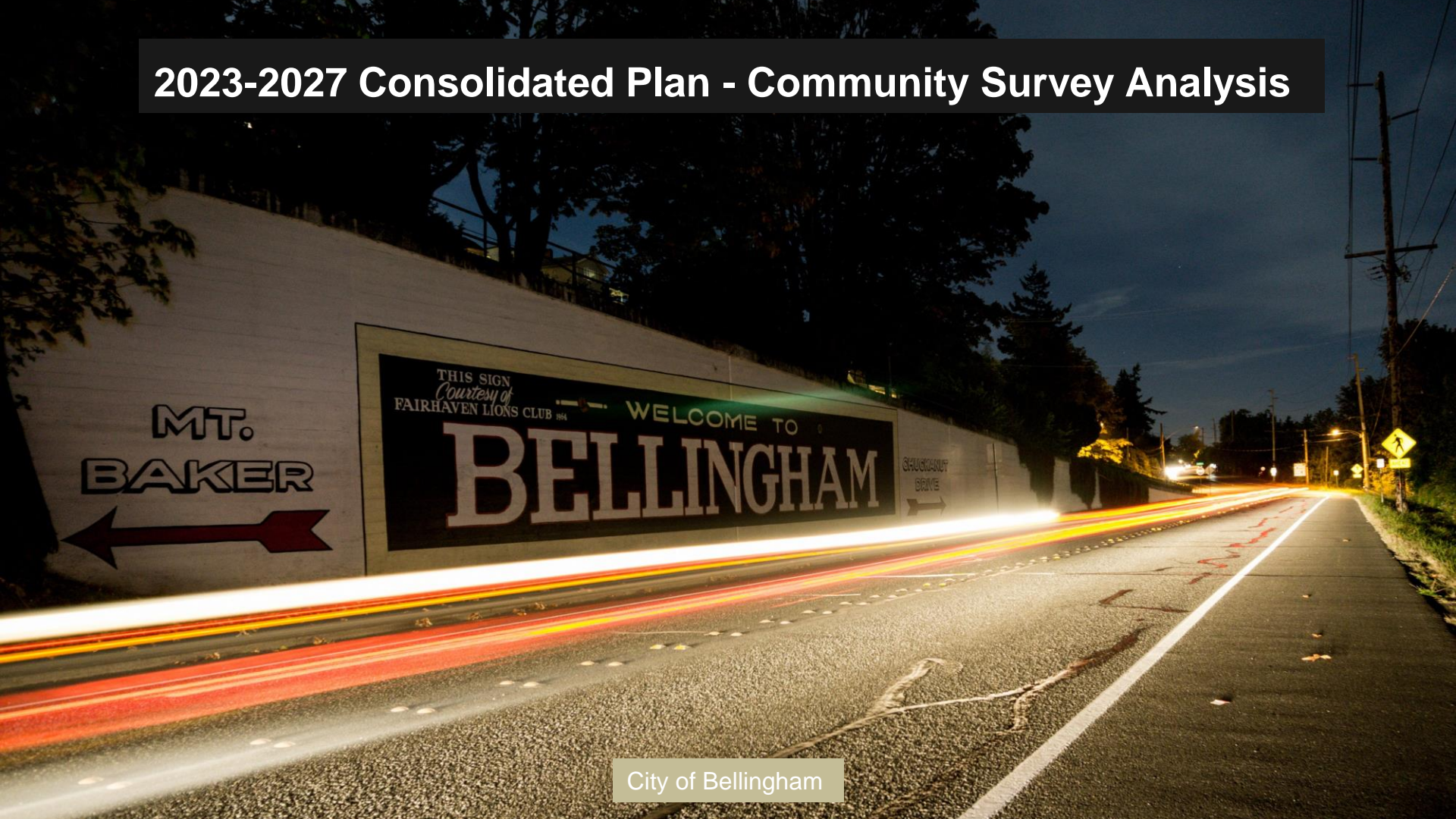


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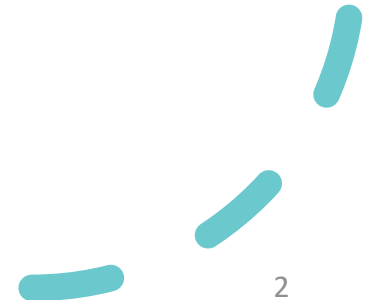
245 Total Responses

Date Created: March 13, 2023

Date Closed: April 4, 2023

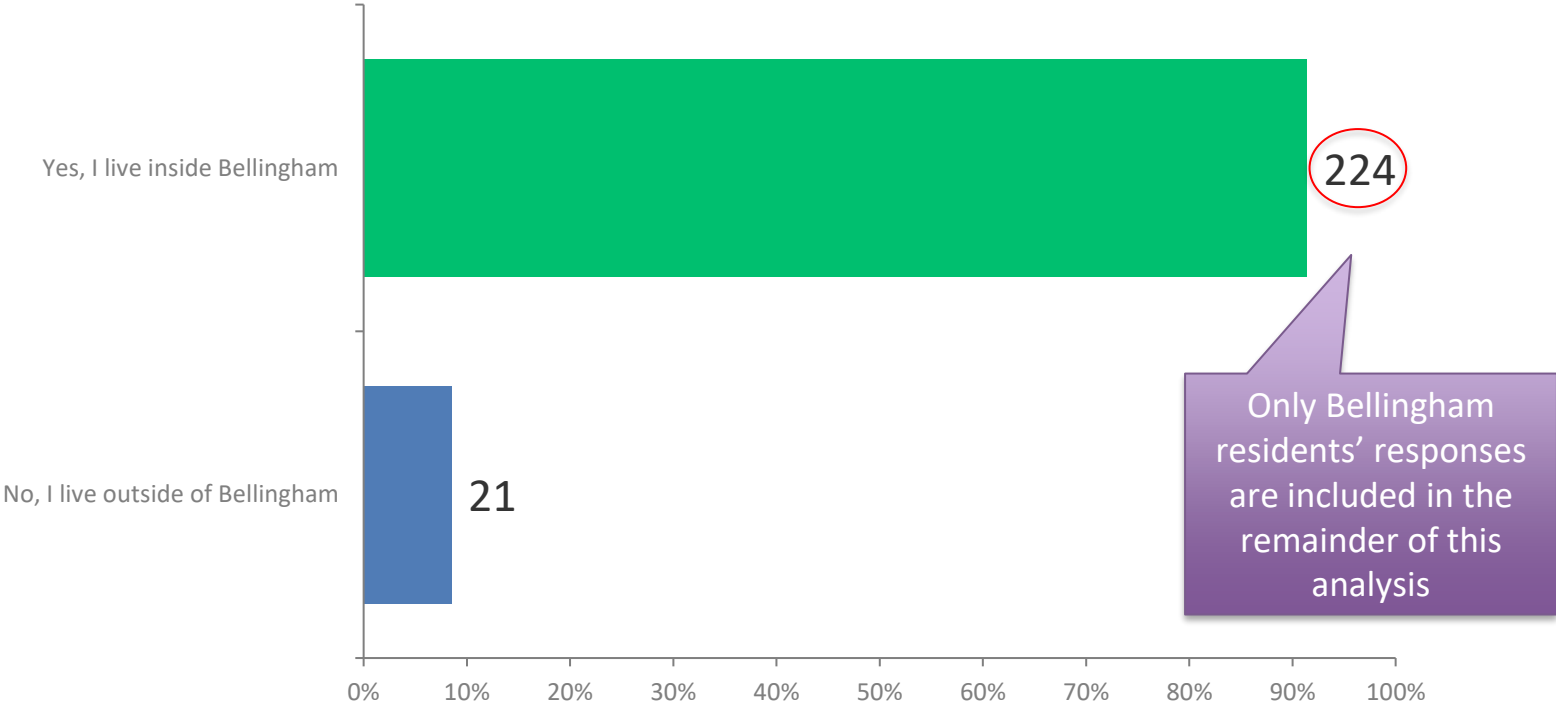
Outreach methods: online & in-person
Languages offered: English, Spanish &
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The purpose of this survey was to better understand how the City can support our residents who are low-income or need services, especially housing. This feedback is meant to inform the necessary prioritization of resources and services needed in our community.



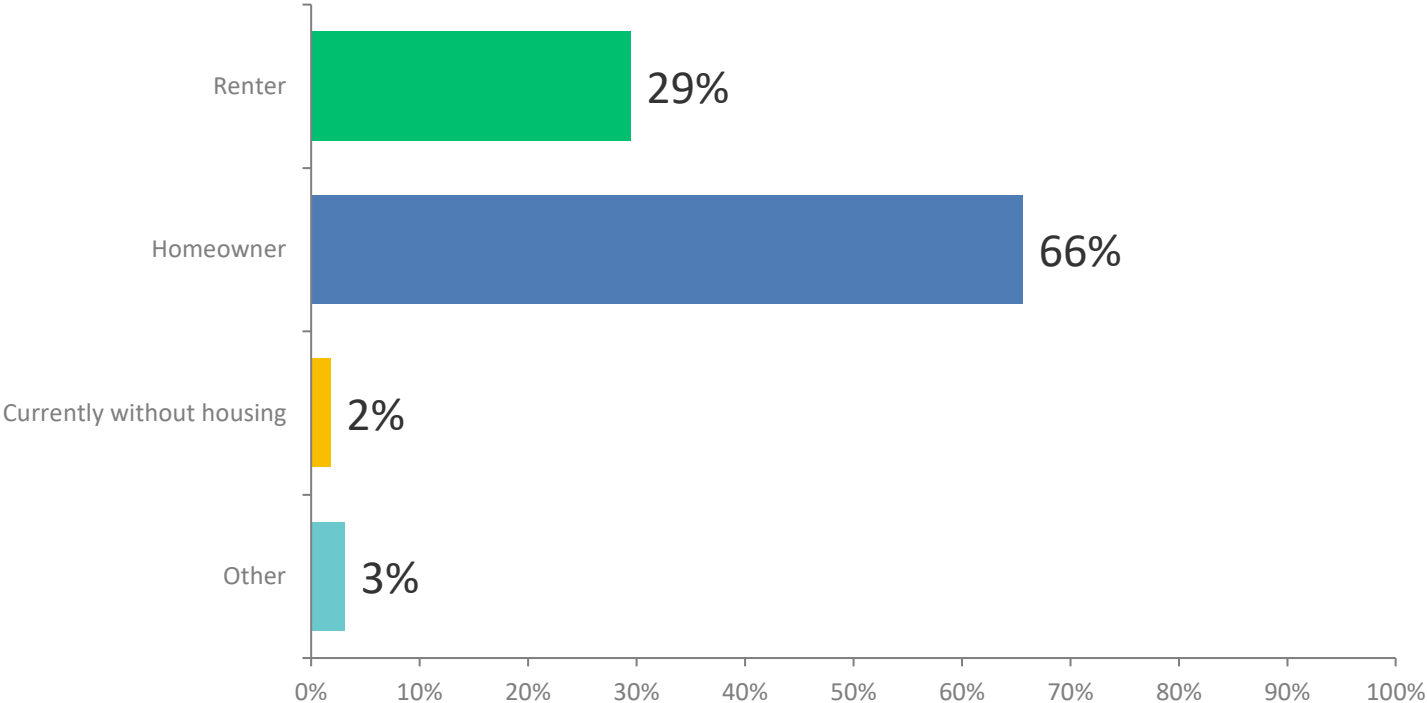
Q1: Do you live in Bellingham's city limits?

Answered: 245 Skipped: 0



Q2: What is your housing situation?

Answered: 224 Skipped: 0



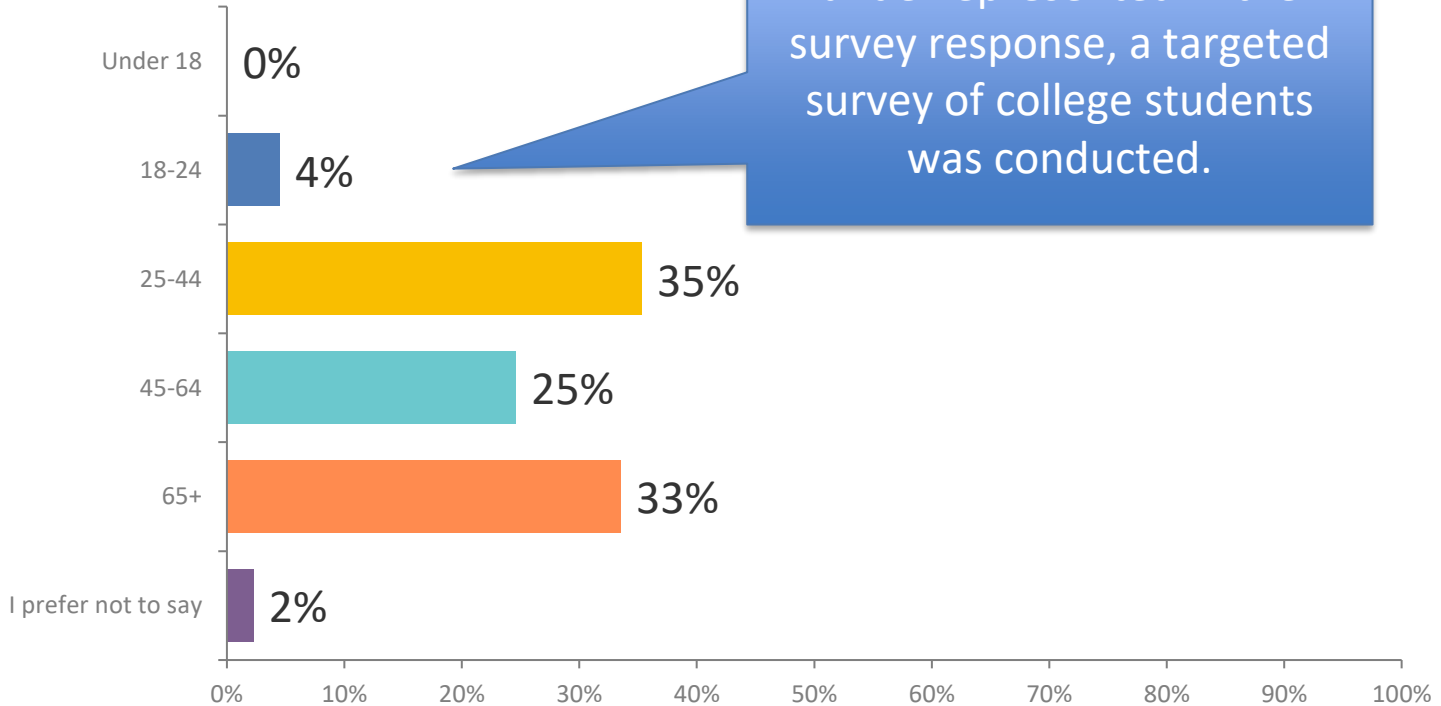
Q2: What is your housing situation?

Answered: 224 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Renter	29.46%	66
Homeowner	65.62%	147
Currently without housing	1.79%	4
Other	3.12%	7
TOTAL		224

Q3: What is your age?

Answered: 224 Skipped: 0



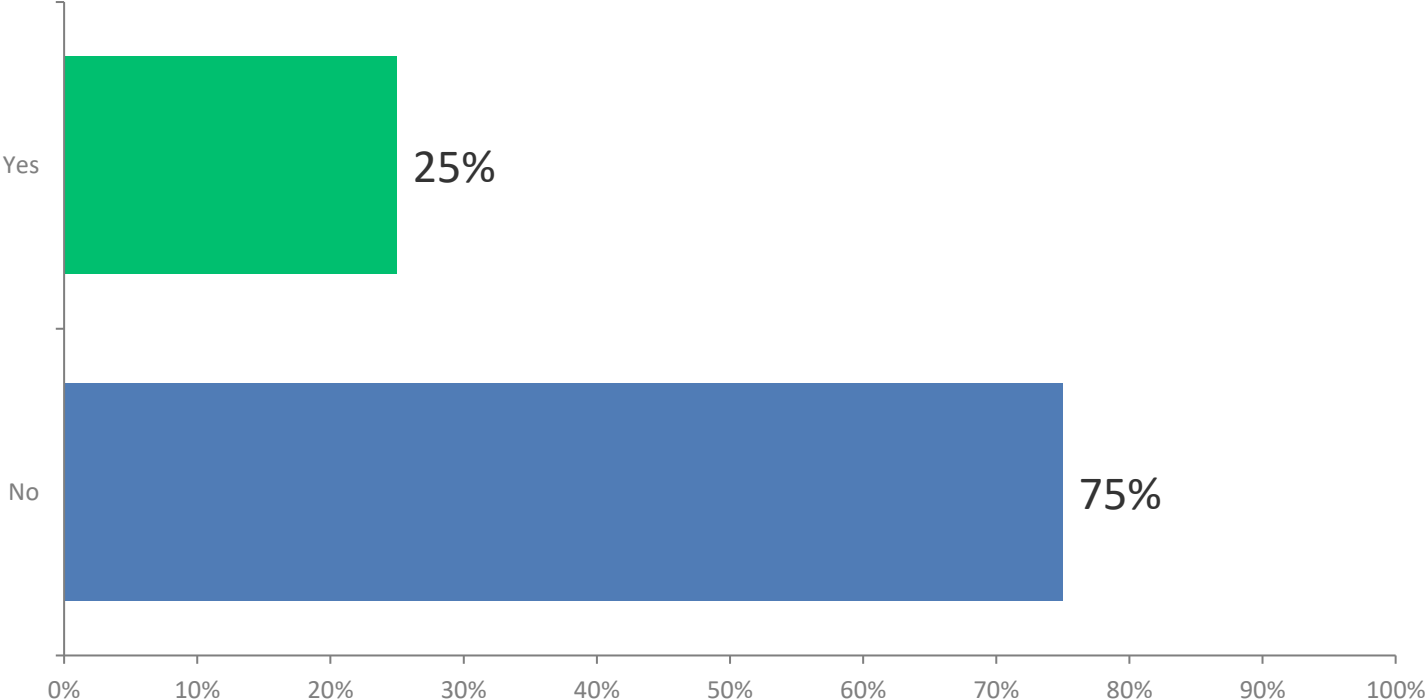
Q3: What is your age?

Answered: 224 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0%	0
18-24	4.46%	10
25-44	35.27%	79
45-64	24.55%	55
65+	33.48%	75
I prefer not to say	2.23%	5
TOTAL		224

Q4: Have you or a family member ever needed housing assistance or emergency shelter?

Answered: 224 Skipped: 0



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Answered: 224 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	25.00%	56
No	75.00%	168
TOTAL		224

Q6: How adequately did the help you received address your needs?

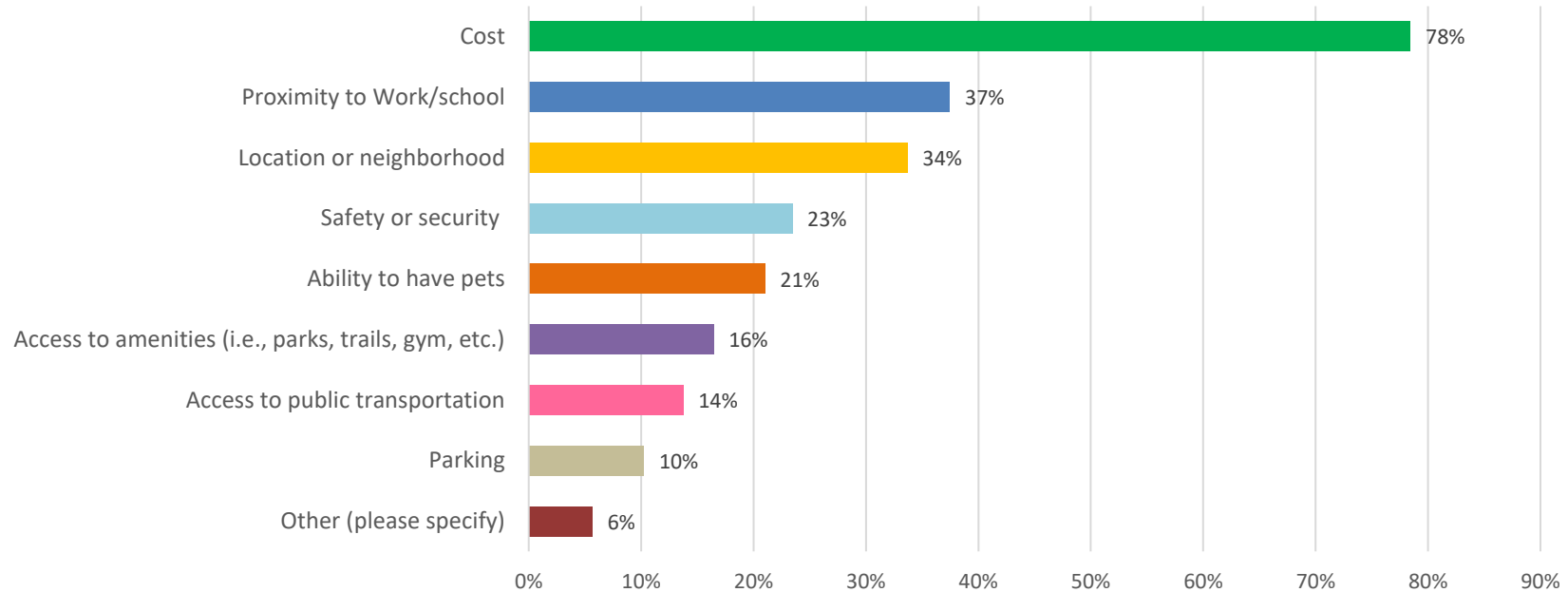
Answered: 41 Skipped: 183

	Not at all	Somewhat			Completely	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	29.27% 12	4.88% 2	19.51% 8	17.07% 7	29.27% 12	41	3.12



Q7: What are the most important criteria you look for when choosing a place to live?

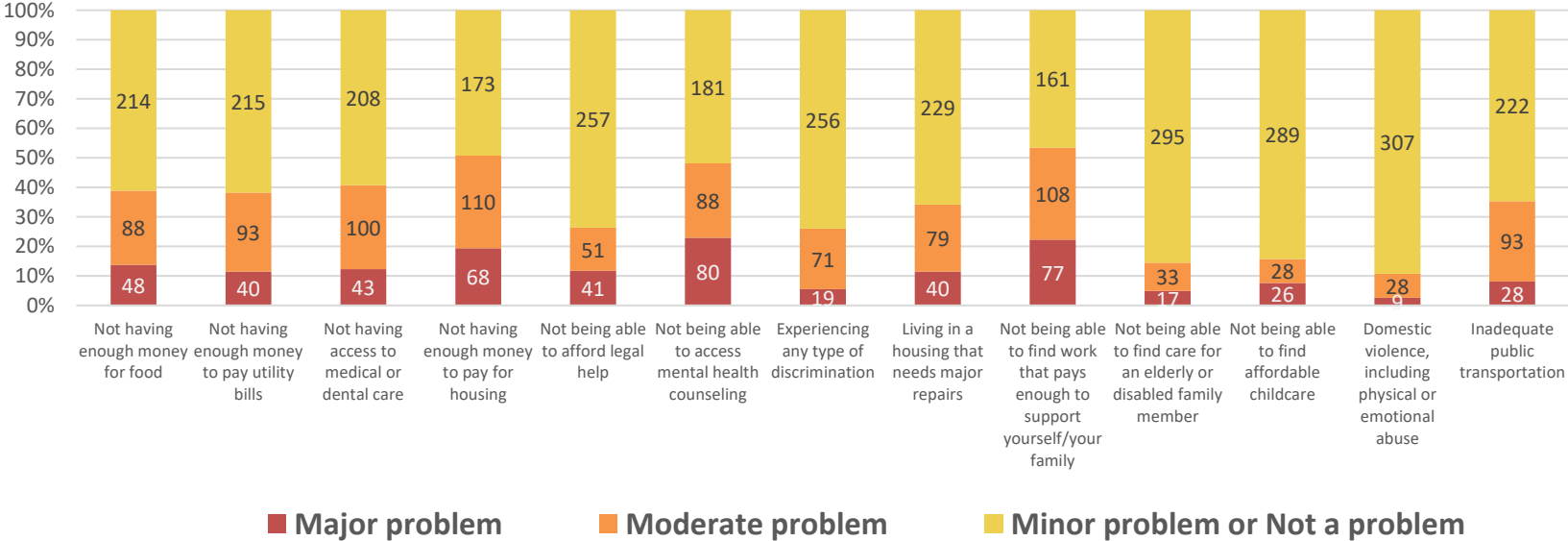
Answered: 371* Skipped: 34*



*Note: This question combines responses from the student survey (n=170) and the community survey (n=201) to better represent the community's priorities. Hence the larger data set (n=371). The 'skipped' quantity also reflects data from both the student and community surveys.

Q8: For each issue below, please indicate if it has been a major problem, a moderate problem, or minor problem for you or anyone in your household in the last year.

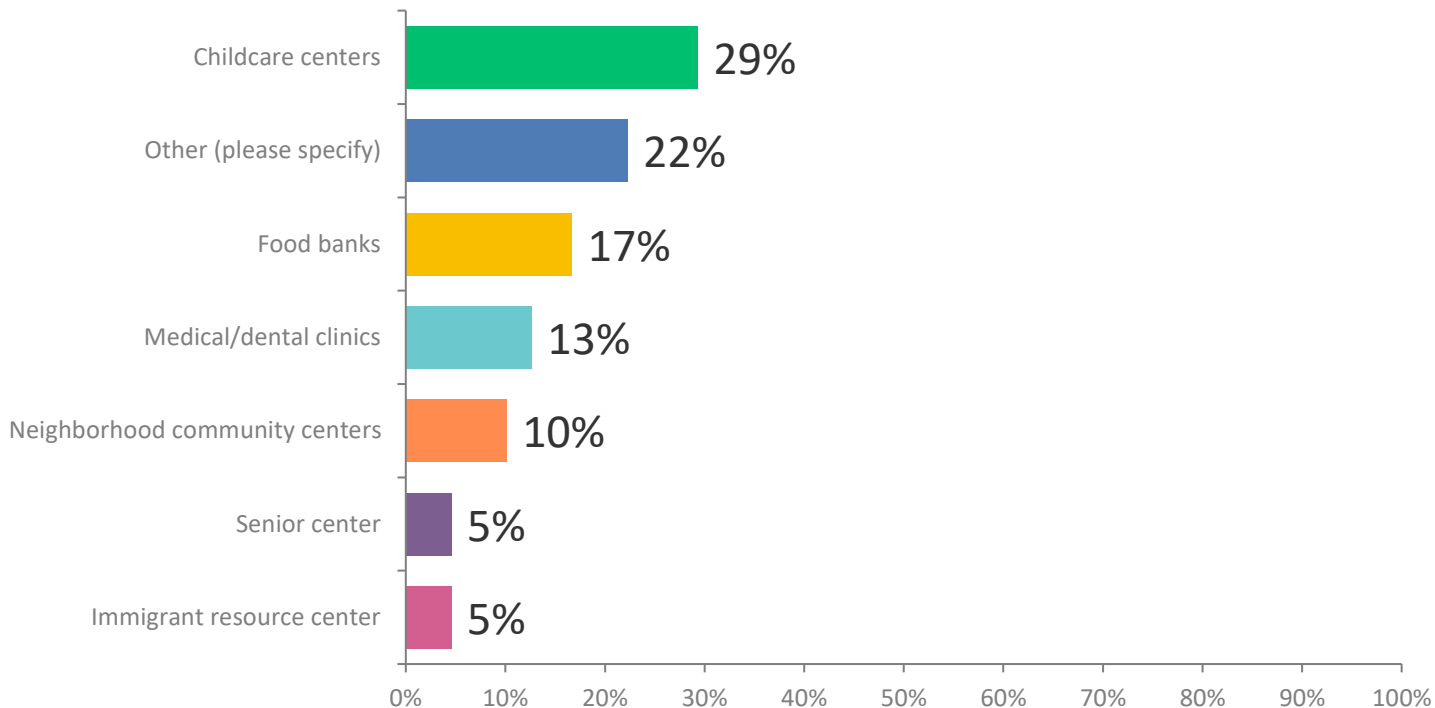
Answered: 355* Skipped: 50*



*Note: This question combines responses from the student survey (n=154) and the community survey (n=201) to better represent the community’s priorities. Hence the larger data set (n=355). The ‘skipped’ quantity also reflects data from both the student and community surveys.

Q9: Which type of public facility do you think is most in need of public support right now?

Answered: 198 Skipped: 26



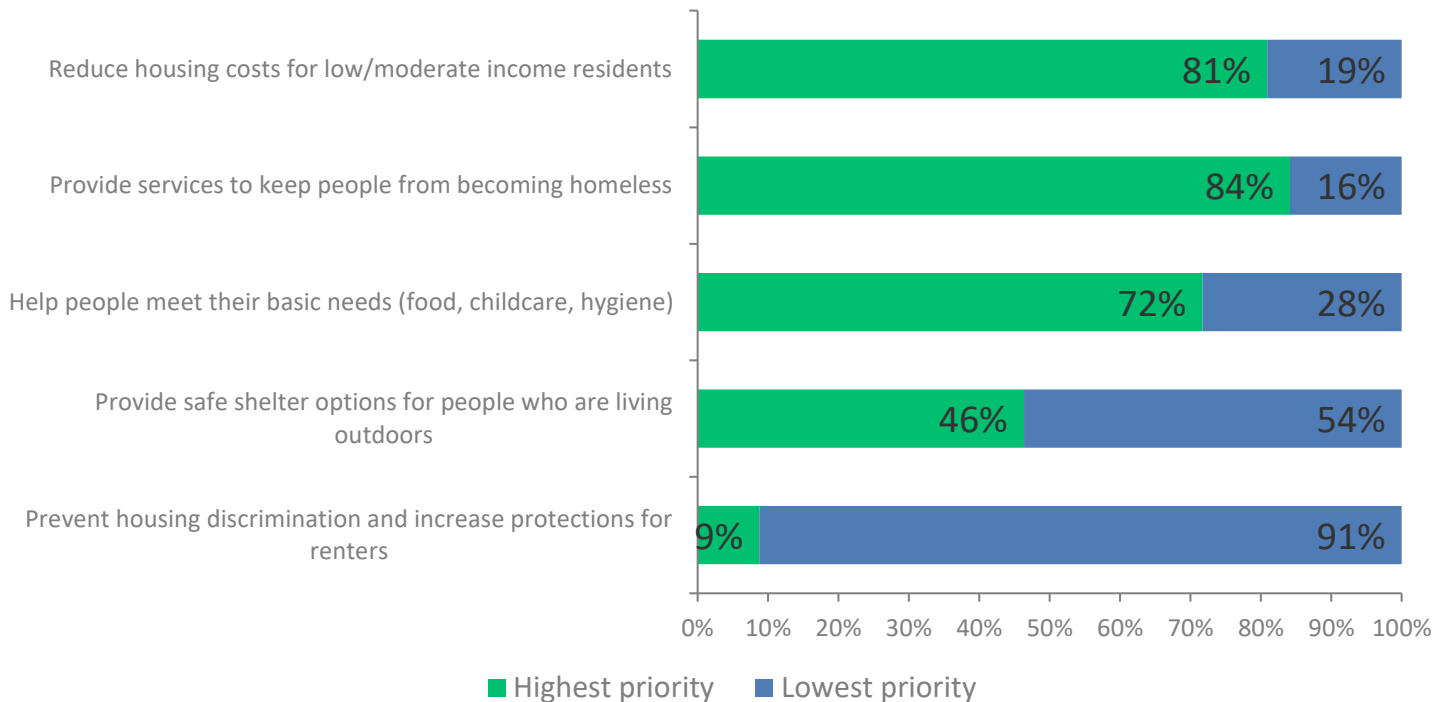
Q9: Which type of public facility do you think is most in need of public support right now?

Answered: 198 Skipped: 26

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Childcare centers	29.29%	58
Other (please specify)	22.22%	44
Food banks	16.67%	33
Medical/dental clinics	12.63%	25
Neighborhood community centers	10.10%	20
Senior center	4.55%	9
Immigrant resource center	4.55%	9
TOTAL		198

Q10: Of the goals listed below, which do you think is the highest and lowest priority?

Answered: 190 Skipped: 34



Q11: How well do you think these goals address the needs of low- and moderate-income residents in our community?

Answered: 174 Skipped: 50

	Not at All	Somewhat			Completely	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	12.07% 21	17.82% 31	32.76% 57	22.41% 39	14.94% 26	174	3.10



The majority of respondents (67%) thought the goals somewhat or completely addressed the needs of our community.

Participants were also asked if there were any other important goals that they think should be included. The following are some of the most common themes from the 88 open-ended responses.

- More **rehabilitation services** around Bellingham to support those struggling with issues of addiction.
- **Increase housing** units across Bellingham.
- Landlords and property managers should be held to a higher standard, including **better upkeep of housing units**.
- **More programs** in place to support people transitioning from jail or rehab.
- **Improving safety** for all around Bellingham, especially downtown.
- **Make housing assistance easier** to access (i.e., more organizations involved, faster turnaround for housing units).
- **Add protections** to keep rents from drastically increasing.