

**Eliot Comprehensive Plan Committee**

**Community Survey Report**

**December 19, 2007**

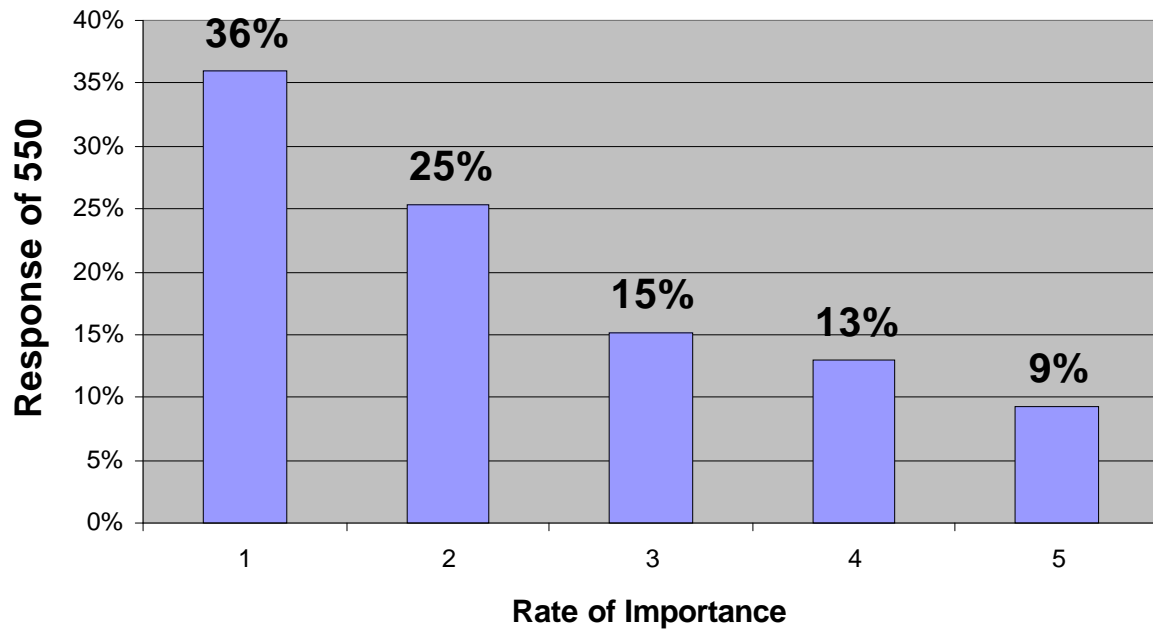
### Question 1

How Would You Rate the Following Issues Facing Eliot in the Near Future?

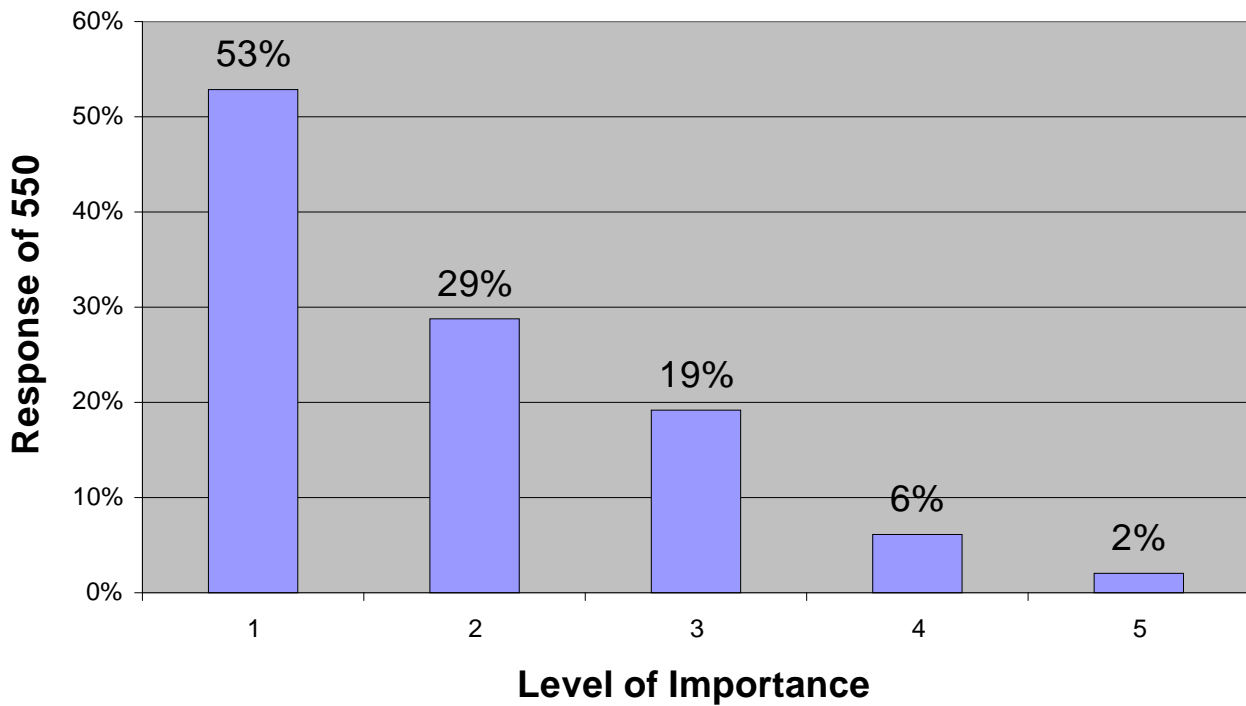
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<b>1a Affordable housing</b>	198	139	83	71	51
<b>1b Rural Character/Roads</b>	291	158	106	34	11
<b>1c Open Space</b>	235	139	43	25	8
<b>1d Wetlands</b>	319	132	65	36	11
<b>1e Overburdening Town Services</b>	110	180	129	60	22
<b>1f Public Parking</b>	34	97	100	177	127
<b>1g recycling/solid Water Disposal</b>	264	185	52	33	4
<b>1h Tax Increases</b>	370	104	38	18	5
<b>1i Threats to Water Supply</b>	367	105	40	21	8
<b>1j Traffic</b>	249	187	56	34	12

	1	2	3	4	5
<b>1a Affordable housing</b>	36%	25%	15%	13%	9%
<b>1b Rural Character/Roads</b>	53%	29%	19%	6%	2%
<b>1c Open Space</b>	43%	25%	8%	5%	1%
<b>1d Wetlands</b>	58%	24%	12%	7%	2%
<b>1e Overburdening Town Services</b>	20%	33%	23%	11%	4%
<b>1f Public Parking</b>	6%	18%	18%	32%	23%
<b>1g recycling/solid Water Disposal</b>	48%	34%	9%	6%	1%
<b>1h Tax Increases</b>	67%	19%	7%	3%	1%
<b>1i Threats to Water Supply</b>	67%	19%	7%	4%	1%
<b>1j Traffic</b>	45%	34%	10%	6%	2%

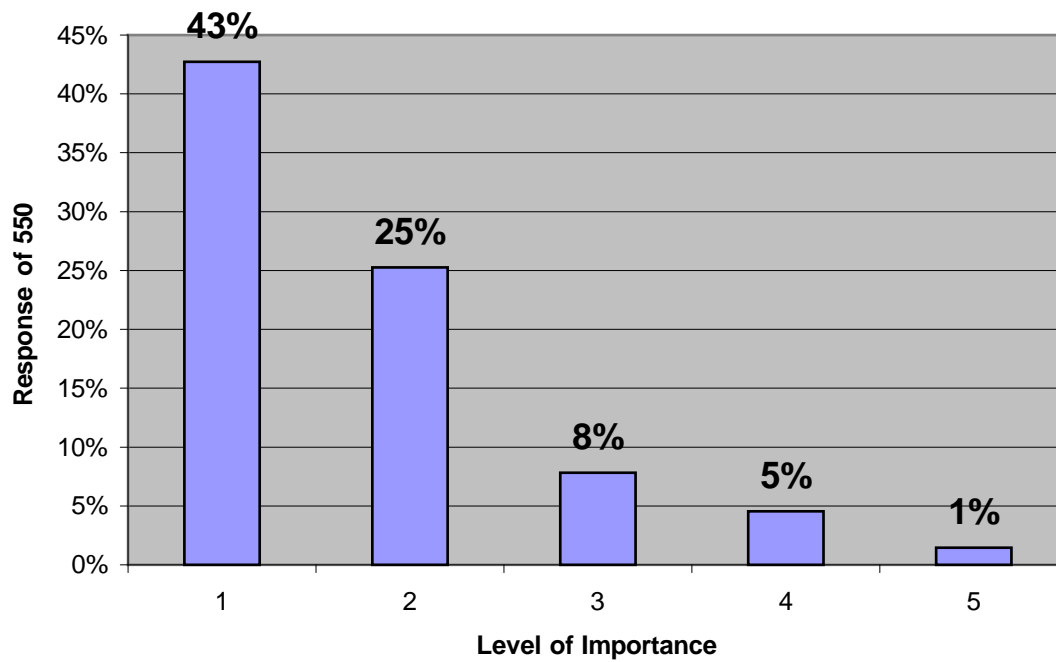
## 1A Lack of Affordable Housing



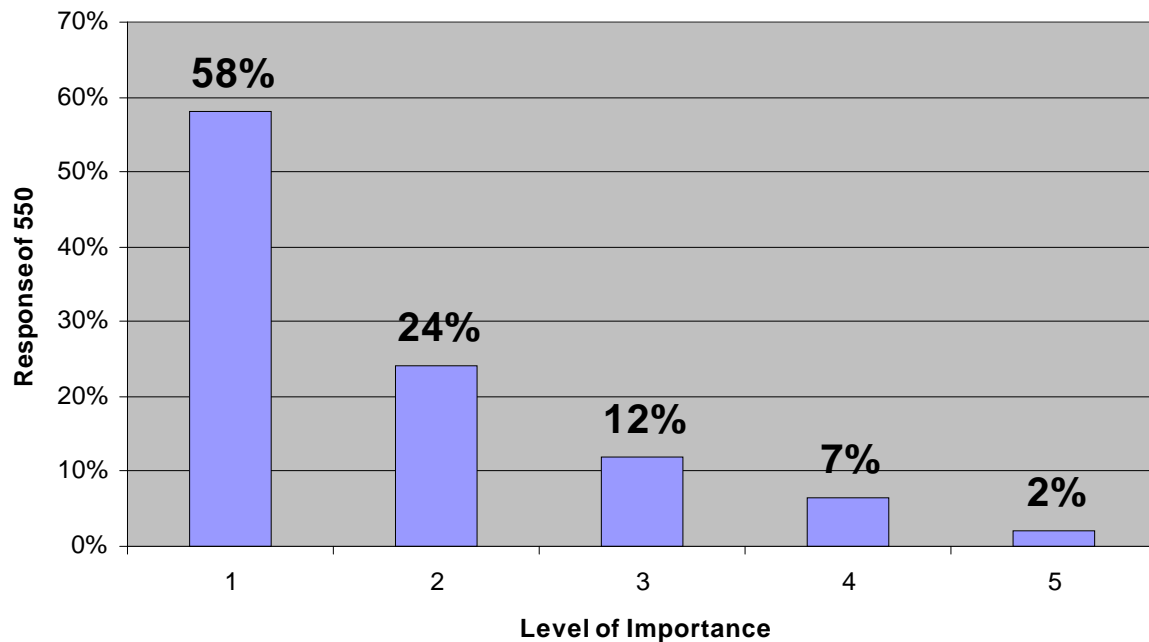
## 1B Loss of Rural Character



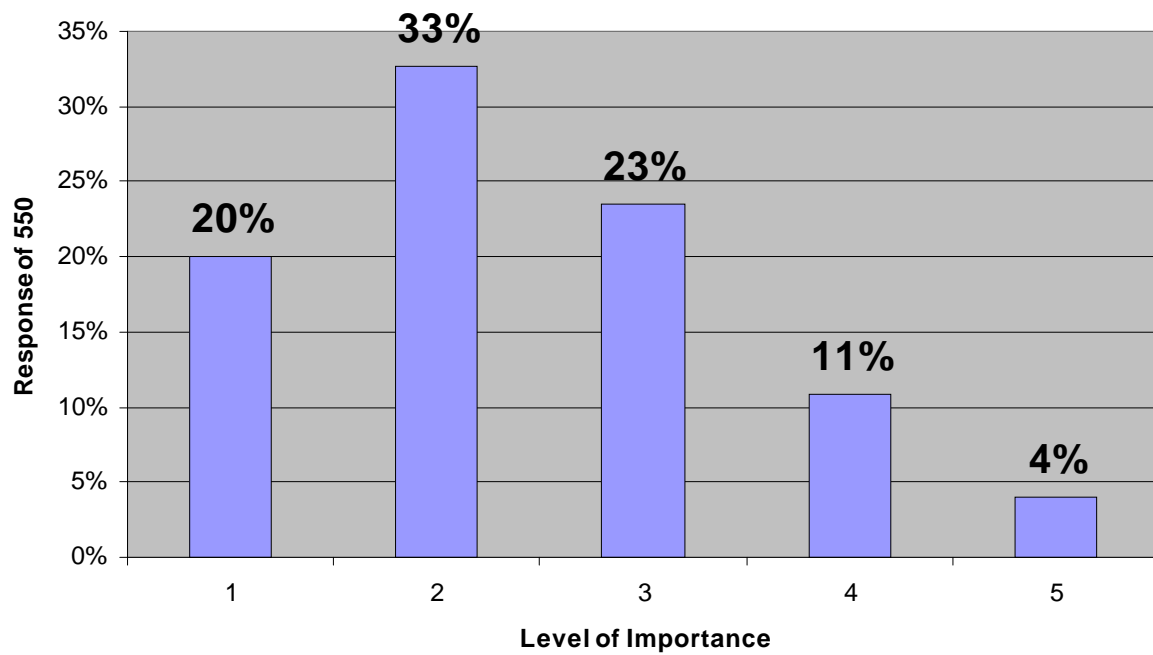
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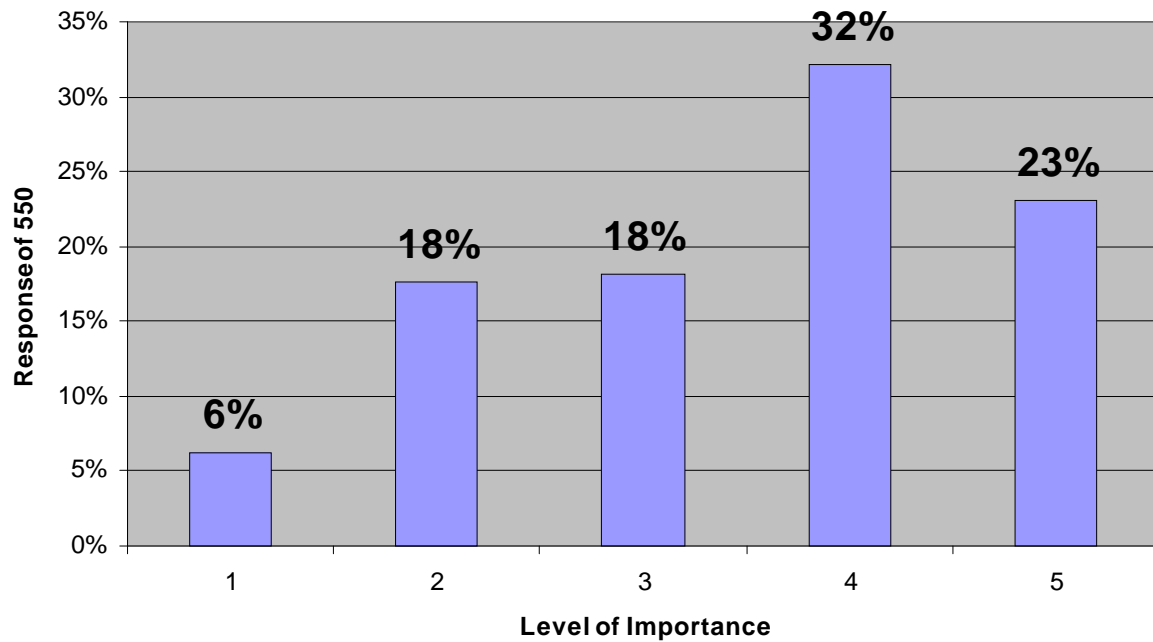
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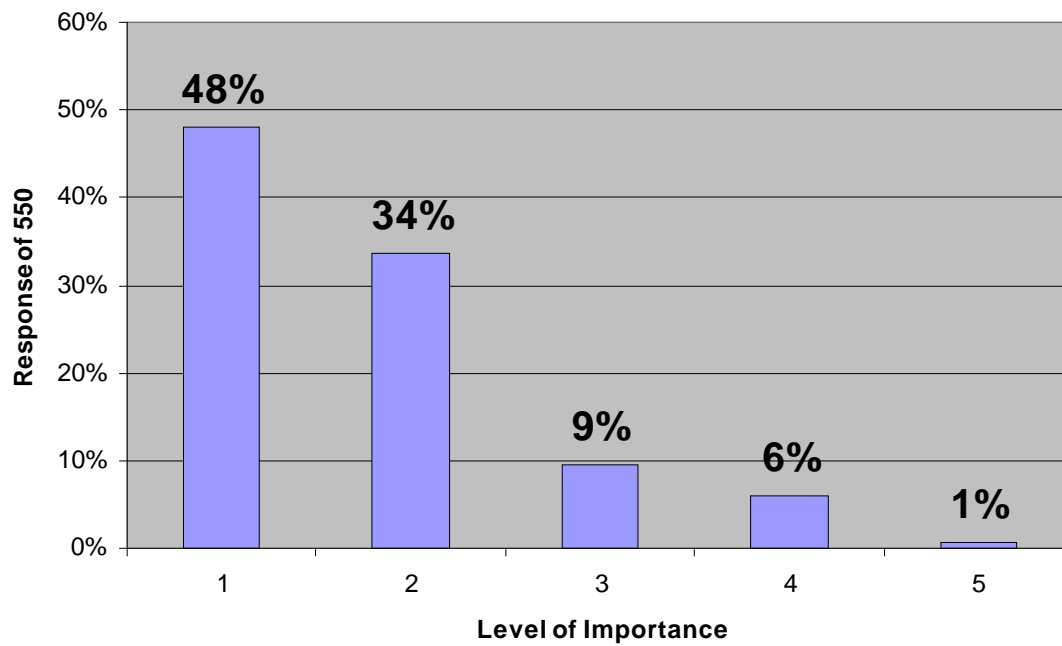
## 1E Overburden of Town Services



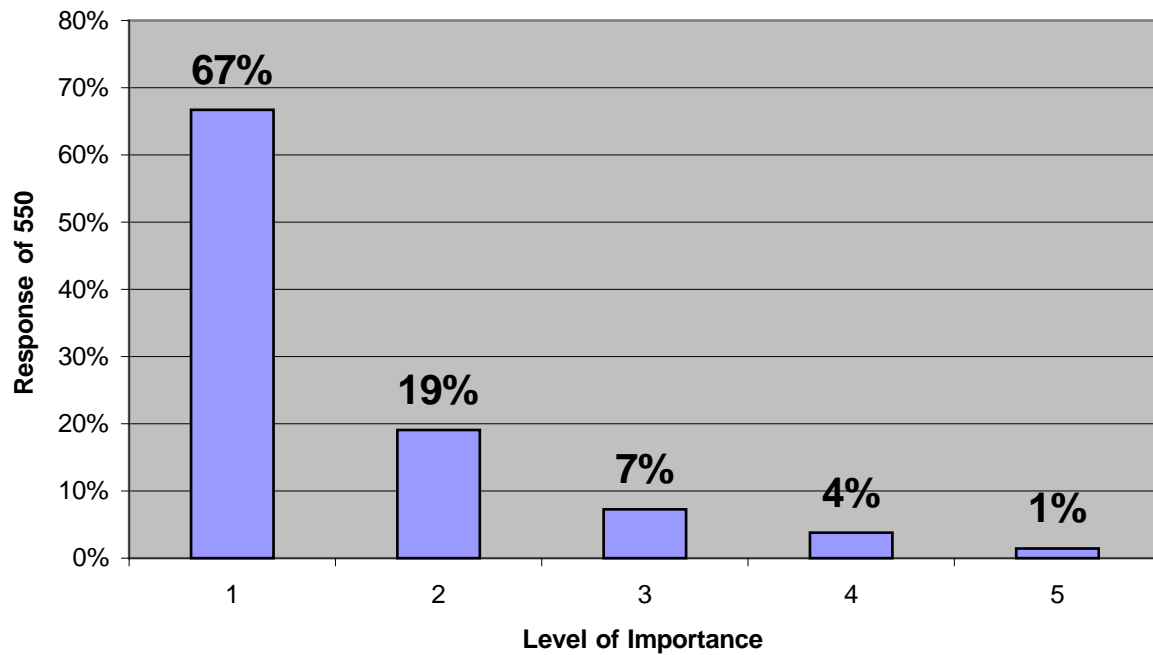
## 1F Public Parking

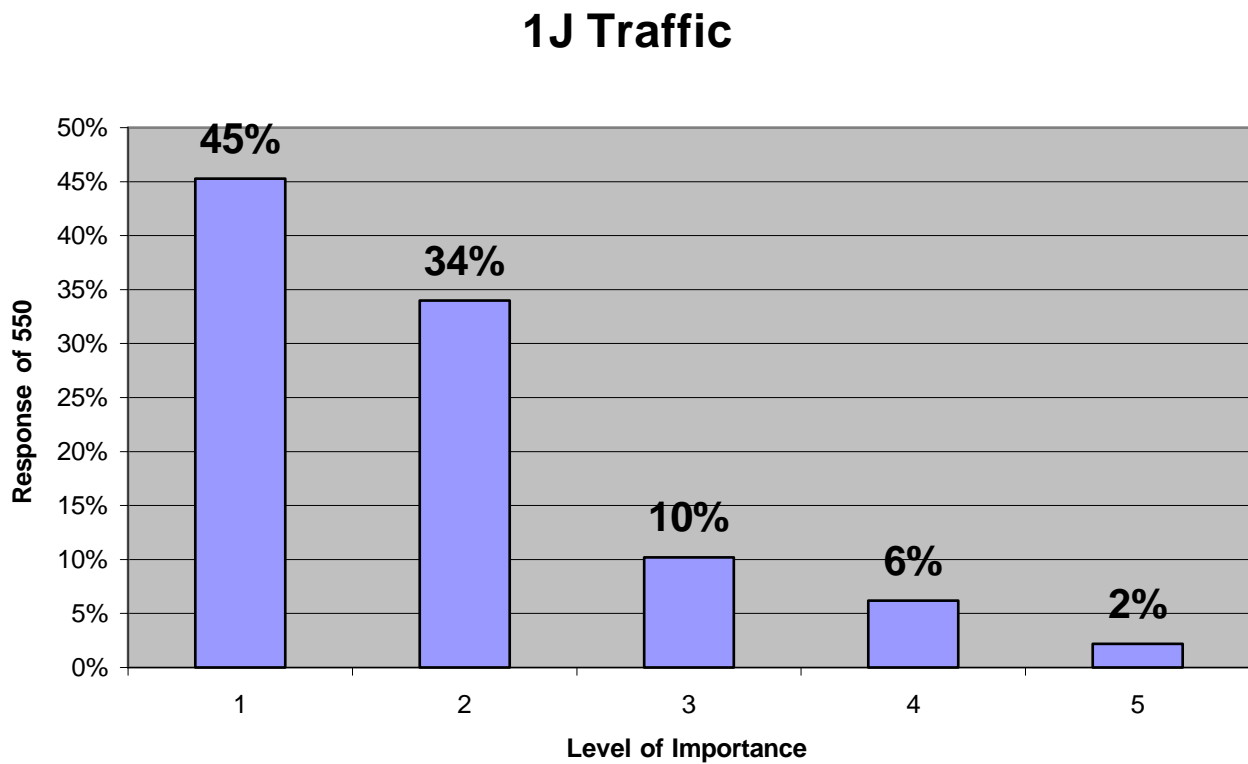
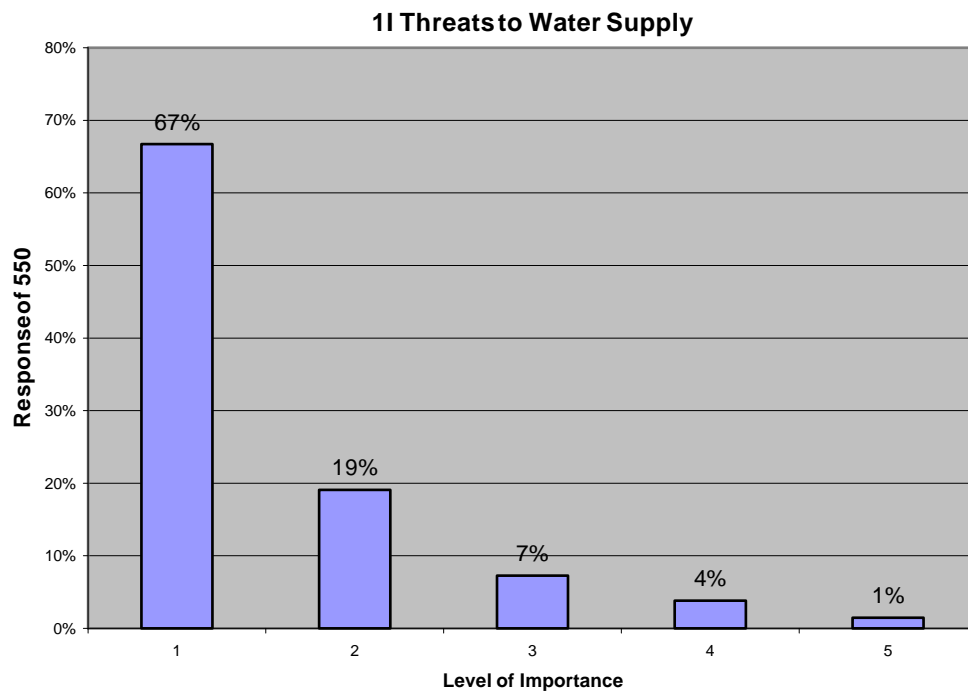


## 1G Recycling and Solid Waste Disposal



## 1H Tax Increases





### Question 2

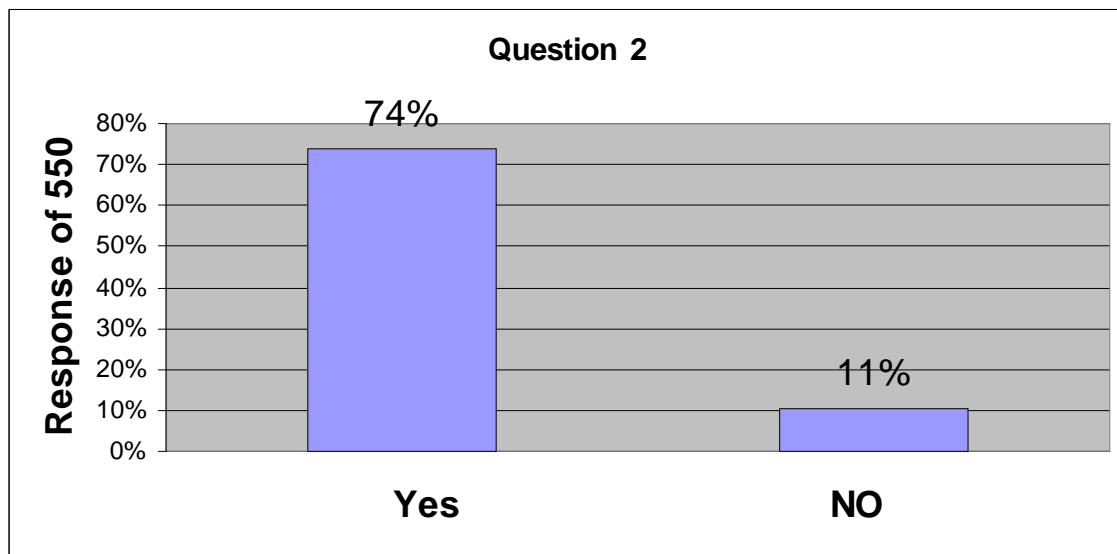
Would you favor subdivision development design techniques that encourage the preservation of open space?

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?	Reply	Percent
yes	407	74%
no	58	11%



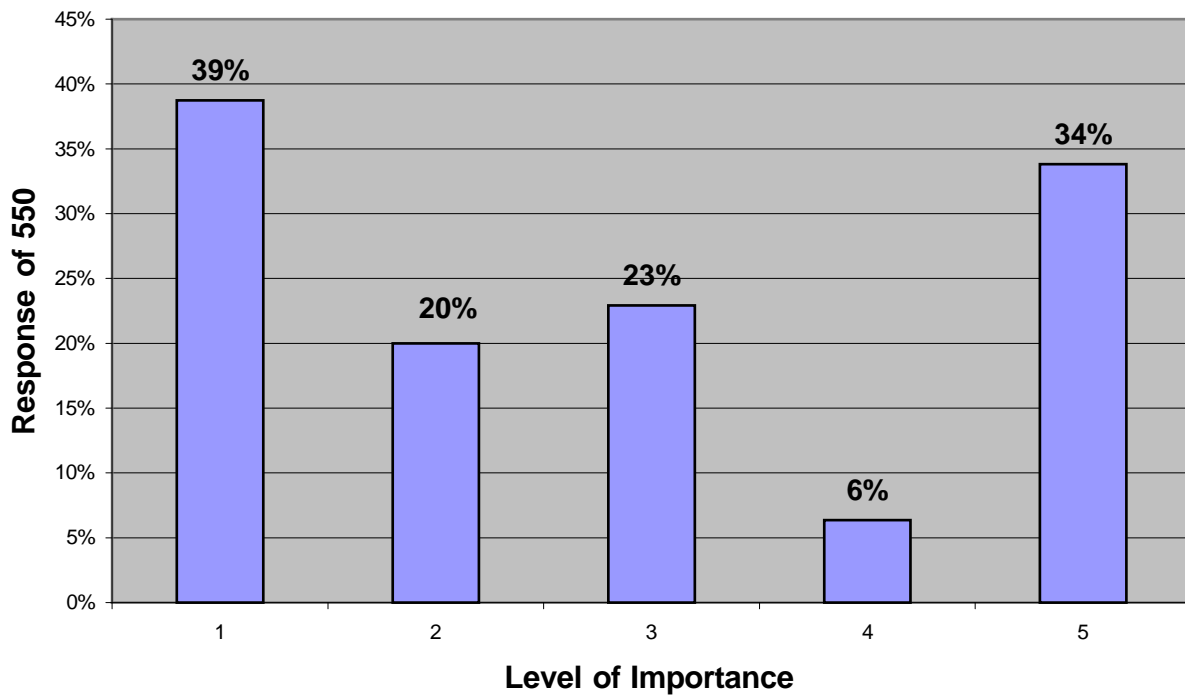


**Question 3**  
**How do you feel about Eliot's future growth?**

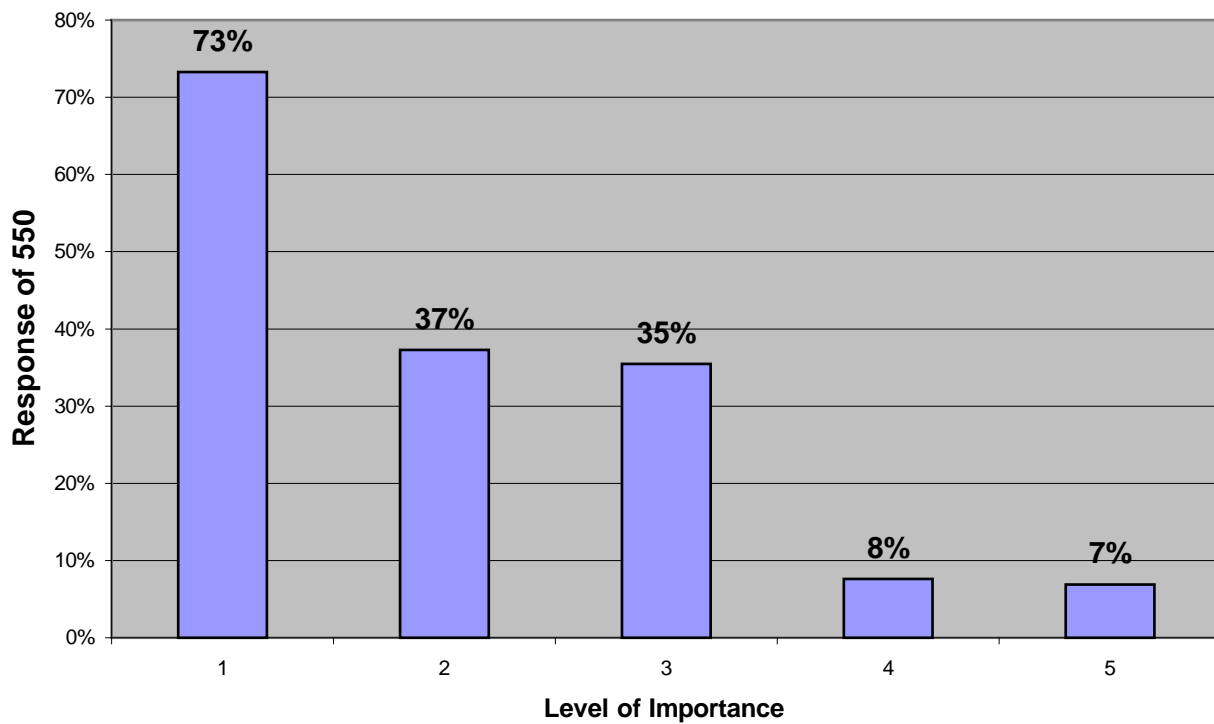
<b>Total Responses</b>					
	1	2	3	4	5
<b>3a Allow growth anywhere</b>	213	110	126	35	186
<b>3b Concentrate growth where it is now</b>	403	205	195	42	38
<b>3c Encourage growth where there is little now</b>	162	127	165	66	157

<b>Percentage Response</b>					
	1	2	3	4	5
<b>3a Allow growth anywhere</b>	39%	20%	23%	6%	34%
<b>3b Concentrate growth where it is now</b>	73%	37%	35%	8%	7%
<b>3c Encourage growth where there is little now</b>	29%	23%	30%	12%	29%

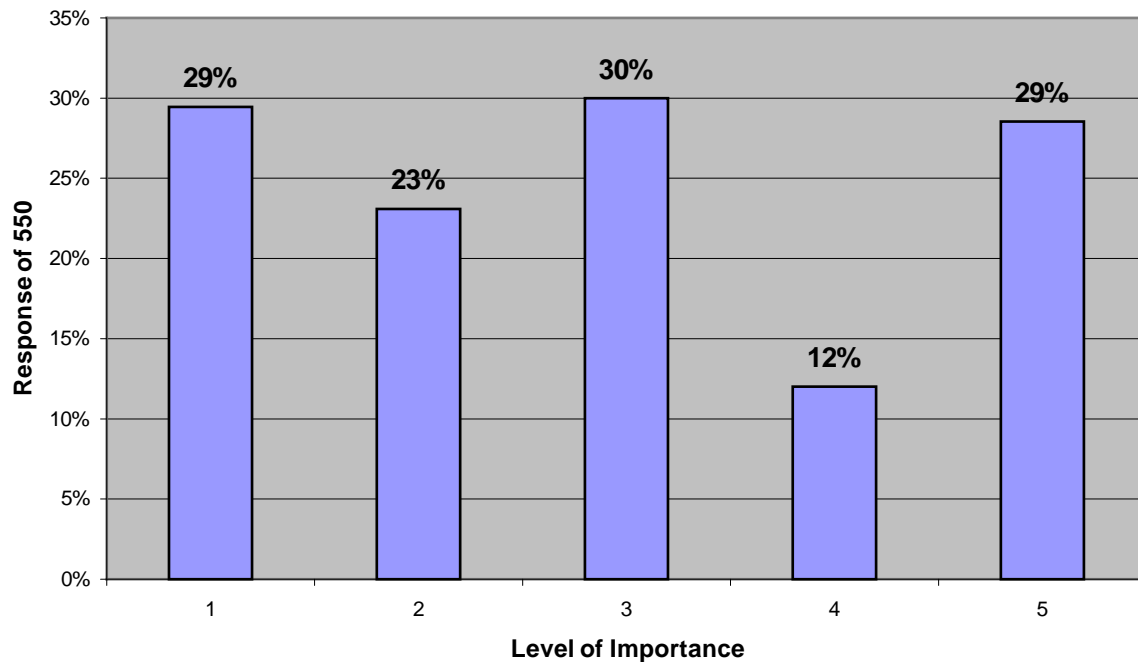
### 3a Allow growth anywhere?



### 3b Concentrate growth where it is now?



### 3c Encourage growth where there is little now?



### Question 4

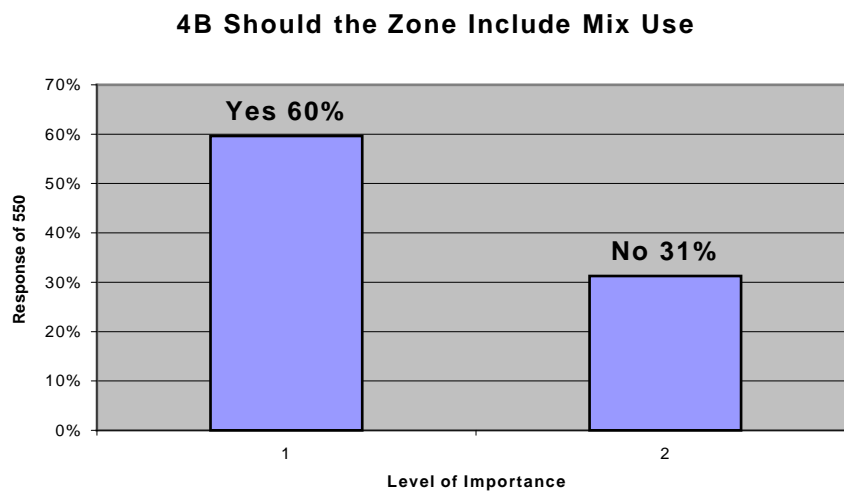
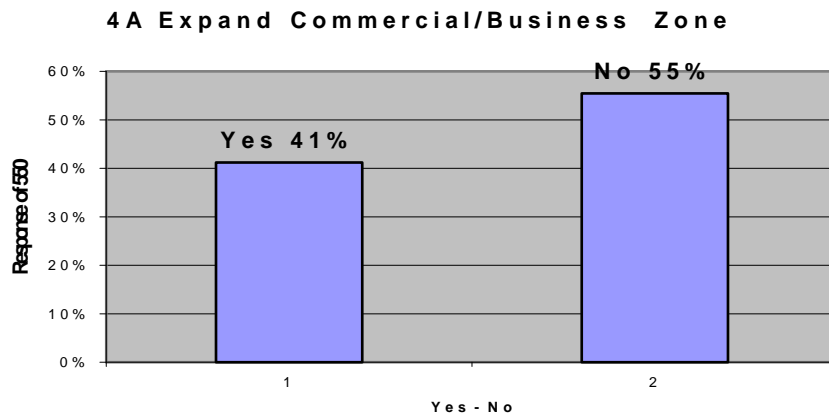
The town currently has one commercial/industrial zone on 236

a. should this zone be expanded?

b. should a portion of the zone be changed to include a mix of uses?

Total Response		
	yes	no
<b>4a</b> Should this zone be expanded?	206	305%
<b>4b</b> Should a portion of the zone be changed to include a mix of uses?	328	172%

Percentage Response		
	yes	no
<b>4a</b> Should this zone be expanded?	41%	55%
<b>4b</b> Should a portion of the zone be changed to include a mix of uses?	60%	31%



## Question 5

**How important is it to you that your tax dollars be used for:**

Total Responses					
	1	2	3	4	5
<b>5a Access to Town Ponds</b>	65	127	94	146	110
<b>5b Bicycle Trails</b>	95	152	54	136	102
<b>5c Education</b>	310	150	32	33	21
<b>5d Electrical energy derived only from renewable resources</b>	206	170	71	40	29
<b>5e Hiking Trails</b>	84	189	73	114	78
<b>5f Historic Sites, Buildings, Cemeteries Preservation</b>	146	259	66	41	22

<b>5g Indoor Recreation Facilities</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>5h Passive Outdoor Recreation Areas</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>5i Playgrounds</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>5j Playing Fields</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>5k Protection of Groundwater Supplies/Aquifers</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>5l Protection of Marshes/Wetlands</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>5m Protection of Unique Scenic Areas</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>5n Swimming Pool</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>5o Town Parks</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>5p Woodlands</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>32</b>

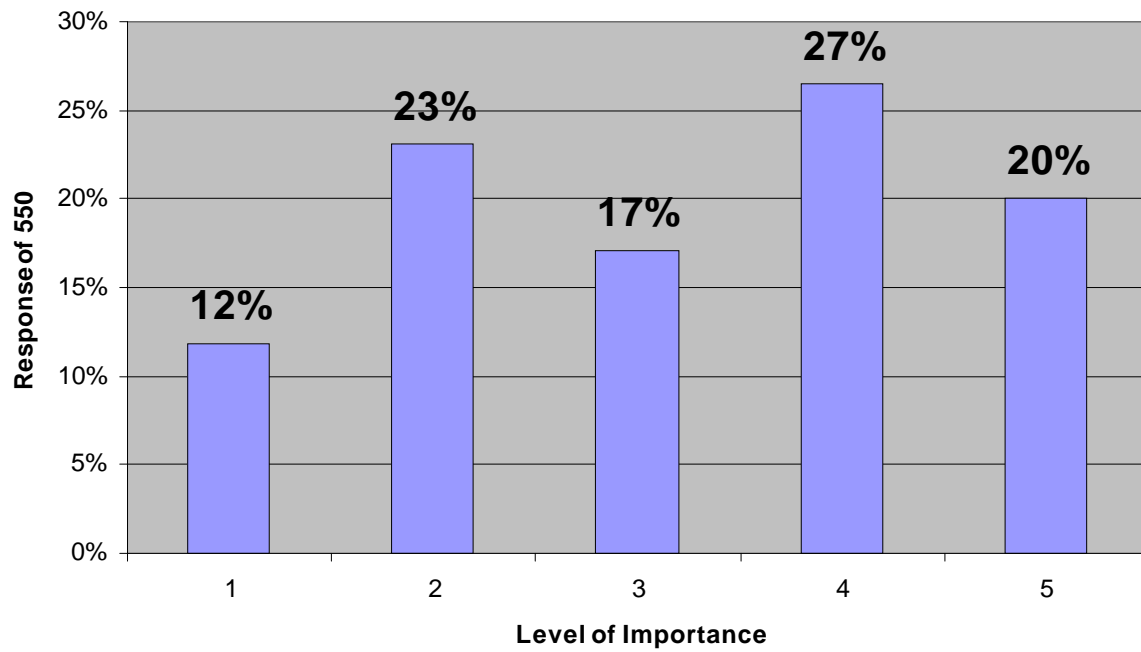
### Question 5

How important is it to you that your tax dollars be used for:

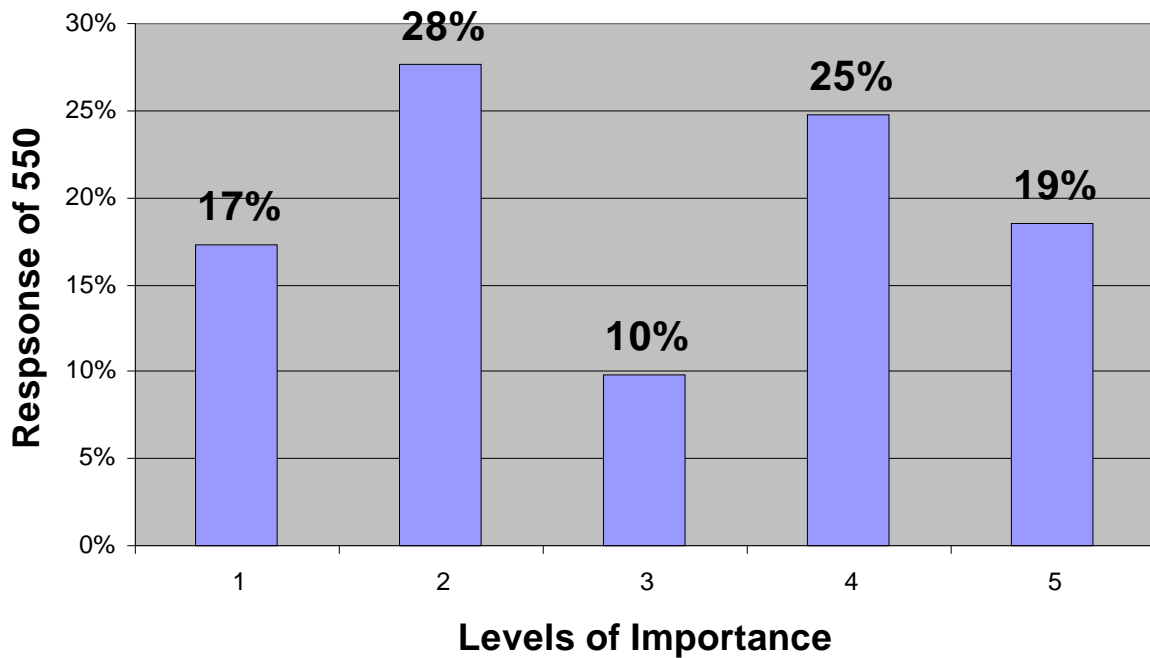
Percentage Total					
<b>5a Access to Town Ponds</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>5b Bicycle Trails</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>5c Education</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>5d Electrical energy derived only from renewable resources</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>5e Hiking Trails</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>14%</b>

<b>5f Historic Sites, Buildings, Cemeteries Preservation</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>5g Indoor Recreation Facilities</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>5h Passive Outdoor Recreation Areas</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>5i Playgrounds</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>5j Playing Fields</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>5k Protection of Groundwater Supplies/Aquifers</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>5l Protection of Marshes/Wetlands</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>5m Protection of Unique Scenic Areas</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>5n Swimming Pool</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>36%</b>
<b>5o Town Parks</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>5p Woodlands</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>6%</b>

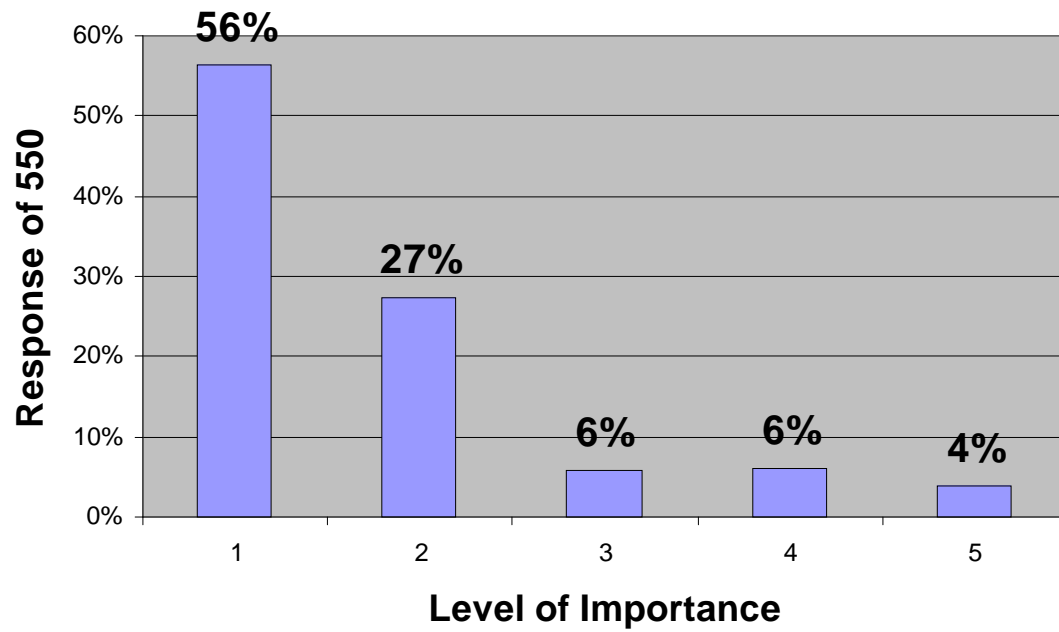
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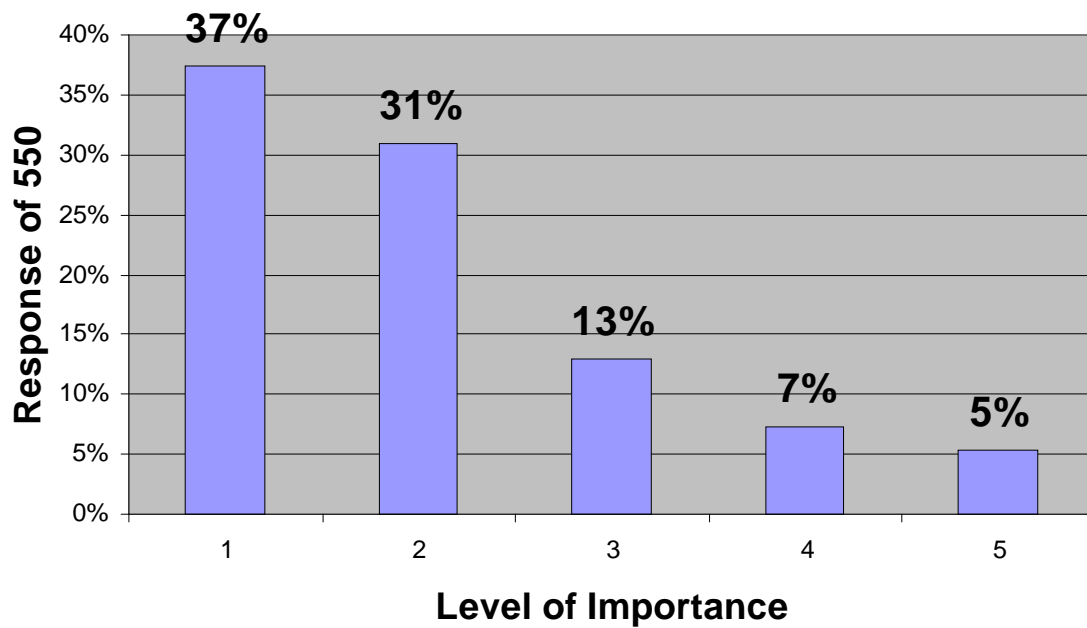
### 5B Bicycle Trails



### 5C Education

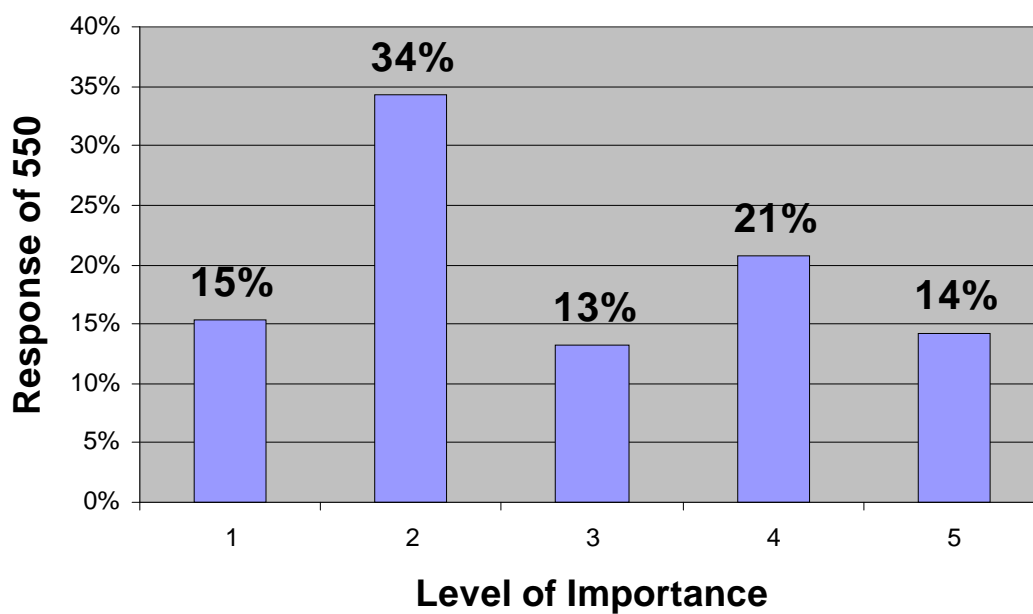


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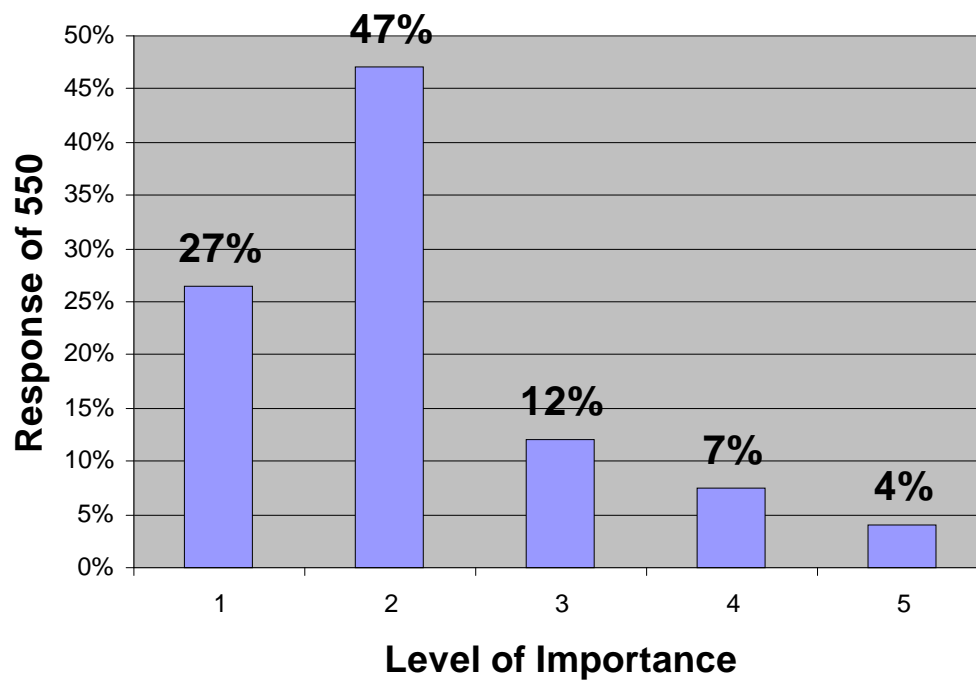




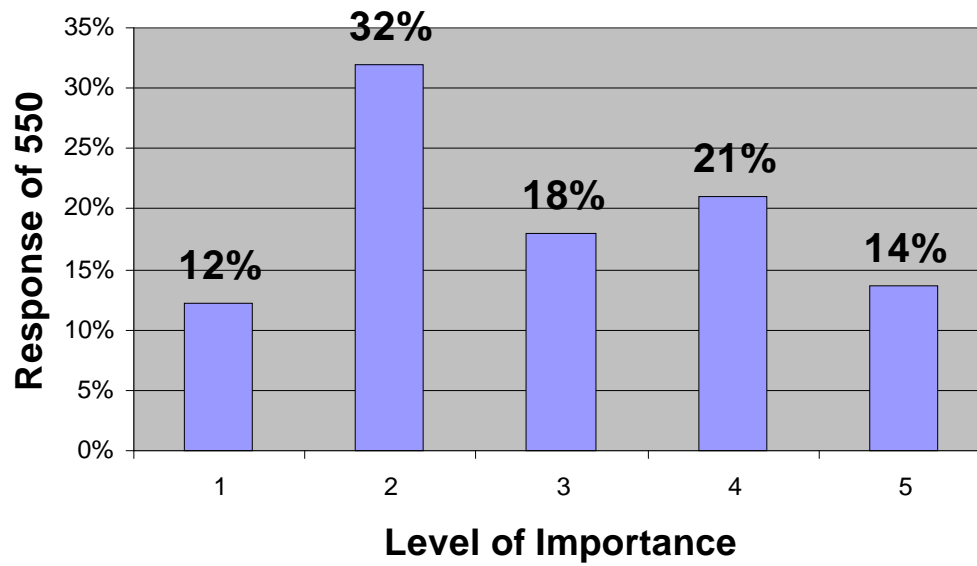
### 5E Hiking Trails



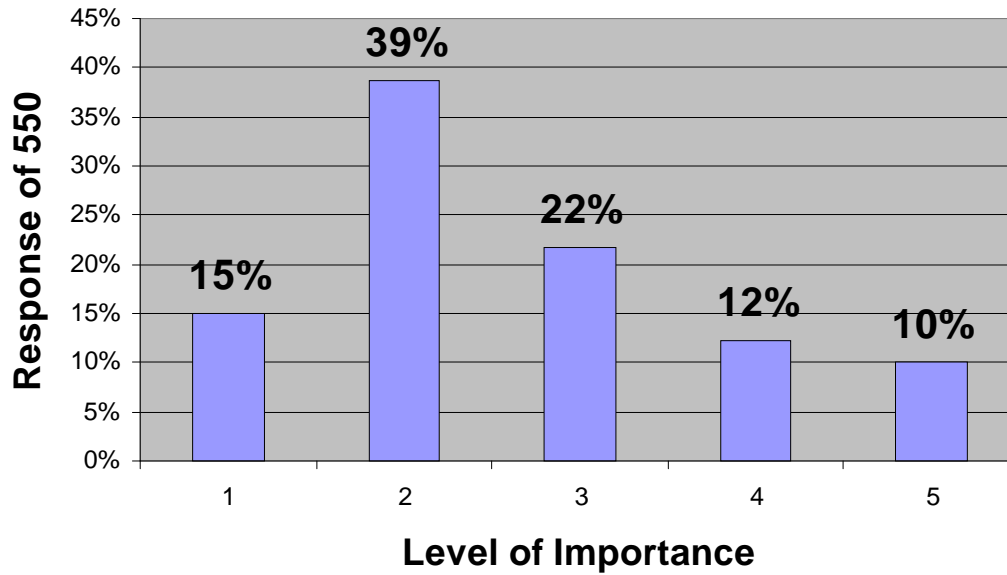
### 5F Historic Sites and Buildings



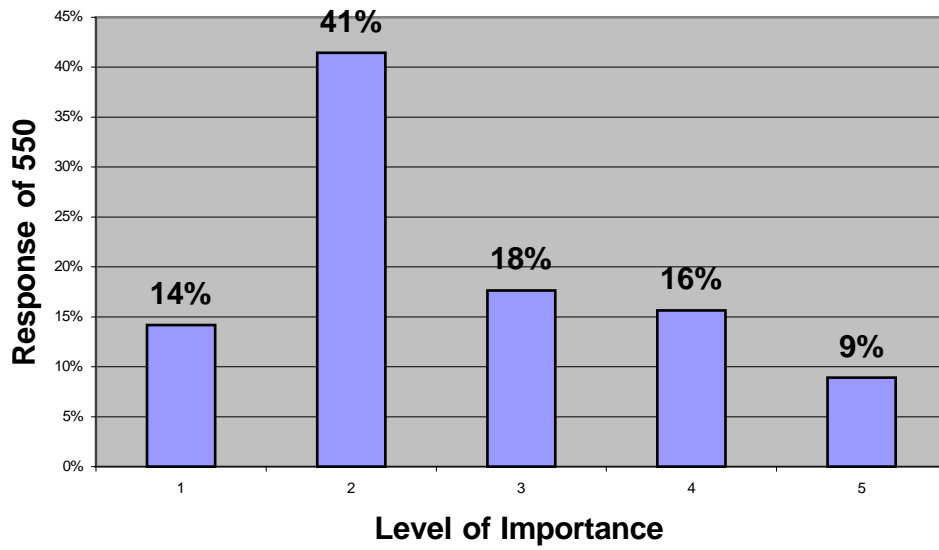
### 5G Indoor Recreational Facilities



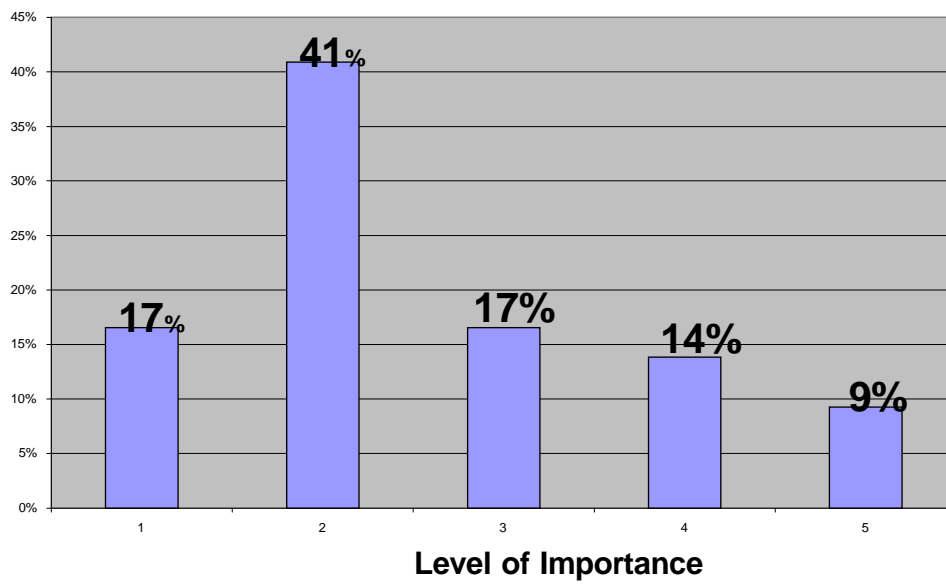
### 5H Passive Outdoor Recreational Areas



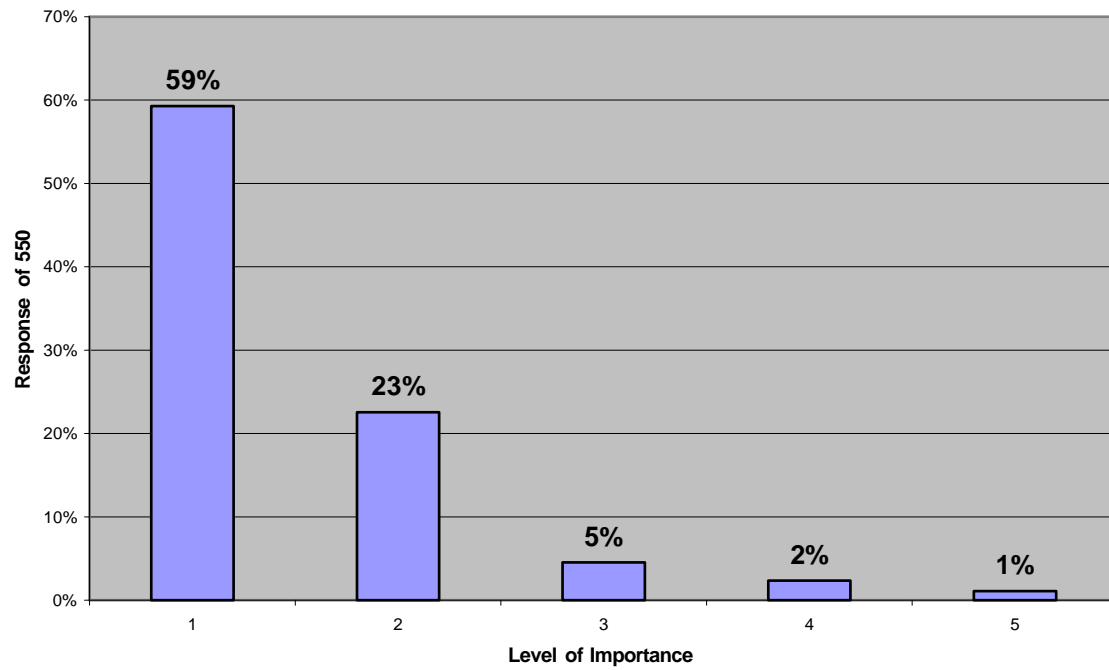
### 5I Playground



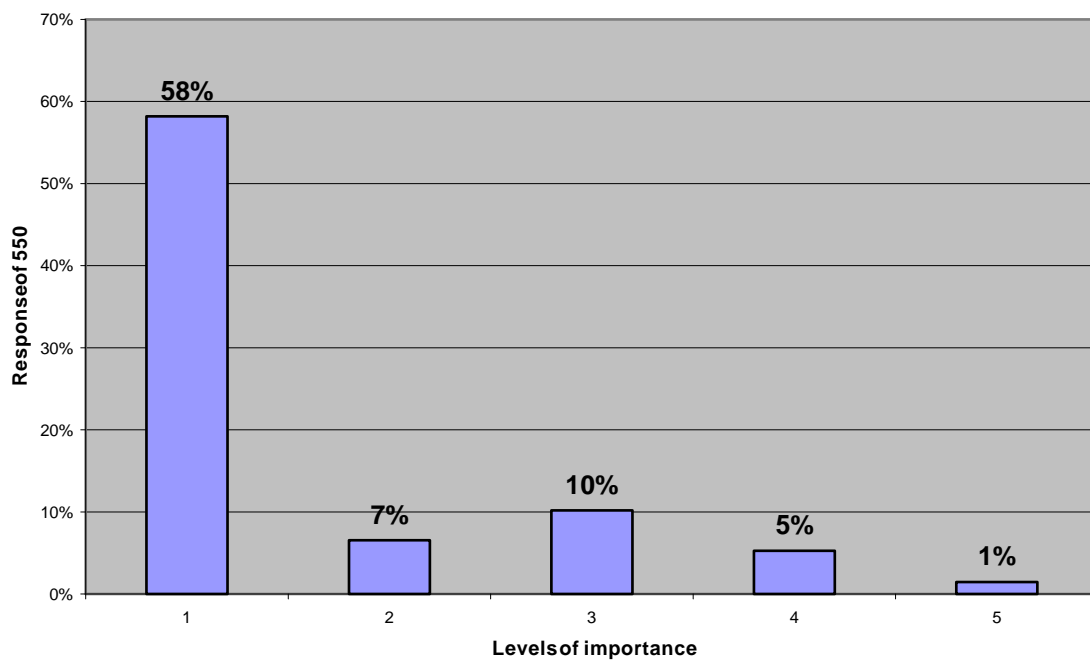
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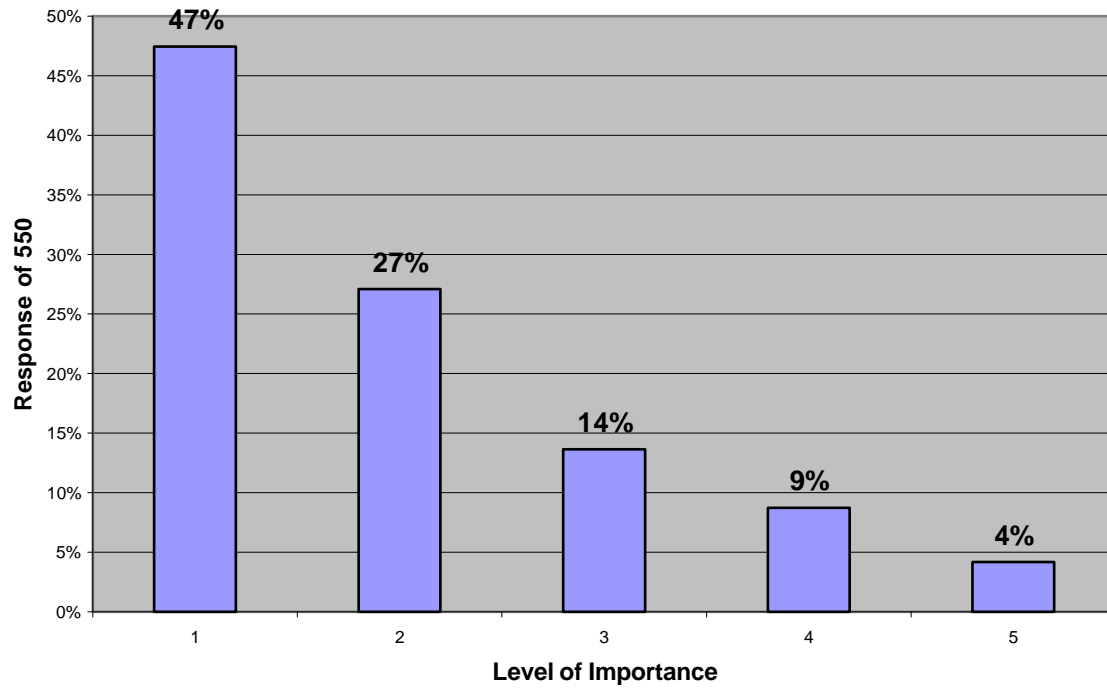
### 5K Protection of Groundwater Supplies and Aquifers



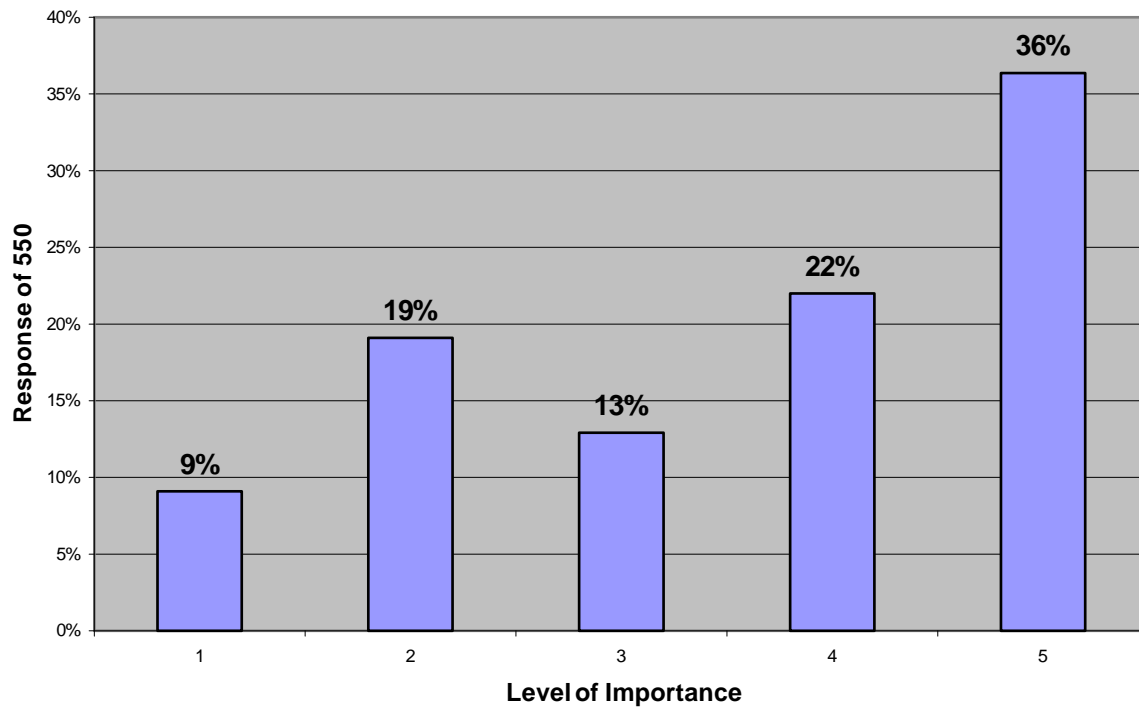
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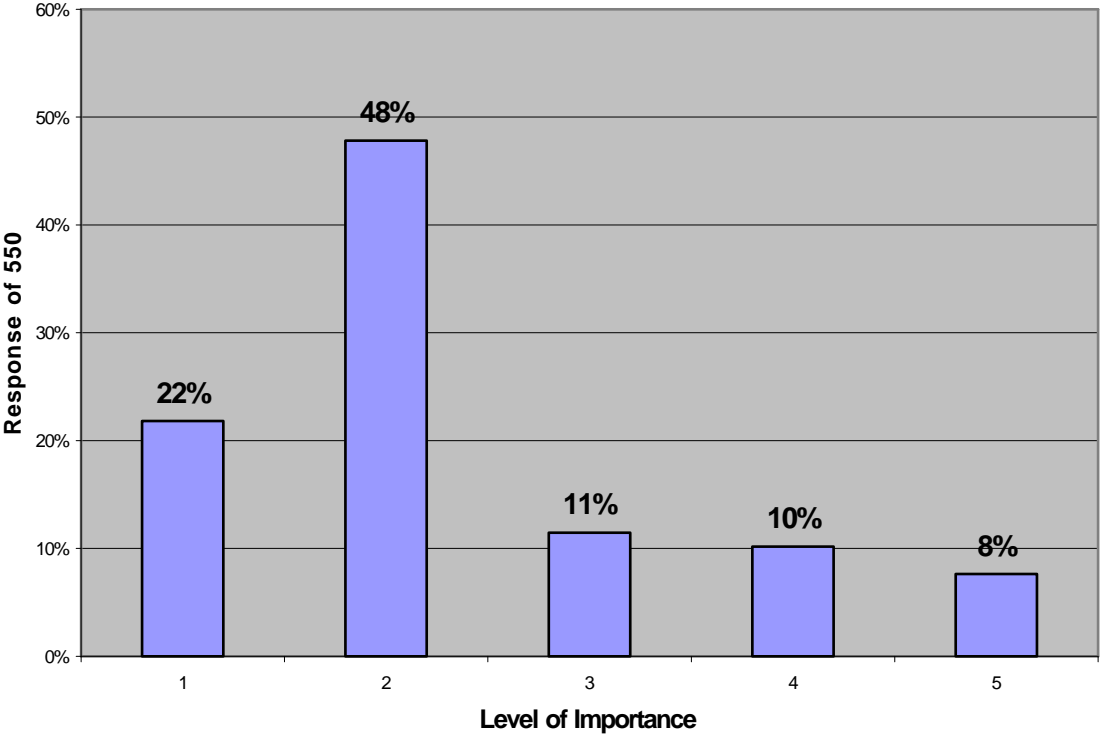
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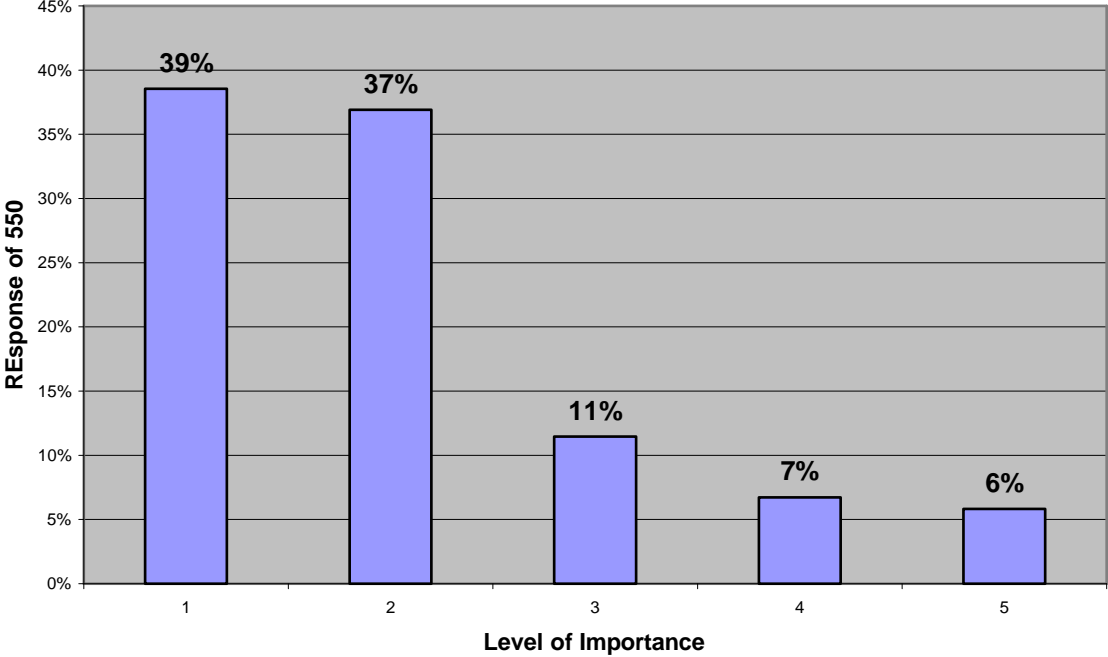
### 5N Swimming Pool



**5o Town Parks**

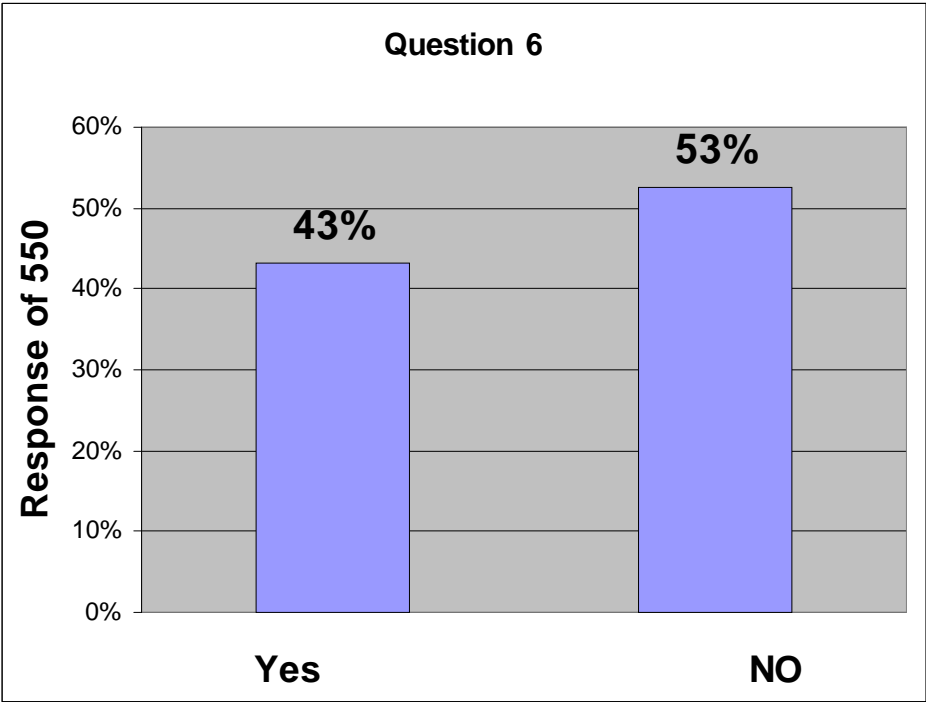


**5p Woodlands**



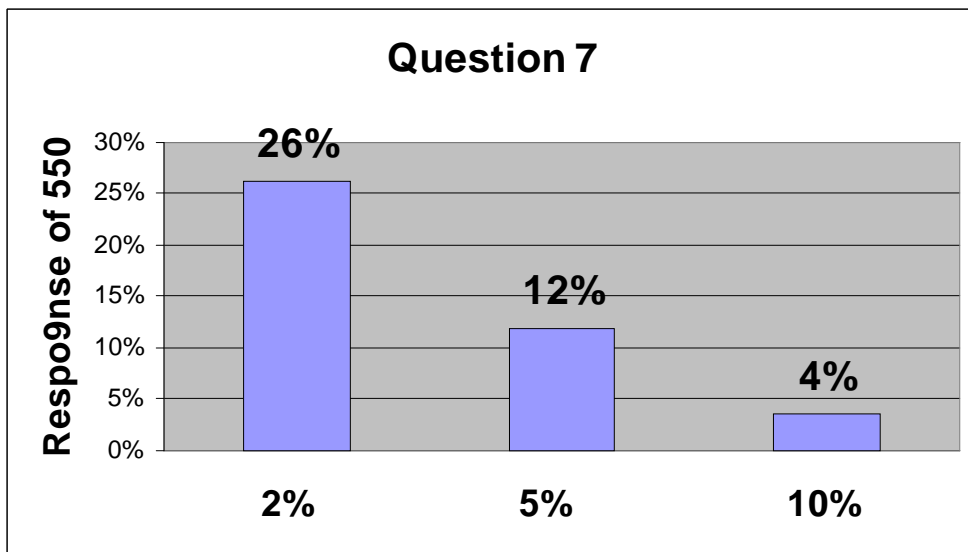
**Question 6**  
**Would you be willing to pay more in taxes to pay for these improvements?**

yes	no
237	289
43%	53%



**Question 7**  
**If “yes,” by how much of a tax increase?**

	Reply	Percent
2%	144	26%
5%	65	12%
10%	20	4%





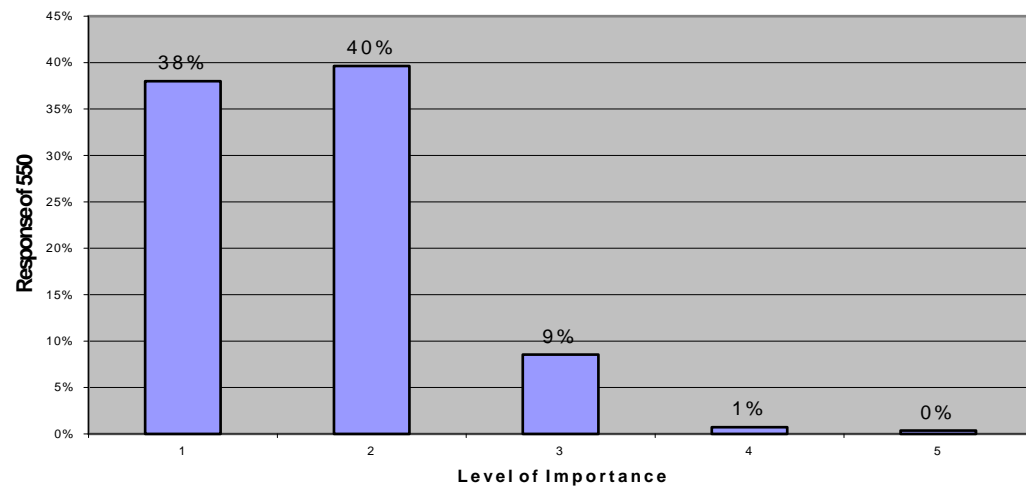
## Question 8

How would you rate the following services in town?

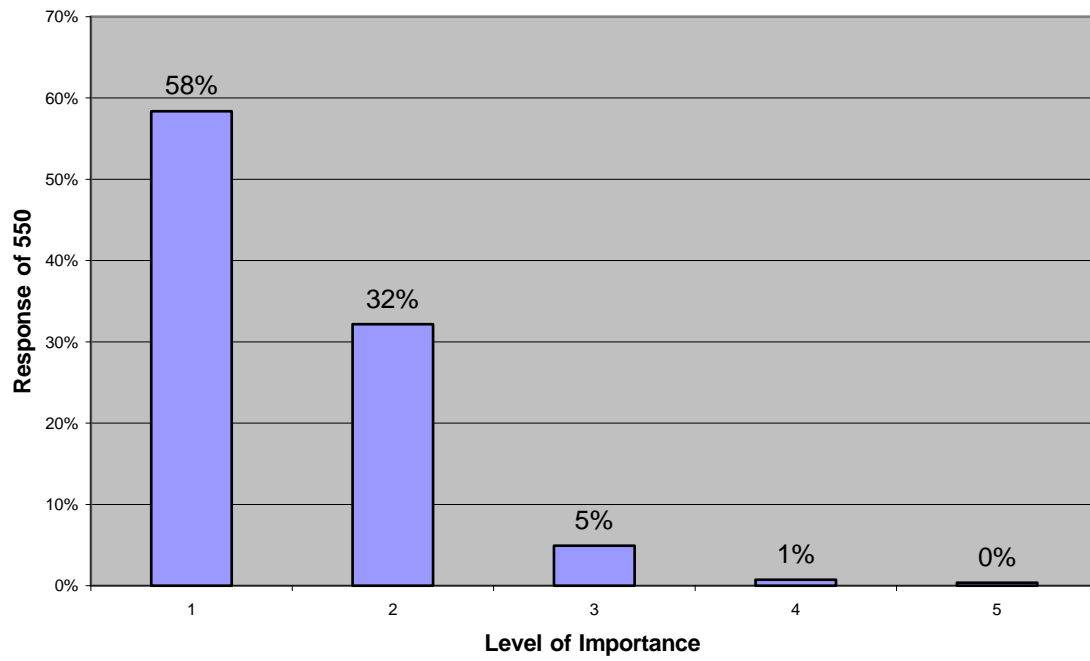
Total Reponses					
	1	2	3	4	5
<b>8a Boat Ramp Facilities</b>	209	218	47	4	2
<b>8b Fire Department</b>	321	177	27	4	2
<b>8c Health &amp; Medical Services</b>	86	180	127	37	14
<b>8d Library</b>	197	224	82	19	6
<b>8e Municipal Buildings</b>	197	261	53	6	3
<b>8f Police Department</b>	193	221	64	39	9
<b>8g Public Works Department</b>	214	229	63	10	5
<b>8h Recreation Department</b>	159	229	92	15	8
<b>8i Rescue Service</b>	147	209	69	9	12
<b>8j School Department</b>	184	212	74	15	3
<b>8k Senior Citizen Service</b>	84	201	124	22	10
<b>8l Street Lighting</b>	66	196	161	62	12
<b>8m Transfer Station</b>	172	242	73	30	12
<b>8n Welfare Assistance</b>	49	128	129	17	12

Percentage Response					
	1	2	3	4	5
<b>8a Boat Ramp Facilities</b>	38%	40%	9%	1%	0%
<b>8b Fire Department</b>	58%	32%	5%	1%	0%
<b>8c Health &amp; Medical Services</b>	16%	33%	23%	7%	3%
<b>8d Library</b>	36%	41%	15%	3%	1%
<b>8e Municipal Buildings</b>	36%	47%	10%	1%	1%
<b>8f Police Department</b>	35%	40%	12%	7%	2%
<b>8g Public Works Department</b>	39%	42%	11%	2%	1%
<b>8h Recreation Department</b>	29%	42%	17%	3%	1%
<b>8i Rescue Service</b>	27%	38%	13%	2%	2%
<b>8j School Department</b>	33%	39%	13%	3%	1%
<b>8k Senior Citizen Service</b>	15%	37%	23%	4%	2%
<b>8l Street Lighting</b>	12%	36%	29%	11%	2%
<b>8m Transfer Station</b>	31%	44%	13%	5%	2%
<b>8n Welfare Assistance</b>	9%	23%	23%	3%	2%

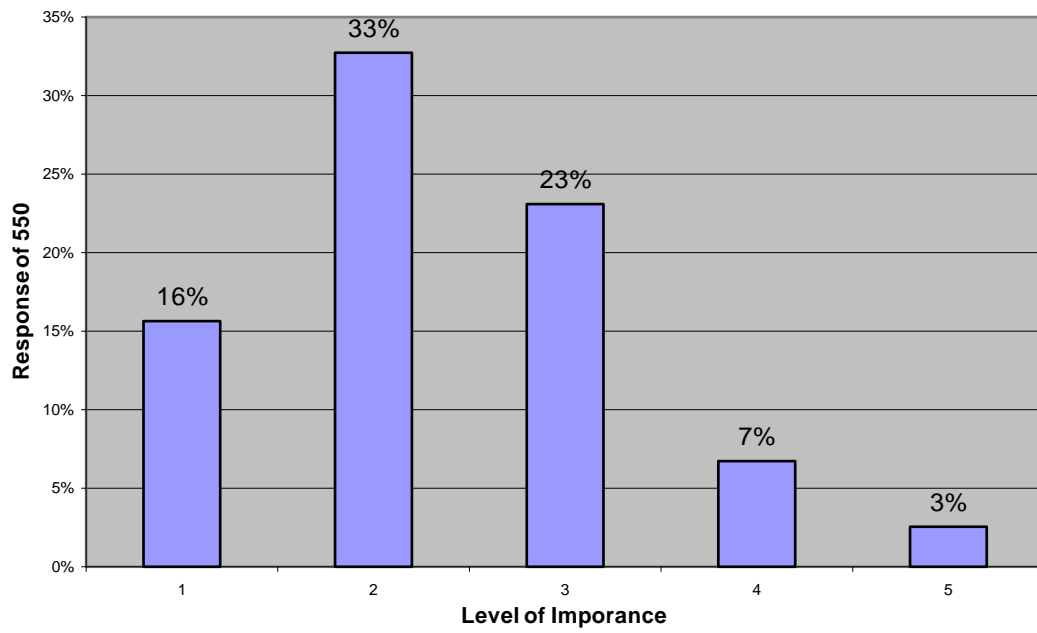
### 8a Boat Ramp Facilities



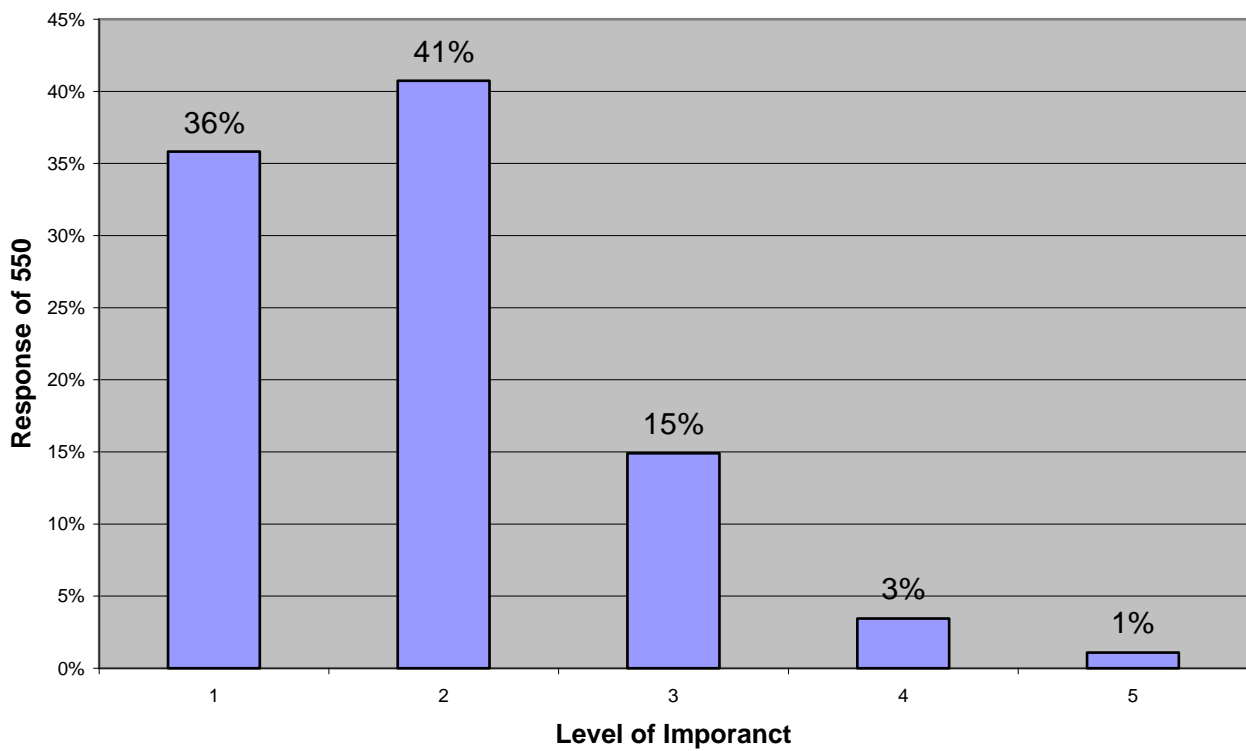
### 8b Fire Department



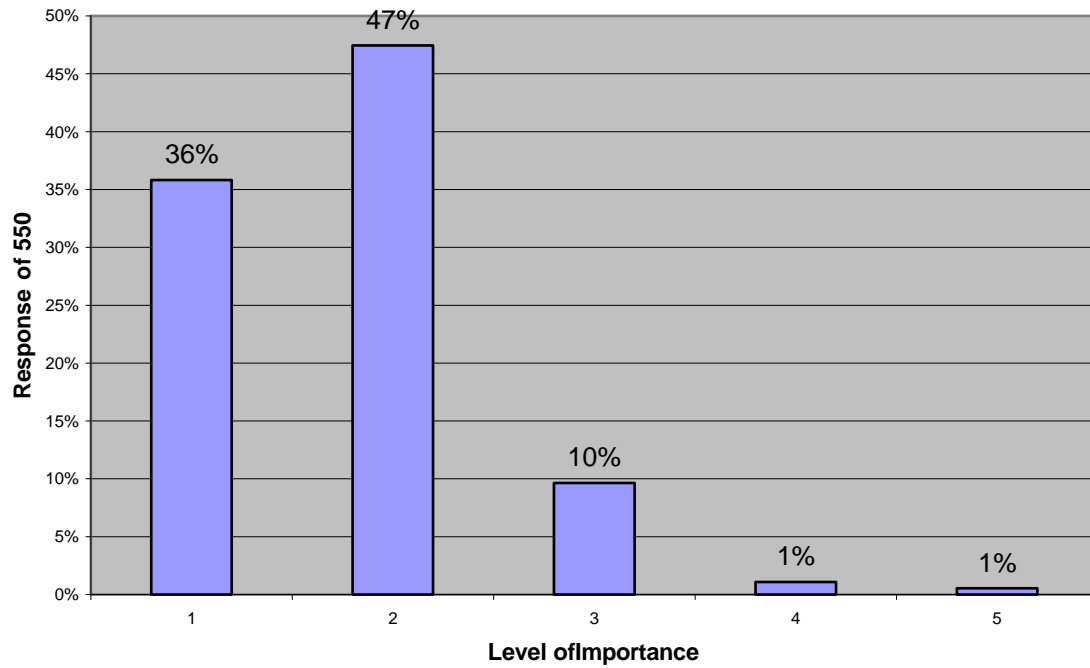
### 8c Health & Medical Services



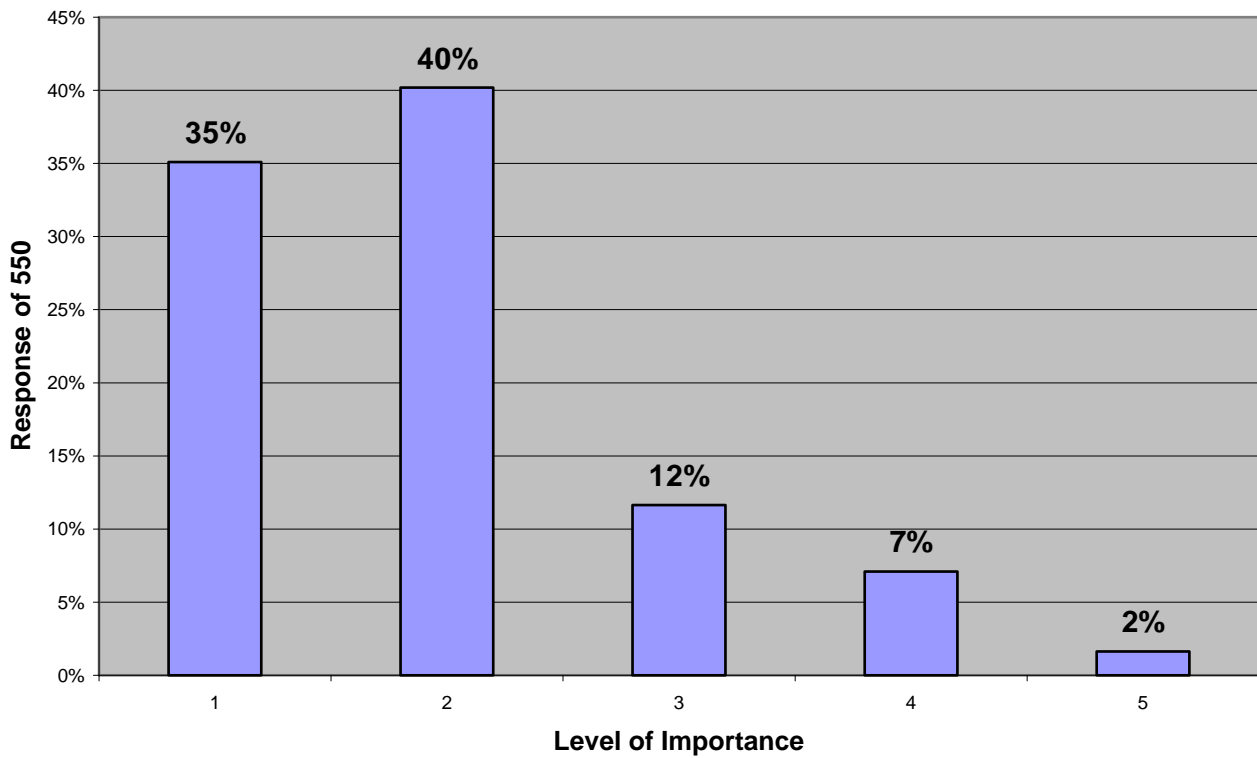
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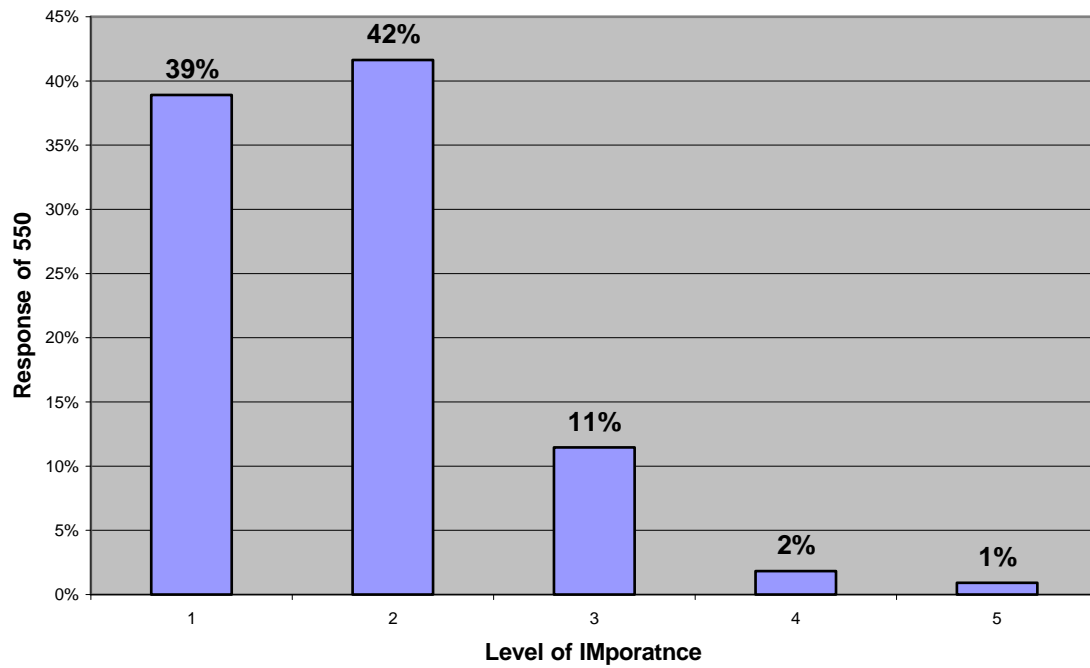
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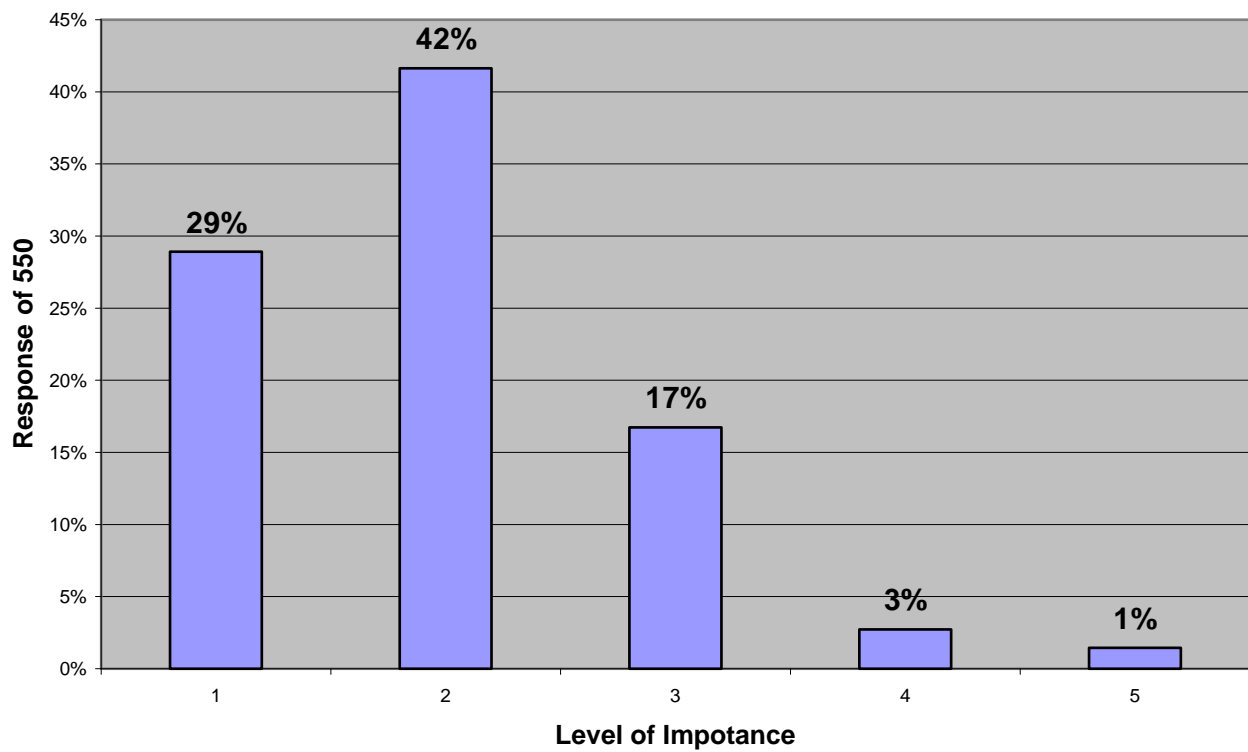
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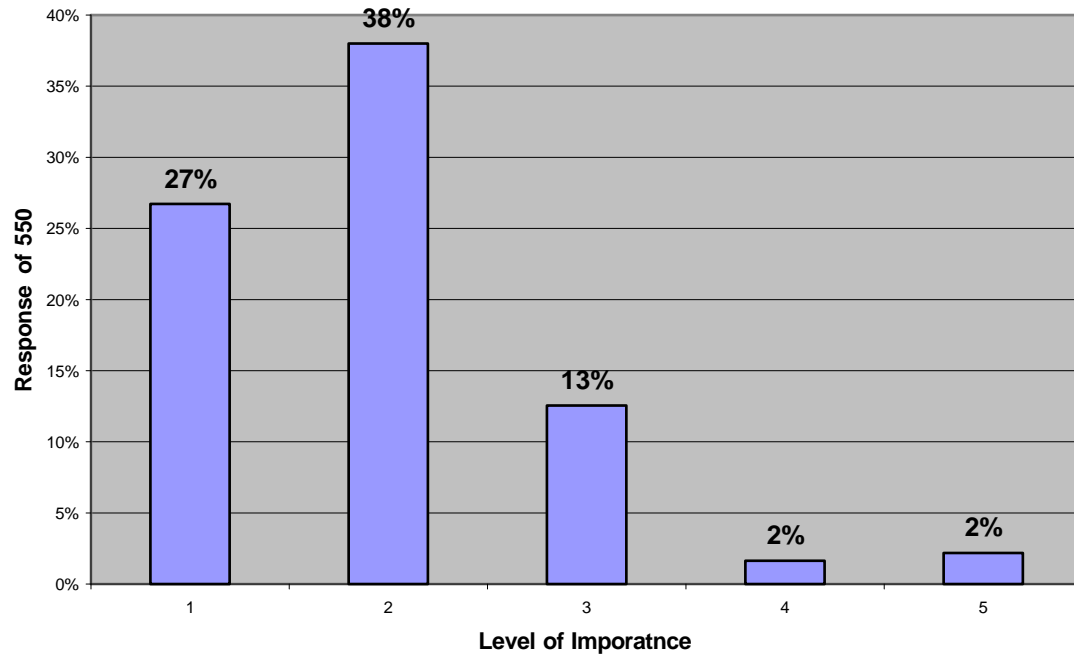
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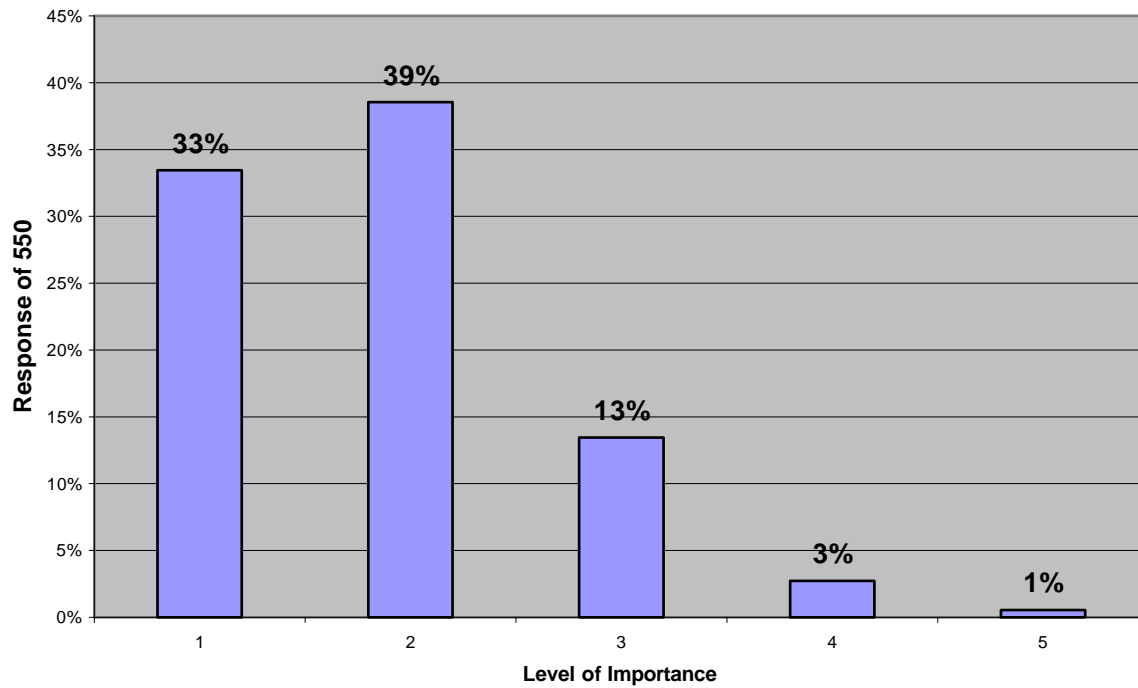
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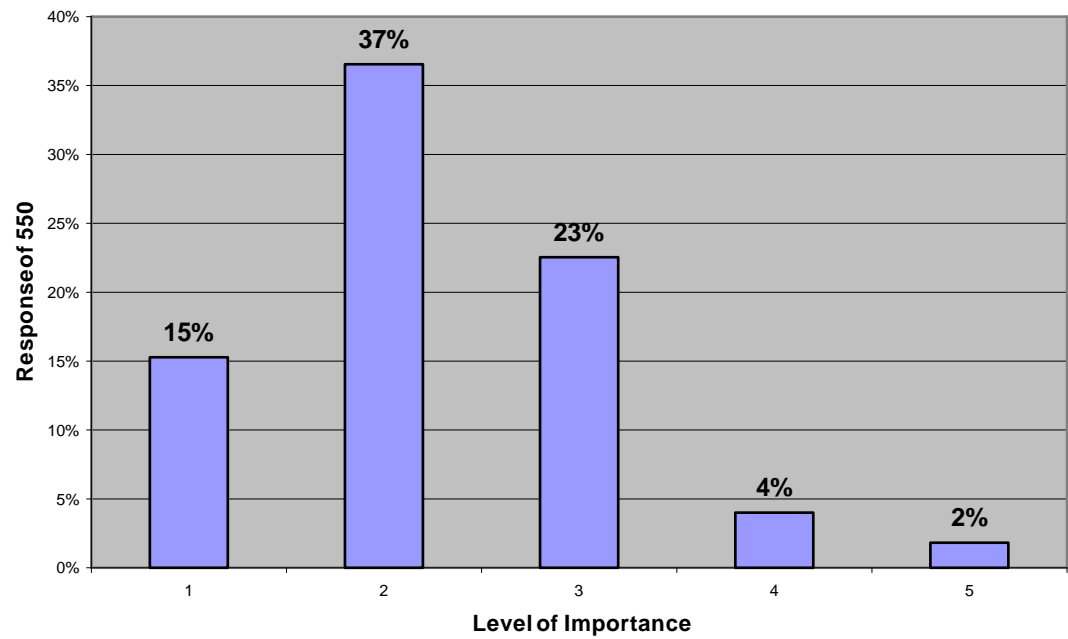
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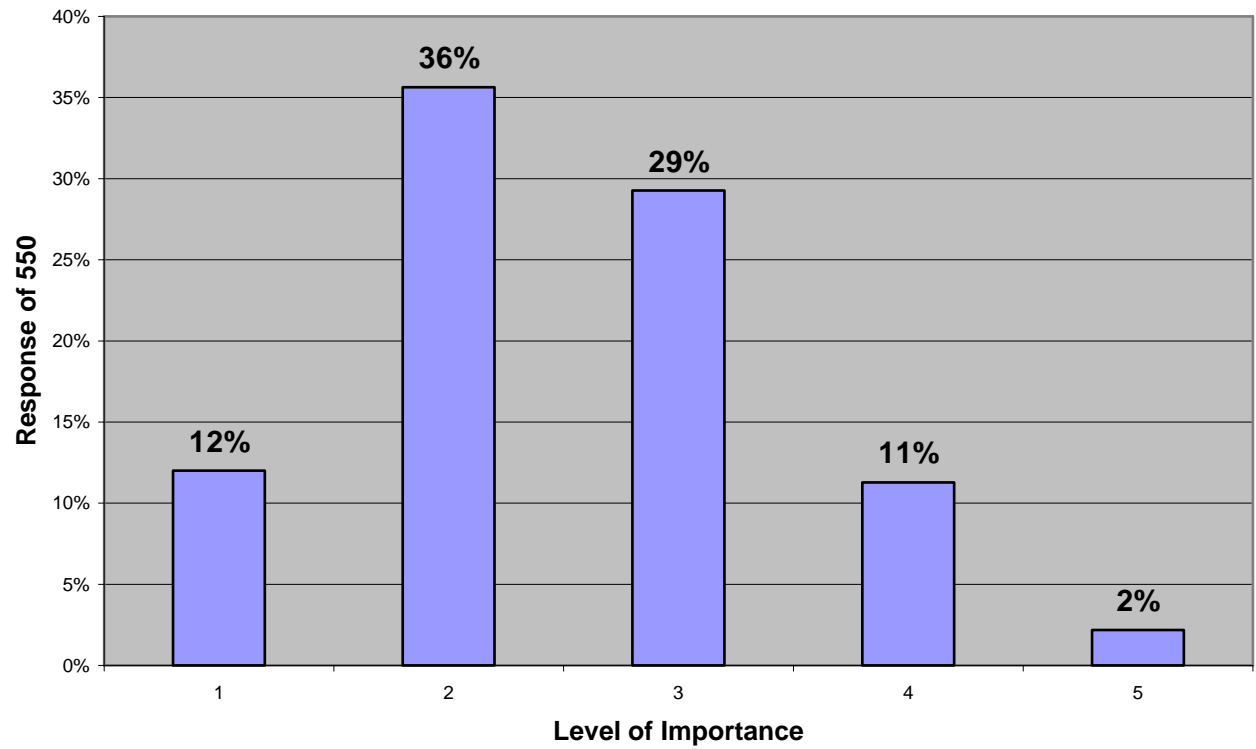
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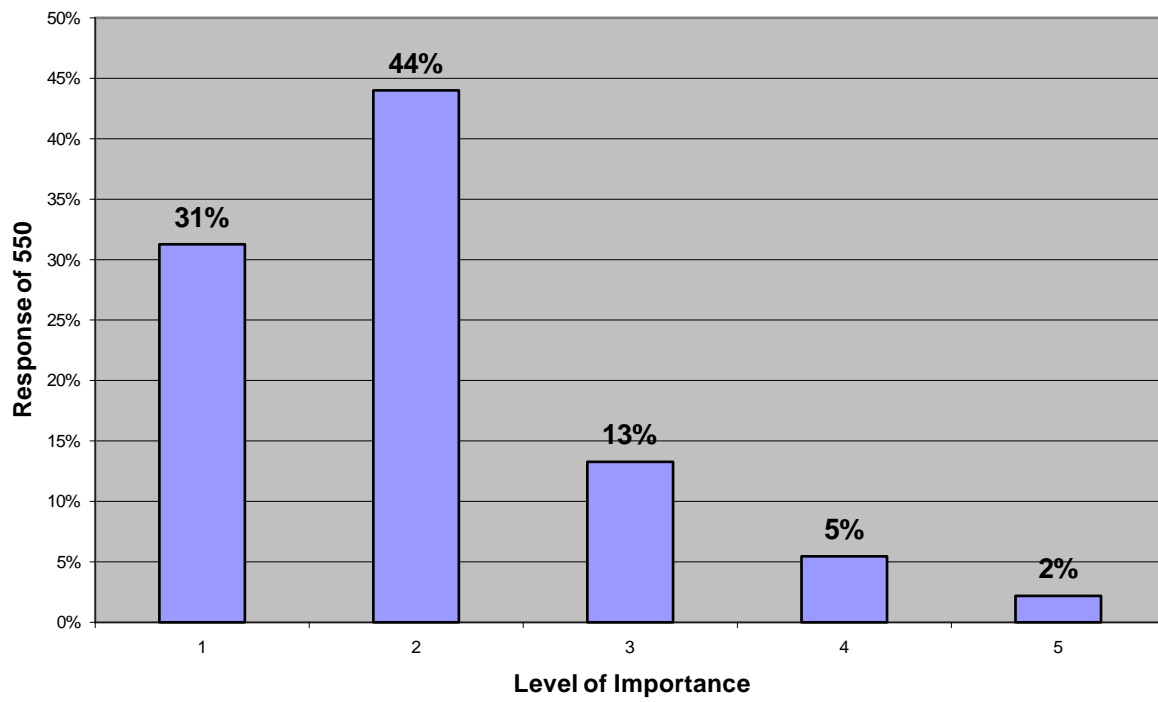
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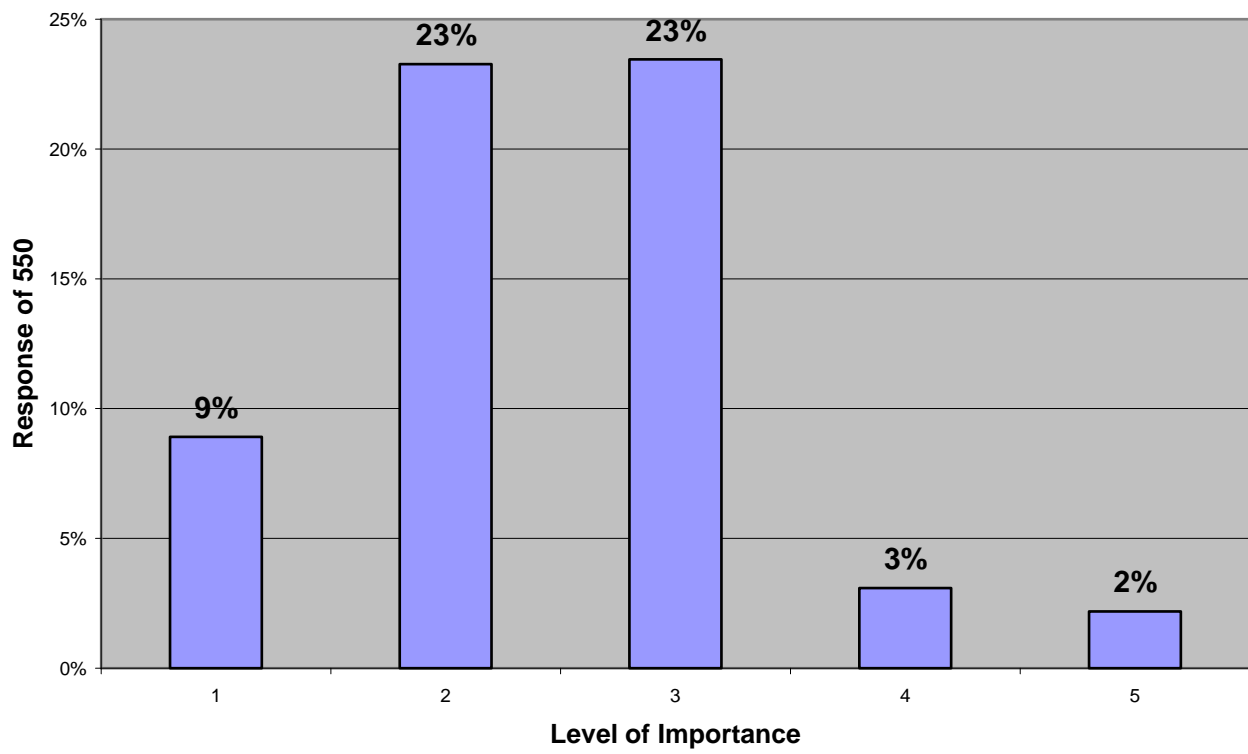
**8l Street Lighting**



**8m Transfer Station**



**8n Welfare Assistance**





### Question 9

How important is it for you to have the following available?

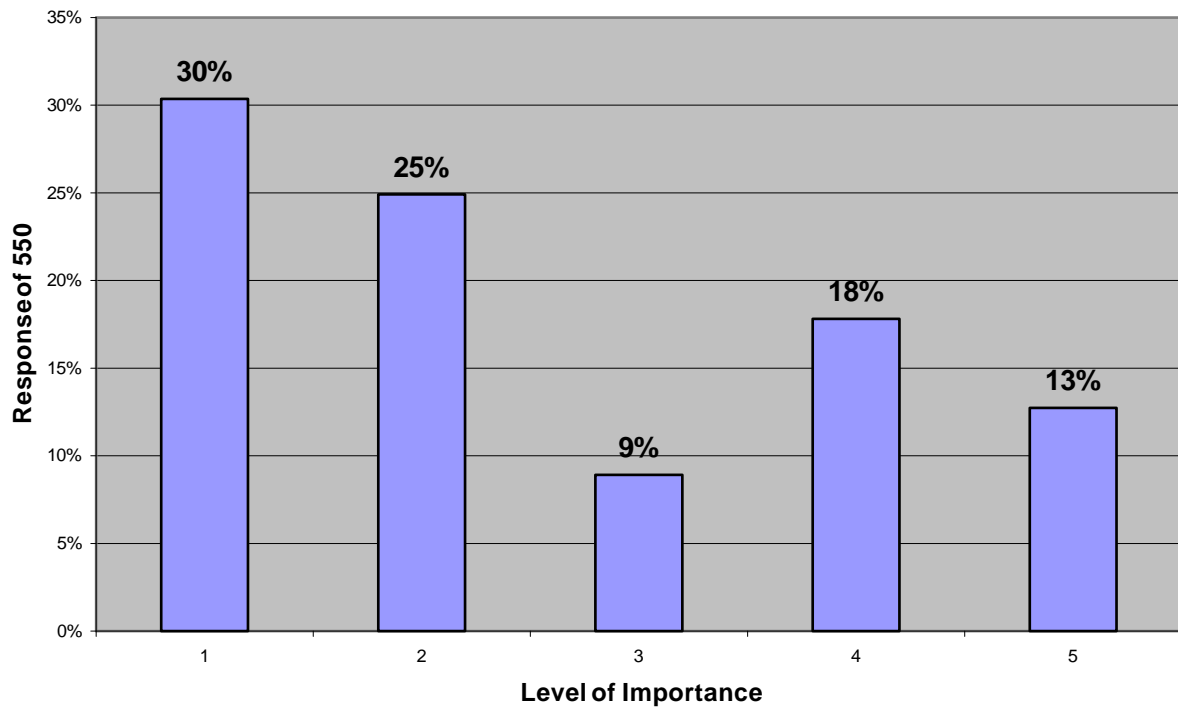
#### Total Responses

	1	2	3	4	5
9a Churches	167	137	49	98	70
9b Local Shopping Facilities	104	202	50	113	73
9c Ability to Earn a Living within the Community	126	137	58	112	99
9d Additional Cultural Facilities	45	143	116	135	83
9e Open Space and Wildlife Areas	263	172	46	27	17
9f Undeveloped Greenbelt	204	130	108	47	29
9g Extended Municipal Water System	123	135	110	75	82
9h Extended Sewer System	130	117	112	73	86

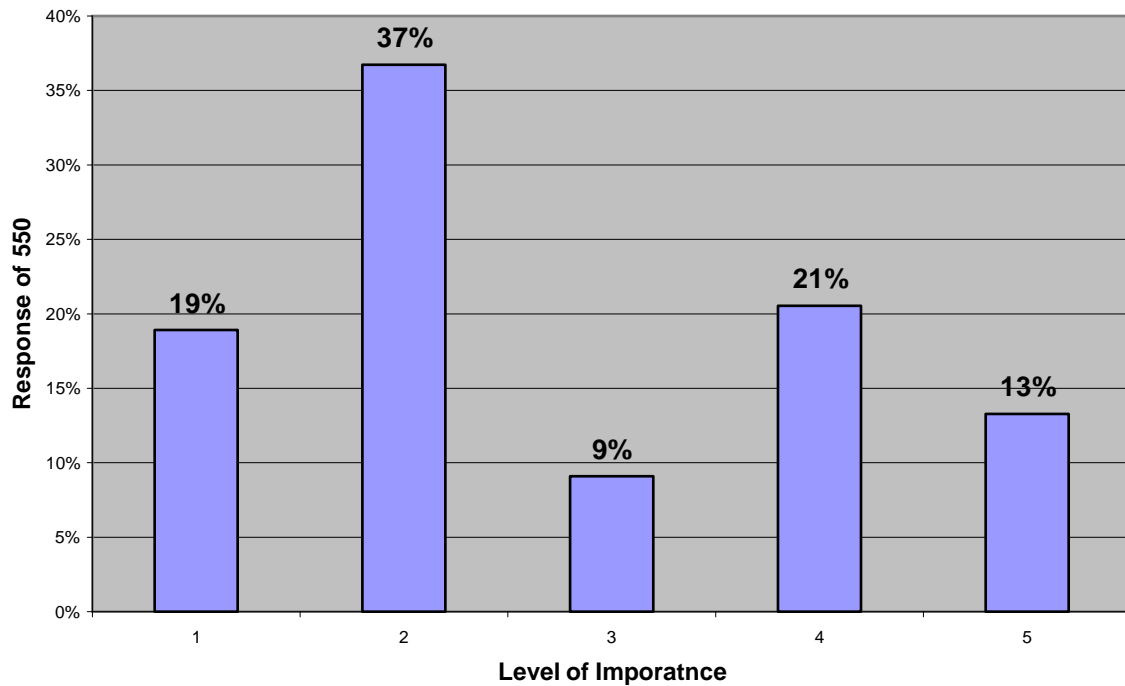
#### Percentage Response

	1	2	3	4	5
9a Churches	30%	25%	9%	18%	13%
9b Local Shopping Facilities	19%	37%	9%	21%	13%
9c Ability to Earn a Living within the Community	23%	25%	11%	20%	18%
9d Additional Cultural Facilities	8%	26%	21%	25%	15%
9e Open Space and Wildlife Areas	48%	31%	8%	5%	3%
9f Undeveloped Greenbelt	37%	24%	20%	9%	5%
9g Extended Municipal Water System	22%	25%	20%	14%	15%
9h Extended Sewer System	24%	21%	20%	13%	16%

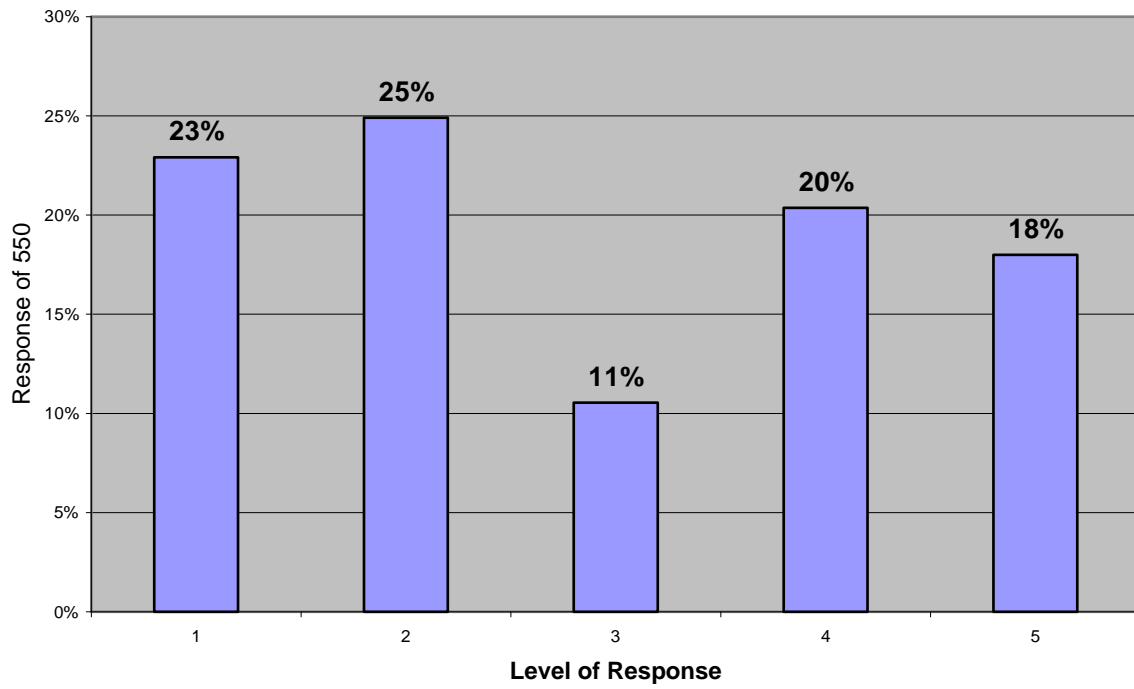
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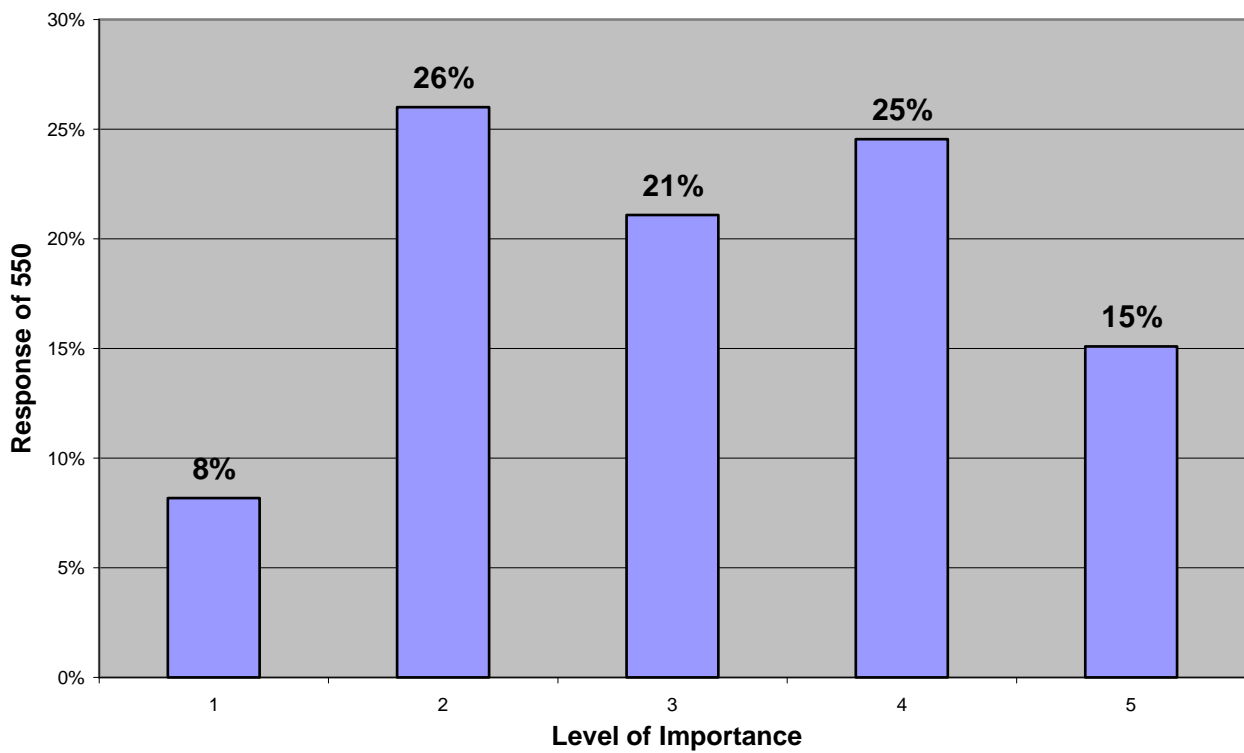
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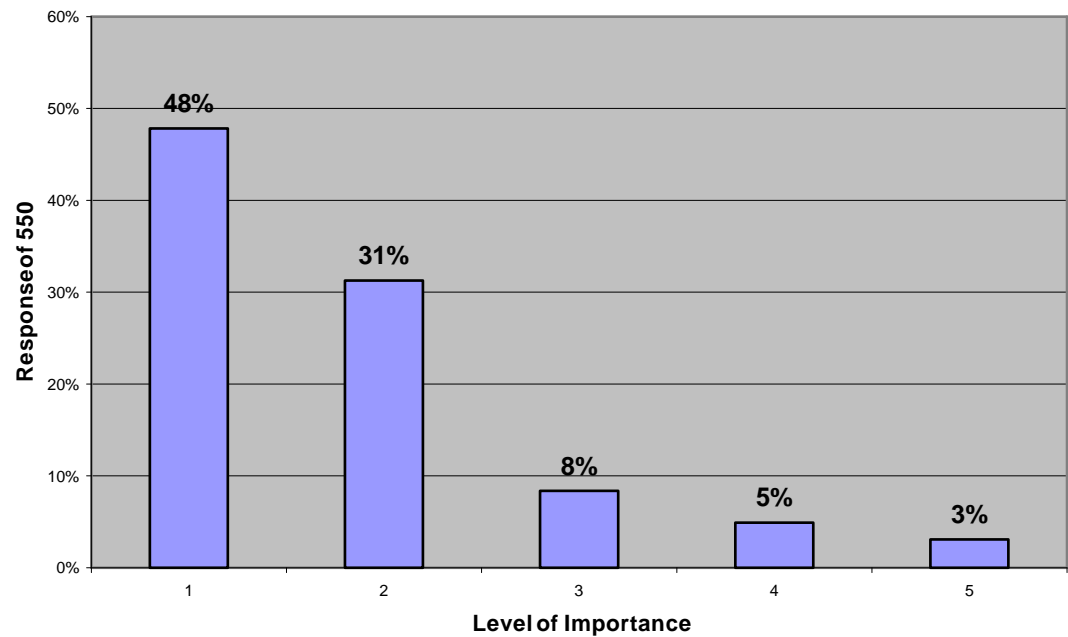
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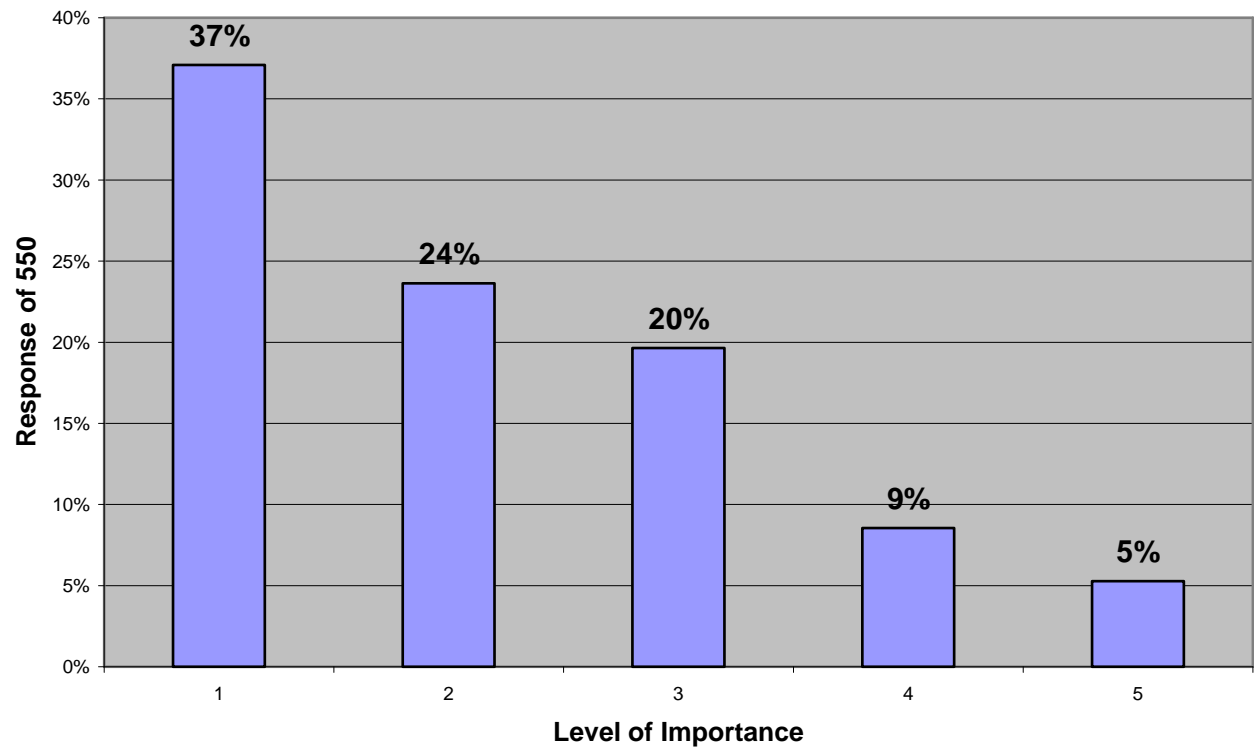
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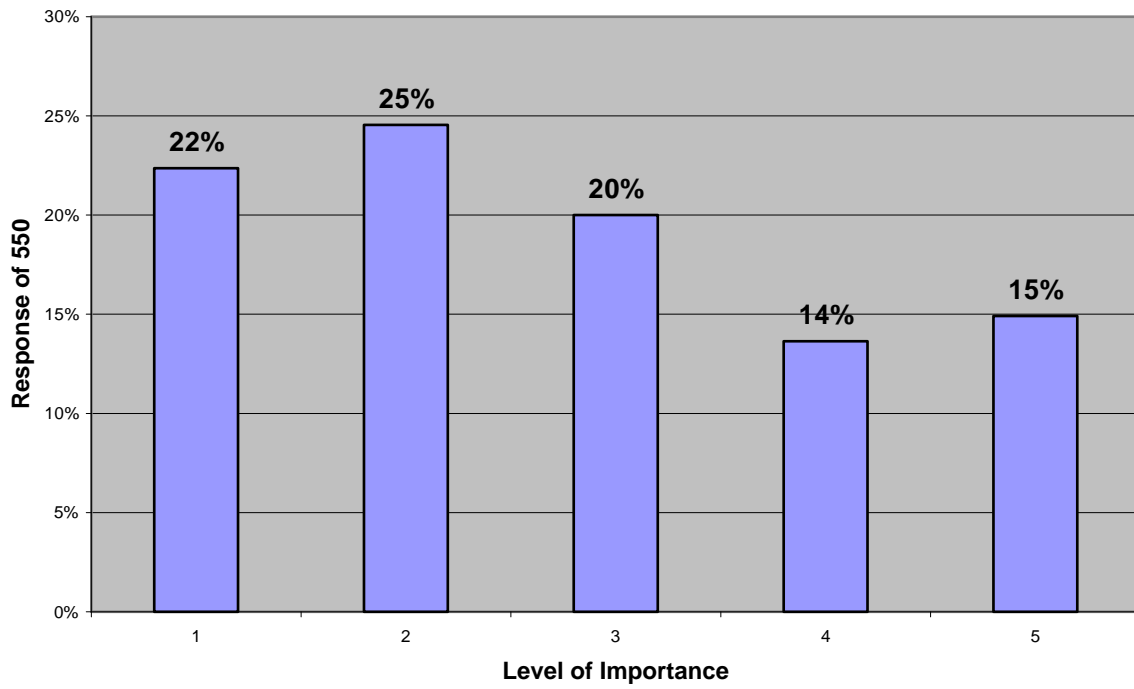
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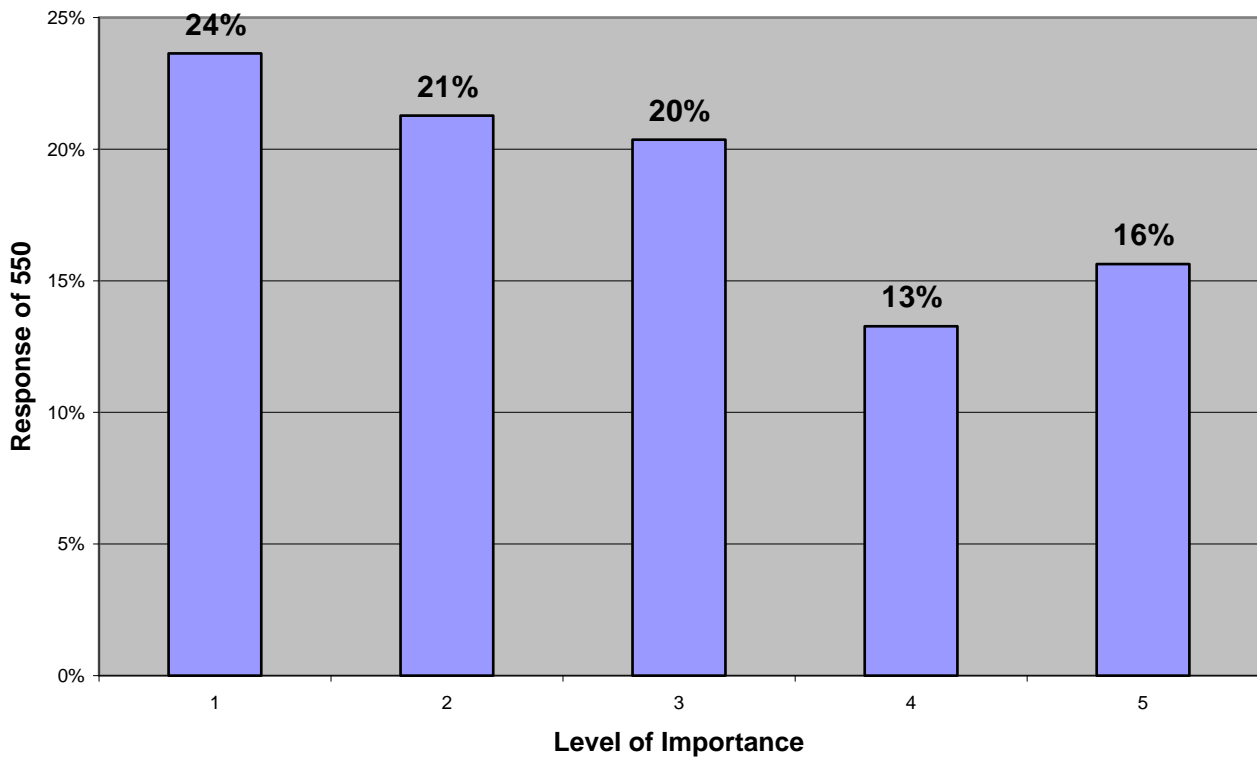
9f Undeveloped Greenbelt



**9g Extended Municipal Water System**



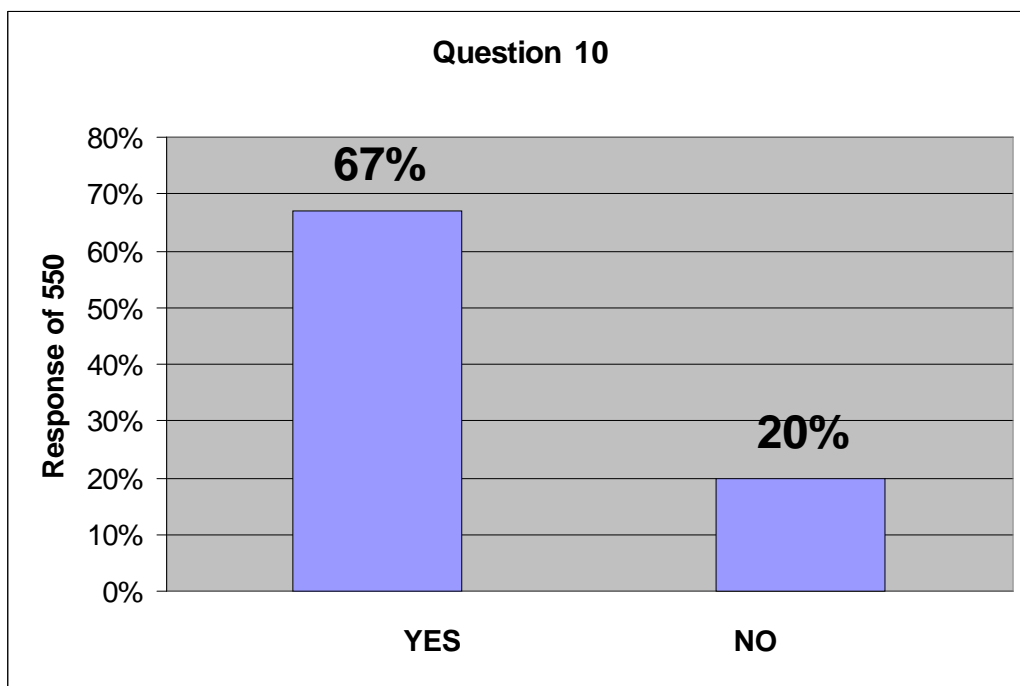
**9h Extended Sewer System**



### Question 10

**Should the town implement policies that reduce carbon emissions for its public facilities and equipment?**

	Reply	Percent
yes	368	67%
no	110	20%



## Question 11

### Why do you enjoy living in Eliot?

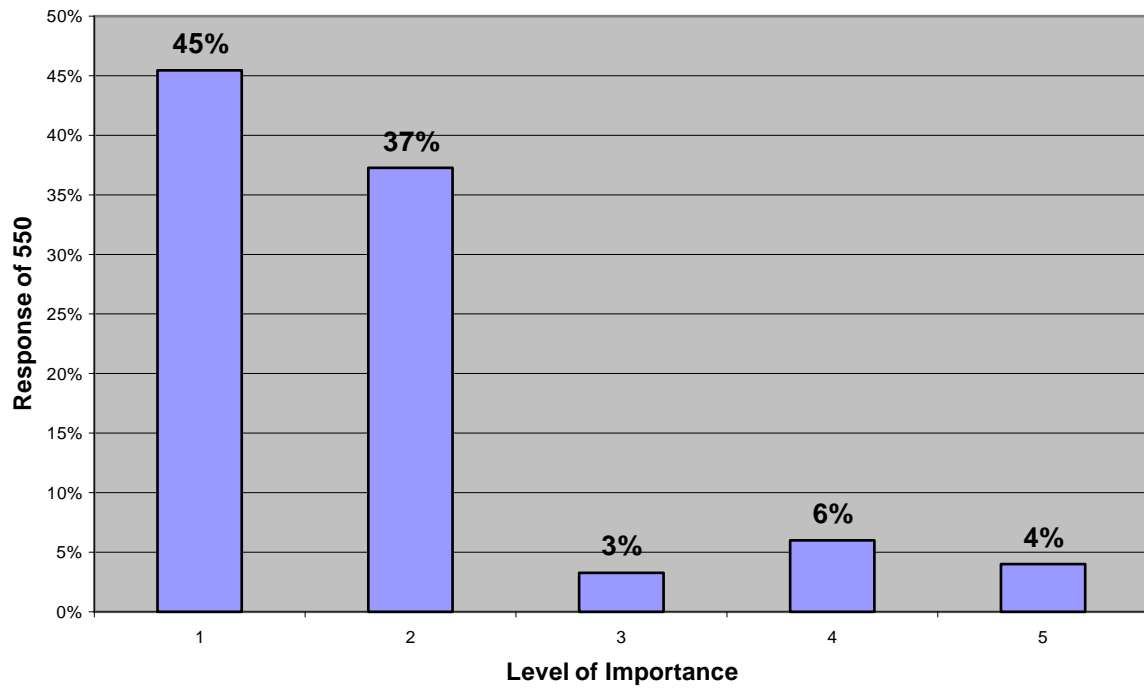
#### Total Response

	1	2	3	4	5
<b>11a Access to large towns</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>11b Affordable housing</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>11c Born here</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>231</b>
<b>11d Close to job centers</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>11e close to ocean</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>11f Quality of life</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>11g <i>Quality of services</i></b>	<b>178</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>11h Schools</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>11i Small town atmosphere</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>11j Taxes</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>15</b>

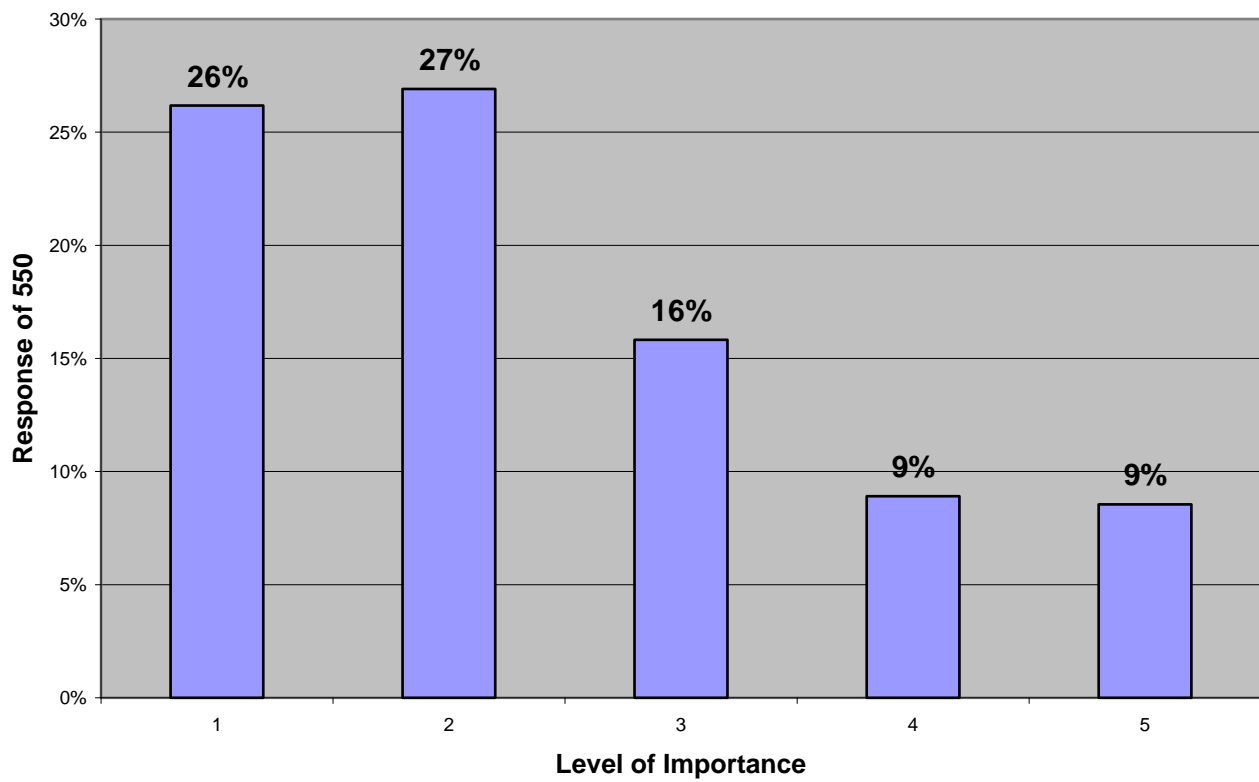
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	1	2	3	4	5
<b>11a Access to large towns</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>11b Affordable housing</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>11c Born here</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>42%</b>
<b>11d Close to job centers</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>11e close to ocean</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>11f Quality of life</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>11g <i>Quality of services</i></b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>11h Schools</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>11i Small town atmosphere</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>11j Taxes</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>3%</b>

### 11a Access to large towns

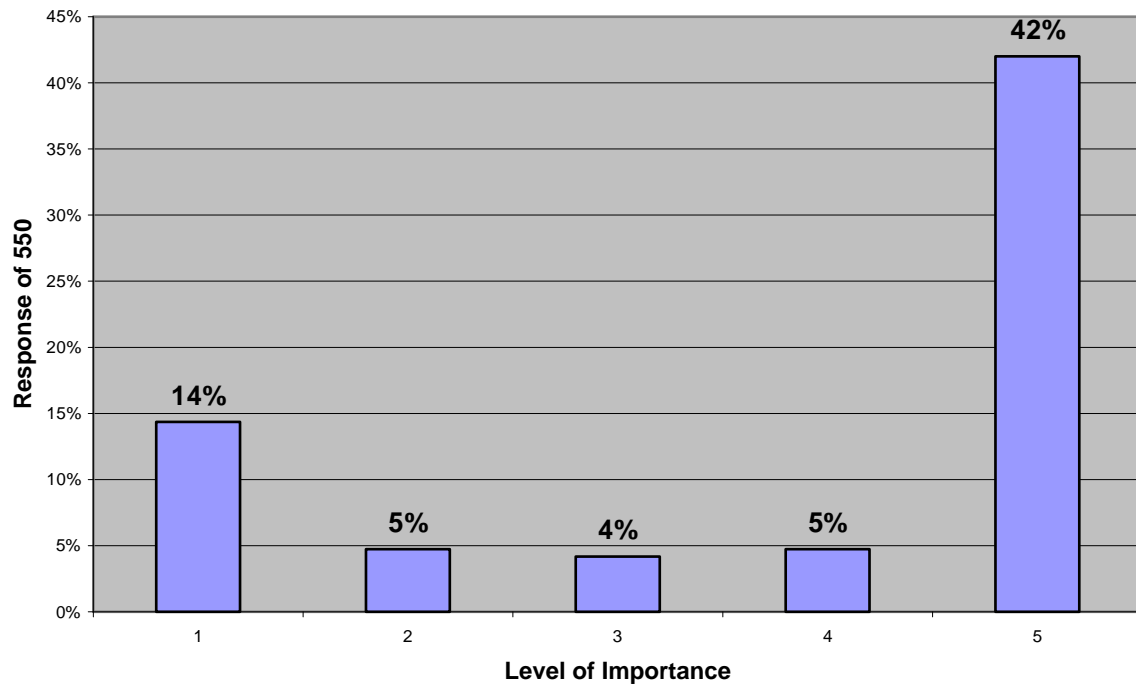


### 11b Affordable housing

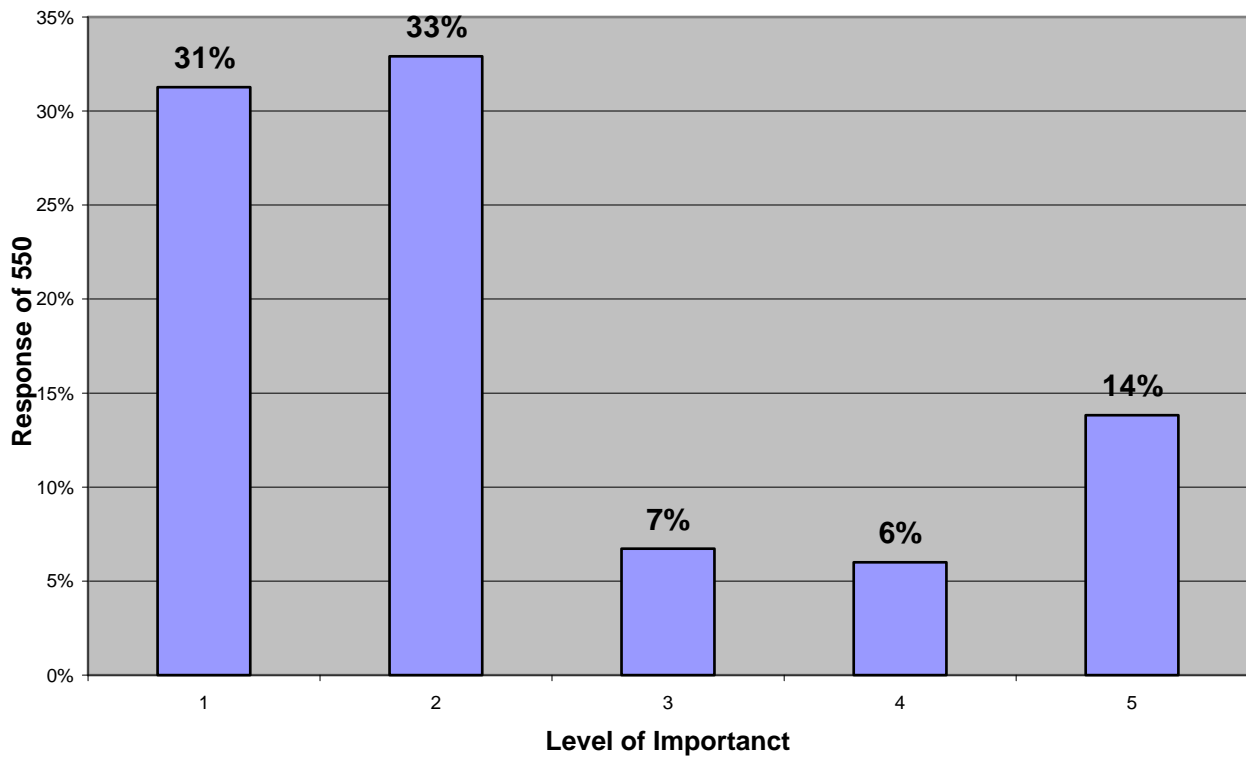




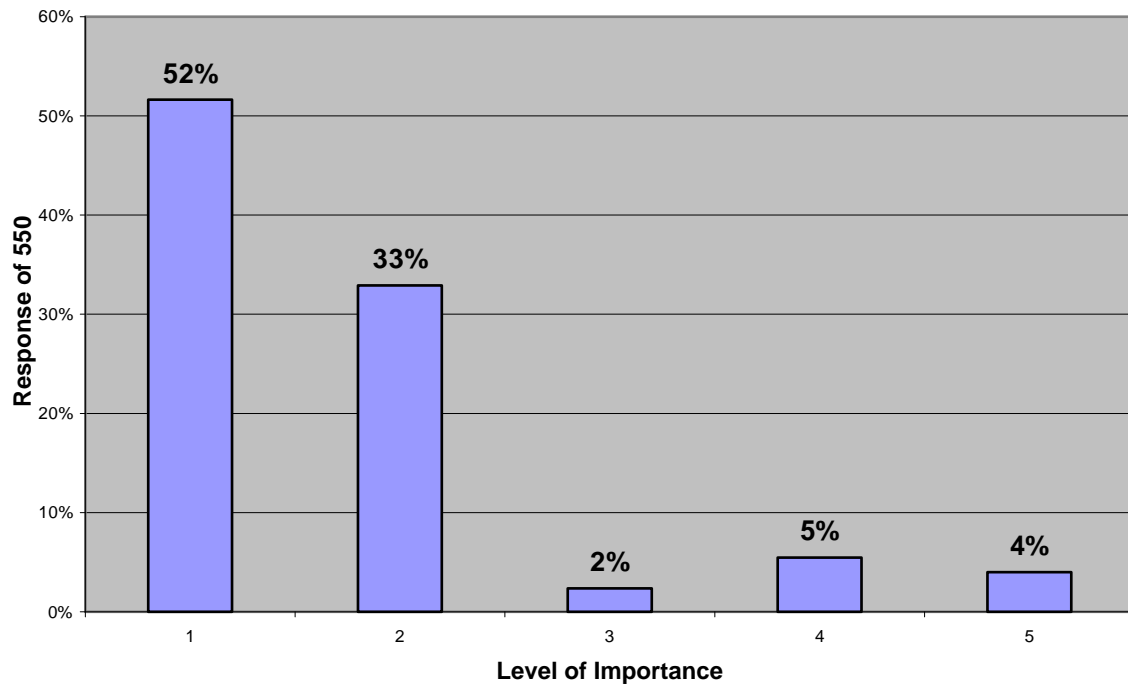
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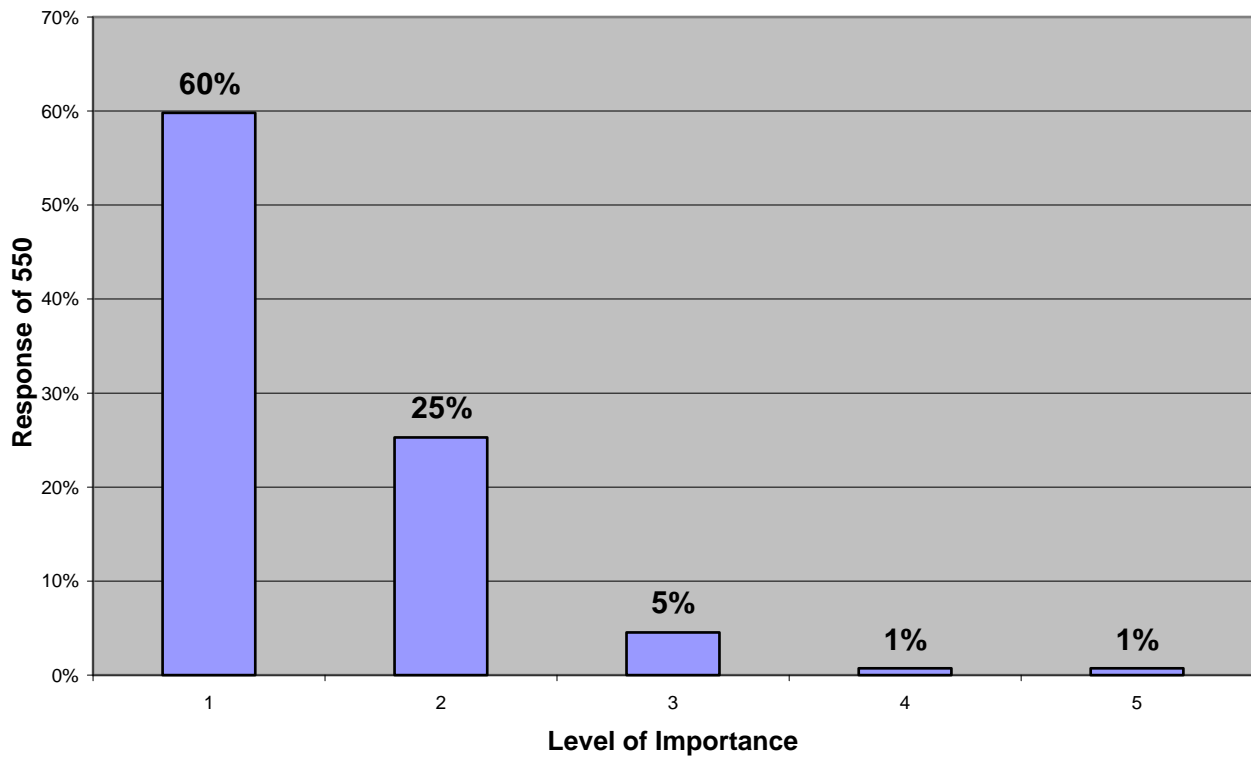
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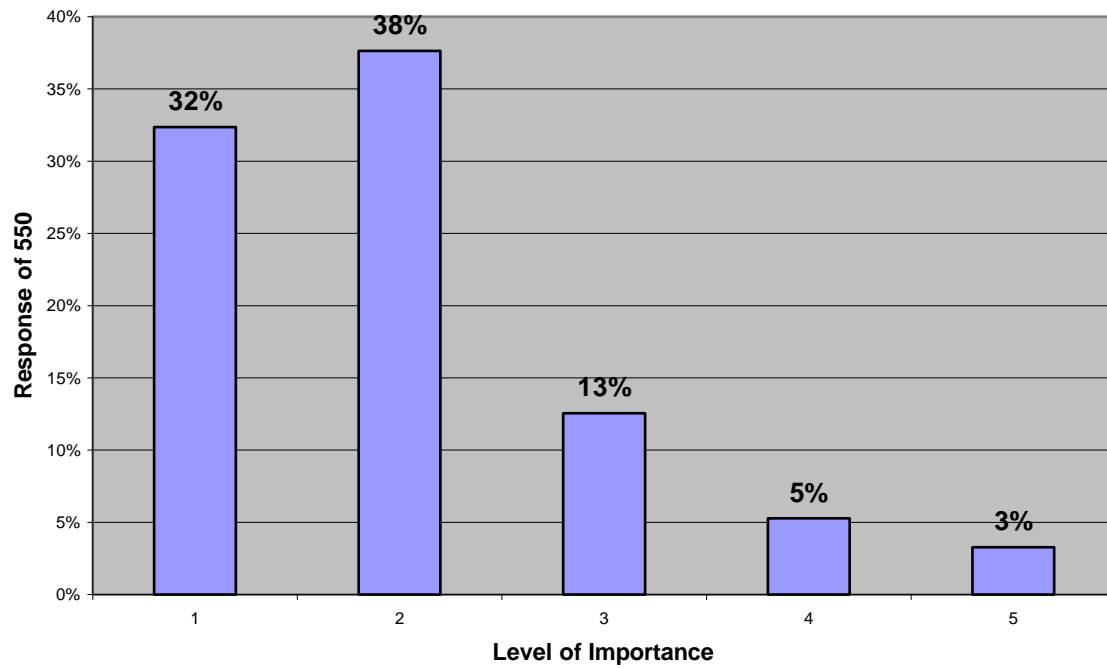
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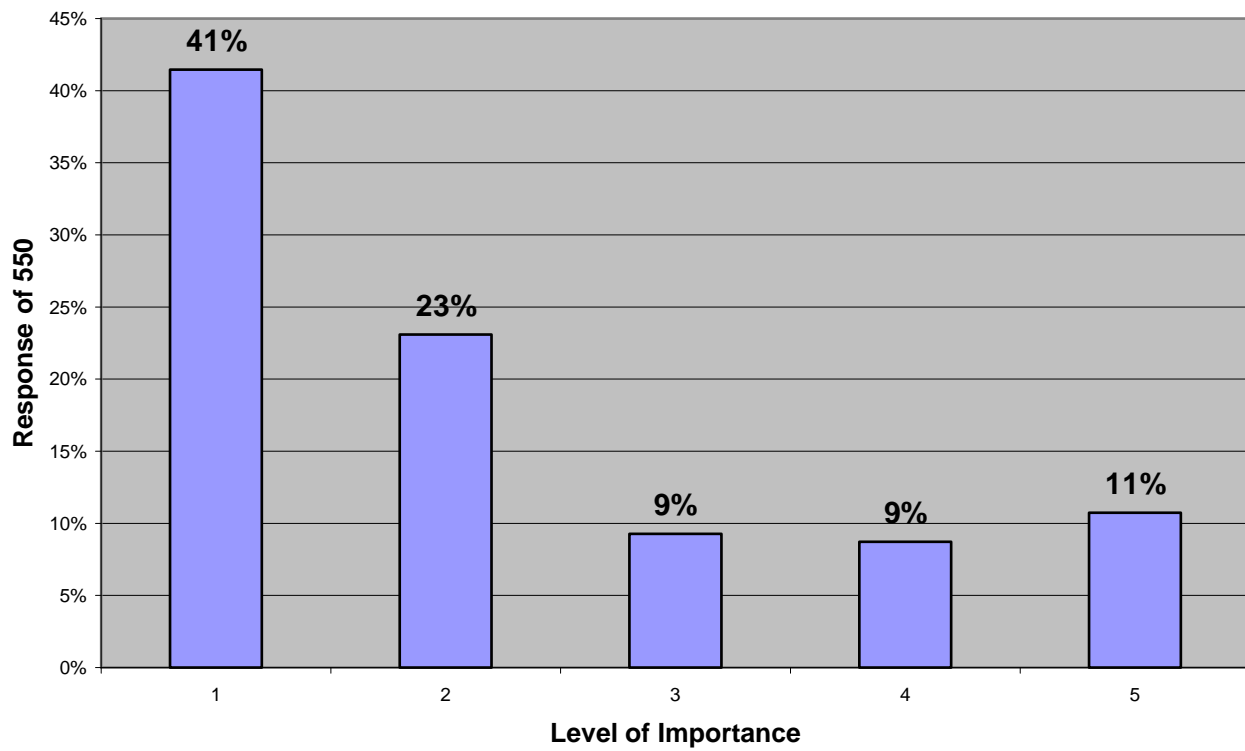
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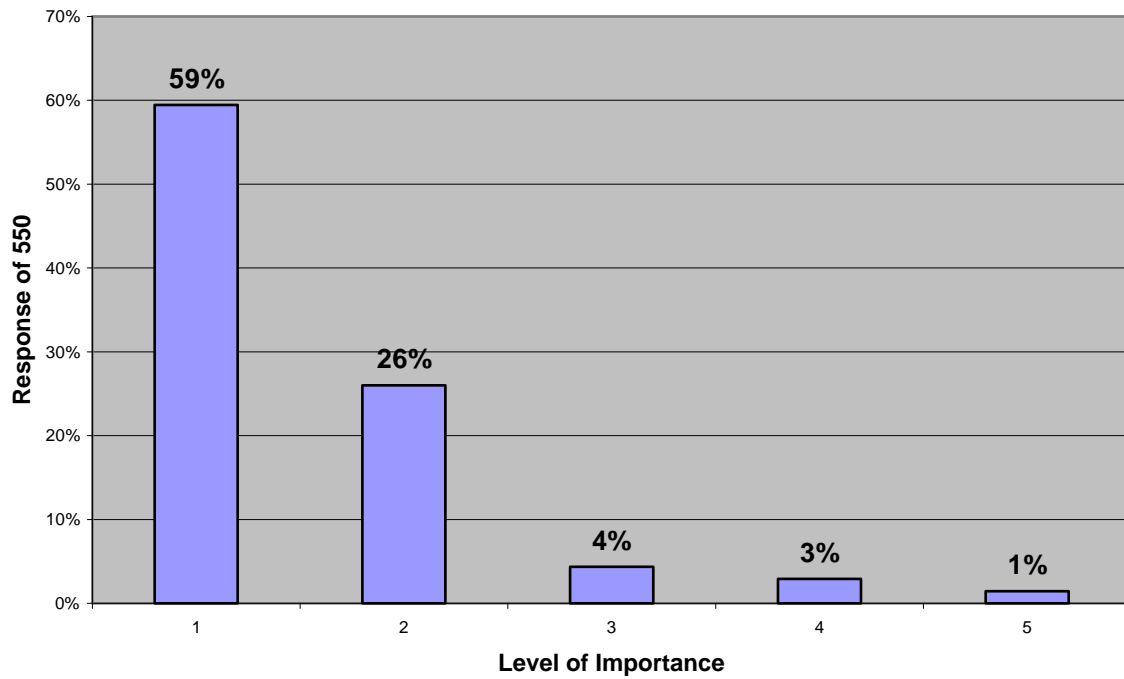
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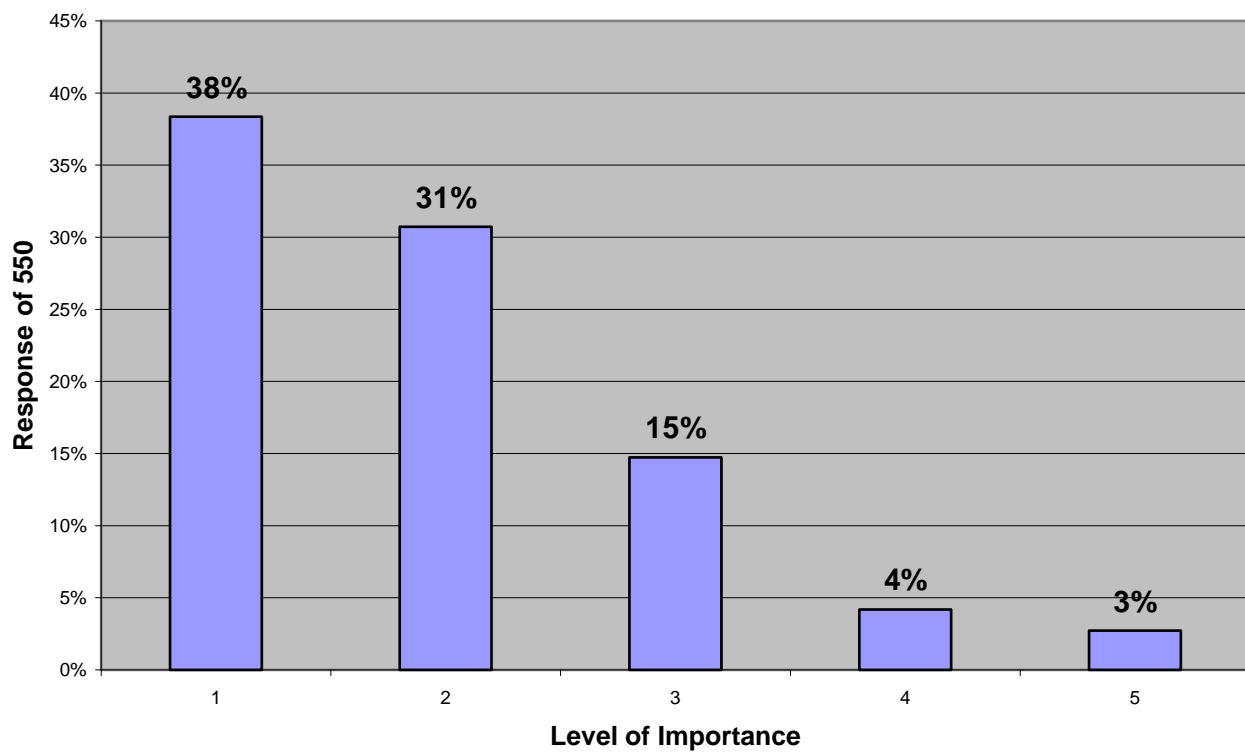
**11h Schools**



### 11i Small town atmosphere



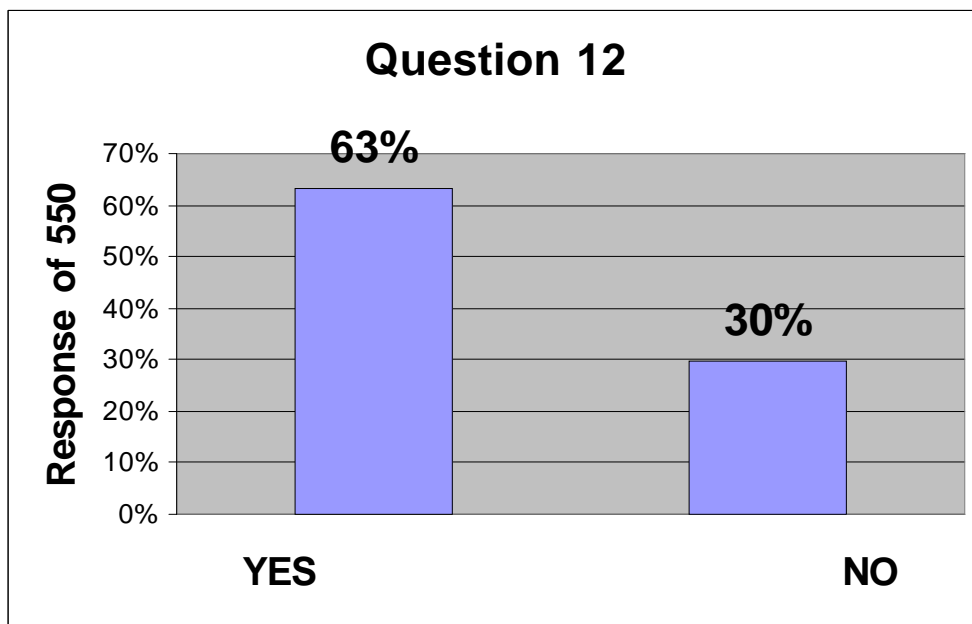
### 11j Taxes



### Question 12

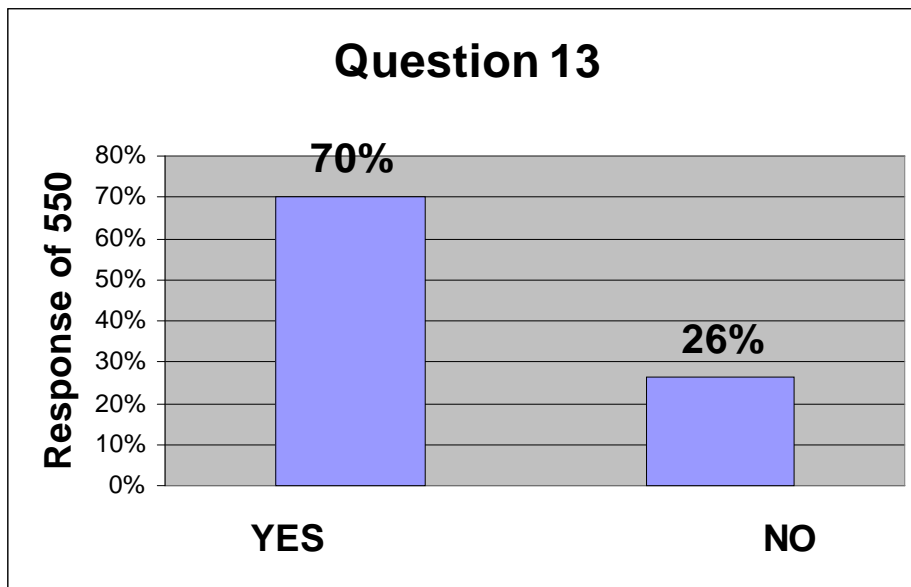
**Would you support the expenditure of town funds to acquire and protect more open space, either through the purchase of land and / or easements?**

Q12	Reply	Percent
yes	348	63%
no	163	30%



**Question 13**  
**Do you feel that the town ordinances are enforced?**

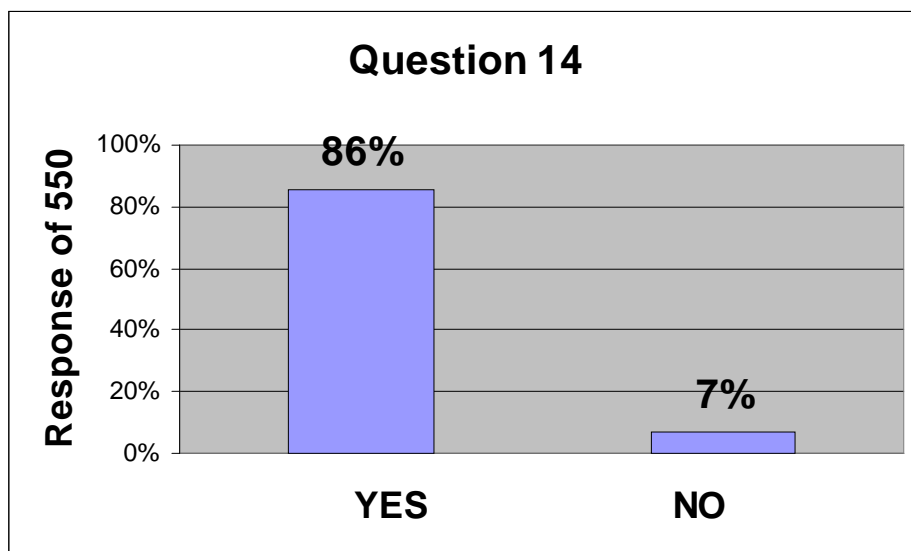
Q13	Reply	Percent
yes	385	70%
no	145	26%



### Question 14

**Should developers be required to pay impact fees to offset services rendered by the Town of Eliot?**

Q14	Reply	Percent
yes	471	86%
no	38	7%



**Question 15**

**What additional comments of suggestions do you have for the planning of Eliot's Future?**

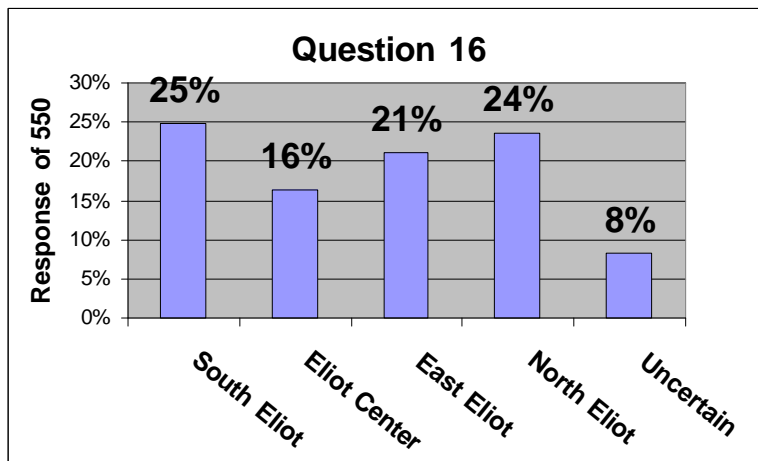
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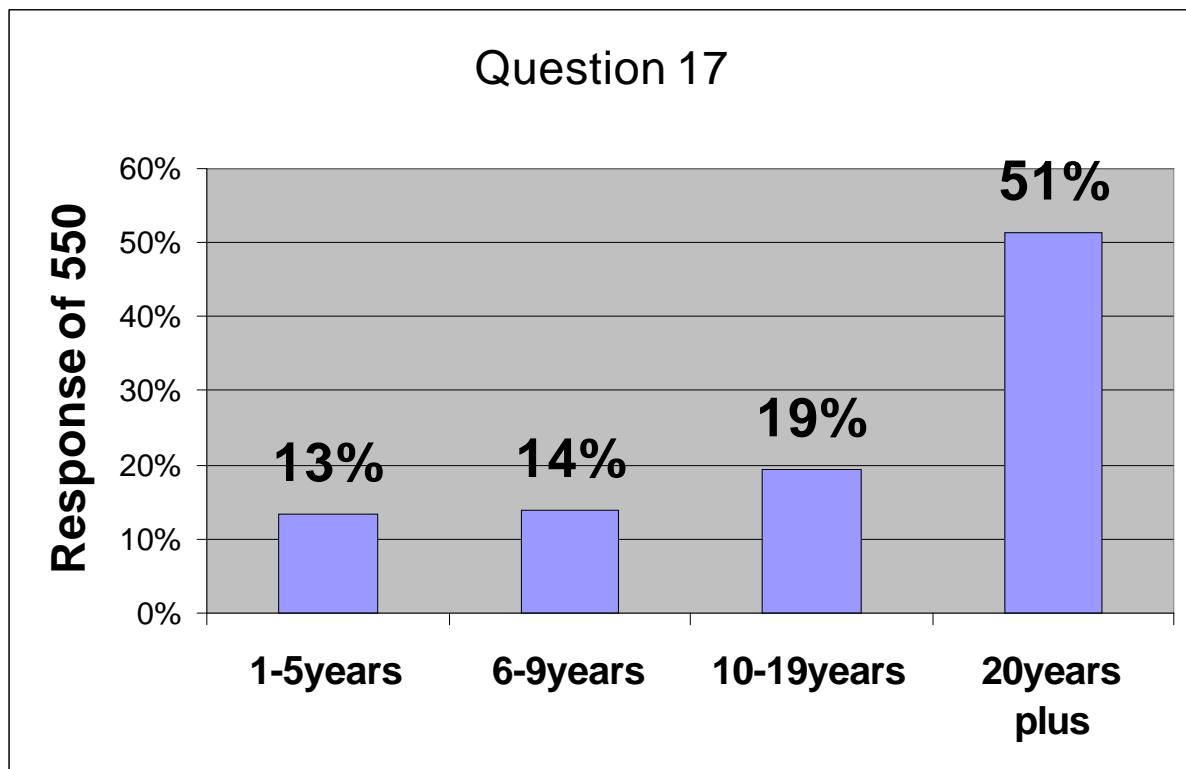
**Question 16**  
**In what area of town do you live?**

Q16	Reply	Percent
South Eliot	137	25%
Eliot Center	90	16%
East Eliot	116	21%
North Eliot	130	24%
Uncertain	46	8%



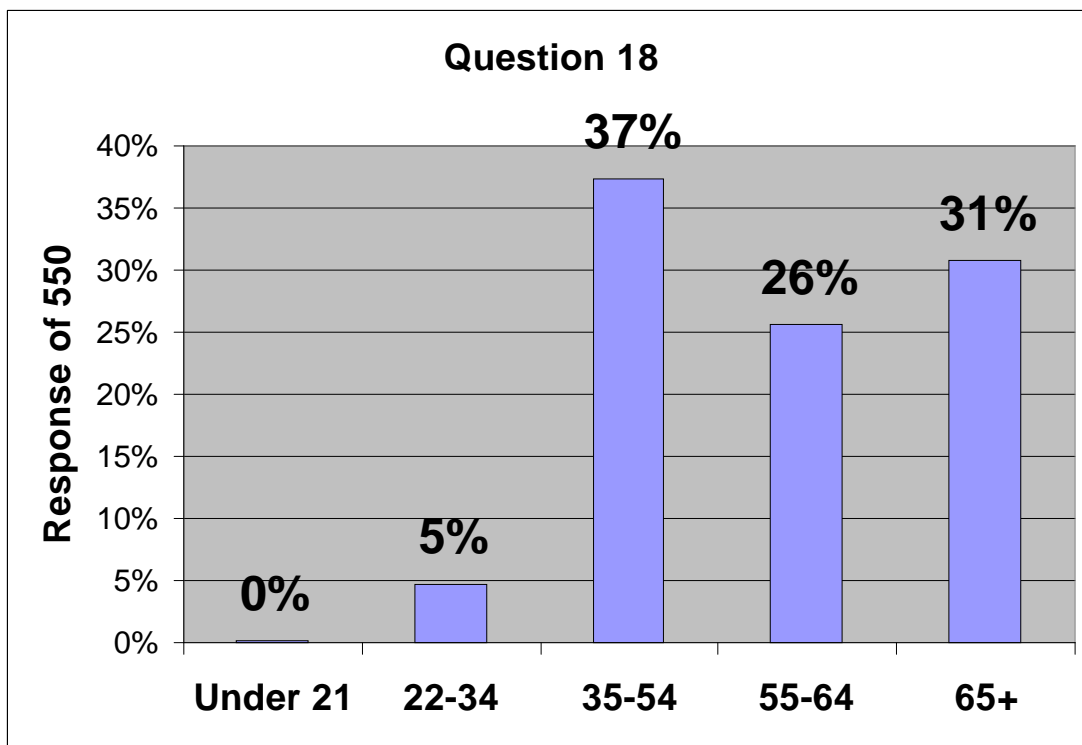
**Question 17**  
**How long have you been a resident in Eliot?**

Q17	Reply	Percent
1-5years	74	13%
6-9years	77	14%
10-19years	106	19%
20years plus	283	51%



**Question 18**  
**What is the age of the person answering this survey?**

Q18	Reply	Percent
Under 21	1	0%
22-34	26	5%
35-54	205	37%
55-64	141	26%
65+	169	31%

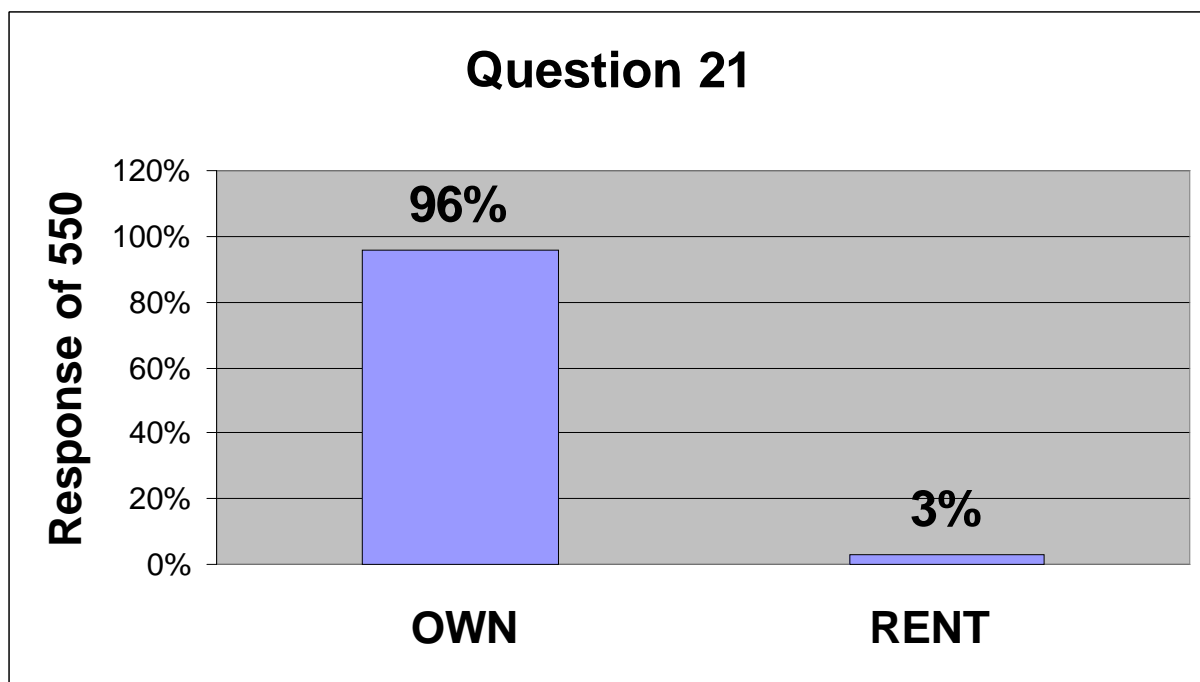


**Question 19**  
**How many children do have in the public schools?**

Q19	Reply	Percent
public schools	168	31%

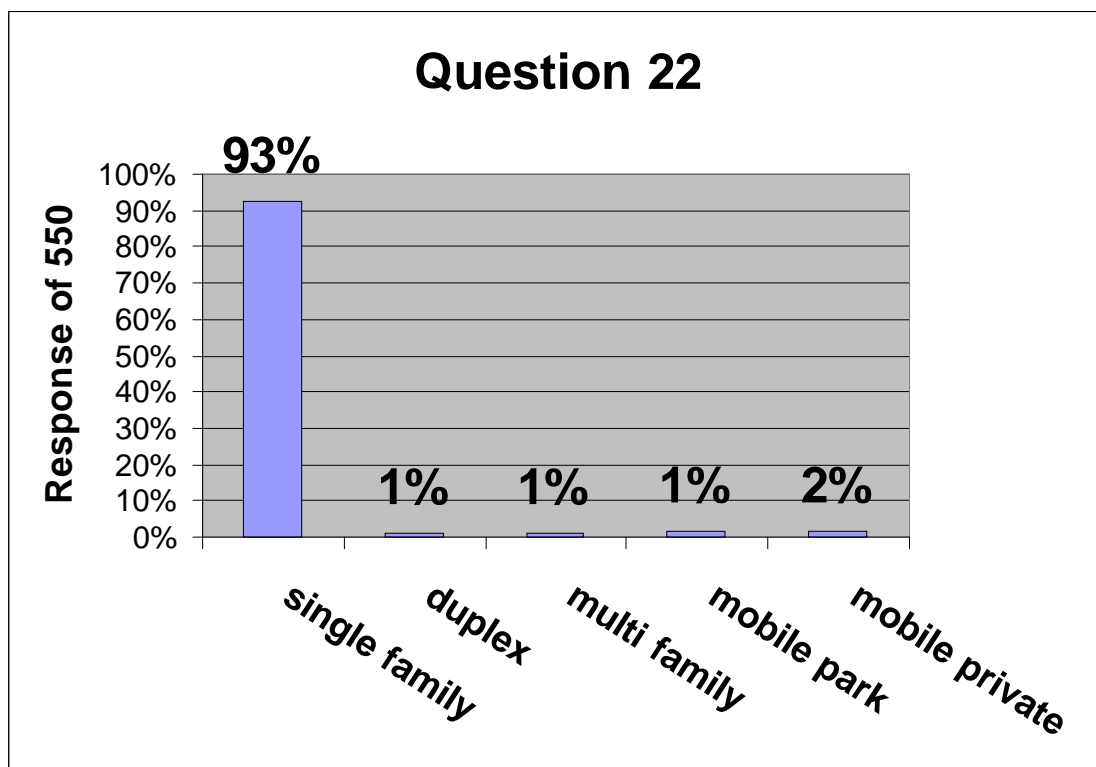
**Question 21**  
**Do you own or rent your house?**

Q21	Reply	Percent
own	528	96%
rent	16	3%



**Question 22**  
**In what type of housing do you live?**

Q22	Reply	Percent
single family	509	93%
Duplex	6	1%
multi family	7	1%
mobile home in park	8	1%
mobile home on private lot	10	2%



**Question 23: Where are you employed?**

<b>Alfred</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>New Castle</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Berwick</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>New England States</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Biddeford</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Newington</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Boston</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Newton</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Brentwood NH</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>North Berwick</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Canada</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>North Hampton</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Concord NH</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Ogunquit</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Danvers</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Portland</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Dover</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Raymond</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Durham</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Rochester</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Eliot</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>Rye</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Epping</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Sanford</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Exeter</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Southern York County</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Framingham</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Seabrook</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Greater Portsmouth</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>Stratham</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Greenland</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Somersworth</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Hampton</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>South Berwick</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Kennebunk</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Virginia</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Kittery</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>Wells</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Manchester</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>York</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Massachusetts</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Retired</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Milton, NH</b>	<b>1</b>		