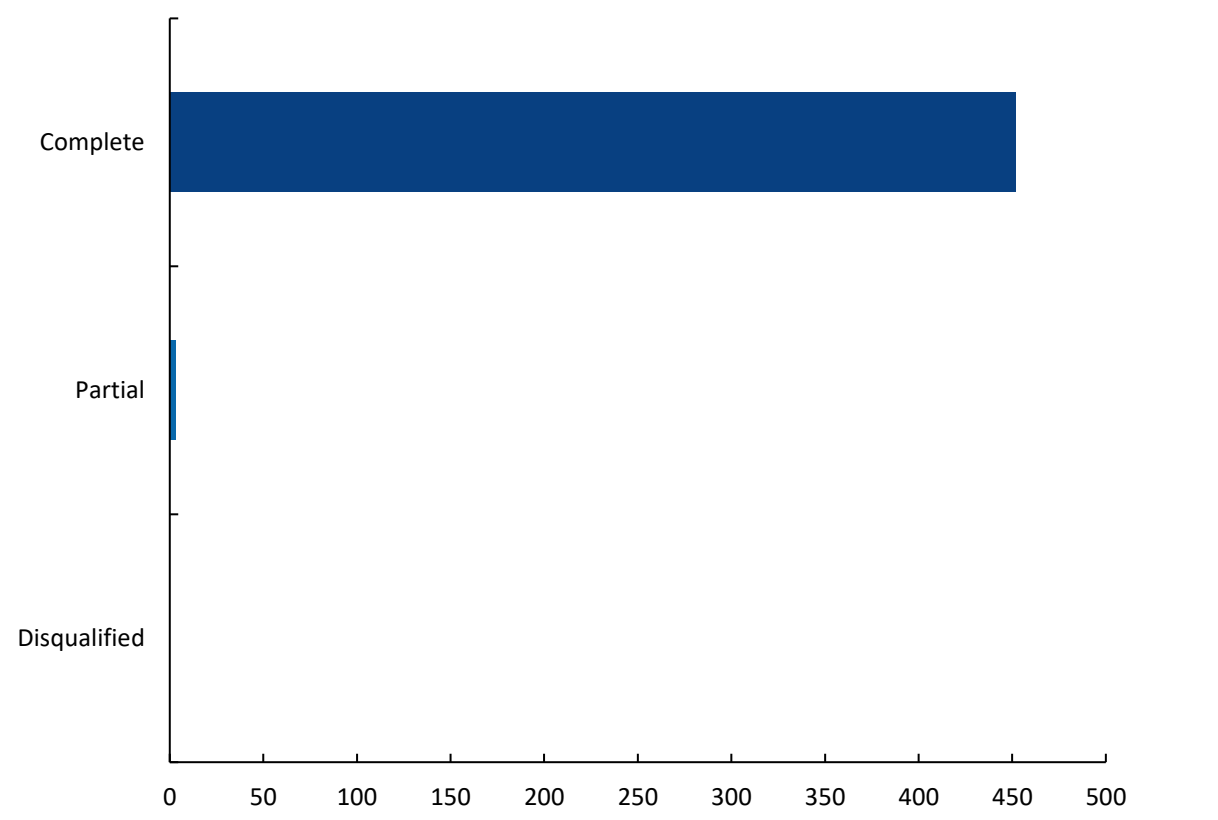


# Report for Williamsburg Community Survey

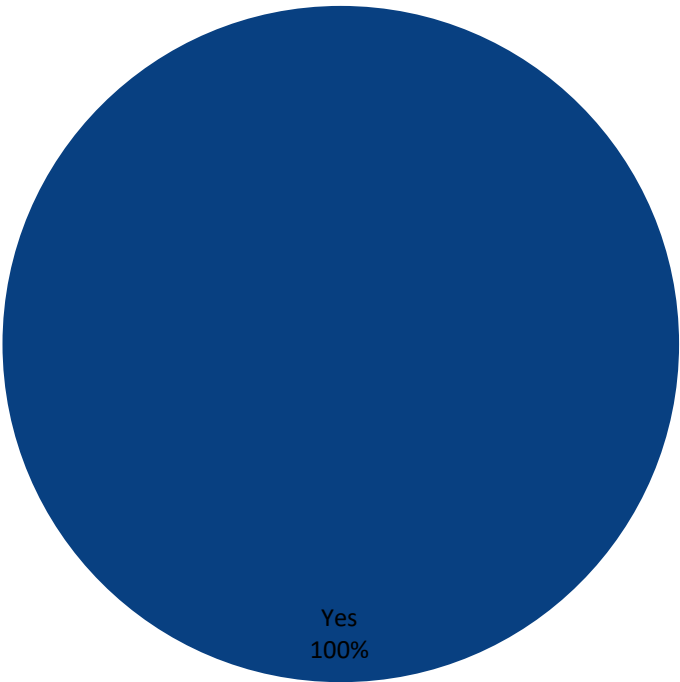
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Response Statistics



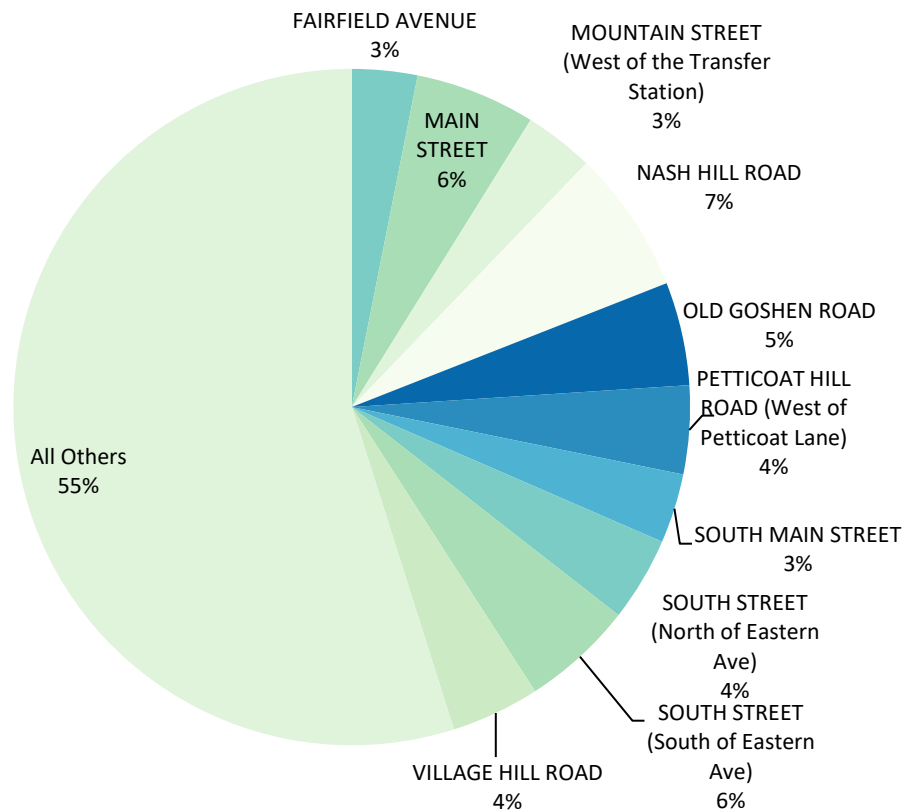
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Complete	452	99.3
Partial	3	0.7
Disqualified	0	0
Totals	455	

1.Do you live in the Town of Williamsburg?



Value	Percent	Count
Yes	100.0%	454
	Totals	454

## 2.What street do you live on? (please choose one)



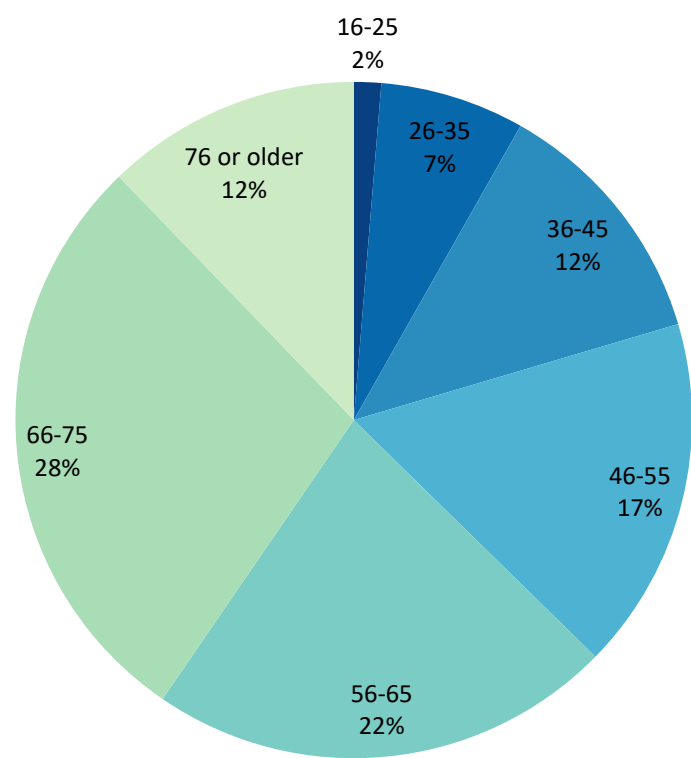
Value	Percent	Count
ADAMS ROAD	2.4%	11
ASHFIELD ROAD	2.0%	9
BRIAR HILL ROAD	2.0%	9
BRIDGE STREET	0.2%	1
BUTTONSHOP ROAD	0.4%	2
CHESTERFIELD ROAD	2.2%	10
CIDER MILL ROAD	0.4%	2
CLARY ROAD	0.2%	1
COLE ROAD	1.5%	7
CONWAY ROAD	0.4%	2

DANSEREAU ROAD	0.2%	1
DEER HAVEN DRIVE	1.3%	6
DEPOT ROAD	0.9%	4
DEWEY CIRCLE	0.9%	4
EAST MAIN STREET	1.1%	5
EASTERN AVENUE	1.3%	6
EDWARDS STREET	0.2%	1
FAIRFIELD AVENUE	3.1%	14
FORT HILL ROAD	0.9%	4
GOSHEN ROAD (West of Hyde Hill Road)	0.9%	4
GOSHEN ROAD (East of Hyde Hill Road)	1.1%	5
GROVE STREET	0.4%	2
HATFIELD ROAD	0.9%	4
HEMENWAY ROAD	2.0%	9
HIGH STREET	2.6%	12
HILLENBRAND ROAD	1.1%	5
HYDE HILL BRANCH	0.2%	1
HYDE HILL ROAD	2.6%	12
ICE ROAD	0.4%	2
JUDD LANE	2.0%	9
KELLOGG ROAD	0.2%	1

KINGSLEY AVENUE	2.4%	11
LAUREL ROAD	0.2%	1
LAWTON HILL ROAD	0.4%	2
MAIN STREET	5.7%	26
MAPLE STREET	0.2%	1
MOUNTAIN STREET (West of the Transfer Station)	3.3%	15
MOUNTAIN STREET (East of the Transfer Station)	1.5%	7
NASH HILL PLACE	0.7%	3
NASH HILL ROAD	6.8%	31
NICHOLS ROAD	0.4%	2
NORTH FARMS ROAD	1.8%	8
NORTH KELLOGG ROAD	0.2%	1
NORTH MAIN STREET	2.9%	13
NORTH STREET	2.2%	10
OLD GOSHEN ROAD	4.9%	22
O'NEIL ROAD	1.3%	6
PETTICOAT HILL ROAD (West of Petticoat Lane)	4.2%	19
PETTICOAT HILL ROAD (East of Petticoat Lane)	1.1%	5
PETTICOAT LANE	0.4%	2
PINE STREET	1.1%	5

SOLAR CIRCLE	0.7%	3
SOUTH MAIN STREET	3.3%	15
SOUTH STREET (North of Eastern Ave)	4.0%	18
SOUTH STREET (South of Eastern Ave)	5.3%	24
THE LOPE	0.2%	1
VALLEY VIEW ROAD	1.5%	7
VILLAGE HILL AVENUE	1.1%	5
VILLAGE HILL ROAD	4.2%	19
WALPOLE ROAD	0.2%	1
WILLIAMS STREET	0.9%	4
OTHER - Write In (Required)	0.2%	1
	Totals	453

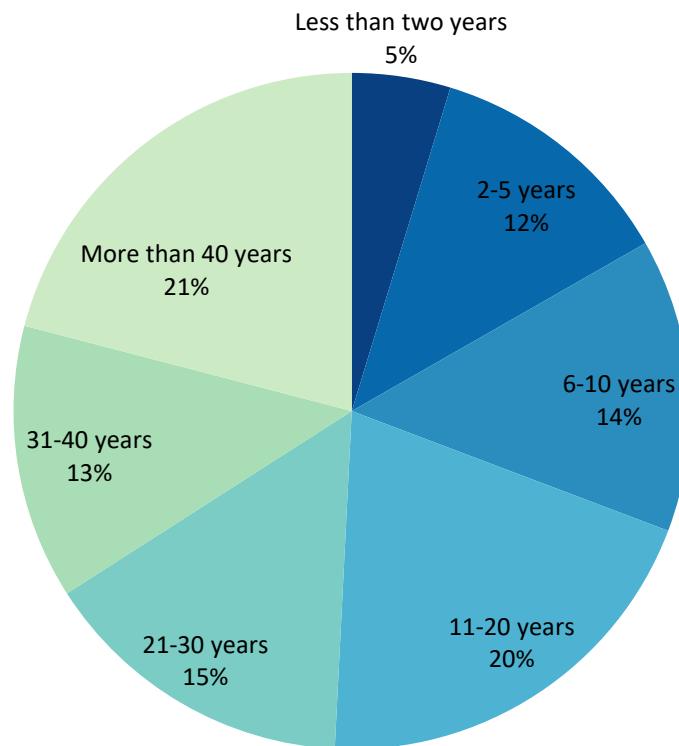
3.What is your age?



Value	Percent	Count
16-25	1.3%	6
26-35	6.9%	31
36-45	12.2%	55
46-55	16.9%	76
56-65	22.2%	100
66-75	28.2%	127
76 or older	12.2%	55
	Totals	450

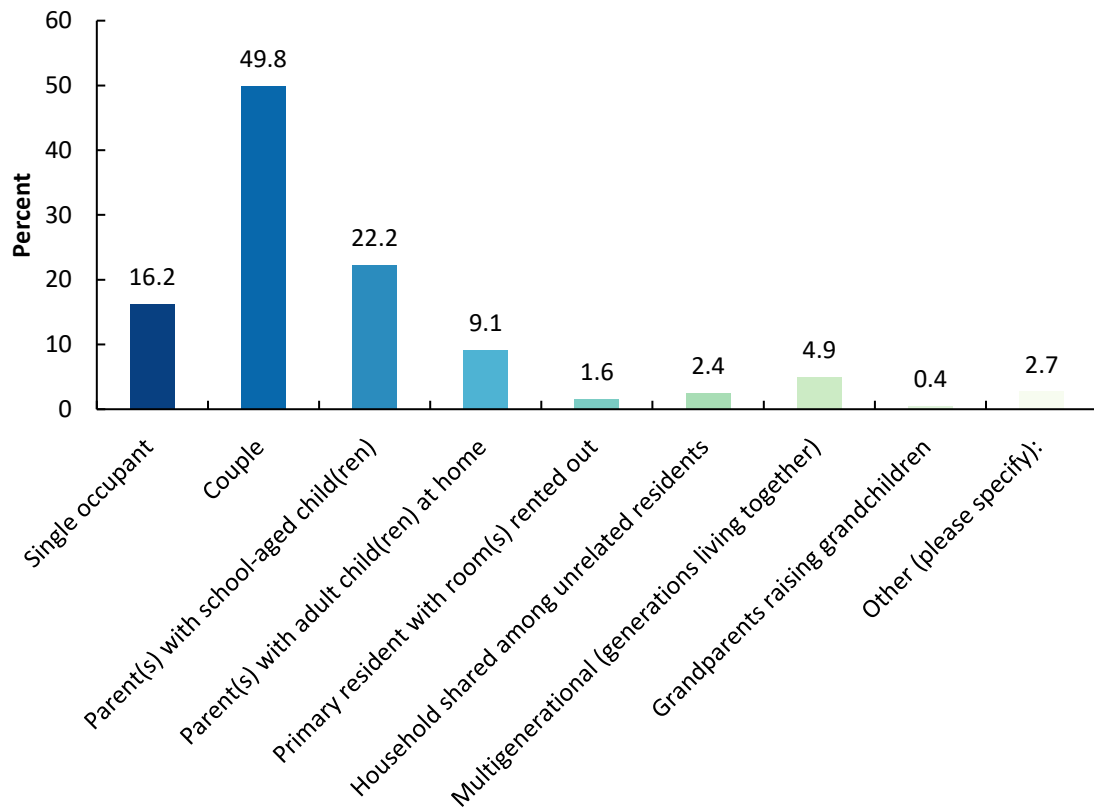


#### 4.How many years have you lived in Williamsburg?



Value	Percent	Count
Less than two years	4.7%	21
2-5 years	12.0%	54
6-10 years	14.0%	63
11-20 years	20.0%	90
21-30 years	15.1%	68
31-40 years	13.1%	59
More than 40 years	20.9%	94
	Totals	449

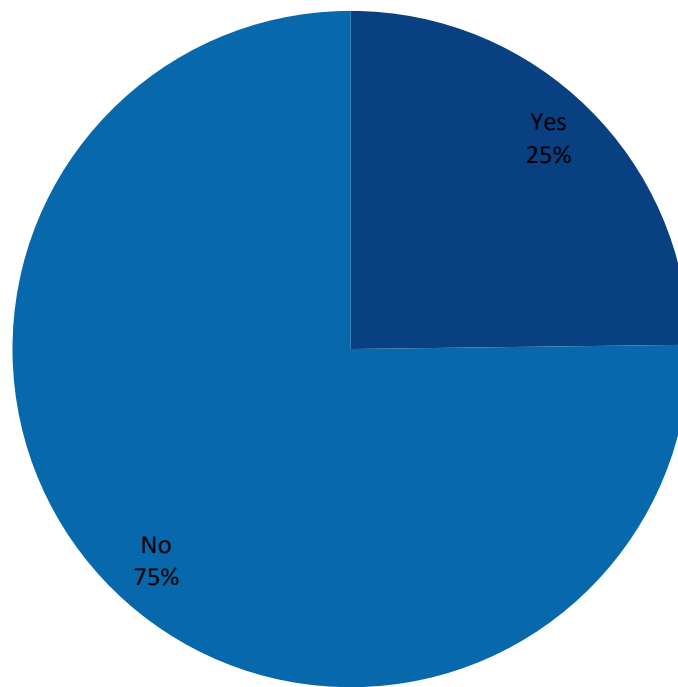
## 5.Which of these describe your household? (Check all that apply)



Value	Percent	Count
Single occupant	16.2%	73
Couple	49.8%	224
Parent(s) with school-aged child(ren)	22.2%	100
Parent(s) with adult child(ren) at home	9.1%	41
Primary resident with room(s) rented out	1.6%	7
Household shared among unrelated residents	2.4%	11
Multigenerational (generations living together)	4.9%	22
Grandparents raising	0.4%	2

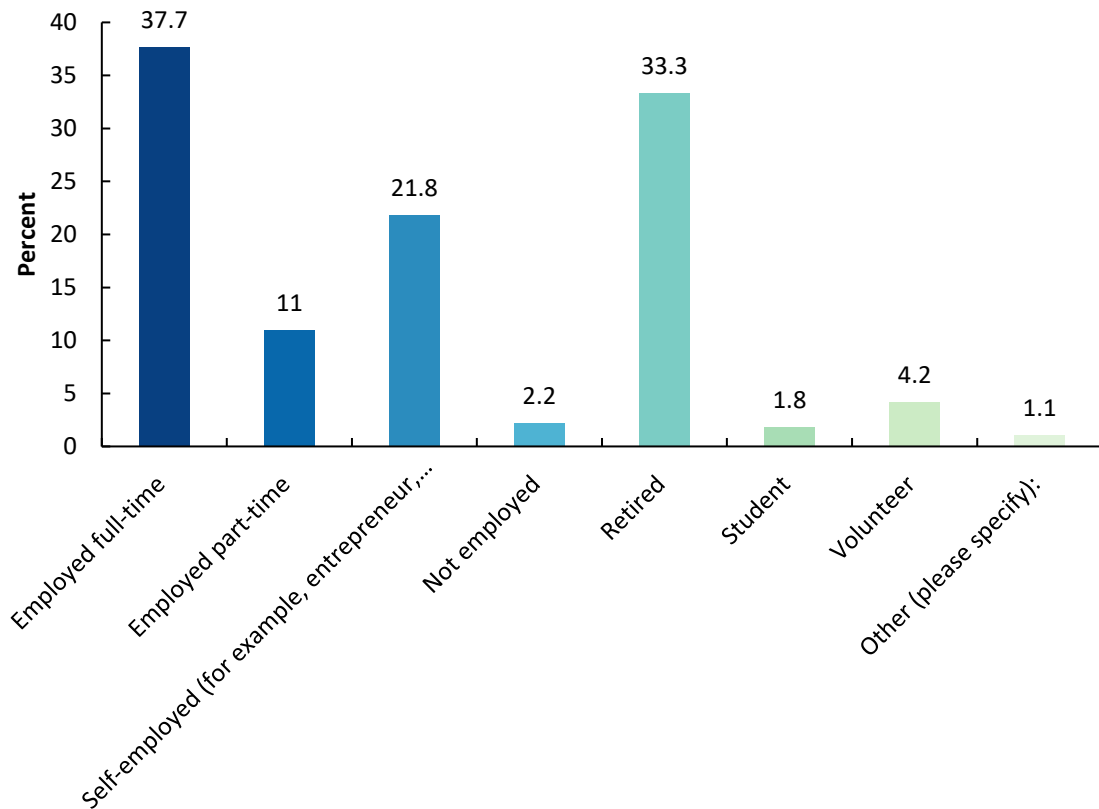
grandchildren		
Other (please specify):	2.7%	12

**6.Do you have at least one child under the age of 18 living with you?**



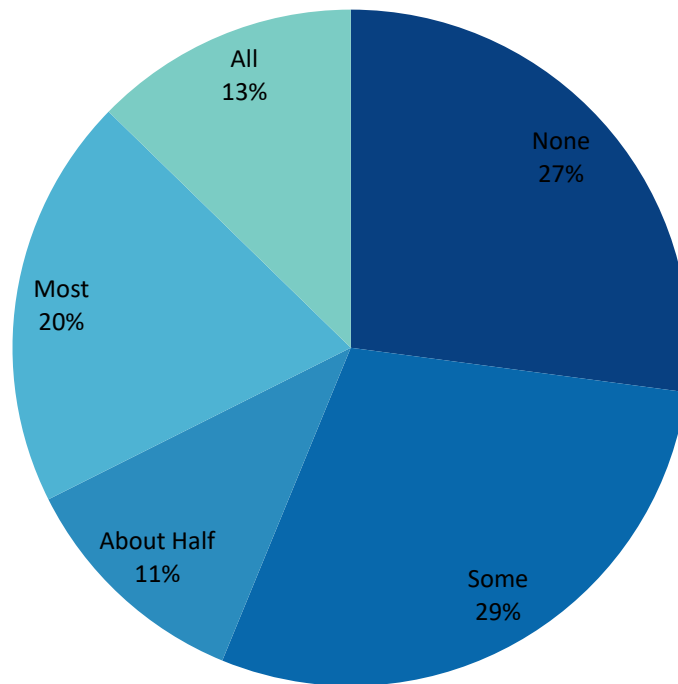
Value	Percent	Count
Yes	24.8%	112
No	75.2%	340
	Totals	452

**7.Which of the following categories best describes your employment status?  
Select all that apply.**



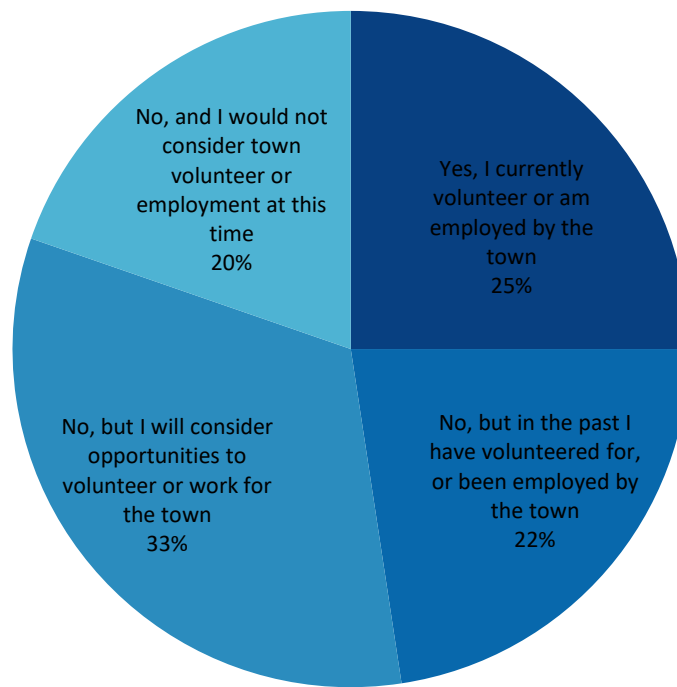
Value	Percent	Count
Employed full-time	37.7%	171
Employed part-time	11.0%	50
Self-employed (for example, entrepreneur, gig worker, home-based business, farmer)	21.8%	99
Not employed	2.2%	10
Retired	33.3%	151
Student	1.8%	8
Volunteer	4.2%	19
Other (please specify):	1.1%	5

**8.If you are currently employed, what amount of your working time do you spend working from home?**



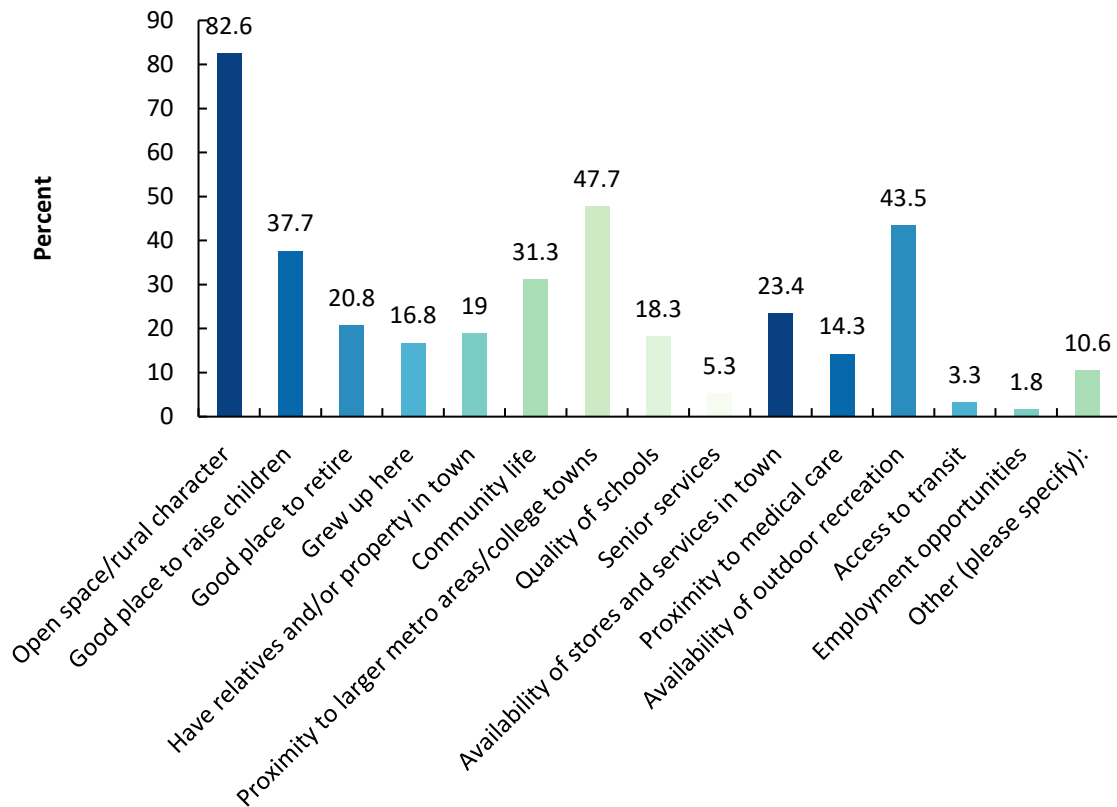
Value	Percent	Count
None	27.1%	81
Some	29.1%	87
About Half	11.4%	34
Most	19.7%	59
All	12.7%	38
	Totals	299

## 9. Have you volunteered or been employed by the Town of Williamsburg?



Value	Percent	Count
Yes, I currently volunteer or am employed by the town	25.0%	113
No, but in the past I have volunteered for, or been employed by the town	22.6%	102
No, but I will consider opportunities to volunteer or work for the town	32.7%	148
No, and I would not consider town volunteer or employment at this time	19.7%	89
	Totals	452

**10.What are the most important reasons why you live in Williamsburg?  
(Choose up to five)**



Value	Percent	Count
Open space/rural character	82.6%	374
Good place to raise children	37.7%	171
Good place to retire	20.8%	94
Grew up here	16.8%	76
Have relatives and/or property in town	19.0%	86
Community life	31.3%	142
Proximity to larger metro areas/college towns	47.7%	216
Quality of schools	18.3%	83

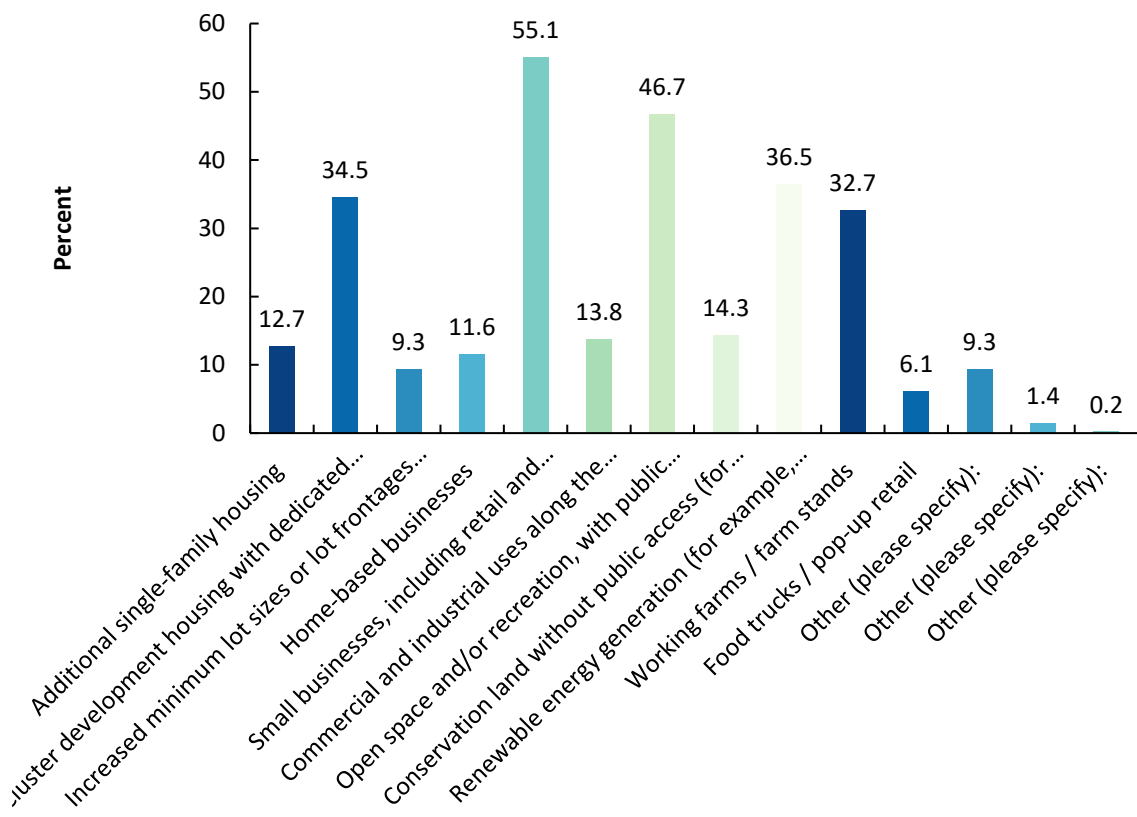


Senior services	5.3%	24
Availability of stores and services in town	23.4%	106
Proximity to medical care	14.3%	65
Availability of outdoor recreation	43.5%	197
Access to transit	3.3%	15
Employment opportunities	1.8%	8
Other (please specify):	10.6%	48

**11.A town comprehensive plan is intended to look ahead over a ten-year period. The state requires a common set of seven plan elements. How would you rate the importance of each comprehensive plan element below? Are there any additional topics that you think are important?**

	High Priority		Medium Priority		Lower Priority		Responses
	Count	Row %	Count	Row %	Count	Row %	Count
Land Use	319	71.4%	115	25.7%	13	2.9%	447
Housing	210	47.1%	170	38.1%	66	14.8%	446
Economic Development	156	35.7%	230	52.6%	51	11.7%	437
Natural and Cultural Resources	285	64.8%	125	28.4%	30	6.8%	440
Open Space and Recreation	297	66.1%	126	28.1%	26	5.8%	449
Services and Facilities	183	41.9%	214	49.0%	40	9.2%	437
Transportation	124	28.9%	208	48.5%	97	22.6%	429

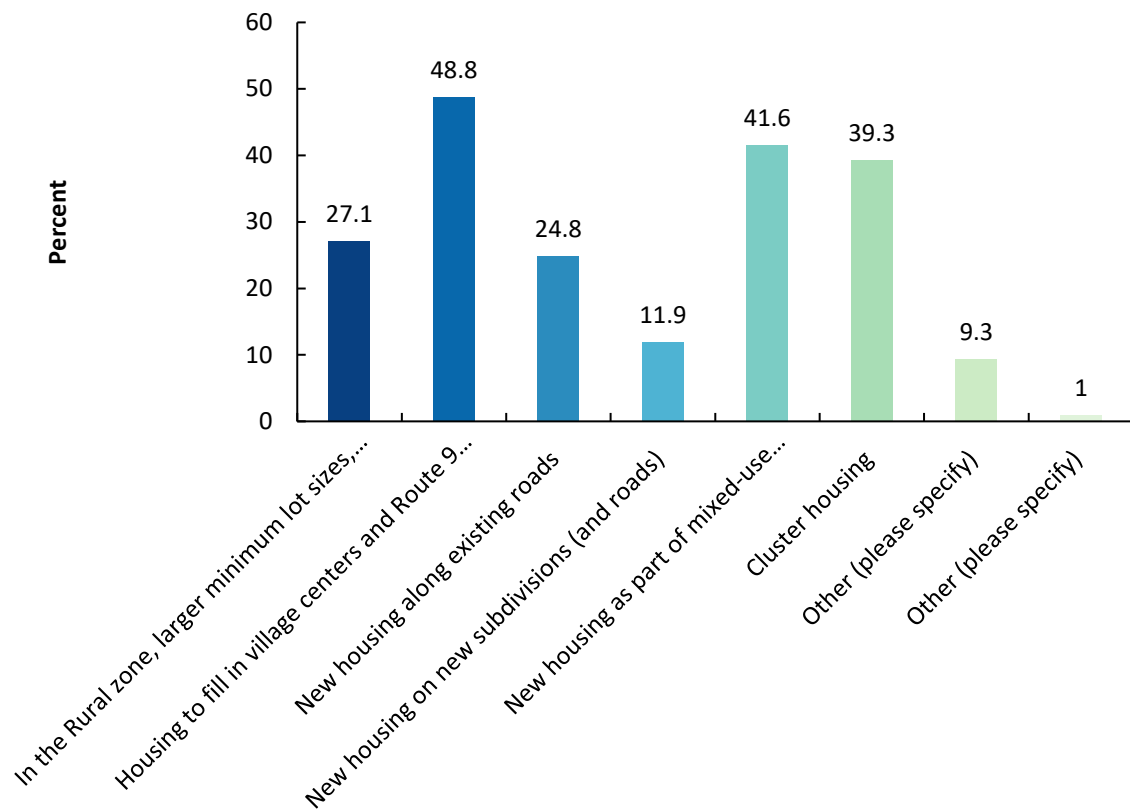
**12. Our last land use reform was in the mid-90s when the current zoning map and lot size minimums were established. More businesses and houses could increase the tax base but may compromise the “small town feel” and increase demand on public services. Thinking about this, over the next 10 years, which of the items below should the town prioritize? (Choose up to three)**



Value	Percent	Count
Additional single-family housing	12.7%	56
Cluster development housing with dedicated open space	34.5%	152
Increased minimum lot sizes or lot frontages in the rural zone	9.3%	41
Home-based businesses	11.6%	51
Small businesses, including retail and restaurants	55.1%	243
Commercial and industrial uses along the Route 9 corridor	13.8%	61

Open space and/or recreation, with public access	46.7%	206
Conservation land without public access (for example, a wildlife refuge)	14.3%	63
Renewable energy generation (for example, solar, wind)	36.5%	161
Working farms / farm stands	32.7%	144
Food trucks / pop-up retail	6.1%	27
Other (please specify):	9.3%	41
Other (please specify):	1.4%	6
Other (please specify):	0.2%	1

**13. Which, if any, of the following zoning changes are worth exploring (Choose up to three):**



Value	Percent	Count
In the Rural zone, larger minimum lot sizes, frontages, or setbacks	27.1%	105
Housing to fill in village centers and Route 9 corridor using smaller lot sizes, frontages, or setbacks	48.8%	189
New housing along existing roads	24.8%	96
New housing on new subdivisions (and roads)	11.9%	46
New housing as part of mixed-use commercial/residential development	41.6%	161
Cluster housing	39.3%	152

Other (please specify)	9.3%	36
Other (please specify)	1.0%	4

**14.I would like to see the Town encourage the following types of new housing:  
(Rank your top three)**

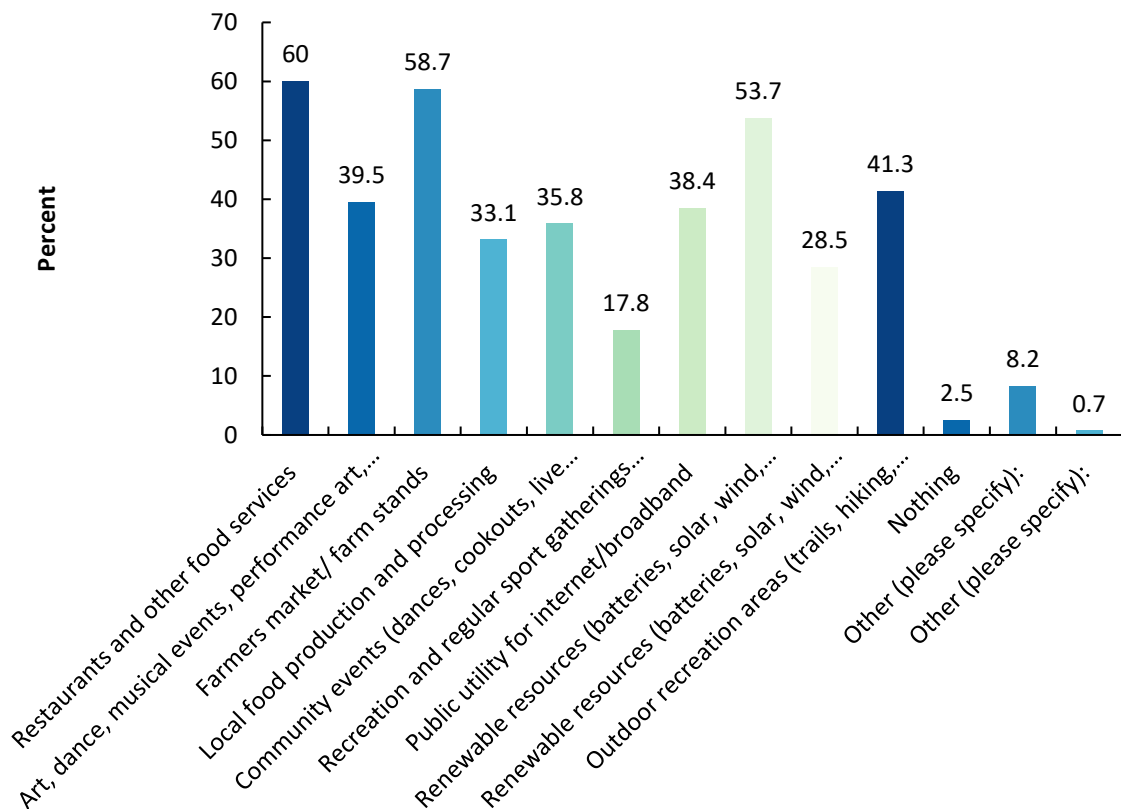
Item	Overall Rank	Score	Total Respondents
Housing for all income levels	1	2,077	160
Senior housing (independent or assisted living)	2	1,823	143
Cluster housing (all ages)	3	1,743	133
Tiny houses	4	1,697	131
Single family homes	5	1,470	111
Accessory apartments	6	1,336	103
Housing that is accessible to people with disabilities	7	1,126	91
Multi-family homes (3-4 units, such as townhouses)	8	924	73
Two-family homes	9	759	61
Conversion of single family to multifamily units	10	702	57
The town should not encourage new housing of any sort	11	611	45
Cluster housing (age restricted)	12	375	30
Owner occupied with rental rooms	13	325	27
Apartment buildings	14	122	10

**15. There are trade-offs among development, town revenues, tax rates, and many other aspects of town life. Development can bring in additional town funds, but may have other consequences, sometimes unintended. Thinking about this, over the next 10 years should the town aim to encourage, discourage, or make no change to:**

	Encourage		Discourage		No change		Responses
	Count	Row %	Count	Row %	Count	Row %	Count
Rural character and feeling	310	71.8%	7	1.6%	115	26.6%	432
Residential housing development	173	41.8%	78	18.8%	163	39.4%	414
Stores and businesses in villages	358	83.6%	5	1.2%	65	15.2%	428
Stores and businesses across town	218	53.0%	48	11.7%	145	35.3%	411
Industrial development	47	11.2%	245	58.6%	126	30.1%	418
Agricultural development	347	81.5%	6	1.4%	73	17.1%	426
Travel and tourism development	200	48.1%	55	13.2%	161	38.7%	416
Historical preservation	301	71.0%	9	2.1%	114	26.9%	424
Historic district zoning restrictions	150	36.5%	50	12.2%	211	51.3%	411



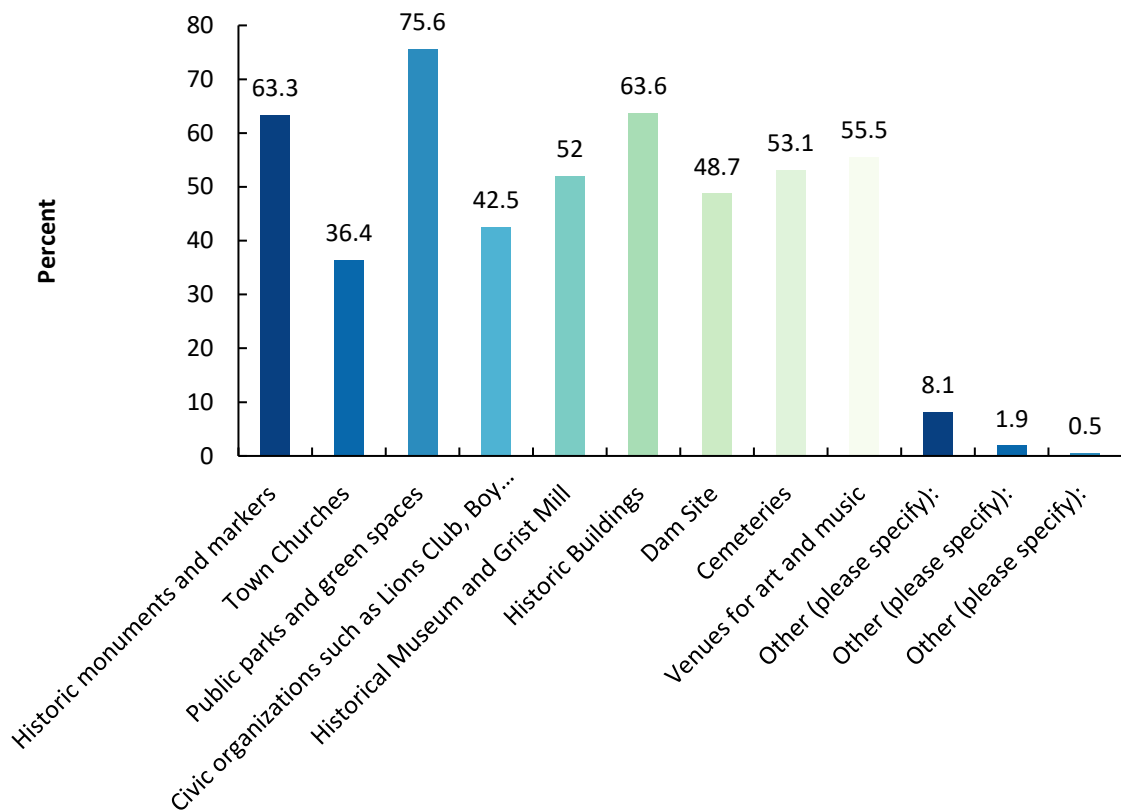
**16.What would you like to see more of in the Town of Williamsburg? (Choose up to five)**



Value	Percent	Count
Restaurants and other food services	60.0%	263
Art, dance, musical events, performance art, public space art, etc.	39.5%	173
Farmers market/ farm stands	58.7%	257
Local food production and processing	33.1%	145
Community events (dances, cookouts, live music, field day, etc)	35.8%	157
Recreation and regular sport gatherings (tennis, softball, volleyball, pickleball, etc.)	17.8%	78

Public utility for internet/broadband	38.4%	168
Renewable resources (batteries, solar, wind, etc.) on public and municipal land and buildings	53.7%	235
Renewable resources (batteries, solar, wind, etc.) on private property	28.5%	125
Outdoor recreation areas (trails, hiking, picnicking)	41.3%	181
Nothing	2.5%	11
Other (please specify):	8.2%	36
Other (please specify):	0.7%	3

**17. Which of these do you feel would be important to support, restore, and preserve? (Choose all that apply)**



Value	Percent	Count
Historic monuments and markers	63.3%	273
Town Churches	36.4%	157
Public parks and green spaces	75.6%	326
Civic organizations such as Lions Club, Boy Scouts, The Grange	42.5%	183
Historical Museum and Grist Mill	52.0%	224
Historic Buildings	63.6%	274
Dam Site	48.7%	210
Cemeteries	53.1%	229

Venues for art and music	55.5%	239
Other (please specify):	8.1%	35
Other (please specify):	1.9%	8
Other (please specify):	0.5%	2

**18. Please check all of the following activities that you enjoy (in Williamsburg or elsewhere):**

	Participate Regularly in Williamsburg		Participate Elsewhere		Total Checks
	Checks	Row Check %	Checks	Row Check %	Checks
Walking (on roads)	335	71.1%	136	28.9%	471
Hiking (on trails)	300	64%	169	36%	469
Bird/nature watching	279	72.7%	105	27.3%	384
Bicycling (on roads or bike paths)	159	56.4%	123	43.6%	282
Mountain biking	36	45.6%	43	54.4%	79
Horseback riding	7	20%	28	80%	35
Dog walking	174	71.6%	69	28.4%	243
Visiting a dog park	2	3.6%	53	96.4%	55
Hunting	24	57.1%	18	42.9%	42
Fishing/ice fishing	29	41.4%	41	58.6%	70
Non-motorized boating	14	10.3%	122	89.7%	136
Swimming	74	27.6%	194	72.4%	268
Court sports	26	38.8%	41	61.2%	67
Playing team sports	10	21.3%	37	78.7%	47
Snowshoeing	108	63.5%	62	36.5%	170
Cross-country skiing	67	46.2%	78	53.8%	145
Snowmobiling	15	53.6%	13	46.4%	28

Ice skating	33	32.4%	69	67.6%	102
Off-road, all-terrain vehicle recreation	13	39.4%	20	60.6%	33
Skateboarding	1	6.3%	15	93.8%	16

**19.How would you like the town to invest in services and facilities over the next 10 years?**

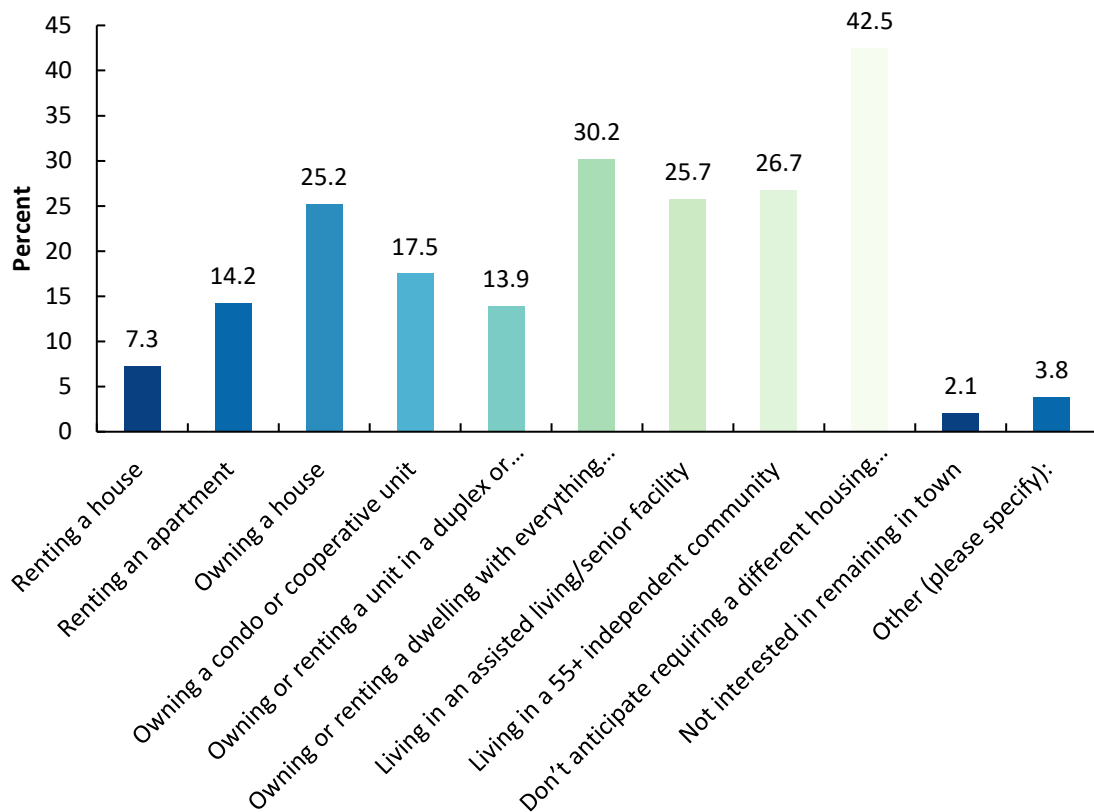
	Increase investment		Decrease investment		No change		Responses
	Count	Row %	Count	Row %	Count	Row %	Count
Roadway maintenance	209	50.1%	13	3.1%	195	46.8%	417
Plowing	72	17.7%	14	3.4%	321	78.9%	407
Emergency and first-responder services	134	33.0%	15	3.7%	257	63.3%	406
Climate resilience and emergency planning	293	71.3%	18	4.4%	100	24.3%	411
Historic town-owned buildings	185	45.7%	21	5.2%	199	49.1%	405
Water systems	141	36.3%	5	1.3%	242	62.4%	388
Sewer system	113	29.3%	7	1.8%	266	68.9%	386
Transfer station	73	18.6%	5	1.3%	314	80.1%	392
Board of Health services	74	19.2%	14	3.6%	298	77.2%	386
Public libraries	199	48.5%	20	4.9%	191	46.6%	410
Senior services	193	48.1%	7	1.7%	201	50.1%	401
Tree services	154	38.9%	10	2.5%	232	58.6%	396
Public utility for internet/broadband	253	62.8%	10	2.5%	140	34.7%	403
Regional partnerships for services	203	53.0%	6	1.6%	174	45.4%	383

**20. Williamsburg is anticipating many changes to the transportation infrastructure over the next decade with the reconstruction of several major thoroughfares, the Mill River Greenway, two new bridges in the center of Haydenville over the Mill River, and a connection to the Northampton bike path. With that in mind, please consider the following question: How would you like the town to invest in services and facilities over the next 10 years?**

	Increase investment		Decrease investment		No change		Responses
	Count	Row %	Count	Row %	Count	Row %	Count
Bike lanes on roads	243	59.7%	45	11.1%	119	29.2%	407
Maintenance for existing roads and sidewalks	262	63.3%	7	1.7%	145	35.0%	414
Add new sidewalks	239	59.3%	19	4.7%	145	36.0%	403
Road signage	73	18.6%	29	7.4%	291	74.0%	393
Public parking	85	21.6%	24	6.1%	285	72.3%	394
Public transportation options (bus, taxi, ride-sharing)	174	43.7%	17	4.3%	207	52.0%	398
Streetscapes (street trees, landscaping, street furnishings) in business areas and village centers	199	48.8%	18	4.4%	191	46.8%	408
Public access to electric vehicle charging stations	211	52.0%	31	7.6%	164	40.4%	406
Parking availability at rail trail and other accessible open spaces	238	59.4%	15	3.7%	148	36.9%	401
Improved access to rail transit	190	49.5%	22	5.7%	172	44.8%	384



**21.If someday you move to another living situation in town, what housing might meet your future needs? (Choose all that apply)**



Value	Percent	Count
Renting a house	7.3%	31
Renting an apartment	14.2%	60
Owning a house	25.2%	107
Owning a condo or cooperative unit	17.5%	74
Owning or renting a unit in a duplex or townhouse	13.9%	59
Owning or renting a dwelling with everything on one floor	30.2%	128
Living in an assisted living/senior facility	25.7%	109
Living in a 55+ independent	26.7%	113

community		
Don't anticipate requiring a different housing situation	42.5%	180
Not interested in remaining in town	2.1%	9
Other (please specify):	3.8%	16

**22. Thank you for participating in the Williamsburg Community Survey! Please provide any additional comments that you would like to share with the Planning Board.**