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# Comprehensive Town Plan Public Workshop

April 27, 2005  
April 30, 2005

Town of Bellefonte  
Planning Commission



# Agenda

- Opening Remarks
  - State Representative Diana McWilliams
  - NCC Councilman John Cartier
- Comprehensive Plan Overview
  - Herb Inden, Delaware State Office of Planning
- Review of Survey Results & Public Discussion

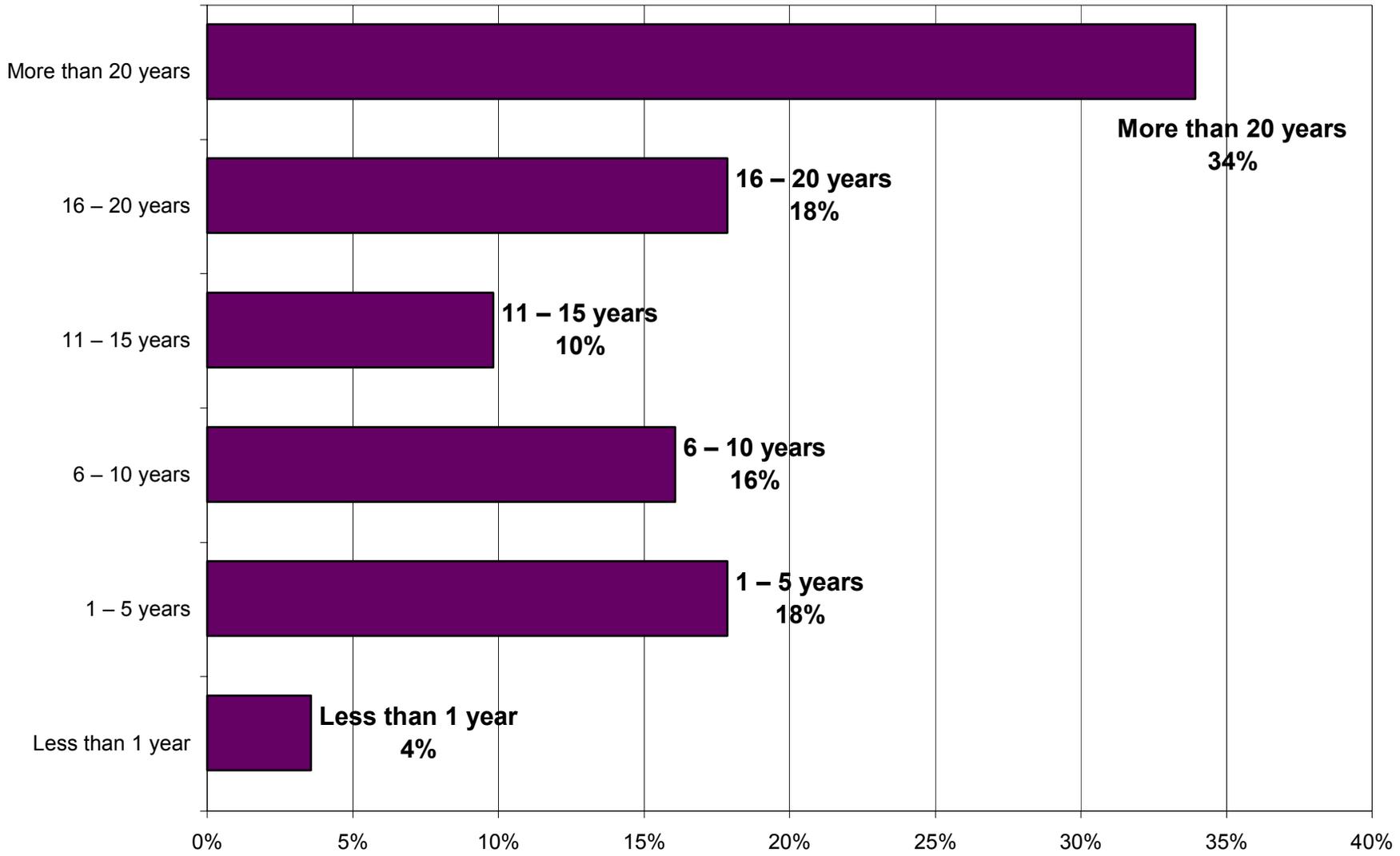


# Demographics: Response

- 549 surveys mailed
  - Residences including rentals
  - Businesses
  - Landlords not living in Bellefonte
- 112 completed surveys returned (20% response rate)
  - Great Response – Surveys in general have <5% response rate
  - Multiple responses from all streets
  - Responses from homeowners, renters, landlords, & businesses

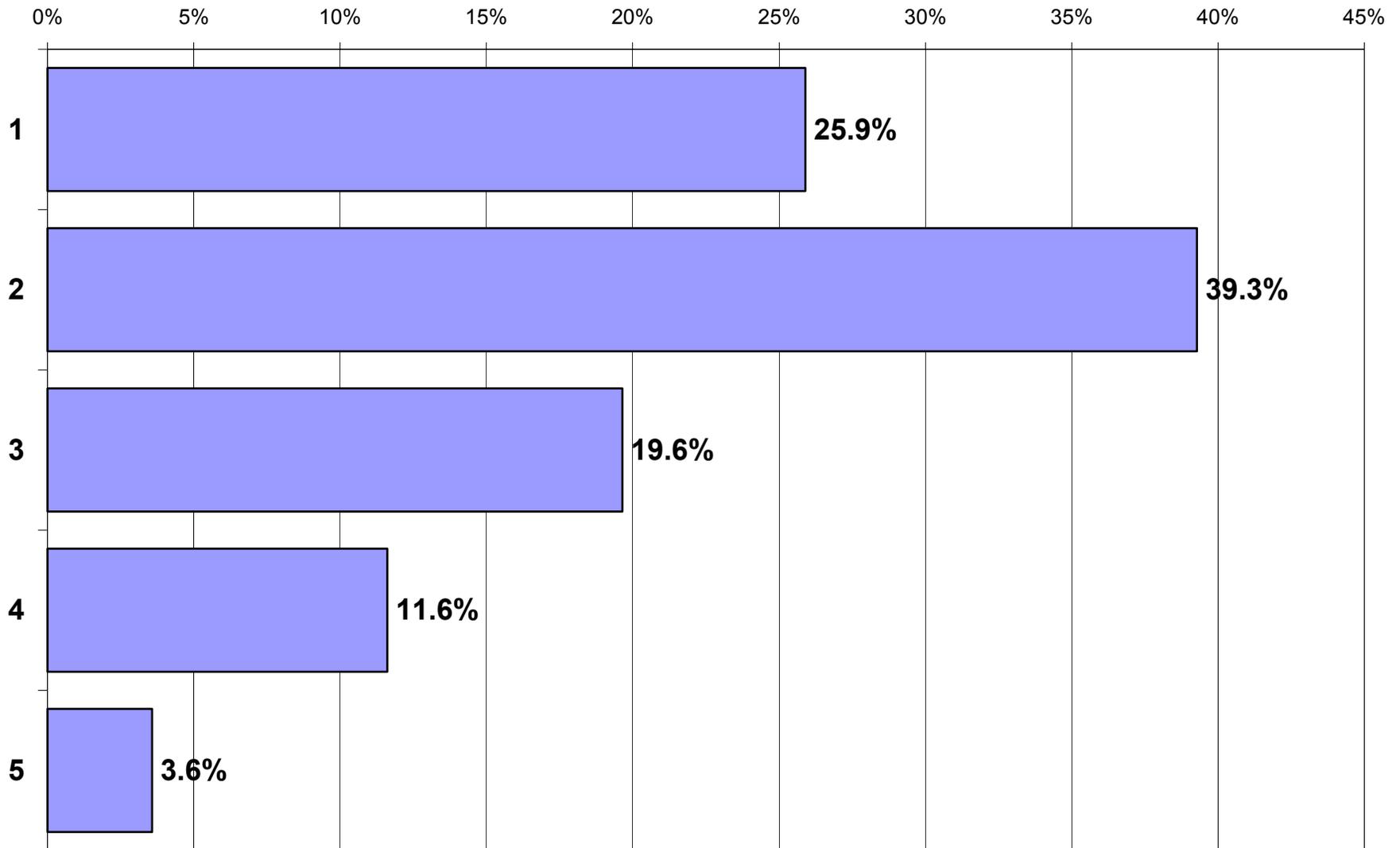


# Demographics: How long have you lived or owned property in Bellefonte?



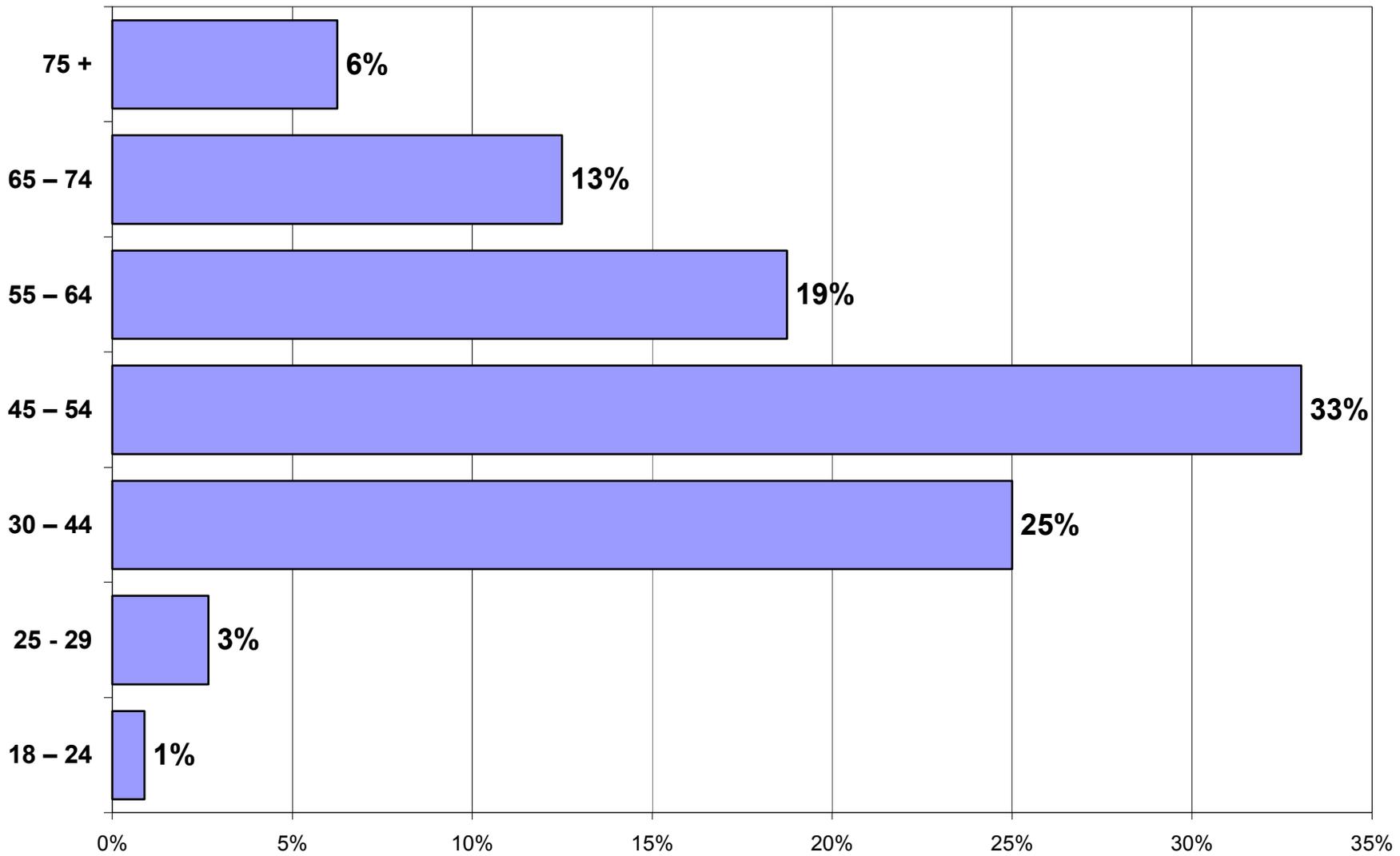


# Demographics: Number of people in household





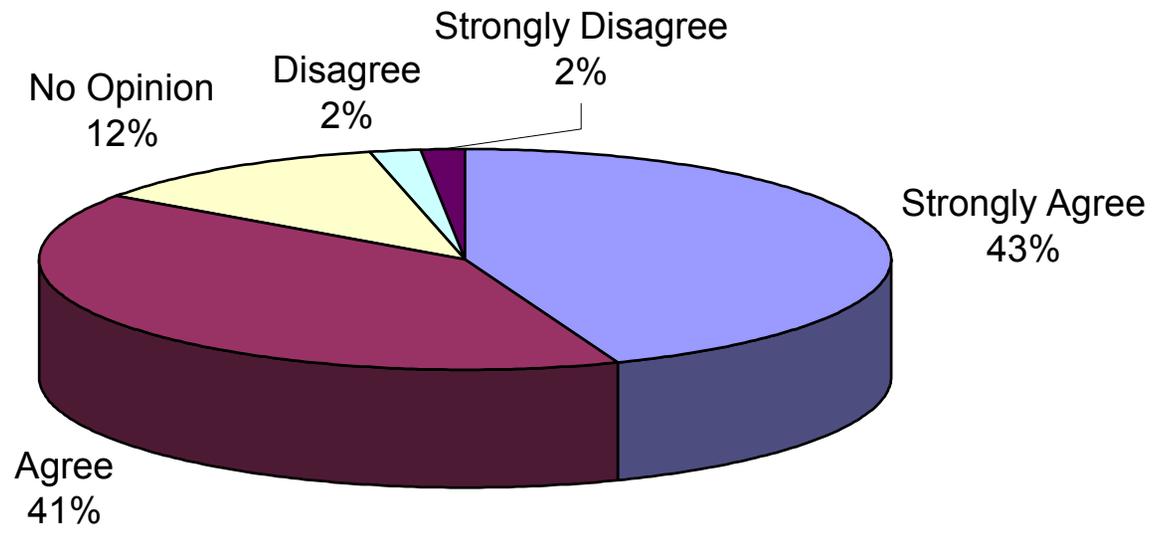
# Demographics: Age of the Survey Participant





Enhance the Town appearance through tree plantings, flowers and landscaping, improved signage and facade improvements

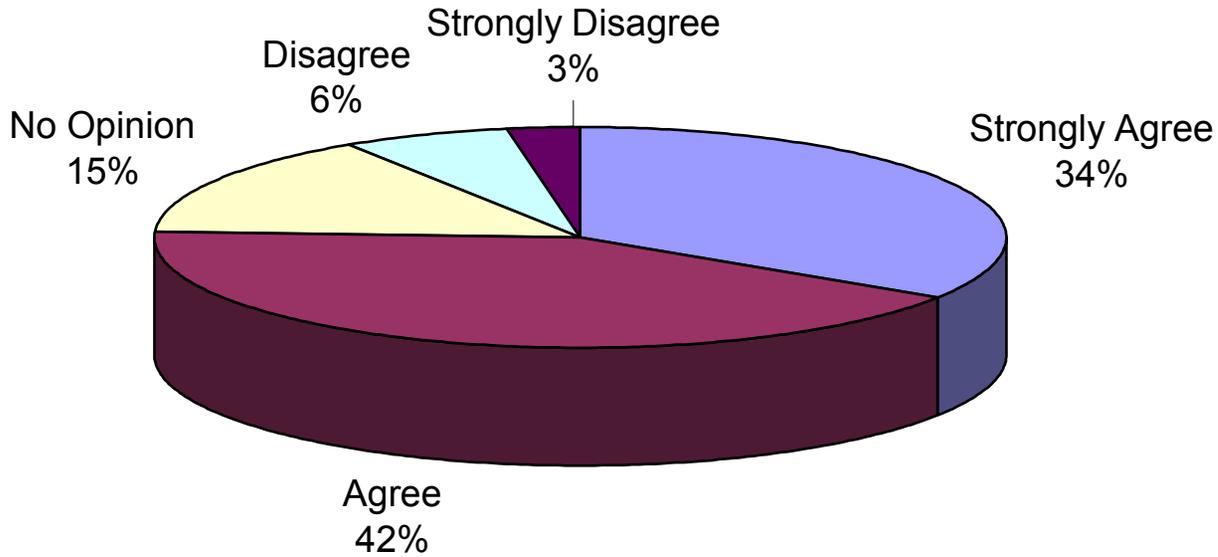
## 84% Strongly Agree or Agree





Establish design guidelines to provide oversight and standards for building/sign/streetscape design and renovation.

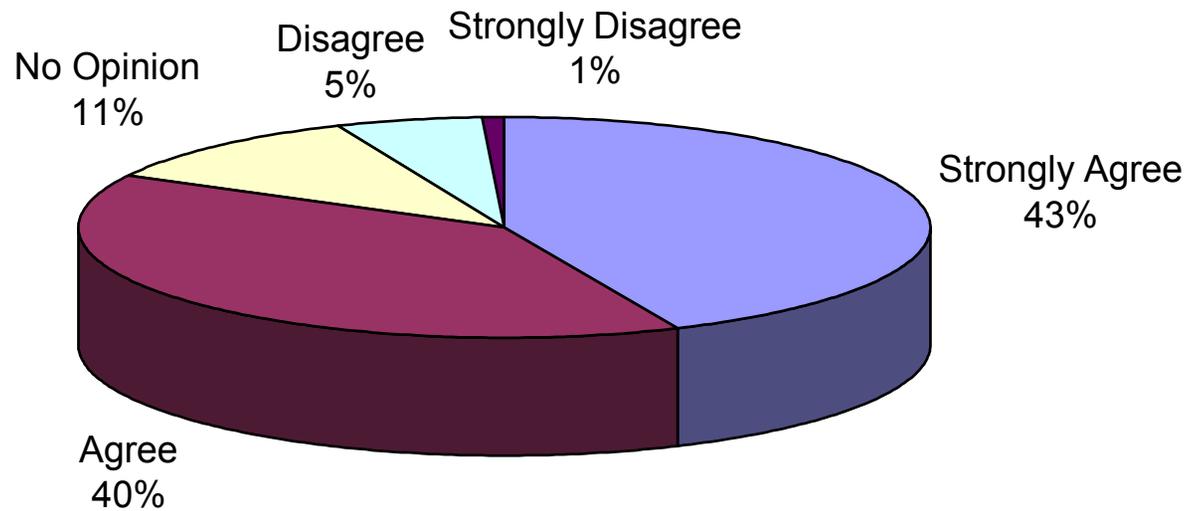
## 76% Strongly Agree or Agree





# Promote and enhance historic preservation efforts in Bellefonte

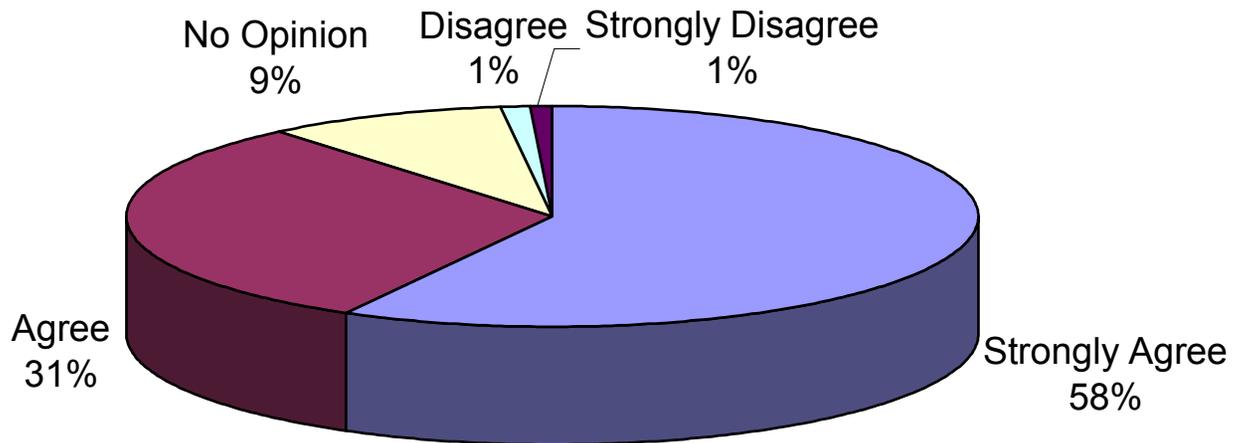
## 83% Strongly Agree or Agree





Enforce the building and zoning codes (eliminate unauthorized uses; non-compliance, overcrowding) to maintain the character of the community

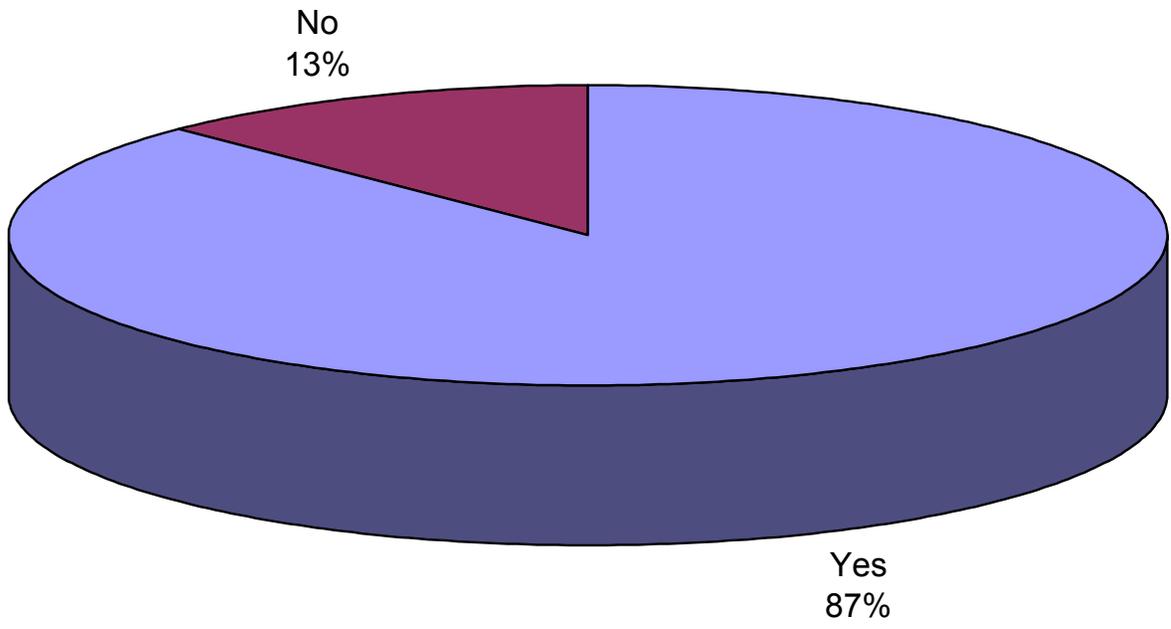
## 89% Strongly Agree or Agree





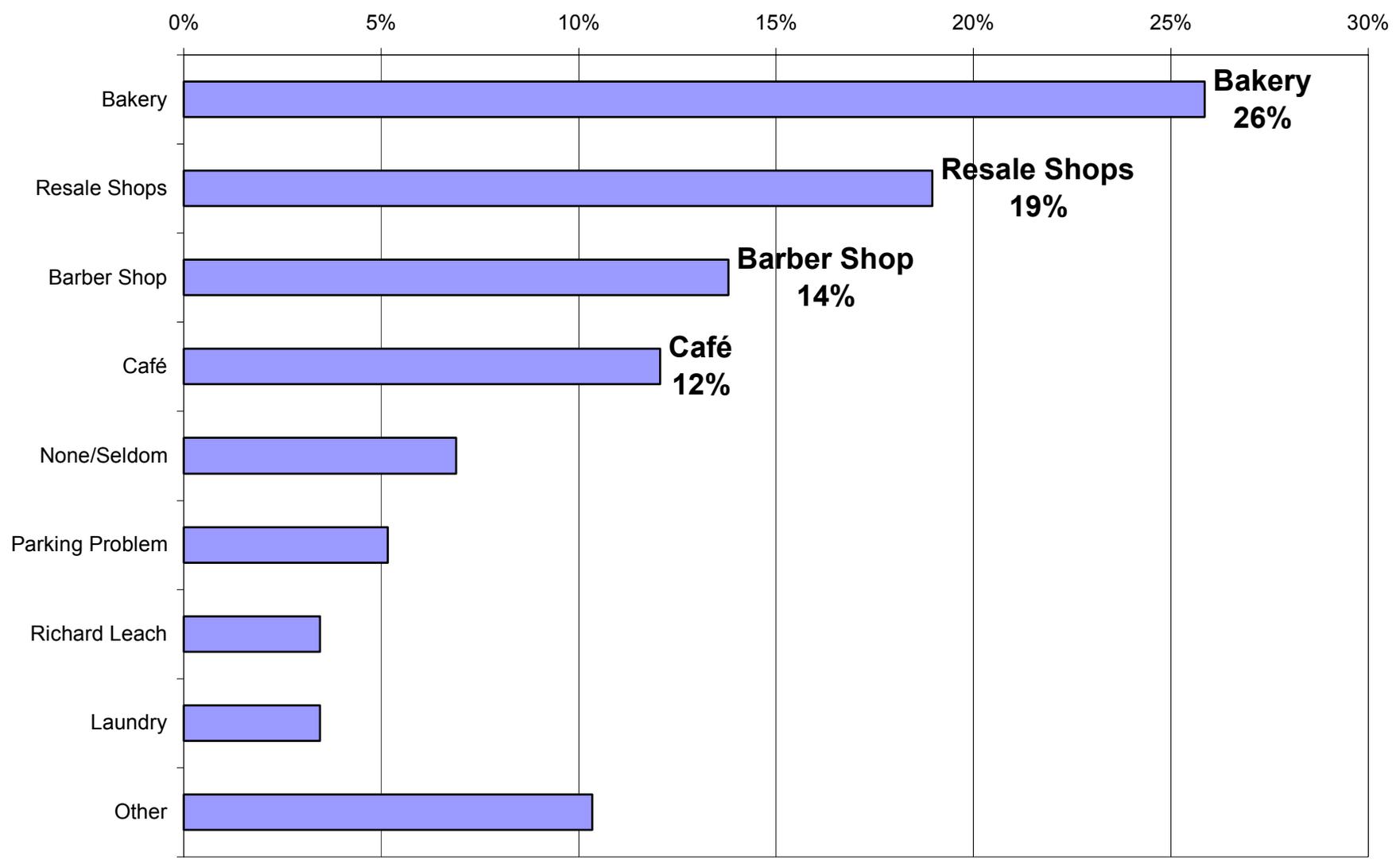
# Do you go to stores or use services in the Town of Bellefonte?

## 87% Patronize Bellefonte Businesses





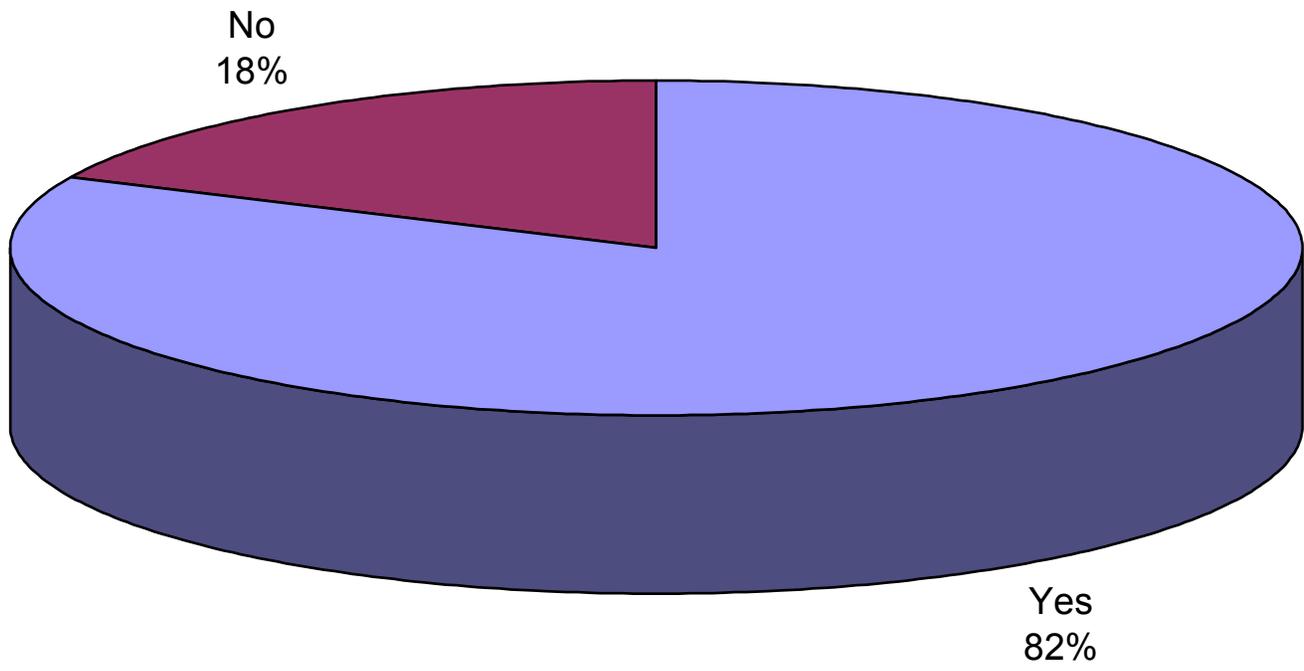
# What stores or services do you patronize in the Town of Bellefonte?





# Would you shop, eat out or go to more services in Bellefonte if these uses were available?

## 82% Would Patronize More Businesses If Available



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## Suggestions

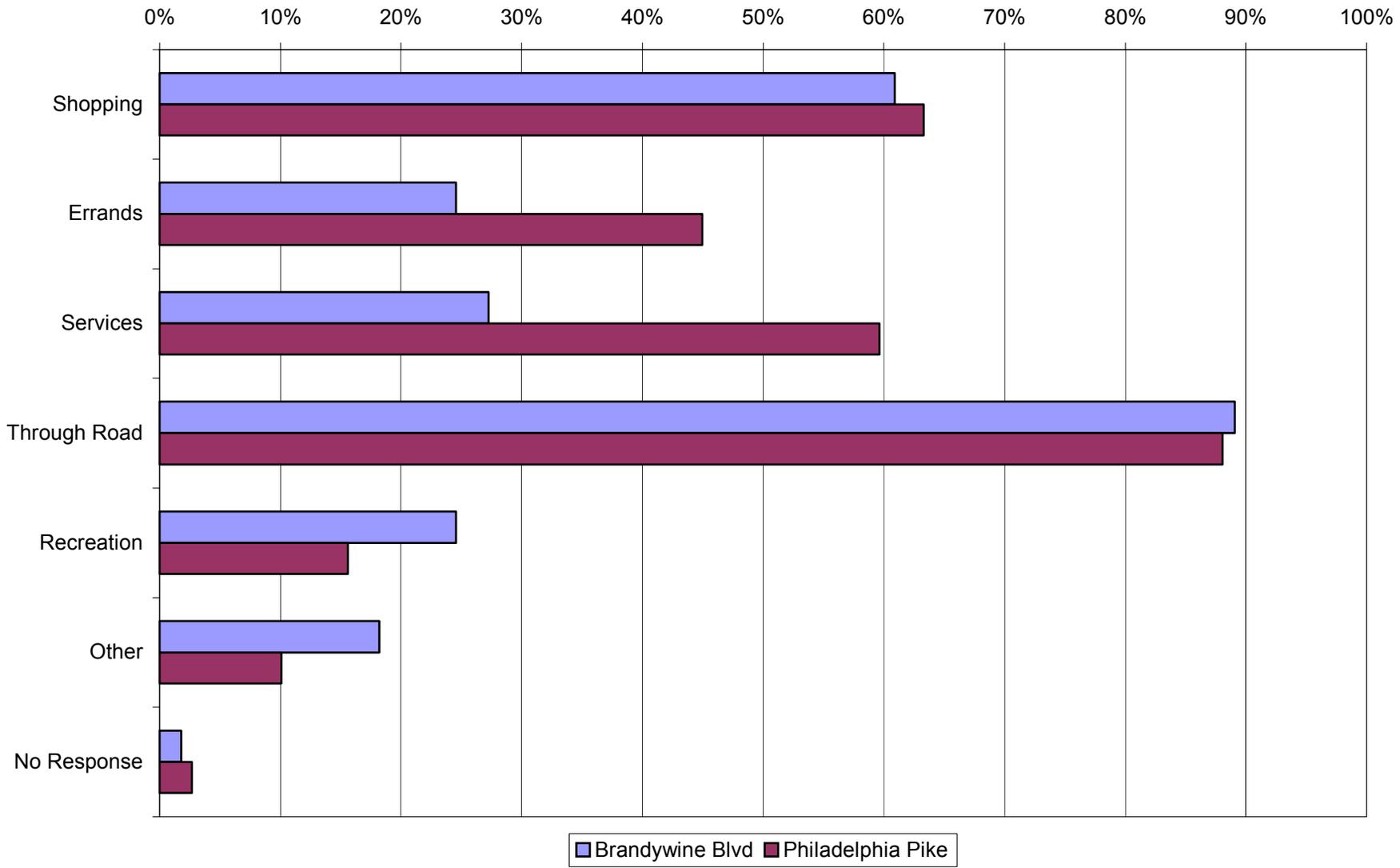
- More restaurants – Mainstream or homestyle food
- Ice cream parlor
- Video store
- Hairdresser
- Specialty/gift shops – Cards, stamps, copies
- Hardware store
- General store with lunch counter & soda fountain
- Health food
- Farmer's market
- Health club/gym
- Community playhouse/dinner theater

## Concerns

- Increase traffic
- Balance between “unique” and “practical/use”
- Cosmetic improvements and cleanliness
- Franchises not favored
- Family friendly
- No teen hangouts
- Need business guidelines & design standards
- Parking

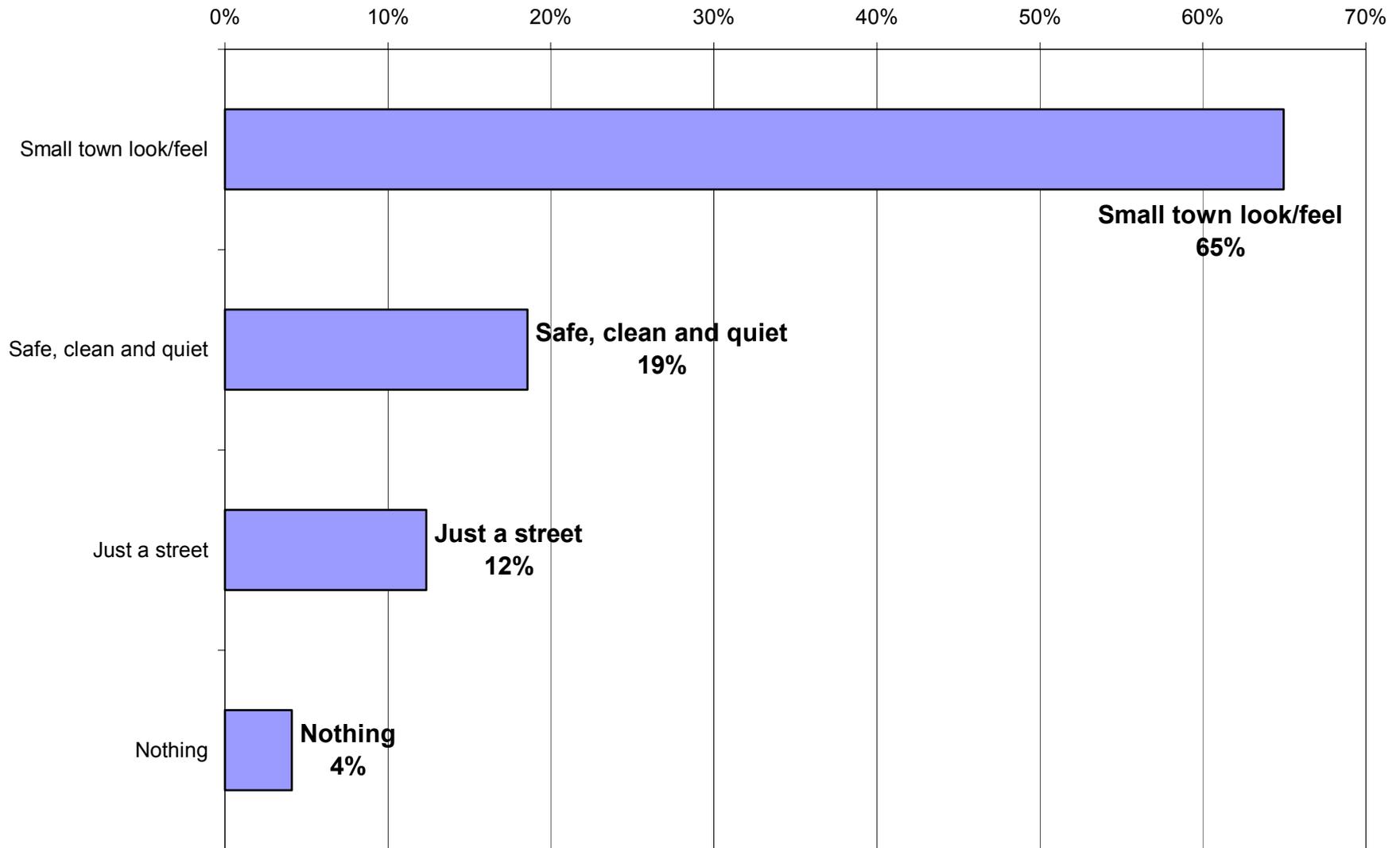


# How do you use Brandywine Blvd and Philadelphia Pike?



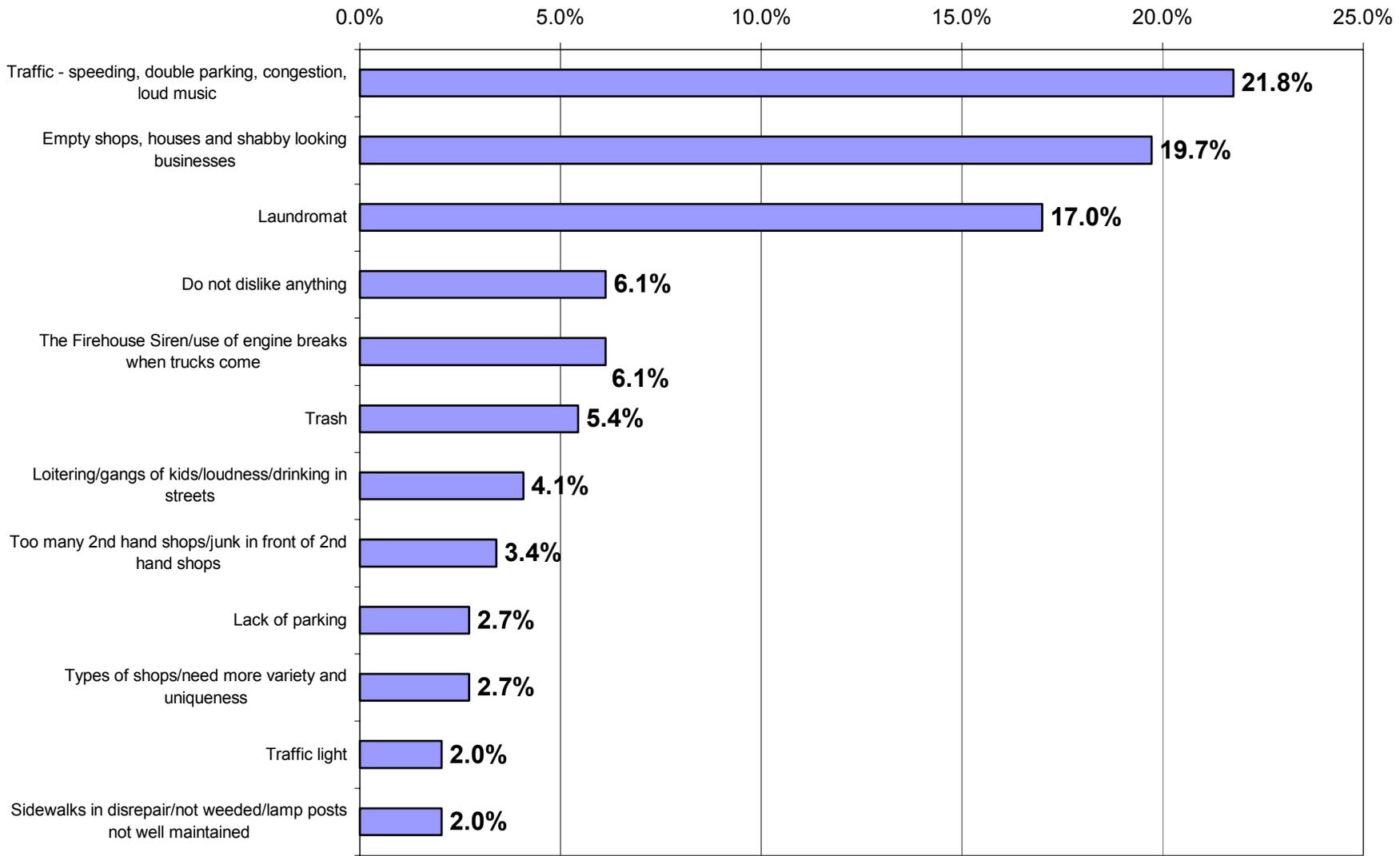


# What do you like most about Brandywine Boulevard?



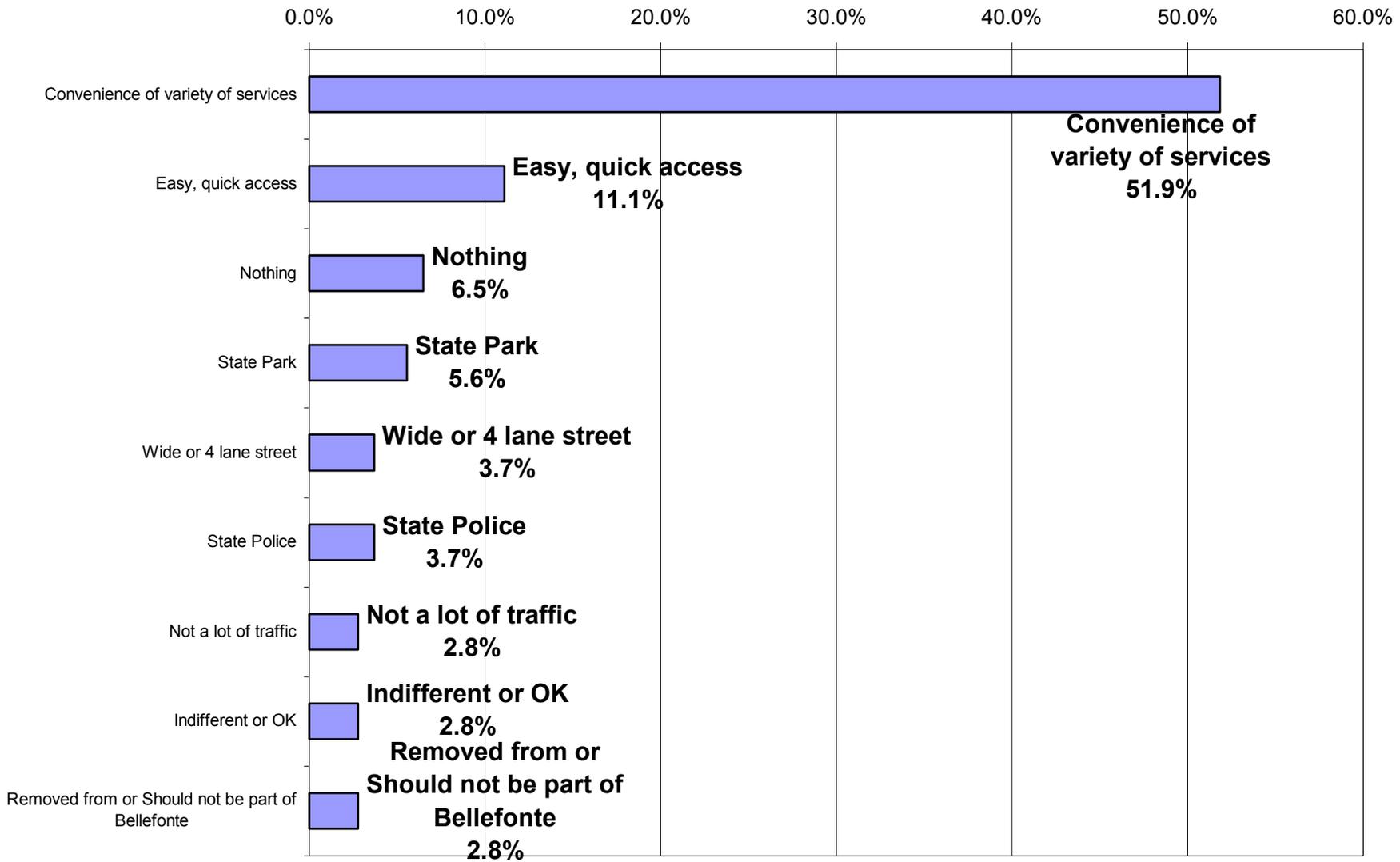


# What do you not like about Brandywine Boulevard?



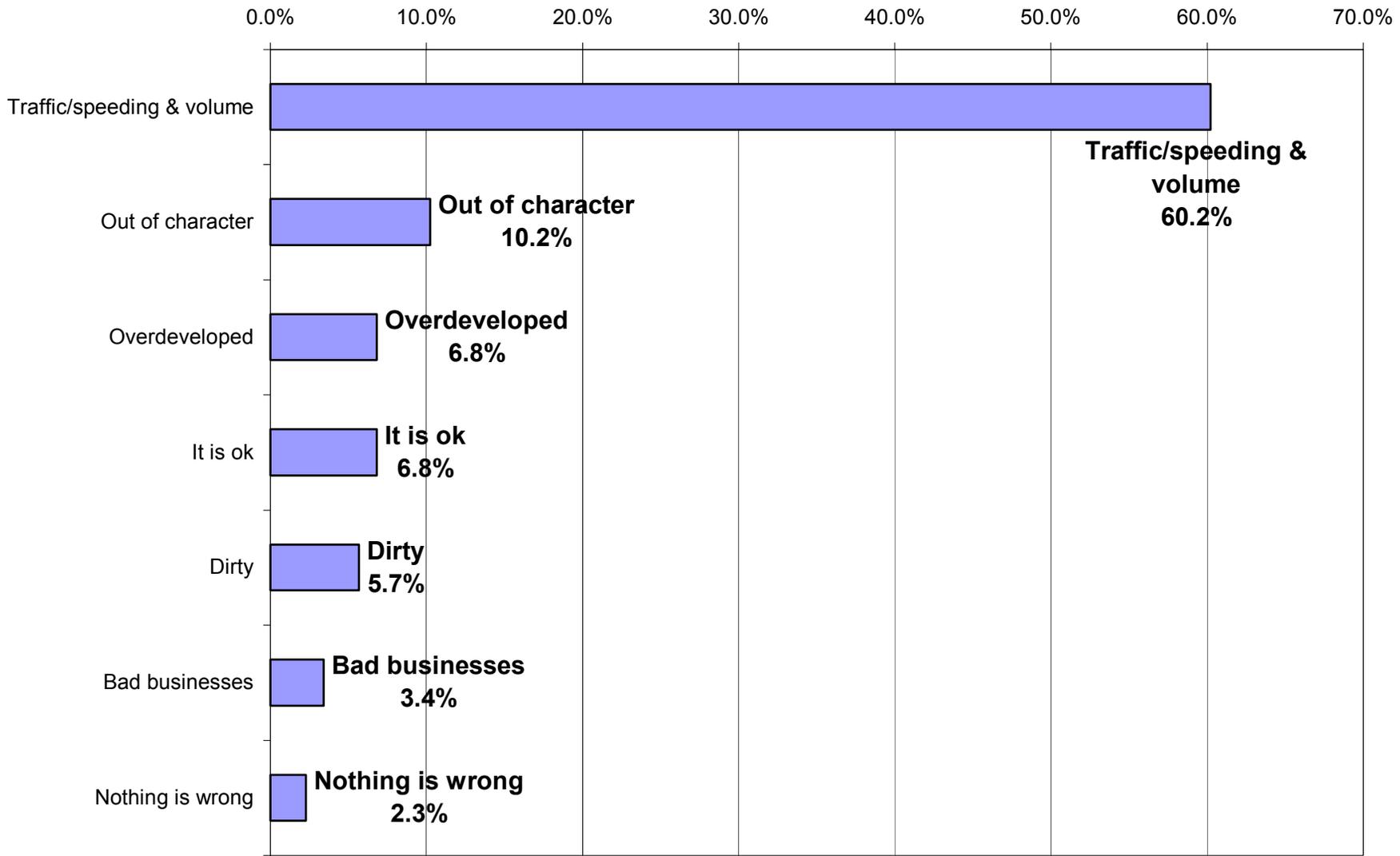


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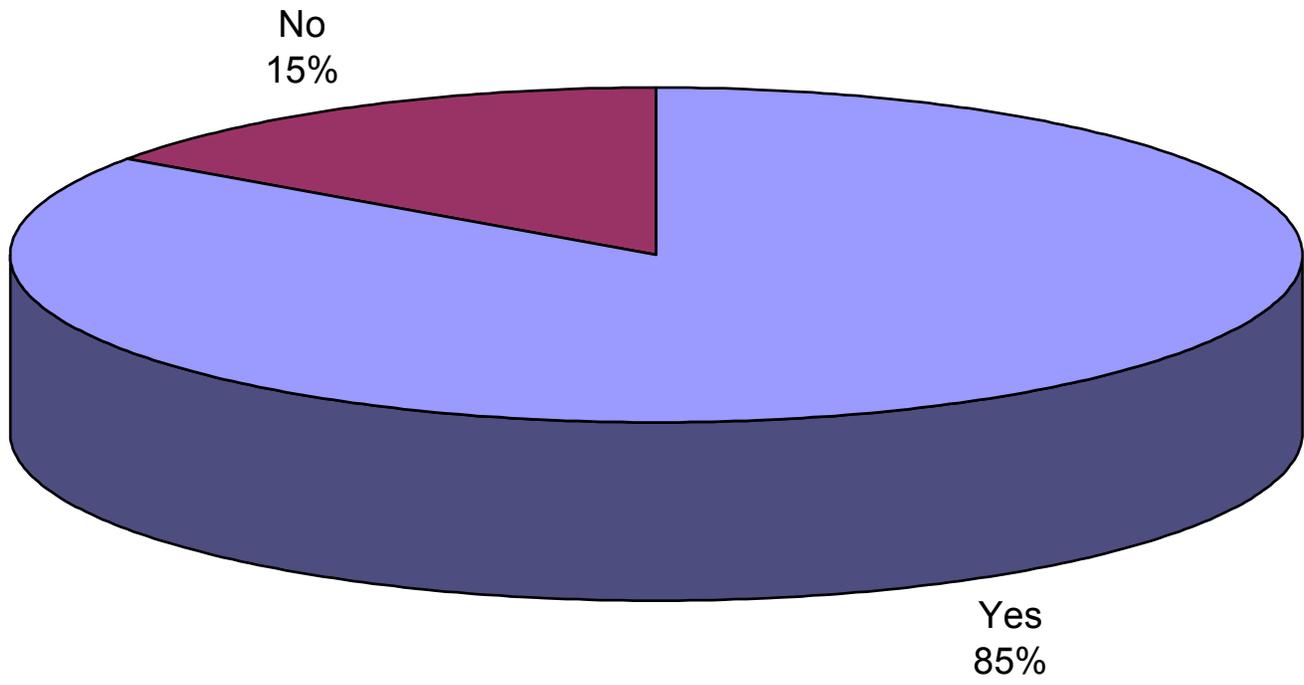
# What do you not like about Philadelphia Pike?





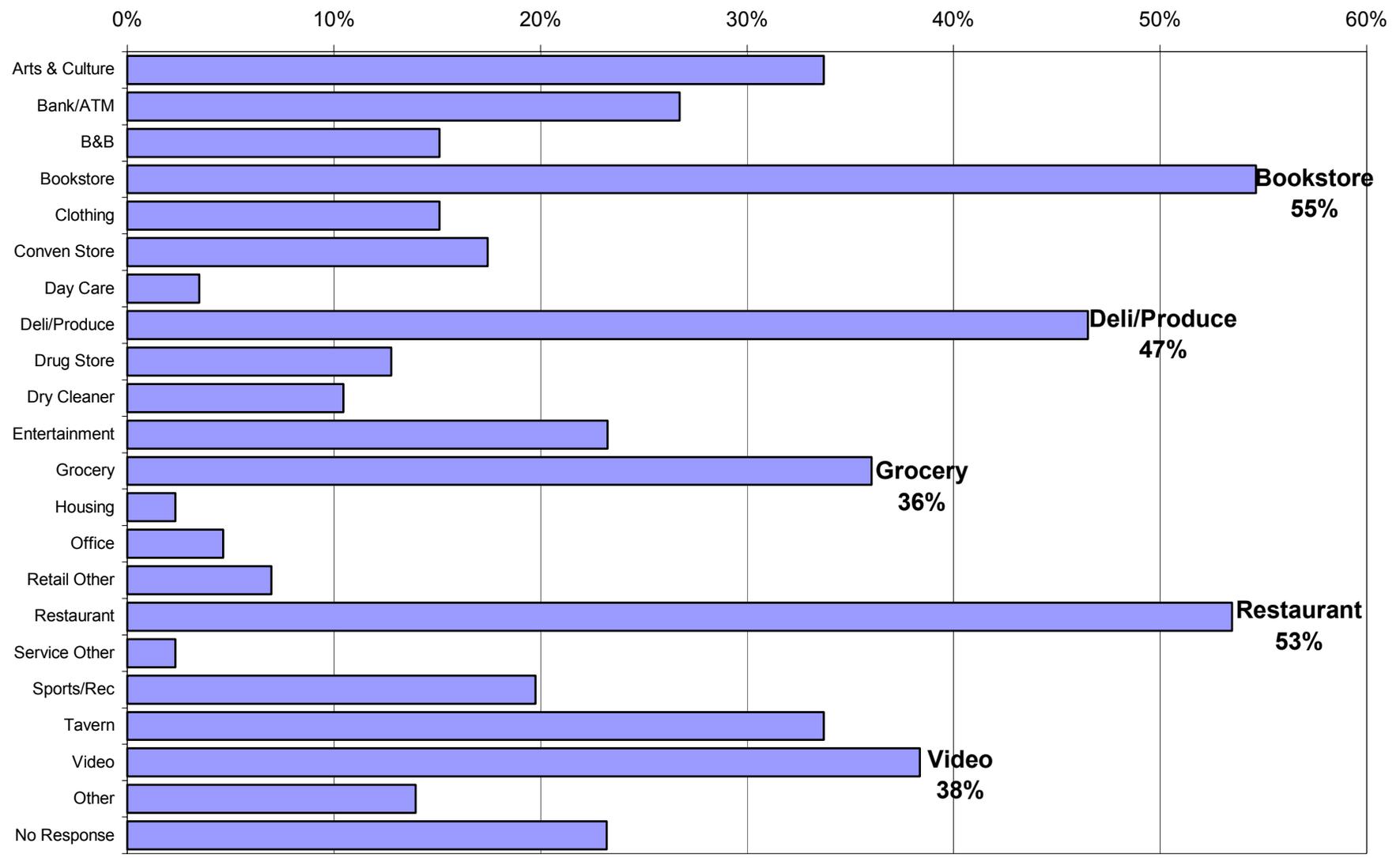
# Do you think there are adequate day to day shopping opportunities convenient to your house?

## 85% Feel There is Adequate Shopping Convenient to Their Home



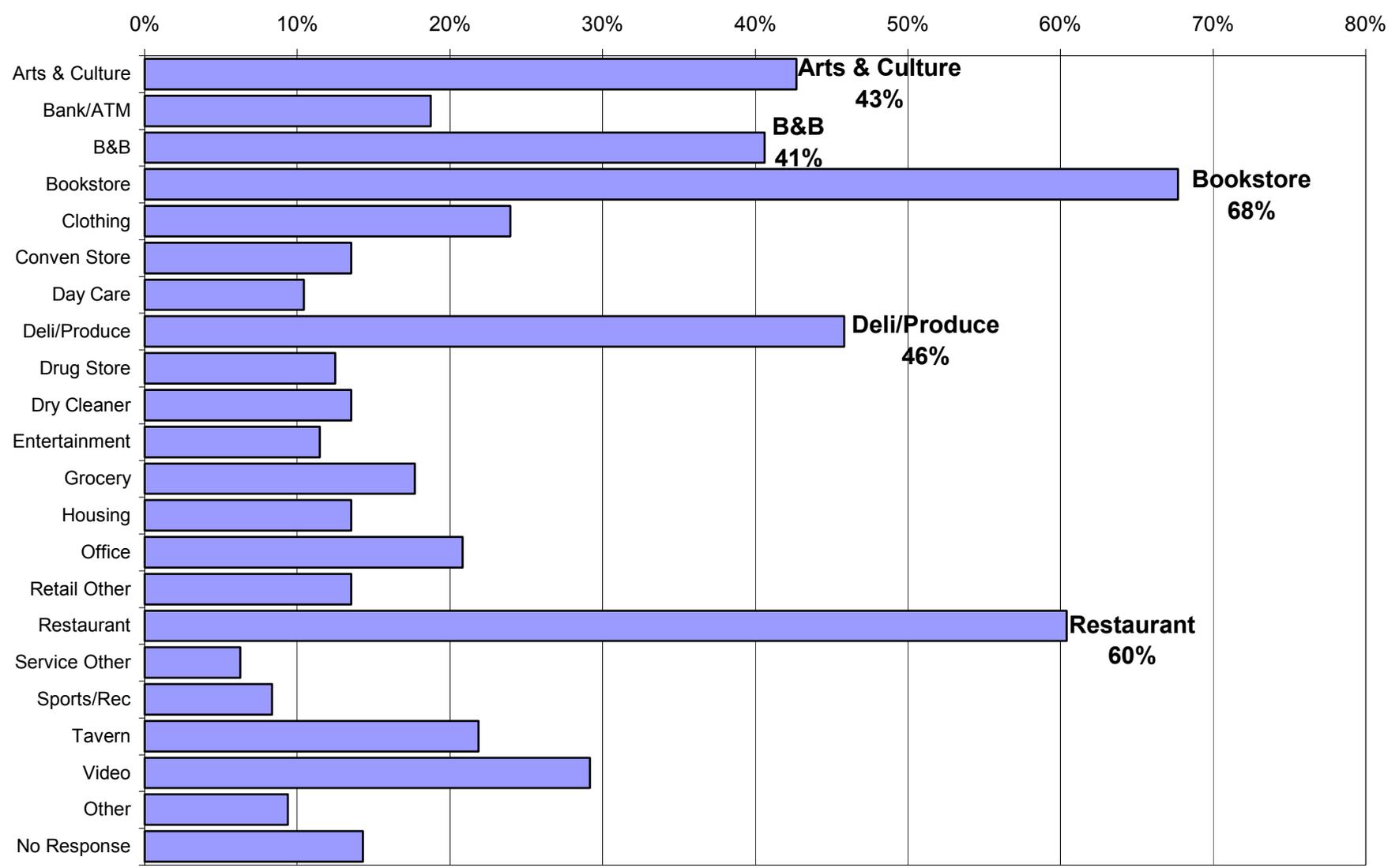


# Identify the types of services or retail establishments you would like to be located closer to your home





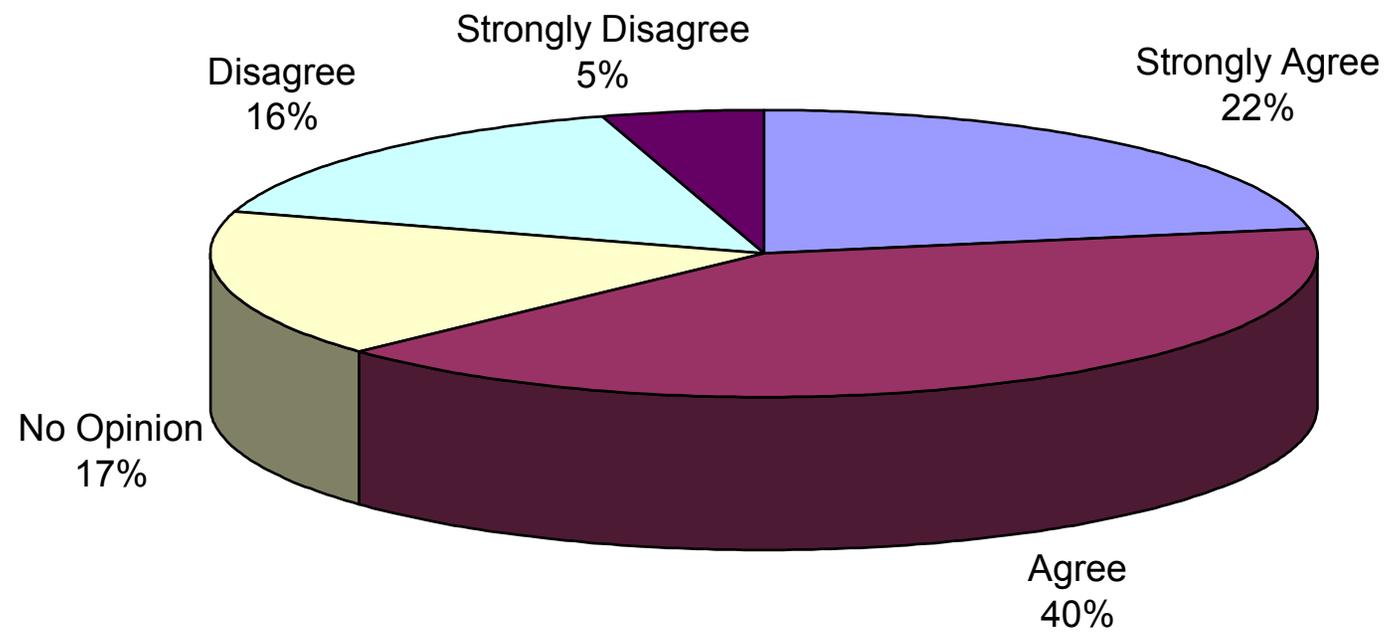
# What type of shops and services do you think are appropriate specifically for Brandywine Boulevard?





# Police protection adequately meets the needs of the Town

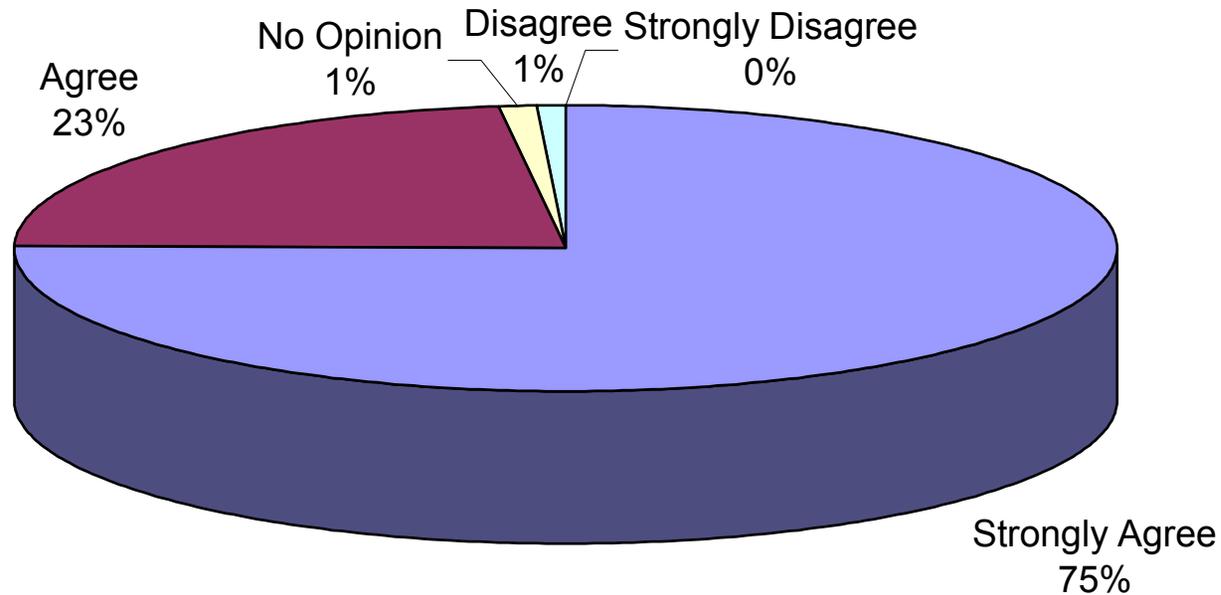
## 62% Strongly Agree or Agree





# Fire protection adequately meets the needs of the Town

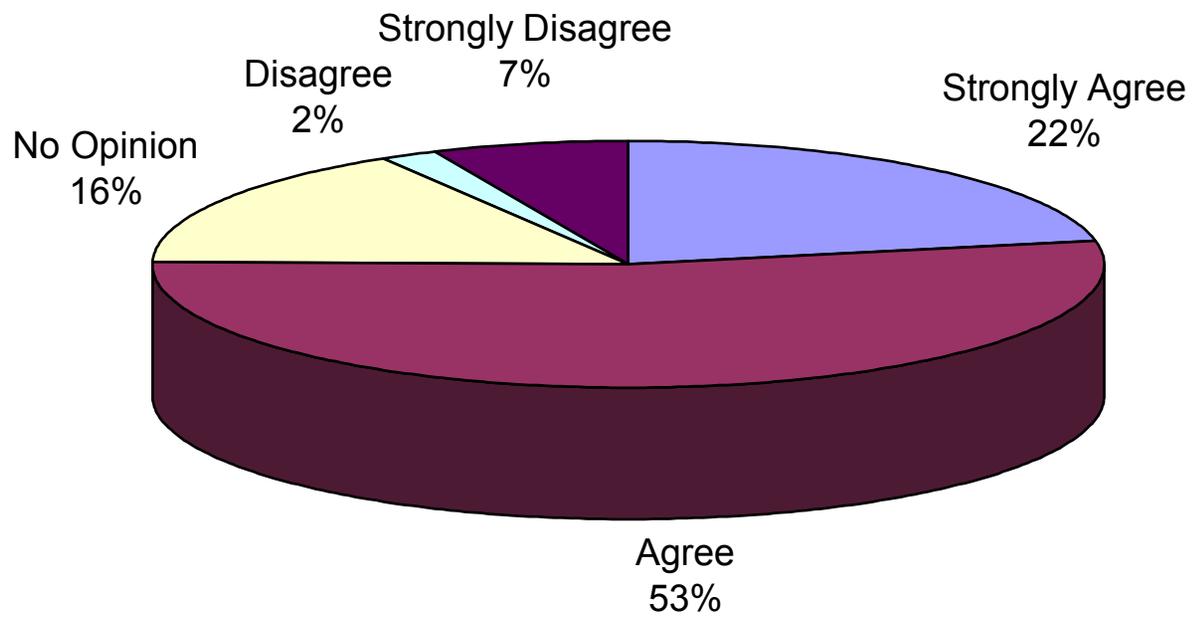
## 98% Strongly Agree or Agree





# Overall effectiveness of the Town Government adequately meets the needs of the Town

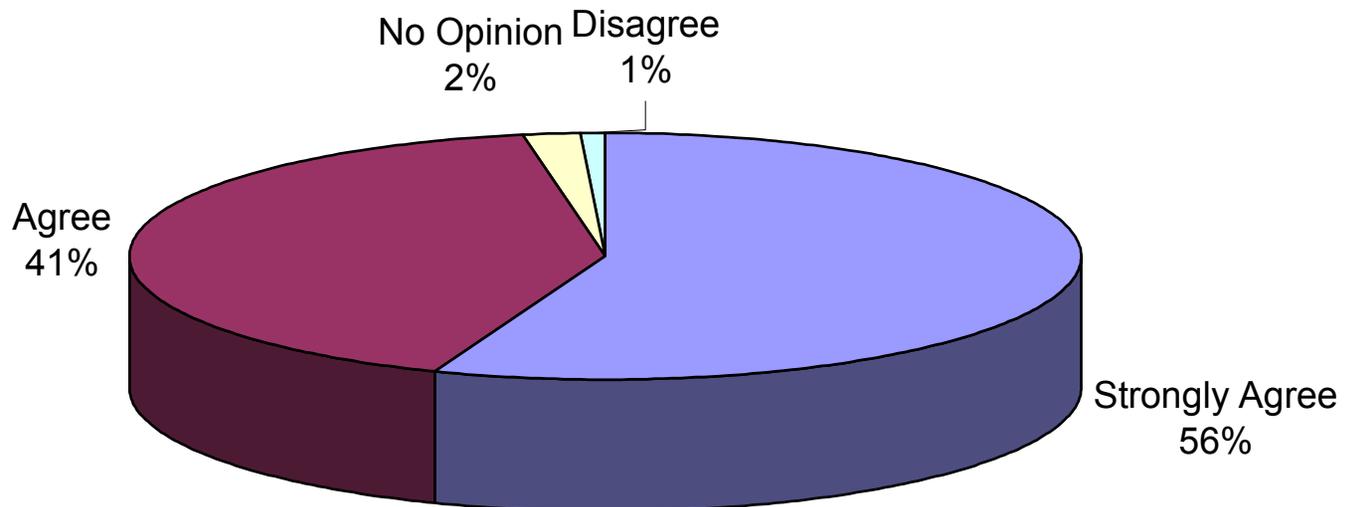
## 75% Strongly Agree or Agree





# Trash removal adequately meets the needs of the Town

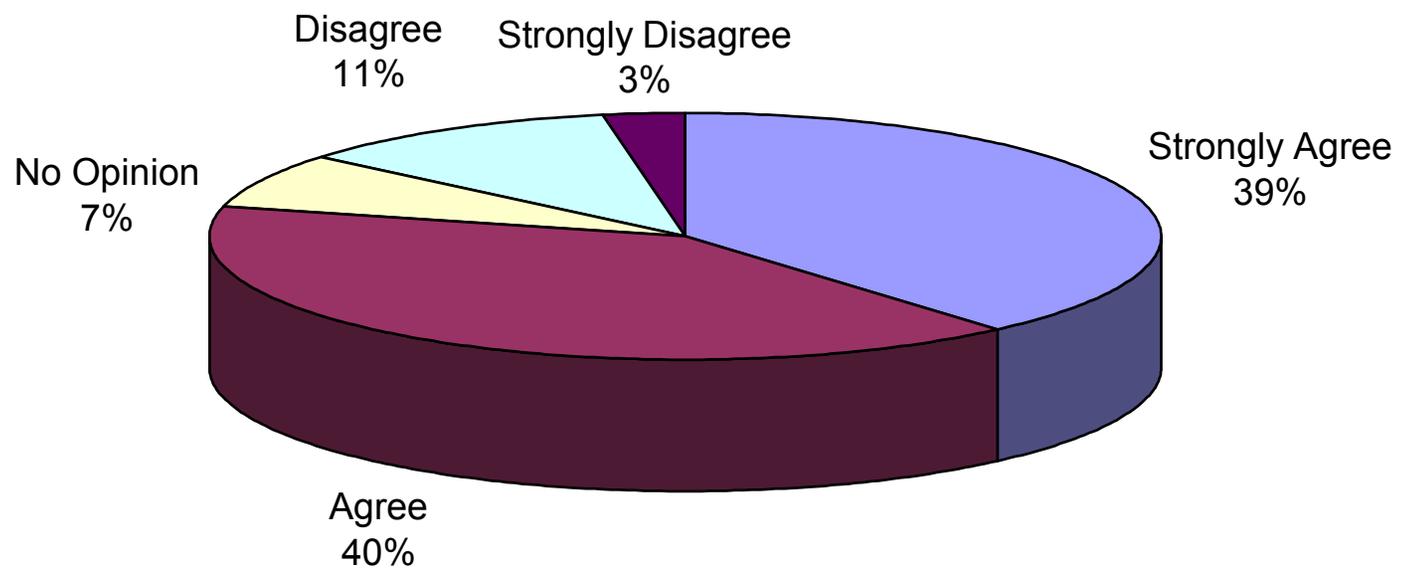
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# Snow removal adequately meets the needs of the Town

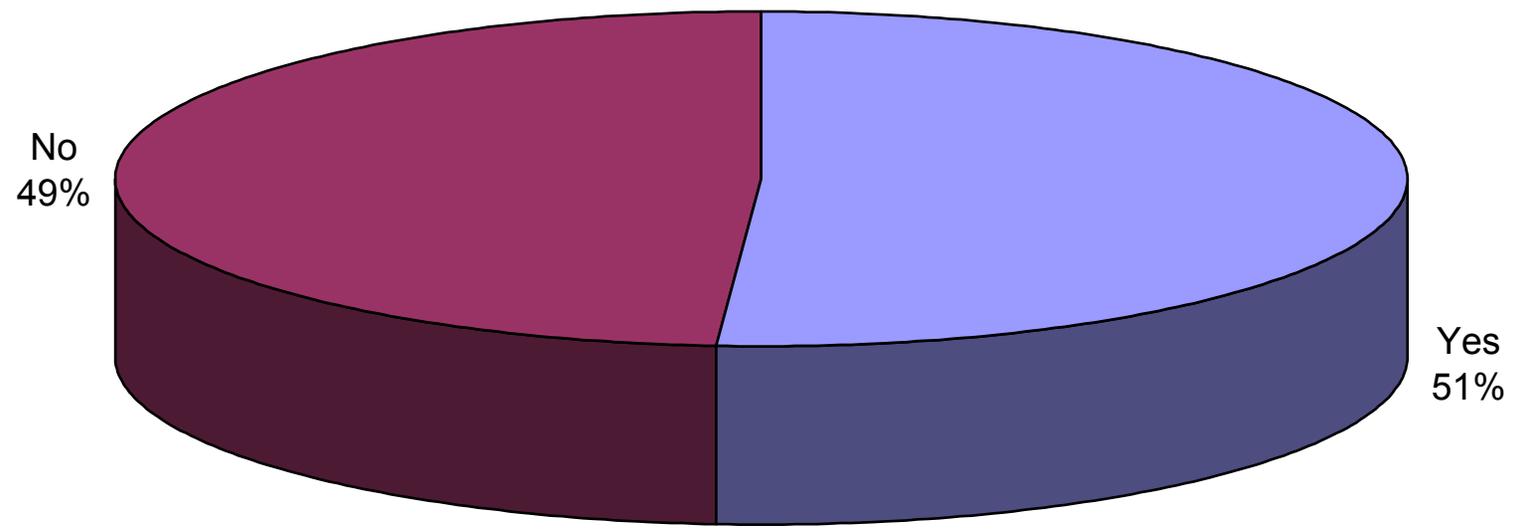
## 79% Strongly Agree or Agree





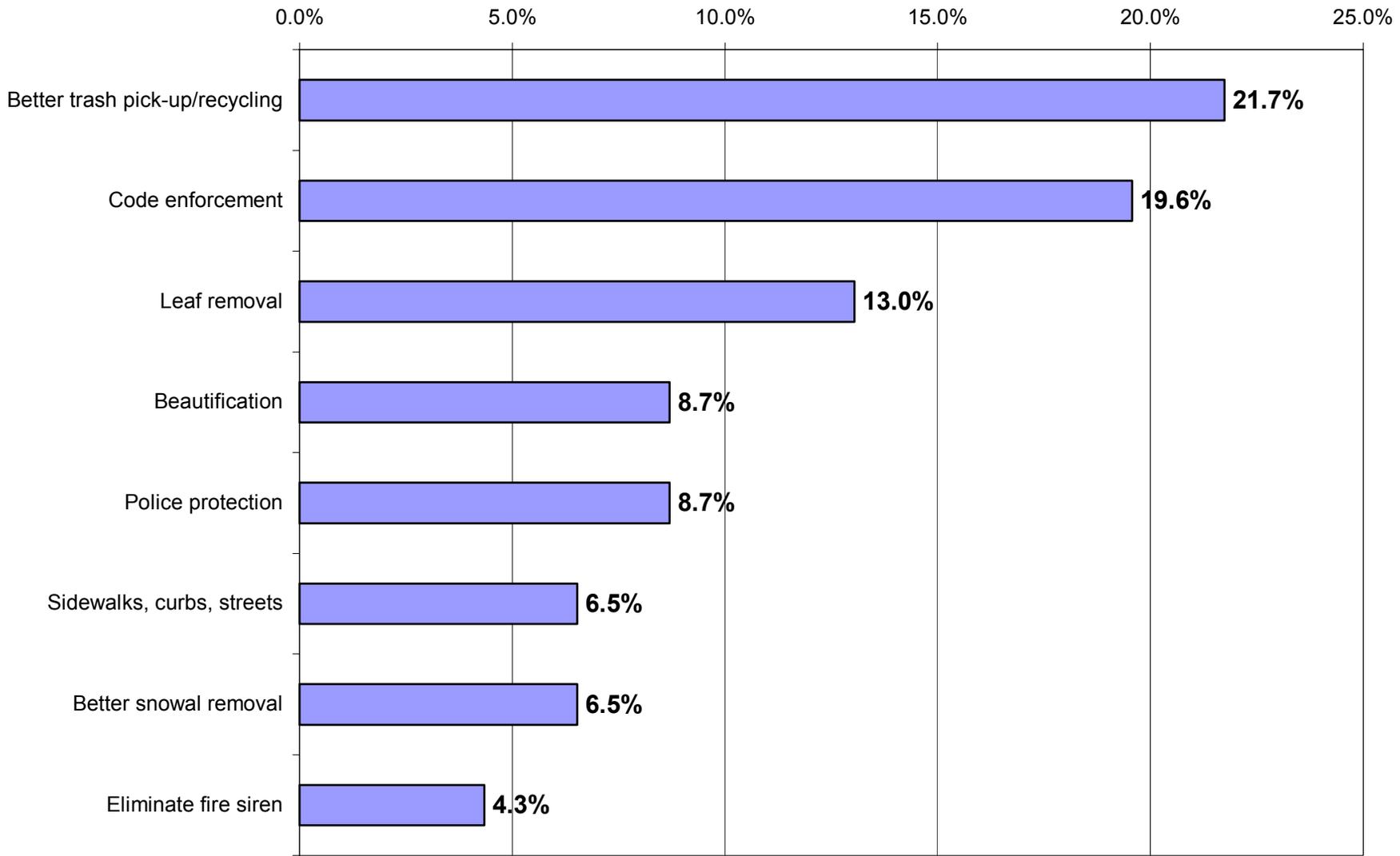
**Are there new services, or improvements to existing services, that you think should be provided for residents?**

**51% Believe New Services or Improvements to Existing Services Should be Provided**



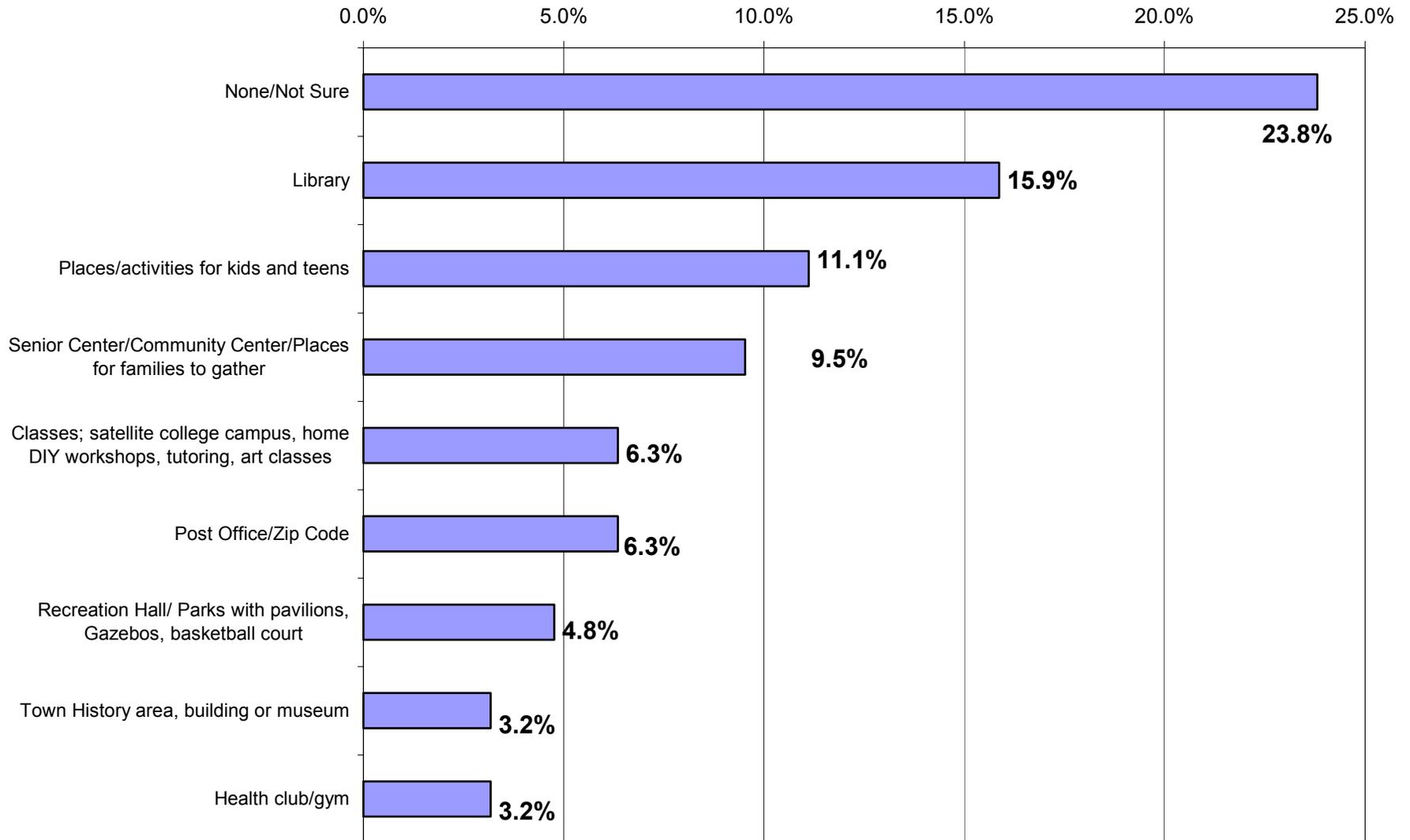


# New or Improved Services Mentioned





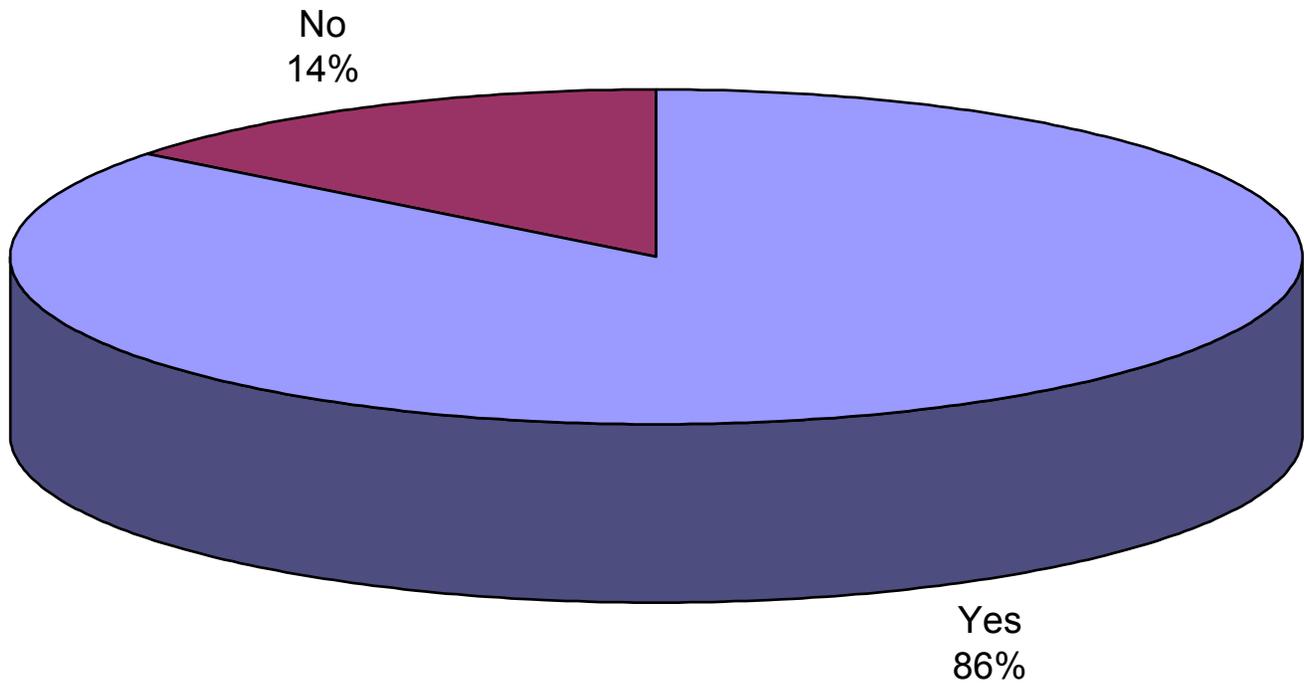
# What kinds of municipal, social or educational facilities are not currently located in Bellefonte, but should be?





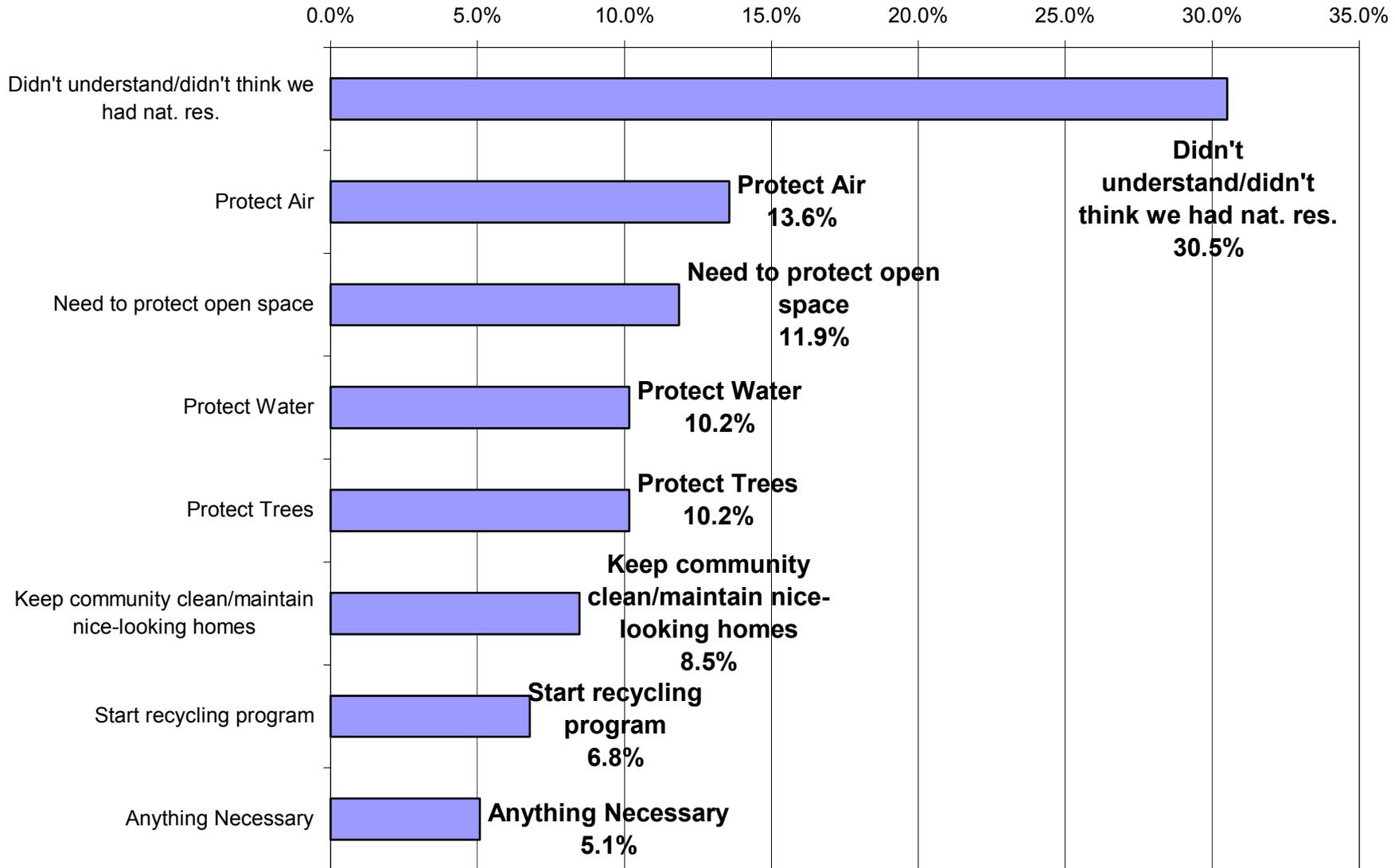
# Should additional efforts be made to protect natural resources in Bellefonte?

86% Believe in Protection of Natural Resources



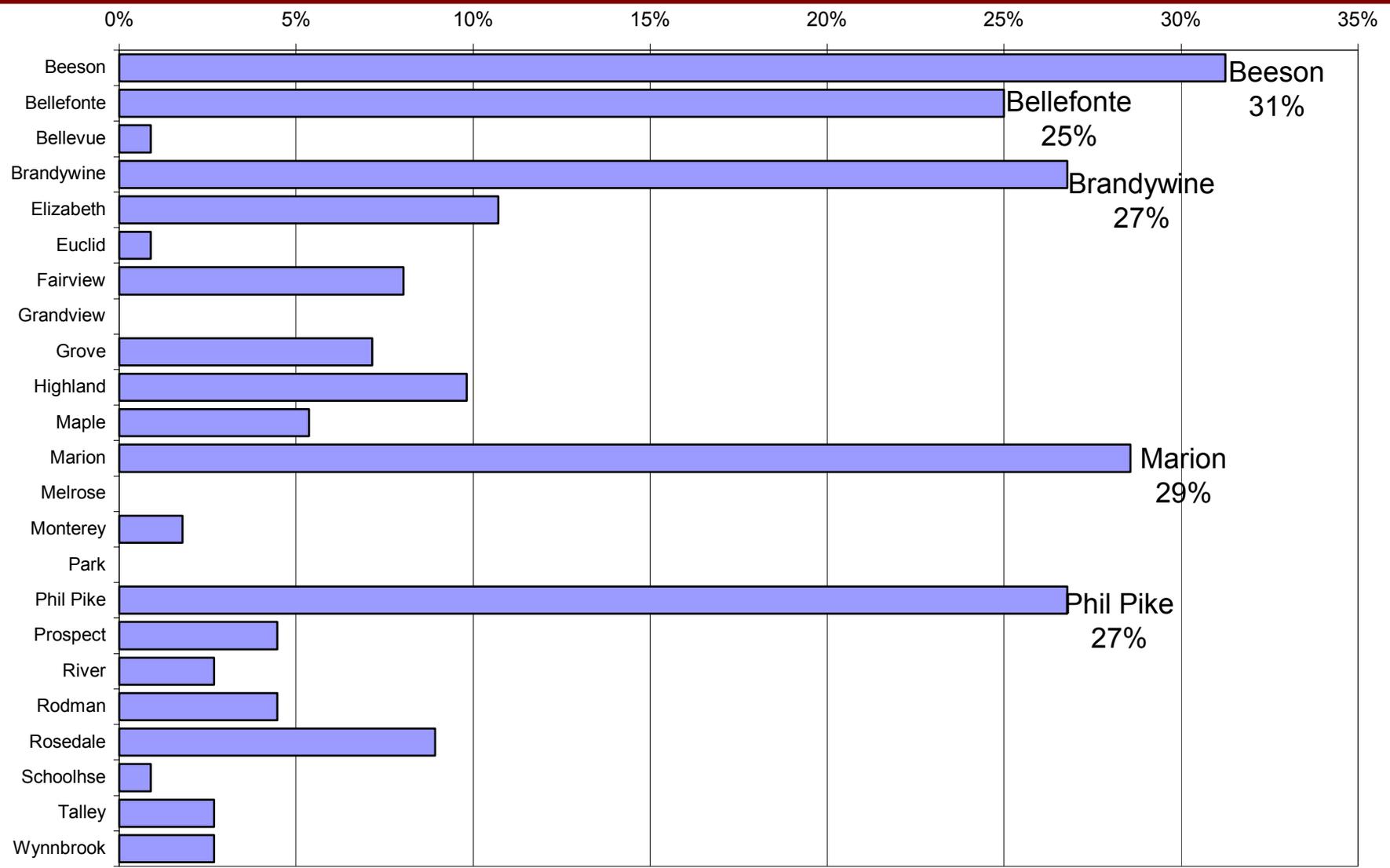


# Should additional efforts be made to protect natural resources in Bellefonte?





# Please indicate which streets you think are dangerous?





# Top Five Most Dangerous Streets & Why They are Considered Dangerous

- **Beeson**

1. Speeding (33%)
2. Intersection at Philadelphia Pike (18%)
3. Pedestrian Traffic (18%)

- **Marion**

1. Speeding (51%)
2. Parking near intersection (12%)
3. Pedestrian Traffic (9%)

- **Brandywine**

1. Speeding (50%)
2. Parking – Double Parking at Laundromat (13%)
3. Parking – Intersection (13%)

- **Philadelphia Pike**

1. Speeding (31%)
2. Traffic Volume (29%)
3. Beeson Intersection (17%)

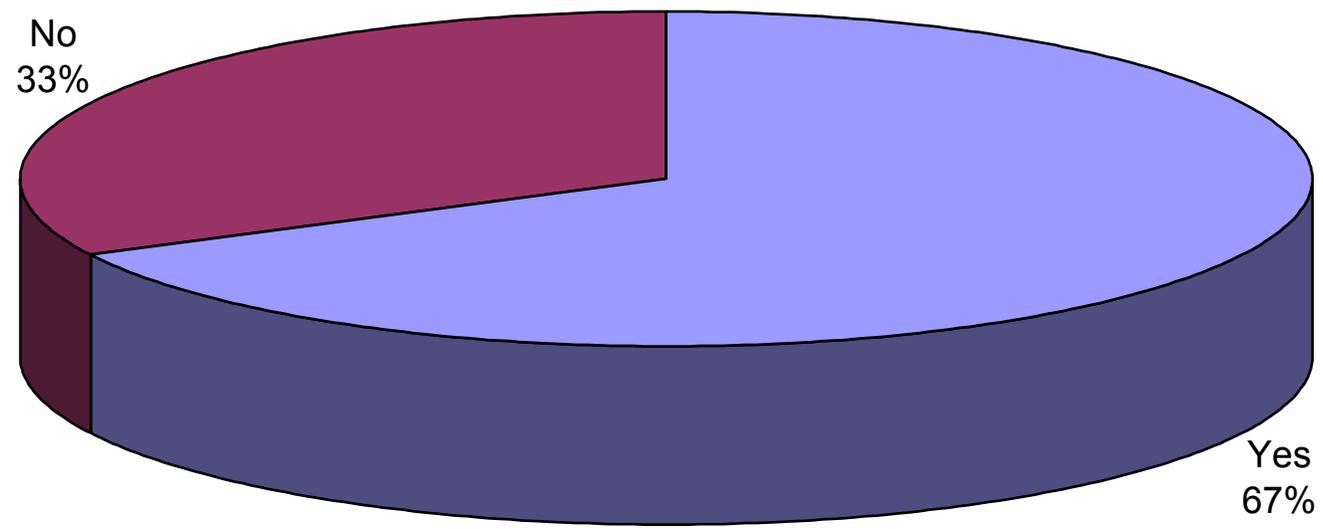
- **Bellefonte**

1. Wrong way traffic (21%)
2. Speeding (21%)
3. Pedestrian Traffic (14%)



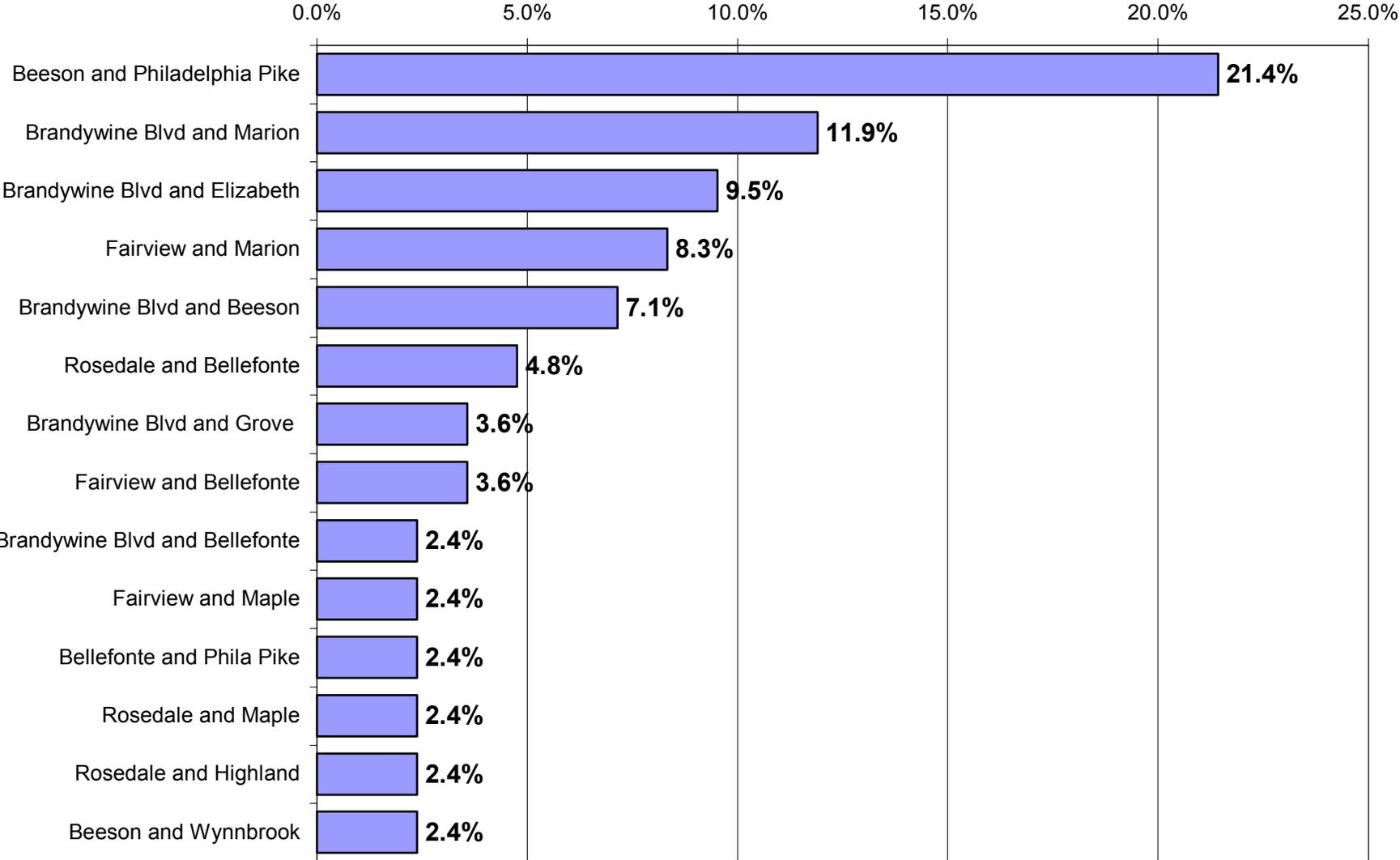
**Is there an intersection in Bellefonte which has limited sight distance or other problems which should be improved?**

## 67% Intersection Improvement Needed



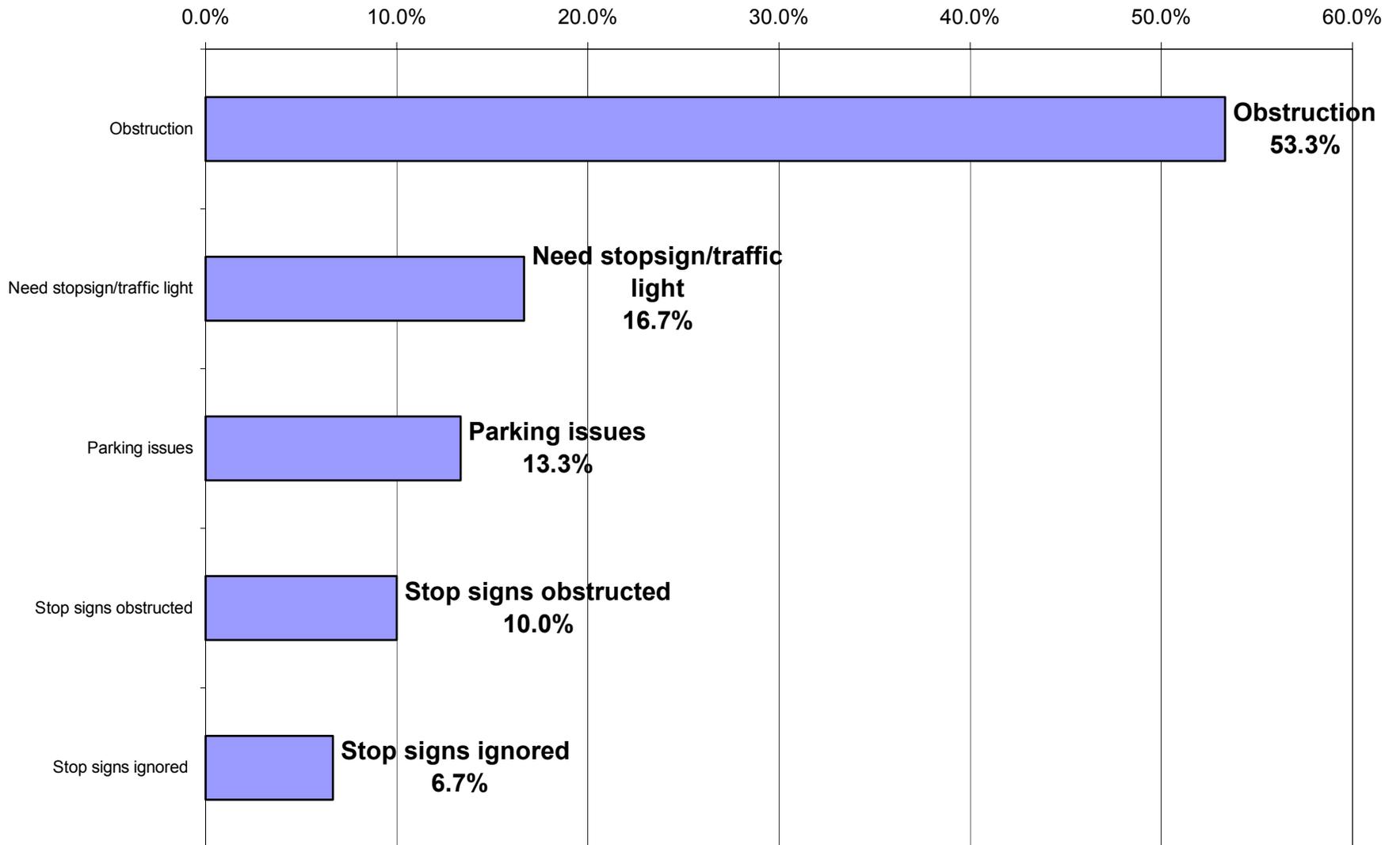


# Intersections For Improvement





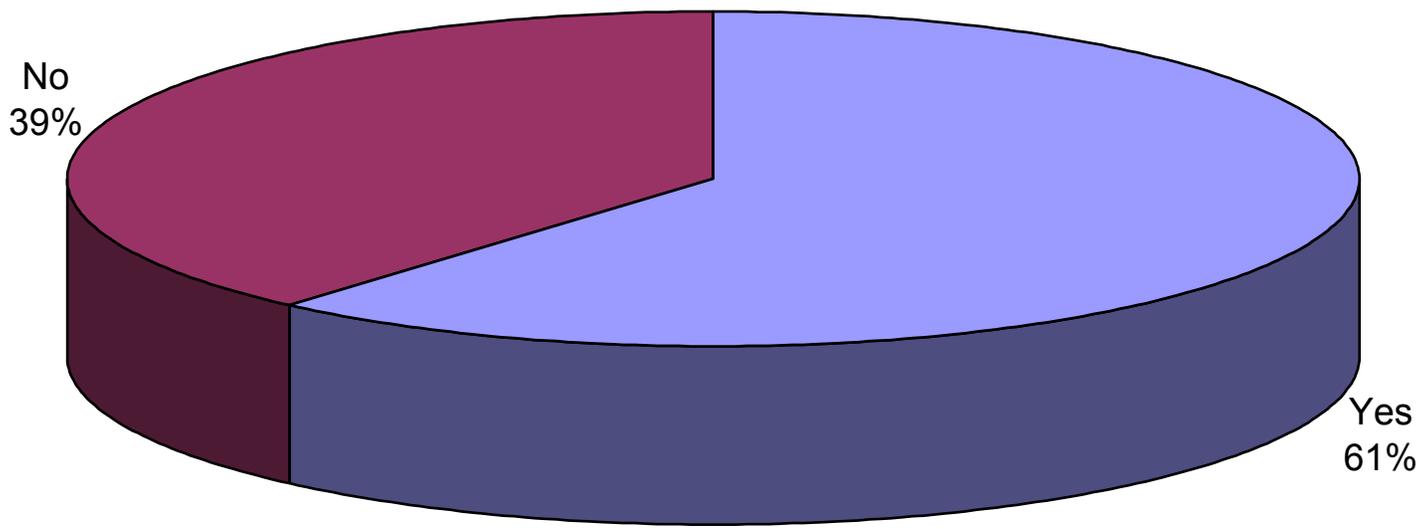
# Intersection Problems





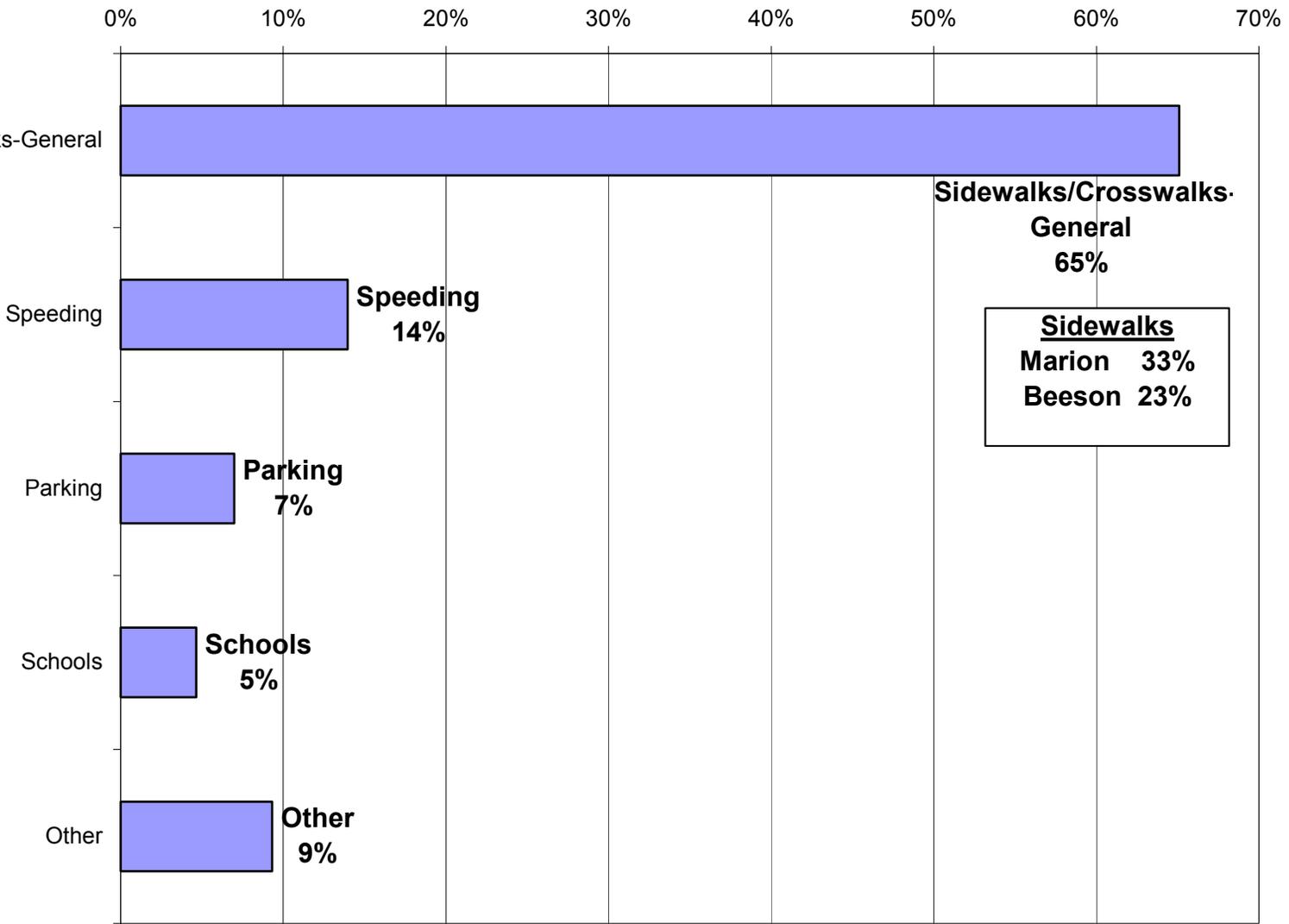
# Is there a specific area in Bellefonte where safety should be improved for pedestrians?

## 61% Improve Pedestrian Safety



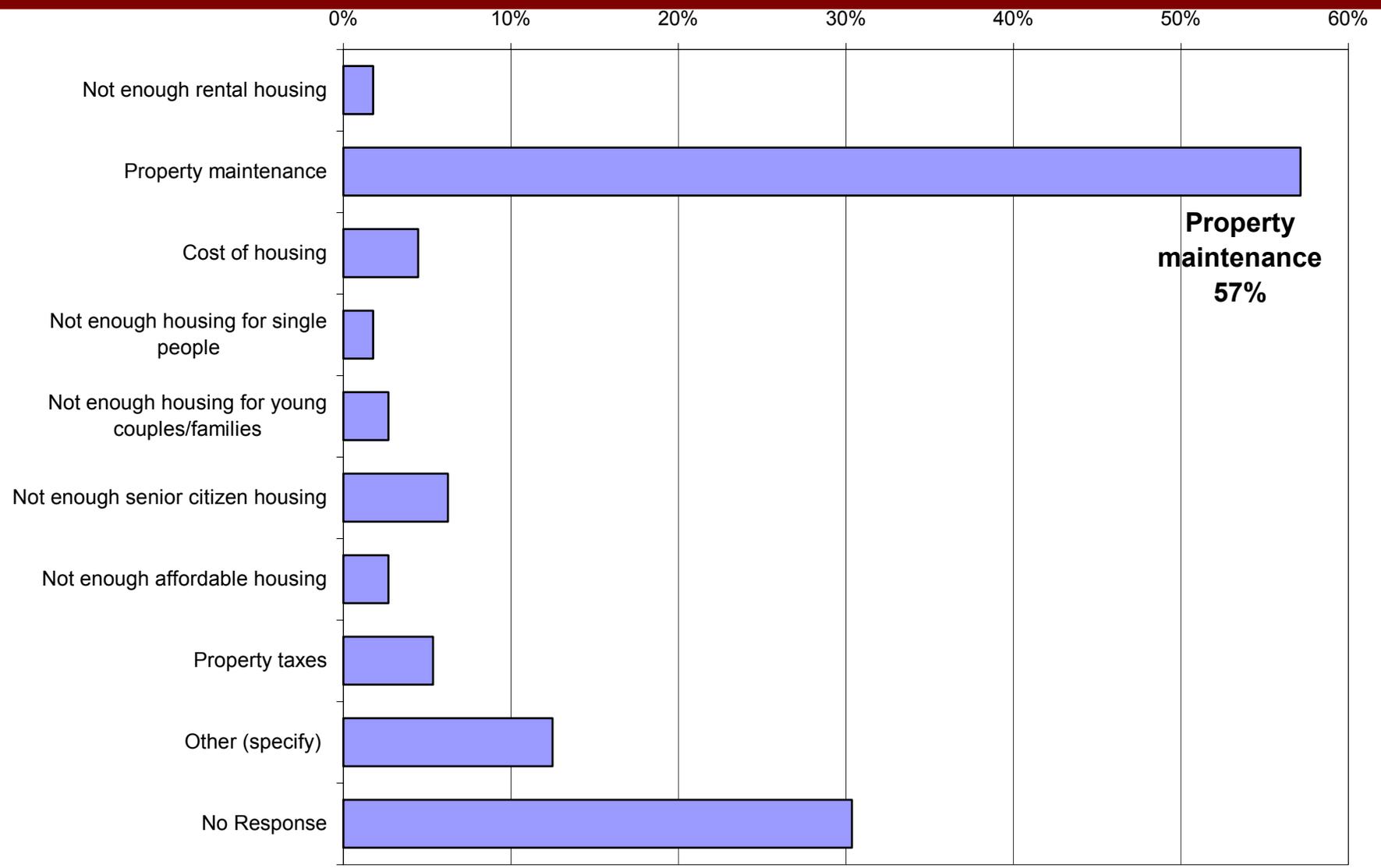


# Specific Concerns in Bellefonte where safety should be improved for pedestrians





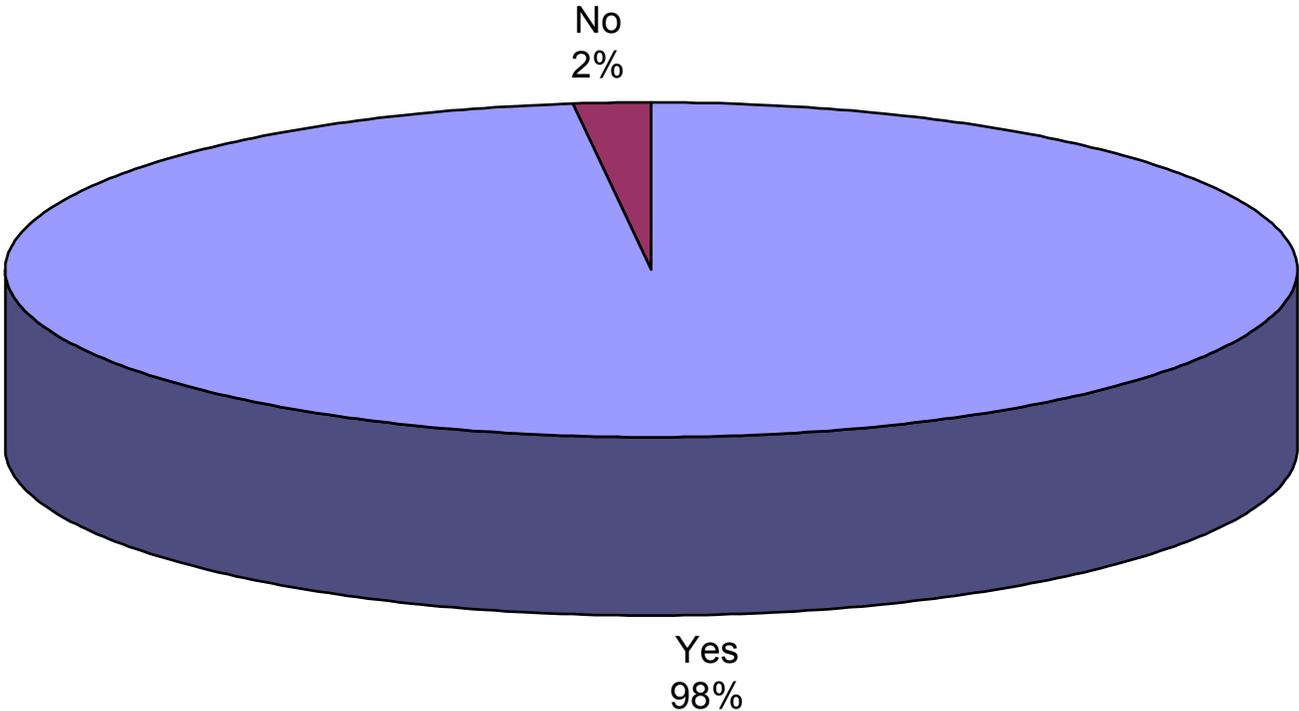
# What are the most important housing problems in Bellefonte?





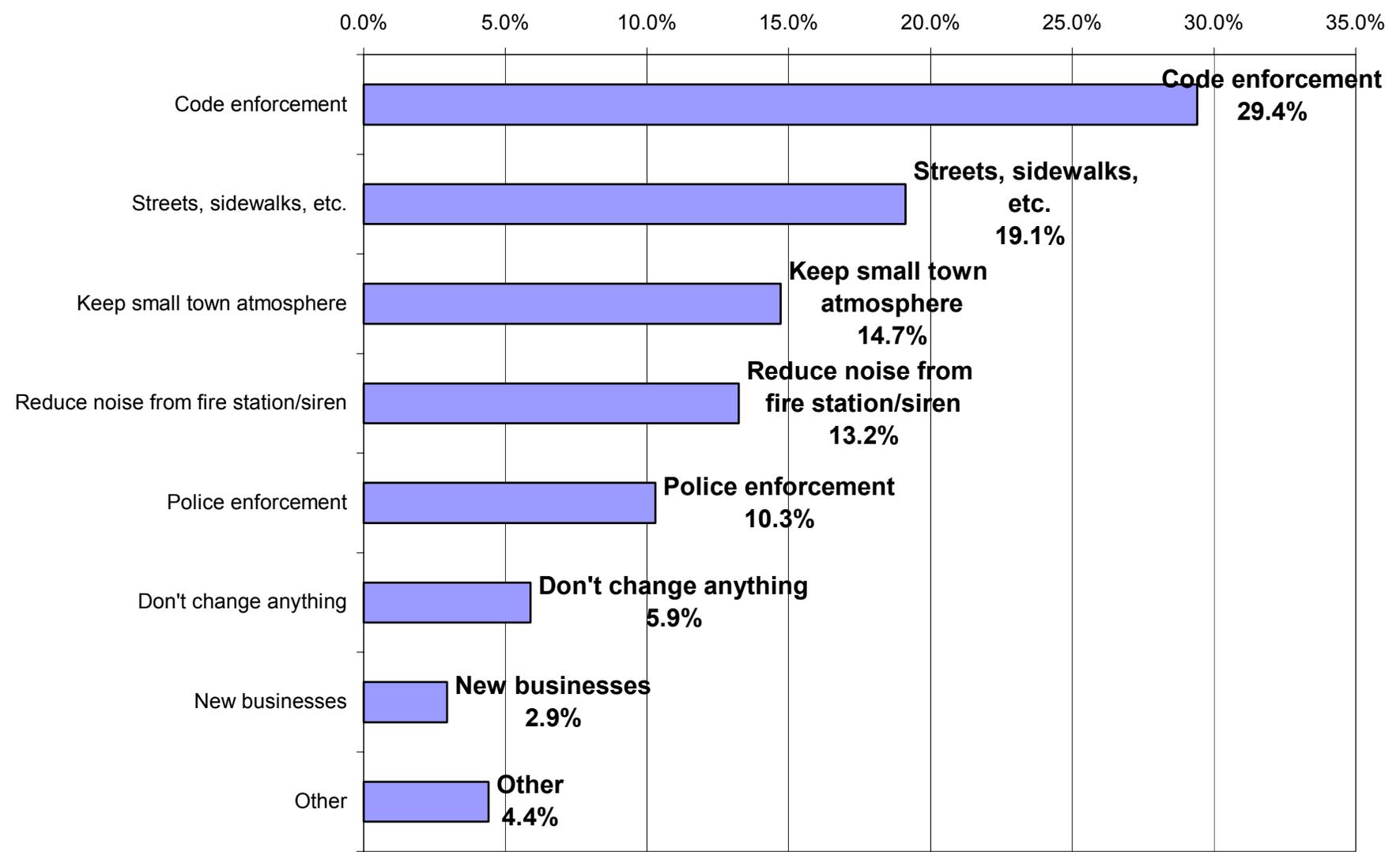
# Do you think there is a good quality of life in Bellefonte?

98% Believe the Quality of Life is Good





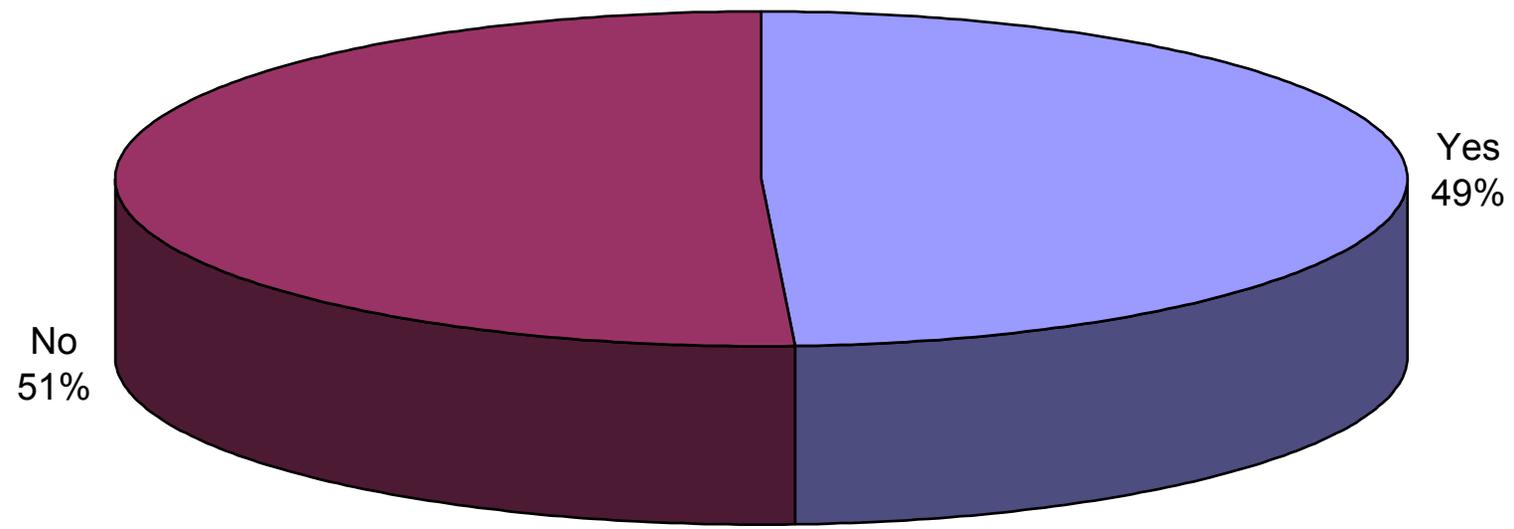
# If you could improve the quality of life in Bellefonte what would you do?





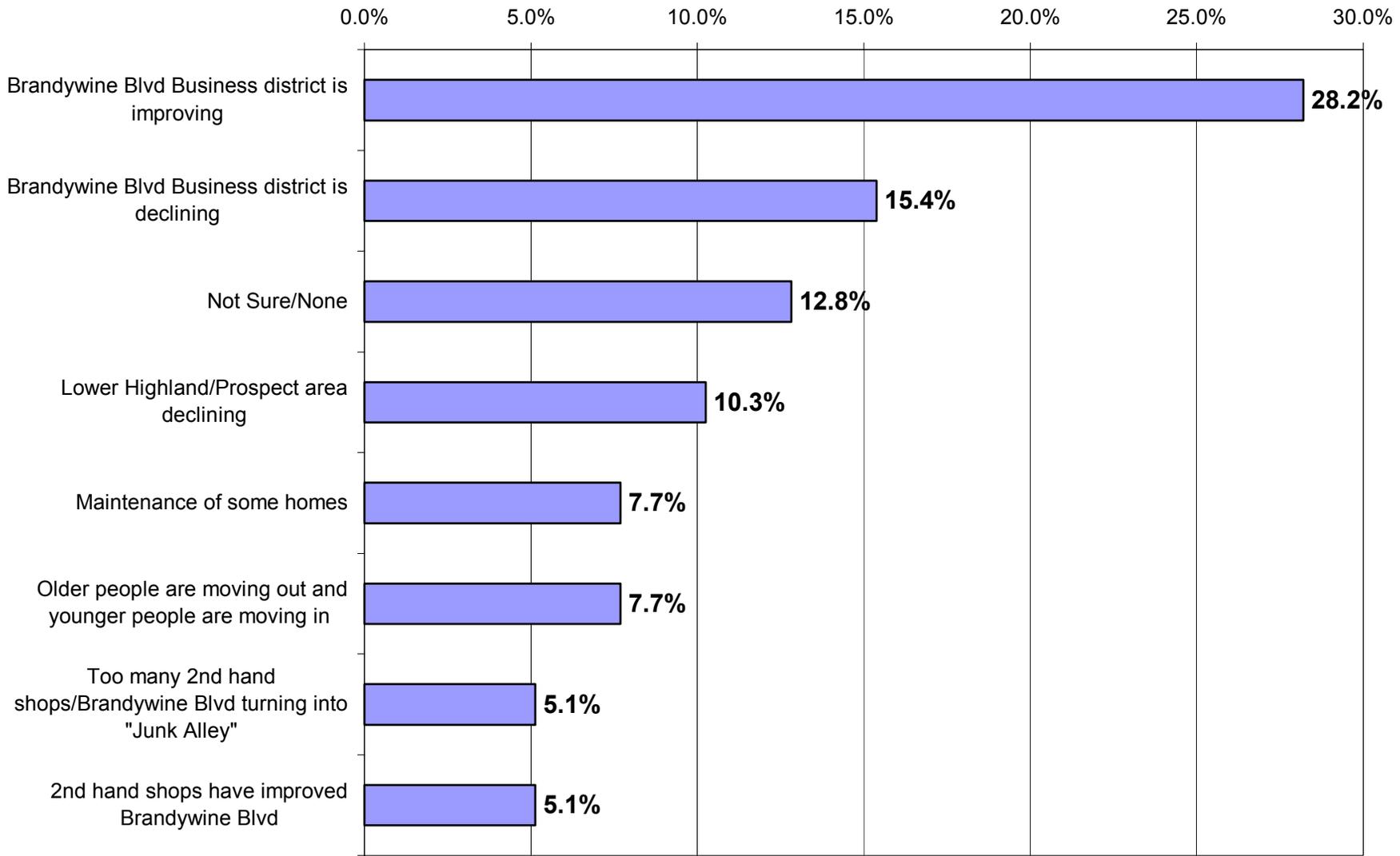
# Is there a section or neighborhood you feel is changing or in transition?

51% Do Not Believe a Section or Neighborhood is Changing or in Transition



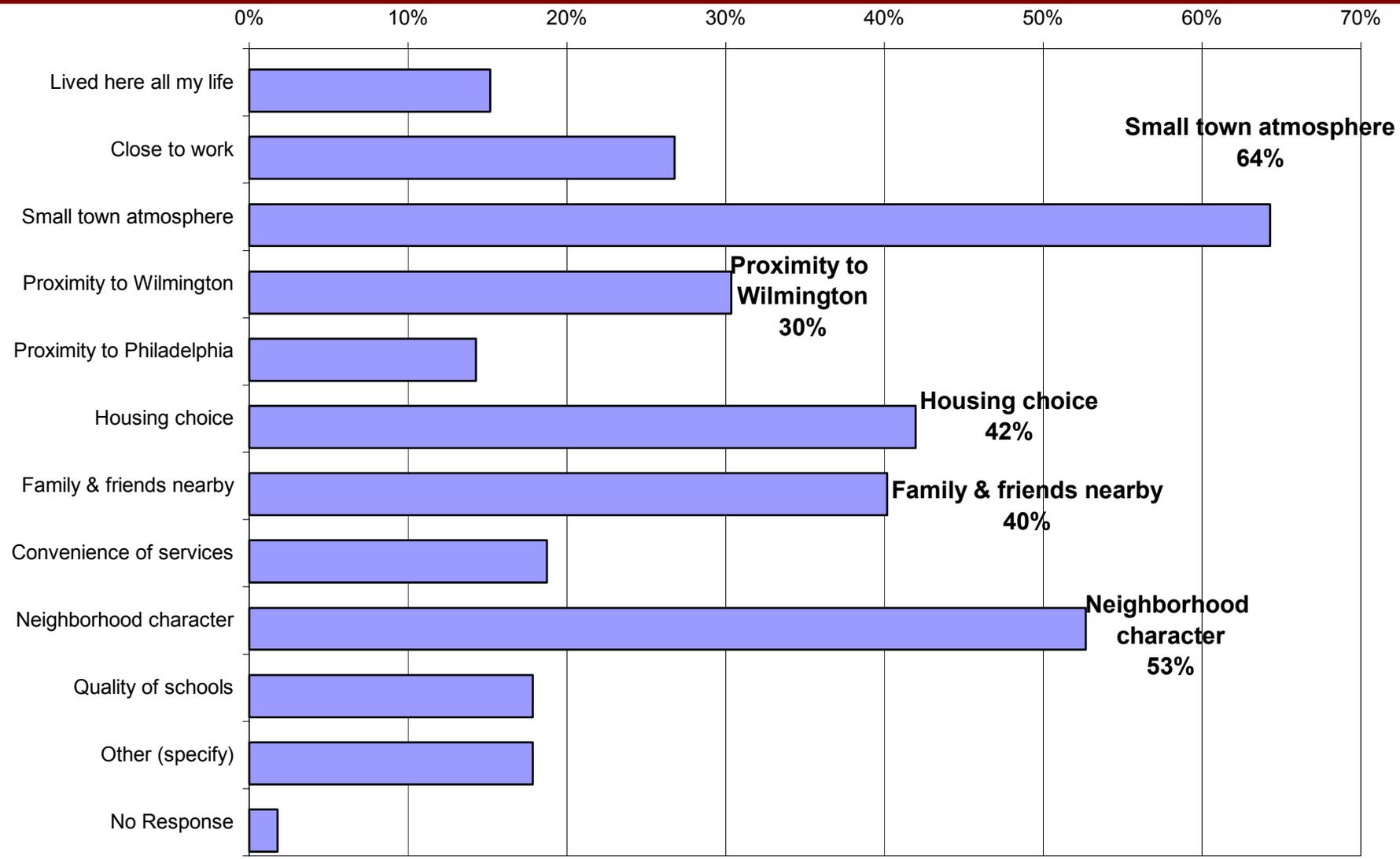


# Section or neighborhood people felt was changing or in transition



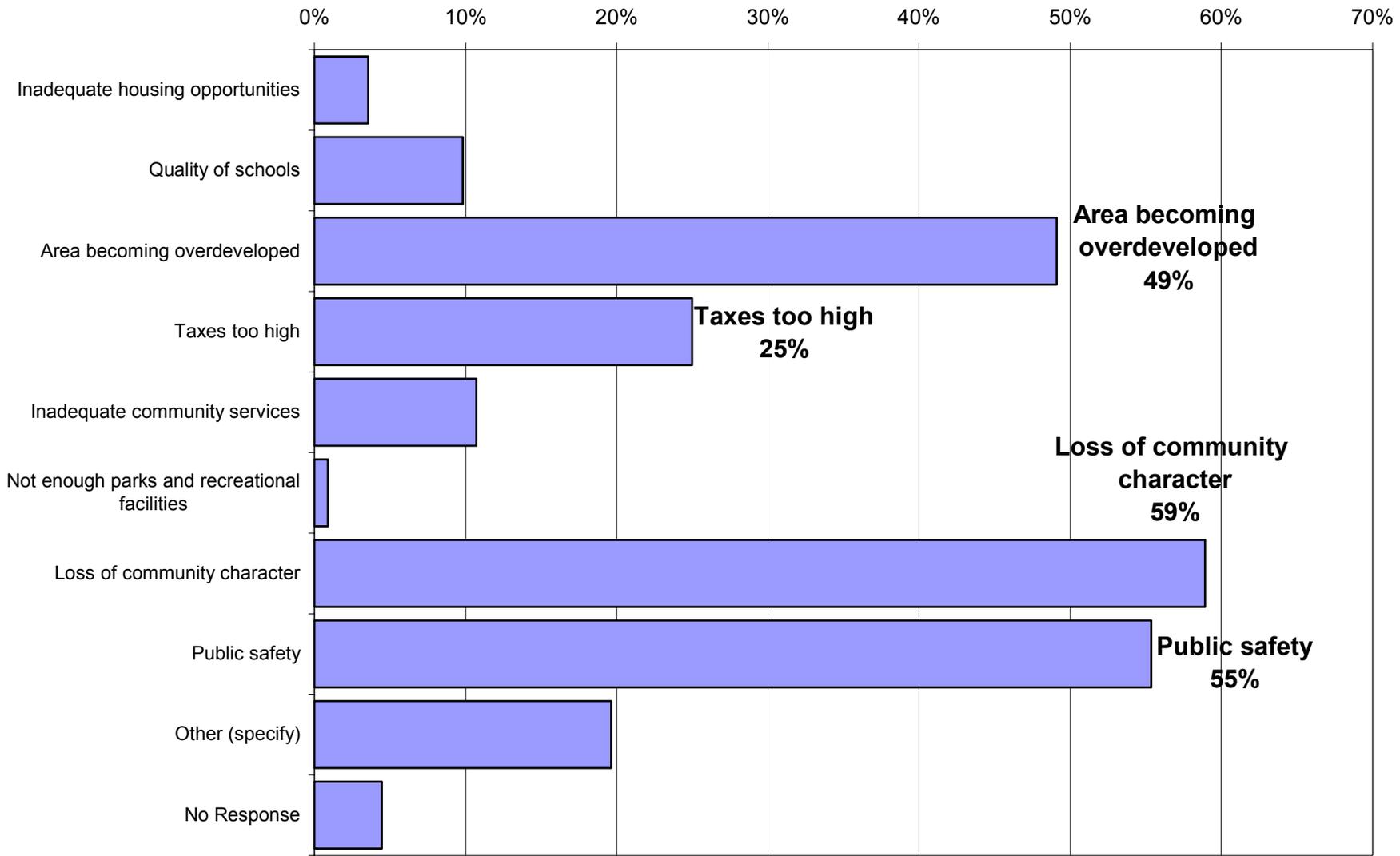


# Why did you choose to live in Bellefonte?



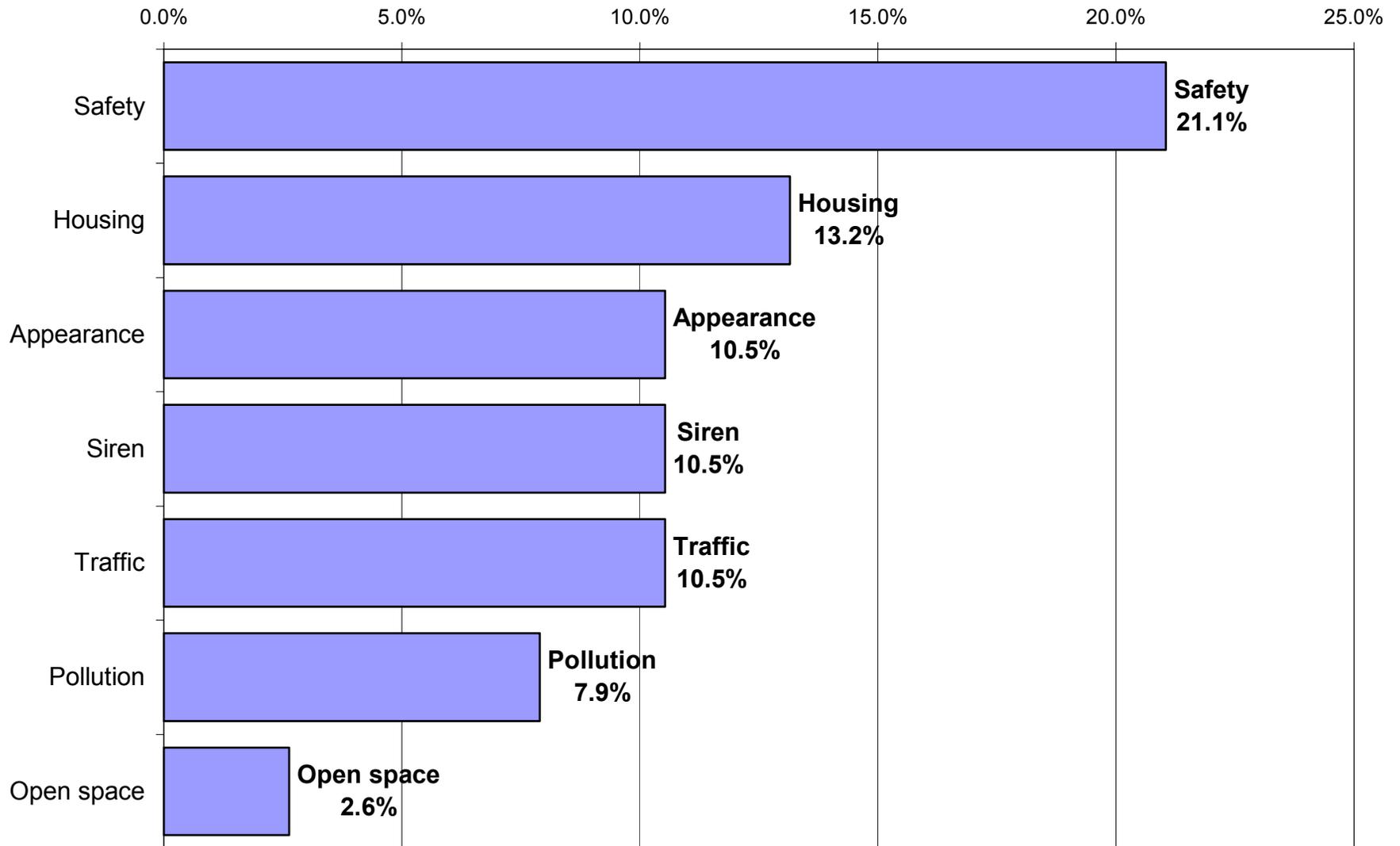


# Other than a change in employment or health, which of these factors would cause you to leave Bellefonte?



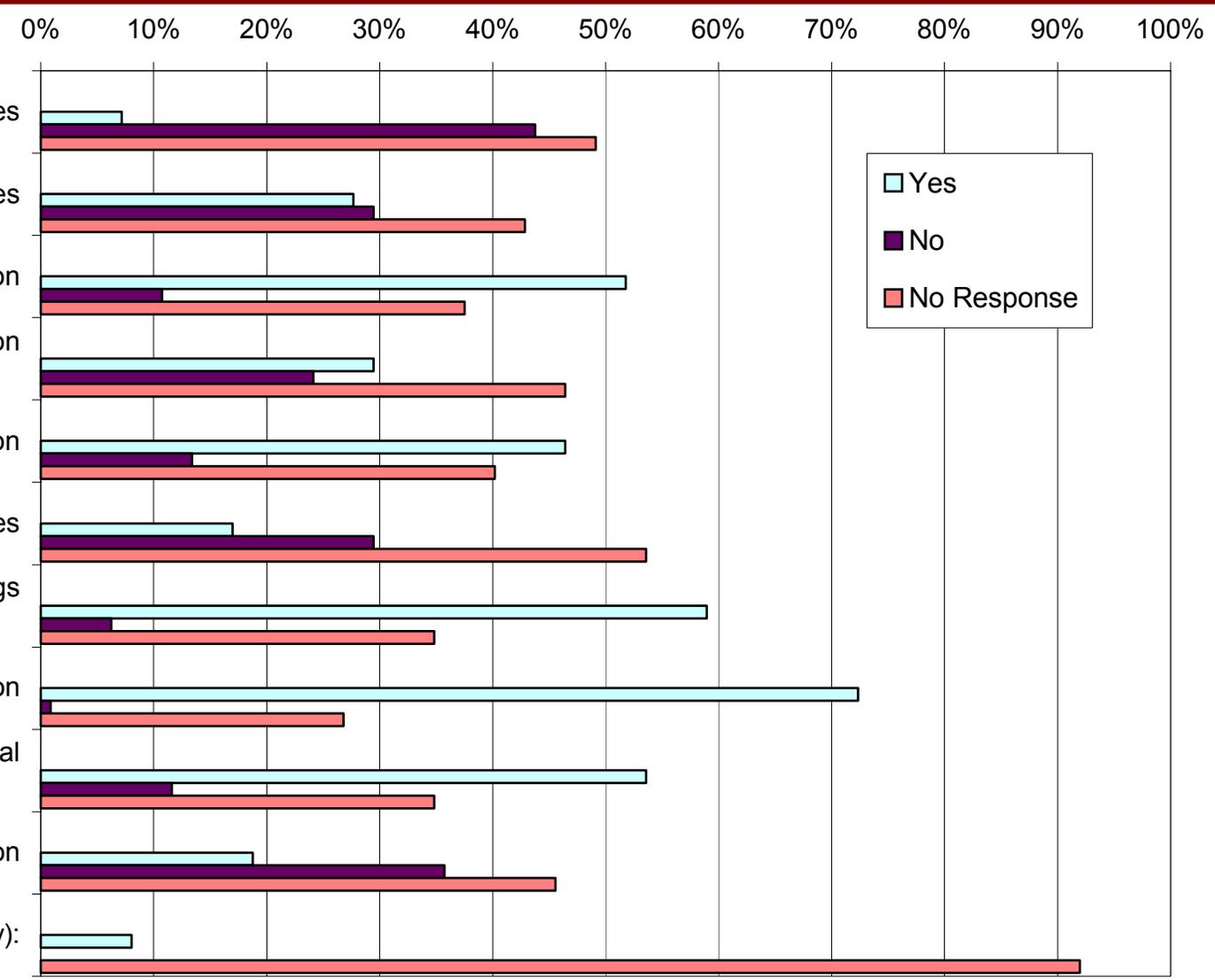


# Other Reasons to Leave Bellefonte





# What do you think should be given special attention in the Bellefonte Comprehensive Plan?





# Additional Comments, Concerns, & Suggestions

