

APPENDIX



CLAY COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE & TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Community Input Survey Summary

The **Clay County Comprehensive & Transportation Plan** will be an opportunity to create a shared vision for Clay County over the next 25 years that will enhance the quality of life while attracting continued economic investment in the county.

A comprehensive plan is a guidebook that includes future decisions and strategies related to land use, transportation, capital investments, and community services.

SURVEY OVERVIEW

A survey was available publicly from February 19 to April 23. The survey included **35 questions in total**. Access to the survey was posted to the Metro COG and Clay County websites, social media, local press and flyers that were distributed at numerous locations throughout the county.

The types of questions asked in the survey related to:

- Demographic context and individual relationships to the county
- General feelings towards Clay County
- Identifying specific strengths, weaknesses, future opportunities and challenges in relation to topics such as housing, economic development, agriculture, natural resources, recreation and mobility

KEY THEMES & ISSUES

The majority of responses fell into six (6) broader themes and issues. Some of these responses have been highlighted under each category below.

1. Community

The most common responses to what respondents enjoy about Clay County were related to the community, through family and friend networks. Responses suggest that this sense of community is protected by maintaining a perceived high “quality of life” and low crime rates.

“Safe, people, community”

“People care for other people”

“FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES”

2. Rural/small town feel

Respondents showed concern for preserving the existing small town atmosphere of its cities and the rural character of the county as a whole. One of the top future challenges identified by respondents was traffic congestion, which would disrupt the county’s rural feel.

“Small town living”

“Rural communities with amenities nearby”

“Quietness”

3. Natural environment

Many respondents valued easy access to nature within the county including river trails, parks and outdoor recreational activities. One of the biggest future fears is the loss of natural areas and open space.

"Biking the river corridor"

"Parks, paths, and recreation."

"Preserving and improving green spaces and protecting clean water is vital to our community."

4. Economic development

According to respondents, the top strength of living and working in Clay County is its proximity to the FM metropolitan area and other regional destinations. There is strong backing for local businesses and more employment opportunities.

"Location – next to Fargo."

"Staying competitive... attracting people and businesses"

"Lack of new businesses, restaurants and retail"

5. Education

A strong economy is supported by a high-quality education system which was also identified by almost half of respondents as a top strength.

"Access to schools"

"Public schools have been improved"

"Education opportunities is huge in my book."

6. Affordability

Among those surveyed, the number one challenge to the quality of life in Clay County in the next 25 years is a "higher cost of living". Furthermore, respondents were also concerned about a lack of housing choices.

"AFFORDABLE Senior living."

"housing is getting to be overpriced"

"... we need our lower income families to be able to afford decent housing"

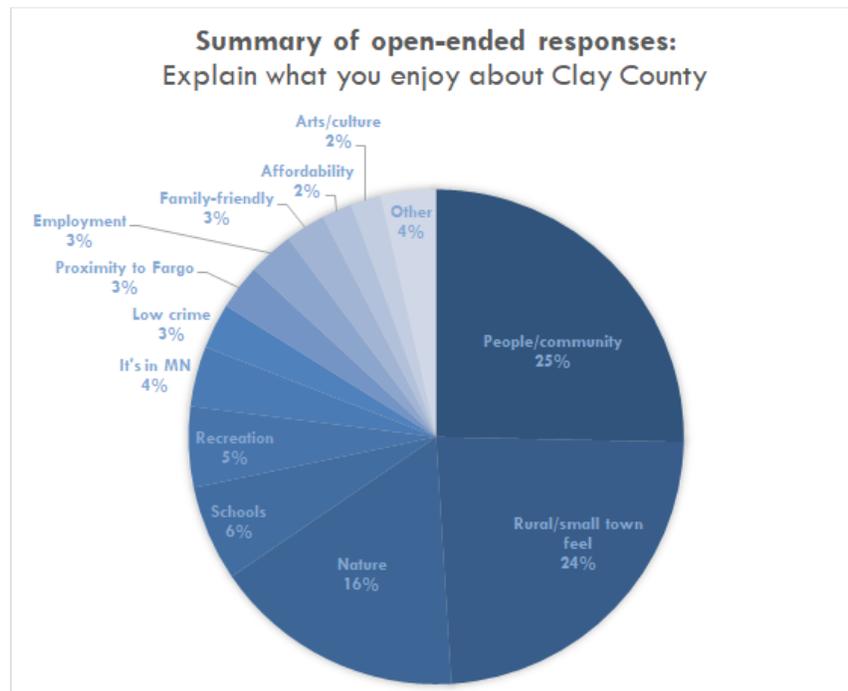
SURVEY RESULTS

Attached are the full survey results as well as summaries for open-ended responses received for both [Question 12](#) and [Question 21](#).

Question 12

“In five words or less, explain what you enjoy about Clay County.”

The below graphic categorizes each open-ended response. Responses about the people/sense of community and the rural or small town feel of the county made up almost half of all responses to the question.



Question 21

“How do you feel about current zoning/development regulations in Clay County meant to: protect public health, safety, and welfare; preserve agricultural land; conserve natural resources; and promote orderly development?”

More than a quarter of respondent who had an opinion on the subject answered that current zoning/development regulations in Clay County are “not strict enough”. In particular, there is a perceived threat of development continuing to take over agricultural land.

Below are some selected responses to the question.

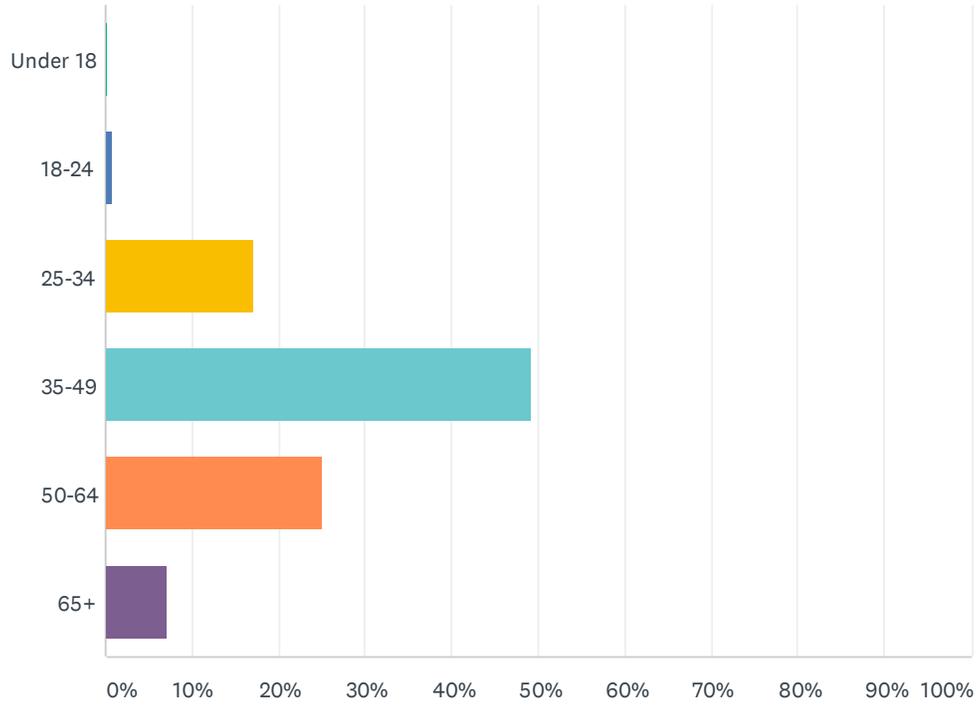
“I’d like to see conservation of existing farmland.”

“We also seem to have no problem covering up prime agricultural land with sprawling properties”

“I believe there is too much development on the outskirts that would be better directed at core neighborhoods”

Q1 What is your age?

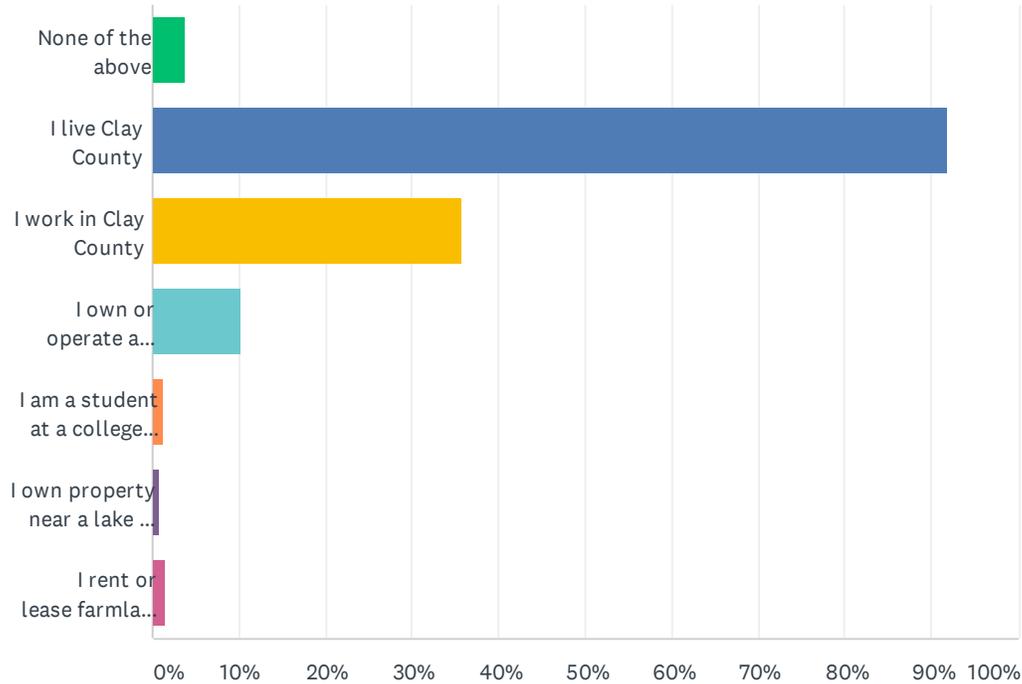
Answered: 319 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Under 18	0.31% 1
18-24	0.94% 3
25-34	17.24% 55
35-49	49.22% 157
50-64	25.08% 80
65+	7.21% 23
TOTAL	319

Q2 What best describes you? (select all that apply)

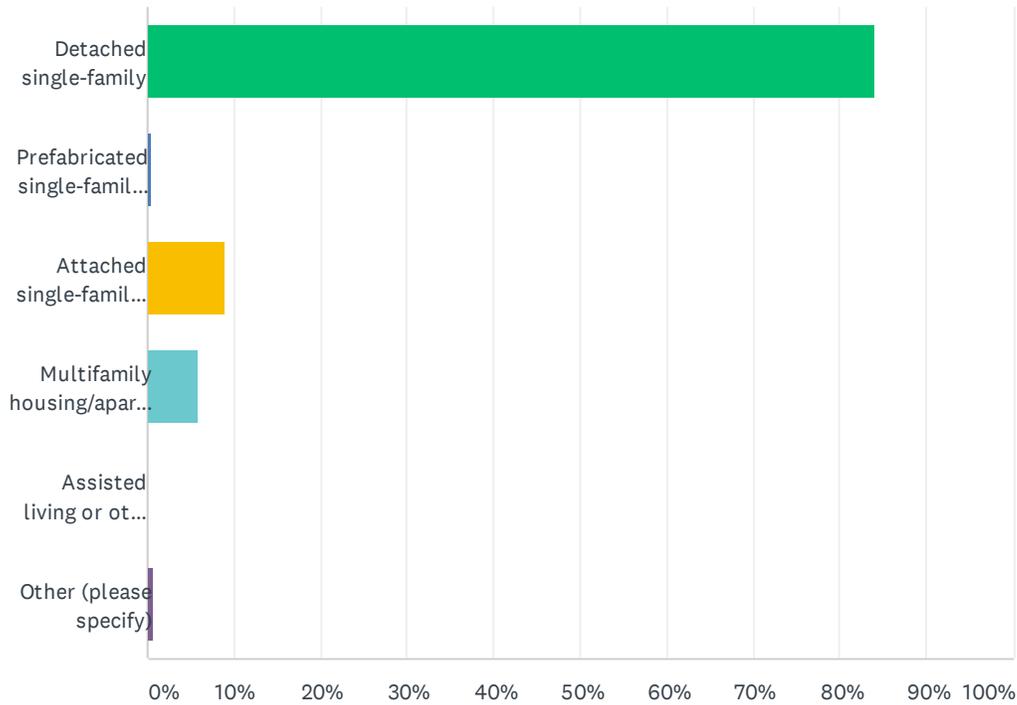
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	3.76%	12
I live Clay County	91.85%	293
I work in Clay County	35.74%	114
I own or operate a business in Clay County	10.34%	33
I am a student at a college or university in Clay County	1.25%	4
I own property near a lake or shoreland in Clay County	0.94%	3
I rent or lease farmland from someone in Clay County	1.57%	5
Total Respondents: 319		

Q3 What type of housing do you currently live in?

Answered: 289 Skipped: 30

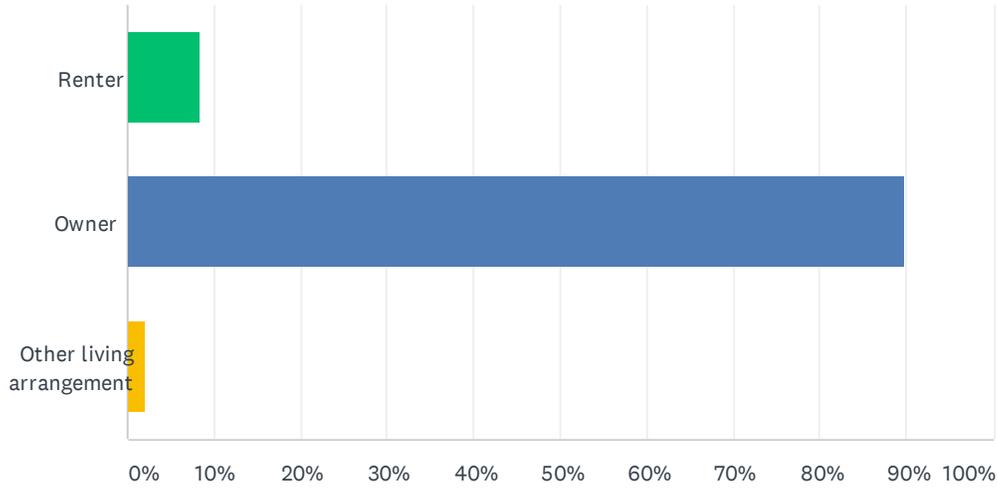


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Detached single-family	84.08%	243
Prefabricated single-family (e.g. manufactured home or "tiny home")	0.35%	1
Attached single-family (e.g. townhome or twin home)	9.00%	26
Multifamily housing/apartment	5.88%	17
Assisted living or other type of group quarters (e.g. dormitory)	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	0.69%	2
TOTAL		289

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Two story farmhouse	3/17/2021 9:09 PM
2	10 areas 1913 built home	3/17/2021 2:11 PM

Q4 Do you currently rent or own your home?

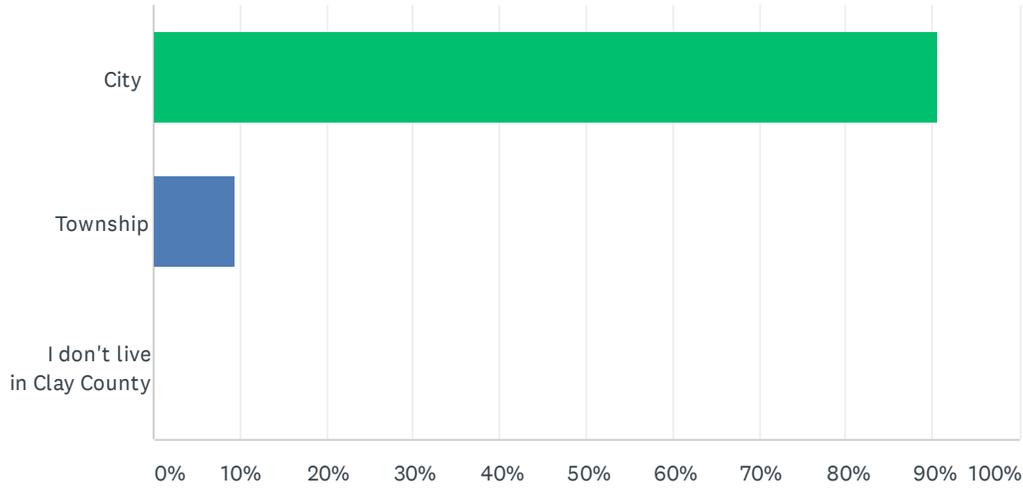
Answered: 290 Skipped: 29



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Renter	8.28% 24
Owner	89.66% 260
Other living arrangement	2.07% 6
TOTAL	290

Q5 Where in Clay County do you live?

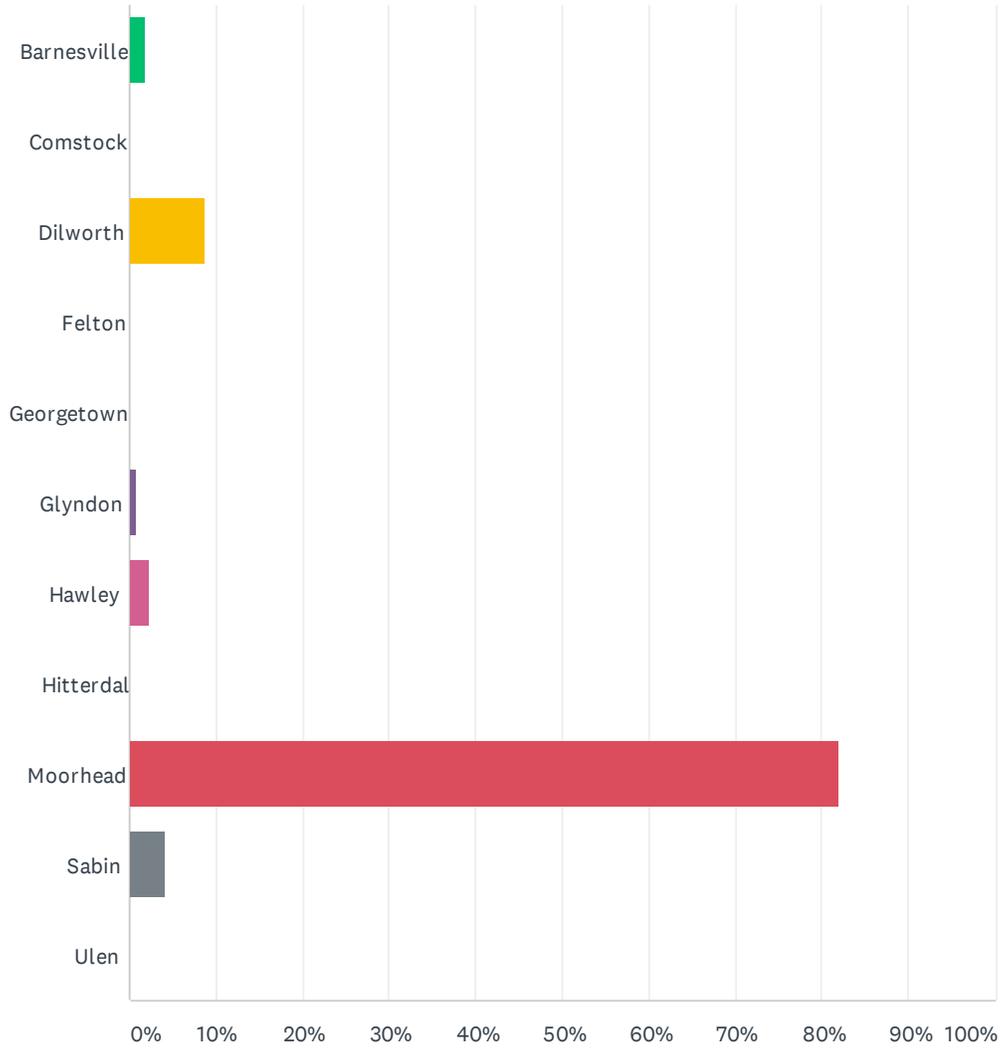
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
City	90.66%	262
Township	9.34%	27
I don't live in Clay County	0.00%	0
TOTAL		289

Q6 What city do you live in?

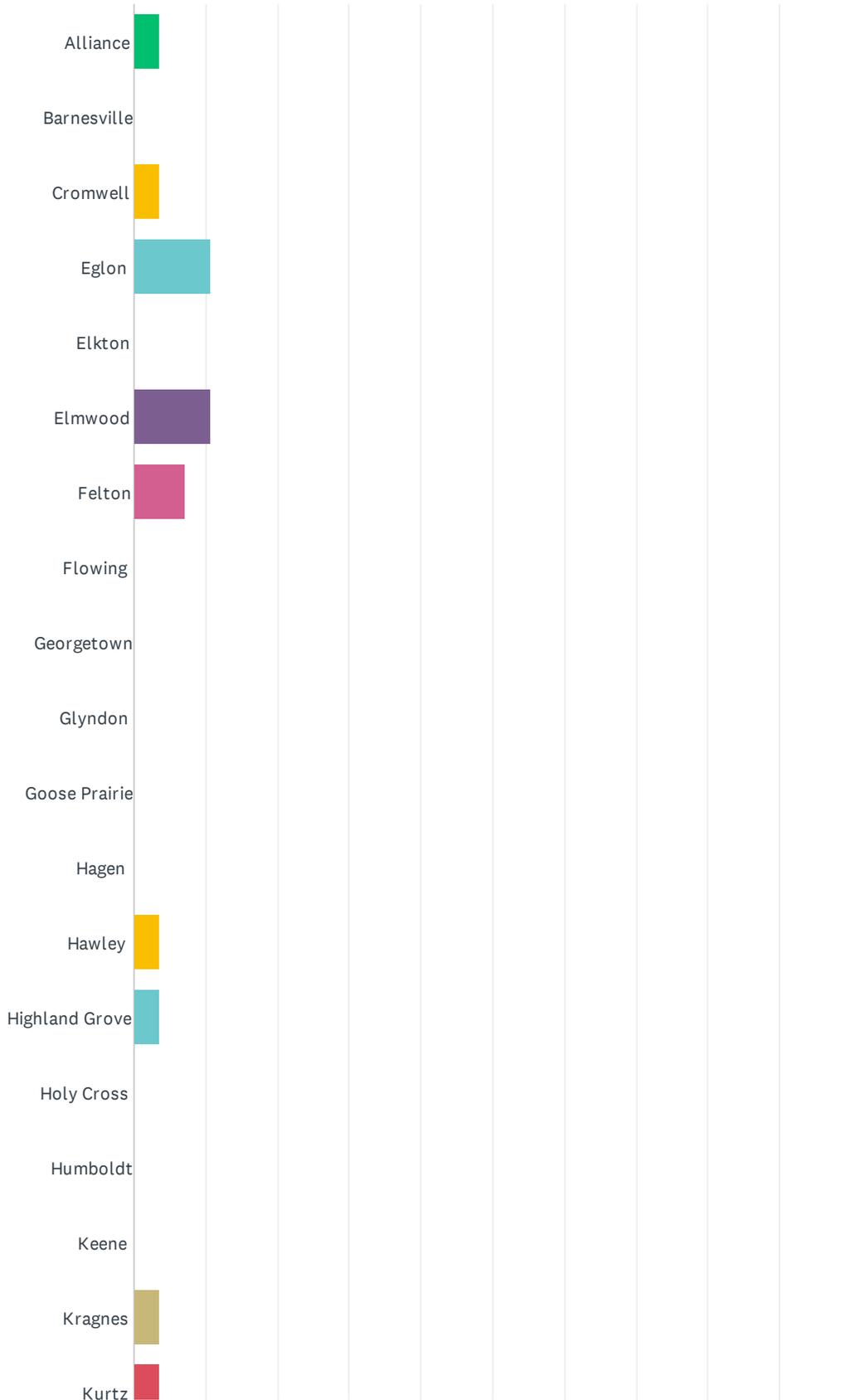
Answered: 262 Skipped: 57

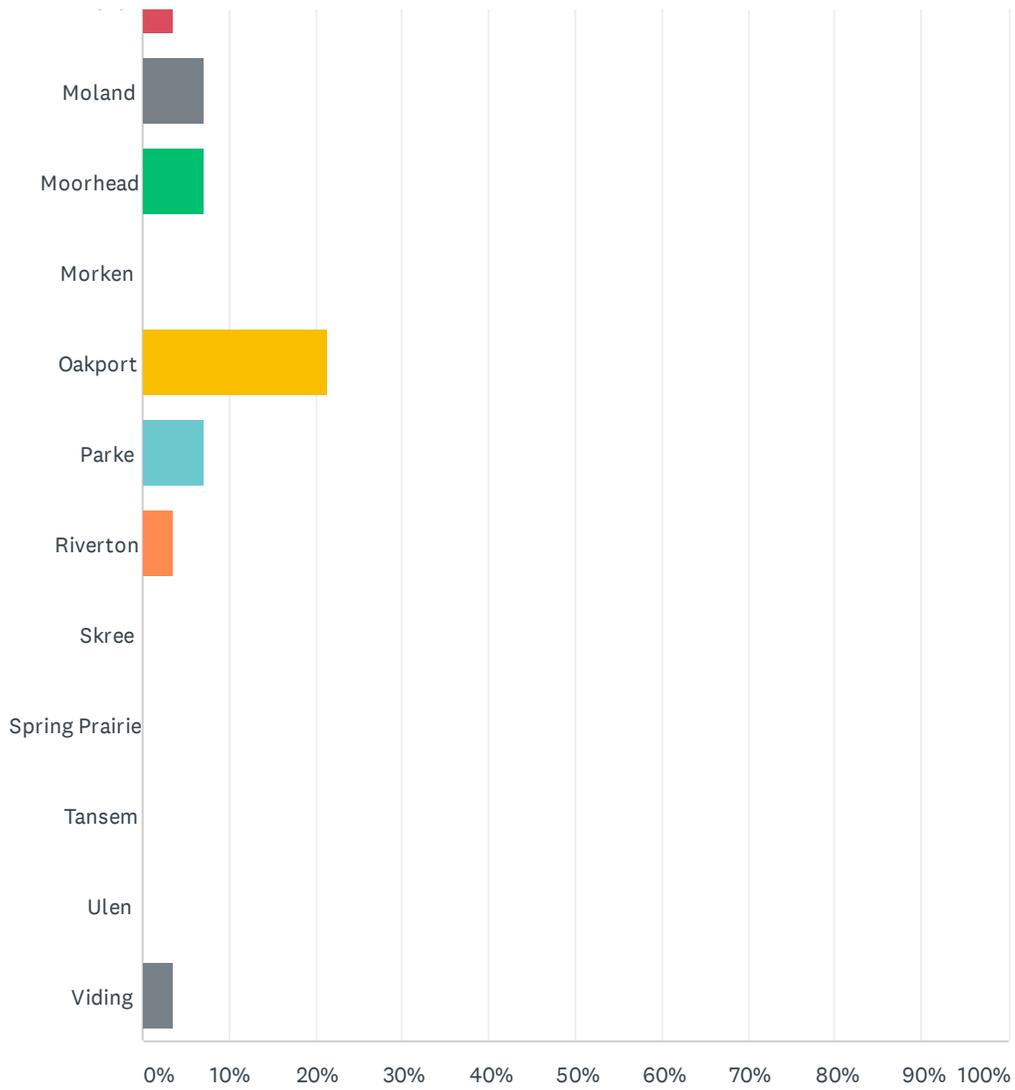


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Barnesville	1.91%	5
Comstock	0.00%	0
Dilworth	8.78%	23
Felton	0.00%	0
Georgetown	0.00%	0
Glyndon	0.76%	2
Hawley	2.29%	6
Hitterdal	0.00%	0
Moorhead	82.06%	215
Sabin	4.20%	11
Ulen	0.00%	0
TOTAL		262

Q7 What township do you live in?

Answered: 28 Skipped: 291

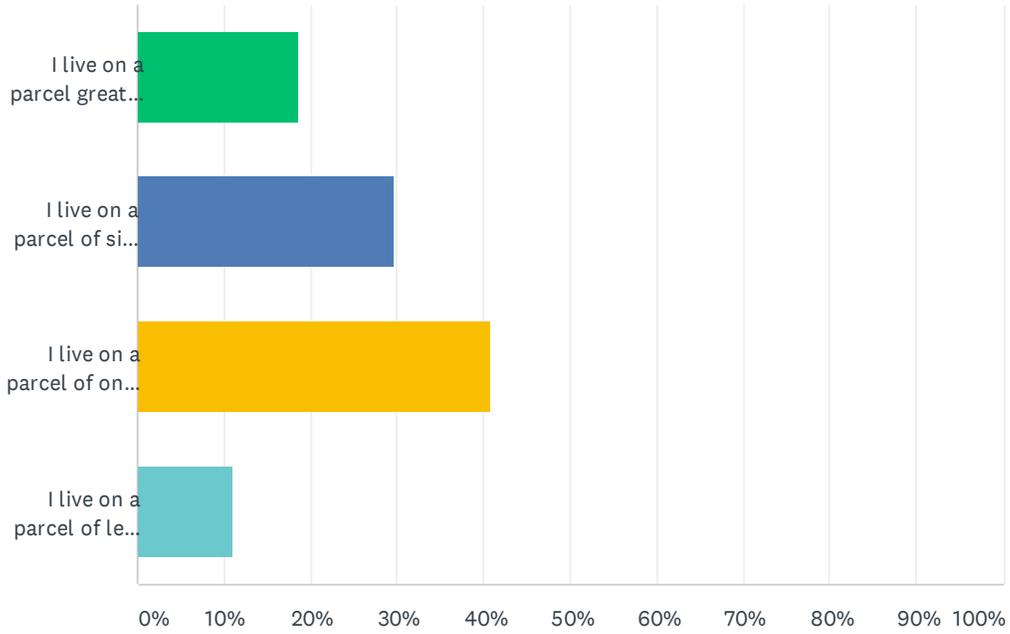




ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Alliance	3.57%	1
Barnesville	0.00%	0
Cromwell	3.57%	1
Eglon	10.71%	3
Elkton	0.00%	0
Elmwood	10.71%	3
Felton	7.14%	2
Flowing	0.00%	0
Georgetown	0.00%	0
Glyndon	0.00%	0
Goose Prairie	0.00%	0
Hagen	0.00%	0
Hawley	3.57%	1
Highland Grove	3.57%	1
Holy Cross	0.00%	0
Humboldt	0.00%	0
Keene	0.00%	0
Kragnes	3.57%	1
Kurtz	3.57%	1
Moland	7.14%	2
Moorhead	7.14%	2
Morken	0.00%	0
Oakport	21.43%	6
Parke	7.14%	2
Riverton	3.57%	1
Skree	0.00%	0
Spring Prairie	0.00%	0
Tansem	0.00%	0
Ulen	0.00%	0
Viding	3.57%	1
TOTAL		28

Q8 What best describes where you live?

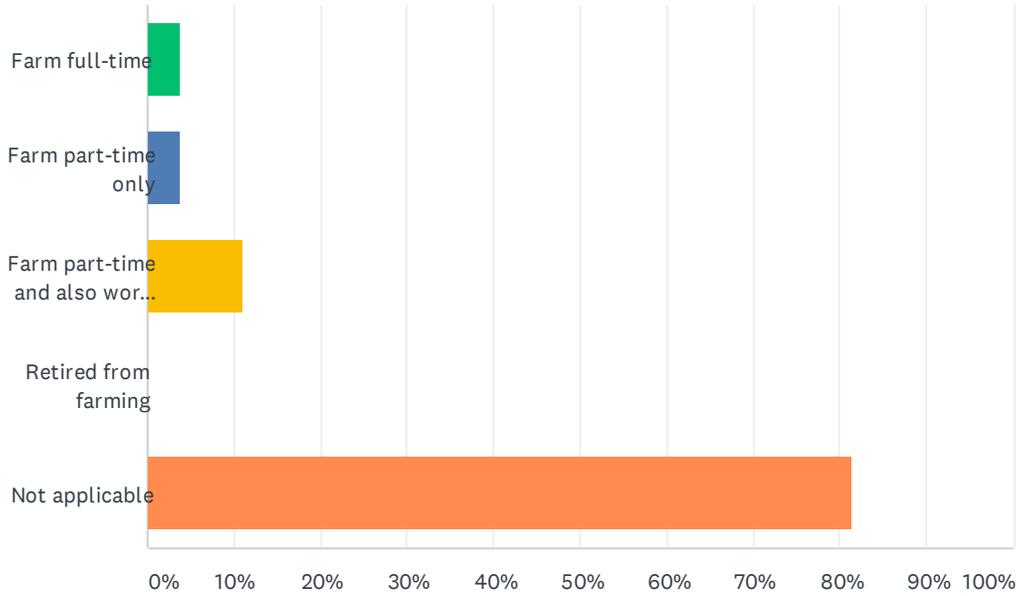
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I live on a parcel greater than ten acres	18.52%	5
I live on a parcel of six to ten acres	29.63%	8
I live on a parcel of one to five acres	40.74%	11
I live on a parcel of less than one acre	11.11%	3
TOTAL		27

Q9 If you farm, what best describes you?

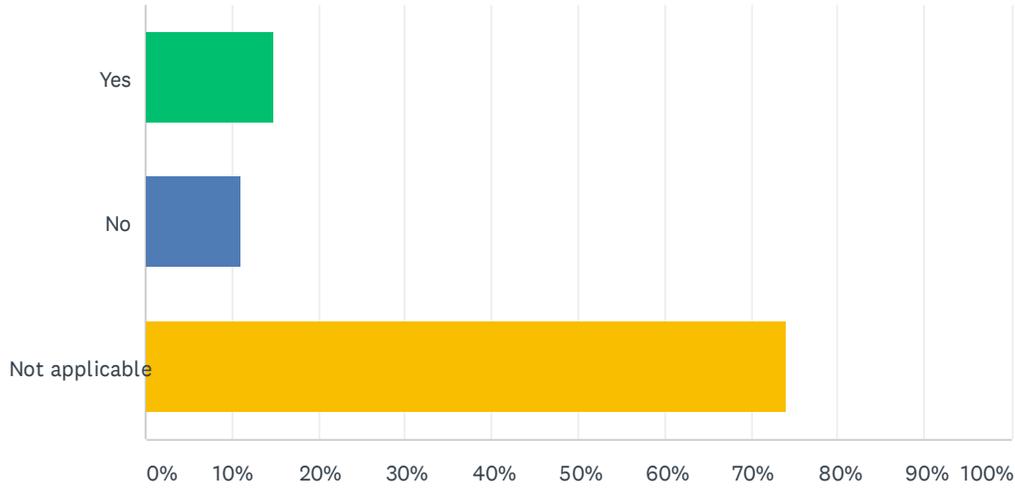
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Farm full-time	3.70%	1
Farm part-time only	3.70%	1
Farm part-time and also work off the farm	11.11%	3
Retired from farming	0.00%	0
Not applicable	81.48%	22
TOTAL		27

Q10 If you own farmland, do you rent or lease it to others?

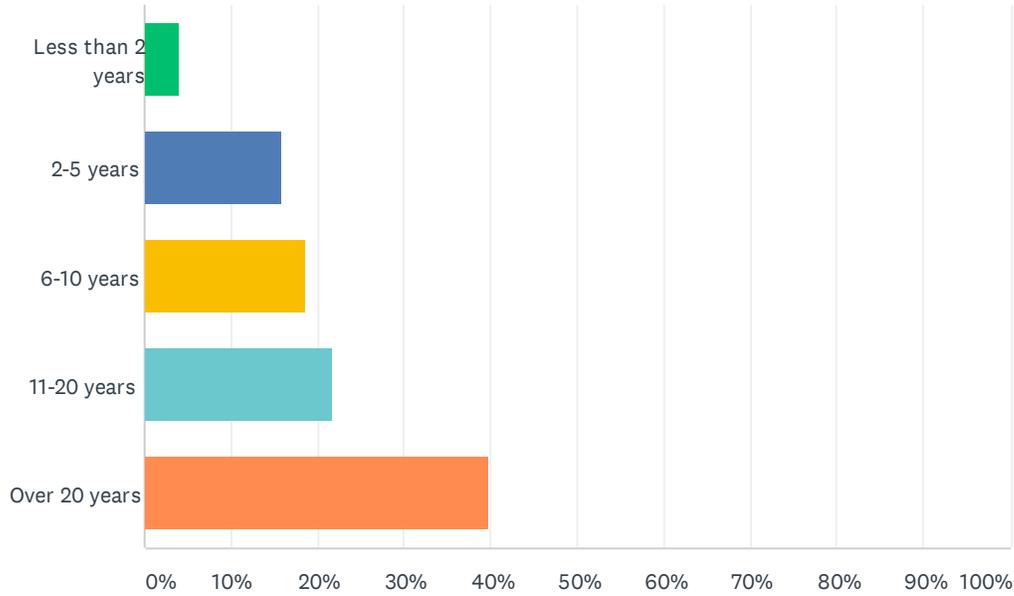
Answered: 27 Skipped: 292



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	14.81% 4
No	11.11% 3
Not applicable	74.07% 20
TOTAL	27

Q11 How long have you lived or worked in Clay County?

Answered: 300 Skipped: 19



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 2 years	4.00%	12
2-5 years	16.00%	48
6-10 years	18.67%	56
11-20 years	21.67%	65
Over 20 years	39.67%	119
TOTAL		300

Q12 In five words or less, explain what you enjoy about Clay County.

Answered: 242 Skipped: 77

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Neighborhoodly - open space - grit - active - 56560 proud	4/22/2021 1:20 PM
2	It's rural feel.	4/21/2021 9:51 AM
3	Space	4/17/2021 5:55 PM
4	Sunrises & sunsets	4/16/2021 8:13 PM
5	good people	4/15/2021 10:20 PM
6	Living outside of the metro!	4/15/2021 2:53 PM
7	People, community connections, arts, culture	4/13/2021 10:10 PM
8	Schools, recreation, entertainment, family life	4/6/2021 9:53 AM
9	Good quality of life	4/4/2021 12:40 PM
10	Located in Minnesota, by lakes	4/2/2021 5:27 PM
11	Attention to quality of life	4/1/2021 11:03 PM
12	Community working together	4/1/2021 10:14 PM
13	moorhead city government	4/1/2021 7:20 PM
14	Small town atmosphere	4/1/2021 6:32 PM
15	Open spaces; limited development	4/1/2021 4:00 PM
16	People, resources,	4/1/2021 2:01 PM
17	Small town feel but big city with Fargo	4/1/2021 2:01 PM
18	Outdoor space/activities, family friendly	4/1/2021 1:43 PM
19	Small town feel	4/1/2021 1:35 PM
20	Not too big	4/1/2021 1:33 PM
21	Education, environmentalism, community	3/29/2021 10:47 PM
22	Quiet country living	3/29/2021 1:32 AM
23	people, work opportunities, community activities	3/27/2021 10:38 PM
24	Its home to me	3/27/2021 2:44 PM
25	the Red River	3/26/2021 12:30 PM
26	Good roads for cycling	3/26/2021 10:35 AM
27	trees/green space, college campuses, friendly people	3/26/2021 10:34 AM
28	The people and community.	3/25/2021 1:18 PM
29	Community	3/25/2021 12:39 PM
30	Hone	3/25/2021 6:56 AM
31	Small town by a large	3/24/2021 9:26 AM
32	You hear everything that happens in a small town	3/23/2021 4:08 PM
33	Very inviting community	3/23/2021 1:18 PM

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34	A mix of everything.	3/23/2021 12:09 PM
35	The city is growing	3/23/2021 9:52 AM
36	I like its foundation/history	3/22/2021 9:04 PM
37	Family orientated activities	3/22/2021 6:28 PM
38	Schools, community, family events	3/22/2021 5:37 PM
39	Safe family living	3/22/2021 4:48 PM
40	Progressive, not afraid of change	3/22/2021 3:32 PM
41	Small community that seems to be more open than Fargo to diversity.	3/22/2021 2:50 PM
42	Neighbors, colleges, trees, river, parks	3/22/2021 12:29 PM
43	Education and availability of youth sports.	3/22/2021 11:14 AM
44	Park Availability, small town aesthetics	3/22/2021 8:57 AM
45	The small town feel	3/22/2021 8:23 AM
46	Community and caring about each other	3/22/2021 8:12 AM
47	Small town feel.	3/22/2021 8:11 AM
48	Safe, people, community	3/22/2021 7:13 AM
49	Moorhead itself	3/22/2021 6:57 AM
50	Landscape	3/21/2021 11:35 PM
51	Family nearby convenient location	3/21/2021 10:35 PM
52	Space for growth	3/21/2021 10:34 PM
53	My neighborhood	3/21/2021 10:31 PM
54	Seasons, small towns, attempting inclusivity.	3/21/2021 10:28 PM
55	Neighborhood	3/21/2021 10:25 PM
56	Proximity to the border	3/21/2021 10:03 PM
57	The people	3/21/2021 10:00 PM
58	Community involvement in our future	3/21/2021 9:36 PM
59	Community. Less traffic.	3/21/2021 9:34 PM
60	I first came to Clay County to attend one of the many colleges im the area. I am still here because of a fair amount of job opportunities. I like that Moorhead is the right size city for me and is still close to family.	3/21/2021 9:25 PM
61	Schools	3/21/2021 9:15 PM
62	Small town with low population	3/21/2021 9:15 PM
63	Flat land amazing people	3/21/2021 9:14 PM
64	Friends, trails, pools, being home	3/21/2021 9:12 PM
65	Small town feel	3/21/2021 9:10 PM
66	Safe, quality education, lake access	3/21/2021 9:09 PM
67	Outdoor activities	3/21/2021 8:57 PM
68	Access to opportunities	3/21/2021 8:54 PM
69	Family-friendly, great schools & community	3/21/2021 8:52 PM
70	I grew up in Clay county	3/21/2021 8:46 PM

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71	The people	3/21/2021 8:44 PM
72	Proud to live in Minnesota!	3/21/2021 8:44 PM
73	Clean	3/21/2021 8:43 PM
74	Home to our family.	3/21/2021 8:42 PM
75	Sense of family	3/21/2021 8:34 PM
76	It's still in MN	3/21/2021 8:25 PM
77	open spaces, changing seasons, fresh air	3/21/2021 8:23 PM
78	Size and sense of community	3/21/2021 8:20 PM
79	Beautiful, quiet, friendly	3/21/2021 8:19 PM
80	Near enough to real MN	3/21/2021 8:19 PM
81	Small town feel big town conveniences	3/21/2021 8:17 PM
82	Small town feeling	3/21/2021 8:17 PM
83	Home ownership opportunities	3/21/2021 8:16 PM
84	Parks, trails, safety, people	3/21/2021 8:13 PM
85	Green space, community, events	3/21/2021 8:11 PM
86	Small town feel	3/21/2021 8:08 PM
87	I can live in a fairly urban area with quick access to lakes country	3/21/2021 8:05 PM
88	Just love being in MN	3/21/2021 7:58 PM
89	Community oriented, not North Dakota	3/21/2021 7:58 PM
90	Proximity to lakes country	3/21/2021 7:58 PM
91	The people the parks the city officials, green energy	3/21/2021 7:55 PM
92	small metro area with rural area too	3/21/2021 7:47 PM
93	History, people,	3/21/2021 7:42 PM
94	In Minnesota	3/21/2021 7:39 PM
95	Closeness	3/21/2021 7:37 PM
96	Parks and playgrounds	3/21/2021 7:34 PM
97	Employment opportunities, bike trails, parks	3/21/2021 7:32 PM
98	People, parks, gathering places, sense of community, pride in our city	3/21/2021 7:05 PM
99	Good way of life!	3/21/2021 3:19 PM
100	The land, people, community,	3/21/2021 1:44 PM
101	Great community	3/21/2021 8:23 AM
102	Snowmobile trails	3/21/2021 8:21 AM
103	Safety, culture, clean, community	3/20/2021 6:56 PM
104	Quiet	3/20/2021 6:27 PM
105	I enjoy the small community with school and amenities	3/20/2021 3:55 PM
106	Rural life	3/20/2021 2:06 PM
107	Location to lakes area	3/20/2021 8:52 AM
108	The opportunities, sense of community.	3/19/2021 10:58 PM

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109	hi	3/19/2021 7:46 PM
110	Feels rural in the city	3/19/2021 6:21 PM
111	The community	3/19/2021 6:00 PM
112	The scenery	3/19/2021 2:43 PM
113	Quiet small town	3/19/2021 1:42 PM
114	Safety, amenities	3/19/2021 12:59 PM
115	neighborly, small-town feel	3/19/2021 10:53 AM
116	I love my diverse, cozy neighborhood, close to stores and the library.	3/19/2021 10:50 AM
117	Small town feel. But with more and more apartments, it is starting to lose its appeal.	3/19/2021 9:10 AM
118	buffalo state park, moorhead parks	3/19/2021 8:21 AM
119	Clean. Community. Safe.	3/19/2021 7:31 AM
120	community and physical environment	3/19/2021 12:45 AM
121	Small community	3/18/2021 9:24 PM
122	Friendly people	3/18/2021 9:17 PM
123	People care for other people	3/18/2021 8:51 PM
124	Biking the river corridor	3/18/2021 7:58 PM
125	I love that we invest in people, which are the things that matter.	3/18/2021 7:55 PM
126	Affordability and social responsibility	3/18/2021 7:45 PM
127	Community Friendly Commerce Neighbors Backyard	3/18/2021 7:38 PM
128	The community	3/18/2021 4:56 PM
129	I like the location I am at.	3/18/2021 3:34 PM
130	Weather, recreation, shopping, people	3/18/2021 3:10 PM
131	Proximity to resources and leisure	3/18/2021 1:59 PM
132	Lake time	3/18/2021 1:31 PM
133	Safe, small town feel	3/18/2021 1:21 PM
134	It is a small town feel with all the large city amenities.	3/18/2021 1:04 PM
135	Family state parks	3/18/2021 1:00 PM
136	Progressive, community, schools, farmland, diversity	3/18/2021 12:44 PM
137	Quietude, close to Fargo	3/18/2021 12:35 PM
138	Moorhead is not too big, not too small. Easy commute to work.	3/18/2021 12:33 PM
139	Great quality of life	3/18/2021 12:19 PM
140	Very nice people	3/18/2021 12:08 PM
141	It's Minnesota	3/18/2021 11:51 AM
142	Safe, quiet, friendly	3/18/2021 11:36 AM
143	Clean, low crime	3/18/2021 11:16 AM
144	Small town feel	3/18/2021 11:07 AM
145	Quite low crime	3/18/2021 10:53 AM
146	friendliness, good schools, good fire & police,	3/18/2021 10:50 AM

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147	Quietness	3/18/2021 10:49 AM
148	Strong proactive community	3/18/2021 10:41 AM
149	Convenience	3/18/2021 10:34 AM
150	The cities within the county	3/18/2021 10:31 AM
151	FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES	3/18/2021 10:31 AM
152	Small town but by city	3/18/2021 10:28 AM
153	small town feel in the city	3/18/2021 10:21 AM
154	Progressive, resources, growing, schools	3/18/2021 10:10 AM
155	Road cycling, mountain biking, gravel cycling	3/18/2021 10:08 AM
156	Small local shops	3/18/2021 10:02 AM
157	Smaller community feel	3/18/2021 10:00 AM
158	Convenient, safe, home	3/18/2021 9:57 AM
159	My roots are deep here	3/18/2021 9:55 AM
160	opportunity, family, relationships, community	3/18/2021 9:50 AM
161	safe, affordable, education, amenities	3/18/2021 9:45 AM
162	Things to do	3/18/2021 9:42 AM
163	bike trails, parks, amenities, amazing schools	3/18/2021 9:34 AM
164	I enjoy that it's a safe place, have city space but also can go not far and be out in the country	3/18/2021 9:16 AM
165	More progressive than North Dakota.	3/18/2021 9:05 AM
166	Cycling options	3/18/2021 8:38 AM
167	It's Minnesota not North Dakota	3/18/2021 1:06 AM
168	Affordable, hometown atmosphere	3/17/2021 9:48 PM
169	Still small town	3/17/2021 9:14 PM
170	The inclusion	3/17/2021 8:40 PM
171	Small town living	3/17/2021 7:19 PM
172	The people	3/17/2021 6:45 PM
173	,parks and walking trails	3/17/2021 3:27 PM
174	Not getting developed heavily	3/17/2021 2:18 PM
175	Open space, close to city and like it's people.	3/17/2021 2:18 PM
176	small town atmosphere	3/17/2021 2:14 PM
177	Proximity to ND	3/17/2021 2:06 PM
178	It's not north Dakota	3/17/2021 1:33 PM
179	My business	3/17/2021 1:14 PM
180	Small, clean	3/17/2021 12:27 PM
181	Close to Fargo	3/17/2021 12:21 PM
182	Proximity to town	3/17/2021 12:17 PM
183	It's in Minnesota	3/17/2021 12:14 PM
184	The people	3/17/2021 12:09 PM

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185	Location, great communities, great library services.	3/17/2021 12:09 PM
186	it's size	3/17/2021 12:03 PM
187	Rural feel by bigger city	3/17/2021 12:02 PM
188	Great parks, proximity to a good-sized city	3/17/2021 11:37 AM
189	It's fine, I guess.	3/17/2021 11:27 AM
190	I grew up here!	3/17/2021 11:15 AM
191	Close to lakes, close to mi-size city	3/17/2021 11:08 AM
192	It is a growing and vibrant community	3/17/2021 11:08 AM
193	Growing community	3/17/2021 11:05 AM
194	Larger MN city in region	3/17/2021 11:00 AM
195	Outdoor and family activities, small.	3/17/2021 10:57 AM
196	Small town feeling	3/17/2021 10:50 AM
197	Easy to get around	3/17/2021 10:48 AM
198	Small cities and safe	3/17/2021 10:48 AM
199	Good theater, no traffic, affordable	3/17/2021 10:43 AM
200	Size	3/17/2021 10:42 AM
201	Location and size (population)	3/17/2021 10:42 AM
202	Community of Moorhead	3/17/2021 10:41 AM
203	Life long resident safely	3/17/2021 10:41 AM
204	Parks, paths, and recreation.	3/17/2021 10:14 AM
205	Educational and cultural opportunities	3/17/2021 9:45 AM
206	Parks, Community, Clean Water, Safety	3/17/2021 8:33 AM
207	Metro opportunities yet comfortable size	3/17/2021 8:16 AM
208	Safe, affordable community	3/17/2021 7:50 AM
209	Small town feel, kind people	3/17/2021 7:14 AM
210	Nice people.	3/17/2021 5:36 AM
211	It's a town	3/17/2021 5:26 AM
212	Small town feel	3/17/2021 4:19 AM
213	Schools, people, amenities, clean air/water	3/16/2021 9:57 PM
214	Minnesota, environment, school districts, friendly, safe	3/16/2021 9:38 PM
215	Rural, lots of trees	3/16/2021 9:20 PM
216	Friendly, progressive, environmentalism	3/16/2021 9:20 PM
217	Hawley & lakes	3/16/2021 9:15 PM
218	Size, family friendly, clean	3/16/2021 8:39 PM
219	Friendly, caring, helpful, residents	3/16/2021 8:37 PM
220	The open space	3/16/2021 8:36 PM
221	Rural communities with amenities nearby	3/16/2021 8:27 PM
222	urban but feels rural	3/16/2021 8:11 PM

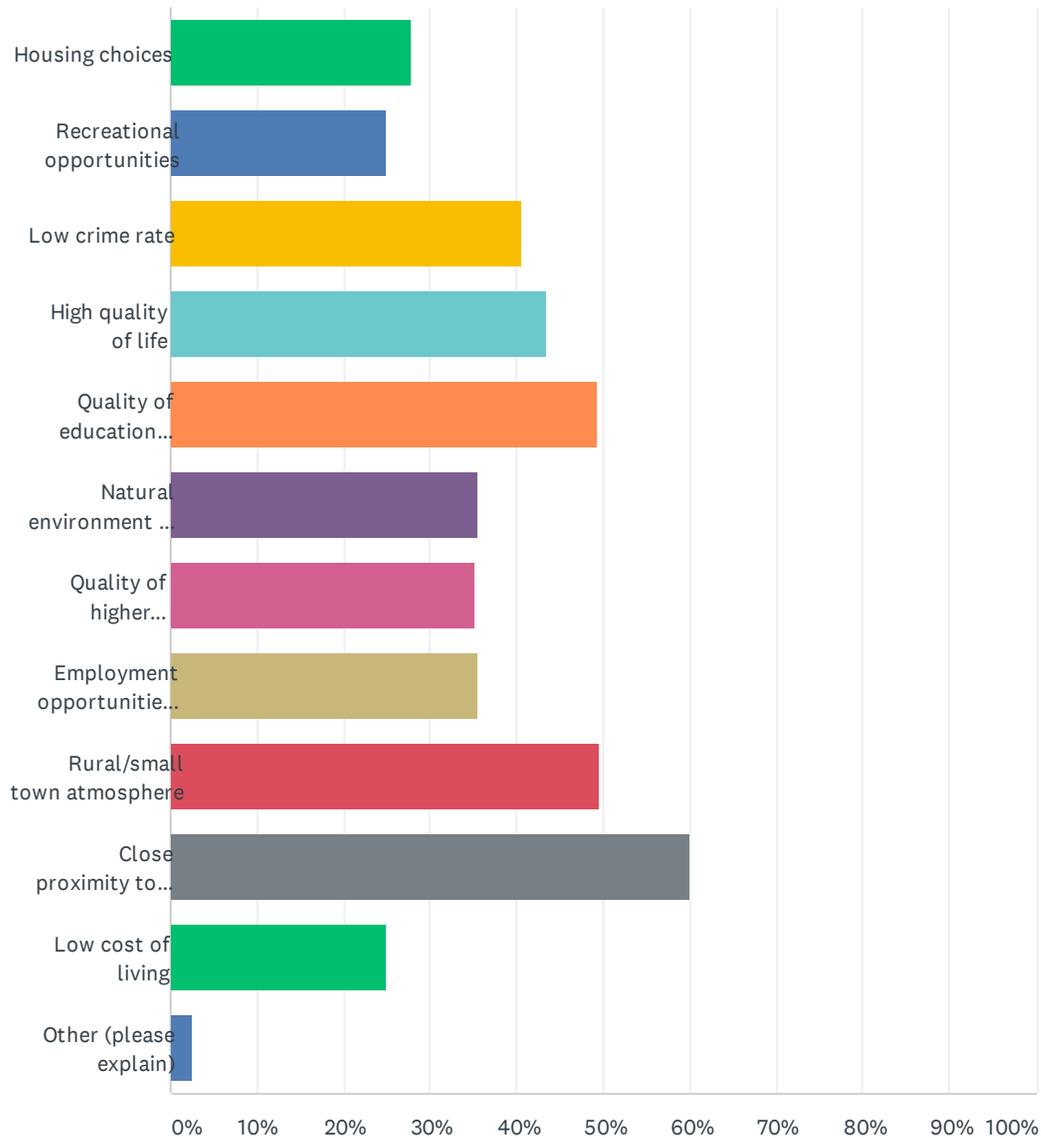
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223	Small town living	3/16/2021 7:58 PM
224	Close community	3/16/2021 7:35 PM
225	Small town living	3/16/2021 7:23 PM
226	It's a safe place to live	3/16/2021 7:08 PM
227	Nothing stands out to me	3/16/2021 7:06 PM
228	diverse	3/16/2021 6:43 PM
229	Quiet, easy access	3/16/2021 6:24 PM
230	Small town vibe	3/16/2021 6:23 PM
231	nature lakes proximity to metro	3/16/2021 4:54 PM
232	Small town and great people.	3/16/2021 8:32 AM
233	Close to fm	3/15/2021 10:02 PM
234	Rural but close to city	3/12/2021 11:14 PM
235	Balance - open spaces & community amenities	3/11/2021 12:08 PM
236	Community, life styles, schools	3/11/2021 10:47 AM
237	location, people, opportunities	3/10/2021 5:17 PM
238	rural and close to metro	3/10/2021 3:05 PM
239	Friendly, safe, nature	3/8/2021 8:52 PM
240	Location - next to Fargo.	3/4/2021 2:30 PM
241	peaceful, beautiful, friendly, rural, glacial	3/3/2021 10:12 PM
242	vibrant arts, caring/active citizens	2/23/2021 4:27 PM

Q13 What are the top strengths of living or working in Clay County? (select up to five)

Answered: 276 Skipped: 43

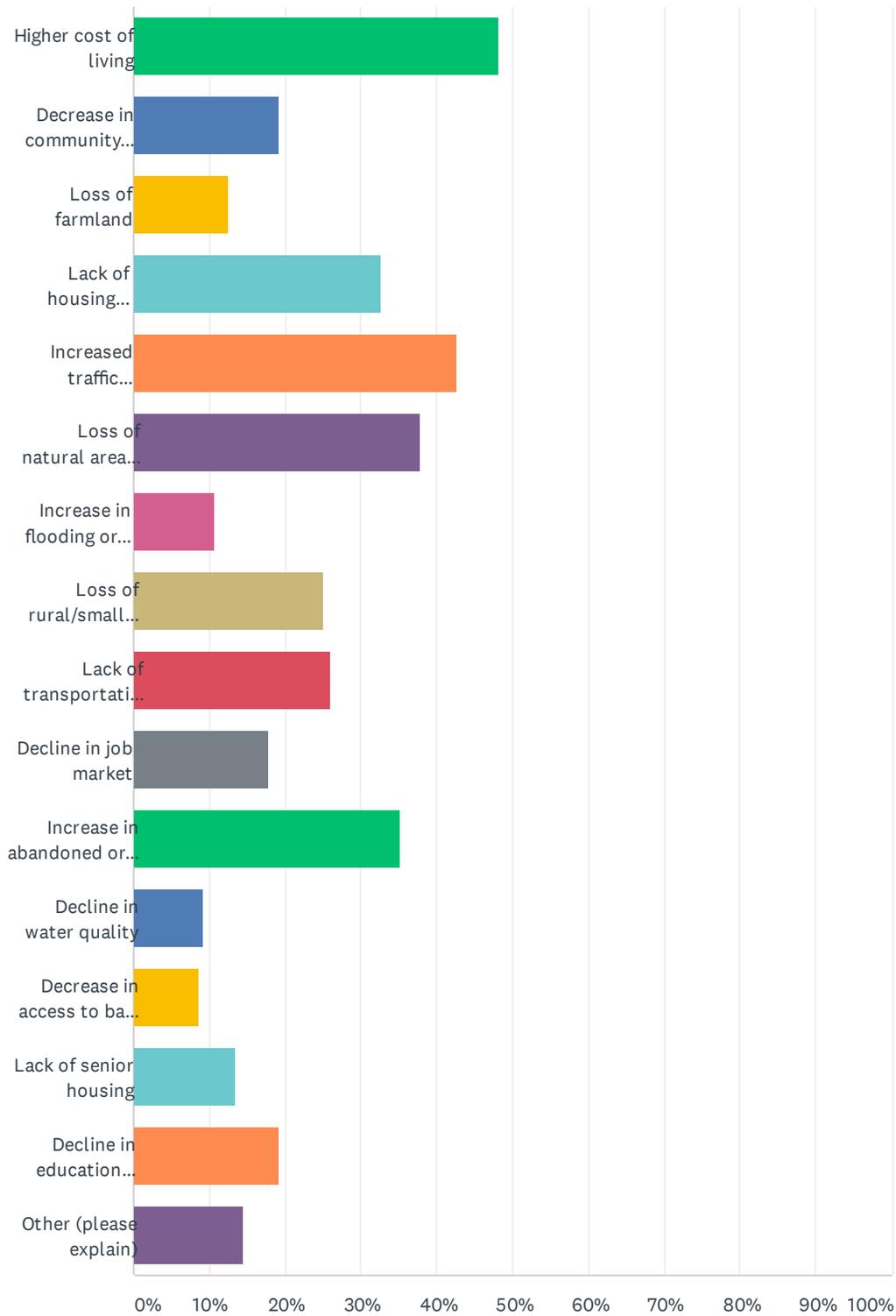


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Housing choices	27.90%	77
Recreational opportunities	25.00%	69
Low crime rate	40.58%	112
High quality of life	43.48%	120
Quality of education system (grade schools and high schools)	49.28%	136
Natural environment and scenic beauty	35.51%	98
Quality of higher education (universities and colleges)	35.14%	97
Employment opportunities and proximity to jobs	35.51%	98
Rural/small town atmosphere	49.64%	137
Close proximity to the FM metropolitan area and other regional destinations	60.14%	166
Low cost of living	25.00%	69
Other (please explain)	2.54%	7
Total Respondents: 276		

#	OTHER (PLEASE EXPLAIN)	DATE
1	None of the above. Cost of living is getting absurd for this trying to buy a house. Crime is going up. Income taxes are expensive. Outside of hiking and river activities nothing for nature	3/21/2021 9:45 PM
2	Extended family live in Moorhead	3/21/2021 8:34 PM
3	hi	3/19/2021 7:46 PM
4	Larger lot sizes	3/18/2021 10:49 AM
5	MinnesotaCare	3/18/2021 1:06 AM
6	More development of Moorhead is needed	3/17/2021 2:18 PM
7	Close proximity to lakes	3/17/2021 7:14 AM

Q14 What do you see as the top challenges to the quality of life in Clay County in the next 25 years? (select up to five)

Answered: 270 Skipped: 49



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Higher cost of living	48.15% 130
Decrease in community services	19.26% 52
Loss of farmland	12.59% 34
Lack of housing choices/affordability	32.59% 88
Increased traffic congestion	42.59% 115
Loss of natural areas, open space, or recreational opportunities	37.78% 102
Increase in flooding or stormwater problems	10.74% 29
Loss of rural/small town atmosphere	25.19% 68
Lack of transportation options (biking, walking, and transit)	25.93% 70
Decline in job market	17.78% 48
Increase in abandoned or underutilized properties	35.19% 95
Decline in water quality	9.26% 25
Decrease in access to basic goods (groceries, fresh produce, etc.)	8.52% 23
Lack of senior housing	13.33% 36
Decline in education system (either district-level or higher education)	19.26% 52
Other (please explain)	14.44% 39
Total Respondents: 270	

#	OTHER (PLEASE EXPLAIN)	DATE
1	Community Safety (adequate & effective law enforcement)	4/16/2021 8:13 PM
2	Deteriorating county road conditions	4/15/2021 2:53 PM
3	Safety if our police our defunded	4/1/2021 10:14 PM
4	No childrens museum or science museum	4/1/2021 7:38 PM
5	lack of walkability to mix of retail in the downtown core, safety with RR, increase in behavioral and physical health issues without a comprehensive plan to address them	3/26/2021 10:34 AM
6	Urban sprawl	3/22/2021 8:57 AM
7	Lack of shopping options	3/21/2021 10:35 PM
8	We should increase local food production, increase minimum wage, increase in renewable energy and plan for more energy efficiency in new construction and update existing housing and buildings.	3/21/2021 10:28 PM
9	Increase in crime and decreased feeling of safety in recent years.	3/21/2021 10:03 PM
10	Taxes	3/21/2021 8:46 PM
11	AFFORDABLE Senior living. How about a Doublewide Gated Sr Community and need for more quality clothing stores	3/21/2021 8:17 PM
12	Crime	3/21/2021 3:19 PM
13	Just the higher taxes in Minnesota alone	3/21/2021 8:21 AM
14	Lack of new businesses, restaurants and retail	3/20/2021 6:56 PM

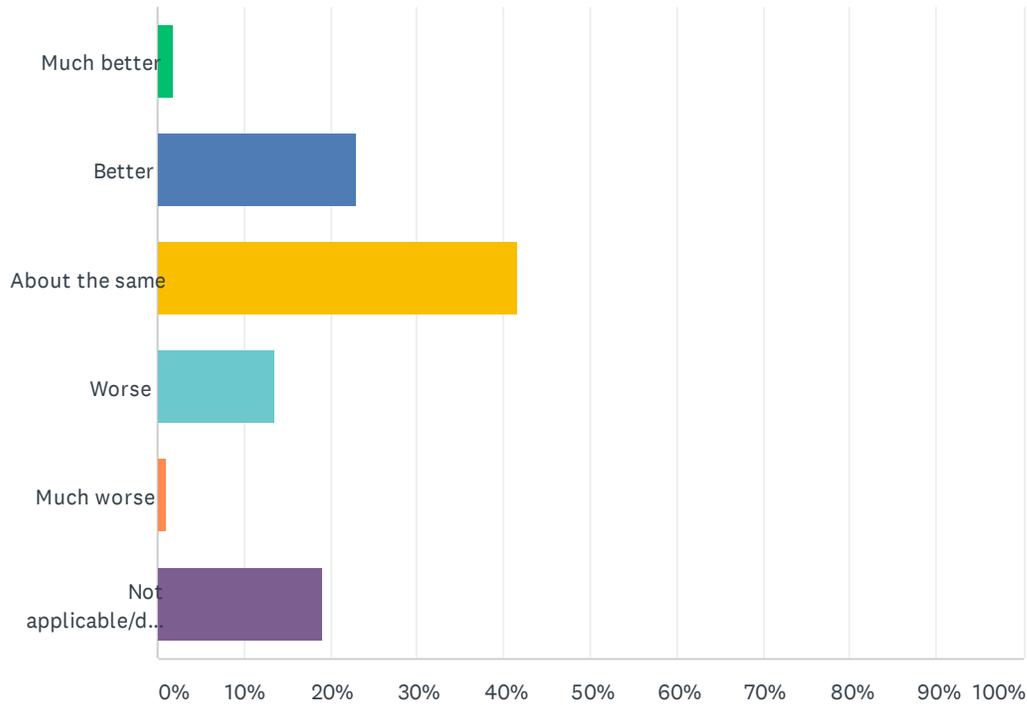
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15	Increased Crime Rate for sure!!! The reason we are considering leaving in the next 5 years!	3/18/2021 7:38 PM
16	Increasing crime	3/18/2021 1:59 PM
17	High tax MN business ecosystem compared to ND	3/18/2021 12:22 PM
18	Moorhead mall needs businesses-city needs businesses	3/18/2021 10:50 AM
19	Too many apartments going up!	3/18/2021 10:31 AM
20	Staying competitive with Fargo in attracting people and businesses	3/18/2021 10:10 AM
21	Too many homeless, we do not need more homeless shelters	3/18/2021 10:02 AM
22	Trains in Moorhead	3/18/2021 1:06 AM
23	The stoplights are absolutely the worst.	3/17/2021 11:32 PM
24	Climate change and resiliency	3/17/2021 5:54 PM
25	Growing jobs in Moorhead needed. To be able to live and work in our own city.	3/17/2021 2:18 PM
26	I wish moorhead had more professional jobs like IT, and computer science jobs. I hate everything about nd. Also, I wish all my shopping could be done in mn and not nd and more entertainment	3/17/2021 1:33 PM
27	Dear Lord the taxes!!!!	3/17/2021 12:09 PM
28	Being competitive with Cass County/Fargo/ND	3/17/2021 12:02 PM
29	Increased FM crime	3/17/2021 11:53 AM
30	Increase in crime	3/17/2021 11:15 AM
31	Replacement recycling location on the southside. Extremely convenient in a highly residential area that city recently sold. Where will a replacement be set? Expanded parks or create a community garden on southside?	3/17/2021 11:00 AM
32	As the population increases the crime rate may do the same	3/17/2021 10:50 AM
33	The flow of traffic to and from Fargo during peak business travel times. No major route in Moorhead that has great traffic flow.	3/17/2021 10:41 AM
34	Disparities between MN and ND	3/17/2021 8:16 AM
35	Elect state representatives who listen and care for our needs here, not Minneapolis, we will have higher crime now with the way that law enforcement must try to protect the public from serious crimes.	3/16/2021 8:37 PM
36	More people on the "system"	3/16/2021 8:27 PM
37	Lack of support for diversity	3/16/2021 7:06 PM
38	No trees	3/15/2021 10:02 PM
39	higher crime rate	3/11/2021 10:47 AM

Q15 How does the quality of life in Clay County compare to ten years ago?

Answered: 274 Skipped: 45



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Much better	1.82% 5
Better	22.99% 63
About the same	41.61% 114
Worse	13.50% 37
Much worse	1.09% 3
Not applicable/don't know	18.98% 52
TOTAL	274

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY THE QUALITY OF LIFE IS "BETTER" OR "WORSE"	DATE
1	Crime has gone way up. I prefer to live where there isn't large growth.	4/21/2021 9:53 AM
2	Usually just go to Fargo to shop - eat - walk. More options & better prices. I always try the new eateries in Moorhead, but the high prices keep me going to Fargo. That hasn't changed much since moving here.	4/16/2021 8:21 PM
3	higher crime, higher cost of living... less conservative, idiot liberals	4/15/2021 10:22 PM
4	We have moved back from the river and are moving towards better recreation opportunities. Public schools have been improved.	4/13/2021 10:13 PM
5	Higher crime rate in Moorhead and other county towns, lack of community activity centers	4/1/2021 11:04 PM
6	Higher crime, more reliance on Fargo for businesses, medical, services	4/1/2021 1:44 PM
7	more opportunities. better school	3/27/2021 10:40 PM

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8	I wasn't here ten years ago, cannot judge	3/26/2021 10:38 AM
9	Feels like more crime	3/23/2021 9:53 AM
10	Crime and lack of personal and property safety seem to be on the rise	3/22/2021 9:10 PM
11	More entertainment and restaurant options	3/22/2021 5:38 PM
12	Efforts have been made to increase walkability near river, work is being done to add underpass and to build a larger more suitable high school.	3/22/2021 12:33 PM
13	The city of Moorhead in particular has really become more beautiful, the urban area around the Dairy Queen matches the trees beauty further south by the colleges.	3/22/2021 9:01 AM
14	But Moorhead is becoming more diverse and that's a good thing.	3/22/2021 6:58 AM
15	Cost of living increased higher than average home income. It will be interesting to see what the average income is now. It has been low. It is becoming more difficult to support a family, let alone supporting oneself.	3/21/2021 10:33 PM
16	Listed earlier	3/21/2021 9:46 PM
17	I have seen a great improvement in the city of Moorhead in the renovation and revitalization of old abandoned buildings and areas. There has been improvement and expansion of walking and biking areas and city green spaces. These are very enjoyable and encourage outdoor activities and exercise.	3/21/2021 9:31 PM
18	Seems like more crime, less shopping, more empty buildings	3/21/2021 9:16 PM
19	Overuse of pesticides	3/21/2021 9:16 PM
20	The housing and business opportunities are of better quality.	3/21/2021 8:59 PM
21	Less open areas to live by. Too much development of apartments.	3/21/2021 8:45 PM
22	more focus on outdoor recreation/trails	3/21/2021 8:24 PM
23	Higher crime	3/21/2021 8:17 PM
24	More community engagement, outdoor spaces, restaurants, etc	3/21/2021 8:06 PM
25	New small business, new/improved recreational opportunities	3/21/2021 7:49 PM
26	Way more crime, even in areas that were nice and safe just 5 years ago.	3/21/2021 7:37 PM
27	More businesses moving here, more recreational opportunities	3/21/2021 7:05 PM
28	Only because any improvement comes with the downside of the negative. Being higher crime that arrived. And not from the oil, it came from Chicago and out east for drug selling and the crimes that go with that. And attracts others that follow. Very sad.	3/21/2021 3:27 PM
29	cost of utilities is high, cost of everything is higher causing working or hour from both parties is household	3/20/2021 4:05 PM
30	More to do, more development	3/19/2021 1:42 PM
31	I appreciate the updates downtown. I work in that area and it feels safer than 9 yrs ago.	3/18/2021 9:19 PM
32	More bike friendly	3/18/2021 7:58 PM
33	A lot of new businesses have come in, which is good, but so many have left too, so it's a toss up. The crime rate seems to be higher than it used to be, which is concerning to me.	3/18/2021 7:40 PM
34	Increased crime	3/18/2021 12:35 PM
35	There is no cuare about a rec center or physical activity without having to go to Fargo.	3/18/2021 12:11 PM
36	Cost of homes and general living has gone up significantly especially taxes More traffic and lack of daycare	3/18/2021 10:54 AM
37	Crime seems higher	3/18/2021 10:49 AM
38	I went from renting for many years to owning. I chose my home and the city carefully with	3/18/2021 10:33 AM

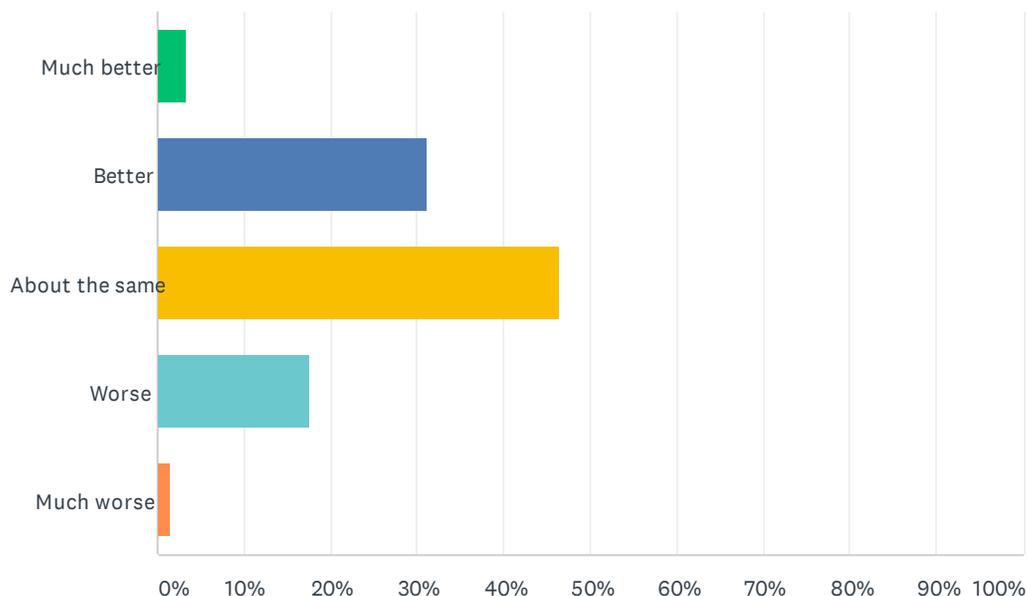
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	knowledge given to me at the time.	
39	expanded for better or worse, more stores south, but not good all the open business space off 8th st	3/18/2021 10:22 AM
40	Train traffic is poor, too many pan handlers, do not put up more homeless shelters- Fargo needs to address their own homeless problems not bus them over daily for mn services	3/18/2021 10:04 AM
41	Drug use and crime have increased a lot.	3/18/2021 10:00 AM
42	Crime seems to be increasing in Moorhead	3/18/2021 9:58 AM
43	We need more businesses	3/18/2021 9:56 AM
44	Mayor Del Rae Williams awakened Clay County from the torpors it suffered from under previous administrations. Her successors continue to do good, imaginative work.	3/18/2021 9:08 AM
45	Roads are better, Moorhead is growing, access to I-94 has improved (8th St diverging diamond interchange has really improved traffic flow), higher highway speed limits statewide, Azool Plaza has made it more convenient for me to shop in Moorhead close to my residence. Just need to get the 20th St underpass finished already.	3/18/2021 1:17 AM
46	More available jobs in and around Hawley.	3/17/2021 6:46 PM
47	Less highend jobs and shopping. Lack of cool home styles, and lack of hospital options for all things. I wish moorhead could be ownit's own, self contained town and not rely on fargo.	3/17/2021 1:38 PM
48	We have become more established in the neighborhood.	3/17/2021 12:28 PM
49	The taxes in Moorhead are outrageous, and the roads are awful and its just turning into a dump can't wait to move after my son graduates	3/17/2021 12:11 PM
50	more crime, Moorhead used to have better streets then fargo not anymore as far as maintenance	3/17/2021 12:06 PM
51	More biking paths, restaurants, breweries, etc.	3/17/2021 12:04 PM
52	Increase in crime and quality of residents	3/17/2021 11:16 AM
53	Appears to be more crime or concerns safety for ourselves in homes and children.	3/17/2021 11:05 AM
54	Worse- seems like the crime has increased in the area. I still think it is a great place to live but it is something I've been keeping my eye on.	3/17/2021 10:53 AM
55	More traffic on North/South routes	3/17/2021 10:43 AM
56	Educational system has severely decreased in quality (Public Schools)	3/17/2021 10:15 AM
57	More trails, more restaurants, more entertainment	3/17/2021 8:34 AM
58	More opportunities; positive growth	3/17/2021 8:17 AM
59	More amenities	3/16/2021 9:39 PM
60	My personal quality of life has improved. It seems that we could improve the job market and improve crime	3/16/2021 8:48 PM
61	Less openness to diversity and more overt opposition to equality	3/16/2021 7:15 PM
62	Traffic and crime	3/16/2021 6:25 PM
63	It seems like the County keeps up with maintaining the status quo so that if things never really out of balance for getting better or worse in the county.	3/16/2021 8:34 AM
64	Crime increasing, housing prices too high	3/12/2021 11:15 PM
65	Encroachment of city on rural areas - people wanting to live "in the country" but wanting it to be like the city.	3/4/2021 2:31 PM
66	increase in crime/drugs/interracial issues	3/3/2021 10:22 PM

Q16 How would you rate the attractiveness of Clay County compared to surrounding counties?

Answered: 273 Skipped: 46



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Much better	3.30%	9
Better	31.14%	85
About the same	46.52%	127
Worse	17.58%	48
Much worse	1.47%	4
TOTAL		273

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY THE ATTRACTIVENESS IS "BETTER OR "WORSE"	DATE
1	more about politics than anything else, North Dakota side of the river is less restrictive	4/15/2021 10:22 PM
2	The options of arts and culture in Moorhead (and Fargo) improves the quality of life.	4/13/2021 10:13 PM
3	We have a better education system in Minnesota with higher taxes than North Dakota. We need to speak to the positives instead of trying to explain away the negative.	4/6/2021 9:55 AM
4	Good roads, education	4/1/2021 11:04 PM
5	more services available for children and adults	3/27/2021 10:40 PM
6	There are pockets of attractiveness but roadways and core business areas lack green space and attractiveness. Lack of public art and small gathering spots an issue - lots of roads, tracks, some sidewalks, and buildings -- more attention to walkability, green space, public art, small/recreational spots would enhance the look of the County	3/26/2021 10:38 AM
7	Higher taxes	3/25/2021 12:40 PM
8	It is starting to be who you know. Then they will help solve a problem within the community. Others not heard	3/23/2021 4:09 PM

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9	The ability to meet lake home desire will run out due to supply vs demand.	3/23/2021 1:20 PM
10	If choosing between Cass or Clay, many will select Cass because of the lower tax structure on that side of the river.	3/23/2021 12:10 PM
11	There are areas of beauty and areas of neglect.	3/22/2021 9:10 PM
12	I travel to the cities often for work and find Fargo Moorhead to be increasing their diversity and cultural all around which is a major positive	3/22/2021 5:38 PM
13	An effort is made to go the extra mile with some art (stick garden, zip code murals, etc.) and painted water towers and utility boxes. As well as sidewalk art/poems.	3/22/2021 12:33 PM
14	Education opportunities is huge in my book. With he career center (coming) and Spanish Emerson program we provide.	3/22/2021 11:16 AM
15	Moorhead specifically isn't a pretty town. Need to showcase our river front areas (and not with condos/etc.)	3/22/2021 8:13 AM
16	Empty buildings- empty mall, looks unkept	3/22/2021 7:16 AM
17	Small town community center. Strong sense of community attachment.	3/22/2021 6:58 AM
18	Clay county is better than surrounding MN counties because of higher population. I don't know how it compares to Cass county in ND.	3/21/2021 10:33 PM
19	Tax burden	3/21/2021 9:46 PM
20	"Main street" in most communities has closed storefronts, poorly maintained sidewalks and a lack of welcom	3/21/2021 9:12 PM
21	Lower taxes/specials and smaller town feel.	3/21/2021 8:59 PM
22	How can we get people from Fargo to come support Moorhead? I feel like many people from Moorhead go to Fargo to spend their money.	3/21/2021 8:56 PM
23	Mn state taxes on business with a proposed half cent city sales tax in Moorhead good luck keeping or adding more business	3/21/2021 8:49 PM
24	Nice places are nice but run down areas seem more prevalent than they should be for our size.	3/21/2021 8:45 PM
25	Great parks, less congested, people are friendlier and people drive better here! ;)	3/21/2021 8:44 PM
26	If I moved from another area I'd live in ND. More housing options, property tax a wash due to income tax. Many many more community ammenties from rec center, fitness, shopping, restaurant's and better planned/inviting housing developments	3/21/2021 8:38 PM
27	More businesses and opportunities than neighboring counties	3/21/2021 8:26 PM
28	Higher taxes and cost of living than fargo. We lose people to Fargo	3/21/2021 8:22 PM
29	Clay is ND-esque. That isn't a good thing. But it's close enough to the northwoods/lakes/rivers to escape that.	3/21/2021 8:21 PM
30	smaller, lower concentration of high-density housing, more community oriented	3/21/2021 7:49 PM
31	Surrounding counties are either more congested or too rural.	3/21/2021 7:37 PM
32	Employment options better, lakes country many more recreational opportunities	3/21/2021 7:33 PM
33	Can't compete with Becker co. lakes. The only difference is Moorhead is a major city compared to other counties with only small towns. Other than that, the same	3/21/2021 8:23 AM
34	the roads and parks are kept up better	3/20/2021 4:05 PM
35	More opportunities	3/19/2021 10:59 PM
36	Close proximity to the FM area.	3/19/2021 9:11 AM
37	We need more outdoor/nature recreational areas. Biking. Walking. Picnic areas.	3/19/2021 7:31 AM
38	Needs more public art, more vibrant downtown	3/18/2021 8:52 PM

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39	Access to Fargo amenities is nice but I prefer shopping in Moorhead unless we don't have that shopping availability.	3/18/2021 7:56 PM
40	Our community has as strong bond of togetherness	3/18/2021 4:57 PM
41	More recreation, shopping	3/18/2021 3:11 PM
42	More trees 😊	3/18/2021 12:36 PM
43	There's not much to do. No lakes. No community center in Moorhead. We need to start competing with West Fargo.	3/18/2021 12:35 PM
44	ND in more attractive to business.	3/18/2021 12:22 PM
45	Cities lack attractive gateways and adequate green space/interest on main corridors	3/18/2021 12:20 PM
46	Way too many apartments!!! They want to build 2 giant apartment buildings along highway 10 in Dilworth. It's going to ruin the landscape and look like Dilworth is only apartments and run down buildings. The east side is growing and looks welcoming, more apartments will DRIVE people away!!!!	3/18/2021 11:09 AM
47	You get more house for your money. I feel residents of Clay County want to get to know their neighbors and help their communities.	3/18/2021 10:33 AM
48	rebuilding the downtown somewhat	3/18/2021 10:22 AM
49	Fix up north Moorhead and continue fixing down town. Robert asp needs overhaul or torn down.	3/18/2021 10:04 AM
50	Need more trees, undeveloped land is ugly. Fargo and West Fargo have beautiful downtowns now and new development all over the place. The mostly empty Holiday Mall has been an eyesore for decades. The Moorhead Center Mall is an embarrassment (the new DMV inside is much better though). Need to get traffic congestion sorted in downtown Moorhead, I dread ever having to drive near 8th St and Main.	3/18/2021 1:17 AM
51	It feels like every small town in Clay County is struggling	3/17/2021 5:55 PM
52	Moorhead is not a "pretty" town. Looks junky	3/17/2021 2:07 PM
53	Stores are closing or moving to fargo. Best entertainment and shopping is in fargo and I'd rather avoid nd at all costs but can't because moorhead is becoming a dying town.	3/17/2021 1:38 PM
54	Border city issues. MN taxes	3/17/2021 1:15 PM
55	Run down areas that need to be revitalized; lacks a feeling of pride in the city	3/17/2021 12:18 PM
56	I've tried to call about broken down cars and roads and even a tipped over porta potty on my road and was told there was nothing they could do.	3/17/2021 12:11 PM
57	Hard to compete when Clay County has lower taxes, more housing options, and a thriving downtown.	3/17/2021 12:04 PM
58	Cass County ND would be choice for anyone moving to the area for taxes and more businesses	3/17/2021 11:56 AM
59	Proximity to Fargo helps.	3/17/2021 11:39 AM
60	It's a bit more run down	3/17/2021 11:16 AM
61	Within the MN side I think it's comparable. With Fargo on the otherwise of the river, Moorhead as a community has alot of work to continue to bringing businesses to the city to ensure individuals what to visit. Would also be nice to see expanded shopping and dining on the south side versus a few bars and having to go to HWY 10.	3/17/2021 11:05 AM
62	Moorhead is one of the bigger cities in the area so there are more thing to do/see. I do think the additions being made to downtown are improving the look. Development should continue.	3/17/2021 10:53 AM
63	A lot of the homes and businesses in the area could use a "facelift" and I think the county should step in if the building is over a certain number of years old and at least make them paint or something.	3/17/2021 10:51 AM
64	Not much art or scenic nature along roads or within city limits.	3/17/2021 10:38 AM

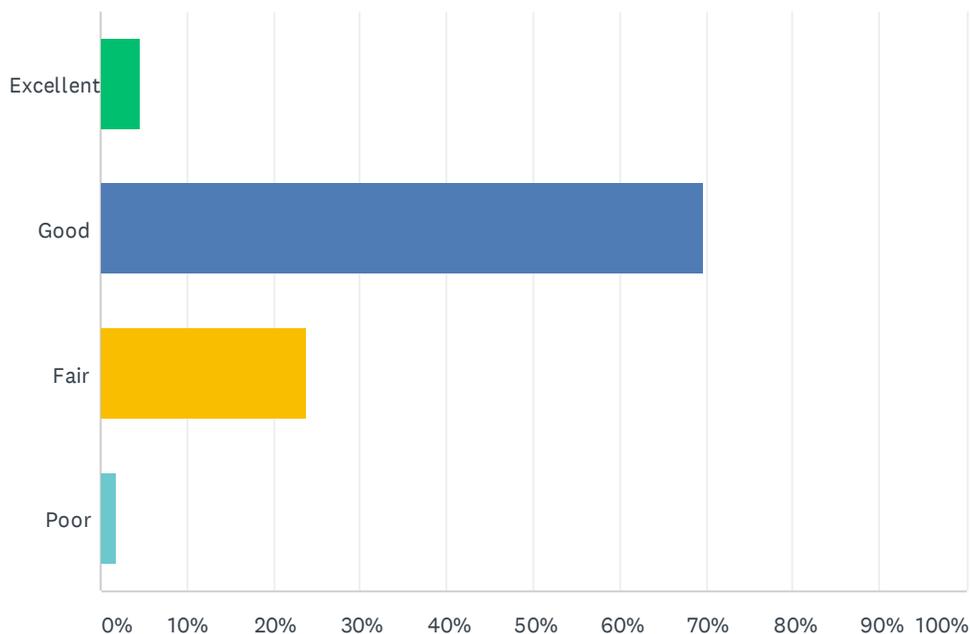
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65	Cultural experiences	3/17/2021 9:46 AM
66	Moorhead is making an effort to stand out, and have a real identity (through public art, distinctive water towers, etc.) Lots of business/dining/drink opportunities in town.	3/17/2021 9:43 AM
67	Visually it is hard to beat the beauty of trees and lakes. Clay County is clean but flat. Improve upon best characteristics.	3/16/2021 8:48 PM
68	While equality is a concern, it seems to be worse in North Dakota and neighboring counties.	3/16/2021 7:15 PM
69	No vegetation/trees or scenery High taxes No incentives to make it more attractive Need a better parks district	3/15/2021 10:04 PM
70	Depends on what you would like to see have in your county	3/11/2021 10:48 AM
71	proximity to healthcare, services, stores	3/10/2021 5:18 PM
72	Perceived lower taxes in Cass County ND. Actual lower taxes on businesses.	3/10/2021 3:08 PM

Q17 How would you rate the overall appearance of residential properties in Clay County?

Answered: 261 Skipped: 58



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	4.60%	12
Good	69.73%	182
Fair	23.75%	62
Poor	1.92%	5
TOTAL		261

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY	DATE
1	.	4/22/2021 1:22 PM
2	Particularly in the city of Moorhead, there are a lot of rundown areas. People don't take care of their homes or yards. They leave junk sitting out. The old apartment buildings are an eyesore and have bad reputations (drugs, crime, etc.). Also, I feel that all of the new apartment buildings that have been recently built will most likely end up in bad condition eventually as well. It seems to be a vicious cycle. Please stop allowing the hoards of new apartment buildings to be built.	4/21/2021 10:01 AM
3	Good construction - few trees & gardens	4/16/2021 8:43 PM
4	depends on where you live, some of the older neighborhoods are getting a bit run down.	4/15/2021 10:26 PM
5	Houses are generally in good repair.	4/13/2021 10:21 PM
6	Some towns/neighborhoods are great and others are not.	4/6/2021 9:58 AM
7	Depends on the neighborhood	4/1/2021 1:45 PM
8	I'd like to see more creative sustainable design, less plastic siding. Far more native and/or	3/29/2021 10:54 PM

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	produce gardens and permaculture instead of lawns would be fantastic!	
9	Can vary greatly across the county, overall good	3/29/2021 1:36 AM
10	Overall appearance again is pocketed -- some areas are great, others are run-down	3/26/2021 10:41 AM
11	Most residents are nice and upkept; however, there are areas where properties are deteriorated	3/24/2021 12:36 PM
12	Downtown is getting better	3/23/2021 9:54 AM
13	Depends on the neighborhood/area	3/22/2021 9:15 PM
14	Obviously newer developments look nicer but even older neighborhoods have charm. Some areas could definitely use improvements with streets esp "side roads" on residential areas	3/22/2021 5:40 PM
15	Some of the older neighborhoods could use better curb appeal and the turkeys are a problem.	3/22/2021 11:40 AM
16	There are areas of North Fargo that have big beautiful trees, but the houses look run down. I've never seen that in Moorhead or Hawley or Dilworth or Glyndon.	3/22/2021 9:13 AM
17	Lots of folks don't have money to fix or update homes.	3/22/2021 7:22 AM
18	That is a big range. My limited travel to smaller towns limits my ability to rate it.	3/21/2021 10:45 PM
19	Upkeep is worse in some of the older areas	3/21/2021 10:07 PM
20	I walk extensively in Moorhead. There are many older neighborhoods with poorly maintained homes, rental houses are typically unkept	3/21/2021 9:14 PM
21	It ranges from awful to great- depends where you're looking, of course.	3/21/2021 9:14 PM
22	There are some rough rental areas. Landlords that don't keep up with yards and snow.	3/21/2021 8:47 PM
23	We are looking for a single family home and most "affordable " are not in desirable neighborhoods	3/21/2021 8:20 PM
24	There are more houses in central Moorhead that need work- painting, upkeep, yards, too many cars parked on yards.	3/21/2021 7:53 PM
25	Some improvement needed on center Ave, 1st Ave, but slowly improving	3/21/2021 7:35 PM
26	Farm yards are a dumping ground for old "equipment". Properties in the City of Moorhead and other towns are allowed to pile junk in their yards making it look "trashy". Also, it seems that nobody can keep their exterior of their homes looking nice. Over time, properties seem to be more run down.	3/21/2021 8:32 AM
27	in Barnesville we are making head way on walking and bike trails each housing development has park available	3/20/2021 4:13 PM
28	Majority good, but some of the older parts of towns need's to be worked on. Several houses look like no one has kept up on maintenance over the years.	3/19/2021 9:18 AM
29	I see my neighbors taking pride in their properties, plus a lot of new building going on.	3/18/2021 7:44 PM
30	When looking for houses to buy, there seemed to be more quality homes available in Clay County along with nicer lots.	3/18/2021 10:41 AM
31	some areas nice, most not so much, blah	3/18/2021 10:23 AM
32	North 2/3's of housing looks poor to rough shape.	3/18/2021 10:06 AM
33	Older areas of town suffer from absentee landlords and neglected older properties.	3/18/2021 9:09 AM
34	My neighbor is an absolute slob. Garbage all over their lawn.	3/17/2021 11:35 PM
35	To many developments no charm	3/17/2021 8:42 PM
36	The majority look the same. Boring boxes. Nothing that stands out or has personality or various styles (like tudor homes - moorhead has like 2).	3/17/2021 1:42 PM
37	Garbage and recycling cans all over. Parking on lawns.	3/17/2021 1:17 PM
38	Some areas do have to improve.	3/17/2021 11:14 AM

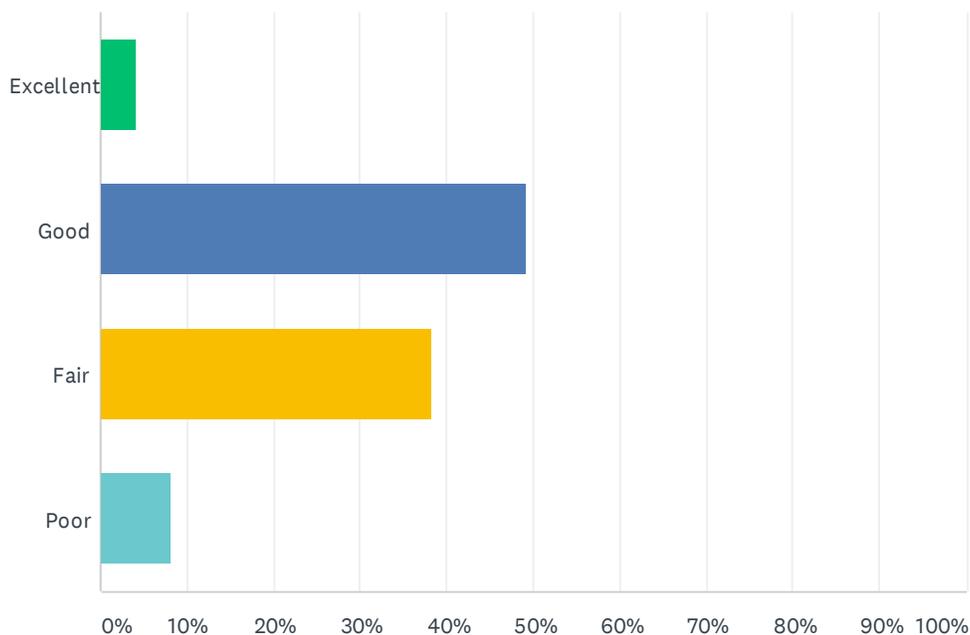
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39	Some of the more downtown/industrial/trailer park areas need help.	3/17/2021 11:00 AM
40	Properties become worse around campuses.	3/17/2021 9:49 AM
41	Very few "junky" places (as compared to Fargo....) I don't get to smaller towns/country much during pandemic.	3/17/2021 9:45 AM
42	There's a lot of junk on peoples property	3/16/2021 6:25 PM
43	I would like to see more of a push for more trees to be placed or replaced through out the residential areas and parks.	3/16/2021 8:36 AM
44	Not as good as other counties. Not visually stimulating or appealing	3/15/2021 10:05 PM
45	Generally good, but many rural properties are not kept up in even fair condition.	3/3/2021 10:35 PM

Q18 How would you rate the existing housing options for keeping and attracting a diverse spectrum of residents (young families, singles, retirees, etc.)?

Answered: 258 Skipped: 61



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Excellent	4.26% 11
Good	49.22% 127
Fair	38.37% 99
Poor	8.14% 21
TOTAL	258

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY	DATE
1	.	4/22/2021 1:22 PM
2	More options, & affordable options, for elderly, or families who want to support their aging parents. There are limited houses with bedrooms & bathroom w/bath on the main-floor along with no-step entry ways. Taking care of loved-ones should be an affordable option for those who desire to do so.	4/16/2021 8:43 PM
3	housing is getting to be overpriced	4/15/2021 10:26 PM
4	Need more affordable options for young people and couples as well as seniors looking for more accessible living options.	4/13/2021 10:21 PM
5	My guess would be Moorhead has more diverse options than some of the smaller towns in Clay County. However, the smaller towns get you more house for the money.	4/6/2021 9:58 AM
6	Not sure but I think too many new builds are too large and outside of core neighborhoods.	4/4/2021 12:44 PM
7	Low income housing options need to be increased and improved	4/1/2021 2:03 PM

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8	Varies around the county, overall good.	3/29/2021 1:36 AM
9	need more senior housing options	3/27/2021 10:43 PM
10	Hard to compete with tax environment as a border state - would love to see more development of single family home units that are one lever with a smaller square footage for retirees, young families, young professionals	3/26/2021 10:41 AM
11	Few options for affordable housing for first time buyers that isn't either run down or old construction/fixer upper. Results in many people stuck in apartment/townhome options or moving to Cass county or surrounding areas.	3/26/2021 10:38 AM
12	In Moorhead they have put together some incentives to help first time buyers.	3/22/2021 9:15 PM
13	I am unsure of apt markets	3/22/2021 5:40 PM
14	I think too much effort is spent trying to attract, and catering to, "young families," though that phrase is also used to describe only a fairly specific type of family.	3/22/2021 3:39 PM
15	I would say fair only because cost of living and housing is increasing but living wages are not. Our 1st home in Moorhead has since sold within 4 years for 30,000 more than we sold it for and when we sold it we we got 45,000 more (we did do updates and curb appeal). I think we should focus more on getting young couples/immigrant families into homes rather than build more apartment buildings. Existing apartment buildings are old and dated with little being done to them but rent continues to increase. Our schools are exceptional but we need our lower income families to be able to afford decent housing.	3/22/2021 11:40 AM
16	The diversity of my own neighborhood is amazing	3/22/2021 9:13 AM
17	In Moorhead there are options. I don't know about small towns. We need better paying jobs.	3/21/2021 10:45 PM
18	Increase or apartment buildings is a concern.	3/21/2021 10:27 PM
19	Lower taxes on the other side of the river makes a lot of people move.	3/21/2021 10:07 PM
20	Getting very expensive	3/21/2021 9:47 PM
21	I would like to see some options that include pond access	3/21/2021 9:03 PM
22	Lack of affordable homes	3/21/2021 8:45 PM
23	Rent must go down. The ridiculous power and demands of the landlords over renters must be - eliminated- entirely and permanently.	3/21/2021 8:23 PM
24	See previous comment	3/21/2021 8:20 PM
25	Very expensive	3/21/2021 8:00 PM
26	I wish there were more families living in the central Moorhead neighborhoods. Too much new development, leading to sprawl.	3/21/2021 7:53 PM
27	Young families like mine can't afford houses in Clay County.	3/21/2021 7:44 PM
28	More apartments needed for college students, many live in Fargo	3/21/2021 7:35 PM
29	Nobody wants to be crammed in a cookie cutter house that's 10' from their neighbors houses that look the exact same. But, unless you have a large amount of money, that's all people can afford. More people are stuck renting since the demand for housing is so high.	3/21/2021 8:32 AM
30	houses are being taken careful and repair down grade properties	3/20/2021 4:13 PM
31	Should have more options for those that are entering retirement. meaning, updated retirement homes.	3/19/2021 9:18 AM
32	No more apartments!! So many run down buildings in Dilworth, adding more apartments is not welcoming!!!	3/18/2021 11:11 AM
33	need more 55 and older community options	3/18/2021 10:58 AM
34	There seems to be just enough variety of homes being built in the area.	3/18/2021 10:41 AM
35	Too many homes being built way too close together and too many apartment buildings.	3/18/2021 10:03 AM

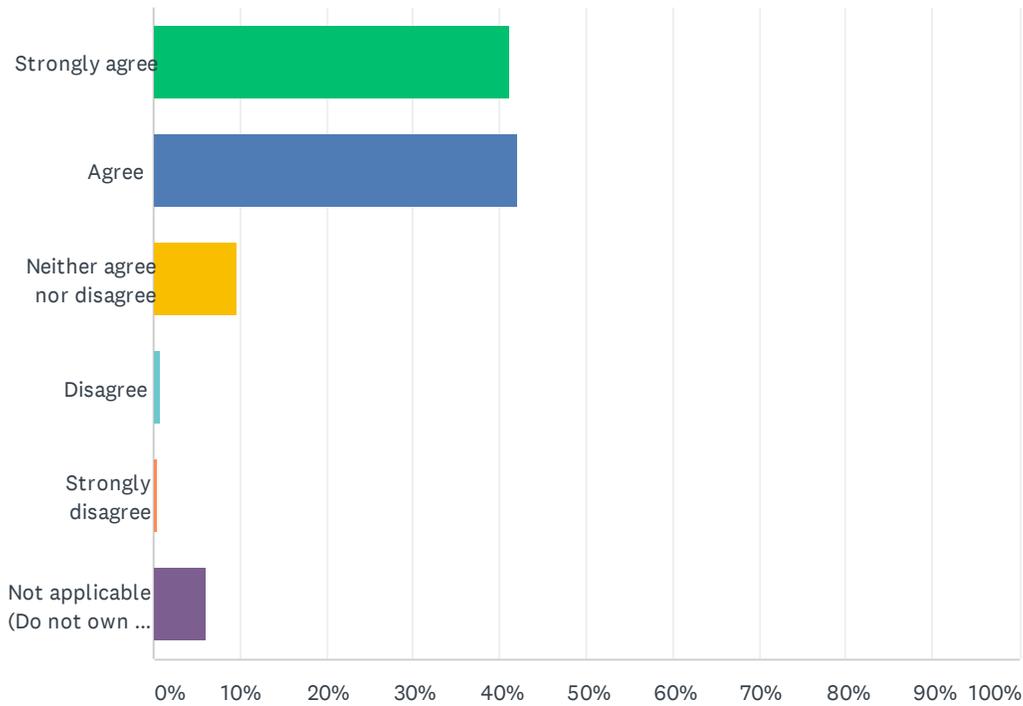
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36	Too much emphasis on "affordable housing" without identifying what "affordable" means. Also, need to make sure that affordable housing is high enough quality that it provides value to the owner and doesn't devalue nearby properties.	3/18/2021 10:02 AM
37	Affordable housing is a huge weak spot for the area. Property values keep rising out of reach for lots of prospective first time home buyers, there aren't small affordable homes being developed, there just aren't enough homes being built in general compared to across the river. All the new apartment buildings or town homes are also too expensive. Rent has risen considerably as well.	3/18/2021 1:24 AM
38	I'm white. Hard to tell what the diversity thinks. Either way... do a better job of ethnic professionals.	3/17/2021 11:35 PM
39	High cost low choice	3/17/2021 8:42 PM
40	Too much focus on building single family or large scale apartments. It would be nice to have access to condos, duplexes, triplexes, etc.	3/17/2021 5:56 PM
41	Expensive rentals, not a lot of options	3/17/2021 3:32 PM
42	I'd like to see more medium density housing options (more options that are not single-family homes or large apartment buildings) and more downtown condos. More affordable housing options is important, but I would also like to see more market-rate or higher end options in downtown Moorhead to compete with all the options in downtown Fargo.	3/17/2021 11:55 AM
43	I really believe that condos will be an important market for homeownership for younger people in the future. We are building too many cheap apartments that will eventually become blighted properties. Instead, we should be investing in paths to affordable homeownership. Nice, affordable condos are a piece of this puzzle.	3/17/2021 11:45 AM
44	They're all being taken over by disrepectful, dirty people from out of the area.	3/17/2021 11:17 AM
45	We do not have enough affordable housing.	3/17/2021 11:11 AM
46	Not enough affordable housing for young diverse folks.	3/17/2021 10:40 AM
47	Need more AFFORDABLE housing options!	3/17/2021 9:45 AM
48	Housing remains fairly affordable	3/17/2021 7:52 AM
49	The variety of housing costs and options aren't really there. There is living in dense urban development or very rural. Not much in between. Not many options for 1/2 acre to 2 acre lots.	3/16/2021 9:41 PM
50	Need more affordable housing options in Hawley	3/16/2021 9:18 PM
51	Starter homes are hard to come by. Keeping low income areas clean safe and attractive for families who live there needs to be improved	3/16/2021 8:53 PM
52	Your examples of "diverse spectrum" seems limited and shows lack of openness to other cultures or LGBTQ people. It's like...shhh...let's not address it.	3/16/2021 7:24 PM
53	Need better pricing options for starter homes and lower income people to buy. People are getting priced out way to fast in Moorhead.	3/16/2021 8:36 AM
54	Too expensive to become homeowner	3/12/2021 11:16 PM
55	We do not focus a lot on first-time home buyers or options for lower incomes.	3/10/2021 5:22 PM

Q19 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Maintaining or increasing the value of my home or property is very important to me"

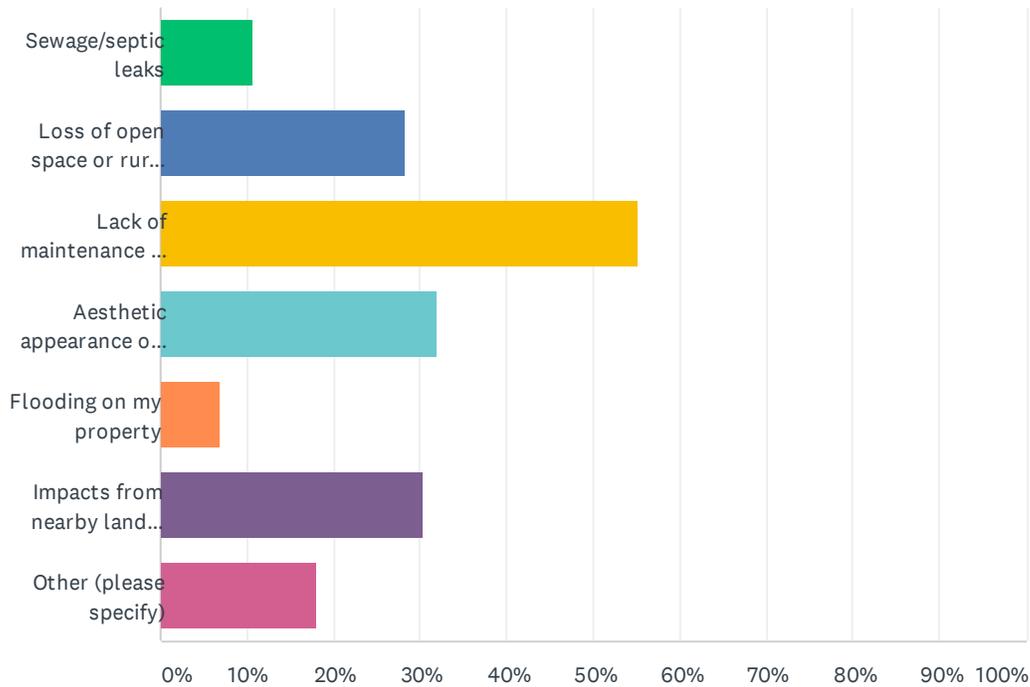
Answered: 262 Skipped: 57



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	41.22%	108
Agree	41.98%	110
Neither agree nor disagree	9.54%	25
Disagree	0.76%	2
Strongly disagree	0.38%	1
Not applicable (Do not own a home or property)	6.11%	16
TOTAL		262

Q20 What are potential concerns that may affect the value of your home or property? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 244 Skipped: 75



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Sewage/septic leaks	10.66% 26
Loss of open space or rural character adjacent to my property	28.28% 69
Lack of maintenance and upkeep of adjacent properties	55.33% 135
Aesthetic appearance of new developments on adjacent properties	31.97% 78
Flooding on my property	6.97% 17
Impacts from nearby land uses that are incompatible with my property	30.33% 74
Other (please specify)	18.03% 44
Total Respondents: 244	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	no concerns	4/22/2021 1:22 PM
2	Potential increase of crime	4/16/2021 8:43 PM
3	I do not need a 10ft bike path in front of my home	4/15/2021 10:26 PM
4	NA	4/1/2021 10:15 PM
5	I work in Clay but do not own property here	3/26/2021 10:41 AM
6	Stalling of development and not growing at same rate as Fargo. Market conditions.	3/23/2021 12:13 PM

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7	Need better care in sidewalks	3/23/2021 9:54 AM
8	Numerous home rentals in the area	3/22/2021 9:15 PM
9	Not necessarily rural, but would hate to lose parks and open space near river for walking, skiing, etc. We walk daily through spaces that were once private property. I would hate to lose that opportunity.	3/22/2021 12:36 PM
10	We live in a nice neighborhood 2009 but have apartments on both sides of our street with nothing being done to control speed of those vehicles. We have several young children on our block and I don't let my 9 year old play outside without supervision due to all the traffic. 35th St South and 9th-10th Ave.	3/22/2021 11:40 AM
11	Aging homes tend to turn to rental properties. The rental properties don't get the upkeep that owned homes do. We need to employ people with living wage jobs so that they can afford to buy homes.	3/21/2021 10:45 PM
12	Crime	3/21/2021 10:27 PM
13	Nearby crime. Late night break ins into vehicles and homes.	3/21/2021 10:07 PM
14	Pesticide use and Monsanto ruining the water supply. Our water is undrinkable.	3/21/2021 9:19 PM
15	Commercial development or large scale apartments replacing green space.	3/21/2021 9:03 PM
16	Expansion of parking lots (already happened, so too late for me but not for others) and too much spraying of the lawns of school/city property nearby that is not needed.	3/21/2021 8:32 PM
17	I do really hate that new developments of affordable-for-middle-income-earners have streets of the same houses. Looks tacky. And I say that having just bought one.	3/21/2021 8:08 PM
18	So many properties are looking worn down and junky. They need paint and people need to take care of the yards. There's garbage laying around and too much parking in yards.	3/21/2021 7:53 PM
19	NA	3/21/2021 7:44 PM
20	None	3/21/2021 7:38 PM
21	I don't have concerns about how the value of my home or property may be negatively affected. I think situations have occurred that have positively affected it	3/21/2021 7:14 PM
22	Simply the higher taxes in Minnesota makes me want to move to North Dakota	3/21/2021 8:32 AM
23	cost to keeping valve upgrades to property	3/20/2021 4:13 PM
24	Putting apartments in Dilworth, in areas that were not planned to have apartments. The City of Dilworth held a meeting and a city council member laughed at residents that complained about this addition of apartments. Of course, that council member doesn't live in that part of town, so they didn't care.	3/19/2021 9:18 AM
25	I	3/18/2021 9:27 PM
26	Residential housing for CCRI. Although my current neighbors are amazing, I wonder how that will impact the ability to sell down the road.	3/18/2021 7:59 PM
27	I am not concerned with the property value of my home.	3/18/2021 7:44 PM
28	Taxes	3/18/2021 2:01 PM
29	Quit building apartment complexes please! Especially next to quiet residential neighborhoods.	3/18/2021 12:37 PM
30	QUIT LETTING APARTMENT DEVELOPERS BUILD ON TOP OF NICE NEIGHBORHOODS!	3/18/2021 10:41 AM
31	No street lights so we don't feel safe at night any roads and alleys need repair	3/18/2021 10:30 AM
32	Fear of apartments being put in across the street, as that is what it is zoned for	3/18/2021 10:01 AM
33	Don't own property yet	3/18/2021 1:24 AM
34	None	3/17/2021 9:16 PM
35	Lack of transit and bike and pedestrian facilities, impacts from highways	3/17/2021 5:56 PM

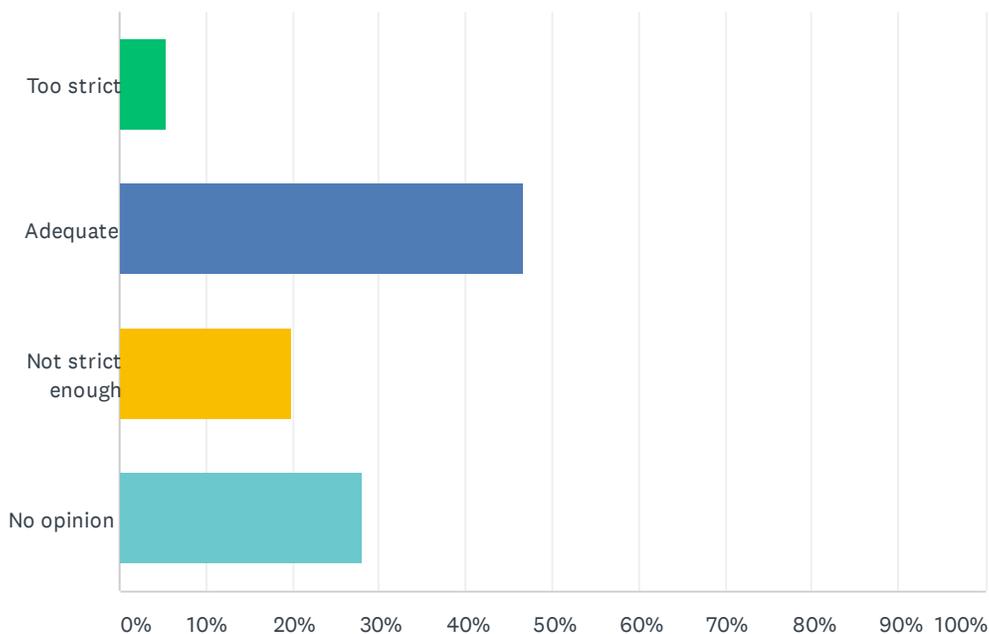
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36	In crease of crime in the nearby area doesn't help for selling anytime soon.	3/17/2021 1:42 PM
37	to many Apt buildings are going up right down town	3/17/2021 12:08 PM
38	Also, inconsistent guidelines being given within the Moorhead city area when working with city inspectors to improve outside of house projects such as concrete. Have had a project be redone because one inspector's opinion was different (after work had already been approved) then the other inspectors making the project take longer, not look as nice because it was different pours and concrete businesses knowing that Moorhead inspectors will be giving them a challenge.	3/17/2021 11:14 AM
39	The building I live in brings the entire block down, Romkey Park area needs a lot of work with its residential area's.	3/17/2021 10:53 AM
40	Homes being built to close together and not enough green space in residential communities.	3/17/2021 10:42 AM
41	climate change and extreme weather	3/17/2021 10:40 AM
42	Unsure	3/16/2021 8:32 PM
43	Water quality	3/16/2021 7:37 PM
44	nothing	3/16/2021 6:46 PM

Q21 How do you feel about current zoning/development regulations in Clay County meant to: protect public health, safety, and welfare; preserve agricultural land; conserve natural resources; and promote orderly development?

Answered: 257 Skipped: 62



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Too strict	5.45%	14
Adequate	46.69%	120
Not strict enough	19.84%	51
No opinion	28.02%	72
TOTAL		257

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY	DATE
1	Mask mandates have got to go	4/16/2021 8:43 PM
2	some of the things you are doing are stupid, don't need bike paths on street or 10ft wide sidewalk in residential neighborhoods	4/15/2021 10:26 PM
3	Variances are typically granted to businesses with less weight given to residential property owners. Development needs to be better directed according to long-range plans. Water resources and environmental protections need to be better protected. Agriculture and residents all rely on safe aquifers.	4/13/2021 10:21 PM
4	I believe there is too much development on the outskirts that would be better directed at core neighborhoods.	4/4/2021 12:44 PM
5	Using some of the richest farmland in the world to build more houses	4/1/2021 4:02 PM
6	Preserving and improving green spaces and protecting clean water is vital to our community.	3/29/2021 10:54 PM

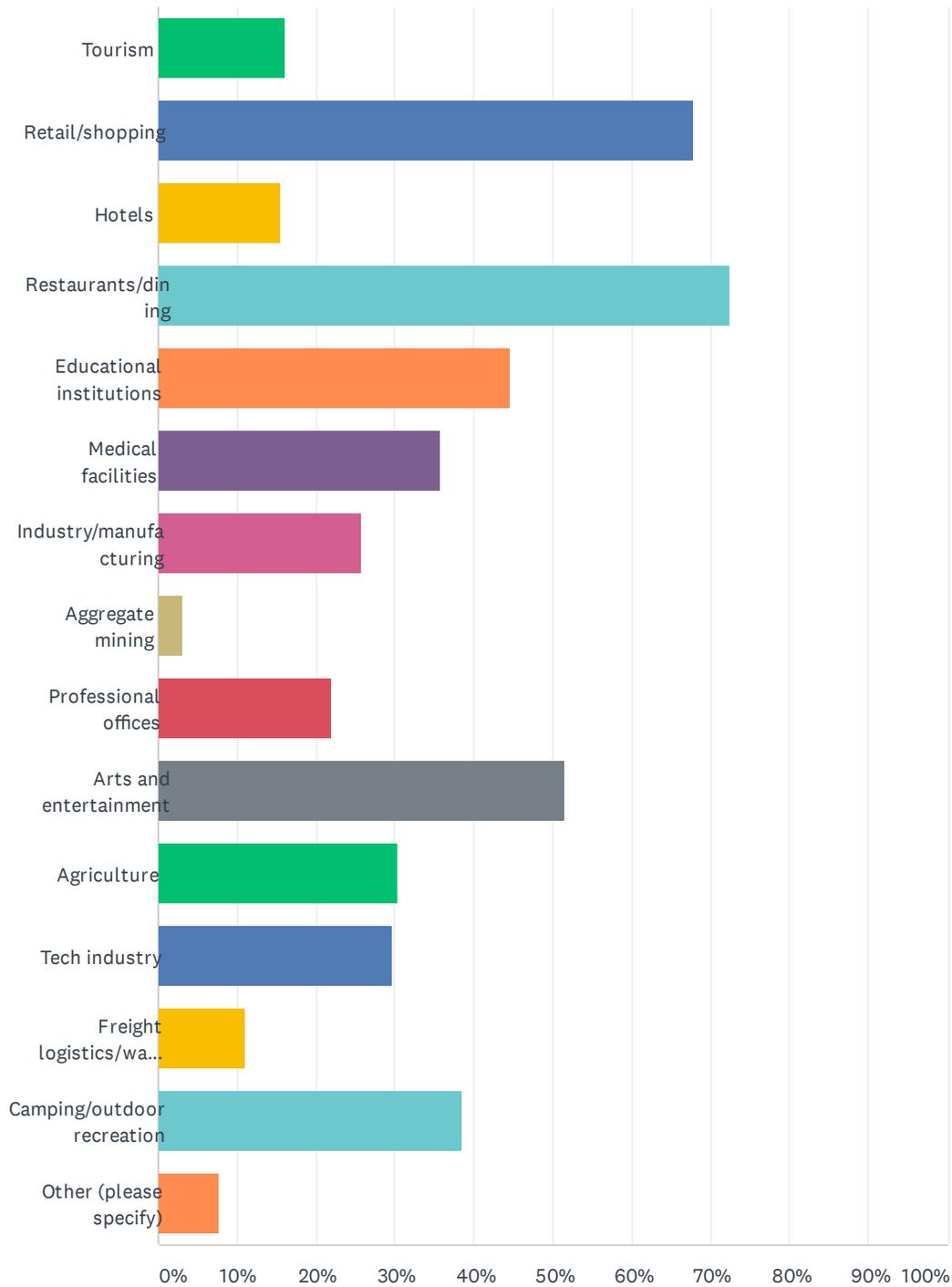
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7	Welfare is taken advantage of. People who don't need it use the system	3/23/2021 4:11 PM
8	I don't know enough to have an opinion	3/22/2021 5:40 PM
9	Not many residents pay attention to when zoning changes. Zoning changes and then people find out about it. Personal experience of neighborhood zoning change to mixed use from residential. I door knocked the neighborhood and gave information about calling and voicing their concerns. Because the neighborhood was against the change, it didn't pass.	3/21/2021 10:45 PM
10	Every acre that gets plowed decreases habitat for wildlife. Every plowed acre that gets paved/zoned for housing is land that is taken out of food production. I wish we were more conservative with our development of rural and urban lands. The way we currently treat the land is not really healthy for anyone, including ourselves. We have such a long ways to go to truly protect the water quality and ecosystem services that maintain a healthy environment for us and future generations.	3/21/2021 8:32 PM
11	Unfamiliar with regulations	3/21/2021 8:15 PM
12	i think that trees should be planted in farmland gain when taken out and keep tree belt to stop wind and snow erosion	3/20/2021 4:13 PM
13	Hold a city council meeting to talk about zoning exceptions, the public gives input, but the city council sides with developers and big money, rather than their own tax-paying residents. sad.	3/19/2021 9:18 AM
14	I'd like to see conservation of existing farmland. Redevelopment and improvement to existing business and residential properties would be preferred.	3/18/2021 1:02 PM
15	Idk just moved here	3/18/2021 12:38 PM
16	When attending a zoning meeting in July 2020, I found out an apartment complex is considered "commercial use" and therefore beautiful, open farm land near my back yard can now be developed into a 4 story complex that isn't more than 250 ft from my door. THIS IS NOT WHAT RESIDENTS OF CLAY COUNTY WANT! I would much rather see a business go into that location since the developer would be more considerate than the current one planning this apartment complex. APARTMENTS ARE NOT COMMERCIAL! THEY ARE RESIDENTIAL and zoning should be more strict when it comes to labeling.	3/18/2021 10:41 AM
17	I'm very annoyed about MN's inhibition of the Red River diversion project.	3/18/2021 10:11 AM
18	Don't have enough info on zoning regulations, but there's too much agricultural land. If Clay County wants to be a part of a thriving Metro, it needs to allow more development. Don't cut regulations that protect public health and safety, but don't give the farmers any special treatment.	3/18/2021 1:24 AM
19	It's both not strict enough and too strict. Theres not enough options for housing and the barriers to access country properties are far too high. We also seem to have no problem covering up prime agricultural land with sprawling properties and continuing to remove our prairies and wetlands.	3/17/2021 5:56 PM
20	This is part of the reason that we chose MN over ND- better track record with regard to environmental concerns.	3/17/2021 11:45 AM
21	Not enforced strictly enough.	3/17/2021 11:29 AM
22	I don't know the exact details of the zoning and development regulations but I think it is very important to preserve parts of our community that have scenic areas. We are lucky to be living along the river because it gives us a lot of recreational opportunities.	3/17/2021 10:59 AM
23	Well, I'm now in a non walkable neighborhood and getting groceries is a car project rather than a bike one. That's a pain.	3/17/2021 10:46 AM
24	Clay county allows too much housing in rural subplots. It takes away farm land and could strain emergency services.	3/17/2021 9:49 AM

Q22 What kind of industries should be a focus to retain/secure in Clay County? (select up to five)

Answered: 260 Skipped: 59



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Tourism	16.15%	42
Retail/shopping	67.69%	176
Hotels	15.38%	40
Restaurants/dining	72.31%	188
Educational institutions	44.62%	116
Medical facilities	35.77%	93
Industry/manufacturing	25.77%	67
Aggregate mining	3.08%	8
Professional offices	21.92%	57
Arts and entertainment	51.54%	134
Agriculture	30.38%	79
Tech industry	29.62%	77
Freight logistics/warehousing	11.15%	29
Camping/outdoor recreation	38.46%	100
Other (please specify)	7.69%	20
Total Respondents: 260		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Support local small businesses & aspiring entrepreneurs	4/16/2021 8:48 PM
2	Science museum and childrens museum	4/1/2021 7:42 PM
3	Birth Center	4/1/2021 2:04 PM
4	Recreation/Wellness indoor	3/26/2021 10:42 AM
5	Community center with pool and game areas for children year around	3/23/2021 4:12 PM
6	Aging parks, example: Sledding hill at Woodlawn would be perfect to have a warming house and plenty of land to add ice rinks.	3/22/2021 11:44 AM
7	Specifically grocery stores (Trader Joe's)	3/22/2021 7:00 AM
8	All. I would like to see inventive industry. We could have wool production, hemp production (many uses), vertical indoor agriculture for year round production of fresh produce. There is a company that makes socks from local wool, a company that makes running shoes from wool, recycled plastic and uses sugar for sole production. I love the shoes. We could potentially have all raw materials locally and production jobs with living wages.	3/21/2021 10:55 PM
9	Entertainment venues that are unique	3/21/2021 10:11 PM
10	We need to compete with Fargo. I'd rather pay my tax here but only a couple of restaurants we frequent in Moorhead and I don't care to buy clothes in Fargo for the same reason	3/21/2021 8:23 PM
11	Community Center!	3/18/2021 12:38 PM
12	Family activities, parks, water park,	3/18/2021 11:12 AM
13	With the exception of mining, all of the above.	3/17/2021 6:05 PM
14	Fargo gets your business	3/17/2021 2:27 PM

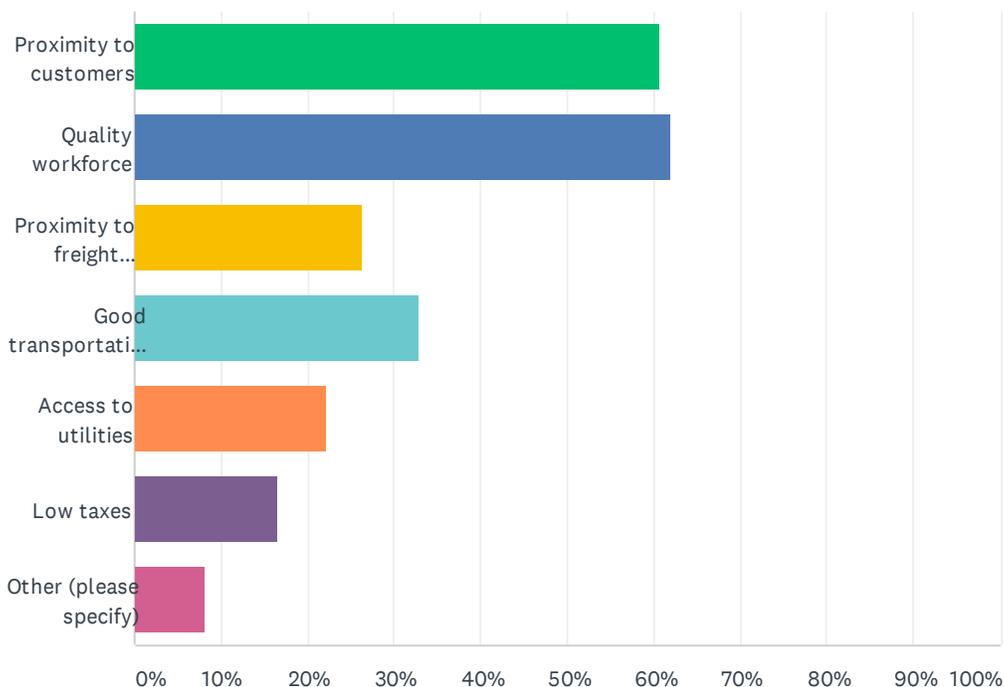
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15	Hi	3/17/2021 1:17 PM
16	more restaurants	3/17/2021 12:11 PM
17	There isn't as much to do in the Moorhead and/or MN side of things. Most go into Fargo to shop and "party" we need to focus on things that will keep them on this side of the river, more concerts, more family friendly stuff, just more to do.	3/17/2021 10:55 AM
18	Rebuild restaurants and businesses that Governor Waltz destroyed while shutting them down for no reason while neighboring states left there businesses open to survive.	3/16/2021 8:51 PM
19	Any with strong living wages for employees	3/16/2021 7:29 PM
20	We need to pay attention to Cass Co. and have supporting...	3/11/2021 10:52 AM

Q23 What are the key reasons for locating a business in Clay County? (select all that apply)

Answered: 247 Skipped: 72



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Proximity to customers	60.73% 150
Quality workforce	61.94% 153
Proximity to freight networks	26.32% 65
Good transportation connections	32.79% 81
Access to utilities	22.27% 55
Low taxes	16.60% 41
Other (please specify)	8.10% 20
Total Respondents: 247	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Aim to be business friendly: low taxes and less red tape	3/22/2021 9:21 PM
2	There isn't anymore, with nd next door clay Co. Needs to be competitive. Having the state choking business the county will suffer if it doesn't try to be competitive	3/21/2021 8:54 PM
3	connection to higher ed - both 2 and 4 year institutions	3/21/2021 8:34 PM
4	Because you feel like it, I suppose.	3/21/2021 8:24 PM
5	Na	3/21/2021 8:10 PM
6	I like minnesota vs north Dakota	3/21/2021 7:58 PM

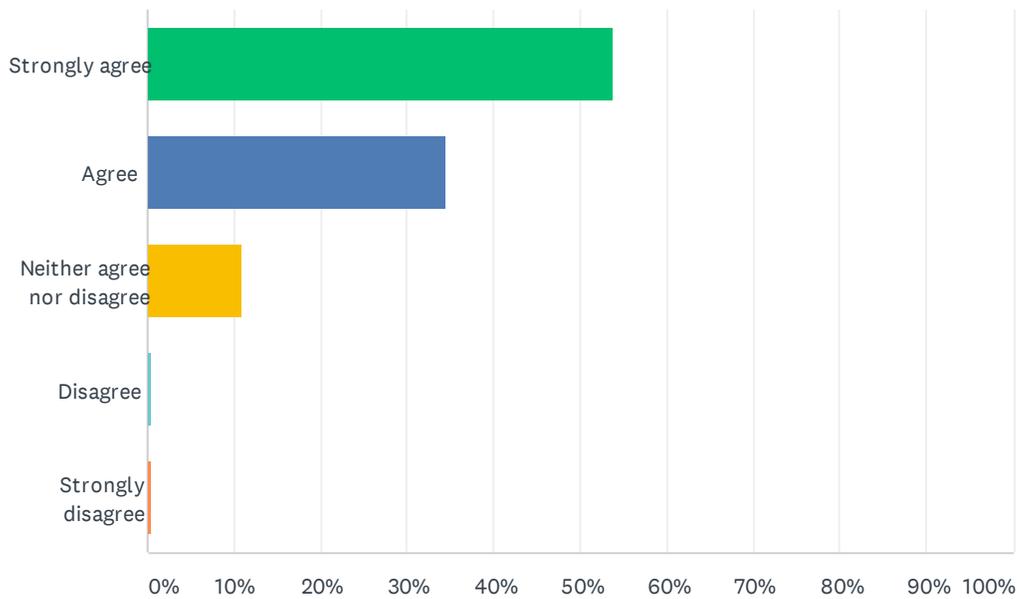
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7	I don't have an opinion.	3/21/2021 7:54 PM
8	Vague question. I'm not a business owner so how am I supposed to know?	3/21/2021 8:42 AM
9	Non	3/18/2021 3:35 PM
10	N/A	3/18/2021 10:51 AM
11	There is little in incentive for boarder cities todo business in MN. Taxes are higher.	3/18/2021 10:08 AM
12	No sister city tax exemptions is the #1 issue	3/18/2021 9:58 AM
13	Access to schools	3/17/2021 6:05 PM
14	Fargo get your businesses	3/17/2021 2:27 PM
15	I am not a businessperson, so I can't say.	3/17/2021 11:39 AM
16	I don't own a business, so I don't know.	3/17/2021 10:55 AM
17	This is hard when North Dakota (Fargo) seems much more appealing for businesses	3/17/2021 10:16 AM
18	There are none everyone is leaving to Fargo. We have empty buildings all over. To much art crap and no focus in actual business who make money.	3/17/2021 5:29 AM
19	As an educator, I'm not business aware	3/16/2021 7:29 PM
20	Not enough incentives. Taxes too high	3/15/2021 10:07 PM

Q24 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Farmland and family farms are important to the economy of Clay County"

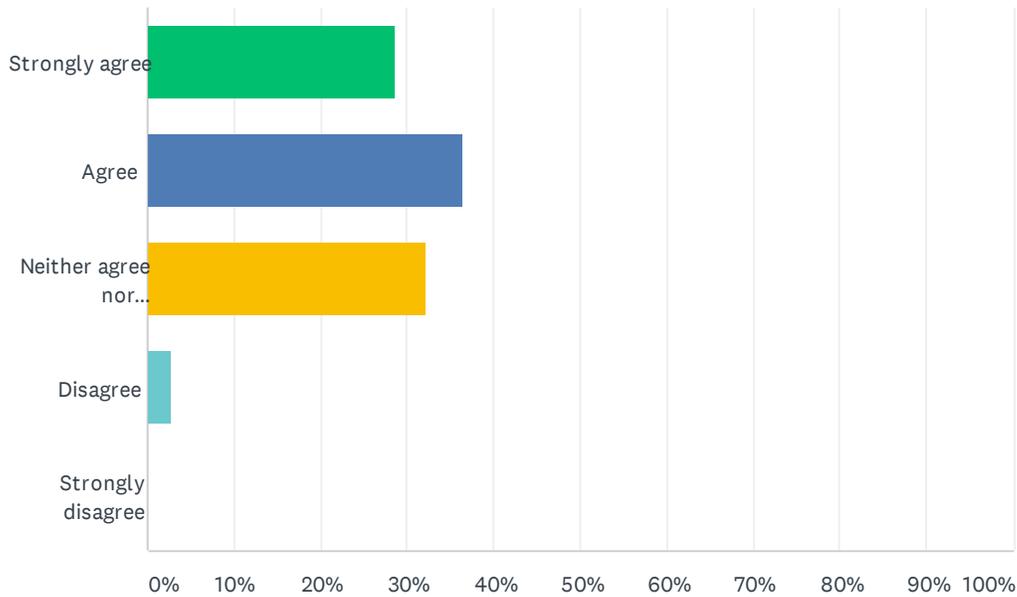
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	53.73%	137
Agree	34.51%	88
Neither agree nor disagree	10.98%	28
Disagree	0.39%	1
Strongly disagree	0.39%	1
TOTAL		255

Q25 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Soil erosion and/or loss of prime farmland is a concern in Clay County"

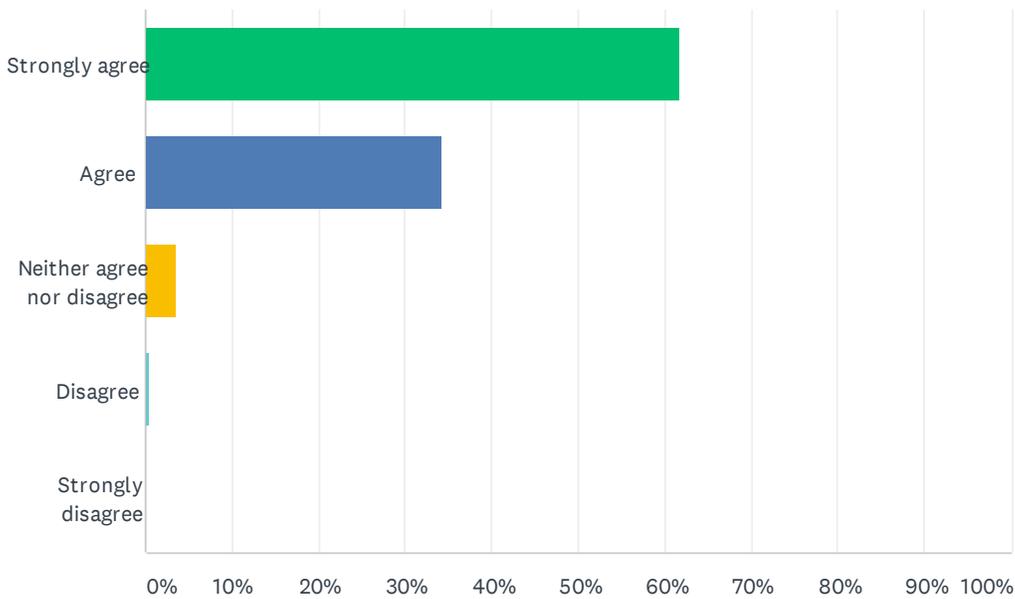
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	28.63%	73
Agree	36.47%	93
Neither agree nor disagree/unsure	32.16%	82
Disagree	2.75%	7
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
TOTAL		255

Q26 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "It is important for Clay County to support local food production and food access"

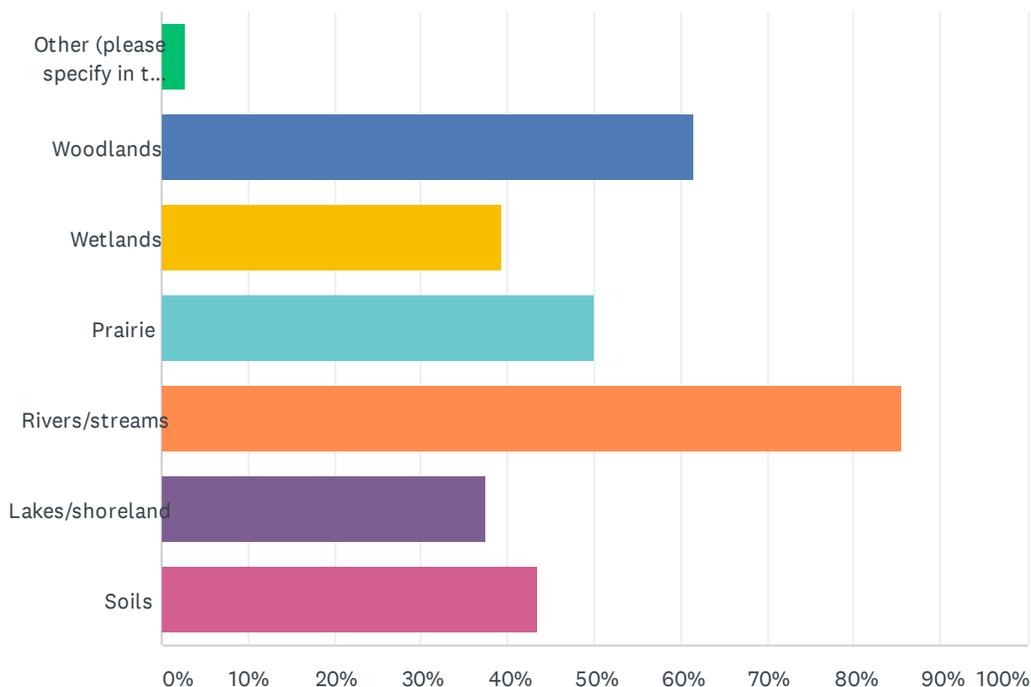
Answered: 254 Skipped: 65



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	61.81%	157
Agree	34.25%	87
Neither agree nor disagree	3.54%	9
Disagree	0.39%	1
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
TOTAL		254

Q27 Are there natural resources that should be improved or better maintained in Clay County? (Choose all that apply)

Answered: 216 Skipped: 103



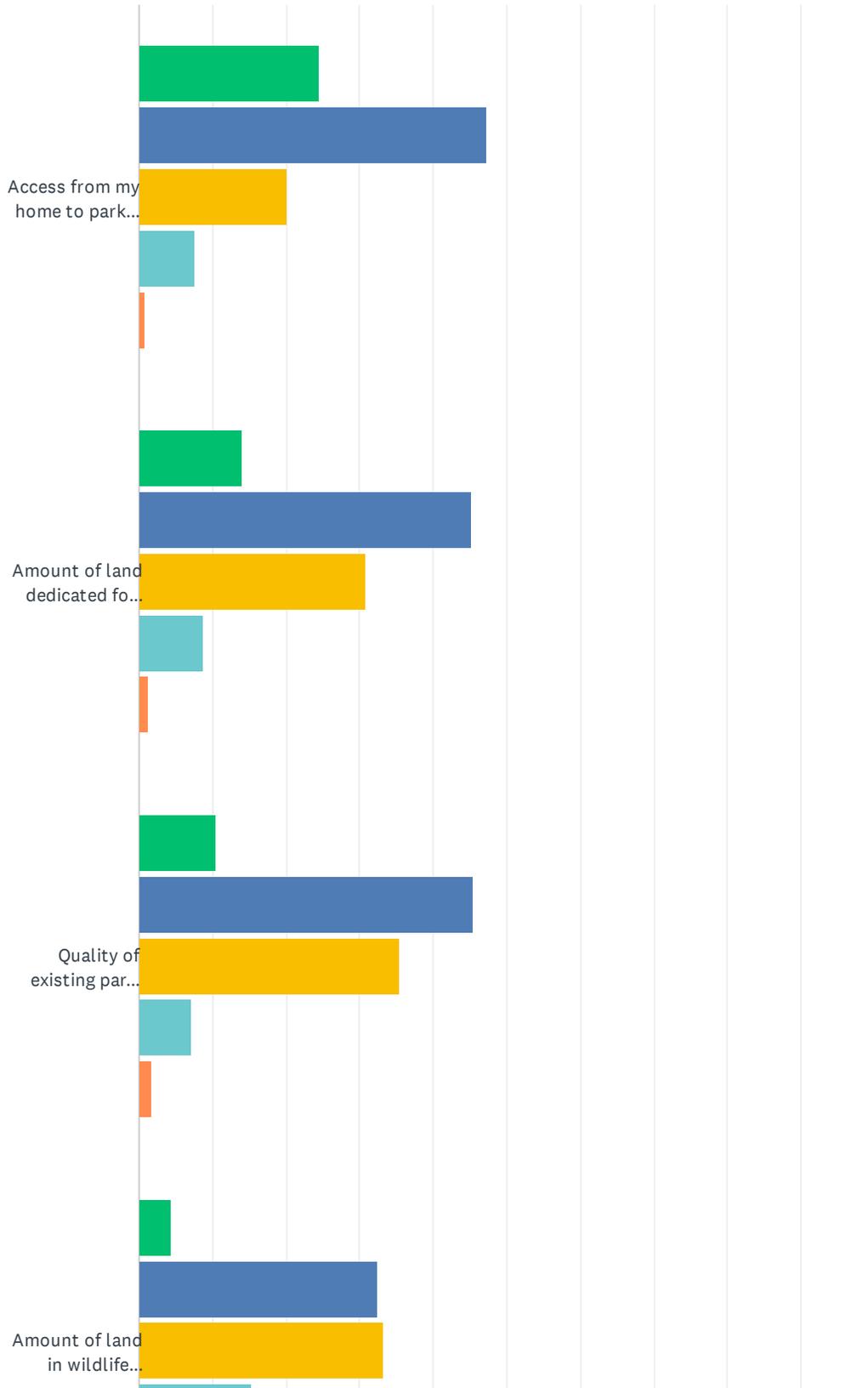
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Other (please specify in the comment box below)	2.78% 6
Woodlands	61.57% 133
Wetlands	39.35% 85
Prairie	50.00% 108
Rivers/streams	85.65% 185
Lakes/shoreland	37.50% 81
Soils	43.52% 94
Total Respondents: 216	

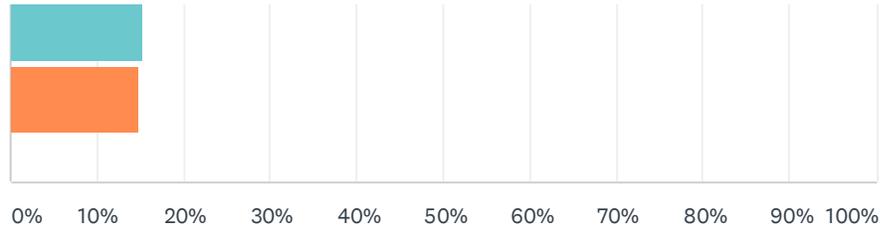
#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY	DATE
1	Among other things, I have noticed an increase in trash being blown around in the more natural areas.	4/16/2021 8:56 PM
2	We need to maintain our natural resources. Clean air and water is important. Agricultural practices can be synergistic with augmenting natural resources.	4/13/2021 10:25 PM
3	All these are interconnected, and all deserve more attention pretty much everywhere in the U.S.	4/4/2021 12:46 PM
4	All need to be maintained better	4/1/2021 2:06 PM
5	The quality of our natural resources relates directly to the quality of our health and longevity	3/26/2021 10:44 AM

6	Blue eagle is ran poorly and teenagers sell drugs there	3/23/2021 4:13 PM
7	Would really like to see a move toward more native trees and prairie which in the long run reduces maintenance costs and restores the environment along with creating and supporting habitat for pollinators.	3/22/2021 9:24 PM
8	All are critical resources that deserve constant attention.	3/22/2021 12:38 PM
9	Farmland is over fertilized and the runoff enters the waters. Clay county isn't really known for woodlands and lakes. We have gallery forests and ponds. We need to take care of them also but I always think of Clay county as prairies, farmland. We do need to take care of our wetlands. they are natural filters and important ecosystems.	3/21/2021 11:00 PM
10	Farms should be producing food that directly goes to our grocery stores. Stop farming to send to other countries and to use as feed for animals. Farm food that feeds your neighbors	3/21/2021 9:25 PM
11	People	3/21/2021 8:56 PM
12	No knowledge	3/21/2021 8:09 PM
13	erosion is a concern both water and wind	3/20/2021 4:17 PM
14	No trees Overdeveloped Lots to small	3/20/2021 8:58 AM
15	I have concerns about the oil "refinery" located just south of main and north of 12th Ave s. I'm worried about the potential environmental impact, and the potential for spillage in the soil.	3/18/2021 8:13 PM
16	Take advantage of the natural environment for exercise and education for the city folks	3/18/2021 8:03 PM
17	All of the above PLUS stop mining the aquifers for sand and gravel!!!	3/18/2021 10:18 AM
18	Natural habitat for animals and pheasants	3/18/2021 9:49 AM
19	Enjoy the river front!	3/18/2021 8:40 AM
20	I feel we do a great job right now of maintaining our natural resources.	3/17/2021 6:49 PM
21	For all to come	3/17/2021 2:30 PM
22	Stop cutting down all the trees!!!	3/17/2021 12:13 PM
23	Like stated before, the river gives us a lot of recreational opportunities so we need to continue to take care of it and clean it.	3/17/2021 11:01 AM
24	No comment	3/17/2021 10:44 AM
25	Cover crops for winter to reduce erosion. Wooded areas should be protected because there are so few.	3/16/2021 9:42 PM
26	We are firm believers in being ecologically responsible and are hoping Clay County regulations are as well.	3/16/2021 7:32 PM
27	There are hardly any woodlands that are maintained. The county should promote/incentivize woodlands near cities and farm land to keep winds down and promote habitat.	3/15/2021 10:09 PM

Q28 How would you rate the following for parks, open space, and recreation facilities in Clay County?

Answered: 251 Skipped: 68





■ Excellent
 ■ Good
 ■ Fair
 ■ Poor
 ■ No opinion

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	NO OPINION	TOTAL
Access from my home to parks and recreational facilities	24.40% 61	47.20% 118	20.00% 50	7.60% 19	0.80% 2	250
Amount of land dedicated for parks and recreation	14.00% 35	45.20% 113	30.80% 77	8.80% 22	1.20% 3	250
Quality of existing parks and recreational facilities	10.36% 26	45.42% 114	35.46% 89	7.17% 18	1.59% 4	251
Amount of land in wildlife management areas or natural habitats (woodlands, wetlands, prairies, etc.)	4.40% 11	32.40% 81	33.20% 83	15.20% 38	14.80% 37	250

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY	DATE
1	More parks with walking/ biking paths around/ near the park area	4/16/2021 9:04 PM
2	A lot of resources are put into mowing lawns in parks that would be better suited to permaculture and prairie restoration. This would benefit wildlife and community members.	3/29/2021 11:01 PM
3	Parks lacking in spaces for some of the fastest growing sports -- pickleball, tennis. A new aquatic center will be a huge amenity	3/26/2021 10:46 AM
4	North Moorhead-annexed Oakport township areas would benefit from larger park access similar to in town options. Outdoor hockey rink, baseball field, open field, wading pool. Any/all would be welcomed additions!	3/25/2021 12:43 PM
5	While we do have great parks I feel more could be done to get kids outside and away from electronics. Let's update playgrounds and get stuff for older kids as well as younger. Basketball courts would be a great addition and clean up some of the bike trails.	3/22/2021 11:48 AM
6	Ohv park would be greatly beneficial to the county	3/21/2021 8:58 PM
7	It feels like development is encroaching everywhere, and I worry that there will be no efforts to increase amount of land and access for all to parks, recreation, and more natural habitats.	3/21/2021 8:37 PM
8	I think wildlife management lands should be opened up more for dual use as recreational land as well.	3/21/2021 1:49 PM
9	Moorhead needs a splash pad for the kids in summer. Parks are nice but could use more upkeep maintenance.	3/18/2021 9:25 PM
10	More woodlands. More trails.	3/18/2021 8:04 PM
11	Need more	3/18/2021 12:42 PM
12	Could always use more and better parks. Buffalo River State Park has staffing issues. Moorhead needs a new outdoor public pool. Romkey Park isn't safe and is gross.	3/18/2021 1:31 AM
13	My answers are for parks outside of cities. Buffalo River State Park could become not just a good state park, but an amazing state park. At the moment it's way too small. We should prioritize restoring an entire ecosystem and eventually reintroduce animals that have been long gone back into the park.	3/17/2021 6:05 PM

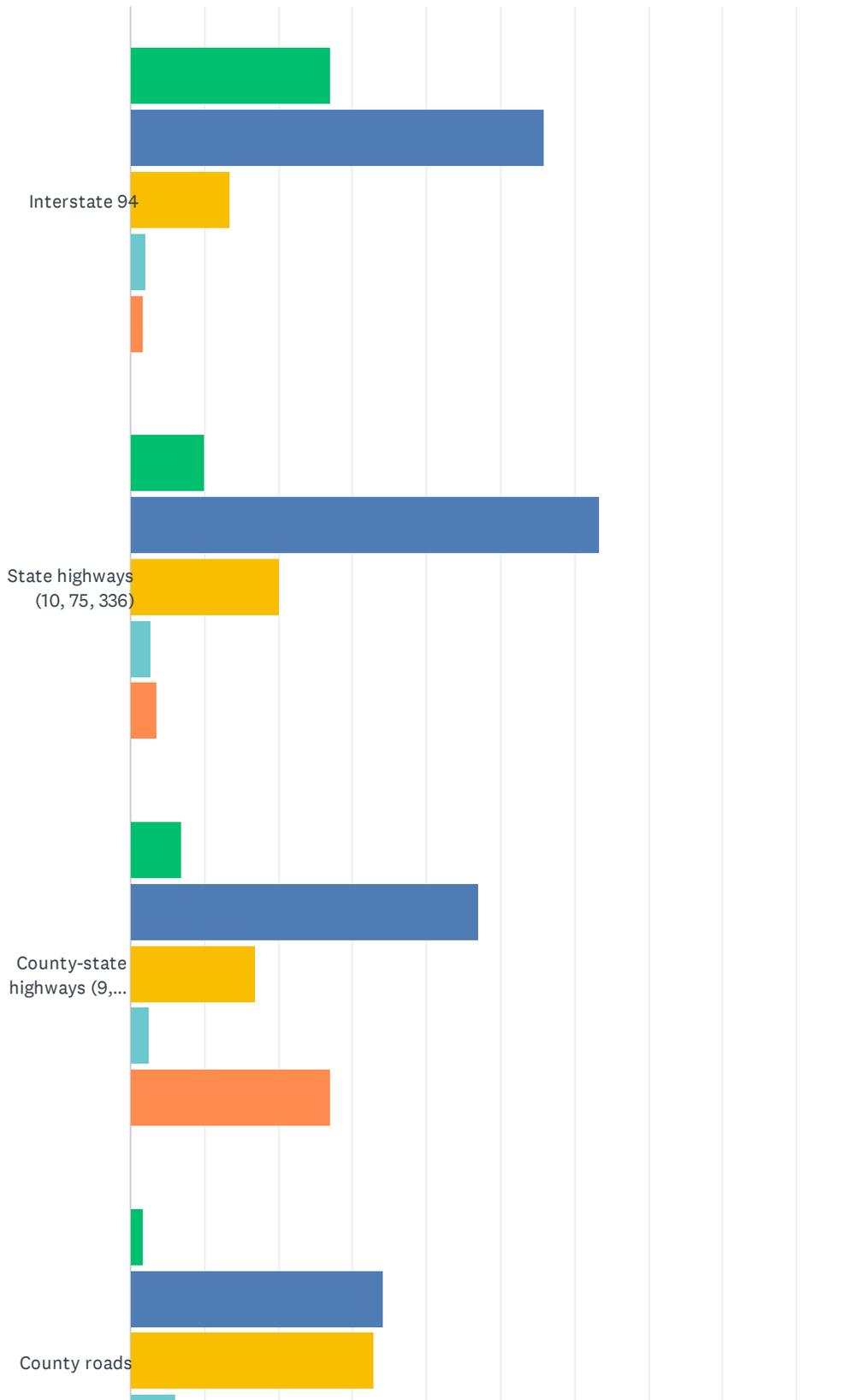
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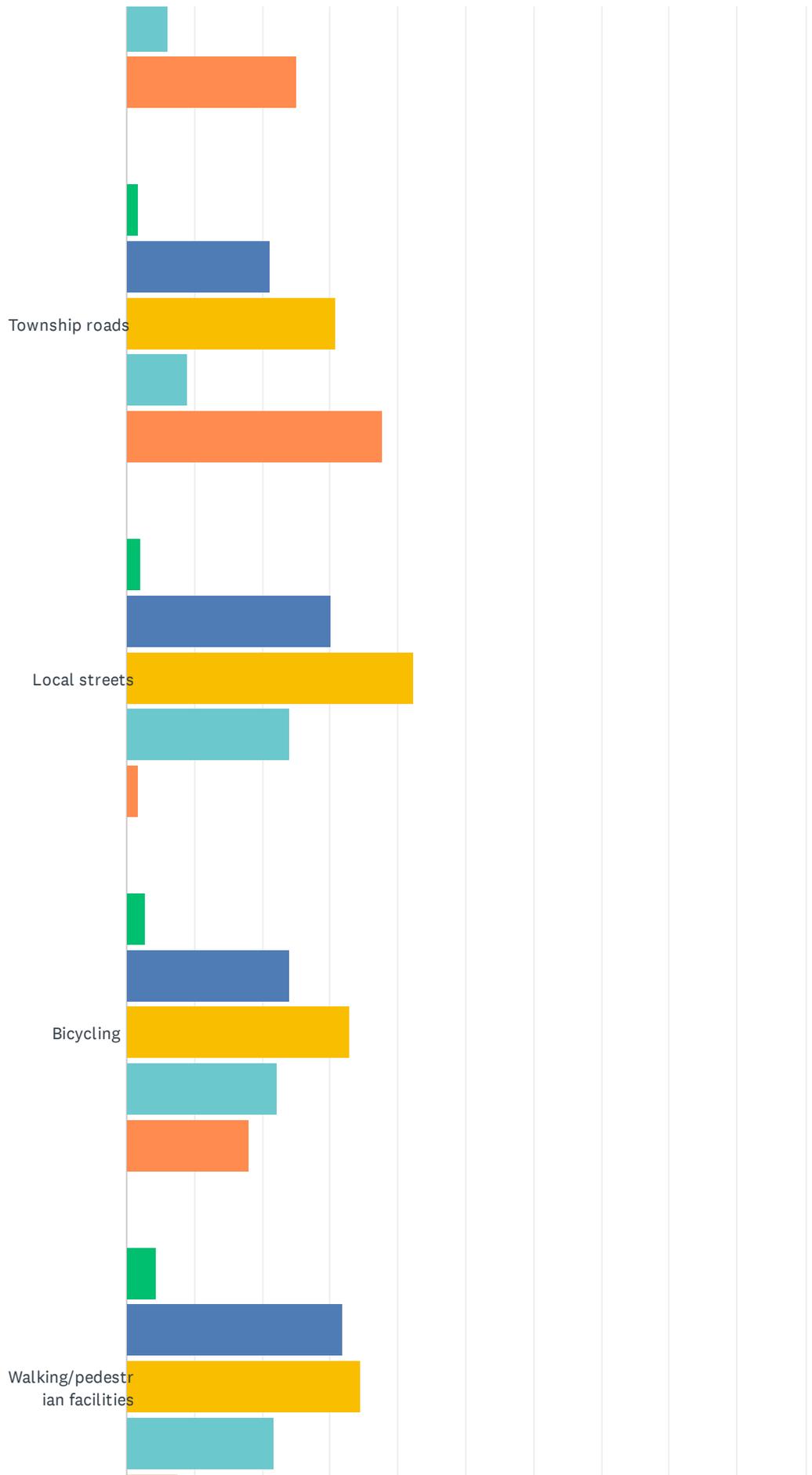
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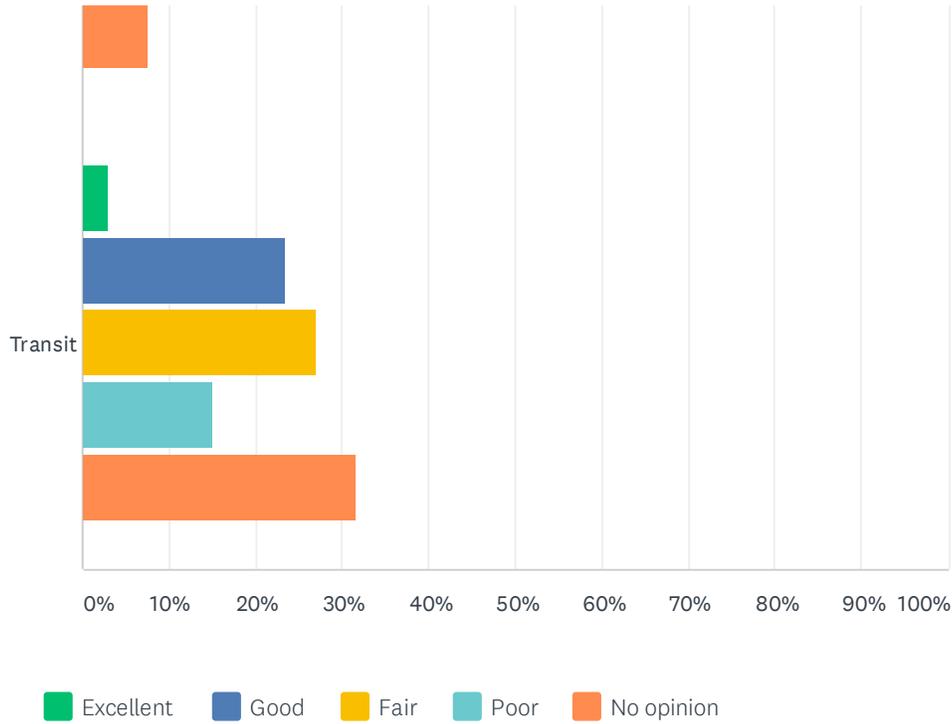
14	I don't know enough about to say much.	3/17/2021 2:31 PM
15	I could always stand to have more parks and more bike paths and crosscountry skiing (too flat for downhill)	3/17/2021 1:47 PM
16	The dog parks need to be updated and better. Maybe a small canopy at each, and some running water.	3/17/2021 10:57 AM
17	I feel we could use more paths for biking and walking that connect the whole city. Also the green space and parks being built in communities or along the walking/biking paths.	3/17/2021 10:45 AM
18	We would love to see more parks and more community centers with play areas, swimming and daycare centers in Hawley	3/16/2021 9:21 PM
19	The development of a bike path from Moorhead to Detroit Lakes does not seem to be a priority. Few biking opportunities. We aren't aware of any county parks.	3/16/2021 7:38 PM
20	Not all focus should be on west side of Hawley	3/12/2021 11:18 PM

Q29 How would you rate the following modes of transportation in Clay County (in terms of maintenance, congestion, access, etc.)

Answered: 251 Skipped: 68







	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	NO OPINION	TOTAL
Interstate 94	26.94% 66	55.92% 137	13.47% 33	2.04% 5	1.63% 4	245
State highways (10, 75, 336)	10.04% 25	63.45% 158	20.08% 50	2.81% 7	3.61% 9	249
County-state highways (9, 32, 34)	6.83% 17	46.99% 117	16.87% 42	2.41% 6	26.91% 67	249
County roads	1.63% 4	34.15% 84	32.93% 81	6.10% 15	25.20% 62	246
Township roads	1.62% 4	21.05% 52	30.77% 76	8.91% 22	37.65% 93	247
Local streets	2.01% 5	30.12% 75	42.17% 105	24.10% 60	1.61% 4	249
Bicycling	2.81% 7	24.10% 60	32.93% 82	22.09% 55	18.07% 45	249
Walking/pedestrian facilities	4.42% 11	31.73% 79	34.54% 86	21.69% 54	7.63% 19	249
Transit	2.87% 7	23.36% 57	27.05% 66	15.16% 37	31.56% 77	244

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY	DATE
1	Potholes	4/16/2021 9:19 PM
2	Highway 52 to Sabin SUCKS.	4/15/2021 2:58 PM
3	Rural transit is challenging. Walking paths are good in cities. Biking routes in cities are limited and there are almost no rural bike paths.	4/13/2021 10:31 PM
4	Non-car transportation deserves more attention. We do NOT need more big road projects. Congestion is a small price to pay for prioritizing other needs.	4/4/2021 12:48 PM
5	Highway 52 is in poor shape	4/2/2021 5:40 PM

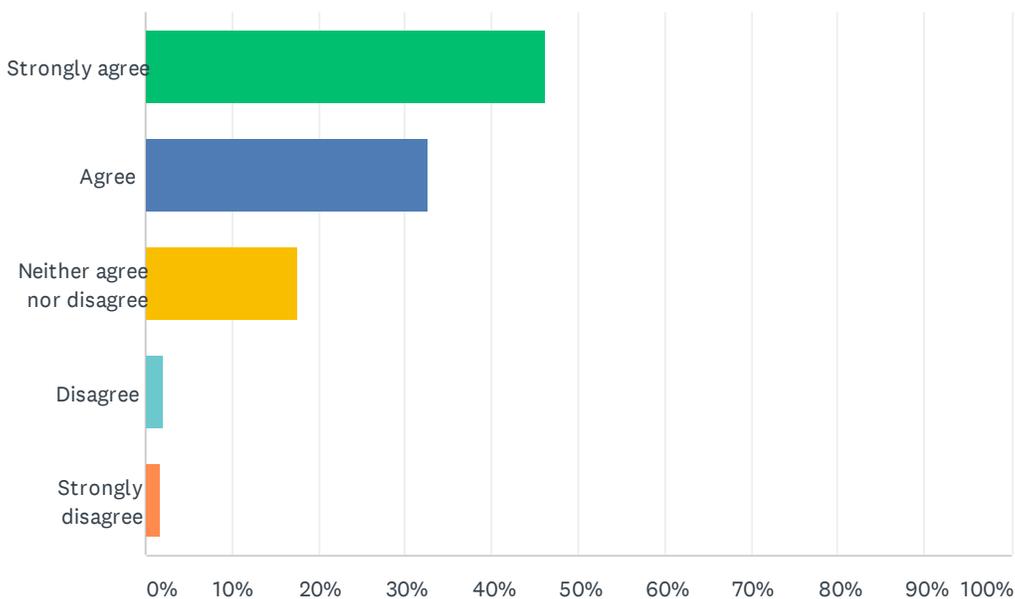
6	MAT doesn't even go to Dilworth	4/1/2021 1:49 PM
7	An increased emphasis on public transportation, walk-ability, and bike-ability would be appreciated.	3/29/2021 11:04 PM
8	Some roads in Moorhead need attention	3/27/2021 2:49 PM
9	I moved here from Ottertail County and have always been stunned that the road way lines are so hard to see here - both in Cass and Clay. Doesn't seem like a priority. RR through the downtown corridor in Moorhead is very problematic for walking, biking, and driving, so it is so good we're addressing that & a huge thanks to everyone in public service for working so hard to make an improved transportation corridor a reality for Moorhead!	3/26/2021 10:50 AM
10	Highway 52 from Barnesville to Moorhead is good but needs to be maintained	3/23/2021 7:04 PM
11	I-94 could use another lane on weekends when folks travel to Lake country. Getting out of Moorhead feels like racetrack. More could be done to provide bike lanes that don't have to compete with traffic. Walkways are often incomplete and not cleared of snow. Bus routes often require people to leave an hour before planned destination time and still require a lot of walking or biking for people to get to destination.	3/22/2021 12:44 PM
12	Moorhead roads need work and more thought put into parking our street is awful. I feel bad for our plows and mail person.	3/22/2021 11:51 AM
13	Bike lanes give me anxiety as a driver. I love to see them but they're never fair enough to a bicyclist. Drivers are scary enough, I'd like to see more room given to cyclists. Bike paths are great, but they haven't been built as a transportation option than a recreational one.	3/22/2021 10:15 AM
14	Highway 52 is a death trap. Fences need to be put up in the winter to a solid blackouts. There needs to be a roundabout on 52 and 60th. There should be a SAFE bike path from Sabin to Moorhead	3/21/2021 9:31 PM
15	It would be better to operate busses on Sunday, and pay more attention to biking and walking options.	3/21/2021 8:39 PM
16	You must have a car to get around Moorhead and the streets are terrible.	3/21/2021 8:32 PM
17	None to highly insufficient bike and pedestrian lanes! Dangerous to bicycle or walk on the streets in Clay County. Also need more public transportation.	3/21/2021 8:00 PM
18	Could we get a county bike/pedestrian map? And could we get community walking routes like they have in Pelican Rapids?	3/21/2021 7:59 PM
19	The 12th Ave corridor between 20th street and main is awful for bicycling and walking. We need to improve safety on this stretch of land. Also, 7th Ave S, west of the one-way is in awful condition. Let's repair this street.	3/18/2021 8:16 PM
20	Work on the biking and hiking options	3/18/2021 8:06 PM
21	Local streets, so many potholes!	3/18/2021 7:49 PM
22	94 is so rough on the MN side compared to Fargo. Black top goes bad so fast	3/18/2021 10:04 AM
23	we have no sidewalks or connection to town, yet live in an area annexed in. our kids can't safely bike or walk to friends or school	3/18/2021 9:38 AM
24	Need to keep shoulders clear of debris and clean for bikers and safety	3/18/2021 8:42 AM
25	Need an underpass on 11th St or 8th St between Main Ave and 1st Ave N. No complaints on any of the state or county highways. Highway 10 is always a pleasant drive. Access to I94 has improved dramatically and the highways in the county that connect to it are always well maintained. Surface streets in Moorhead have improved but still aren't great. Many need to at least have lane markings repainted.	3/18/2021 1:37 AM
26	Old 52 needs more attention in the winter e.g. plowing salting	3/17/2021 10:49 PM
27	To be fair, new bike paths have just been added, but public transit needs longer hours	3/17/2021 1:49 PM
28	Wide paved shoulders on County roads are important for safe bicycling. Clay County roads tend to be better than roads in surrounding counties for bicycling, but they could continue to	3/17/2021 12:09 PM

get better. The width of the shoulder on 26 is great, but it is also in pretty tough shape. More bicycling, walking, and transit options would be great.

29	Pot holes are a constant battle.	3/17/2021 11:52 AM
30	We need to become more bike and pedestrian friendly. MATBus transit should be expanded.	3/17/2021 11:17 AM
31	I selected fair for local streets only because this time of year the pot holes are an issue.	3/17/2021 11:03 AM
32	My main complaint with Moorhead at the roads. The quality and the capacity to handle increased traffic worries me. The city is growing but I feel the infrastructure is not keeping pace adequately.	3/17/2021 10:48 AM
33	Biking paths need to be maintained at a higher level. The same standard as a road. Transit opportunities should be "push call."	3/17/2021 9:56 AM
34	Hawley is in need of walk/bike paths	3/17/2021 7:24 AM
35	Lacks connection to neighborhoods last mile.	3/16/2021 9:44 PM
36	We need more sidewalks and bike paths in Hawley	3/16/2021 9:22 PM
37	Old highway 52 is absolutely horrible. The beet trucks have been tearing it up for years. Little patches won't fix it. Fix it like you did the stretch heading north out of Barnesville.	3/16/2021 8:43 PM
38	My opinion refers to non-metro biking/walking paths. Park and ride areas are appreciated and seem to be used.	3/16/2021 7:49 PM

Q30 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Increasing alternative modes of transportation (including walking, biking, and transit) is important to the future of Clay County"

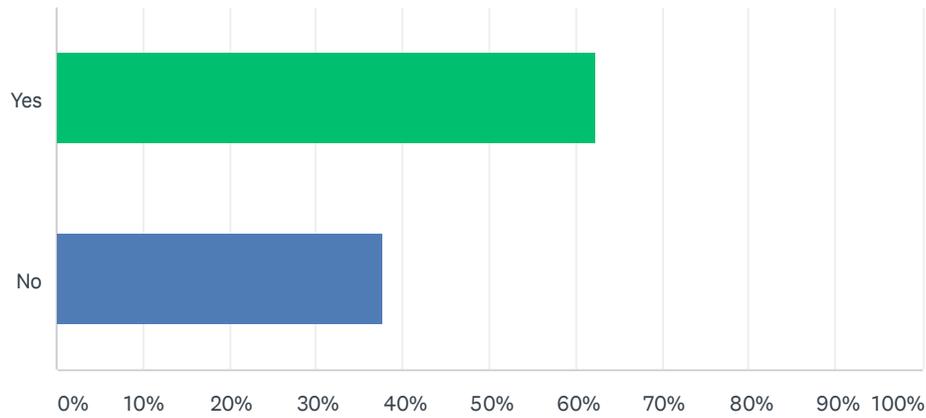
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	46.22%	116
Agree	32.67%	82
Neither agree nor disagree	17.53%	44
Disagree	1.99%	5
Strongly disagree	1.59%	4
TOTAL		251

Q31 Have you heard of the Heartland Trail, a proposed multi-use path extending across Clay County from Moorhead to Becker County?

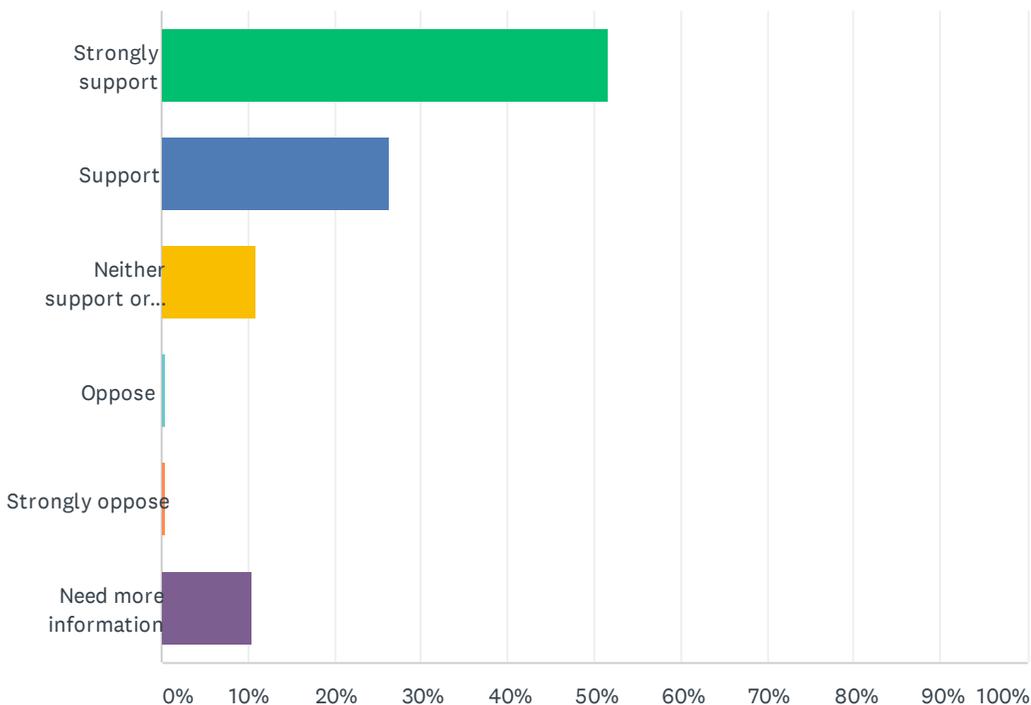
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	62.40%	156
No	37.60%	94
TOTAL		250

Q32 How supportive would you be of the Heartland Trail?

Answered: 250 Skipped: 69



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly support	51.60%	129
Support	26.40%	66
Neither support or oppose	10.80%	27
Oppose	0.40%	1
Strongly oppose	0.40%	1
Need more information	10.40%	26
TOTAL		250

#	OPTIONAL - EXPLAIN WHY	DATE
1	Need more information - How will it be funded? If it is self-funded, yes. If it means increasing an already increasing tax of local taxes, no.	4/16/2021 9:19 PM
2	waste of money that could be spent elsewhere on infrastructure, bike paths are maybe only usable 6 months of the year here.	4/15/2021 10:33 PM
3	Increasing more recreational opportunities will improve the quality of life and improve the attractiveness of the region for new residents and businesses.	4/13/2021 10:31 PM
4	Based on the maps, it does appear that something other than good sense has affected where the trail is located. Having it cross the railroad tracks multiple times is not good planning.	4/1/2021 4:06 PM
5	Would like to know what has been done to secure private investment for the project	3/26/2021 10:50 AM
6	I walk and ride on these trails regularly	3/23/2021 7:04 PM

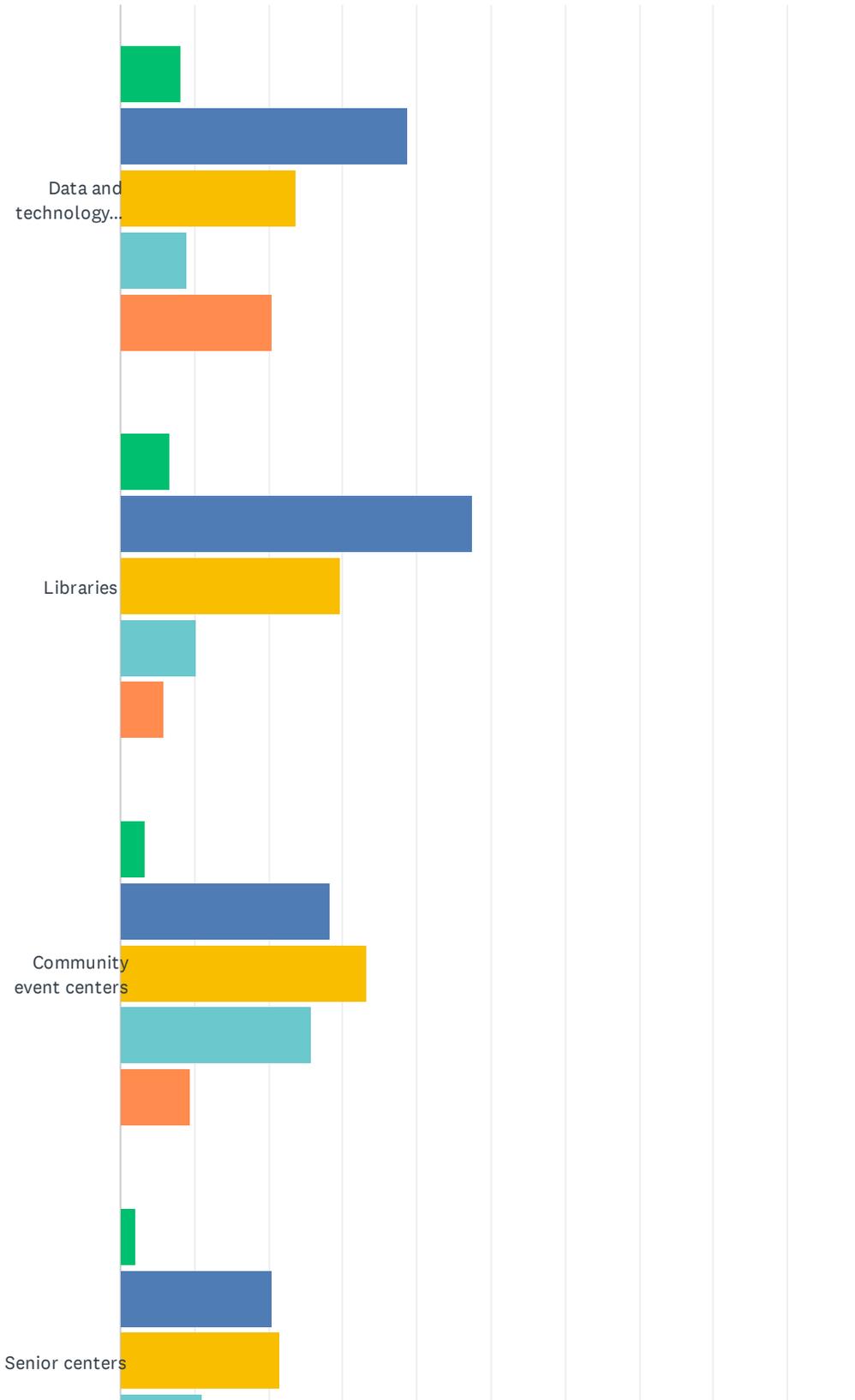
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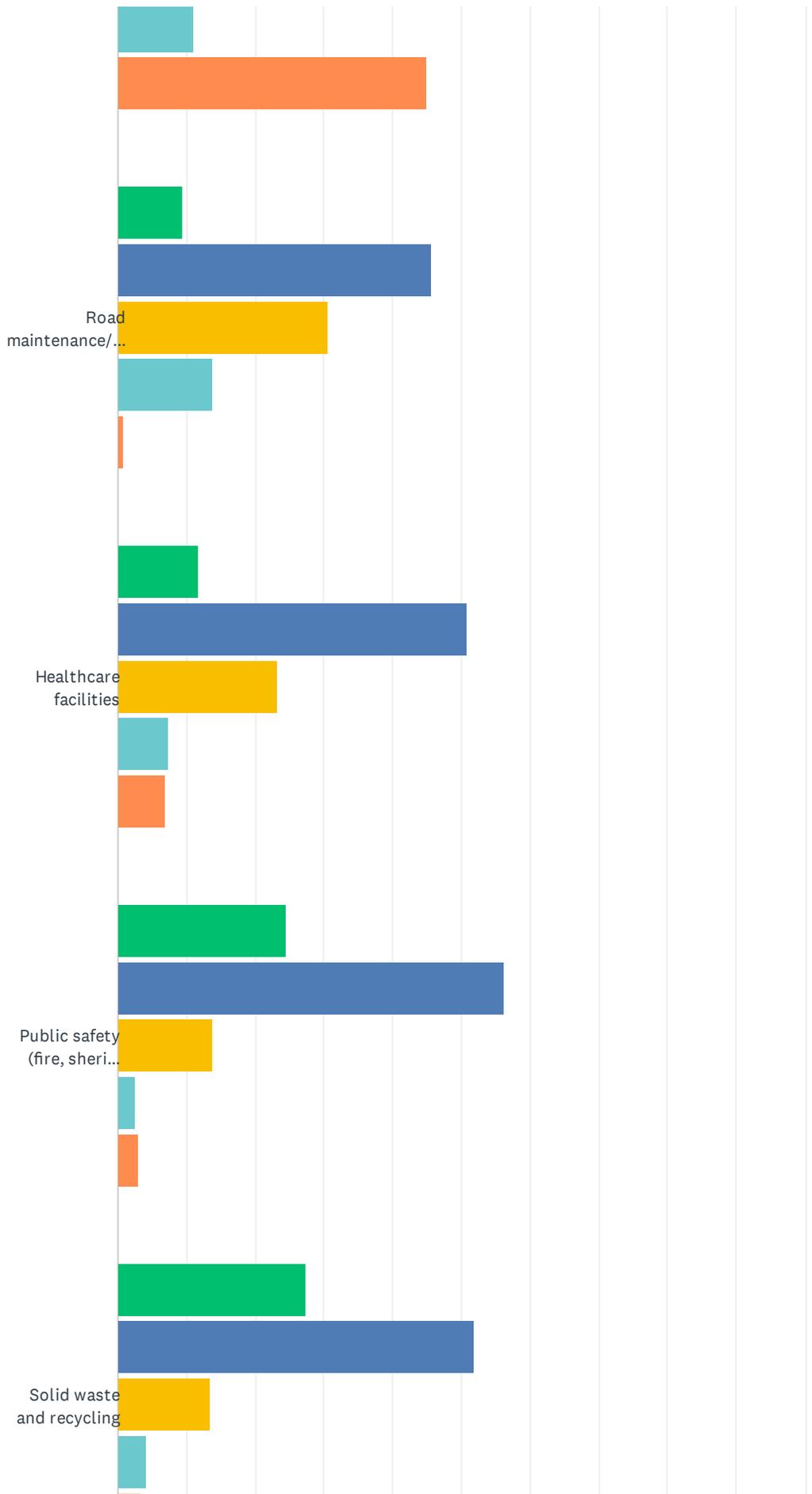
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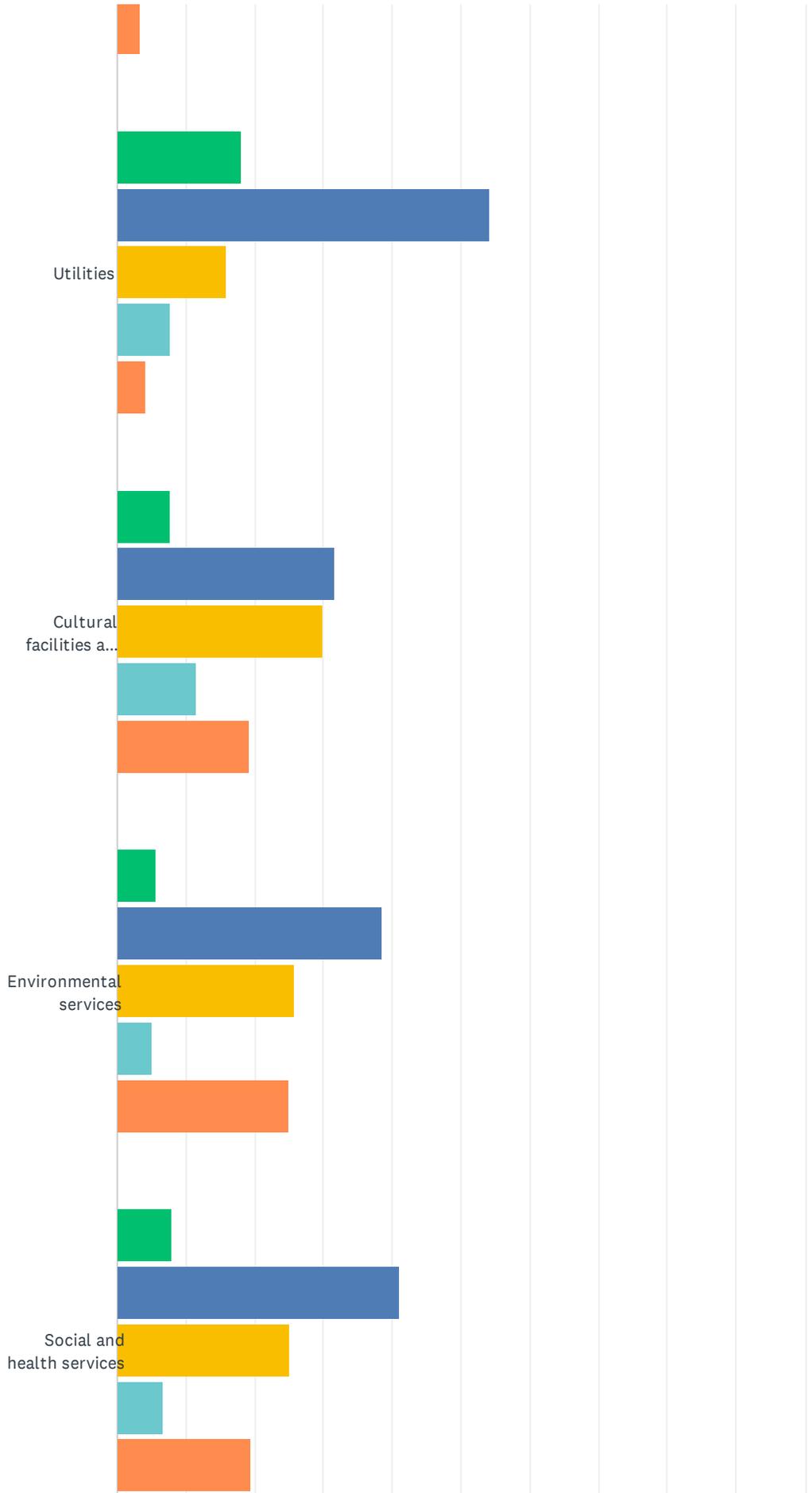
7	Many people would use it. Many people want it.	3/21/2021 11:02 PM
8	We need more outdoor options and indoor recreational options during winter. We are killing ourselves by our lifestyles	3/21/2021 9:31 PM
9	A bunch of people I know are super excited about this!!! Really hope this happens. People will definitely use this trail ..	3/21/2021 8:39 PM
10	My concern would be how close trail would be to the high way - the trail in becker county is currently on Hwy 10 and not a scenic view at all.	3/21/2021 8:02 PM
11	We leave Clay County in order to use this trail. We'd like to access it locally.	3/21/2021 7:59 PM
12	I think extending the Heartland Trail to Caly county would truly add value to clay county.	3/19/2021 9:23 AM
13	This is HUGE! I wholeheartedly support the development of the Heartland Trail into Clay County. The improved access into greater Clay is only good for everyone.	3/18/2021 8:16 PM
14	Trails are always a good thing	3/18/2021 7:49 PM
15	100% Love cycling	3/18/2021 12:44 PM
16	This would be an amazing addition to our county	3/18/2021 12:24 PM
17	Who is responsible for paying for this trail to be built and maintained?	3/18/2021 10:45 AM
18	This would be an outstanding addition to Clay County transit and recreation. It would be heavily used.	3/18/2021 10:22 AM
19	I do not know about this trail. I am a firm believer to supporting outdoor activities for our community and promoting wildlife	3/18/2021 10:12 AM
20	Trails are cool and fun	3/18/2021 1:37 AM
21	I always use the Heartland Trail in the summers and would love to see an extension to Moorhead	3/17/2021 6:04 PM
22	Please make this happen!	3/17/2021 12:09 PM
23	Biking in the summer, snow shoeing and skiing in the winter. Promote the heck out of this with events like candlelight trail events in the winter. Such a great opportunity to bring people in!	3/17/2021 11:52 AM
24	I think this is awesome- our lake place is actually near the Heartland Trail in Hubbard county.	3/17/2021 11:03 AM
25	I don't know what it is.	3/17/2021 11:00 AM
26	Will it be attached to the main city in Clay County, Moorhead.	3/17/2021 10:48 AM
27	The recreational opportunity is worth it, but the economic impact of the trail is largely under estimated by the general public.	3/17/2021 9:56 AM
28	The plan was released in 2011. Let's stop asking and get it done!! We often drive an hour plus to find a biking trail. This area of MN is sadly void.	3/16/2021 7:49 PM
29	What would it even do? The acerage person has no time to recreationally commute that far unless by utv or snowmobile. Even so it would not be crazy fun due to lack of vegetation.	3/15/2021 10:12 PM

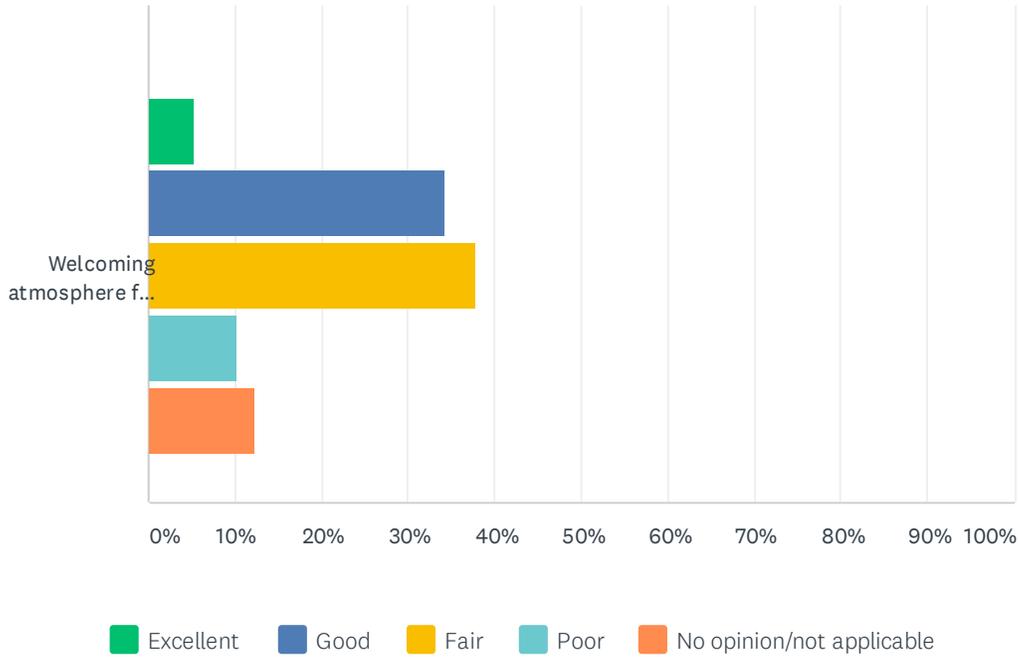
Q33 How would you rate the following community services and facilities (in terms of quality, proximity, availability, etc.)?

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	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	NO OPINION/NOT APPLICABLE	TOTAL
Data and technology infrastructure	8.16% 20	38.78% 95	23.67% 58	8.98% 22	20.41% 50	245
Libraries	6.61% 16	47.52% 115	29.75% 72	10.33% 25	5.79% 14	242
Community event centers	3.28% 8	28.28% 69	33.20% 81	25.82% 63	9.43% 23	244
Senior centers	2.04% 5	20.41% 50	21.63% 53	11.02% 27	44.90% 110	245
Road maintenance/snow removal	9.35% 23	45.53% 112	30.49% 75	13.82% 34	0.81% 2	246
Healthcare facilities	11.79% 29	50.81% 125	23.17% 57	7.32% 18	6.91% 17	246
Public safety (fire, sheriff, police, etc.)	24.49% 60	56.33% 138	13.88% 34	2.45% 6	2.86% 7	245
Solid waste and recycling	27.35% 67	51.84% 127	13.47% 33	4.08% 10	3.27% 8	245
Utilities	18.03% 44	54.10% 132	15.98% 39	7.79% 19	4.10% 10	244
Cultural facilities and programs	7.79% 19	31.56% 77	29.92% 73	11.48% 28	19.26% 47	244
Environmental services	5.74% 14	38.52% 94	25.82% 63	4.92% 12	25.00% 61	244
Social and health services	7.85% 19	40.91% 99	25.21% 61	6.61% 16	19.42% 47	242
Welcoming atmosphere for new residents and diverse cultures	5.31% 13	34.29% 84	37.96% 93	10.20% 25	12.24% 30	245

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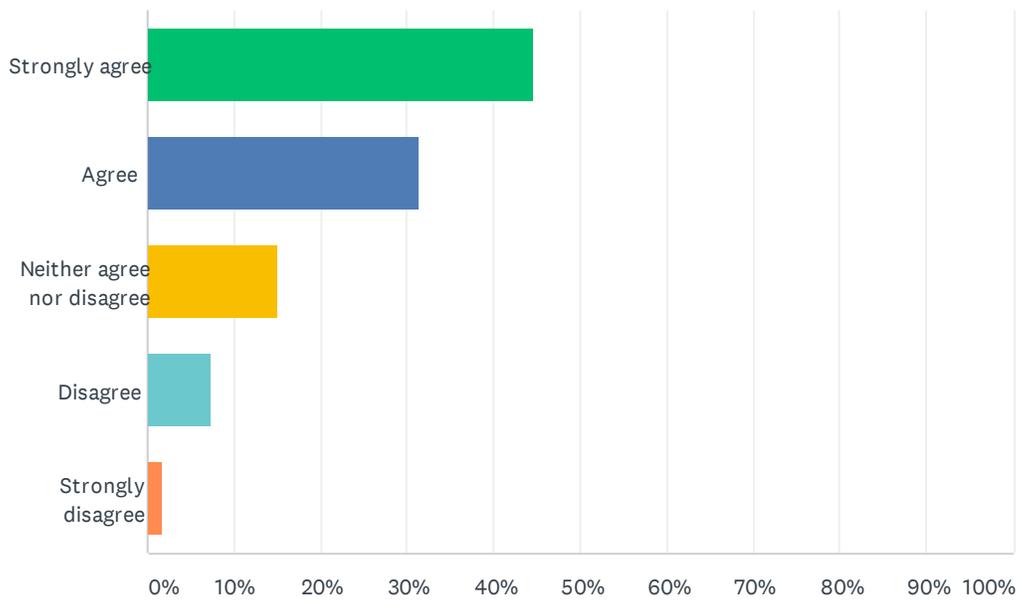
1	More integrated activities	4/17/2021 6:08 PM
2	- A second Fire Department (in south Moorhead) - A community center would be nice to have in Moorhead, one that focuses on family & community	4/16/2021 9:35 PM
3	There is no community center and direct way to intentionally connect diverse communities. We have an opportunity to create indoor activation areas for residents of all ages. The libraries we have in our communities don't have enough meeting spaces and infrastructure for changing technological needs.	4/13/2021 10:34 PM
4	The library and other cultural entities do a lot with the resources given but could use more resources. I would not support increased funding for law enforcement.	4/4/2021 12:51 PM
5	I am happy with the local libraries, I see them as central hubs of the community and would like to see even more development and programming through libraries. Expanding to resources like a tool share library / community workshop would be incredible.	3/29/2021 11:09 PM
6	I Believe Barnesville offers many environmental service waste recycling. If people use it Utilities in town are expensive	3/23/2021 7:10 PM
7	As a Caucasian person, I don't have enough personal experience to know if this community feels welcome to diverse cultures.	3/22/2021 12:47 PM
8	Mental health needs to be addressed our access to care is horrible. Our library needs to be moved. We would go more if the location was better.	3/22/2021 11:54 AM
9	Our Library needs attention. It's a wonderful place that needs uplifting.	3/22/2021 7:02 AM
10	We need dental care and fair and equal healthcare for everyone.	3/21/2021 11:05 PM
11	The existence of Concordia & MSUM allow me to answer good on a number of these items. If either campus reduced access or service it would be challenging for the community. As with most communities systemic racism exists in Moorhead. Diversifying our workforce particularly in city and county offices would be great	3/21/2021 9:18 PM
12	Utilities: Moorhead Public (Dis) Service is RAPING the public on electric rates. Also the other charges on an MPS bill are outlandish, and why are people that live in one room apartments paying the same for some of these "services" as McMansion residents? SHAME. Then there's Clay County Public Health, or as I call then Public Death, whose leaders have REFUSED TO DO THEIR JOBS AT ALL in the pandemic...time to clean house of position-occupiers like Mckay and Severson, they should be unemployed.	3/21/2021 8:32 PM
13	We need to better at valuing diversity and inclusion. Too much segregation in housing, social communities.	3/21/2021 8:00 PM
14	Minnesota nice goes a long way. The poor go to low income housing, the rich go to wealthy neighborhoods and the middle class fits right into everywhere else.	3/21/2021 8:49 AM
15	Our library needs major updating. The services provide are excellent but facility needs a major update. Additionally, a community center is so important and we're currently lacking that in the winter time for just general use.	3/18/2021 8:20 PM
16	I think we could do better with cultural centers, events. Clay County has a diverse population of people groups, would like to see those groups celebrated.	3/18/2021 7:51 PM
17	Very concerned about recent changes that make ND law enforcement no longer able to support MN law enforcement.	3/18/2021 2:08 PM
18	Feels safe. No harassment when pedaling around with my dog.	3/18/2021 12:47 PM
19	We need to improve retail opportunities in this town of Moorhead to get people to come here. Lower the taxes/give tax breaks to businesses so they will come!!!!	3/18/2021 9:53 AM
20	The loss of MSUMoorhead's theatre department and the increasing threats to its music department are a reason for strong concern at city and county levels. Pressure should be brought to bear on MSUM administration to convince them that this is not the way to attract students OR residents to the area.	3/18/2021 9:14 AM
21	We have no hospital in Moorhead. There are never enough social and health services have improved but in general are still poor, there's never enough investment there. Moorhead police and fire as well as Clay Co Sheriff's officers have always been friendly and professional, the	3/18/2021 1:43 AM

best in the metro from my personal experiences. Utility prices from Moorhead Public Service is outrageous though, far more expensive than competitors. Moorhead Public Library is tiny, needs a new building. Our waste collection people always do a good job and are on time.

22	Someone needs to take control of MPS the prices are outlandish	3/17/2021 12:16 PM
23	I believe we have a lot of awesome community services available to us in Clay County but I also think a number of them need to be updated. Example: the Moorhead Library is great but there is a larger, updated facility right across the river. We are starting to lose business on this side because of the developments in Fargo.	3/17/2021 11:06 AM
24	I would like to see an increase in sustainability in all areas. More incentives and opportunities for residents who value these kinds of options. Recycling, energy, city practices...	3/17/2021 11:05 AM
25	The side streets take days to get cleared of snow, and the roads around MSUM are garbage. They need to be redone badly.	3/17/2021 11:01 AM
26	No camping or RV sites	3/17/2021 10:55 AM
27	Poor road maintenance. No issue with snow removal.	3/17/2021 10:49 AM
28	The welcoming atmosphere can vary by family or individuals.	3/17/2021 9:58 AM
29	Moorhead/Clay Co (and Fargo!) need to get all the resources for new immigrants under one umbrella---it is incredibly frustrating for us "white folks" to navigate when we're trying to help; it is impossible for new people who don't have good English speaking/reading skills or tech savviness!!!!	3/17/2021 9:53 AM
30	Data networks need to be expanded for rural internet services.	3/16/2021 9:45 PM
31	Recycling program in Hawley needs improvement. It would definitely encourage recycling if we had a one bin recycling pick up like surrounding towns.	3/16/2021 9:24 PM
32	Many rural residents seem to complain about poor Internet. How can Clay County play a role in improving attitudes to cultural, racial and LGBTQ lifestyles?	3/16/2021 8:02 PM

Q34 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Renewable energy production, such as wind and solar power, is important to the future development of Clay County"

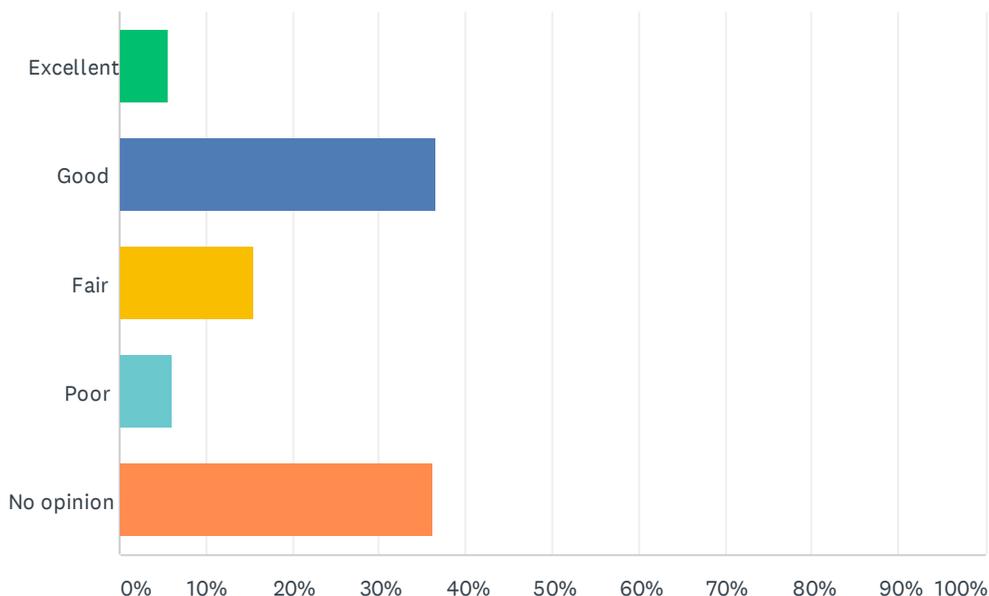
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	44.49%	109
Agree	31.43%	77
Neither agree nor disagree	15.10%	37
Disagree	7.35%	18
Strongly disagree	1.63%	4
TOTAL		245

Q35 How would you rate existing community partnerships and intergovernmental cooperation in Clay County?

Answered: 246 Skipped: 73



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Excellent	5.69% 14
Good	36.59% 90
Fair	15.45% 38
Poor	6.10% 15
No opinion	36.18% 89
TOTAL	246

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1	- Question 30 - I support solar but not wind energy. Wind turban movement disrupts the natural life in the ground and the area around it.	4/16/2021 9:41 PM
2	Clay county commissioners could enhance their interactions with city officials. Moorhead and Clay County should be sharing more government resources.	4/13/2021 10:35 PM
3	I think they could be better with meeting with the city	3/23/2021 7:11 PM
4	I do not know enough about this.	3/21/2021 8:41 PM
5	The partnerships are too Cass County/Fargo oriented. We need a YMCA in Moorhead.	3/21/2021 8:01 PM
6	Need to be more transparent	3/18/2021 1:27 PM
7	Haven't noticed any serious problems, it always appears that Clay County has a say in the region and works well with its neighbors, although the diversion issue shouldn't have dragged on as long as it did.	3/18/2021 1:46 AM
8	The city and the county both need new government buildings for their administration, yet they won't consider sharing a building.	3/17/2021 10:00 AM

9	We need better communication between the community leaders on a monthly basis to keep up with the complaints that go unaddressed when brought up at the commissioner level. They are harder to fix when everyone is not on the same page.	3/16/2021 9:07 PM
10	I am unaware	3/16/2021 8:02 PM

