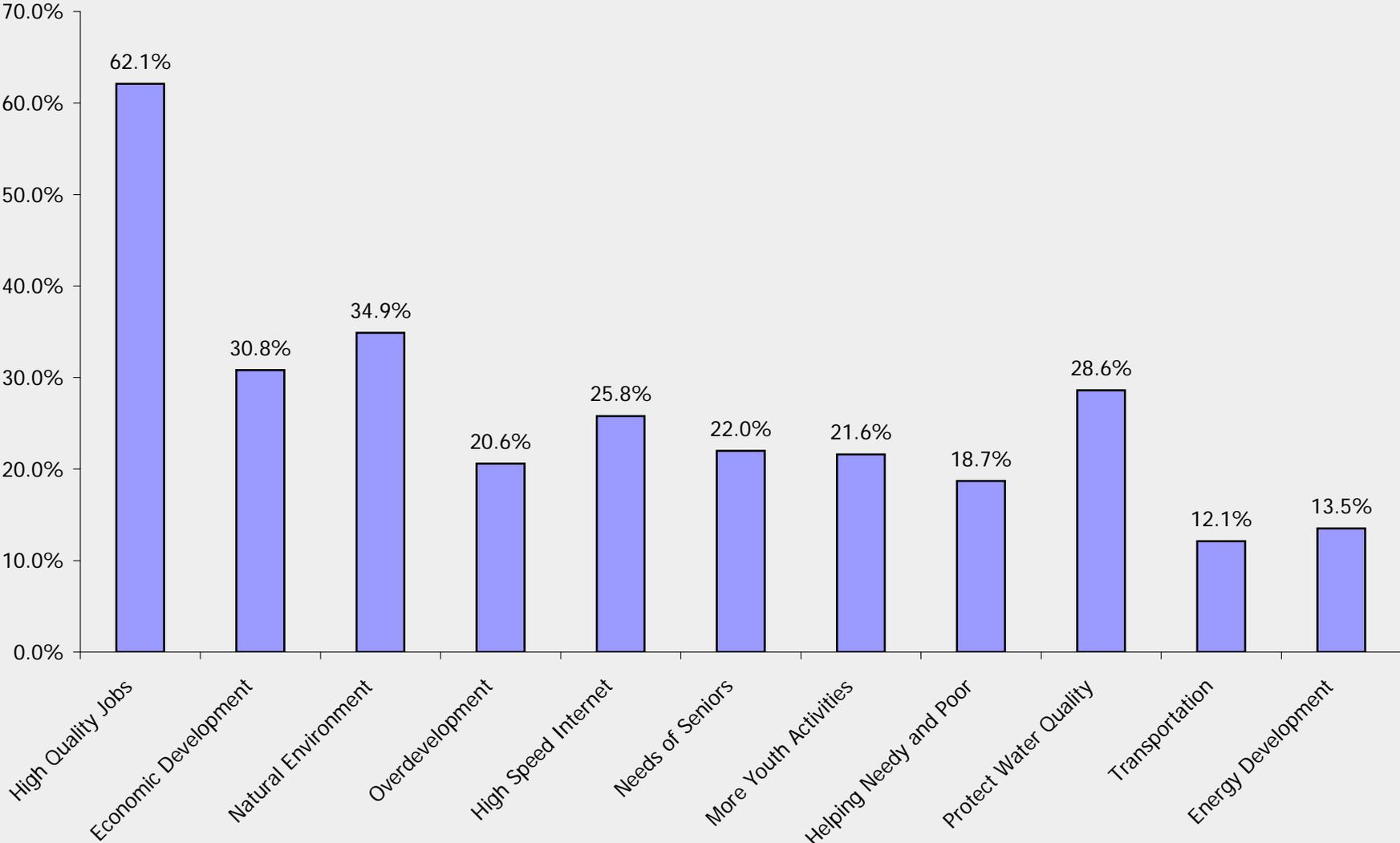
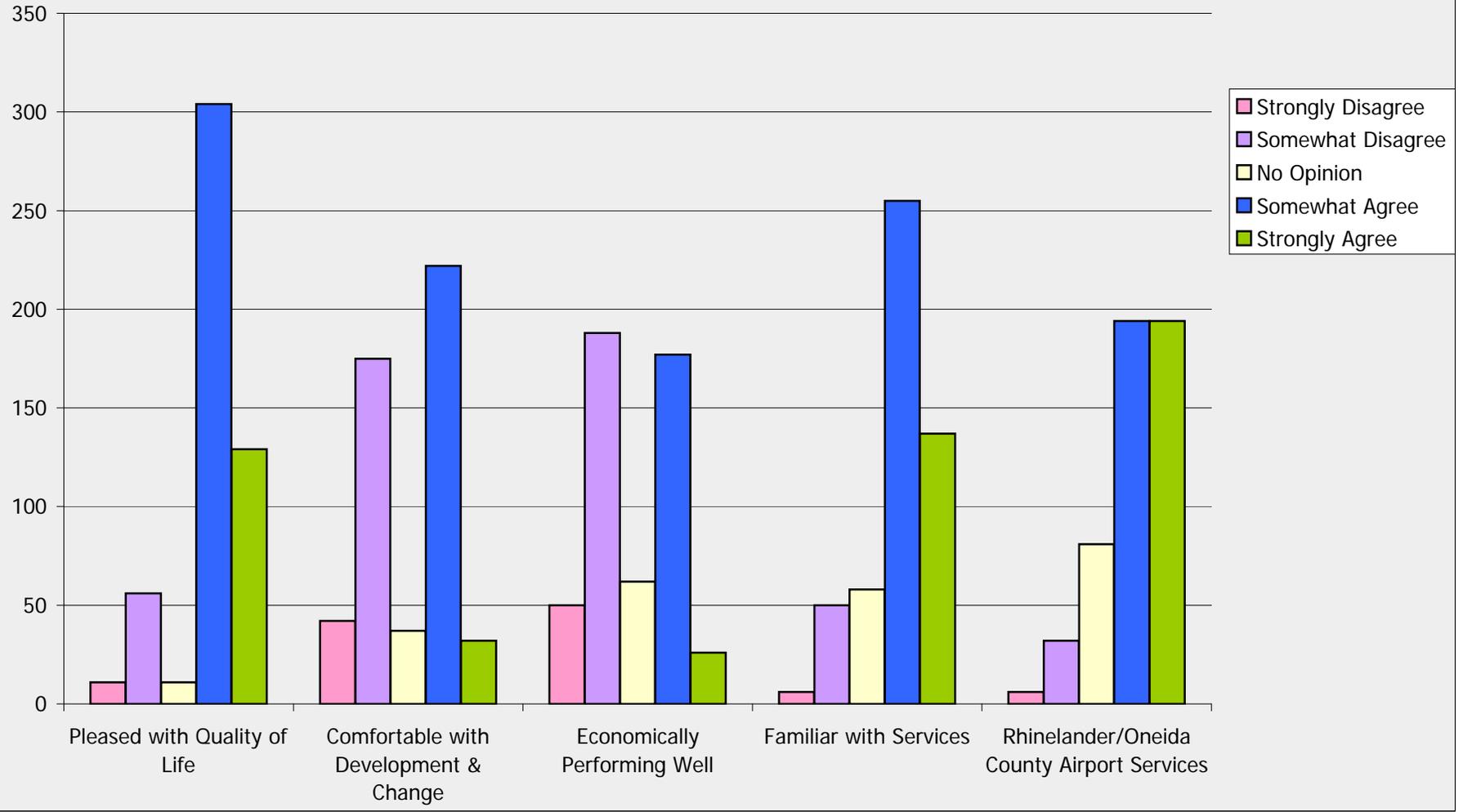


What do you feel is the top issue of concern facing the County today?

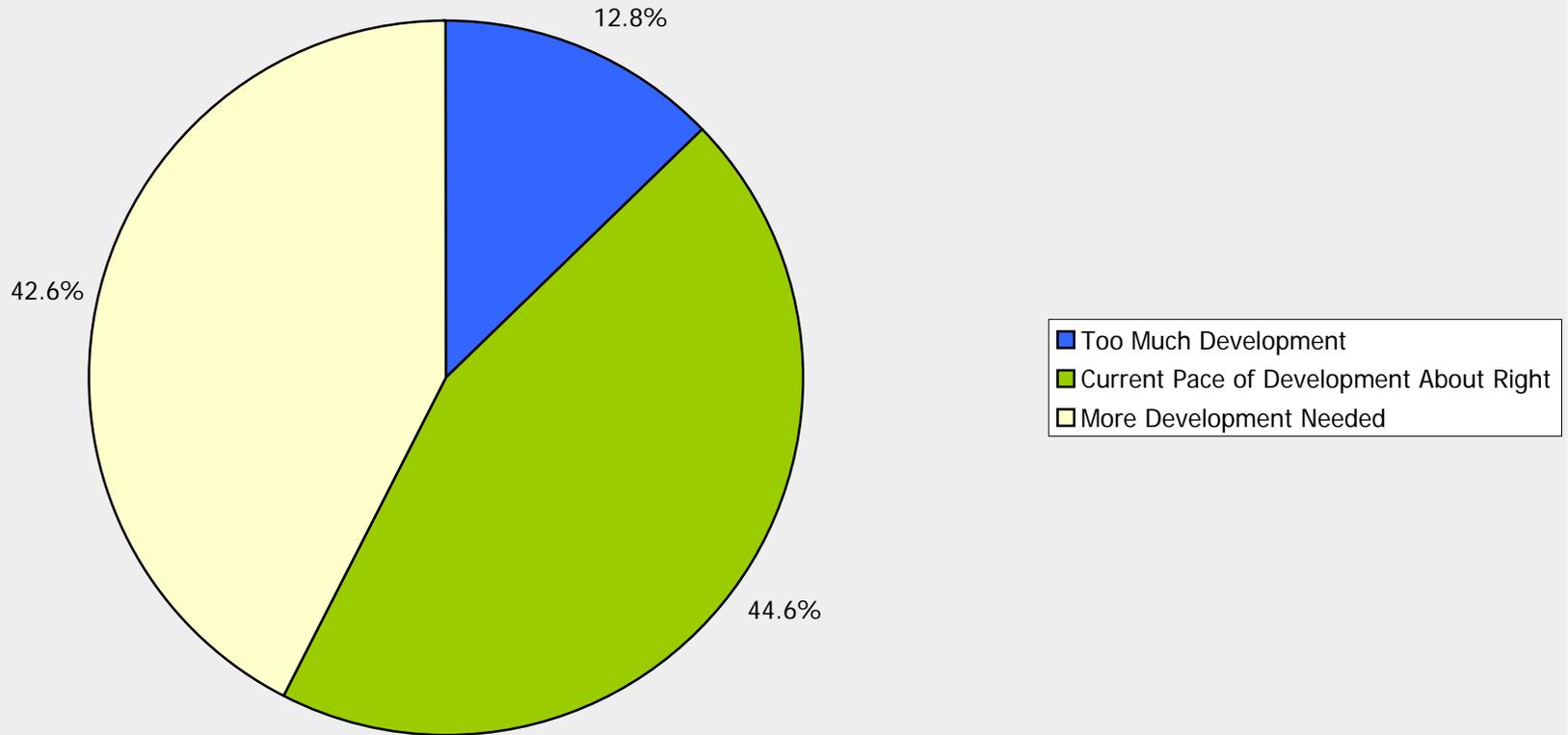


Over All Quality of Life in Oneida County
To what extent would you agree/disagree with the following statements?

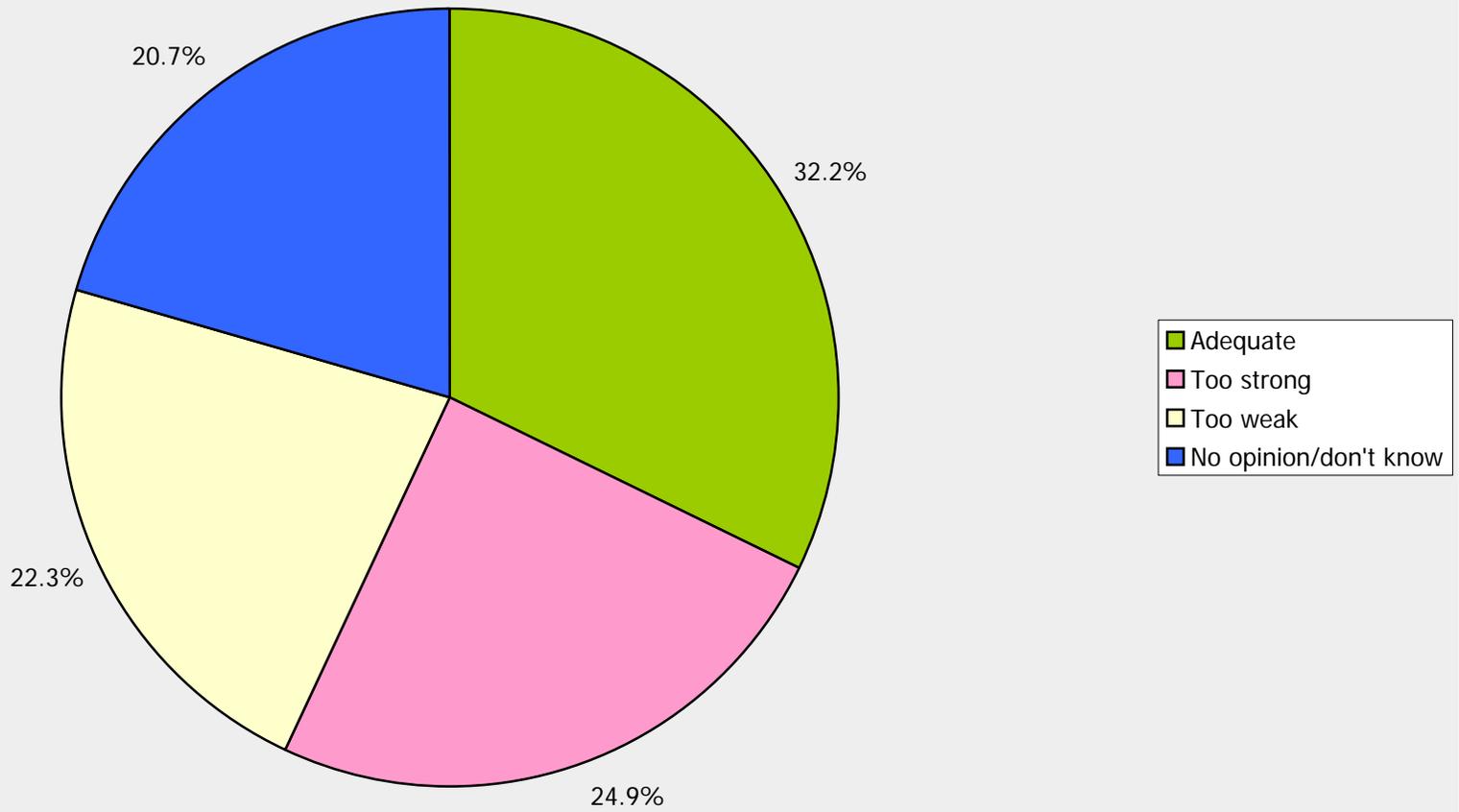


Planning & Zoning

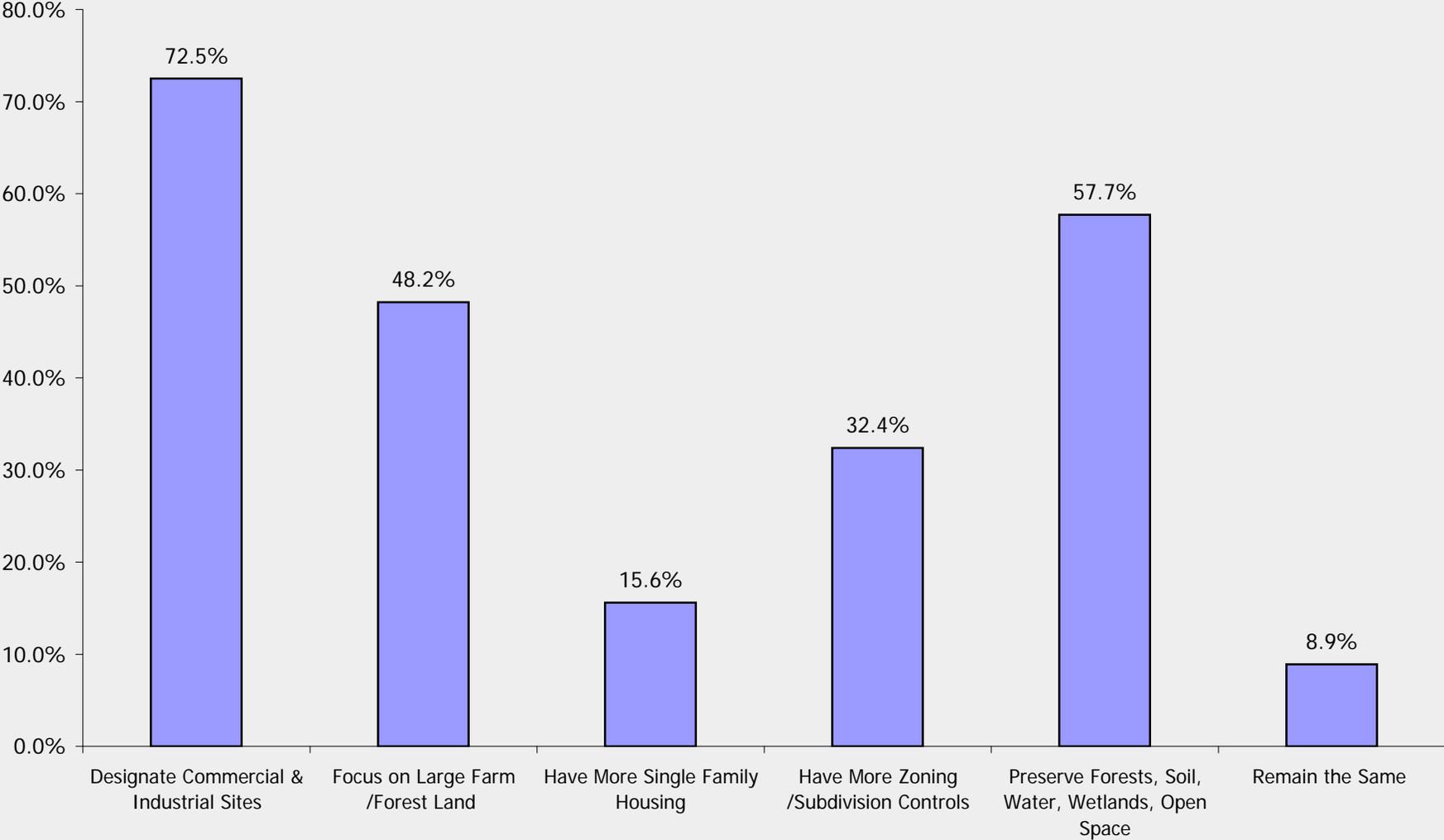
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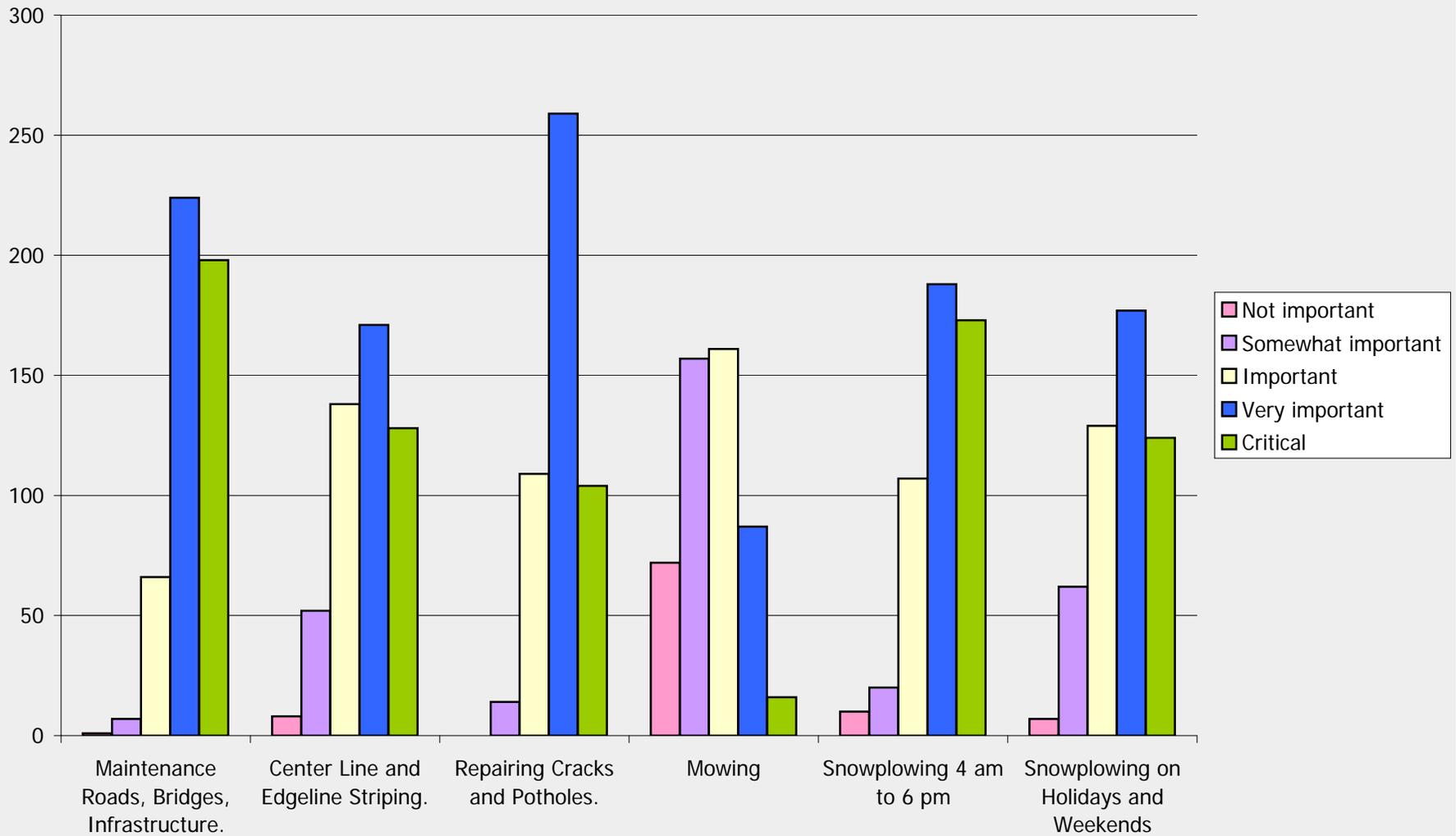
Current land use development regulations/ordinances in Oneida County are?



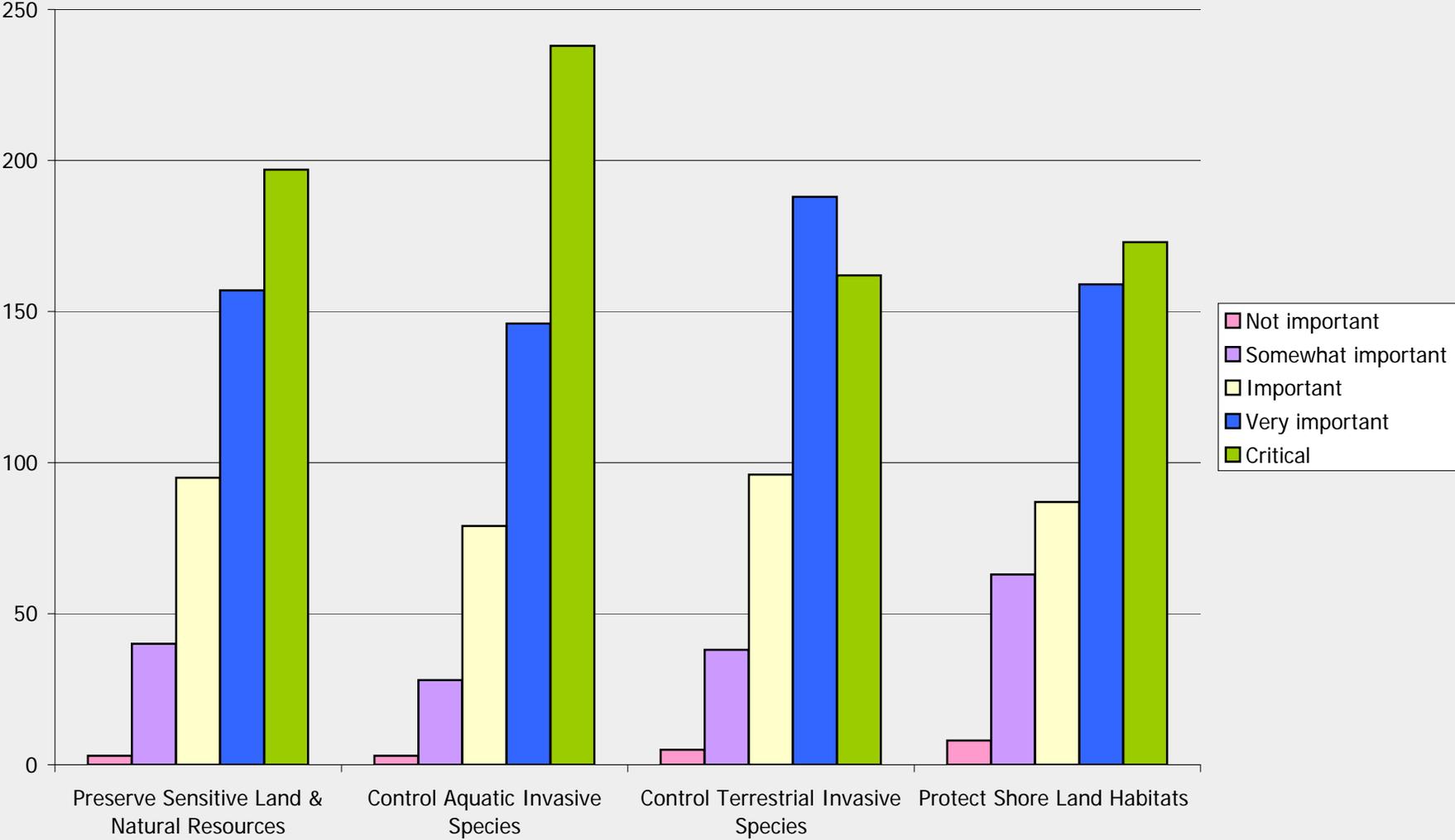
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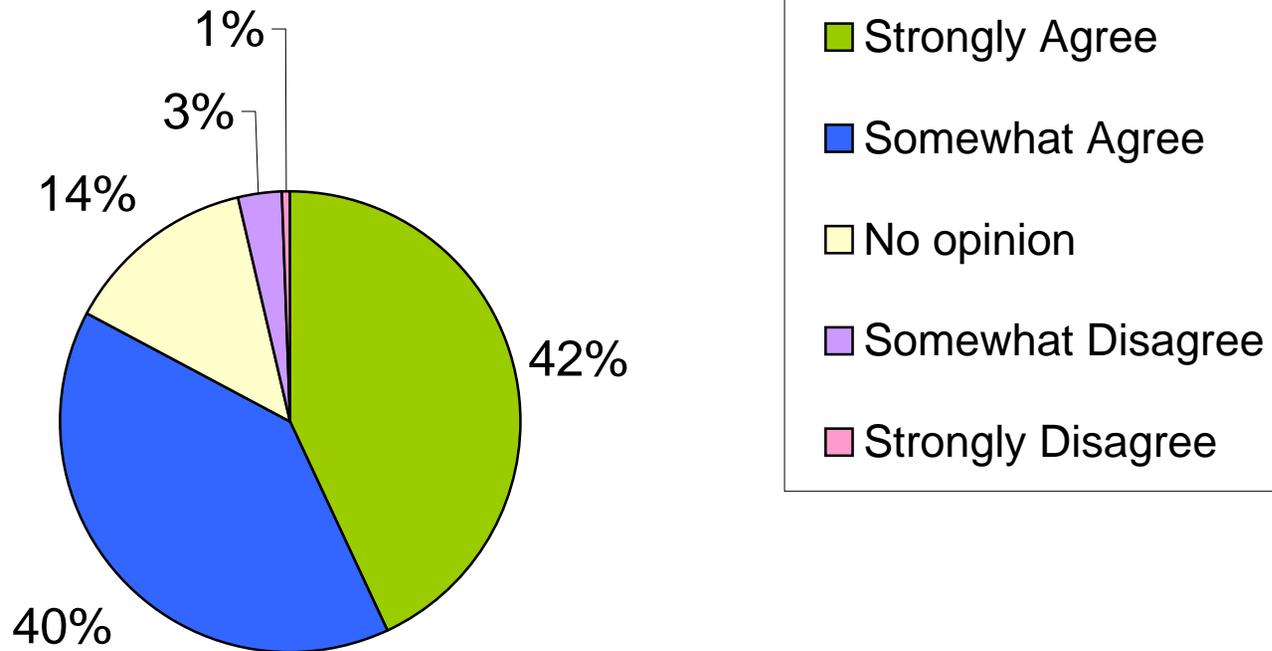
Highway Department Please Rate the Importance of the Following Services on County Roads



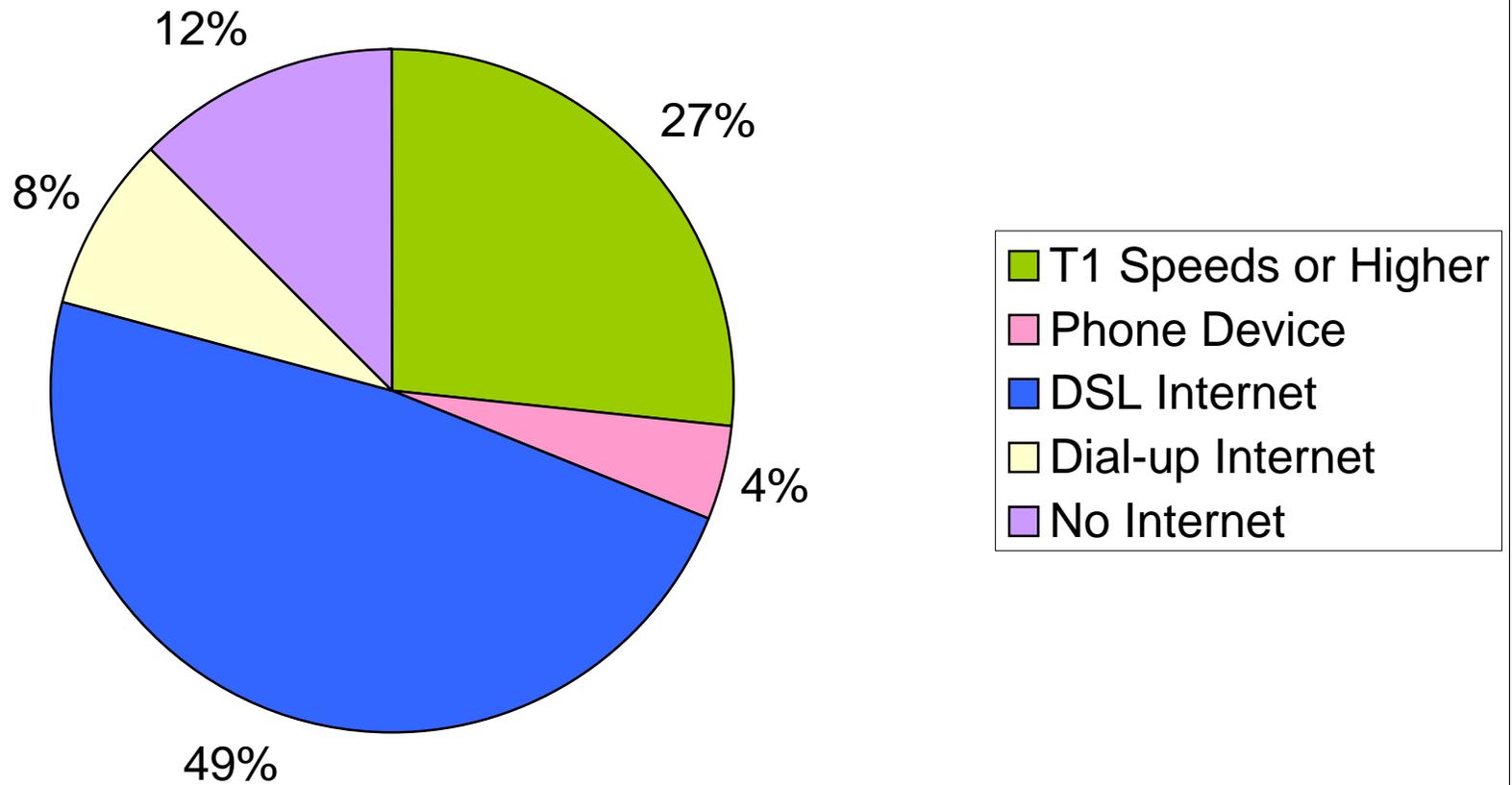
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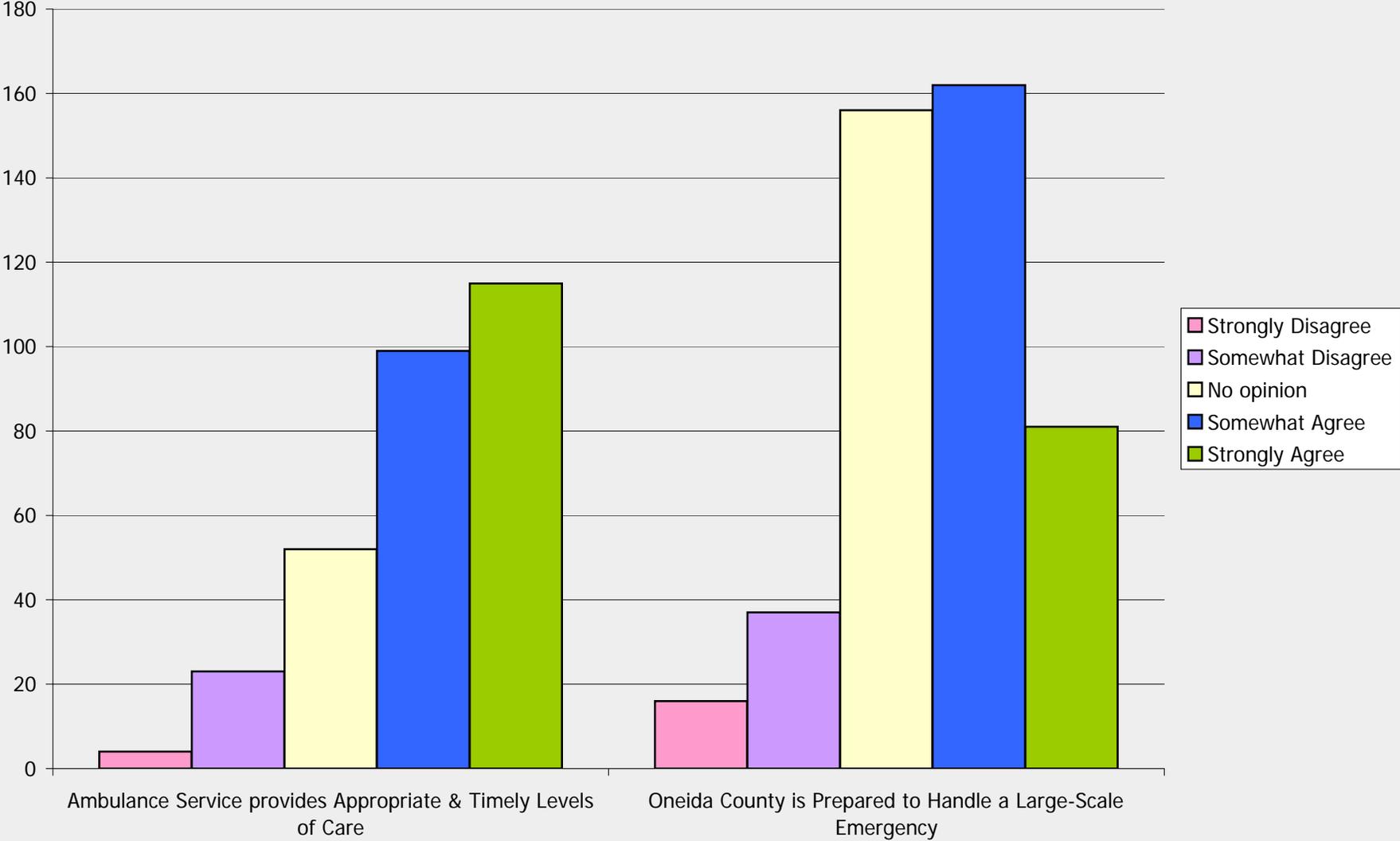
**The Services, Facilities & Recreational Opportunities provided by the Forestry Department
are Very Important to Me**



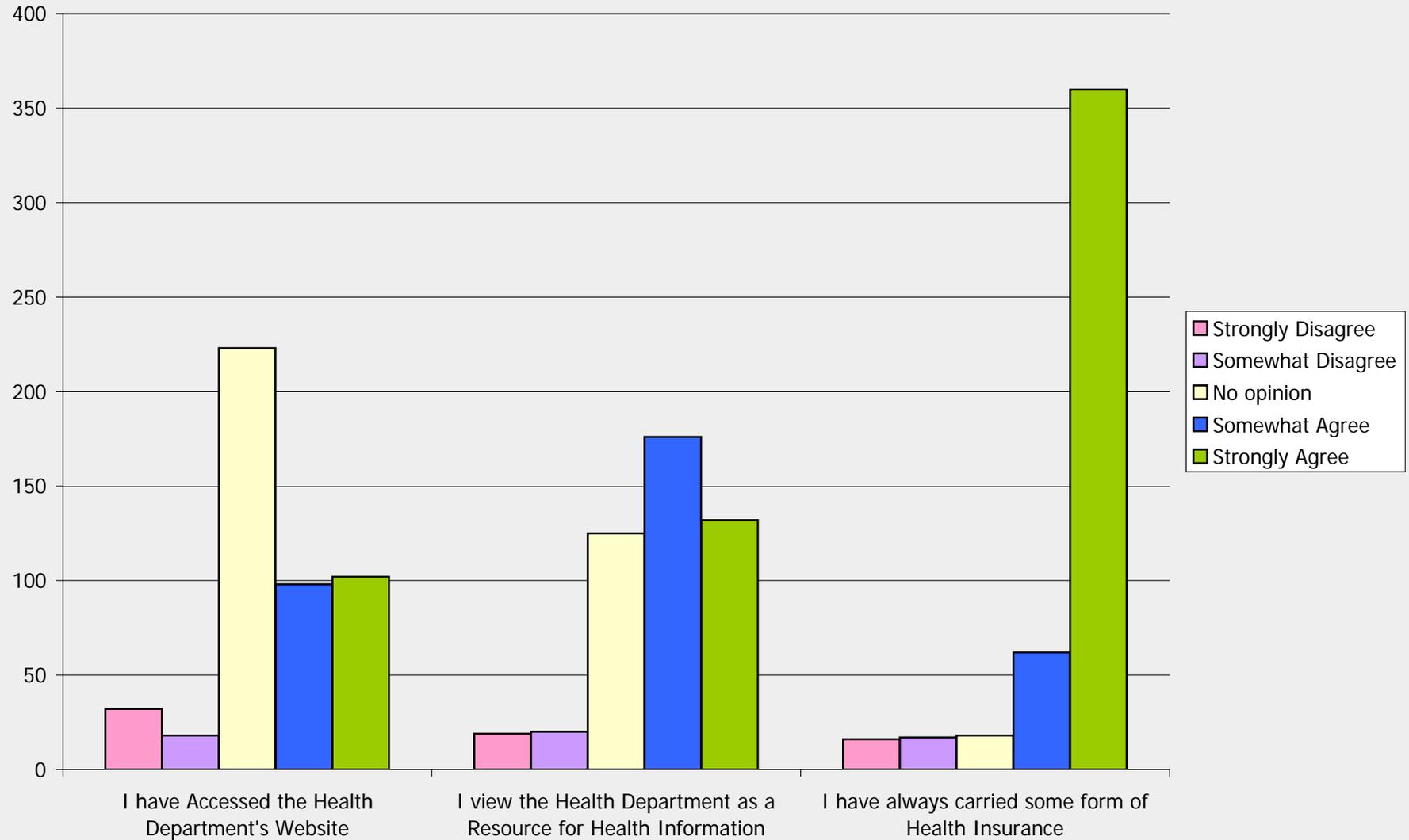
What Type of Internet Service do you have?



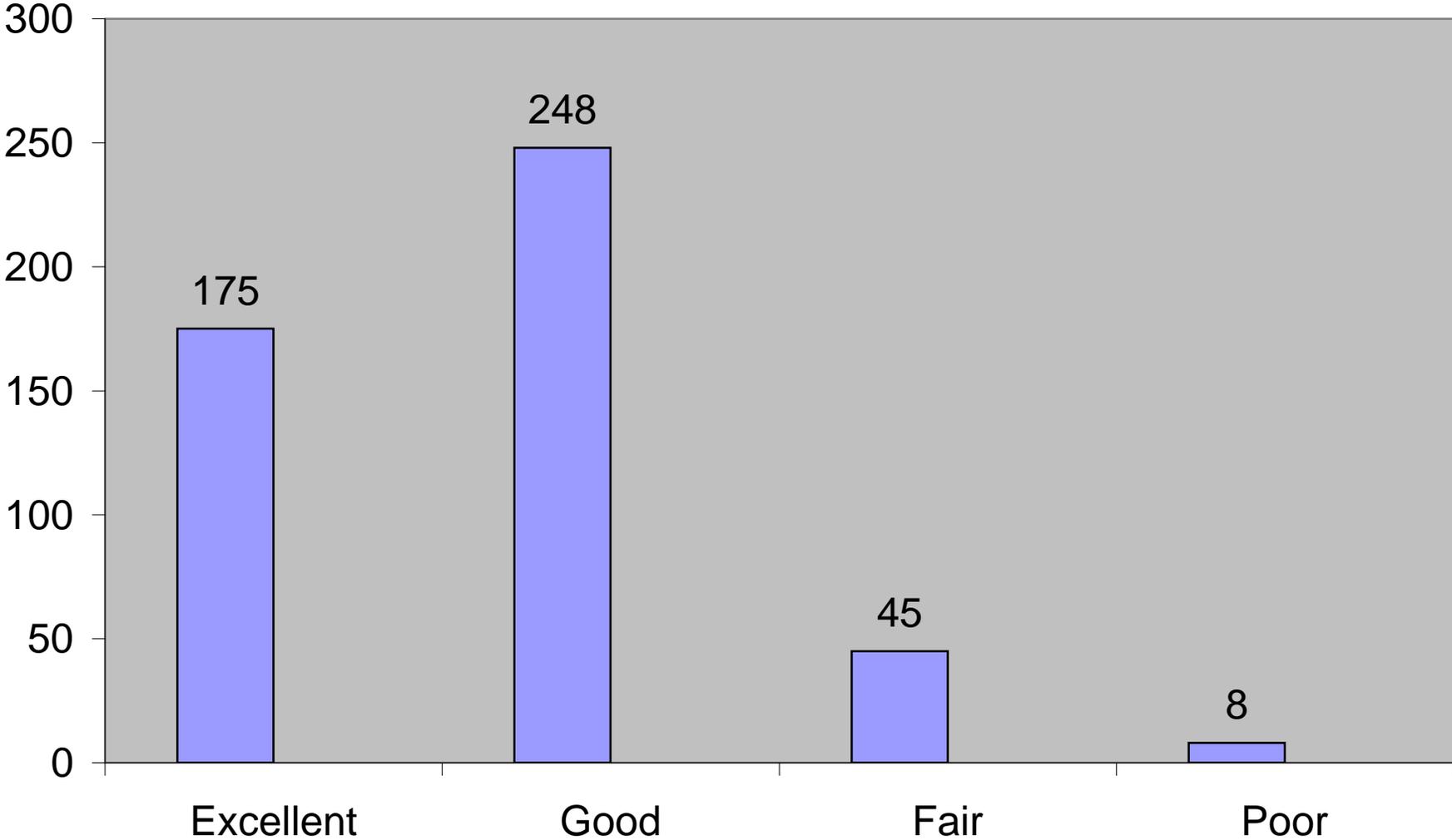
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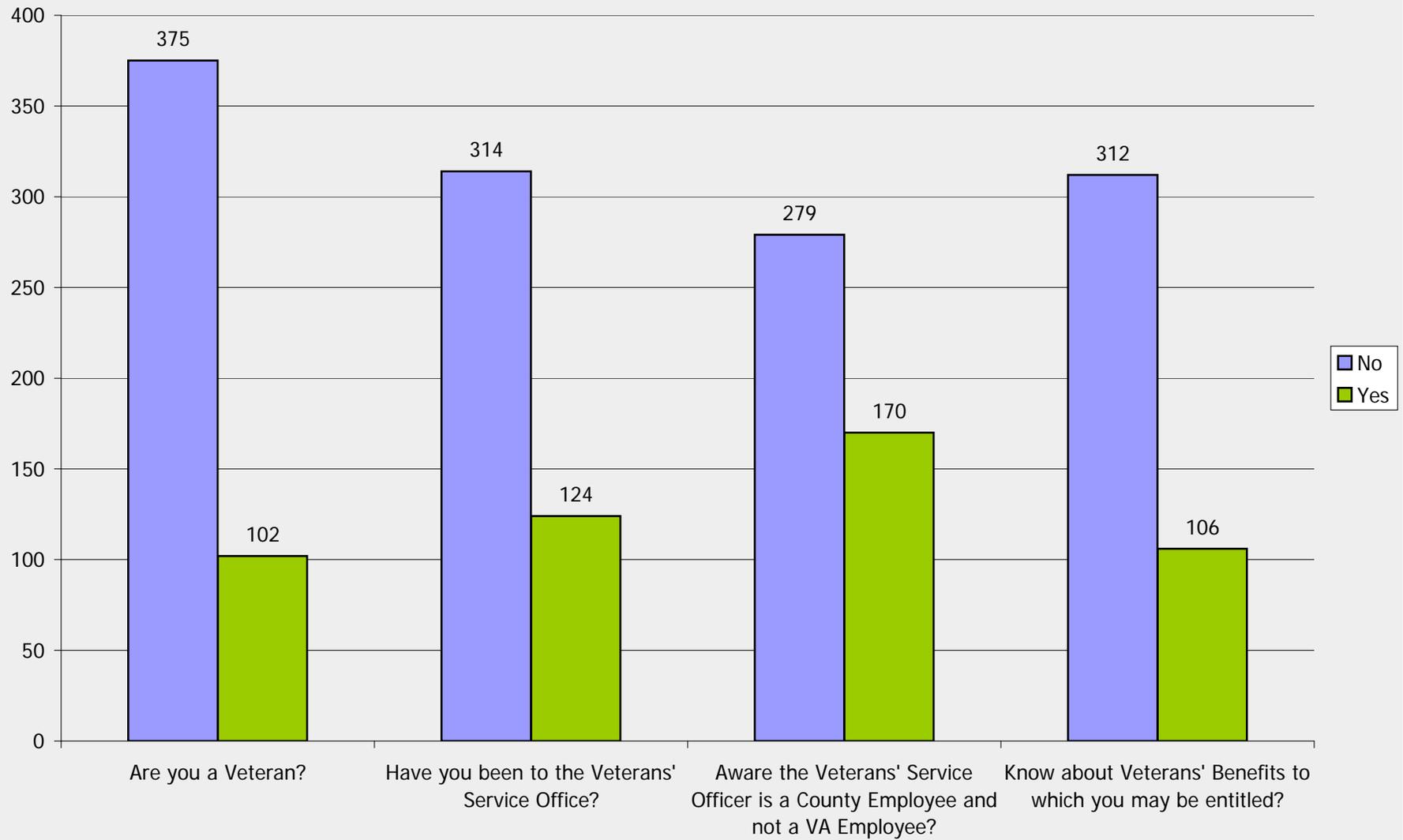
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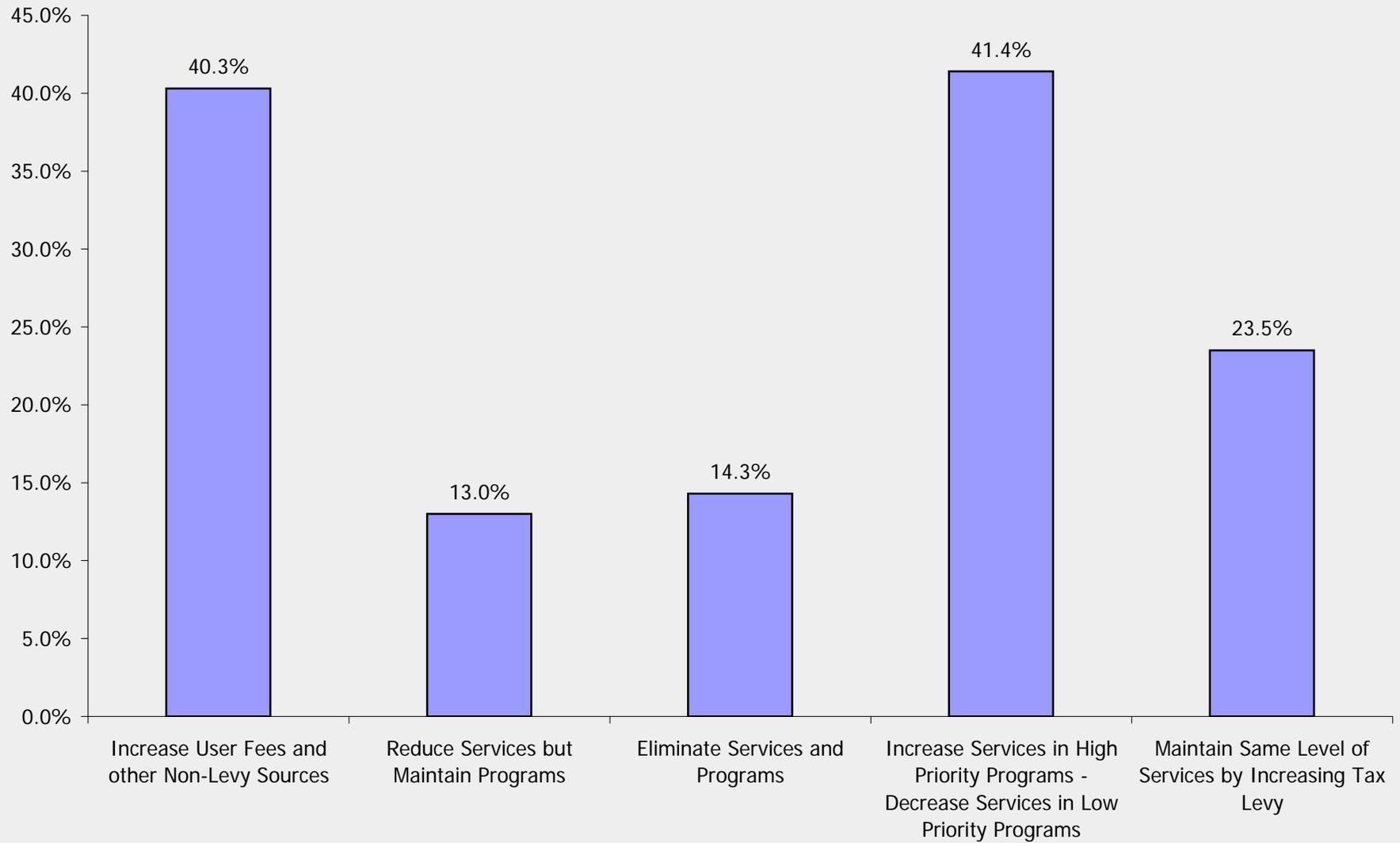
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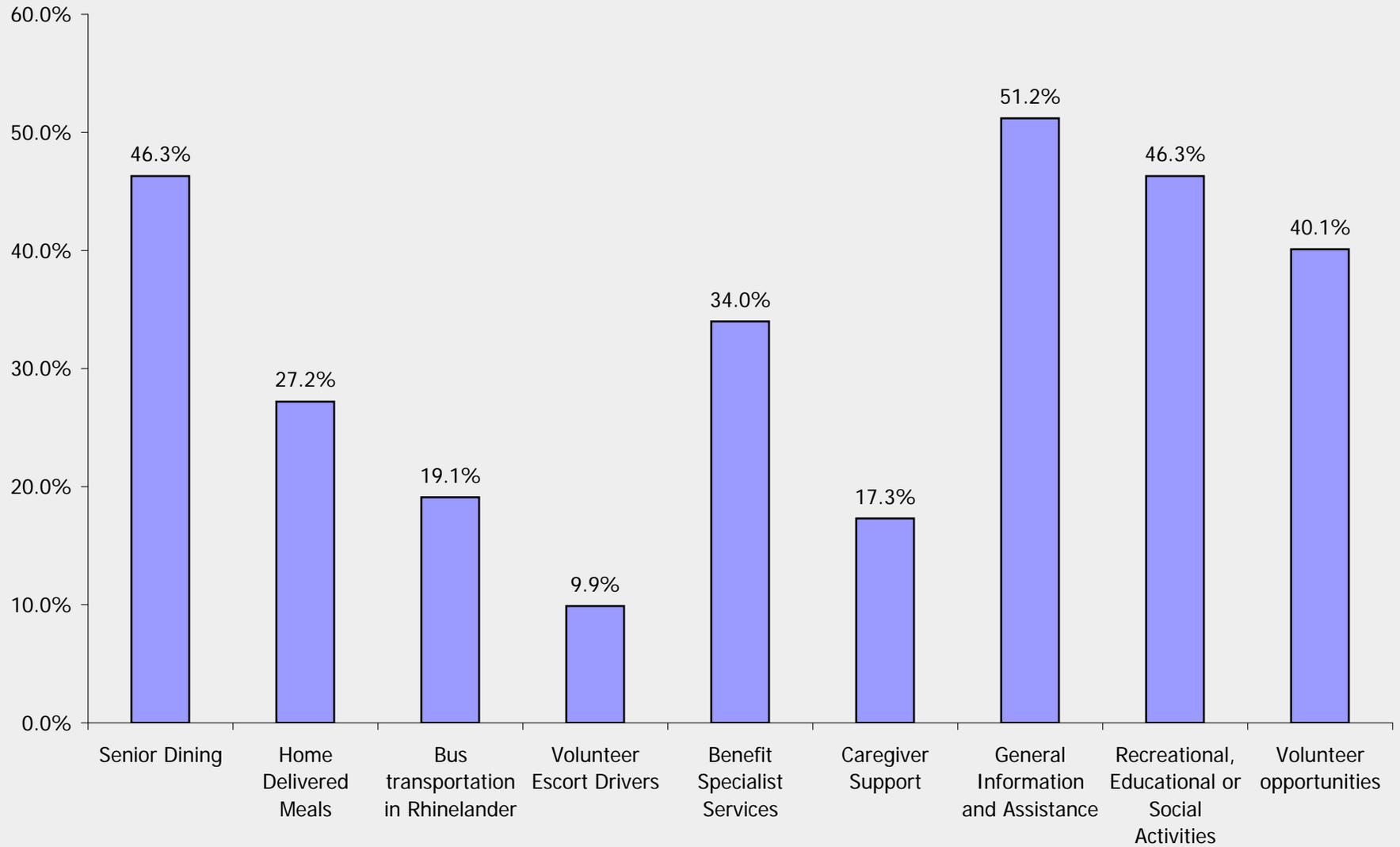
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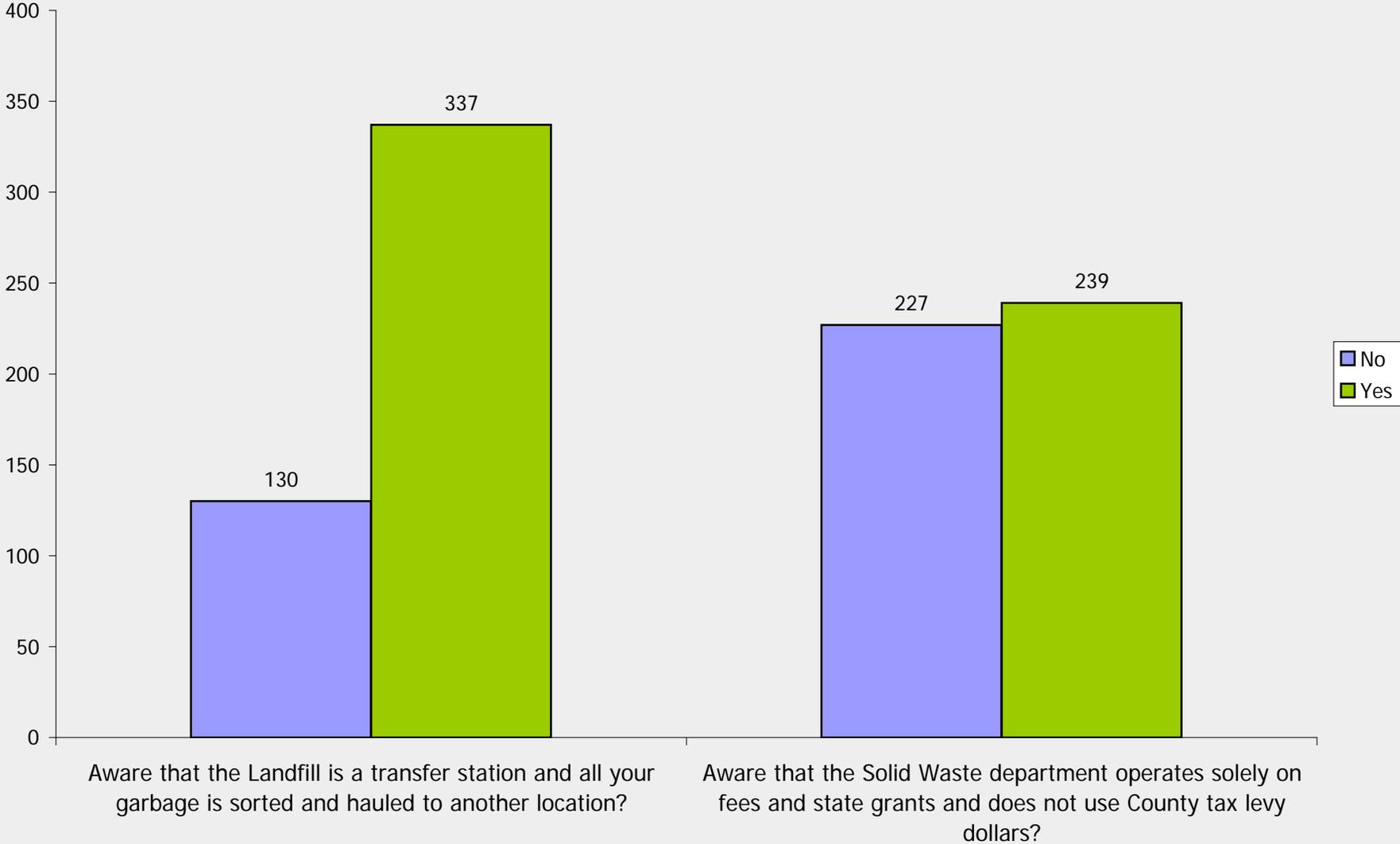
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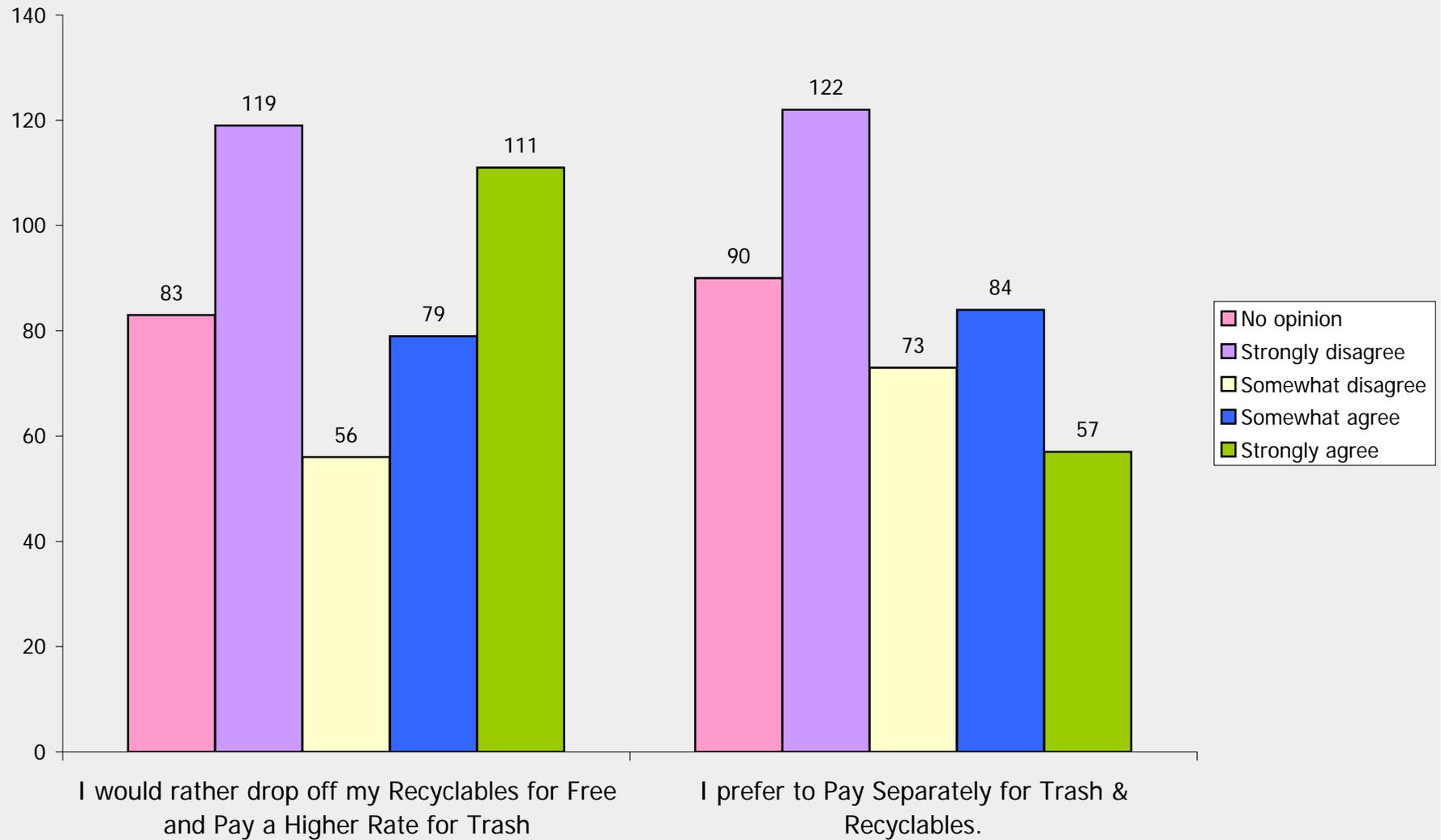
Department on Aging Services You or Your Family Members have used during the Last Year



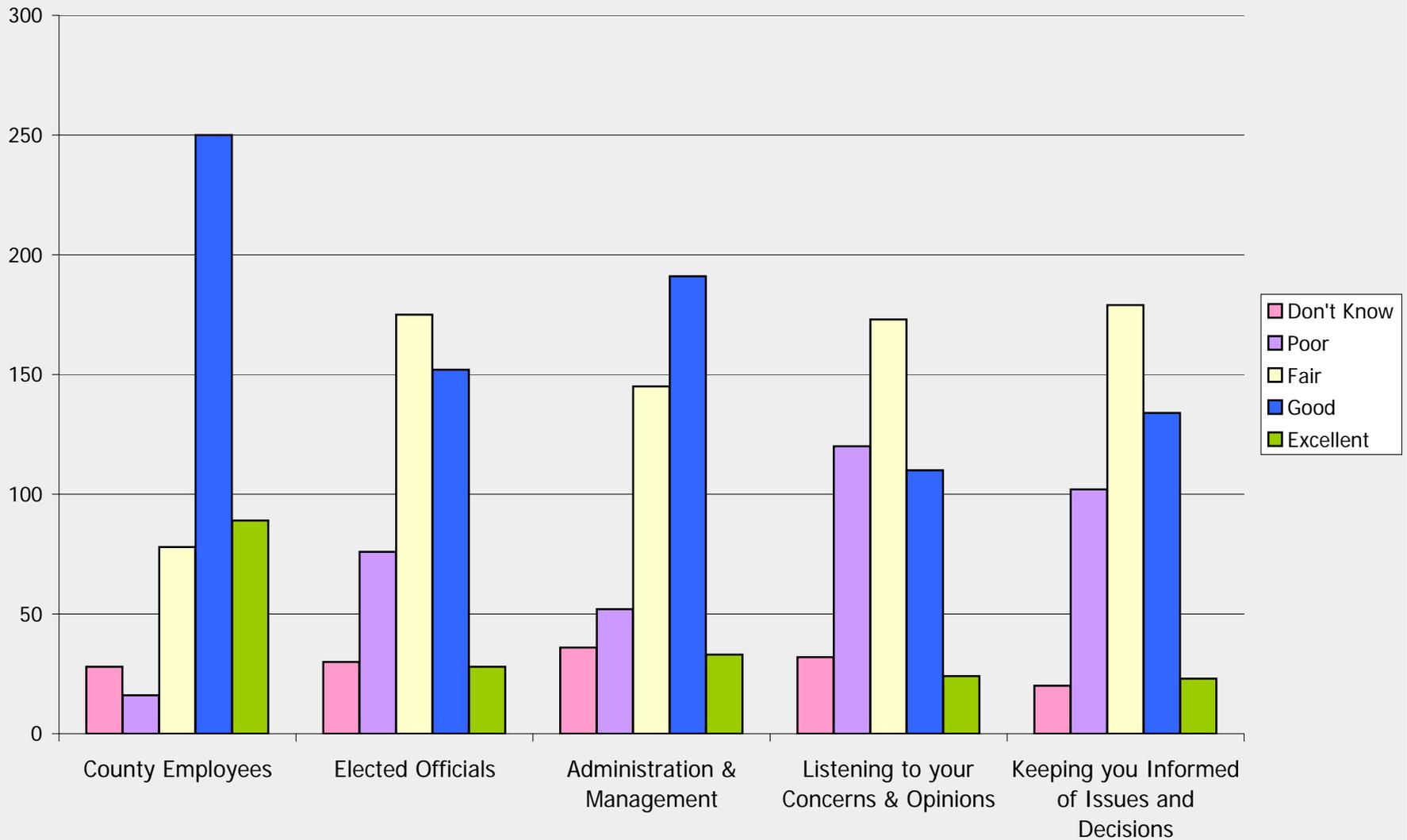
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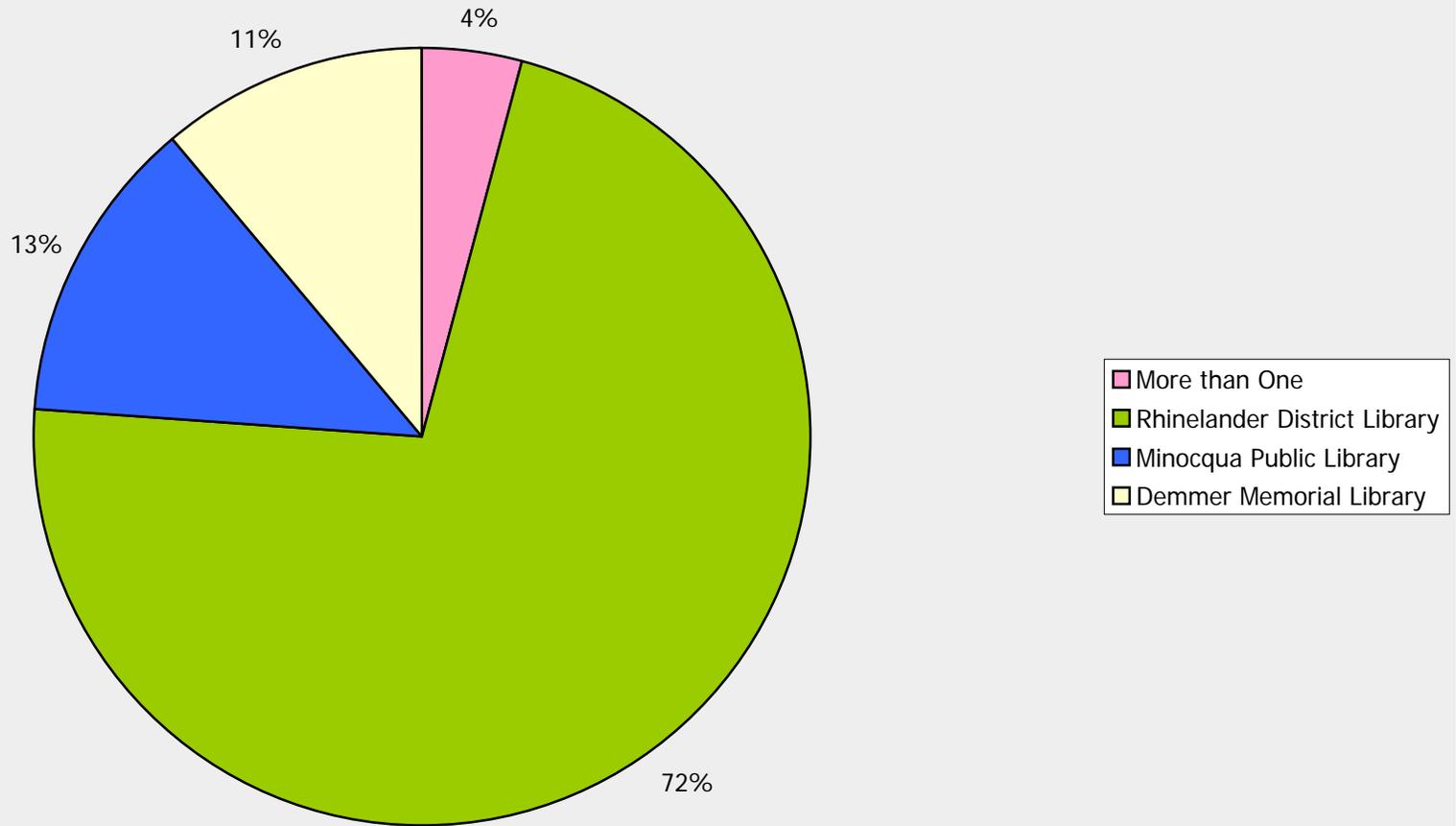
Solid Waste Department
To what extent do you agree/disagree with the following statements?



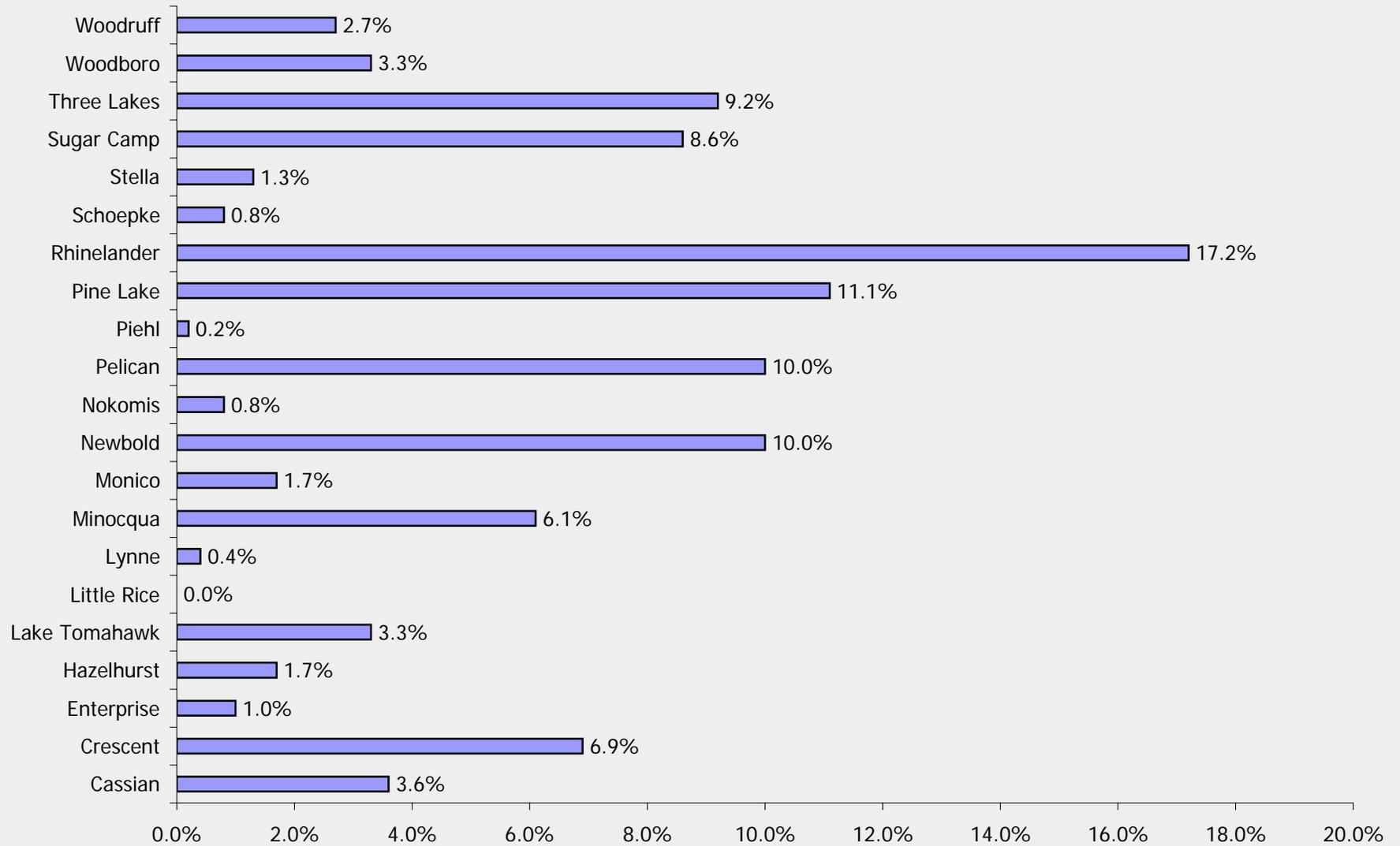
General Value and Performance of Your County Government



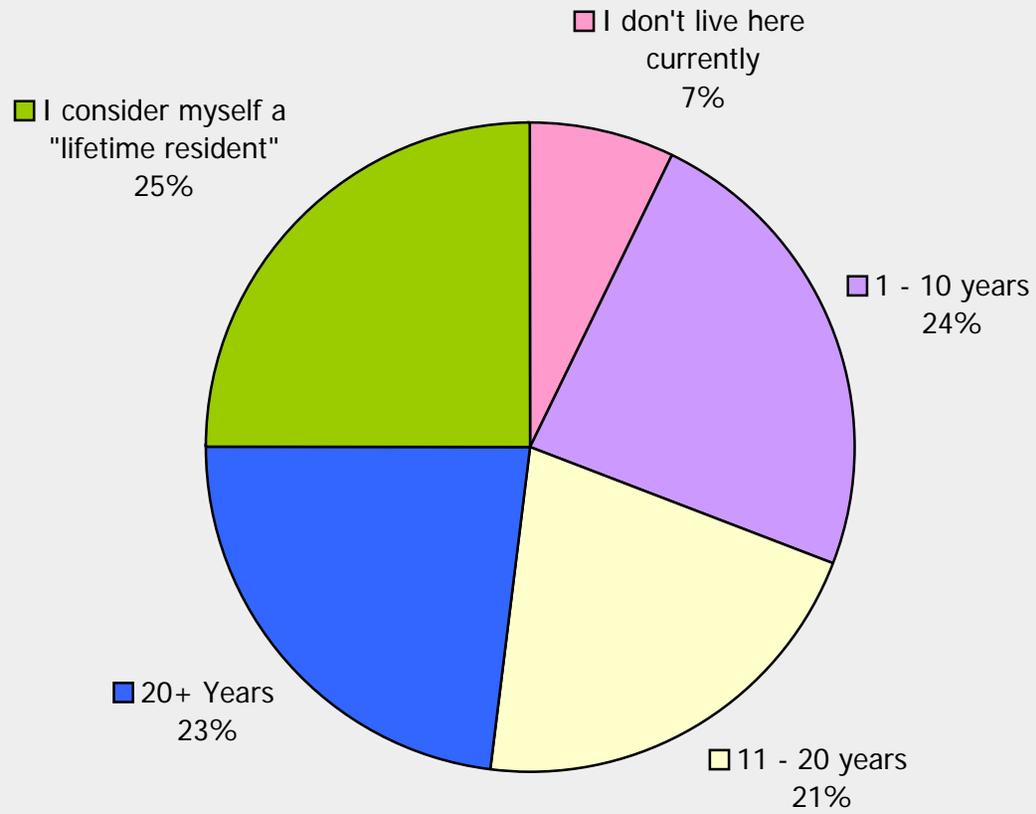
Do you have a Library Card Issued by One of these Libraries?



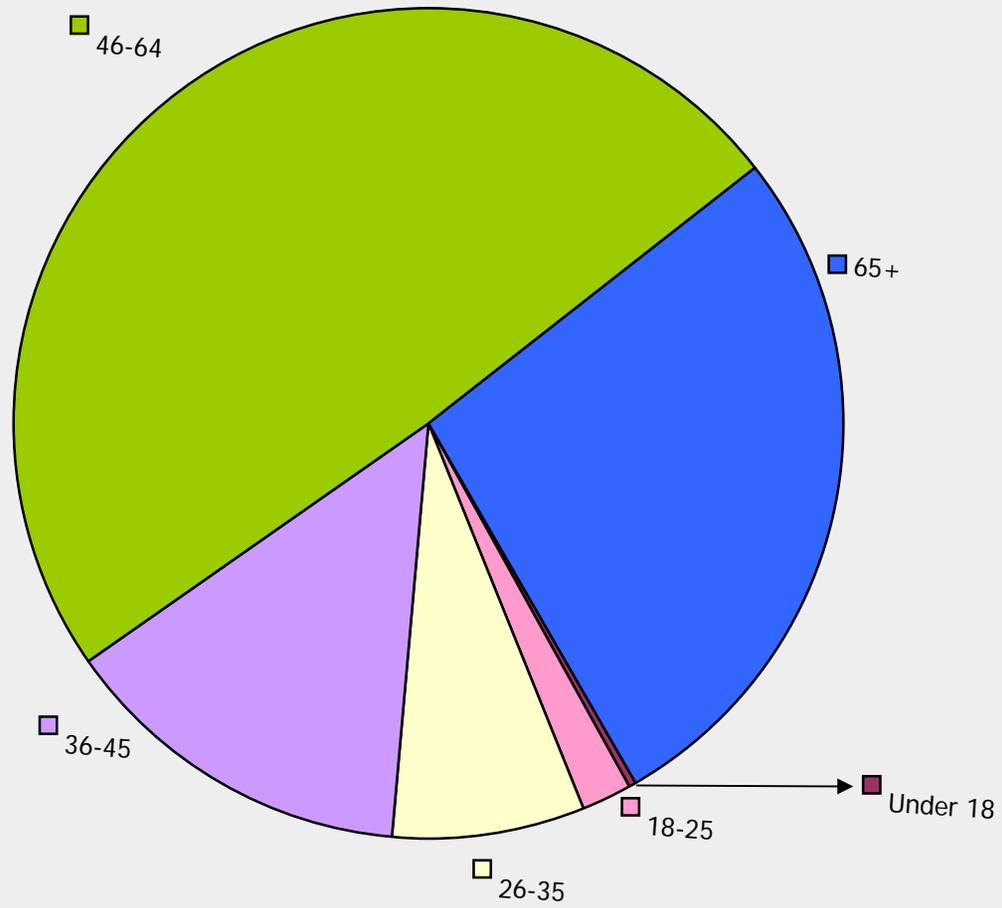
What is the township of your primary property?



Number of years you have made Oneida County your year-round residence



Survey Respondent's Age group



Sample Comments Regarding Budget Shortfall Question

I strongly urge the Oneida County Government to be more pro-active and diligent about reducing costs. Area businesses and households alike are currently being forced to reduce spending, cut cost, and rethink operations in order to survive these hard economic times. The answer is not more taxes or a tax levy. The answer is to reduce your operating costs. Eliminate, or at least suspend programs and expenditures that are not absolutely necessary.

In this day, we have immediate access to the internet where we can research ways to cut costs. Look at what other governments are doing, what works, what doesn't - come up with a plan to work efficiently and mindfully for the people of Oneida County.

Cutting taxes and government jobs during a recession is inappropriate. Cutting services to achieve very small savings for taxpayers is not the best approach.

Determine what is important to the PUBLIC and NOT what is important to the various departments and organizations. Then, process map the important things and cut the waste!

Look at all programs and assess the NEED based on facts instead of personal opinion.

Every corporation I have worked for in the last 8 years has had to more with less, become more efficient and continuously search for elimination or reduction opportunities. The County should be doing the same thing.

Evaluate services- Rank based on importance. Determine services needed to move the county forward. We need to grow and expand/which will increase our tax base. It is expensive to live here and the salaries do not off set this expense. We will continue to loose the younger population who will migrate to areas with higher salaries and better school systems. I grew up here and see very little change in the town from 20 years ago.

Recreation and conservation and education tax dollars should be spent on those areas that affect the majority. Public Health, Public Safety, garbage and road infrastructure.

All programs should be assessed and prioritized and then given the revenue sources needed. That may mean some increase in taxes but only done once the programs have been assessed and creative measures taken to facilitate programs.

I am assuming prioritization of county services has already taken place and I don't see many places to make cuts. Increase revenues and maintain services. I know this is not popular but I think it is important. If my budget were threatened I would maximize revenue sources before I would reduce my benefits.

Sample Comments Regarding Program Reduction Question

Select those "LOW" items from this survey as a start. Each department knows some activities that it could STOP without a single complaint. Combine departments/organizations and get rid of people/things that do not directly provide the service/product.

Reduce county board and committee size

I do not want to see any of the programs or services eliminated! The impact these services provide to the public at little or no cost is a huge benefit to youth, teenagers, adults and the elderly.

Eliminate wasteful spending (ie. county board committee meetings) have less CB members and less committees. Merge departments

Reduce the amount of time all services are available. Stagger time-slots for all programming.

Less parks/beach/recreation sites but upgrade and make those we offer something people talk about and a place tourists want to return to again.

Without seeing a cost/benefit analysis of the program(s), including participant and beneficiary feedback, I do not feel qualified at this time to advise on reduction or elimination of programs or services.

Based upon use of service, determine which programs serve the most possible residents and evaluate from there. Also, there should be a mechanism in place to track the progress and success of the services. Determination of reasonableness should also be applied.

Evaluate the cost vs. long term benefits to the community of various programs. Programs with low return on investment should go. Think of the future.
Shut down the courthouse on Friday's.
Sample Comments Regarding Things to be Considered at Budget Time
Keep in mind that not all of Oneida County Residents want decisions made just to lower taxes. Some of us feel that as long as we are getting what we pay for it is important to continue services.
This is the wrong time in our economy to raise taxes.
Those determining the budget need to listen to the people and get out and ask the residents of Oneida County. This survey is a start. It seems that most of the decisions regarding county government are personal opinions of how things are going. How about asking the residents and employees of Oneida County and really LISTEN.
It is critical to the County's economy and to the welfare of its citizens and visitors that Oneida County protect and preserve its natural resources. This must include stringent limits on development that is harmful to the resources or the environment; strong zoning ordinances that are enforced; protection against both aquatic and terrestrial invasive species;
The landfill should have free recycling. It's sad that other counties/countries can do that but here we have to pay for every little thing and that makes people throw away recyclable items in the trash or just store them any place they can.
Evening meetings for the County Board as working individuals are unable to attend meeting unless they take off from work. Many of the Committee meetings should also be held in the evening also so public can attend. With evening meetings we could possibly see greater diversity of elected officials.
More emphasis on economic development is needed
Keep county residents informed and include them in the decision making process when there is the opportunity. The privilege of responding to this survey is deeply appreciated. I had no idea a survey was taking place until I started looking up some information for an acquaintance of mine. Thank you!
Department on Aging needs better and larger place to work
In counties with a small population it is very important for government to be creative in the use of revenues and expenses. They should look for collaborations with private and other non profits to provide the best for the citizens they represent. Think out of the box. It should not be business as usual or better government as usual.
Sample Comments Regarding which Service Levels should be Increased.
Public safety, public health, highways and the County support of education of our children.
Infrastructure maintenance, repair and improvement; protection of our precious natural resources -- both land and water; maintenance or expansion of UWEX services; increased health services.
The programs which directly affect our natural resources...preserving our lakes & protecting them from the evasive aquatic species. If we do not do this the economic implications to our area are huge. Tourism dollars will drop, property levels will plummet, and so on. We must protect our greatest asset which is our lakes or we will loose everything!
Social Services, Mental Health and AODA a close look at the court calendars and 51 commitments and emergency room visits would indicate that not providing more services result in shifting the responsibility to law enforcement responding to domestic, OWI and mental health calls which tie up law enforcement time and energy baby sitting individuals in the emergency rooms and transportation for emergency detentions would save the county money.
Anything that is job or career related needs to have more emphasis

Public transportation - the large retirement and elderly community, the student population attending Nicolet Technical college, and tourism would benefit from a public transportation system. This would benefit communities such as Minocqua / Woodruff, Rhinelander and perhaps some other communities. This could be a benefit to reducing carbon emissions and could improve the safety and reduce traffic in some instances. With the economy and unemployment rate as it is in the US, any programs which contribute to quality of life improvement for the unemployed, homeless and those who have no access to quality health care. Also any programs which contribute to the success and continuation of small businesses who employ local residents could be increased as well. Programs contributing to the welfare and care of displaced and/or abused pets or animals could be increased. The poor economy has led to an increase in issues related to this group of creatures as well as people negatively impacted by the economy and political issues.

Keep 4-H and other youth related activities. We need more for our youth

law enforcement, emergency management, ems, forestry, public health. these are services that are needed in our county

Increase service levels in social welfare and recovery programs to assist those in need

Oneida County Dept on Aging needs a new location to be improved critically. More people need it's help therefore the Department really should have the place and space to accommodate people's needs.