

Comprehensive Plan Multi-family Housing Survey

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

03 August 2018 - 14 May 2024

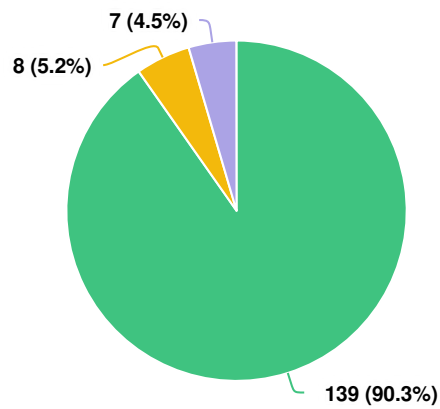
PROJECT NAME:

Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 | Where do you live in Mercer Island?

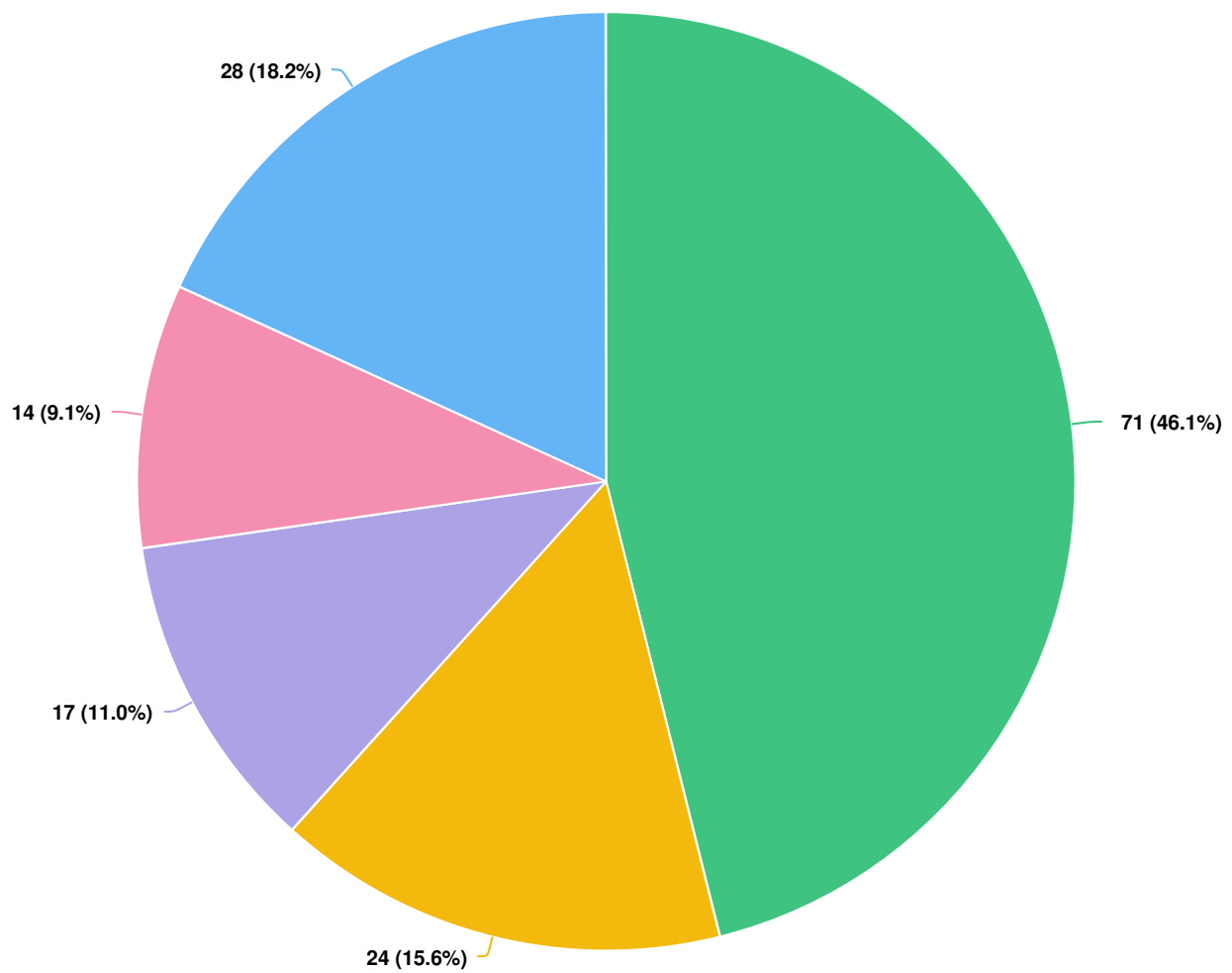


Question options

- North-end: North of SE 40th Street
- Mid-island: Between SE 40th Street and SE 68th Street
- South-end: South of SE 68th Street

*Mandatory Question (154 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q2 | How long have you lived in Mercer Island?

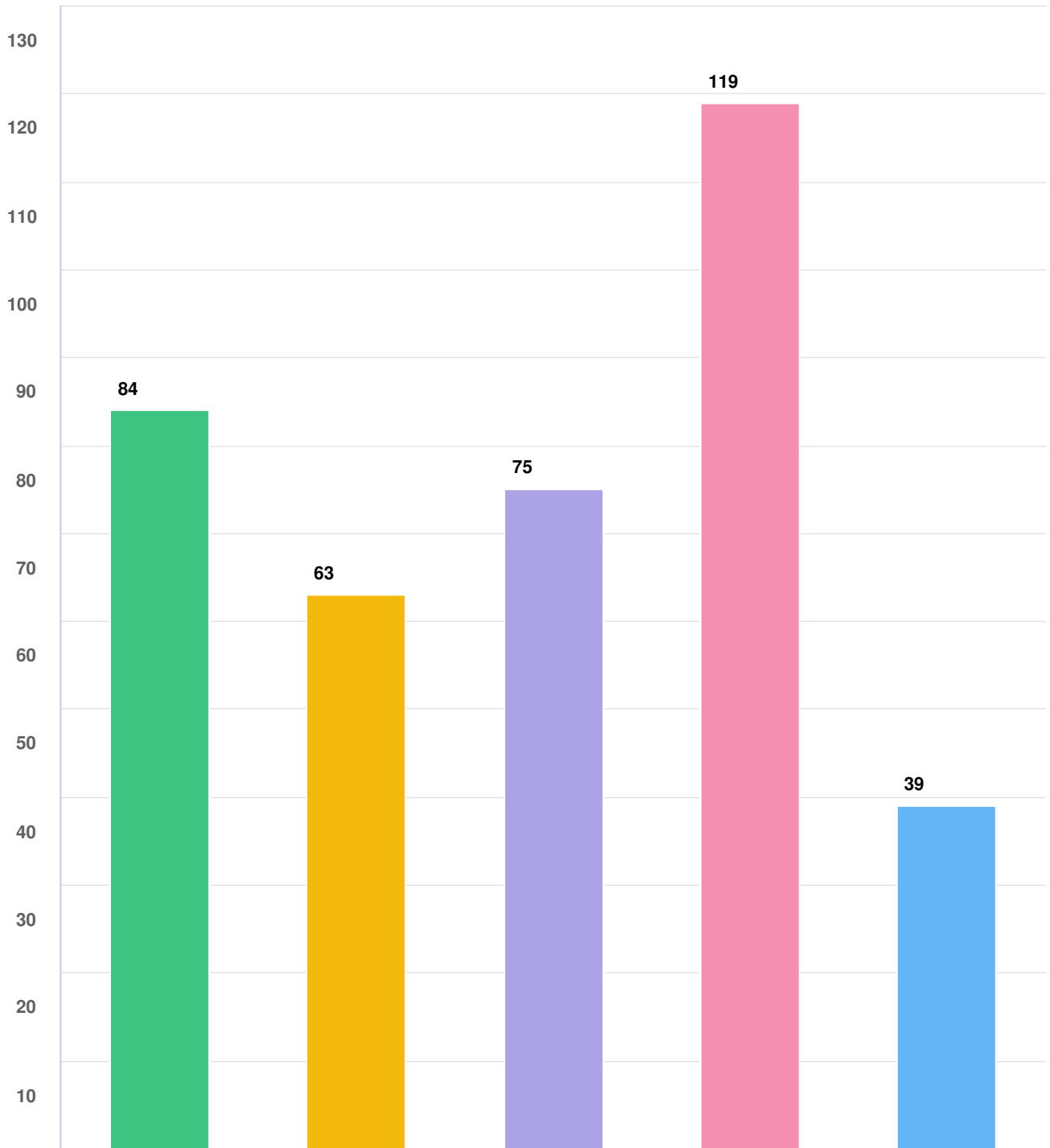


Question options

- Less than 5 years
- 5-10 years
- 11-20 years
- 21-30 years
- More than 30 years

Mandatory Question (154 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q3 What are the main reasons you decided to live in Mercer Island? (select up to 3)

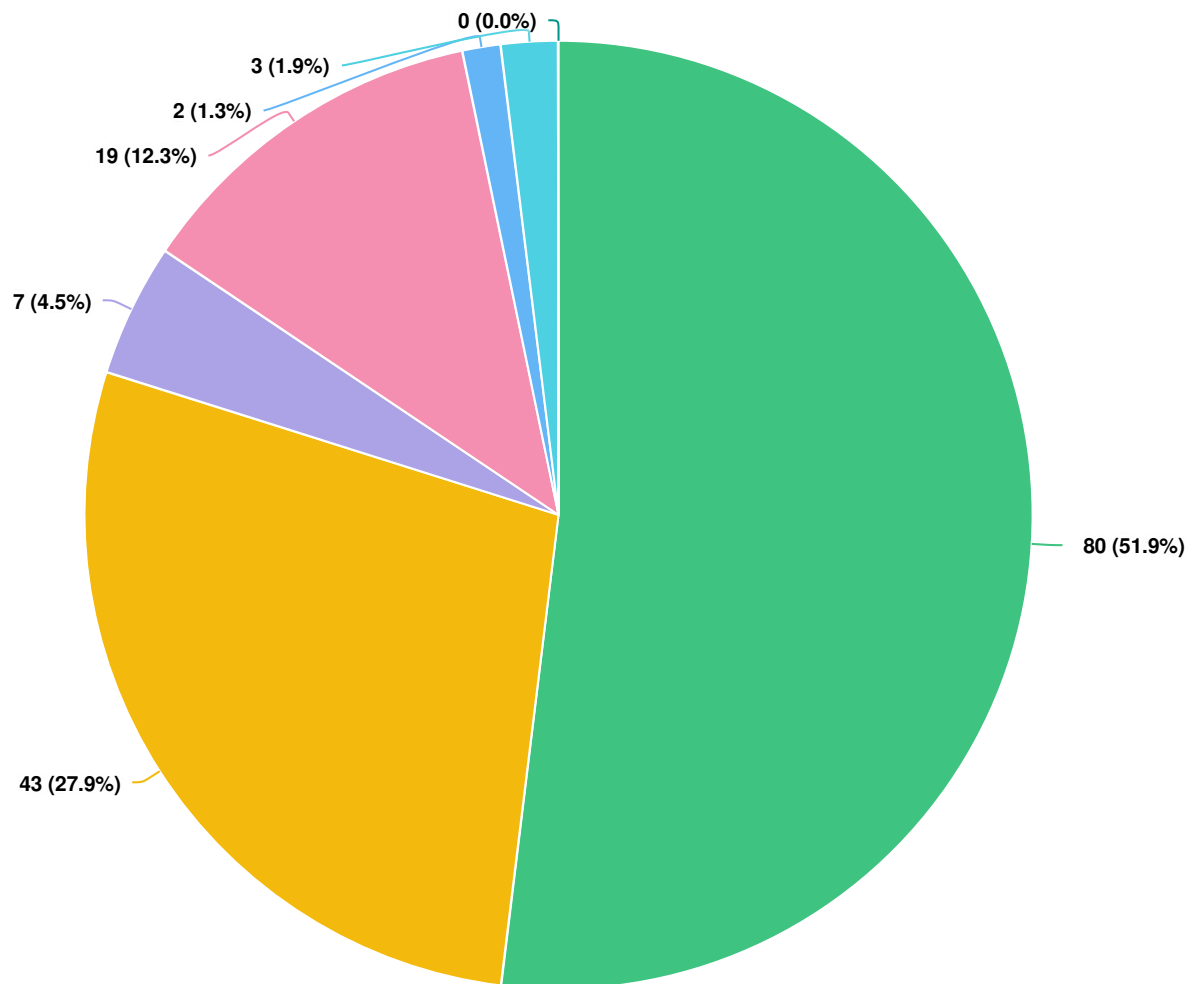


Question options

- Proximity to employment
- Educational opportunities/quality of schools
- Proximity to parks and open space
- Safe neighborhoods
- Availability of services/amenities/local businesses

Mandatory Question (154 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q4 | What type of housing do you live in?

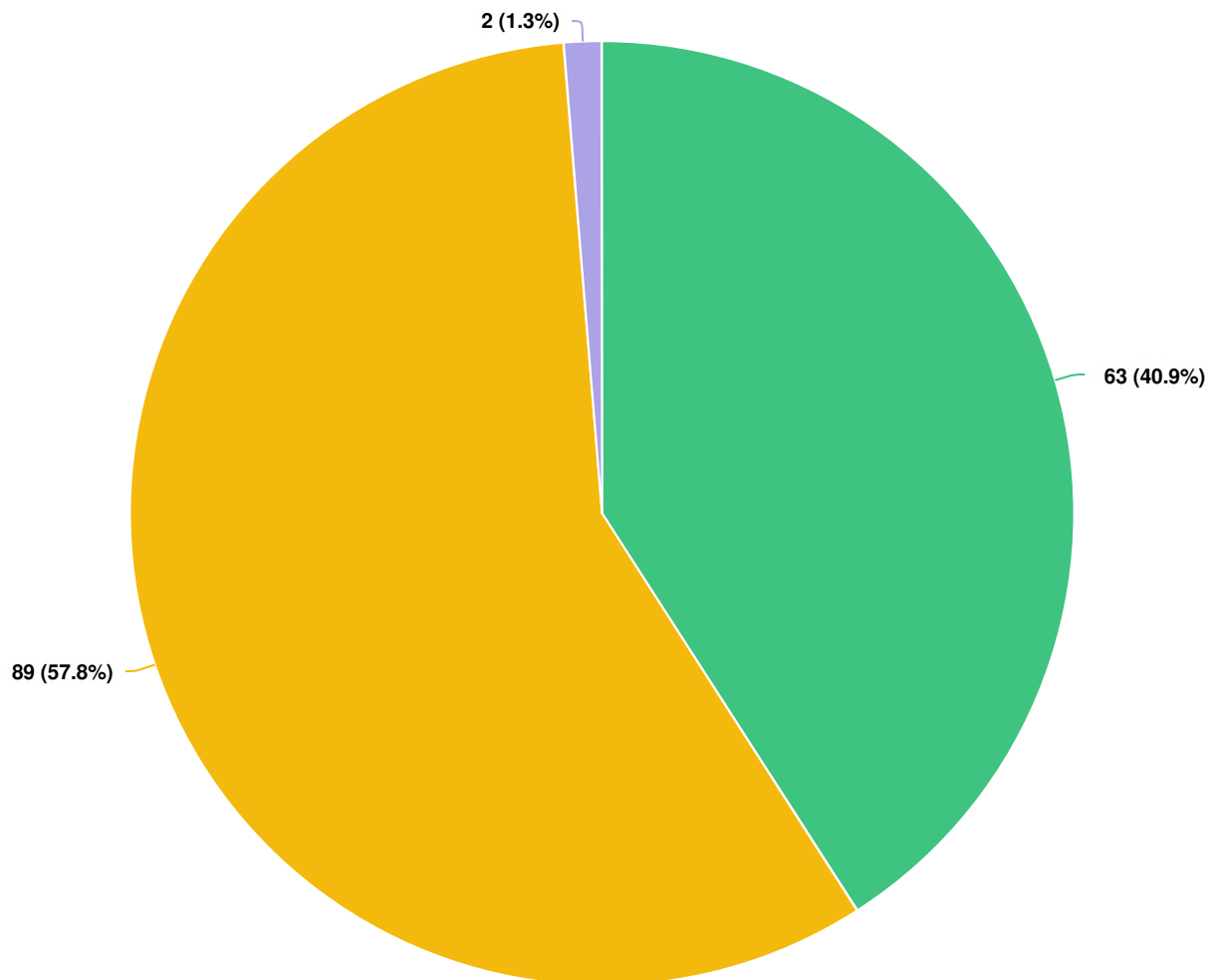


Question options

- Apartment
- Condominium
- Townhouse
- Single family house
- ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit) / Backyard Cottage
- Other (please specify)
- Duplex

Mandatory Question (154 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q5 Do you own or rent your residence?

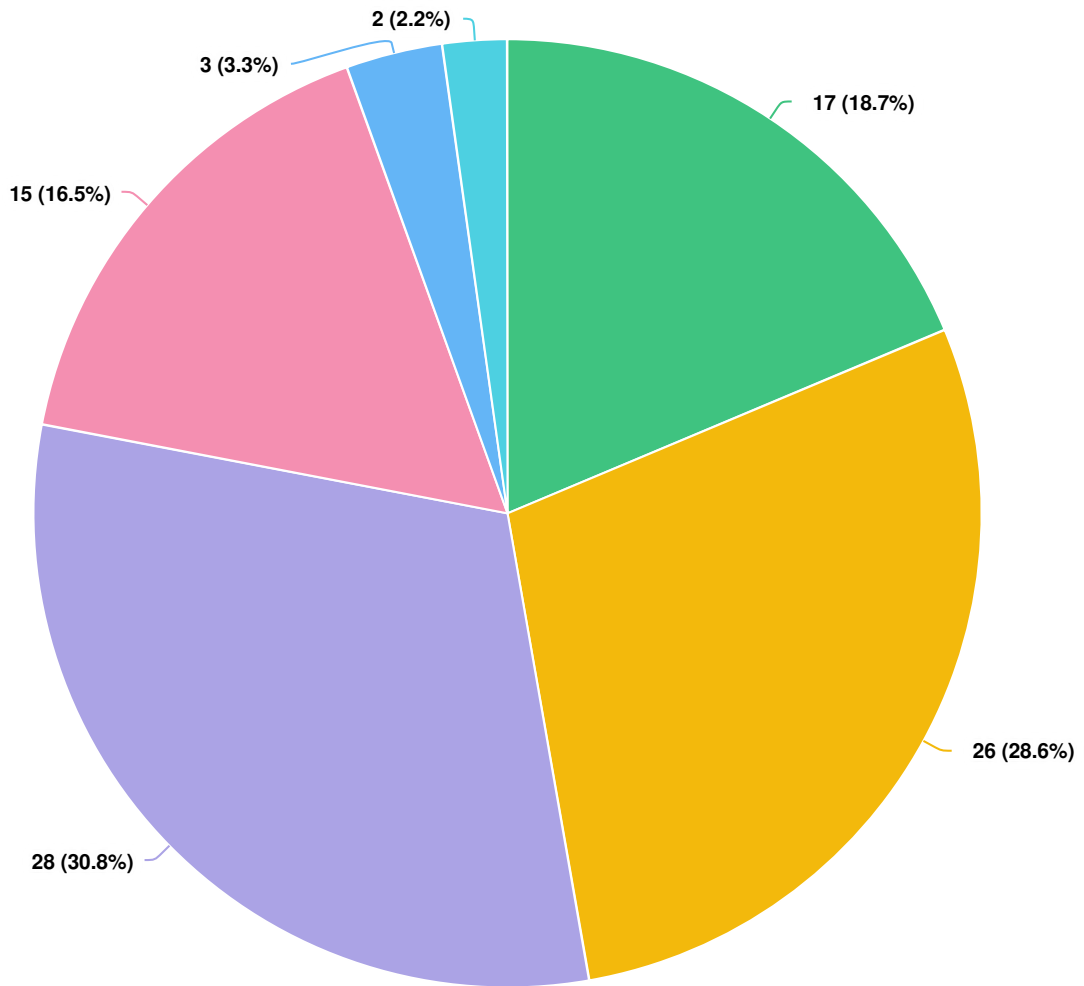


Question options

- Own
- Rent
- Something else

Mandatory Question (154 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q6 How long have you lived at your current residence?

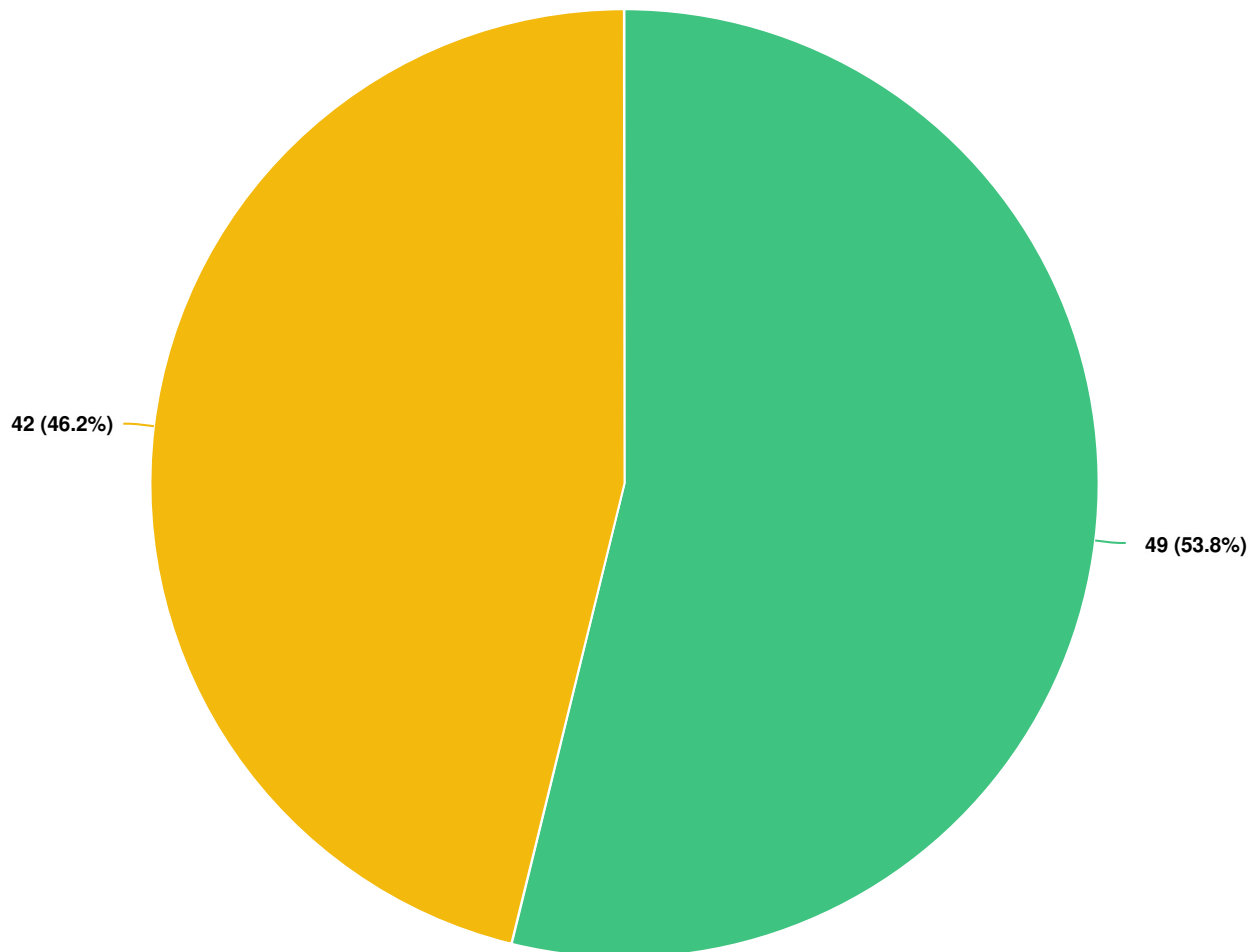


Question options

- less than a year
- 1-3 years
- 3-5 years
- 5-10 years
- 10-20 years
- More than 20 years

Mandatory Question (91 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q7 In the last 12 months, have you thought about moving away from Mercer Island?

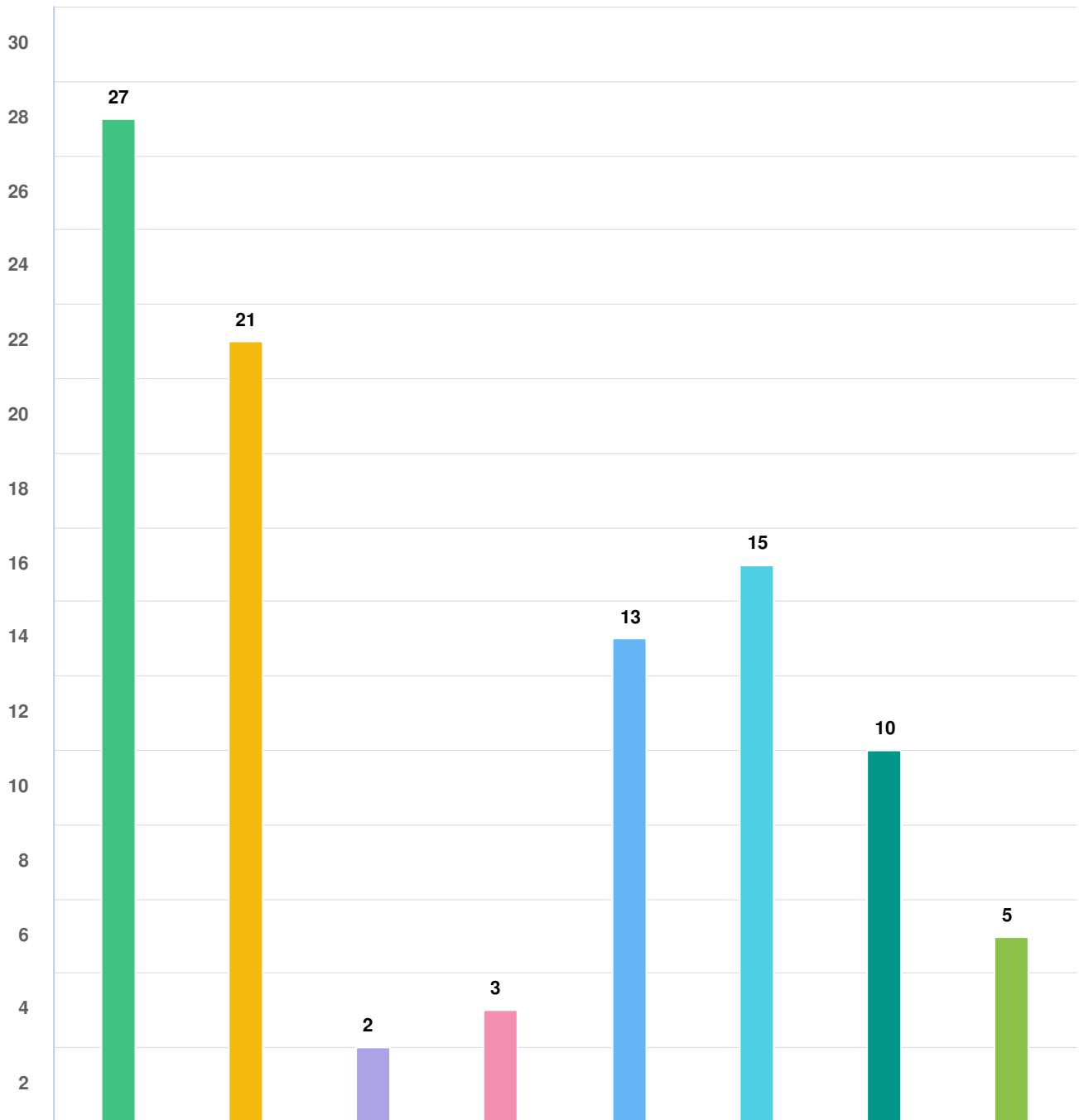


Question options

- Yes
- No

Mandatory Question (91 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q8 Please select the reasons you have thought about moving from Mercer Island in the last 12 months (select up to 3 options below).

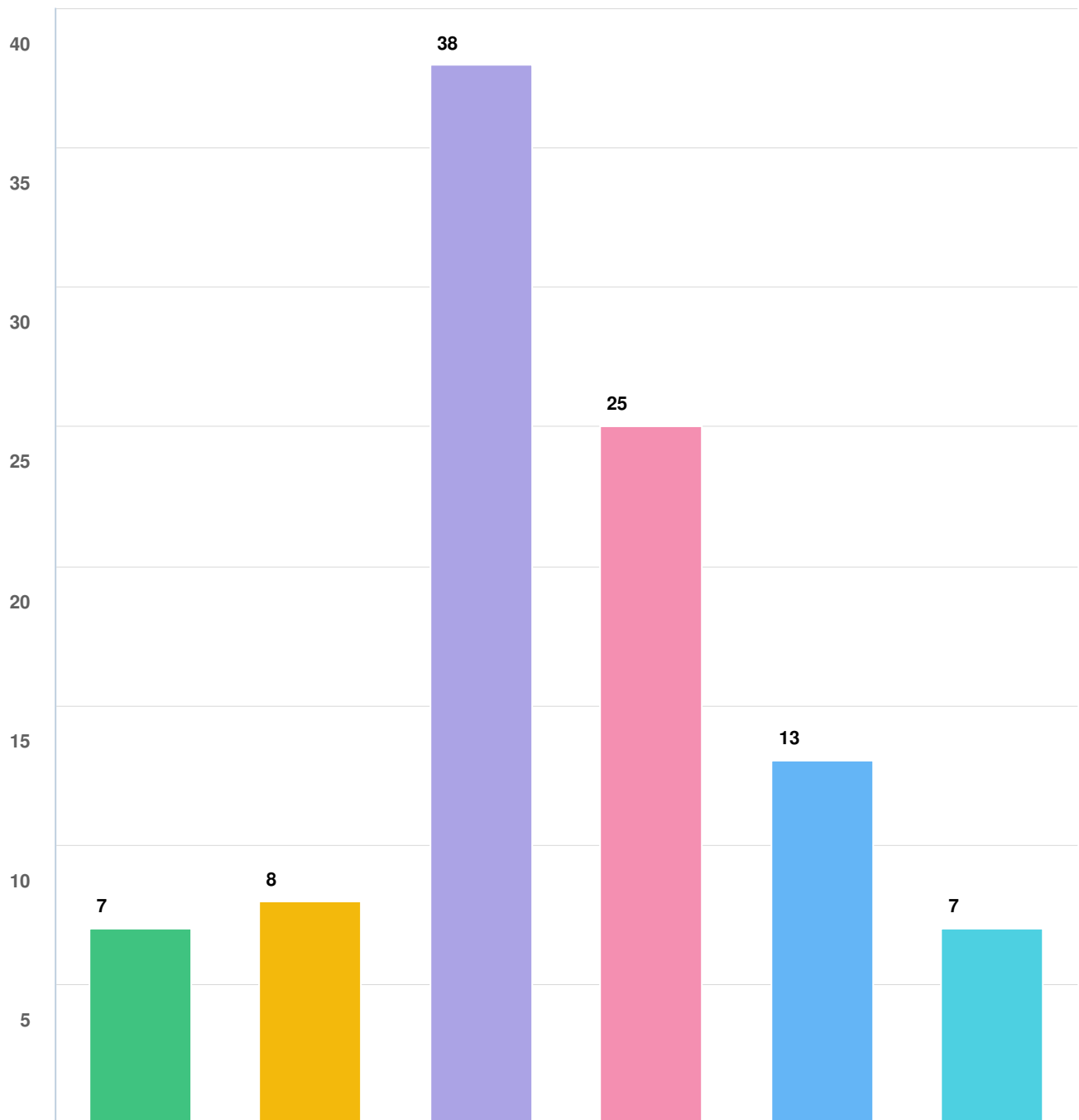


Question options

- Rent increase/can no longer afford rent
 ● Seeking lower overall cost of living
● Employment opportunity outside the area
- Live closer to work/reduce commute distance
 ● Home ownership opportunity in another community
- Seeking a housing type/situation not available in Mercer Island
 ● Move to another location by choice (e.g. desire for warmer weather, proximity to family, etc.)
● Other (please specify)

Optional question (49 response(s), 105 skipped)
 Question type: *Checkbox Question*

Q9 As you consider reasons for possibly moving from Mercer Island, what might make you want to stay? Please select up to 3 options below.



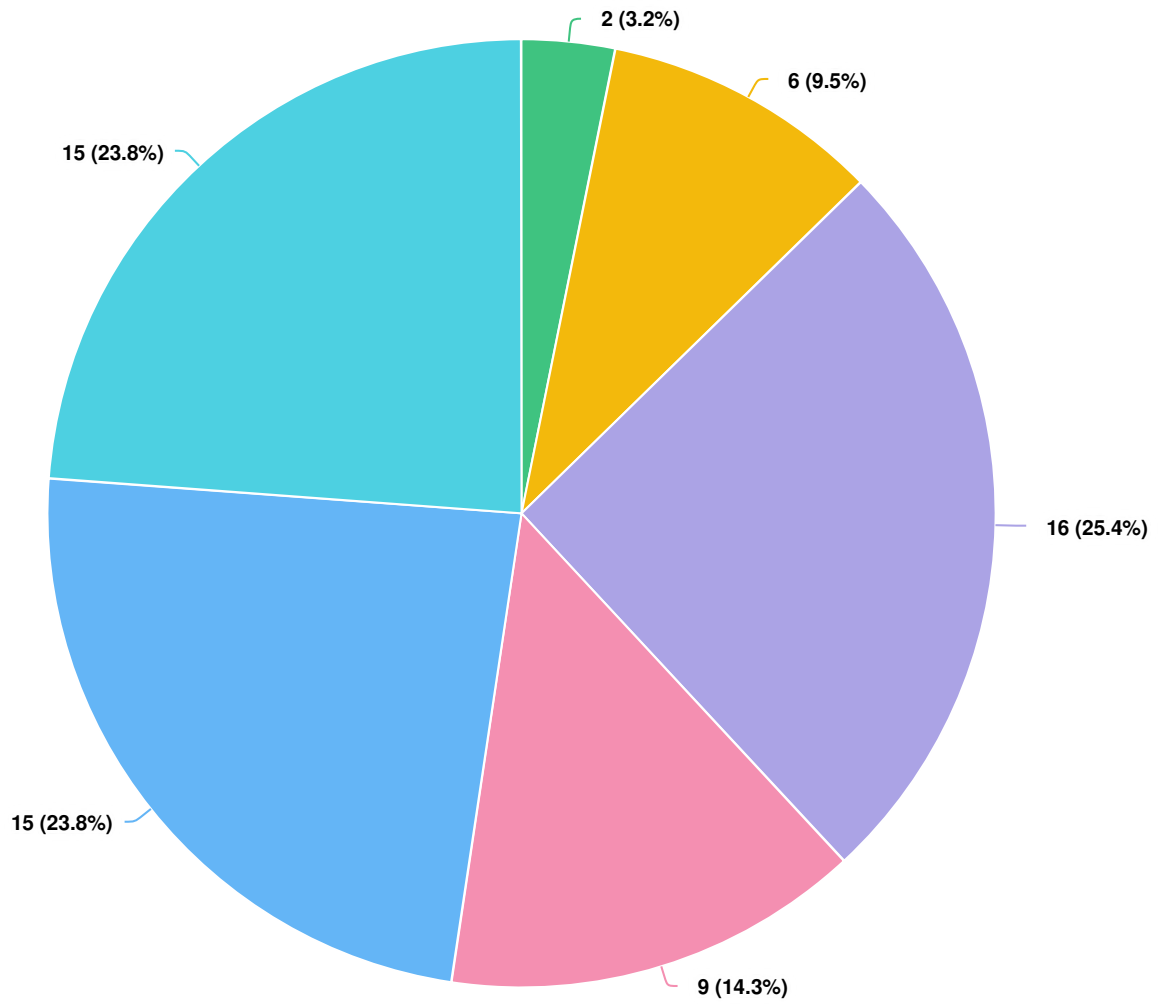
Question options

- Better job opportunity in Mercer Island or nearby
- Educational opportunity in Mercer Island or nearby (for you or a family member)
- Lower cost/more affordable rental opportunity
- Affordable home ownership opportunity
- Availability of a housing type that's not currently available in Mercer Island
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (49 response(s), 105 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q10 | How long have you owned your home?

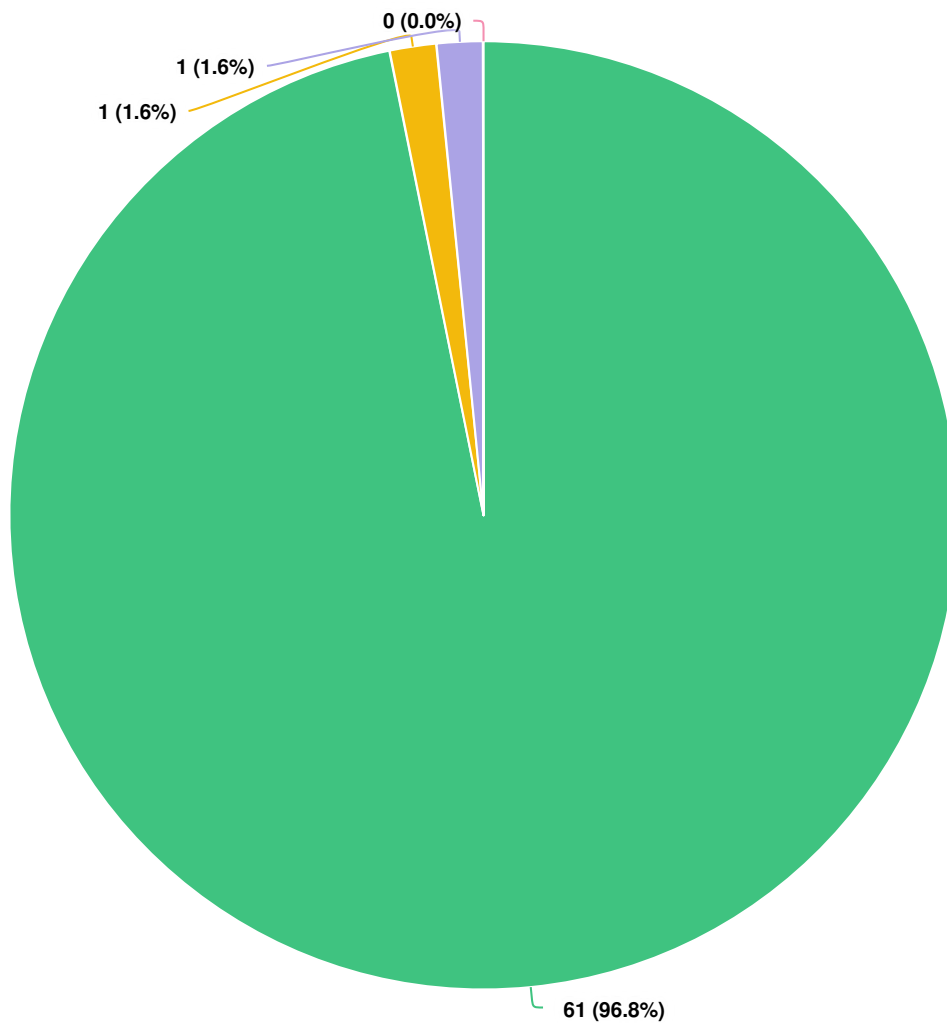


Question options

- Less than a year
- 1-2 years
- 3-5 years
- 5-10 years
- 10-20 years
- More than 20 years

Mandatory Question (63 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q11 | How do you use your home?

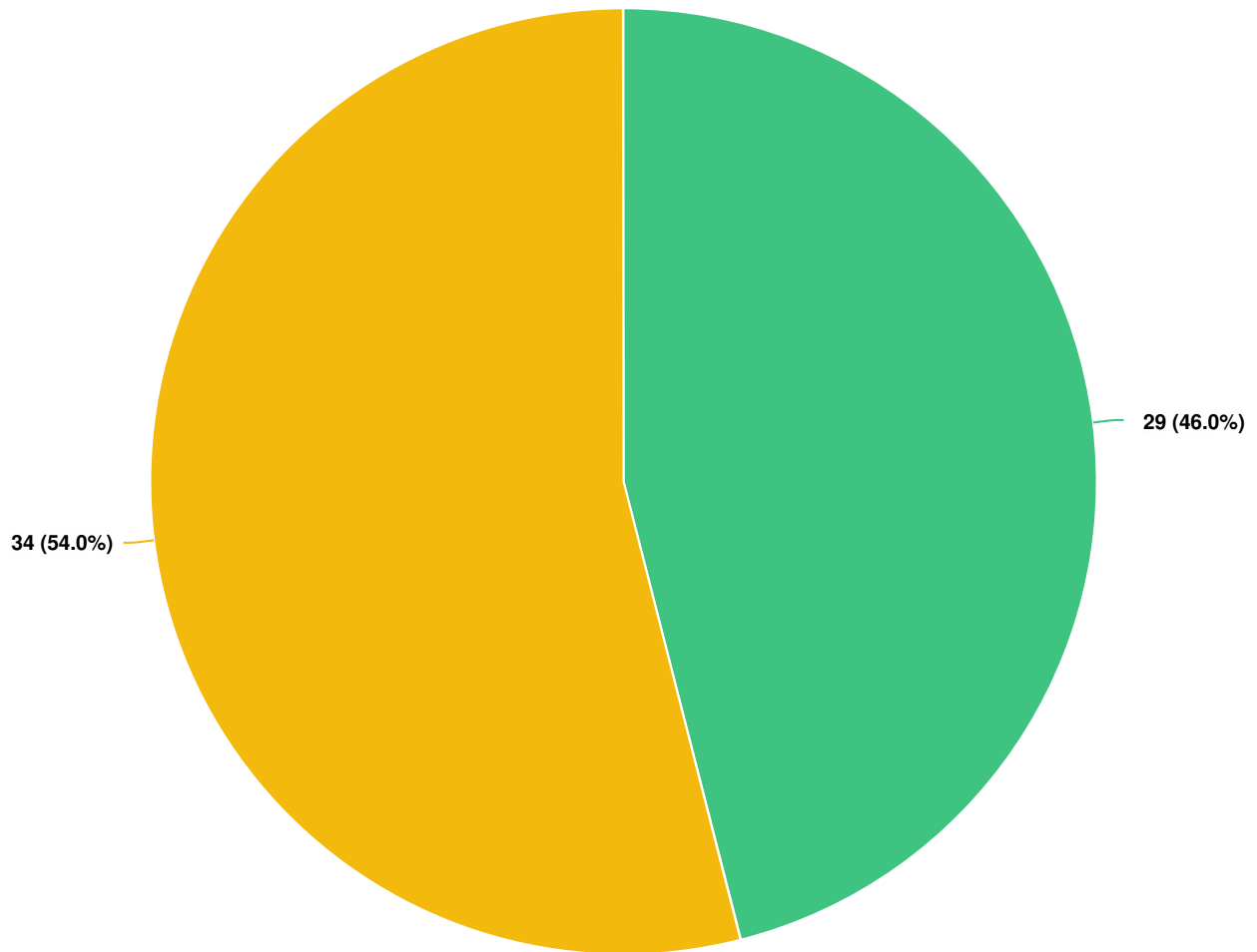


Question options

- Reside there full time
- Reside there seasonally/sometimes
- Rent it out
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (63 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q12 | Do you foresee a time when you may need to sell your home and/or move away from Mercer Island?

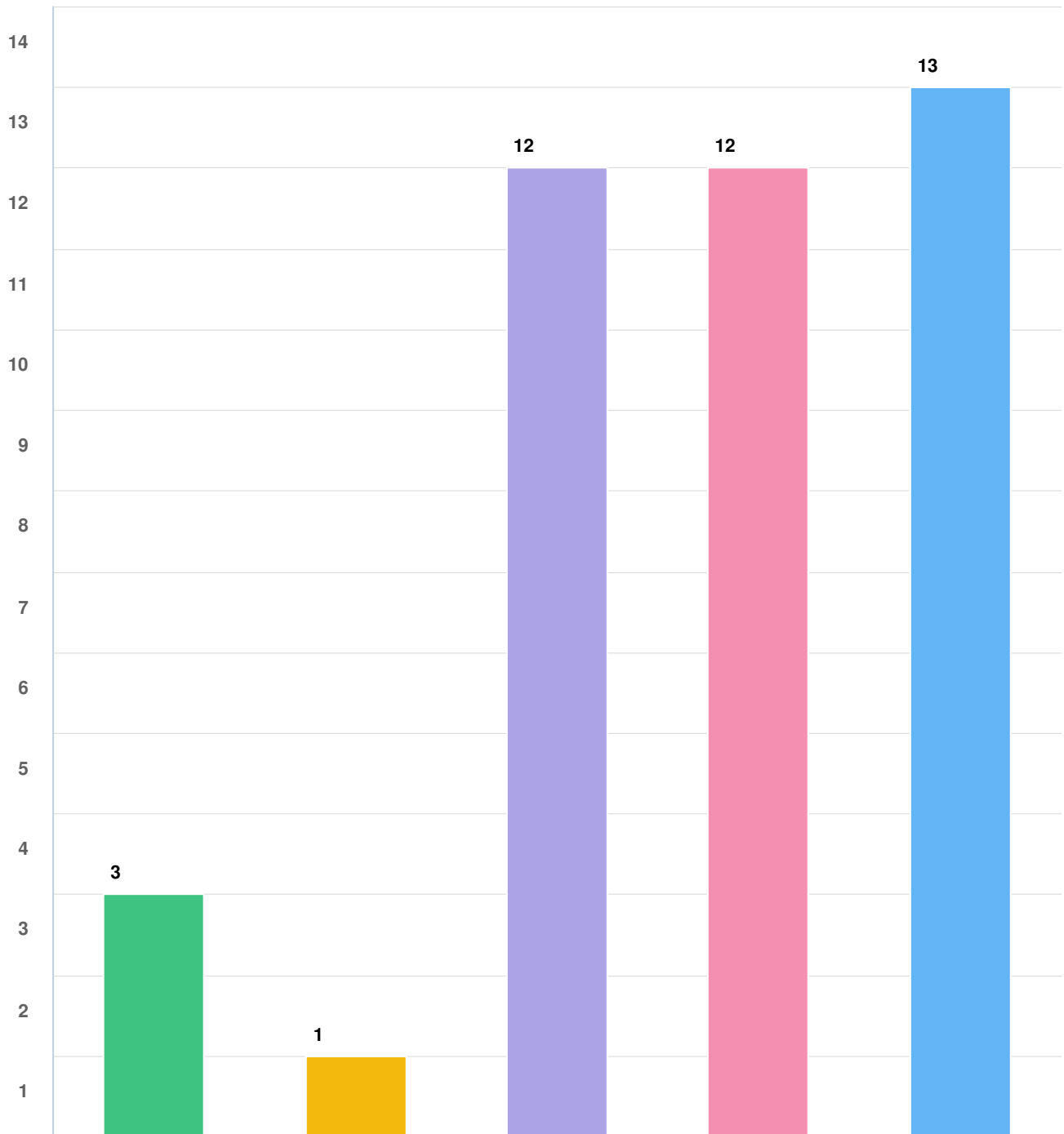


Question options

- Yes
- No

*Mandatory Question (63 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q13 | What would be your potential reasons for moving from Mercer Island in the future?
Please select up to 3 options below.

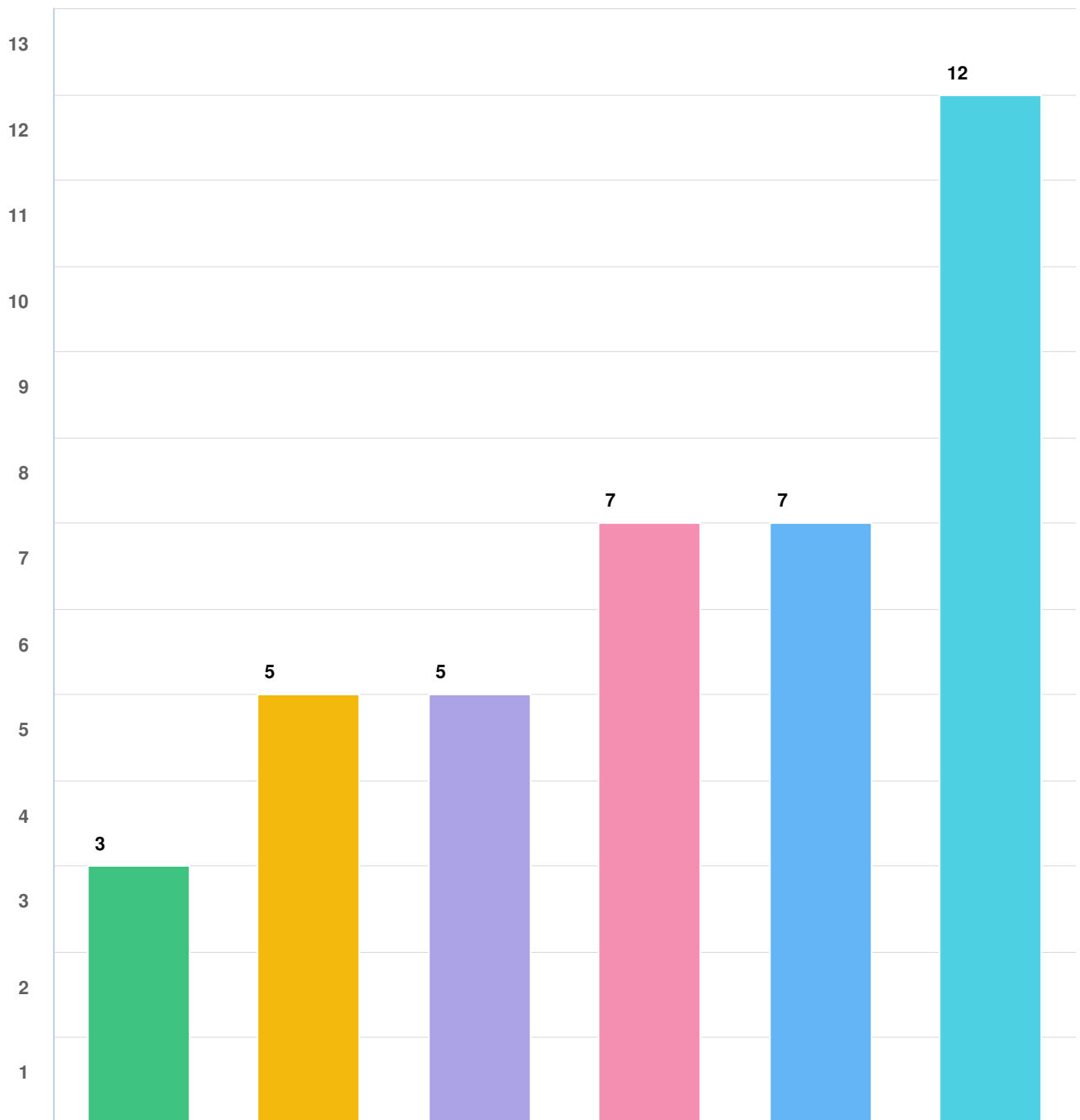


Question options

- Employment opportunity outside the area
- Moving closer to work/reducing commute distance
- Seeking lower cost of living
- Move to another location by choice (e.g. desire for warmer weather, proximity to family, etc.)
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (28 response(s), 126 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q14 As you consider reasons for possibly moving from Mercer Island, what might make you want to stay? Please check up to 3 options below.



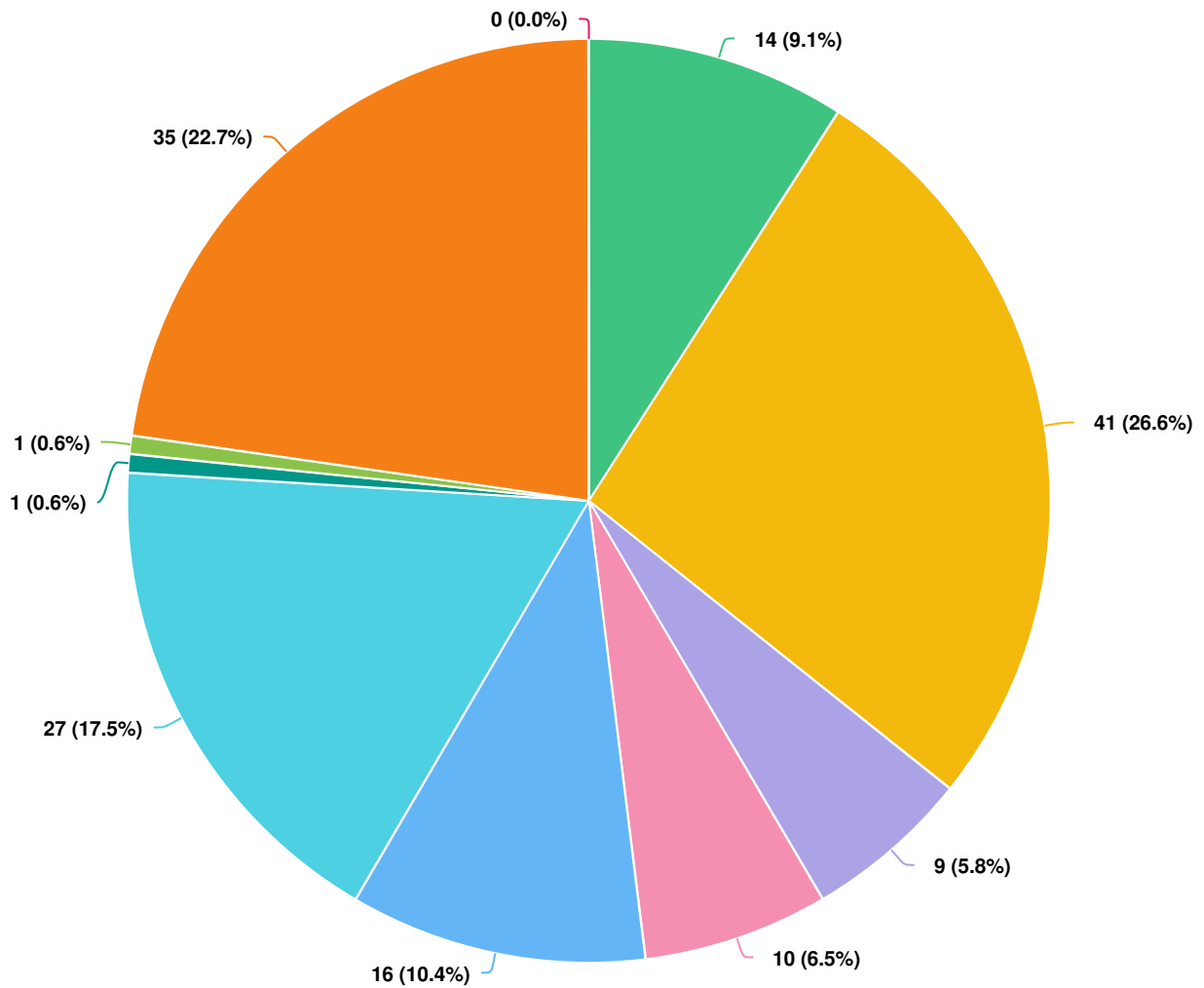
Question options

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- Educational opportunity in Mercer Island or nearby (for you or a family member)
- Lower cost/more affordable rental opportunity
- Affordable home ownership opportunity
- Availability of a housing type that's not currently available in Mercer Island
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (29 response(s), 125 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q15 | Where do you work?

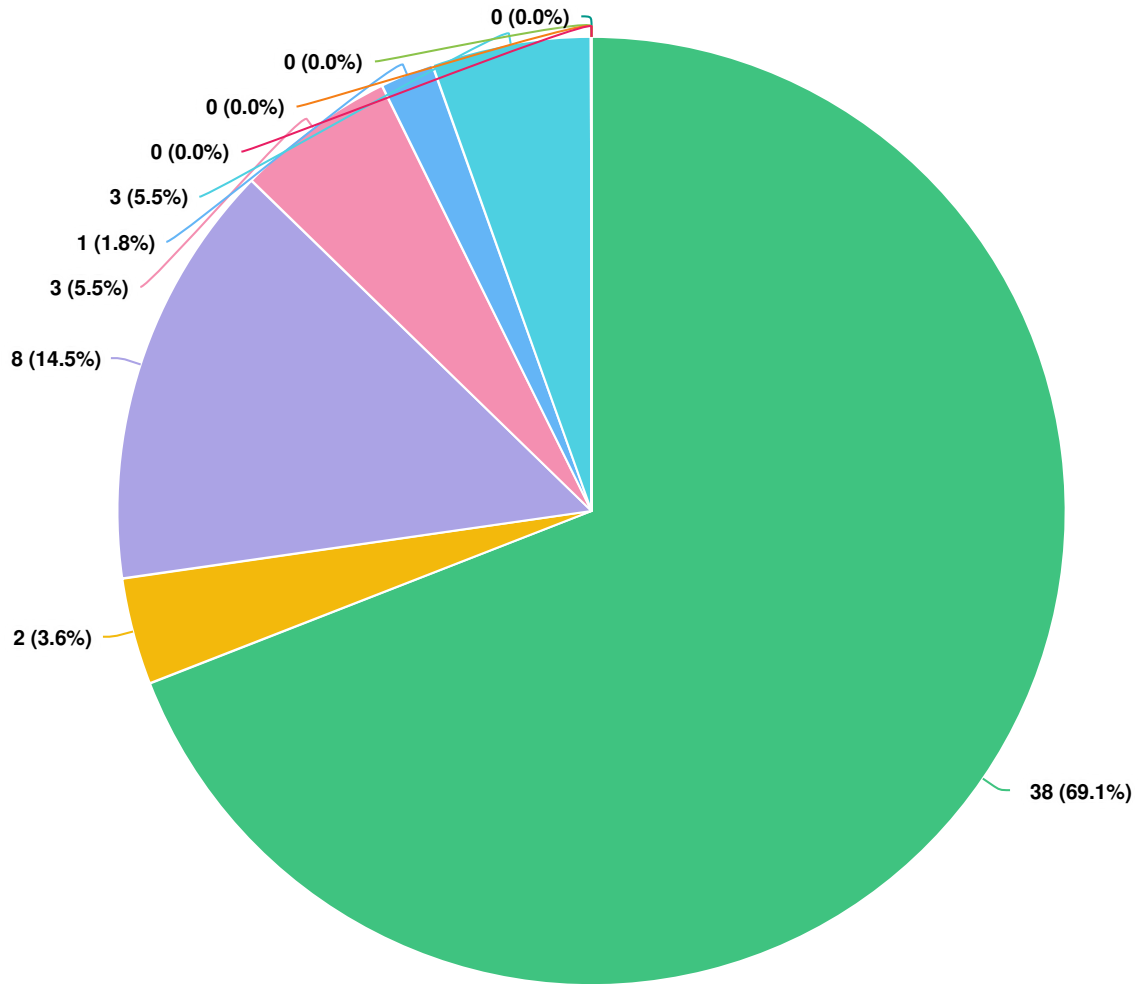


Question options

- At home (telecommute) full time in Mercer Island
- At home in Mercer Island and at the office (hybrid schedule)
- Self-employed/own a business in my home in Mercer Island
- Mercer Island
- Eastside (Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland, Redmond, Renton, Newcastle, Sammamish, etc)
- Seattle
- Multiple Locations
- Somewhere else
- I'm not employed
- Self-employed/own a business not located in my home

Mandatory Question (154 response(s))
 Question type: Radio Button Question

Q16 | How do you commute to work most of the time?

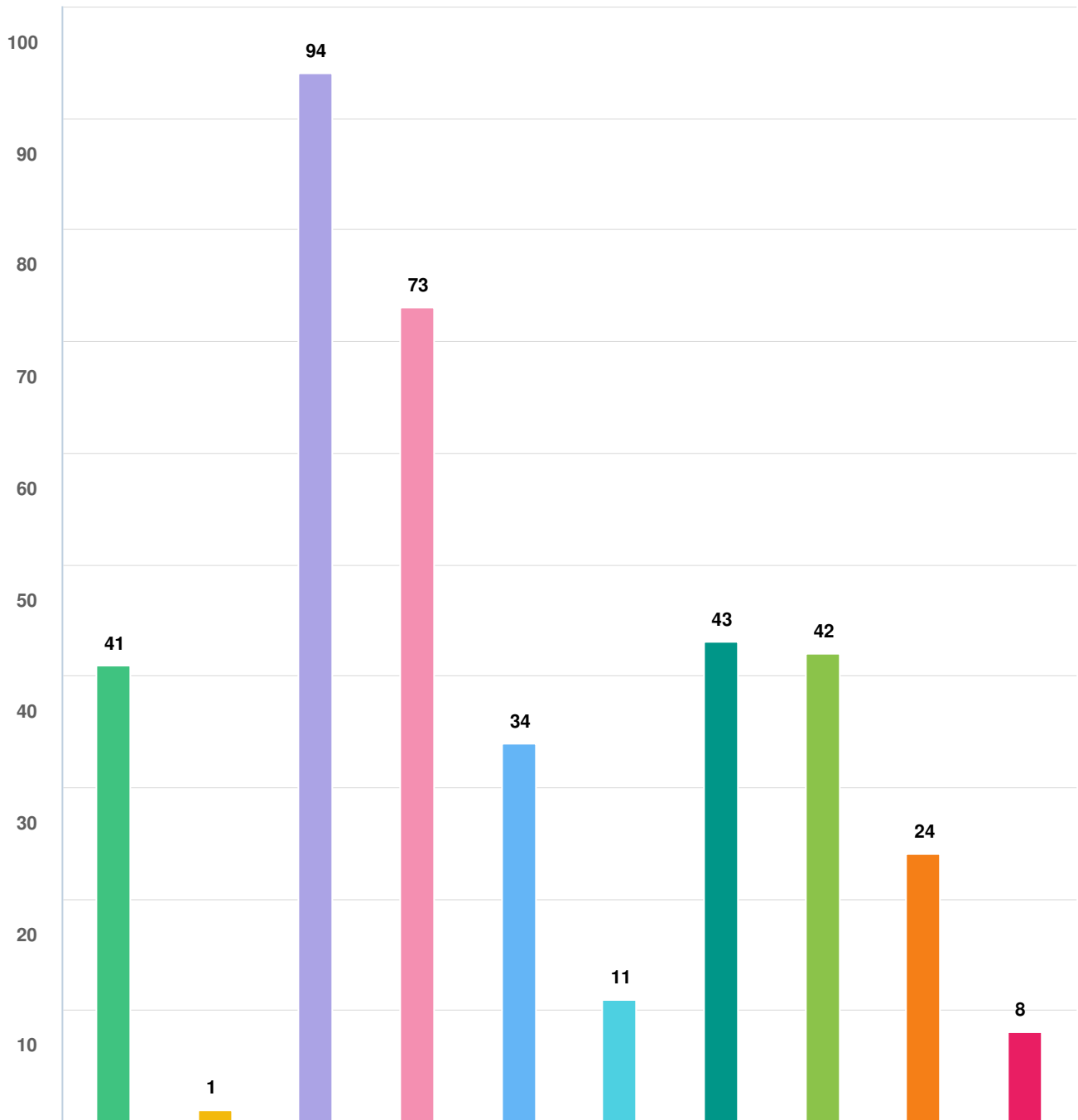


Question options

- Drive alone
- Drive with multiple passengers or carpool
- Public Bus/Transit (e.g. Metro, Sound Transit, Community Transit, etc.)
- Walk
- Other
- Combination of more than one of the above
- Company transit (employer provided bus or shuttle)
- E-bike or E-scooter
- Taxi or ride-sharing (e.g. Uber, Lyft)
- Bicycle

Mandatory Question (55 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q17 When the Mercer Island light rail station opens, how do you expect to use it? Please select up to 3 options below.



Question options

- Commute to and from work
- Commute to and from school
- Go to and from the airport
- Events and entertainment off-island
- Go shopping off-island (e.g. Seattle, Bellevue, Redmond)
- Go to recreational areas/parks off-island
- Go to restaurants, bars, nightclubs in Seattle or Bellevue
- Go to events at sports stadiums
- I don't expect I will use it
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (154 response(s), 0 skipped)
 Question type: Checkbox Question

Q18 | What do you like about living in Mercer Island?

ALAND

2/08/2024 12:25 PM

Convenience to Seattle and east side while enjoying the small town feel.

Jblincoe

2/08/2024 01:00 PM

The people are friendly. The neighbors make an effort to get to know you. It's very close to both Seattle and Bellevue. And there are really good amenities and restaurants on island

BRigsB

2/08/2024 01:36 PM

Safe peaceful neighborhoods, easy access to east side and west side locations, great neighborhood schools for our grandkids nearby. Good support for us retired folks !!!

JHG

2/08/2024 01:36 PM

A more suburban feel. Excellent parks and recreation areas. Good restaurants.

JoshR

2/08/2024 02:04 PM

Quiet, safe, community feeling

MStrick

2/08/2024 02:44 PM

Small town feel

Amy Ting

2/08/2024 03:18 PM

The water—it's an island! Lots of parks/walking/hiking trails and pretty, natural areas with lots of trees.. Great central location close to rest of area. Relatively low crime. I'm an empty nester, but when originally moved here good schools. I stopped driving and live on the north end by the park & ride. can walk anywhere I need to do all routine chores (grocery, drug store, USPS, bank, library, etc) and getting off island is easy.

Dale

2/08/2024 03:45 PM

Walkable and safe. Well maintained community and numerous parks. Good grocery stores and pharmacies. Some good restaurants.

Sherin

2/08/2024 04:34 PM

Safety, not crowded neighborhoods, nice closeby parks. High class neighborhoods, good school system.

lindagadola

2/08/2024 05:42 PM

It has been safe up till now and I have family and friends here.

Michelle

2/08/2024 06:00 PM

It's quiet, it's in between Seattle and Bellevue, it's east to get to from I-90, the streets are nice and wide.

Johnstone

2/08/2024 06:12 PM

My wife

Figg

2/08/2024 06:20 PM

The proximity to both downtown and the east side. The feeling of safety and security.

Kth

2/08/2024 06:22 PM

Feels safe. Proximity to Seattle.

Whatscreenname?

2/08/2024 06:37 PM

It's quiet

Alecsiskar

2/08/2024 06:54 PM

Walkability, green space, safety, travel time to amenities

H_heitz

2/08/2024 07:11 PM

Quiet, safe, central location, great local businesses, walkable, friendly

Nathan

2/08/2024 07:31 PM

Parks and public spaces. Art. Proximity to shops.

Malind

2/08/2024 07:58 PM

Proximity to Seattle and Eastside, the community, parks and recreation facilities, safety

yougotralph

2/08/2024 08:42 PM

Quiet and safe, small town feel

Christamlily

2/08/2024 08:44 PM

Originally moved here before my kids were in kindergarten so they could attend the schools here. My kids are now late 20's and early 30's. Stayed here because of the close knit community that Mercer island offers, the proximity to Seattle and Mercer island, and relatively safety as compared to other nearby cities. Also like the small town feel. Would not like a more dense downtown. (More high rise apartments or condos)

Andrew

Easy to walk to stores, restaurants, and parks plus safe

2/08/2024 09:05 PM

neighborhoods and comfortable lifestyle.

Baboon

2/08/2024 09:27 PM

Central to everything in the area. Can choose to go out in Seattle or the east side, short distance to sports venue and quick access to airport.

J

2/08/2024 09:28 PM

In the middle of a major metropolitan region but feels like a small town.

BillC

2/09/2024 05:24 AM

Familiar with this area More

Terry Lee

2/09/2024 08:41 AM

Community of likeminded people and easy access and beauty

Raven

2/09/2024 09:28 AM

Community, Mother Nature/parks, dog friendly, progressive/liberal, special events, small town feel, safe to walk at night...

Cynthia

2/09/2024 10:06 AM

Quiet and less crime and dirt

Ran

2/09/2024 11:15 AM

Safe and nice community, neighbors are great and island amenities (eating/shopping/daily needs) are comprehensive.

MiGirl

2/09/2024 11:29 AM

Safe neighborhood, walkable downtown village, high property values, high value housing – homes, condos, apartments.

BuddysMom

2/09/2024 12:46 PM

Proximity to grocery/library/shops, and the varied terrain, and the "greenness" of it all.

Graham S

2/09/2024 12:49 PM

Safe and walkable, but still close to both Seattle and Bellevue.

Anca

2/09/2024 01:56 PM

Safety, MISD, parks

Mr. Anonymity

2/09/2024 04:09 PM

It is safe and mostly quiet. There is a high degree of civic engagement. I can walk to most of what I need.

AnneE

2/09/2024 04:45 PM

Undeveloped parks, safety

BvH

2/09/2024 04:47 PM

It's been my long time home. Community & location.

CharlieTriplett

2/09/2024 05:17 PM

Walking to grocery, haircut, Pilates, post office. Living in a walkable community is really crucial to me.

Amy-Meyer

2/09/2024 05:23 PM

I've lived here for over 16 years. I have friends and family that live on Mercer Island.

Clara Cheung

2/09/2024 05:35 PM

Very much like it ! Safe & convenient

KLiappes

2/09/2024 06:13 PM

The quaintness of the town. It has space for me and my dog to feel free and I can let him have open space even while living in an apartment

Allison

2/09/2024 08:33 PM

The safe and quiet neighborhood and the variety and quality of local businesses.

Art

2/09/2024 08:51 PM

Safety, parking availability

Bunny

2/09/2024 09:27 PM

Brought up daughter, she is in our original home with children now and I am close by to help and enjoy grandchildren!

Maybe

2/09/2024 11:23 PM

Safe-ish. Convenient to amenities in Bellevue, Issaquah and Seattle.

Milestone

2/09/2024 11:27 PM

Living close to our daughter.

Sarah

2/10/2024 06:49 AM

The parks and people

MC

2/10/2024 07:02 AM

Safety

molemoe

2/10/2024 07:42 AM

the safety and location

Citizen

2/10/2024 08:37 AM

Natural beauty and lack of concentrated multi family units.

SusanB

2/10/2024 09:45 AM

Scenic beauty. Stores/services nearby. Relative safety.

Joan franklin

2/10/2024 09:55 AM

How it used to be safe with a sense of community. Recent crime stats worrisome

sush

2/10/2024 11:53 AM

the safe community

Vargen

2/10/2024 12:43 PM

Location

xxx

2/10/2024 01:33 PM

Location, family live nearby, can walk to the shops and park

fatboydelights

2/10/2024 01:35 PM

Schools close knit community location

Lemondropsmi

2/10/2024 02:23 PM

Proximity to so many places in a safe neighborhood

M

2/10/2024 02:53 PM

My family has lived in the island for 30 years. We enjoy the small town feel, parks, walkability of town center, safeness of neighborhoods, and the school district.

Markus

2/10/2024 03:09 PM

Peaceful, no homeless people, no crime, nice public beaches and parks

Cplatou

2/10/2024 03:25 PM

Living in a community where people care about their neighbors. Access to parks, access to services, good schools, low crime and easy access to Seattle / Bellevue.

Jgriffin 2/10/2024 03:44 PM	Small town atmosphere and amenities with big city culture events and sports close by
Trilce 2/10/2024 04:12 PM	Is close to work and feels safe
Wsfm 2/10/2024 05:11 PM	Short, easy commute to work. The view from my apartment.
Jo 2/10/2024 06:22 PM	Recreation. Quiet. Safe. Not in city but close.
Rwj 2/10/2024 07:19 PM	Proximity to public transit, parks, able to walk/bike
jnightlight 2/10/2024 07:58 PM	Walkability and safety are the best parts. Having a community where you can walk to get most of your essentials and also have nearby parks is amazing.
TiffanyR 2/10/2024 11:08 PM	Feel safe, quiet winters, farmers market, close to work, clean.
bc 2/11/2024 03:58 AM	island lifestyle. not overgrown like belleveue and seattle
Vkay 2/11/2024 04:55 AM	The green space, ease of commute.
Mark H 2/11/2024 08:27 AM	Convenient -- close to both Seattle and Bellevue
Ekeller 2/11/2024 09:35 AM	Parks, quiet, clean.
Test 2/11/2024 11:48 AM	Close In to Seattle, but not in
Christina 2/11/2024 02:12 PM	Quiet, safe(relatively), good school district

Peter Hou

2/11/2024 03:26 PM

Safe, quiet, beautiful, green

AEG

2/11/2024 03:40 PM

Close to downtown Seattle, close to work, very safe neighborhood, clean, like living in the city I grew up in.

stevesch

2/11/2024 04:28 PM

Small town atmosphere

Sheilawheeler

2/11/2024 04:29 PM

Previously Answered..parks, water, quiet, light traffic, events, sense of neighborhood, library and schools quality. Department staff and Service providers who do a great job.

Spencer

2/11/2024 07:39 PM

Good parks, close proximity to Seattle and Bellevue, safe, and quiet.

Redaloe19

2/11/2024 09:20 PM

Peaceful

Lawrence of Mercer Island

2/11/2024 09:58 PM

Trees, parks, and forest.

Andi

2/12/2024 08:06 AM

It's quiet and beautiful, great walks, parks, plenty of store options and restaurants and it's safer than other areas I've lived.

Buckle

2/12/2024 10:25 AM

Parks, quiet, great police, decent schools.

Mel

2/12/2024 11:57 AM

It's quiet and not overly congested and busy

anonymous

2/12/2024 02:57 PM

That it is not Seattle and thus has walkable SFH neighborhoods, clean and natural parks, and a strong school system (at least for the time being)

SamRu

2/12/2024 03:32 PM

schools

Crystal

2/12/2024 06:33 PM

Decent school system

qc

2/12/2024 08:43 PM

Safe, convenient, accessible, quiet

MooCowsAreAwesome

2/12/2024 09:00 PM

-Schools -Safety -Downtown area -Lack of traffic -Community Events especially those for families -Parks and playgrounds -Walkability and bike friendliness

Jezebeljenkins

2/12/2024 09:06 PM

Seeing familiar faces during community events (farmer's market, tree lighting, etc.). Safety of island's neighborhoods. Lots of family friendly activities, great playgrounds/parks Communication from the city (planned improvements, soliciting input, emergency communications - e.g. water disruption)

ME

2/13/2024 08:05 AM

Close to work , clean and safe , walkability

A resident

2/13/2024 10:20 AM

Proximity to family, central location, relative safety of our town.

77tenent

2/13/2024 12:49 PM

The community is nice and the proximity to two great grocery stores. I also love the people at Corry's Dry Cleaners.

Alcione

2/13/2024 04:15 PM

Walkable town center with easy access to groceries, restaurants, parks, etc Convenient to commute to either Seattle or Bellevue Generally quiet, relaxed atmosphere

C

2/13/2024 04:23 PM

It is clean and safe

Peterk

2/13/2024 04:52 PM

Central location, walkable downtown, parks, safety

CPGoodrich

2/13/2024 07:01 PM

I love how quiet it can be, yet close to Bellevue and Seattle.

rhidalgo

2/13/2024 07:05 PM

Safety

Jdaniels

It's a nice place with great safe neighborhood where I can feel safe

2/13/2024 07:30 PM

walking my dog late at night. Reminds me of how I grew up in the 90's.

nothanks

2/13/2024 07:34 PM

Quick access to the city, low crime, very community oriented. Everyone here is very friendly and quick to start conversation. I also saw the mobile food pantry at the community center, which was refreshing to see for those families that may be struggling but we would never know. Everyone is quick to lend a helping hand or offer recommendations.

Bharat Shyam

2/13/2024 10:16 PM

Love it. Keep it that way!

RXRHYC

2/14/2024 07:39 AM

Small safe town with great parks, walking trails and easy access to freeways.

MJ

2/14/2024 01:56 PM

Fairly quiet. Lower crime rate. Lots of trees/greenspace. Community is smaller.

Thomas Reynolds

2/14/2024 06:45 PM

Safe and clean

Pauline98040

2/14/2024 07:11 PM

Proximity to SEATAC, Bellevue, and Seattle. Small community feel. Green and leafy.

Amber

2/14/2024 07:55 PM

Schools, central location

AMK

2/14/2024 08:11 PM

I have family here. I like the community And the island itself.

milife

2/14/2024 09:14 PM

quiet peaceful neighborhoods, safety, knowing my neighbors, inclusive community events and centers

Laob

2/14/2024 09:19 PM

Small town feel close to Seattle, the friends we've made, strong sense of community, parks and beauty of the lake, excellent schools

Jar

2/14/2024 09:24 PM

Quiet life, safety, small town, no big city negatives.

Sherry W.

2/14/2024 10:20 PM

Comfortable suburban atmosphere. Also, a good sense of community, perhaps helped by being an island.

Tyler Barrett

2/14/2024 10:53 PM

The walkability, the community/family-friendly events, and the community feeling

Marci

2/15/2024 08:06 AM

The people are very concerned and active in the community

Geena

2/15/2024 09:58 AM

Love how easy it is to get to both Seattle and Bellevue. Great local businesses. Safe community.

Kathleen P

2/15/2024 10:30 AM

Close proximity to grocery and other stores and services.

MMS

2/15/2024 10:51 AM

Safety and open space- proximity to downtown

ABC

2/15/2024 02:22 PM

Location, it is close to Seattle and close to Bellevue and Issaquah

Mora

2/15/2024 03:16 PM

My children grew up here and now my grandchildren are on the island. It is convenient to get to places

Andrea

2/15/2024 06:06 PM

Small town feel, quiet but with basic amenities, relatively safe, clean, parks and free space, private and public school options, friendly residents, location relative to Bellevue and Seattle (while not being like Bellevue or Seattle)

RyanG

2/15/2024 08:15 PM

Walkability to shops and restaurants, good public services, safe neighborhoods, and prime location.

Susie

2/16/2024 11:38 AM

My friends and I have formed a caring, supportive community within the apartment building we live in. But the building is piling on more costs and huge rent increases that ar breaking it up and making everyone feel distressed and uncertain about our home.

Kelleigh Barrigan

The geography, landscape and peacefulness

2/16/2024 12:07 PM

Nick P

2/16/2024 11:55 PM

Great proximity to Seattle and Bellevue but far enough away. Safe, quiet, and clean. Great Schools. Great investment for property values.

Kirsten

2/17/2024 10:54 AM

Clean, beautiful, safe, walkable village., easy access to seattle and eastside.

Pheobe65

2/17/2024 01:06 PM

Safety Beauty Parks Quiet

Flatbanjo

2/17/2024 02:42 PM

Central to work locations. Safe, quiet.

Taylern

2/17/2024 04:15 PM

Proximity to off-land activities, hiking, parks, my work, the Seattle aquarium, etc.

Olivia

2/18/2024 04:26 PM

I enjoy the access to parks like Luther Burbank and Pioneer Park and the safe, walkable streets for getting from my apartment to amenities like the town center and farmers market.

Terrence Gibson

2/18/2024 07:01 PM

Everything

Lalady

2/18/2024 08:22 PM

Clean, safe, walkable community with access to amenities, parks, the lake.... Also very convenient to both east/west sides.

Meng Gao

2/18/2024 09:21 PM

Walkable streets, good amenities around residential areas

Han

2/18/2024 09:32 PM

Proximity to both Seattle and Bellevue while the rent price is lower than both.

Anthony R.

2/19/2024 12:48 PM

Safe neighborhood, great community, beautiful parks and open spaces.

Anton E.

2/19/2024 08:00 PM

Walkability, parks, quietness

ivp

2/20/2024 02:50 PM

Quiet, lot of trees, easy access to Bellevue and Seattle

Xie

2/20/2024 04:48 PM

Clean, safe, friendly peoplenon

kiandbradley

2/20/2024 05:20 PM

Close walking proximity to stores, restaurants, doctor/dentist, etc.
Easy to reach Seattle and Bellevue via public transit. Safe and quiet community.

Yana

2/20/2024 05:45 PM

Something I like about living on Mercer Island is the amenities that allow me to stay on the island instead of driving to Seattle or Bellevue. I walk to the grocery store, I walk to the gym, I walk to all my dentists and doctors. I can't imagine living any other way now.

Jwijanto

2/20/2024 08:08 PM

Safety, small town vibe, friendly neighborhood

ASR

2/21/2024 04:18 PM

Parks, quiet

stesch

2/21/2024 06:06 PM

small town atmosphere

Linda S

2/21/2024 08:08 PM

I like the walkability.

L

2/22/2024 09:38 AM

Ambiance. Open spaces of Single family residences and Parks.

Fangio

2/24/2024 10:59 AM

Our location.

Suzanne

2/24/2024 02:38 PM

It feels like a clean, safe community

josborne40

2/28/2024 11:23 AM

Central proximity, services, quality of life

Michele

Safety, community, walk ability

3/02/2024 07:07 PM

Trey

Safe place.

3/04/2024 05:11 PM

Kit

Close to Seattle and the Eastside.

3/06/2024 03:36 PM

Shorewood123

Scenic, parks, close to Seattle and Eastside

3/12/2024 02:32 PM

Darius

It is a quiet, safe community with many parks and a lot of natural spaces and tree canopy. We appreciated the excellent school system when our children were young. The central location allowed me to commute to Seattle, Redmond, and Issaquah easily.

3/14/2024 11:44 AM

Optional question (149 response(s), 5 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q19 | What would you change about living in Mercer Island?

ALAND

Eliminate vacant lots and businesses. Encourage investment in new facilities. Support a new facility for YTNW.

2/08/2024 12:25 PM

Jblincoe

I can't think of anything.

2/08/2024 01:00 PM

BRigsB

Better traffic controls on Island Crest Dr. More support for schools and teachers !!! Top pay for best teachers !!! :-).

2/08/2024 01:36 PM

JHG

More dedicated bike lanes, particularly on Mercer Way – east and west. Both directions.

2/08/2024 01:36 PM

JoshR

More retail

2/08/2024 02:04 PM

MStrick

Nimby-ism

2/08/2024 02:44 PM

Amy Ting

2/08/2024 03:18 PM

Get link light rail working faster—keeps getting postponed. Move the library closer to “downtown” MI (for entirely selfish reasons to be closer for me to walk to, but realize for the community makes sense for it to be in current location ;-). More attractive (newer; not built long time ago), AFFORDABLE, condo (not apartment) housing options . Empty nesters on a budget that want to downsize have very limited options if want to stay on the island in their own home. More affordable townhomes.. Or muktifamiky, apartment style condos that are newer construction so sound doesn't transfer from unit to unit.

Dale

2/08/2024 03:45 PM

More good restaurants to include breakfast.

Sherin

2/08/2024 04:34 PM

I hope the city be more fast in giving permits to build or do whatever you want with your land. I heard that adding a gondola permit takes like 5 years here. Come on. Also, i hope they allow ready to install houses on empty lands.

lindagadola

2/08/2024 05:42 PM

Nothing

Michelle

2/08/2024 06:00 PM

To make rent more affordable, have better restaurants, to have more fast casual restaurants, better traffic enforcement

Johnstone

2/08/2024 06:12 PM

Have City leaders with more vision and bust-up the unholy alliance of Realtors/Developers/Builders/Politicians who, together, acting for their own and backers money interests cause too many bad things to happen and prevent too many good things from happening.

Figg

2/08/2024 06:20 PM

A better urban setting in the downtown core with a better mix of unique retail and more attractive TOD housing.

Kth

2/08/2024 06:22 PM

More variety of restaurants and retail downtown. More walkable/less space dedicated to parking downtown.

Whatscreenname?

2/08/2024 06:37 PM

Public transportation to/from Shorewood Apartments

Alecsiskar

2/08/2024 06:54 PM

More diversity and more affordable

H_heitz

2/08/2024 07:11 PM

Lower cost of living

Nathan

2/08/2024 07:31 PM

More nightlife options. Public electric vehicle charging.

Malind

2/08/2024 07:58 PM

More community activities and opportunities to interact, diverse festival celebrations, composting of wet waste generated from apartments.

yougotralph

2/08/2024 08:42 PM

More density in housing options

Christamlily

2/08/2024 08:44 PM

I wish we had more nice restaurants. Sad to see Bennetts Bistro and Carruccio's close. There is a small nice wine bar but it closes at 9pm on Fridays and Saturdays!

Andrew

2/08/2024 09:05 PM

More selection of restaurants, bars, and stores; more affordable housing options.

Baboon

2/08/2024 09:27 PM

A vibrant downtown and a city that support encourage retail and restaurants with more diverse venues

J

2/08/2024 09:28 PM

The cost. Especially taxes.

BillC

2/09/2024 05:24 AM

More housing to accommodate elders!

Terry Lee

2/09/2024 08:41 AM

Fill the vacant buildings Bring in a nursery

Raven

2/09/2024 09:28 AM

Make Town center a destination (like La Connor, or Carmel by the Sea (smaller scale). Off island revenue and help MI economy. Fill the vacant business buildings to bring employment and employees. Otherwise the residents will continue to see increasing taxes to support our infrastructure (which is also fine). But the vacant business buildings are unappealing.

Cynthia

2/09/2024 10:06 AM

More parking in commercial core

Ran

2/09/2024 11:15 AM

More house available and newer houses?

MiGirl

2/09/2024 11:29 AM

Increase shopping opportunities and avoid the push go along with trends that seek to expand low income housing. Mercer Island is not the place for this.

BuddysMom

2/09/2024 12:46 PM

Have more areas with sidewalks, a larger variety of community center programs for seniors, a free bus that travels to all the parks and beaches, and more protected street crosswalks.

Graham S

2/09/2024 12:49 PM

More social gathering places downtown.

Anca

2/09/2024 01:56 PM

More multi family housing units, are more affordable and fit for a couple of empty nesters

Mr. Anonymity

2/09/2024 04:09 PM

The library is in a horrible location and difficult to get to via transit. Speaking of transit, the one rinky-dink bus route (Metro 204) that serves MI once an hour six days a week isn't cutting it. We need something better and more dynamic, such as an on-demand service that can pick up and drop off passengers anywhere on MI (including bringing them to the transit center for off-island travel).

AnneE

2/09/2024 04:45 PM

Less development

BvH

2/09/2024 04:47 PM

More affordable housing.

CharlieTriplett

2/09/2024 05:17 PM

More places to live sub \$500k. I make \$200k /yr and a single family home is out of reach for me here.

Amy-Meyer

2/09/2024 05:23 PM

Outrageous rent increases every year.

Clara Cheung

Walking more !

2/09/2024 05:35 PM

KLiappes

2/09/2024 06:13 PM

I would want to see incentive to have more businesses here or things to do. I default to Seattle since there are no small shops or even local bars to go to. Property taxes are too high and I'm also sure there are residents that block permits for certain things to be here. It's the snobbishness that annoys me sometimes

Allison

2/09/2024 08:33 PM

easier access on and off the island

Art

2/09/2024 08:51 PM

Keep the town center the same, very livable

Bunny

2/09/2024 09:27 PM

No more high rise buildings! More planned walkable downtown with restaurants, retail, and parking other than underground garages with tiny spaces.

Maybe

2/09/2024 11:23 PM

It sure how to make it safer. I see police out and about all the time. But today while waiting on the eastbound onramp at island crest, some guys got out of their black pickup behind me and threw glass (bottles?) next to my car. They then ran around their vehicle and jumped back in their truck. I had my passenger window down because my dog had her head out the window and it really scared me because the breaking glass was so close.

Milestone

2/09/2024 11:27 PM

We live close to the freeway so the noise is unpleasant.

Sarah

2/10/2024 06:49 AM

The schools are deteriorating and non-residents (i.e. city staff) send out surveys to plan for the future of Mercer Island and target a survey to a quarter of the population that live in multi-family in the Town Center.

MC

2/10/2024 07:02 AM

Nothing

molemoe

2/10/2024 07:42 AM

better options for shopping & dining. Rents need to be affordable for small businesses

Citizen

Having a city council who respects the desires of the majority of MI

2/10/2024 08:37 AM

residents who do not want to see the island turned into a concentrated multi family residence community.

Joan franklin

2/10/2024 09:55 AM

More activities and support for seniors

sush

2/10/2024 11:53 AM

I would like to attract a stronger retail core downtown with public parking (not underneath buildings) with great restaurants and useful retail.

Vargen

2/10/2024 12:43 PM

More small business for services

xxx

2/10/2024 01:33 PM

More shops and restaurants, clean up the downtown area, remove all the overgrown ivy and just make Mercer Island a more finesse neighborhood. There is no finesse. Considering we are supposed to be a rich island, it doesn't look rich, it looks rundown and it looks like the City is bankrupt as they can't afford to repair the sidewalks. All they do is mark them with cheap pink paint.

fatboydelights

2/10/2024 01:35 PM

City government transparency. City utility costs. Focus on core stem in school district

Lemondropsmi

2/10/2024 02:23 PM

Taxes

M

2/10/2024 02:53 PM

More support for the small business on the island and more sidewalks. We are lucky that we were able to get a 3bd multi unit on the island. There are very few condos/apartments that have more than two bedrooms. This limits the number of family's with more than 1 child that can afford to live here and attend our schools.

Markus

2/10/2024 03:09 PM

Wish there were more activities, events, and entertainment on the island (but not too much).

Cplatou

2/10/2024 03:25 PM

I would strongly encourage the city / parks maintenance employees better care for the vegetation along the roadways. For example the area along Island Crest way / 68th in Pioneer Park needs to have leafs raked, trees trimmed and better cared for. Same along East & West Mercer. The center island plantings on Island Crest way just south of I—90 looks like a weed garden. Very poor selection of

plants when it was replanted several years ago. Litter along all the exits off I-90 onto Mercer Island. Over all it appears that the cities Maintenance has declined since 2020.

Jgriffin

2/10/2024 03:44 PM

Rent controll

Trilce

2/10/2024 04:12 PM

There's not enough restaurants or community feeling. Everything is around family, and there's single people, people with no children, elderly people that live alone. Is pretty boring.

Wsfm

2/10/2024 05:11 PM

More housing. The City Council should make a serious commitment to increasing housing availability including rezoning single family properties for additional units and more housing outside the city center. Mercer Island is an extremely boring place to live with very limited entertainment options. New housing that attracts more citizens will result in new private investment and offers for island residents and contribute to addressing the critical housing shortage that affects the PNW. All cities should be obligated to increase housing and affordable housing options in their jurisdictions.

Jo

2/10/2024 06:22 PM

Hope crime does not come with rail. Cost of living increases are concerning.

Rwj

2/10/2024 07:19 PM

I wish renters were considered as well as property owners are on the island. Better bike infrastructure and protection for cyclists.

jnightlight

2/10/2024 07:58 PM

Expense, of course.

TiffanyR

2/10/2024 11:08 PM

Less clicky and the element of keeping outsiders out and fear of change in the community.

bc

2/11/2024 03:58 AM

lower cost of living here

Vkay

2/11/2024 04:55 AM

A more vibrant downtown with restaurants and shopping.

Mark H

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2/11/2024 08:27 AM

Ekeller

2/11/2024 09:35 AM

An interesting downtown street with a better variety of restaurants. A movie theater. More affordable housing for workers on the island to support local business.

Test

2/11/2024 11:48 AM

Community engagement for the community

Christina

2/11/2024 02:12 PM

Would like to move into bigger apt or town hose which requires min. Maintenance job

Peter Hou

2/11/2024 03:26 PM

More big market: Costco, Trader Joe's, etc. And more options for restaurants.

AEG

2/11/2024 03:40 PM

Remodel and add a second pool to the Mary Wayne pool. More apartment choices with affordable rents. More fine dining options like Mio Posto and Vivienne's Bistro.

stevesch

2/11/2024 04:28 PM

A fully equipped gym would be nice.

Sheilawheeler

2/11/2024 04:29 PM

A little more sun!!

Redaloe19

2/11/2024 09:20 PM

More Independent coffee shops, restaurants, things to do in the evenings. Lighted parks for walking would be lovely, walking around here in the dark days doesn't feel to safe with cars

Lawrence of Mercer Island

2/11/2024 09:58 PM

Stop permitting high rise, cookie cutter apartment buildings in the Town center.

Andi

2/12/2024 08:06 AM

I would not build it up, I think it's "small town" qualities are worth keeping, however, housing is expensive and rents increase every single year. I expect I will have to move because of a rent increase and not because I want to.

Buckle

2/12/2024 10:25 AM

The monolith of one party control. Our City council and School Board are suppose to be non-partisan. Yet the 41st District pays to campaign for them and smear other candidates. They own the media

too. No other opinions or viewpoints are allowed.

Mel

2/12/2024 11:57 AM

A better downtown plan- the current one offers very few amenities and few variety of businesses — it's not diverse

anonymous

2/12/2024 02:57 PM

Increase the pushback against regionalism - we're a suburb, not an urban center. Stop or slow the trend towards becoming more like Seattle. Remind leaders to make decisions based on data, not ideology.

SamRu

2/12/2024 03:32 PM

housing

Crystal

2/12/2024 06:33 PM

Affordable housing for ownership

qc

2/12/2024 08:43 PM

More small unit housing (townhomes, condos, etc.)

MooCowsAreAwesome

2/12/2024 09:00 PM

-Higher density housing to alleviate the housing shortage and reduce cost -Better access to public transportation -More/better restaurants/amenities downtown. -Even more walkability/bike friendliness to reduce reliance on our car.

Jezebeljenkins

2/12/2024 09:06 PM

-Cost of living here is very high -- more non-single-family-home options would help make the area more affordable -Attracting additional community members to increase diversity -Better public transit (access as well as options to get to/from the north and south)

ME

2/13/2024 08:05 AM

Too expensive - too little housing choice

A resident

2/13/2024 10:20 AM

Add multi family housing to the south end.

77tenent

2/13/2024 12:49 PM

Rent prices and the lack of any tenant rights on Mercer Island. I think the City should look at some Tenant Rights legislation to improve living conditions in the complexes on the island.

Alcione

2/13/2024 04:15 PM

Nothing realistic comes to mind

C

2/13/2024 04:23 PM

I would like a rental cap / increase limitations. I also wish I could find a job on the island.

Peterk

2/13/2024 04:52 PM

More mixed use downtown would bring more businesses and amenities. I'm also looking forward to the opening of the light rail.

CPGoodrich

2/13/2024 07:01 PM

I would add more homes/businesses in the core downtown area, it's so close to the future light rail station and could develop into a great commercial district in itself. No need to let our Mercer Island dollars go to other cities!

rhidalgo

2/13/2024 07:05 PM

More crosswalks with a button to press for flashing lights

Jdaniels

2/13/2024 07:30 PM

Just the affordability.

nothanks

2/13/2024 07:34 PM

The lack of sidewalks on busy streets gets very scary when on foot, especially along EMW & WMW where there aren't safe alternate routes. Cyclists who come to the island don't follow traffic laws and are constantly cutting off cars and blowing through stop signs without repercussions. My neighbors are seeing significant rent hikes (+30% per year) and the landlords are largely unchecked. Even the more "affordable" housing is pricing out residents who've been here for 10+ years. MI needs better landlord-tenant protections, but they would never pass because it could be seen as detrimental to skyrocketing home values. For being so community oriented, it's sad that it's become more profitable to price people out of high density housing than to reduce turnover and let renters integrate into the community long-term. Every time I want to take up a long term volunteer role or join an advisory board in the community, I'm reminded that we don't know how much rent will jump next year, so it's better not to get involved if we'll end up uprooted anyways.

Bharat Shyam

2/13/2024 10:16 PM

Improve schools

RXRHYC

2/14/2024 07:39 AM

Nothing

MJ

2/14/2024 01:56 PM

I really dislike the large developments and taller buildings in downtown MI, in recent years. — It would be nice if there were more services for seniors offered.

Thomas Reynolds

2/14/2024 06:45 PM

Nothing

Pauline98040

2/14/2024 07:11 PM

The light rail impacts our only access on and off island. I would prefer a ferry service. The town center is losing its soul, and is uninviting.

Amber

2/14/2024 07:55 PM

Small movie theater

AMK

2/14/2024 08:11 PM

Maybe a pharmacy at the South end?

Laob

2/14/2024 09:19 PM

Create more affordable housing options. Why are people allowed to tear down affordable houses and put up massive homes reducing affordable housing stock? Where are the townhomes? Could coops work? It feels like Mercer Island doesn't have a vision for housing except if you can afford it, you can do it.

Jar

2/14/2024 09:24 PM

Nothing.

Sherry W.

2/14/2024 10:20 PM

I would like to see more housing oriented toward families with modest incomes. Especially around the light rail station.

Tyler Barrett

2/14/2024 10:53 PM

It is currently virtually impossible for a family of 4 with a combined household income of ~\$200,000 annually to afford a small house on Mercer Island. The affordable homes that do exist are too often demolished in favor of overpriced single-family homes that only the ultra-wealthy or investors can afford. There are also too many homes in the hands of too few people, which has contributed to a declining school enrollment that has ripple effects on the district.

Marci

2/15/2024 08:06 AM

Rents are too high for seniors

Geena

2/15/2024 09:58 AM

More condos and/or multi-family dwellings (townhouses) for affordability.

Kathleen P

2/15/2024 10:30 AM

More restaurants and other shops in town center area.

MMS

2/15/2024 10:51 AM

Too many apartments on the north end making a transient population without skin in the game

ABC

2/15/2024 02:22 PM

The Town Center is drab, not enough affordable places to eat, rents are too high, the ivy is horrible, and the sidewalks are in dire need of repair in the Town Center.

Mora

2/15/2024 03:16 PM

I would love to see more restaurants and a little more parking

Andrea

2/15/2024 06:06 PM

Better/increased options and parking in town center, letting big development have too great an impact on the feel of the town - size of buildings, congestion both visually and logistically, decreased freeway (and eventually light rail) noise pollution in surrounding parks and town center, housing options that work better for teachers and other MI employees that would reduce their commutes.

RyanG

2/15/2024 08:15 PM

Lack of entertainment

Susie

2/16/2024 11:38 AM

We badly need tenants rights--we have almost zero protection !!

Kelleigh Barrigan

2/16/2024 12:07 PM

apartments cost too much

Dee

2/16/2024 06:40 PM

More parking and retail in the town center. If you were apartments..

Nick P

2/16/2024 11:55 PM

Increase business incentives, specifically for Restaurants to open on Mercer Island. Incentives that allow local business to compete for business from families who choose to go off island for entertainment and food.

Kirsten

2/17/2024 10:54 AM

More restaurants and indie shopping

Flatbanjo

2/17/2024 02:42 PM

More local businesses and restaurants.

Taylern

2/17/2024 04:15 PM

Improved food options that aren't "island prices". Improved access to healthy green space. Overall less expensive.

Olivia

2/18/2024 04:26 PM

I would make Mercer Island more welcoming to a more diverse range of people including people of middle and lower incomes. City leadership seems very opposed to allowing new opportunities for new apartment buildings or a wider variety of housing types. It is small-minded to think that allowing more opportunities for people of lower incomes (and by lower incomes I mean anyone who can't afford to buy a \$3,000,000 home) to live here in apartments or townhomes or duplexes will somehow ruin the peaceful nature of Mercer Island. The community as a whole would benefit from having more people of different incomes, races, ethnicities, and lived experiences.

Terrence Gibson

2/18/2024 07:01 PM

Nothing

Lalady

2/18/2024 08:22 PM

More restaurants that are open past 9pm!

Meng Gao

2/18/2024 09:21 PM

Please change the all-way stop intersection to signalized intersection at SE 27th St and 80th Ave SE. Drivers are having a hard time spotting the stop signs, especially at night, and it feels unsafe for pedestrians to cross. At busy hours, traffic officers need to be on site. Make it signalized will solve a lot of problems.

Han

2/18/2024 09:32 PM

1) More local shopping and dining options for locals in town center area made possible by more efficient land-use 2) Better pedestrian facility (traffic control device, lighting, and pavement striping) on the major foot traffic pathway(s) within town center and between town center and transit station.

Jj

2/18/2024 10:02 PM

Great to have living options on the water that are not huge single family homes. Also better downtown with acres to the water and arts center

Anthony R.

2/19/2024 12:48 PM

Would love a more robust town center with increased number of businesses.

ivp

2/20/2024 02:50 PM

More multi-family housing so more folks can enjoy living here

Xie

2/20/2024 04:48 PM

None

kiandbradley

2/20/2024 05:20 PM

The housing opportunities are limited. You can either rent a modern apartment or live in a 40 year old condo. There are few options for townhomes or owning modern condominiums. I would love to live in a compact townhome by the light rail station, but because of parking minimums, setback requirements, lot coverage requirements, and minimum lot sizes, these cannot legally be built. Additionally, the road I live on (27th Ave SE) is wide and has few places to cross safely. I would love to see this road changed with more traffic calming measures and bicycle infrastructure.

Yana

2/20/2024 05:45 PM

We can afford to buy a house, but we still rent because all the purchasable properties here are either too large for our household of two, or old 60s condos. I wish there was a greater diversity and density of housing offered on Mercer Island. Additionally, it's sad to see so many vacant commercial spaces in downtown. We've been considering moving to Seattle because of the greater housing supply and more varied amenities, although we'd love to stay here if we can find a nice modern condo or townhouse next to the light rail. As someone who walks everywhere, some sidewalks are not mindfully placed, and sometimes I have to cross 4 lanes of traffic, which always makes me uncomfortable.

Jwijanto

2/20/2024 08:08 PM

Better public transportation

ASR

2/21/2024 04:18 PM

More condo options that aren't old and falling apart for those of us who don't want a house to maintain.

stesch

2/21/2024 06:06 PM

Nothing

Linda S

2/21/2024 08:08 PM

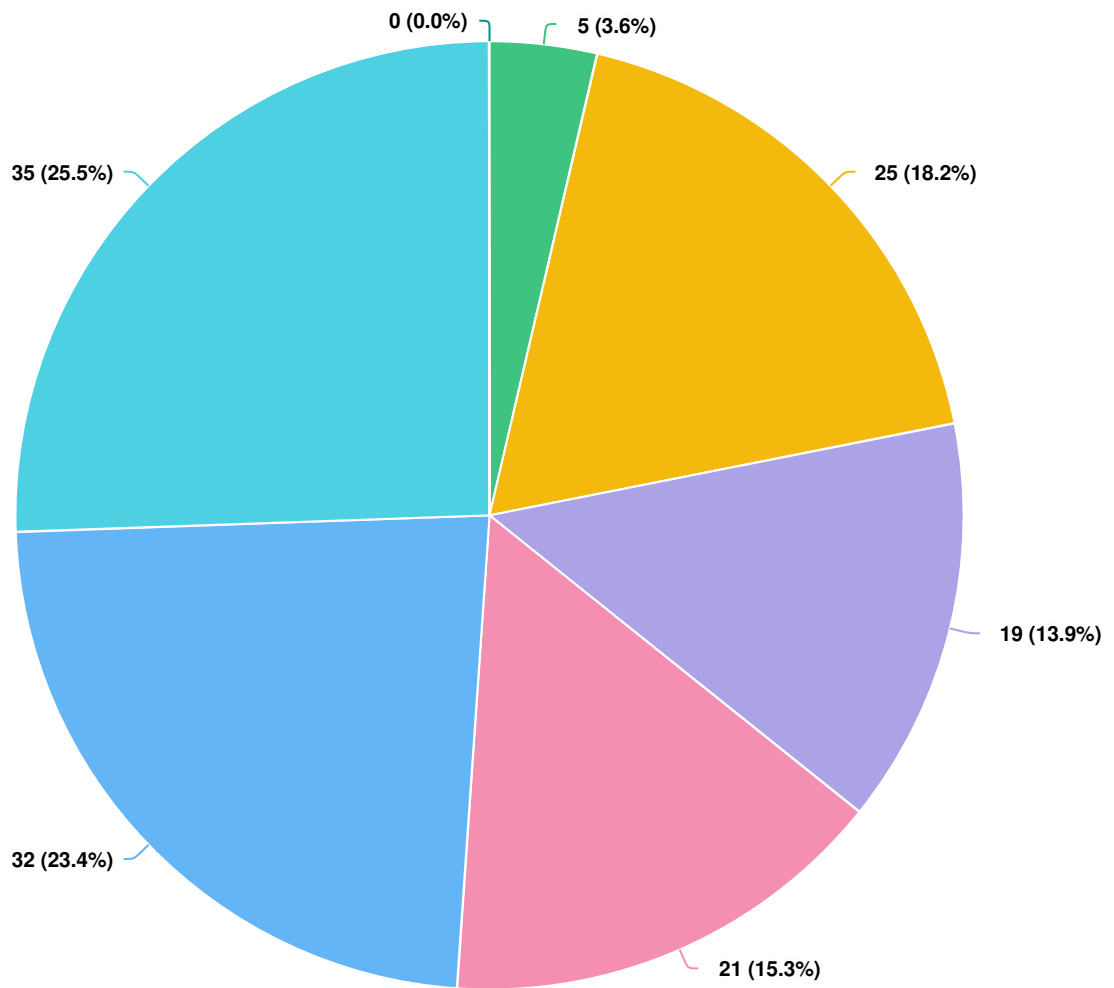
Accessibility. Too much crime visits the island. Cameras at offramps have become an intriguing idea.

L 2/22/2024 09:38 AM	Minimal apartment/condo development. Re-support of city backing social groups (Solemate etc.). An experienced Head of Planning Department, a city resident, having small staff.
Fangio 2/24/2024 10:59 AM	A more interesting town center
Suzanne 2/24/2024 02:38 PM	More shopping options
josborne40 2/28/2024 11:23 AM	Taper the amount of development downtown
Trey 3/04/2024 05:11 PM	Not having the light rail has made commute opportunities longer and not worth it.
Kit 3/06/2024 03:36 PM	More restaurants
Shorewood123 3/12/2024 02:32 PM	Nothing
Darius 3/14/2024 11:44 AM	1. Better public transportation using a microtransit model within Mercer Island - specifically, frequent, ideally electric, small bus or van routes around the city. They could run on a traditional scheduled model, on-demand (like Sound Transit's Via service), or a hybrid model. I wish I could easily get from City Hall to downtown using public transit. An entire bus running mostly empty on a pre-determined schedule is a waste. A small fleet of small buses/vans that come on demand during the day but also shuttle commuters on scheduled routes in the morning and evening would be extremely useful. If they were electric, federal dollars are available. 2. More investment in removing invasive plants in parks, rights-of-way, and other public spaces. Utilizing a tiny group of dedicated volunteers (I am one of them) discourages people from volunteering because of the impossibility of the task. Hiring professionals to remove ivy and blackberry plants would leave the task more manageable and would engage new volunteers.

Optional question (145 response(s), 9 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q20 | What is your age?

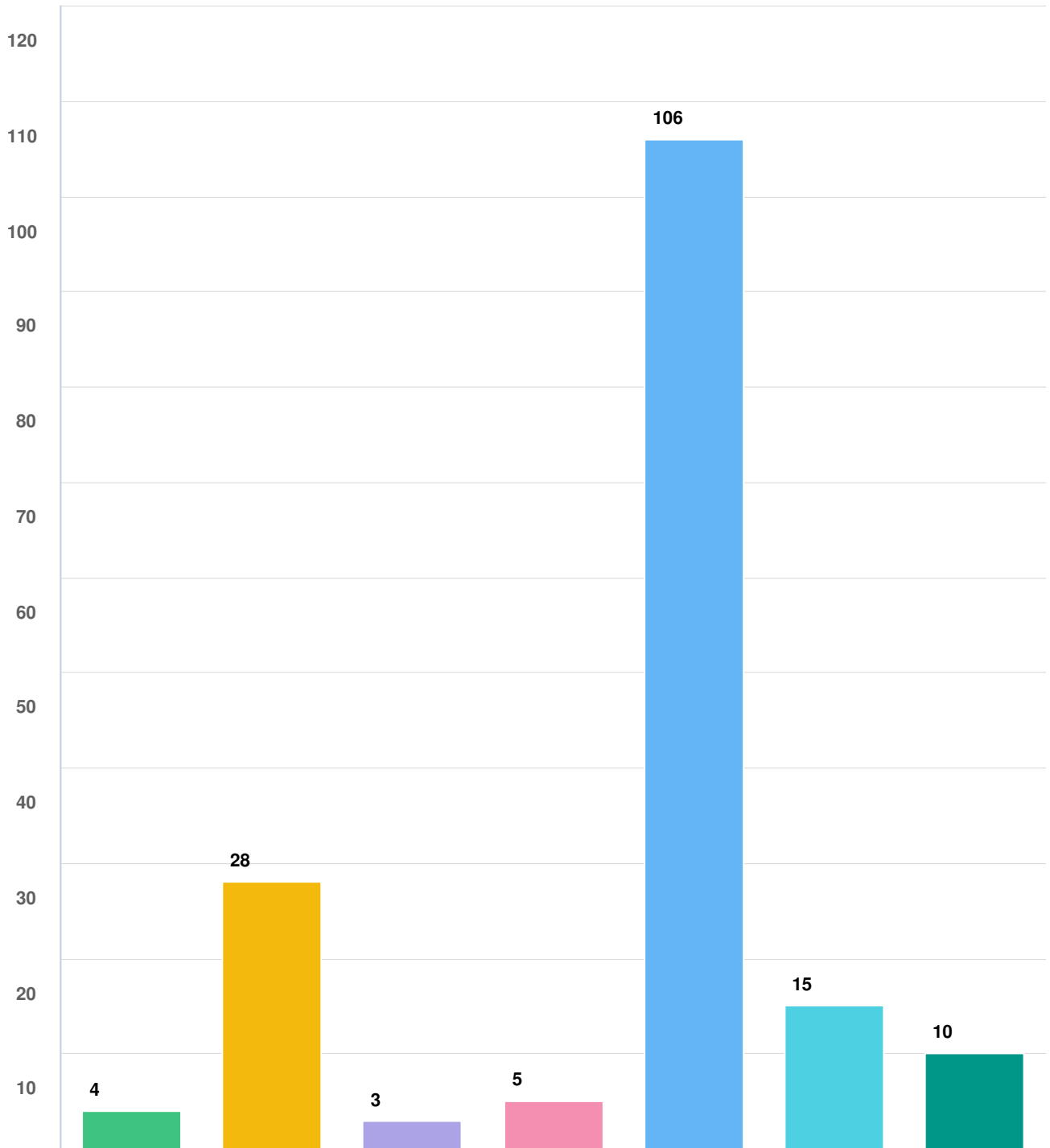


Question options

- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65 or above
- Under 18

Optional question (137 response(s), 17 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q21 What race or ethnicity best describes you (please check all that apply)?



Question options

- American Indian or Native Alaskan
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- White or Caucasian
- Mixed-race or multiple races
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (149 response(s), 5 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question