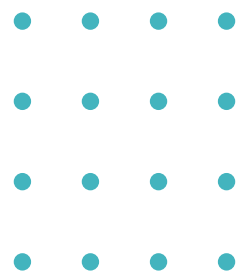


Primary Data Collection





Survey



387 surveys completed

Listening Session



3 listening session completed

Interviews

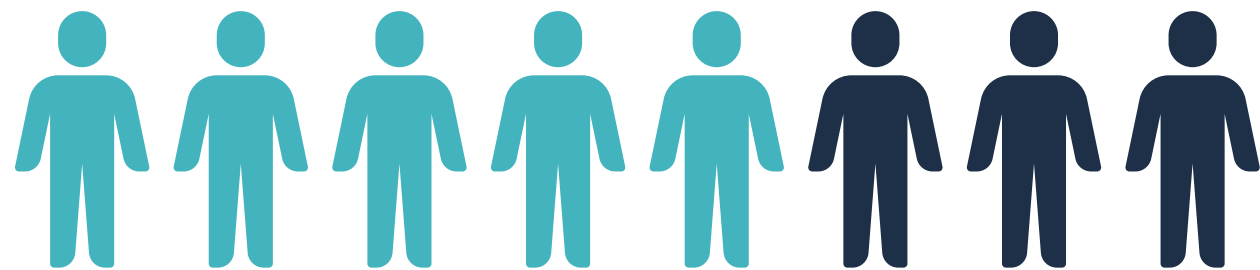


0 Key Informant interviews completed



As of 5/3/2022

What is your age?



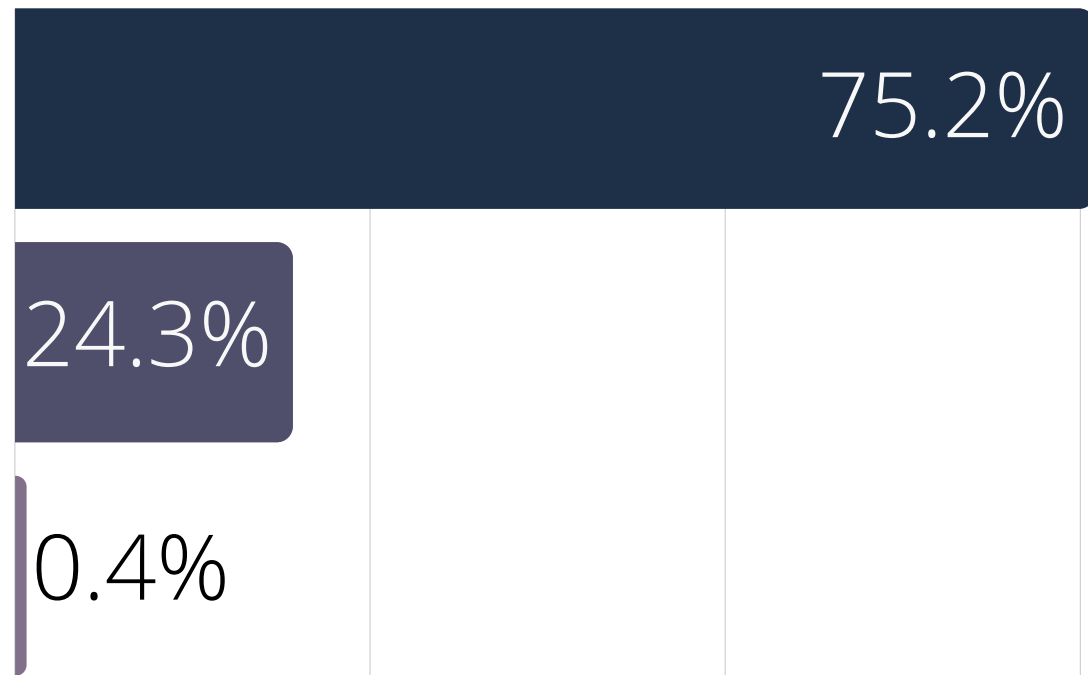
Minimum: 21
Maximum: 82
Median: 49



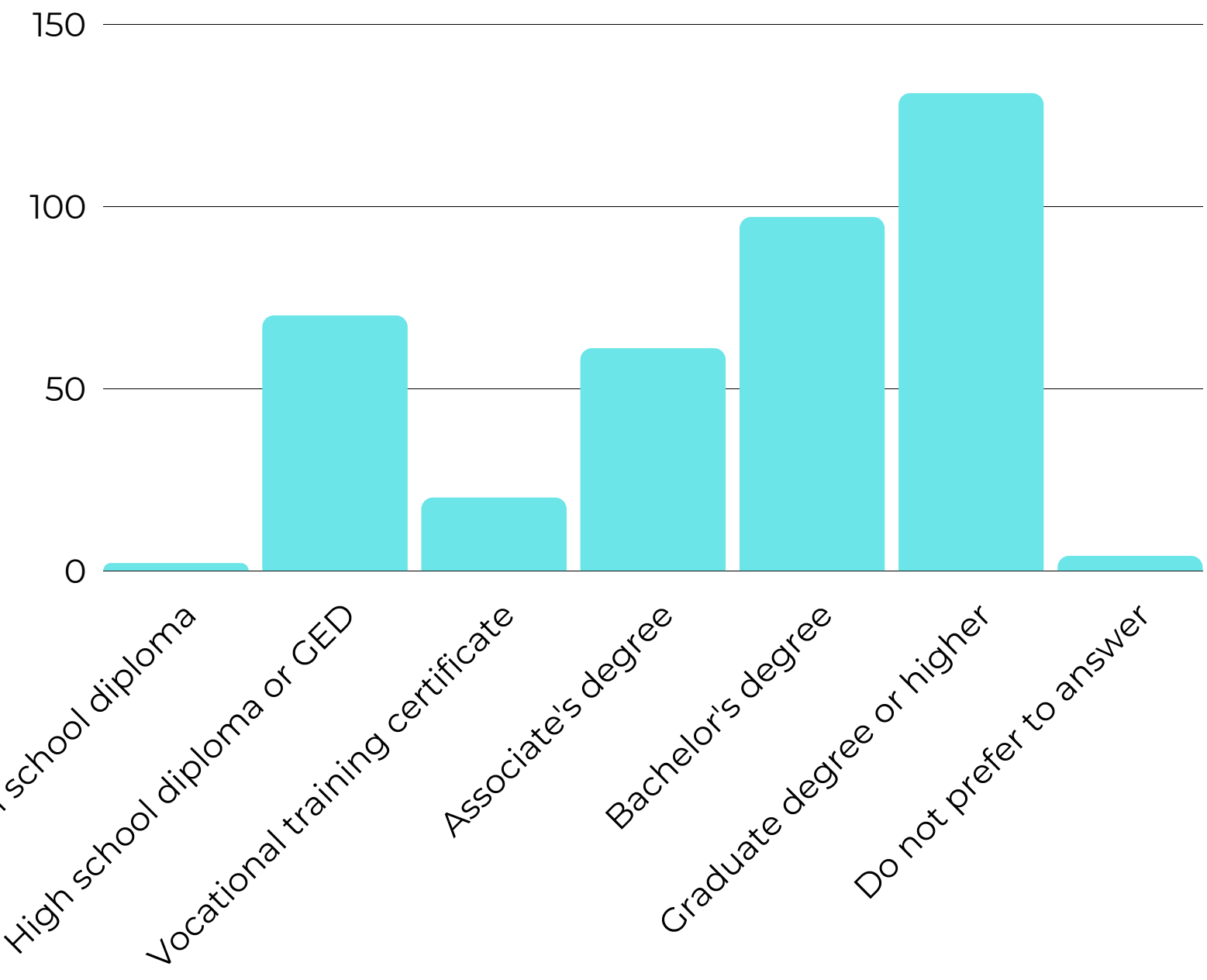


What is your gender?

Female Male Prefer not to

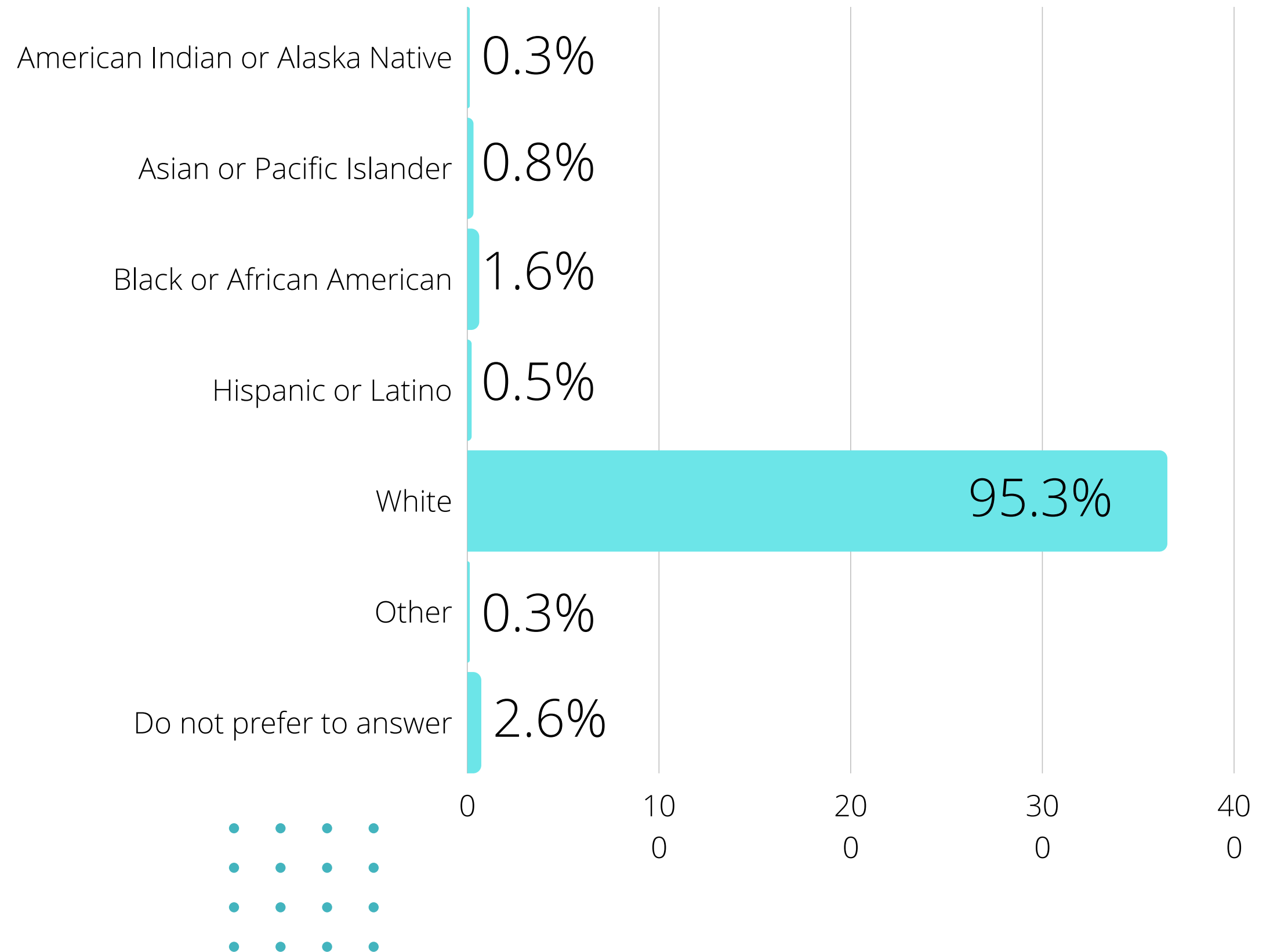


What is the highest level of school you have completed?



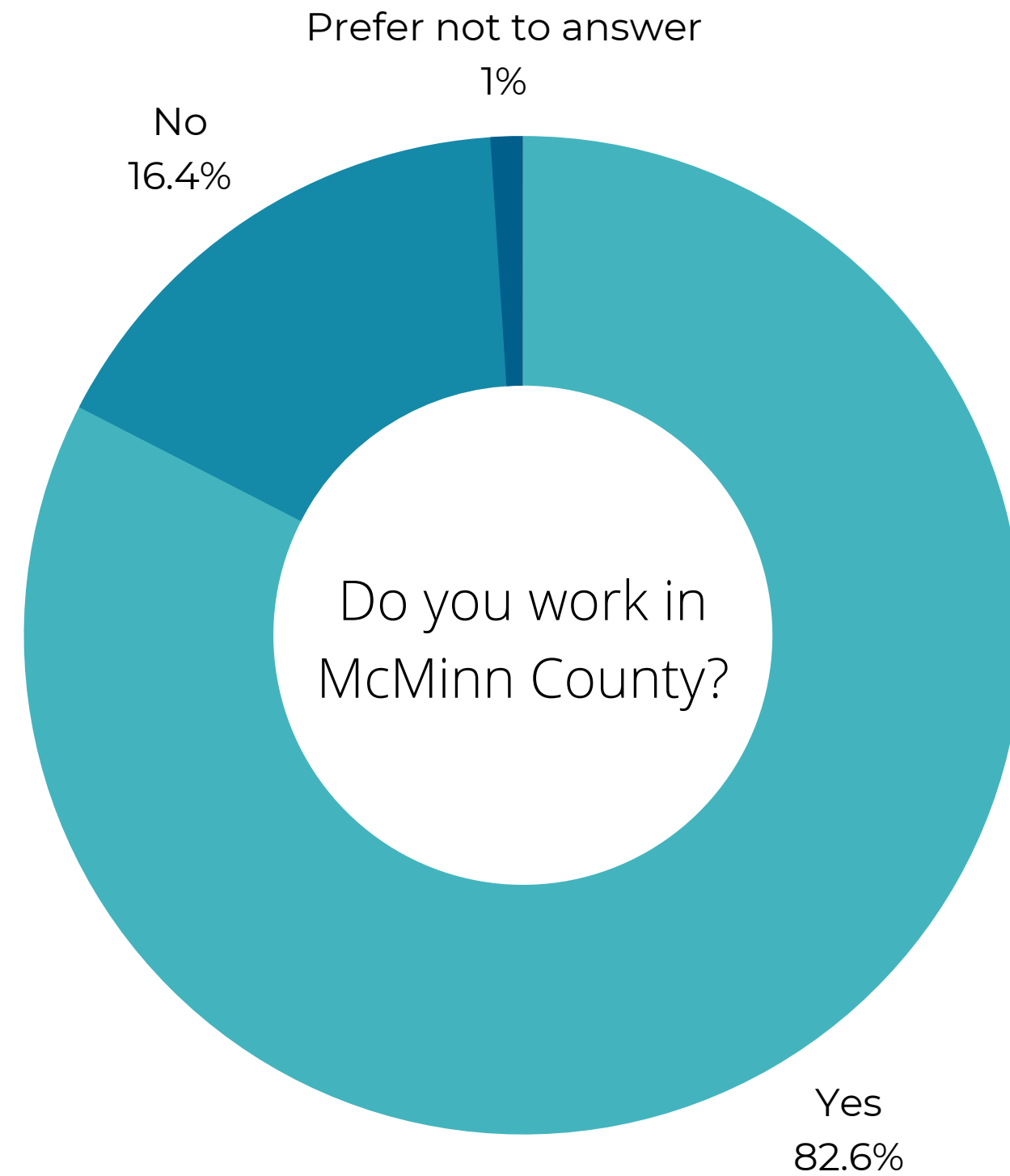
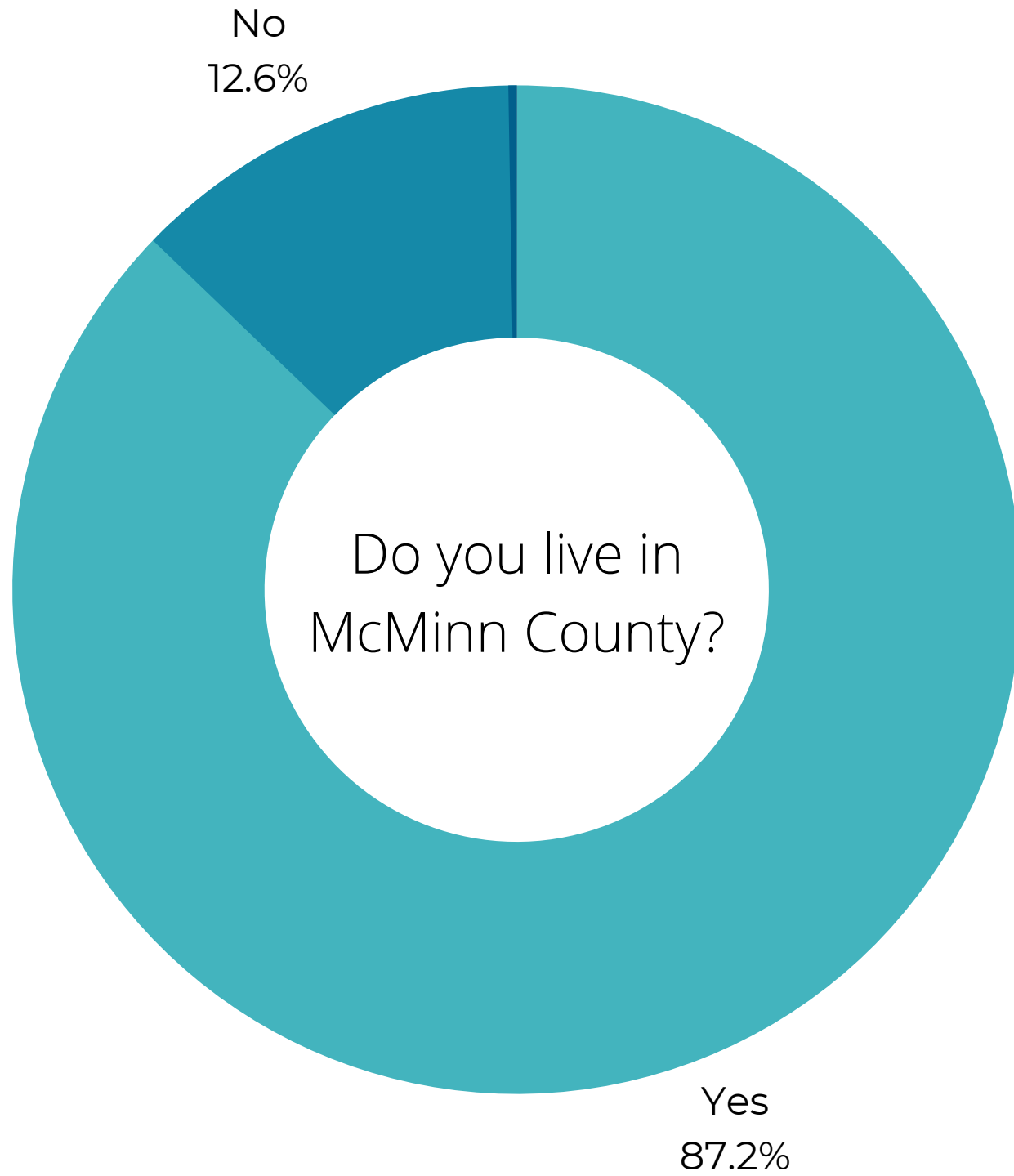


What is your race or ethnicity?





SURVEY





SURVEY

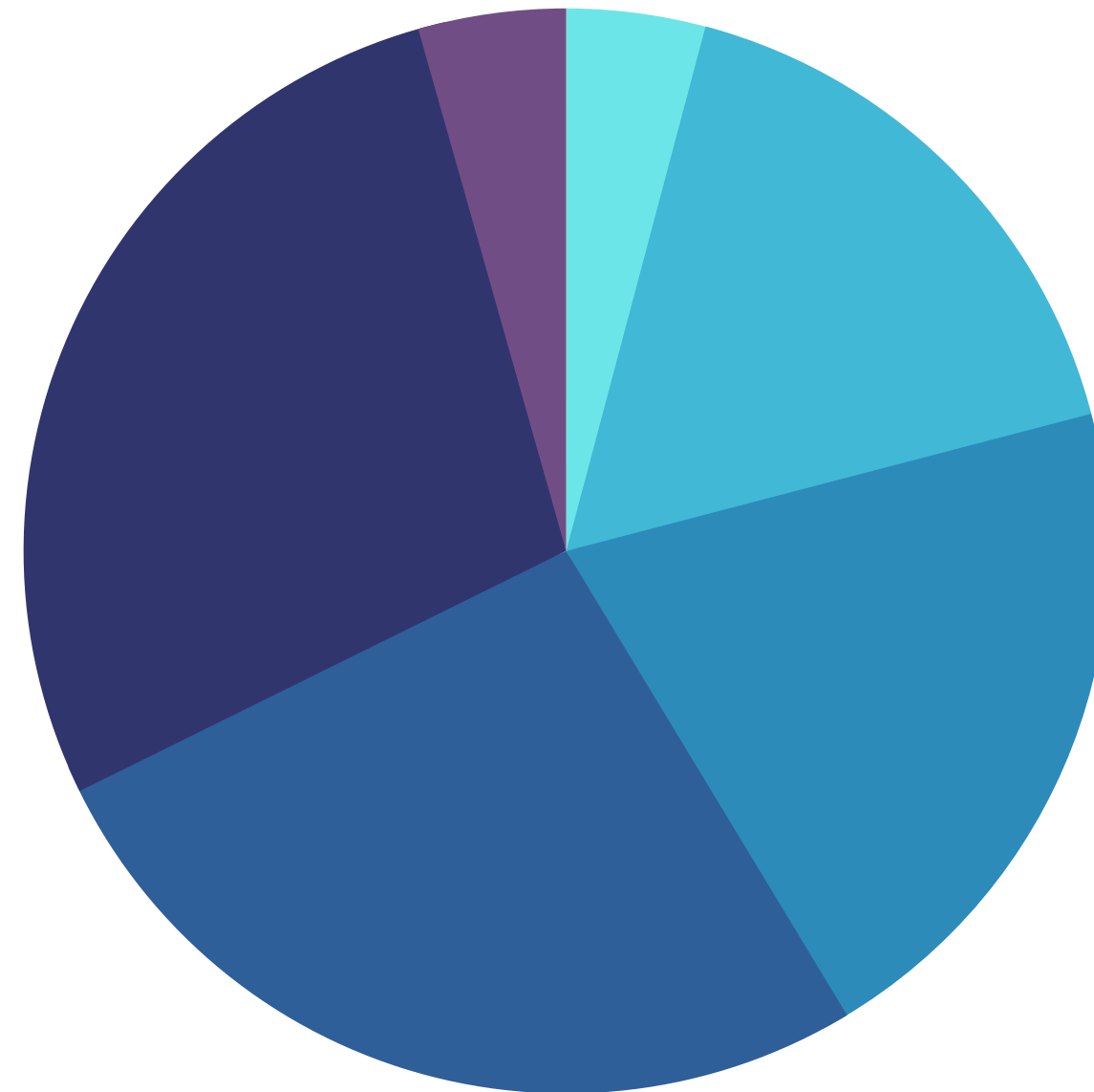
Do not prefer to answer
4.4%

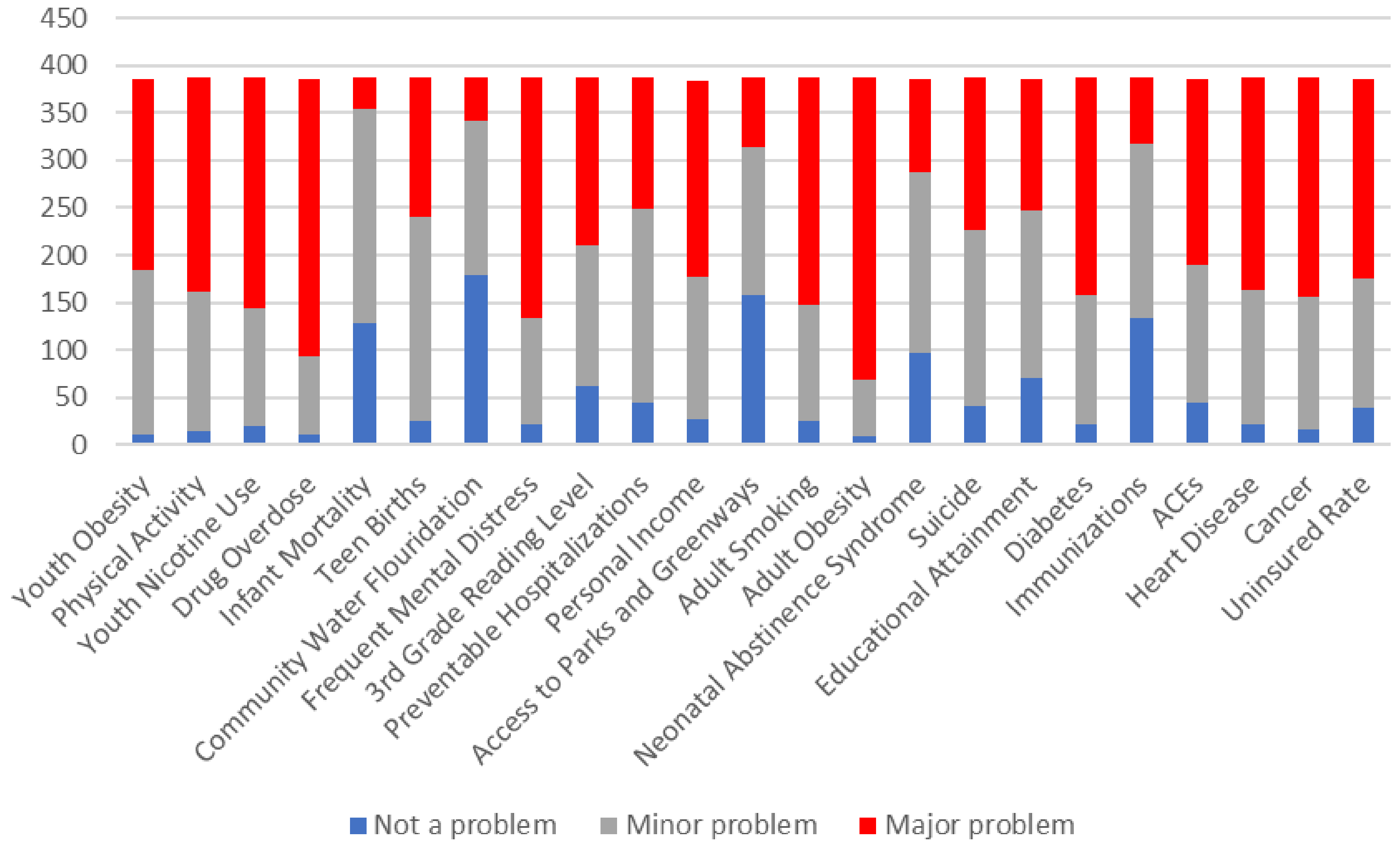
\$25,000 to less than
\$50,000
16.8%

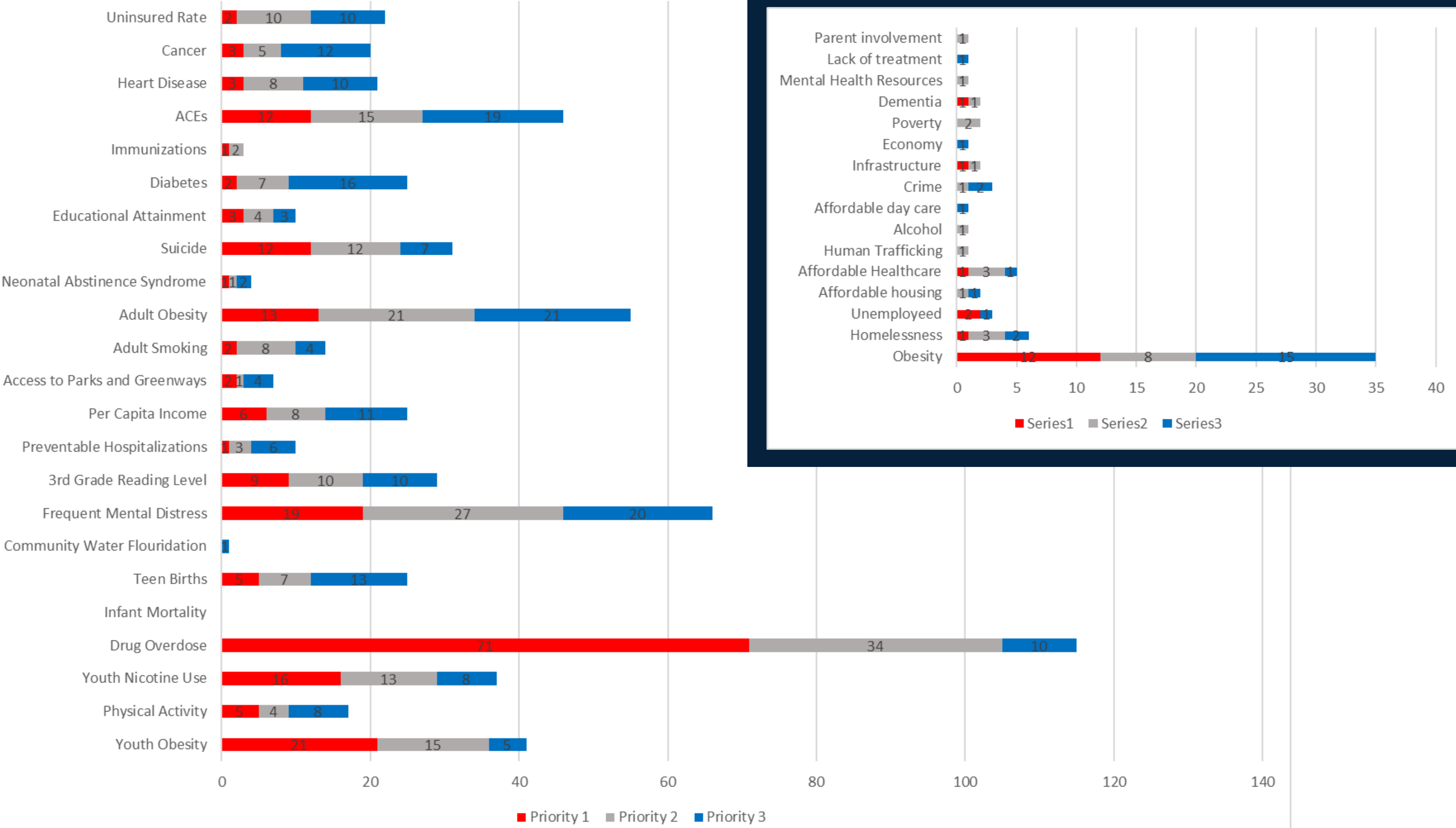
\$50,000 to less than
\$75,000
20.4%

\$75,000 to less than
\$100,000
26.4%

\$100,000 or more
27.9%







Other Major Problems:



SURVEY

- Maintaining good health
- Affordable Health Insurance
- Affordable Housing
- Mental Health Access-Lack of facilities for uninsured
- Low income/no income access to MD
- Drug use and selling
- Unemployment
- Homeless assistance/no homeless shelter
- Teen sex education
- People don't know how to be accountable for themselves.
- Covid vaccination rate
- Shortage of hospital beds
- Abuse of ED and EMS services
- Child abuse and neglect
- Human trafficking
- Lack of healthcare workers
- Need youth programs
- Vaping
- Misuse of government services
- Police Protection
- Litter
- Access to health and affordable foods
- Grandparents raising grandchildren
- Lack of pay/salaries compared to surrounding counties
- Senior adult help with benefits
- Too many young people asking for handouts
- Internet access
- Filthy surroundings
- Landfill contamination
- Help for single people with no children
- Crime/burglary
- Government
- Need free medical/dental services
- No medical care in schools
- Limited public transit
- Lack of things to do
- Access to free group exercise
- Food cost
- Availability of access to nicotine and alcohol to youth
- Lack of positive after school activities for students
- Breakdown of nuclear family
- Road conditions that cause accidents
- Dementia in seniors
- Abortion
- Suicide rate
- Treatment options for addiction
- Narcan training
- Old school building
- Depression and anxiety

Zip Codes



SURVEY

Athens 37303 - 164

Etowah 37331 - 48

Englewood 37329 - 39

Riceville 37370 - 35

Niota 37826 - 28

Calhoun 37309 - 12

Decatur 37322 - 10

Cleveland 37312 - 8

Sweetwater 37874 - 7

Madisonville 37354 - 6

Ten Mile 37880 - 3

Charleston 37310 - 3

Delano 37325 - 2

Cleveland 37323 - 2

Dayton 37321 - 1

Chattanooga 37412 - 1

Farragut 37934 - 1

Coalmont 37313 - 1

Chattanooga 37421 - 1

Pikeville 37367 - 1

Spring City 37381 - 1

White Pine 37890 - 1

Philadelphia 37846 - 1

Ooltewah 37363 - 1

Birchwood 37308 - 1

Benton 37307 - 1

Listening Sessions

3 Listening sessions conducted
About 100 participants



LISTENING SESSION

What does being healthy mean to you?

Not having to go to the doctor, only for a checkup.

Being able to do things I want to do.

Being able to get out of the bed.

Feeling good.

Being independent.

Going dancing.

Loving the Lord and being able to participate in church activities.

Hearing well.

Maintaining good mental health.



LISTENING SESSION

What are your communities strongest assets?

Friendly environment.

Caring and giving.

Helpful.

The size of the community. Big enough to get what you need but small enough to enjoy it.

Location-close to big cities, nice drive to the beach.

Churches involvement in the community.

Education-TWU, educators that care, schools.

Local government.

Parks.

Agency partnerships.

Pulling together.

Broad range of resources.

Built environment.



LISTENING SESSION

What are the top issues that you are most concerned about in the community?

Education.

Protection.

Homelessness.

Healthcare-availability of it, access for those uninsured.

Illegal drugs and drug addiction.

Price of prescription drugs.

New people coming in and changing the culture.

Traffic in downtown Athens, from I-75 to Etowah.

Children in unsafe homes.

Hungry children.

Food.

Housing.

Community awareness of local resources.

Barriers to
these
issues?

Costs.
Using the internet.
Limited providers and office hours.
Lack of transportation.
Being told no.
Attitude.
Stigma.
Distance of travel to specialists.



LISTENING SESSION

Where do you
go for
healthcare
services?

Out of town for specialists.
In town for primary care.
Polk County.
Chattanooga.
Knoxville.
Cleveland.



LISTENING SESSION

Where do you
get your health
related
information?

Google.

Online.

TV commercials.

Ladies exercise group.

Nurse friends and family.

Health Department.

Social media.

Word of mouth.

WebMD.



LISTENING SESSION

If you had a magic wand, what top health initiatives would you like to see in your community?

Lack of cancer.

Automatic answering machines to be done away with. Go back to talking to a real person.

YMCA offering more classes. Especially for older adults.

More specialists in Athens.

Plenty of mental health treatment facilities at state level.

Permanent warming center location.

Tiny home transitional community with social services.

Fixing older housing to increase efficiency.

Add community based rehab/halfway house.

Sane nurses and better staffing for hospitals.

Mental health services for juveniles.

Mental health transportation.

Housing and beds for mental health patients.

Expanded resources for mental health.



What now?





Prioritize:

What are the top community issues?

What does our community say?

