

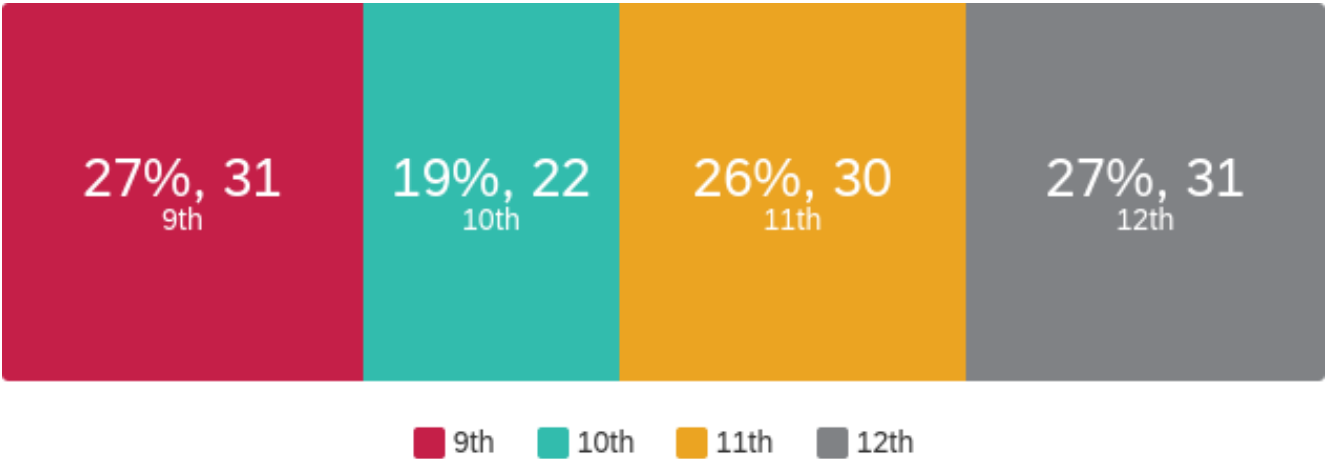
Nebraska Community Foundation Report for
Crofton Public School Youth Survey
February 2023



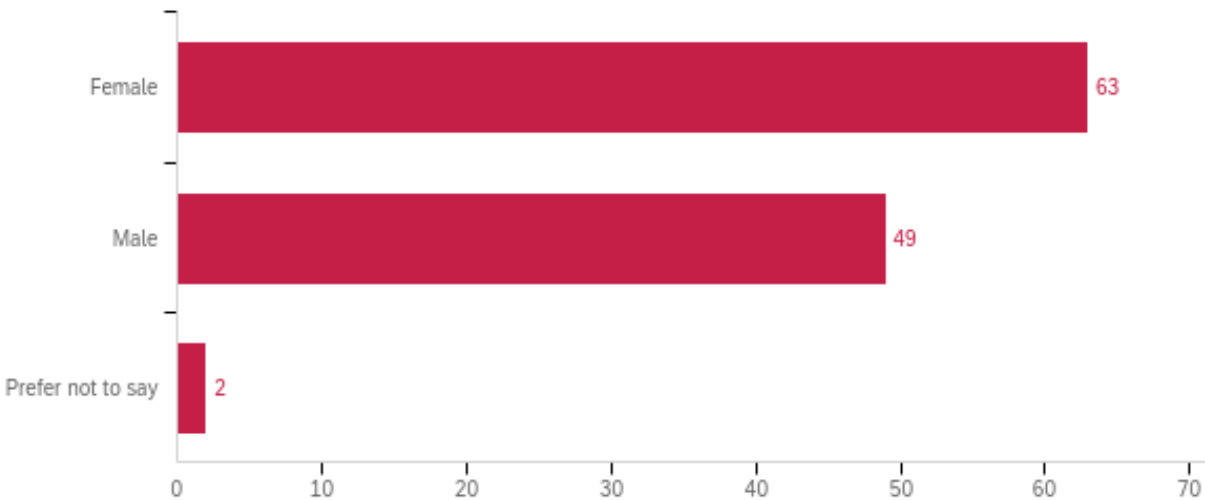
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serving the Crofton Area

The 2023 Nebraska Community Foundation Youth Survey for Crofton Public School received 114 responses. This report provides a breakdown of the number of responses and percentages for each question.

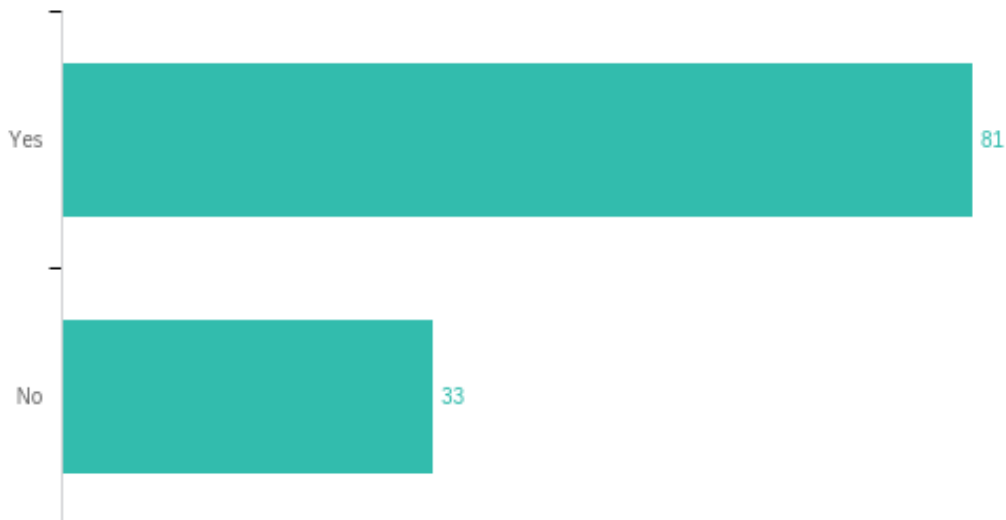
What is your current grade in school?



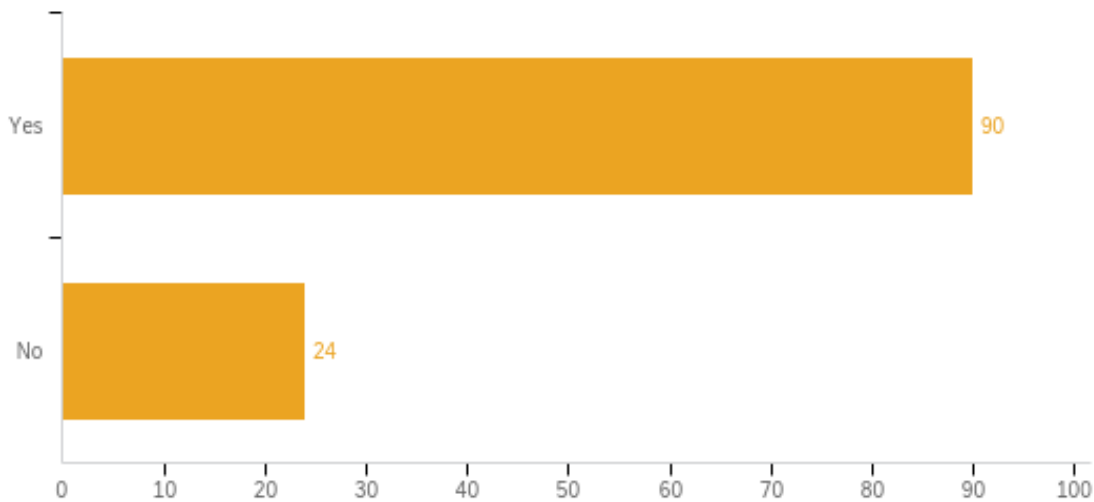
What is your gender?



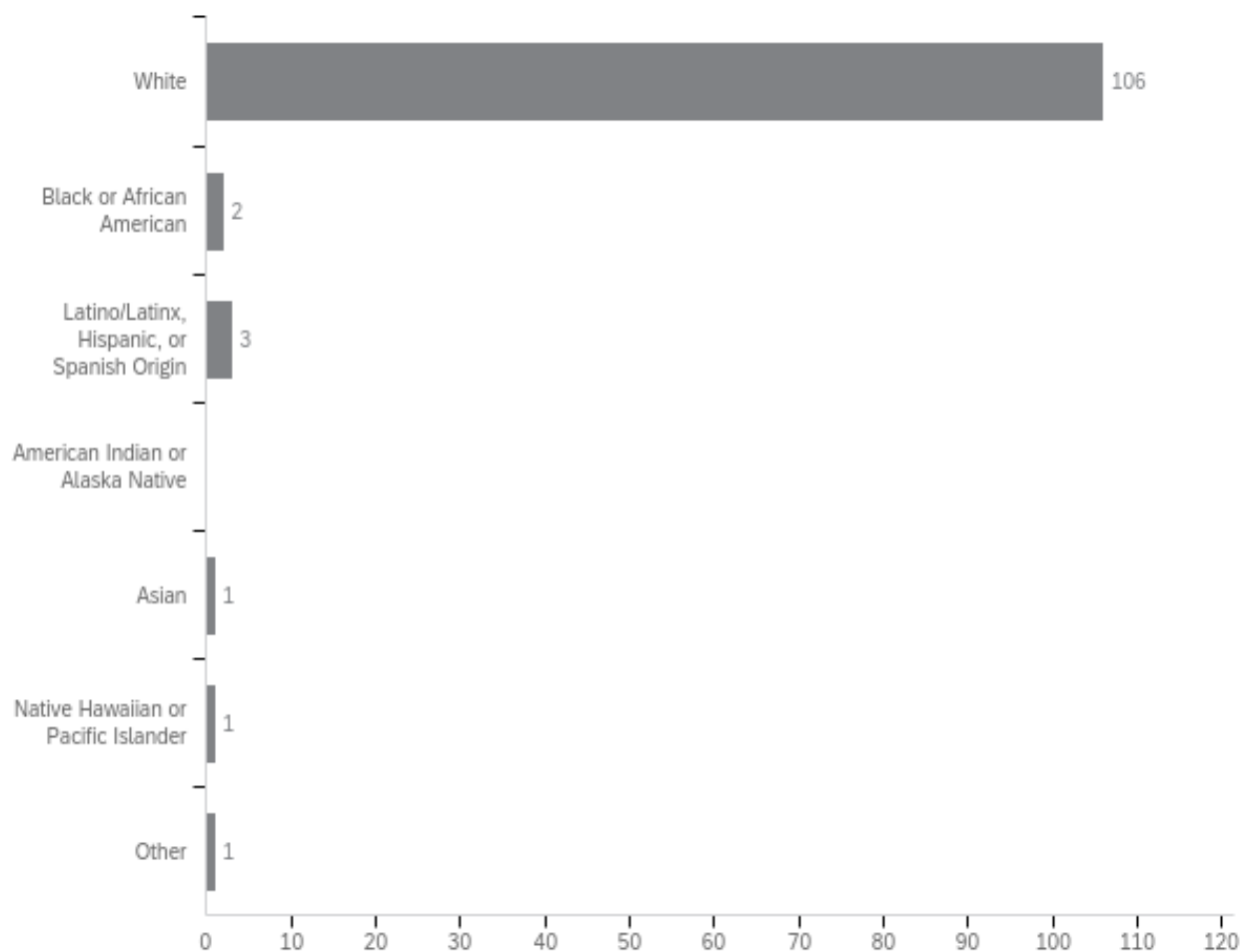
Besides the people in your household, do you have other family that lives in your community?



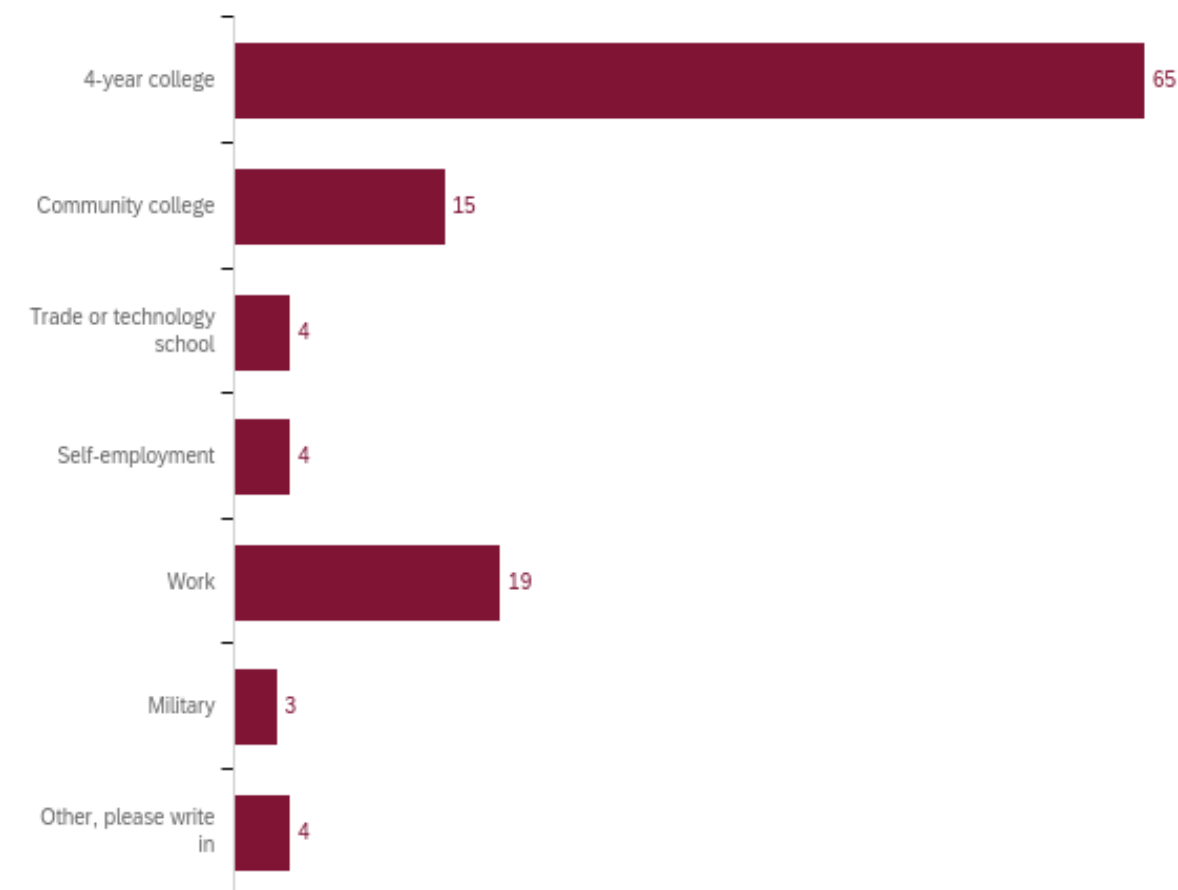
Do you consider your current community to be your hometown?



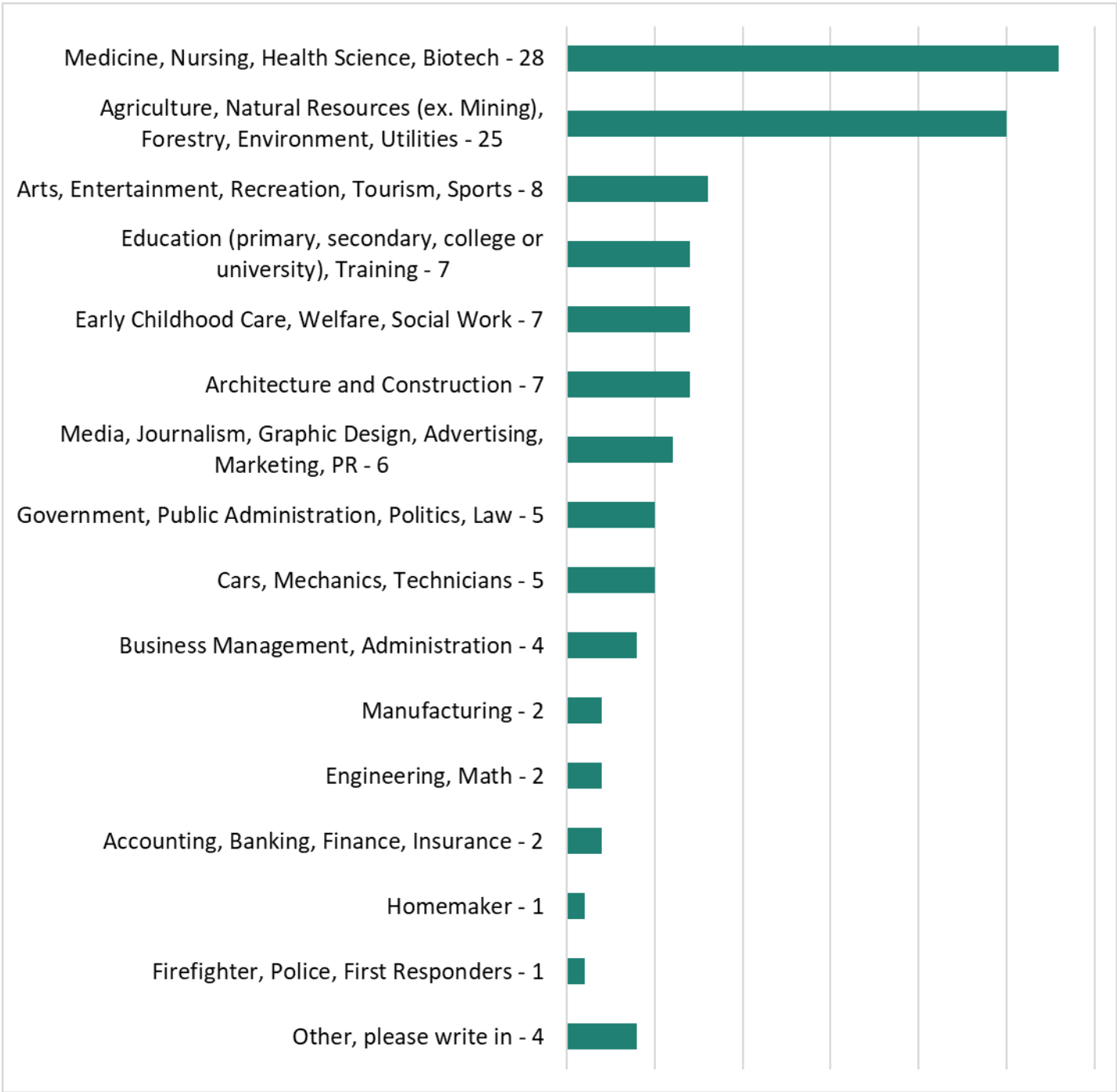
Which category or categories best describes you? Please select all that apply.



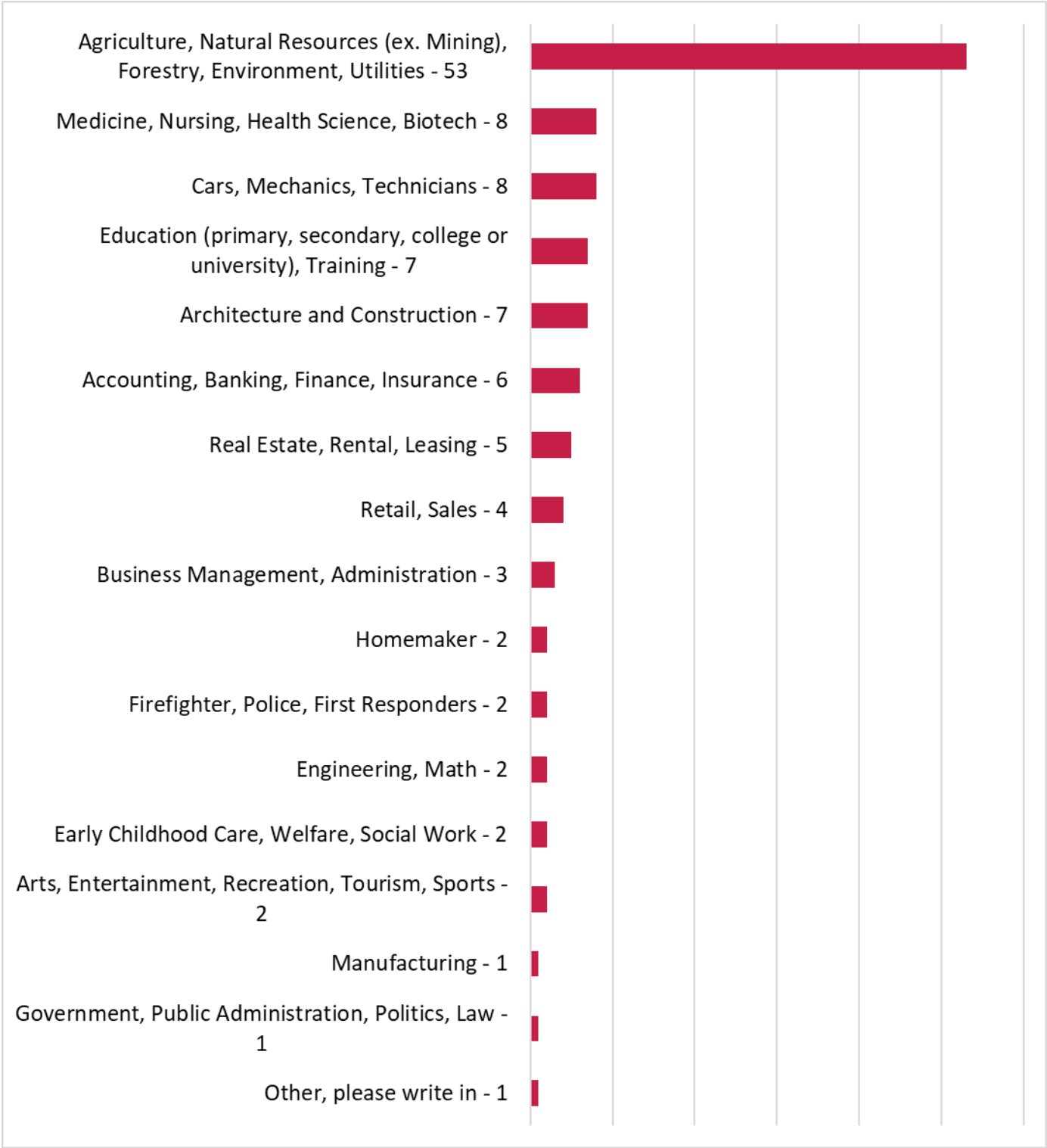
What are your plans after high school?



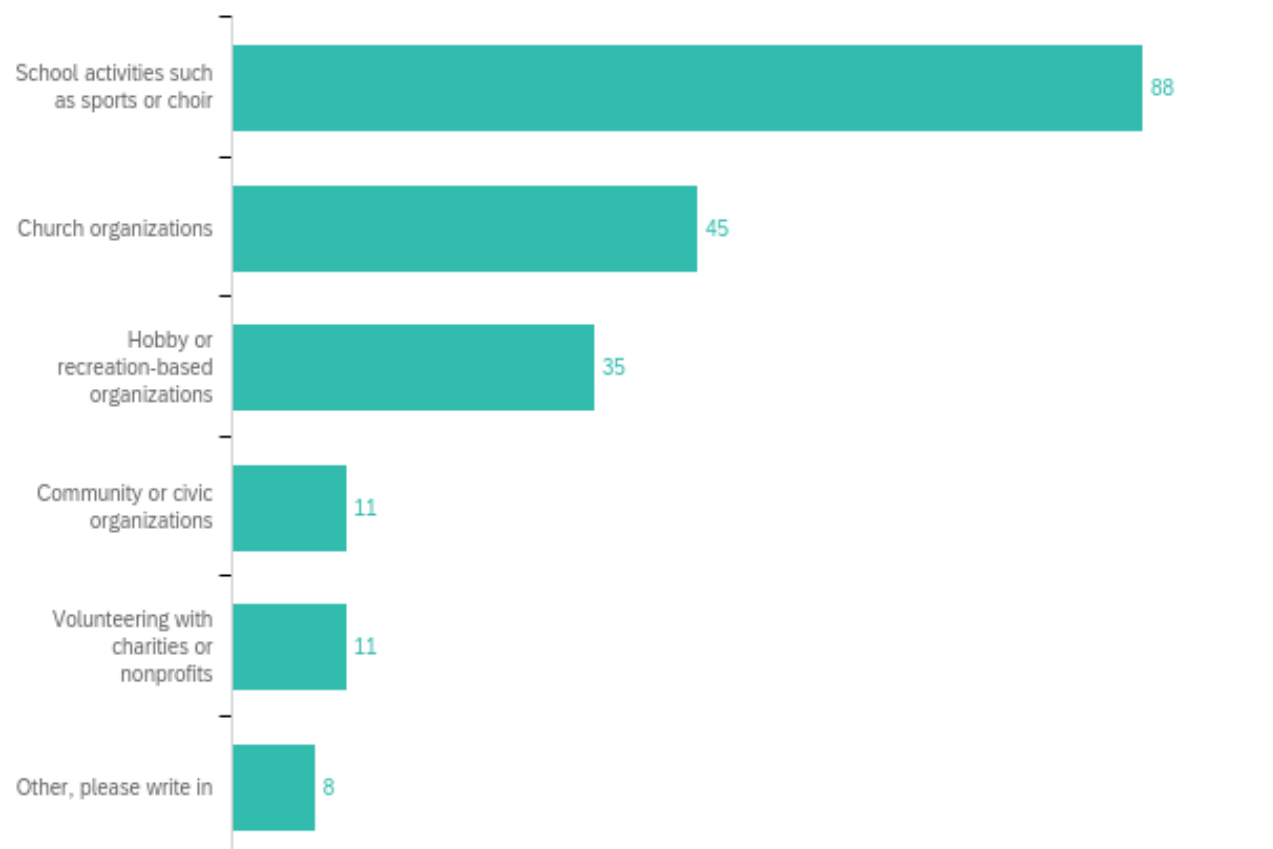
In the future, what industry would you like to work in? Choose one. If you are not sure pick the industry you are considering most now.



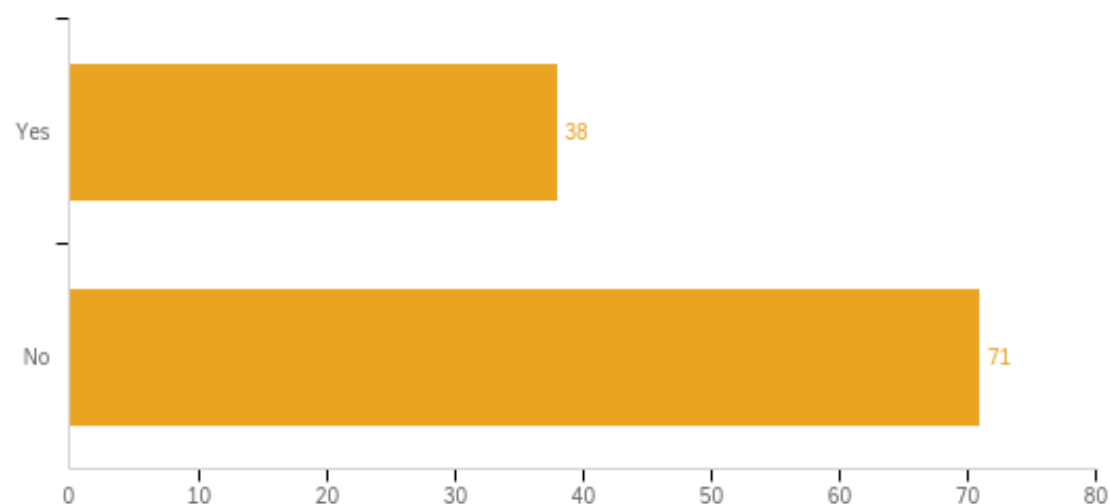
What do you think is the best employment opportunity in your community? Choose one.



Do you participate in any of the following activities? Select all that apply.



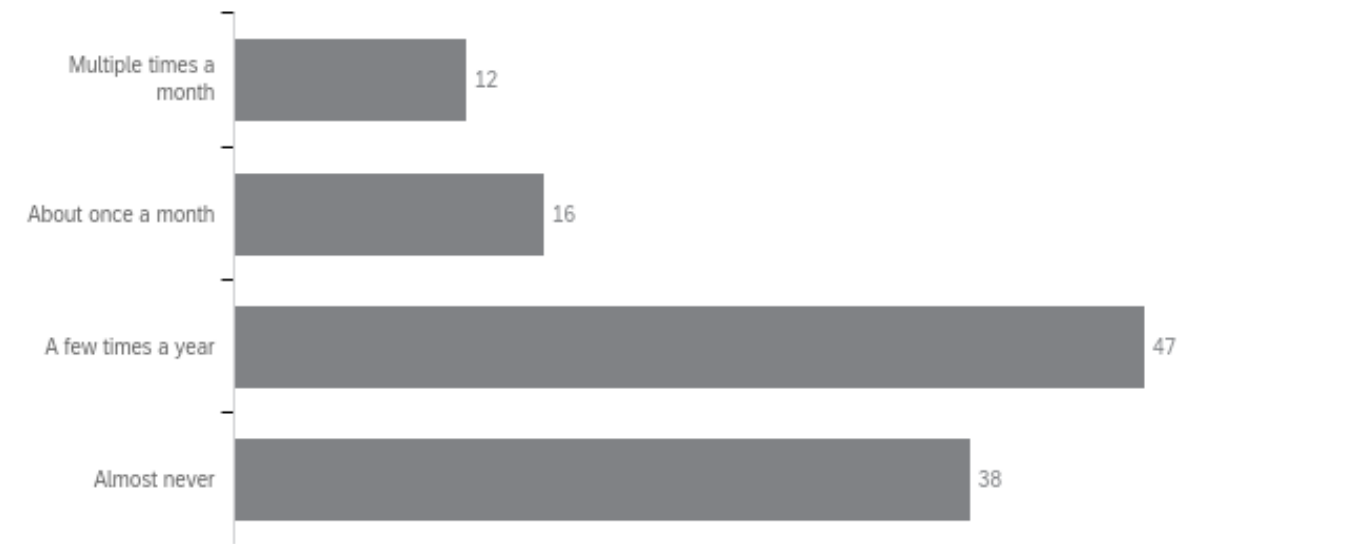
Do you wish there were more organizations or groups for you to engage with in your community? If yes, what organizations or groups would you like to engage with?



For each of the following activities are there any barriers for you to participate? Barriers might include financial resources, transportation, time, or other similar things.

Activity	Yes		No		Total
School activities such as sports or choir	38.39%	43	61.61%	69	112
Community or civic organizations	24.30%	26	75.70%	81	107
Church organizations	19.81%	21	80.19%	85	106
Volunteering with charities or nonprofits	21.15%	22	78.85%	82	104
Hobby or recreation-based organizations	32.08%	34	67.92%	72	106
Other organization or groups you mentioned	11.34%	11	88.66%	86	97

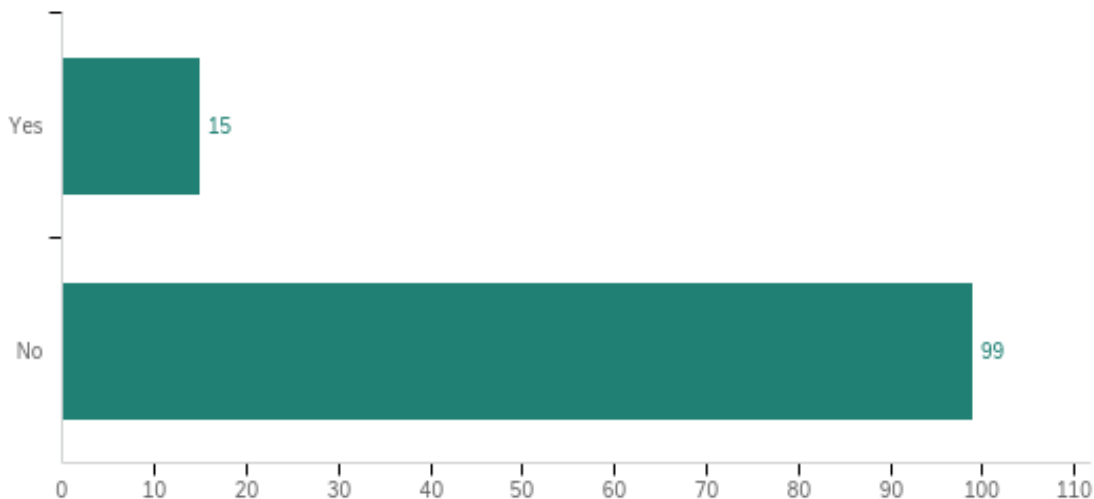
How often do you get together with other people from your town to do something positive for your community? Some examples are volunteering, donating or activism.



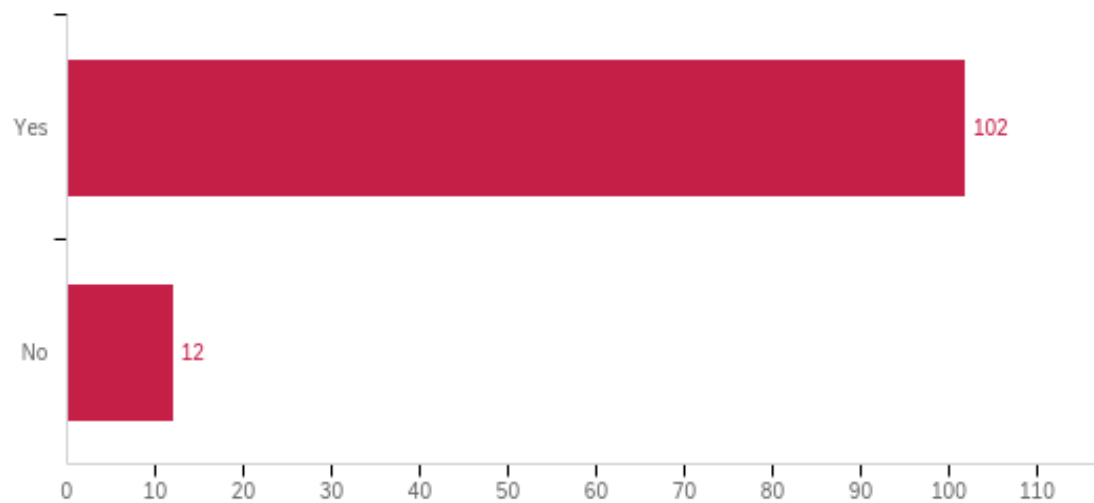
Do you have a job, including summer jobs, babysitting, mowing lawns, etc.?



Have you ever had an internship?



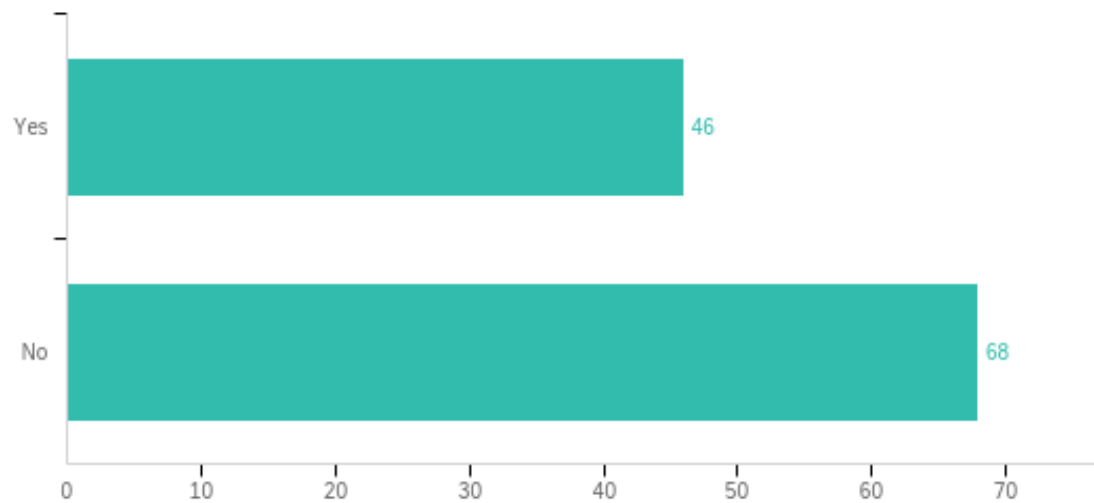
Do you feel safe from violence or theft in your community?



If no, can you please tell us what does not make you feel safe?

- Consistent break-ins/ theft in the businesses of my community

Have you ever been bullied (in-person or electronically) in your community?

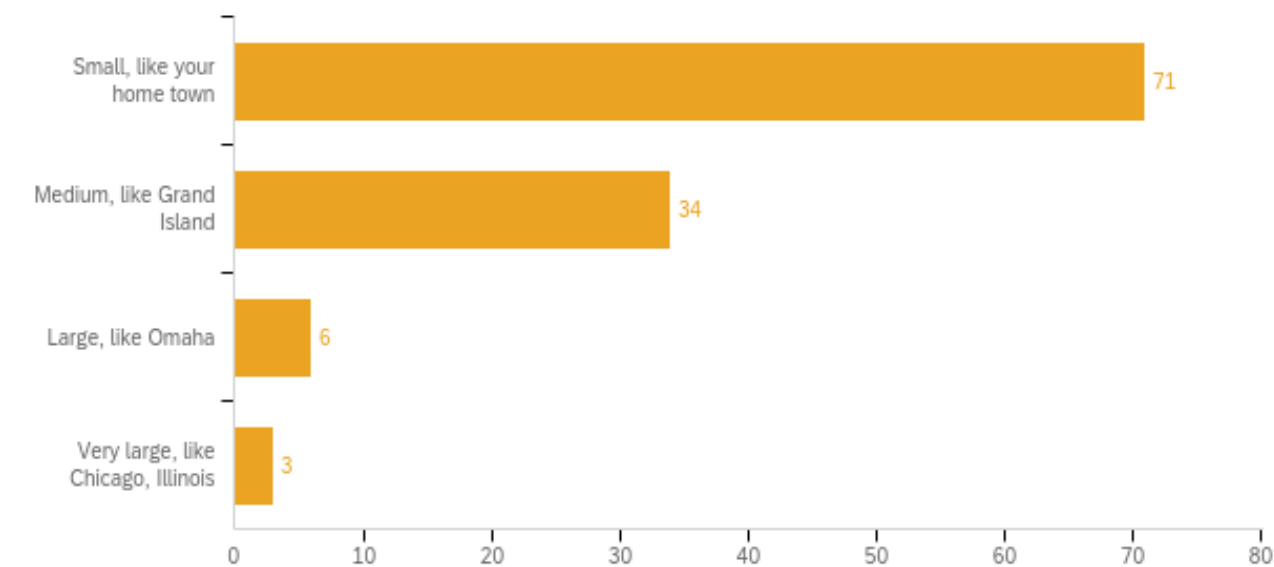


Rank the following from most important (1) to least important (7) when you think of your ideal community.

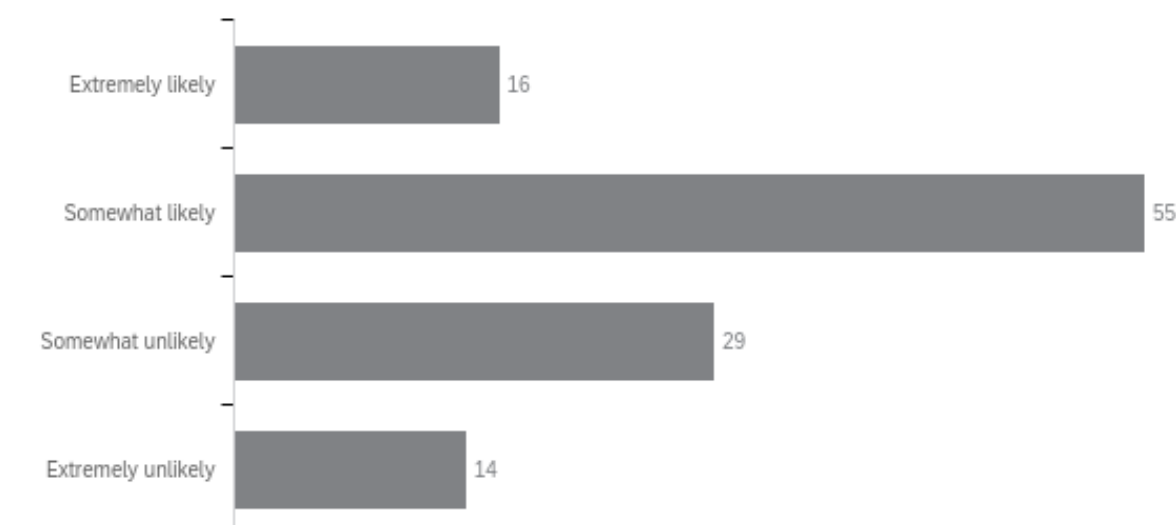
- 1 Safety from violence and theft
- 2 Good schools
- 3 Proximity to family
- 4 Entertainment and shopping options
- 5 Feeling included
- 6 Parks and outdoor recreation
- 7 Diverse cultural experiences

# of Students to Rank:	1		2		3		4		5		6		7		
Diverse cultural experiences	4.46%	5	8.04 %	9	6.25 %	7	8.93 %	10	10.71 %	12	22.32 %	25	39.29 %	44	
Entertainme nt and shopping options	13.39 %	15	14.2 9%	16	14.2 9%	16	10.71 %	12	13.39 %	15	19.64 %	22	14.29 %	16	
Good schools	20.54 %	23	27.6 8%	31	18.7 5%	21	8.93 %	10	10.71 %	12	8.93 %	10	4.46 %	5	
Feeling included	4.46%	5	5.36 %	6	16.0 7%	18	30.36 %	34	18.75 %	21	15.18 %	17	9.82 %	11	
Parks and outdoor recreation	6.25%	7	13.3 9%	15	9.82 %	11	16.07 %	18	21.43 %	24	16.07 %	18	16.96 %	19	
Proximity to family	16.96 %	19	8.04 %	9	21.4 3%	24	15.18 %	17	16.96 %	19	14.29 %	16	7.14 %	8	
Safety from violence and theft	33.93 %	38	23.2 1%	26	13.3 9%	15	9.82 %	11	8.04%	9	3.57 %	4	8.04 %	9	

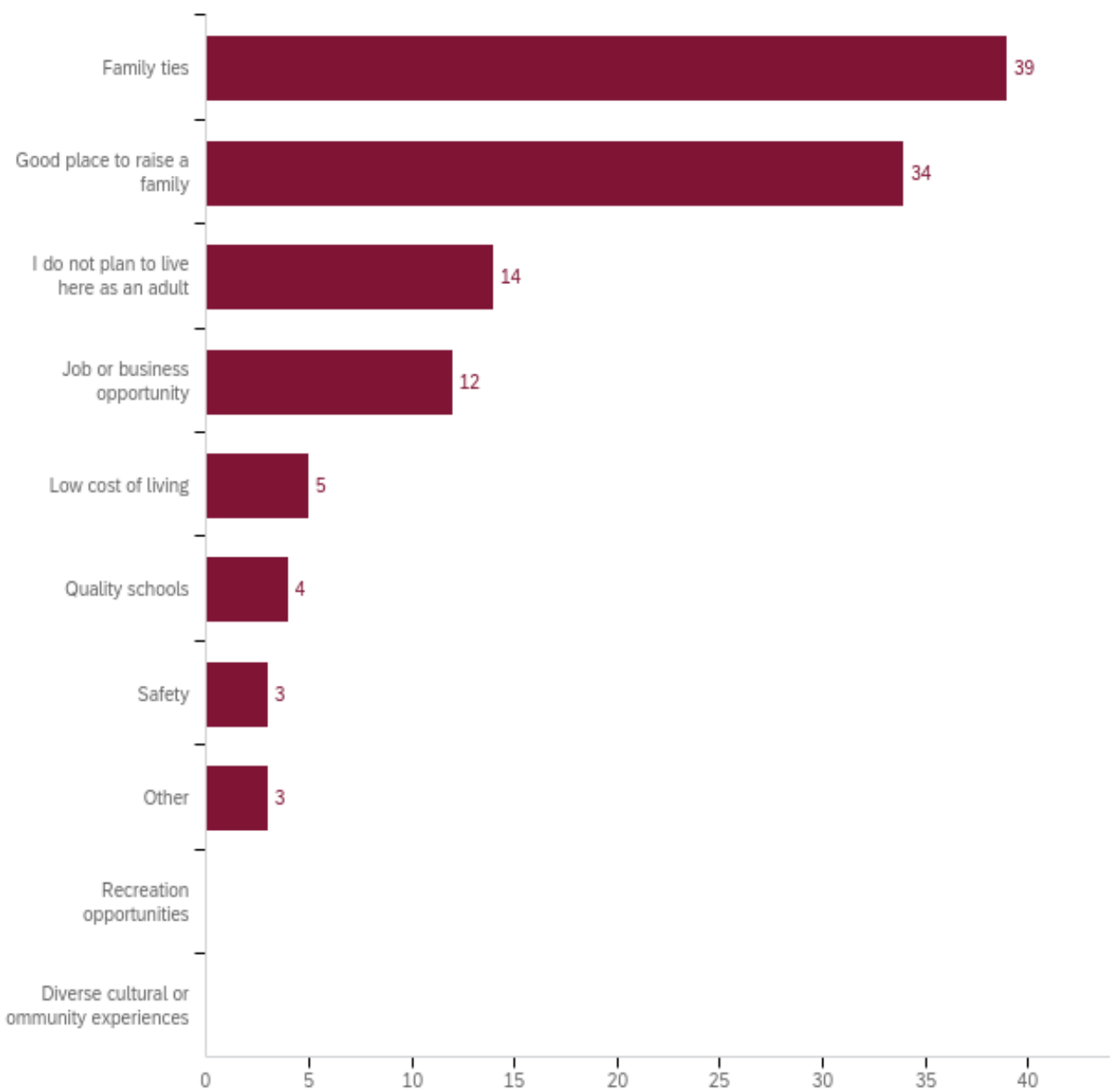
What is the ideal size of a community to live in?



When you are an adult, how likely are you to live in the area you live in now?



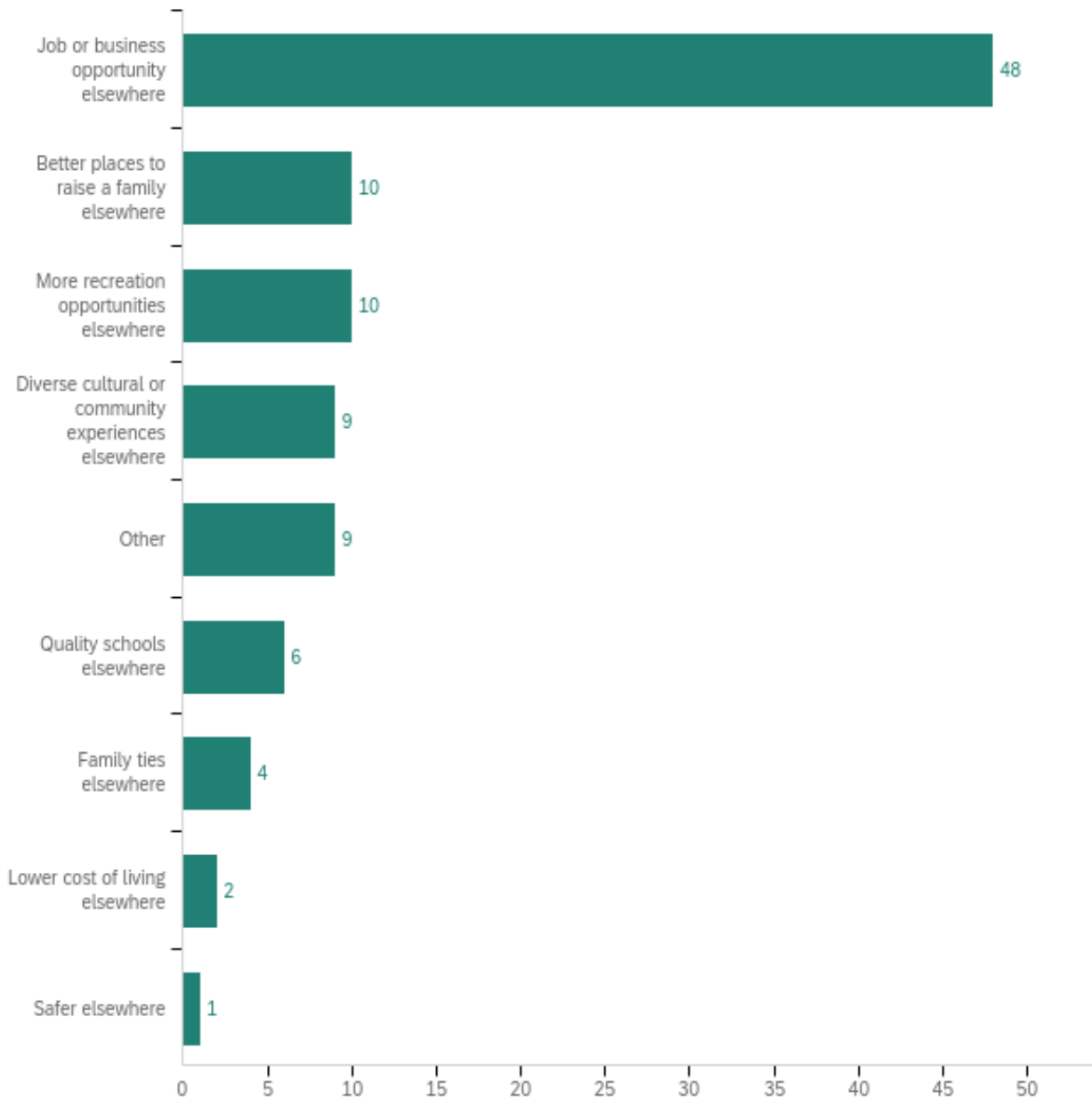
If you were to live in this area as an adult, what do you think the main reason would be?
Select one.



“Other”

- All my home boys live here
- Run the family farm

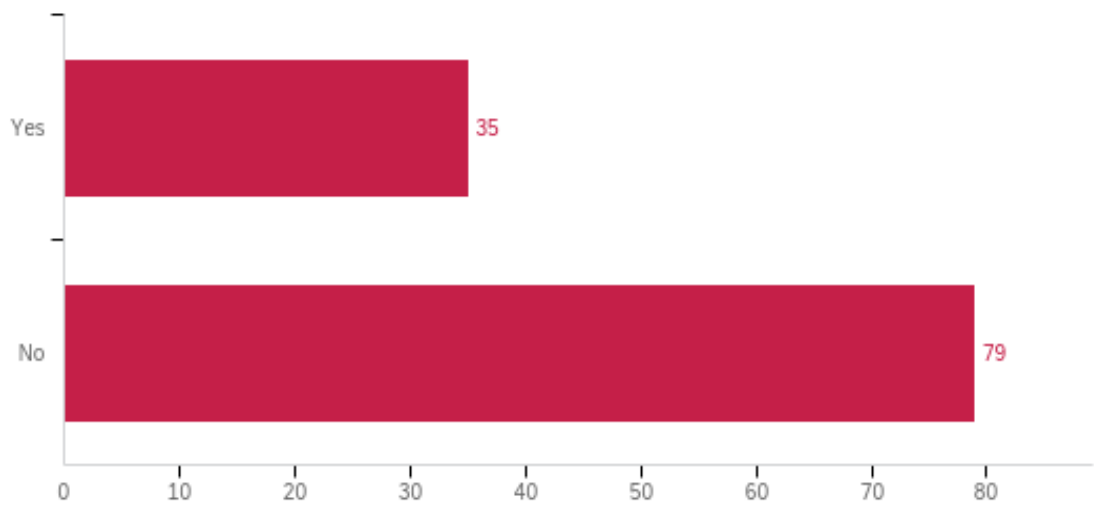
If you do not plan to live here as an adult, what is the main reason you would not live in this area? Select one.



“Other”

- I think I would generally enjoy certain places more, as in more people alike to me
- I want to live here (2)
- Meeting new people
- More opportunities and experiences
- Not close to my job
- People like to run their mouth all they know how to do is talk about other people. This community sucks so bad Crofton should be shut down
- This town sucks

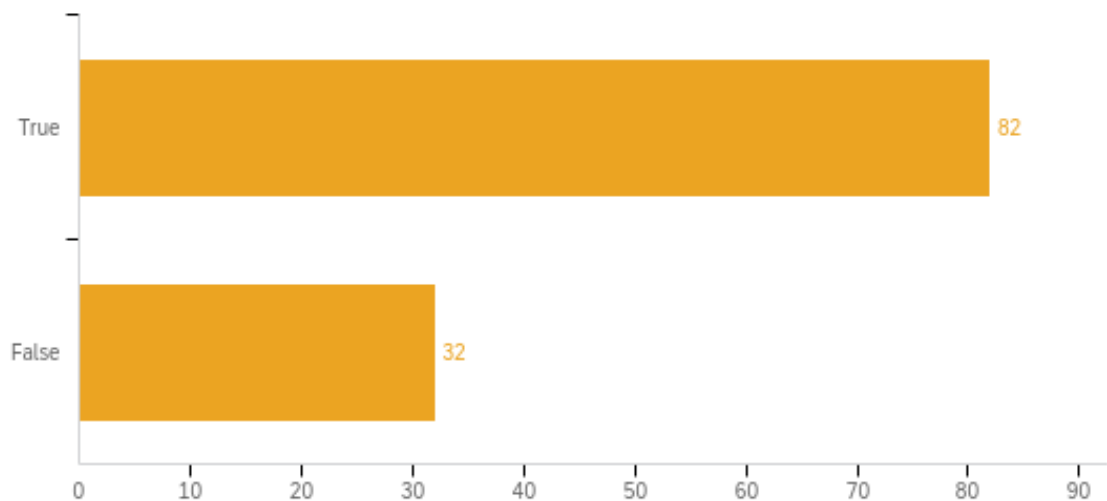
Do you think there is a negative stigma with returning or staying in the place you live now?



True or False? My peers and I are invited to share our opinions or get involved in town projects or happenings.



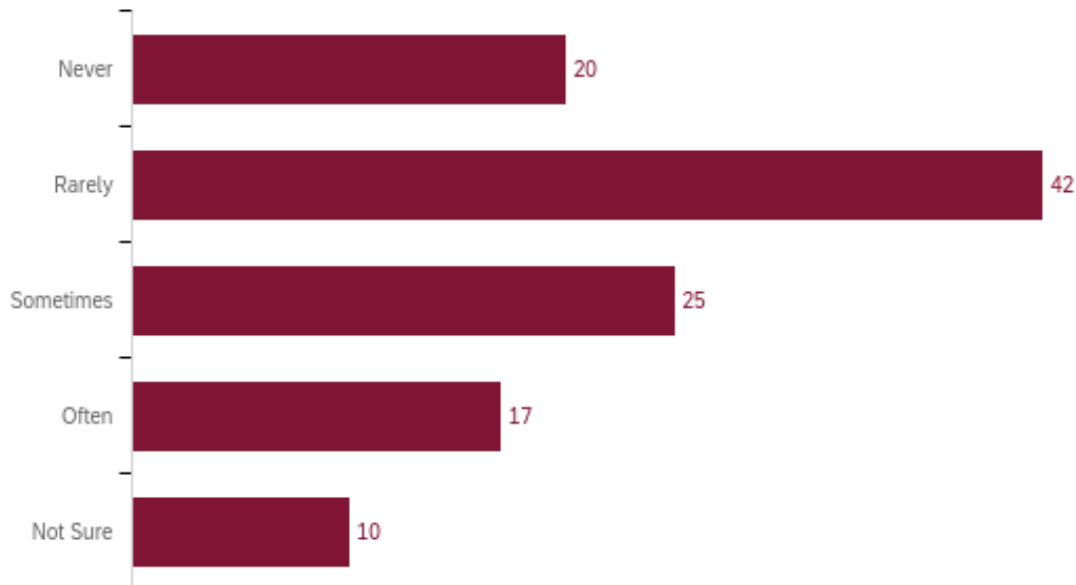
True or False? I feel connected to the place I live now.



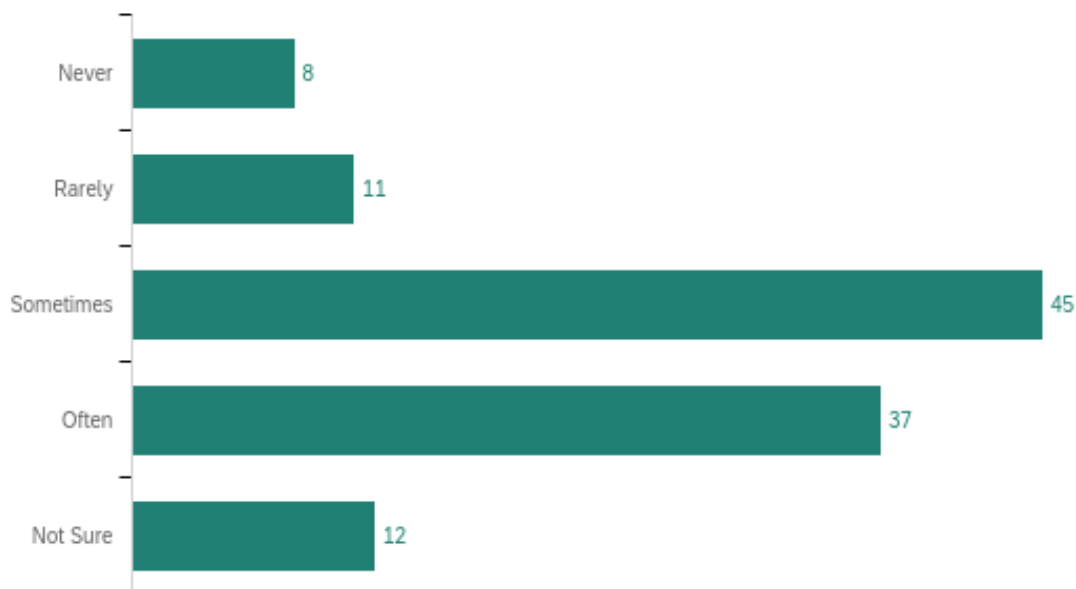
True or False? I play a role in this community. For example, you are involved in decision making about the community like events, programs, law making, or projects.



How often have you seen someone in your community treated unfairly because of their age, race, gender, sexual orientation, physical illness or mental health (some examples of unfair treatment are someone not included in a group, denied participation in an event, or called an unkind name based on their demographic characteristics)?

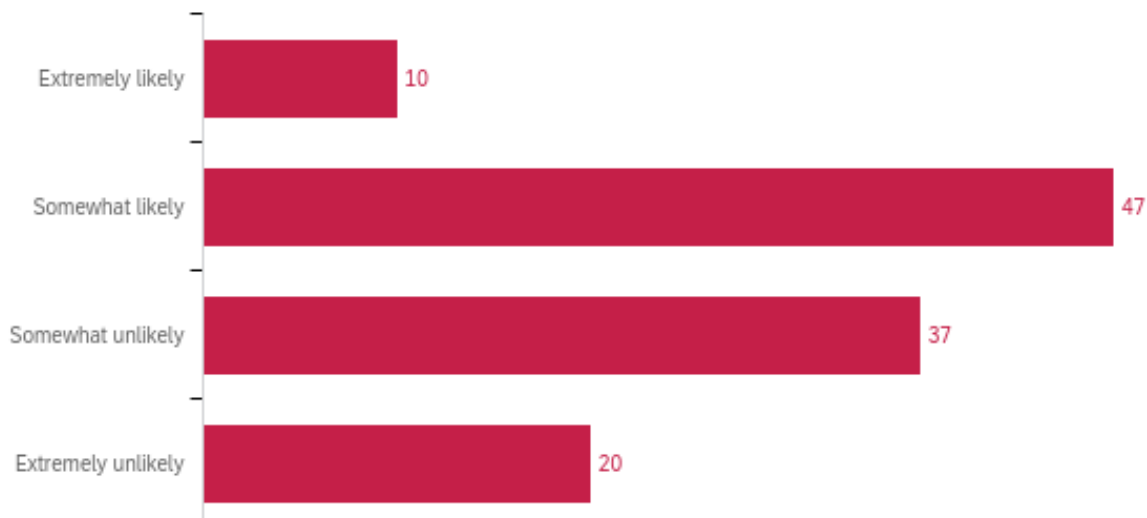


How likely are you to act to stop unfair treatment when you see it?



How likely are you to be an advocate for diversity and inclusion in your community?

Some examples of advocating for diversity include sharing information about diversity and inclusion and volunteering with organizations working on diversity and inclusion topics in the community.



What 2 things do you think would make your community a better place to live?

Activities, Recreation, Parks

- A skate park
- Better athletic buildings (basketball court, track, Football field, wrestling mats)
- Better equipment for sports
- Better recreation
- Bike trail
- Build new pool (6)
- Improvements in the parks and pool in town.
- Make a gun range
- More activities (6)
- More entertainment and recreation
- More parks
- More places to play a variety of sports
- More recreational activities (3)
- More recreational options (3)
- More school sanctioned sports
- More things to do like a place where you can play sports
- More tourist attractions to bring more business for our community
- Public weight room
- School baseball
- Target shooting
- Trail/ gravel road drives

Business Development

- Bigger store
- Car wash (2)
- Casino
- Clothing store
- Community services/voluntary services
- Dentist
- Dollar store
- I think it would be a better place to live in if we had more things to do here. Like shopping and outdoor things.
- If we had more community engagement. We need things that are going to bring businesses to Crofton instead of shut them down.
- More businesses (11)
- More cozy small businesses for people to enjoy
- More dining options (10)
- More entertainment (6)
- More places to get together at/ Places to go (3)
- More places to shop (8)
- Museum
- Some diversity in business

Diversity, Inclusion, Welcoming, Belonging, Equality, Open-Mindedness, Feeling Included

- Accept the diversity our town has (2)
- Allow the kids to have more of a say in what happens in our town. We are the future.
- Better education on other religions.
- Better leaders to improve the community and bring in new ideas.
- If everyone would treat each other better, gossiping isn't cool
- Inclusion of people of different genders and sexualities
- Increase friendliness around this town
- Kind and inclusive people (8)
- Lots of friends and family
- More knowledge of projects or meetings for younger people so that they could attend and understand the changes that are being made to the community that we live in.
- More open-mindedness/ Less judgmental (2)
- People being more inclusive (3)
- People get to know others better
- People in the city council not fighting over stupid things. It's really annoying to hear adults, who are supposed to know what they are doing, fighting like five year olds.

Education

- A new elementary school. We have too many kids in too small of a school.
- Better school staff
- Early graduation option
- higher education choices

- New school (11)
- There is a lot of politics in the school district that doesn't allow for kids to be their best selves. Our school over looks talented kids and doesn't allow them the same opportunities as other kids for something as little as their last name.

Housing

- More Housing/Better Housing (2)

Image and Community Pride

- Better roads or cleaner parks
- Better sidewalks
- Better transportation
- Clean
- Help pick up trash more often
- More clean ups
- Not throwing trash on the side of the road
- Stronger rules on keeping your land to look more presentable
- Take care of things even if they aren't yours

Infrastructure

- Better infrastructure
- Better roads
- Better sewage
- Better water
- Smarter business plans to raise money for the town
- Town expansion and renovation

Job Opportunities

- Better opportunities in the job market other than agriculture
- Higher wages (2)
- More job opportunities (8)
- More job opportunities for teenagers (2)

Public Safety and Societal Issues

- Better city management
- Better law enforcement/security (4)

Size of Population

- More people (2)

Togetherness and Community Gatherings/Events

- Community suppers
- Encourage people to attend church
- More fun experiences
- More fun things to do, more opportunities, more places to hang out with friends (2)
- More opportunities for charity and volunteer work
- More opportunities for community-based events to bring our community together (2)
- More opportunities to be involved with community development
- More outdoor community events during the summer
- More people being active in the community (2)
- More things to do (8)

Other

- If kids want to hang out somewhere or do something they have to go out of town. For example, if someone wanted to watch a movie, go hiking, or other fun activities they have to go out of town because we don't have those resources in town. Even our restaurants are more of an adult scene making hanging out as kids difficult.
- Lower cost of living (2)