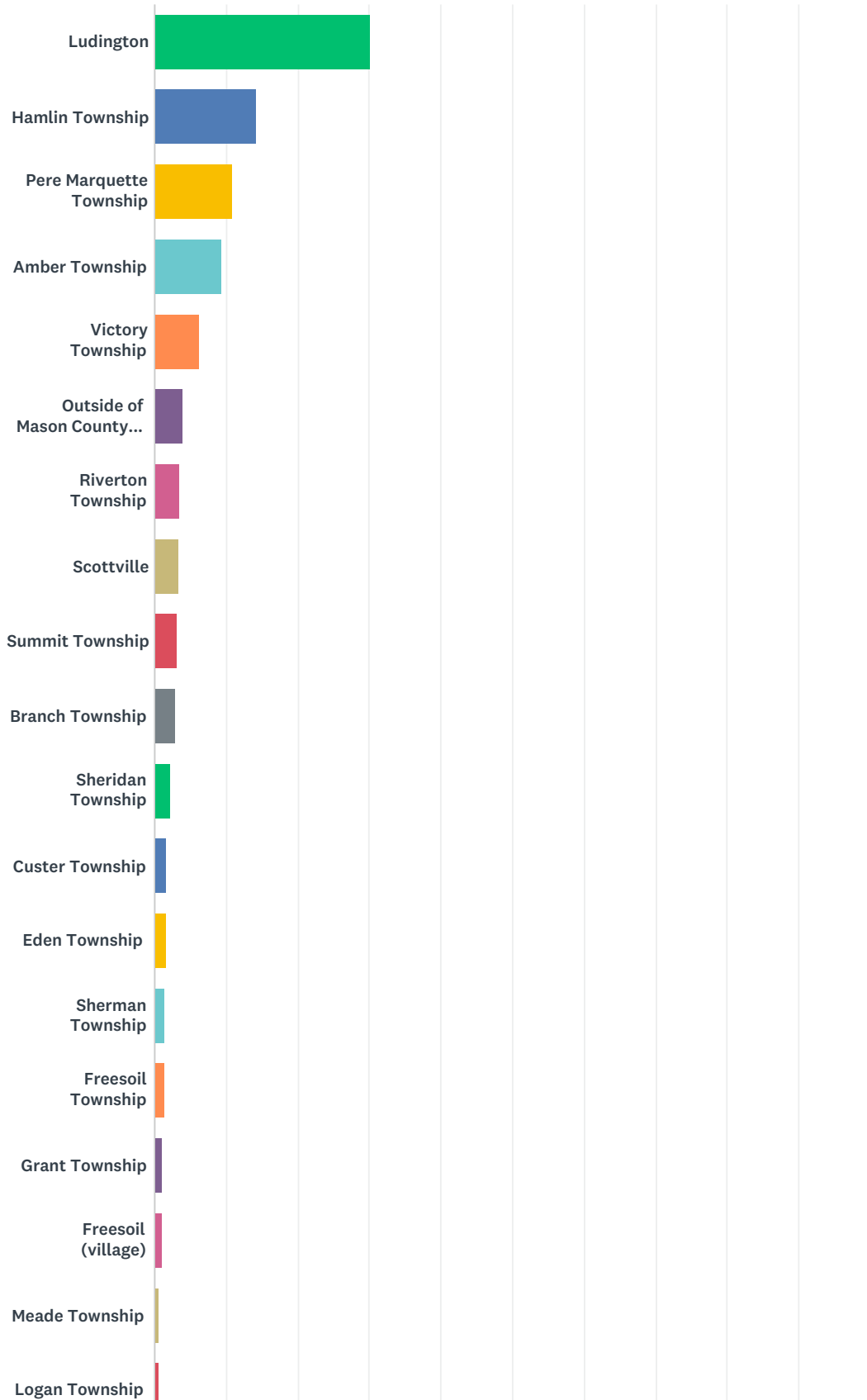
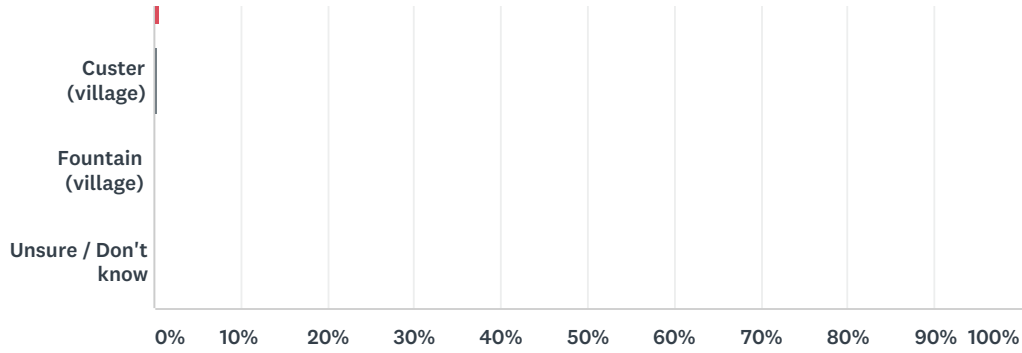


# Q1 In which community do you live?

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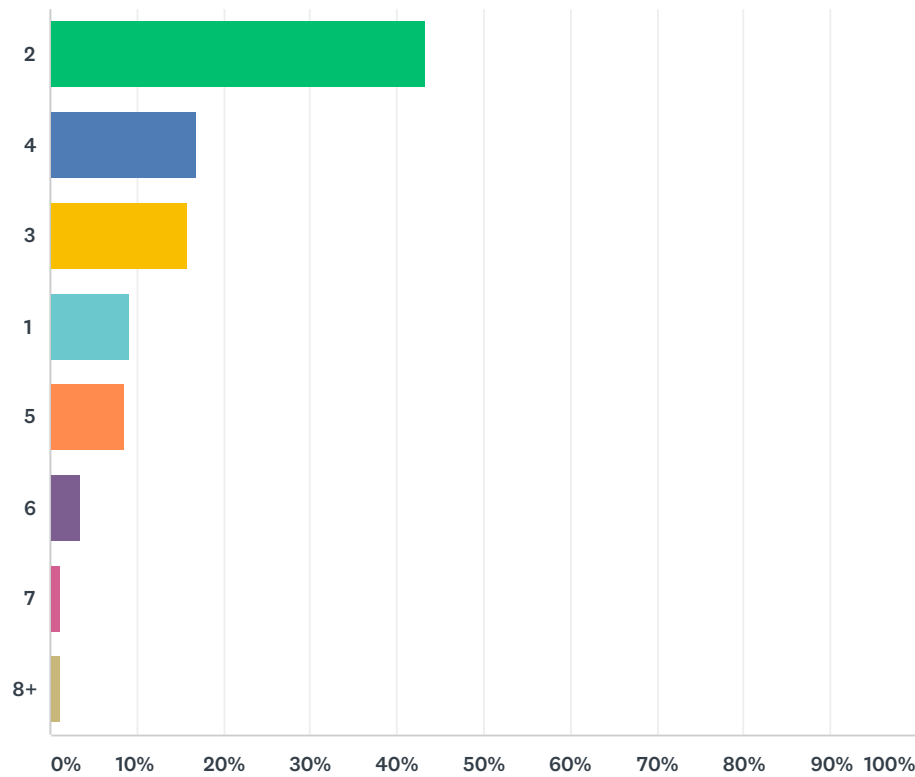
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Ludington	30.07%	255
Hamlin Township	14.15%	120
Pere Marquette Township	10.85%	92
Amber Township	9.43%	80
Victory Township	6.37%	54
Outside of Mason County (please specify)	4.01%	34
Riverton Township	3.54%	30
Scottville	3.30%	28
Summit Township	3.07%	26
Branch Township	2.95%	25
Sheridan Township	2.24%	19
Custer Township	1.65%	14
Eden Township	1.65%	14
Sherman Township	1.53%	13
Freesoil Township	1.42%	12
Grant Township	1.06%	9
Freesoil (village)	0.94%	8
Meade Township	0.59%	5
Logan Township	0.59%	5
Custer (village)	0.47%	4
Fountain (village)	0.12%	1
Unsure / Don't know	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>848</b>

#	OUTSIDE OF MASON COUNTY (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Ottawa	4/29/2019 5:46 PM
2	Manistee	4/26/2019 10:34 PM
3	Manistee County. Filer Twp.	4/26/2019 5:44 PM

4	Manistee	4/26/2019 9:31 AM
5	Grand Rapids	4/25/2019 10:26 PM
6	Barry	4/25/2019 8:12 PM
7	Commerce twp	4/25/2019 8:10 PM
8	Lake county	4/25/2019 7:52 PM
9	Buckley former summit and grant twp resident with family still in Mason County	4/25/2019 7:42 PM
10	Ionia county home and Lake county Vacation home	4/25/2019 7:31 PM
11	Lake county Baldwin Mi	4/25/2019 7:00 PM
12	Manistee	4/25/2019 6:19 PM
13	Kent Co.	4/25/2019 5:52 PM
14	Mason, MI	4/25/2019 5:51 PM
15	Oakland County	4/25/2019 4:38 PM
16	Muskegon	4/25/2019 4:13 PM
17	Sacramento, CA	4/25/2019 3:31 PM
18	Muskegon michigan	4/25/2019 3:31 PM
19	Lake County	4/25/2019 3:28 PM
20	Osceola, Indiana	4/25/2019 3:12 PM
21	Oakland County	4/25/2019 3:12 PM
22	I live in Grand Rapids, but am from Fountain and have a place there.	4/25/2019 2:00 PM
23	Westland,MI second property in Ludington	4/24/2019 7:50 PM
24	Hart former Riverton resident of 40 years	4/24/2019 6:05 PM
25	North side of pentwater	4/24/2019 5:12 PM
26	Ingham county	4/24/2019 2:09 PM
27	SE Michigan	4/24/2019 1:15 PM
28	Washington road Pentwater, right on the county line	4/24/2019 12:31 PM
29	Manistee	4/23/2019 11:39 AM
30	Oceana County - Pentwater Township	4/22/2019 3:32 PM
31	Oceana Co - New Era	4/22/2019 3:32 PM
32	Pentwater Township	4/8/2019 8:24 PM
33	I own property in Amber, also	4/8/2019 12:28 PM
34	Massachusetts - plan to move back to Ludington soon	4/7/2019 10:17 PM

## Q2 Including yourself, how many persons are in your household? (Please check one)

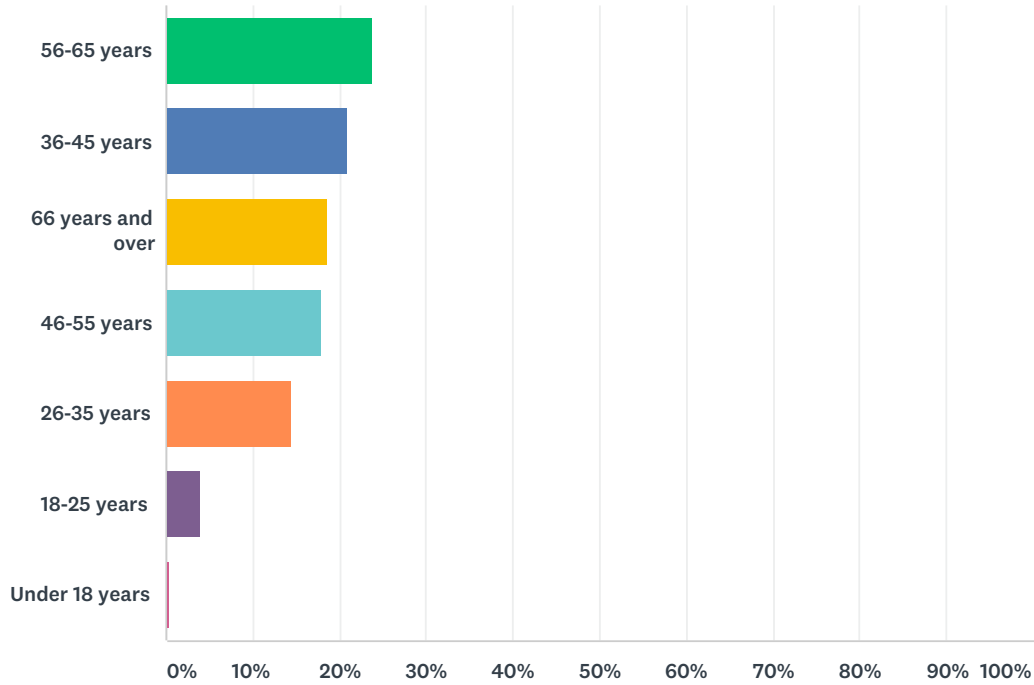
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
2	43.36%	366
4	16.94%	143
3	15.88%	134
1	9.24%	78
5	8.53%	72
6	3.55%	30
7	1.30%	11
8+	1.18%	10
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>844</b>

### Q3 What is your approximate age?

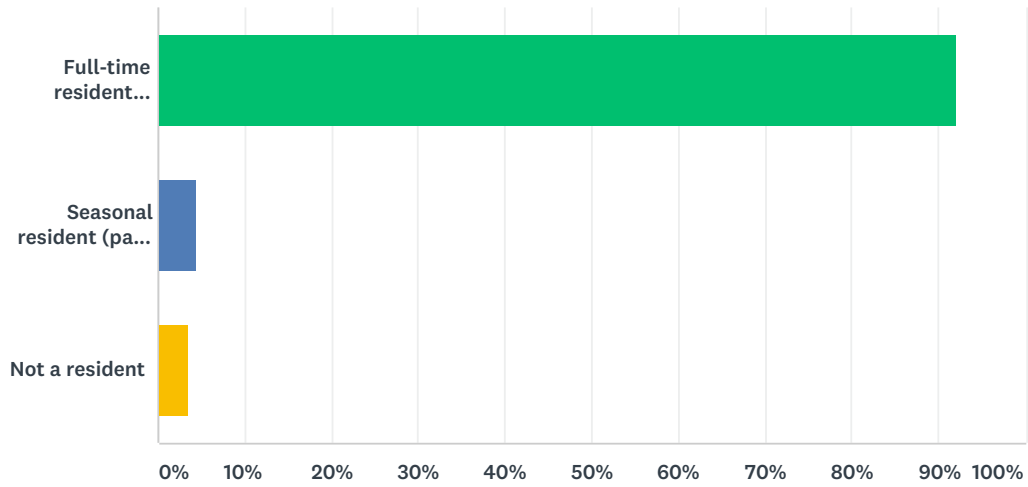
Answered: 842 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
56-65 years	23.75% 200
36-45 years	21.02% 177
66 years and over	18.53% 156
46-55 years	17.93% 151
26-35 years	14.49% 122
18-25 years	3.92% 33
Under 18 years	0.36% 3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>842</b>

### Q4 What is the status of your residency in Mason County?

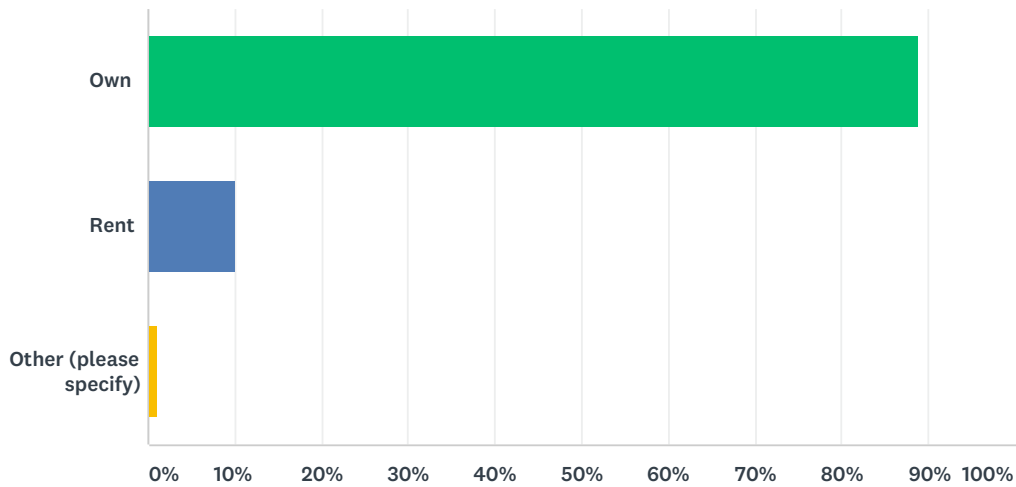
Answered: 848 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Full-time resident (year-round)	91.98%	780
Seasonal resident (part of the year)	4.36%	37
Not a resident	3.66%	31
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>848</b>

### Q5 If you live in Mason County year-round, do you own or rent your home? (if seasonal resident or not a resident, please skip to question 8)

Answered: 785 Skipped: 63

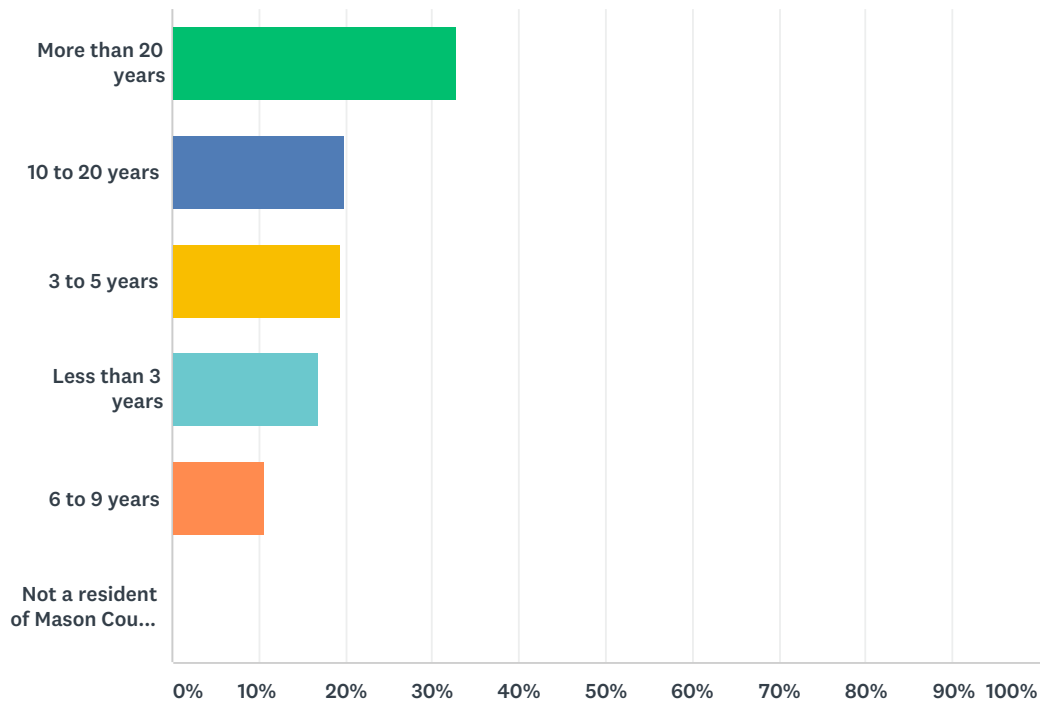


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Own	88.92% 698
Rent	10.06% 79
Other (please specify)	1.02% 8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>785</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Live with Parents	4/28/2019 11:42 AM
2	Non Resident	4/25/2019 7:00 PM
3	Own trailer live in park	4/25/2019 10:53 AM
4	seasonal	4/24/2019 7:50 PM
5	Still own a farm in Riverton	4/24/2019 6:05 PM
6	By	4/24/2019 7:24 AM
7	Family owned home/caretaker	4/22/2019 2:06 PM
8	Own home but not land	4/8/2019 11:13 AM

## Q6 If you live in Mason County year-round, about how long have you lived in your current home?

Answered: 780 Skipped: 68



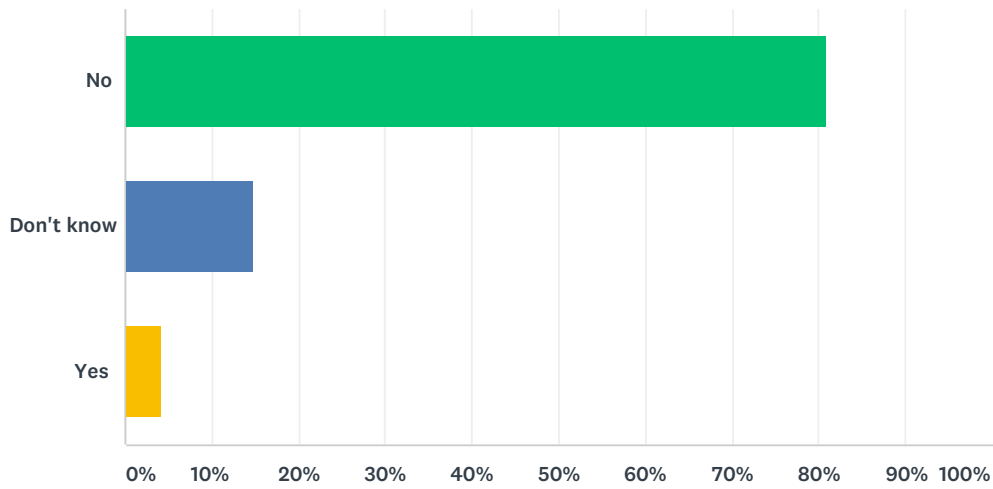
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More than 20 years	32.95%	257
10 to 20 years	19.87%	155
3 to 5 years	19.49%	152
Less than 3 years	16.92%	132
6 to 9 years	10.77%	84
Not a resident of Mason County year-round (please specify the community in which you reside)	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>780</b>

#	NOT A RESIDENT OF MASON COUNTY YEAR-ROUND (PLEASE SPECIFY THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH YOU RESIDE)	DATE
	There are no responses.	



### Q7 If you live in Mason County year-round, do you expect to move out of Mason County in the next five years?

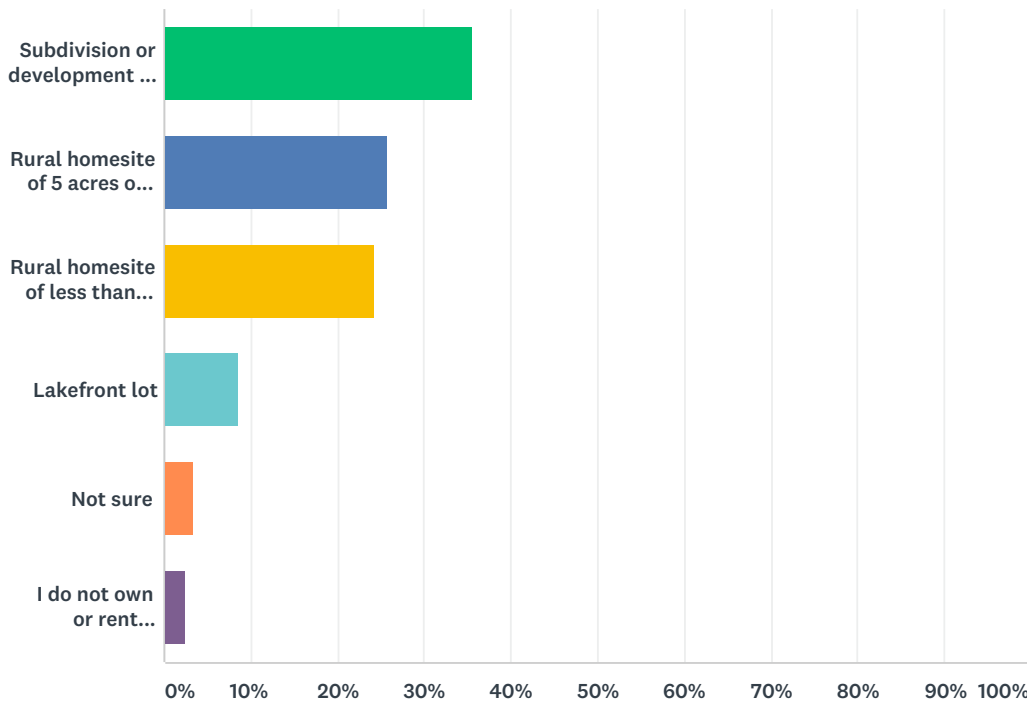
Answered: 786 Skipped: 62



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	81.04%	637
Don't know	14.76%	116
Yes	4.20%	33
TOTAL		786

### Q8 If you own or rent residential property in Mason County, which of the following best describes your Mason County residence/property?

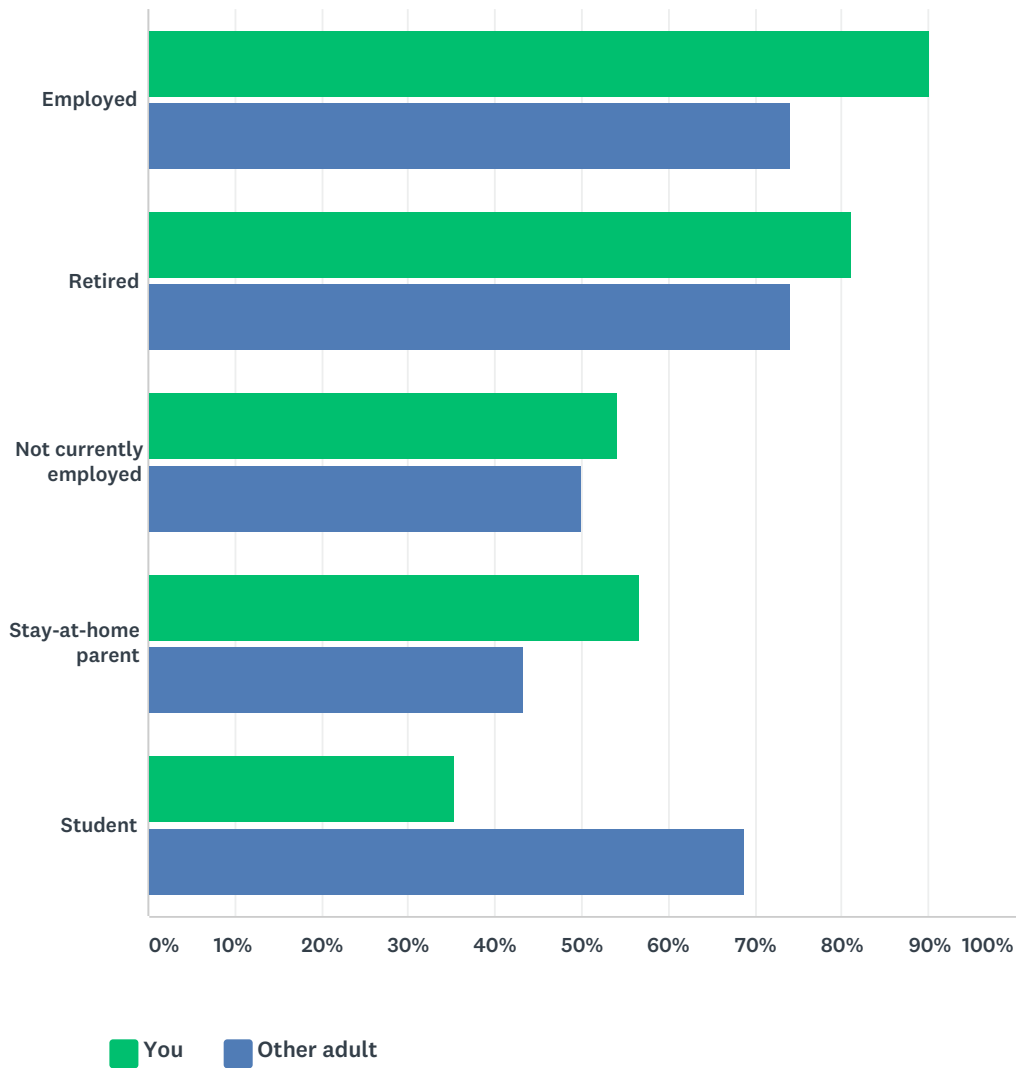
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Subdivision or development in a township, city or village	35.54%	279
Rural homesite of 5 acres or more	25.73%	202
Rural homesite of less than 5 acres	24.33%	191
Lakefront lot	8.54%	67
Not sure	3.44%	27
I do not own or rent residential property in Mason County	2.42%	19
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>785</b>

## Q9 What is your employment status and that of any other adult in the household?

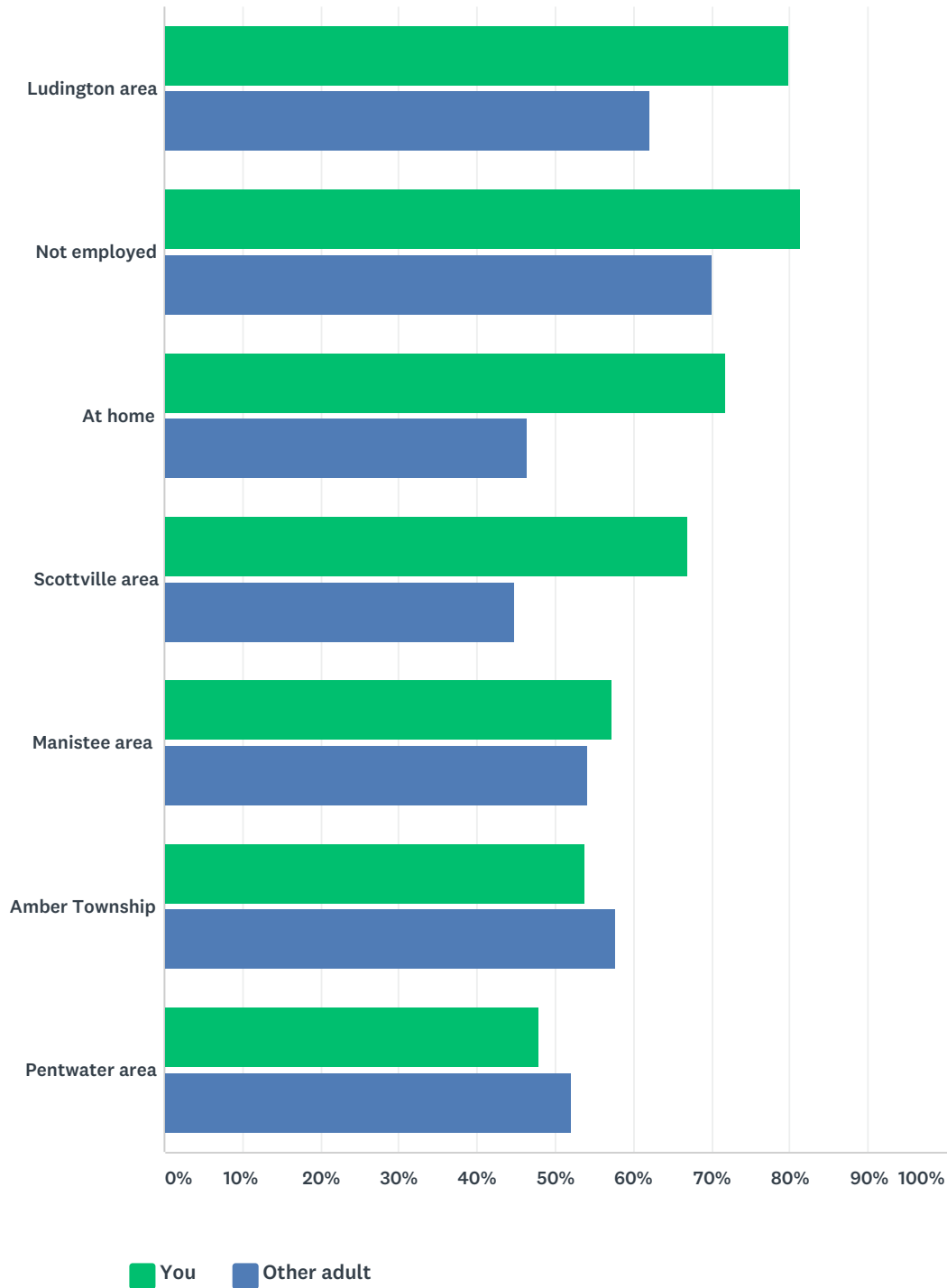
Answered: 809 Skipped: 39



	YOU	OTHER ADULT	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Employed	90.10% 564	74.12% 464	626
Retired	81.11% 219	74.07% 200	270
Not currently employed	54.17% 39	50.00% 36	72
Stay-at-home parent	56.67% 34	43.33% 26	60
Student	35.42% 17	68.75% 33	48

### Q10 Where do you work?

Answered: 702 Skipped: 146



	YOU	OTHER ADULT	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Ludington area	80.00% 384	62.08% 298	480
Not employed	81.37% 131	70.19% 113	161

At home	71.82% 79	46.36% 51	110
Scottville area	67.02% 63	44.68% 42	94
Manistee area	57.38% 35	54.10% 33	61
Amber Township	53.85% 14	57.69% 15	26
Pentwater area	47.83% 11	52.17% 12	23

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	retired	6/3/2019 12:30 PM
2	Fountain	5/25/2019 10:36 PM
3	Self employed	5/13/2019 6:09 AM
4	Retired	5/11/2019 6:16 PM
5	cadillac area	5/10/2019 7:47 AM
6	Other adult - Hart	5/9/2019 1:22 PM
7	Retired	5/8/2019 12:59 PM
8	Walker, MI	5/7/2019 4:18 PM
9	Alma, MI	5/7/2019 10:05 AM
10	Muskegon	5/7/2019 8:48 AM
11	CFD and Custer Township	5/6/2019 4:09 PM
12	Grand Haven, Muskegon, Montague	4/30/2019 1:11 PM
13	Out of county	4/30/2019 7:26 AM
14	wexford county	4/29/2019 10:07 PM
15	Other Adult - Muskegon	4/29/2019 9:22 PM
16	Retired	4/29/2019 3:06 PM
17	Holland area	4/29/2019 8:49 AM
18	Whitehall MI	4/28/2019 3:16 PM
19	Village of shelby	4/28/2019 11:57 AM
20	Other	4/28/2019 11:27 AM
21	West Shore Community College	4/28/2019 8:25 AM
22	Retired	4/27/2019 1:14 PM
23	I'm disabled. Husband disabled/retired.	4/26/2019 9:08 PM
24	Other adult is a building contractor	4/26/2019 3:43 PM
25	Lake County	4/26/2019 1:46 PM
26	Other adult - Ottawa County	4/26/2019 1:41 PM
27	Nationwide	4/26/2019 1:18 PM
28	Gran Care in Custer	4/26/2019 12:09 PM
29	Fremont	4/26/2019 9:35 AM
30	Oceana County	4/26/2019 7:00 AM
31	Disabled	4/26/2019 5:54 AM

32	other adult travels for work	4/26/2019 4:23 AM
33	In California	4/26/2019 1:51 AM
34	Holland	4/25/2019 10:28 PM
35	Retired	4/25/2019 8:50 PM
36	nationwide	4/25/2019 8:30 PM
37	Kent	4/25/2019 8:14 PM
38	Empleyed Oakland county	4/25/2019 8:12 PM
39	Midland	4/25/2019 7:54 PM
40	Traverse	4/25/2019 7:44 PM
41	Grand Ledge and Ionia Michigan	4/25/2019 7:33 PM
42	Otr driver	4/25/2019 7:05 PM
43	Entire county. (Mason County Road Comm,	4/25/2019 7:05 PM
44	Retired	4/25/2019 7:04 PM
45	Hart	4/25/2019 5:33 PM
46	Both work in Muskegon	4/25/2019 5:28 PM
47	Muskegon Township	4/25/2019 4:15 PM
48	Grand Rapids part time	4/25/2019 3:48 PM
49	Muskegon county <sup>7</sup>	4/25/2019 3:34 PM
50	Montague	4/25/2019 3:33 PM
51	Free Soil	4/25/2019 3:22 PM
52	Niles, MI	4/25/2019 3:14 PM
53	Oakland County	4/25/2019 3:13 PM
54	Holland Area	4/25/2019 3:09 PM
55	Company out of state	4/25/2019 2:28 PM
56	Grand Rapids	4/25/2019 2:02 PM
57	Other adult: Baldwin, Lake County	4/25/2019 1:30 PM
58	Hart area	4/25/2019 1:21 PM
59	Muskegon	4/25/2019 1:01 PM
60	Hart	4/25/2019 12:15 PM
61	Custer	4/25/2019 11:56 AM
62	self employed	4/25/2019 11:05 AM
63	Don't work when in the area. Only back in Illinois	4/25/2019 9:50 AM
64	Other adult works in Shelby	4/25/2019 7:59 AM
65	Baldwin- other Adult	4/25/2019 7:15 AM
66	Retired	4/25/2019 6:33 AM
67	Muskegon county	4/25/2019 3:33 AM
68	Oceana county	4/25/2019 2:40 AM
69	My husband is a service business owner who serves Mason, Manistee and Oceana Counties	4/24/2019 11:26 PM
70	Retired	4/24/2019 11:13 PM
71	Spouse about to be unemployed. Harsco	4/24/2019 11:11 PM
72	Mason and surrounding counties	4/24/2019 10:00 PM

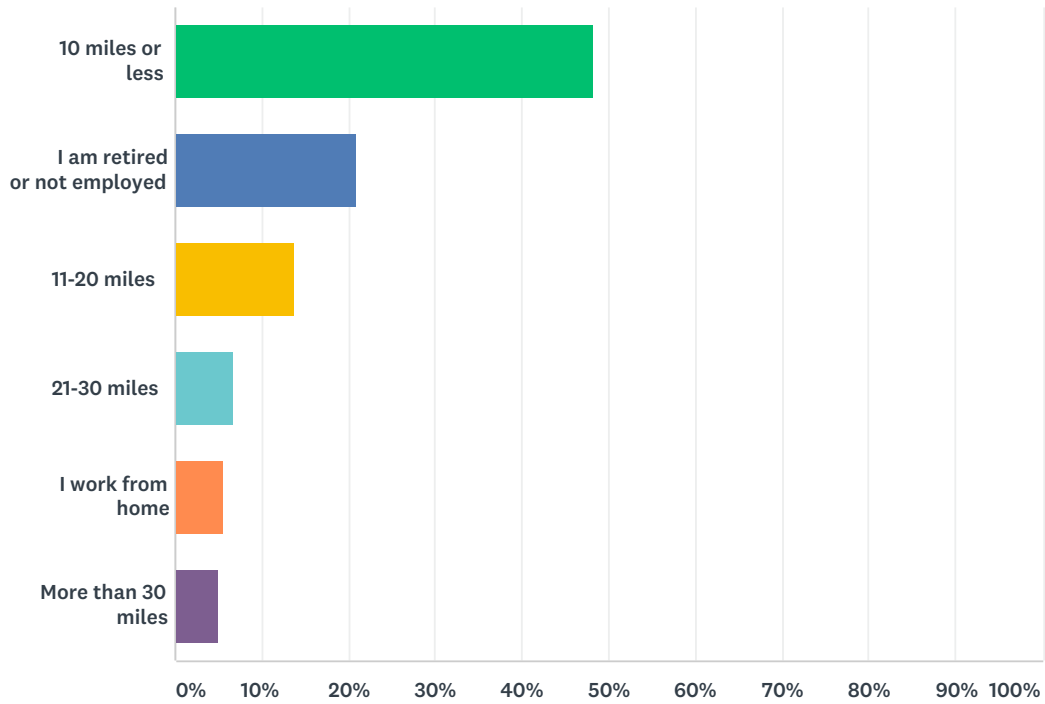
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74	Retired	4/24/2019 9:51 PM
75	Village of Shelby	4/24/2019 9:43 PM
76	Other adult Whitehall	4/24/2019 6:07 PM
77	Retired	4/24/2019 5:01 PM
78	retired	4/24/2019 3:29 PM
79	Grand rapids	4/24/2019 2:57 PM
80	Multiple areas	4/24/2019 2:38 PM
81	Holt,Michigan	4/24/2019 2:11 PM
82	Retired	4/24/2019 1:27 PM
83	SE Michigan	4/24/2019 1:19 PM
84	travels mostly Michigan	4/24/2019 10:35 AM
85	Custer	4/24/2019 1:54 AM
86	Muskegon County	4/23/2019 9:28 PM
87	Other Adults - West Michigan Territory	4/23/2019 9:26 AM
88	Grand Rapids, Cadillac	4/23/2019 7:49 AM
89	volunteer	4/23/2019 7:29 AM
90	Self-Travels	4/22/2019 8:16 PM
91	Wanted part time work but was not made welcome since we were from outside of Michigan	4/22/2019 6:33 PM
92	Travels in midwest states	4/22/2019 5:49 PM
93	20+ hour a week volunteer at Spectrum Hospital	4/22/2019 5:26 PM
94	I work in Muskegon County	4/22/2019 5:07 PM
95	Truck driver	4/22/2019 4:55 PM
96	St. Thomas, VI - other adult	4/22/2019 4:38 PM
97	Male head of household is losing job very soon , factory closing.	4/22/2019 4:19 PM
98	Other Adult - Baldwin	4/22/2019 3:41 PM
99	Spouse works in Holland, MI	4/22/2019 3:35 PM
100	Muskegon area	4/22/2019 3:35 PM
101	Travels around the state	4/22/2019 3:25 PM
102	Hart	4/22/2019 12:54 PM
103	Custer area	4/22/2019 11:32 AM
104	Grand Haven other adult	4/22/2019 11:17 AM
105	Other Adult - Hart Area	4/22/2019 11:13 AM
106	Big Rapids	4/22/2019 11:13 AM
107	Both in Free Soil	4/10/2019 5:01 PM
108	lansing	4/10/2019 7:50 AM
109	Baldwin	4/9/2019 8:57 PM
110	Hersey	4/9/2019 6:54 PM
111	Owens business on east coast	4/9/2019 3:20 PM
112	Oceana county - both adults	4/9/2019 2:28 PM
113	Mason County, Pentwater, Manistee	4/8/2019 8:42 PM

114	Other adult is Self employed custom harvest green beans	4/8/2019 7:13 PM
115	County wide	4/8/2019 3:33 PM
116	I have applied for work in the Scottville area recently.	4/8/2019 1:40 PM
117	I worked at West Shore Community College and the other adult at West Shore ESD.	4/8/2019 12:31 PM
118	My husband works 2 days in Ludington and 2 days in Fremont. We have 1 college student and 2 retirees in our home.	4/8/2019 11:09 AM
119	Hart	4/8/2019 9:55 AM
120	Retired, on disability	4/8/2019 9:53 AM
121	self employed	4/8/2019 9:34 AM
122	Retired	4/8/2019 9:13 AM
123	See number 9	4/8/2019 7:41 AM
124	Retired	4/7/2019 10:24 PM
125	Retired, in Ludington	4/7/2019 10:14 PM
126	Free Soil	4/7/2019 9:57 PM
127	Muskegon but supervises oceana projects mostly	4/7/2019 9:41 PM
128	Retired	4/7/2019 9:36 PM



### Q11 About how far do you travel one-way to work?

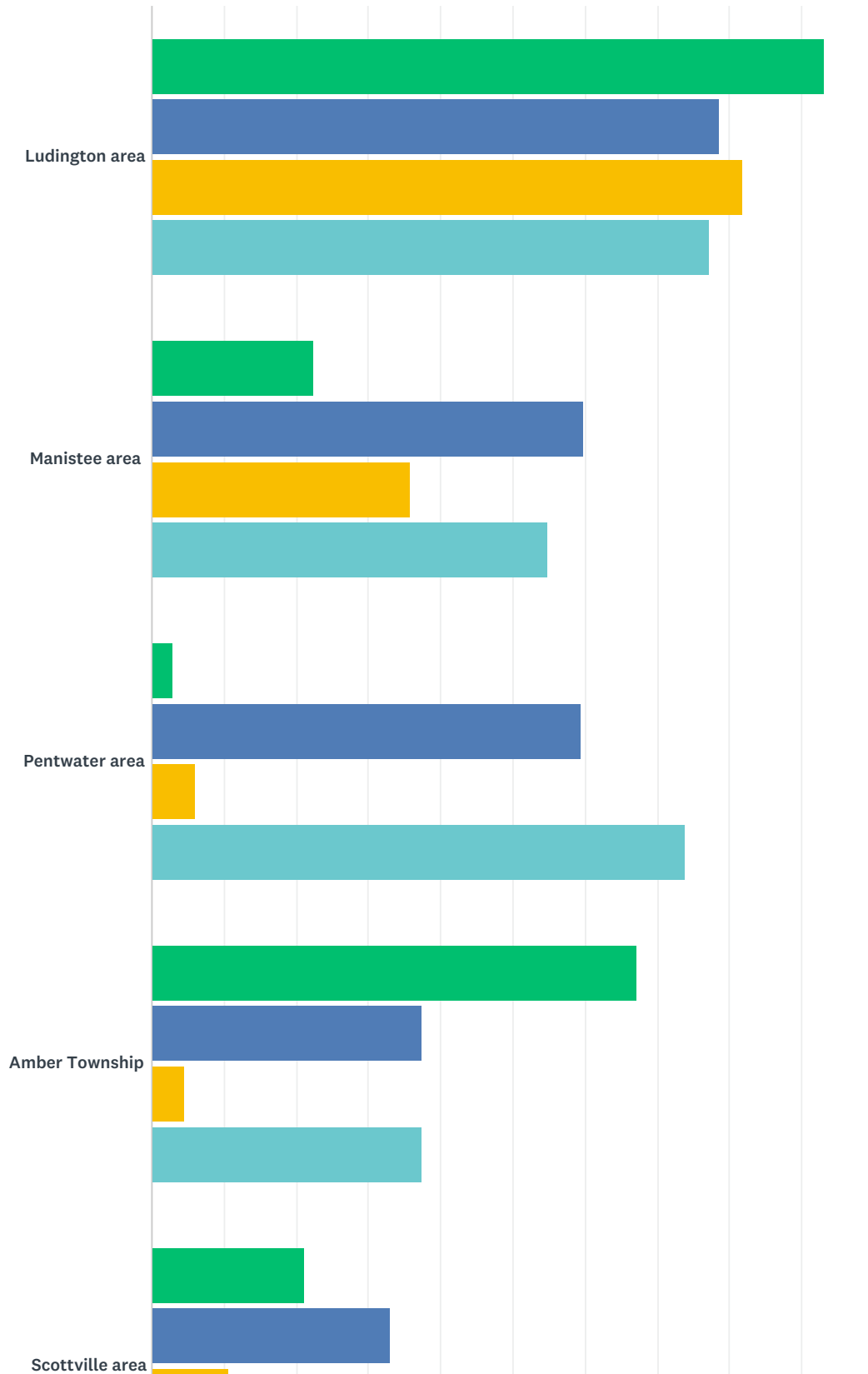
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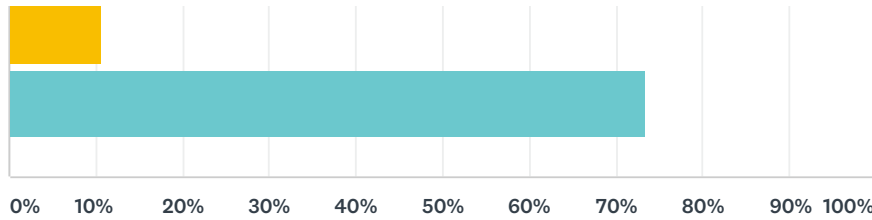


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
10 miles or less	48.25%	372
I am retired or not employed	20.88%	161
11-20 miles	13.75%	106
21-30 miles	6.61%	51
I work from home	5.58%	43
More than 30 miles	4.93%	38
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>771</b>

# Q12 Where are you most likely to go for the following goods and services?

Answered: 802 Skipped: 46





■ Groceries   
 ■ Entertainment   
 ■ Medical   
 ■ Recreation

	GROCERIES	ENTERTAINMENT	MEDICAL	RECREATION	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Ludington area	93.00% 744	78.63% 629	81.75% 654	77.25% 618	800
Manistee area	22.41% 52	59.91% 139	35.78% 83	54.74% 127	232
Pentwater area	3.03% 5	59.39% 98	6.06% 10	73.94% 122	165
Amber Township	67.10% 104	37.42% 58	4.52% 7	37.42% 58	155
Scottville area	21.19% 32	33.11% 50	10.60% 16	73.51% 111	151

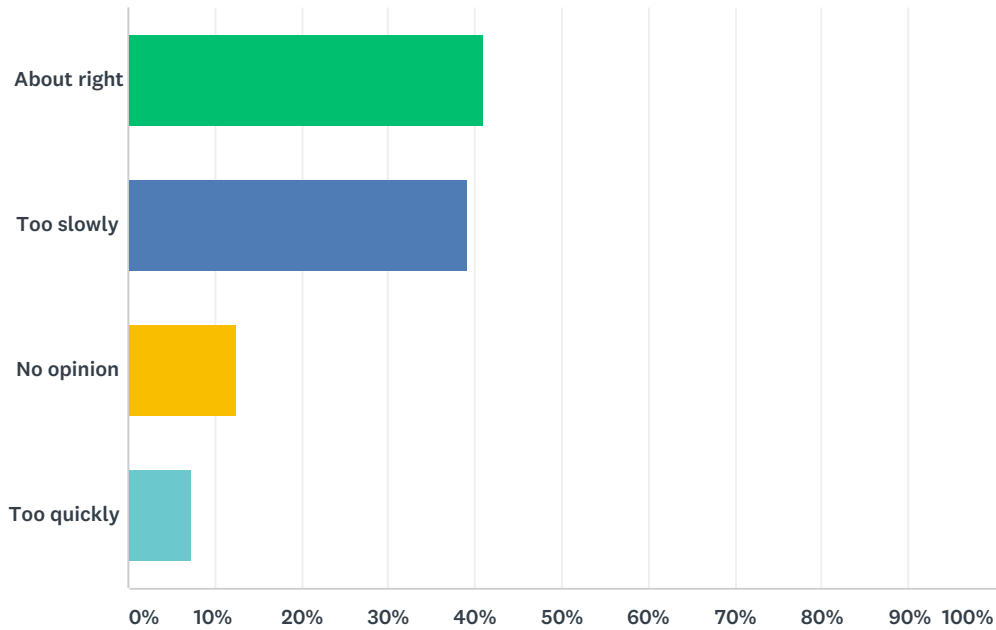
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1	Bass Lake Outlet Beach	6/4/2019 2:13 PM
2	Traverse City or Grand Rapids for Medical	5/25/2019 10:36 PM
3	Hart, Muskegon, Grand Rapids	5/20/2019 9:50 AM
4	recreation at National Forests	5/7/2019 10:14 AM
5	Muskegon, Grand Rapids	5/6/2019 7:20 PM
6	Baldwin	4/30/2019 7:26 AM
7	Grand Rapids j	4/28/2019 11:27 AM
8	Muskegon, Grand Rapids, Chicago	4/26/2019 9:35 AM
9	Medical - Grand Rapids	4/26/2019 8:46 AM
10	Medical Grand Rapids, Ann Arbor	4/26/2019 7:09 AM
11	Kent	4/25/2019 8:14 PM
12	Grand Rapids	4/25/2019 5:53 PM
13	Grand Rapids-Entertainmt/Medical-Muskegon	4/25/2019 5:28 PM
14	FreeSoil, recreation	4/25/2019 3:44 PM
15	While in Fountain, I generally go to Ludington or Manistee	4/25/2019 2:02 PM
16	Entertainment/Rec: Muskegon, Traverse City	4/25/2019 1:30 PM
17	We go out of the county for all of our recreation and entertainment.	4/25/2019 12:50 PM
18	Hart medical Sshelby	4/25/2019 12:15 PM
19	mercy here and shelby	4/25/2019 12:03 PM
20	grand rapids	4/25/2019 9:43 AM
21	Mostly around my home, but I fish all over in Manistee, Newago and Lake counties	4/25/2019 8:16 AM
22	medical - besides Ludington area also Pentwater and Manistee	4/25/2019 1:19 AM

23	Silver Lake	4/24/2019 11:35 PM
24	Hart	4/24/2019 10:52 PM
25	Medical-- Grand Rapids	4/24/2019 10:11 PM
26	Shelby Twp. MI	4/24/2019 10:09 PM
27	Some medical services in Grand Rapids	4/24/2019 4:04 PM
28	For entertainment I go to Grand Rapids as there are more opportunities at better prices. Medical I go to Hart as my family doctor is there and the Ludington hospitals track record is not good in my opinion.	4/24/2019 3:52 PM
29	medical- Grand Rapids, entertainment- Grand Rapids	4/24/2019 3:29 PM
30	Grand Rapids, Traverse City	4/24/2019 2:38 PM
31	Grand Rapids for entertainment	4/24/2019 10:37 AM
32	Grand Rapids	4/23/2019 9:28 PM
33	Out of county	4/23/2019 9:19 PM
34	Medical - Grand Rapids	4/23/2019 3:30 PM
35	All over Michigan	4/23/2019 11:46 AM
36	Traverse City	4/23/2019 11:20 AM
37	Medical-Currently Big Rapids	4/23/2019 9:33 AM
38	We travel out of town a lot for recreation and entertainment.	4/23/2019 8:33 AM
39	Muskegon or Grand Rapids	4/23/2019 7:56 AM
40	Grand Rapids	4/23/2019 7:39 AM
41	state park, PM River in E Mason county	4/22/2019 8:51 PM
42	Traverse City, Muskegon	4/22/2019 8:24 PM
43	Muskegon for shopping	4/22/2019 7:47 PM
44	TC, Frankfort, GR, Muskegon	4/22/2019 6:33 PM
45	Grand Rapids, Muskegon and Traverse City for Medical, GR and TC for entertainment	4/22/2019 5:26 PM
46	Muskegon	4/22/2019 3:35 PM
47	recreation: we generally camp in and out of the county	4/22/2019 3:34 PM
48	medical is either traverse city or grand rapids	4/22/2019 3:25 PM
49	UP	4/22/2019 2:43 PM
50	Out of county for medical/recreational	4/22/2019 2:10 PM
51	Medical - out of town	4/22/2019 1:44 PM
52	Muskegon	4/22/2019 1:23 PM
53	Medical in Muskegon	4/22/2019 12:36 PM
54	muskegon	4/12/2019 10:29 PM
55	Recreation-florida	4/9/2019 8:57 PM
56	Gr- Costco, Trader Joe's, target, sky zone	4/9/2019 3:20 PM
57	Medical- oceana or muskegon county for hospital	4/9/2019 2:28 PM
58	out of town for medical & recreation	4/8/2019 8:42 PM
59	Muskegon	4/8/2019 8:01 PM
60	Muskegon for medical too.	4/8/2019 7:52 PM
61	Bigger cities for entertainment & recreation	4/8/2019 6:10 PM

62	Summit Township for beach, Bortells	4/8/2019 6:04 PM
63	Baldwin Clinic	4/8/2019 1:40 PM
64	go out of town for vacations	4/8/2019 1:05 PM
65	Medical in Muskegon and Grand Rapids	4/8/2019 12:31 PM
66	Medical Grand Rapids abs Traverse City	4/8/2019 12:18 PM
67	Wherever is closest.	4/8/2019 12:14 PM
68	Muskegon for recreation & entertainment	4/8/2019 10:20 AM
69	I try not to have any serious medical treatment in Mason county. Too many quacks dealing out opioids	4/8/2019 9:53 AM
70	recreation Manistee National Forest	4/8/2019 9:34 AM
71	I generally travel to TC, Grand Rapids, or Detroit for recreation and entertainment.	4/8/2019 8:48 AM
72	Recreation around Branch township also	4/8/2019 8:14 AM
73	Muskegon	4/8/2019 7:43 AM
74	Muskegon	4/7/2019 10:56 PM
75	Muskegon and UofMa	4/7/2019 10:24 PM
76	Medical Traverse City.	4/7/2019 10:07 PM

### Q13 Do you think Mason County is growing...

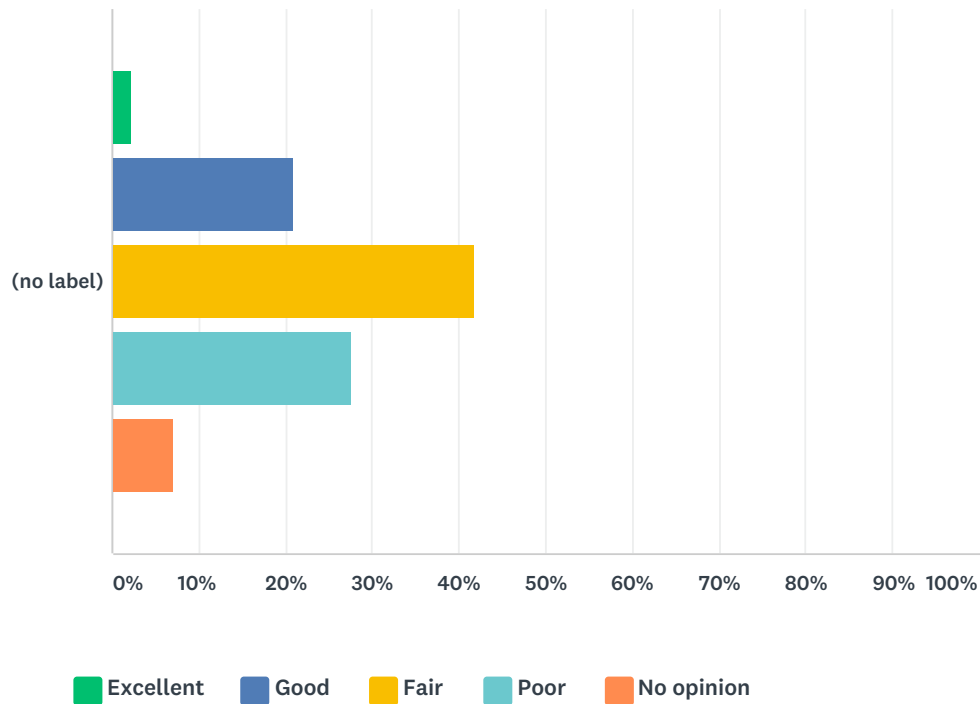
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
About right	41.06%	333
Too slowly	39.21%	318
No opinion	12.45%	101
Too quickly	7.27%	59
TOTAL		811

# Q14 How would you rate efforts to guide and direct growth in your community?

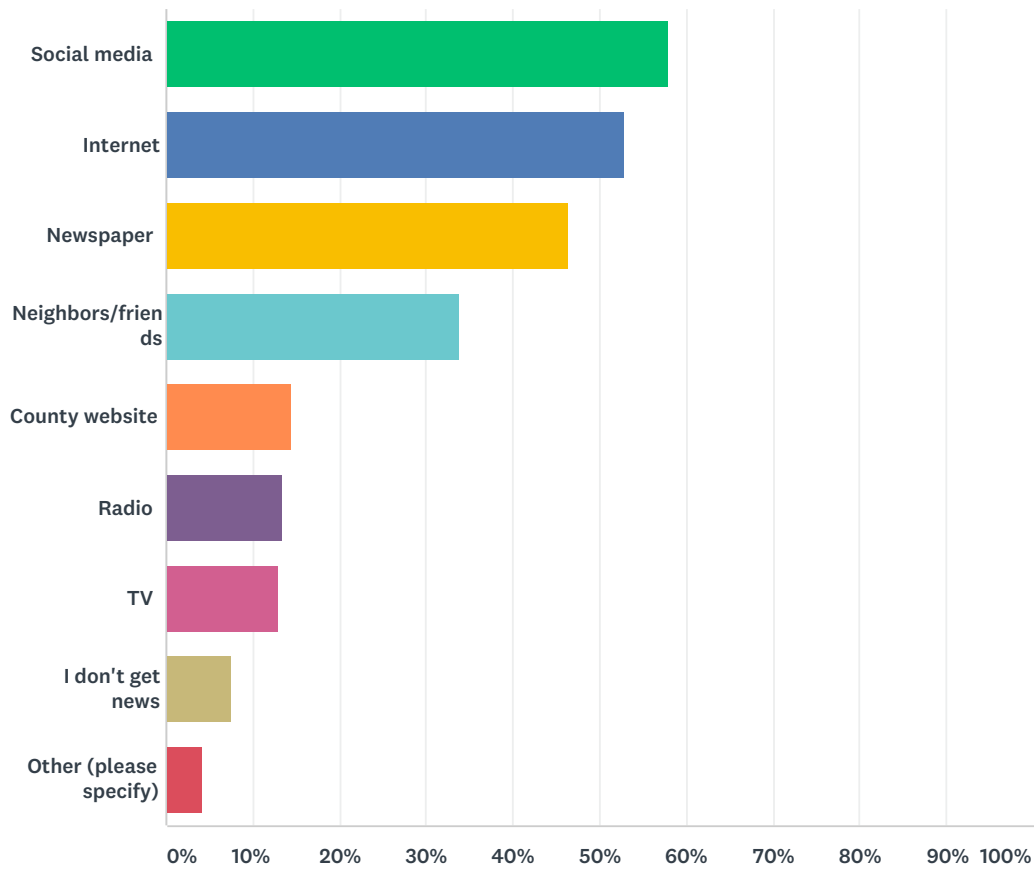
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	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	2.22%	21.01%	41.90%	27.69%	7.17%	809	1.98
	18	170	339	224	58		

### Q15 How do you receive news and information pertaining to Mason County planning and zoning issues? (check all that apply)

Answered: 809 Skipped: 39



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Social media	57.97% 469
Internet	52.90% 428
Newspaper	46.48% 376
Neighbors/friends	33.99% 275
County website	14.34% 116
Radio	13.47% 109
TV	12.98% 105
I don't get news	7.54% 61
Other (please specify)	4.20% 34
Total Respondents: 809	

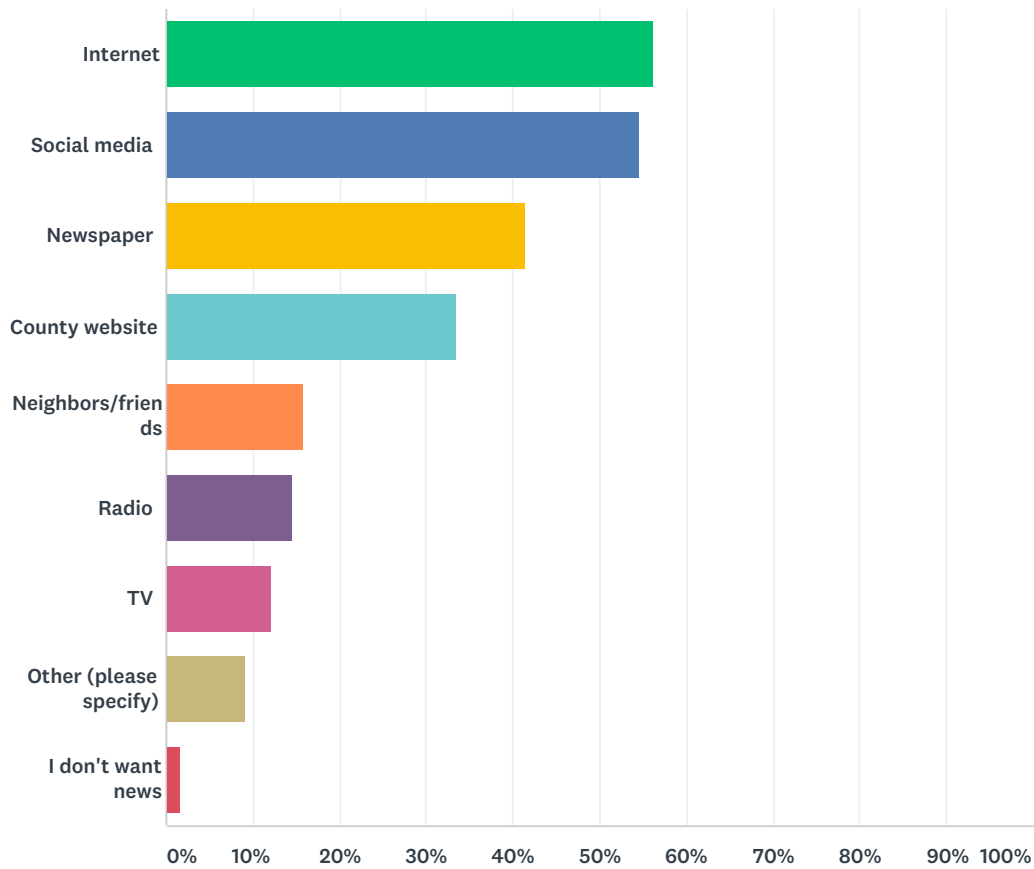
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1	Mason County Republicans	5/9/2019 10:24 AM



2	Mason County Press	4/29/2019 3:06 PM
3	I know most of the commissioners	4/28/2019 4:47 PM
4	I'll	4/26/2019 10:00 PM
5	Ludington area schools website	4/26/2019 10:17 AM
6	on line, Mason County Press, Ludington Daily News	4/26/2019 7:09 AM
7	Mason County Press	4/25/2019 11:51 PM
8	Through my job working with the public	4/25/2019 10:18 PM
9	Ludington planning commission meetings	4/25/2019 9:44 PM
10	Mail	4/25/2019 8:07 PM
11	Mason County Press	4/25/2019 5:15 PM
12	Mason County Press	4/25/2019 12:04 PM
13	Family	4/25/2019 8:16 AM
14	Mason county press	4/25/2019 6:42 AM
15	Mason County Press 1q	4/24/2019 10:52 PM
16	Internet	4/24/2019 10:11 PM
17	too bad WMOM tanked	4/24/2019 7:52 PM
18	Friends who live in Mason County	4/24/2019 1:19 PM
19	email	4/23/2019 6:30 PM
20	meetings attended	4/23/2019 2:44 PM
21	mail when there is a meeting asking for input	4/23/2019 9:21 AM
22	Rob Alway emails	4/22/2019 6:33 PM
23	Village meeting	4/22/2019 6:05 PM
24	Online news	4/22/2019 5:26 PM
25	work peers	4/22/2019 3:35 PM
26	Work	4/22/2019 12:50 PM
27	gossip	4/22/2019 12:36 PM
28	work	4/22/2019 11:17 AM
29	personal contact	4/13/2019 8:55 AM
30	Word of mouth	4/8/2019 7:23 PM
31	Mail	4/8/2019 1:40 PM
32	Reports from township meetings	4/8/2019 10:43 AM
33	Mason County Press	4/8/2019 10:35 AM
34	It's usually sent to the landowners, not renters. Which isn't fair, as we pay for services also.	4/8/2019 9:53 AM

### Q16 How would you like to receive news and information pertaining to Mason County planning and zoning issues? (check all that apply)

Answered: 790 Skipped: 58



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Internet	56.33% 445
Social media	54.68% 432
Newspaper	41.52% 328
County website	33.42% 264
Neighbors/friends	15.95% 126
Radio	14.56% 115
TV	12.15% 96
Other (please specify)	9.24% 73
I don't want news	1.77% 14
Total Respondents: 790	

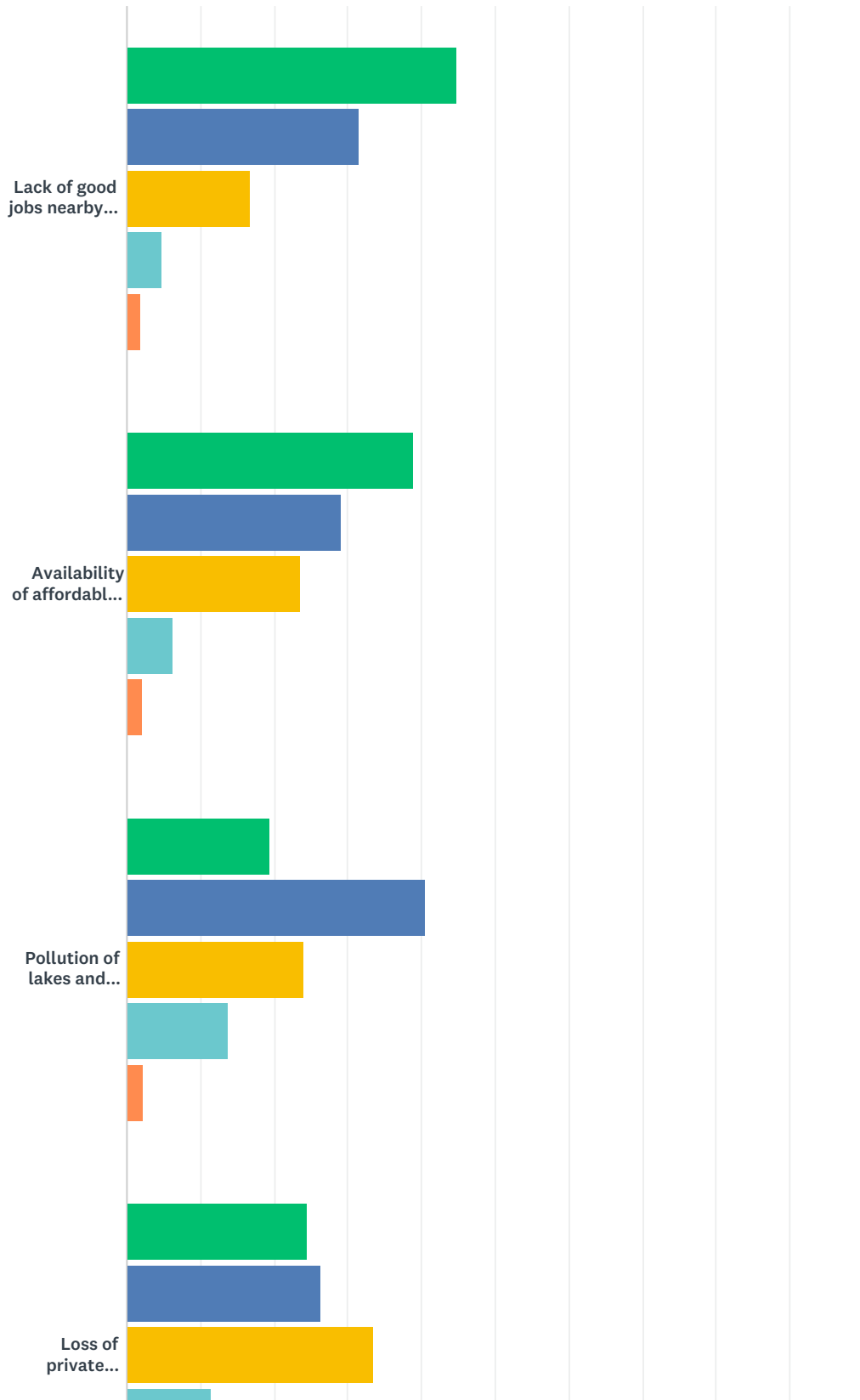
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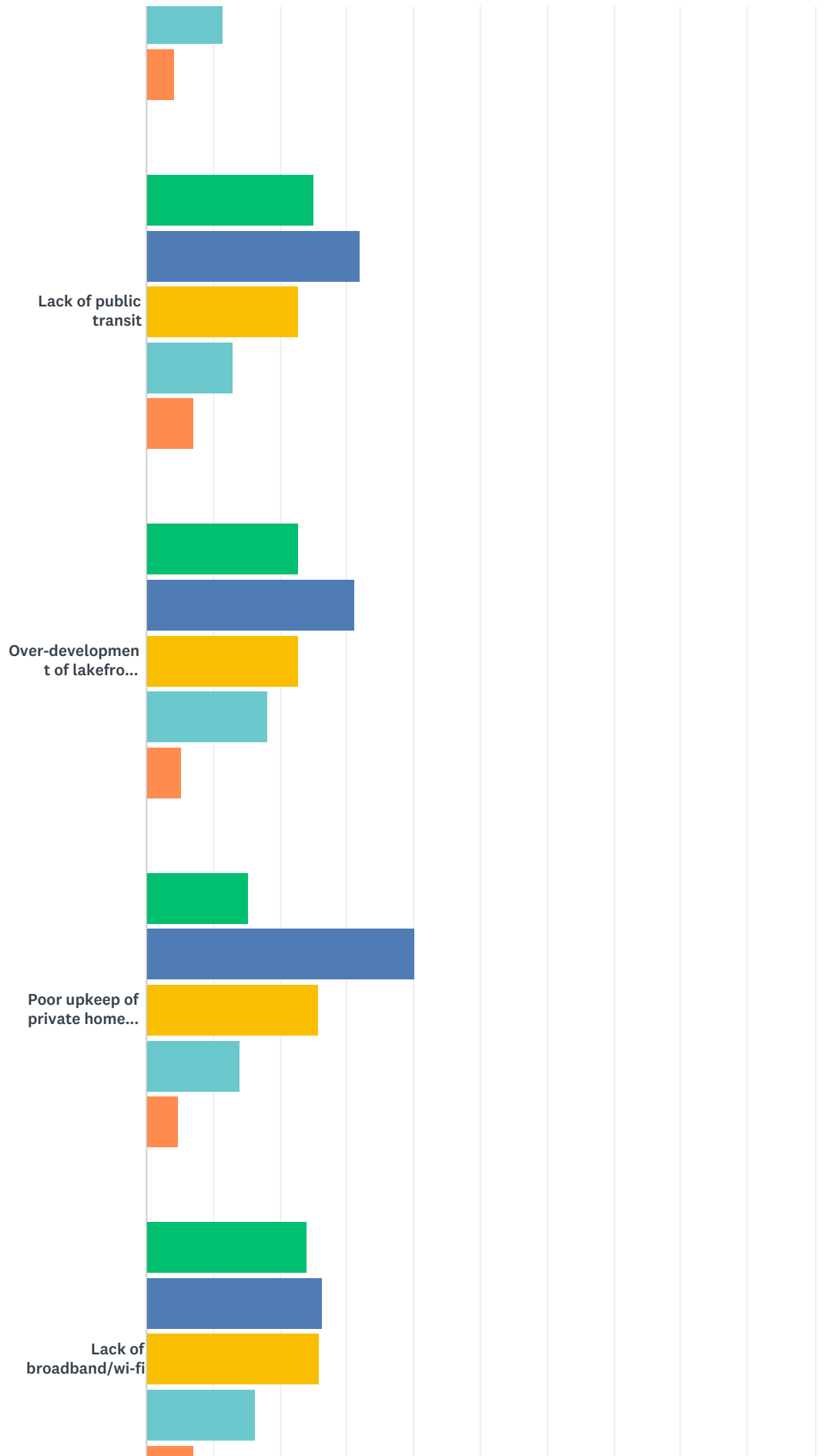
2	Email	5/16/2019 7:13 AM
3	There should be no zoning in rural mason county	5/10/2019 7:47 AM
4	Mason County Republicans	5/9/2019 10:24 AM
5	By mail	5/8/2019 12:24 PM
6	email or mail	5/8/2019 11:28 AM
7	Electronic communications like email	5/7/2019 6:40 PM
8	Email	5/7/2019 4:18 PM
9	emailed newsletter	5/7/2019 11:31 AM
10	More information concerning zoning applications could be made available on the County website	5/6/2019 7:20 PM
11	email or usps mail on changes affecting my township	4/29/2019 10:07 PM
12	Mason County Press	4/29/2019 3:06 PM
13	Mailers	4/28/2019 3:16 PM
14	News letter with specifics.	4/28/2019 11:57 AM
15	old fashion mail	4/27/2019 10:03 AM
16	Mail or flier for important issues/upcoming issues	4/26/2019 2:10 PM
17	Email	4/26/2019 7:44 AM
18	E-mails or Mason County Press	4/26/2019 7:09 AM
19	mail if it directly effects me	4/26/2019 4:23 AM
20	Mason county press	4/25/2019 11:51 PM
21	Mail	4/25/2019 8:07 PM
22	Newsletter	4/25/2019 8:01 PM
23	Newsletter	4/25/2019 7:13 PM
24	Mail	4/25/2019 6:59 PM
25	I would like the count to maintain a voluntary subscription email service and use it to send email with county minutes for commissioner and committee meetings, also with events and news like the new Code Red.	4/25/2019 6:45 PM
26	Mail	4/25/2019 6:14 PM
27	Mason county press	4/25/2019 5:41 PM
28	Mail	4/25/2019 4:19 PM
29	Email	4/25/2019 3:44 PM
30	mail	4/25/2019 3:06 PM
31	e-mail	4/25/2019 2:02 PM
32	Email	4/25/2019 11:48 AM
33	Family & Friends	4/25/2019 8:16 AM
34	Mason county press	4/25/2019 6:42 AM
35	By mail if it pertains to my specific location	4/25/2019 2:37 AM
36	mail	4/24/2019 11:35 PM
37	Email	4/24/2019 11:11 PM
38	Email	4/24/2019 8:15 PM
39	Mailings	4/24/2019 6:56 PM
40	Email newsletter	4/24/2019 6:26 PM

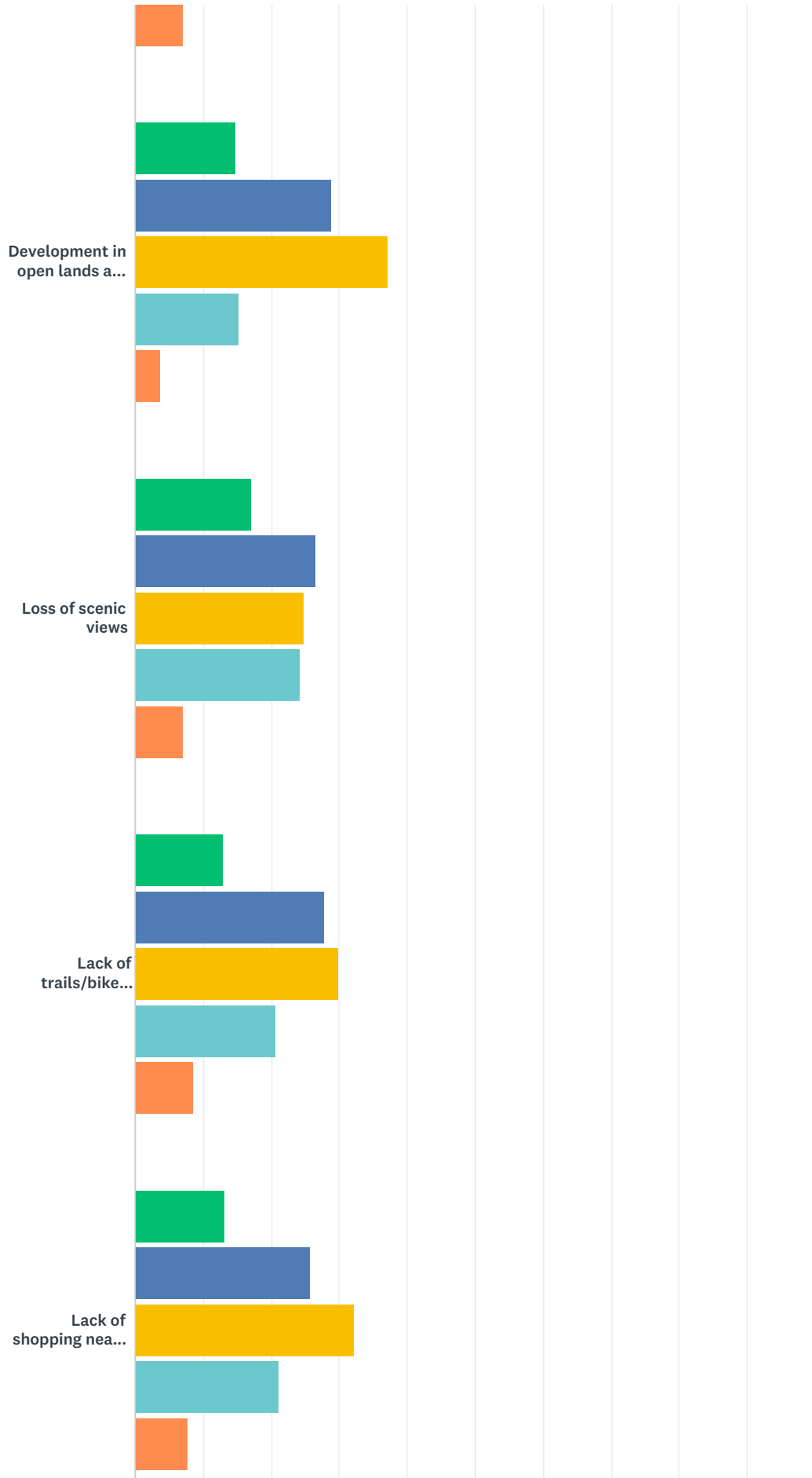
41	email- newsletter, e-blast etc.	4/24/2019 10:37 AM
42	mailings	4/24/2019 8:34 AM
43	email blast	4/23/2019 9:28 PM
44	email	4/23/2019 6:30 PM
45	Informational meetings	4/23/2019 2:44 PM
46	email	4/23/2019 7:29 AM
47	MC Press	4/23/2019 5:44 AM
48	e-mails for those who sign up to receive	4/22/2019 8:24 PM
49	Email	4/22/2019 6:33 PM
50	Email	4/22/2019 5:26 PM
51	mailings	4/22/2019 4:07 PM
52	Emails would be nice	4/22/2019 3:44 PM
53	US Postal Service	4/22/2019 12:36 PM
54	e-mail	4/22/2019 11:49 AM
55	Public forum	4/22/2019 11:49 AM
56	Email	4/10/2019 11:05 PM
57	email	4/10/2019 7:50 AM
58	A monthly newsletter would be nice.	4/9/2019 10:57 AM
59	A message or call stating if there is information out and ready to read	4/8/2019 9:38 PM
60	Mail	4/8/2019 7:23 PM
61	Email	4/8/2019 1:59 PM
62	Mail	4/8/2019 1:40 PM
63	email	4/8/2019 12:31 PM
64	County newsletter	4/8/2019 12:14 PM
65	Mason County Press	4/8/2019 10:35 AM
66	Mail	4/8/2019 9:55 AM
67	Mailed to individual residences would be nice	4/8/2019 9:53 AM
68	IPR- Interlochen Public Radio	4/8/2019 9:13 AM
69	Full minutes published on website	4/8/2019 9:10 AM
70	Text	4/8/2019 7:34 AM
71	Email	4/7/2019 11:58 PM
72	News letter	4/7/2019 10:36 PM
73	Mason County Press	4/7/2019 10:07 PM

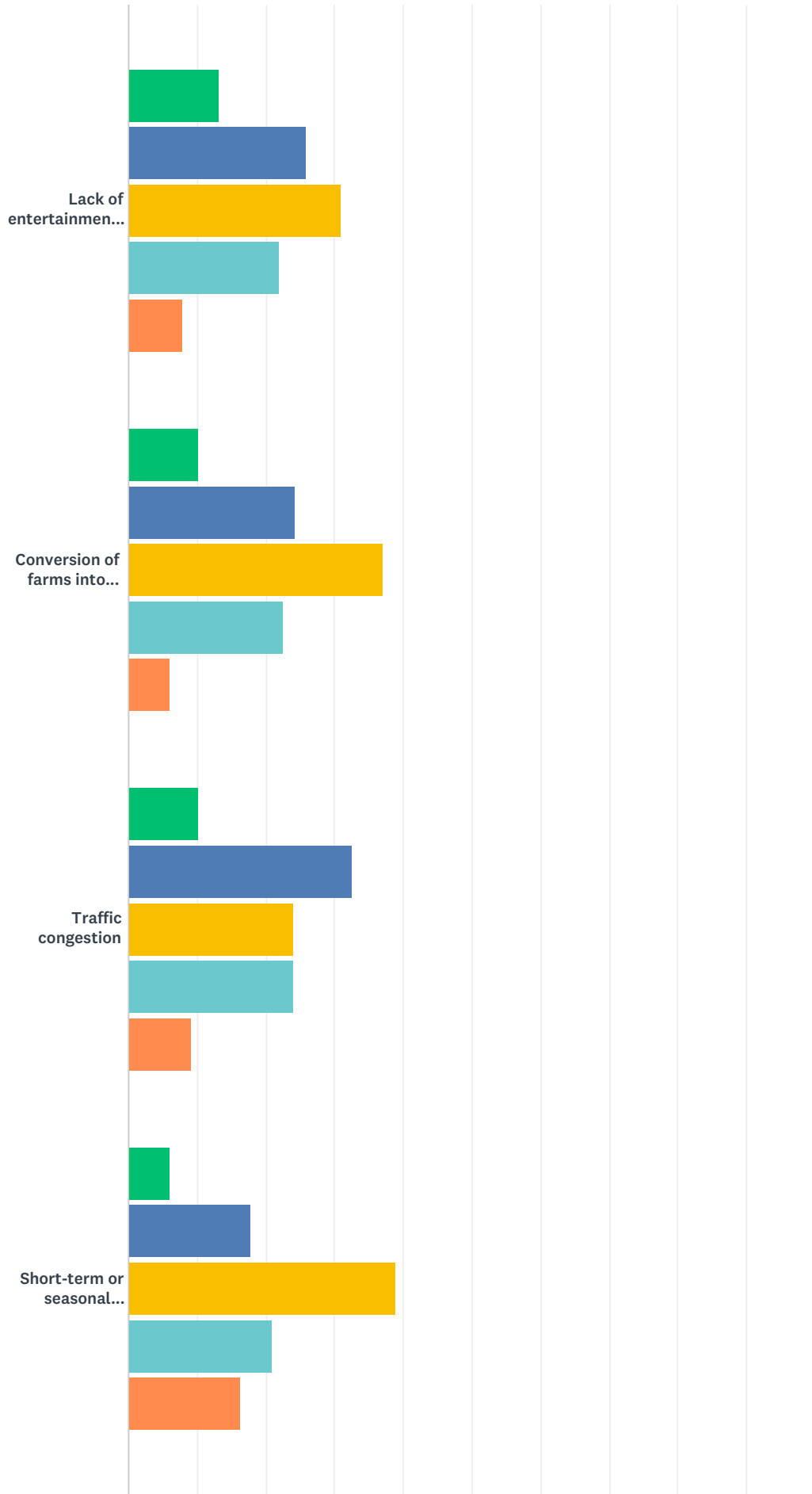
### Q17 In the area where you live, how serious do you think the following problems or concerns are:

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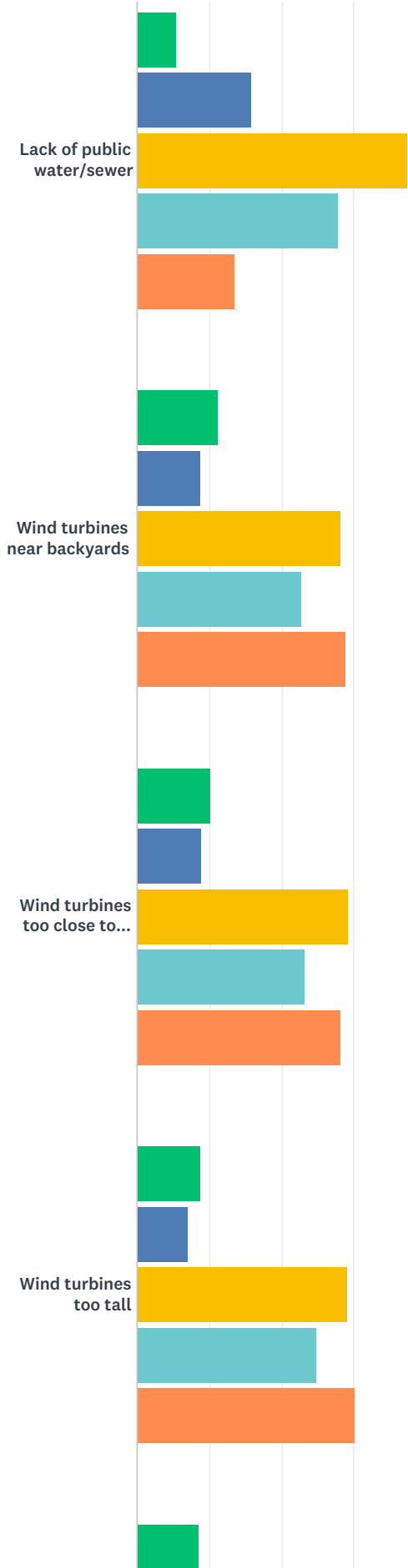


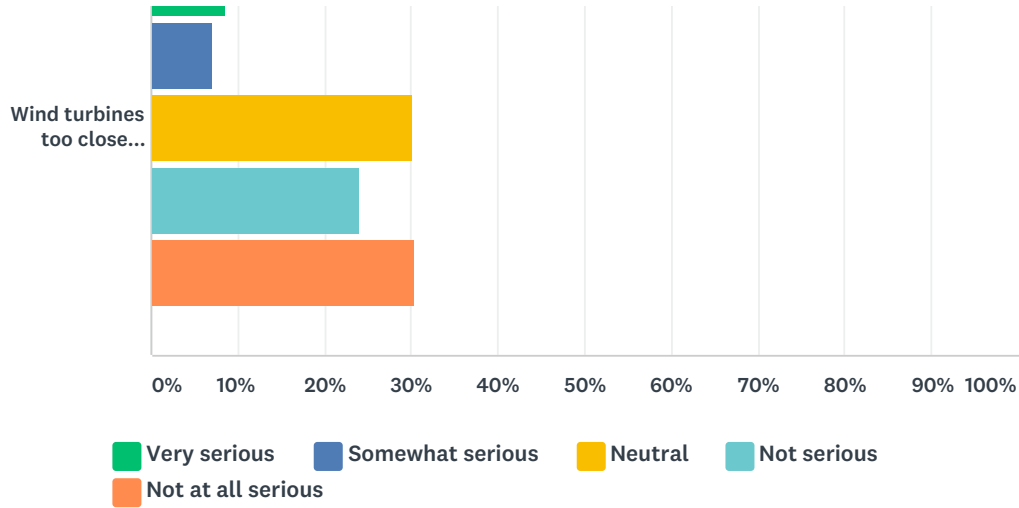












	VERY SERIOUS	SOMEWHAT SERIOUS	NEUTRAL	NOT SERIOUS	NOT AT ALL SERIOUS	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Lack of good jobs nearby (within 5 miles)	44.84% 339	31.61% 239	16.80% 127	4.76% 36	1.98% 15	756	4.13
Availability of affordable housing	38.86% 293	29.18% 220	23.61% 178	6.23% 47	2.12% 16	754	3.96
Pollution of lakes and streams	19.53% 148	40.50% 307	24.01% 182	13.72% 104	2.24% 17	758	3.61
Loss of private property rights	24.57% 185	26.43% 199	33.47% 252	11.42% 86	4.12% 31	753	3.56
Lack of public transit	25.13% 188	32.09% 240	22.73% 170	12.97% 97	7.09% 53	748	3.55
Over-development of lakefront areas	22.71% 171	31.21% 235	22.71% 171	18.19% 137	5.18% 39	753	3.48
Poor upkeep of private homes and yards	15.21% 115	40.21% 304	25.79% 195	14.02% 106	4.76% 36	756	3.47
Lack of broadband/wi-fi	24.04% 182	26.42% 200	26.02% 197	16.38% 124	7.13% 54	757	3.44
Development in open lands and natural areas	14.91% 112	28.89% 217	37.15% 279	15.31% 115	3.73% 28	751	3.36
Loss of scenic views	17.11% 128	26.47% 198	25.00% 187	24.33% 182	7.09% 53	748	3.22
Lack of trails/bike lanes	12.93% 97	27.87% 209	29.87% 224	20.67% 155	8.67% 65	750	3.16
Lack of shopping nearby (within 5 miles)	13.10% 99	25.79% 195	32.28% 244	21.03% 159	7.80% 59	756	3.15
Lack of entertainment and social activities	13.20% 99	26.00% 195	31.07% 233	21.87% 164	7.87% 59	750	3.15
Conversion of farms into house lots	10.27% 77	24.27% 182	36.93% 277	22.53% 169	6.00% 45	750	3.10
Traffic congestion	10.15% 76	32.58% 244	24.03% 180	24.03% 180	9.21% 69	749	3.10
Short-term or seasonal rentals	6.12% 46	17.69% 133	38.96% 293	21.01% 158	16.22% 122	752	2.76
Lack of public water/sewer	5.44% 41	15.80% 119	37.45% 282	27.76% 209	13.55% 102	753	2.72

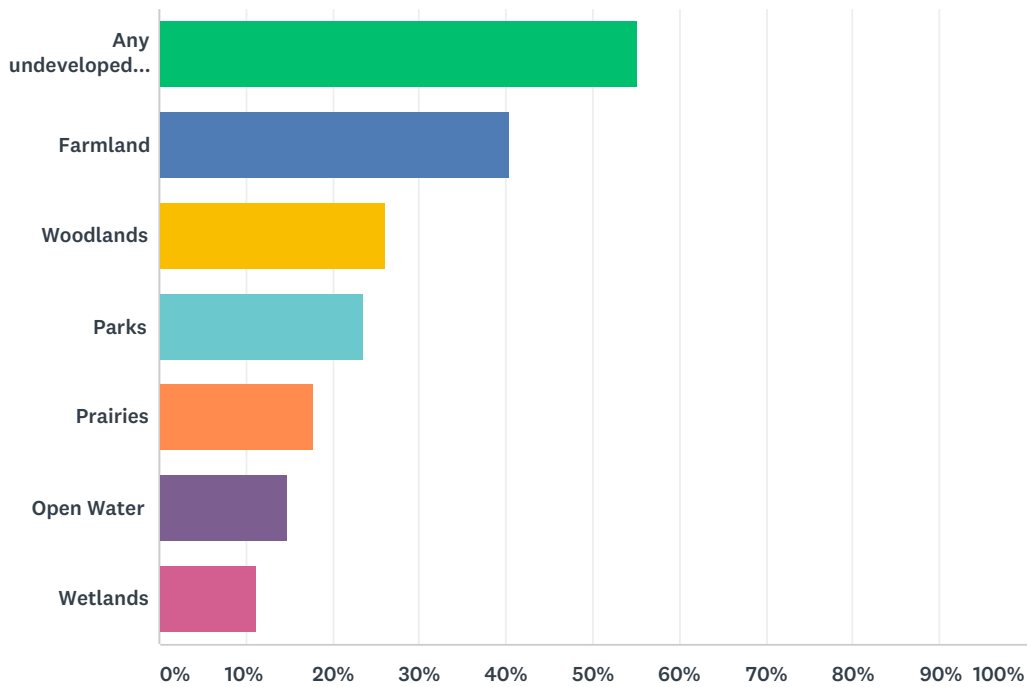
Wind turbines near backyards	11.29% 85	8.76% 66	28.29% 213	22.84% 172	28.82% 217	753	2.51
Wind turbines too close to homes	10.29% 78	8.97% 68	29.29% 222	23.22% 176	28.23% 214	758	2.50
Wind turbines too tall	8.86% 67	7.14% 54	29.10% 220	24.87% 188	30.03% 227	756	2.40
Wind turbines too close together	8.48% 64	7.02% 53	30.07% 227	24.11% 182	30.33% 229	755	2.39

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Allowing commercial/business endeavours in residential aresa	6/7/2019 12:52 PM
2	Traffic on Lakeshore Drive around Bass Lake much too fast.	6/4/2019 2:20 PM
3	The government needs to stay the fuck out of my business.	5/10/2019 7:49 AM
4	TERRIBLE DAY CARE IN AREA BECAUSE OF ALL THE RESTRICTIONS!	5/8/2019 2:02 PM
5	Alot of junk cars and un plated vehicles stored in yards.	4/30/2019 1:19 PM
6	Strip development on 10 is unsightly and creates traffic congestion	4/30/2019 7:30 AM
7	All or nothing approach to junk ordinance, need something in between that fits rural way of life but give options for serious problems.	4/29/2019 10:16 PM
8	Our roads are horrifying. Our internet is amazing thanks to the new small business (Sync Wave). I quite like the turbines (even though I don't have any on my property or within the feet to get a share of output).	4/29/2019 6:18 PM
9	We need more factory jobs less tourist based economy	4/28/2019 4:57 PM
10	Pathetic level of engagement by mason county too support acquisition of Sargent Sand Mining. Best part of Mason Count is conservation district!	4/28/2019 11:34 AM
11	We need more good jobs and affordable housing.	4/26/2019 9:10 PM
12	Also concerned about the area's ability to attract and retain with a good workforce small businesses, tech, and light industrial	4/26/2019 1:54 PM
13	Needs policy review and updating	4/26/2019 9:06 AM
14	Not enough dog friendly parks and beaches	4/26/2019 8:48 AM
15	Because we should have them!	4/25/2019 5:56 PM
16	Depends on location. I don't believe short term rental should be allowed in city limits.	4/25/2019 3:47 PM
17	We need more!	4/25/2019 3:39 PM
18	Need more business development	4/25/2019 3:19 PM
19	There is a house on Custer Road, just North of Freesoil Road that literally has trash blowing around on the roads and all the woodland areas	4/25/2019 2:26 PM
20	My largest concern is tying the local economy too closely tied to tourism.	4/25/2019 2:05 PM
21	access to buttersville via a foot-bridge from copeyon park to buttersville	4/25/2019 1:26 PM
22	Lack of public transportation from anywhere outside of Ludington is absolutely horrible. Dial a ride runs to Scottville during the week but I work weekends so I constantly have to have friends or family drive me. It's sad that there aren't more options.	4/25/2019 12:07 PM
23	Taxes way too high and lack of good paying YEAR AROUND jobs	4/25/2019 8:33 AM
24	Unnecessary hunting and fishing restrictions (bucks w/ 3 points, feeding deer, etc.)	4/25/2019 8:22 AM
25	Very disappointed with how the zoning board chooses to limit growing businesses in our area. Starving Artist is a perfect example.	4/25/2019 12:27 AM
26	Need more for our tourism	4/24/2019 10:02 PM
27	crime	4/24/2019 7:53 PM

28	Need short term rentals ie. airbnb vrbo	4/24/2019 7:10 PM
29	Better pedestrian crosswalks in downtown area and near schools	4/24/2019 6:53 PM
30	There is a serious lack of professional job opportunities in the community. Tourist industry is focused on too heavily. Entertainment in the area is limited to music or alcohol related activities. Housing costs are way to high for the employment opportunities in the area.	4/24/2019 4:01 PM
31	Shortage of affordable housing and rentals. Too many vacant buildings, especially downtown Ludington.	4/24/2019 3:44 PM
32	I support short term/seasonal rentals downtown and throughout the county	4/24/2019 3:33 PM
33	I believe there should be more short term and seasonal rentals allowed	4/24/2019 11:02 AM
34	We should very seriously think about allowing cannabis businesses until the area. It would be a great economic advantage and tourist attraction.	4/24/2019 10:38 AM
35	By living in the city, some of these issues don't pertain to me	4/24/2019 10:34 AM
36	Neutral - answered b/c do not apply, not on my radar	4/23/2019 9:28 AM
37	Can't tie into natural gas	4/22/2019 7:19 PM
38	short term or seasonal rentals can continue to bring tourists to our town	4/22/2019 5:45 PM
39	Lack of a true animal shelter serving Mason County; Manistee and Oceana have made the commitment	4/22/2019 5:30 PM
40	Turbines make too much noise!	4/22/2019 3:42 PM
41	lack of commercial districts in the out county.	4/22/2019 2:48 PM
42	Music, fireworks, obnoxiousness, lack of privacy	4/22/2019 2:12 PM
43	water/sewer infrastructure and drinking water quality	4/22/2019 1:28 PM
44	mental illness lack of quality resources, cost our county excessive amount despite having an agency who is to be accountable for this.	4/22/2019 12:45 PM
45	I think all of the questions depend on why you live where you live.	4/22/2019 11:26 AM
46	This is unfortunately what drives the areas economy w	4/8/2019 11:20 PM
47	Splash park & west end of Ludington Ave - NOT SMART!!!!	4/8/2019 8:45 PM
48	Unkept rental houses should be addressed	4/8/2019 7:57 PM
49	Roads need serious improvement	4/8/2019 7:27 PM
50	Road maintenance is very poor in our part of Hamlin.	4/8/2019 6:06 PM
51	I am very concerned over the Zoning Comm not providing a variance to a local Amber business, so that business could grow.	4/8/2019 12:34 PM
52	serious lack of industry in the county	4/8/2019 12:21 PM
53	Too many seasons rentals. Mason needs to deal with residents first, then create tourist habitats.	4/8/2019 9:56 AM
54	Need a dispensary.	4/8/2019 9:31 AM
55	We love the windmills! It is a sign of progression for Mason County	4/8/2019 8:27 AM
56	Sustainability practices, native plantings, overuse of lakes	4/8/2019 8:16 AM
57	lack of traffic control/law enforcement	4/8/2019 7:44 AM
58	Why can't people offer air bnb or vrbo in a tourist area?	4/8/2019 6:59 AM
59	Short term rentals should be an option for all homeowners	4/8/2019 5:29 AM
60	My answers are based on my eventual return to Ludington, not where I currently live.	4/7/2019 10:22 PM
61	Need for recycling options.	4/7/2019 9:39 PM

### Q18 What comes to mind when you hear the word “open space”? (select only two)

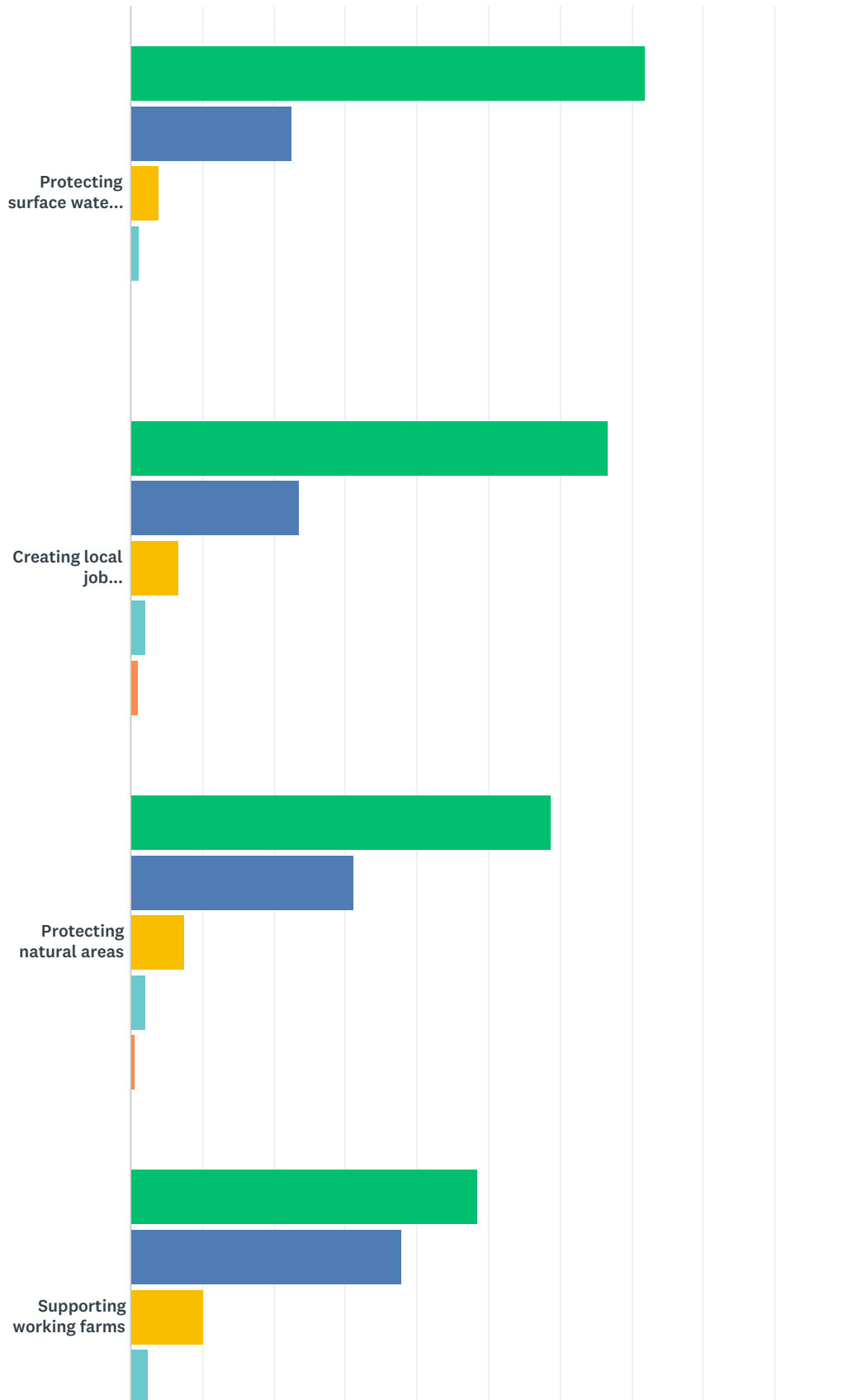
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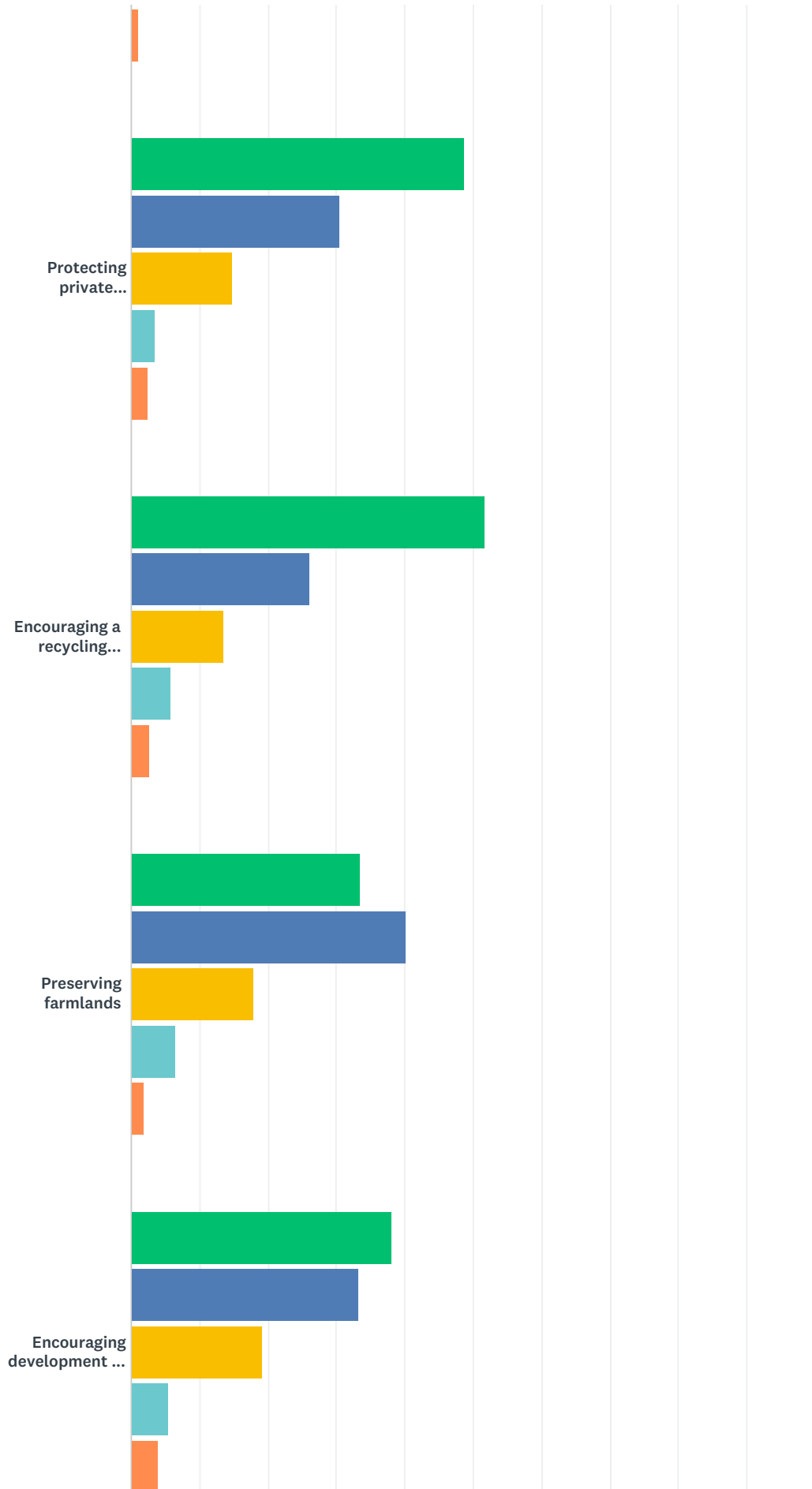


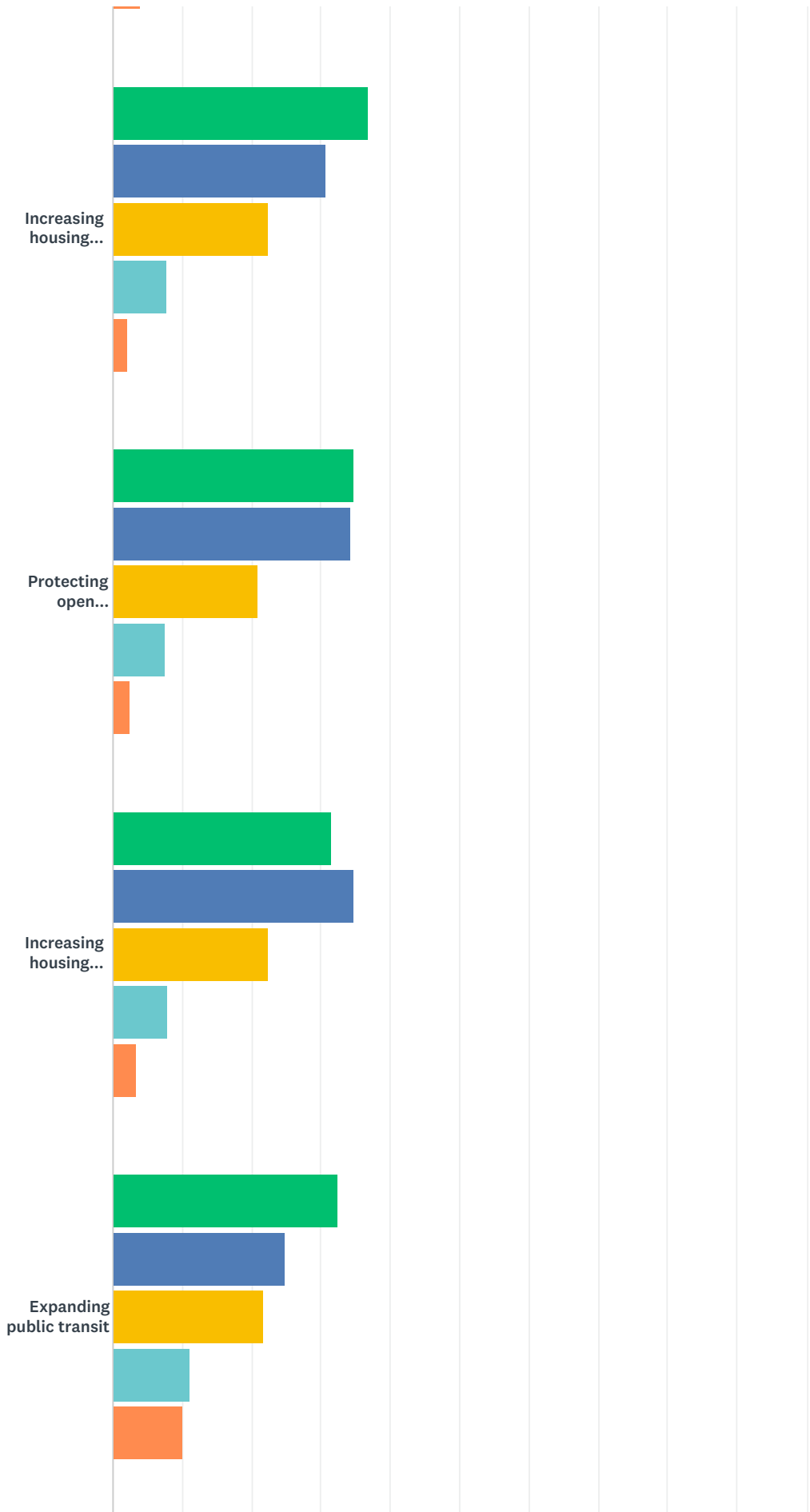
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Any undeveloped land	55.24%	422
Farmland	40.31%	308
Woodlands	26.05%	199
Parks	23.56%	180
Prairies	17.80%	136
Open Water	14.79%	113
Wetlands	11.39%	87
Total Respondents: 764		

# Q19 In terms of community priorities, how important are the following?

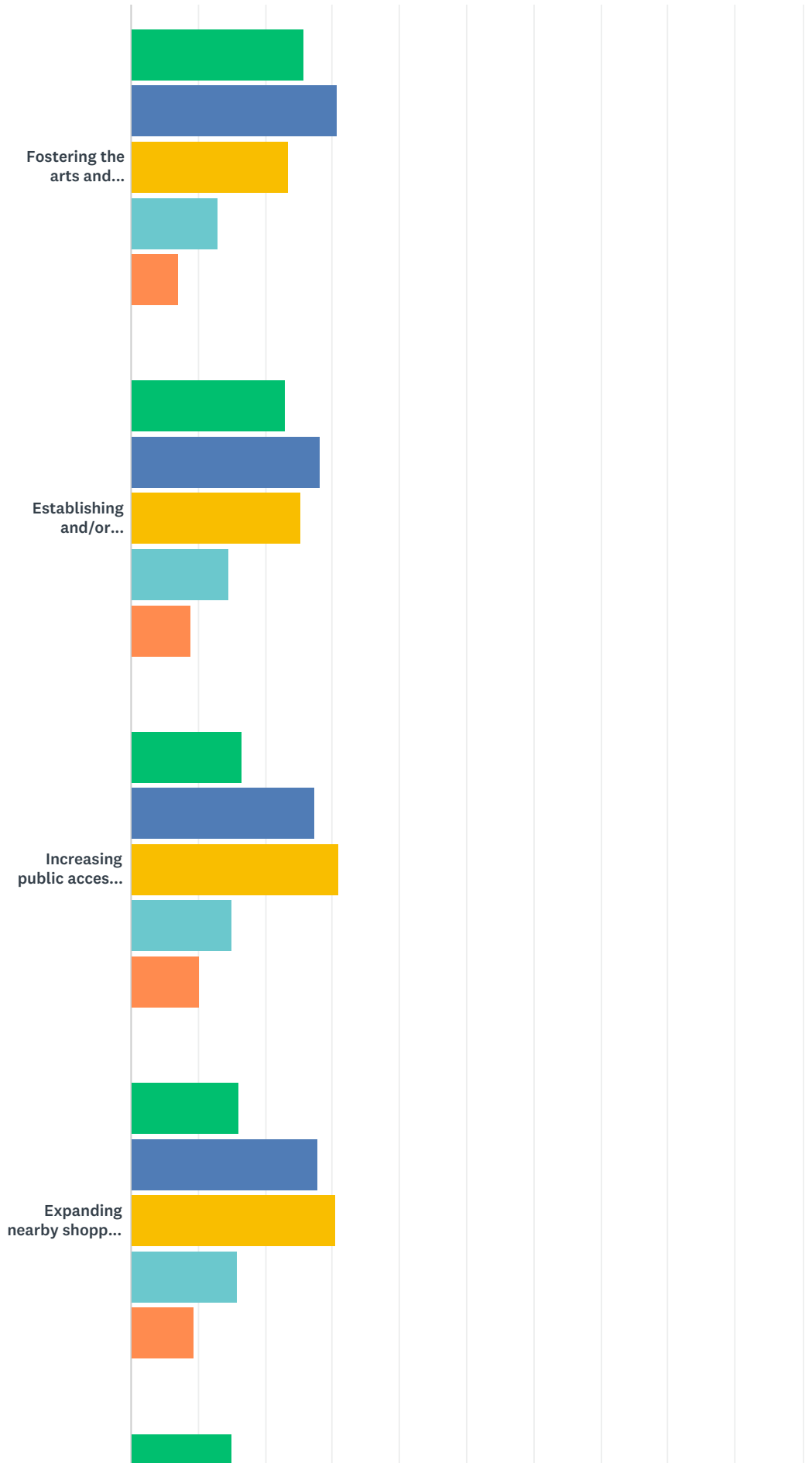
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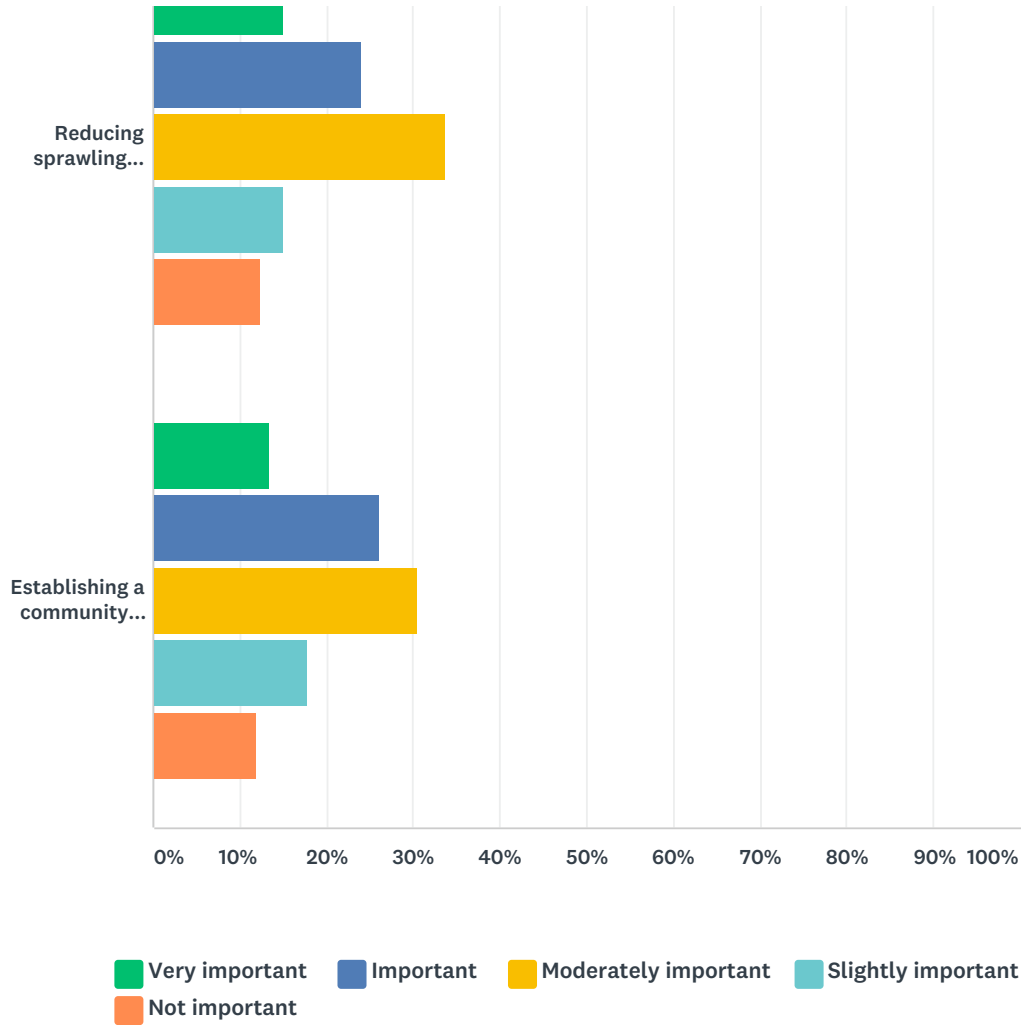












	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	MODERATELY IMPORTANT	SLIGHTLY IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Protecting surface water and groundwater	72.03% 533	22.57% 167	4.05% 30	1.22% 9	0.14% 1	740	4.65
Creating local job opportunities	66.71% 493	23.55% 174	6.77% 50	2.03% 15	0.95% 7	739	4.53
Protecting natural areas	58.73% 434	31.12% 230	7.44% 55	2.03% 15	0.68% 5	739	4.45
Supporting working farms	48.50% 356	37.87% 278	10.22% 75	2.45% 18	0.95% 7	734	4.31
Protecting private property rights	48.64% 359	30.49% 225	14.91% 110	3.52% 26	2.44% 18	738	4.19
Encouraging a recycling program	51.76% 383	26.08% 193	13.51% 100	5.95% 44	2.70% 20	740	4.18
Preserving farmlands	33.47% 247	40.11% 296	18.02% 133	6.50% 48	1.90% 14	738	3.97

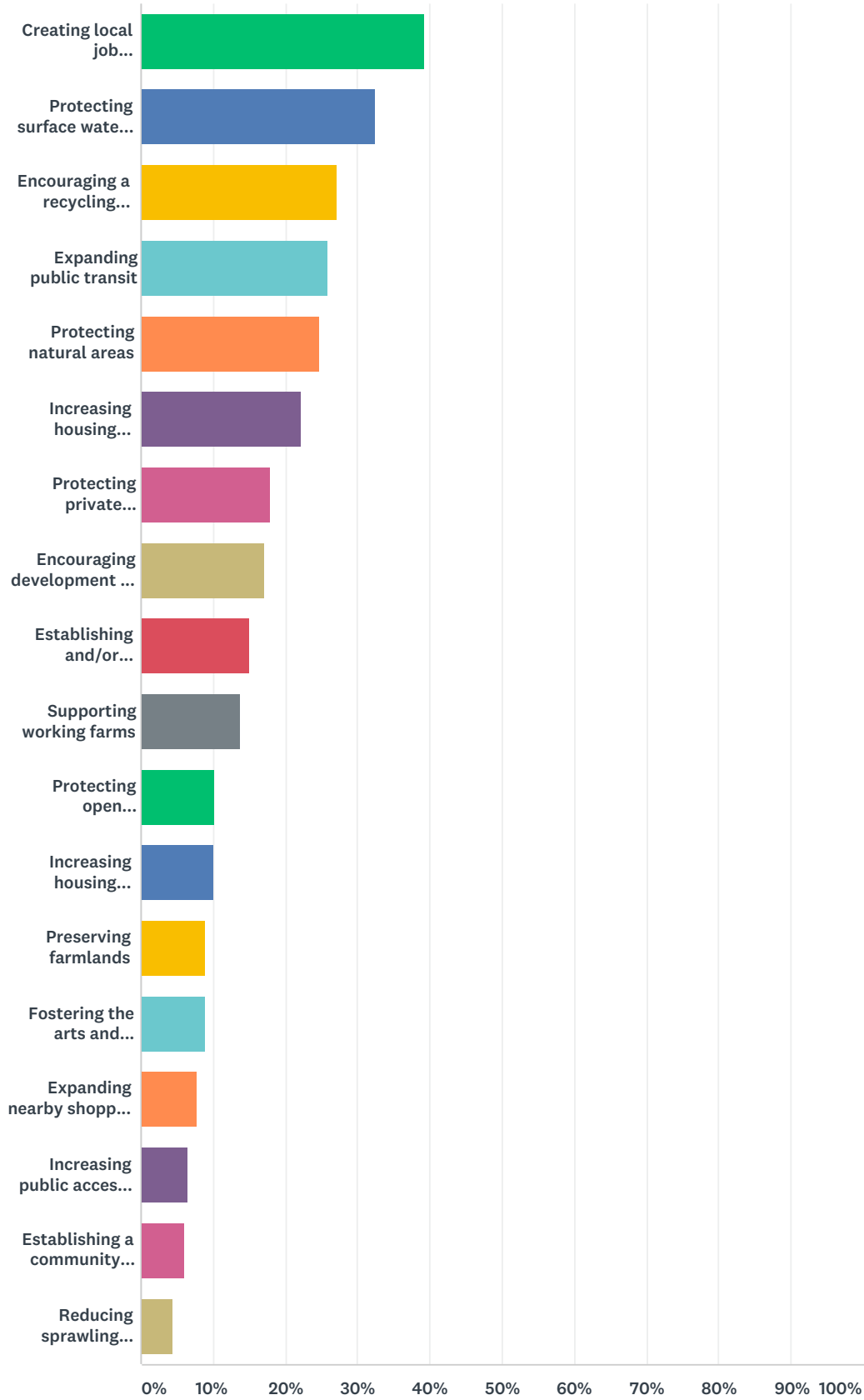
Encouraging development in Ludington, Scottville and the Villages	37.97% 281	33.24% 246	19.19% 142	5.54% 41	4.05% 30	740	3.96
Increasing housing opportunity for young families	36.89% 273	30.81% 228	22.30% 165	7.84% 58	2.16% 16	740	3.92
Protecting open space/views	34.69% 256	34.28% 253	21.00% 155	7.59% 56	2.44% 18	738	3.91
Increasing housing opportunity for seniors	31.62% 234	34.73% 257	22.43% 166	7.97% 59	3.24% 24	740	3.84
Expanding public transit	32.33% 237	24.83% 182	21.83% 160	11.05% 81	9.96% 73	733	3.59
Fostering the arts and cultural opportunities	25.82% 190	30.84% 227	23.37% 172	12.91% 95	7.07% 52	736	3.55
Establishing and/or expanding pedestrian and bike trails	22.91% 170	28.17% 209	25.34% 188	14.69% 109	8.89% 66	742	3.42
Increasing public access to lakes, rivers and streams	16.51% 122	27.33% 202	30.99% 229	15.02% 111	10.15% 75	739	3.25
Expanding nearby shopping opportunities	16.17% 119	27.85% 205	30.57% 225	15.90% 117	9.51% 70	736	3.25
Reducing sprawling patterns of growth	15.01% 109	23.97% 174	33.61% 244	15.01% 109	12.40% 90	726	3.14
Establishing a community center	13.47% 99	26.12% 192	30.61% 225	17.82% 131	11.97% 88	735	3.11

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	More local focus rather than tourism.	5/24/2019 10:52 AM
2	The government needs to stay out of landowners rights	5/10/2019 7:50 AM
3	I would like to see the barriers to development of the corridor eased.	5/7/2019 2:10 PM
4	County government needs to stop destroying our area's beautiful landscape - what other west coast of Michigan community has screwed up their landscape with ugly wind turbines?!	5/6/2019 7:33 PM
5	Need to realize a one size fits all approach to Mason county does not work for zoning and development plans.	4/29/2019 10:26 PM
6	Protecting our world class coastal dunes!	4/28/2019 11:38 AM
7	Encourage & support new businesses	4/27/2019 2:45 PM
8	Ending mining in the sand dunes; attracting new small-to-mid-sized business, esp. manufacturing businesses (year-round)	4/26/2019 1:56 AM

9	Protecting the community's property rights, not just the individual private property owner. For instance, short term rentals benefit the landlord and can cause huge problems for the neighbors.	4/25/2019 6:51 PM
10	Supporting growth of established small businesses.	4/25/2019 6:39 PM
11	Support small local business growth!!!	4/25/2019 4:45 PM
12	walk in clinics for the poor	4/25/2019 1:29 PM
13	protecting the beach from becoming a concrete jungle	4/25/2019 11:51 AM
14	Increase Broadband Internet access	4/25/2019 9:36 AM
15	Work on lowering taxes and no bond projects	4/25/2019 8:36 AM
16	Be open to the new market opportunities	4/24/2019 11:24 PM
17	More focus on communities other than just Ludington	4/24/2019 10:58 PM
18	crime	4/24/2019 7:55 PM
19	Allowing marijuana shops. Hello tax money!!	4/24/2019 7:14 PM
20	Less regulation, zoning and tax breaks	4/24/2019 5:16 PM
21	I believe in private property rights IF the property is maintained. Not when they are eyesores as we have in Ludington now.	4/24/2019 2:59 PM
22	Jobs need to pay a wage that supports afford able housing for families. We don't need anymore low wage jobs.	4/24/2019 1:01 PM
23	I had lived in a large city in Kentucky where Preserving farmlands was a big issue.It really made it nice having the horse farms around.	4/24/2019 10:38 AM
24	Broadband	4/23/2019 8:02 AM
25	Supporting realistic farmers markets	4/23/2019 6:50 AM
26	establish a true animal shelter like Homeward Bound in Manistee	4/22/2019 8:30 PM
27	We have two Senior Centers; expand them to serve the community. Create an animal shelter and let AC have an office similar to Homeward bound in Manistee.	4/22/2019 5:35 PM
28	Expanding vocational/trade education; County-wide Infrastructure	4/22/2019 1:36 PM
29	improve our mental illness resources	4/22/2019 1:08 PM
30	Apartments bldg downtown ludington - way too tall !!	4/8/2019 8:48 PM
31	Promote local businesses	4/8/2019 8:02 PM
32	I believe our library is already a working community center, but one that is available to the community members at other times would be great.	4/8/2019 6:16 PM
33	Food paying jobs is the biggest need! And when I say something is important I am NOT saying there needs to be more laws ordinances etc.	4/8/2019 10:26 AM

**Q20** Of the items listed in question 19 above, please select your top three priorities you would be willing to pay for through taxes or fees:

Answered: 720 Skipped: 128

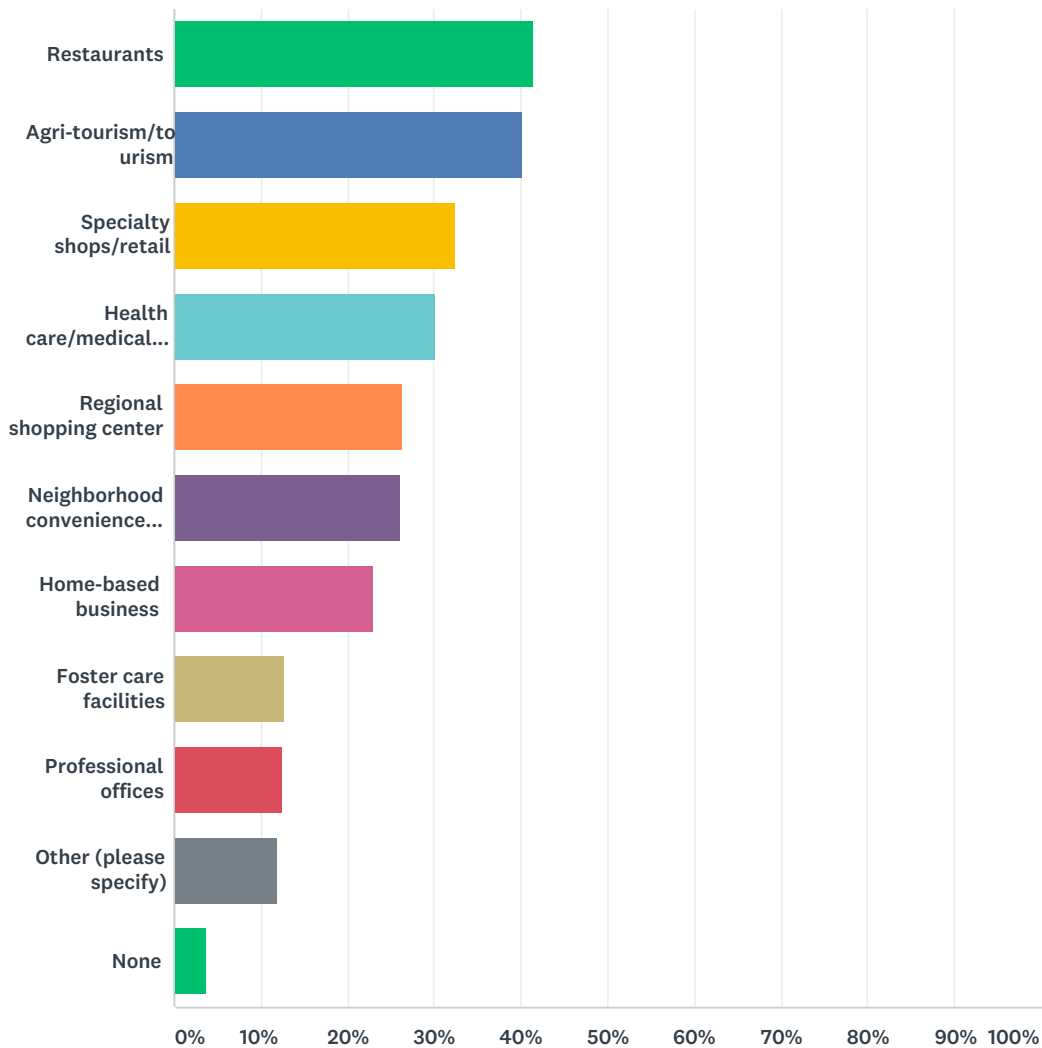


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Creating local job opportunities	39.31% 283

Protecting surface water and groundwater	32.50%	234
Encouraging a recycling program	27.22%	196
Expanding public transit	25.97%	187
Protecting natural areas	24.58%	177
Increasing housing opportunity for young families	22.22%	160
Protecting private property rights	17.92%	129
Encouraging development in Ludington, Scottville and the Villages	17.22%	124
Establishing and/or expanding pedestrian and bike trails	15.00%	108
Supporting working farms	13.89%	100
Protecting open space/views	10.28%	74
Increasing housing opportunity for seniors	10.00%	72
Preserving farmlands	9.03%	65
Fostering the arts and cultural opportunities	9.03%	65
Expanding nearby shopping opportunities	7.64%	55
Increasing public access to lakes, rivers and streams	6.39%	46
Establishing a community center	6.11%	44
Reducing sprawling patterns of growth	4.31%	31
Total Respondents: 720		

### Q21 In Mason County as a whole, what types of commercial/service development should be encouraged? (check no more than 3)

Answered: 724 Skipped: 124



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Restaurants	41.44%	300
Agri-tourism/tourism	40.19%	291
Specialty shops/retail	32.46%	235
Health care/medical facilities	30.11%	218
Regional shopping center	26.38%	191
Neighborhood convenience stores/retail	26.10%	189
Home-based business	23.07%	167
Foster care facilities	12.71%	92
Professional offices	12.57%	91



Other (please specify)	12.02%	87
None	3.87%	28
Total Respondents: 724		

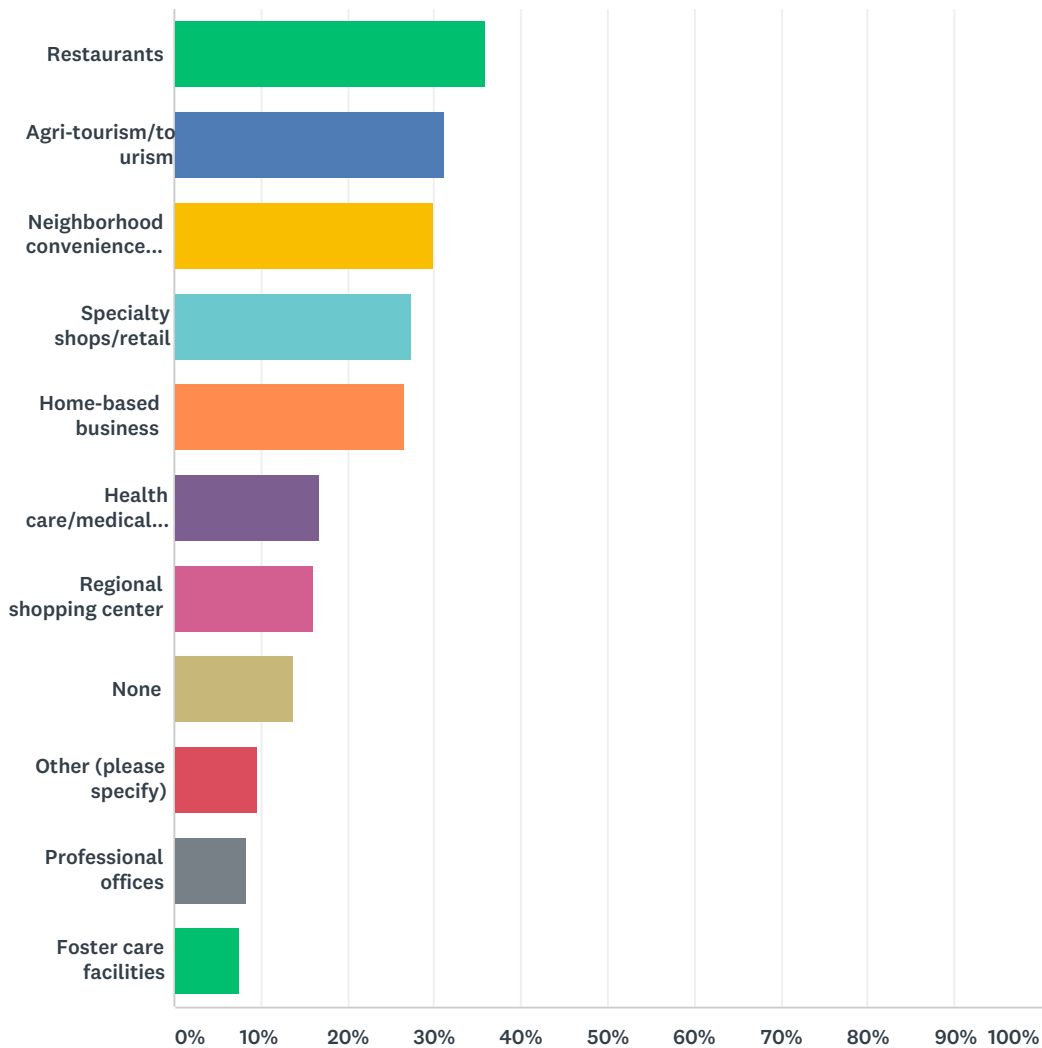
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Manufacturing	5/24/2019 10:55 AM
2	The free market should determine business, not the government.	5/10/2019 7:52 AM
3	Factories or really good jobs for people.	5/8/2019 3:02 PM
4	Public transportation to Grand Rapids	5/7/2019 2:46 PM
5	Mixed use spaces	5/7/2019 11:37 AM
6	Tech businesses - IT, Robotics, Light industrial	5/6/2019 7:39 PM
7	Recreational Motor Sports dual use trails and Day use areas	4/30/2019 1:37 PM
8	I'm currently extremely disappointed with the county's encouragement of village-only development and anti-marijuana business stance. There are few new job opportunities for us with farm land to earn a living in this county. I can only assume you think we have as the options afforded to you by your family, connections/church, and/or socioeconomic stays.	4/29/2019 6:27 PM
9	non-chain and non-strip mall retail. More nice quality stores downtown (the Lake, the Life, the Dream; Snyders; Lindseys; Todd and Brad Reed; Krave; Blu Moon . . .	4/29/2019 5:56 PM
10	not qualified t	4/29/2019 2:16 PM
11	We need some sort of production. I know the idea of factories or plants is scary but those jobs are sorely needed. Seasonal jobs won't keep families finicial healthy all year long.	4/28/2019 4:57 PM
12	A buisness should be allowed to expand.	4/28/2019 12:03 PM
13	manufacturing to provide jobs	4/28/2019 8:36 AM
14	Industrial	4/27/2019 12:03 PM
15	Production, offices, manufacturing, a mall	4/26/2019 9:18 PM
16	Contractor trades	4/26/2019 4:00 PM
17	DAYCARE!!!!	4/26/2019 7:35 AM
18	Tech/manufacturing jobs that pay well	4/26/2019 7:09 AM
19	affordable housing for seniors and young families	4/26/2019 4:30 AM
20	Attract small-to-mid-sized manufacturing firms	4/26/2019 2:01 AM
21	N/a	4/25/2019 9:26 PM
22	Industry/manufacturing	4/25/2019 8:10 PM
23	addiction services, mental health care	4/25/2019 7:55 PM
24	Hobby lobby , michaels or joanns	4/25/2019 7:11 PM
25	Distance learning and telecommuting opportunities.	4/25/2019 6:56 PM
26	Growing/ supporting small business growth.	4/25/2019 6:42 PM
27	Homeless/ addiction rehabilitation centers	4/25/2019 6:00 PM
28	Good paying jobs full time	4/25/2019 5:02 PM
29	Mental health	4/25/2019 5:00 PM
30	Marijuana	4/25/2019 4:51 PM
31	Child care	4/25/2019 3:55 PM
32	Year-round employment opportunities, industries	4/25/2019 3:54 PM
33	micro breweries	4/25/2019 3:23 PM

34	Breweries, other social venues	4/25/2019 3:19 PM
35	micro-breweries	4/25/2019 3:13 PM
36	Industry type jobs (manufacturing, IT, Agriculture, etc.) that are not tied too closely to tourism.	4/25/2019 2:30 PM
37	Things that are for the residents not the tourist	4/25/2019 11:20 AM
38	Senior living facilities, daycare centers	4/25/2019 10:21 AM
39	good paying jobs with benefits for trades	4/25/2019 8:38 AM
40	Manufacturing-jobs	4/25/2019 6:48 AM
41	More businesses	4/25/2019 3:55 AM
42	Recreation/Hunting and Fishing	4/25/2019 12:12 AM
43	Something indoors for childrens activities	4/24/2019 11:41 PM
44	Marijuana Dispensaries	4/24/2019 11:33 PM
45	Industry	4/24/2019 9:58 PM
46	Marijuana shops	4/24/2019 7:16 PM
47	Medical weed for the people who can't travel 100 miles to get it	4/24/2019 6:17 PM
48	Industry	4/24/2019 5:46 PM
49	Medical marijuana stores	4/24/2019 5:31 PM
50	All growth, and less control by government	4/24/2019 5:29 PM
51	Industry, skilled trades and engineering. There is a sever lack of opportunities in this area. Buisnesses that compliment the apparent tourism culture could be beneficial. Such as watercraft, hunting and fishing equipment or water sport equipment manufacturers. This would encourage other buisness such as dealerships and maintenance. Would create job opportunities and I believe draw more tourism.	4/24/2019 4:11 PM
52	Restoring/rehabilitating existing facilities into functioning work/recreation space	4/24/2019 10:44 AM
53	Entertainment/ arts	4/24/2019 10:41 AM
54	Bbc.co	4/24/2019 7:37 AM
55	Home care for people who need it.	4/23/2019 4:37 PM
56	2. Elder Stepped Assisted Living Facilities with Memory Care Options and 3. Continued Downtown Ludington revitalization of shops/restaurants/activities, parks and playgrounds	4/23/2019 2:32 PM
57	Manufacturing	4/23/2019 1:59 PM
58	Manufacturing and trades	4/23/2019 11:17 AM
59	Broadband	4/23/2019 10:29 AM
60	Short term vacation rentals	4/23/2019 9:47 AM
61	Manufacturing Facilities	4/23/2019 9:23 AM
62	Broadband	4/23/2019 8:06 AM
63	Decent, non-explotative jobs with healthcare and benefits fo workers with non-specialized skills	4/23/2019 6:54 AM
64	Senior care facilities	4/22/2019 9:12 PM
65	healthcare facilities that aren't already provided in mason county	4/22/2019 9:03 PM
66	Good restaurants, not bars...like Panera Bread or Olive Garden	4/22/2019 8:33 PM
67	Better school facilities	4/22/2019 6:55 PM
68	Larger book retailer, clothing and home goods similar to a JC Penney, Macy, or quality merchandiser, BED N Bath type retailer, quality bakery	4/22/2019 5:44 PM
69	Industry	4/22/2019 5:19 PM

70	companies that offer middle class job opportunities	4/22/2019 3:37 PM
71	Upscale hospitality	4/22/2019 2:54 PM
72	Need more skilled trades people (men & woman)	4/22/2019 1:43 PM
73	mental illness care	4/22/2019 1:11 PM
74	Manufacturing	4/22/2019 11:47 AM
75	Affordable childcare	4/12/2019 6:35 PM
76	white collar jobs	4/10/2019 7:59 AM
77	Businesses meeting needs in community and creating employment opportunities	4/9/2019 7:11 PM
78	microbreweries and tasting rooms	4/8/2019 10:00 PM
79	Public spaces for kids ages 10 to 18 can enjoy on their own	4/8/2019 9:08 PM
80	Mental health / Hadley at hospital closed.	4/8/2019 8:52 PM
81	Mental health, adult daycare	4/8/2019 6:19 PM
82	Non alcohol related activities and places to go	4/8/2019 10:31 AM
83	Scottville downtown development	4/8/2019 9:24 AM
84	Senior community living	4/8/2019 9:08 AM
85	Daycare centers	4/8/2019 8:45 AM
86	Good paying jobs for local residents	4/8/2019 8:05 AM
87	Office space to rent by half day for folks in From out of town who need a place to work or like me work From home and may need office space from time to time. Sometimes coffee shops are too public for conference calls	4/7/2019 11:12 PM

## Q22 In the community where you live, what types of commercial development should be encouraged? (check no more than 3)

Answered: 713 Skipped: 135



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Restaurants	36.04%	257
Agri-tourism/tourism	31.14%	222
Neighborhood convenience stores/retail	29.87%	213
Specialty shops/retail	27.49%	196
Home-based business	26.51%	189
Health care/medical facilities	16.83%	120
Regional shopping center	16.13%	115
None	13.88%	99
Other (please specify)	9.68%	69

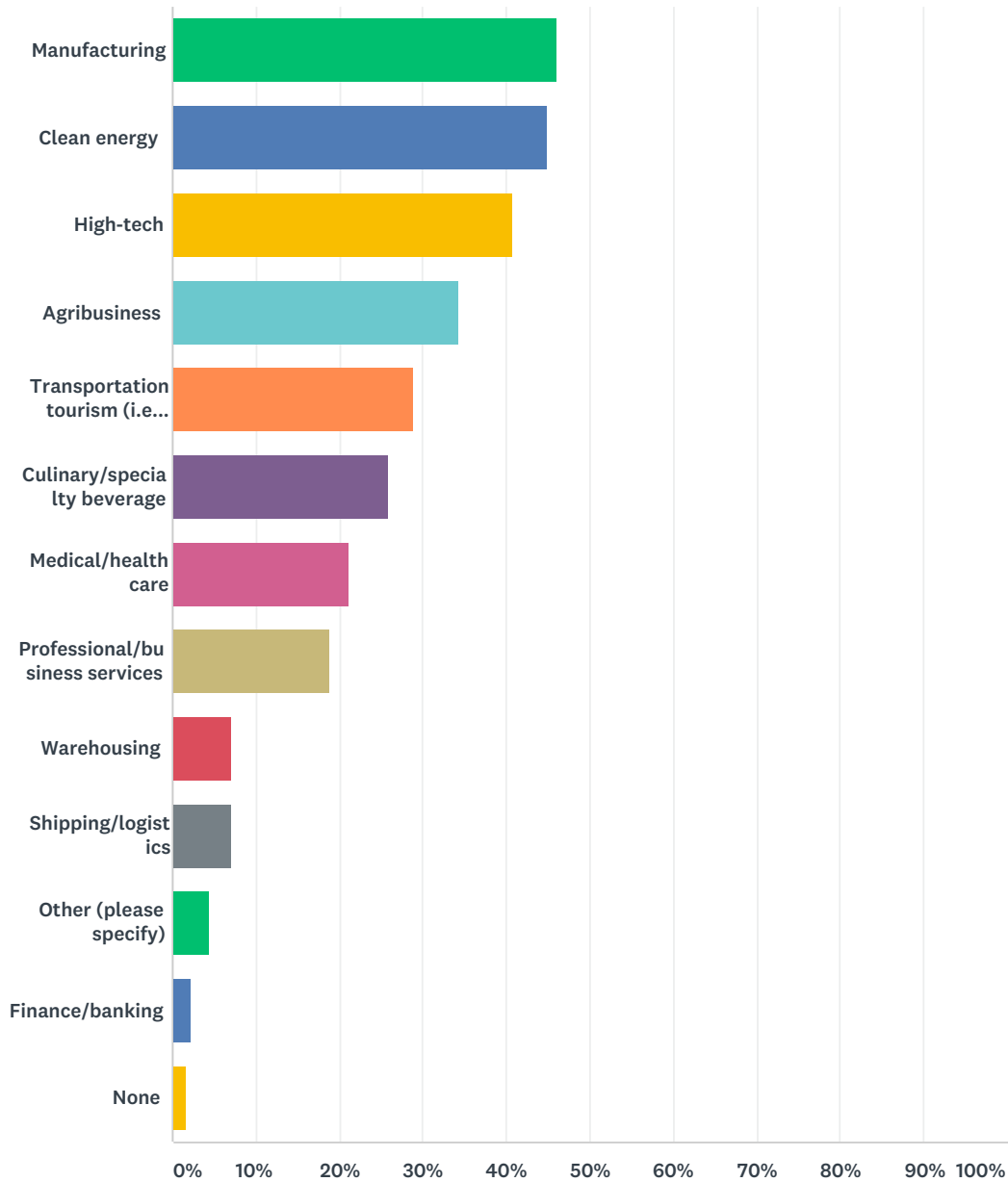
Professional offices	8.42%	60
Foster care facilities	7.57%	54
Total Respondents: 713		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	NONE	6/7/2019 12:56 PM
2	Small factory business	6/3/2019 4:41 PM
3	The free market should determine business, not the government.	5/10/2019 7:52 AM
4	A harbor with dockage and restaurant for visiting boats	5/9/2019 10:43 AM
5	LMTA	5/7/2019 2:46 PM
6	Dial a ride, LMTA	5/7/2019 2:46 PM
7	Agribusinesses need to follow the rules and be built on large enough parcels so they don't proliferate on small parcels throughout AG zoning	5/6/2019 7:39 PM
8	Light Manufacturing or Assembly plants (Jobs)	4/30/2019 1:37 PM
9	Same as above.	4/28/2019 4:57 PM
10	Outdoor activities/ wood working/ retirement village	4/28/2019 11:51 AM
11	Industrial	4/27/2019 12:03 PM
12	Apartments, Employment opportunities	4/26/2019 9:18 PM
13	Contractor trades	4/26/2019 4:00 PM
14	Community centers! Commerece!	4/26/2019 10:42 AM
15	Subsidized Housing	4/26/2019 8:35 AM
16	daycare!!! There is not very many daycares with openings	4/26/2019 7:35 AM
17	1) recreational trails; 2) year-round recreation-based center (conference center, eco-tourism center, new State Park interpretive center, new State Park campgrounds on sand mine property, assuming State and the mine owner complete the transfer as indicated)	4/26/2019 2:01 AM
18	Gym closer to Scottville	4/25/2019 9:21 PM
19	Agriculture	4/25/2019 8:10 PM
20	Remote/home office plan for a variety of large companies.	4/25/2019 6:56 PM
21	Full time good paying jobsk	4/25/2019 5:02 PM
22	Marijuana shop	4/25/2019 4:51 PM
23	Venue similar to Grand Rapids Downtown Market would be amazing!	4/25/2019 3:54 PM
24	Manufacturing facilities	4/25/2019 3:54 PM
25	micro breweries	4/25/2019 3:23 PM
26	Breweries, transit	4/25/2019 3:19 PM
27	micro-breweries	4/25/2019 3:13 PM
28	In Scottville	4/25/2019 1:38 PM
29	anything that brings jobs to the area, including marijuana shops	4/25/2019 12:11 PM
30	Grocery	4/25/2019 11:54 AM
31	Senior living facilities, daycare centers	4/25/2019 10:21 AM
32	More businesses, better health care for special needs children	4/25/2019 3:55 AM
33	Youth Center	4/24/2019 11:48 PM
34	Marijuana Farming, processing.	4/24/2019 11:33 PM

35	Medical weed for patients	4/24/2019 6:17 PM
36	Medical marijuana stores	4/24/2019 5:31 PM
37	All types, we are losing jobs and growth by to many zoning rules and high property taxes.	4/24/2019 5:29 PM
38	Prefer to see Hamlin Twp. remain mostly residential	4/24/2019 4:11 PM
39	Industry, skilled trades and engineering. There is a sever lack of opportunities in this area. Buisnesses that compliment the apparent tourism culture could be beneficial. Such as watercraft, hunting and fishing equipment or water sport equipment manufacturers. This would encourage other buisness such as dealerships and maintenance. Would create job opportunities and I believe draw more tourism.	4/24/2019 4:11 PM
40	Restoring/rehabilitating existing facilities into functioning work/recreation spaces	4/24/2019 10:44 AM
41	Entertainment/ arts	4/24/2019 10:41 AM
42	Discount gasoline	4/24/2019 7:37 AM
43	Home care for people who need it.	4/23/2019 4:37 PM
44	Senior living facilities with buy in and stepped care	4/23/2019 2:32 PM
45	Manufacturing	4/23/2019 1:59 PM
46	Manufacturing and trades	4/23/2019 11:17 AM
47	Food trucks	4/23/2019 10:36 AM
48	Broadband	4/23/2019 10:29 AM
49	Short term vacation rentals	4/23/2019 9:47 AM
50	Manufacturing Facilities	4/23/2019 9:23 AM
51	Broadband	4/23/2019 8:06 AM
52	Better school facilities	4/22/2019 6:55 PM
53	Better quality stores for home goods, clothing, shoes	4/22/2019 6:40 PM
54	none in town, but in the industrial parks we need to encourage more copanies that would offer middle class job opportunities and re-establish a solid foundation for all these entry-level workers to obtain skills and move up to become more productive and self-sustaining	4/22/2019 3:37 PM
55	Need more skilled trades people (men & woman)	4/22/2019 1:43 PM
56	Manufacturing	4/22/2019 11:47 AM
57	Affordable child and respite care	4/12/2019 6:35 PM
58	Businesses meeting needs in community and creating employment opportunities	4/9/2019 7:11 PM
59	Things for middle school/ high school kids to do in the winter that is appropriate for their age	4/9/2019 2:34 PM
60	Public spaces for kids ages 10 to 18 can enjoy on their own	4/8/2019 9:08 PM
61	Mental health facility needed	4/8/2019 8:52 PM
62	Movie theater downtown	4/8/2019 8:01 PM
63	Mental health, adult daycare	4/8/2019 6:19 PM
64	Public transportation	4/8/2019 11:26 AM
65	Since there are only gas stations anything would be a bonus	4/8/2019 10:31 AM
66	Community center that has reasonable event rental ffee	4/8/2019 9:24 AM
67	daycare centers	4/8/2019 8:45 AM
68	Employers. It's so obvious.	4/8/2019 8:05 AM
69	Office space to rent by half day	4/7/2019 11:12 PM

### Q23 What types of economic development opportunities should be encouraged in Mason County? (check no more than 3)

Answered: 712 Skipped: 136



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Manufacturing	46.07%	328
Clean energy	44.94%	320
High-tech	40.73%	290
Agribusiness	34.41%	245
Transportation tourism (i.e. Lake Michigan cruise ship dock, passenger train)	28.79%	205

Culinary/specialty beverage	25.84%	184
Medical/health care	21.07%	150
Professional/business services	18.82%	134
Warehousing	7.16%	51
Shipping/logistics	7.16%	51
Other (please specify)	4.49%	32
Finance/banking	2.39%	17
None	1.69%	12
Total Respondents: 712		

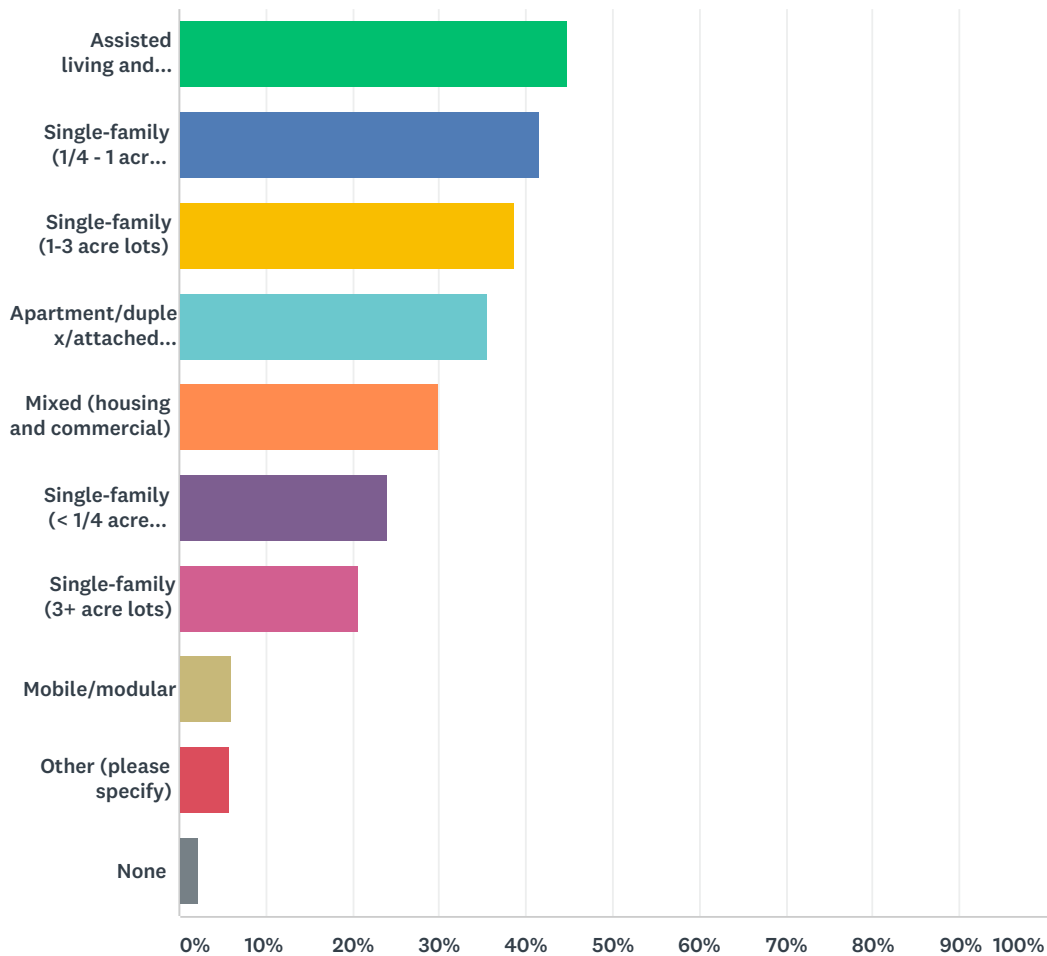
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	The free market should determine business, not the government.	5/10/2019 7:52 AM
2	Small business	5/8/2019 12:33 PM
3	Done responsibly	5/7/2019 1:23 PM
4	Recreational Vehicle Usage Summer and Winter working with DNR to connect trails into the town to promote local establishments.	4/30/2019 1:37 PM
5	Mason county needs jobs that provide a living wage	4/28/2019 5:00 PM
6	Protection of coastal dunes!	4/28/2019 11:51 AM
7	Uber, Goodeats, etc.	4/26/2019 9:18 PM
8	Revive the 4th ward!	4/26/2019 10:42 AM
9	Any small business	4/26/2019 7:08 AM
10	Medical marijuana sales	4/26/2019 6:43 AM
11	Marihuana is the future. Get your heads out of you butts.	4/26/2019 12:01 AM
12	NO CRUISE SHIPS	4/25/2019 6:13 PM
13	TechAgriculture	4/25/2019 6:02 PM
14	Marijuana shops	4/25/2019 4:51 PM
15	Small business, rezoning	4/25/2019 2:50 AM
16	Outdoors/Recreational activities	4/25/2019 12:12 AM
17	B	4/24/2019 9:59 PM
18	prisons	4/24/2019 7:57 PM
19	Medical weed dispensary	4/24/2019 6:17 PM
20	Medical marijuana stores	4/24/2019 5:31 PM
21	All jobs that pay a living wage. Stop supporting low paying industries in our area and we won't need these low income housing projects at the cost of 10's of millions of dollars in lost property taxes.	4/24/2019 5:29 PM
22	Cannabis	4/24/2019 10:41 AM
23	Shoulder season tourism	4/23/2019 9:06 PM
24	Any viable jobs with the least impact on the environment that coordinate with the promise scholarships to keep youth and young families in our community	4/23/2019 2:32 PM
25	Trades Education	4/23/2019 11:55 AM
26	Short term vacation rentals	4/23/2019 9:47 AM



27	Except for a grandfathered polluNothing new that contaminates our air or water. The Badger is an embarrassment everywhere we go and claim that we live in Ludington.	4/22/2019 3:37 PM
28	Vocational training for skilled trades people (men & woman)	4/22/2019 1:43 PM
29	education	4/22/2019 11:17 AM
30	Trade related business, Mechanical trades, places that support industry	4/8/2019 11:03 AM
31	Sustainable, green businesses	4/8/2019 8:23 AM
32	Good paying jobs for residents. Don't fixate on tourists so much	4/8/2019 8:05 AM

## Q24 In Mason County as a whole, what types of new housing should be encouraged? (check no more than 3)

Answered: 712 Skipped: 136



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Assisted living and retirement communities	44.80%	319
Single-family (1/4 - 1 acre lots)	41.57%	296
Single-family (1-3 acre lots)	38.62%	275
Apartment/duplex/attached condo	35.53%	253
Mixed (housing and commercial)	29.92%	213
Single-family (< 1/4 acre lots)	24.16%	172
Single-family (3+ acre lots)	20.65%	147
Mobile/modular	6.04%	43
Other (please specify)	5.76%	41
None	2.25%	16

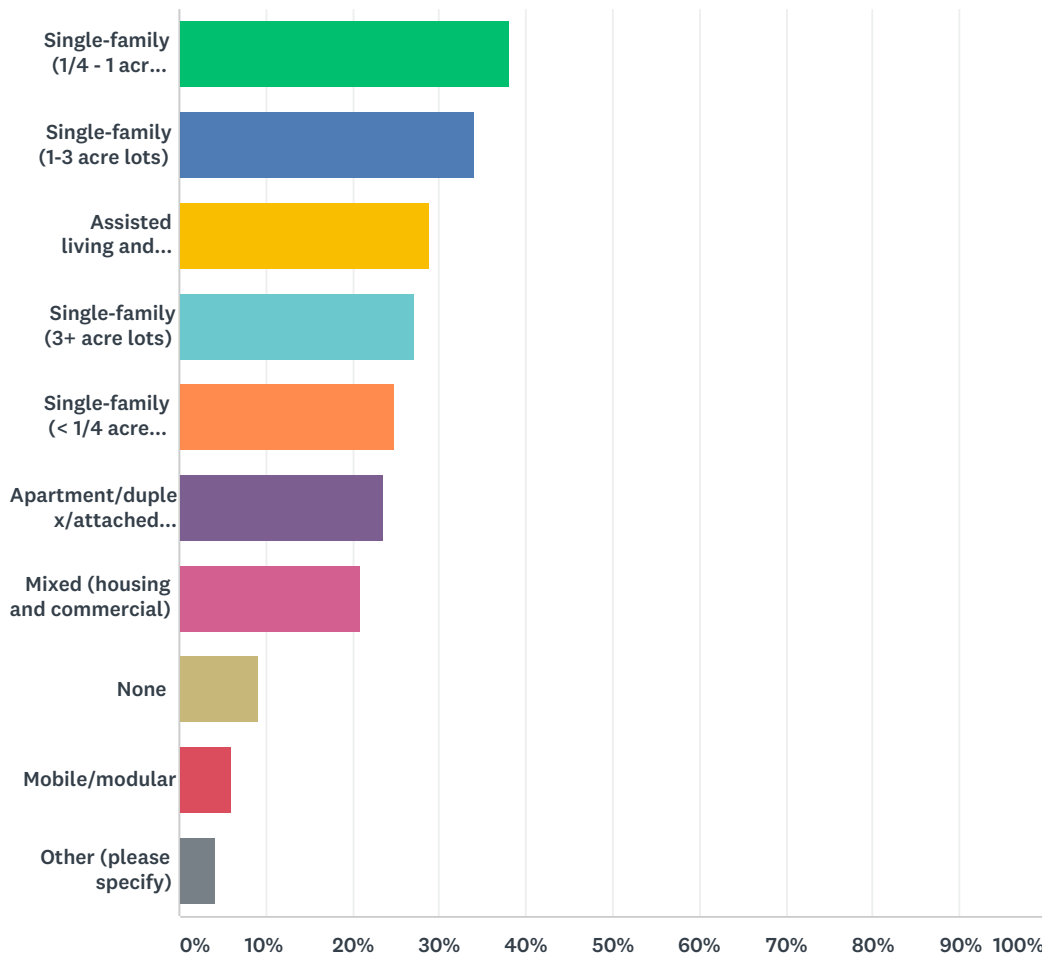
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#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	It all should be encouraged	6/3/2019 11:12 AM
2	The government should not encourage housing. let the free market determine what is needed.	5/10/2019 7:52 AM
3	Boating	5/9/2019 10:43 AM
4	wekend vacation rental properties	5/7/2019 3:31 PM
5	Senior couple assisted uving	5/6/2019 9:39 PM
6	Tiny Housing, small units	5/6/2019 7:39 PM
7	We need good paying jobs, not cheap housing	4/28/2019 5:00 PM
8	Senior and low income housing	4/26/2019 12:20 PM
9	Short term rental district established downtown	4/26/2019 9:46 AM
10	Not low income housing, but housing for those who are middle class	4/26/2019 7:08 AM
11	Tiny houses	4/25/2019 8:18 PM
12	All	4/25/2019 8:18 PM
13	Whatever Landowners choose	4/25/2019 8:10 PM
14	Quality low-income	4/25/2019 3:54 PM
15	affordable apartments/housing/house trailers for residents. NO Condos	4/25/2019 11:20 AM
16	Affordable Housing	4/25/2019 12:12 AM
17	An experimental development of a self sustainable homeless shelter/soup kitchen	4/24/2019 11:33 PM
18	QUALITY AFFORDABLE TINY HOMES	4/24/2019 11:12 PM
19	All types, but NO LOW INCOME HOUSING as that just sucks huge tax payer dollars out of our community.	4/24/2019 5:29 PM
20	Just plain affordable. Housing costs that match the income of the area.	4/24/2019 4:11 PM
21	One level mid price condos with attached garage, 55 over would be great.	4/24/2019 3:07 PM
22	Low income housing	4/24/2019 1:27 PM
23	Eco-communities	4/24/2019 1:09 PM
24	homeless shelter	4/24/2019 10:30 AM
25	Clean up & improve private homes & rental properties	4/24/2019 7:38 AM
26	Whatever is needed	4/24/2019 6:59 AM
27	Affordable	4/23/2019 7:17 PM
28	affordable for lower-mid income and seniors	4/23/2019 10:01 AM
29	short term coop housing for families	4/23/2019 6:54 AM
30	No more high end condos , only affordable apartments .	4/22/2019 4:25 PM
31	Hey	4/22/2019 4:15 PM
32	The more economically disadvantaged housing we create, the more that way of living is condoned and will remain here.	4/22/2019 3:37 PM
33	low income housing	4/22/2019 2:57 PM
34	tiny living	4/22/2019 1:11 PM
35	affordable housing for homeless	4/22/2019 12:57 PM
36	low income	4/22/2019 11:55 AM
37	Low income housing for everyone.	4/8/2019 7:33 PM

38	Tiny houses	4/8/2019 11:16 AM
39	Most anything as long as there are NOT so many owner restrictions that owner loses rights to use as they choose.	4/8/2019 10:31 AM
40	developments with clustered housing and surrounding natural spaces with trails and parks	4/8/2019 9:41 AM
41	Obviously, affordable housing for all residents.	4/8/2019 8:05 AM

### Q25 In the community where you live, what types of new housing should be encouraged? (check no more than 3)

Answered: 700 Skipped: 148



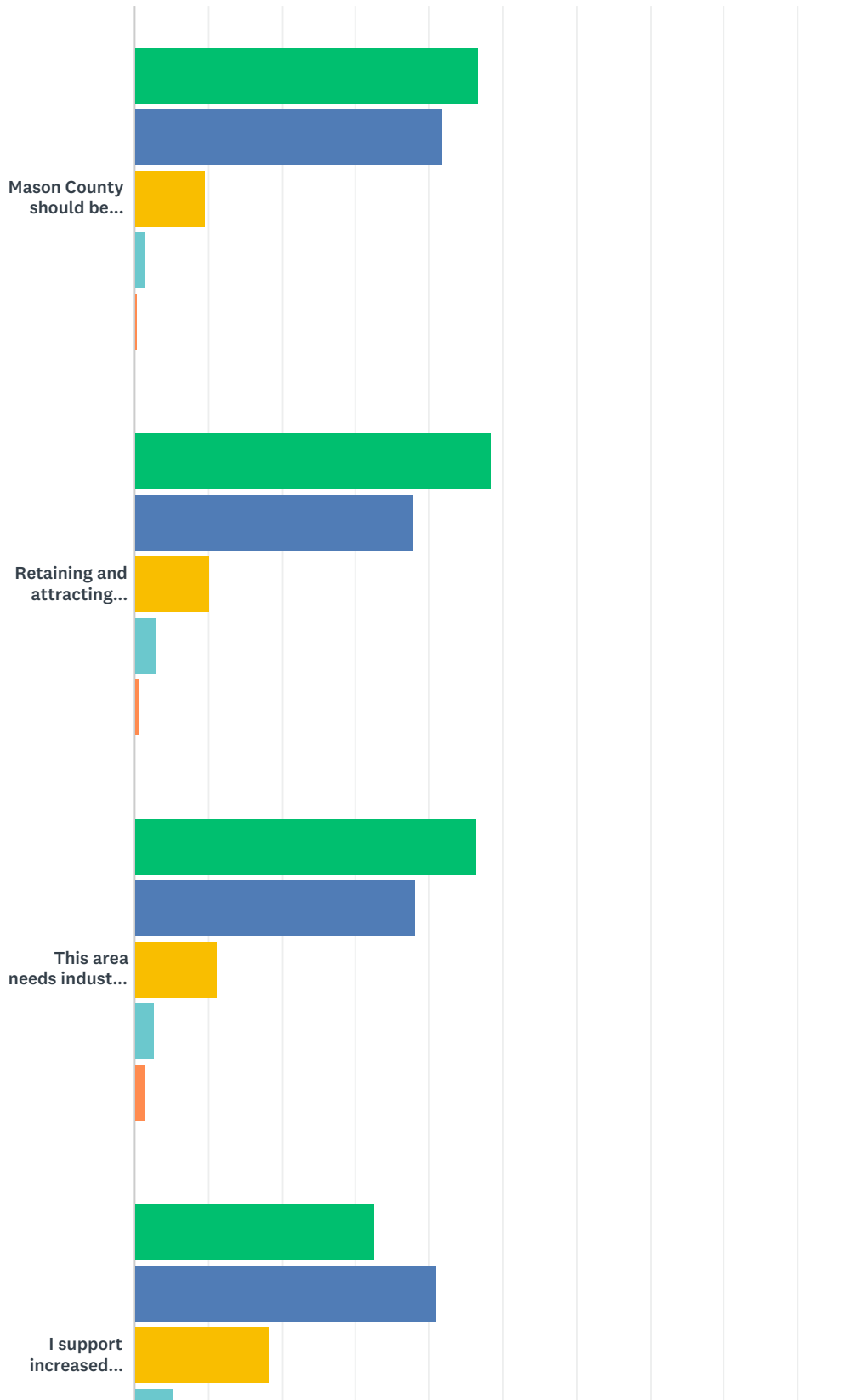
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Single-family (1/4 - 1 acre lots)	38.14%	267
Single-family (1-3 acre lots)	34.14%	239
Assisted living and retirement communities	28.86%	202
Single-family (3+ acre lots)	27.14%	190
Single-family (< 1/4 acre lots)	25.00%	175
Apartment/duplex/attached condo	23.57%	165
Mixed (housing and commercial)	20.86%	146
None	9.29%	65
Mobile/modular	6.00%	42
Other (please specify)	4.29%	30

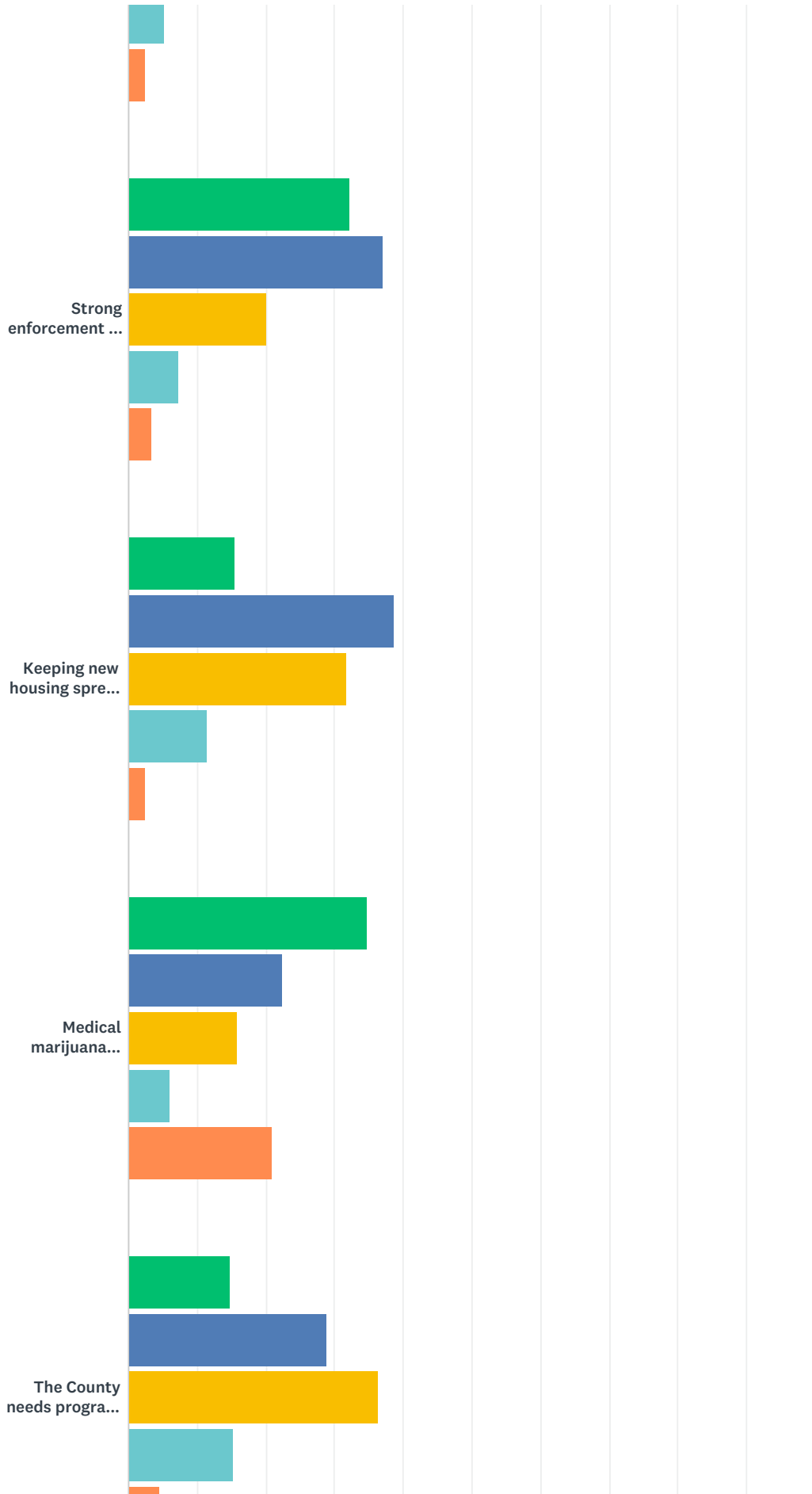
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#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	The government should not encourage housing. let the free market determine what is needed.	5/10/2019 7:52 AM
2	1 acre lots	5/9/2019 10:43 AM
3	Family farms	5/8/2019 12:33 PM
4	There is no water and sewer so smaller lots don't make much sense	5/6/2019 7:39 PM
5	Permanent "small" houses (less than 1000 sq ft)	5/2/2019 2:10 PM
6	Roads, traffic, stronger support of Mason Couny keithCole specifically piney ridge road.	4/28/2019 11:51 AM
7	Senior and low income housing	4/26/2019 12:20 PM
8	Tiny houses	4/25/2019 8:18 PM
9	All	4/25/2019 8:18 PM
10	Whatever Landowners choose	4/25/2019 8:10 PM
11	Modular homes	4/25/2019 6:49 PM
12	Housing area less than 720 square feet.	4/25/2019 5:14 PM
13	Quality low-income	4/25/2019 3:54 PM
14	affordable apartments/housing/house trailers for residents. NO Condos	4/25/2019 11:20 AM
15	QUALITY AFFORDABLE TINY HOMES	4/24/2019 11:12 PM
16	All, less zoning opens opportunities for all.	4/24/2019 5:29 PM
17	Just plain affordable. Housing costs that match the income of the area.	4/24/2019 4:11 PM
18	We need mid priced single level condos with attached garage.	4/24/2019 3:07 PM
19	homeless shelter	4/24/2019 10:30 AM
20	affordable for lower-mid income and seniors	4/23/2019 10:01 AM
21	tiny living	4/22/2019 1:11 PM
22	low income	4/22/2019 11:55 AM
23	NO mobile homes/single wide trailers should ever be allowed in the county, anywhere.	4/9/2019 11:05 AM
24	Low income housing	4/8/2019 7:33 PM
25	Tiny houses	4/8/2019 11:16 AM
26	Same as above	4/8/2019 10:31 AM
27	developments with clustered housing and surrounding natural spaces with trails and parks	4/8/2019 9:41 AM
28	Fix up the existing homes	4/8/2019 9:08 AM
29	Energy efficient ones	4/8/2019 8:23 AM
30	People are homeless, cant find affordable housing. Not enough housing. Seems all directed toward tourists or the rich or wealthy	4/8/2019 8:05 AM

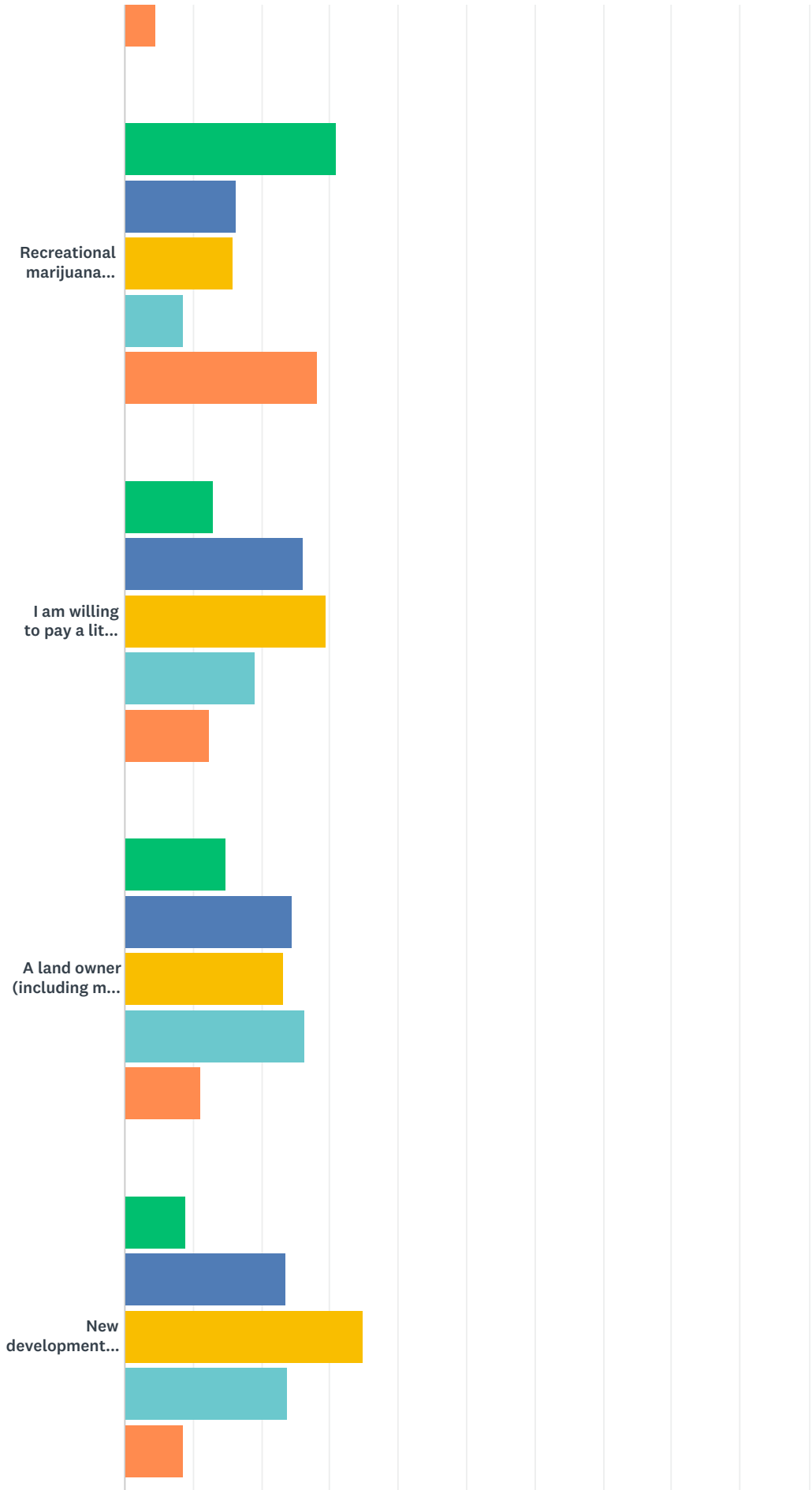
### Q26 Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

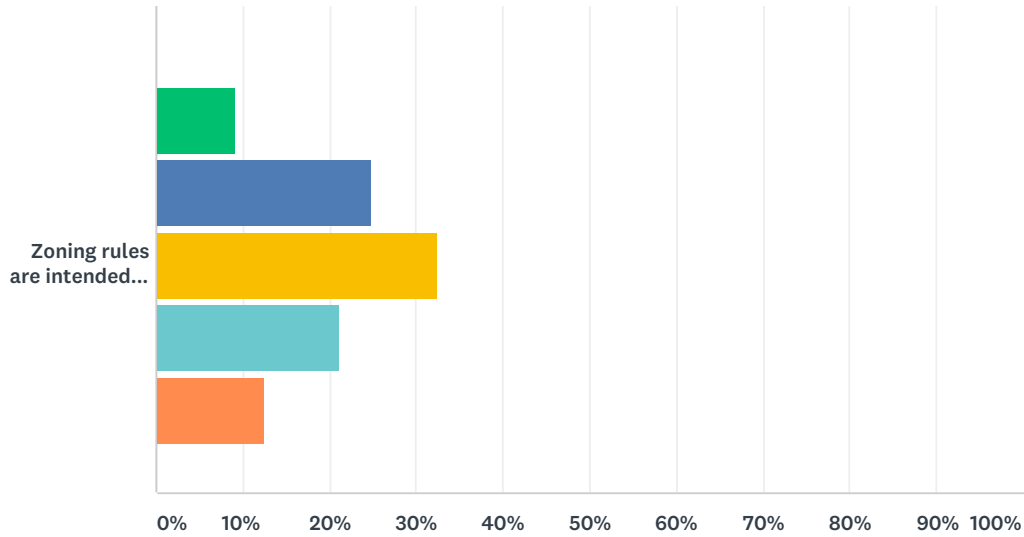
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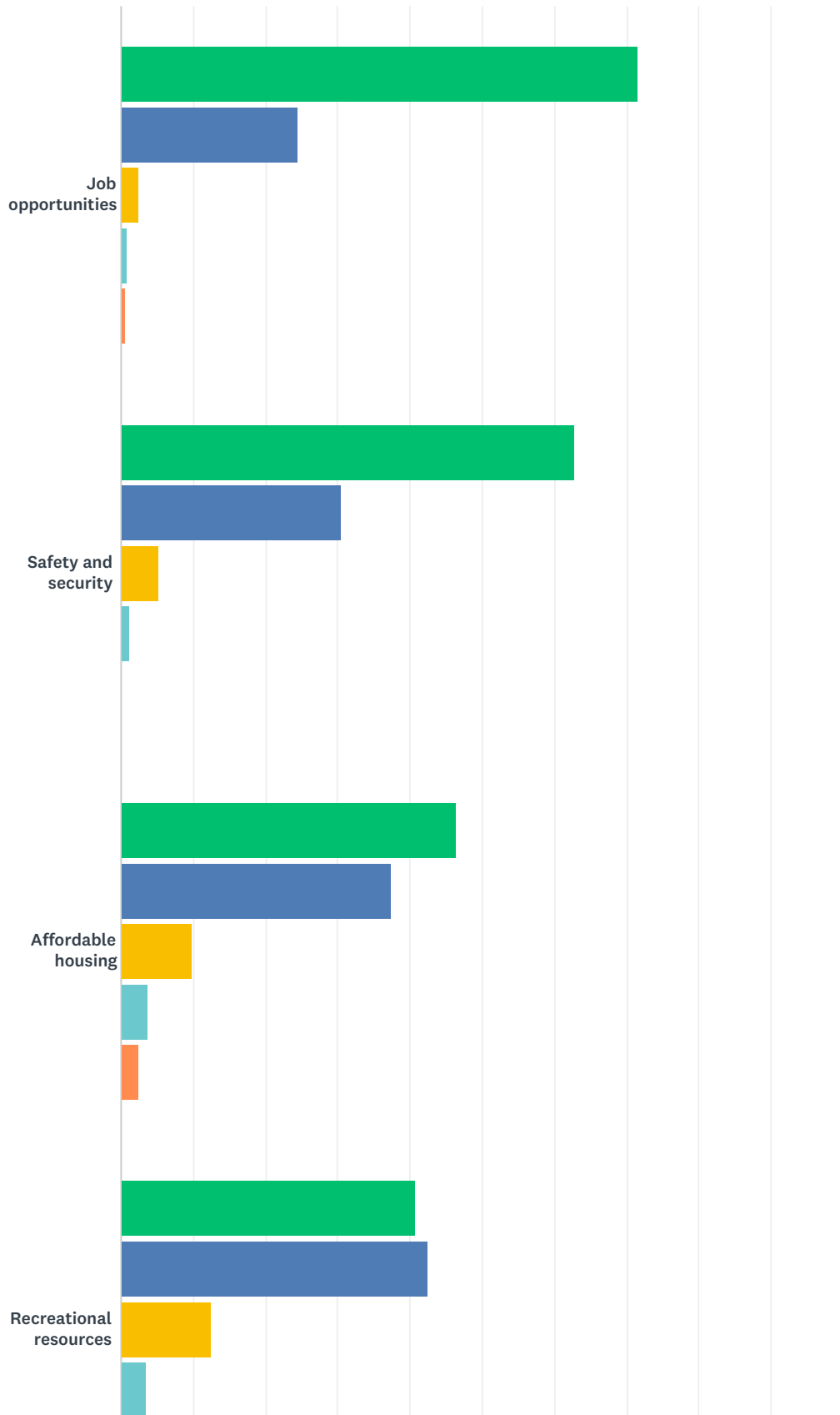
■ Strongly Agree   
 ■ Agree   
 ■ Neither agree nor disagree   
 ■ Disagree  
■ Strongly Disagree

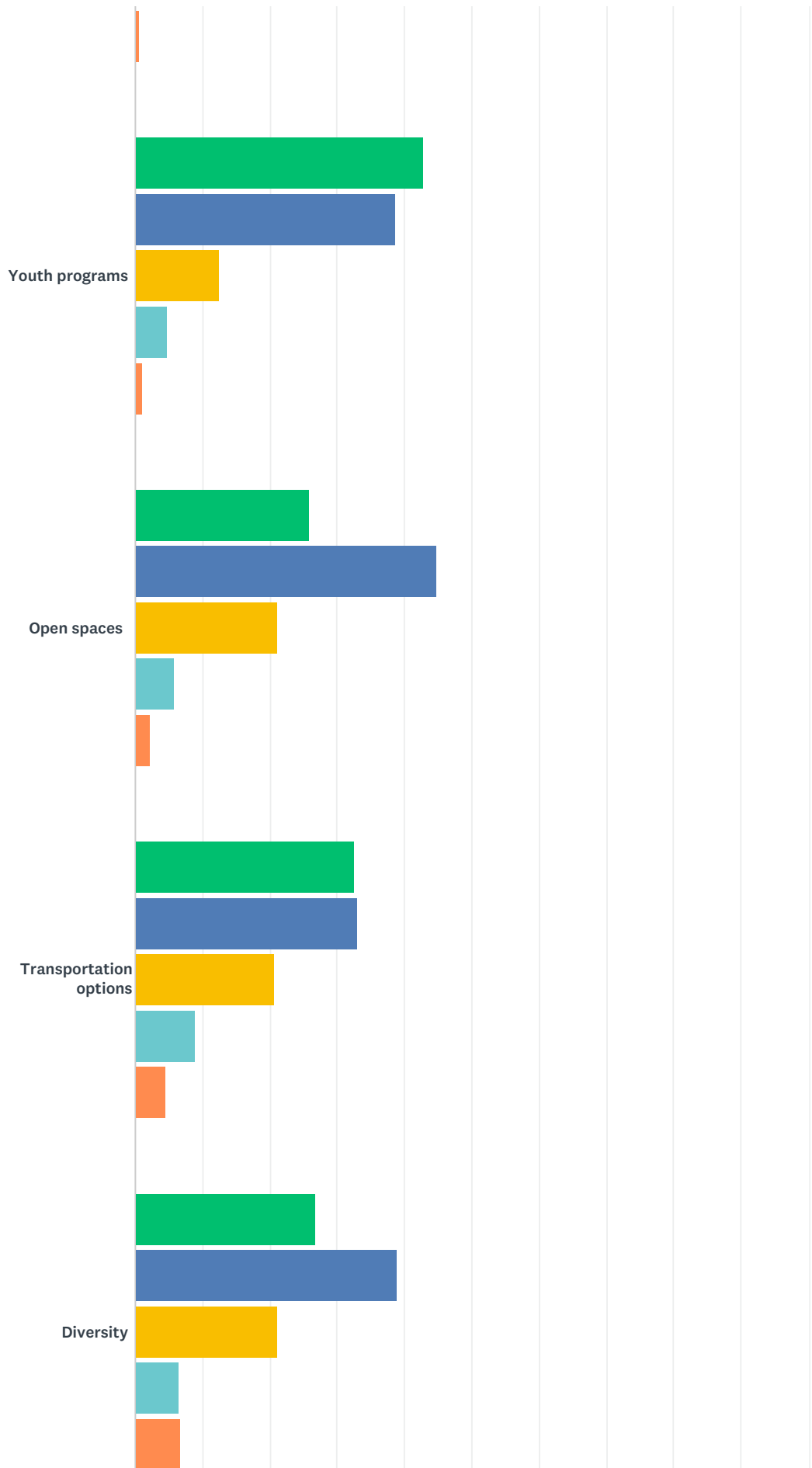
	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Mason County should be "business - friendly."	46.66% 328	41.82% 294	9.53% 67	1.56% 11	0.43% 3	703	4.33
Retaining and attracting talent is important for attracting industry and jobs.	48.58% 343	37.82% 267	10.20% 72	2.83% 20	0.57% 4	706	4.31
This area needs industry to provide higher paying jobs.	46.52% 328	38.01% 268	11.35% 80	2.70% 19	1.42% 10	705	4.26
I support increased controls on development to protect groundwater and water quality in the rivers, lakes and streams.	32.72% 231	41.08% 290	18.41% 130	5.24% 37	2.55% 18	706	3.96
Strong enforcement is needed to get some messy properties cleaned up.	32.24% 227	37.07% 261	20.03% 141	7.39% 52	3.27% 23	704	3.88
Keeping new housing spread out on large lots helps to preserve the rural feel of the County.	15.50% 109	38.69% 272	31.86% 224	11.52% 81	2.42% 17	703	3.53
Medical marijuana facilities should be allowed to locate within Mason County.	34.79% 246	22.35% 158	15.84% 112	6.08% 43	20.93% 148	707	3.44
The County needs programs to prevent the conversion of large tracts of farmland into residential or commercial developments.	14.75% 104	28.94% 204	36.45% 257	15.18% 107	4.68% 33	705	3.34
Recreational marijuana facilities should be allowed to locate within Mason County.	30.87% 217	16.36% 115	15.93% 112	8.53% 60	28.31% 199	703	3.13
I am willing to pay a little higher taxes for government to purchase and protect areas threatened by development.	12.96% 91	26.07% 183	29.49% 207	19.09% 134	12.39% 87	702	3.08

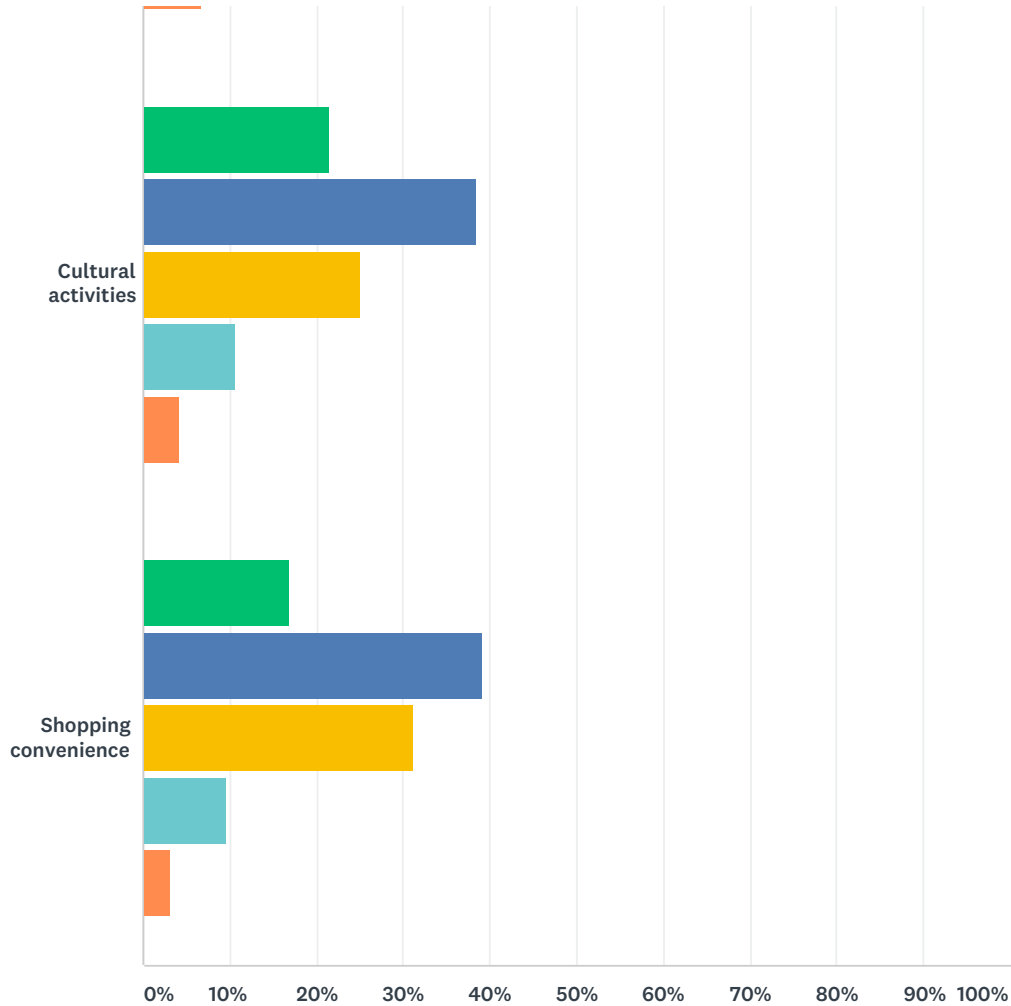
A land owner (including my neighbor) should be able to do pretty much what he/she wants with his land.	14.91% 105	24.43% 172	23.15% 163	26.42% 186	11.08% 78	704	3.06
New development should occur only when municipal sewer and water services are available.	8.99% 63	23.68% 166	34.95% 245	23.82% 167	8.56% 60	701	3.01
Zoning rules are intended to help me make the best use of my property.	9.22% 65	24.82% 175	32.34% 228	21.13% 149	12.48% 88	705	2.97

# Q27 How important are the following to quality of life Mason County?

Answered: 712 Skipped: 136







■ Very important  
 ■ Important  
 ■ Moderately important  
 ■ Slightly important  
 ■ Not important

	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	MODERATELY IMPORTANT	SLIGHTLY IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Job opportunities	71.51% 507	24.54% 174	2.54% 18	0.85% 6	0.56% 4	709	4.66
Safety and security	62.66% 443	30.55% 216	5.23% 37	1.27% 9	0.28% 2	707	4.54
Affordable housing	46.40% 329	37.52% 266	9.73% 69	3.81% 27	2.54% 18	709	4.21
Recreational resources	40.82% 289	42.37% 300	12.57% 89	3.53% 25	0.71% 5	708	4.19
Youth programs	42.82% 301	38.69% 272	12.52% 88	4.84% 34	1.14% 8	703	4.17
Open spaces	25.88% 183	44.70% 316	21.22% 150	5.80% 41	2.40% 17	707	3.86
Transportation options	32.53% 230	33.10% 234	20.79% 147	9.05% 64	4.53% 32	707	3.80
Diversity	26.69% 189	38.98% 276	21.19% 150	6.50% 46	6.64% 47	708	3.73

Cultural activities	21.59% 152	38.49% 271	25.14% 177	10.65% 75	4.12% 29	704	3.63
Shopping convenience	16.95% 120	39.12% 277	31.21% 221	9.60% 68	3.11% 22	708	3.57

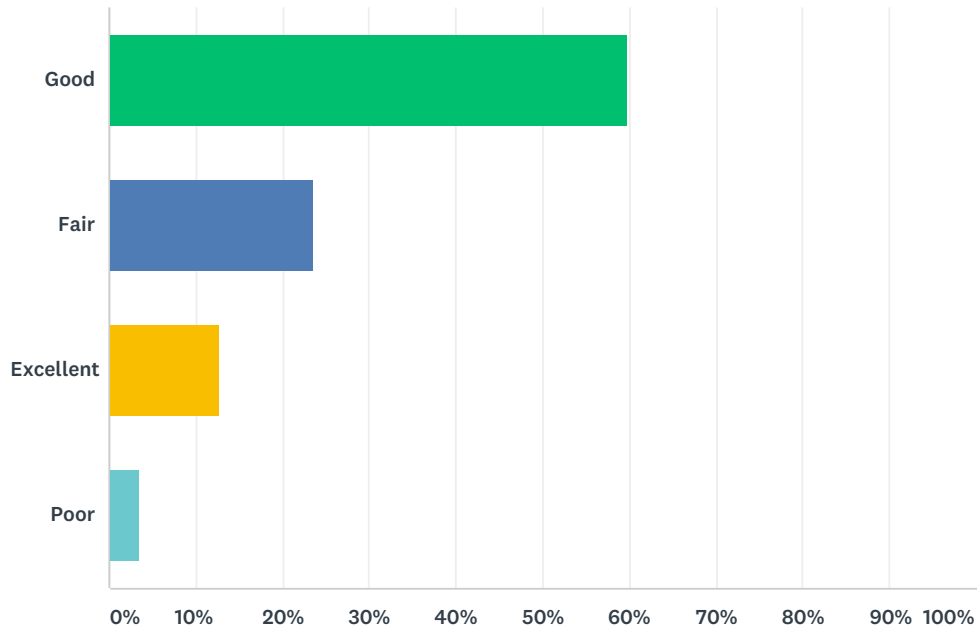
#	WHAT OTHER FACTORS PERTAIN TO QUALITY OF LIFE? (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	"good ole boy" club. Not very friendly to people that move in that were not born and raised here.	5/24/2019 11:01 AM
2	The government leaving me alone	5/10/2019 7:53 AM
3	negative encroachment of utility companies on private land (i.e. wind and solar too close to homes)	5/8/2019 11:39 AM
4	"Diversity" is a loaded statement when asked by some government officials. Does it mean gov will tax me to create housing for illegal aliens and/or people that do not want to speak English? I think NOT!	5/7/2019 4:03 PM
5	The lakes and beaches. That's why I live here.	5/7/2019 2:17 PM
6	having good medical care and good teachers & educational facilities	5/6/2019 8:03 PM
7	Serenity of Surroundings.	4/30/2019 1:42 PM
8	quality of life comes from within	4/29/2019 2:21 PM
9	Jobs should be the top priority. If well paying jobs are in Ludington affordable housing won't be as much of a need.	4/28/2019 5:00 PM
10	Preserving world class natural beauty!	4/28/2019 11:55 AM
11	Better roads - infrastructure	4/26/2019 11:49 AM
12	Arts	4/26/2019 2:03 AM
13	Broadband service	4/25/2019 6:59 PM
14	Access to well-care and sick-care	4/25/2019 6:03 PM
15	Excellence education availability	4/25/2019 5:12 PM
16	Most of the above listed, but not with direct government involvement.	4/25/2019 4:00 PM
17	Community involvement, active churches, community support of public schools	4/25/2019 3:58 PM
18	Programs or jobs for youth aiding in cleanup of water and land	4/25/2019 1:43 PM
19	support for the elderly via activities/discounts	4/25/2019 1:39 PM
20	lower taxes on property and gas	4/25/2019 8:41 AM
21	Small business opportunities	4/25/2019 2:54 AM
22	Community service opportunities	4/24/2019 11:38 PM
23	BAD ROADS	4/24/2019 9:59 PM
24	crime prevention	4/24/2019 7:59 PM
25	Bike friendly! Safer shoulders allowing for recreational and alternative transportation.	4/24/2019 6:40 PM
26	Less government taxes, zoning and regulations is most important	4/24/2019 5:34 PM
27	Clean air and clean water.	4/24/2019 4:16 PM
28	Having less restrictions on my property	4/24/2019 7:10 AM
29	Nondiscrimination of any kind.	4/23/2019 9:50 PM
30	Community involvement opportunities	4/23/2019 10:40 AM
31	affordable housing	4/23/2019 10:04 AM
32	Broadband Internet	4/23/2019 8:09 AM
33	a fare wage and good education	4/23/2019 7:45 AM
34	cost of living	4/22/2019 8:36 PM

35	Increased ability to find a doctor taking new patients. Providing better resources to the community via A true Animal Shelter vs a poorly run Animal Control that does nothing to ensure the animals are spayed/neutered and given shots.	4/22/2019 6:45 PM
36	High speed internet and cable capability, providing the community with a better alternative for pet welfare, than the limited services and compassion shown by Animal Control, through a true county shelter as done in Manistee and Oceana, educating current business leaders to hire best qualified for open jobs as many do not want to consider those who have come from outside Mason County, bringing new companies into the area for both manufacturing and high tech jobs before more manufacturing is lost.	4/22/2019 5:56 PM
37	Access to water.	4/22/2019 3:45 PM
38	Senior living and programs, medical care	4/22/2019 3:41 PM
39	Co-operatives to help property owners maintain their property	4/22/2019 3:18 PM
40	Affordable medical care, treatment options	4/22/2019 2:19 PM
41	Police and fire protection.	4/22/2019 1:25 PM
42	Health that you do not need to travel for specialties	4/22/2019 12:45 PM
43	Affordable child care	4/12/2019 6:40 PM
44	A factor to the quality of life in mason county is whether you are living here because you love it or your here because you are stuck here.	4/9/2019 3:37 PM
45	health care and related transportation/costs	4/8/2019 10:02 PM
46	drugs, suicide prevention, a mental care facility.	4/8/2019 7:38 PM
47	Creation of "resident only areas". Places that are of limits to anyone but residents. le....beach area, park spots, etc. The residents take care of this town, as well as catering the tourists. They should be rewarded for it.	4/8/2019 10:05 AM
48	Recycling, sustainability practices	4/8/2019 8:26 AM



## Q28 Do you believe the quality of life in Mason County is:

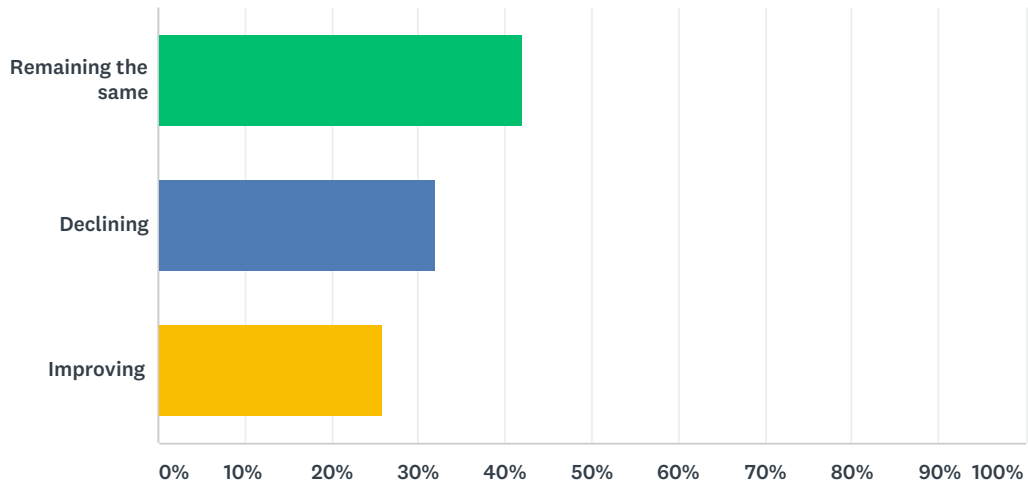
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Good	59.89% 424
Fair	23.73% 168
Excellent	12.85% 91
Poor	3.53% 25
TOTAL	708

## Q29 Do you believe the quality of life in Mason County is:

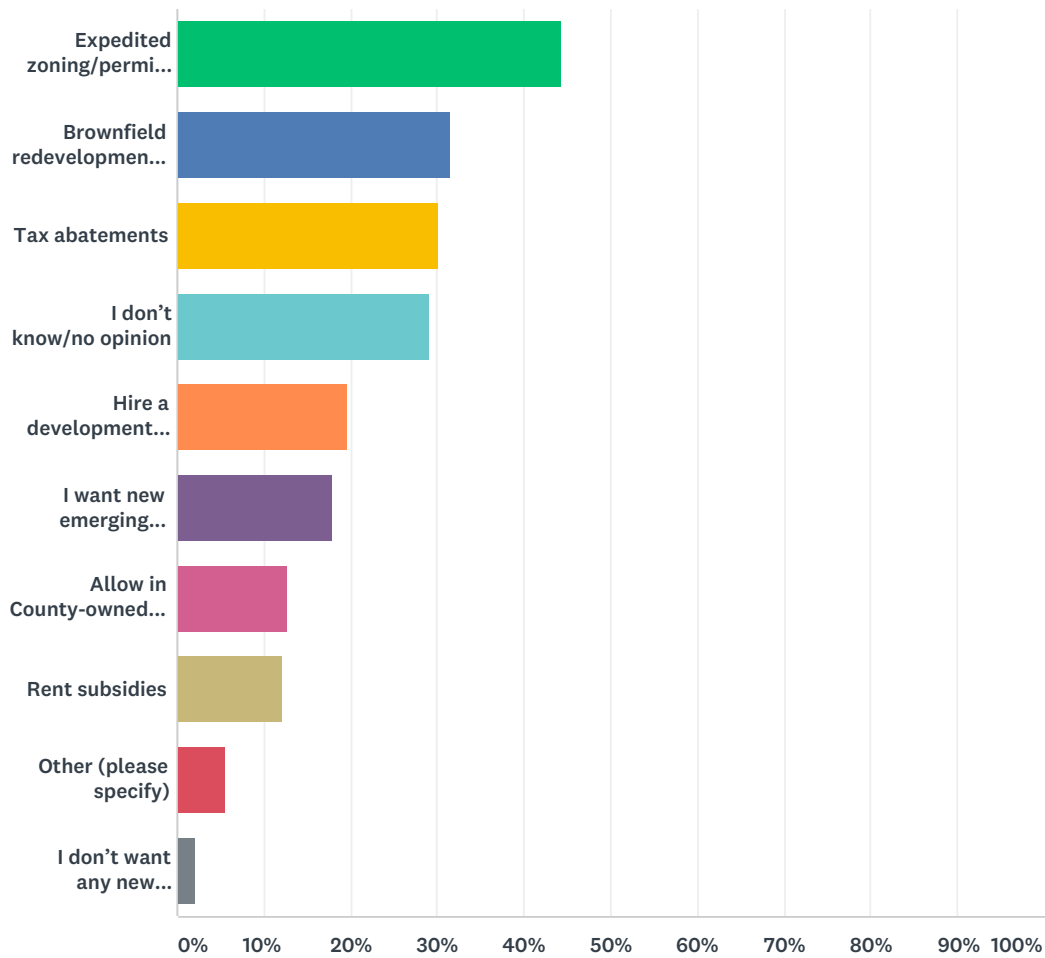
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Remaining the same	41.97% 298
Declining	32.11% 228
Improving	25.92% 184
TOTAL	710

### Q30 If Mason County were to encourage economic development, how should they do so? (check all that apply)

Answered: 689 Skipped: 159



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Expedited zoning/permitting process	44.27%	305
Brownfield redevelopment programs	31.49%	217
Tax abatements	30.04%	207
I don't know/no opinion	29.17%	201
Hire a development advocate/liaison	19.59%	135
I want new emerging economic / industrial development, but no incentives	18.00%	124
Allow in County-owned buildings	12.77%	88
Rent subsidies	12.05%	83
Other (please specify)	5.66%	39
I don't want any new emerging economic or industrial development in Mason County	2.03%	14

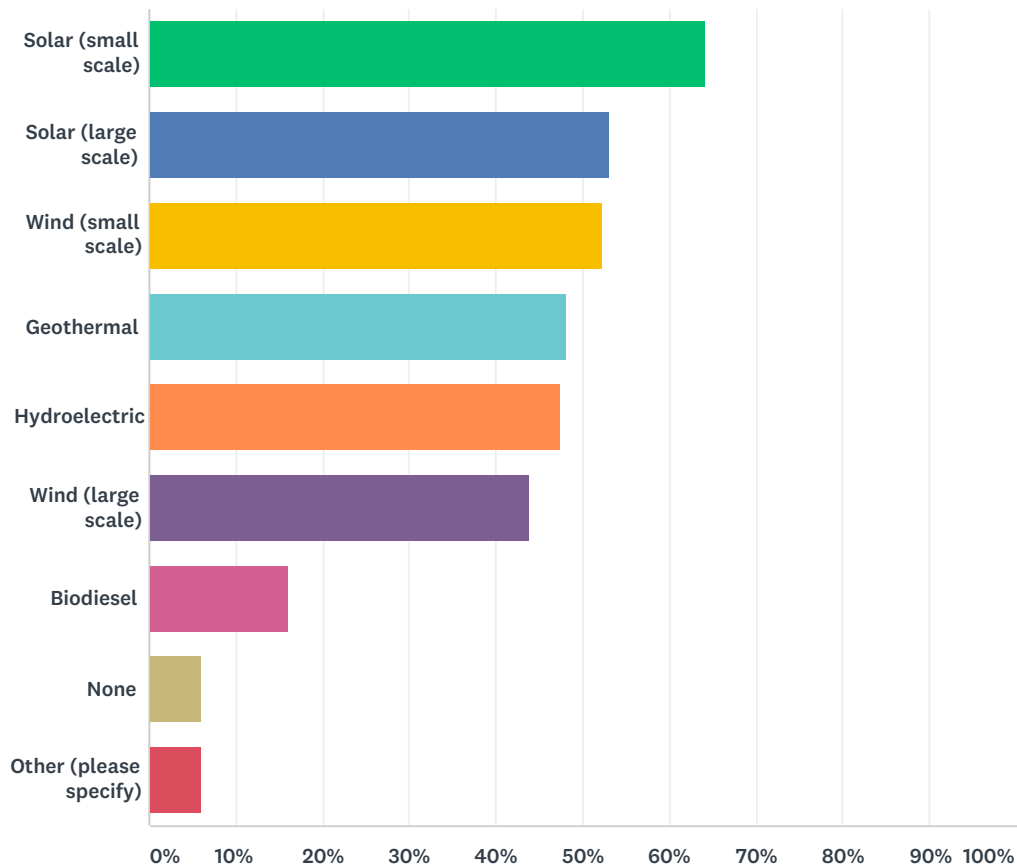
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#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Economic/industrial development with incentives	6/3/2019 4:52 PM
2	Zoning and planning have to back off	6/3/2019 11:23 AM
3	The government should not encourage anything. Allow the free market to decide.	5/10/2019 8:04 AM
4	Not up on this enough to know except NO on the hire someone!	5/8/2019 2:26 PM
5	A lot of Gov folks think that Government creates wealth. Just reduce regulations and cut taxes. Growth will happen. MAGA!	5/7/2019 4:57 PM
6	There are plenty of free consultants to be found.	5/7/2019 11:41 AM
7	tax abatements for new businesses	5/6/2019 8:03 PM
8	Help down town Scottville seems to be owned by one business not allowing new businesses	4/29/2019 4:10 PM
9	not qualified to answer	4/29/2019 2:33 PM
10	Fresh members on the commissions.	4/26/2019 7:11 PM
11	promote the sale/use of existing empty buildings for new business ventures to create new well paying jobs in the county. The development of land in the eastern portion of the county to promote good paying jobs with benefits.	4/26/2019 4:07 PM
12	Lower Taxes on families and businesses, lower government involvement in programs that benefit a select few.	4/26/2019 5:30 AM
13	The Townships, County, and State already provide too many incentives to commercial entities. For instance, Sargent Sand invested \$20M in capital equipment over the last ten years for their operations. They netted, conservatively, \$250M in profit over that time. The State forgave property tax on the \$20M in capital equipment; the 'loss' (not really a loss; what Sargent did was legal) in the property tax millage related to Ludington Schools alone, was worth \$1M total, spread over seven years. Ludington Schools could've used that money. To my knowledge, the State did not make up the lack. That's a black-and-white example of what incentives cost, or rather what the trade-offs are.	4/26/2019 2:22 AM
14	N	4/25/2019 10:11 PM
15	-	4/25/2019 7:52 PM
16	Become a senior friendly community	4/25/2019 5:39 PM
17	Do not blindly enforce zoning rules that may be detrimental	4/25/2019 3:27 PM
18	Hire new more educated staff	4/25/2019 2:48 PM
19	Less property taxes. We are taxed enough.	4/25/2019 12:28 PM
20	why waste \$ hiring someone to tell city what to do when the people in that position should have that education to do so themselves	4/25/2019 8:49 AM
21	Focus on other parts of the country other than Ludington.	4/25/2019 12:18 AM
22	Stay open minded to new ideas.	4/24/2019 11:45 PM
23	close MCE merge with MCC and convert MCE to a mini prison	4/24/2019 8:22 PM
24	Less controls, NO low income housing, No subsidies for low paying manufacturing jobs, encourage independent tech workers to live here.	4/24/2019 5:42 PM
25	Businesses receiving incentives should have to meet strong wage and employee care requirements and loose the incentives if they cannot care for our citizen employees.	4/24/2019 1:17 PM
26	Support organizations that are already doing economic development in Mason County.	4/23/2019 9:42 PM
27	Why aren't they doing it right now?	4/23/2019 9:19 PM
28	Not informed enough to choose, but we need to be competitive with other communities and keep industry in areas with other industry to protect residential areas and recreational areas.	4/23/2019 2:40 PM
29	Broadband Internet	4/23/2019 8:52 AM

30	Activel seeking out industries and !quality! employers	4/23/2019 7:11 AM
31	I would only offer incentives to rehab existing structures	4/22/2019 7:40 PM
32	Hire a professional who isn't known by everyone and then isn't swayed	4/22/2019 6:48 PM
33	Get the college to provide better manufacturing and training programs beyond catering to nursing	4/22/2019 6:17 PM
34	Infrastructure; Skilled trades; invest in "green" businesses	4/22/2019 4:02 PM
35	Get an objective point of view, look at demographics and compare to a vision-set goals to achive them. Merge silos of effort and get several organizations to work together instead of individually. There's so many entry level positions and nothing to grow into; but there are also just as many people without skills that should be acquiring them for better jobs and off assistance to reduce low income housing nad improve quality of life just right there.	4/22/2019 3:51 PM
36	In whatever way is possible, while maintaining quality companies who contribute to their employees and the community.	4/8/2019 7:56 PM
37	I'm not informed enough to have input.	4/8/2019 1:27 PM
38	To many programs are exploited by those in power, or those that are friendly with those in power.	4/8/2019 11:29 AM
39	A good business will thrive without incentives, if it's a desirable community which Mason county is a good business will come, we don't need the ones that want an incentive.	4/8/2019 10:20 AM

### Q31 Which of the following types of alternative energy should be encouraged in Mason County? (please check all that apply)

Answered: 670 Skipped: 178



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Solar (small scale)	64.33% 431
Solar (large scale)	53.13% 356
Wind (small scale)	52.39% 351
Geothermal	48.21% 323
Hydroelectric	47.46% 318
Wind (large scale)	44.03% 295
Biodiesel	16.12% 108
None	6.12% 41
Other (please specify)	6.12% 41
Total Respondents: 670	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	wood harvesting	5/27/2019 9:03 PM

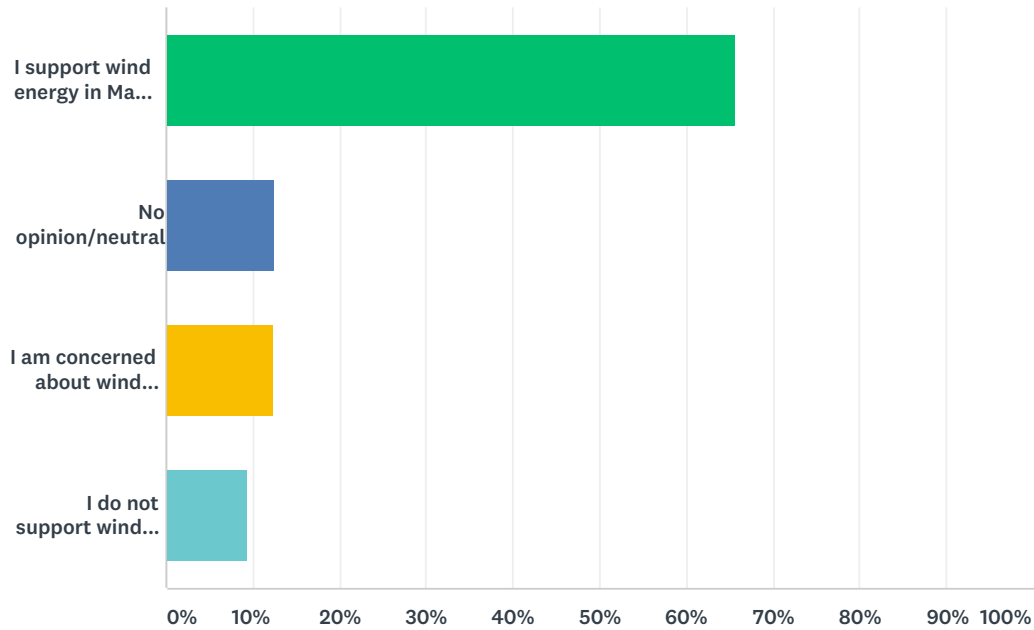
2	The government should not encourage anything. Allow the free market to decide.	5/10/2019 8:04 AM
3	At this time there is no viable alternative energy available, I am against government subsidy to energy. If it is viable then consumer demand is all that is necessary.	5/8/2019 4:33 PM
4	Not up on this enough to comment	5/8/2019 2:26 PM
5	NEVER on a large scale, even though private land owners should be able to do what they want on their property, it should not affect others as directly as utility companies have made it (i.e. Lake Winds)	5/8/2019 11:48 AM
6	The County shoved the WIND FARM down Riverton's throats. Property value lost. Reminds me of when the Pig Factory came in (down wind) on Kinney. No thanks.	5/7/2019 4:57 PM
7	Large scale wind if not as close to houses as current Lakewinds development!	5/7/2019 11:12 AM
8	Allow the free market for energy	5/7/2019 10:30 AM
9	Wind turbines a joke! Hopefully county learned their lesson	5/6/2019 10:00 PM
10	No Commercial Scale Wind Turbines!	5/6/2019 8:03 PM
11	Recreational motor Sports usage Summer and Winter sports	4/30/2019 2:11 PM
12	Program to assist homeowners in developing their own individual alternative energy source	4/30/2019 7:41 AM
13	Nuclear	4/29/2019 10:40 PM
14	Rooftop solar	4/28/2019 5:10 PM
15	We have the pumped storage facility, which is clean energy	4/27/2019 2:52 PM
16	Let the people invest on their own. The government should not be involved.	4/26/2019 5:30 AM
17	We should continue to leverage the Pumped Storage Project, and the high-tension power line infrastructure. The offshore wind turbine project (which Pentwater second-home owners nixed several years ago) would've been a better fit than the land-based 272 turbines we now have, given complaints about noise. The esthetic effect on the horizon view would've been negligible IMO. This issue should be revisited.	4/26/2019 2:22 AM
18	I don't know	4/25/2019 9:05 PM
19	Nuclear	4/25/2019 8:48 PM
20	-	4/25/2019 7:52 PM
21	Anything that works here	4/25/2019 4:09 PM
22	Nuclear	4/25/2019 1:11 PM
23	Nuclear, Natural Gas	4/25/2019 8:46 AM
24	I don't know	4/25/2019 7:42 AM
25	hamsters or gerbils running in wheels to make kinetic energy	4/24/2019 8:22 PM
26	Coal most reliable power source there is	4/24/2019 12:52 PM
27	YES!	4/24/2019 10:57 AM
28	The hydroelectric we have is important but additional could be an environmental concern.	4/24/2019 10:11 AM
29	H	4/24/2019 7:45 AM
30	Anything that is clean and renewable	4/23/2019 2:40 PM
31	gas turbine peaking	4/23/2019 10:46 AM
32	depends on economics	4/22/2019 8:44 PM
33	I do not know enough about alternative energy	4/22/2019 5:53 PM
34	We already have large scale wind turbines- probably enough	4/22/2019 4:19 PM
35	Any collection of energy alternatives that grow jobs and reduce global warming trends	4/22/2019 4:02 PM
36	Anything that does not call for oil and gas.	4/22/2019 12:05 PM
37	unsure/need to do more research on this topic before forming an opinion	4/9/2019 2:46 PM

38	I am interested on how to put roof top solar on Harbor Condo Terrace Condos	4/8/2019 10:04 PM
39	We don't have geothermal capabilities here...	4/8/2019 9:07 PM
40	I don't know enough about this to make a choice.	4/8/2019 5:33 PM
41	A variety to give residents options	4/8/2019 8:11 AM



### Q32 Please indicate your opinions regarding wind energy:

Answered: 695 Skipped: 153



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I support wind energy in Mason County	65.76%	457
No opinion/neutral	12.52%	87
I am concerned about wind energy in Mason County	12.37%	86
I do not support wind energy in Mason County	9.35%	65
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>695</b>

## Q33 Please use the remaining space to write down your ideas and opinions concerning development in Mason County.

Answered: 235 Skipped: 613

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Question 32 about wind ... it got forced down the throats of many people in the county which was never fair. it should NEVER expand.	6/3/2019 12:38 PM
2	The planning commission has too much power. Before them we had zoning which worked well. They need to have guidelines to work from if they are going to keep existing. Not every business is the same and they need to realize this. Seems they want to hinder growth and make expansions or remodeling a terrible thing. They need to loosen up and come alongside the business owner and make it happen, not declining nit picky things and then charging \$400+ to reapply. The major hindrance to growth in the county is the planning commission.	6/3/2019 11:23 AM
3	The County should respect the rights of relatively helpless people when encouraging development. The rights of Susan Kaiser were horribly trampled when the wind park was built in Mason County.	5/27/2019 9:03 PM
4	Updated Shopping and services will become more needed as retirees from Detroit and Chicago. That's what they are accustomed to. It appears that businesses and local government show preference to people that were born and raised here and are just moving back. There's alot of dedicated and talented individuals that want to live here. Rural doesn't have to mean outdated or behind the times.	5/24/2019 11:09 AM
5	We need more intelligence-based jobs in this county. Marketing, software development, professional services, laboratories, administrative offices, and such other businesses would help make this happen.	5/13/2019 12:32 AM
6	The government should stay out of development and let the free market determine what is developed and what is not.	5/10/2019 8:04 AM
7	I kept looking for a question on how bad daycare is in this area and not a single question concerning this alarming problem was addressed! We can't expect young single parents to earn an income if we can't get them daycare. Regulations have become stifling and people are no longer willing to take on the challenge. THIS IS A HUGE PROBLEM IN MASON COUNTY and to see it not addressed tells me just how out of touch the planning committee is!	5/8/2019 2:26 PM
8	Mason County needs its own public bank. County officials representing their voters and not just voting their opinions. We need to decide that there is more to running this county than corporate money and handouts.	5/8/2019 12:43 PM
9	I do firmly believe that the current (and previous 1-2 years) zoning board has been very fair, intelligent, caring, and diligent. If this board would have been in place during the SLUP process for Lake Winds Energy Park, the process and outcome would have been much more fair to everyone affected. Please always offer questionnaires or surveys to the public citizens (who live in a townships to be affected by a major change) before the process is underway. We still live with the negative effects of being so close to industrial wind turbines and it affects our lives every day. Someone who lives in a different township should have no say in what happens within a surrounding township. In the first 1 or 2 meetings with the current zoning board that I attended, I heard more concern and questions raised (by board members) about any discussed topic than I ever heard during the years worth of weekly meetings before the approval of the LWEP SLUP. Thank you!	5/8/2019 11:48 AM
10	commercial development needs to happen in the areas that has the infrastructure to support it. Tourism should not be the focus in total for all of Mason County and should be encouraged as the higher priority along the lake shore but the rural area of the county should be limited in development in order to try to protect the rural character.	5/8/2019 8:59 AM

11	I was warned when I came to Michigan that the local governments were powerful and oppressive and full of regulations. However, I did NOT anticipate the property losses we would experience due to the wind farms and other issues. Also note: When the wind farms were going in, a White Construction worker asked: "Where are the blacktop roads?" We looked surprised. Then he said: "Of all the wind farms he has been on, this is the first location where the blacktop was not put in before." Answers?	5/7/2019 4:57 PM
12	The wind turbines are too close to our farm house. During windy periods of the day and night, the noise level from the turbines is unacceptable. They have spoiled the landscape.	5/7/2019 2:57 PM
13	The Wind turbines are too close to my residence. I am surrounded by them. The constant sound, movement and vibration diminish my quality of life. When they are off, it is noticeably more quiet and peaceful, a blessing. These Machines need to be situated farther away from homes. (minimally 2 miles, rather than the .5 mile of Summits turbines). However, I know money the money make for people is more important than my concerns.	5/7/2019 2:56 PM
14	Not sure what you meant by "business friendly". Clean energy is necessary but must consider placement more carefully than you did previously with Lakewinds. By "open spaces" I think of non-farm areas that protect of and encourage diversity of plants and animals. I'd like the county to encourage and support sustainable agriculture that doesn't pollute land, air and water. Previously, we lived in an agricultural area where our water became poisoned with nitrates. Protecting lake and groundwater is of the utmost importance for our well-being.	5/7/2019 11:12 AM
15	Federal law says marijuana use is illegal. We shouldn't have a facility in mason county.	5/7/2019 10:49 AM
16	Overall I think Mason County is a great place to live because I recreate in the outdoors. I would like to see urban sprawl stay in the existing cities or villages.	5/7/2019 10:30 AM
17	Please prevent the placement of wind turbines in residentially developed farm areas like was allowed in Summit Township. If need more turbines, place them in isolated open spaces in the county instead.	5/7/2019 9:58 AM
18	The county has spent probably close to a million on legal fees regarding wind energy after falling suckers to the promise of Consumer Energy and their promise of big tax dollars ... now they are depreciating the turbines down to minimal value and revenue for county. County board failed the community and taxing units and innocent residents.	5/6/2019 10:00 PM
19	The Mason County economy is too seasonal. There is such a slow down in winter with restaurants and businesses closing. There need to be more year around light industrial and tech jobs so families can have good incomes. Once state and local regulations have been developed, marijuana business should be allowed in appropriate commercial areas where security is high and visible. Mason County has been a beautiful part of Michigan, but the local government is squandering the beauty that it had with ugly wind turbines and massive power lines. The wind turbine project was a ridiculous choice for our area - ugly towers, flashing red lights, noise, many zoning regulation headaches, maintenance issues, court cases, tax appeals by Consumers Energy to reduce their tax valuation. We don't need any more of these ridiculous, poor development choices that despoil our landscape. Young adults need starter homes and good jobs. More job opportunities will encourage them to stay in the area. Continuing development of the arts and cultural activities create a better quality of life and also give young people a reason to want to be here as well as lifelong residents, professionals, educators, and businesses. We need specialty services at the hospital in Ludington - a resident cardiologist and neurologist for emergency heart attacks and strokes. Senior citizens need services such as transportation and home delivery of goods so they can stay in their own homes for as long as possible. Then senior housing options need to be available for them to move to when they need to downsize and still be fairly independent for as long as possible. Businesses that help seniors as they age need to be encouraged. Zoning rules need to be fair for all and followed by everyone including big developers and favored businesses.	5/6/2019 8:03 PM
20	I have been told that one area that Mason County is lacking is a diverse, trained labor force and housing for those people to move into our county.	5/6/2019 4:52 PM
21	I would like to see continued trails for hiking and biking. I would also like to see the opportunity to build "tiny or small" homes less than 1000 sq ft both within the cities as well as the county as a whole. I also think we need to continue to encourage more diverse businesses to move into the area and possibly a greater focus on agribusinesses and technology based businesses. Finally, we need to do what we can to keep our lakes and streams clean and family friendly. If that means encouraging/enforcement of alcohol bans, I am fine with that too! Thank you for this opportunity to present our thoughts.	5/2/2019 2:19 PM

22	I am of the opinion that Mason County has been more prohibitive than encouraging towards business expansion and growth. It is my opinion that the county needs to do more to encourage expansion for the betterment of the whole county - creating jobs and trickle-down effects throughout. Mason County needs to remain a location where people want to come for vacation. They need activities and places to stay.	4/30/2019 3:37 PM
23	Employment lacking good paying median jobs within the community we live, A lot of folks drive to Grand Rapid, Muskegon, Hart or Whitehall to secure their employment to afford to live in our communities. Recreational motor sports and day use of our national parks and rivers are not promoted enough. Working With DNR Snowmobile and Motor sports trails thru grants to create trails that link to smaller town to help local business with Tourisms dollars and Taxes for part time residences We should be helping expand these great assets. All communities need a balance of Industry and recreational to support growth or at the least a affordable life style. Look to green technologies as a area for bring in innovative industrial growth that is sustainable know and into the future. Work with employers to educate our children for the demands of the 21st century. Not all student are 4yrs collage bound we need skilled tradesman in our communities also.	4/30/2019 2:11 PM
24	Some roads need better maintenance. Other than existing brownfields or areas currently zoned for such use, there needs to be no more land sacrificed for industry and manufacturing. Stop the commercial sprawl on 10. More higher end tourist accommodations, and individual owned small businesses.	4/30/2019 7:41 AM
25	I installed geothermal on my property and it helped get me through freezing temperatures and difficult access to limited gas refills. That should be encouraged-as should solar and wind ESPECIALLY in our isolated communities. As much as the county seems to want to preserve rural life, there the 4-H program in Mason is dying. With a lack of members, there is a part-time director who's degree is in history and English (but his dad was the Oceana Co director). I'm so disappointed	4/29/2019 6:35 PM
26	Parking solutions for all areas of the county needs to be given way more attention, especially in Ludington. More and more parking gets taken away even as they build more apartments and businesses that will need to accommodate more cars. It doesn't make any sense and isn't sustainable. It already is negatively impacting residents and visitors and will continue to get worse based on the impact of upcoming projects. Someone that actually knows something about community development needs to be part of decision making when it comes to long term community development.	4/29/2019 6:25 PM
27	The town or county needs to help Walhalla Scottville and dust to build new business	4/29/2019 4:10 PM
28	having recently returned to the area I do not see any unity to the new growth on 10 in Ludington plus I am frustrated that there is no safe way to get to all this new building by bicycle	4/29/2019 2:33 PM
29	We need more good paying jobs in the area. We are loosing them faster all the time. Tourists jobs done pay the workers bills.	4/29/2019 10:22 AM
30	People talk about affordable housing as if poor wages here are a given. If we had good paying jobs, people could afford housing. \$10-12 per our discussion not w sustainable wage. Large scale solar should be kept on rooftops. No farmland should be sacrificed until rooftops are filled.	4/28/2019 5:10 PM
31	The most areas expanding the most in the state are centered around industry. If you want growth and development those jobs are needed in the area. If well paying jobs are available the need for affordable housing goes down. The thought process should be bring in jobs that allow people to live the life they want. Minimum wage shouldn't be the highest that people strive for. People can't afford to buy houses or rent apartments on minimum wage because it was never designed to be that way.	4/28/2019 5:06 PM
32	We will be living in the 20th century if we don't embrace and promote wind energy, both on land and in Lake Michigan.	4/28/2019 3:50 PM
33	Actually listen to the voters. They vote for a certain topic. Go by that tally.	4/28/2019 3:27 PM
34	My main concern is the lack of housing in downtown ludington for year round residents. My family has been trying to find a home to purchase for over a year now. Tourists are buying property too quickly for permanent residents to even get a chance to look at the property. When houses come onto the market and are sold in less than 24 hours, there's a problem.	4/28/2019 12:17 PM
35	I believe Amber Townships zoning process needs to be more tolerant of expansion. Starving Artist should be allowed to expand its buissness otherwise why would any local buissness want to thrive if they are not able to expand. And living by Hamlin lake maybe a bike trail to town would be nice.	4/28/2019 12:15 PM

36	3D additive manufacturing cluster. Protecting mason county roads by eliminating tandem trucking of incredibly HEAVY sand. Eliminate all citizen owned fireworks! Speed limit sign on Piney Ridge Road 25 mph. Lower speed limit on 116! Bicycles are not safe.	4/28/2019 12:08 PM
37	Over-regulation and restrictions by government de-incentivize innovation and growth. I agree with your hopes for the future of Mason County; I just hope that you will get out of the way when appropriate and let businesses get established and grow. .Just because you can regulate, doesn't always mean that you should.	4/28/2019 8:50 AM
38	Main county government should make it ready for businesses to locate & grow here. Reduce rules, regulations, & taxes for all, and business & talent will come.	4/27/2019 2:52 PM
39	Top notch educational opportunities are paramount....traditional, trade, business, alternative, tech, etc, and the job opportunities. Also, the protection of our natural resources....any growth or change must be in the most environmentally friendly way!!!	4/27/2019 1:34 PM
40	Far to many industrial companies have closed up shop in the last couple of decades. Factories create a lot of new jobs and provide a decent (better than normal) income. Which in turn will lead to more development and opportunities. This will also help our current local business owners because it means more dollars staying in our community. I currently drive to Manistee every day for work because there isn't a job in Ludington that pays close to the same amount I currently make at PCA. Which means I spend more on transportation expenses than i normally would if I worked in Ludington, which in turn leaves me with less money to spend on goods and services in our community. Since I moved to the area in the early 1990's I have seen a decline in opportunity for the middle class and population. Simply there isn't enough good paying year round jobs. I also would encourage the use of our shipping and harbor as a means to kick start industry in our community.	4/27/2019 12:22 PM
41	Mason County should encourage small, diverse businesses, entrepreneurs, and other business expansions. They should encourage all of this to create jobs. This country is built on the mom/pop small business and they should be encouraged and not road-blocked with red tape.	4/27/2019 11:23 AM
42	More jobs, better pay. Need more than tourism.	4/27/2019 10:28 AM
43	High speed Internet would help.	4/26/2019 8:07 PM
44	Mason county zoning has effectively written new zoning regulations that have stymied and shut down wind in the county. Only money shut up the nay-sayers. After all, its always about the money, isn't it? We should not let a committee of old white men to set the rules. Its time to get some younger committee members (HS or College students?) who have more open minds about the solutions. Other states have large solar projects and large wind projects that are changing the nation. We need to jump on that for our future and green energy.	4/26/2019 7:11 PM
45	I will always financially support (taxes) investment in renewable energy, culture and arts programs, protecting natural areas and maintaining open spaces in town, recycling program (need!)downtown businesses, downtown grocery, diversity of businesses and restaurants downtown is a big need. Don't like the sprawl east of town (Ludington).	4/26/2019 5:45 PM
46	Believe that any more development along us10/31 between Scottville and Ludington should be developed with an access road to main crossroads and only allow right turns into and out of a business direct onto US10/31. Would like to see strong effort made in getting a business established into the soon to be empty Harsco Track facilities. The encouragement of businesses other than restaurants/alcohol establishments in the downtown areas of both Ludington and Scottville.	4/26/2019 4:07 PM
47	We really need high tech jobs that are going to stay in the area and youth programs.	4/26/2019 3:18 PM
48	More pet friendly beaches	4/26/2019 2:29 PM
49	Standards in some of the townships (e.g. bordering Hwy 10 east of Ludington City limits) produce an eye sore corridor. We should be encouraging businesses to design to some integrated standard, use low signage, landscape their properties, including trees, and add sidewalks for walking/biking.	4/26/2019 2:12 PM

50	Without better roads in the majority of the area (think Nurnberg) property values will remain low which thereby lessens the taxable revenues flowing to the townships and the county. Funding road improvements will exponentially increase taxable values. Mason County is in a geographically rich environment. Local boards and commissions should work for those who are innovating and trying to improve economic expansion in the area. Reading about the Starving Artist brewery zoning decision was very disappointing. To dissuade entrepreneurs is disheartening and short sided. Discouraging economic development and corresponding employment opportunities will only serve to exacerbate the drug epidemic in this community. Do better for your constituents.	4/26/2019 12:05 PM
51	The rent/ house prices in our community are too high for the factory pay in this county. Allow marijuana dispensaries and use the taxes to fix our surface streets maintain parks. We need growth for tourism but the new changes are ugly at best!! People come here for small town beauty. The splash pad should have gone in a central area for all kids to use not in an already beautiful park off the beaten path that the locals use to escape the bulk of tourism!! The smoking ban at local events is a mistake!! Many won't attend because of that!! Give incentives for the small businesses to grow along with new industry. There are small businesses that suffer off Ludington Ave. during the summer when all activities are meant to stimulate only those businesses. Let's make this community the beautiful gem it once was!!	4/26/2019 10:59 AM
52	Provide more opportunities, without giving the city a cluttered feeling. We have been not been putting enough investments into the 4th ward! I also think that to encourage more growth we have to break the stereotypes in the 4th ward, maybe more neighborhood driven communities that make people feel cared for! And provide besides dial a ride, a bus for each township to ride into the city and back! :) I also support much more wind and solar, the investmentments take time to turn over but it is worth it!	4/26/2019 10:53 AM
53	If you don't facilitate change, nothing will ever grow.	4/26/2019 9:54 AM
54	Great survey - thank you!	4/26/2019 9:51 AM
55	Incentives to revitalize existing buildings not in use especially if mixed use with unused residential units	4/26/2019 9:14 AM
56	Wind energy is ALREADY here....it's working...its a great alternative. Most of the concerns regarding our wind farm are either incorrect, untrue, or have been addressed. But it is not the only alternative energy source and we need to continue to explore other options as well. Climate change is REAL and we need to take the responsibility to do all we can.	4/26/2019 8:43 AM
57	It seems to me that Mason County does nothing to encourage newer small businesses. I Definitely think Ludington could benefit from a Medical Marijuana Dispensary. Mason County definitely needs more housing for lower income families.	4/26/2019 7:51 AM
58	To grow this community, you need to let new ideas in. The young in the community will countinue to leave until everyone working in the county develops an open mind to all. You can't please everyone but let people have opportunities for business if you want to see this community thrive	4/26/2019 7:45 AM
59	We need more affordable child care for Mason county then adults would be able to work more, there are alot of people not working because they can't find childcare, I wanted to open a country daycare but I can't afford the cost of the start up right now because I do not have a good paying job, but I would like to open a in home daycare that would be 6 parents that would be able to work or look for jobs	4/26/2019 7:40 AM
60	Encourage new and small businesses with an expedited permit process. Let people rent rooms in their homes to tourists.	4/26/2019 7:31 AM
61	We have a lot of options for low income families, but a married couple (both with college degrees) are still trying to make ends meet because their job opportunities pay the same amount as many who didn't go to college. But yet, college grads have loans to pay back and the price of housing in Ludington is high. Two working professionals with jobs in their field should not struggle to continue to live in Ludington. We need higher paying jobs for highly qualified people.	4/26/2019 7:14 AM
62	Give city job vacancies to young adults, so they stay in the area, instead of giving to retiring city employees. Not right in the economy to let many city and county employees collect a pension and another check.	4/26/2019 6:48 AM

63	Our taxes, when combining federal, state, sales, property, license and other fees, etc. are WAY TOO HIGH. The government charges too many fees for every little thing we do. I would prefer to keep my hard earned money and use it the way I want to use it instead of paying it to the government. Government programs for property and economic development tend to favor the few who take advantage of them but are paid for by all of us. Remember, the government only has money to give away in grants if it first collects it from someone else. Why should my taxes be used to pay for someone else to develop a facade on their downtown business.	4/26/2019 5:30 AM
64	I wish the planning/zoning committees would actually listen to the residents when considering developments instead of letting big money make poor decisions. Too many times the focus is on big money and the people who actually live in the communities and pay the real expenses in our area suffer.	4/26/2019 4:35 AM
65	Mason County's economy has transitioned many times over nearly 200 years. From furs and fur trade; to timber and logging; to brine salts and mineral processing; to oil & gas; to commodity silica (sand); to a transport hub for cross-lake iron ore and coal; to a light-to-medium manufacturing center. Overall, while most of these elements of the local economy have waxed and mostly waned (brine salt processing, and manufacturing, continue, although the manufacturing sector is presently under stress due to business moves and layoffs), farming and recreation have remained strong. There is a two-fold problem. On the one hand, much of the historical economic development has centered on use of natural resources. Yet, most of the natural resource development has not been sustainable. On the other hand, development of natural resources in a depletion mode, robs the County of future economic promise based upon sustainable recreational use of the County's tremendous natural resources. The County should seek sustainable economic elements. At present, these include: wind energy; recreation; light-to-mid-level manufacturing; farming. The County should seek more, and more sustainable, economic uses of its resources. And, the County should seek (from the recreation perspective) to attract visitors to the shoulder seasons. Yes, this has always been an issue over my lifetime (64 years). But it can be done. By the way, schools are essential to being able to attract high-quality year-round manufacturing firms. Offering to reduce property taxes, in order to attract business, reduces the resources for Ludington Schools, and schools in the County. Other incentives should be sought.	4/26/2019 2:22 AM
66	Let Starving Artist Brewery have their tasting room.	4/26/2019 12:51 AM
67	In all seriousness, you guys need to get on the bandwagon and look at how to use marijuana to your benefit instead of fighting what's happening despite your old opinions and biased views based on years of manipulative advertising and false claims by government.	4/26/2019 12:08 AM
68	The present zoning board needs to be replaced .They're not helping the smaller businesses to grow. This board should be a board that cares about our community with positive growth suggestions , to assist and listen to our friends , neighbors needs.	4/25/2019 10:43 PM
69	There is already a big problem in Mason county with drugs and alcohol. We do not need any more of that in this area.	4/25/2019 8:57 PM
70	I believe there is an anti-business / anti-development sentiment in Mason County. The zoning laws in the county are ridiculous in some cases, enforced by folks who have no intention of promoting growth. And property taxes for non-residents and commercial properties are way too high. Eliminate those obstacles, and Mason County would flourish and tax revenues would increase.	4/25/2019 8:48 PM
71	We need more restaurants, shopping centers and trails.	4/25/2019 8:40 PM
72	Get honest and intelligent people for the zoning commission.	4/25/2019 8:39 PM
73	We lived in a southern town many years ago that had sign height restrictions and requirements for greenery along the highway. We saw something similar recently in South Carolina (which is not known for affluence.) Coming into those towns was much more welcoming than traveling through Mason County. Coming from Baldwin, we have great examples of rural living. Approaching the County Seat from any direction is a disheartening experience. There is not a single way into town that is attractive. We need to look for grants for using vegetation to screen the industrial blight and strip mall sprawl. We need to do anything we can do to encourage a community attitude of, "we will make decisions and act respectfully and responsibly because we are humans who live here, not because tourists visit"	4/25/2019 8:39 PM
74	I thought the commission was going to change to land use for private land last year what happened to all the changes they proposed?	4/25/2019 8:23 PM
75	I think this survey is a step in the right direction. Start the conversation.	4/25/2019 8:21 PM

76	There's way to much government taxing and restricting us. It's detrimental to business and restricting our life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. Personal vendettas of officials should be stopped! Krepps!	4/25/2019 8:19 PM
77	You need to be open to new business that will bring people to other parts of Mason County	4/25/2019 7:52 PM
78	Na	4/25/2019 7:26 PM
79	We need other shopping options other than Walmart and Meijer's. We should be open to marijuana growing and selling. Like it or not, it has been great tax revenue for other communities.	4/25/2019 7:17 PM
80	Mason county is a wonderful place to live. It could be even better!	4/25/2019 6:35 PM
81	Something needs to be done with traffic when the tourists are here. Either fix the problem or quit encouraging so many tourists.	4/25/2019 6:21 PM
82	Mason county needs to find a balance between economic development and resource preservation. A great way to accomplish this would be to put more emphasis on agribusiness. The new master plan should lay framework to make the growth of agribusiness easier for landowners in the area. As it currently stands, albiet new, the rules on agribusiness stifle and discourage landowners. If a landowner may need a varience from these rules the process becomes even more frustrating and leaves the decision of an agribusiness' growth in the hands of a select few.	4/25/2019 6:16 PM
83	I believe a living wage and health care coverage should be mandated for all sized businesses within mason county.	4/25/2019 6:05 PM
84	Development in Mason County is severely behind other communities in our state. We lack jobs with wages that support our families. We lack adequate, affordable housing. We lack resources for elderly. Mason County needs to grow.	4/25/2019 5:46 PM
85	I think that the minimum square footage of single family residences should be smaller. Not everyone needs a large home.	4/25/2019 5:35 PM
86	I have not lived in Mason County for 35 years. However, I have a lot of relatives there and have had family in the county for about 120 years or so. I do own a small home in Fountain that I frequent as much as possible. I hope to retire there some day. I have concerns for the county, it does not seem to be as care free and safe as I recall growing up in the late 60's and 70's. Mostly I see the economic opportunities as less than they used to be. I am all for tourism and it's various forms, but as I see it the county needs a good diversification in industry, education, commercial, governmental and medical fields. I am concerned that too much emphasis is placed on tourism and not enough on the meat and potatoes that can really provide a good economic base for those who call Mason County home. Thanks for asking for input on Mason County.	4/25/2019 4:33 PM
87	I am not at all happy with the recent treatment of the Starving Artist Brewery. What they were requesting should be encouraged not discouraged and the Zoning Board should work WITH businesses not against.	4/25/2019 4:30 PM
88	I think a lot of the nay-sayers in our community are afraid of their taxes going up with little job security in place. It would be nice if there were some tech programs/job mentoring accessible for adults, at a heavily discounted price or for free. There are a lot of people in this community that don't know how to write a resume and don't know how to do anything on the computer beyond social media. It's the hierarchy of needs— they can't focus on abstract growth ideas, when they are experiencing such economic stability. If we can invest in these people's futures, they'll probably be more open to new businesses and school improvements. Let's bring in new businesses and make Mason County residents the best people to work there!	4/25/2019 4:09 PM
89	We need county and local governments that are less tax intrusive, less invasive into private property rights, less restrictive, amd more prone to allow private property owners to use their land as they deem best. We need to decide if we're going to he a tourist-based economy or manufacturing, and the focus on it and do it well. And if we decide "both" is the right answer we need two separate entities to aggressively pursue each area in communication with each other but independent of the other. We need more "real" opportunity but less "booze related" opportunity.	4/25/2019 4:07 PM
90	I have noticed our elected officials have not been very active in helping our community move forward. With unfair zoning of small businesses. And oldfashioned officials going against laws that locals voted for, that would benefit our community financially. They have also seemed to turn there heads at the rental poverty we have in this county, the condition and price of rental property is deployable. I will not be voting for anyone currently in office next election. And I will be voicing my concerns for the better of this county.	4/25/2019 3:33 PM
91	thank you for taking interest in the citizens opinion	4/25/2019 3:29 PM



92	As a once a year "tourist", since 1987, we have watched Ludington grow into a beautiful city and great vacation spot. We will always consider it our second home.	4/25/2019 3:27 PM
93	I believe Mason County is an absolutely beautiful place! The one thing that I would like to see is some type of trash management on private properties throughout the county. In this survey I mentioned just one house that literally throws trash out on the their front porch and yard. The trash is blowing everywhere and has for years. I don't want to image what is in the wooded lot across the street. I just assume it can be dangerous for the wildlife. If they threw that out the window of their car, they would get hit with fine, I wish that could be the same if they just throw it out of their house. This particular house is so close to one of the most important access points to my community. Everyone that goes through the 4-way stop in Freesoil can/will see that. With the North Country Trail's access East of town, I can only image what people have said about our town/county.	4/25/2019 3:00 PM
94	There isn't enough space on here to voice all of my concerns...however- A rental house next to us (in a good neighborhood-in town) had a heroin overdose last summer. The landlord is a sub par landlord at best. He should be made to clean up the house and make it presentable. It's a drug house. The siding is falling off (among other things) and there are 3-4 cars parked out front year round that do not run. Instead of the DDA/Ludington focusing on ice skating rinks, West End renewal and the plaza redo maybe focus on cleaning up the eye sores and stricter laws on drug dealers. On that note-there are some amazing things happening here. We still have one of the best towns along the shoreline. □	4/25/2019 2:48 PM
95	Until the younger generations quit getting everything handed out free to them there will be no growth in this county or any other. You can't bring new business' if there's no one who wants to work. The school system is a joke. Kids can't read,write or do basic math let alone balance a check book or work out a budget. I believe it's time to get back to the very basics. It may be old-fashioned but it still works.	4/25/2019 2:27 PM
96	Mason County is a beautiful place to live but lacks in the availability of good paying jobs, developmental youth programs, and recreational/entertainment options.	4/25/2019 2:25 PM
97	Mason county should develop more outdoor activities that are free or reasonably priced so more people can enjoy the beautiful area. Example; more trails, bike paths, dog parks Indoor activities as well to attract families and adults. Example: Aj's, Dave & Busters;aquatic center Keep up maintenance on lakes, rivers and streams To maintain homeostasis. Encourage recycling in residential communities. Maintain downtown roads.	4/25/2019 1:51 PM
98	I'm 100% concerned about U.N. Agenda 21/2030, how it's impacted my life, my property, and the future of Ludington, Michigan, itself. If you're a citizen of this community, and you're reading this, you SHOULD be 100% concerned yourself of how this Agenda affects you, your loved ones, and your property! U.N. agenda 21/2030 does NOT belong being improvised in ANY community, as a citizen, I strongly urge any constituent to fight against it. If you're uninformed about this 'sustainable development' plan, then now is the time to GET INFORMED!	4/25/2019 1:49 PM
99	Thank you for offering this survey and making it easy to find and complete !	4/25/2019 1:42 PM
100	Industry coming to area should not be encouraged to pay the prevailing wage rates. Tax abatement should NOT be disapproved because an employer wants to pay higher wages.	4/25/2019 12:30 PM
101	I think there are people that would like to have a home based small business & if they have the room to do it. Such as a service of upholstery or sewing repairs for example.	4/25/2019 12:29 PM
102	we need good paying jobs in order to keep our kids here, we need housing that people can afford, We need decent wages paid to those that do work so both parents don't have to work two jobs to survive. roundabouts at intersections instead of lights, people just run the lights anyway at least with roundabouts they would have to slow down to enter the turns.	4/25/2019 12:18 PM
103	I think zoning has no business telling people what they can and can't do with their property. If a property owners wants to have their camper on their property, no one has the right to tell them they can only have it there for a certain number of days. Too many things require permits that shouldn't.	4/25/2019 11:44 AM
104	I do support wind energy in Mason County but there are areas where the wind towers are way to close to the home, the setback needs to be farther away from home sites.	4/25/2019 11:10 AM
105	Way to many restrictions on private and commercial properties, for taxing purposes.	4/25/2019 10:35 AM

106	Let marijuana shops open anywhere in Mason County. Recreational and medical. It will bring a lot of people from out of town to our area, and give people an option locally to get the stuff they've already been doing. Also a much better alternative to the 10+ bars we have in the area.	4/25/2019 10:18 AM
107	Broadband access is one of the first steps to 1) improving quality of life 2) attracting new residents who may be able to work remotely	4/25/2019 9:41 AM
108	Mason County is starting to look in the right direction. Our development has been hindered because the old small town feel was the best way to live, however that is no longer sustainable. Our county needs to keep downtown feeling nostalgic while expanding in the townships.	4/25/2019 8:50 AM
109	Nothing is being developed in Mason County except summer tourist trade. The people who live here year round are taxed way too high for property and now you want to build a new school and raise taxes even more....we are a "throw away" society. We are taxed on WSCC but if we want to use facility we have to pay "again" to use what we pay for in our taxes....	4/25/2019 8:49 AM
110	Industrial development should be encouraged near those areas that can support the required activity like transportation (near the expressway for example). Development of adult /senior care should be encouraged in the rural areas where possible. Mason county is blessed with National forest resources and in my opinion none of these questions centered around any issues that would take advantage of these natural resources. Hunting and fishing use of the great lakes, hiking trails, etc seem to have been neglected. The historical value of the area also seems to have been neglected. Encouraging and supporting the arts and the provisions for supporting the many artists and small business opportunities has not been addressed. I know you had "other" in the questionnaire, but still, I think these areas need to have categories to consider the options and not leave it up to the respondents to create them. I believe that small business and home based businesses are the driving forces of success and shouldn't be neglected in a survey for a rural community like Mason County.	4/25/2019 8:46 AM
111	It is my belief that a hired liaison that represents our county regarding business recruitment and retainment could go a long way. We should not have larger companies shutting down and losing valuable jobs.	4/25/2019 7:39 AM
112	Need jobs/businesses to attract people to the county.	4/25/2019 6:58 AM
113	We need good paying jobs. Not worry so much about tourism	4/25/2019 4:08 AM
114	Open up zoning for more small business opportunities too restrictive	4/25/2019 2:57 AM
115	With some manufacturing closing or cutting back and the cost for living in Mason County all efforts should be made to bring more jobs to Mason County. It would also be nice to have roads in Mason County fixed. Mass transit in areas currently not covered.	4/25/2019 1:40 AM
116	Keep the forest areas and farm lands rustic and underdeveloped. Rural roads are in very poor shape. Clean water needs to be a top priority. Water used by a manufacturer that is discharged into a drain should be cleaner then the water received. No special privilege to House of Flavors or any company. No F.O.G. either.	4/25/2019 1:07 AM
117	Mason County needs to do everything it can to promote business development. I do not feel that Mason County is business friendly and has too many rules and regulations. I was very saddened to hear about the idiotic way the zoning board handled the request from Starving Artists. Here is a business willing to spend money and expand and we are shutting them down. Shame on the zoning board. The surrounding property owners did not object, this business in the middle of nowhere, there is no reason to block it.	4/25/2019 12:42 AM
118	Mason County is more than Ludington	4/25/2019 12:18 AM
119	Too many drug related mentally ill adults and too many children wandering the streets alone. Need a youth center where they can go to be safe after school. Parents need affordable housing. Not a very friendly environment to raise a family, unfortunately.	4/25/2019 12:07 AM
120	I believe that Mason County needs to quit catering to the tourist and worry about their own. We need affordable housing, we need more programs to keep our youth out of trouble/drugs and possibly do a Police Academy for the Youth in our cities, with all of the Police presence in the area, I firmly believe it will help our youths by becoming better individuals making better choices. <a href="http://www.clarecountyreview.com/news/15th-annual-clare-police-youth-academy/">http://www.clarecountyreview.com/news/15th-annual-clare-police-youth-academy/</a> <a href="https://www.cityofholland.com/police/junior-police-academy">https://www.cityofholland.com/police/junior-police-academy</a> <a href="https://www.canton-mi.org/1145/Youth-Academy">https://www.canton-mi.org/1145/Youth-Academy</a> <a href="https://www.cityofjackson.org/770/Teen-Citizen-Police-Academy">https://www.cityofjackson.org/770/Teen-Citizen-Police-Academy</a>	4/24/2019 11:51 PM
121	More focus needs to be centered on: improving the area east of Stiles Rd., affordable housing, reasonable water bills & property taxes in Scottville	4/24/2019 11:20 PM

122	We need to have more options for our Senior population. The people who have lived many many years in Mason County working, playing, paying taxes and contributing. It is very sad that there isn't enough to offer regarding our Dementia Senior citizens. They are having to live in nursing facilities far away. It's not right to separate them from family in their last years of life. Please do something to increase care and housing for our Senior Citizens who need specialized Dementia/Alzheimer's care. They have done so much for Mason County we owe them this.	4/24/2019 10:19 PM
123	Because of the bad road situation, we are considering leaving Mason County. This feeling is common among my neighbors. It is inconvenient to have to pay for Hughesnet service to get high-speed internet, but the cost is something we put up with. The dirt roads are another issue. We are retired, so we can usually rearrange our schedules to use the roads when passable, but it would be impossible for employed people. All other issues (jobs, shopping, recreational/cultural opportunities, etc.) are meaningless unless transportation is taken care of. Mason County could easily become a literal "backwater " unless people are confident of transportation.	4/24/2019 10:16 PM
124	Listen to the people who make a positive influence in the community. Trade schools.	4/24/2019 10:03 PM
125	Housing is definitely a huge issue. We are a middle class family with a relatively great income, yet we cannot find a house we can afford within Ludington. We are at a point where we've started looking outside of Ludington.	4/24/2019 9:53 PM
126	City of Ludington needs to start working on needs of locals instead of tourism.	4/24/2019 9:45 PM
127	Need permanent homeless shelter Transitional housing Transportation for people in rural areas to get to work Dial-A-Ride throughout county Probation office and CMH to have hours that cater to their clients, so they can be more employable. Funded sidewalk plowing around schools Traffic light at Jebavy & Tinkham Clean up buildings on 31 North from bridge to 31/10 intersection	4/24/2019 9:18 PM
128	I've made considerable investments into our home that is also used as a weekly vacation rental during peak summer months. I'm concerned of some type of "Airbnb ban" negatively affecting those of us who have invested already into the vacation rental sphere, and hope we would be grandfathered in if such a ban were to take place. I would be ok with an annual fee or inspections for vacation rentals.	4/24/2019 8:37 PM
129	You have to ask the question what draws a person to the county if they are willing to move here. We're rural and a service economy area. So to expect large scale industry to come here won't happen. To expect innovative technology to locate here won't happen. Realize we are 1.5-2 hours from a commercial airport. We get a great amount of snow on roadways to any large area. We are 60 minutes away from a medium sized hospital. So companies have to think about what we don't offer if they wish to relocate. We're not grand rapids , we'll never be grand rapids or TC. The first thing you have to do is attempt to make the county feel more safe than it is. You can do what you are doing (REACTING) which isn't working or you can act to prevent crime and drug use while the kids are still young. Instead of investing \$500,000 a year in 4 deputies split that money and invest half into crime prevention at age 10-21. Condition the next generation of kids to not do drugs or commit crimes. Create a monetary incentive to raise GPA, increase HS grad rates and prevent crimes by asking kids to reach for a large carrot. Essentially offer a 10 year old the chance at \$50,000 when they hit age 21. Provided they get to 21 without a criminal record or drug history they are entered into a random drawing for \$40-50K . they simply have to have graduated HS with a D or better. NO criminal record from age 10-21 . And have to be a US citizen. not much to ask .. If they win they get 20K at age 21 to be spent as they wish . Age 22 \$10K more to be used towards job training , college or a house downpayment or for a retirement payment. Age 23 \$10,000 more to be placed into a revocable trust towards retirement. But that's for a D student. A C student gets \$2,500 more, B student \$5,000 more, A student \$10,000 more. Now if the winning student elects to place a certain amount of the discretionary money (The \$20,000) into the revocable retirement account , you match the money. So any dollars they elect to place into the retirement fund the county matches but it can't be withdrawn until age 65 and is only paid out if the winner hasn't committed any felonies from age 21 to 65. You want to create an incentive for a ten year old kid to reach for, to modify his /her behavior. To give the kid who hasn't yet tried drugs to say to them selves " If I get caught doing drugs I'm out of the contest" If I get caught stealing something from Walmart or meijer I'm out of the contest" You want to create positive peer pressure to keep these kids from becoming miscreants and criminals from age 10-21. Maybe after graduating high school they'll be able to find a job because they can pass a pee test or a mouth swab and don't have a criminal record that an employer can ask about. But instead we just spend money on cops.	4/24/2019 8:22 PM

130	No more corporate big box stores or fast food places. Encourage Community gardening and sharing. Paid Community work programs for youth between the ages of 15 and 18. Silver sneakers programs for seniors if not already in place. They've sold off the shoreline unfortunately so there is no space for a large glassed in, moderately priced restaurant. Develop the Spartan into a restaurant or dance hall with the owners help. No tall buildings in the city limits.	4/24/2019 7:35 PM
131	My opinion is the zoning regulation is too rigid. It is a one size fits all for the county, yet I am in the country and cannot build a garage to the size I need due to zoning. I understand within a more populated area, but when I can legally store vehicles, recreational vehicles, etc. without a garage in a yard, but if I want to build a large enough building for them, it does not meet code. Also the amount for every permit is crazy. There should be some flexibility with building zoning and potentially should be up to each township to have a say in the zoning as they know what is best for their immediate area.	4/24/2019 7:25 PM
132	I love living in Mason County! I think attracting talent to the area is affected by the condition of our schools and hospitals in addition to fair compensation for work. The Lake should not be part of the employer's benefit package. Our employers should concentrate on retention by offering competitive salaries, flexible schedules, and vacations. I also feel that our government should focus on retention of businesses and not just attracting new businesses. Encourage innovation with financial incentives, reduced restrictions, and provide/identify resources.	4/24/2019 6:56 PM
133	Need more quality restaurants that isn't considered a bar or that just serves bar type foods...ie Olive Garden, etc.	4/24/2019 6:32 PM
134	You can't use the city of Ludington to decide on what Mason county does. Most people are part time transplant or retired from other regions. I've lived here excluding the last two years for over 50 years. Seeing outsiders elected to posts in Ludington has been a sad thing to accept. Don't let people who have not been here for their lives decide our fate	4/24/2019 6:26 PM
135	Keep Mason County a family friendly, senior friendly place to visit. Do not build it up with unnecessary development. It is fine just the way it is. Let the beauty of the County on the shores of Lake Michigan continue to be a nice, safe, peaceful place to go to get away from the hustle and bustle of the cities.	4/24/2019 6:08 PM
136	Lower property taxes, NO government subsidies for low income manufacturing jobs, NO more low income housing tax give aways, Less government zoning rules as most of the rules are outdated or not thought out well and limit possibilities. Limit needs for special land uses by just allowing what the public wants not what a few people think is needed.	4/24/2019 5:42 PM
137	Where to begin! Honestly the only good thing we have is the beach and state park. Nothing else really to do for teenagers and young adults. No uber or lyft for affordable, safe transportation. All the bars downtown but only a couple taxis? That charge a a ton of money. Like cmon now. I truly believe The city of Ludington and Mason County is scared to make money. Imagine all the tax money the city and county would if they allowed marijuana dispensaries. But this town is controlled by baby boomers that are scared for growth. If this town was ran by actual people you this survey wouldn't be a thing. This isn't the 1980s or 1990s, time to grow up and allow things that are uncomfortable for some people.	4/24/2019 5:20 PM
138	Allow hemp growth and medical marijuana stores. Collect the tax money. Use that instead of taxes to people	4/24/2019 4:33 PM
139	Instead of building on undeveloped land and sprawling out, use the vacant spaces we have around town (Ludington). There are some old factory and warehouse buildings (like on Harrison) that are just empty. Either renovate into apartments or tear it down and rebuild on the site. My old hometown of Columbus, GA renovated old cotton mills into affordable apartments on the first floors and luxury condos on the top floors and it has been working out really well!	4/24/2019 3:52 PM
140	We need to clean up our towns to make it more attractive to new residents. We have some real eyesores. We came to Ludington as new retirees and have met many other people like us. We have often discussed the struggle to find an ideal retirement home. There is only one single level condo development in Ludington and there is nothing available there. We continue to see rent controlled senior development but nothing for seniors of average income. Not all of us like high rises and most of us are far from assisted living.	4/24/2019 3:18 PM
141	My main concern is the speed limit of 55 mph all the way to PM Hwy. Too many businesses to access at too high of a speed. Should be 45mph starting at Meijer.	4/24/2019 2:25 PM

142	Fix the roads more people may come. Support the railroads as they are the second most efficient way of transportation minus marine shipping. Recreational Marijuana will be a very large increase of business for the area. With the amount if people that come here in the summer from Chicago Indiana and Ohio it would bring in thousands in extra revenue for the county. I can not do drugs due to DOT random drug testing for my job so it would not benefit me other than for a large increase for the county.	4/24/2019 12:52 PM
143	Pave all gravel roads. Especially stream and river crossings.	4/24/2019 12:42 PM
144	When locally owned businesses try to expand upon said business, the county should work with them to attain their goal. Not turn them down for silly reasons. How is 10 acres considered "micro"? Neighbors approve, that's what should REALLY matter. To draw in younger families to actually reside here, we need to be progressive. We need decent paying jobs! This does NOT require us to lose our "small town" feel. Lake Michigan and our beaches will always draw in tourists. But if things don't start to change soon, this city is going to turn into a giant assisted living retirement community.	4/24/2019 11:39 AM
145	I would really like to see more short term rentals in ludington. I think it offers a different option for vacationing families. I also think it could be a good investment potential for year round families. I would also like to see the complete addition of Sargent sands to the State Park.	4/24/2019 11:18 AM
146	I'm new to Mason county . Four months, so I just learning about the people who live here. I see a community with a lot of older citizens that where able to make a living with Dow chemical company and other larger employers. Now I see less opportunities for the younger people. I can't see them living here. That's why I see Ludington declining. The new American way, unfortunately! With too many seasonal jobs, the average household wage is below the average national wage.It hard to increase taxes and build the community, keep your property up, drive new automobiles, etc. when you have low wages.High health care is also destroying america as well as every county in Michigan.I was surprised by how much property taxes were in Ludington. I was buying a house in a large city in Kentucky. The same price as my house in Ludington but may pay between one thousand to fifteen hundred more in taxes.The large city in Kentucky had everything, this city has all most nothing during the winter.If you like to eat and drink alcohol, you're all set. But I'm already ten pounds overweight, and don't like drinking alcoholic drinks so I struggle to find things to do over winter.Then we have the No Fault insurance, paying twice the rate here. Let's hope the new governor keeps her pledge to end that.Even before moving here, I expected to pay more for my sixty year old house insurance that I paid on my brand new house, because anything less than your automobile insurance would look good, and I was right.So let's see, we make less money but pay out more in taxes, health care, insurance. How can we improve our county and city?There isn't much left !	4/24/2019 11:16 AM
147	Keep our rural heritage and rural areas intact for the future generations of hunters and fishermen and outdoorsman.	4/24/2019 11:10 AM
148	Work to help Starving Artist Brewery continue to stay open. This brings many tourist to Mason Co.	4/24/2019 10:13 AM
149	We need a comprehensive approach with a dedicated team looking at the issue as a whole, housing, transportation, etc., someone who will work with the programs and people in the community now and coordinate efforts.	4/24/2019 10:11 AM
150	The only thing Mason County needs is cheap gas like they have in Ottawa or Newaygo Counties.	4/24/2019 7:45 AM
151	Should be a more practical approach to planning and zoning. Board members should not agendas! Need to encourage new leaders to step into leadership roles	4/24/2019 7:13 AM
152	I would love to see a focus on healthy communities. A healthy community is where everyone supports each other and there is no elitism in our community. The haves and have-nots. Decisions made for everyone not just the people who know the right people. Eliminating this mentality in our community will strengthen mental health in youth and families. Positive social events or activities to encourage people to get to know each other. Talk across economic barriers or social status. Investing in the people for positive change.	4/23/2019 10:03 PM
153	What about affordable childcare? I wish there was a Y in this area. I believe they encourage community and help give kids programs and family's the ability to stay healthy together especially during the long winter months I think we should be focusing more on locals and their needs instead of the tourists that come for a couple months a year No one is going to want to come here to live and raise a family or start a business or work if they aren't supported in that endeavor. Especially small family's and their need for better housing options	4/23/2019 9:49 PM

154	The County Zoning Boards and Commissioners need to be more supportive of our small businesses and entrepreneurs. I would encourage them to educate themselves on emerging business trends and community development initiatives happening around our state. Let's work together to build up our passionate small business owners and become a place that others like them want to locate because we value all businesses and treat them with respect.	4/23/2019 9:42 PM
155	The county needs to be more proactive in encouraging and supporting development.	4/23/2019 9:19 PM
156	We need county wide public transportation	4/23/2019 7:18 PM
157	The most important issue in Mason County is the lack of good paying jobs. The poverty level is getting to a dangerous level. People cannot make a decent living because there are limited jobs. Families are struggling (even my middle class family).	4/23/2019 3:49 PM
158	we have a wonderful county, full of open spaces, water, woods with good health care, banking and schools(Ludington needs to pass the proposed school millage to keep up with other communities similar to us). We should encourage more employment, more affordable housing, more school to work programs and for sure; safety. Governments should not be heavy handed but rather take a supportive role to encourage the growth in employment and strive to make this a more year around county, especially Ludington, with out dampening our tourism, and retirement opportunities	4/23/2019 2:22 PM
159	This community has a sincere lack of jobs for the blue collar worker. It seems there are either jobs for those with no skills or jobs for high degree holding college graduates. However, for those with associates degrees or many years of experience in a trade, there are no jobs that pay enough to keep a family out of the poverty level. For instance, in an area like Holland, MI, a trade worker can find a job paying \$25-30 an hour (\$10+ more an hour than Mason County) and housing is also cheaper in the Holland area. From experience, a 3 bedroom home rents for \$800 a month in Holland. The same home would rent for \$1200 a month in Ludington. However, the pay scale does not match the rent costs. If we want to maintain working families here, we need to offer opportunities to them in the job and housing markets.	4/23/2019 11:24 AM
160	The business district downtown needs to expand to Rowe St. on the east and William on the west. Currently, it feels like there is a focus on Harrison to Rath and visitors dont see the rest of the "downtown ". A parking garage would be a great asset as well. We've lost a lot of parking availability and for locals, its difficult to find parking. I hear that they won't come to downtown in the tourist season, too much traffic on the Avenue and not enough parking.	4/23/2019 10:49 AM
161	we need more for local kids to do. less for summer tourist season and more for year round kid programming/facilities.	4/23/2019 10:46 AM
162	1. Build small Publically Owned Waste Water Treatment Plants throughout Mason County to move household sewage away from surface waters. 2. Install Fiber Optic High-Speed Internet backbone throughout the county.	4/23/2019 10:46 AM
163	Mason County is a community with astute community and business leaders. There is organization, structure and planning to much of what the county does. It is a great place to live and play!	4/23/2019 9:47 AM
164	Would like to see forums available to residents concerning priorities expressed in this survey. A once a month town meeting offered to local populations addressing concerns, and expansions. Bring in experts that have witnessed current concerns or expansions. ie: invite realtors to speak on the current and future needs of housing in Mason Co. Addressing best placement, numbers, and potential costs.	4/23/2019 9:23 AM
165	I believe that inexpensive access to fiber optics throughout the county would prompt economic growth	4/23/2019 8:52 AM
166	Mason County is a good area to live; but needs to expand opportunities for workers so they can work in a safe environment with a living wage. There also needs to be more attention towards environmental concerns like clean water (PFAS), renewable energy, recycling (glass!!) and preserving open space/recreation. This is such a beautiful area and has lot's of potential to make it more community based. Thank you for supporting positive change for our community.	4/23/2019 7:56 AM

167	Please encourage medical and recreational cannabis. Patients are currently driving hours out of area to obtain supply for cancer, ptsd, etc, etc. If you decide to encourage it, consider mandating vertical integration, regional sourcing and permit to local business instead of out of state/out of area companies. Encouraging retirees to move here is great, but it is going to further alienate young families by drowning their votes with new resident, retiree votes that do not value the needs to younger families. (housing, jobs, etc) Encourage new small business models. Aka Starving Artist. (I get there are two side of the zoning coin on this issue) I don't know if this is possible. . . consider taxing abandoned rural buildings heavily in an effort to remove blight. Indiana did this. It worked. Get younger people that have out of area experience on county boards.	4/23/2019 7:11 AM
168	Development would be better if the property taxes were not so high. It does make it difficult for elderly on fixed income to survive.	4/23/2019 5:36 AM
169	Planning / zoning office needs to be more business friendly when dealing with in-coming potential businesses. Don't nit-pick minor items that discourages new entrepreneurs.	4/22/2019 9:30 PM
170	One big concern is the lack of safe walking and biking paths outside of the city limits. Our government wishes its citizens to take steps to adopt a healthy lifestyle to reduce medical cost. We pay taxes. Use some of that money to provide us opportunities to get out and be active without fear of being killed by a drunk driver, driver on drugs, someone texting while driving, or someone speeding on rural country roads which have speed limits that are to high. Nothing infuriates me more than the driving habits of people around here.	4/22/2019 8:44 PM
171	We desperately need more diversity, in all areas including business, cultural, restaurants etc.	4/22/2019 7:55 PM
172	I really want natural gas extended all the way to upper Hamlin.	4/22/2019 7:40 PM
173	As a kickback for our community having the wind turbines, it would be good if our schools could get a discount on their electricity bills. I think people would be more accepting of the turbines if this could happen.	4/22/2019 7:02 PM
174	Almost all other counties have a county animal shelter; far more effective than Animal Control. Get people using computers by getting High speed broadband access.	4/22/2019 6:48 PM
175	Mason county is losing the few high paying manufacturing jobs with the loss of Harsco, the flat business of Great Lakes Castings, the limited hiring of Western Land and the concern of possibly losing jobs from Whitehall Industries. That is where a majority of those who want to work knows. There are few professional jobs in Finance/Marketing/Human Resources to employ college grads and the spouses of those who relocate here. Primary care physicians are at a premium with most not accepting new patients or having 6 to 8 month waits for a first appointment. This doesn't help to draw new professionals. Never mind not having access to specialists. Those relocating to Mason County find those making hiring decisions at the Sheriff's office, Hallmark Store, Spectrum and Mercy and many of the manufacturing companies are outwardly hostile to candidates, or hires, that are not locals. Not a good situation for trying to attract new businesses and no way to retain outside talent. Work from home opportunities are slim without high speed internet. Many employees in the area don't even have cell phones or computer access from home. Mason County is like falling backwards in time by 25 years in terms of broadband, cell phones and computer literacy. And then there is dealing with a huge drug usage problem with potential and current employees.	4/22/2019 6:17 PM
176	I am disgusted that people voted in to help a community grow and prosper (Angela Serna) would be so negative and nasty. It is very upsetting that this behavior is tolerated.	4/22/2019 5:53 PM
177	Pet friendly. This town makes it exceptionally hard for people to own pets if they are renting and it causes many issues with Animal Control and rescues. Many out of town people do not want to move to Mason County because of how anti-pet this place is. It seems trivial to home owners or people that do not care to own pets but to the great amount of renters, tourists, and potential residents looking to move here it is at least worth examining.	4/22/2019 5:27 PM
178	This area cannot sustain workers who seek employment with a benefit package( healthcare). Yes, there are jobs , most of us are working two jobs. However when you lose a good paying job with benefits , moving from the area or commuting to an area with jobs is the only answer. We will spend our dollars in other areas if we take jobs elsewhere. In addition, we will have less to spend in any area.	4/22/2019 4:32 PM
179	The wind energy farm was a huge mistake!	4/22/2019 4:21 PM

180	I'd like Mason County to promote and invest in skilled, vocational and Green trades that better utilize indigenous resources and talents to create sustainable careers (education, technology, agriculture/agri-tourism, holistic wellness), increase affordable housing (new, revitalized, alternative), and work proactively for safe water (drinking and recreational) and a viable infrastructure (above and below ground) throughout the county.	4/22/2019 4:02 PM
181	How does a community become more attractive for a company to come in with middle class or higher positions without offending anyone because they have no skills and don't see a need to acquire them? Focus on those that do pay the bills and are leading self-sustainable lives without government assistance, that do take care of the community, lakes and property and/or volunteer. Assistance should only be temporary. The more you provide the more that will come as we are already seeing and feeling the affects from. The more you invite by building low-income housing, the more that will come and we'll never get any further serious industry or business innovators in our area. Government will always be pinching pennies to cover all the needs.	4/22/2019 3:51 PM
182	I think Mason County is at a unique place in its history. I think Mason County can be a great place to live, work and raise a family. However, I think we face some challenges in preserving that status if we don't make some changes now. Access to good jobs, not just jobs, is vital to the health of a community. To support those jobs and workers, our community needs access to affordable housing across all income levels. Broadband internet access is becoming more and more vital for businesses to compete, and for students to succeed in school. The role of the Planning Commission and a Master Plan is to think proactively about one of our most vital resources, our land, and what the best use of the land is in the interest of health, safety, and public welfare. Part of that public welfare is helping to foster growth and development that supports Employers in providing good jobs, employees in living within their means and with access to resources, and our youth to grow up in a community that affords them the opportunities they need to be successful in the future. It is an awesome responsibility that should not be taken lightly. We should encourage development in a way that benefits the community. It is time to get creative and learn from others and ensure we know how we can shape Mason County to be the best version of itself it can be, and how Planning and Zoning can help.	4/22/2019 3:46 PM
183	I really believe that we need additional shopping opportunities, restaurants and entertainment themed businesses in Mason County. I feel that I always go to Muskegon or Grand Rapids to shop and I'd rather stay in Mason, however, there's not enough here. I feel that we have had development here in Mason County, but not in the area that I would enjoy or that would lead me to spend additional dollars here in Mason County. I also feel that an emphasis should be placed on public transportation and affordable housing opportunities as well.	4/22/2019 3:39 PM
184	Mason County, and Ludington in particular, is in desperate need of more high end shopping and dining and in less need of low income housing projects. Ludington is a potential gold mine and it's wasting away - almost as if it intentionally doesn't want to better itself. Mason County and again, Ludington in particular, is in desperate need of diversity, but I don't know how to make the area more diverse. Maybe better shopping, dining, and housing and the trickle down effect from that would entice more diverse people to come our way.	4/22/2019 3:23 PM
185	There are some serious issues facing the small community: drug use, lack of affordable housing, low job opportunities, natural resource abuse, and lack of youth activities. The community is supported by local business owners, several large manufacturers, and tourism but the different sectors do not appear to be working well together for community betterment. How about appealing to community planning college programs to be a case study and see if they have ideas on how we can improve our community collaboratively?	4/22/2019 3:15 PM
186	Mason County has thriving areas and areas that are stagnant. My concern is that legitimate businesses are allowed to locate in strategic areas. Building a good economic base and adding to a community. We have not looked forward enough to allow commercial to grow in the out county areas. Housing is lacking in availability. We need areas for first time buyers, retirees to purchase. Too many houses in the County are too inefficient and taxes are out of reach. New subs with ability to build smaller, efficient houses would allow new housing owners. Upland condos would work also. The rules are too strict. Not all industries are pretty. Like some agricultural operations, not good to look at, but vital for our community. Be open to those.	4/22/2019 3:07 PM



187	Professional opportunities (not jobs, but careers) are severely limited in the area and there is little to no cultural diversity. This is what drives intelligent and ambitious high school and junior college students to other states/regions to complete their education, where many of them remain — or from which many of them move on to even more diverse areas with even greater options for professional growth. I'd like to see WSCC continue to partner with more 4-year universities. I'd like to see the county and the Chamber of Commerce working more aggressively to pursue economic growth and development. I'd like to see more job opportunities for college educated people, with competitive salaries that will allow them to thrive, grow and build families and longterm homes in the area. I'd like to see better mental health services available following the loss of the area's psychiatric offices; this would not only help the average person, but would aid law enforcement officials in combatting the opioid epidemic, which is inextricably linked to complex mental health issues that general practitioners are not trained to address.	4/22/2019 2:28 PM
188	I feel good quality jobs are a must in Mason County. We need to bring younger families in that can afford to live here to support our local businesses. We need good quality schools for younger families. We do not need any more low income housing in the area. I also feel that we are becoming a retirement community and that is very sad as Mason County has so much more to offer young families.	4/22/2019 2:02 PM
189	It is important to remember that Mason County's most valuable resources are its natural resources, open spaces, rivers, and lakes, which are the reasons so many people come here to visit, and to live permanently. We cannot sacrifice our natural resources and open spaces on the altar or money and commercial "development". That approach reduces the quality of life for everyone. Let us concentrate on improving what we have, and remember that bigger is not necessarily better. We must restrict further expansion and development to areas that can sustain it, and reduce such expansion and development if it will inevitably lead to a reduction in the very natural resources which cause us to be here in the first place.	4/22/2019 1:33 PM
190	we continue to have mental illness issues despite a local agency who should be accountable to improving this area. We need this agency to care for inmates and reduce expenditures related to other agencies (law enforcement) also taking the responsibility to provide crisis management, no crisis should exist if their management was more stable.	4/22/2019 1:16 PM
191	The county board should pull their heads out of their ass's and work for the community and not for them selves just like this great experiment of self governing was untended by our forefathers. Not taken for self promotion and gain. Remember you are voted in "by the people " and so removed by them in return. Take care of your core " local government employees" and they will make your existence easier and renewable.	4/22/2019 1:02 PM
192	Please don't plan everything around the tourists. Ludington has to develop with everyone in mind so it can be appealing to the general population	4/22/2019 12:05 PM
193	We need a no kill animal facility that is operated independently by a non profit organization. The Mason County Commissioners and Zoning should have flexible rules so that the facility can be located in the most visible area.	4/22/2019 12:04 PM
194	Taxpayers rights should be protected to a degree, as long as they are not polluting the ground & air quality of others or having filth that attracts rodents and cause health dangers for areas. Property owners should not feel as though they have no control over their land. I guess living in Mason County and growing up here has been great for me. I like the rural feeling and convenience of living in a less crowded area.	4/22/2019 11:58 AM
195	We need better and more affordable housing options for all demographics. We need businesses to be able to afford to pay for their employees' health and retirement benefits. We need employment options which pay a reasonable wage. We need to support law enforcement and their war on drugs and violence. We need to support year-round residents and not put so much focus on tourism.	4/22/2019 11:42 AM
196	There has to be a better balance of property owners cleaning up their property and zoning. Especially related to the large amount of old/dangerous/eye-sore mobile homes. If it is out of sight to the neighbors and passing motorist, they should be allowed to store whatever they want as long as it is not polluting the water/ground. If this is not followed, there needs to be a more efficient way of enforcing the clean-ups.	4/13/2019 8:05 PM
197	County commissioners should listen to more of what the residents want- not just what they want!!	4/13/2019 9:10 AM
198	Would like to see less urban sprawl coming down us 10 and some more businesses in the outlying communities.	4/10/2019 8:12 AM

199	While affordable housing is a concern, we cannot revert back to a time when we allowed single wide trailers and reduced square foot dwellings to pop up, especially in rural areas. They create not only a eye-sore, but decrease neighboring property values and discourage economic growth and sustainability.	4/9/2019 11:14 AM
200	We need to bring in high paying jobs, not more T shirt shops. Good jobs will solve many other problems. We don't need to attract more tourists. They don't create high paying jobs and we're overwhelmed by them for ten weeks a year. The other forty-two weeks they aren't helping the community at all. People need year around jobs.	4/9/2019 10:52 AM
201	It is not the planning commissions job to encourage one type of business over another. The free market takes care of that. You keep trying to make yourself too important.	4/8/2019 10:54 PM
202	I think once the Mason County Promise for higher education becomes a stronger program at West Shore Community College it will be very beneficial to all in our community - it also needs to add life support along with tuition and fees.	4/8/2019 10:04 PM
203	I wish the area focused more on the residents who live here all year round We are starting to see our areas develop into nothing but tourism and watching the good jobs get shut down with nothing to replace. This forces our younger generation out.	4/8/2019 9:51 PM
204	Ludington is developing against the peoples wishes. The west end of Ludington Avenue should not be developed. It is taking away needed parking spaces and the absolute beautiful unspoiled view. Spash pad at Copeyon park. Petitions against it ignored. Goose poop everywhere... now add water. YUCK. Next to an electric station. Who is going to pay for the maintenance and upkeep? The apartment buildings currently being built in Ludington are too tall. A skating rink? in downtown Ludington. What a waste of money. The locals stay away from Ludington in the summer. What a shame. Bonfires quit because tourism is over instead of being in the fall which would make sense. Can't buy any meat or veggies in Custer or Scottville. Only choices are the Dollar Store or outdated items at the Mercantile. SAD!! Why not combine some schools/busing/administration. Ludington, Scottville & Custer overlap.	4/8/2019 9:09 PM
205	I've loved living in Ludington the last 14 years. Would like to see existing empty buildings/businesses renovated rather than another strip mall. We have an obligation to preserve and protect our natural resources from pollution. After all, that's why most of us choose to live in this beautiful area.	4/8/2019 8:34 PM
206	Need to establish an incubator facility for new entrepreneurial businesses.	4/8/2019 8:14 PM
207	Too much focus on the beachfront/lake and not neighborhoods. Houses that are run down owners should be given a time period to fix/clean up. After that time if not completed fines should be implemented.	4/8/2019 8:07 PM
208	We need companies who contribute to their employees. These companies need to be required to hire directly not through a temporary agency. They should contribute to the community as well. We need more low income housing, no more condo's. We need to dedicate our resources to the permanent year-round residents. Quit focusing on only tourism. Tourism doesn't support us in the winter. The Eastern side of the county needs more business' that can support that side of county. That side needs more attention to encourage positive growth. We need to control of the drug use and prevent suicides. Both of those things are the only thing that seems to be growing, which should be declining.	4/8/2019 7:56 PM
209	Keep it small town, self employed. Create more structured events for youth and seniors. Tourism is enough income. No new taxes. More accountability how our taxes are distributed.	4/8/2019 6:23 PM
210	Development in Mason County shouldn't be limited to the City of Ludington area.	4/8/2019 5:33 PM
211	Tech and tourism. Food and bev as an industry. Plant based proteins.	4/8/2019 4:43 PM
212	I wish that the City of Ludington specifically would have put more thought into the current redesigning and building going on, We should have followed the lead of other communities like ADA that have a theme that is being used across the downtown and commercial areas. I am not all please with the redevelopment at the West End of Ludington Avenue. That area should be cleaned up and left alone. It is the last dune within the city and we are basically destroying it. In addition, the mishmash of architectural style going on downtown is awful. Why are we putting up huge builds that obscure the view? It is a mistake and one that cannot be rectified now.	4/8/2019 12:43 PM
213	When townships and county fight people loose... I HATE that I have no public transport in Amber. Just plain DUMB and discriminatory.	4/8/2019 11:32 AM

214	No specific business or energy plan should be encouraged or discouraged by the County. Let the free markets and demand be the driving factor. To often the County says no to an idea or start-up that a person or individual brings to the table. Even with local support and encouragement the idea is stopped because it doesn't fit "the plan". If it truly doesn't belong or have support it will fail and return its former purpose. Don't find ways to say no, find ways to say yes!!!	4/8/2019 11:29 AM
215	My main concern for Mason County is the ever increasing symptoms of alcohol and drug abuse. A short list being; impaired driving (under all the familiar acronyms), domestic violence and sexual abuse, and theft in its various forms. Perhaps I could add crimes that might come under the heading of "I have nothing better to do". Development (if it is simply 'using land wisely') is not a cure for the above. But development with the goal of providing good, respectable paying jobs (or for the young people, having the hope that such a job exists) is in itself incentive for Mason County to do its best to attract these jobs. So, Mason County needs to develop those policies/guidelines/direction which will protect the environment and peoples rights and way of life, while attracting/encouraging those businesses that will live up to those guidelines.	4/8/2019 11:21 AM
216	We need to be more welcoming and embrace diversity.	4/8/2019 11:20 AM
217	Property owners need less government restrictions. You don't tell me how to live my live and I won't tell you how to live yours.	4/8/2019 10:37 AM
218	I think Ludington is going in the direction for our county.	4/8/2019 10:35 AM
219	I think overall Mason county is doing a good job, the only tax incentive I would give a business ,is a living wage tax break, if a company pays \$15.00/hr they get a discount on taxes . There is actual proof that paying a living brings the economy up in communities that have it, people have more money to buy the things they need and business profit as well as the community, trickledown economics have been proven a 100% failure every where it's been used. Time to step up and use incentives that actually work.	4/8/2019 10:20 AM
220	I think Splash pad waste of money. Kids have always had fun (and make their own fun) just by being near water. We don't need to waste those resources (including the water). We need a mall. We need a parking garage in downtown Ludington. We need a dispensary. We need more high paying, year-round jobs. We need more (and more affordable) housing. We need more museums. Less activities involving beer, beer, beer. Beer tent, beer crawl, open another brewery, blah blah.	4/8/2019 9:49 AM
221	Ludington is moving toward providing a nice atmosphere for tourists, but the rest of the county has a great deal of potential for additional quiet outdoor recreation opportunities. There is still a huge psychological divide between Ludington and the rest of the county. Ludington doesn't seem to think we exist.	4/8/2019 9:47 AM
222	Because our greater world is increasingly homogeneous, it is difficult to tell one area of the country from another (picture the US 10 approach to Ludington). Try to preserve what is special and unique about Mason County. Once bulldozed, leveled and paved over, we never get the once-special areas back.	4/8/2019 9:47 AM
223	There should be some property tax relief for seniors. Transportation in rural areas for those who no longer can/or should not be driving. Farms should NOT be allowed to have junk cars, house trailers or other non-farm junk exempt from zoning junk law. Some farms look like ill kept junk yards	4/8/2019 9:36 AM
224	I think the zoning commission should allow for small business development in rural areas. I believe the zoning commission is stifling growth of small businesses because of the decisions they are against them.	4/8/2019 8:51 AM
225	Wind turbines should not be built close to homes without the permission of neighbors.	4/8/2019 8:43 AM
226	We need to focus on transportation for ALL who live in Mason County so we can connect individuals to jobs and resources.	4/8/2019 8:30 AM
227	I would like to see more energy efficiency buildings, Recycling and composting facility. More enforcement of blight.	4/8/2019 8:28 AM
228	Our roads are getting worse and traffic is poorly controlled.	4/8/2019 8:09 AM
229	I fully support Starving Artist and any new small county business in Mason county	4/8/2019 7:01 AM

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230	New businesses coming in to empty space should provide a business plan and interview for the space in a way. Too many businesses move into spaces and dont make it more than a year or 2. Example is cops and donuts. Apartments by downtown Wesco already takes away from the view and IA an eye sore. There are condos with so many empty places, why not turn those into apartments rather than tearing places down and building new. I think it appears folks in charge are brain washed by developers and don't look at what mason county has or has tried already to learn From it. The high end furniture store is another one that I don't see making it. Many things haven't made it in scottville haven't made it, but holdens have and they continue to grow and expand. That is they type of market there is now. Reuse, buy used, repurpose. Thanks	4/7/2019 11:25 PM
231	Development is important but I don't want the area to lose its small town and rural identity. I grew up here, left and returned 40 years later. Hope all who live here appreciate what a beautiful and great area it is.	4/7/2019 10:57 PM
232	We need to support a drug recovery program there is a big problem in Mason county and surrounding areas but know where to get help and long term treatment for our people	4/7/2019 10:49 PM
233	Mason County should aggressively search for and entice companies such as warehousing, logistics, and other various professional services, that can employ people at a livable wage to help retain and attract new young people and families. As the businesses grow, new affordable housing subdivisions could be built. If it can accomplish this, new shopping and restaurants would surely follow, and Mason County can become a vibrant year round community as opposed to a sleepy tourist town.	4/7/2019 10:29 PM
234	Restructure the business model of LMTA to include service to the US 10 corridor.	4/7/2019 10:28 PM
235	I think any new developments should be put to vote by city residents. Not just decided by a few on the DDA or City councils	4/7/2019 9:48 PM

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