

City of Brevard

Age Friendly Community Survey Results





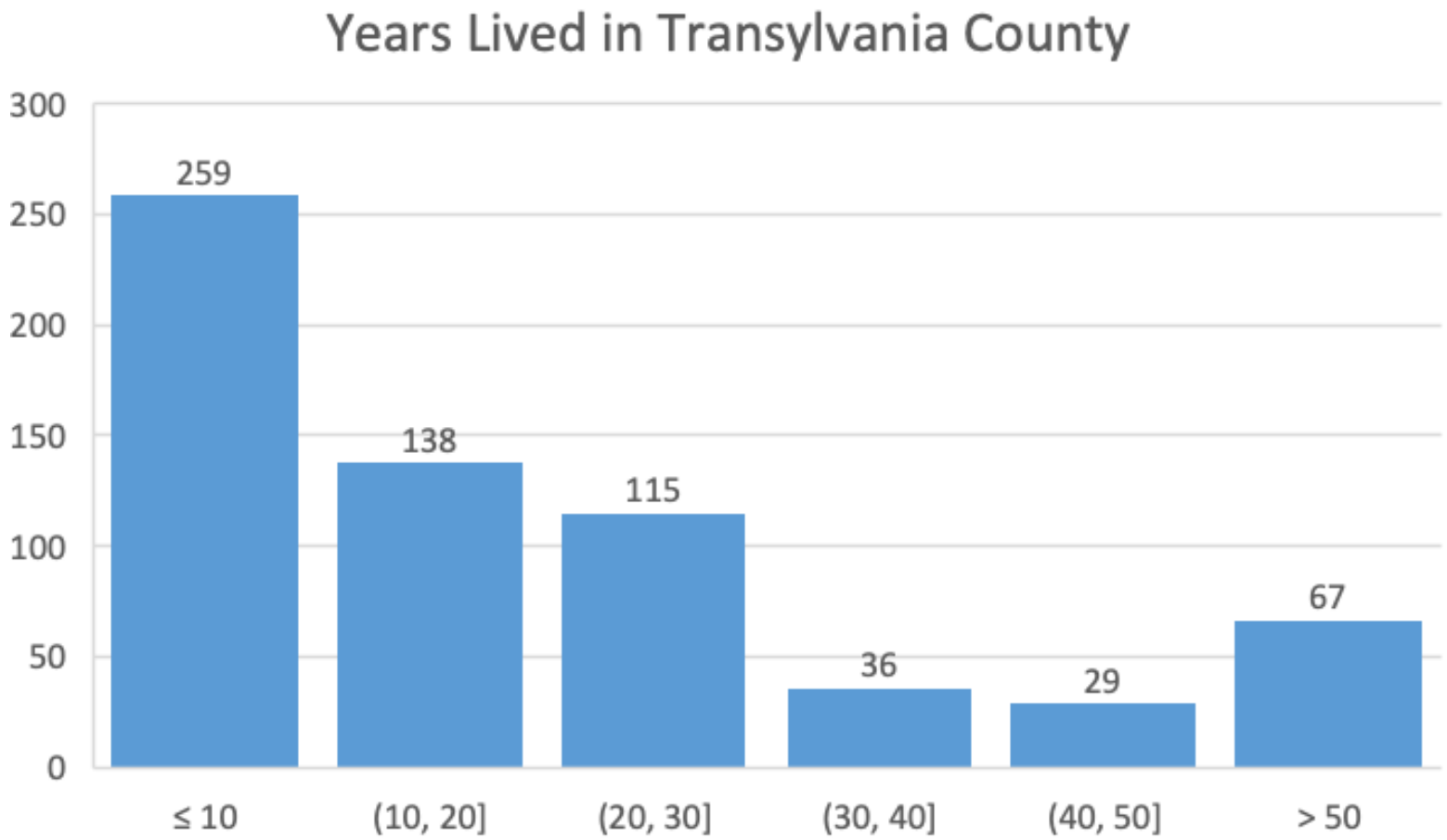
Housing

1. What best describes your current situation?

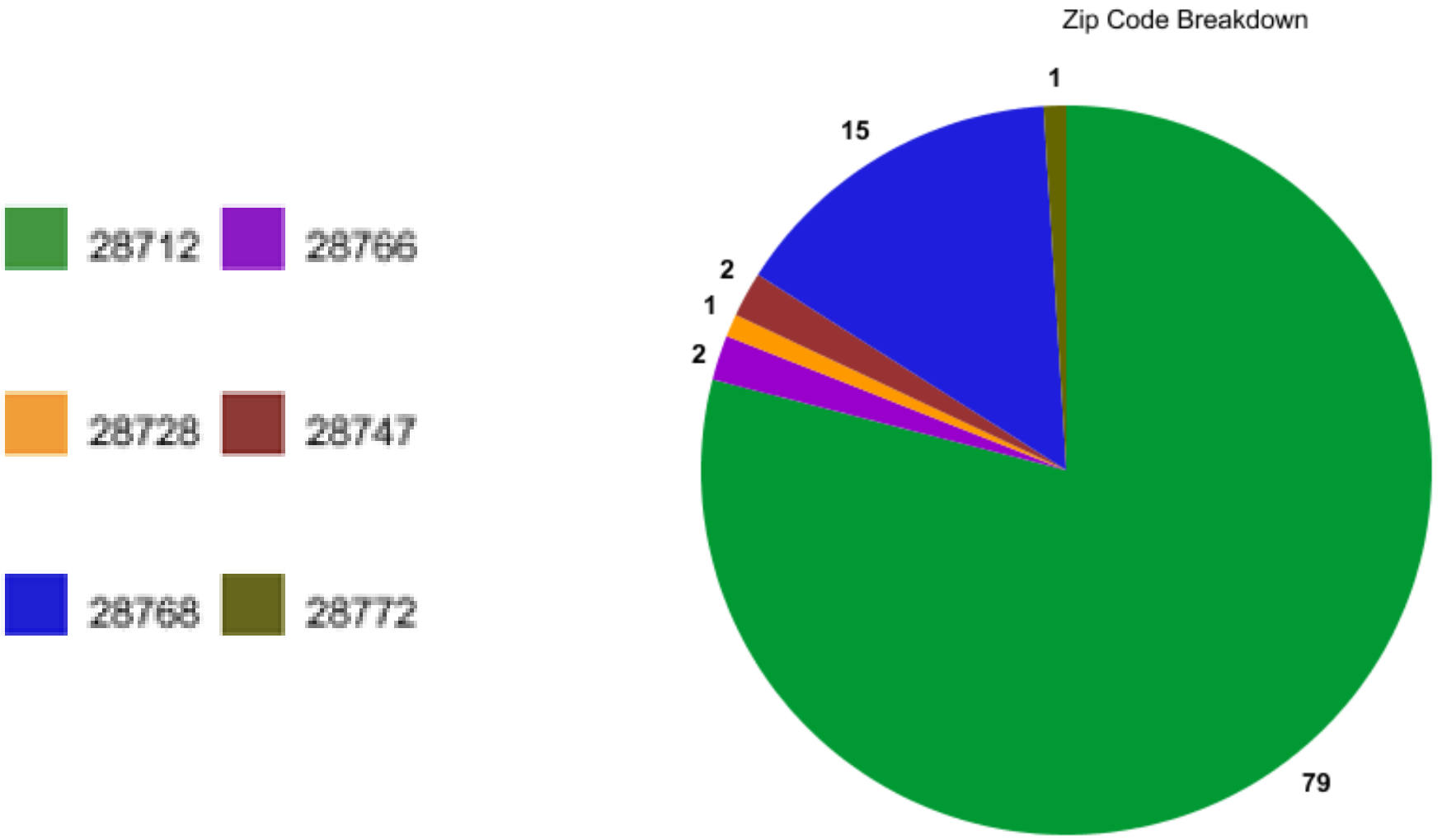
I live with a spouse, relative, or f...	471
I live alone in my house or apart...	144
I live in a retirement community	46
Other	9



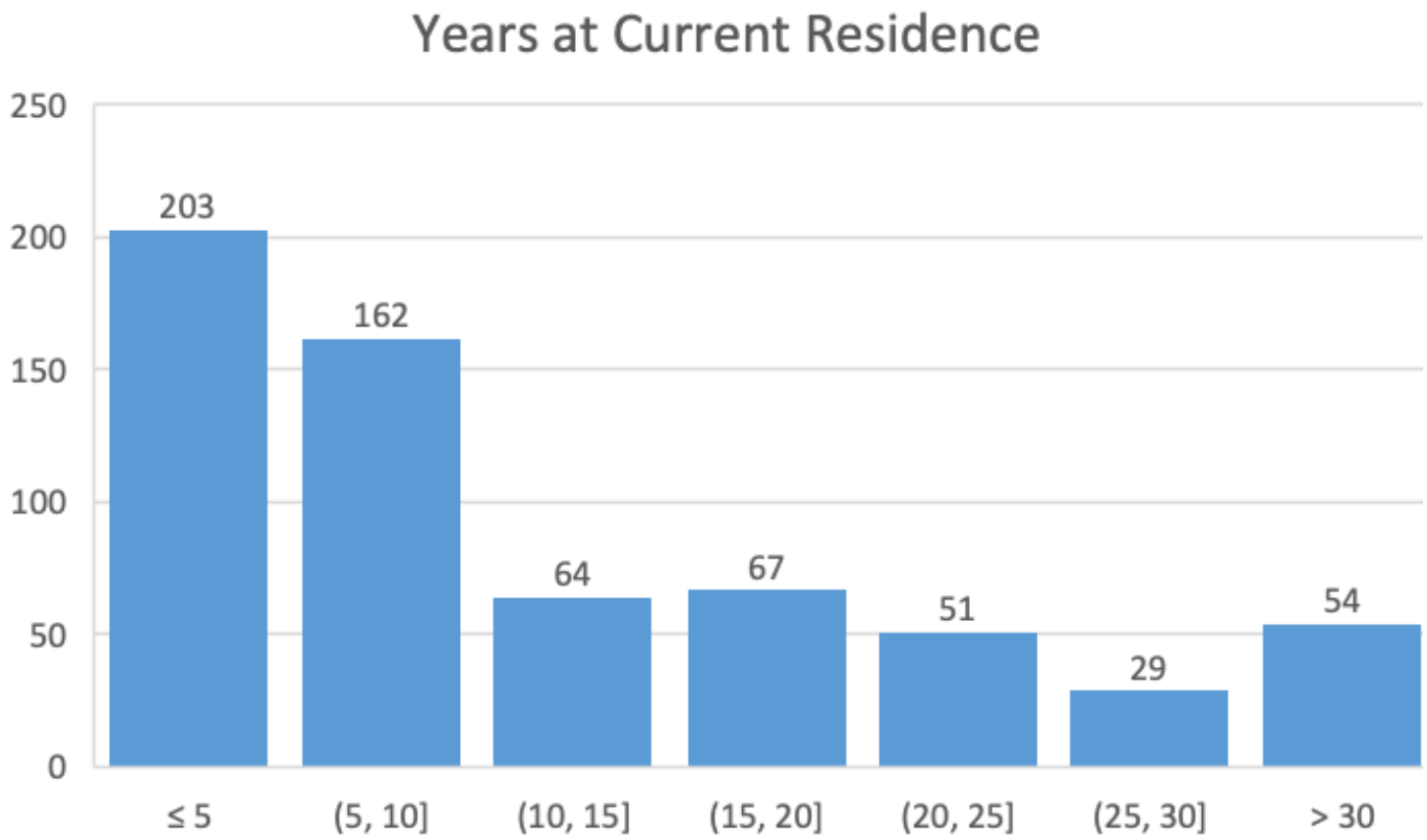
2. How long have you lived in Brevard/Transylvania County?



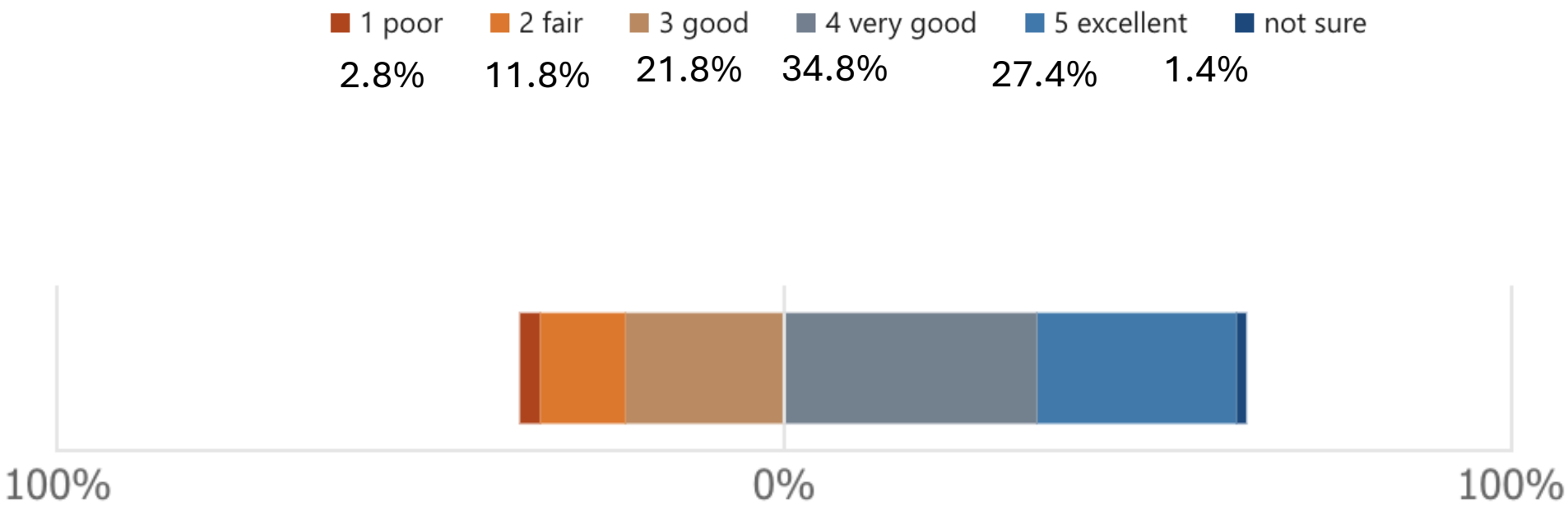
3. What is your zip code?



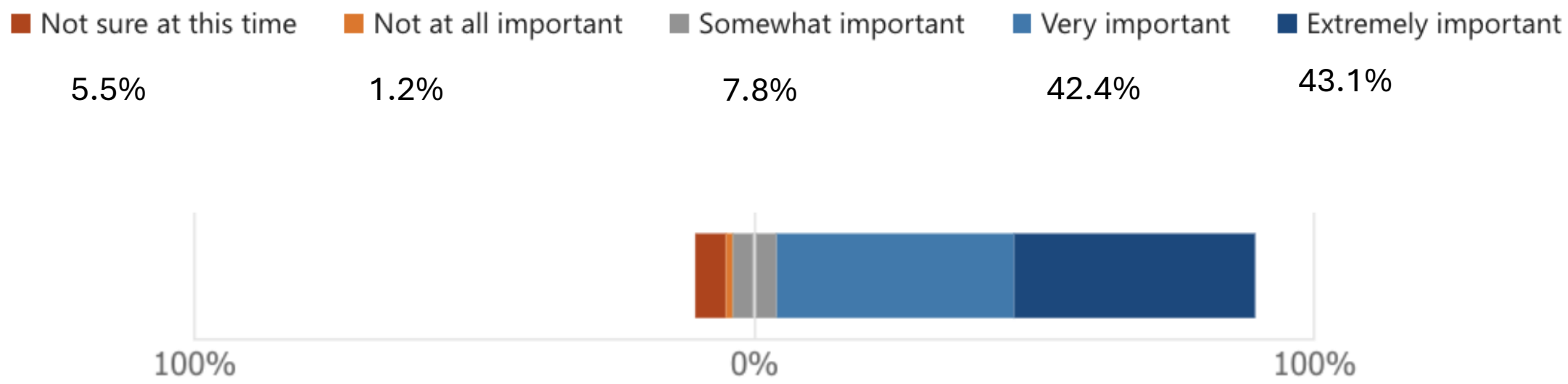
4. How long have you lived in your current residence?



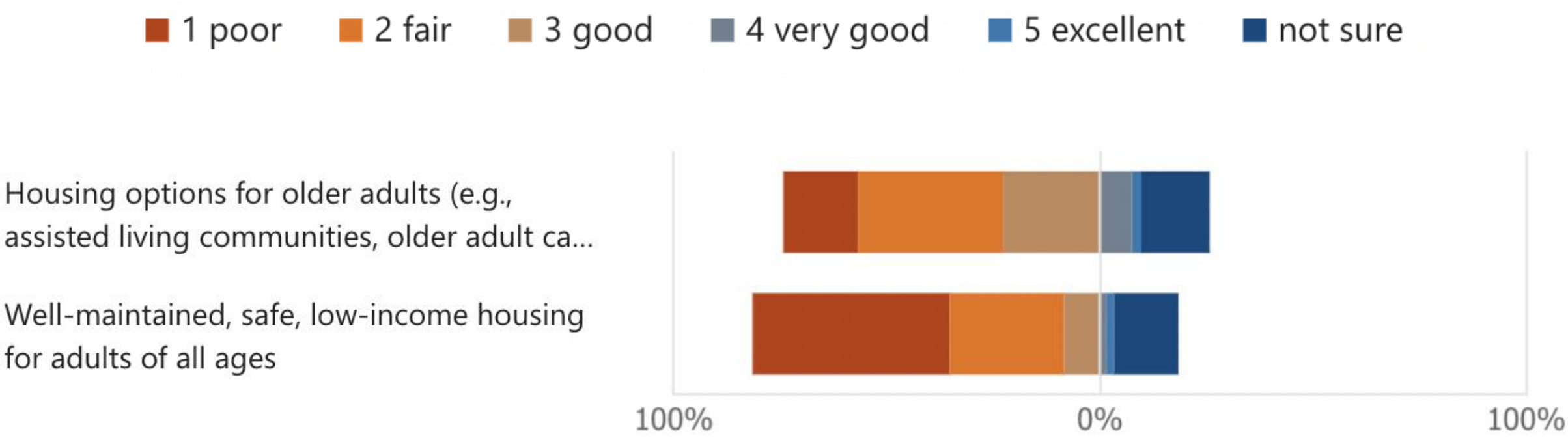
5. How would you rate your current community as a place to live as you age?



6. If you are currently living independently in your own home, how important is it for you to continue to do so as you age?



7. Rate Brevard, overall, for each of the following.

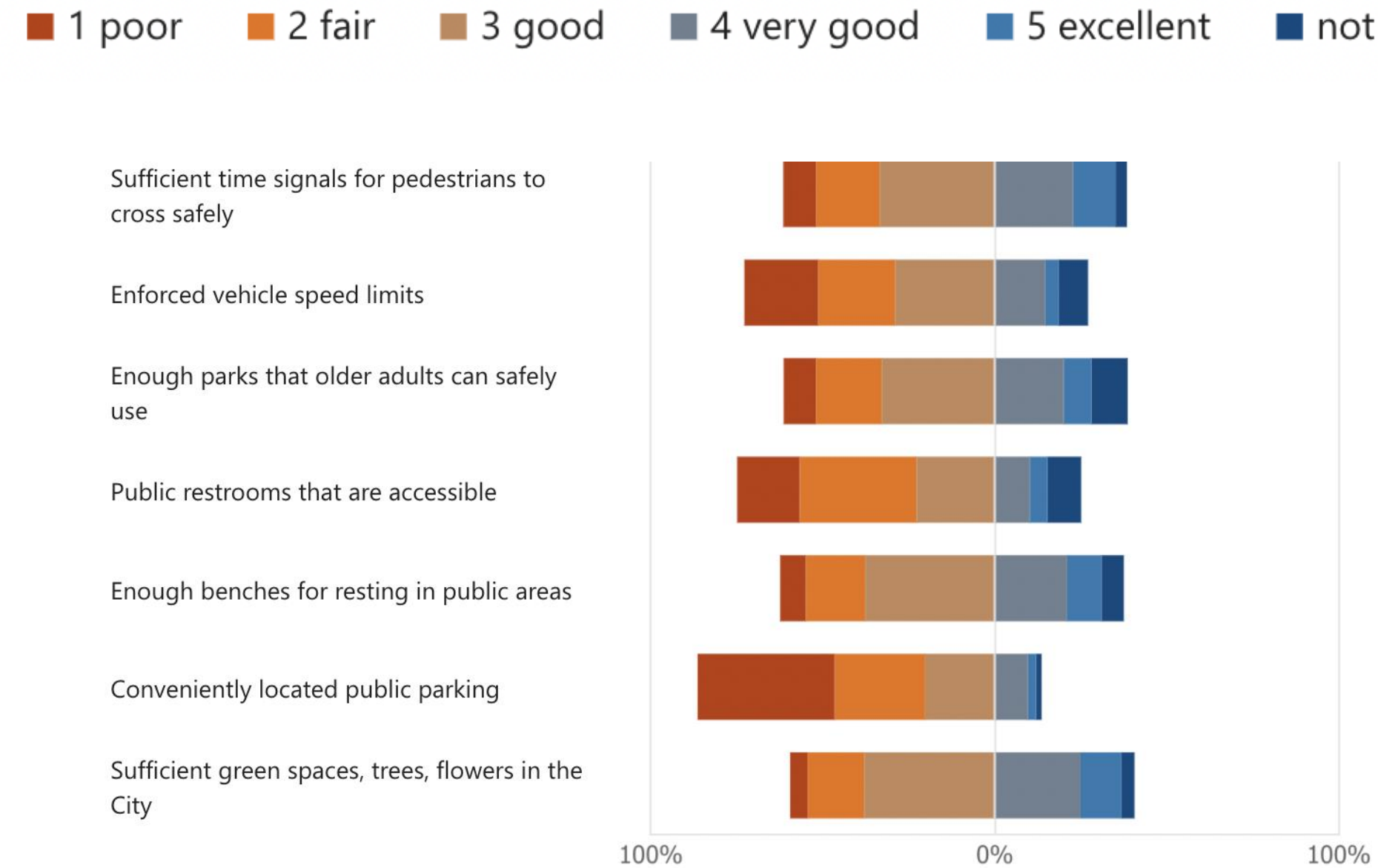




Public Buildings and Spaces

8. How would you rate Brevard for having each of the following?

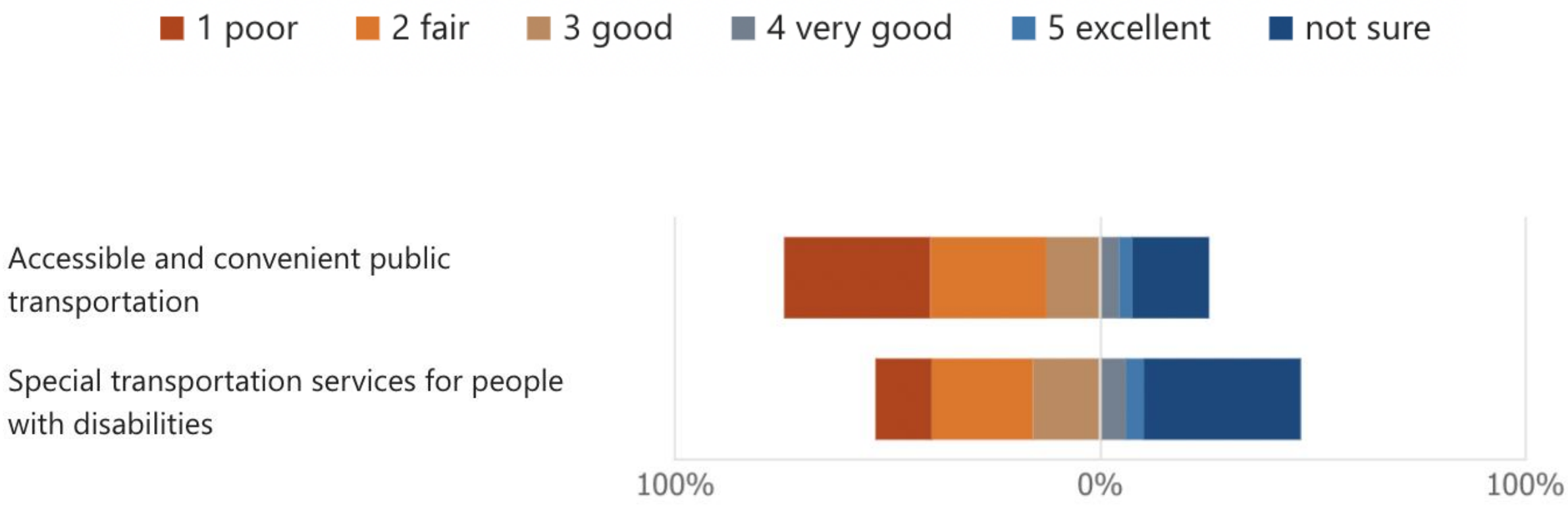



1 poor
2 fair
3 good
4 very good
5 excellent
not sure
Sufficient time signals for pedestrians to cross safely
Enforced vehicle speed limits
Enough parks that older adults can safely use
Public restrooms that are accessible
Enough benches for resting in public areas
Conveniently located public parking
Sufficient green spaces, trees, flowers in the City
100%
0%
100%



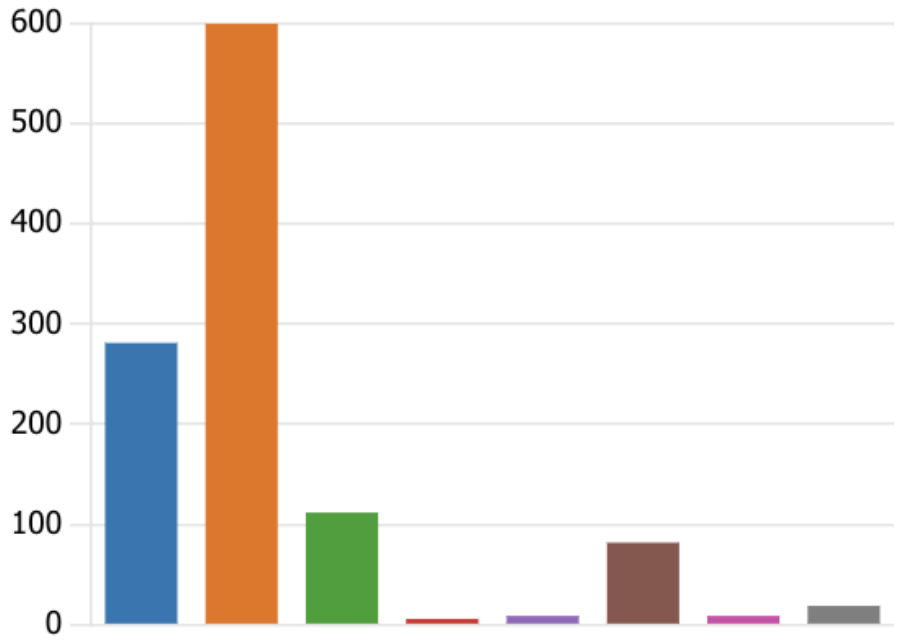
Transportation

9. How would you rate Brevard for each of the following?



10. What modes of transportation do you use to get around your community for shopping, errands, medical appts, socializing?

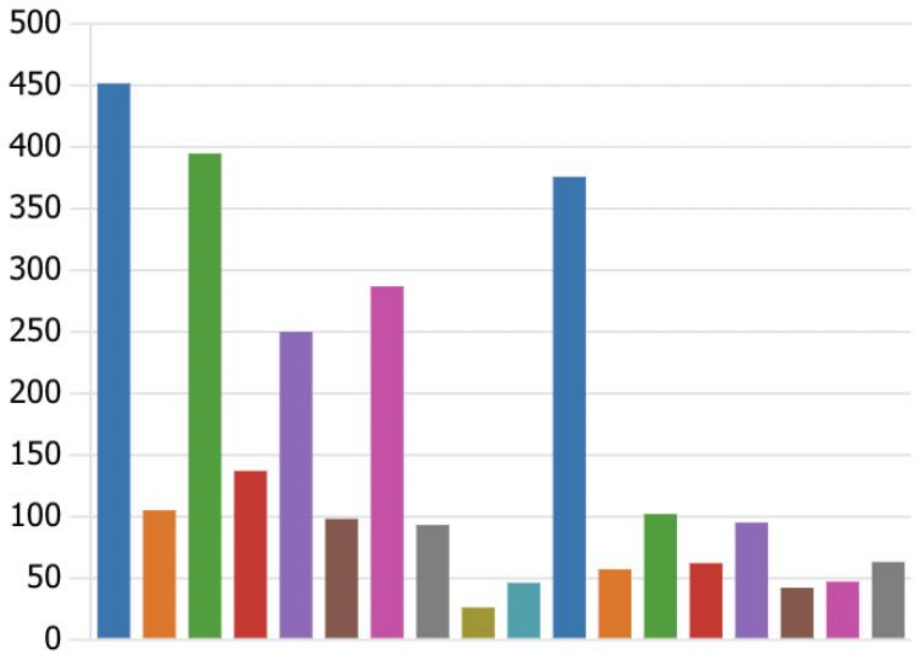
Walk	281
Drive my own car	599
Spouse or friend drives me	112
Taxi	6
Public transportation	9
Ride a bike	82
Use a special transportation ser...	9
I rarely get out of my home	19



Social Participation, Life-long Learning, Intergenerational programs

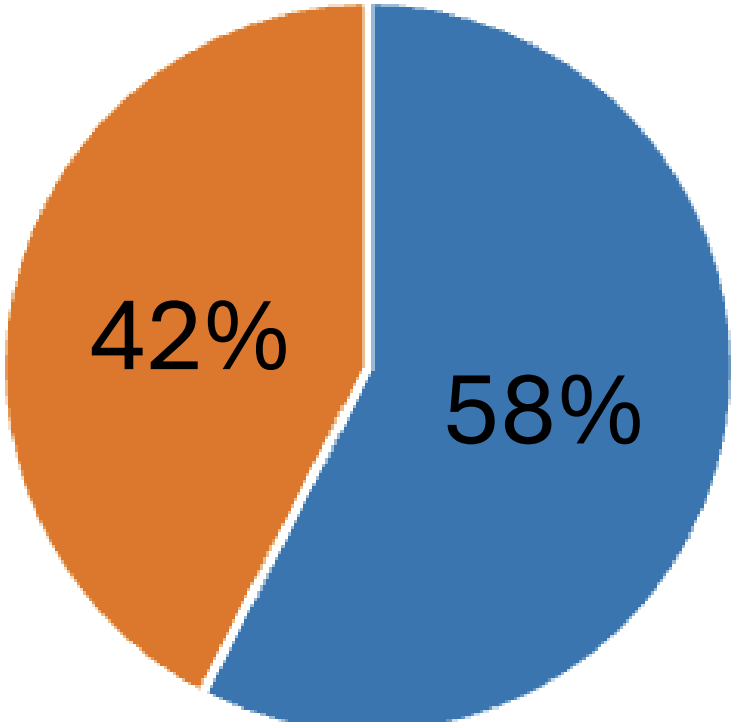
11. Select the programs below that you have attended in the past 12 months.

Blue Ridge Community College ...	26
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Brevard Music Center programs	376
City-sponsored Age-Exchange f...	57
Walking or bicycle groups	102
Master Gardener programs	62
Talks or special activities in an ol...	95
Programs specifically for Veterans	42
Senior Games	47
Other	63
City festivals	452
Silvermont Senior Center progra...	105
Transylvania County Library pro...	395
Transylvania County Arts Counci...	137
Faith community programs	250
Online programs	98
Brevard College Art, Music, or th...	287
Brevard College or high school s...	93



12. Would you like more offerings of intergenerational programs (i.e., opportunities where you can meet or talk to younger people)?

Yes	344
No	254

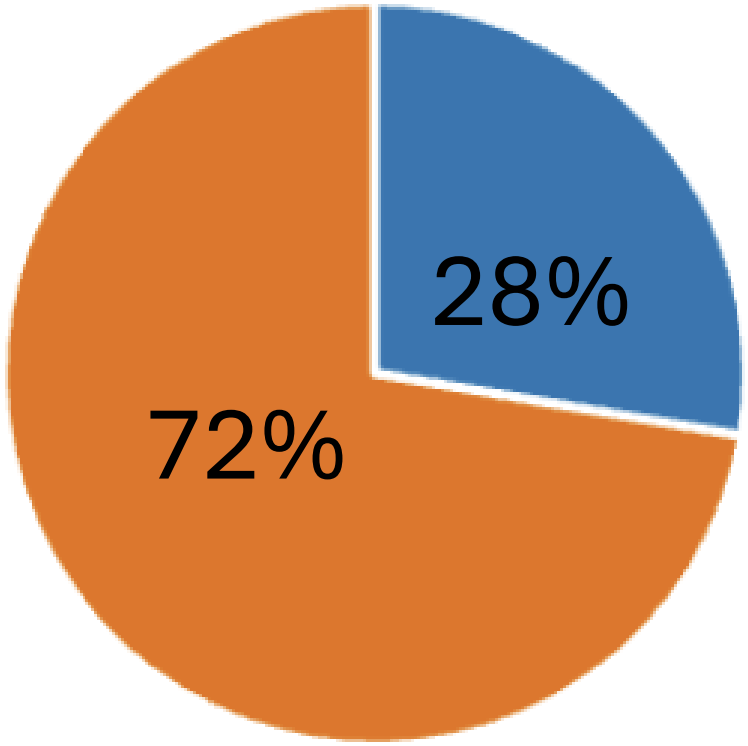


13. What types of additional intergenerational, social, or life-long learning programs would you like to have offered in our community, if any?



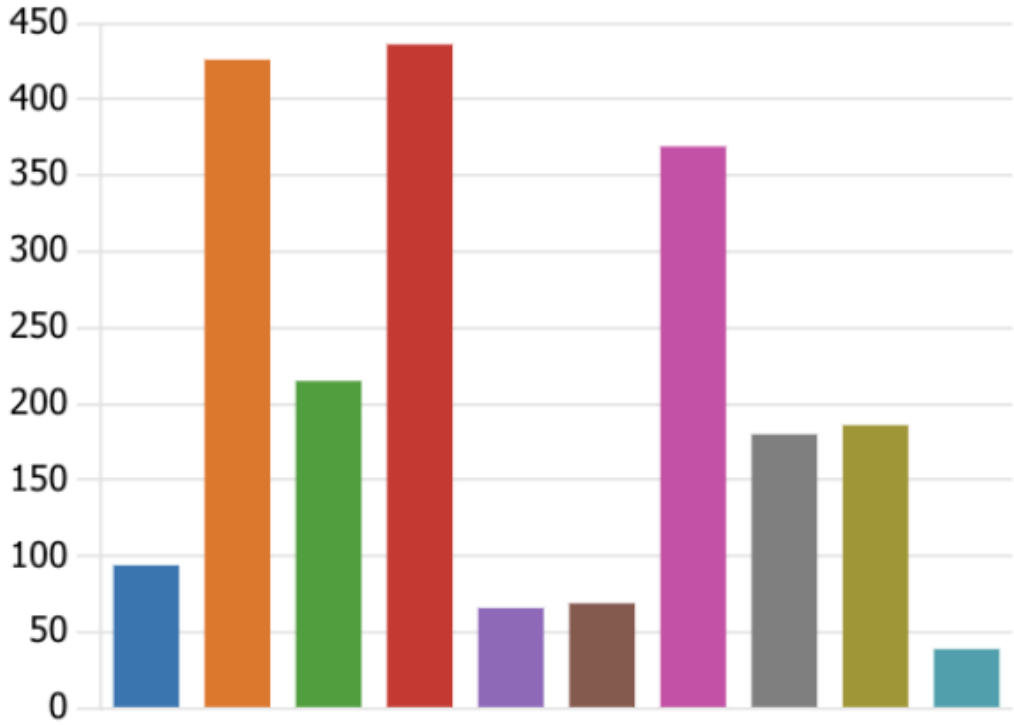
14. Would you like to mentor younger people?

Yes	163
No	426



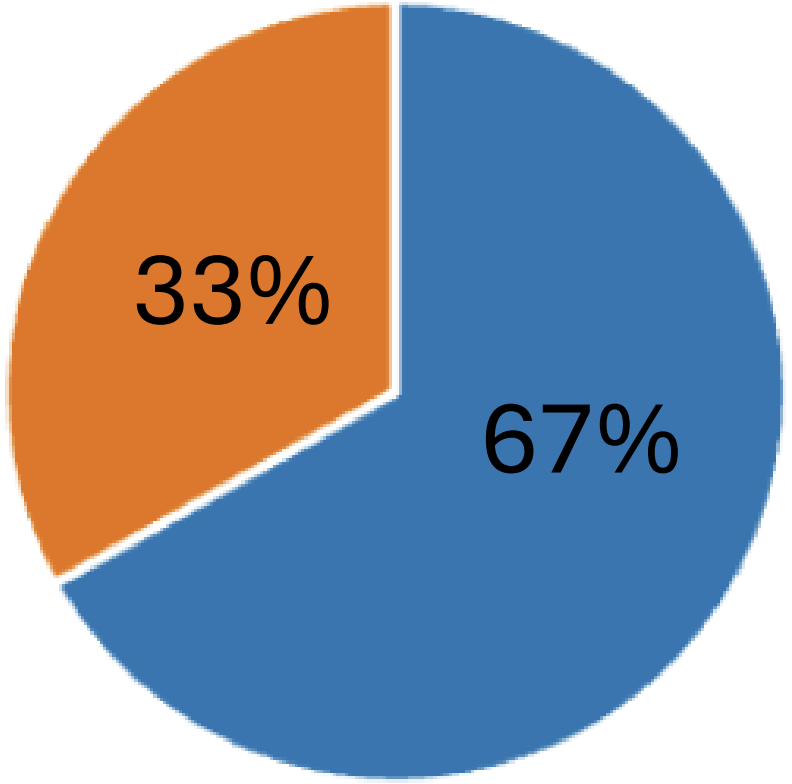
16. How do you learn of the programs available in the community?

Meet the Mayor forums	94
Talking with friends, neighbors	426
Notices in community newsletters	215
Newspaper	436
Radio	66
Announcements from Silvermont	69
Social media	369
Faith communities	180
Posters in windows of local busi...	186
Other	39



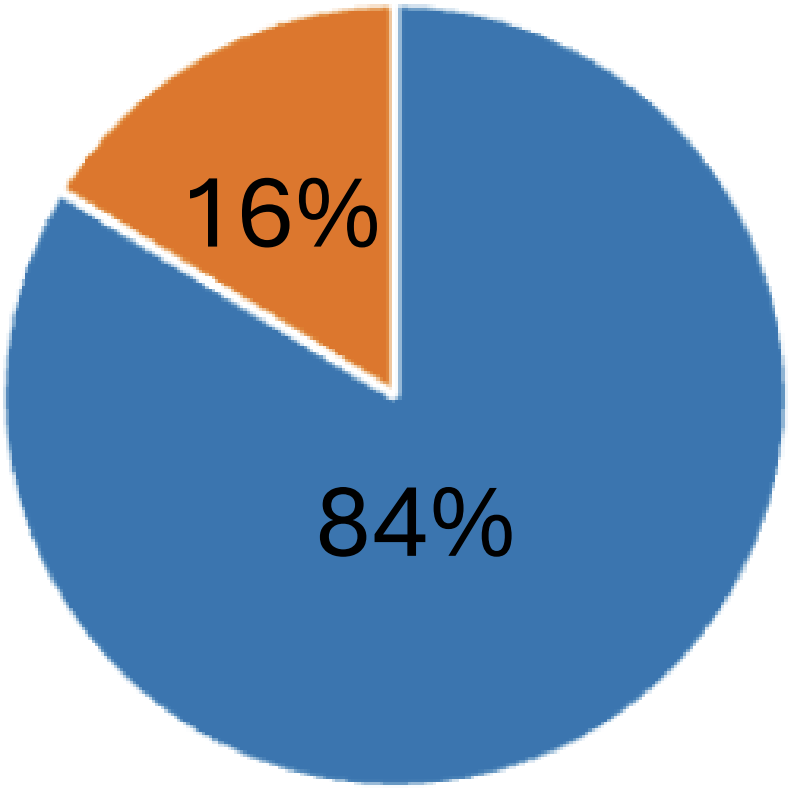
17. Do you want more ways to learn of opportunities for life-long learning programs?

Yes	405
No	201



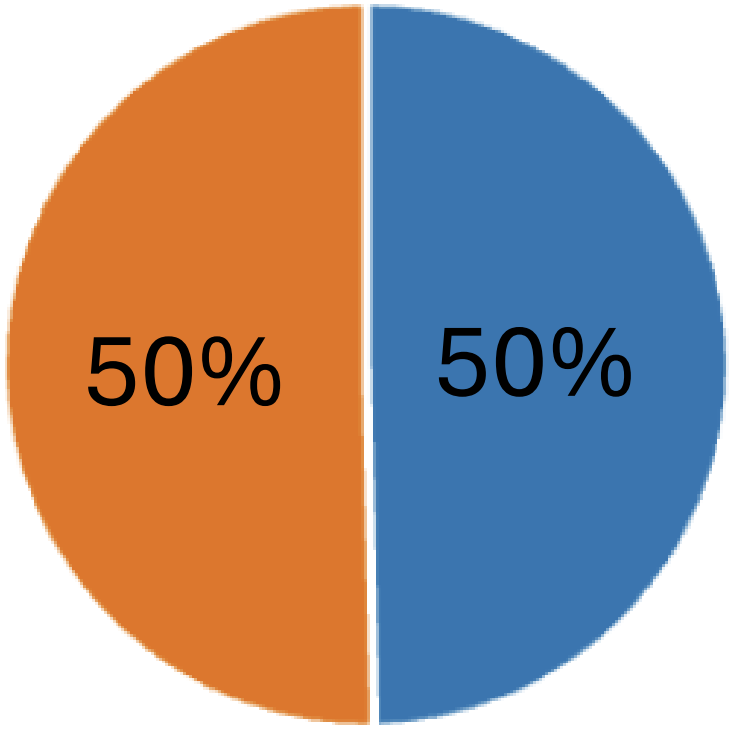
18. If yes, would you likely use a website that listed them?

Yes	402
No	78



19. Do you think internet connection and bandwidth are adequate in the Brevard area?

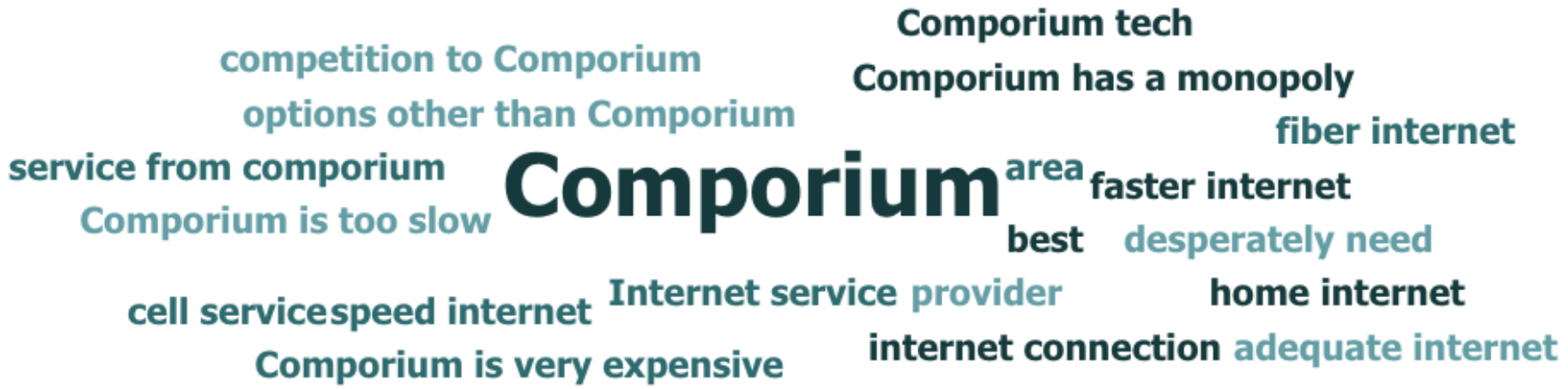
Yes	295
No	299



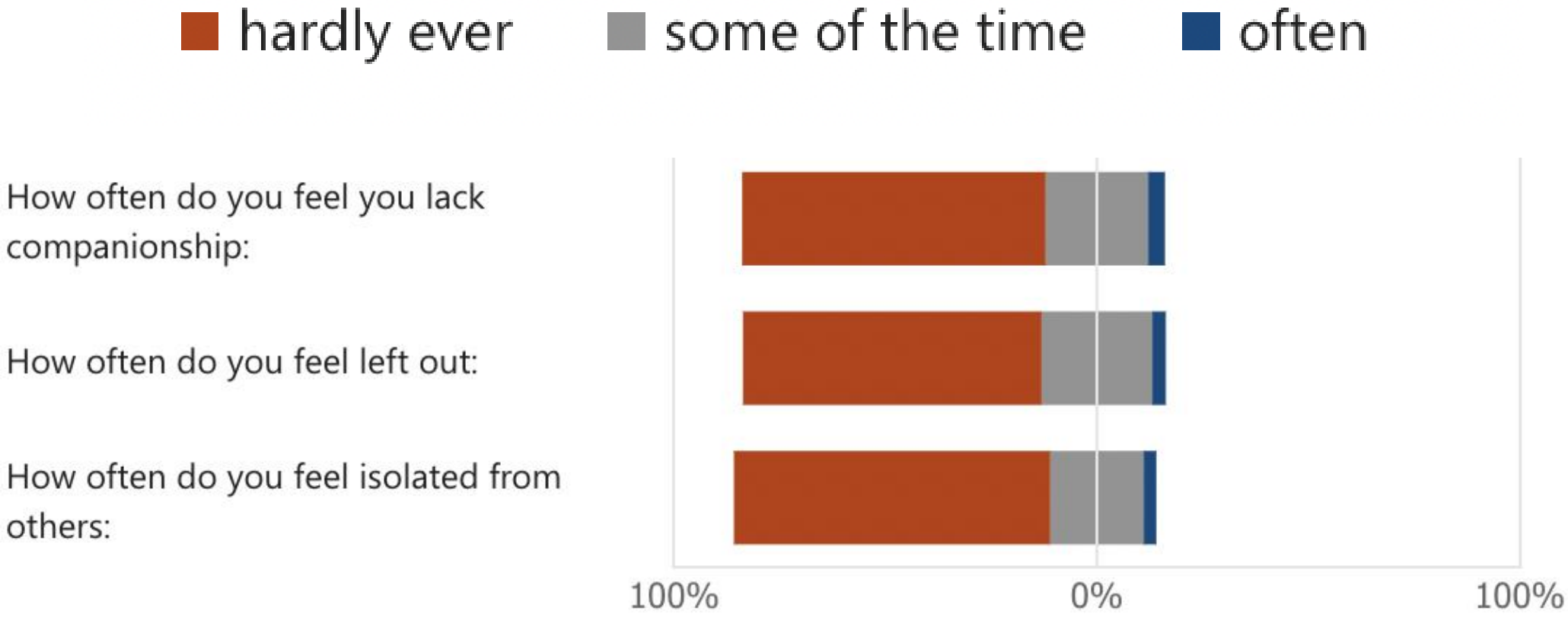
20. Do you have any other comments about using the internet?

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45 respondents (**25**%) answered **Comporium** for this question.

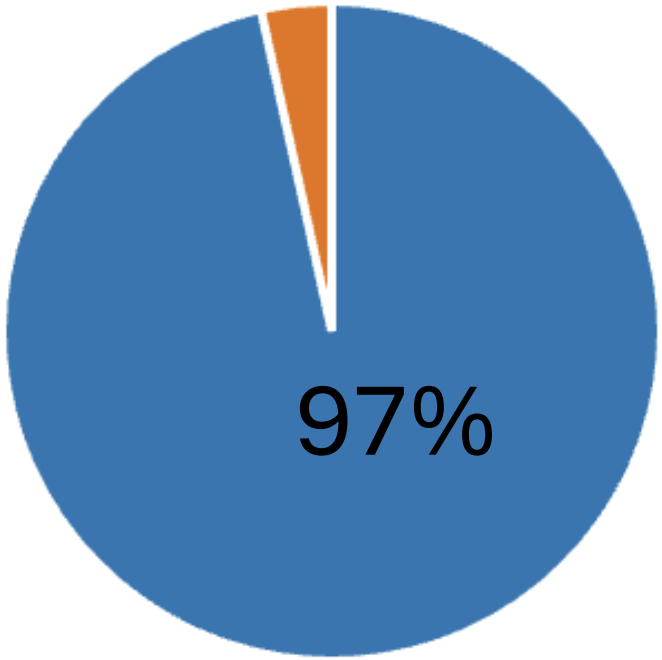


21. Please tell us more about your social connections.



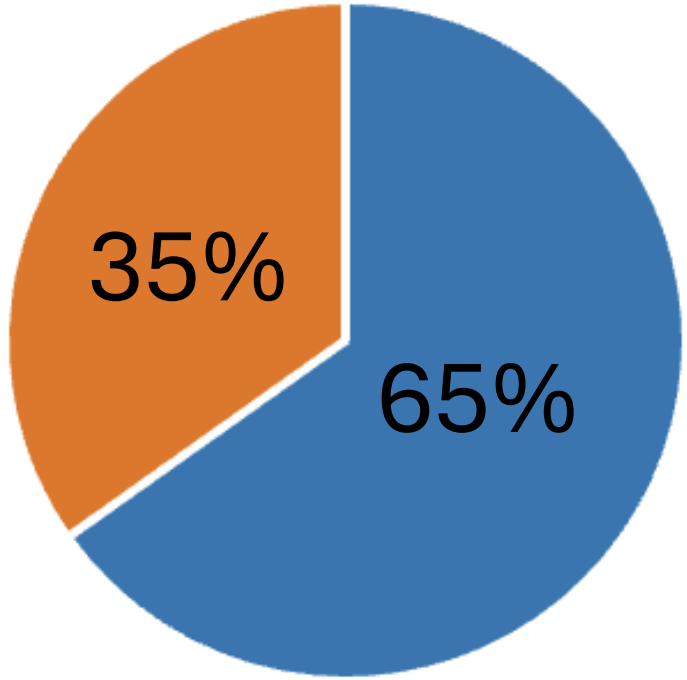
22. Do you have friends or family or neighbors who can help you in an emergency?

Yes	614
No	22



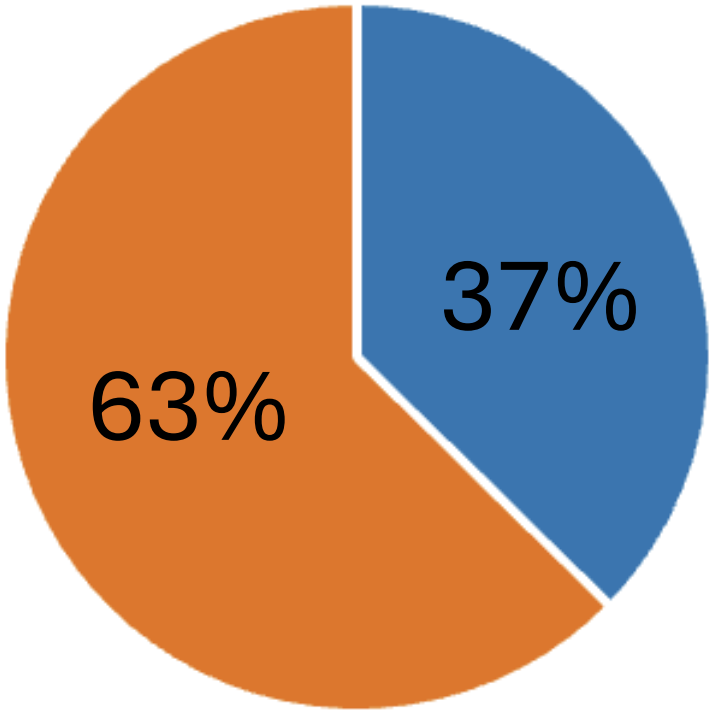
23. Do you currently attend a social group?

Yes	410
No	219



24. If not, would you like to attend one?

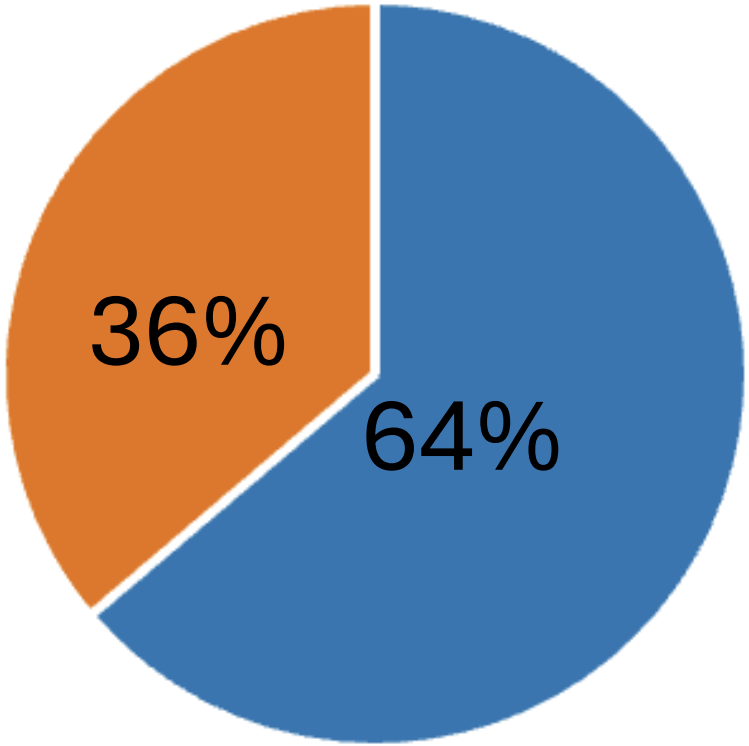
Yes	96
No	161



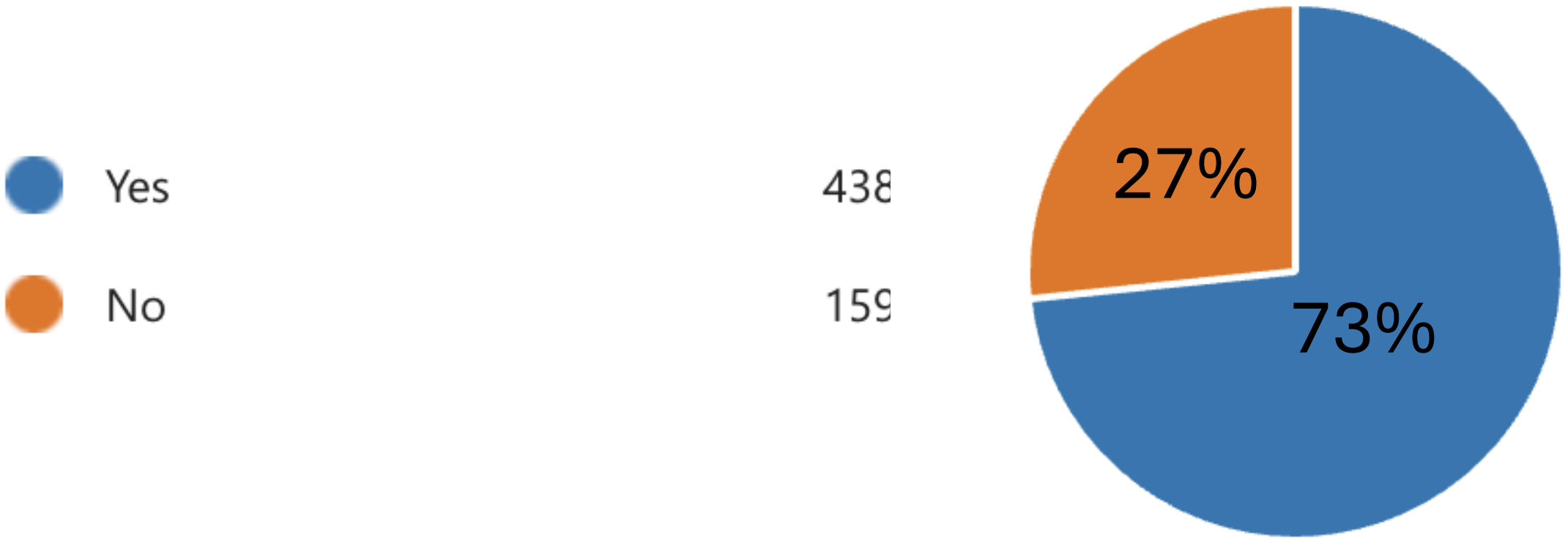
Volunteering, Civic Engagement, and Job Opportunities

25. Do you volunteer?

Yes	402
No	228

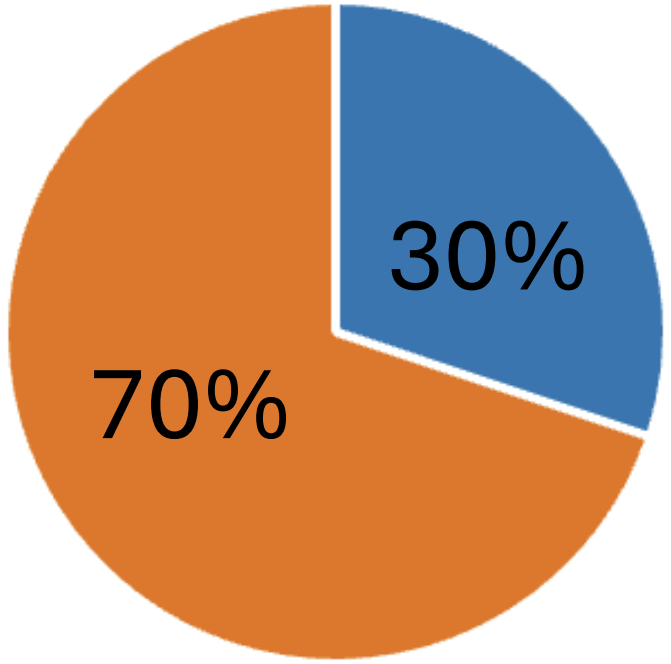


27. Is it easy to find information on available volunteer activities?



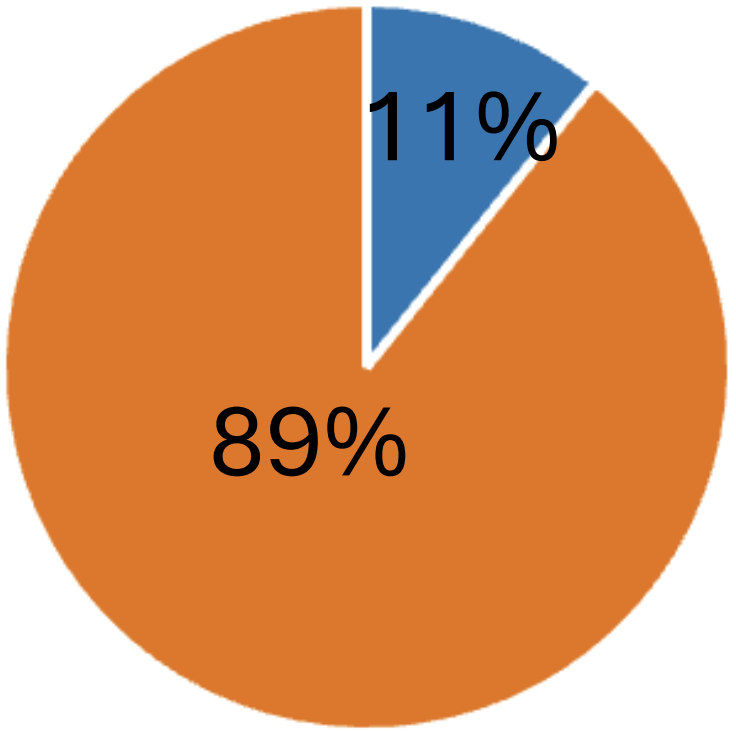
28. Are you interested in more opportunities to participate in decision-making bodies such as community sponsored committees?

Yes	185
No	429



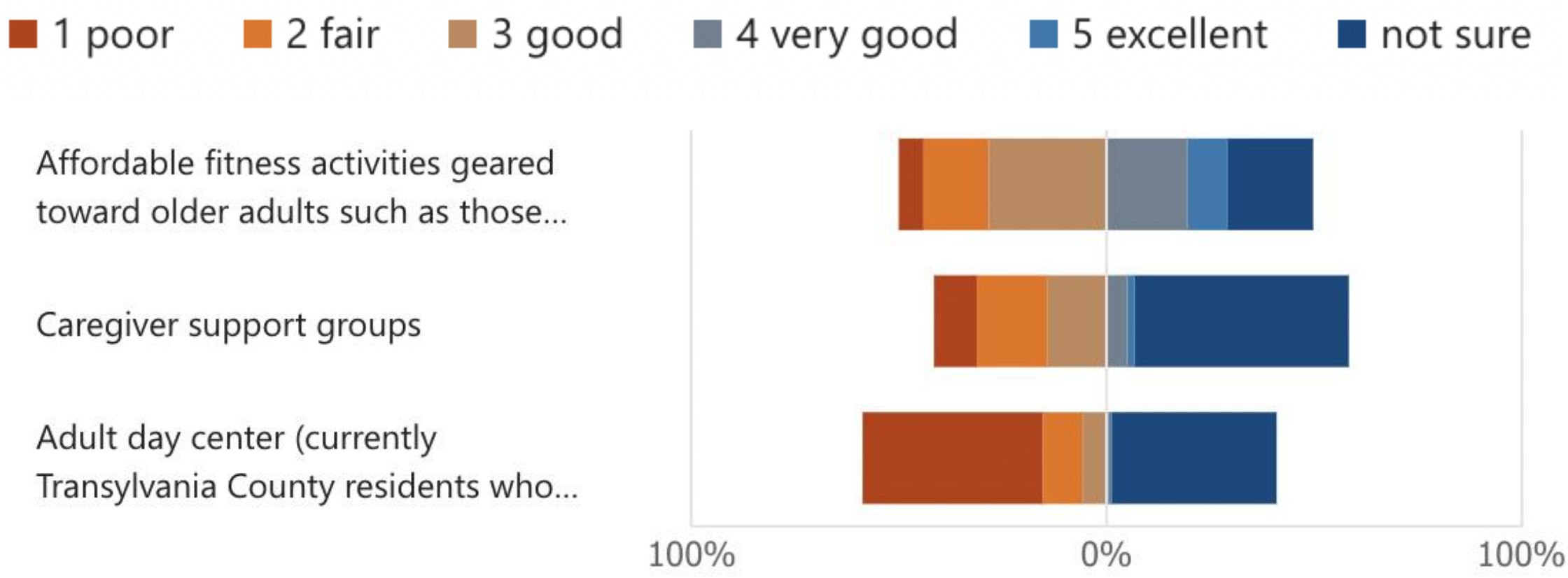
29. Are you interested in job training opportunities for older adults?

Yes	67
No	555



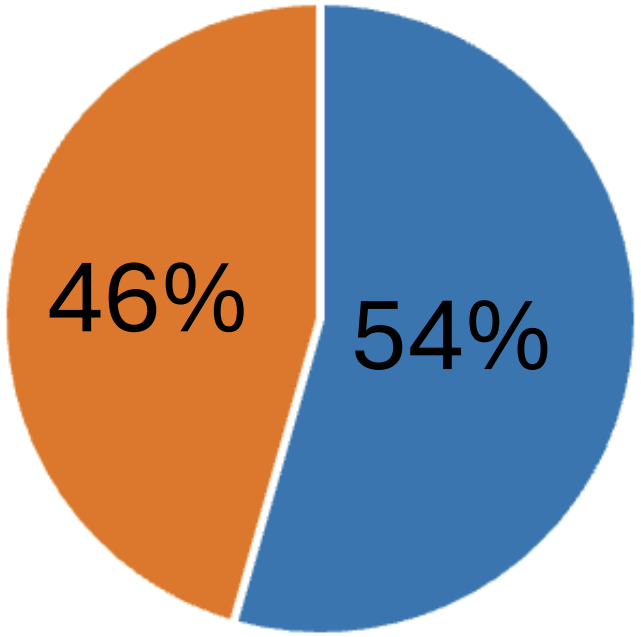
Health and Wellness

30. How would you rate Brevard for each of the following?



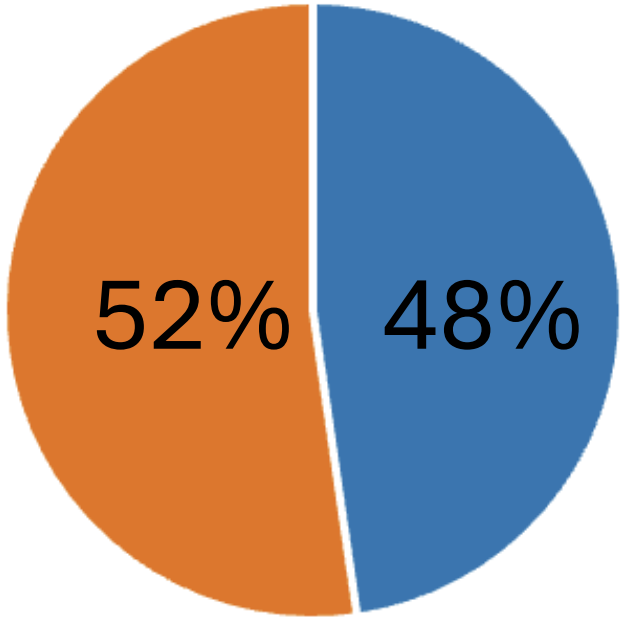
31. Would you like a forum offered where First Responders explain their role and services offered in our area?

Yes	332
No	278



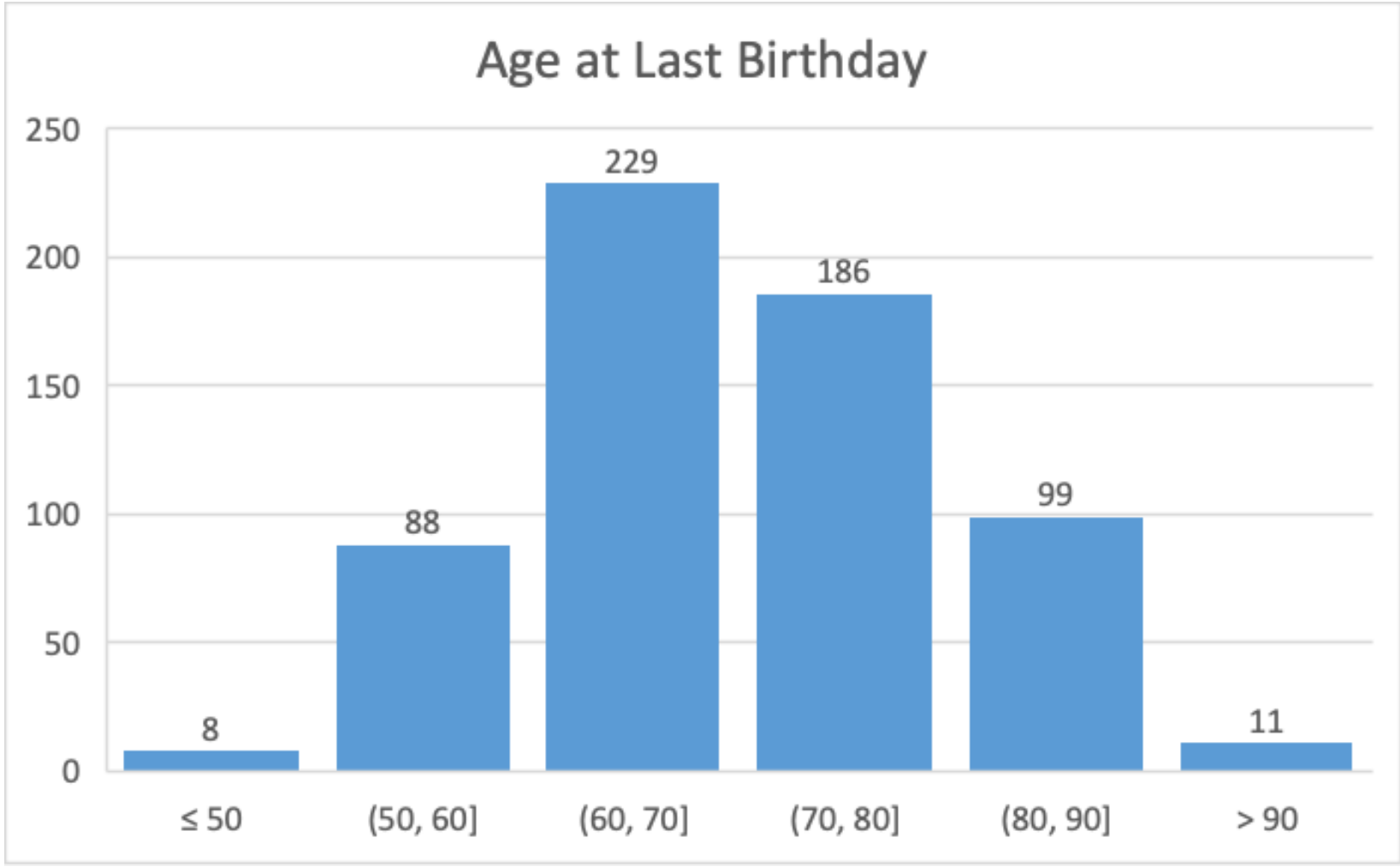
32. If the city offered regular small in-person groups for discussion & info on issues related to physical, emotional, and cognitive wellness as we age, would you likely attend?

Yes	292
No	320

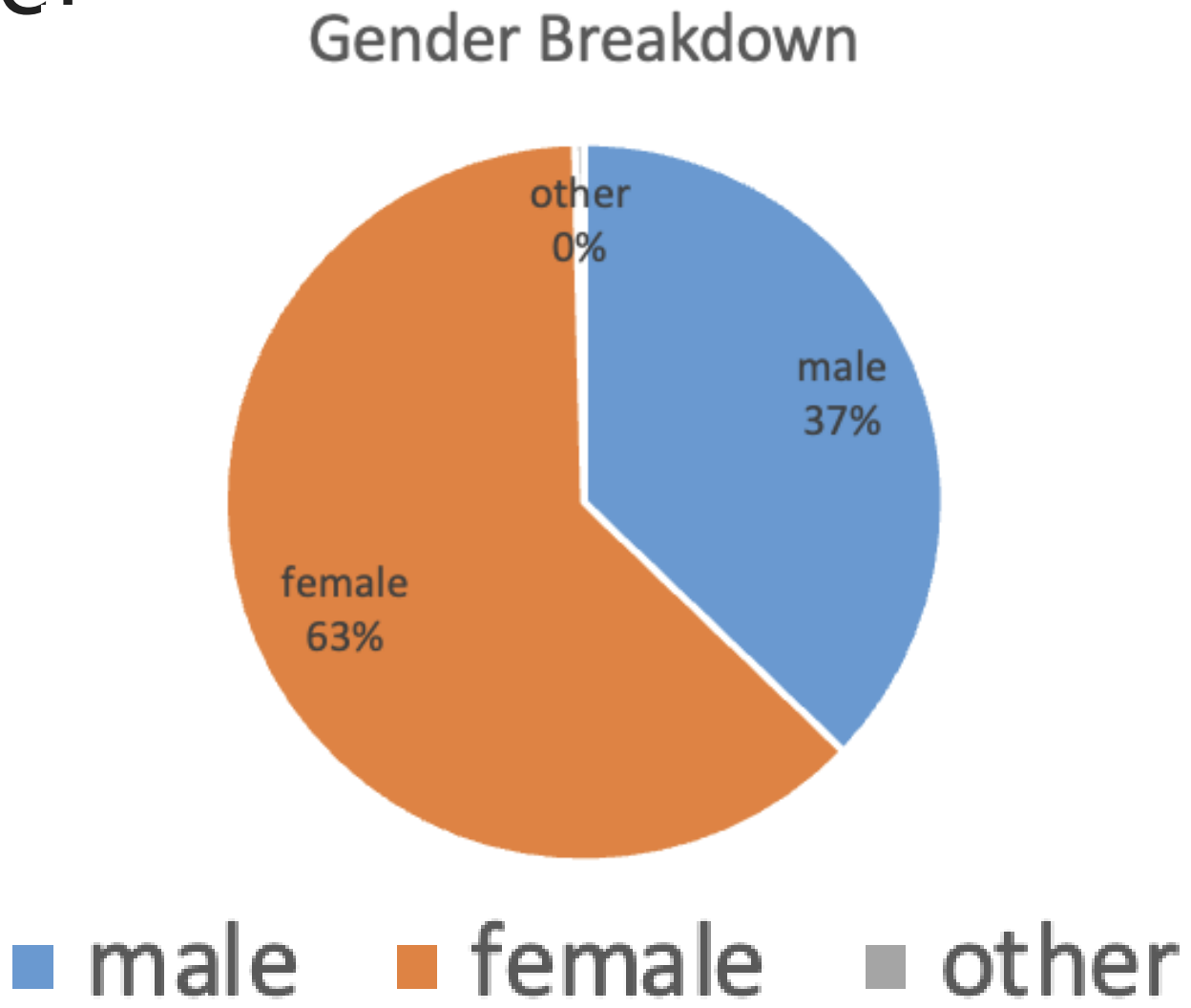


Demographics

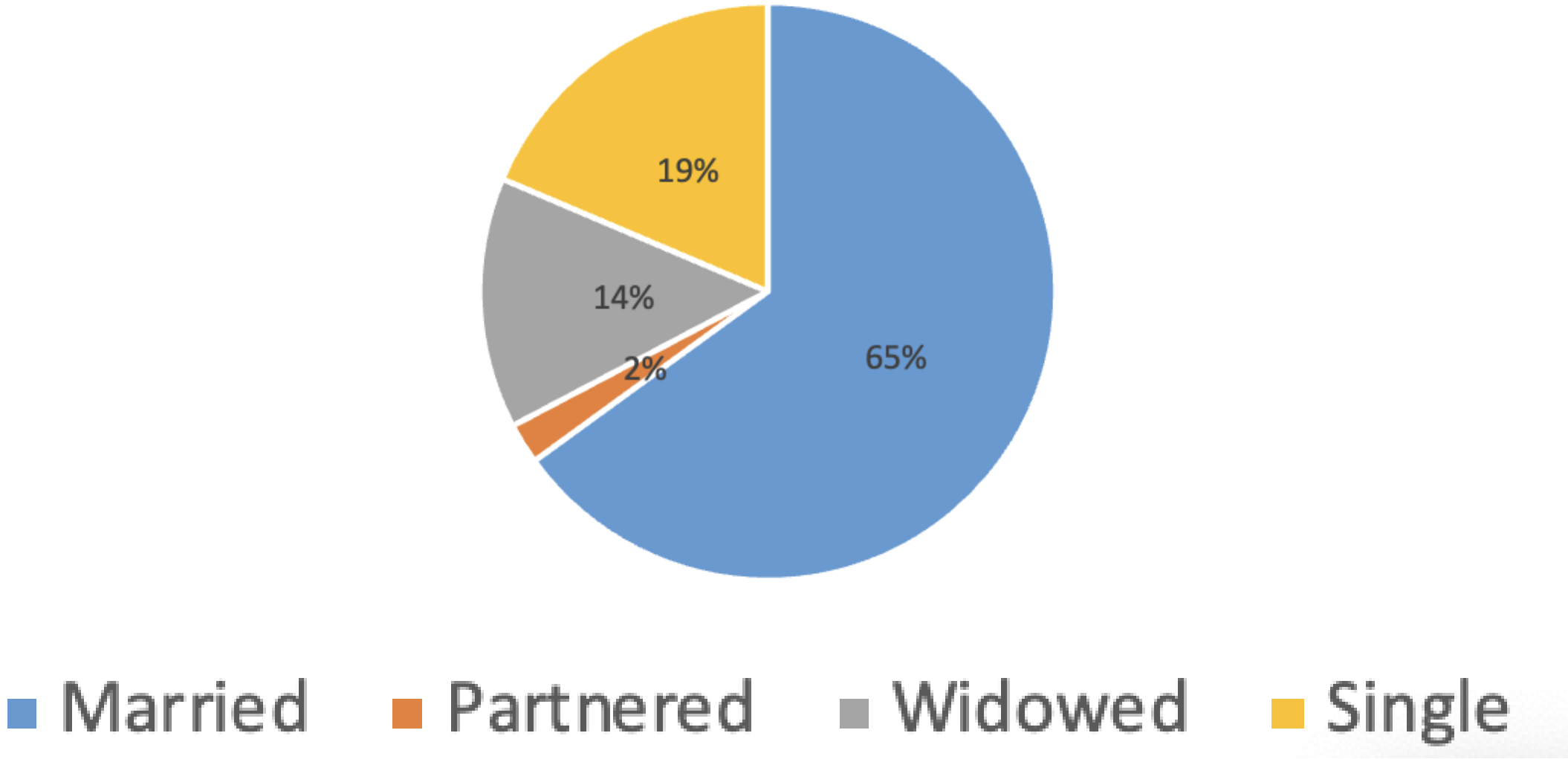
33. Age at your last birthday?



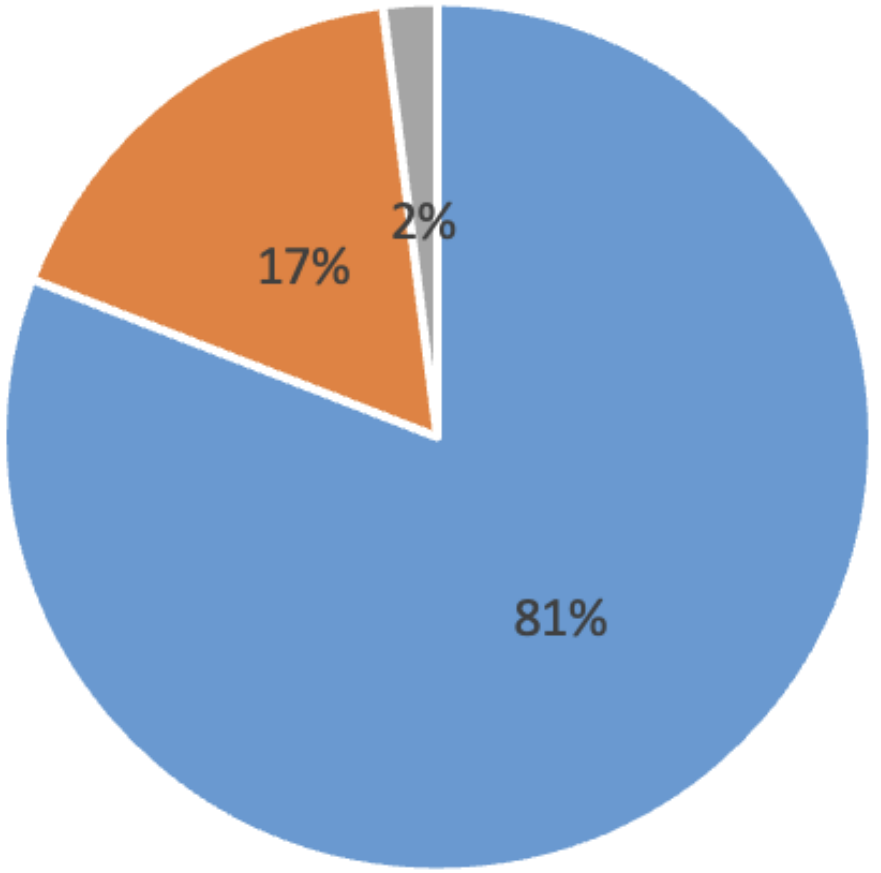
34. Gender


Gender Breakdown
other
0%
male
37%
female
63%
male
female
other

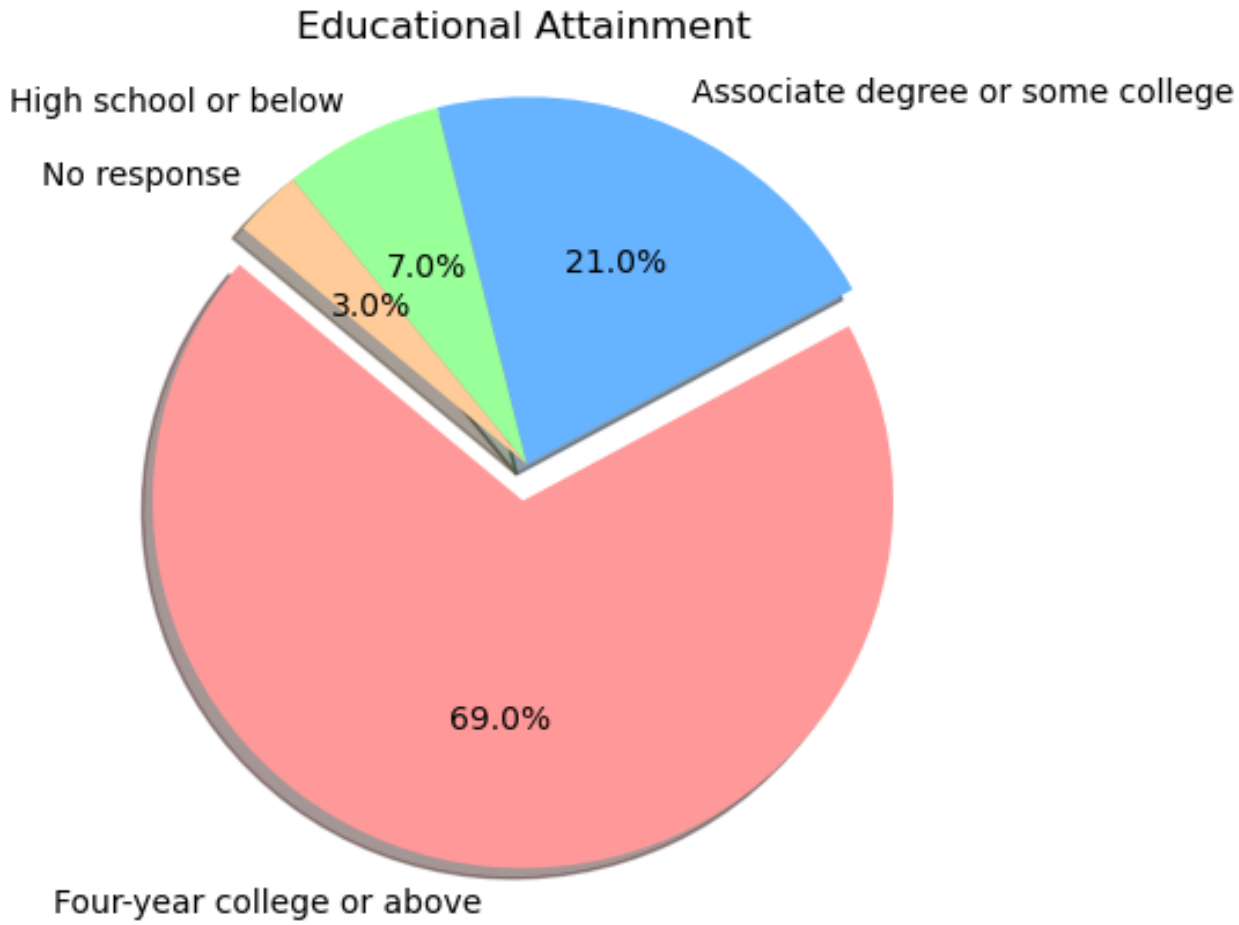
35. Marital status



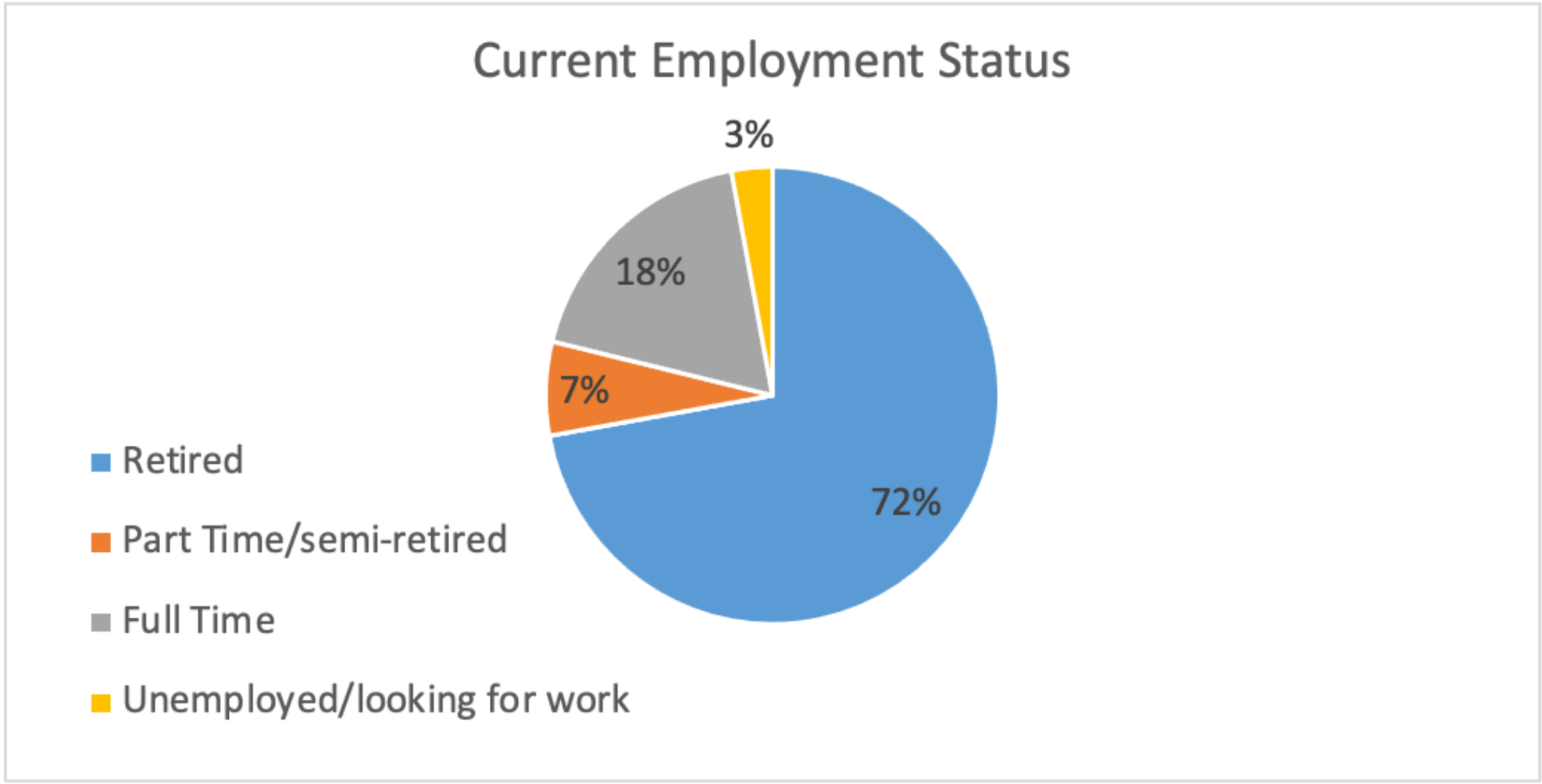
36. Race



37. Highest level of education

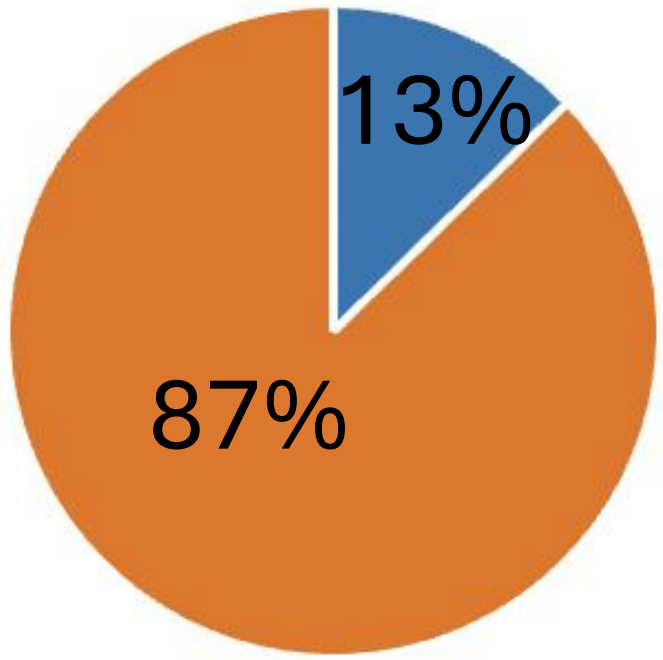


38. Current employment status



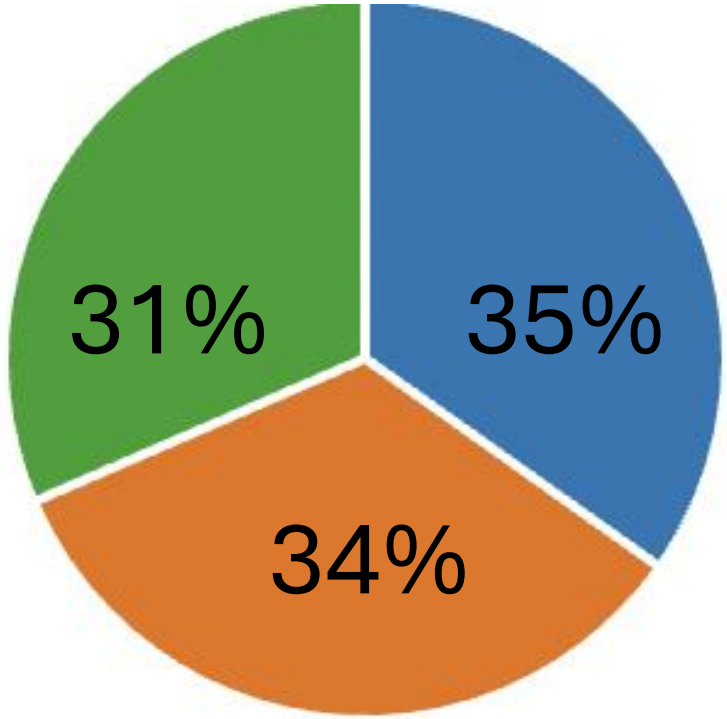
39. Are you currently a caregiver providing unpaid care to an adult loved one?

Yes	80
No	550



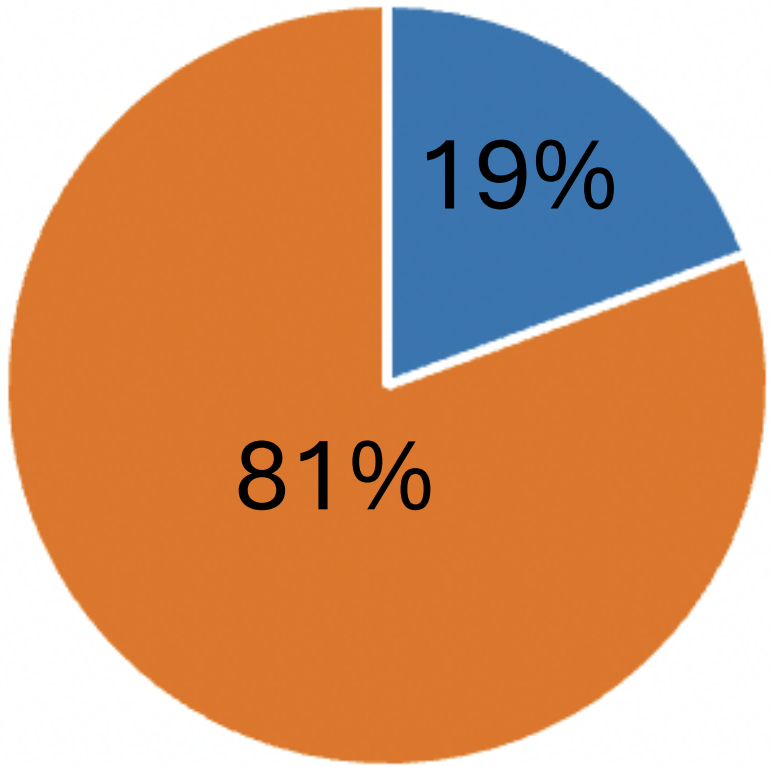
40. Is it likely you will be providing unpaid care to an adult loved one in the future?

Yes	221
No	214
unsure	200



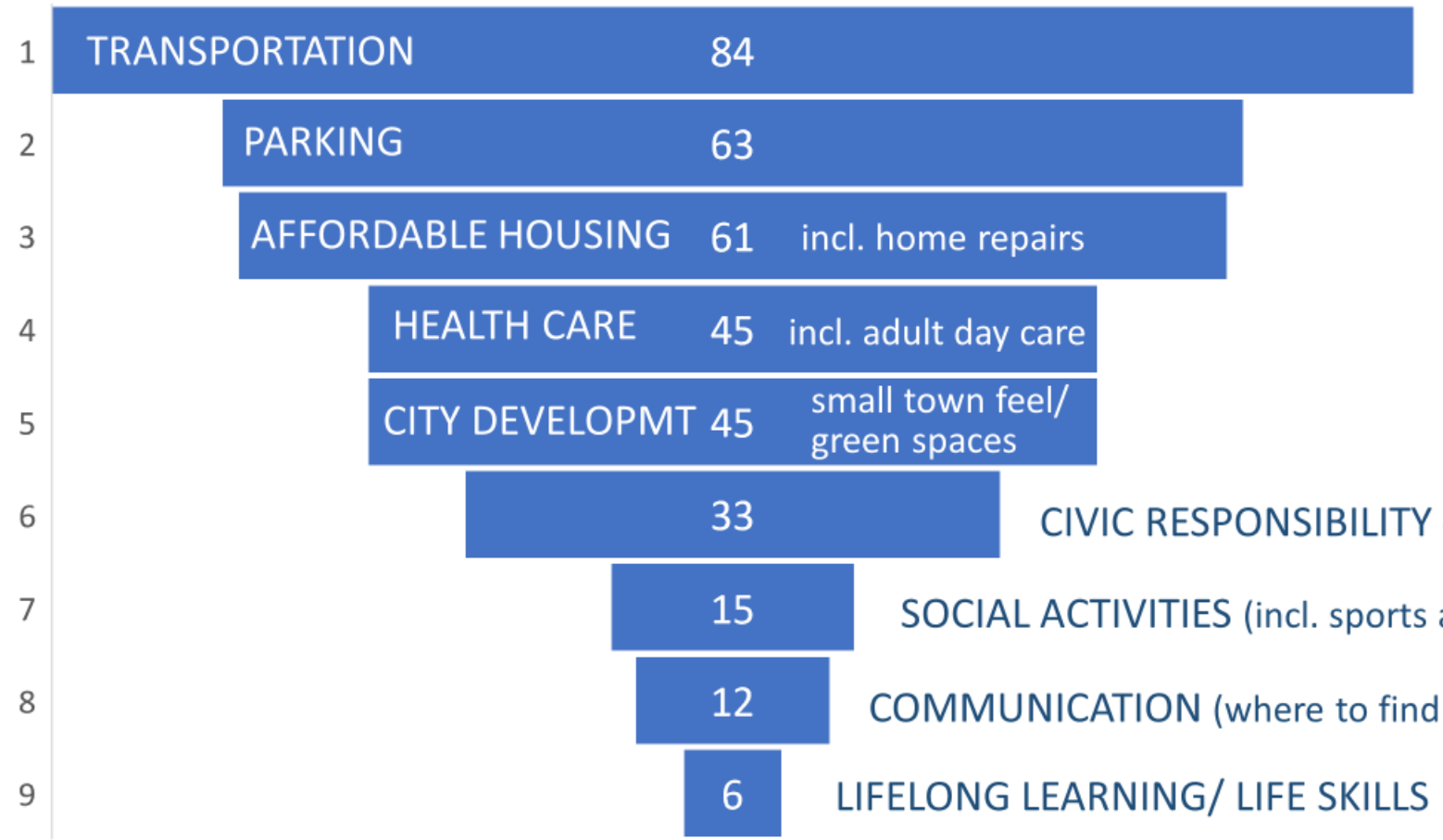
41. Have you experienced ageism?

Yes	122
No	507



How Brevard Can Improve as a Livable Community

319 comments received among 645 surveys; many with multiple suggestions:



Transportation includes
- Walking/Sidewalks (35)
- Bike Lanes & Trails (14)
- Road Improvements (24)
- Public Transportation/Ride Share (21)
- Speed Reduction/Traffic Calming (9)

CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY (respect & inclusion/schools)

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES (incl. sports and fitness, indoor pool)

COMMUNICATION (where to find services and local discounts)

LIFELONG LEARNING/ LIFE SKILLS