

# HHU Master Plan Committee Community Survey

*PRELIMINARY RESULTS with Cross-Tabulations*

*November 11, 2016*



# Response Overview

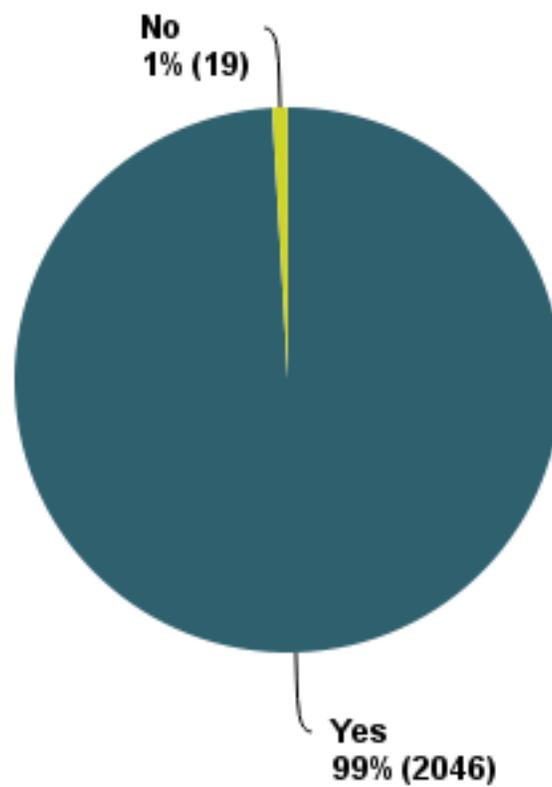
➤ *2065 Respondents*

➤ *12% of 17,116 registered voters*

➤ *87% of respondents (1791) completed and submitted the survey*

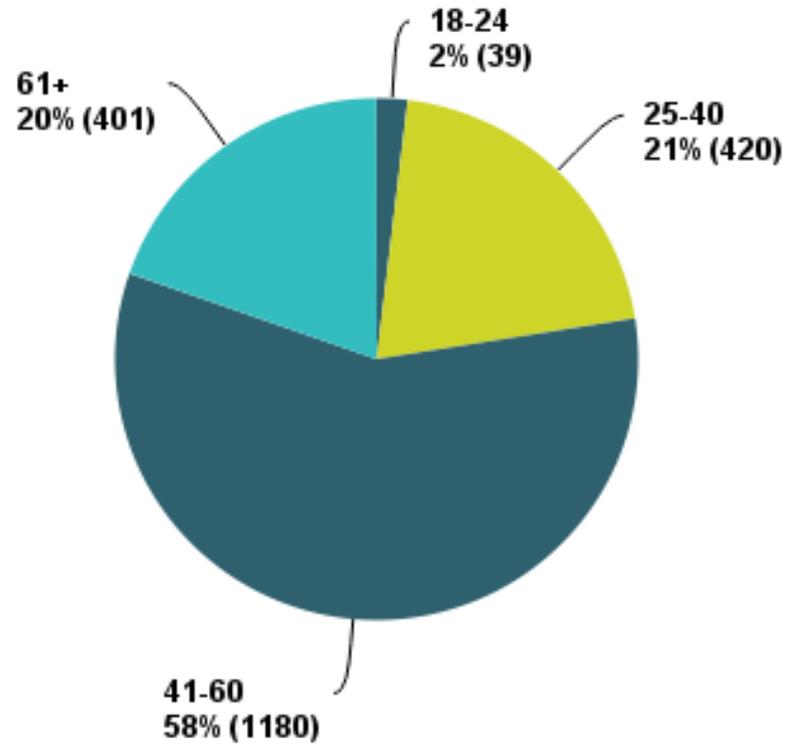
# Q1 Are you over 18 and a Wellesley resident?

Answered: 2,065 Skipped: 0



### Q3 What is your age?

Answered: 2,040 Skipped: 25



### US Census Bureau American Community Survey 2014

Total population	28,858
AGE	
Under 5 years	5.1%
5 to 9 years	7.6%
10 to 14 years	9.2%
15 to 19 years	13.4%
20 to 24 years	8.9%
25 to 29 years	1.7%
30 to 34 years	2.7%
35 to 39 years	4.6%
40 to 44 years	6.8%
45 to 49 years	8.1%
50 to 54 years	7.3%
55 to 59 years	6.1%
60 to 64 years	4.8%
65 to 69 years	3.9%
70 to 74 years	3.1%
75 to 79 years	2.5%
80 to 84 years	2.1%
85 years and over	2.2%

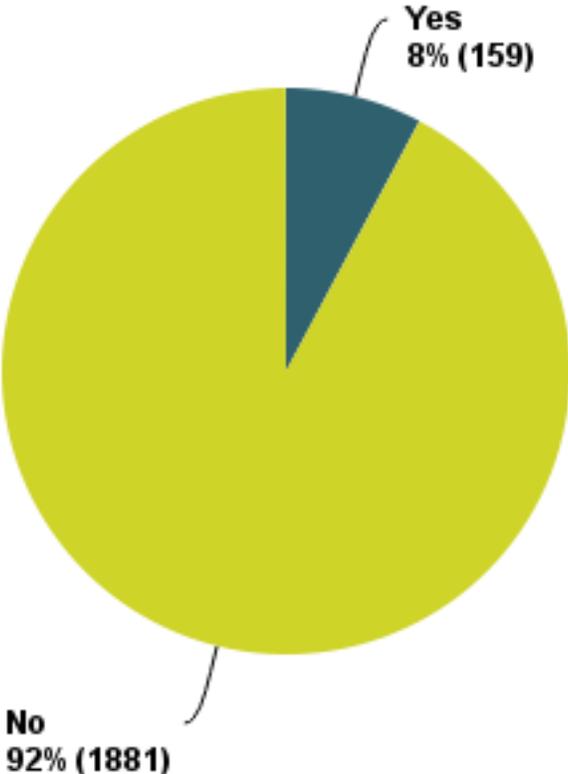
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28.3%

18.6%

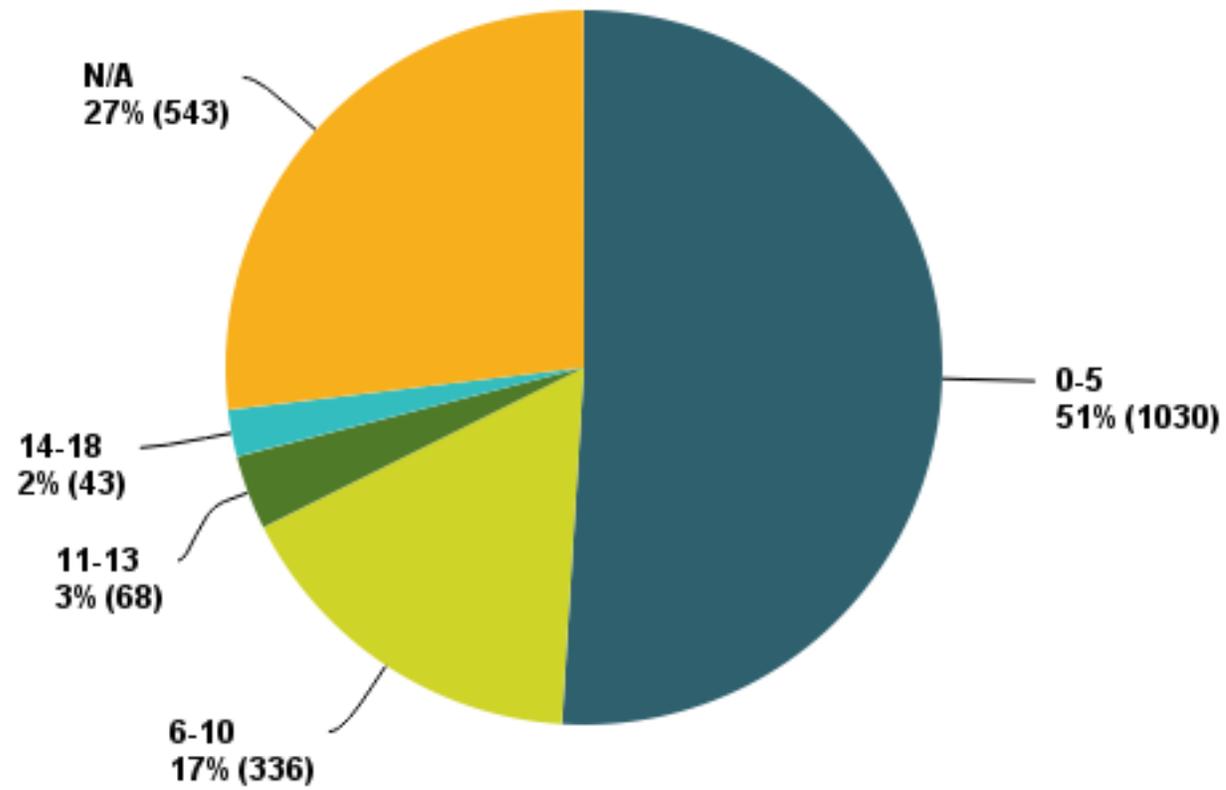
# Q4 Are you a Town Meeting member?

Answered: 2,040 Skipped: 25



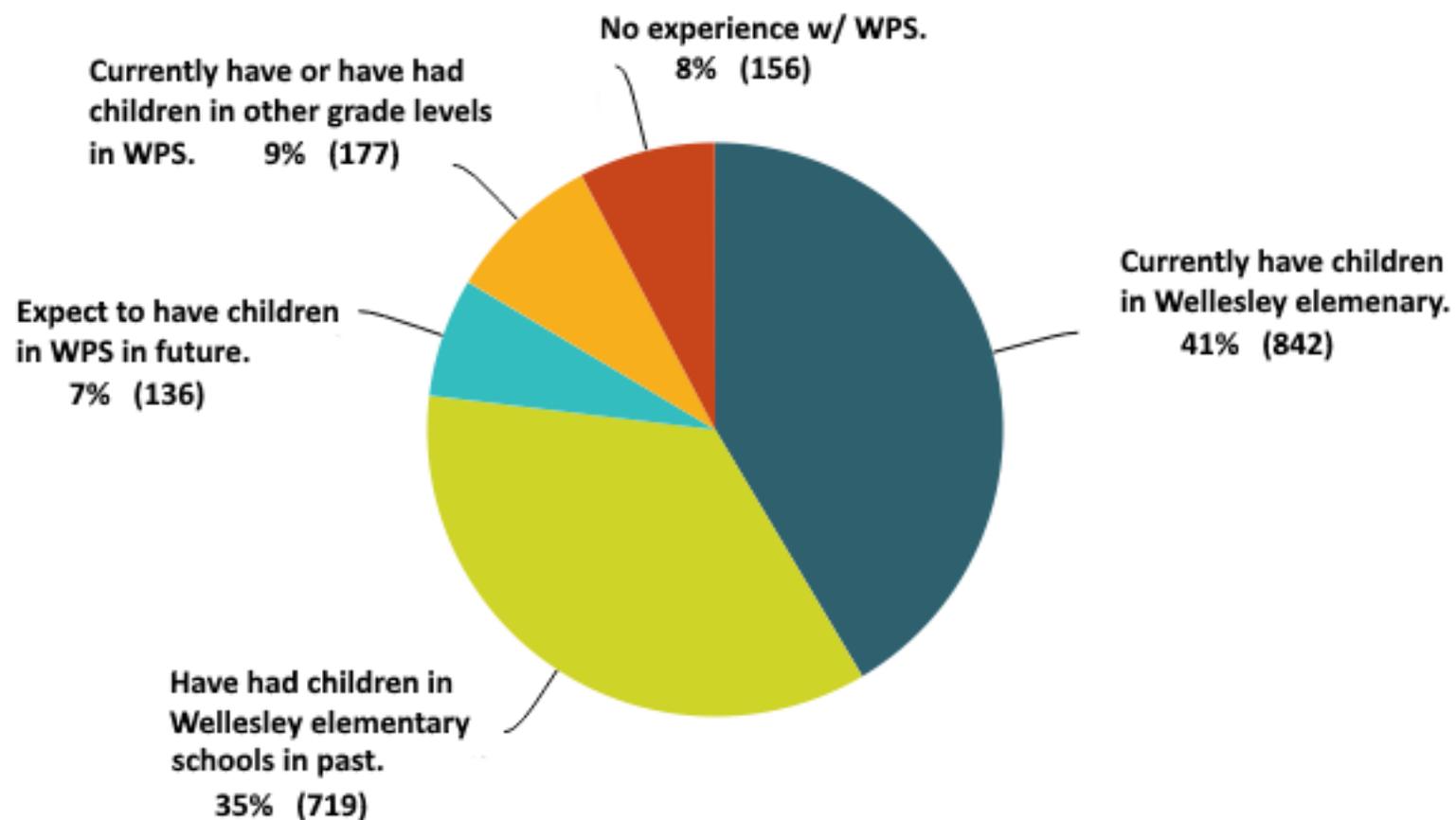
**Q5 If you moved to Wellesley with school-aged children, what was the age of your oldest child at the time?**

Answered: 2,020 Skipped: 45



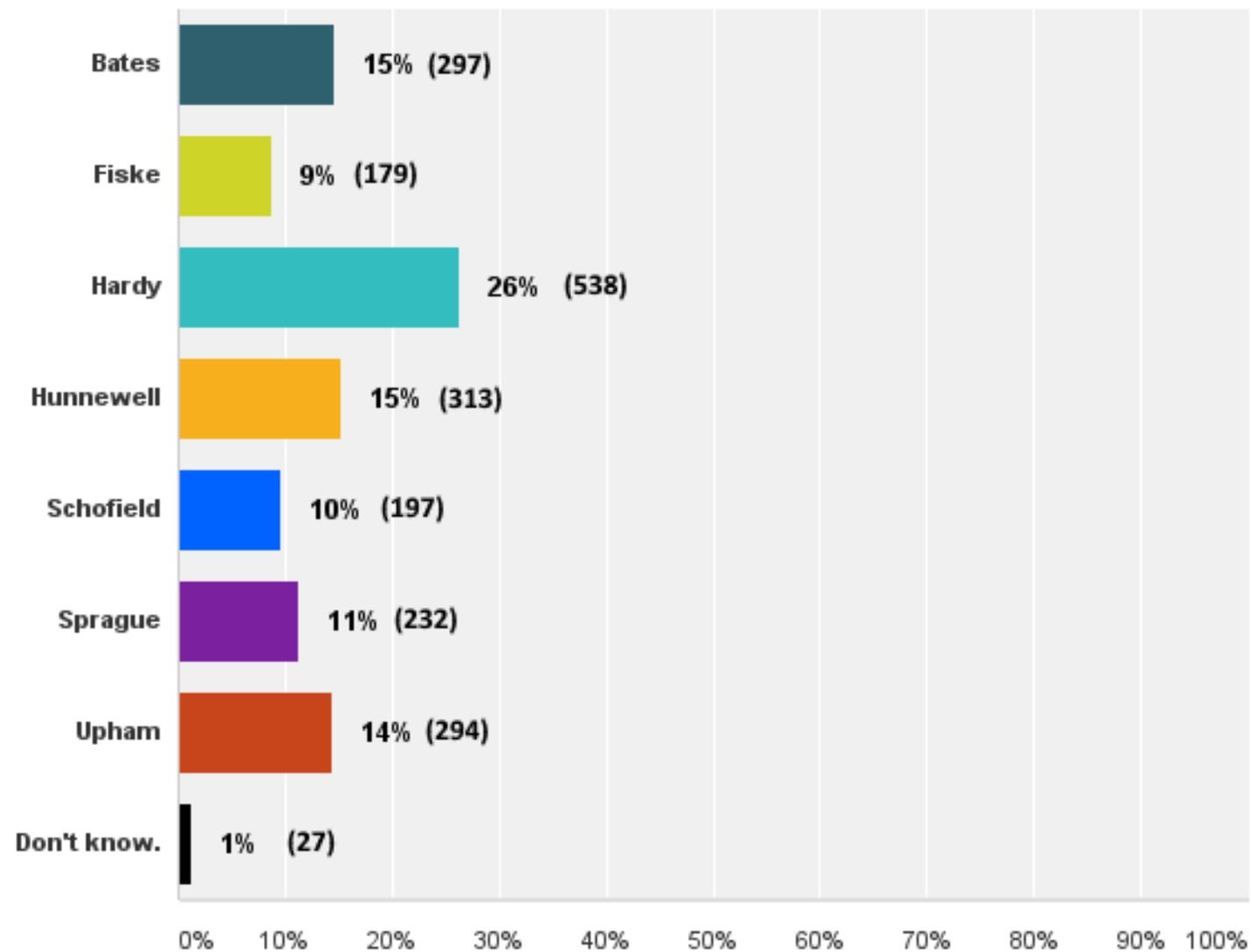
## Q6 What is your current experience with the Wellesley elementary schools?

Answered: 2,030 Skipped: 35



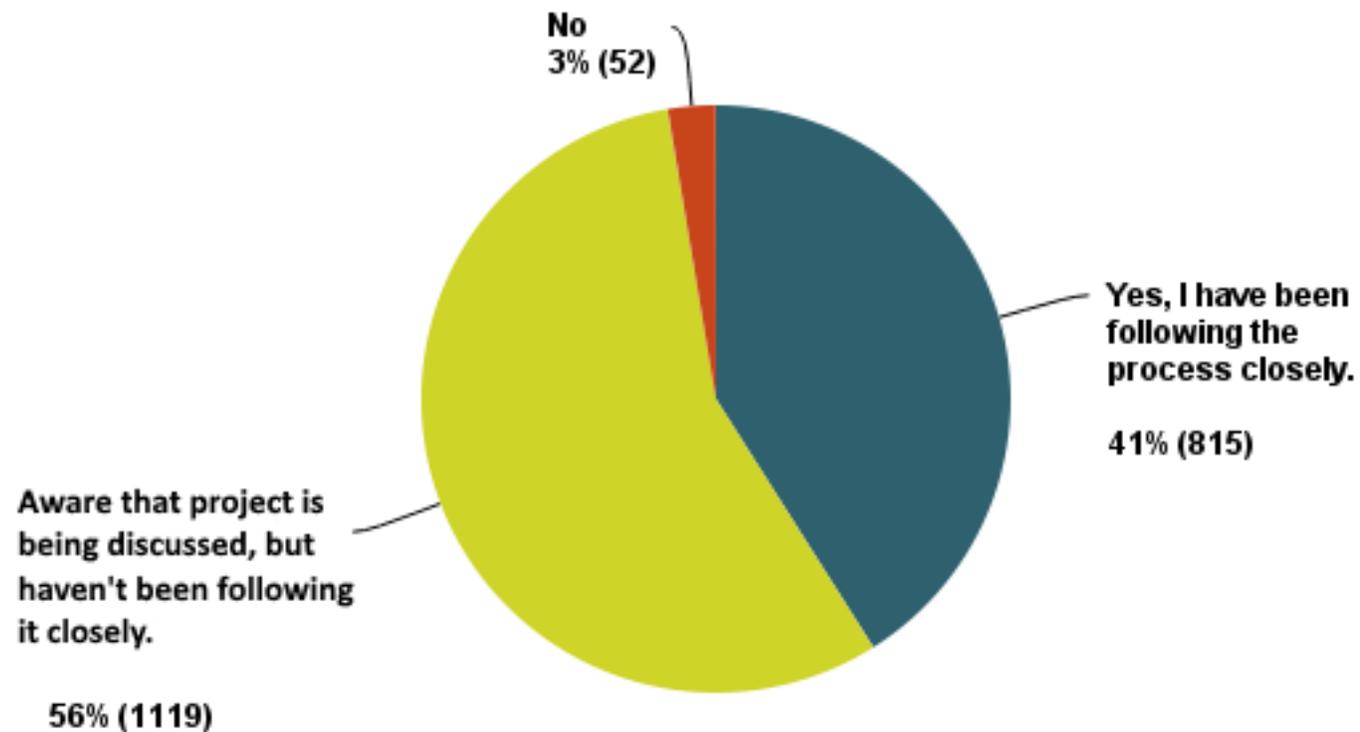
## Q7 Which school district do you live in?

Answered: 2,043 Skipped: 22



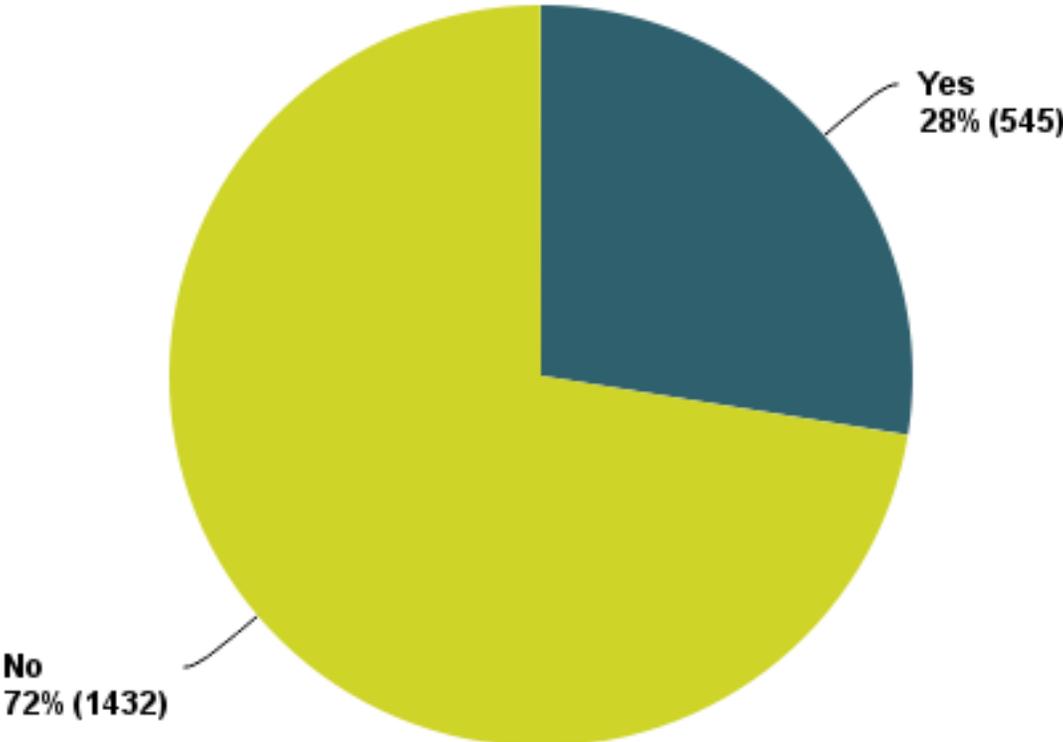
**Q8 Before receiving this survey, were you aware of ongoing efforts to plan the renovation, expansion, or replacement of Hunnewell, Hardy, and Upham schools (“the HHU Project”)?**

Answered: 1,986 Skipped: 79



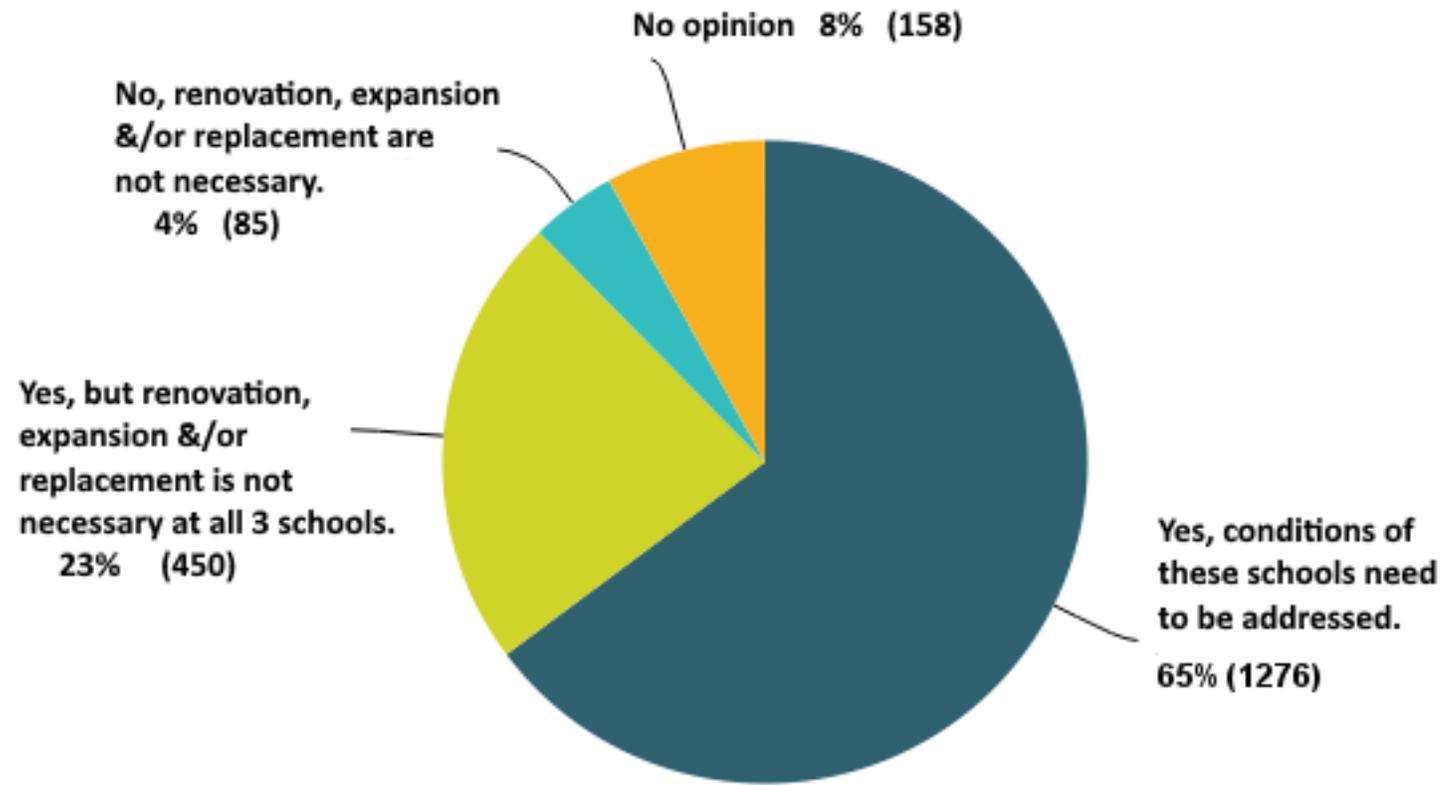
**Q9 Have you attended or watched any public meetings on the HHU Project since the project began in June 2013?**

Answered: 1,977 Skipped: 88



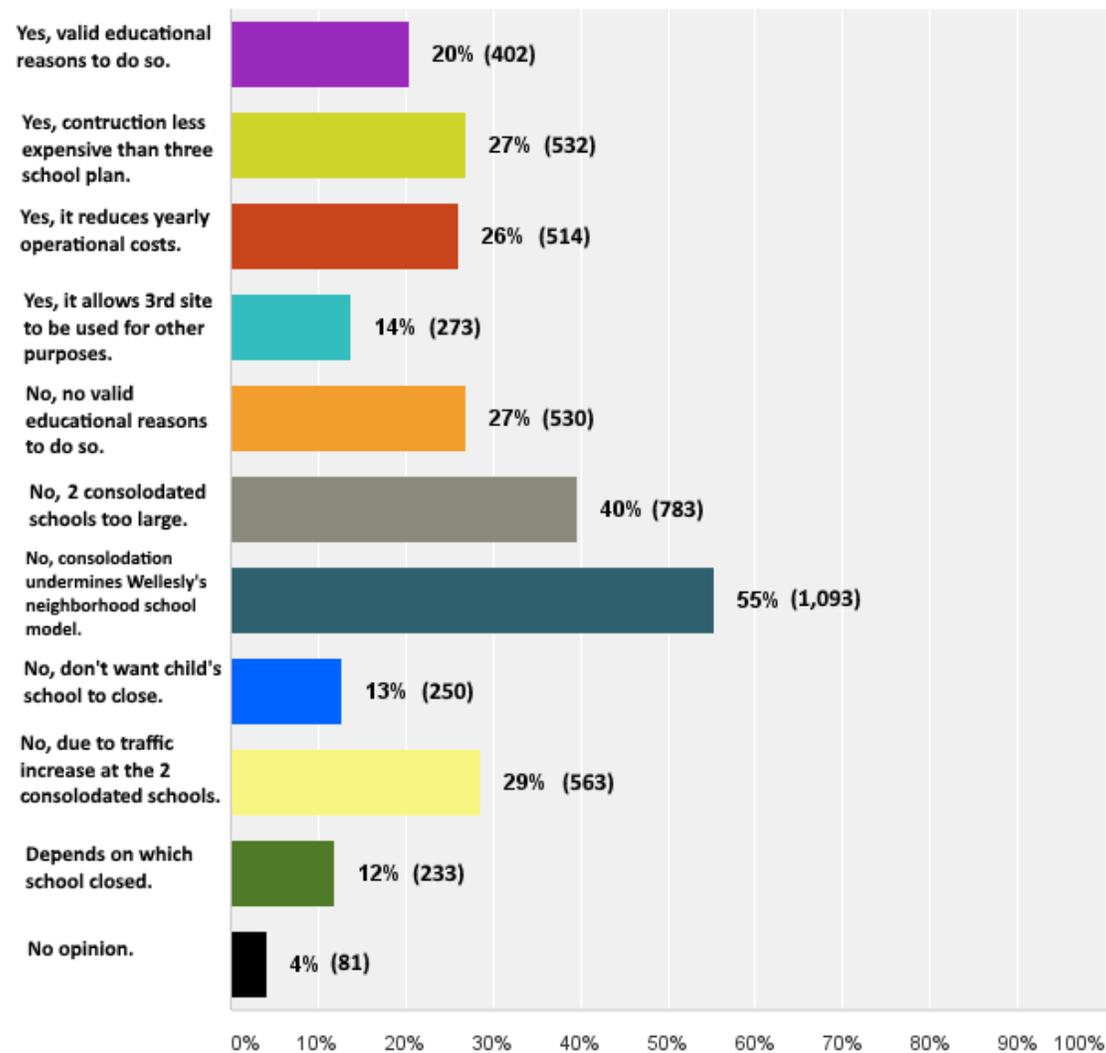
# Q10 Do you agree that it is necessary to renovate, expand or replace Hardy, Hunnewell, and Upham schools?

Answered: 1,969 Skipped: 96



# Q11 Would you support a plan that involved closing one of the three schools and consolidating students into two schools? (Choose all that apply.)

Answered: 1,973 Skipped: 92



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Answered: 526 Skipped: 12

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Answered: 301 Skipped: 12

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Answered: 280 Skipped: 14

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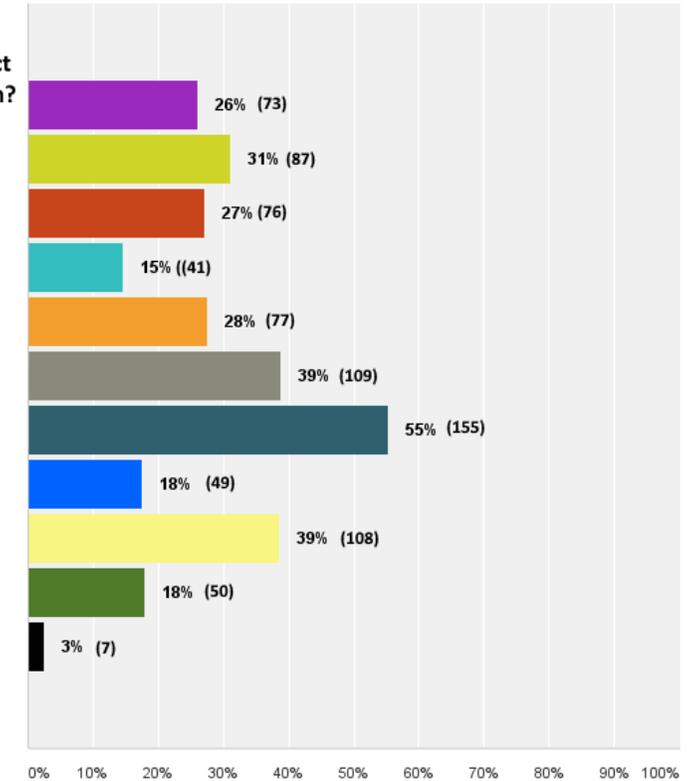
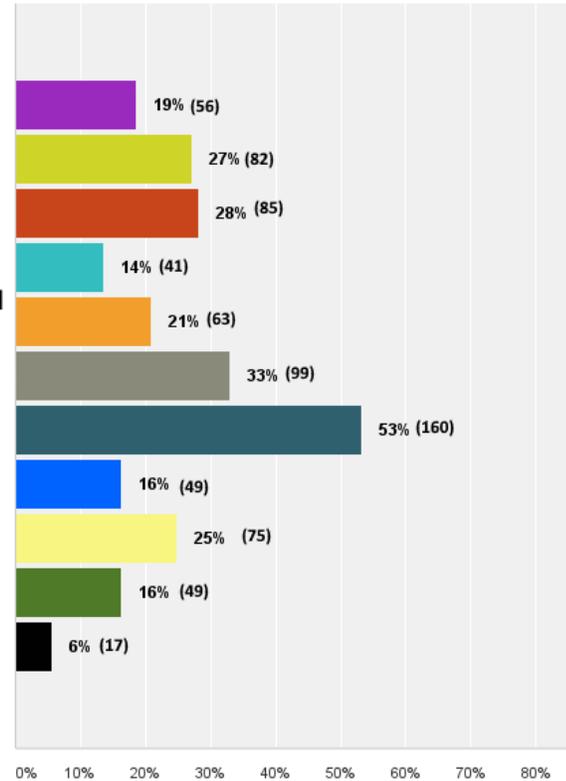
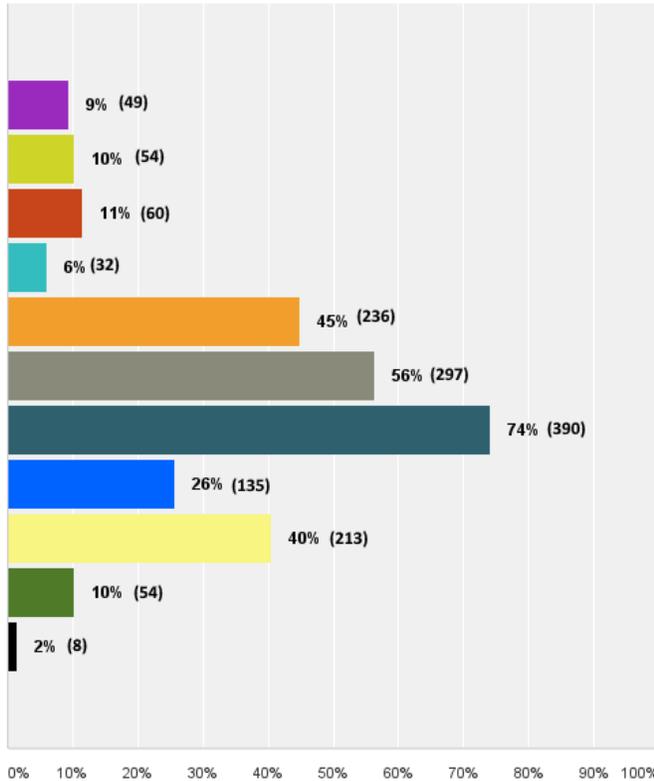
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A. Hunnewell

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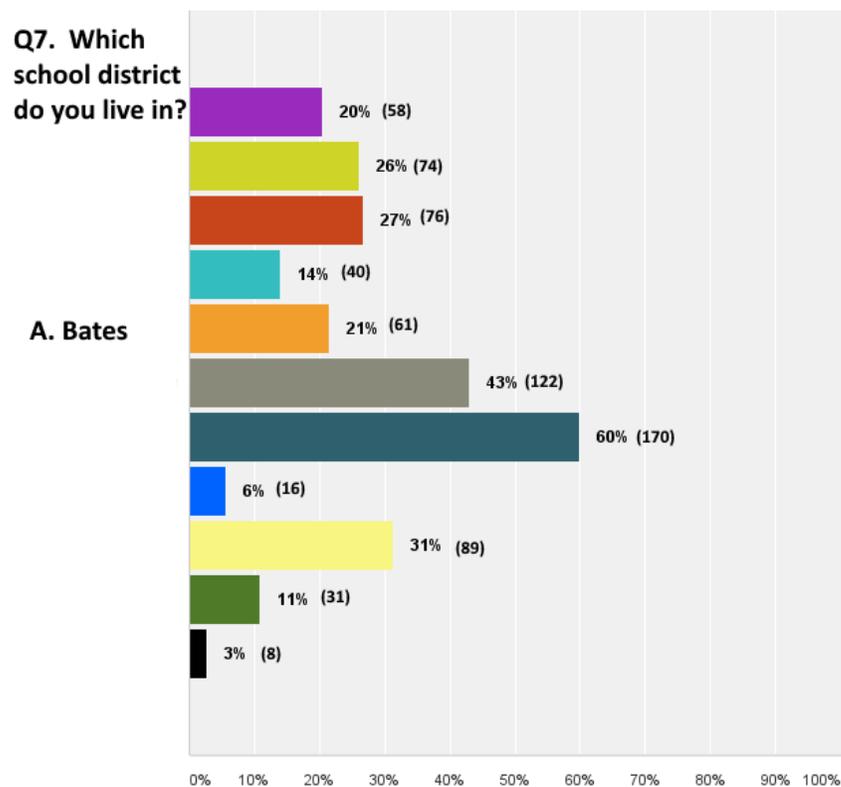


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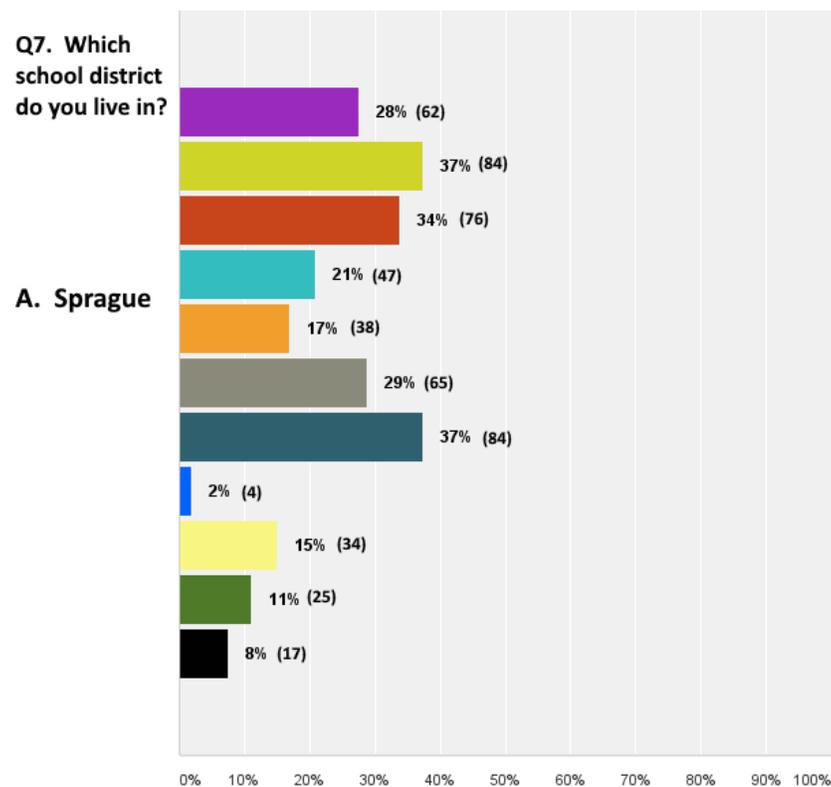
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Answered: 284 Skipped: 13



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Answered: 225 Skipped: 7

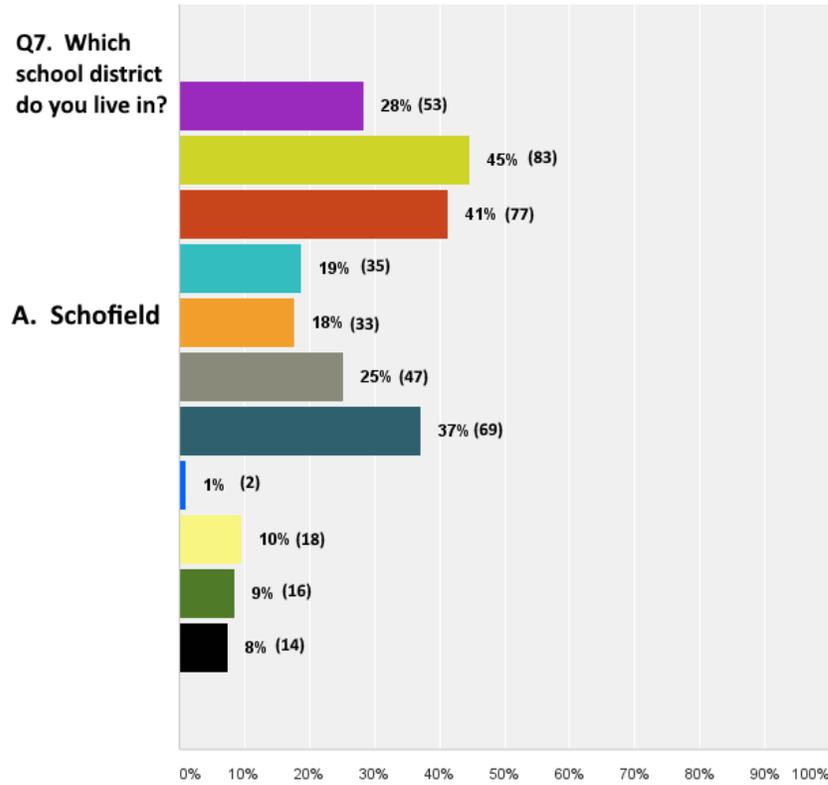


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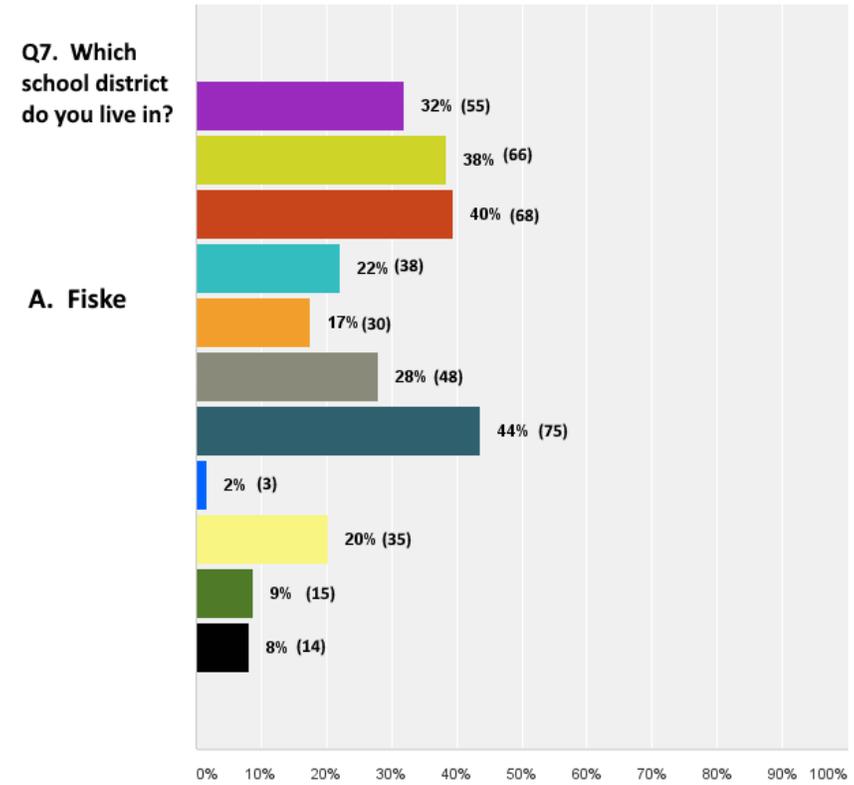
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Answered: 186 Skipped: 11



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Answered: 172 Skipped: 7

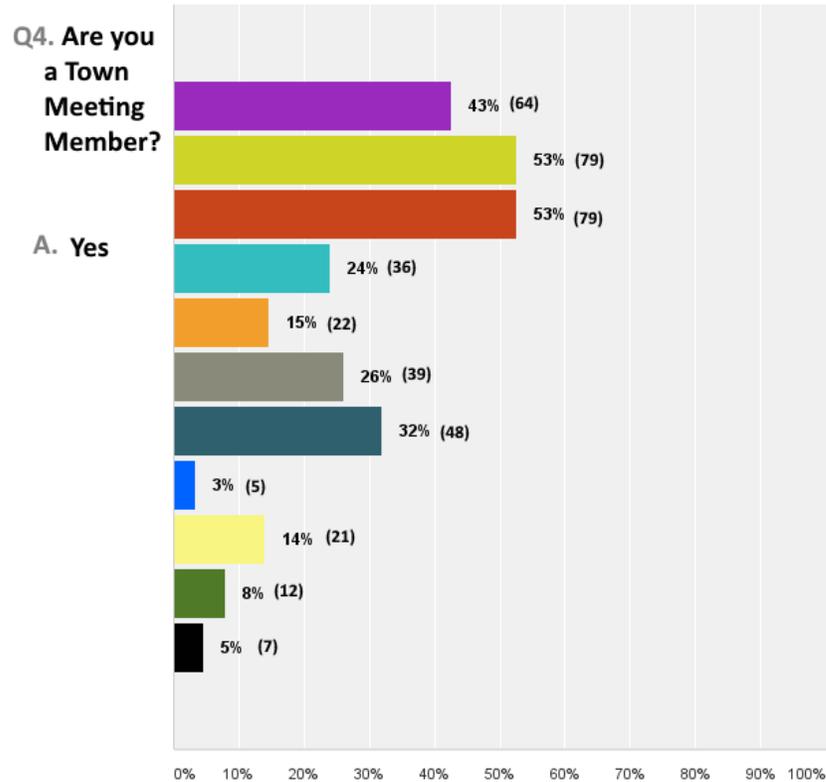


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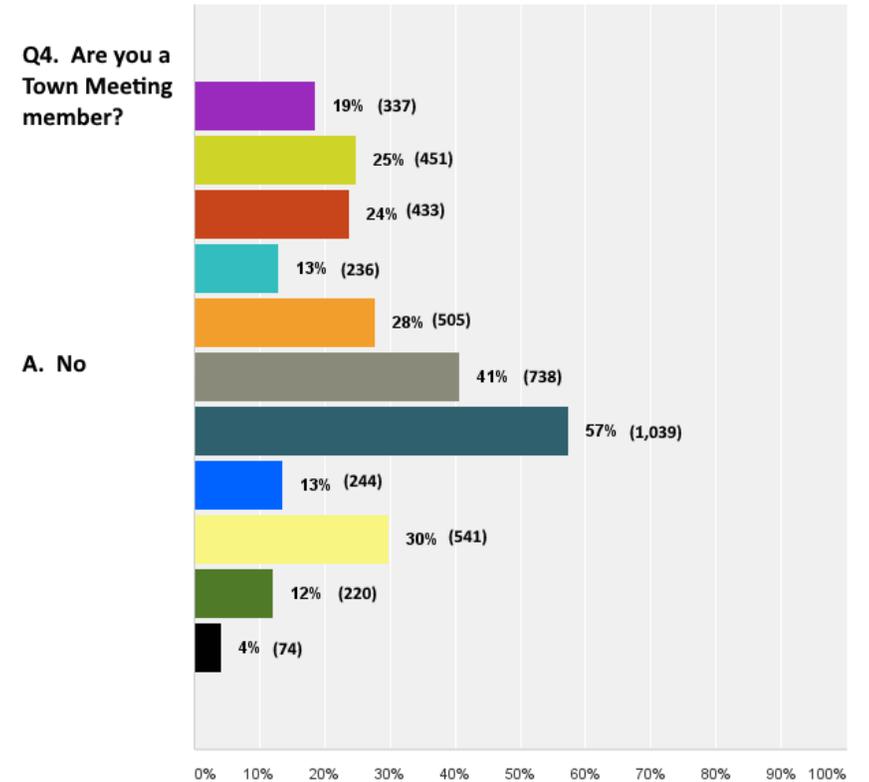


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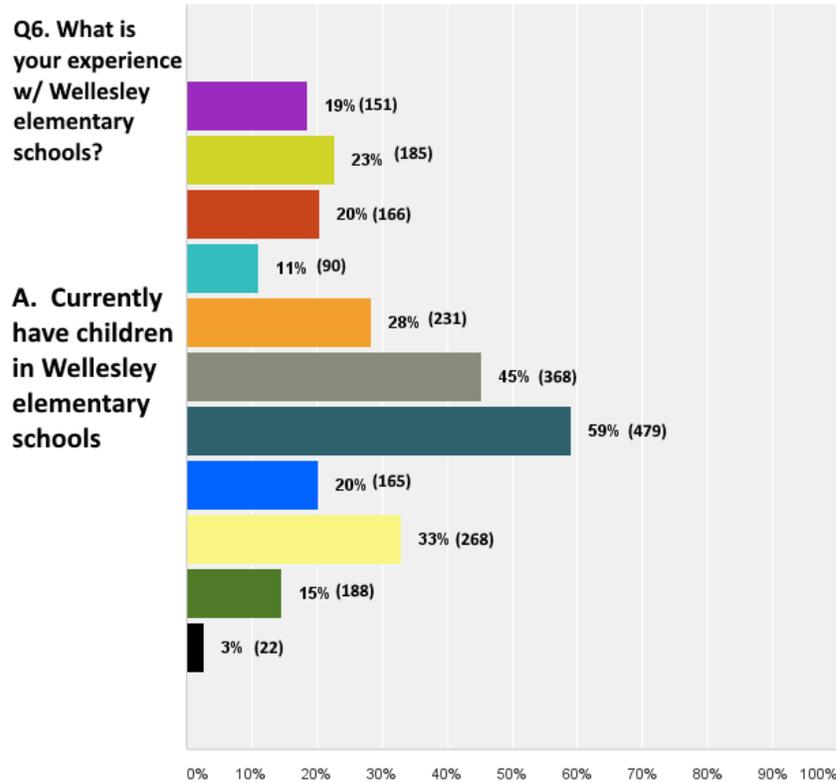
Answered: 1,812 Skipped: 69



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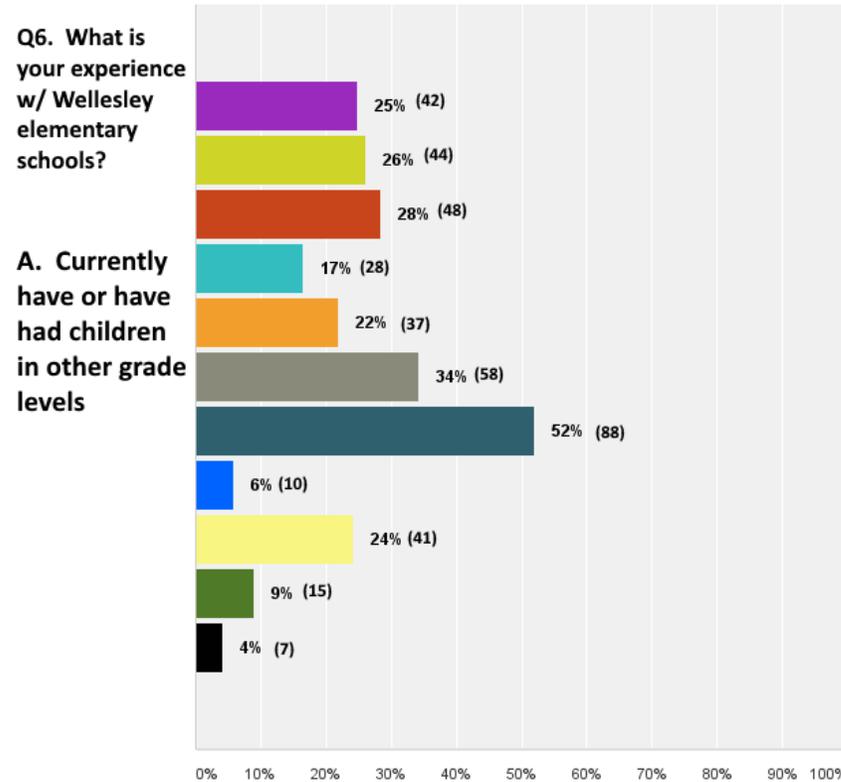
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Answered: 812 Skipped: 30



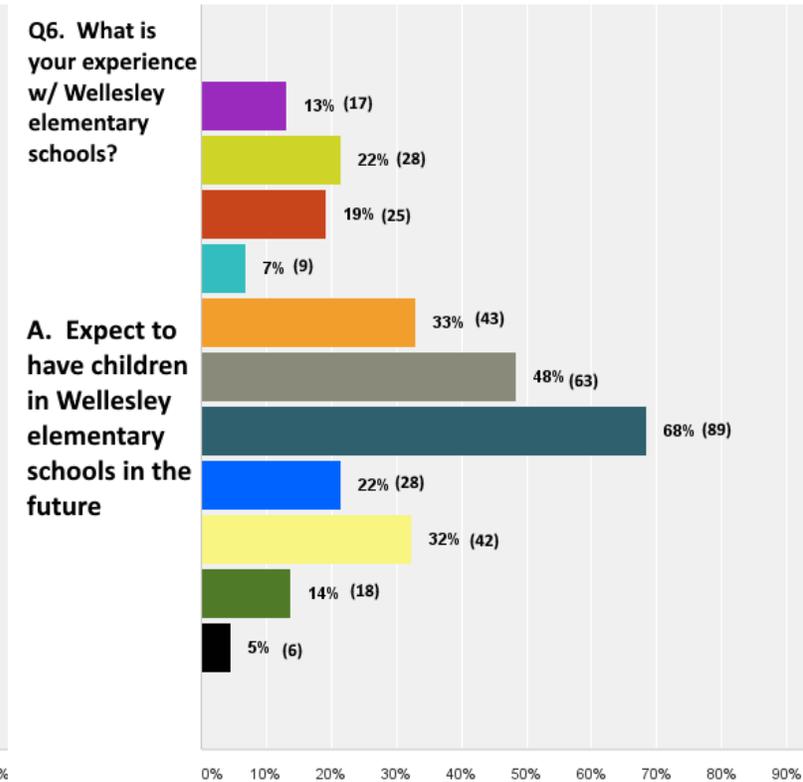
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Answered: 169 Skipped: 8



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Answered: 130 Skipped: 6

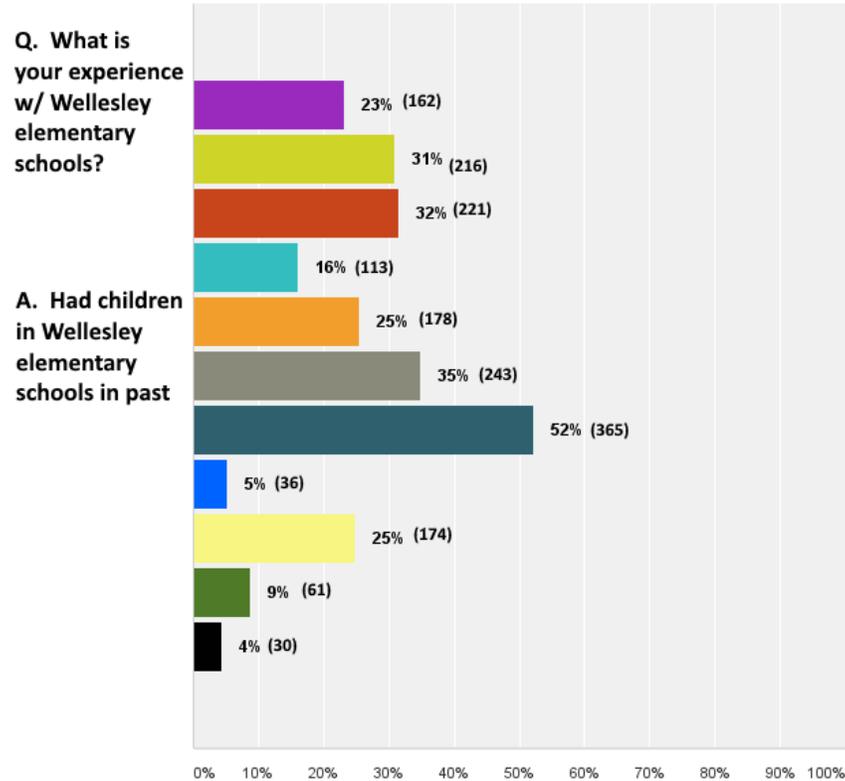


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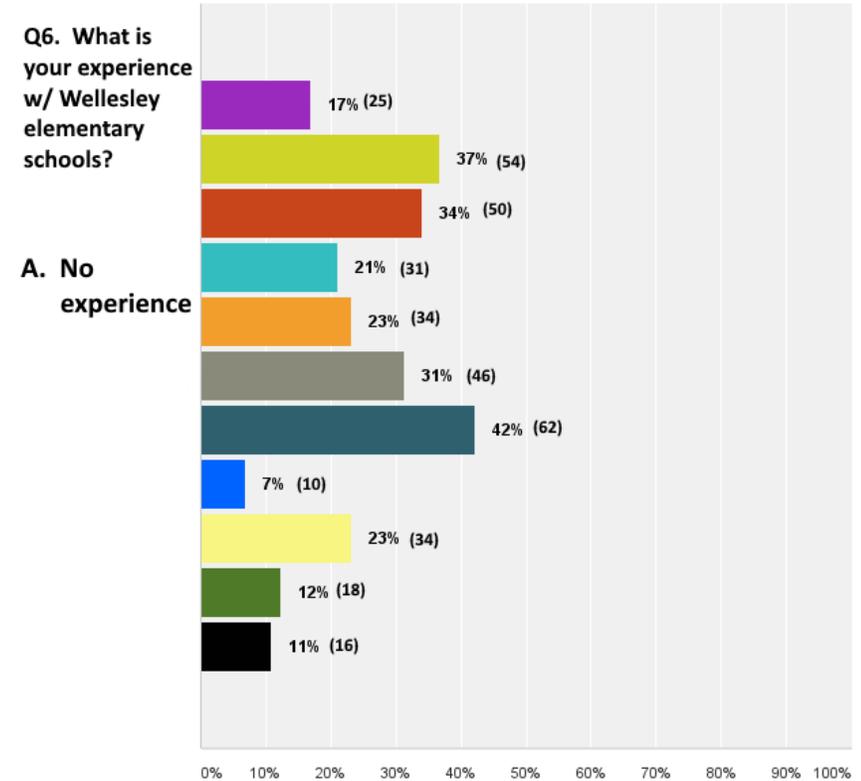
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Answered: 699 Skipped: 20



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Answered: 34 Skipped: 5

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Answered: 403 Skipped: 17

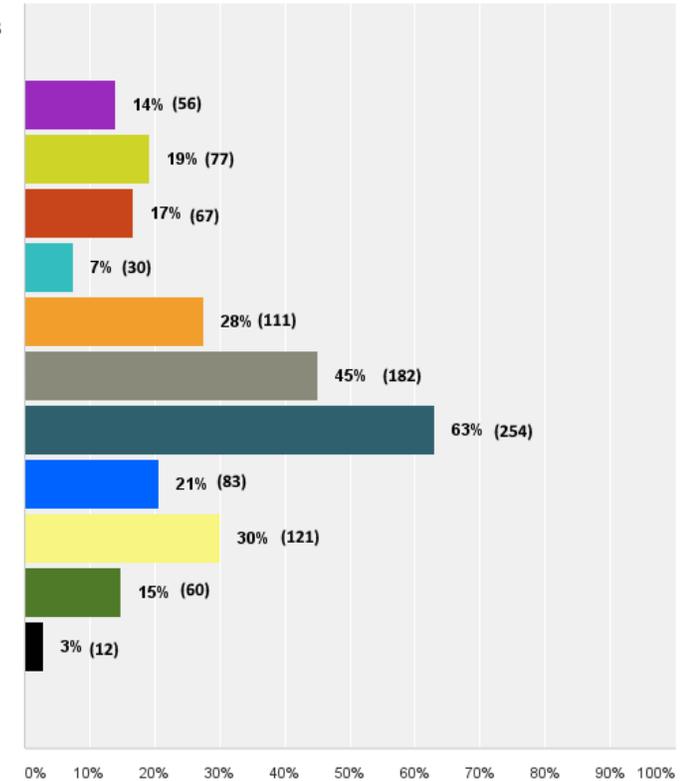
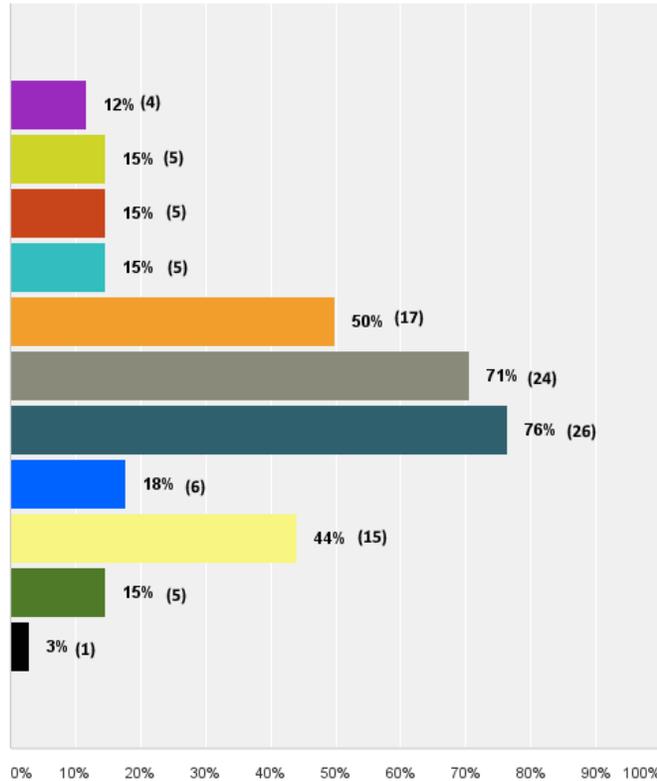
# Question 11 by Age

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A. 18 - 24

A. 25-40

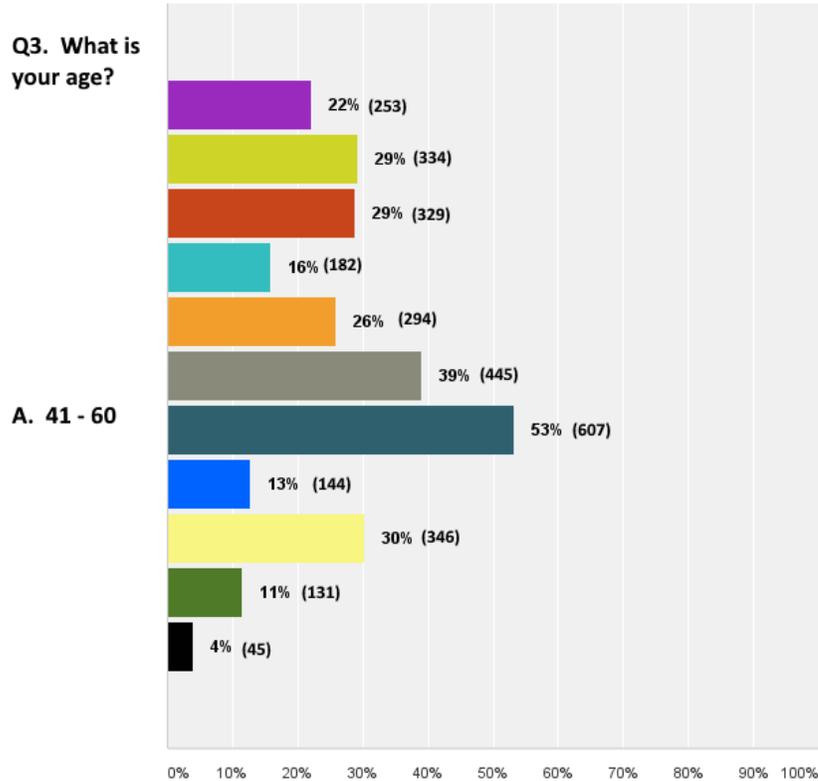


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Answered: 1,140 Skipped: 40

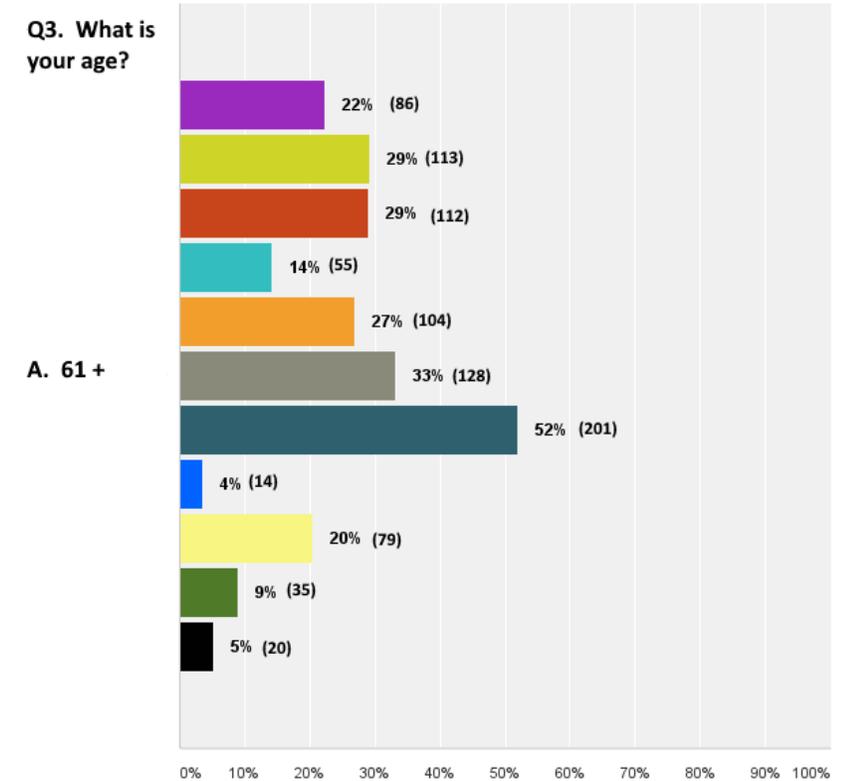


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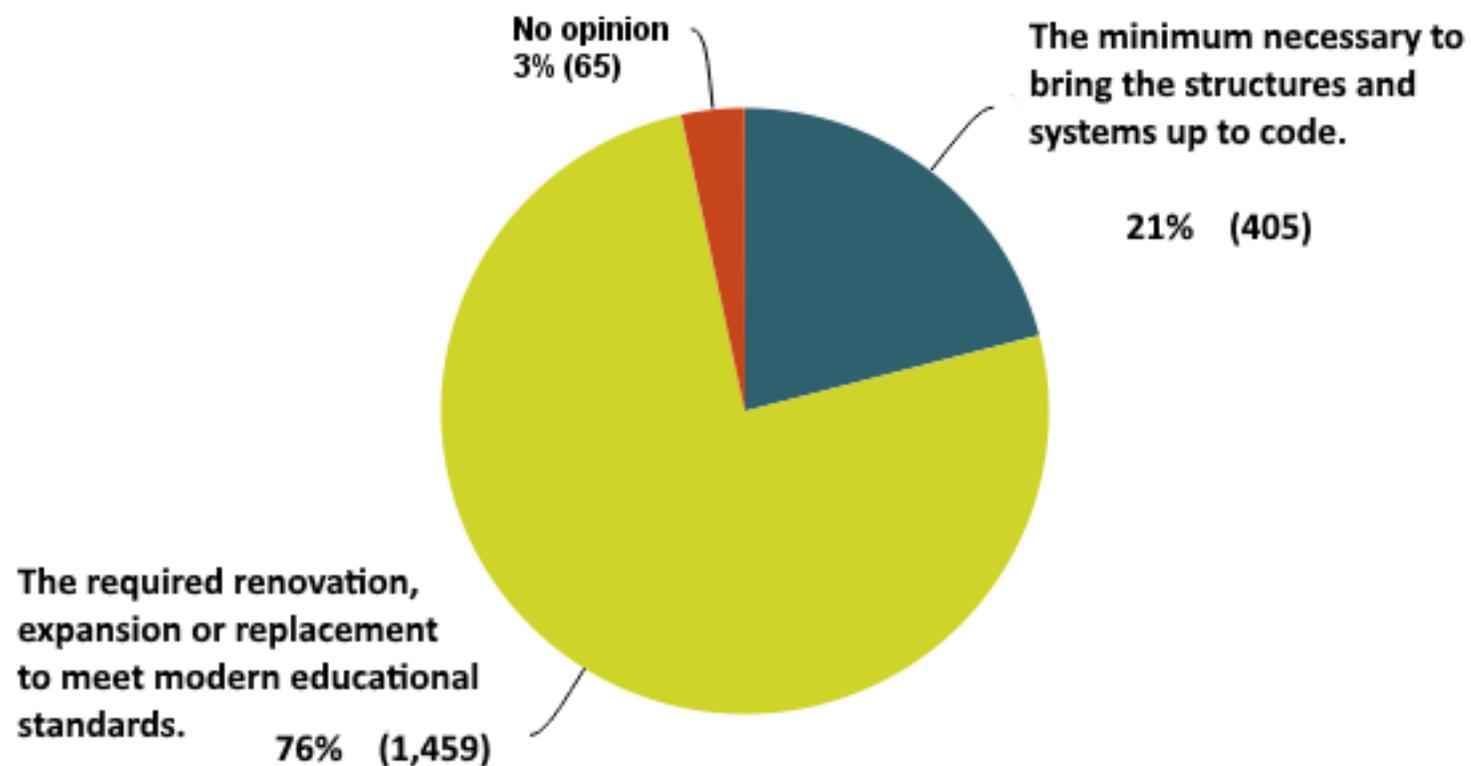
Answered: 386 Skipped: 15



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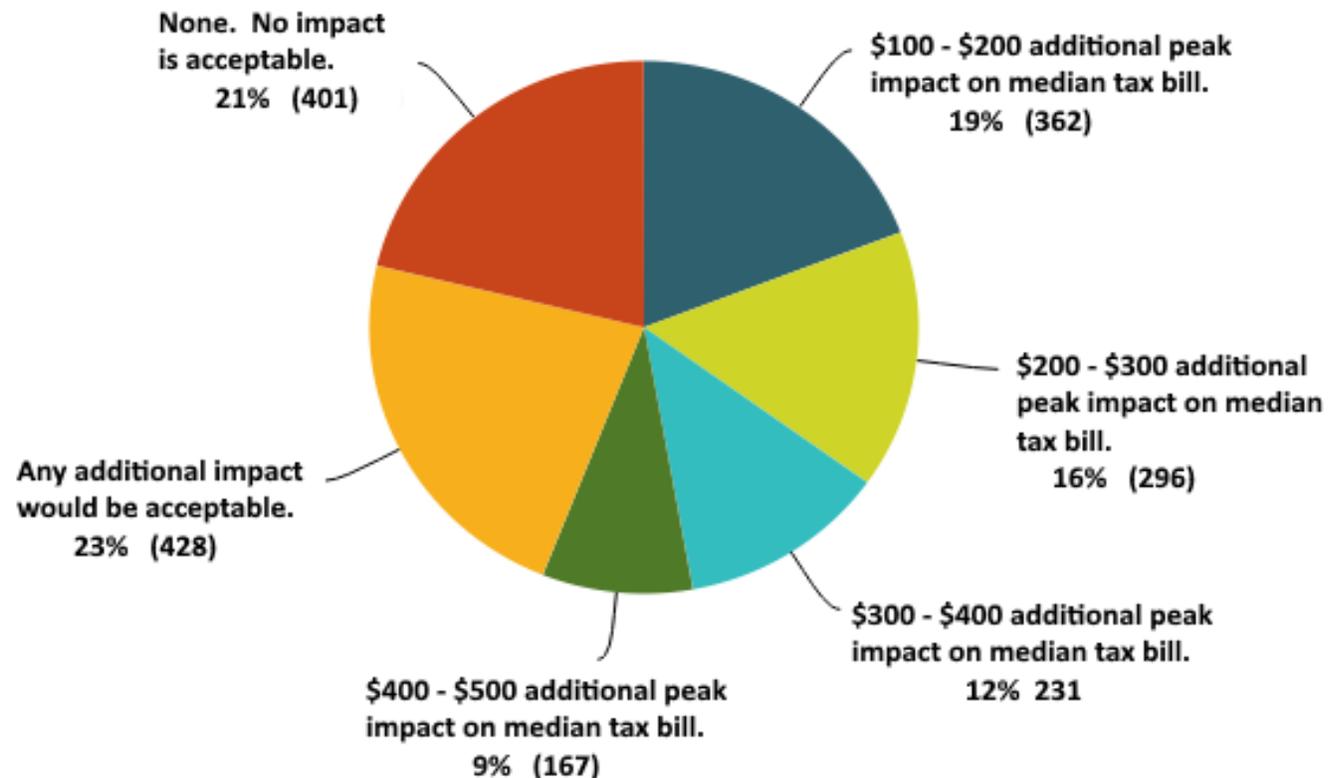
## Q12 What level of investment in school projects do you feel is appropriate?

Answered: 1,929 Skipped: 136



**Q13 In 2015, estimates to rebuild two of the three HHU schools ranged from \$91 million to \$96 million, with an estimated peak cost to the median taxpayer (\$991,000 home assessment) of about \$645 - \$680 per year. Using that project cost as a starting point, what level of additional investment would be acceptable to rebuild all three schools vs. consolidating to two schools?**

Answered: 1,885 Skipped: 180

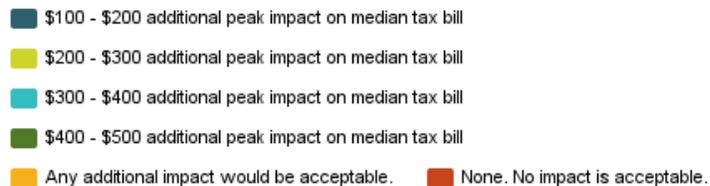
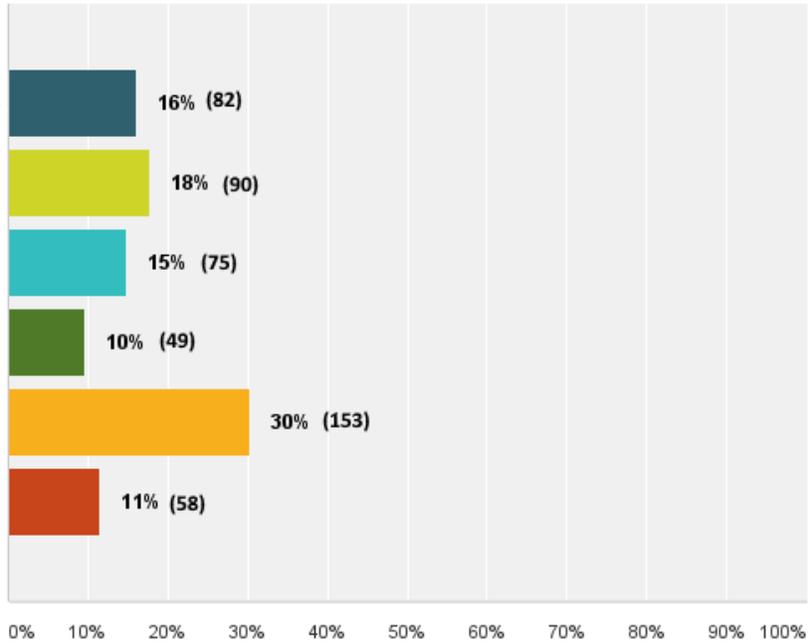


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Answered: 507 Skipped: 31

**Q6. Which school district do you live in?**

**A. Hardy**

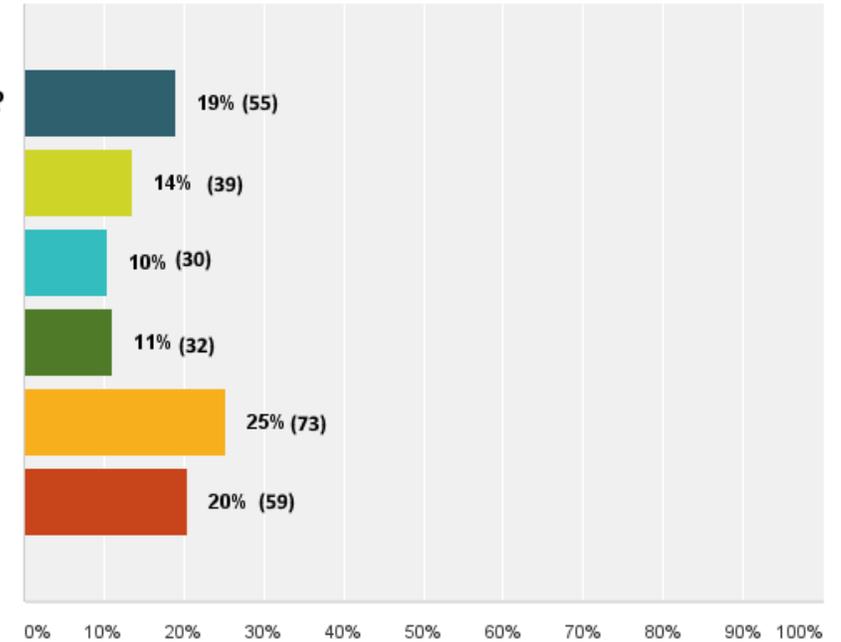


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Answered: 288 Skipped: 25

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**A. Hunnewell**



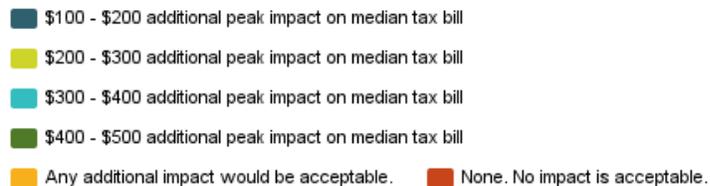
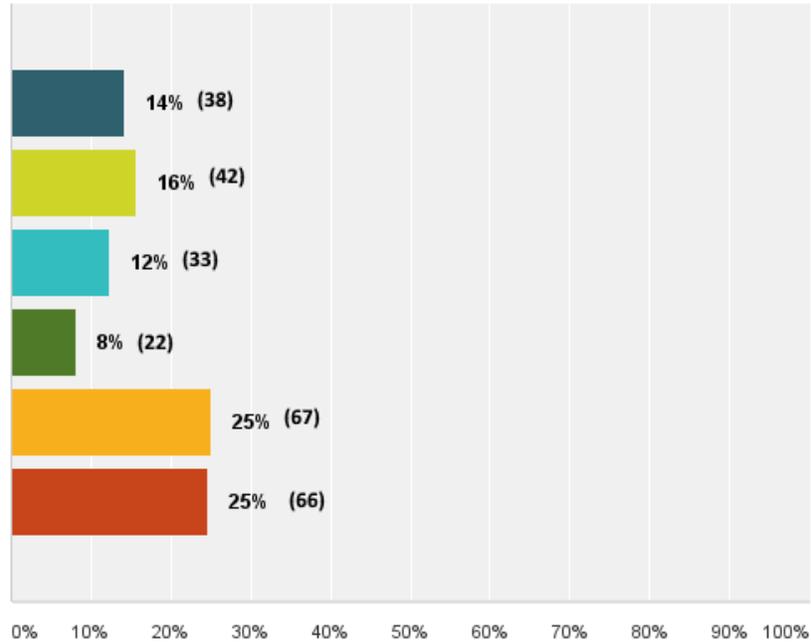
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Answered: 268 Skipped: 26

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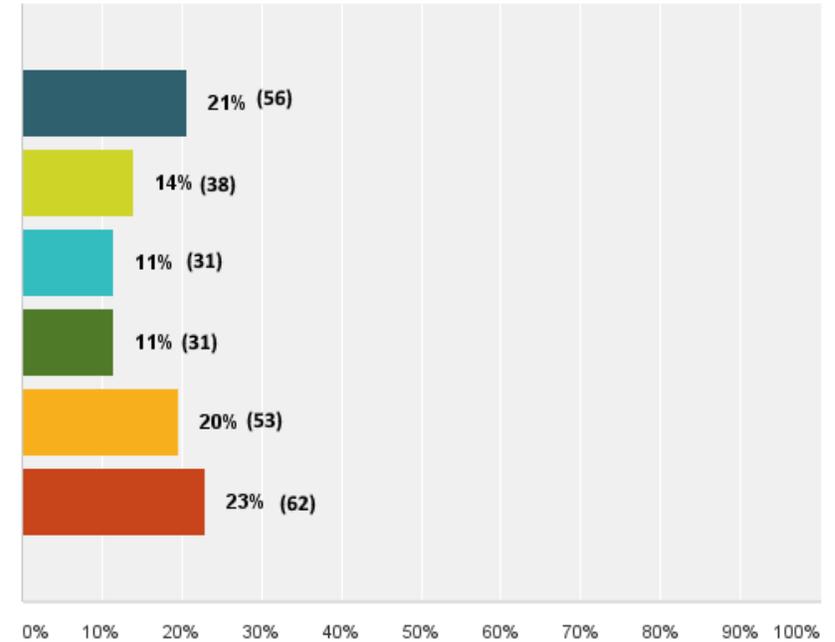


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Answered: 271 Skipped: 26

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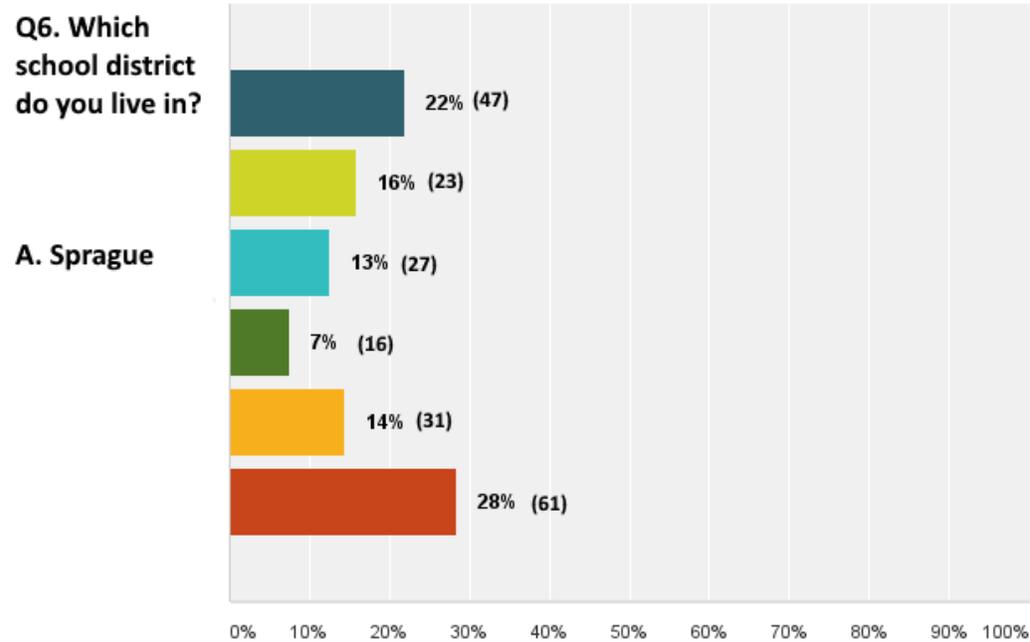
**A. Bates**



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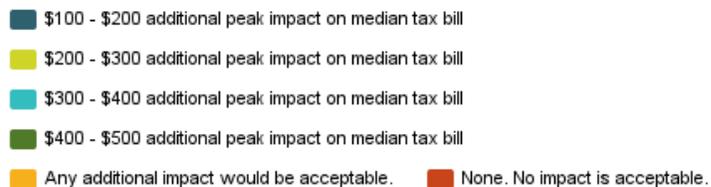
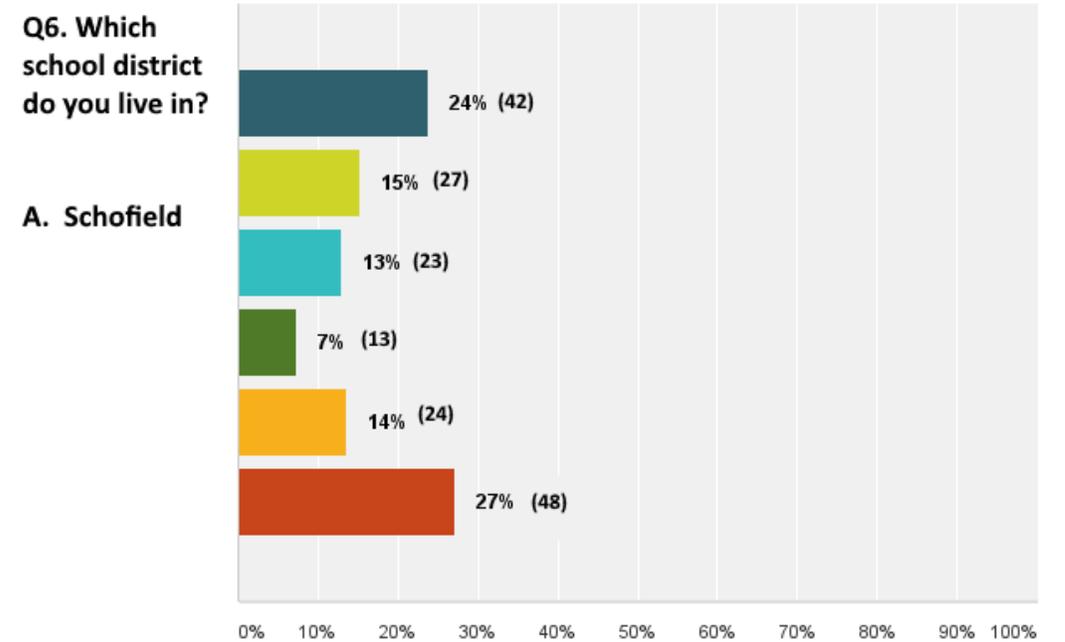
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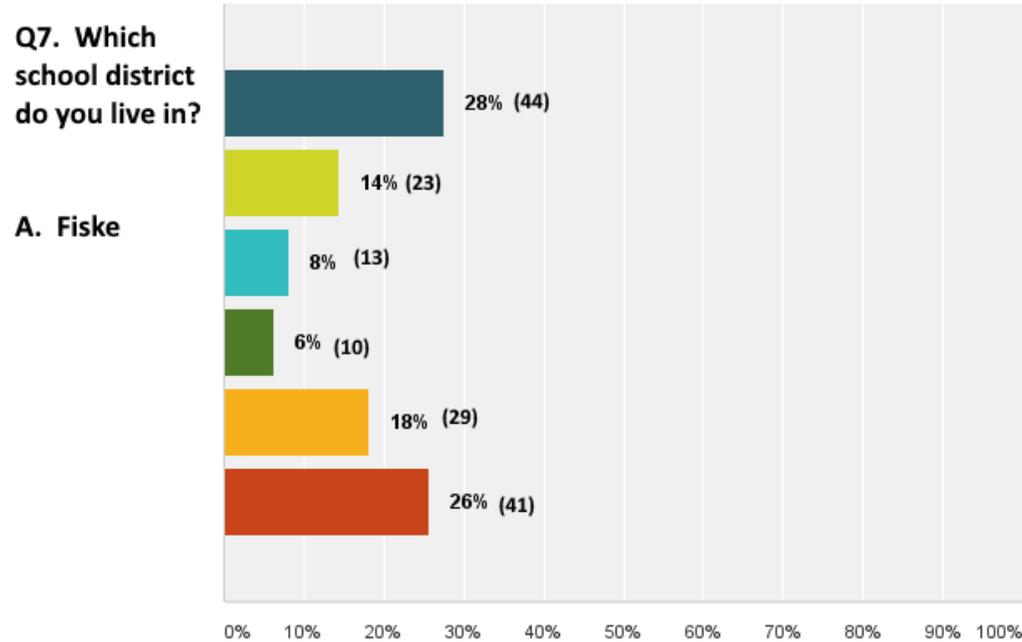
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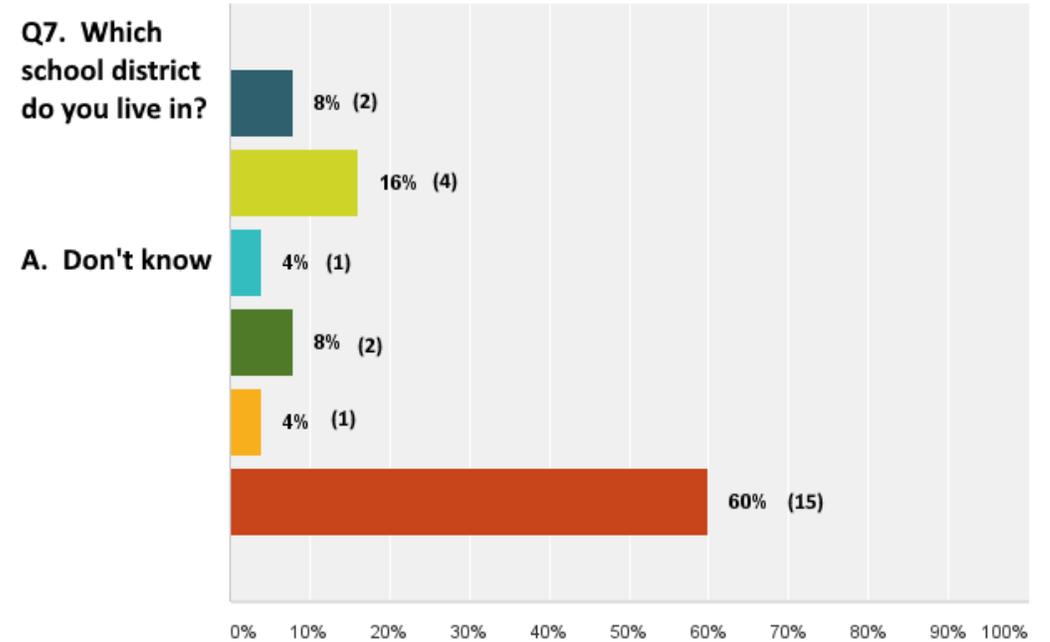
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Answered: 25 Skipped: 2

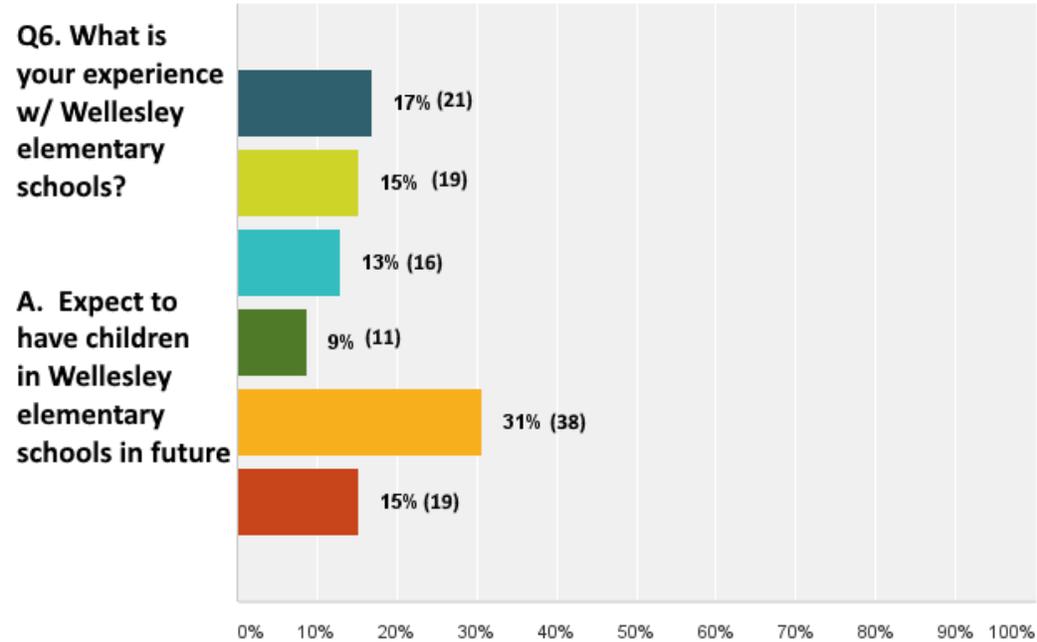


- \$100 - \$200 additional peak impact on median tax bill
- \$200 - \$300 additional peak impact on median tax bill
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- \$400 - \$500 additional peak impact on median tax bill
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- None. No impact is acceptable.

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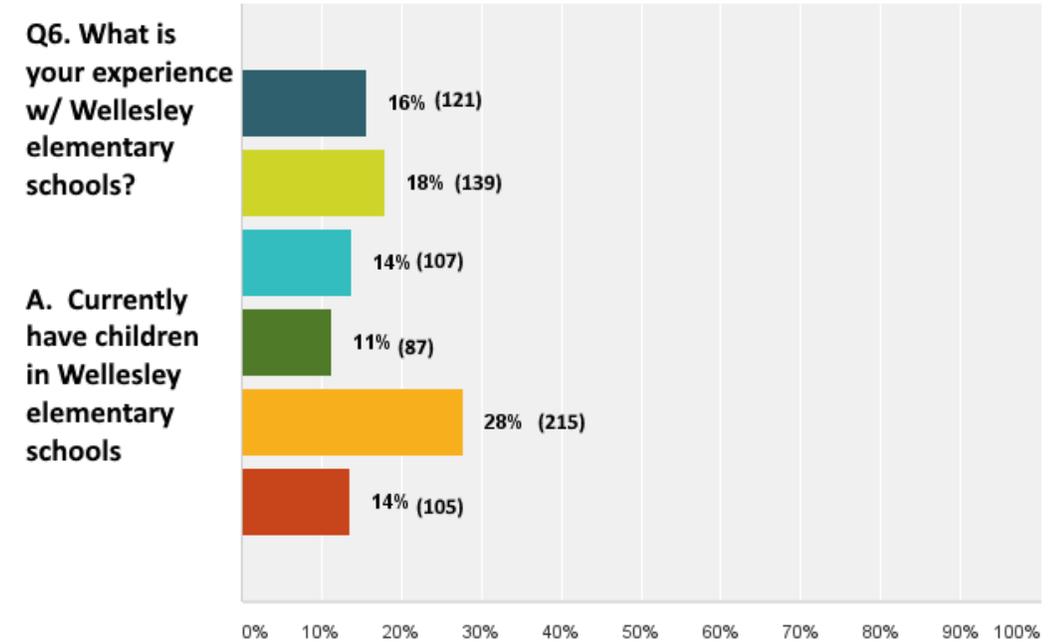


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Answered: 774 Skipped: 68



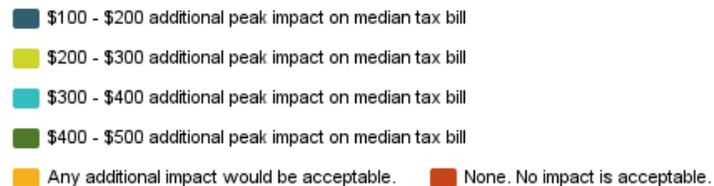
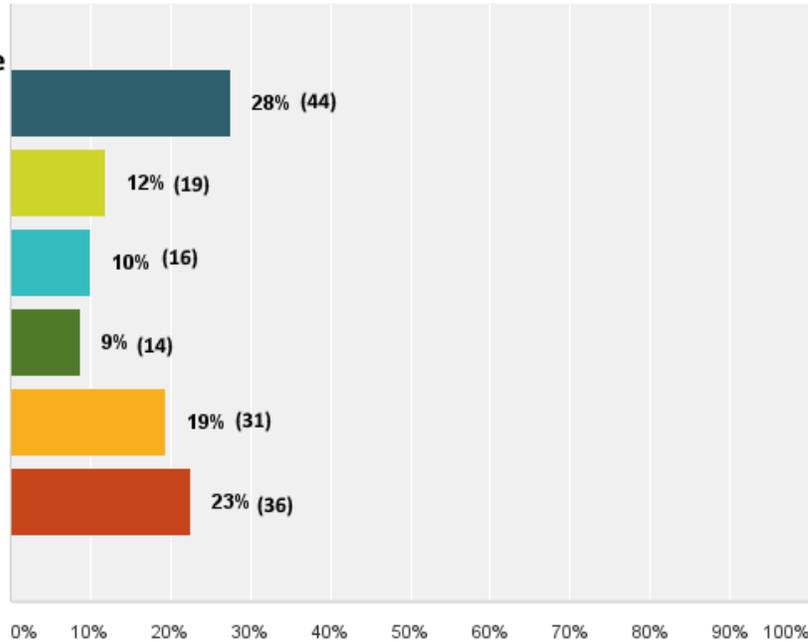
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Answered: 160 Skipped: 17

**Q6. What is your experience w/ Wellesley elementary schools?**

**A. Currently have or have had children in other grade levels**



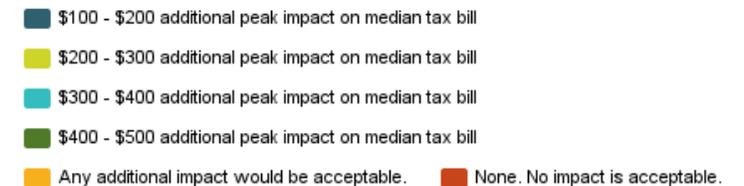
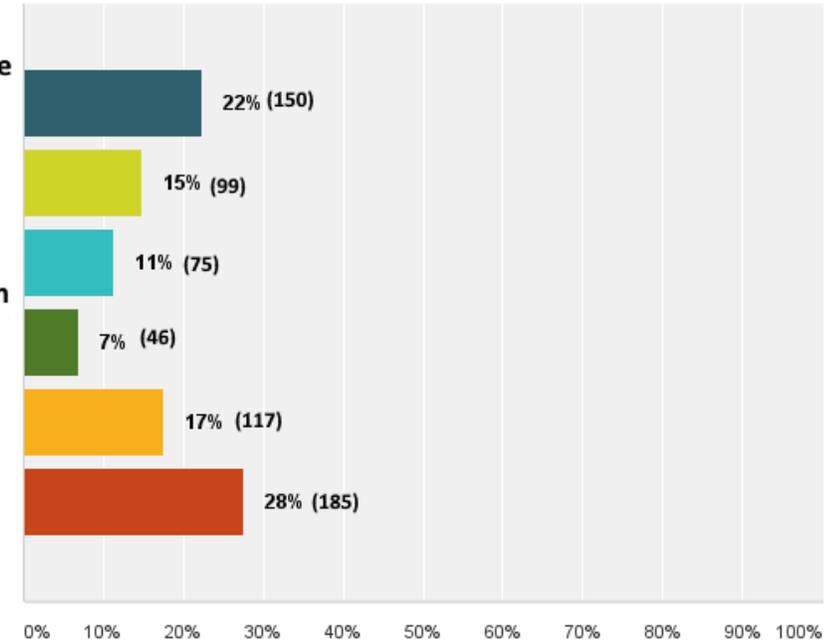
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Answered: 671 Skipped: 48

**Q6. What is your experience w/ Wellesley elementary schools?**

**A. Had children in Wellesley elementary schools in past**



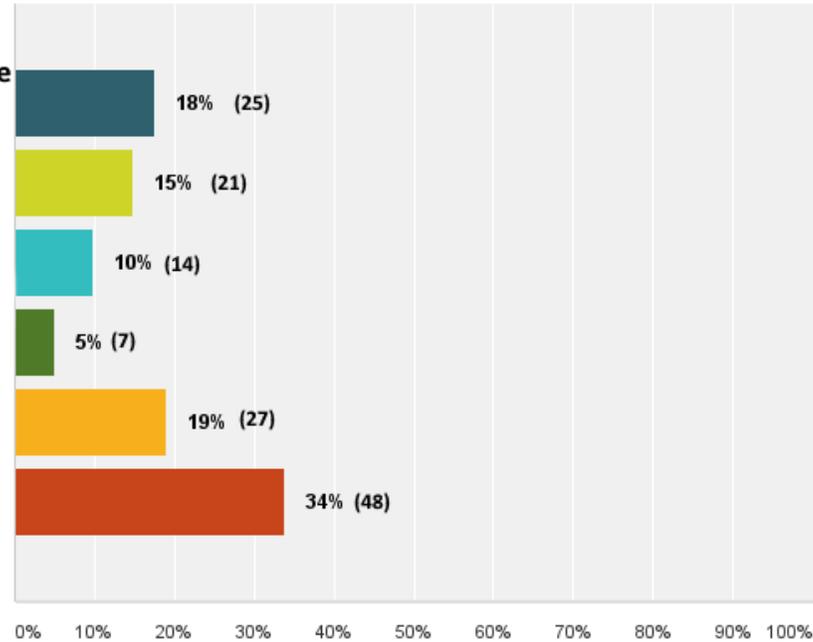
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Answered: 142 Skipped: 14

## Question 13 by Experience with Wellesley Elementary Schools

**Q6. What is your experience w/ Wellesley elementary schools?**

**A. No experience**



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Answered: 149 Skipped: 10

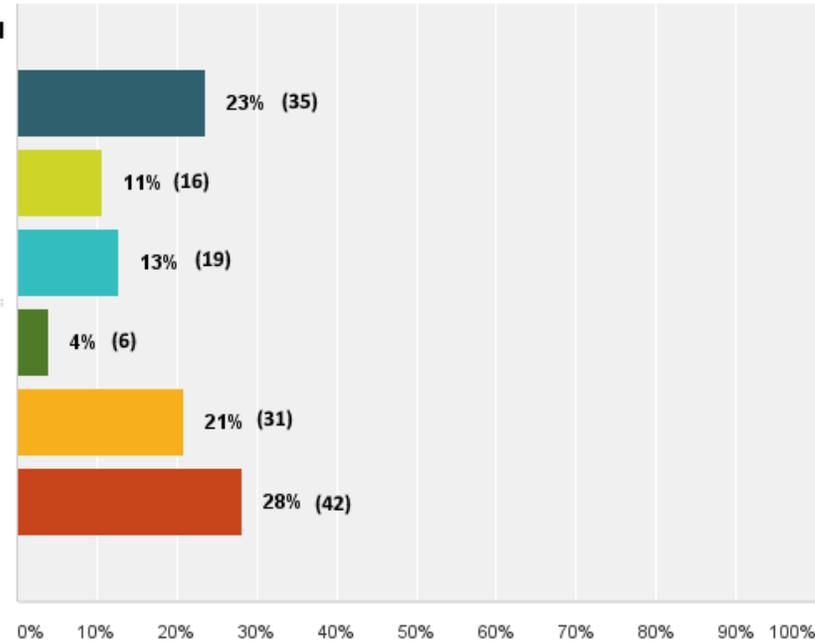
**Question 13 by Town Meeting Members and Non-Town Meeting Members**

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Answered: 1,725 Skipped: 156

**Q4. Are you a Town Meeting Member?**

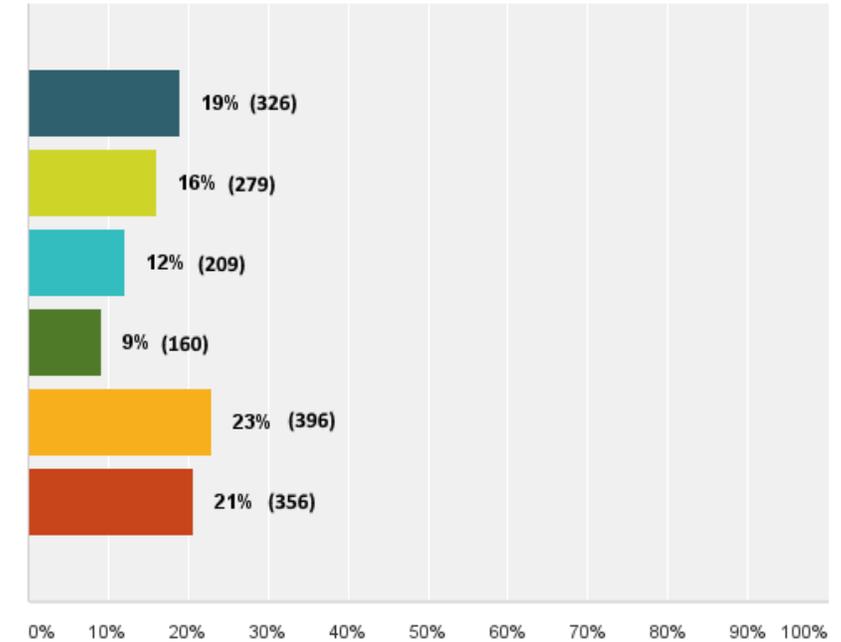
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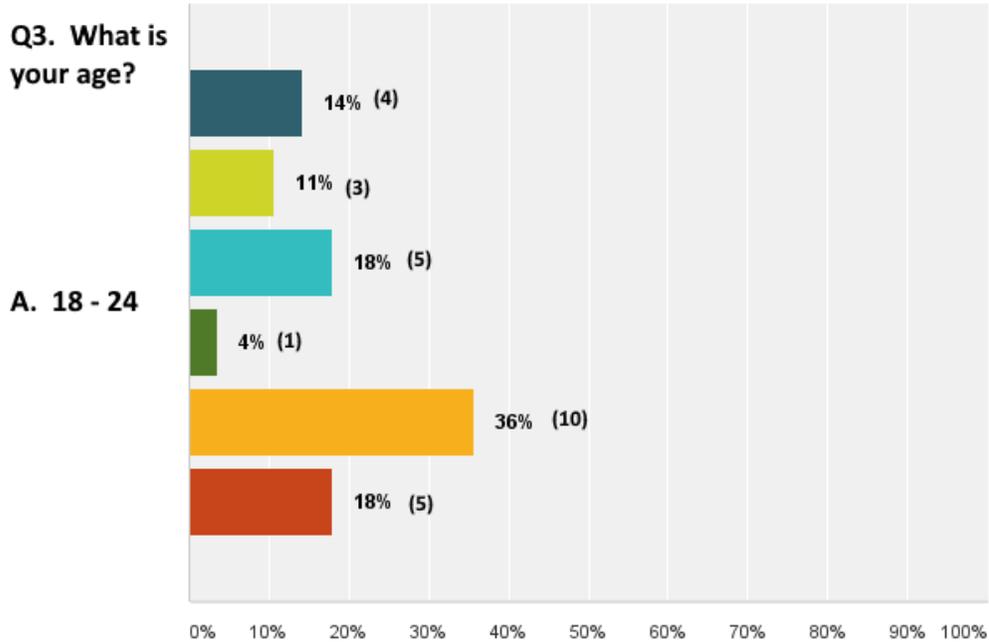
**A. No**



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Answered: 28 Skipped: 11

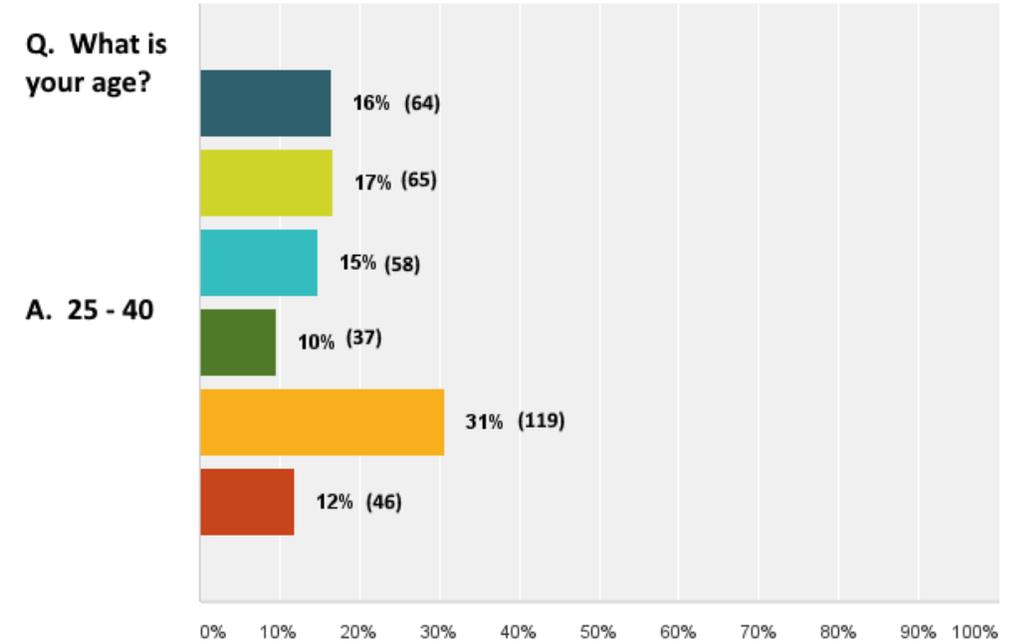


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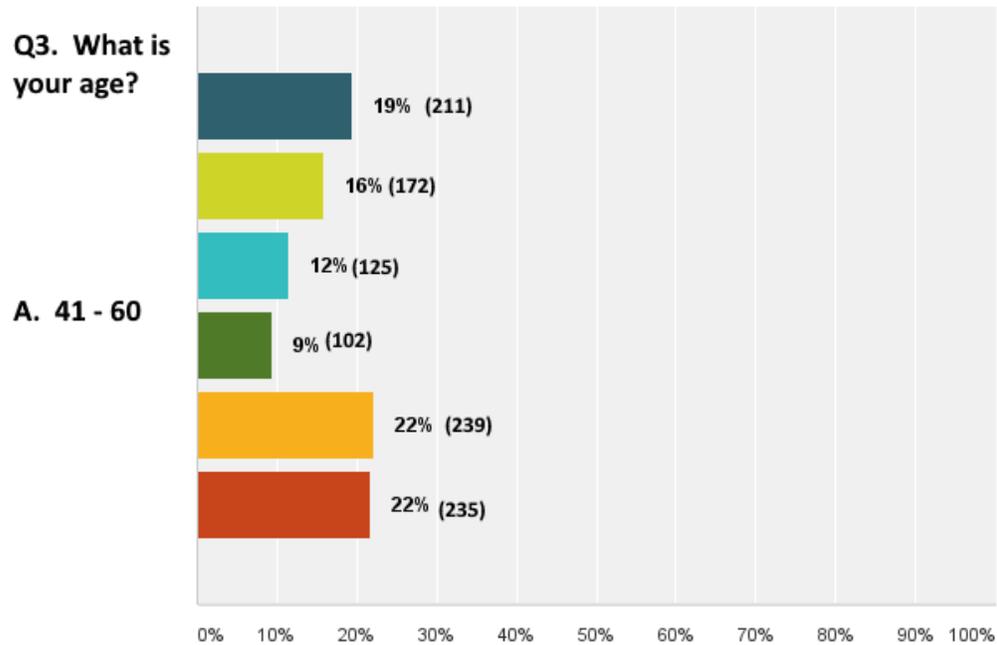
Answered: 389 Skipped: 31



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Answered: 1,084 Skipped: 96

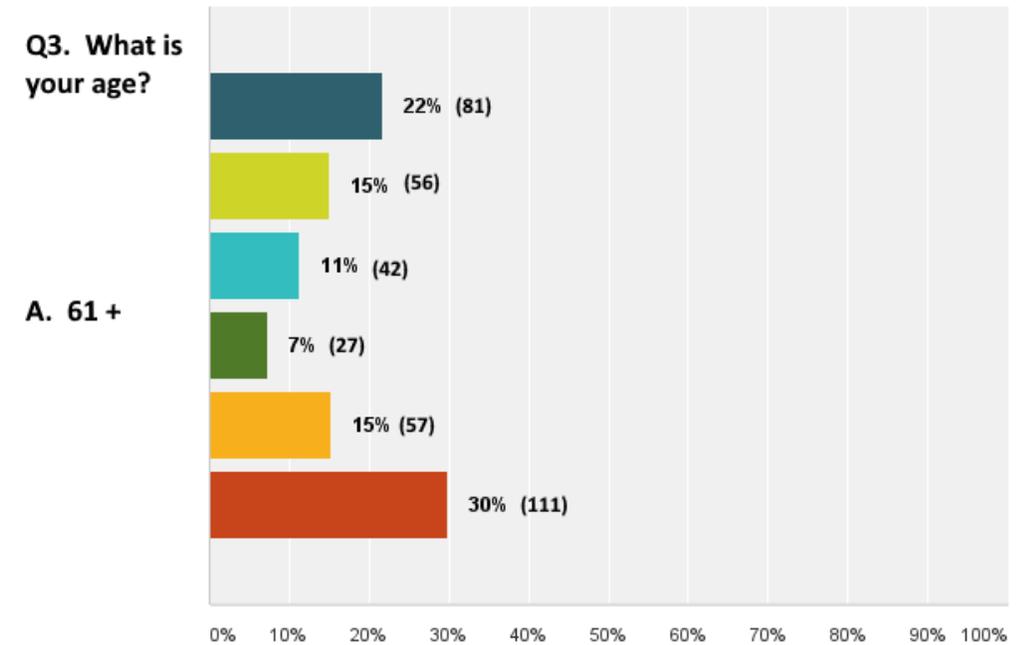


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Answered: 373 Skipped: 28



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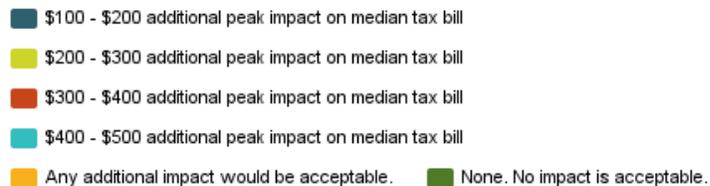
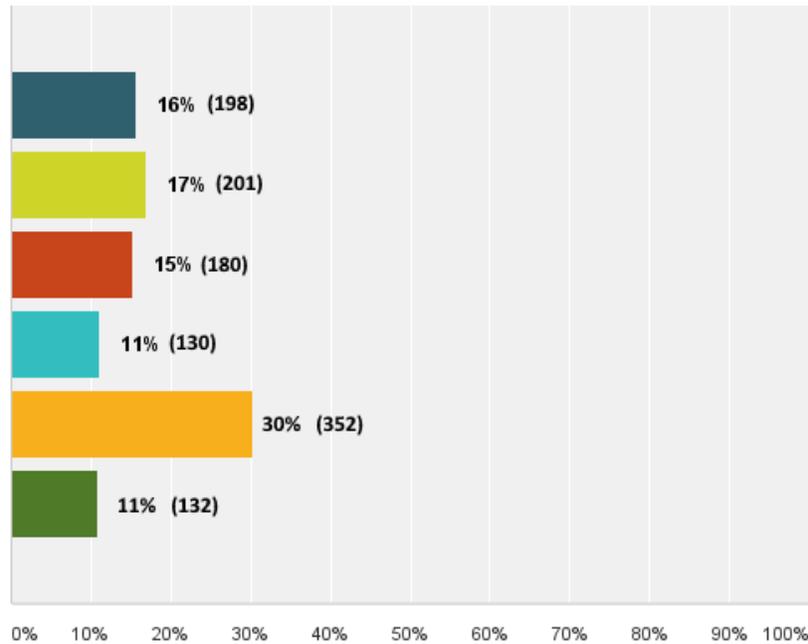
Tax impact tolerance of those who would/would not support consolidation

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**Q11. Would you support a plan that involved closing 1 school & consolidating into 2 schools?**

Answered: 1,193 Skipped: 56

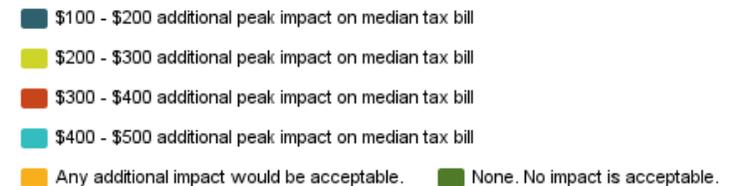
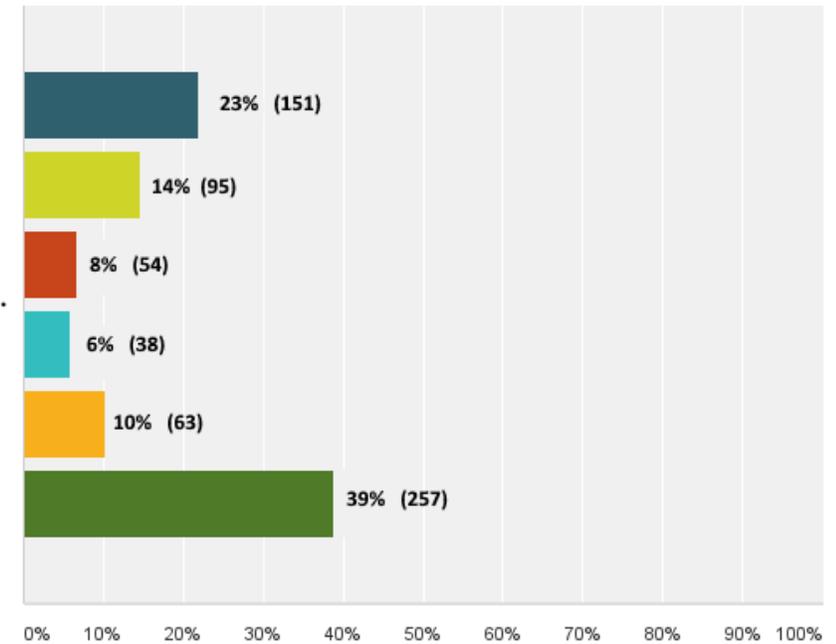
**A. No, because...**



**Q11. Would you support a plan that involved closing 1 school & consolidating into 2 schools?**

Answered: 658 Skipped: 26

**A. Yes, because...**



**Q14 Please rank the following factors being considered by the Master Planning Committee in order of importance, where 1 = most important, 7 = least important(Drag and drop the following choices in order of preference, with your top choice in the first position and so on. Or you may use the drop down menu to select your ranking of each choice.)**

Answered: 1,804 Skipped: 261

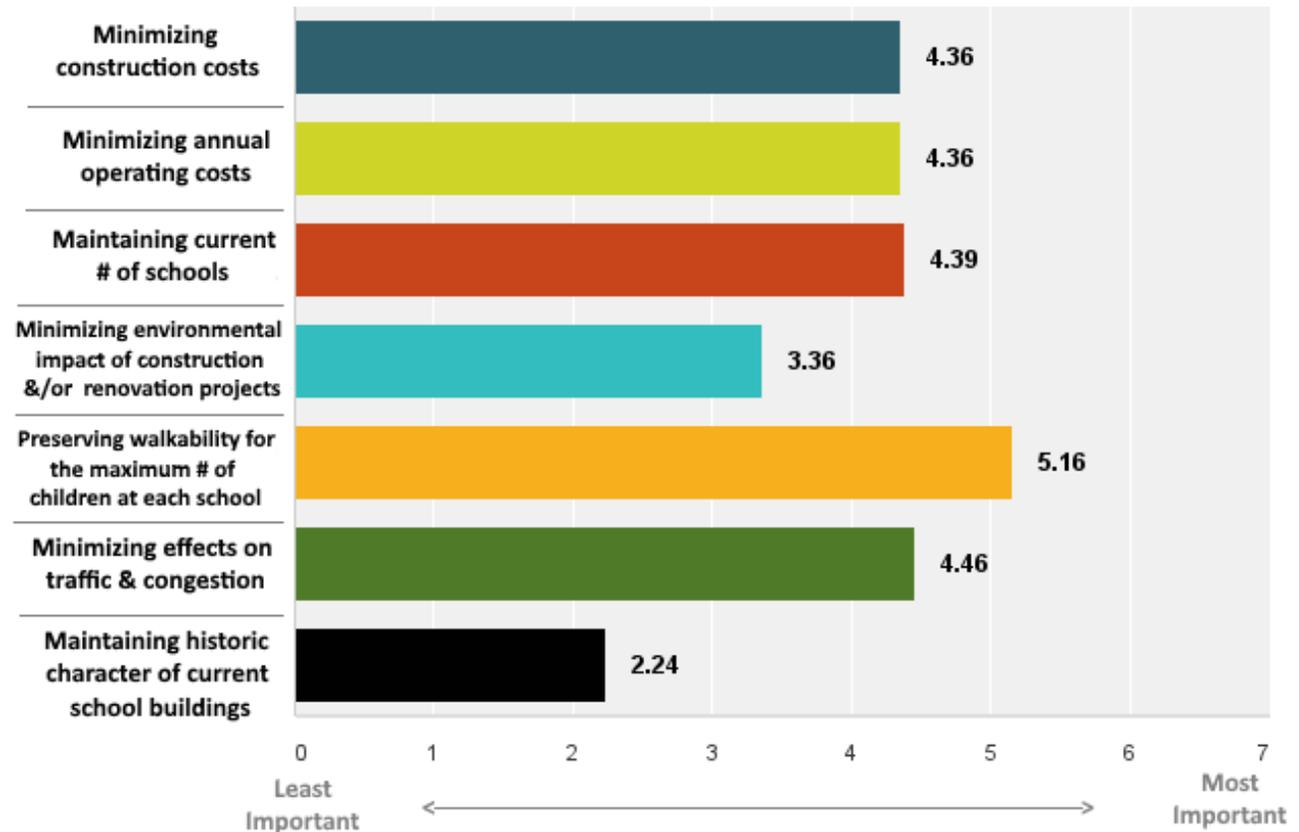


	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Minimizing construction costs	18% 299	16% 273	13% 215	17% 280	16% 271	12% 206	7% 124	1,668
Minimizing annual operating costs	15% 245	20% 331	13% 228	17% 286	16% 278	13% 227	6% 94	1,689
Maintaining current number of schools	34% 580	11% 183	7% 126	6% 103	8% 138	14% 236	19% 320	1,686
Minimizing environmental impact of construction/renovation projects	3% 49	6% 102	17% 297	19% 328	20% 343	21% 363	13% 222	1,704
Preserving walkability for the maximum number of children at each school	25% 428	29% 492	13% 214	12% 209	13% 224	6% 97	2% 34	1,698
Minimizing the effects on traffic and congestion	8% 141	16% 286	30% 533	20% 344	13% 227	9% 156	4% 62	1,749
Maintaining the historic character of current school buildings	2% 38	3% 58	6% 108	9% 153	11% 195	21% 375	47% 828	1,755

# Weighted Averages of Factor Rankings

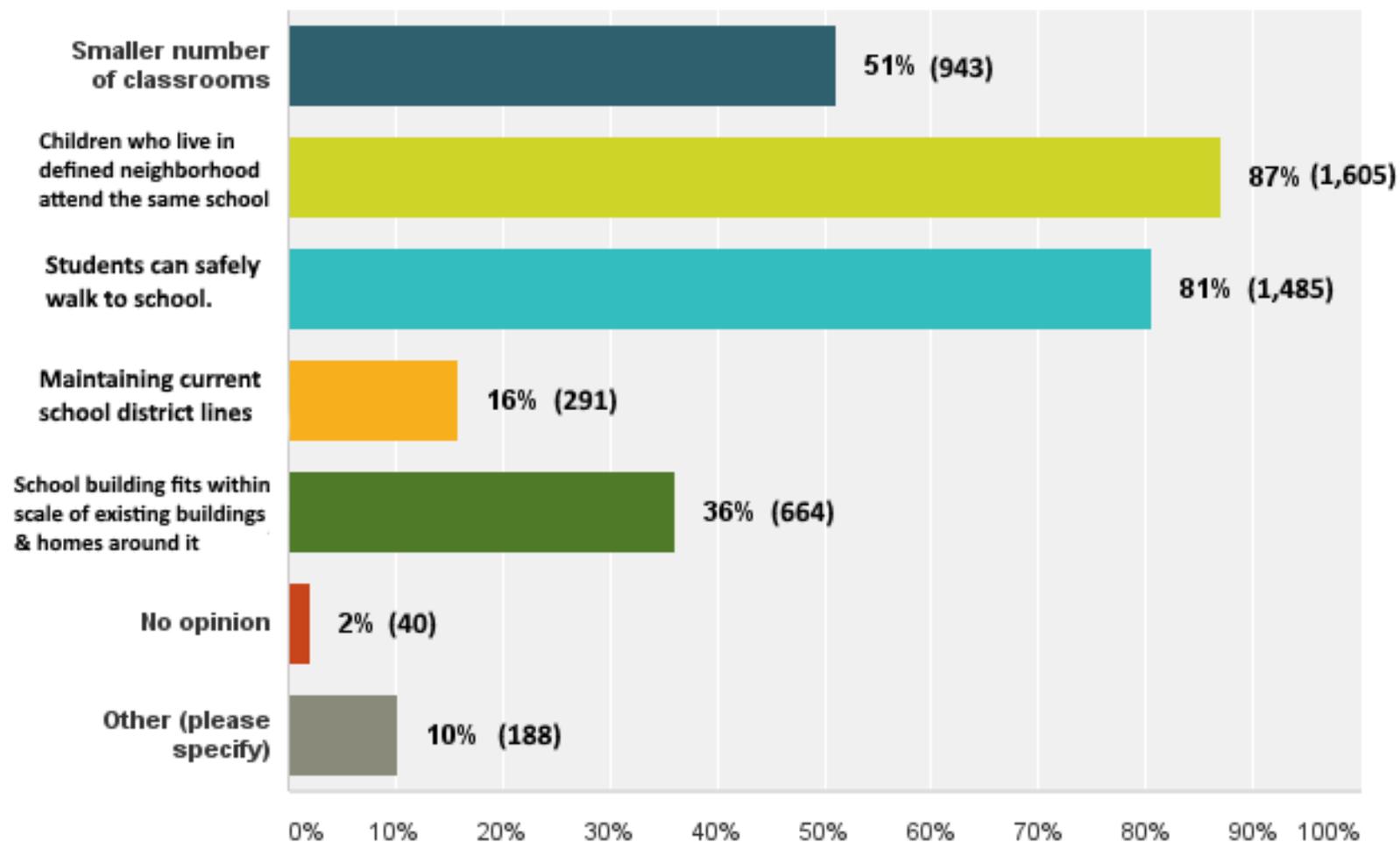
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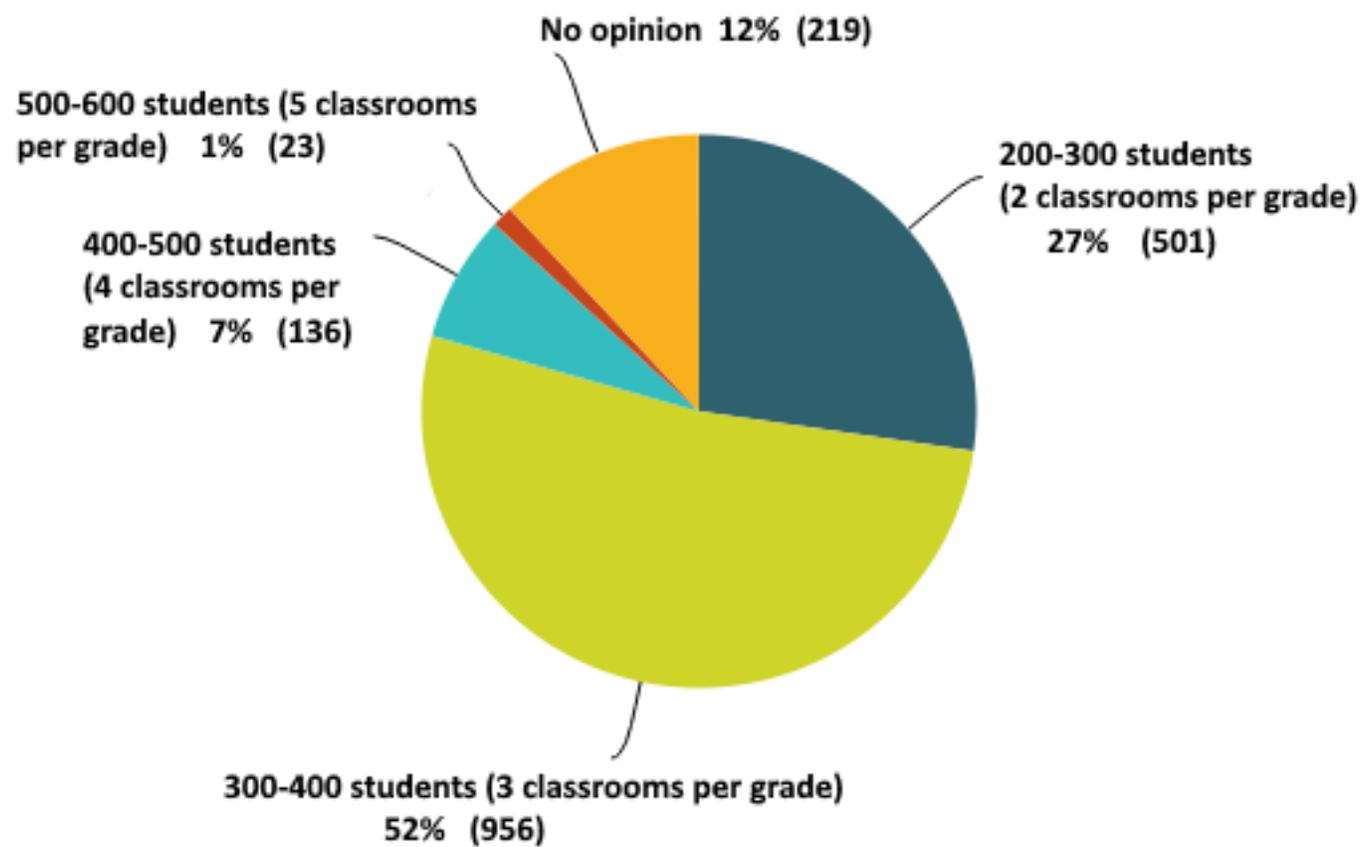
## Q15 What do you consider features of a neighborhood school? (Choose all that apply.)

Answered: 1,842 Skipped: 223



## Q16 What do you consider the optimal size for an elementary school?

Answered: 1,835 Skipped: 230

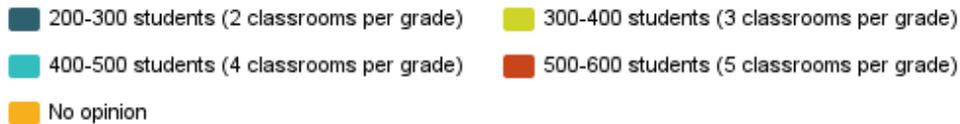
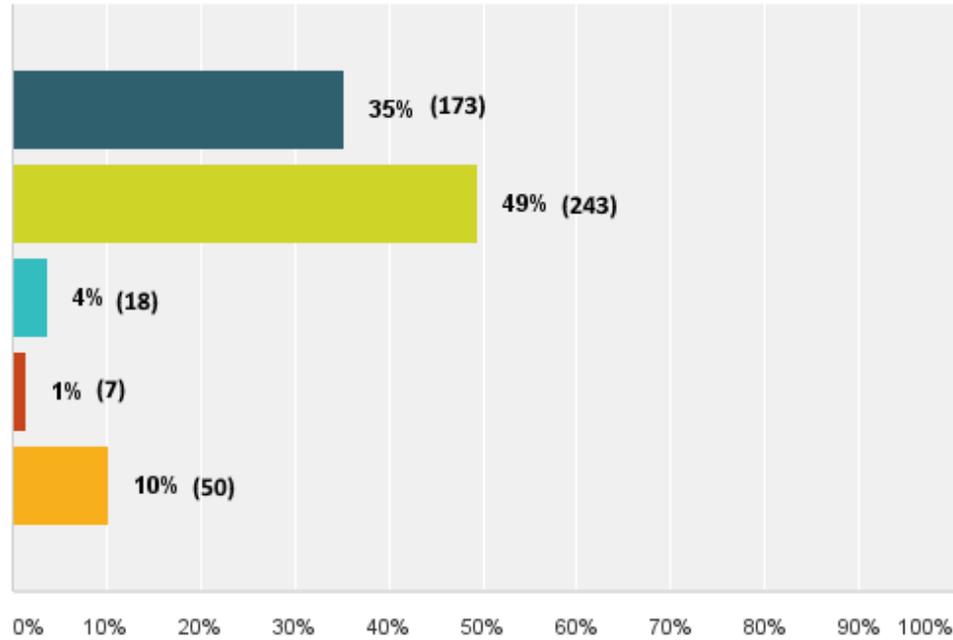


### Q16 What do you consider the optimal size for an elementary school?

Answered: 491 Skipped: 47

Q7. Which school district do you live in?

A. Hardy

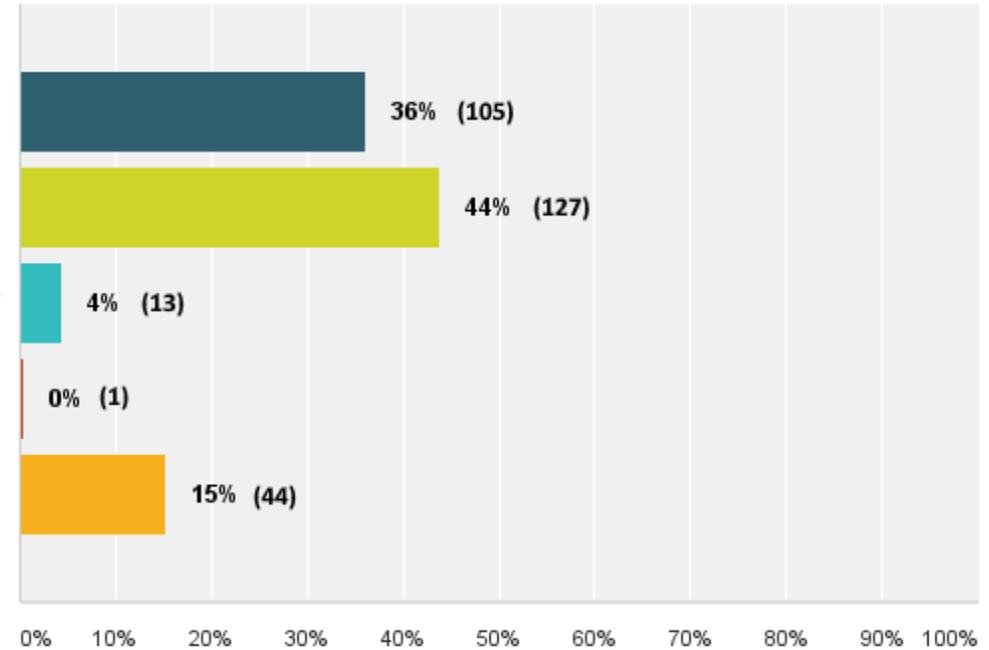


### Q16 What do you consider the optimal size for an elementary school?

Answered: 290 Skipped: 23

Q7. Which school district do you live in?

A. Hunnewell



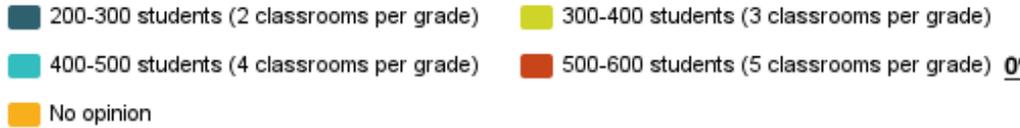
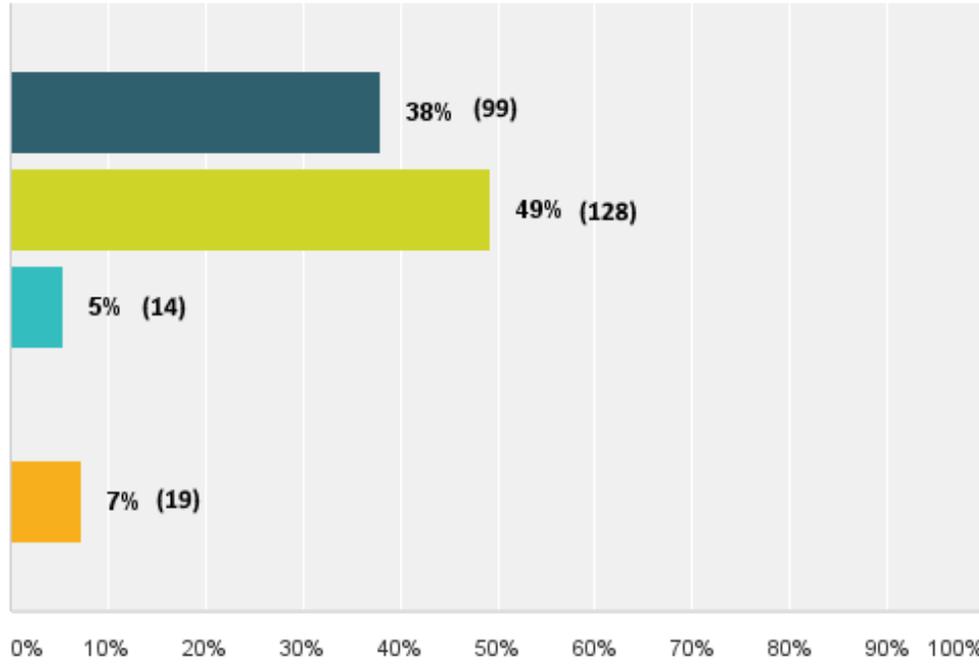
## Question 16 by School District

### Q16 What do you consider the optimal size for an elementary school?

Answered: 260 Skipped: 34

Q6. Which school district do you live in?

A. Upham

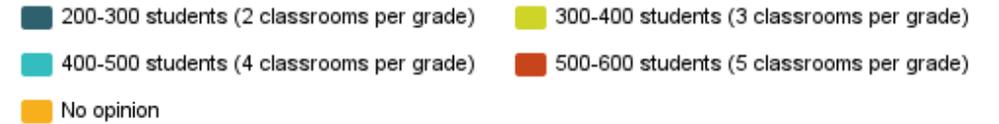
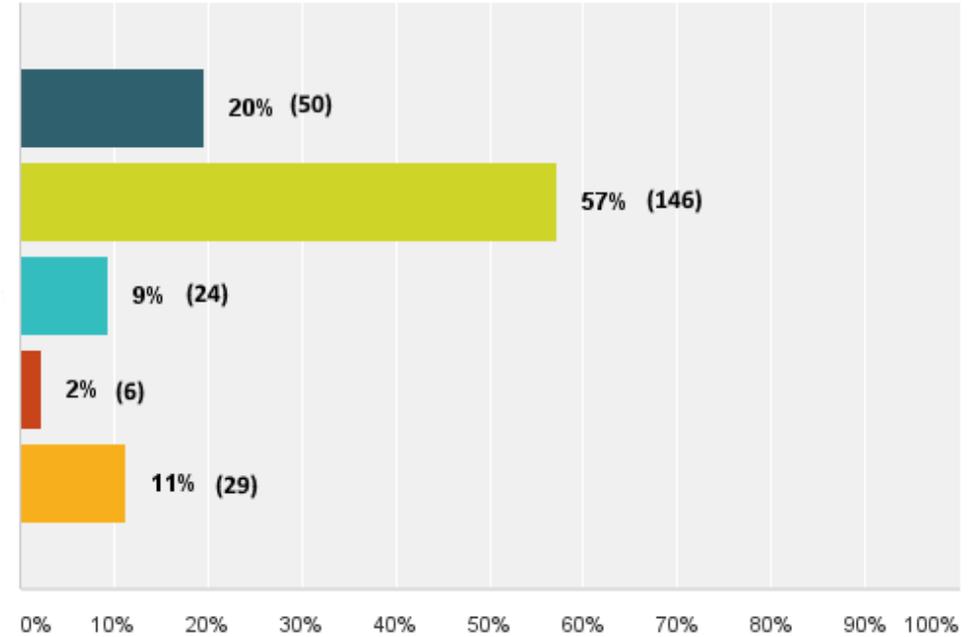


### Q16 What do you consider the optimal size for an elementary school?

Answered: 255 Skipped: 42

Q7. Which school district do you live in?

A. Bates



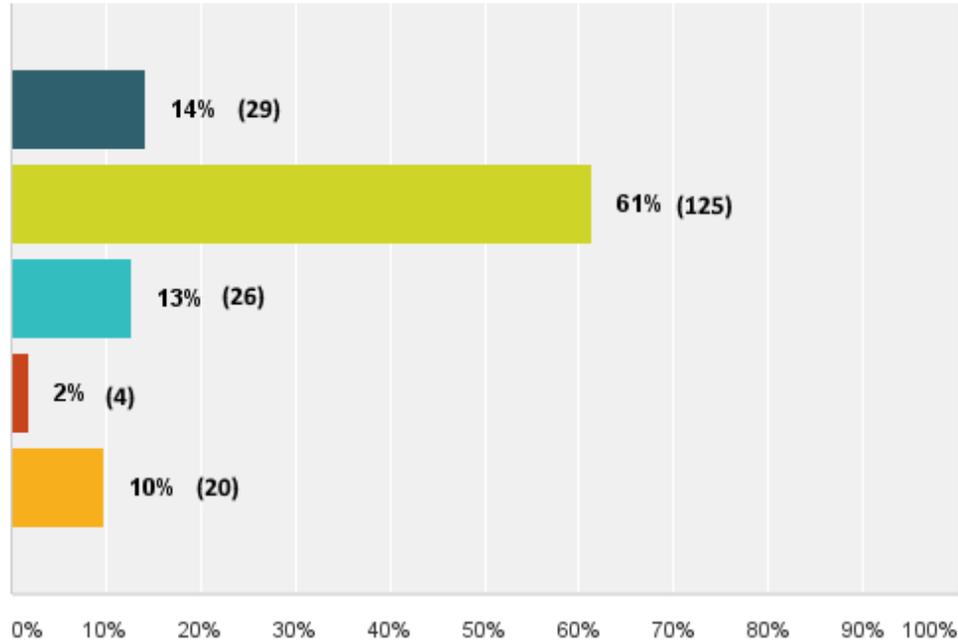
## Question 16 by School District

### Q16 What do you consider the optimal size for an elementary school?

Answered: 204 Skipped: 28

Q7. Which school district do you live in?

A. Sprague

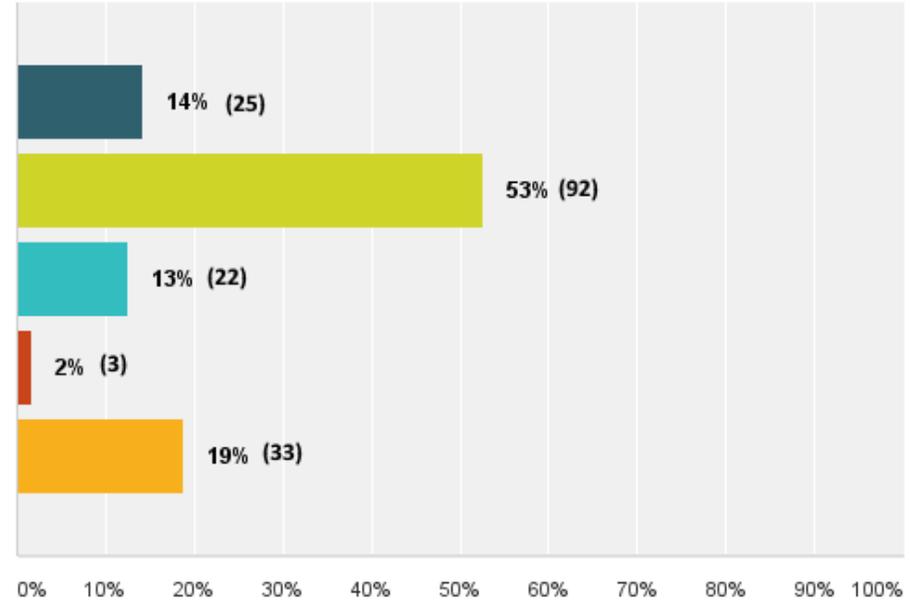


### Q16 What do you consider the optimal size for an elementary school?

Answered: 175 Skipped: 22

Q7. Which school district do you live in?

A. Schofield



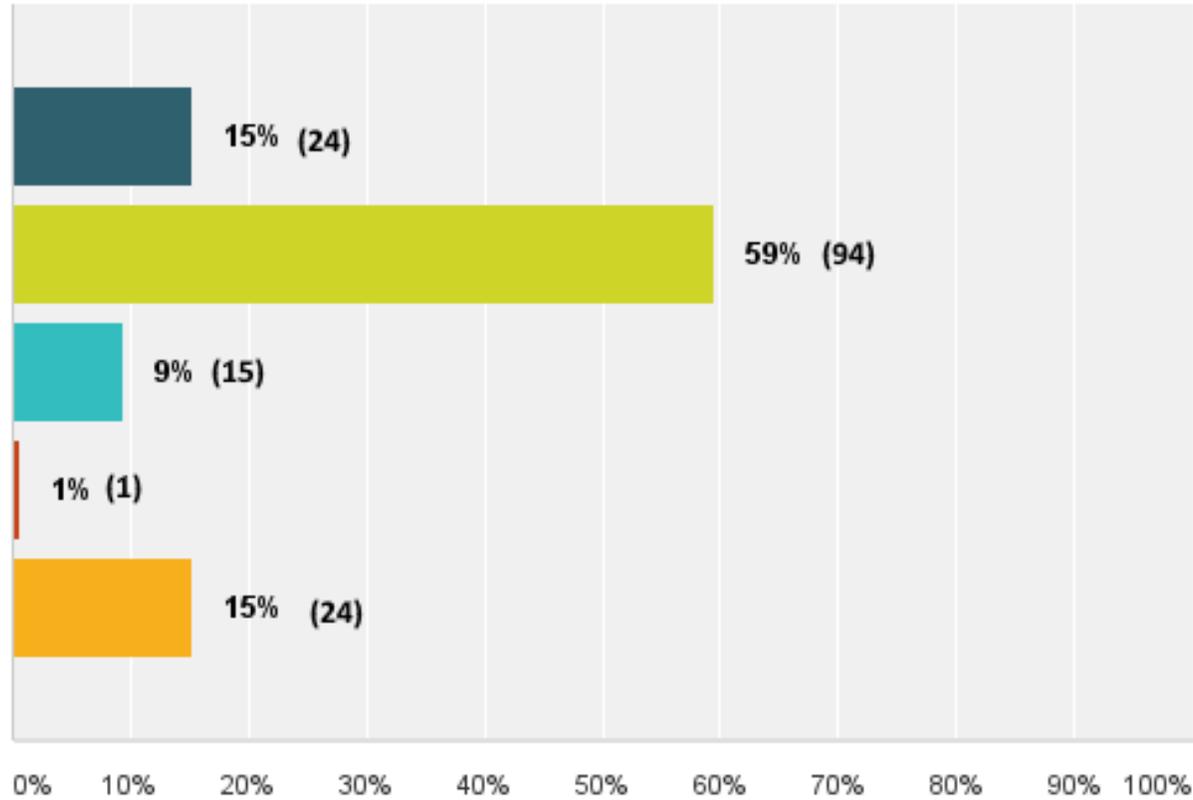
## Question 16 by School District

# Q16 What do you consider the optimal size for an elementary school?

Answered: 158 Skipped: 21

Q7. Which school district do you live in?

A. Fiske



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- 300-400 students (3 classrooms per grade)
- 400-500 students (4 classrooms per grade)
- 500-600 students (5 classrooms per grade)
- No opinion

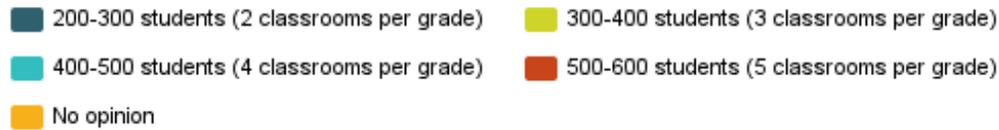
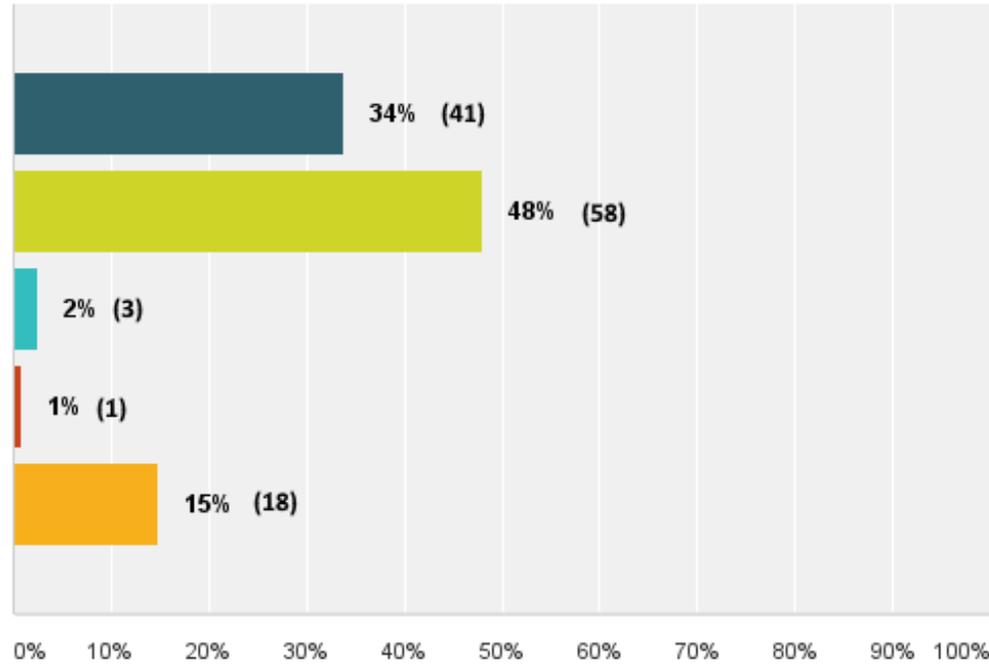
Question 16  
by School District

### Q16 What do you consider the optimal size for an elementary school?

Answered: 121 Skipped: 15

Q6. What is your experience w/ Wellesley elementary schools?

A. Expect to have children in Wellesley elementary schools in future

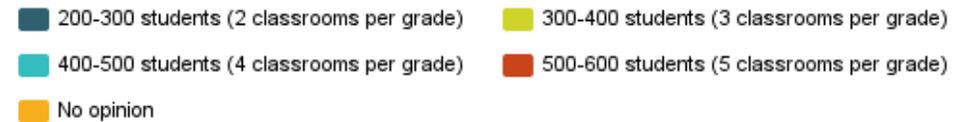
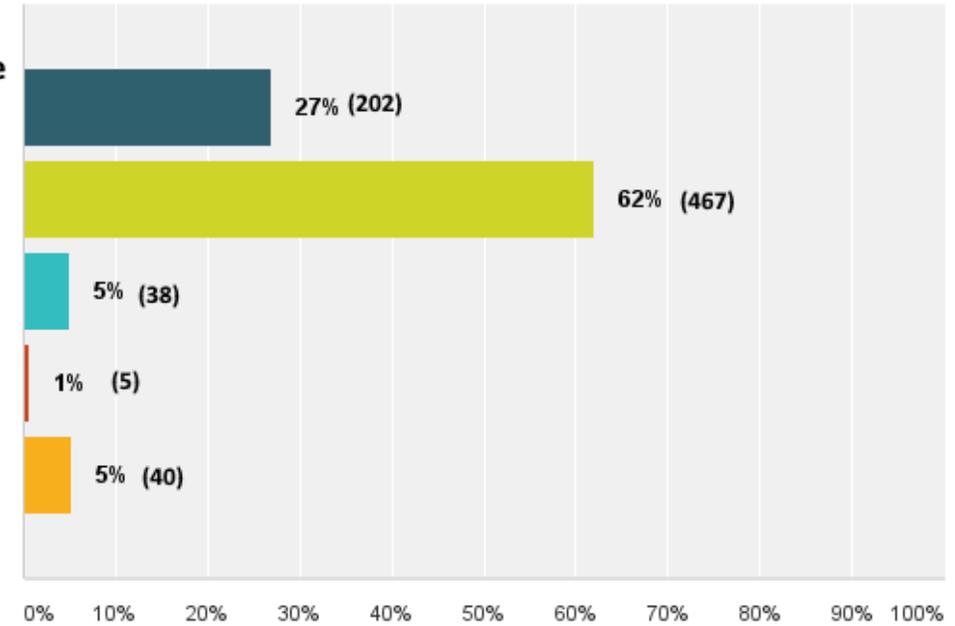


### Q16 What do you consider the optimal size for an elementary school?

Answered: 752 Skipped: 90

Q6. What is your experience w/ Wellesley elementary schools?

A. Currently have children in Wellesley elementary schools



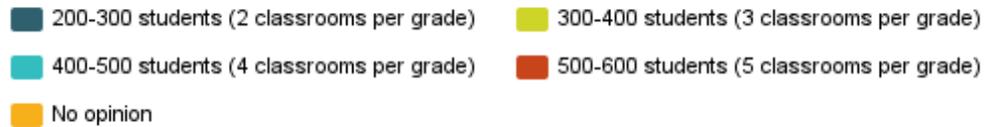
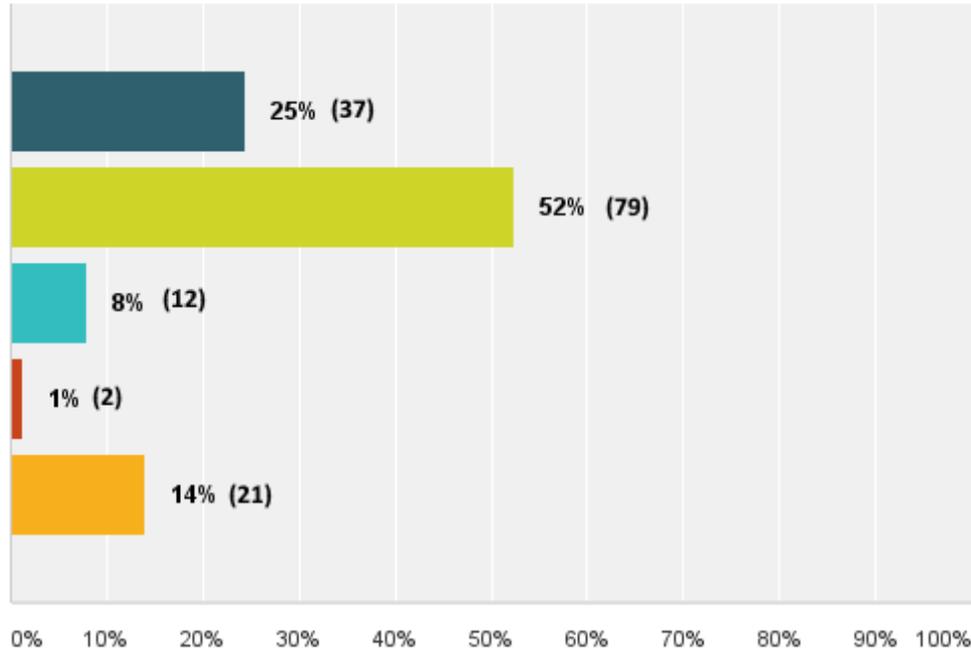
Question 16 by Experience with Wellesley Schools

## Q16 What do you consider the optimal size for an elementary school?

Answered: 151 Skipped: 26

Q6. What is your experience w/ Wellesley elementary schools?

A. Currently have or have had children in other grade levels

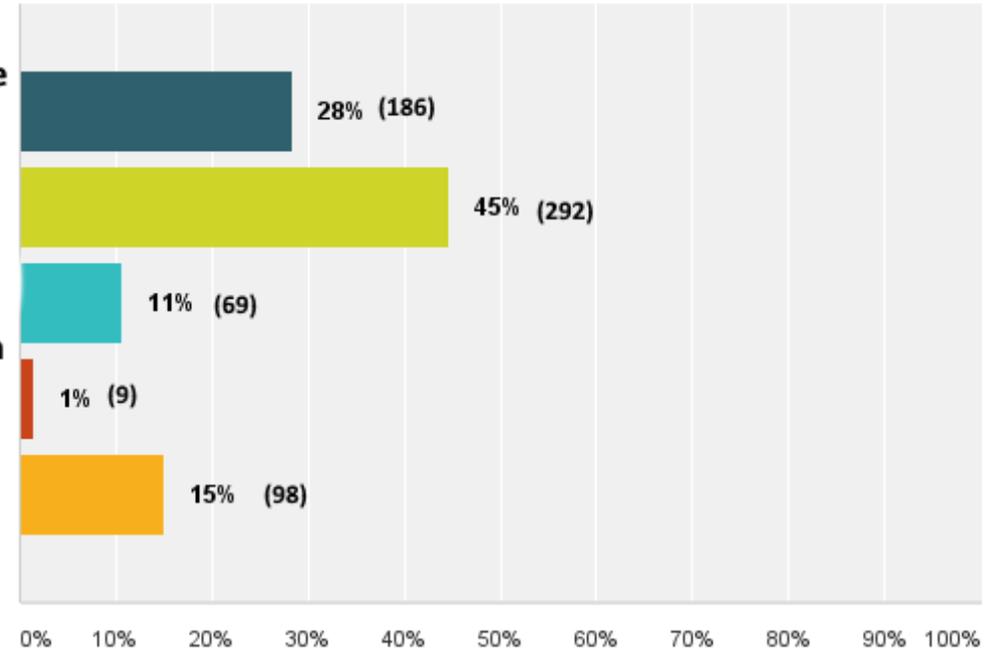


## Q16 What do you consider the optimal size for an elementary school?

Answered: 654 Skipped: 65

Q6. What is your experience w/ Wellesley elementary schools?

A. Had children in Wellesley elementary schools in past



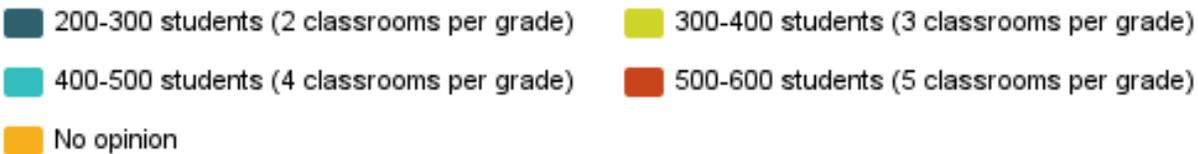
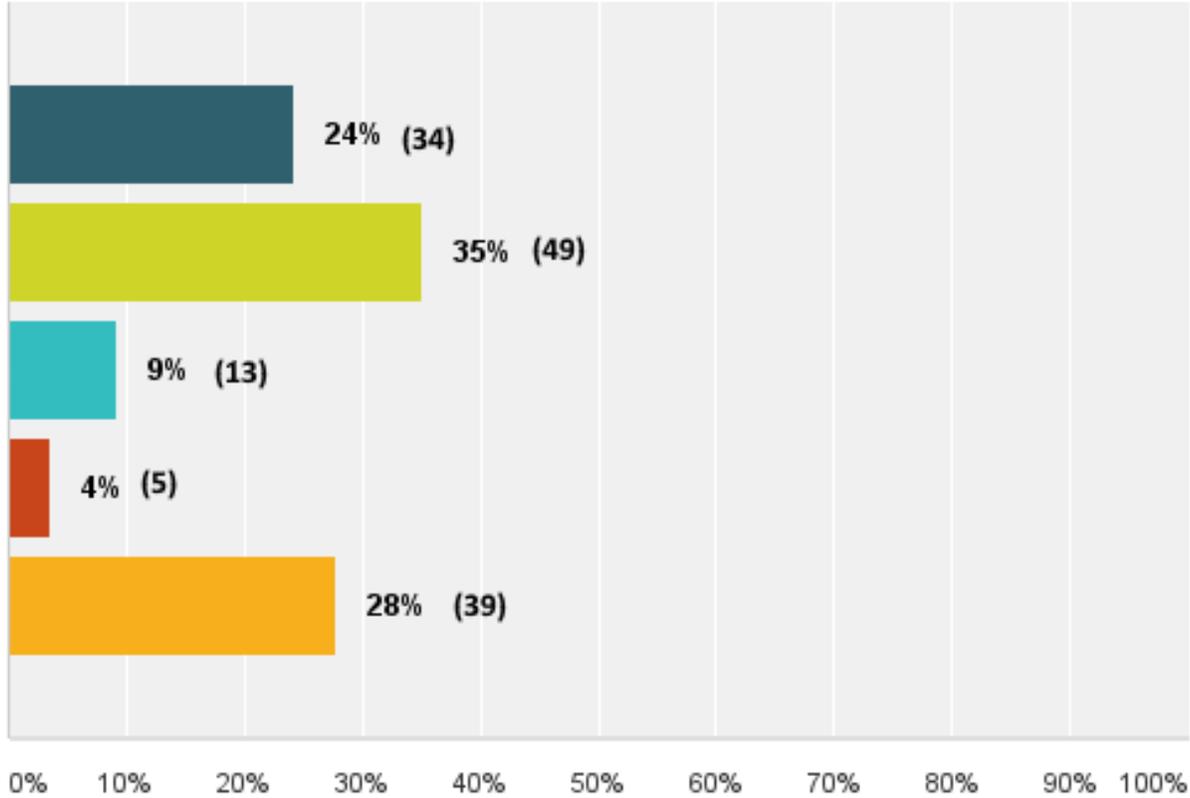
Question 16 by  
Experience with Wellesley Schools

# Q16 What do you consider the optimal size for an elementary school?

Answered: 140 Skipped: 16

Q6. What is your experience w/ Wellesley elementary schools?

A. No experience



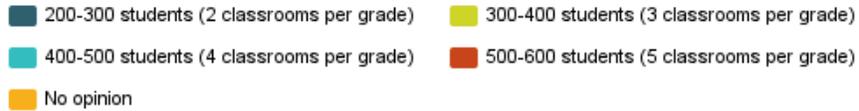
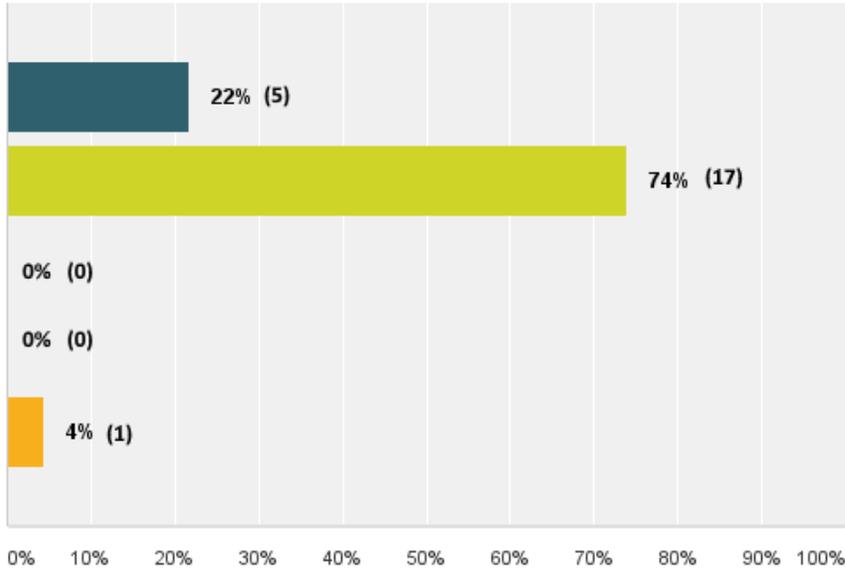
Question 16 by Experience with Wellesley Schools

### Q16 What do you consider the optimal size for an elementary school?

Answered: 23 Skipped: 16

Q3. What is your age?

A. 18 - 24

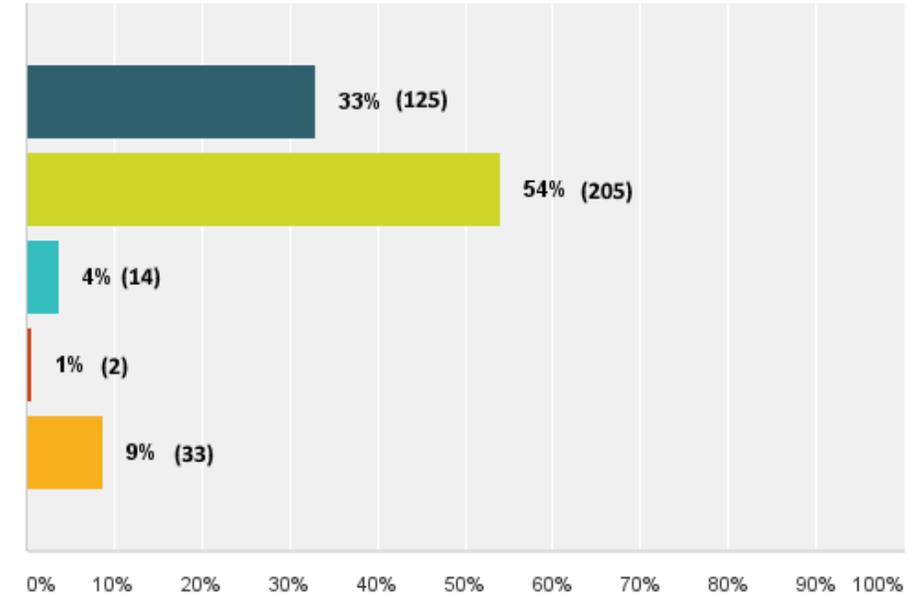


### Q16 What do you consider the optimal size for an elementary school?

Answered: 379 Skipped: 41

Q3. What is your age?

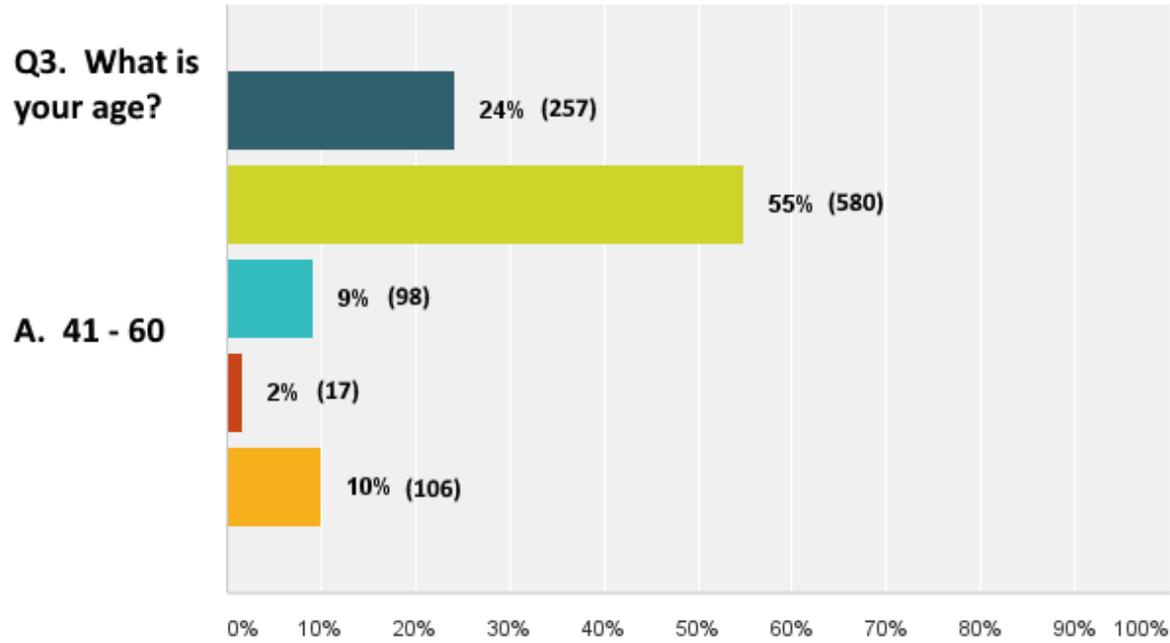
A. 25 - 40



## Question 16 by Age

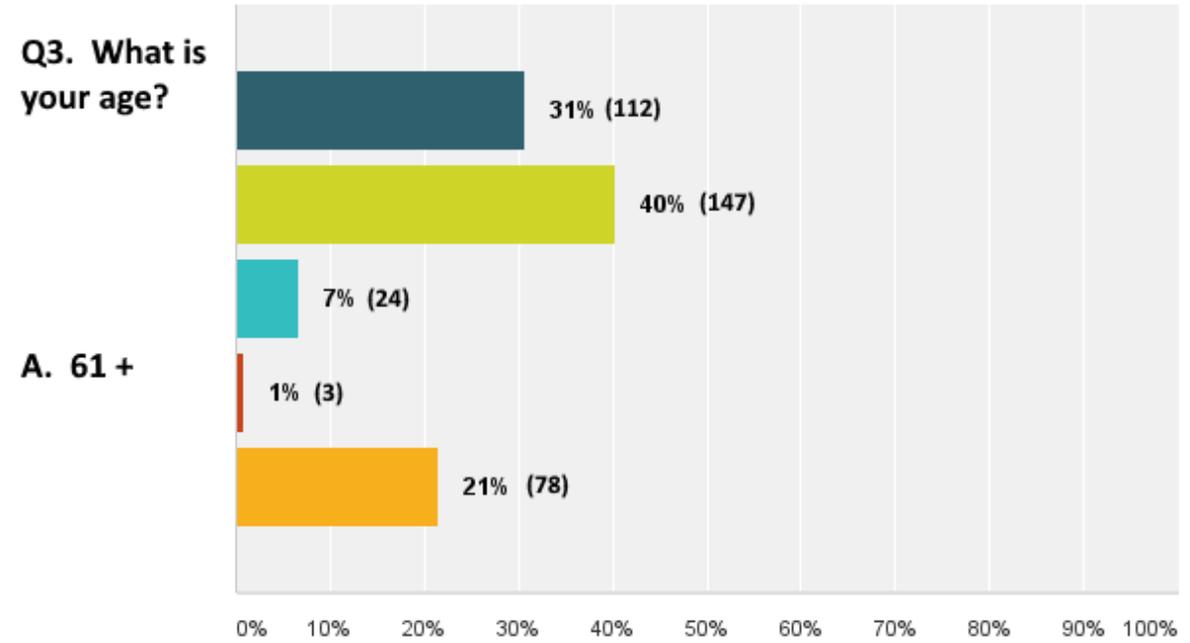
### Q16 What do you consider the optimal size for an elementary school?

Answered: 1,058 Skipped: 122



### Q16 What do you consider the optimal size for an elementary school?

Answered: 364 Skipped: 37

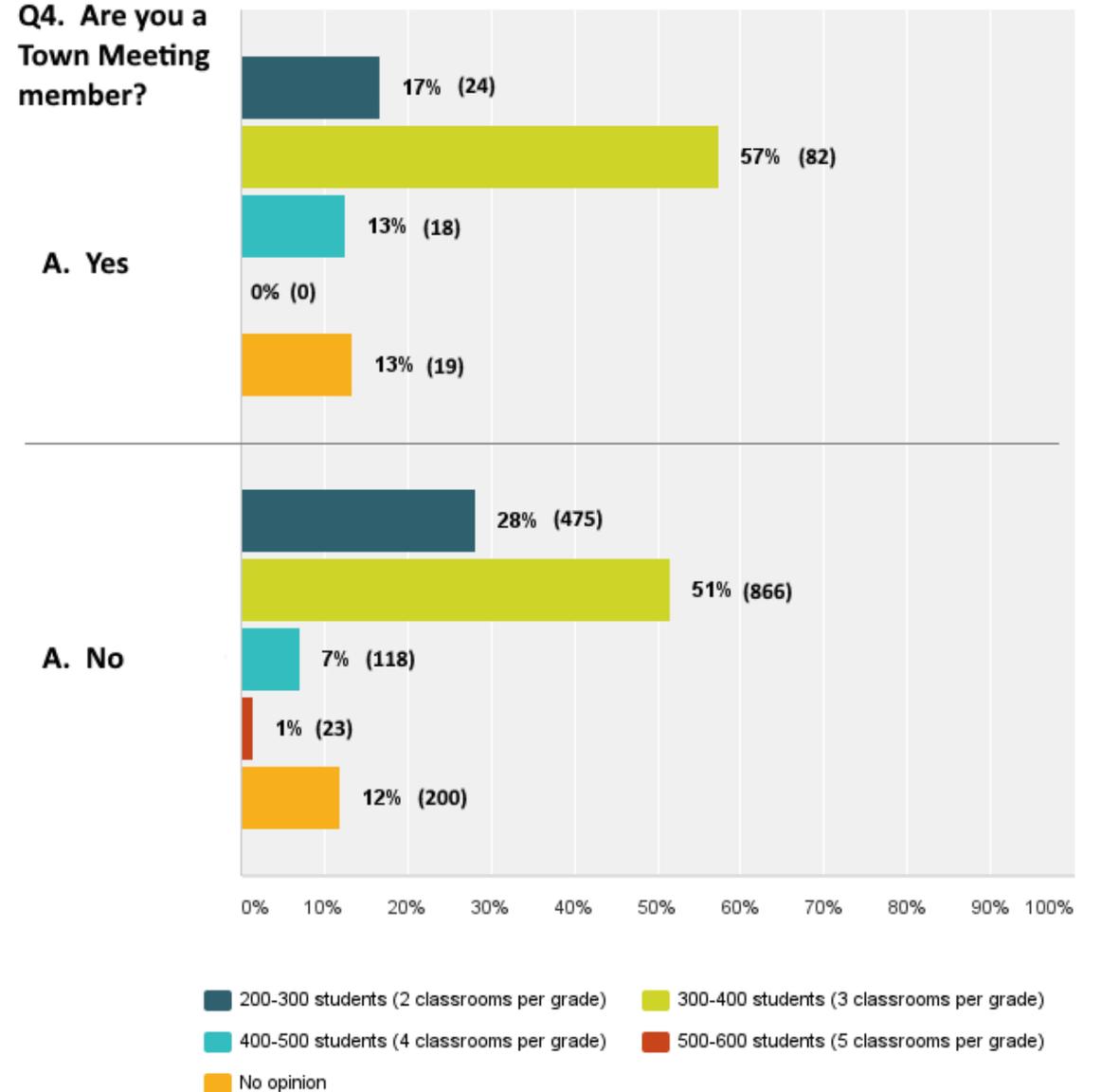


## Question 16 by Age

# Question 16 by Town Meeting Members

## Q16 What do you consider the optimal size for an elementary school?

Answered: 1,825 Skipped: 215



**Q17 Please prioritize the following features for the use of temporary or “swing” educational space during construction, where 1 = most important, 4 = least important. (Assume all will have a similar high quality educational experience.) (Drag and drop the following choices in order of preference, with your top choice in the first position and so on. Or you may use the drop down menu to select your ranking of each choice.)**

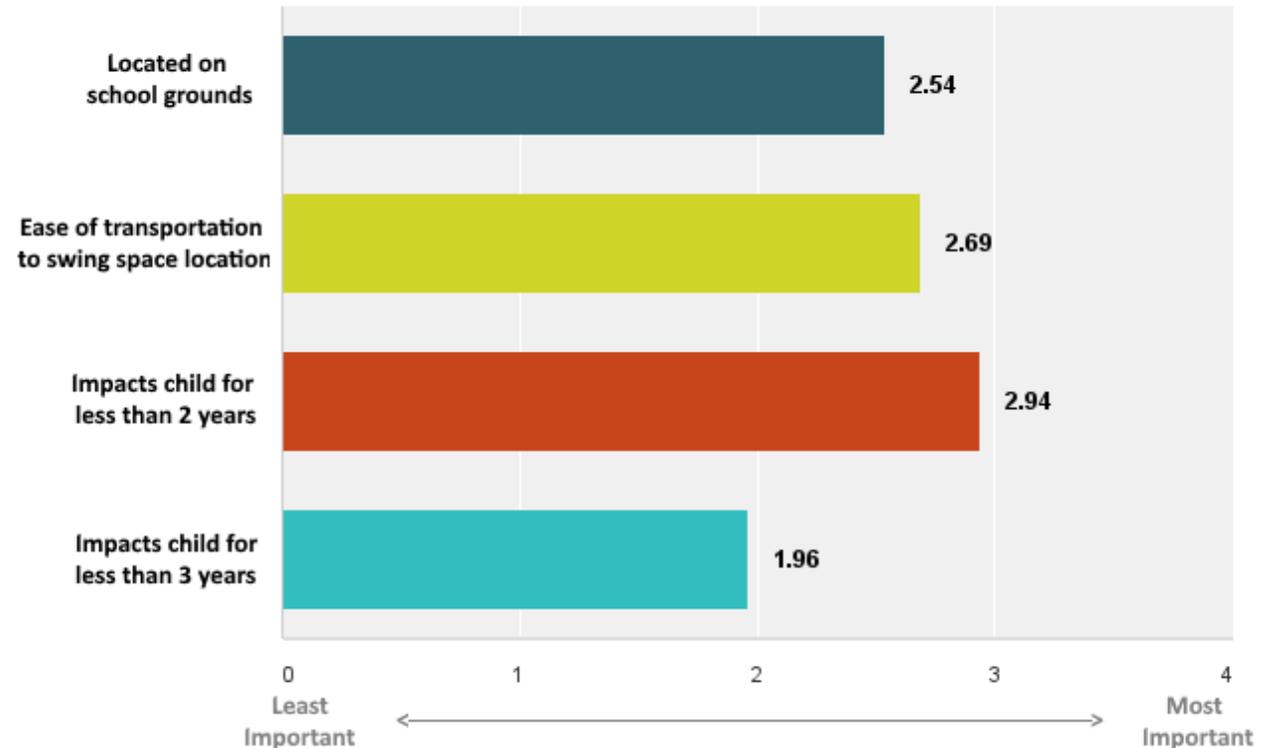
Answered: 1,774 Skipped: 291

	1	2	3	4	Total
Located on current school grounds	36% 604	15% 251	17% 281	33% 551	1,687
Ease of transportation to swing space location	25% 429	33% 557	27% 459	15% 247	1,692
Impacts child for less than 2 years	34% 581	33% 557	26% 437	7% 125	1,700
Impacts child for less than 3 years	9% 143	21% 349	29% 480	42% 709	1,681

## Weighted Averages of Swing Space Factors

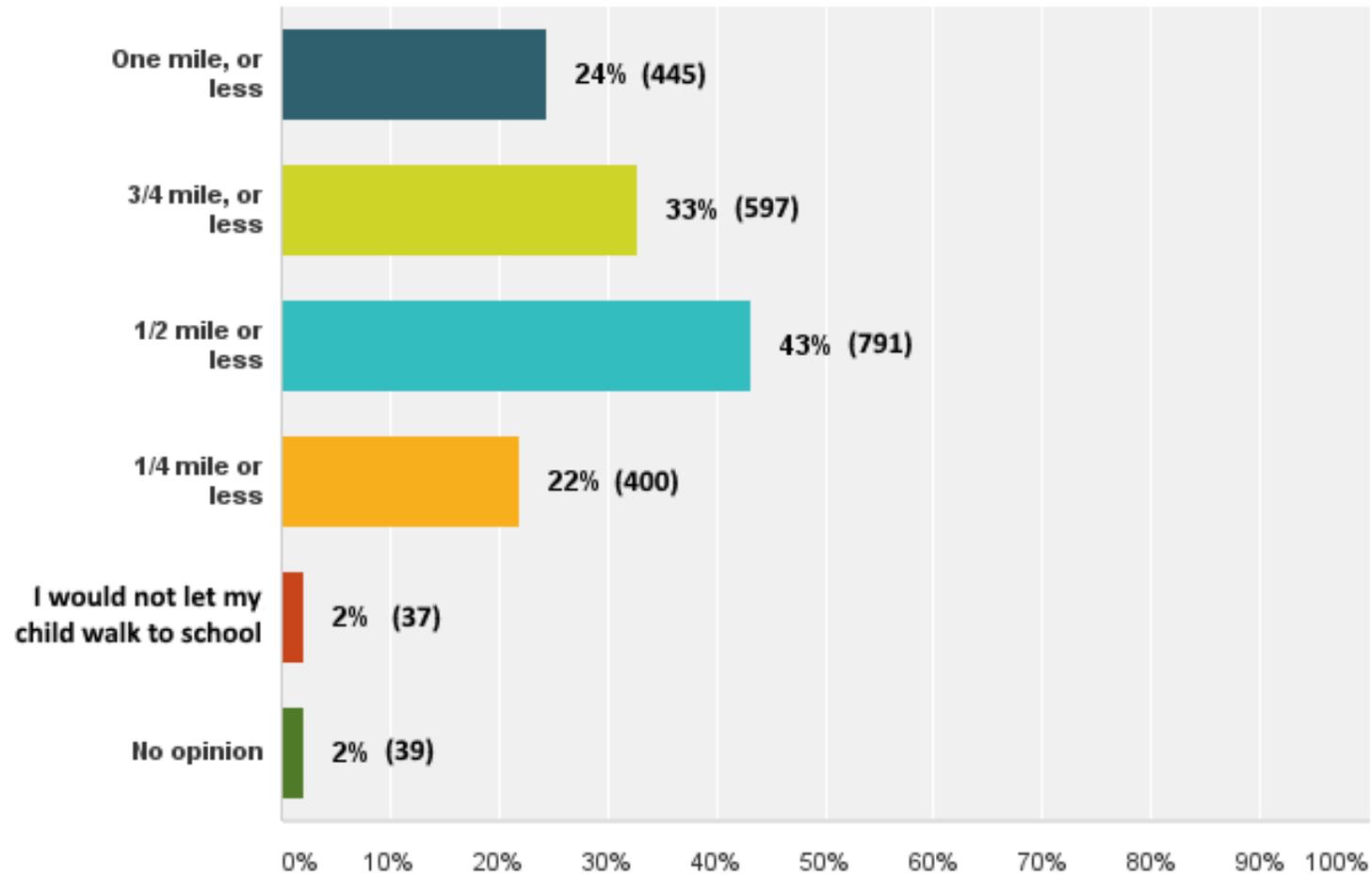
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Answered: 1,774 Skipped: 291



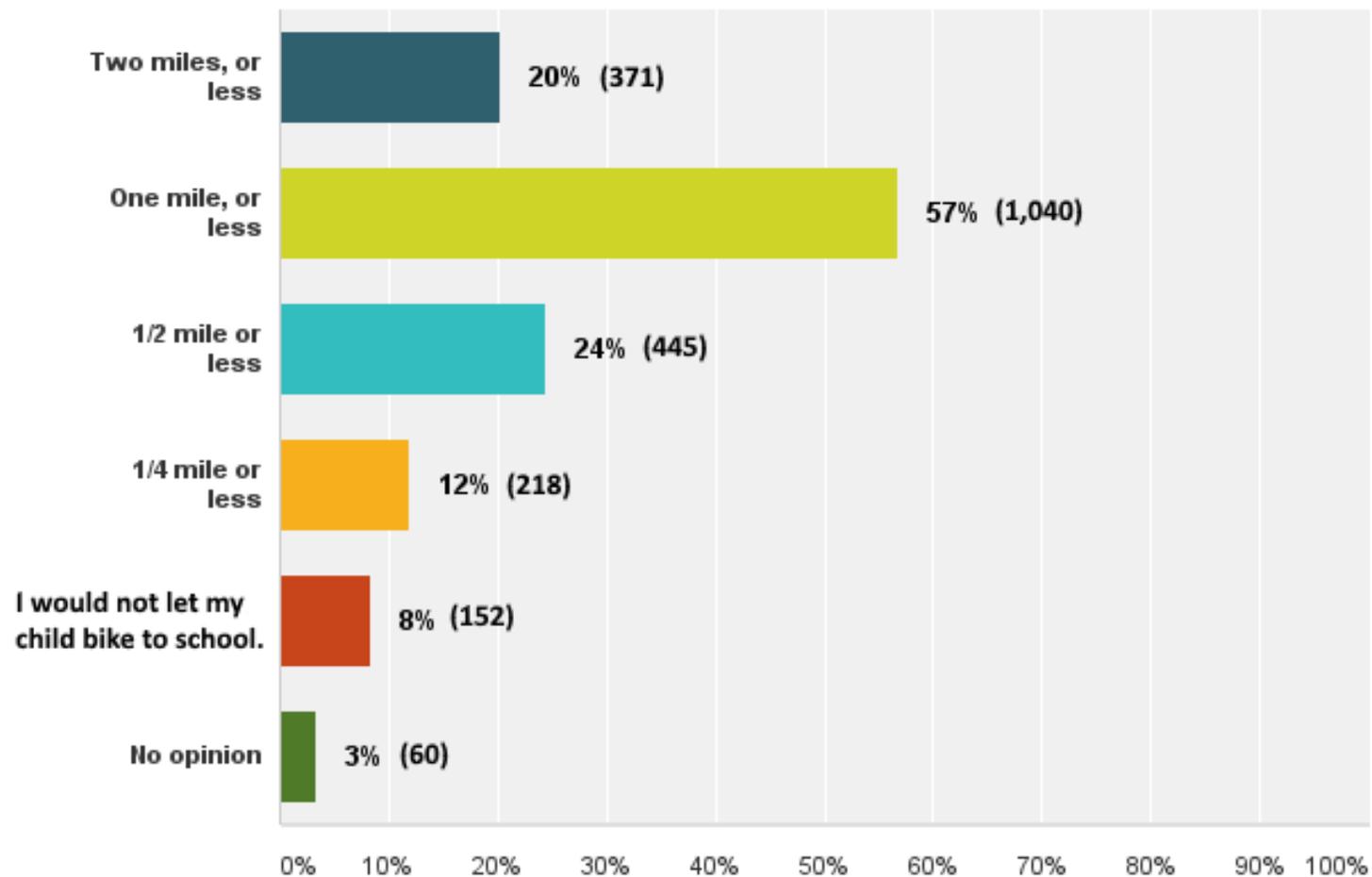
**Q18 What distance do you consider “walkable” for an elementary school-aged child, assuming good weather and a safe route?(Choose all that apply.)**

Answered: 1,827 Skipped: 238



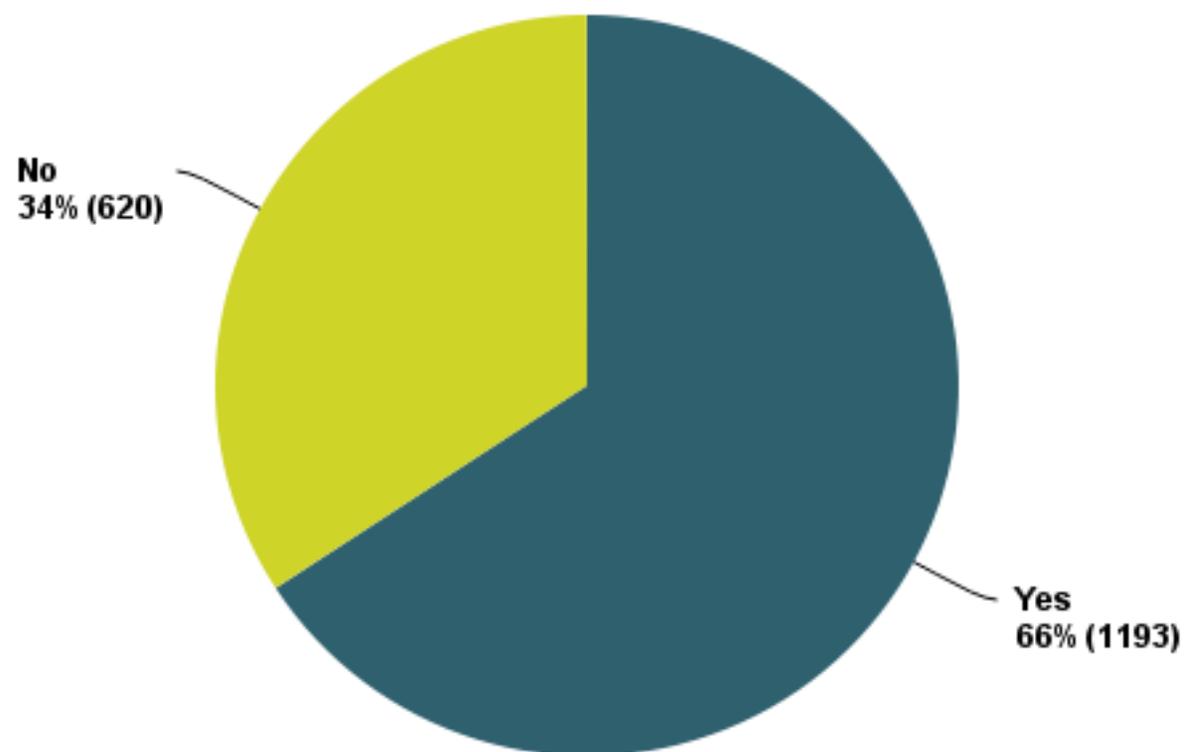
**Q19 What distance do you consider “bike-able” for an elementary school-aged child, assuming good weather and a safe route?  
(Choose all that apply.)**

Answered: 1,829 Skipped: 236



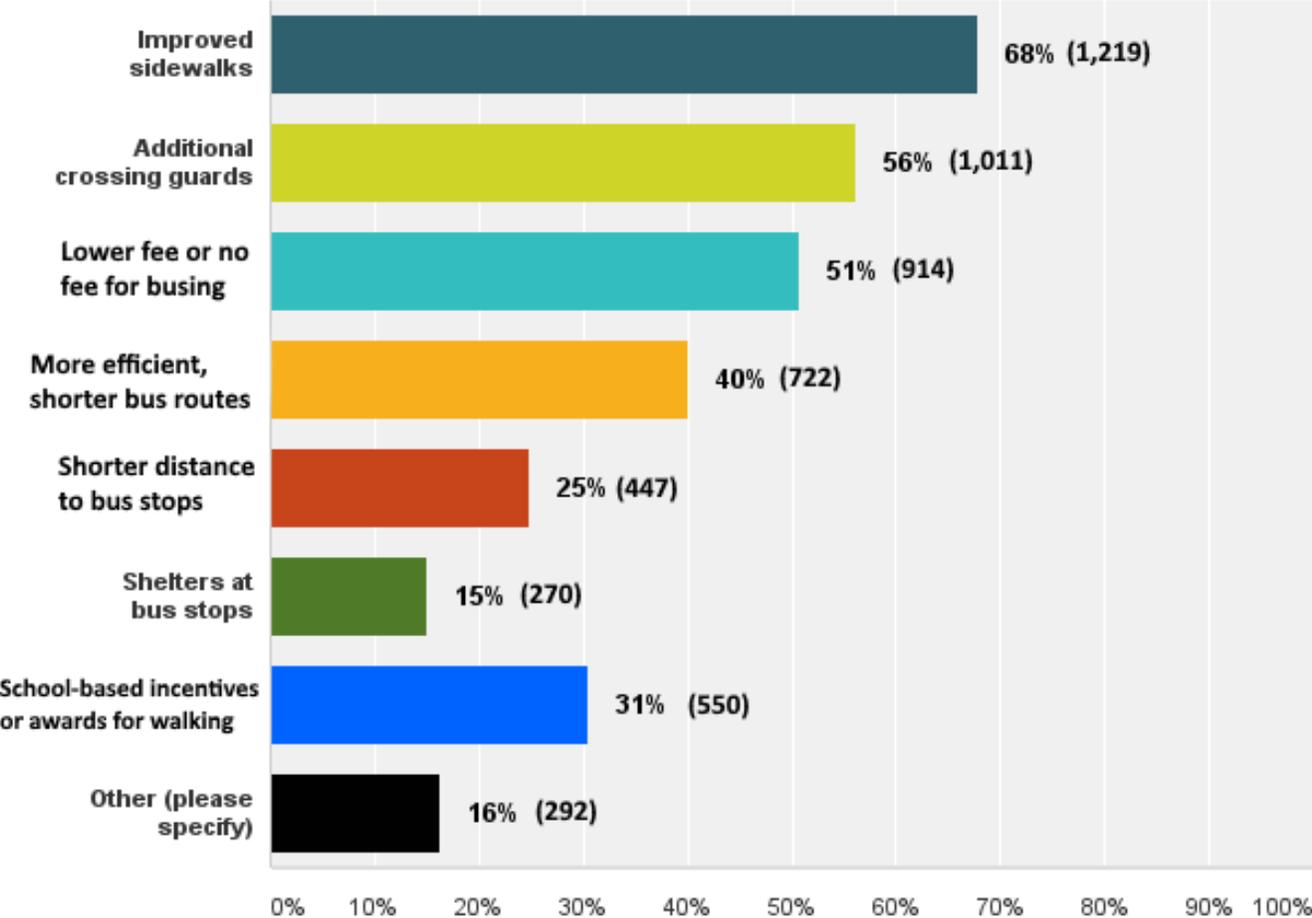
**Q20 In purchasing/renting your home, did you consider the ability to walk to your elementary school an important factor in the decision?**

Answered: 1,813 Skipped: 252



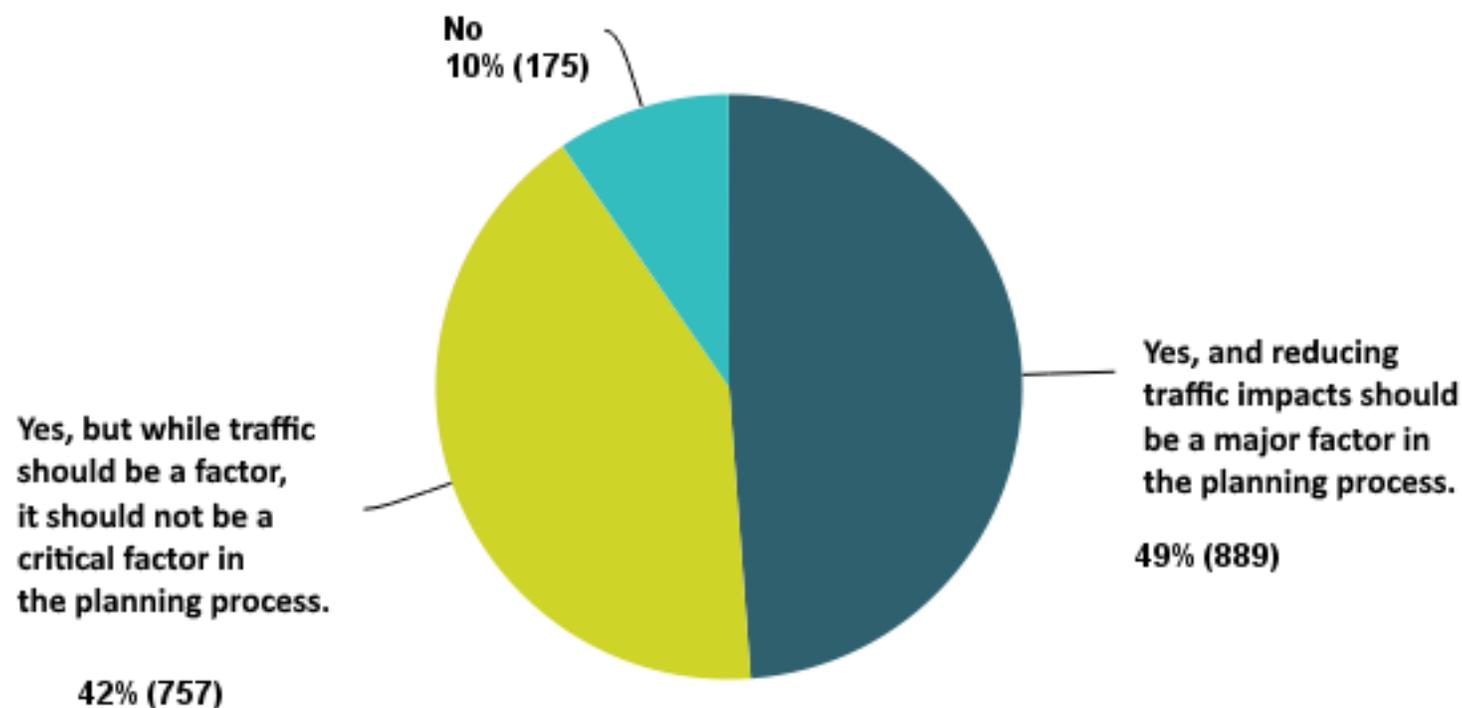
**Q21 Which of the following factors do you think would likely encourage more children to walk to school or take the bus rather than being driven in a car? (Choose all that apply.)**

Answered: 1,799 Skipped: 266



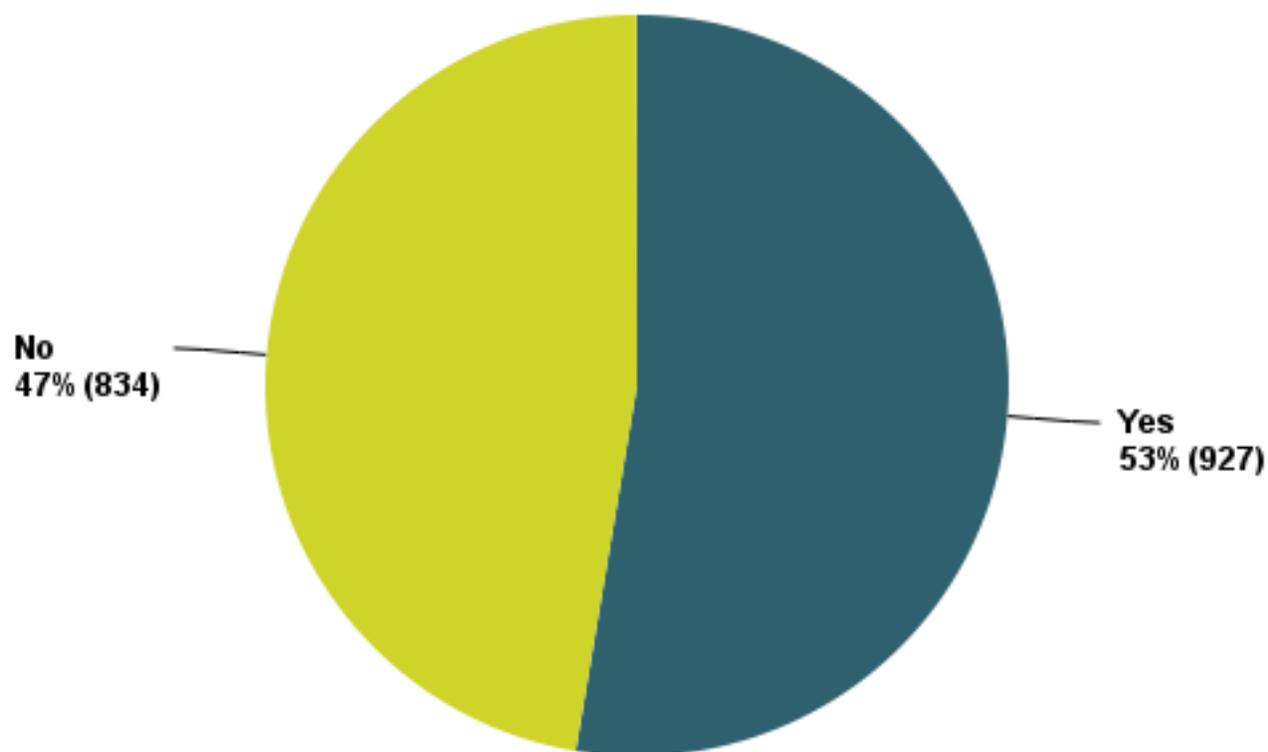
## Q22 Would it concern you if consolidation of Hunnewell, Hardy, and Upham into two expanded schools led to more traffic around those schools?

Answered: 1,821 Skipped: 244



**Q23 Would you support a master plan that built a new school directly behind the existing Upham that would involve the removal of significant ledge and trees?**

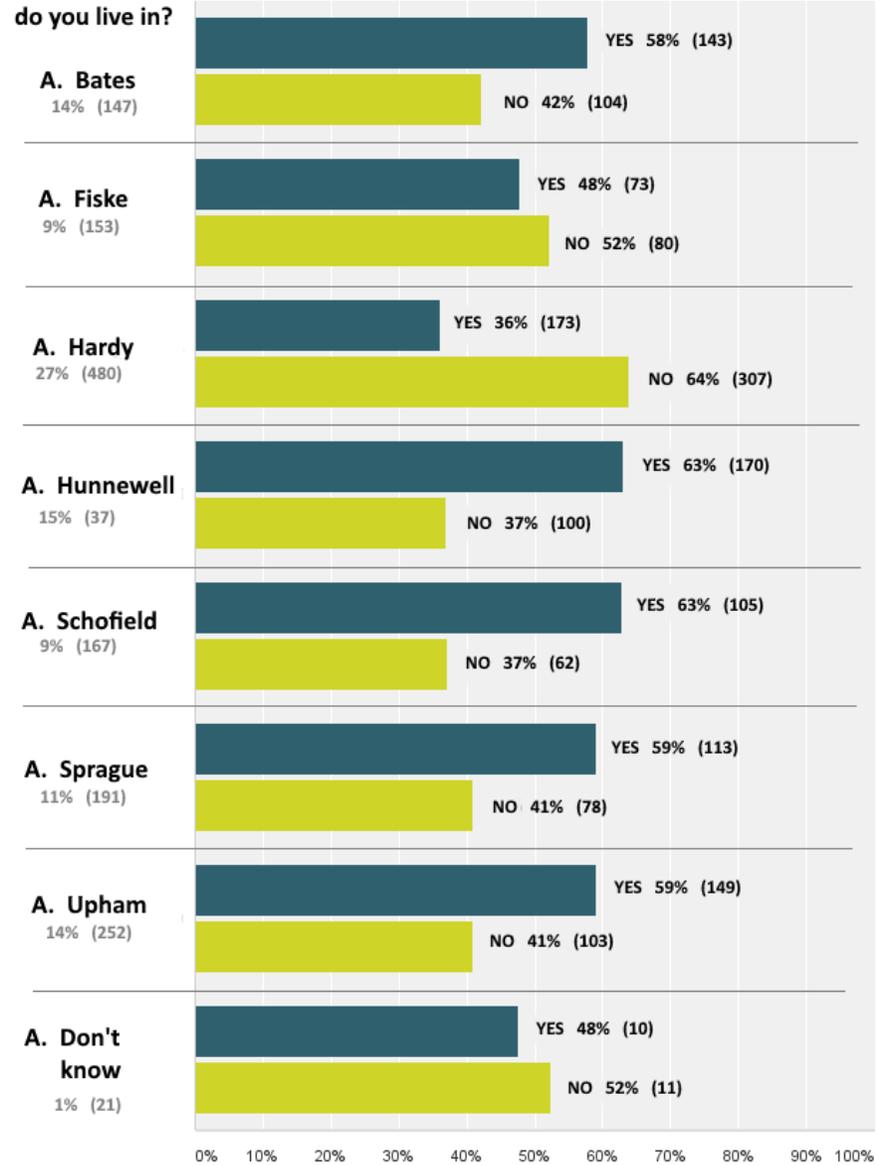
Answered: 1,761 Skipped: 304



**Q23 Would you support a master plan that built a new school directly behind the existing Upham that would involve the removal of significant ledge and trees?**

Answered: 1,757 Skipped: 286

**Q7. Which school district do you live in?**



**Q23 Would you support a master plan that built a new school directly behind the existing Upham that would involve the removal of significant ledge and trees?**

Answered: 1,751 Skipped: 289

**Q4. Are you a Town Meeting member?**

**A. YES**

**YES**  
46% (63)

**NO**  
54% (73)

**A. NO**

**YES**  
53% (861)

**NO**  
47% (754)

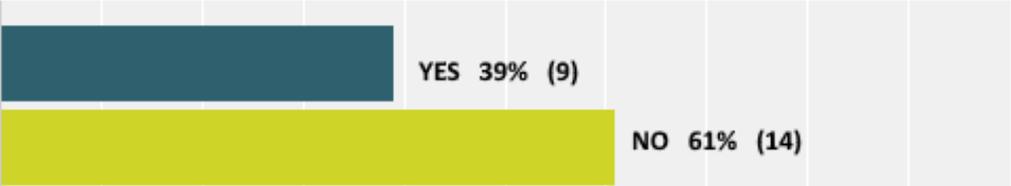
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**Q23 Would you support a master plan that built a new school directly behind the existing Upham that would involve the removal of significant ledge and trees?**

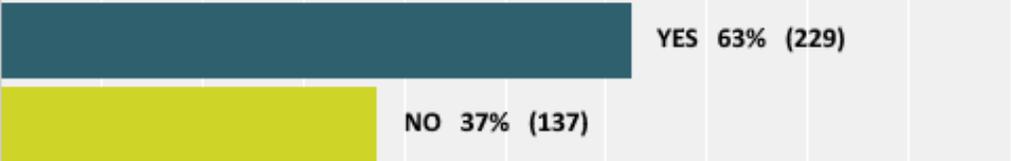
Answered: 1,750 Skipped: 290

**Q3. What is your age?**

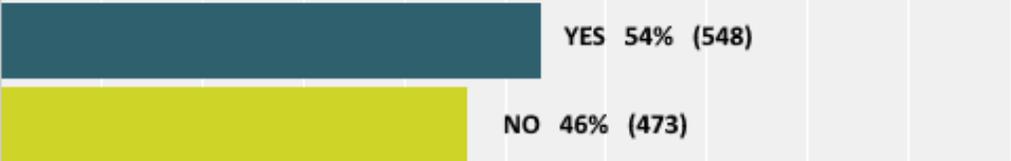
**A. 18 - 24**  
1% (23)



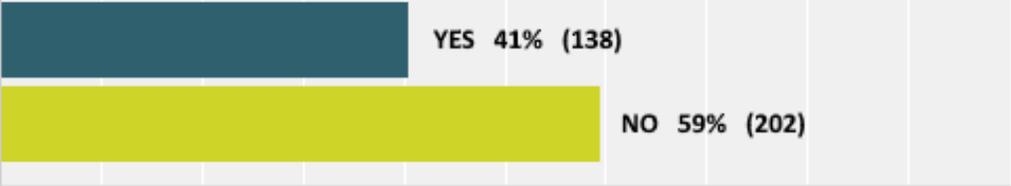
**A. 25 - 40**  
21% (266)



**A. 41 - 61**  
58% (1,021)



**A. 61 +**  
19% (340)



0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

Question 23 Responses by Age

## Q23 Would you support a master plan that built a new school directly behind the existing Upham that would involve the removal of significant ledge and trees?

Q6. What is your experience with Wellesley elementary schools?

Answered: 1,746 Skipped: 284

A. Currently have children in Wellesley elementary schools  
41% (723)

YES 54% (394)

NO 46% (329)

A. Had children in Wellesley elementary schools in past  
36% (639)

YES 50% (313)

NO 50% (316)

A. Expect to have children in Wellesley elementary schools in future.  
7% (118)

YES 68% (80)

NO 32% (38)

A. Currently have or have had children in other grade levels.  
9% (147)

YES 49% (72)

NO 51% (75)

A. No experience  
7% (129)

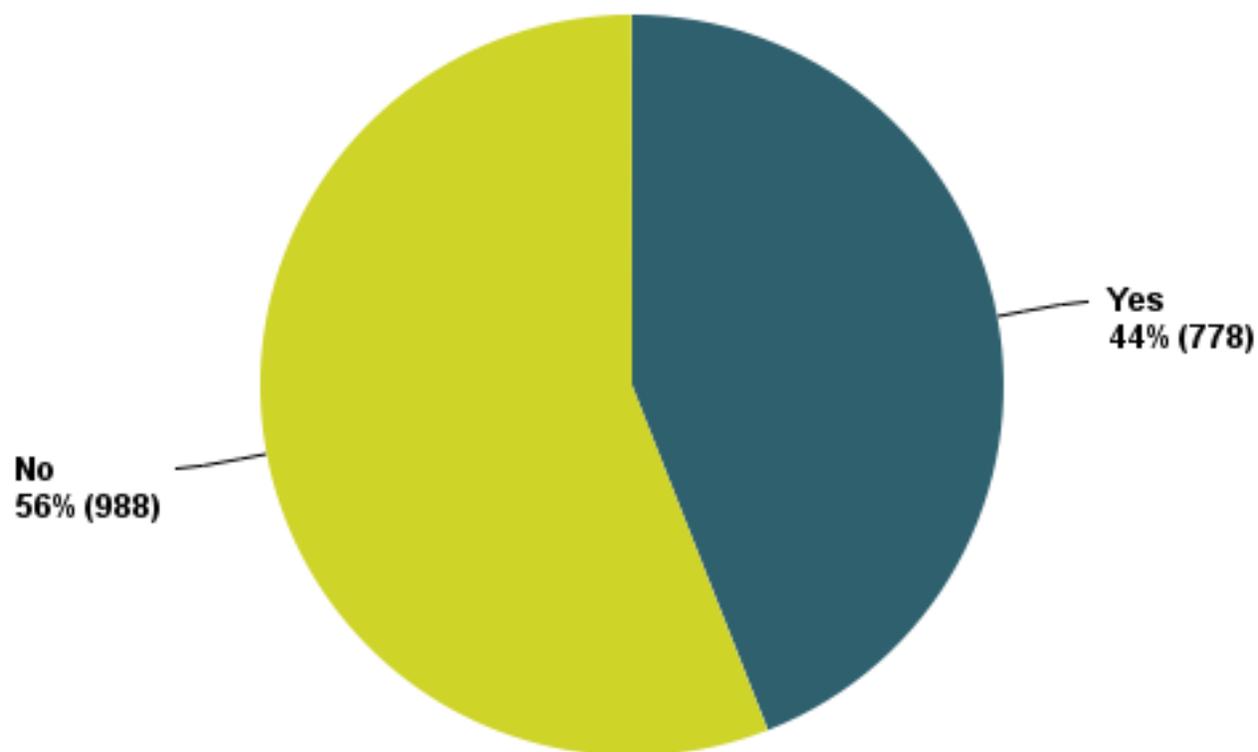
YES 50% (65)

NO 50% (64)

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

**Q24 Would you support a master plan that looked to build a new school on approximately 10 acres (20-25% of total area) of the North 40, which could require the removal of significant portion of forest?**

Answered: 1,766 Skipped: 299



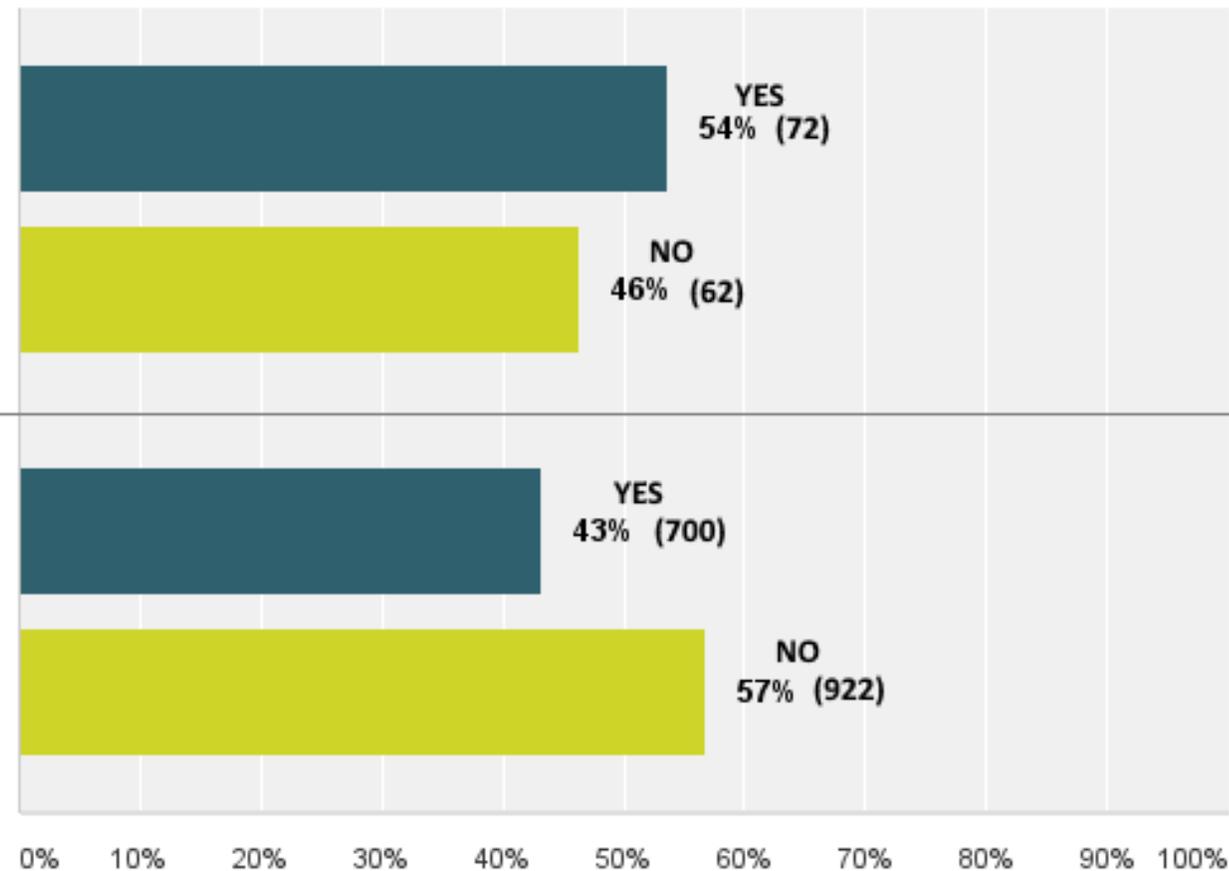
**Q24 Would you support a master plan that looked to build a new school on approximately 10 acres (20-25% of total area) of the North 40, which could require the removal of significant portion of forest?**

Answered: 1,756 Skipped: 284

**Q4. Are you a Town Meeting member?**

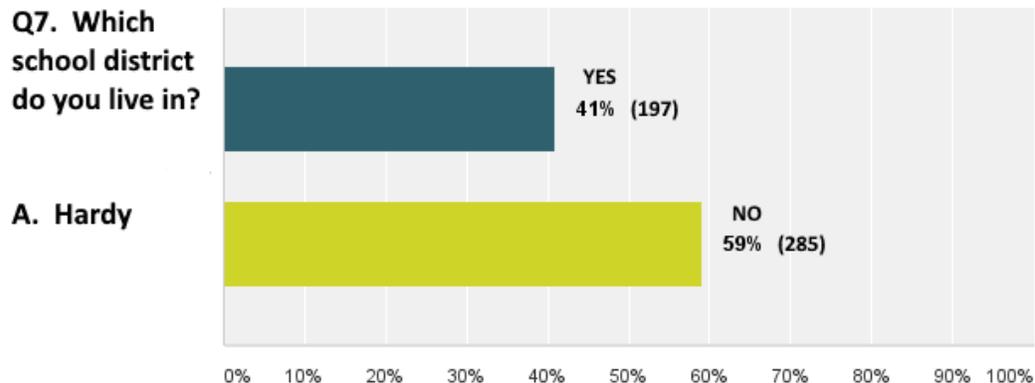
**A. Yes**

**A. No**



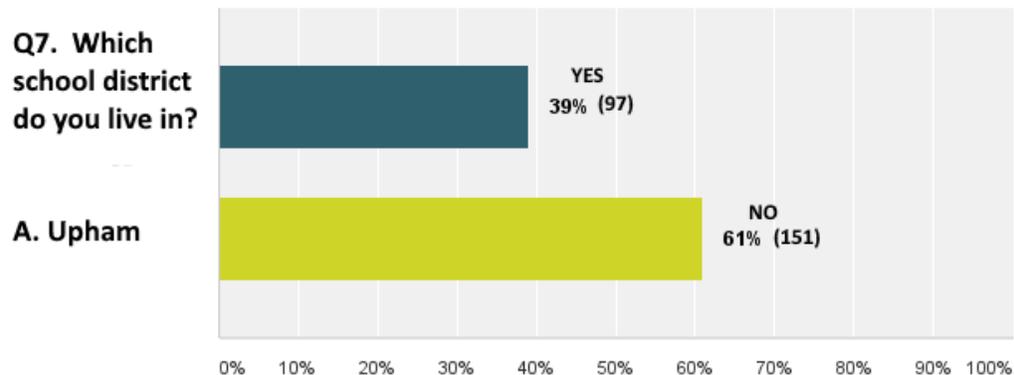
**Q24** Would you support a master plan that looked to build a new school on approximately 10 acres (20-25% of total area) of the North 40, which could require the removal of significant portion of forest?

Answered: 482 Skipped: 56



**Q24** Would you support a master plan that looked to build a new school on approximately 10 acres (20-25% of total area) of the North 40, which could require the removal of significant portion of forest?

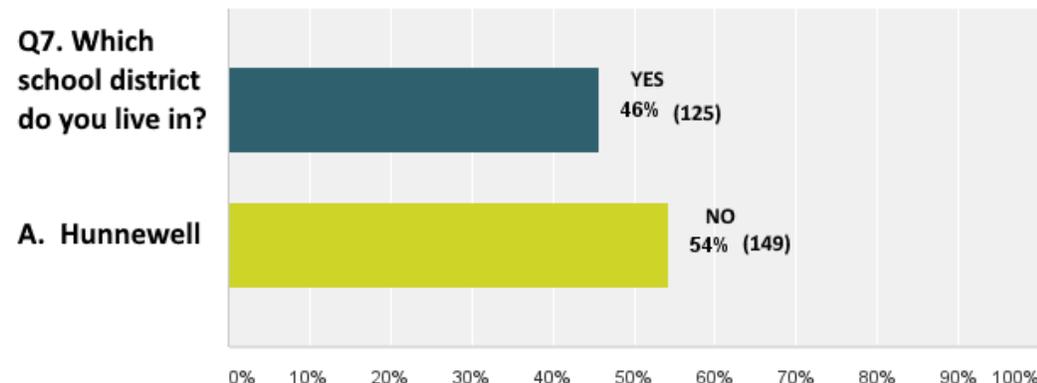
Answered: 248 Skipped: 46



## Question 24 by School District

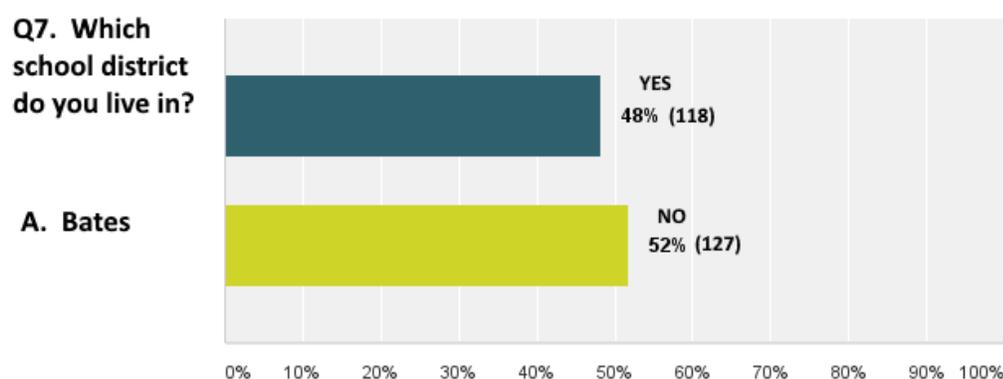
**Q24** Would you support a master plan that looked to build a new school on approximately 10 acres (20-25% of total area) of the North 40, which could require the removal of significant portion of forest?

Answered: 274 Skipped: 39



**Q24** Would you support a master plan that looked to build a new school on approximately 10 acres (20-25% of total area) of the North 40, which could require the removal of significant portion of forest?

Answered: 245 Skipped: 52

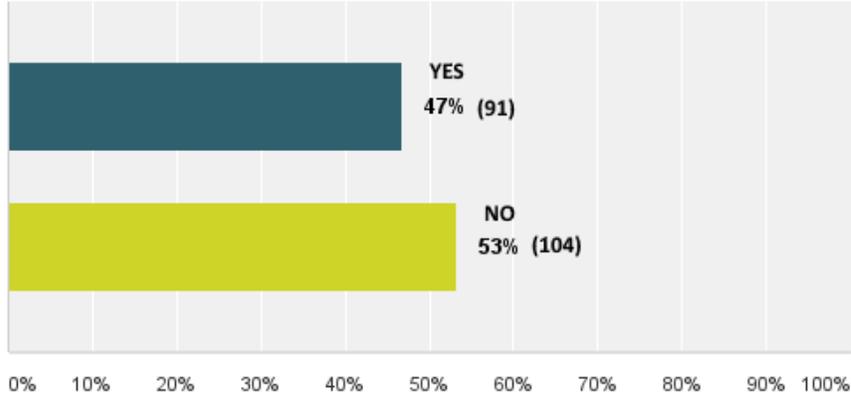


**Q24** Would you support a master plan that looked to build a new school on approximately 10 acres (20-25% of total area) of the North 40, which could require the removal of significant portion of forest?

Answered: 195 Skipped: 37

Q7. Which school district do you live in?

A. Sprague



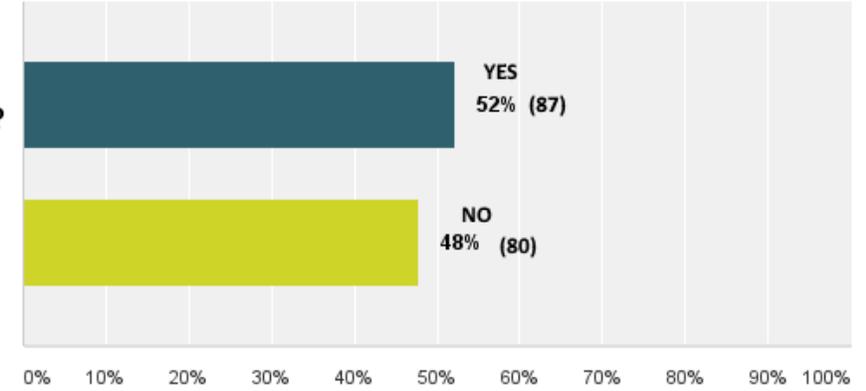
# Question 24 by School District

**Q24** Would you support a master plan that looked to build a new school on approximately 10 acres (20-25% of total area) of the North 40, which could require the removal of significant portion of forest?

Answered: 167 Skipped: 30

Q7. Which school district do you live in?

A. Schofield

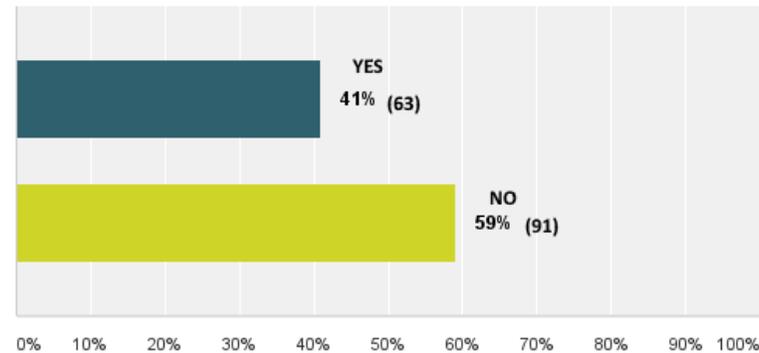


**Q24** Would you support a master plan that looked to build a new school on approximately 10 acres (20-25% of total area) of the North 40, which could require the removal of significant portion of forest?

Answered: 154 Skipped: 25

Q7. Which School District do you live in?

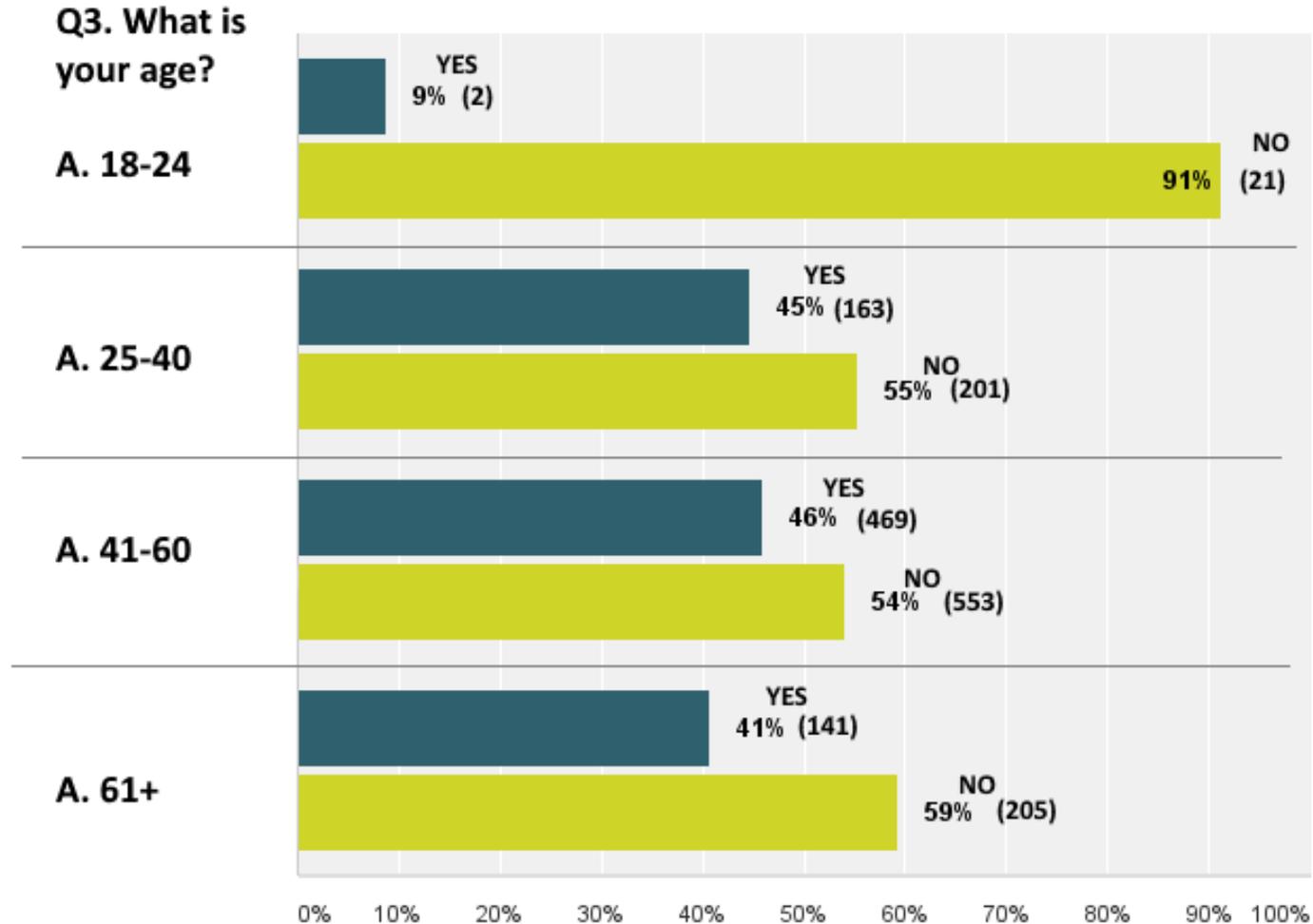
A. Fiske



# Question 24 by Age

**Q24 Would you support a master plan that looked to build a new school on approximately 10 acres (20-25% of total area) of the North 40, which could require the removal of significant portion of forest?**

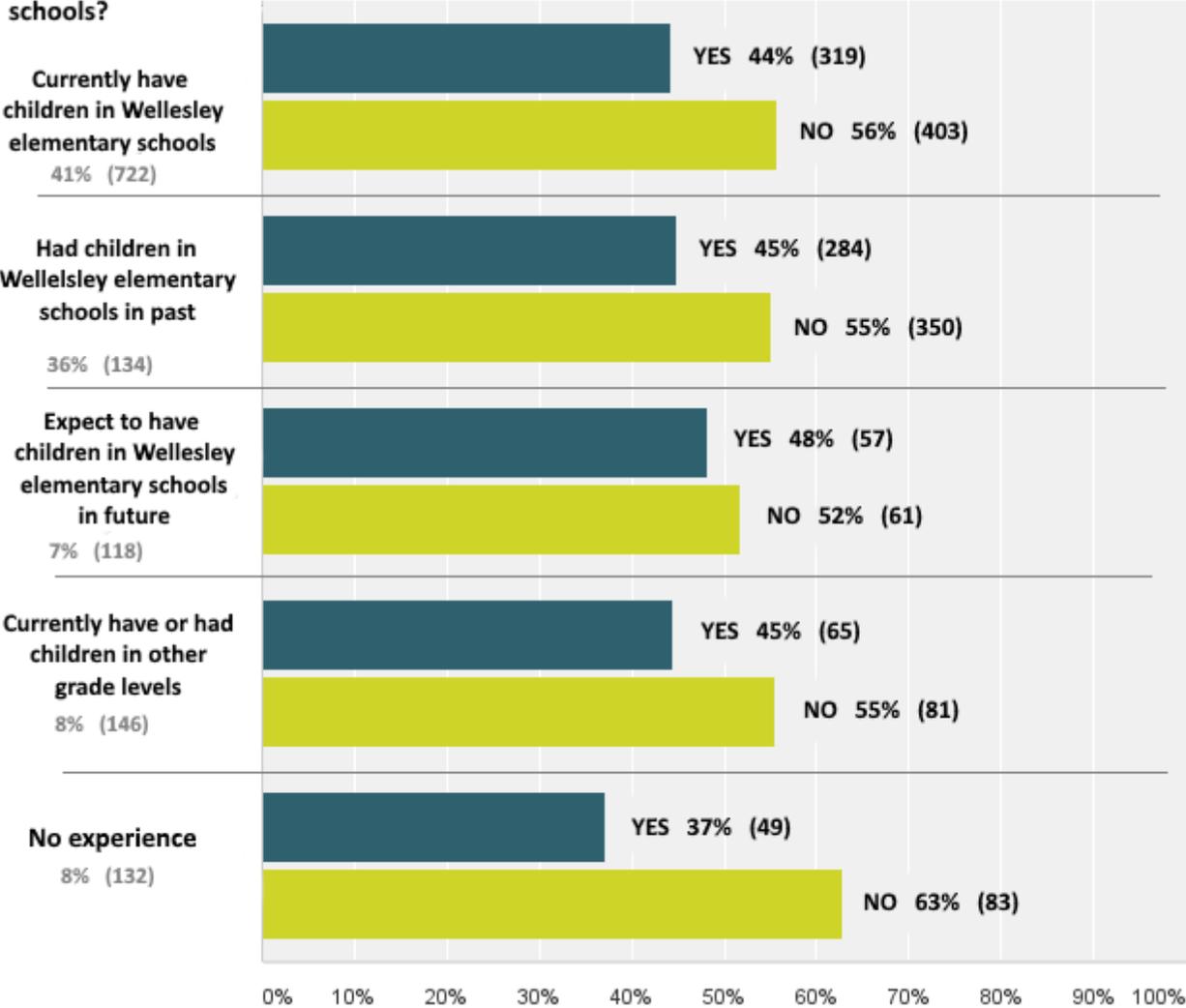
Answered: 1,755 Skipped: 285



**Q24 Would you support a master plan that looked to build a new school on approximately 10 acres (20-25% of total area) of the North 40, which could require the removal of significant portion of forest?**

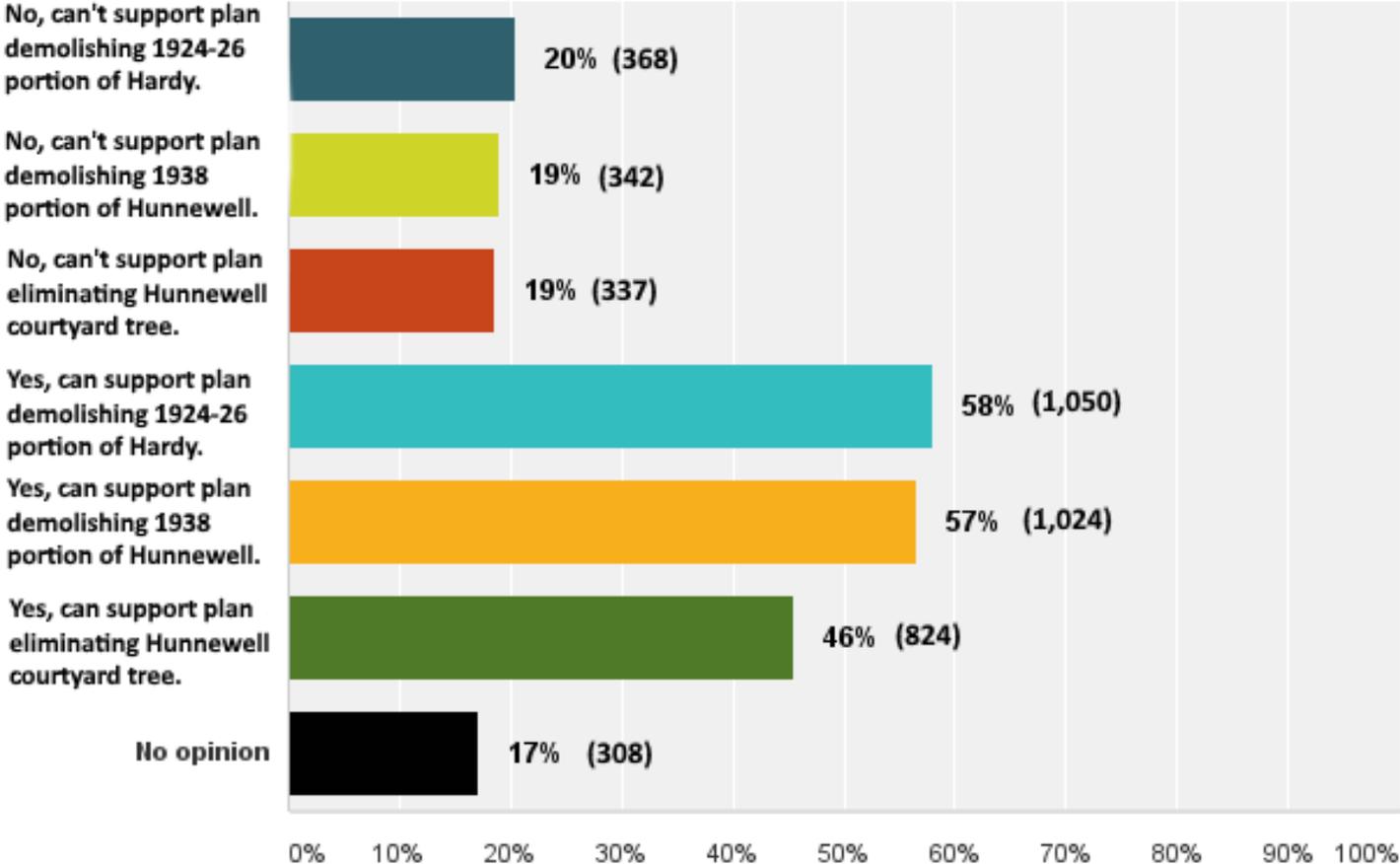
**Q6. What is your experience with Wellesley elementary schools?**

Answered: 1,752 Skipped: 278



# Q25 Would you support a master plan that involved demolition of either the historic portion of Hardy school or the historic portion of Hunnewell and the “significant” courtyard tree? (Choose all that apply.)

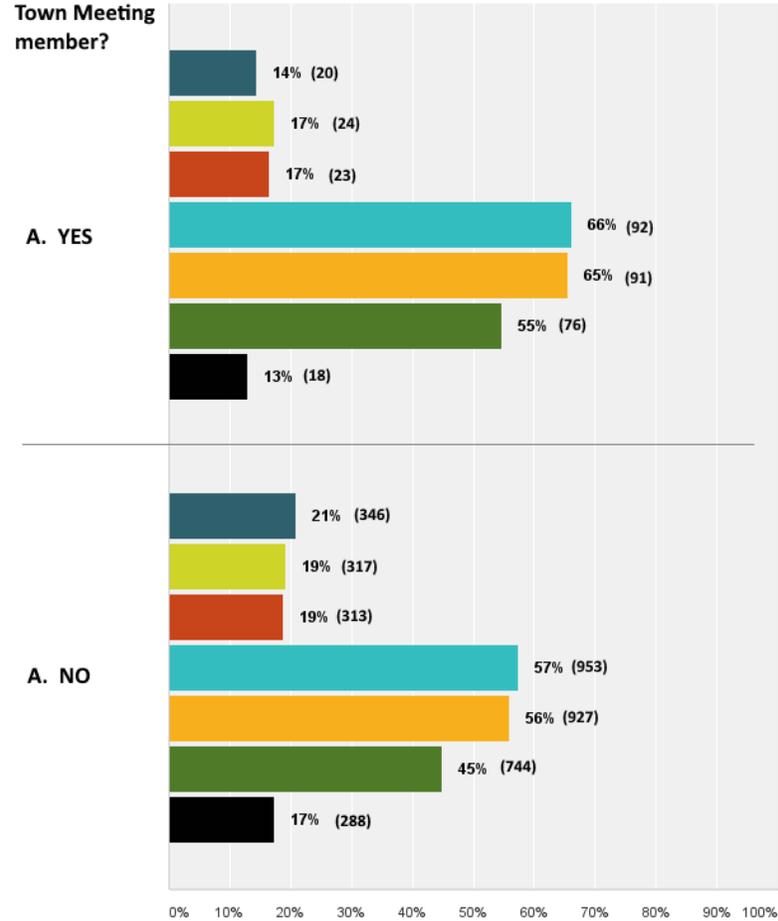
Answered: 1,807 Skipped: 258



**Q25 Would you support a master plan that involved demolition of either the historic portion of Hardy school or the historic portion of Hunnewell and the “significant” courtyard tree? (Choose all that apply.)**

Answered: 1,798 Skipped: 242

**Q4. Are you a Town Meeting member?**



- No, I could not support a plan that demolished the 1924-26 portion of Hardy.
- No, I could not support a plan that demolished the 1938 portion of Hunnewell.
- No, I could not support a plan that eliminated the Hunnewell courtyard tree.
- Yes, I could support a plan that demolished the 1924-26 portion of Hardy.
- Yes, I could support a plan that demolished the 1938 portion of Hunnewell.
- Yes, I could support a plan that eliminated the Hunnewell courtyard tree.
- No opinion

Question 25  
by Town Meeting  
Members

**Q25 Would you support a master plan that involved demolition of either the historic portion of Hardy school or the historic portion of Hunnewell and the “significant” courtyard tree? (Choose all that apply.)**

Answered: 23 Skipped: 16

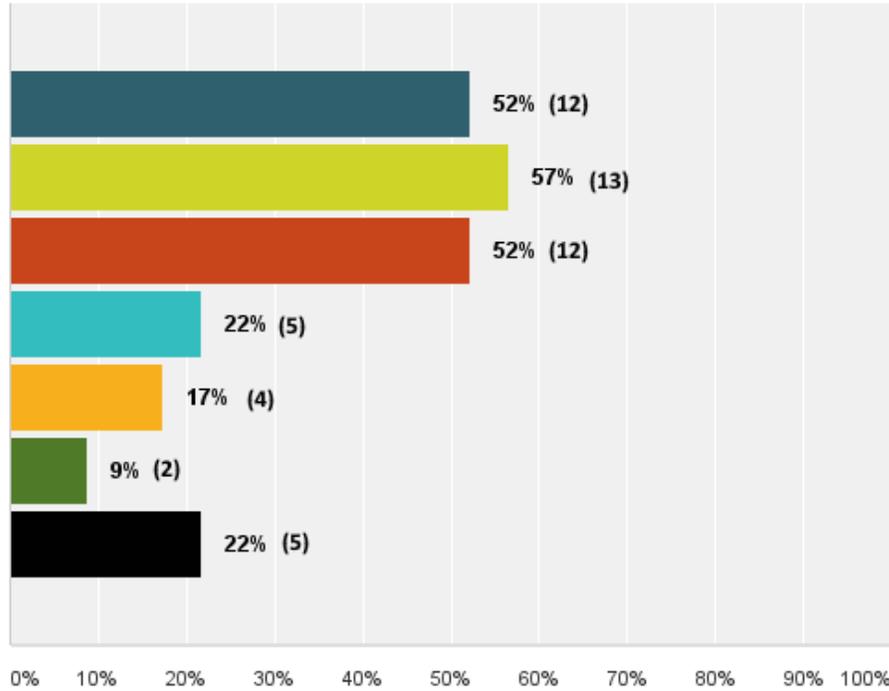
# Question 25 by Age

**Q25 Would you support a master plan that involved demolition of either the historic portion of Hardy school or the historic portion of Hunnewell and the “significant” courtyard tree? (Choose all that apply.)**

Answered: 370 Skipped: 50

**Q3. What is your age?**

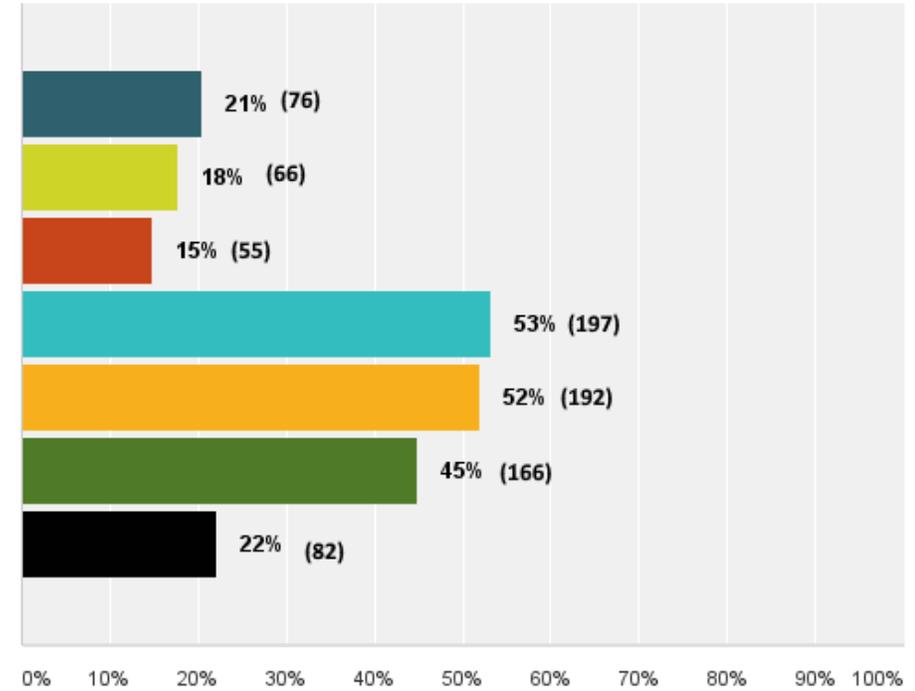
**A. 18 - 24**



- No, I could not support a plan that demolished the 1924-26 portion of Hardy.
- No, I could not support a plan that demolished the 1938 portion of Hunnewell.
- No, I could not support a plan that eliminated the Hunnewell courtyard tree.
- Yes, I could support a plan that demolished the 1924-26 portion of Hardy.
- Yes, I could support a plan that demolished the 1938 portion of Hunnewell.
- Yes, I could support a plan that eliminated the Hunnewell courtyard tree.
- No opinion

**Q3. What is your age?**

**A. 25 - 40**



- No, I could not support a plan that demolished the 1924-26 portion of Hardy.
- No, I could not support a plan that demolished the 1938 portion of Hunnewell.
- No, I could not support a plan that eliminated the Hunnewell courtyard tree.
- Yes, I could support a plan that demolished the 1924-26 portion of Hardy.
- Yes, I could support a plan that demolished the 1938 portion of Hunnewell.
- Yes, I could support a plan that eliminated the Hunnewell courtyard tree.
- No opinion

**Q25 Would you support a master plan that involved demolition of either the historic portion of Hardy school or the historic portion of Hunnewell and the “significant” courtyard tree? (Choose all that apply.)**

Answered: 1,048 Skipped: 132

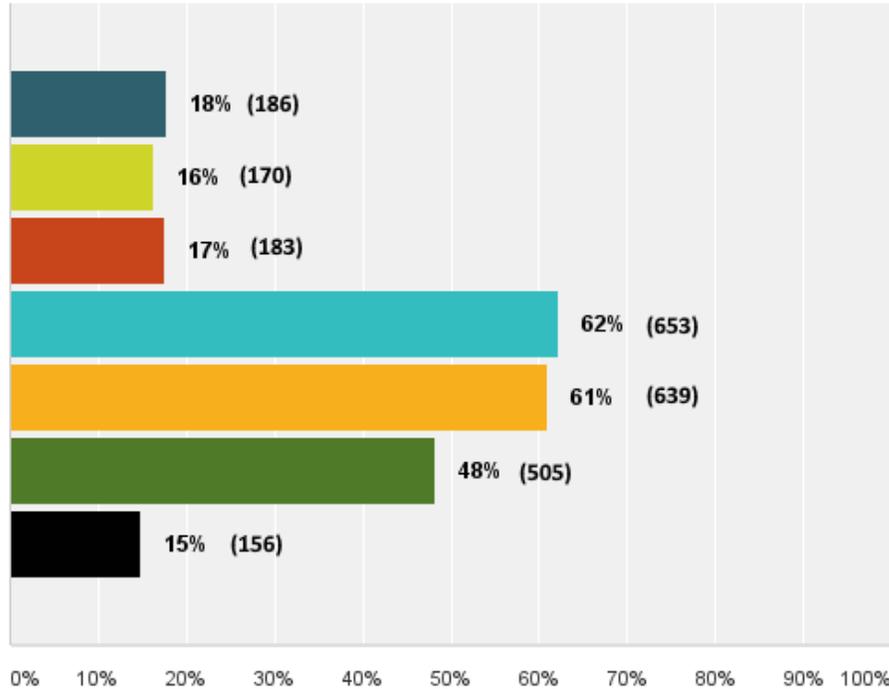
# Question 25 by Age

**Q25 Would you support a master plan that involved demolition of either the historic portion of Hardy school or the historic portion of Hunnewell and the “significant” courtyard tree? (Choose all that apply.)**

Answered: 356 Skipped: 45

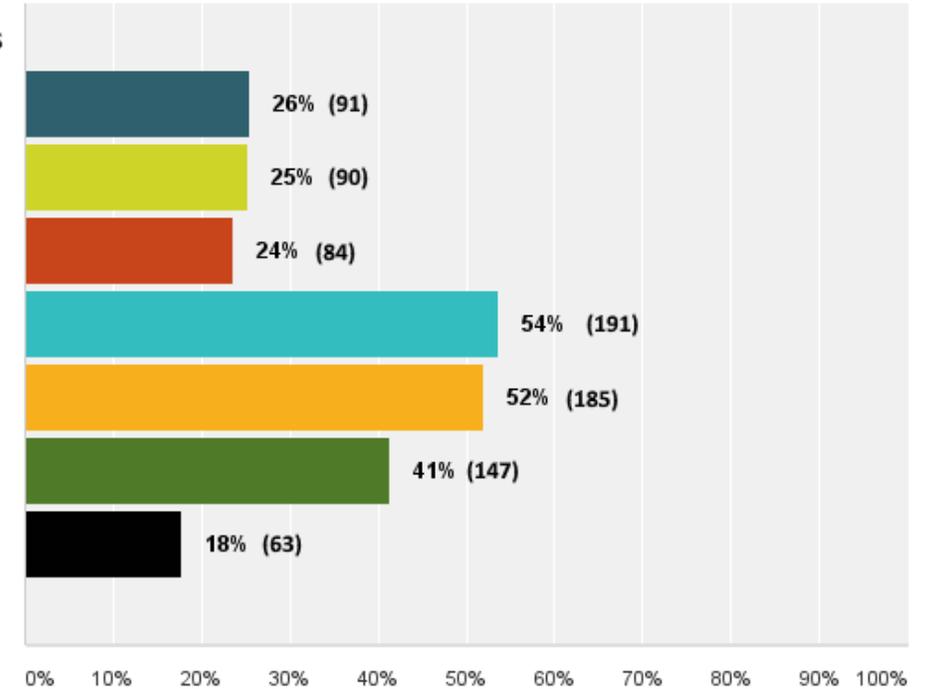
**Q3. What is your age?**

**A. 41 - 60**



**Q3. What is your age?**

**A. 61 +**



- No, I could not support a plan that demolished the 1924-26 portion of Hardy.
- No, I could not support a plan that demolished the 1938 portion of Hunnewell.
- No, I could not support a plan that eliminated the Hunnewell courtyard tree.
- Yes, I could support a plan that demolished the 1924-26 portion of Hardy.
- Yes, I could support a plan that demolished the 1938 portion of Hunnewell.
- Yes, I could support a plan that eliminated the Hunnewell courtyard tree.
- No opinion

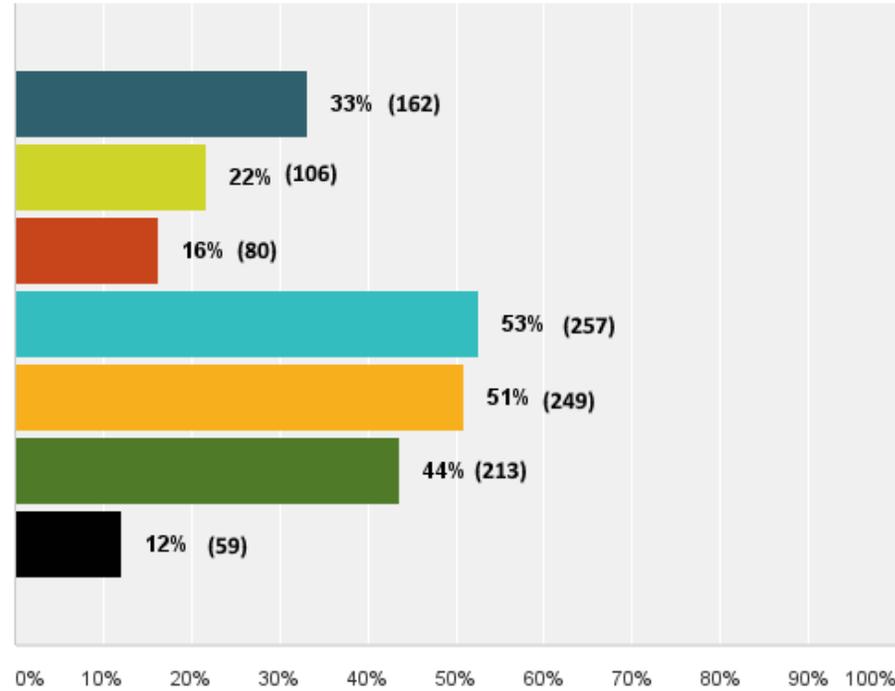
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- Yes, I could support a plan that demolished the 1938 portion of Hunnewell.
- Yes, I could support a plan that eliminated the Hunnewell courtyard tree.
- No opinion

**Q25 Would you support a master plan that involved demolition of either the historic portion of Hardy school or the historic portion of Hunnewell and the “significant” courtyard tree? (Choose all that apply.)**

Answered: 489 Skipped: 49

**Q7. Which school district do you live in?**

**A. Hardy**



- No, I could not support a plan that demolished the 1924-26 portion of Hardy.
- No, I could not support a plan that demolished the 1938 portion of Hunnewell.
- No, I could not support a plan that eliminated the Hunnewell courtyard tree.
- Yes, I could support a plan that demolished the 1924-26 portion of Hardy.
- Yes, I could support a plan that demolished the 1938 portion of Hunnewell.
- Yes, I could support a plan that eliminated the Hunnewell courtyard tree.
- No opinion

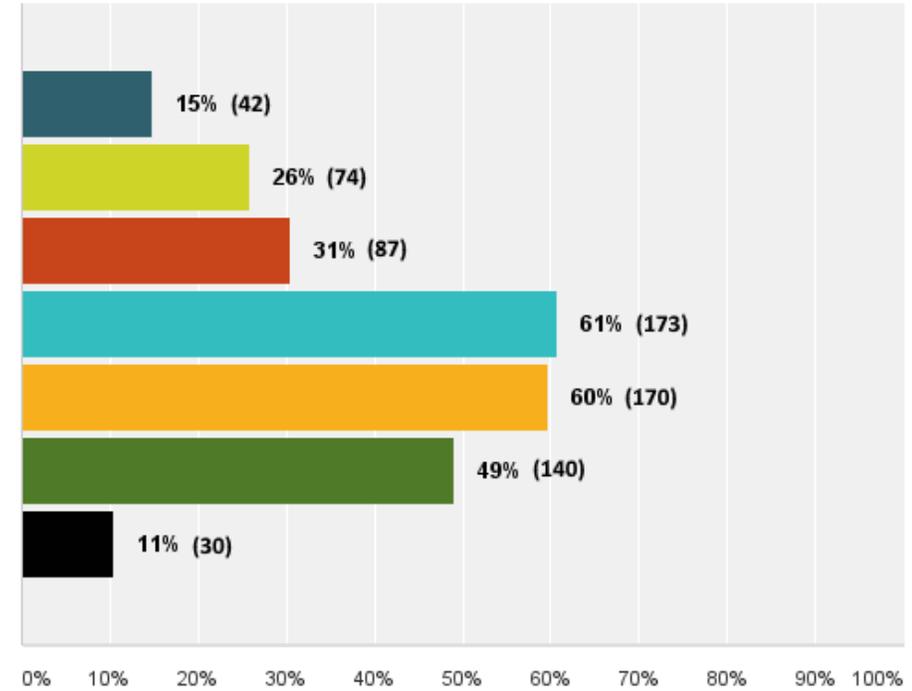
# Question 25 by School District

**Q25 Would you support a master plan that involved demolition of either the historic portion of Hardy school or the historic portion of Hunnewell and the “significant” courtyard tree? (Choose all that apply.)**

Answered: 285 Skipped: 28

**Q7. Which school district do you live in?**

**A. Hunnewell**



- No, I could not support a plan that demolished the 1924-26 portion of Hardy.
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- No, I could not support a plan that eliminated the Hunnewell courtyard tree.
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- Yes, I could support a plan that eliminated the Hunnewell courtyard tree.
- No opinion

**Q25 Would you support a master plan that involved demolition of either the historic portion of Hardy school or the historic portion of Hunnewell and the “significant” courtyard tree? (Choose all that apply.)**

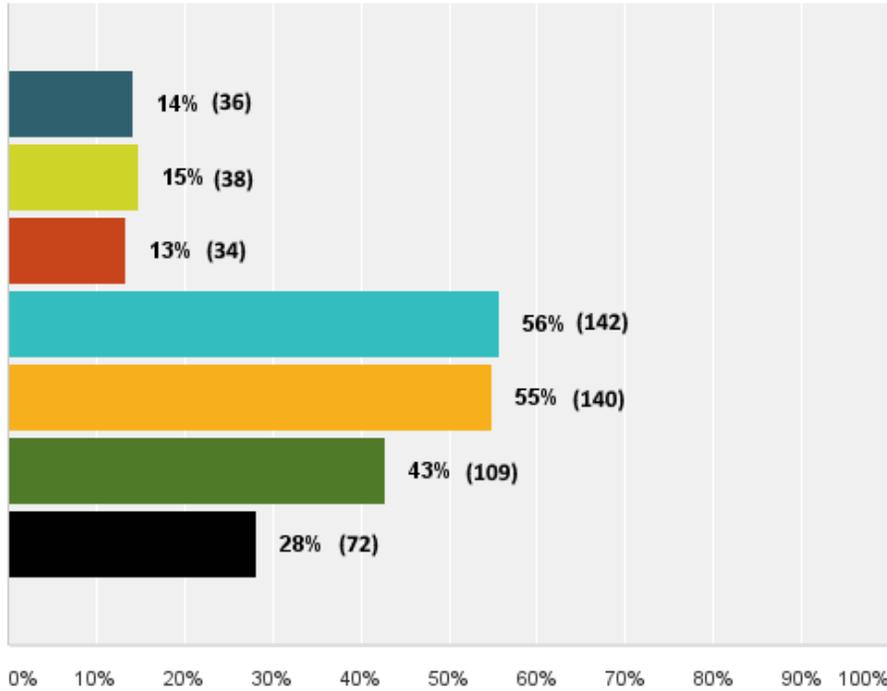
Answered: 255 Skipped: 39

# Question 25 by School District

**Q25 Would you support a master plan that involved demolition of either the historic portion of Hardy school or the historic portion of Hunnewell and the “significant” courtyard tree? (Choose all that apply.)**

Answered: 251 Skipped: 46

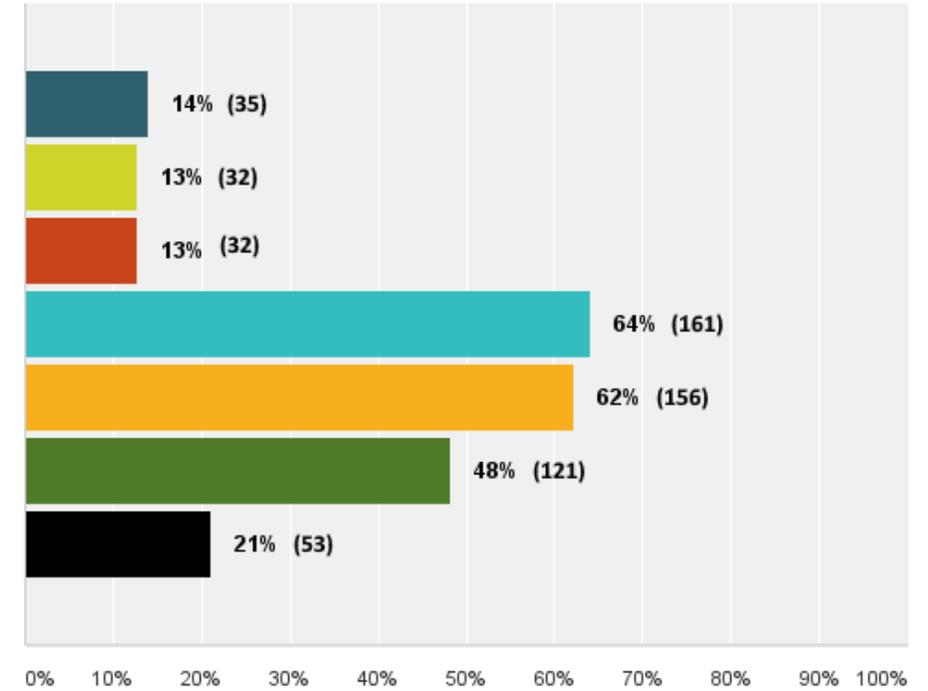
**Q7. Which school district do you live in?**



**A. Upham**

- No, I could not support a plan that demolished the 1924-26 portion of Hardy.
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- Yes, I could support a plan that demolished the 1924-26 portion of Hardy.
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- Yes, I could support a plan that eliminated the Hunnewell courtyard tree.
- No opinion

**Q7. Which school district do you live in?**



**A. Bates**

- No, I could not support a plan that demolished the 1924-26 portion of Hardy.
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- No, I could not support a plan that eliminated the Hunnewell courtyard tree.
- Yes, I could support a plan that demolished the 1924-26 portion of Hardy.
- Yes, I could support a plan that demolished the 1938 portion of Hunnewell.
- Yes, I could support a plan that eliminated the Hunnewell courtyard tree.
- No opinion

**Q25 Would you support a master plan that involved demolition of either the historic portion of Hardy school or the historic portion of Hunnewell and the “significant” courtyard tree? (Choose all that apply.)**

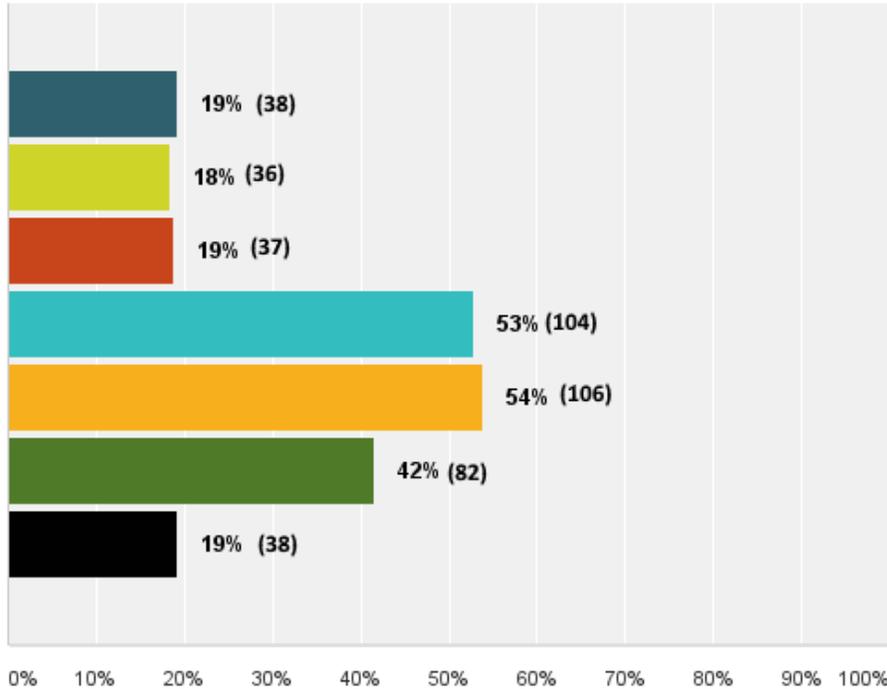
Answered: 197 Skipped: 35

# Question 25 by School District

**Q25 Would you support a master plan that involved demolition of either the historic portion of Hardy school or the historic portion of Hunnewell and the “significant” courtyard tree? (Choose all that apply.)**

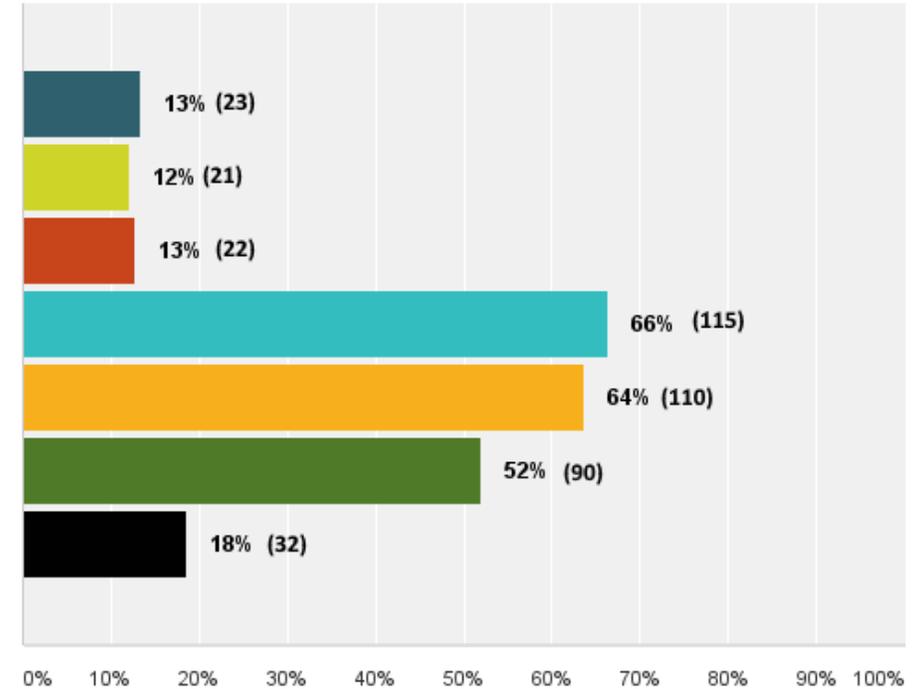
Answered: 173 Skipped: 24

**Q7. Which school district do you live in?**



**A. Sprague**

**Q7. Which school district do you live in?**



**A. Schofield**

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- Yes, I could support a plan that eliminated the Hunnewell courtyard tree.
- No opinion

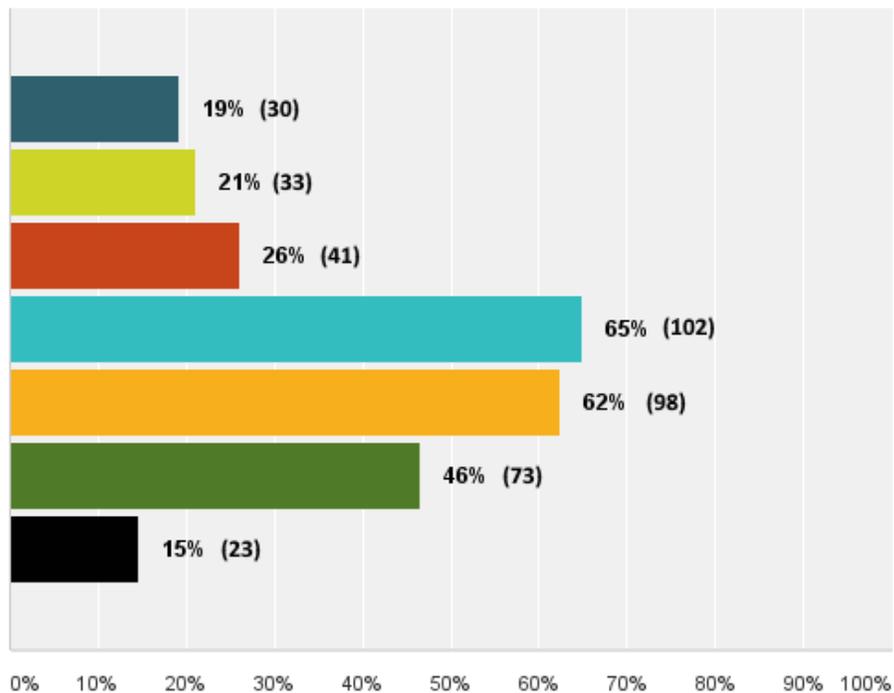
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- Yes, I could support a plan that eliminated the Hunnewell courtyard tree.
- No opinion

**Q25 Would you support a master plan that involved demolition of either the historic portion of Hardy school or the historic portion of Hunnewell and the “significant” courtyard tree? (Choose all that apply.)**

Answered: 157 Skipped: 22

**Q7. Which school district do you live in?**

**A. Fiske**



Question 25  
by School  
District

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- No opinion

**Q25 Would you support a master plan that involved demolition of either the historic portion of Hardy school or the historic portion of Hunnewell and the “significant” courtyard tree? (Choose all that apply.)**

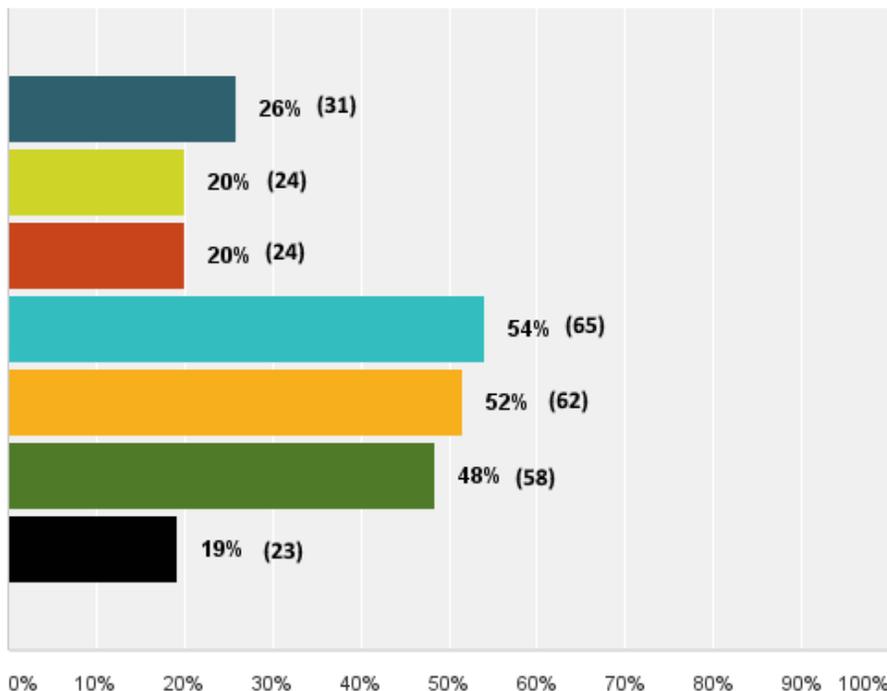
Answered: 120 Skipped: 16

**Q25 Would you support a master plan that involved demolition of either the historic portion of Hardy school or the historic portion of Hunnewell and the “significant” courtyard tree? (Choose all that apply.)**

Answered: 742 Skipped: 100

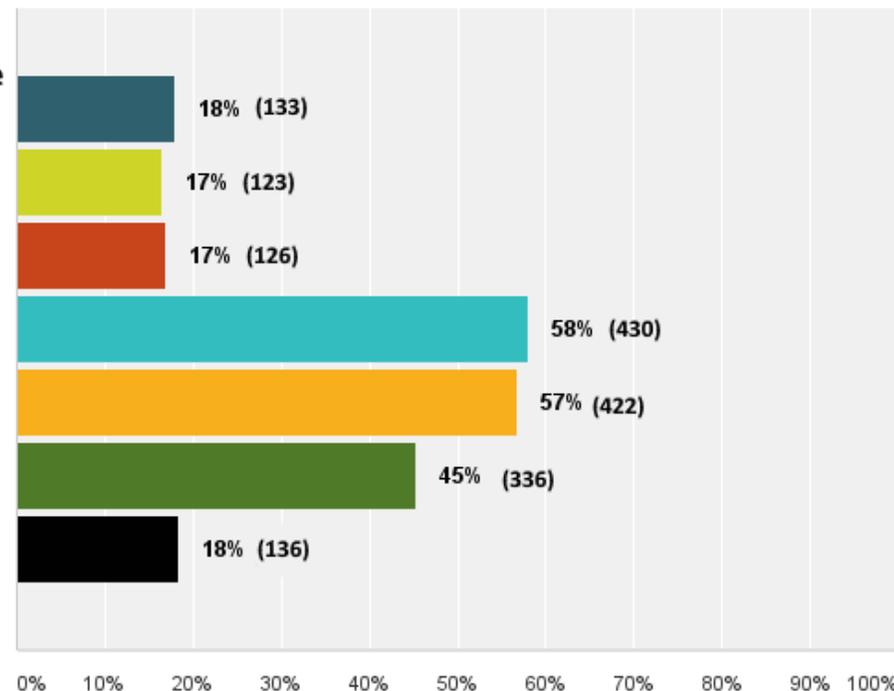
**Q6. What is your experience with Wellesley elementary schools?**

**A. Expect to have children in Wellesley elementary schools in future**



**Q6. What is your experience with Wellesley elementary schools?**

**A. Currently have children in Wellesley elementary schools**



- No, I could not support a plan that demolished the 1924-26 portion of Hardy.
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- No opinion

**Question 25  
by Experience  
with Wellesley  
Schools**

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- No opinion

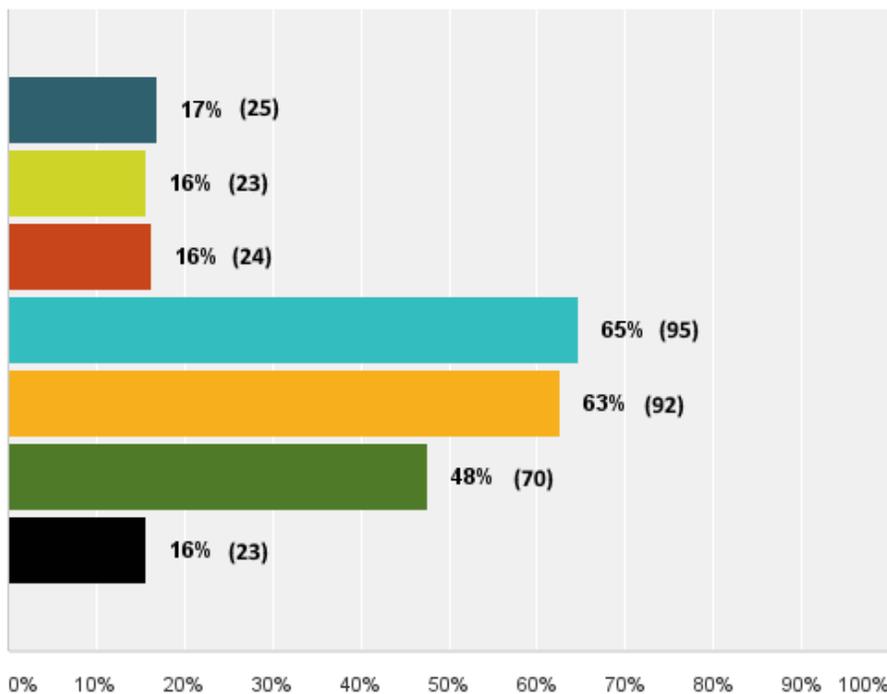
**Q25 Would you support a master plan that involved demolition of either the historic portion of Hardy school or the historic portion of Hunnewell and the “significant” courtyard tree? (Choose all that apply.)**

Answered: 147 Skipped: 30

**Q25 Would you support a master plan that involved demolition of either the historic portion of Hardy school or the historic portion of Hunnewell and the “significant” courtyard tree? (Choose all that apply.)**

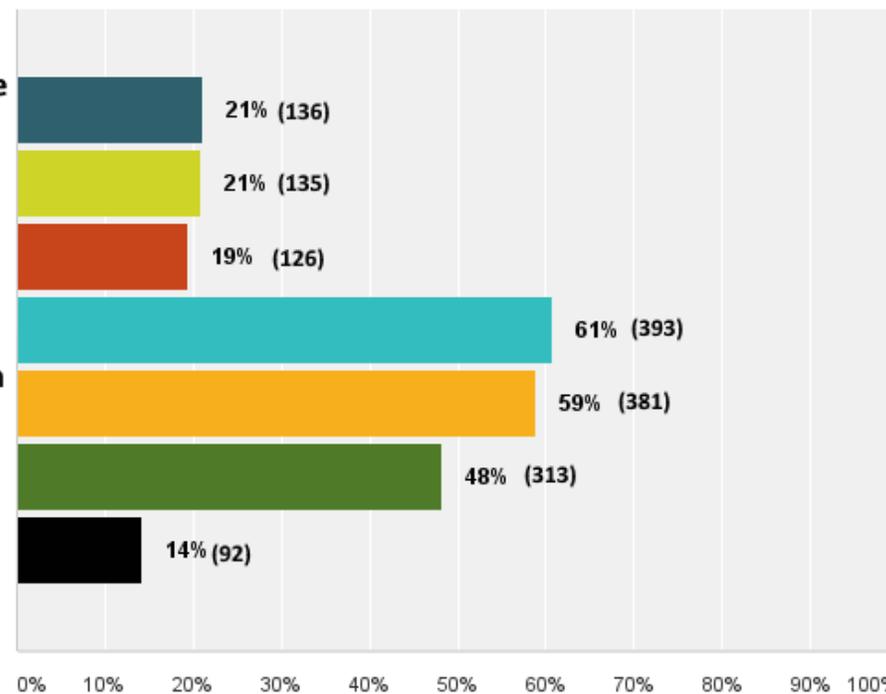
Answered: 648 Skipped: 71

**Q6. What is your experience with Wellesley elementary schools?**



**A. Currently have or had children in other grade levels**

**Q6. What is your experience with Wellesley elementary schools?**



**A. Had children in Wellesley elementary schools in past**

- No, I could not support a plan that demolished the 1924-26 portion of Hardy.
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- No opinion

**Question 25  
by Experience  
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Schools**

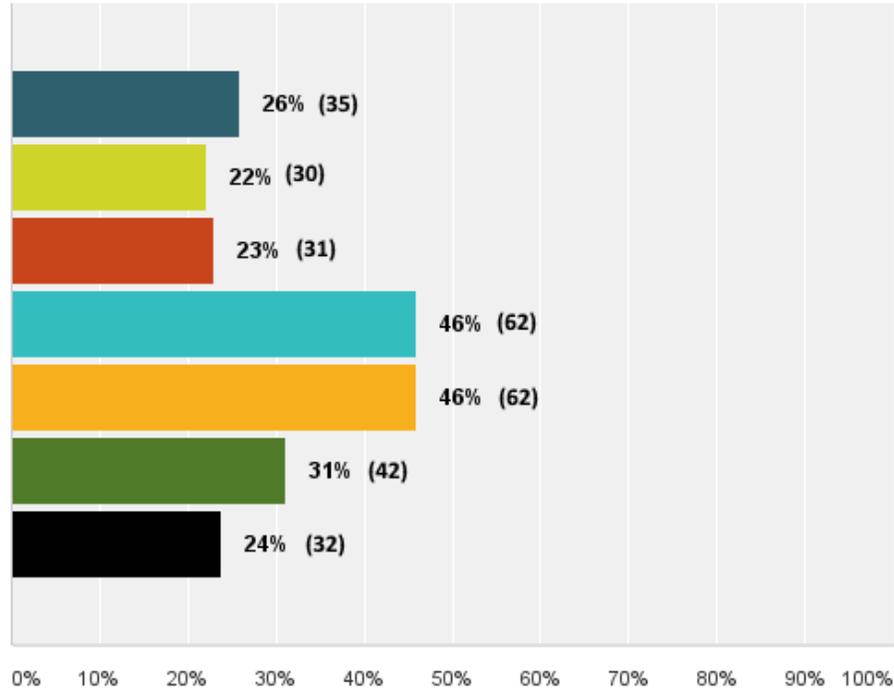
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- Yes, I could support a plan that eliminated the Hunnewell courtyard tree.
- No opinion

**Q25 Would you support a master plan that involved demolition of either the historic portion of Hardy school or the historic portion of Hunnewell and the “significant” courtyard tree? (Choose all that apply.)**

Answered: 135 Skipped: 21

**Q6. What is your experience with Wellesley elementary schools?**

**A. No experience**



- No, I could not support a plan that demolished the 1924-26 portion of Hardy.
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- No, I could not support a plan that eliminated the Hunnewell courtyard tree.
- Yes, I could support a plan that demolished the 1924-26 portion of Hardy.
- Yes, I could support a plan that demolished the 1938 portion of Hunnewell.
- Yes, I could support a plan that eliminated the Hunnewell courtyard tree.
- No opinion

Question 25  
by Experience  
with Wellesley  
Schools

# Questions 26 & 27 – Narrative Responses

- Question 26 – Do you wish to clarify or explain more fully any of your answers above?
  - 544 responses
- Question 27 – Do you have any other thoughts about the HHU project that you would like to share with us?
  - 598 responses

# General Themes in Narrative Responses:

- A preponderance of responses supported retaining three smaller schools...
  - *We moved to Wellesley because of the neighborhood school system. We bought our home so that our kids could walk to and from school everyday. Which they do. Three schools with 18 sections each would be the only plan that I would vote for because bigger schools are not better for our children.*
  - *Investment in education needs to continue as the number 1 priority for Wellesley. Retention of current neighborhood elementary schools is a major differentiator for the unique character of Wellesley and the quality of the education this study needs to consider the emotional and psychological impact on children and families from the potential closure of one of these schools.*

- ...but a significant number support consolidation.
  - *I think we need to focus on the limits of our resources and how best to spend them to achieve first class education in Wellesley. Rebuilding and maintaining three smaller elementary schools is nice in principle but in and of itself does not improve the quality of education which can be equally or better accomplished with two larger schools. I would prefer to see our funds invested in the quality and number of teachers including smaller class size and more educational tools which really would benefit our children while being mindful that the tax cost of the alternative two school approach is excessive.*
  - *Two schools are fine. The concept of "neighborhood schools" is archaic.*

- There were many comments supporting the neighborhood school concept, identifying relationships between students, parents, and teachers, walkability, and educational benefits as attributes.
  - *Please consider what is best for the children. I can't imagine my kid in a giant 4 section school. We had the luxury of a walkable, neighborhood school and the calmness associated with it will stay with her over her lifetime. Driving across town to go to school is not beneficial to anyone and is NOT why many residents chose to move here.*
  - *A safe walk to school -- a neighborhood school -- is quite unique among communities. Kids, dogs, parents - even retired individuals in the neighborhood use this time to connect. It is vital to our kids AND our community. I would pay quite a bit more in taxes to make this happen. In reality, an improved school is one car lease payment for most people.*

- Many respondents were concerned with cost.
  - *I think the town will not support a large override or debt exclusion if a more modest one is possible. An effort to save all 3 schools, if it is significantly more expensive may not pass and then we are right back where we are now!*
  - *With all of the pressures on the Town's budget, I think consolidating schools could be an important way to reduce the schools' operating budget.*
  - *I'd like a lot of things in life-- but I can't have them. Let's GET REAL about COSTS in this town! I volunteer here, I support our local businesses, I'm a helpful neighbor...but I simply cannot afford to keep paying more and more and more EVERY YEAR in taxes!!!!*
  - *The tax burden on Wellesley residents is already causing 'senior flight' from the town. I am STRONGLY opposed to anything other than the minimal expenditure on schools.*

# Other topics addressed in narrative comments

- Enrollment projections
- Effects of tax increases on seniors
- Use of the North 40
- Preservation of historic portions of Hardy and Hunnewell
- Real estate values
- Renovation rather than rebuilding
- Traffic