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Agenda

New Castle Town Council Work Session Tuesday, August 06, 2019, 6:15 PM

[Public](#) Survey Results - Bill Ray



Community Mail Survey

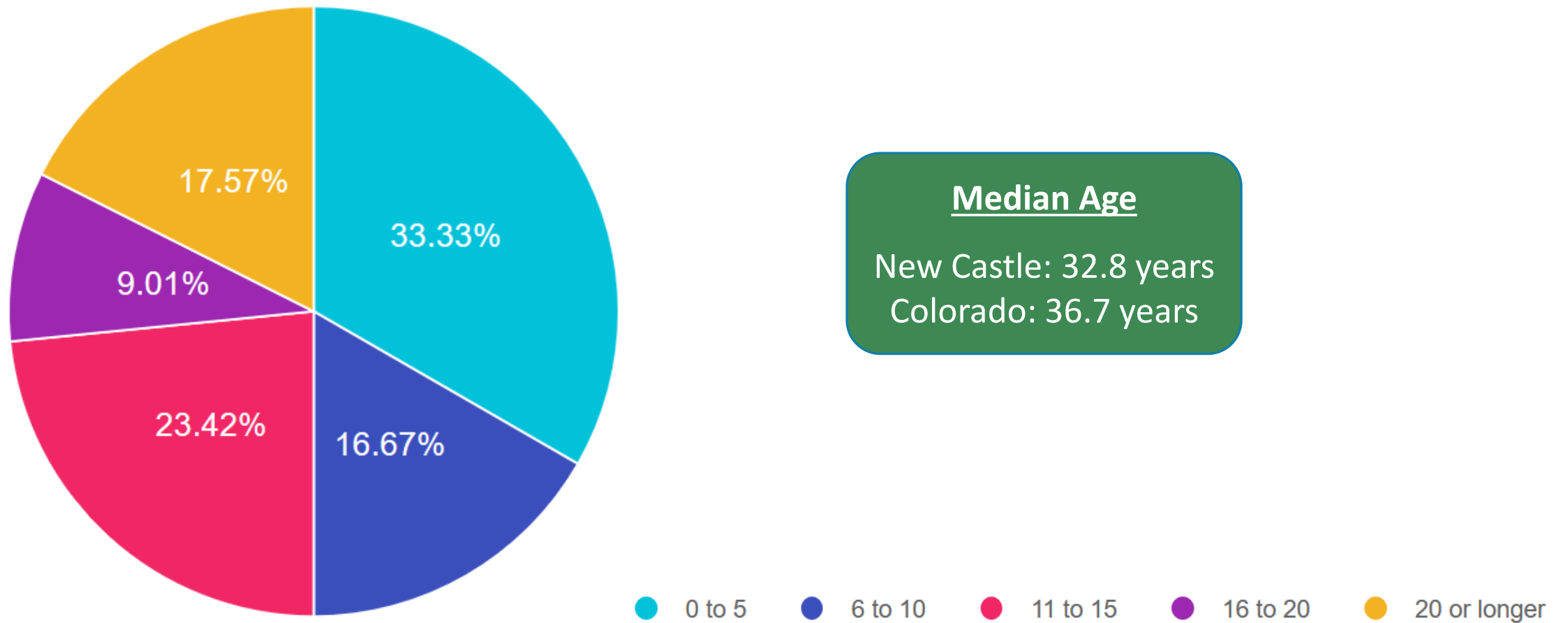
PRESENTED BY BILL RAY, WR COMMUNICATIONS INC.

AUGUST 5, 2019

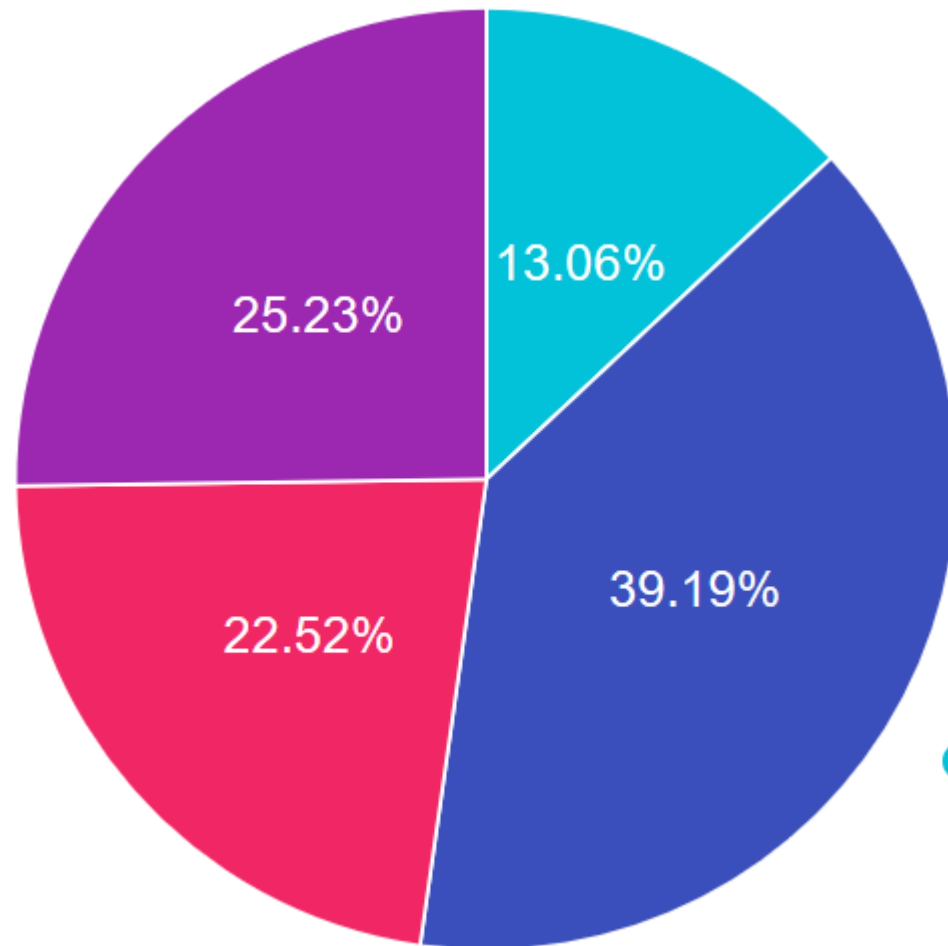
Methodology

- Unable to conduct a “scientific” survey
 - Town too small; would have been cost-prohibitive to complete a statistical survey
- Survey mailed in July to 1,509 households
 - List pulled from SoS database, was “householded” and then run against NCOA database
- Respondents could complete survey online or return by mail
 - Mail surveys were entered by third-party, any identifiers were removed
- 222 completed surveys were submitted
- 14.7% completion rate
 - Typically pleased with a 6 percent return rate

Length of Residency



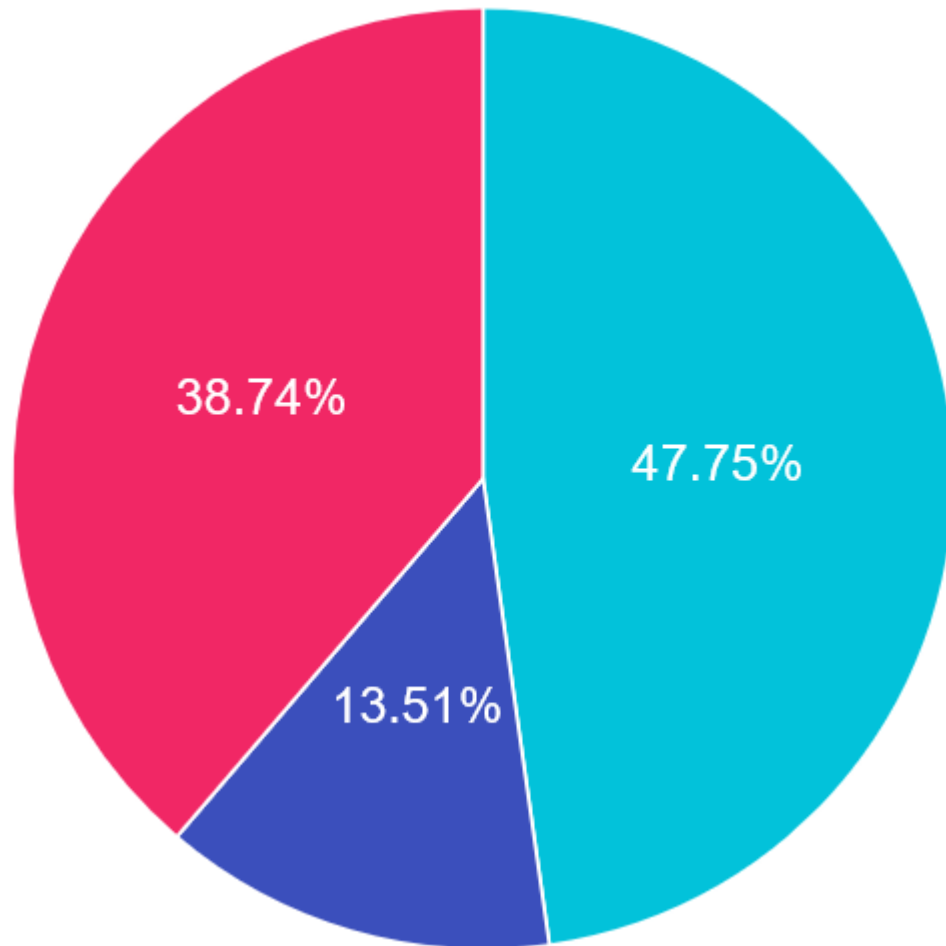
Awareness of Budget Concerns



Before receiving this information, how much would you say you have read or heard about the Town's budget concerns?

● A lot ● Some ● A little ● Nothing at all

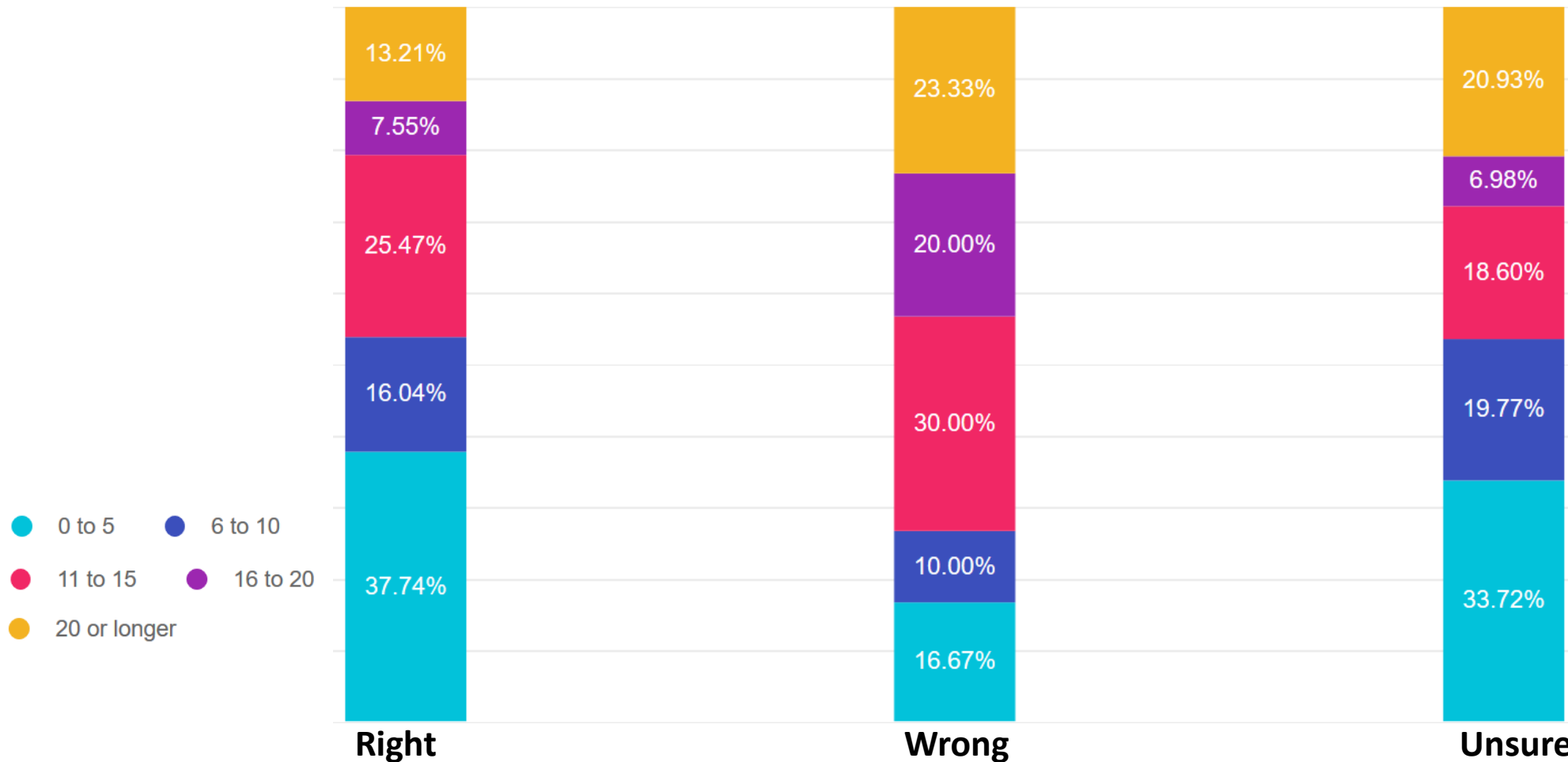
Nearly half say Town on Right Track



In general, would you say that the Town of New Castle is on the right track or heading in the wrong direction?

● Right track ● Wrong track ● Unsure

Opinion Changes with Residency Length



“Prioritizing is the key. Public safety first. Keeping a police force willing to stay in a small town is a challenge.”

–Resident for 0 to 5 years

“I appreciate that new castle is one of the only towns left without pot shops! I like that there is a focus on outdoors and it is family friendly!”

–Resident for 11 to 15 years

Comments from respondents who noted Right Track

“I appreciate the desire to balance the budget while still working to prioritize family values and recreation in our town.”

–Resident for 6 to 10 years

“The town’s commitment to healthy, outdoor living in the way of trails, parks and community events are improving the quality of life in New Castle. And this improvement in the quality of life is changing the culture in town in a very positive way.”

–Resident for 11 to 15 years

“New Castle needs to concentrate on recruiting new businesses and lodging for a greater tax base. We are a bedroom community and need to have development where small/medium sized businesses can set up shop. There are many small business owners that would like to have small office space, but work out of their homes since New Castle is lacking in spaces. Many look/work outside of New Castle for their businesses.”

—Resident for 11 to 15 years

“We are on the wrong track if you think trails and parks are essential services. Have a Bake sale to generate money. Let those that use these areas pay for it.”

—Resident for 16 to 20 years

Comments from respondents who noted Wrong Track

“Streets being maintained, snow removal and utility service is lacking. Once these are maintained, then focus on trails.”

—Resident for 6 to 10 years

“Long time businesses have left town, streets are beginning to fail in residential areas—not in the downtown area where funding is focused. Town keeps adding parks, even one outside of town, trails and other amenities that the tax base cannot support so the Town cannot maintain them. ... Reducing Town Hall hours to save funds when the staff at Town Hall are predominately salary does not make sense. ...”

—Resident for 16 to 20 years

"I think the town should be more careful with zoning, keeping residential areas residential and keeping restricted multi-use areas and commercial properties away from neighborhoods."

—Resident for 6 to 10 years

"Too much emphasis placed on public events that rely on alcohol and corresponding illegal marijuana use even though it is not sold here. Further, too much time and effort spent on trying to be something we are not, like Meeker with OHVs allowed on streets and expanding our trail system to be more like Eagle or Fruita. Our roads to these trailheads weren't designed for the increased recreational traffic ..."

—Resident for 0 to 5 years

Comments from respondents who were Unsure

"I think there are a lot of ideas that spread in too many directions right now. We need to have one or two, and focus on those."

—Resident for 6 to 10 years

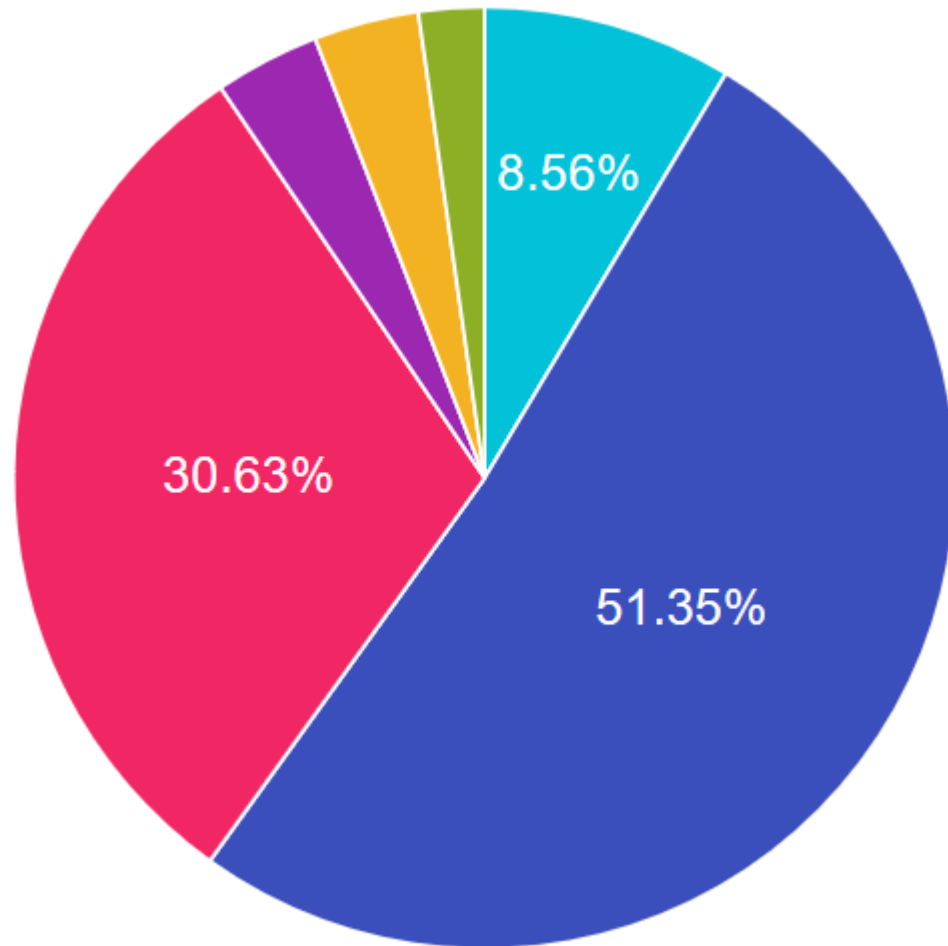
"Why do we have bars and liquor stores and not marijuana dispensaries?"

—Resident for 6 to 10 years

"Focus is only on Downtown and trails. Maintain what you can. Fix what you can within your means."

—Resident for 21 or more years

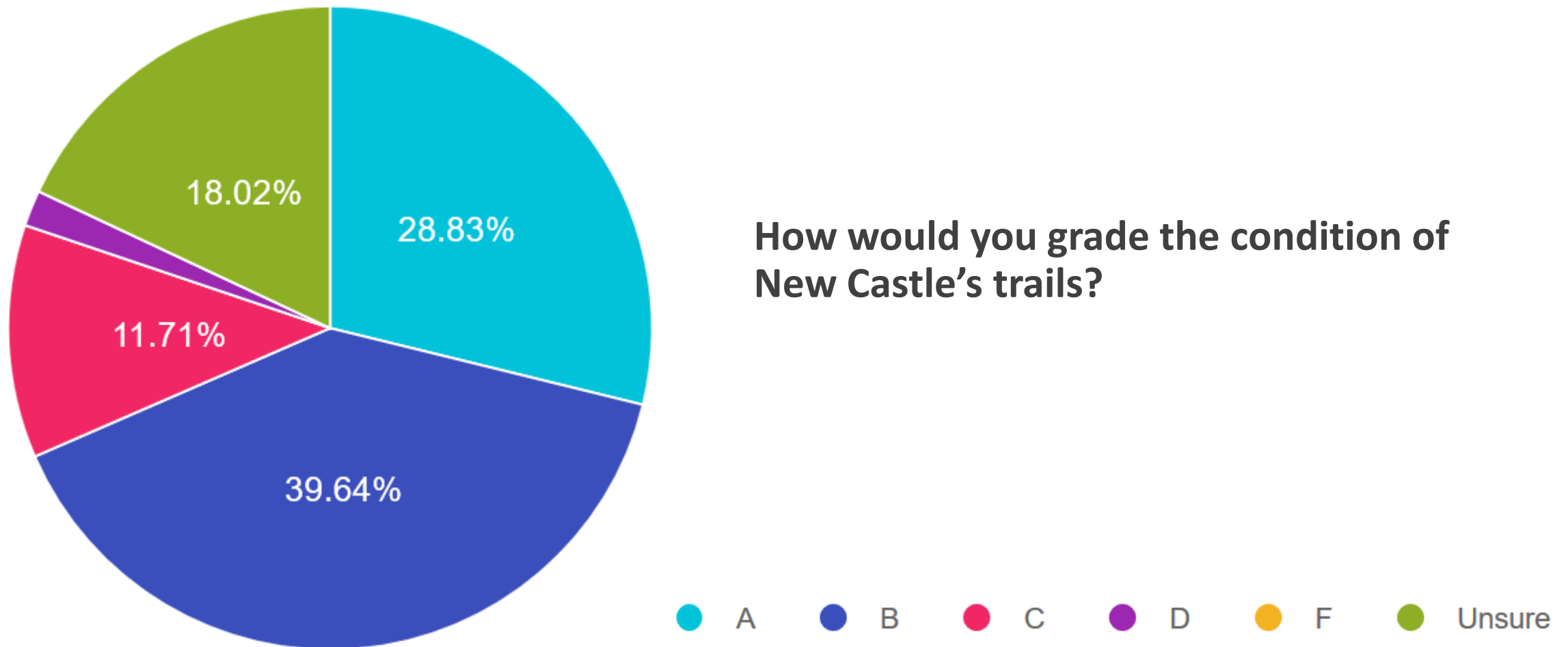
Streets and Sidewalks Get Solid B



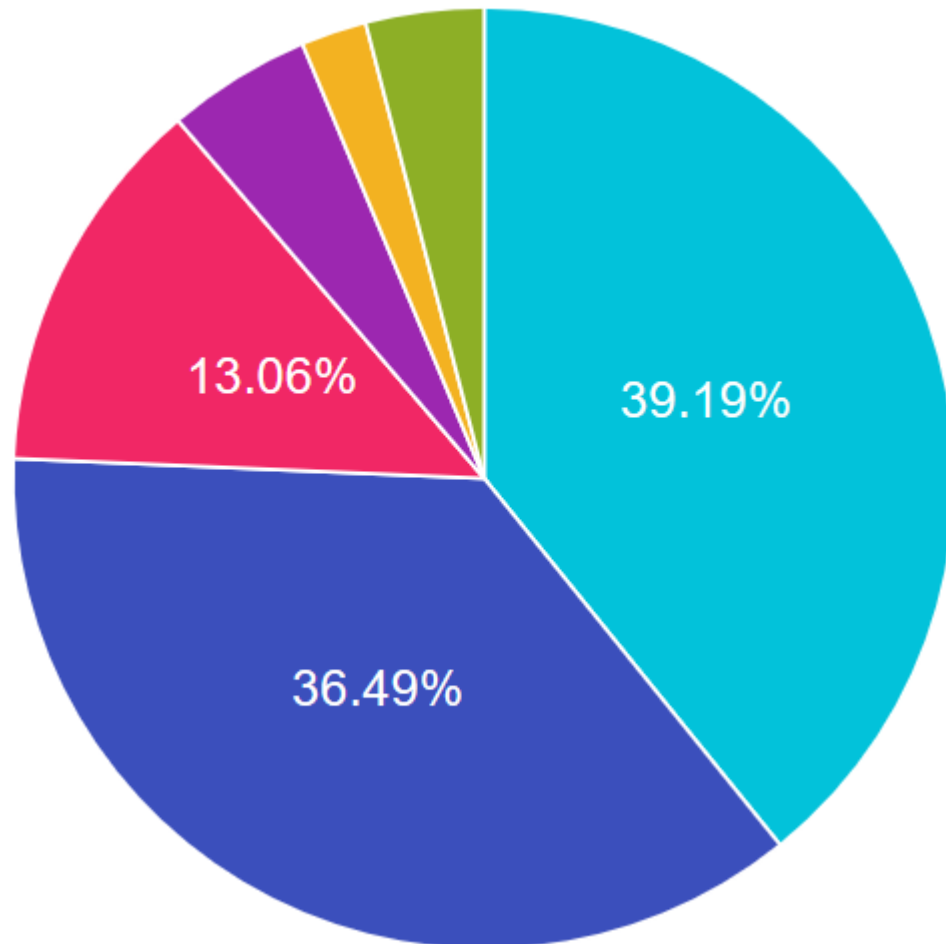
How would you grade the condition of New Castle's streets and sidewalks?

A B C D F Unsure

Trails Receive A-/B+ Grade



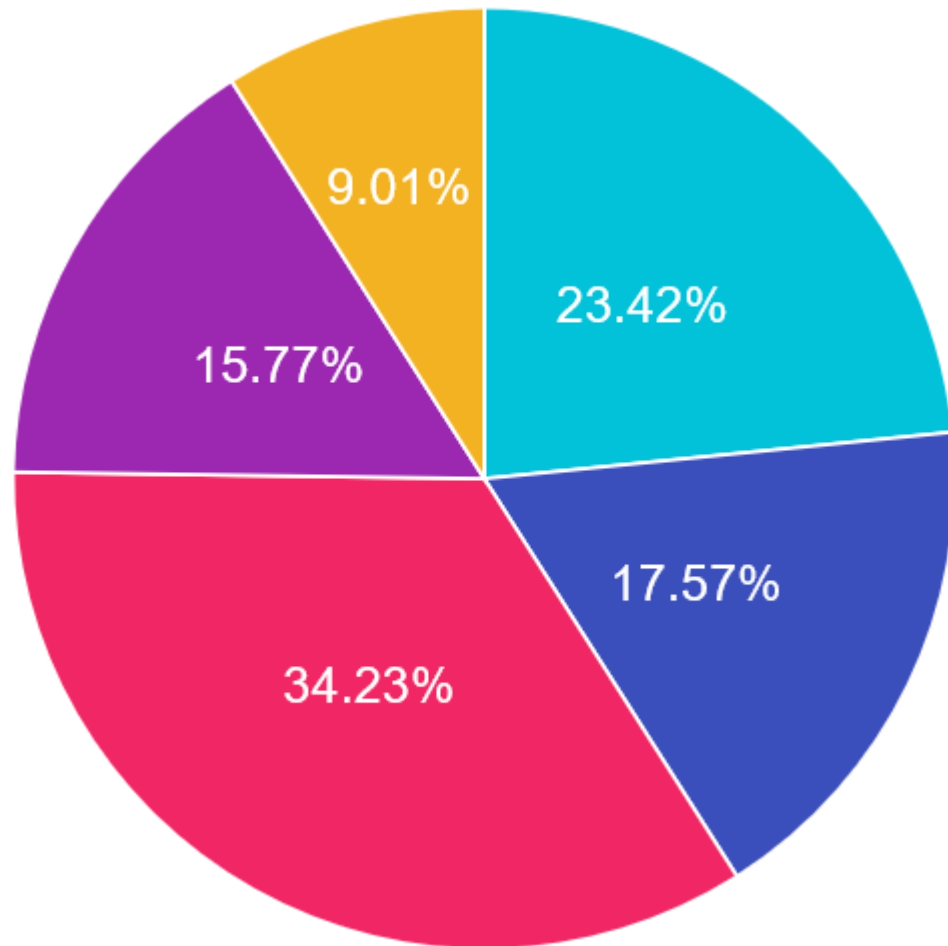
Police and Public Safety Get A-/B+



How would you grade the Town's police force and public safety?

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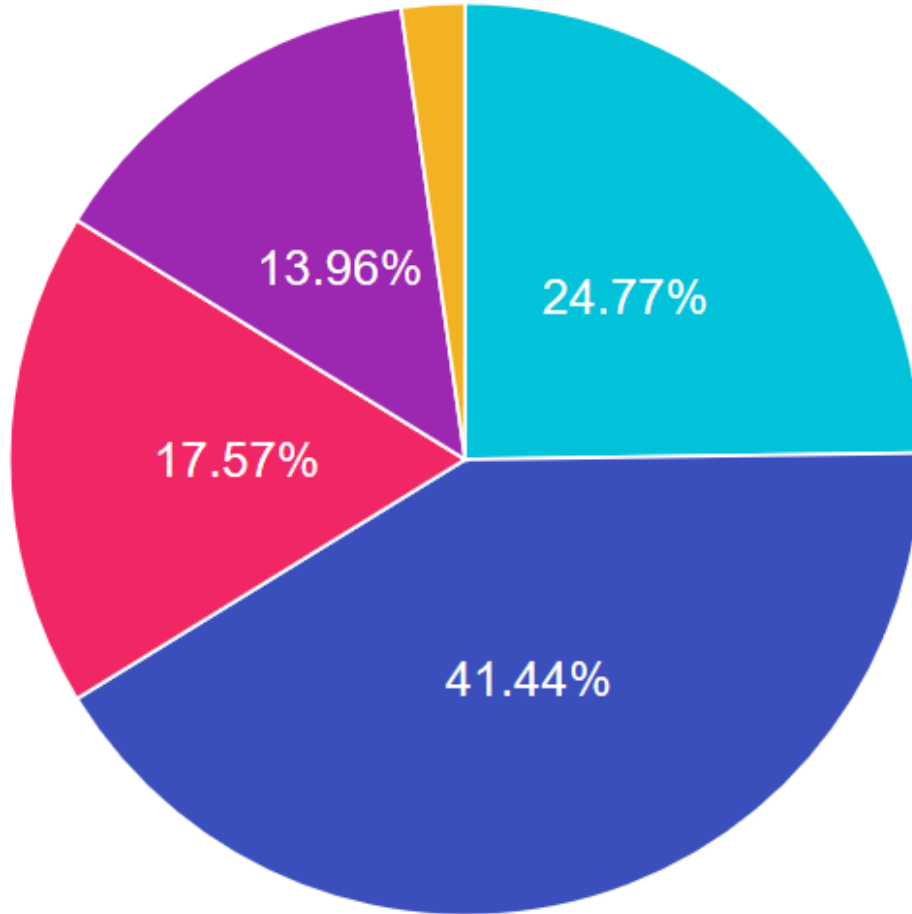
Positive Split on Retention vs. Equipment



Please select a statement below that reflects your opinion on how funding for the police force should be prioritized.

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- Other

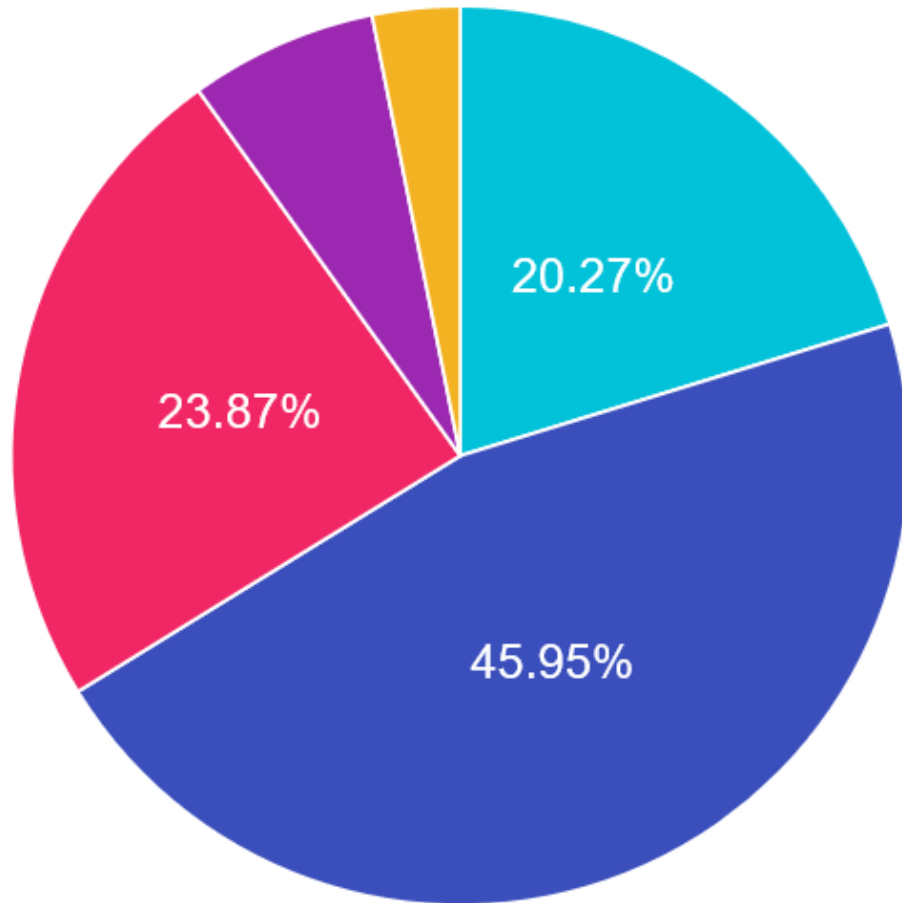
Trails Rank Medium Priority



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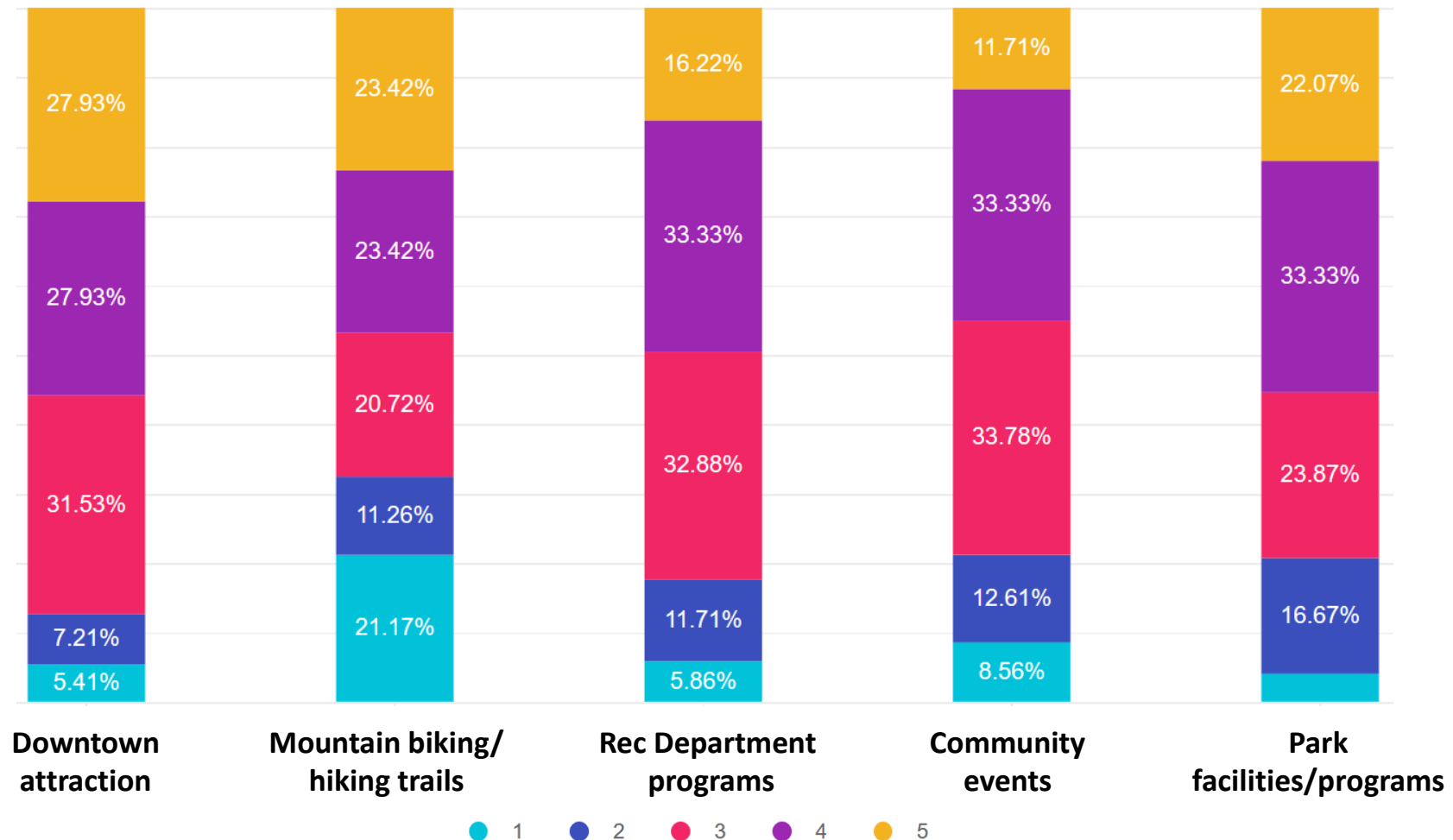
Events Rank Medium to High Priority



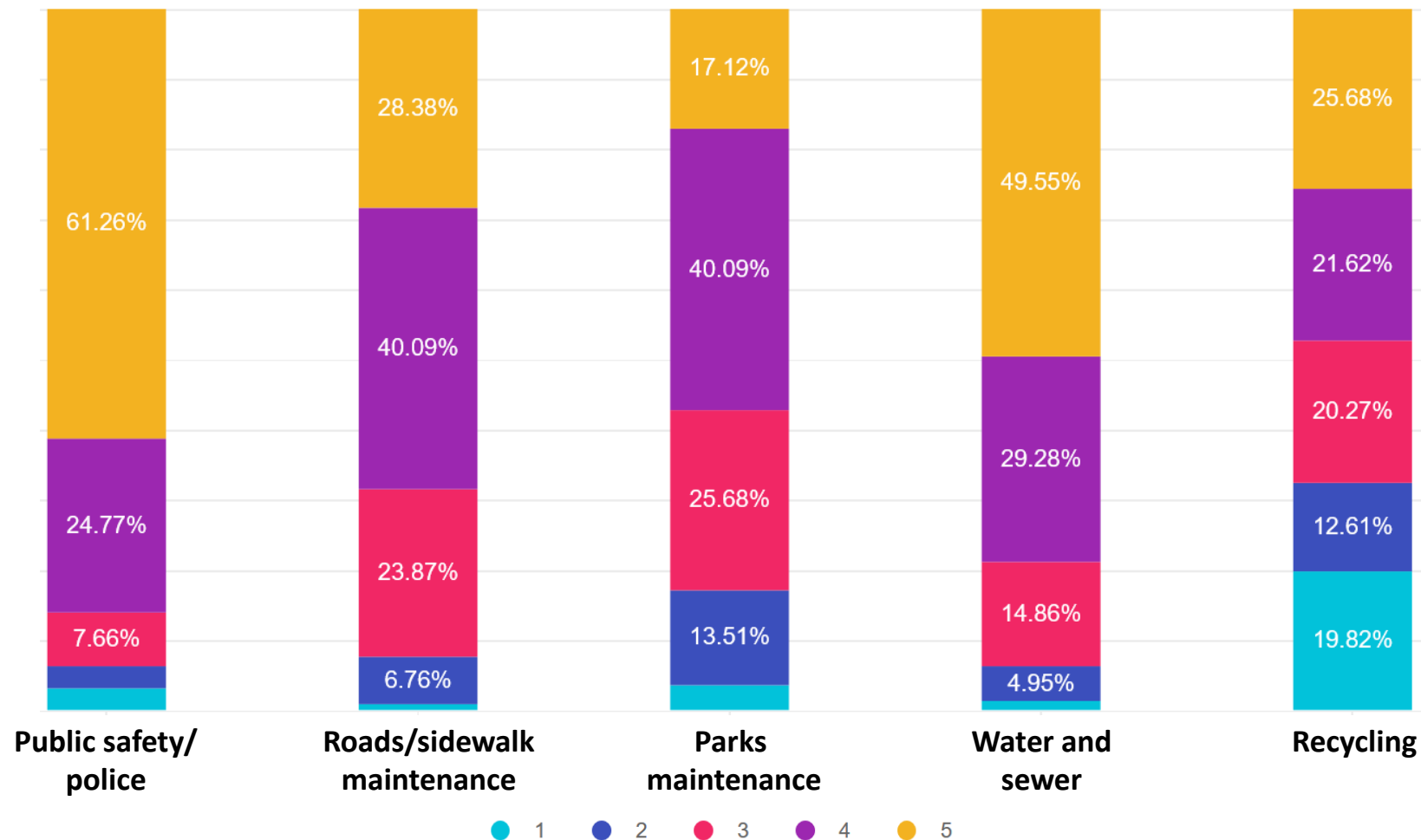
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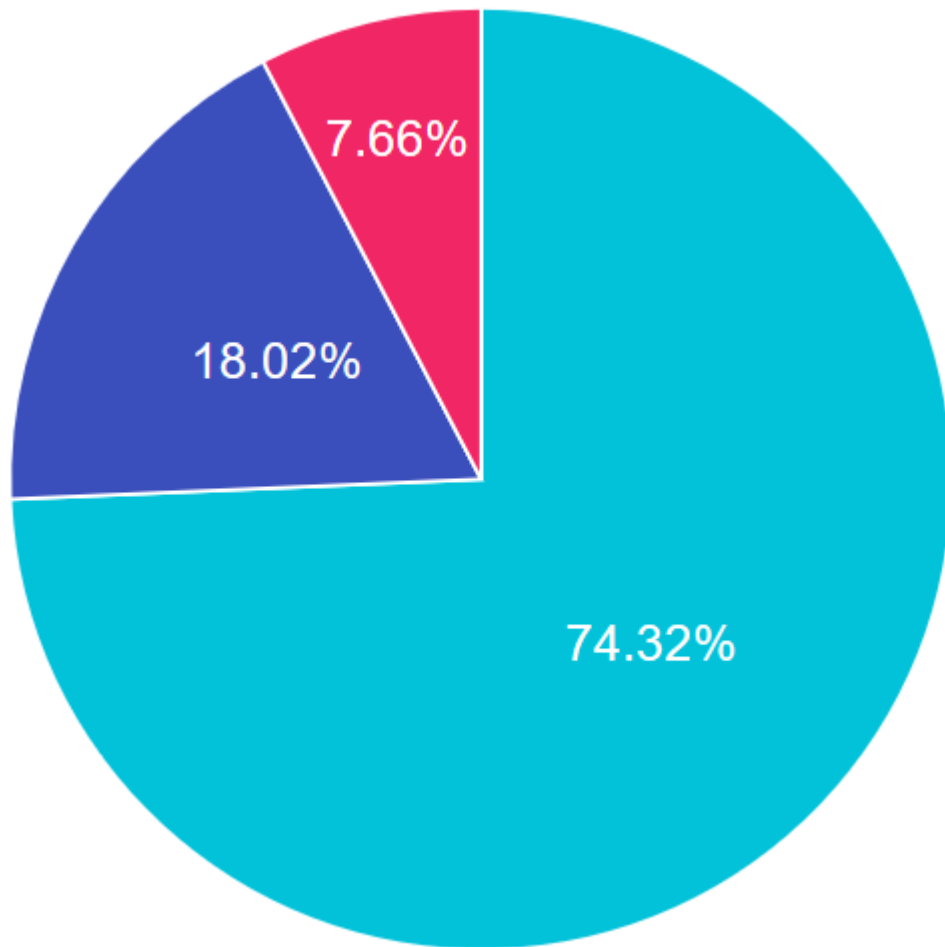
Even Split on Town Programs



Police and Water/Sewer Top Priorities



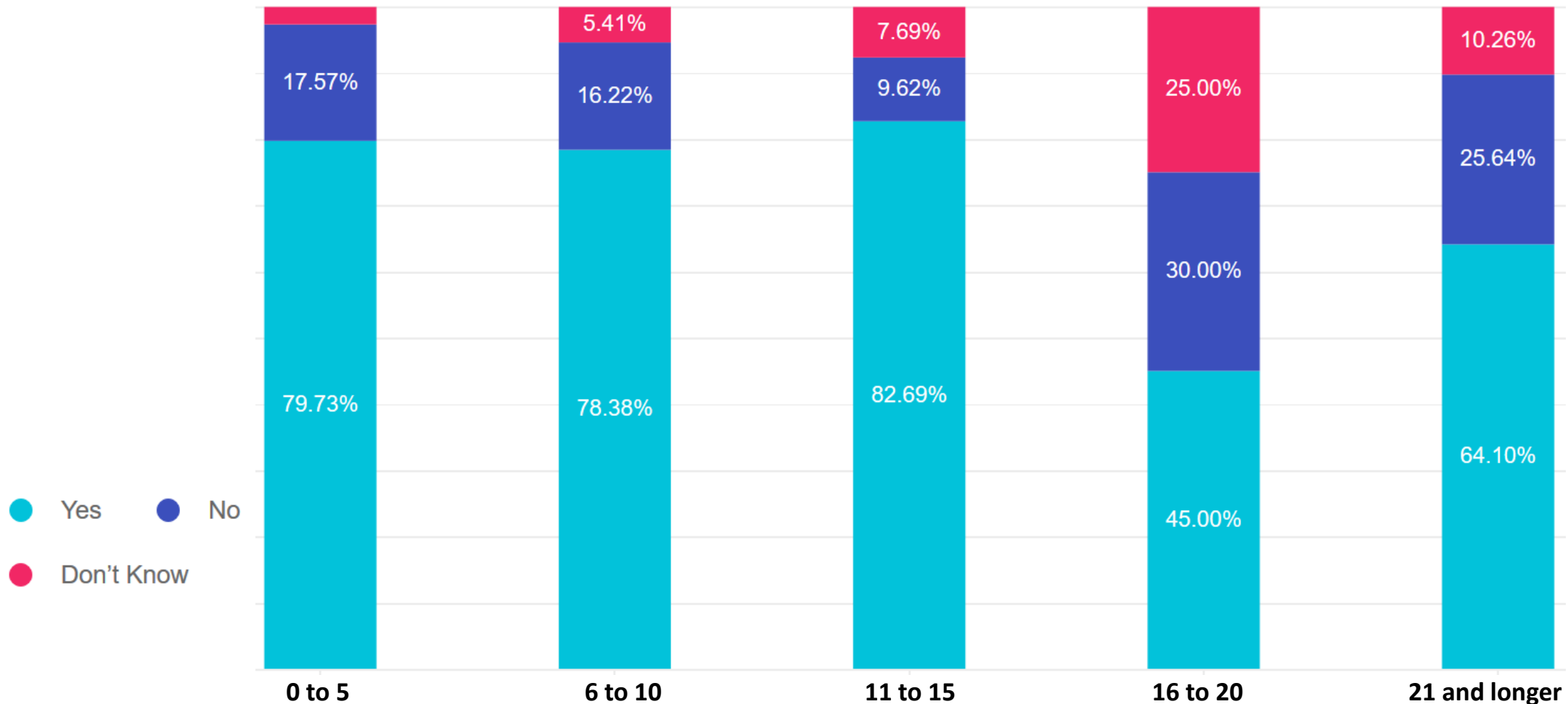
Tobacco/Nicotine has Strong Support



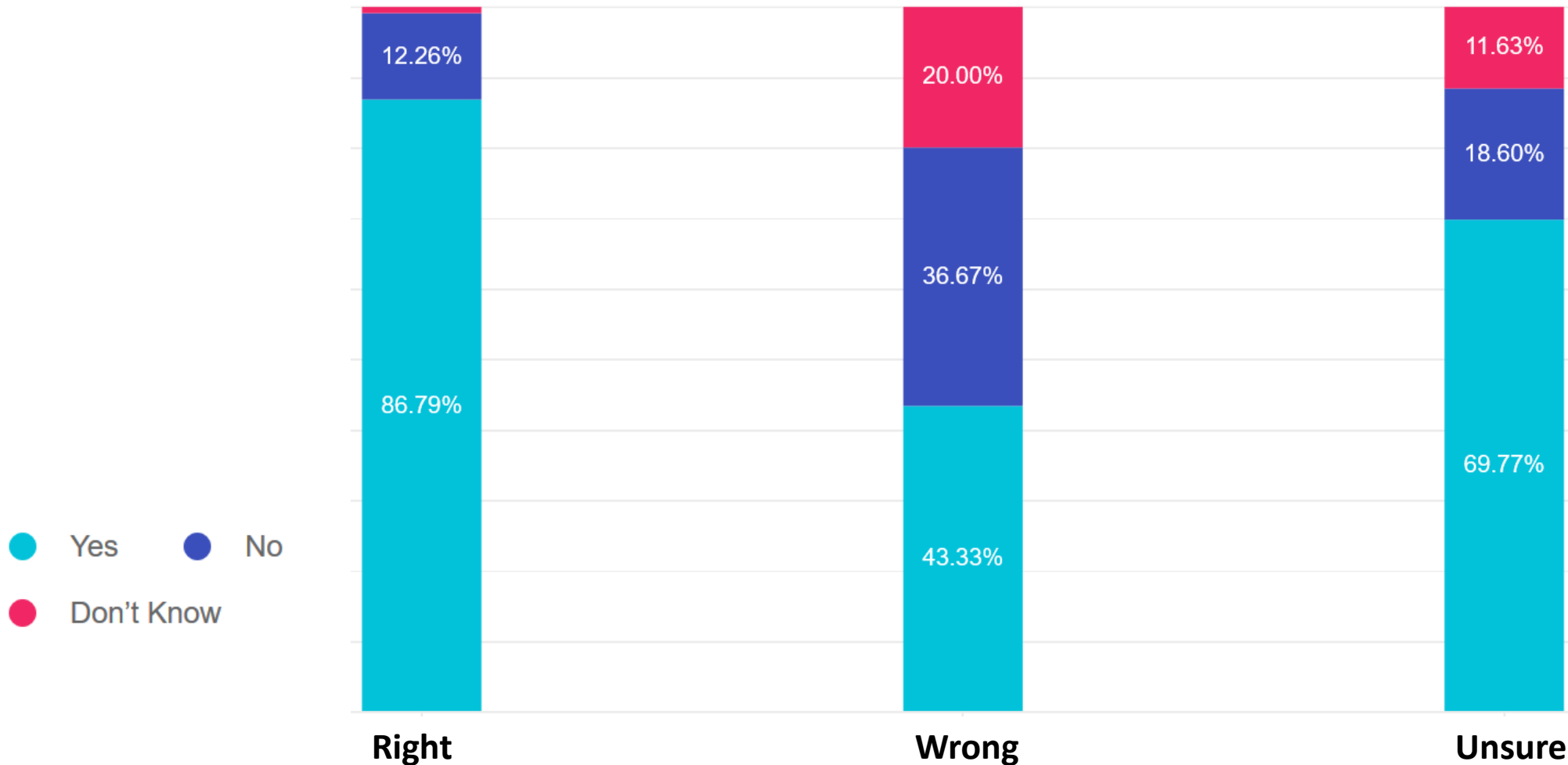
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● Yes ● No ● Don't Know

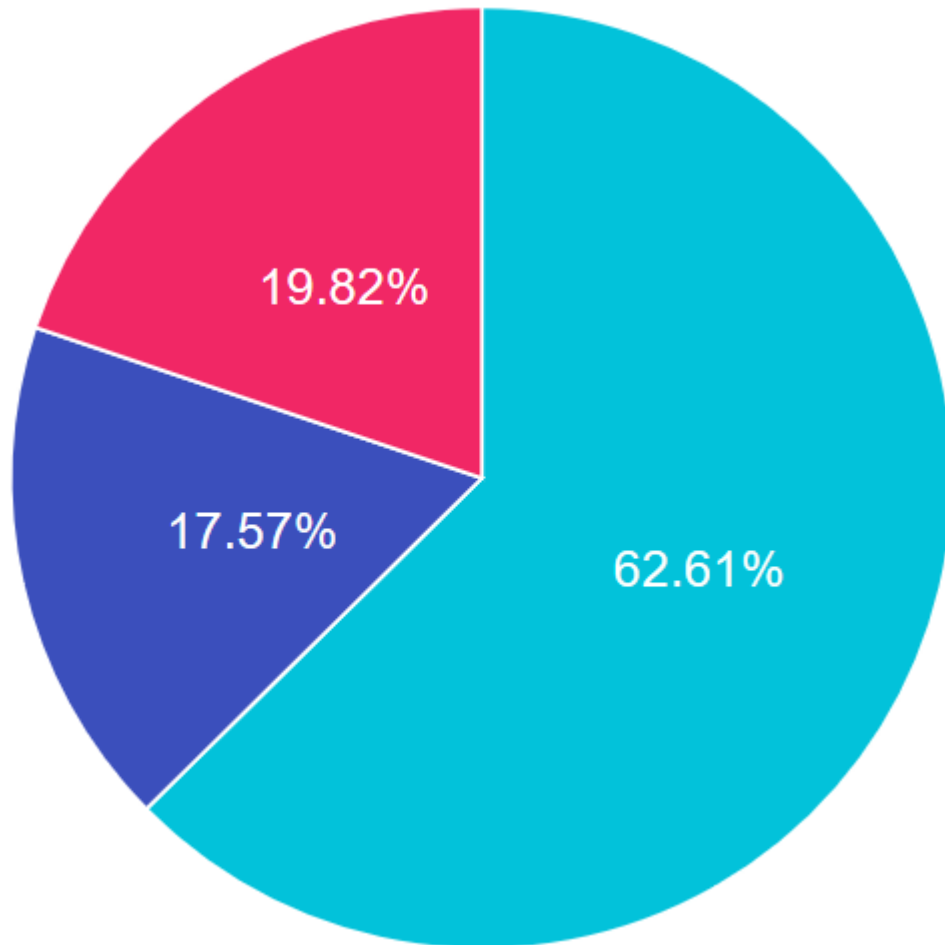
Tobacco Tax Seen by Residency Length



Tobacco Tax from Right-Wrong Track



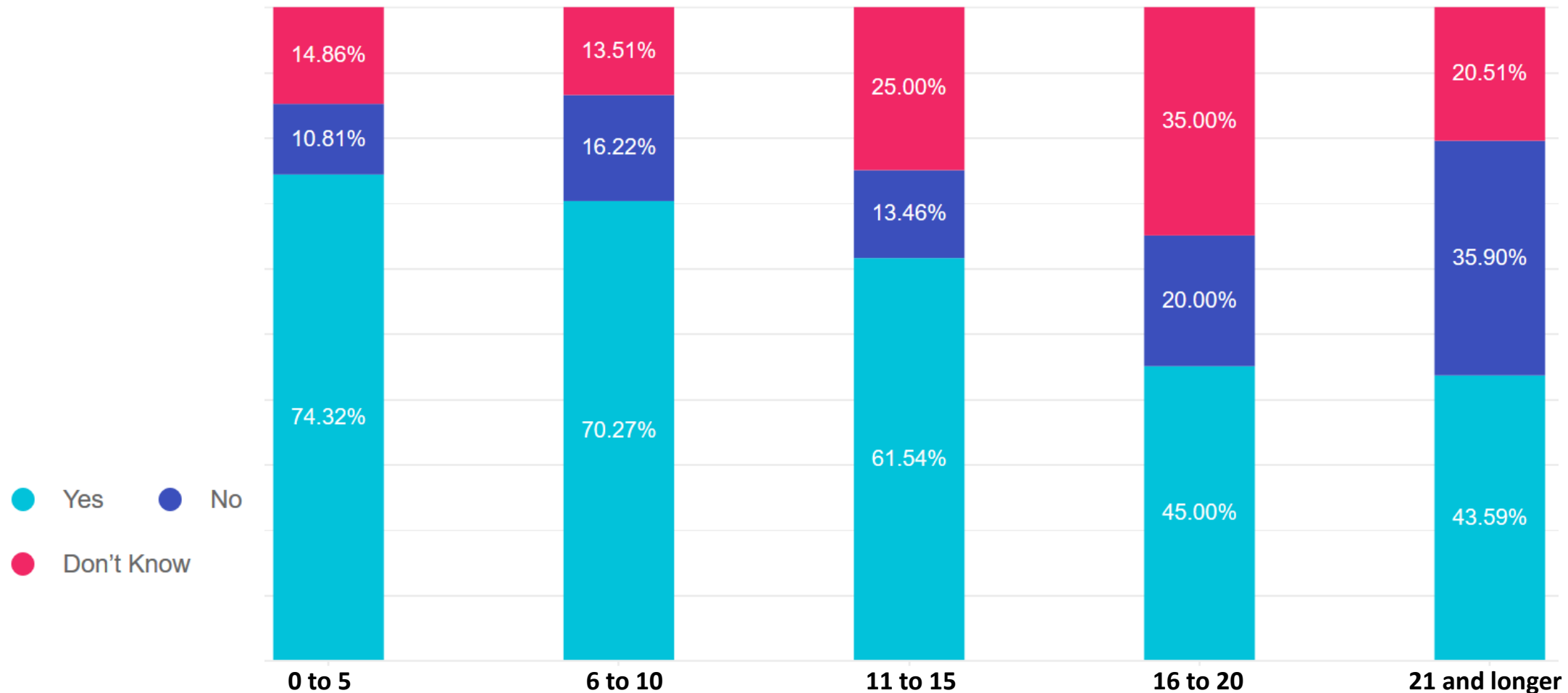
Mill Levy Renewal Also Favored



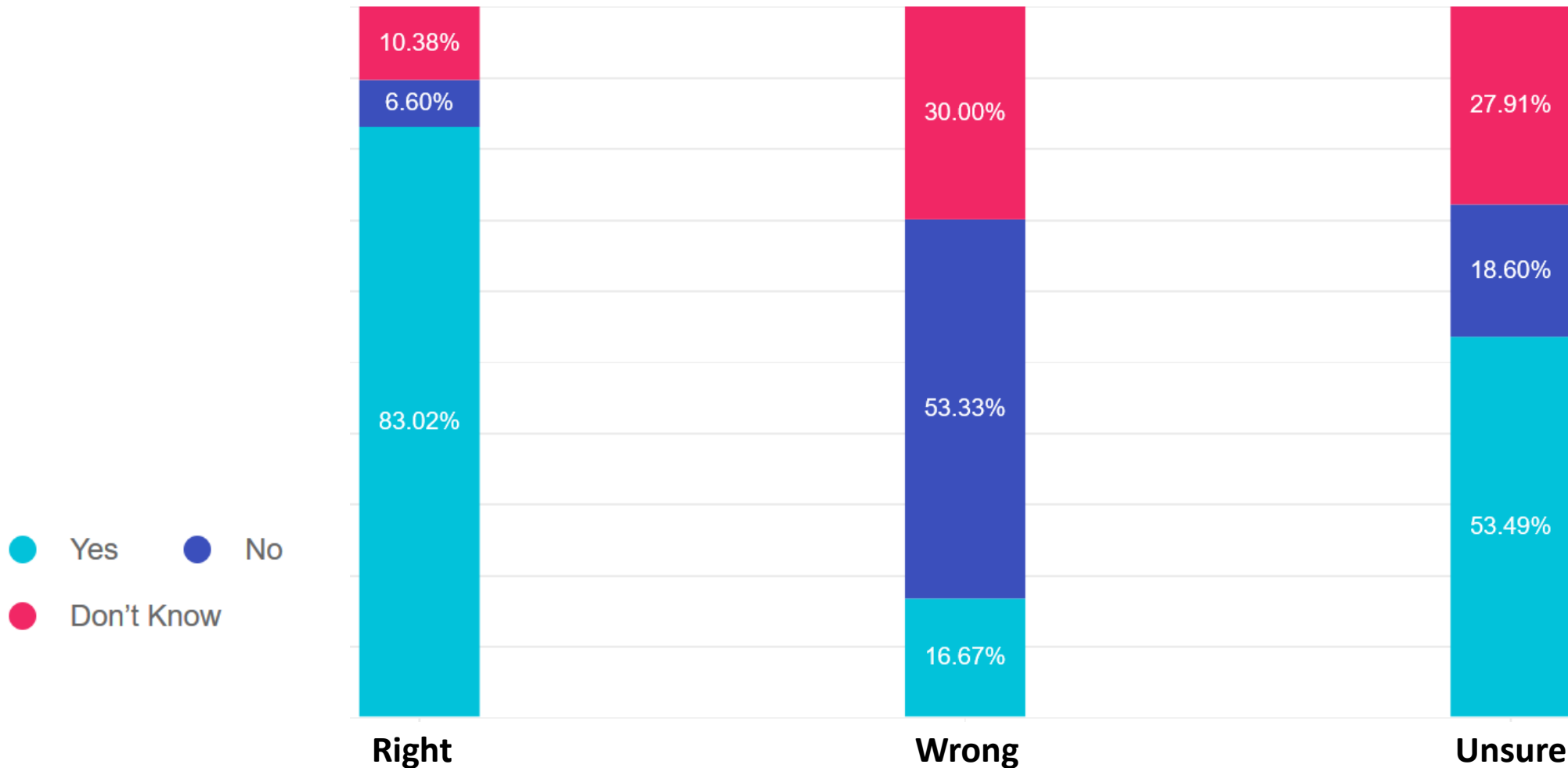
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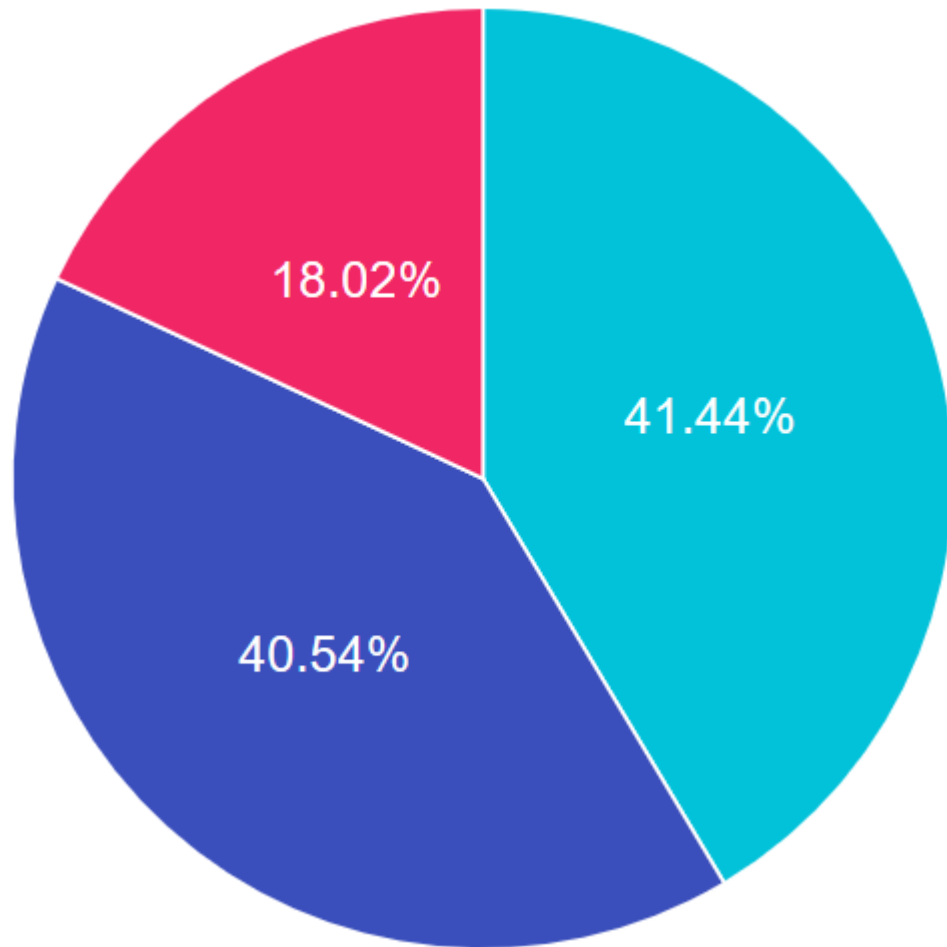
Mill Levy Viewed by Residency Length



Mill Levy Support Follows Right Track



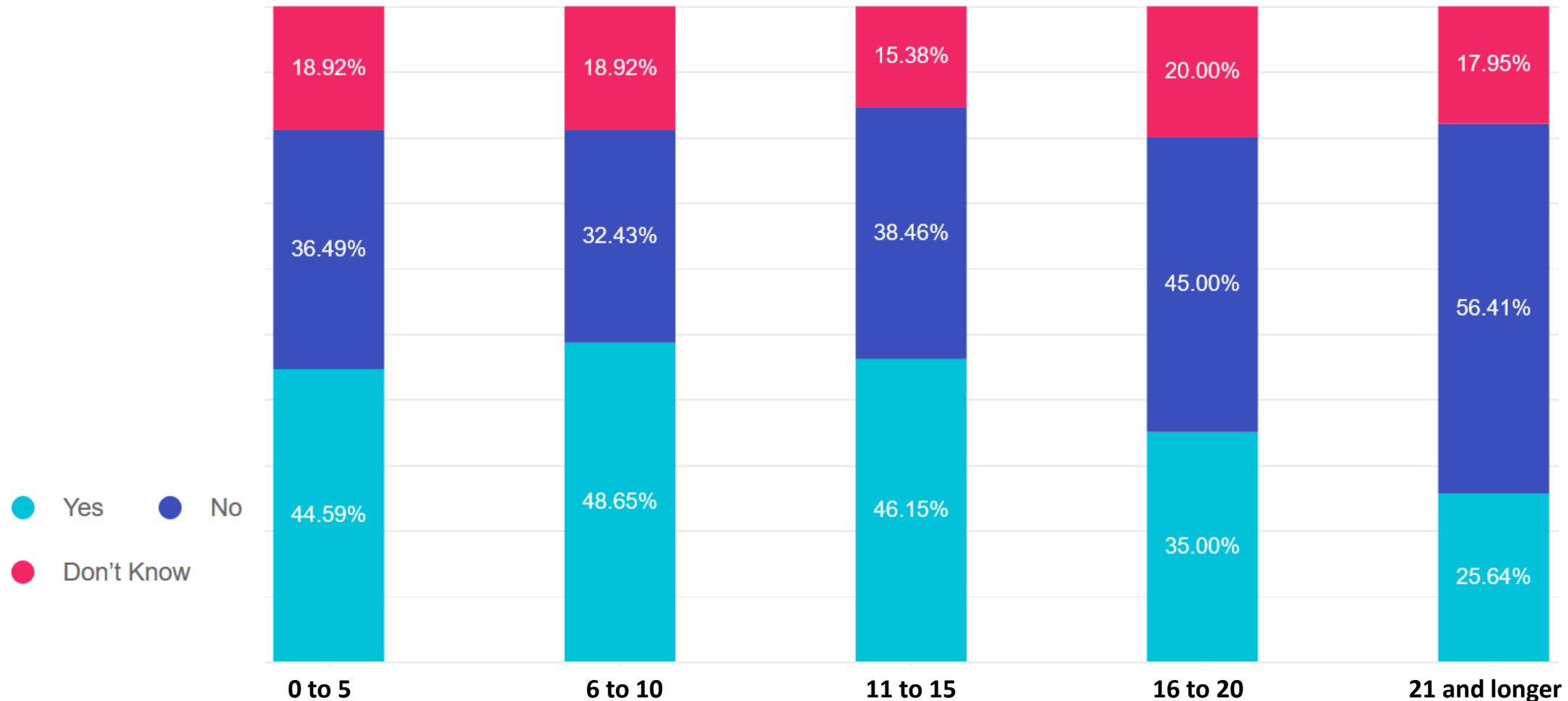
Use Tax Would Struggle in Election



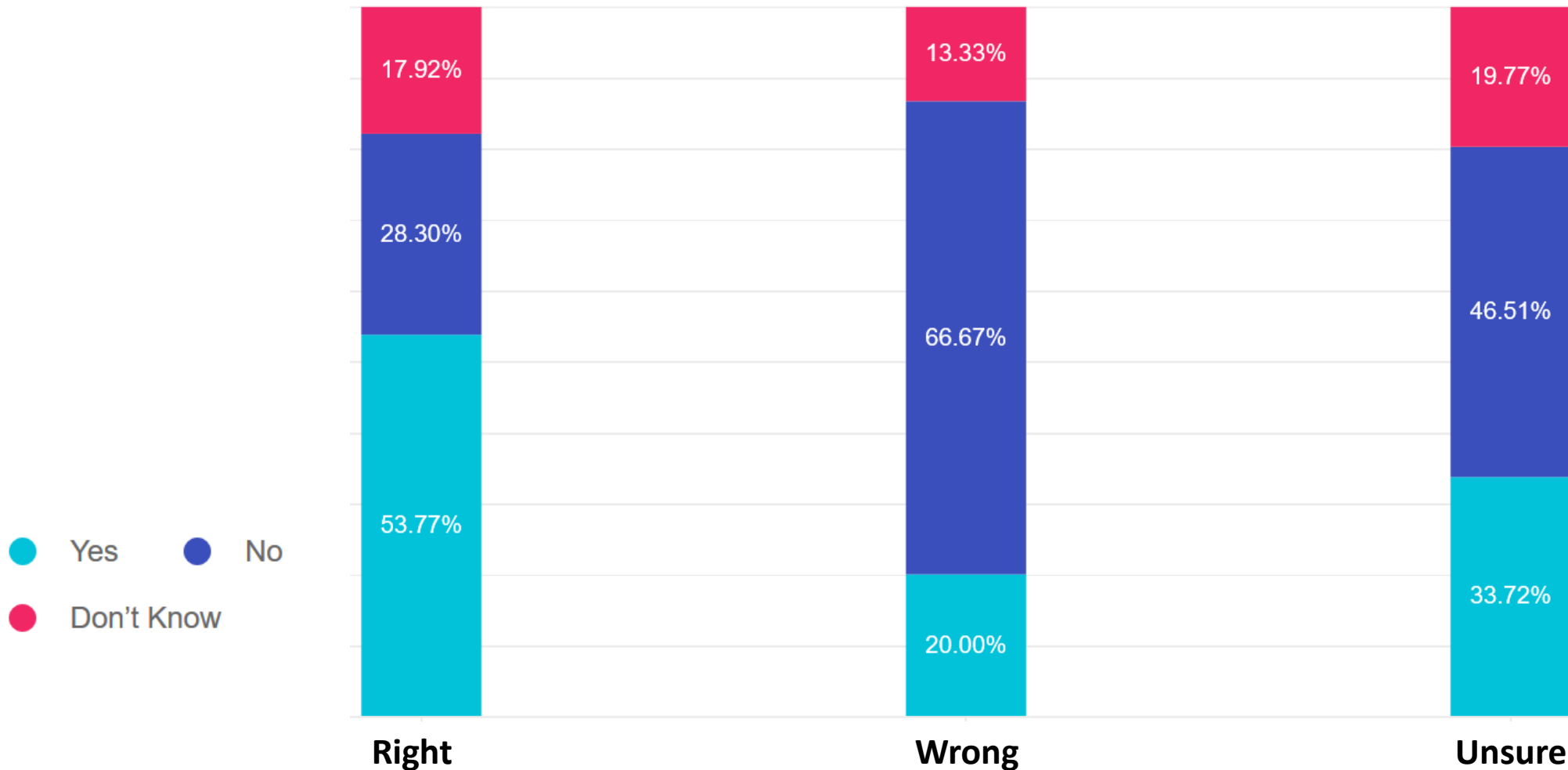
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● Yes ● No ● Don't Know

Use Tax Viewed by Residency Length



Use Tax Impacted by Right-Wrong Track

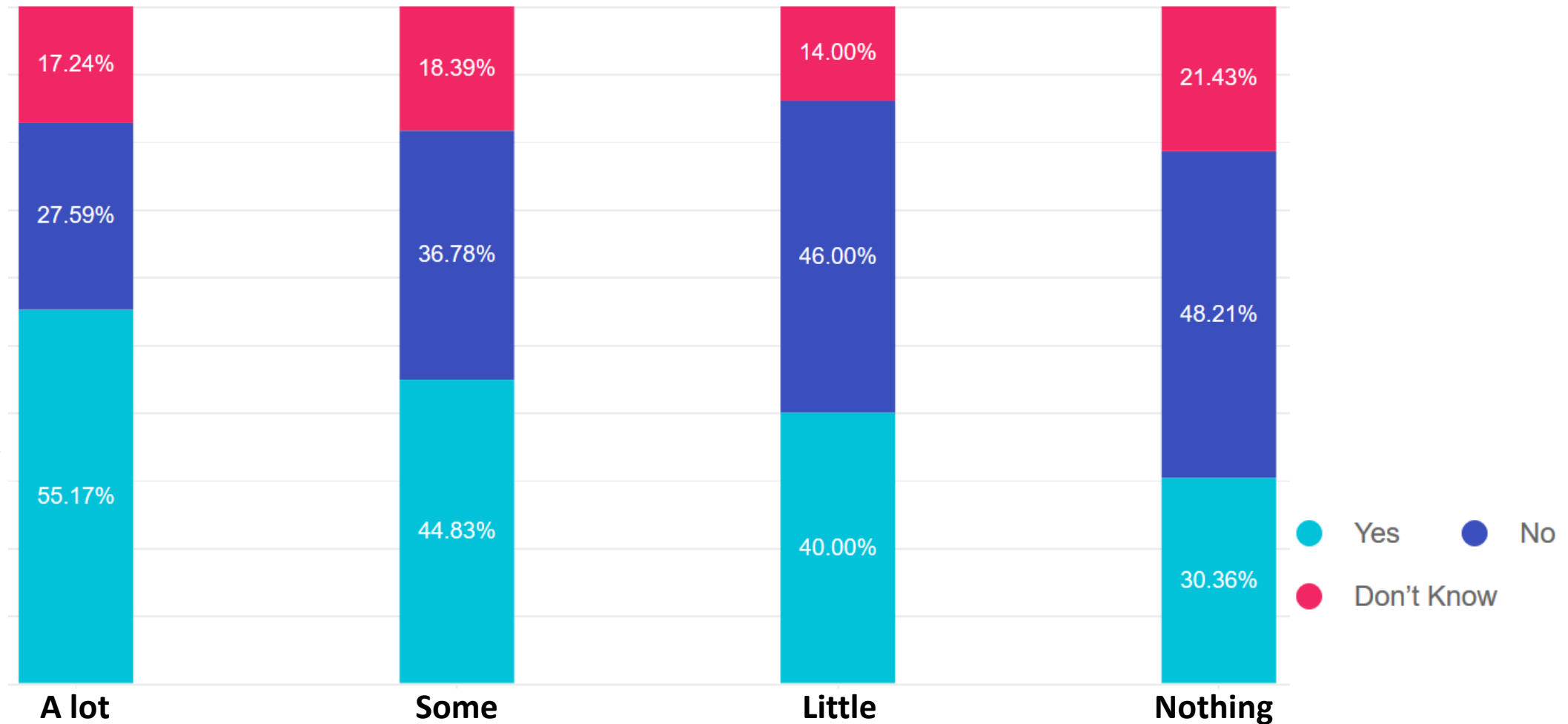


Use Tax Changes With Awareness

**Education
is KEY**

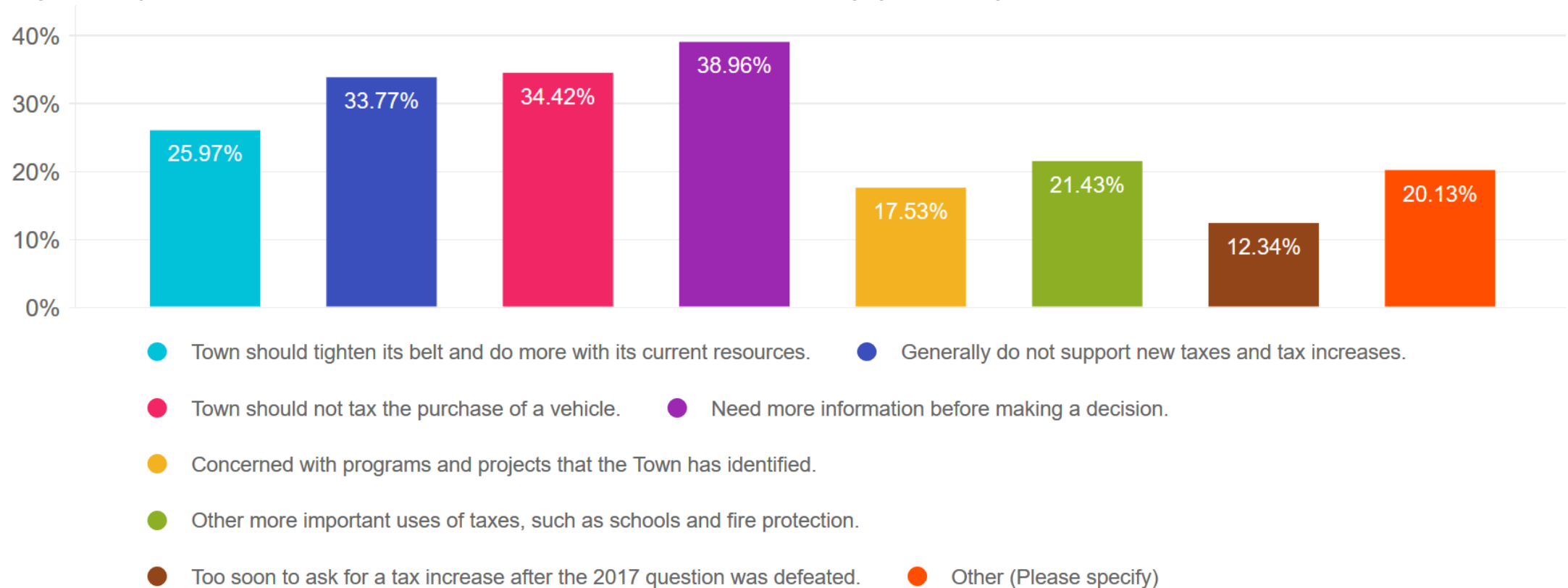
**Some:
39.19%**

**A lot:
13.06%**

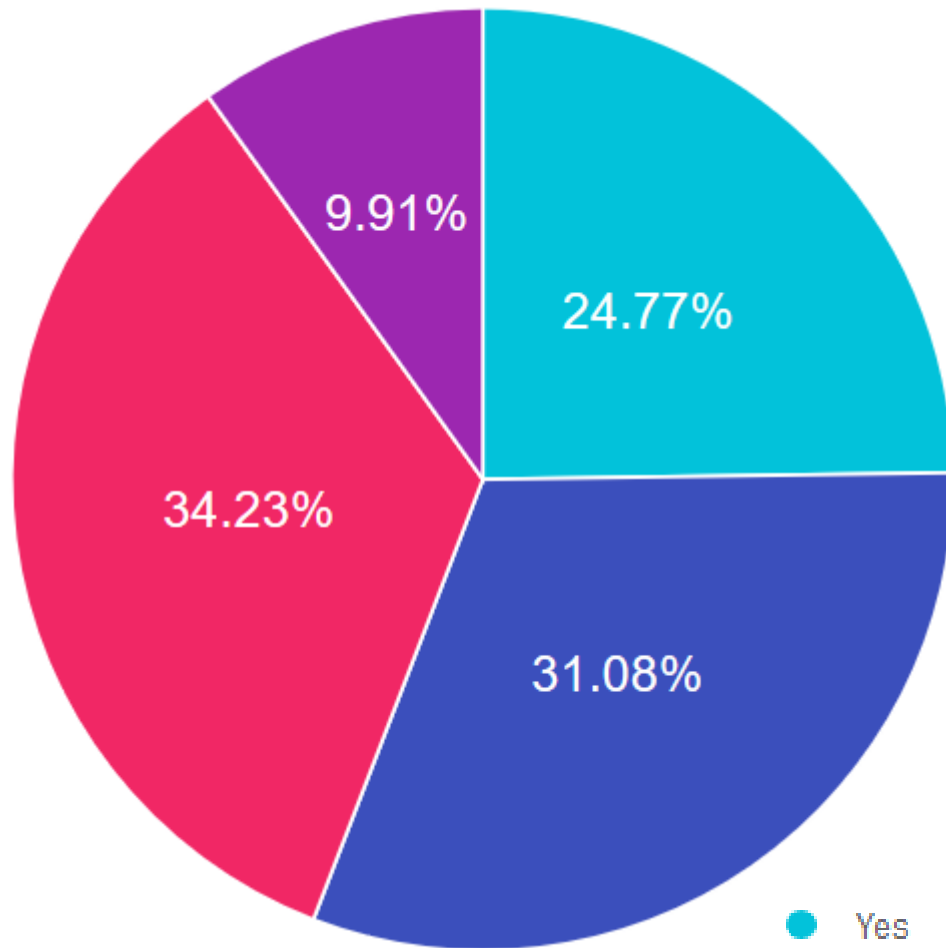


Residents Need More Information

If you selected No or Unsure for either proposal, please consider providing a reason that reflects your opinion from the list below: (Please select only your Top 3 choices)



Reflection on 2017 Use Tax Election



In 2017, the Town asked voters for permission to have a one-time use tax on a vehicle purchase to fund programs of the Town, including police, economic development and other priorities. That measure failed. If you can remember, please consider noting how you voted in that election:

● Yes ● No ● Cannot remember/Did not vote here in 2017 ● Rather not say

“Focus on core services, reducing town operating expenses, and increasing employee productivity. Stop spending time and money on frivolous things like the ORV/golf cart issue ... 1-2% across-the-board budget reductions. Freeze new hires and salaries, renegotiate health insurance policies, consider 3/4 or 1/2 time for nonessential or seasonal positions. ”

—Resident for 0 to 5 years

“The town needs a mission statement that the stick to when spending money, starting with safety with is the police, schools, roads, then business development so that we don’t keep our bedroom community and move to a community you can work and live in ... then and only then move to town events and fairs to bring in people.”

—Resident for 11 to 15 years

Comments from respondents who support Use Tax

“I feel the public as a whole is uneducated about the fact that the majority of our budget, due to the lack of tax incentives passed, goes to essentially keeping the lights on. I would love to see a greater push to educate the town on the importance of passing tax increases to allow for additional opportunities in the town.”

—Resident of 6 to 10 years

“The town is a bedroom community and that needs to change. We need to fix the railroad noise ... Sidewalks from downtown including lighting ... We need CMC and preferable some kind of medical facility. A rec center including a swimming pool should be a long-term goal. Need to lobby the county hard to help get the LOVA trail finished.”

—Resident for 0 to 5 years

"Tax on the growth in New Castle, just in the last two years, should be enough to supplement the budget when the mill levy is gone."

—Resident for 6 to 10 years

"Sin taxes are OK, even though they end up targeting lower income individuals. I think generally rather than changing habits people just change where they buy. Sales taxes are another regressive tax. Please don't turn into Glenwood and blow money on Downtown Development instead of maintaining our streets!"

—Resident for 0 to 5 years

Comments from respondents who do not support Use Tax

"While we are for providing for adequate funding for the training and retention of police officers, we do not agree with placing this priority with trail maintenance."

—Resident of 16 to 20 years

"Cost of living has continued to increase. Tax valuations recently increased and with it taxes, leaving many people struggling to make ends meet."

—Resident for 0 to 5 years

"We just had a recent increase in our water, sewer and trash bill. I understand that New Castle needs money for certain budget concerns. I am willing to consider well thought out funding methods, but also have to consider that my retirement income is limited."

—Resident of 16 to 20 years

"The community is in a huge period of growth. Plenty of tax dollars are flooding in from new residents in addition to existing base to cover all the expenses projected. The Town of NC needs to review the budget and use what they have rather than raise taxes. Those in the area that are on fixed incomes or working several jobs to pay the high cost of housing shouldn't be burdened further by a less than frugal approach at Town Hall."

—Resident for 0 to 5 years

"The council should focus on fiscal responsibility and preservation of natural beauty of the area. Avoid urban sprawl and over development. Traffic control is an issue at several busy junctions."

—Resident for 0 to 5 years

Comments from respondents who are unsure on Use Tax

"In favor of spending money on things for kids to do and outdoor recreation."

—Resident of 11 to 15 years

"Any thought to contract with the sheriff's office for police services?"

—Resident for 0 to 5 years

"Trails will not save the Town, stop drinking the Kool Aid."

—Resident of 6 to 10 years

"Please continue to discourage pot shops and pot/hemp grow operations in the vicinity."

—Resident for 0 to 5 years

Observations

- Odd numbered elections are more difficult to pass tax questions—so some level of “campaign” may be necessary
- Tobacco/Nicotine and Mill Levy renewal measures should be viable on 2019 ballot
 - Typically want a measure to have above 58% Yes to move ahead
 - Open-ends had few comments on Tobacco/Nicotine
 - Some concerns reflected about mill levy and expectations that it should retire; consider community education on good stewardship of the mill levy
- Use Tax would likely not pass on 2019 ballot
 - New Castle would benefit from community education effort on budget and source of funds for Town; this effort might improve chances for Use Tax
 - 2020 election may be more viable for this issue
- Some concern about tax and feeling of over taxation—may not impact tobacco and mill levy but would continue to pull down Use Tax
- Resistance to combining police with trails; several comments saying those should be separate items on a ballot question

Questions?

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2. In general, would you say that the Town of New Castle is on the right track or heading in the wrong direction? (Please check one)
- ☒ Right track ☐ Wrong track ☐ Unsure
3. Please share any thoughts about Question 2.
- Keep dispensaries out, beautify
Main St, grow business.
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10. As the Town of New Castle prioritizes its budget in future years, it's important for Council members and Town administrators to understand what amenities and programs are valued most by residents. Please select a number that denotes which Town amenities and programs are most important to you, with 5 being highest and 1 being lowest.
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|---------------------------------|---|---|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Downtown attraction | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | ☒ 5 |
| Mountain biking & hiking trails | 1 | 2 | 3 | ☒ 4 | 5 |
| Recreation Department programs | 1 | 2 | 3 | ☒ 4 | 5 |
| Community events & gatherings | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | ☒ 5 |
| Parks facilities/programs | 1 | 2 | 3 | ☒ 4 | 5 |

11. The Town of New Castle also provides many critical services to its residents and businesses. Please select a number that denotes which Town services are most important to you, with 5 being highest and 1 being lowest.

Public safety/police	1	2	3	4	☒ 5
Road and sidewalk maintenance	1	2	3	4	☒ 5
Parks maintenance	1	2	3	☒ 4	5
Water and sewer	1	2	3	☒ 4	5
Recycling	1	2	☒ 3	4	5

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15. If you selected No or Unsure for either proposal, please consider providing a reason that reflects your opinion from the list below: (Rank your top 3 choices)
- ☐ Town should tighten its belt and do more with its current resources.
- ☐ Generally do not support new taxes and tax increases.
- ☐ Town should not tax the purchase of a vehicle.
- ☐ Need more information before making a decision.
- ☐ Concerned with programs and projects that the Town has identified.
- ☐ Other more important uses of taxes, such as schools and fire protection.
- ☐ Too soon to ask for a tax increase after the 2017 question was defeated.
- ☐ Other, please explain.

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17. Please share additional comments, if any, regarding the Town of New Castle's budget and any other issues impacting the Town.

I HOPE WE CONTINUE TO SEEK OTHER
SOURCES OF REVENUE WITHOUT THE
INTRODUCTION OF MARIJUANA AGRICULTURE
AND DISPENSARIES

18. I have been a resident of New Castle for 2 years.

19. How would you prefer to receive future information about the Town's budget and other issues?
- ☐ Emails ☐ Town web site/social media
- ☒ Monthly newsletter ☒ Council meetings/hearings

If you selected email, please consider providing your email address to the Town:

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PRIORITY SHOULD BE WATER/SEWER/TRASH
POLICE - NOT TRAILS - BIKE ROUTES NOT
BEING USED.

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RECYCLE! IT'S NOT VITAL TO HEALTH
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*Downtown alleyways need repair
planters are OK, yet upkeep is
man-hours intensive; stay within
budget. Bike paths. 30 years.*

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Needs to be cleaned up
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You do have it

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SPEED LIMITS ARE TOO LOW IN MPH
CAUSING ANIMOSITY AGAINST THE POLICE
FOR EXORBITANT FINES (TO SUBSIDISE ETC.)

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Investment in outdoor recreation is the right direction.

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YOU COULD HAVE MUCH MORE REVENUE
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#14 Too big of a hit. How about 1/2% → 100,000

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Enough trails now please

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off from original trail at end of
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see pics

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IT SEEMS THE COUNCIL IS GENERALLY CON-
SERVATIVE AND THAT ALWAYS CONCERNS ME.

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THIS FALL'S BALLOT.

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priority about trails is wrong track because there are more important issues -

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Bike lane!! Wonderful.

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WOULD YOU LIKE A COPY OF LETTER THAT WAS SENT IN WITH PICTURES OF THE FLOODING ON OUR STREET?

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THIRTY!

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→ I bought a new 150+ I couldn't believe how expensive the reg was that was enough (more the)
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we need 2 lanes for cars

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Prepare a summary of 2019
budget compared to 2018
Expenditures - Income 2018
Balance sheet

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STRONG COUNCIL, strong TOWN
ADMINISTRATOR

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Loran + Sue answered
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Small Shop: HAVE NO PARKING
down town

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Seems good - but don't know for sure

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For the most part, .

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Trails & Promoting Active Lifestyles are Right on Track! Applaud you for not Approving Marijuana.

4. How would you grade the condition of New Castle's streets and sidewalks? (Please check one)

☐ A ☒ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ F ☐ Unsure

Repair sidewalks between town & city - why chip seal?

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Parks, Police, City Services are high
priority

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I think we should make more sales tax revenue with 1-2 marijuana retail shops.

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- Was not here in 2017.
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Cannot remember ☐ Rather not say

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We need to develop downtown to be vibrant with restaurants and retail stores

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Roundabout where?

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NC Trying to act like a big city need to enjoy our friendly village

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**I print newsletter getting too expensive, email or other method would be fine*

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For downtown
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CARS Impact Town - Tax Them
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6. How would you grade the Town's police force and public safety? (Please check one)

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The following questions are seeking your feedback on several issues that are being considered now and in the future by Town Council. Please provide your opinion on each issue.

7. New Castle's Police Department is facing several challenges, including recruitment and retention of police officers and aging equipment and vehicles. Please select a statement below that reflects your opinion on how funding for the police force should be prioritized. (Please check one)

☐ Recruiting and training police officers is an investment in our community and the Town should prioritize retention of its qualified police officers.
☐ Police officers cannot be safe and successful in their duties without proper equipment and vehicles. The

Town needs to ensure officers have these resources.
☐ Police Department needs funds to address retention and equipment/vehicles. Both are equally important to public safety.

☒ Town should have enough resources and instead should review the budget and tighten its belt to fund the Police Department.

☐ Other, please explain:

8. New Castle has developed an extensive system of mountain biking and hiking trails connecting to adjacent BLM lands for residents and visitors. These trails are a community amenity and support the Town's economic development efforts. In your opinion, should using Town resources to expand and maintain these trails be a high, medium or low priority, or not a priority at all? (Please check one)

☐ High priority ☐ Medium priority
☐ Low priority ☒ Not a priority
☐ Don't know/No opinion

9. New Castle works to provide several events for residents and visitors. In your opinion, should using Town resources to host events and draw visitors be a high, medium or low priority, or not a priority at all?

☐ High priority ☐ Medium priority
☒ Low priority ☐ Not a priority
☐ Don't know/No opinion

10. As the Town of New Castle prioritizes its budget in future years, it's important for Council members and Town administrators to understand what amenities and programs are valued most by residents. Please select a number that denotes which Town amenities and programs are most important to you, with 5 being highest and 1 being lowest.

Downtown attraction	1	<u>2</u>	3	4	5
Mountain biking & hiking trails	<u>1</u>	2	3	4	5
Recreation Department programs	<u>1</u>	2	3	4	5
Community events & gatherings	1	<u>2</u>	3	4	5
Parks facilities/programs	1	<u>2</u>	3	4	5

11. The Town of New Castle also provides many critical services to its residents and businesses. Please select a number that denotes which Town services are most important to you, with 5 being highest and 1 being lowest.

Public safety/police	1	2	3	4	5
Road and sidewalk maintenance	1	2	3	4	5
Parks maintenance	1	2	3	4	5
Water and sewer	1	2	3	4	5
Recycling	1	2	3	4	5

12. If an election were held today, would you vote "yes" in favor, or "no" to oppose, on the following potential ballot question:

Shall the Town of New Castle taxes be increased by \$50,000 annually through a new tax of 15 cents per cigarette or three dollars per pack of 20 cigarettes and a sales tax of 40 percent on the sales of all other tobacco and nicotine products; with the tax revenues used for community health, wellness and youth programs, with all expenditures subject to annual financial audit?

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unsure

13. If an election were held today, would you vote "yes" in favor, or "no" to oppose, on the following potential ballot question:

Without raising taxes, shall the Town of New Castle's existing 1.645 mill levy, about \$86,000 annually, previously used for the repayment of the water-treatment plant bonds be extended for 20 years from its current expiration for the repayment of the VIX Park construction loan; ensuring public safety by supporting training, retention, equipment and vehicles for the New Castle Police Department; and continued maintenance and expansion of soft-surface trails?

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unsure

14. If an election were held today, would you vote "yes" in favor, or "no" to oppose, on the following potential ballot question:

Shall the Town of New Castle taxes be increased by \$300,000 annually through a one-time 3.0% use tax on the retail value of any motor-vehicle purchase in order to improve driver and pedestrian safety by maintaining and repairing roads, sidewalks and multi-use trails throughout the Town. All funds would be subject to an annual independent audit published on the Town's web

site, overseen by a committee of Town residents and reviewed publicly?

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unsure

15. If you selected No or Unsure for either proposal, please consider providing a reason that reflects your opinion from the list below: (Rank your top 3 choices)

☐ Town should tighten its belt and do more with its current resources.
☐ Generally do not support new taxes and tax increases.
☐ Town should not tax the purchase of a vehicle.
☐ Need more information before making a decision.
☒ Concerned with programs and projects that the Town has identified.
☐ Other more important uses of taxes, such as schools and fire protection.
☐ Too soon to ask for a tax increase after the 2017 question was defeated.
☒ Other, please explain.

Single issue ballot items only!

16. In 2017, the Town asked voters for permission to have a one-time use tax on a vehicle purchase to fund programs of the Town, including police, economic development and other priorities. That measure failed. If you can remember, please consider ~~noting~~ how you voted in that election:

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Cannot remember ☐ Rather not say

17. Please share additional comments, if any, regarding the Town of New Castle's budget and any other issues impacting the Town.

Held the line on the budget -
Some of us are on fixed
incomes.

18. I have been a resident of New Castle for 17 years.

19. How would you prefer to receive future information about the Town's budget and other issues?

☐ Emails ☐ Town web site/ social media
☒ Monthly newsletter ☐ Council meetings/hearings

If you selected email, please consider providing your email address to the Town: