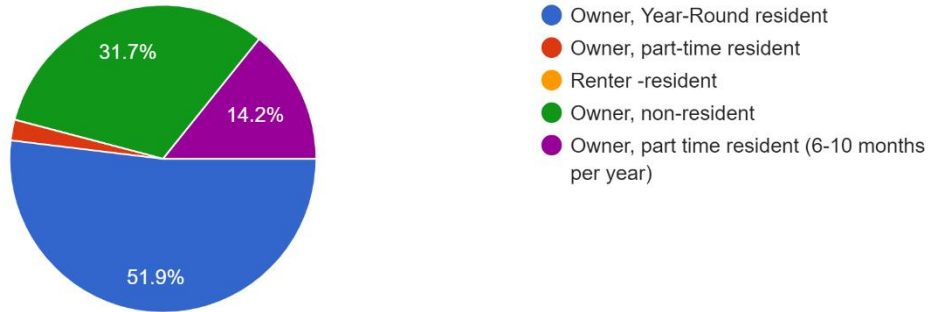


**Town of Sweden Comprehensive Plan Survey Results 2021 Part 1
Population, Demographics and Housing
(Questions 1-7)**

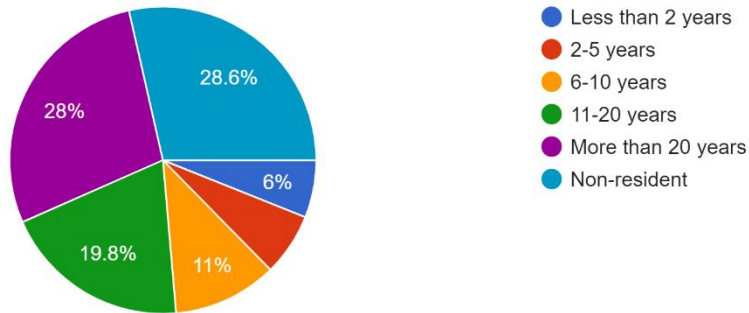
1. What is your residential status?

183 responses



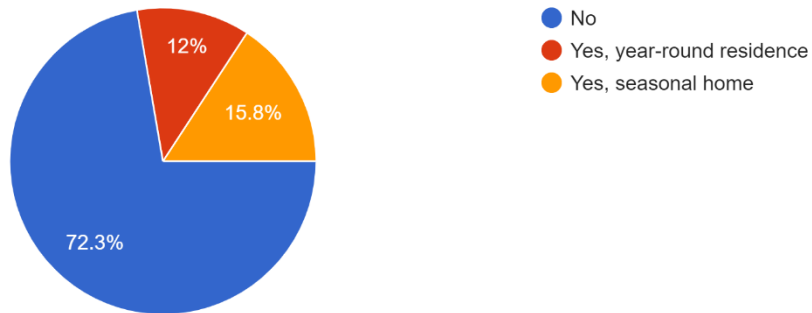
2. How long have you been a resident of Sweden?

182 responses



3. Do you own waterfront property?

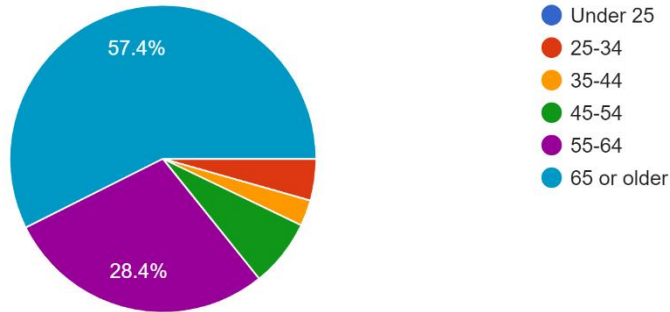
184 responses



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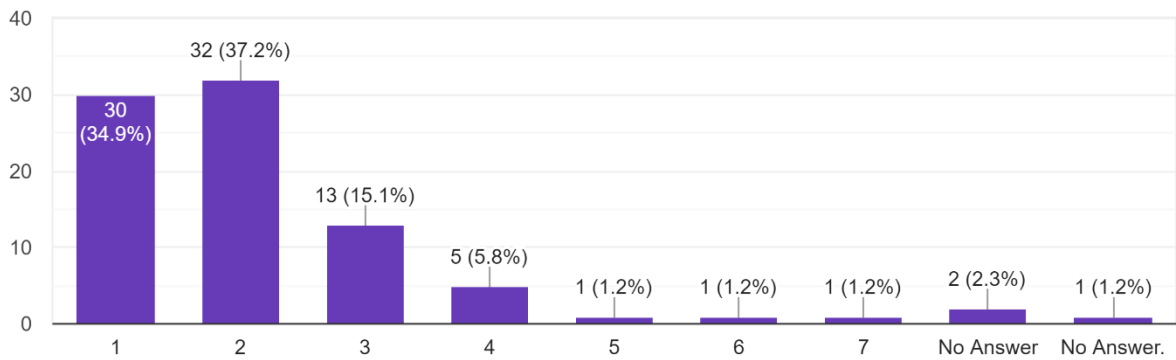
4. What is the age of the person answering this survey?

183 responses



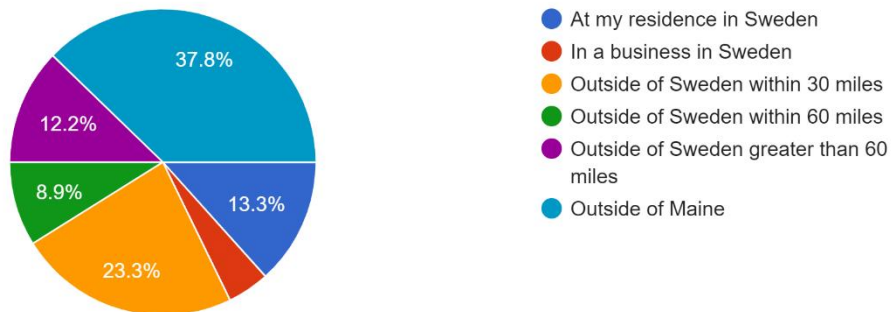
5. For Year round residents only, how many people are living in your Sweden household/residence?

86 responses



6. If you are working, where is your job located?

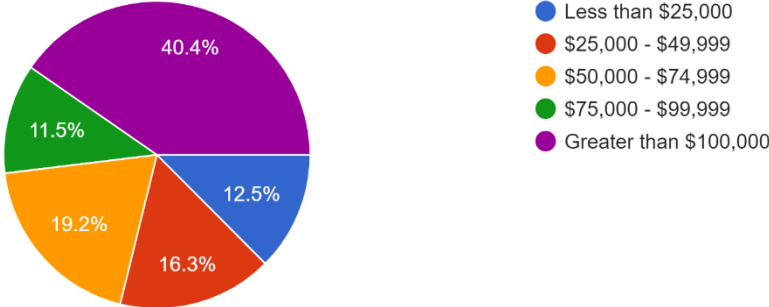
90 responses



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7. This question is optional - what amount best corresponds to your household's total annual income?

104 responses

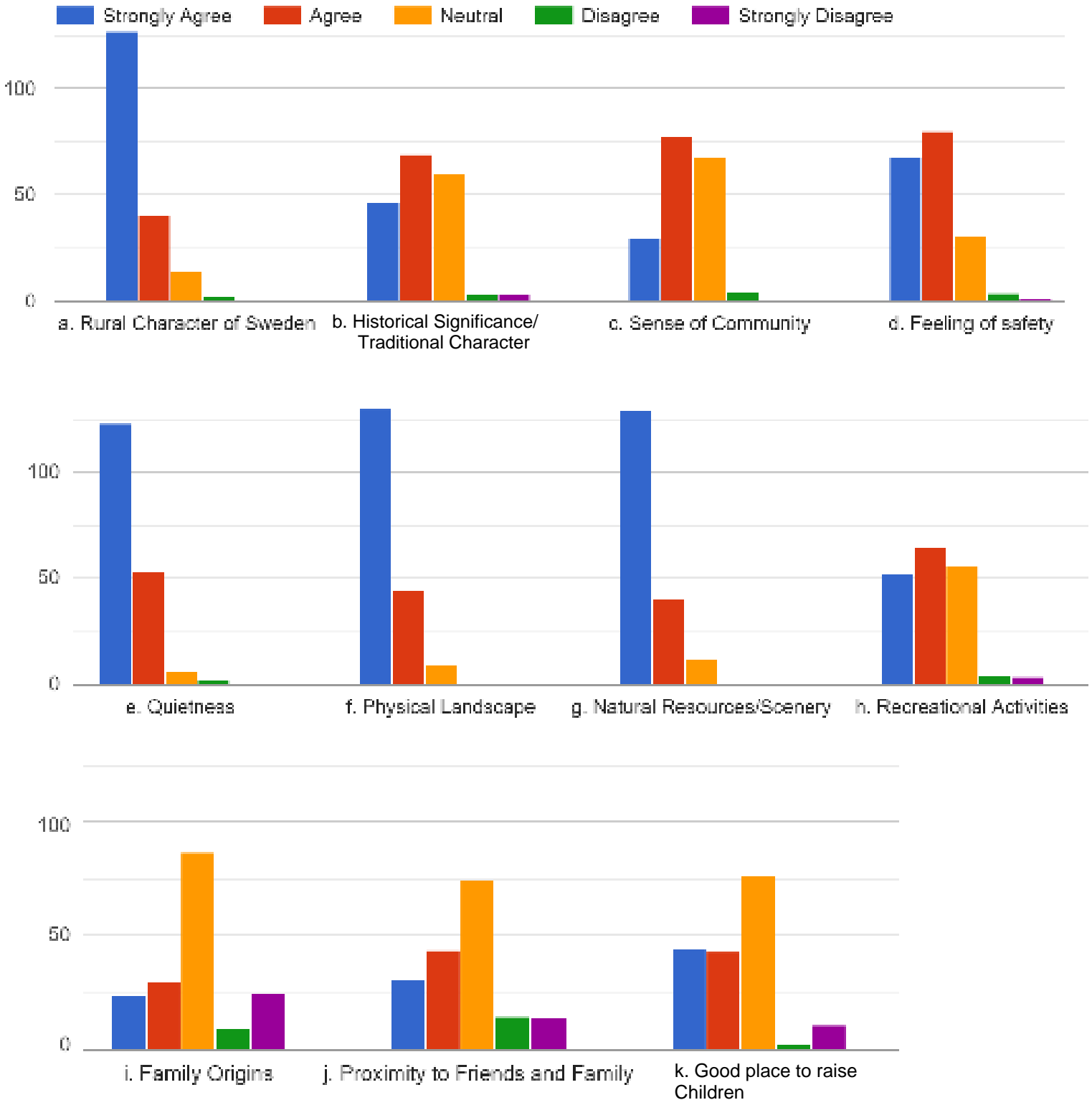


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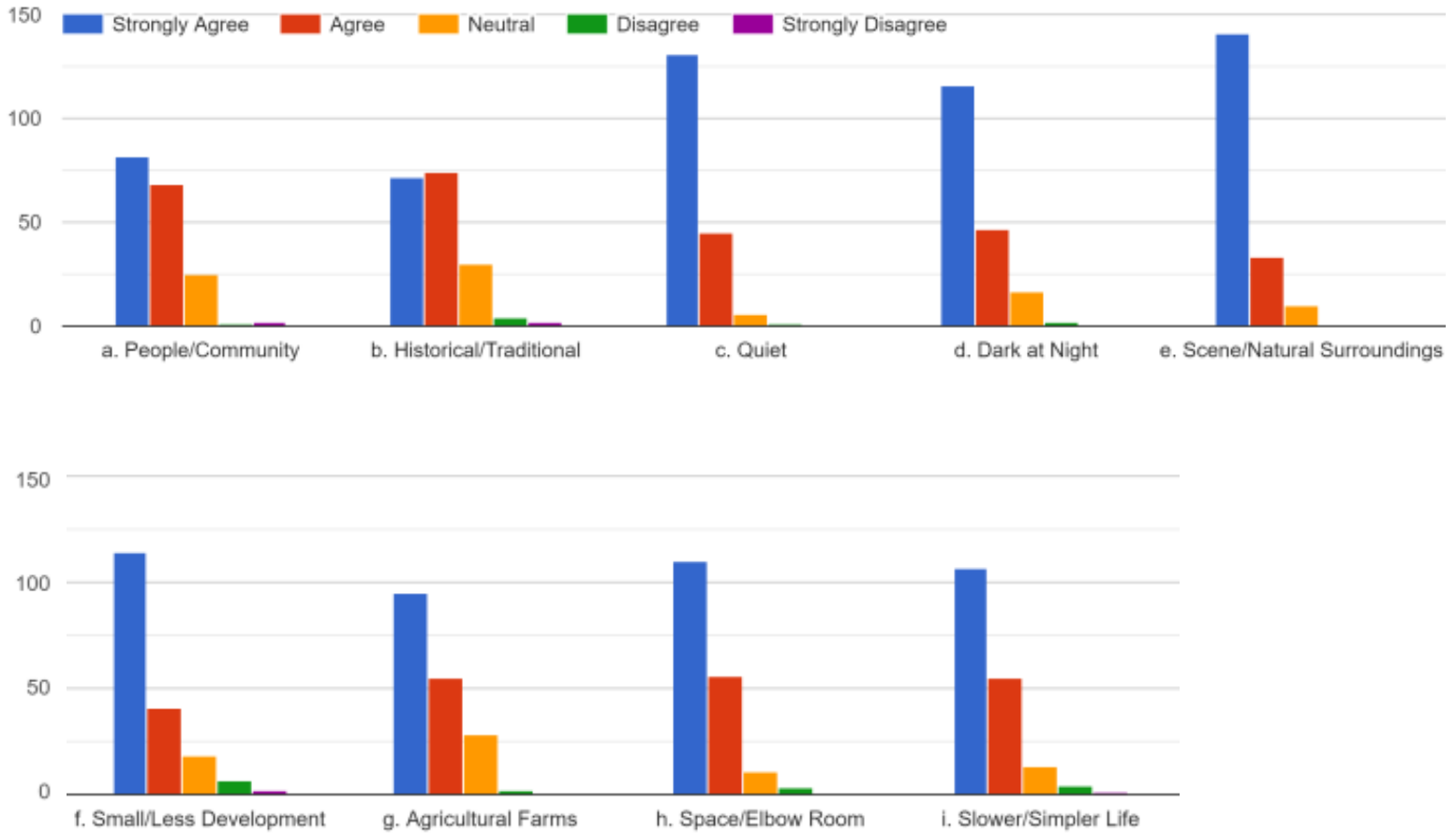
(Questions 8-11)

Vision Statement Summarizes the community’s desired future community character in terms of economic development, natural and cultural resource conservation, transportation systems, land use patterns and its role in the region.

8. Rate the following reasons why you continue to live in, have moved to, continue to own property in Sweden.



9. Should the Town of Sweden continue to emphasize the preservation of the traditional elements of rural character



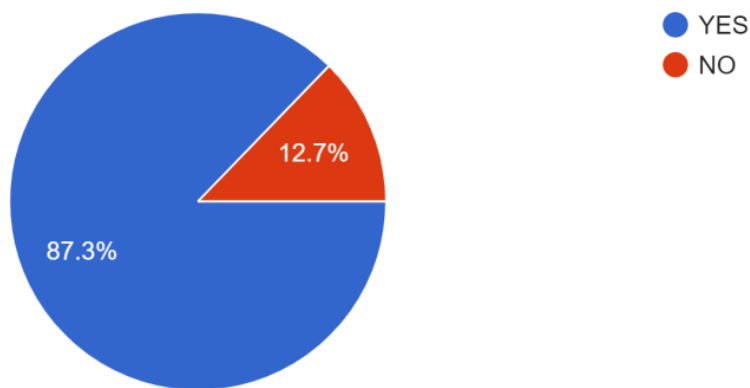
10. What best describes Sweden's town character for you?

Peaceful/Quiet	58
No Answer	51
Scenic Natural Beauty/Wildlife/Loons	49
Rural Charm	44
Community feel/Belonging/Friendly/Neighborly	25
Small Town/Small Population	18
No Development, No Commercial, Low Tech/No Stores	15
Slow Pace/Simple	12
Other	9
Privacy	9
Historical/Living History	7
Traditional/Family	6
Wonderful Town	5
Water Quality	4
Recreation	4
Conveniently Located	3
Clean Environment	2
Safe	2

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11. Do we need to protect the unique qualities of our community more than we need more growth?

165 responses



Town of Sweden Comprehensive Plan Survey Results 2021 Part 3

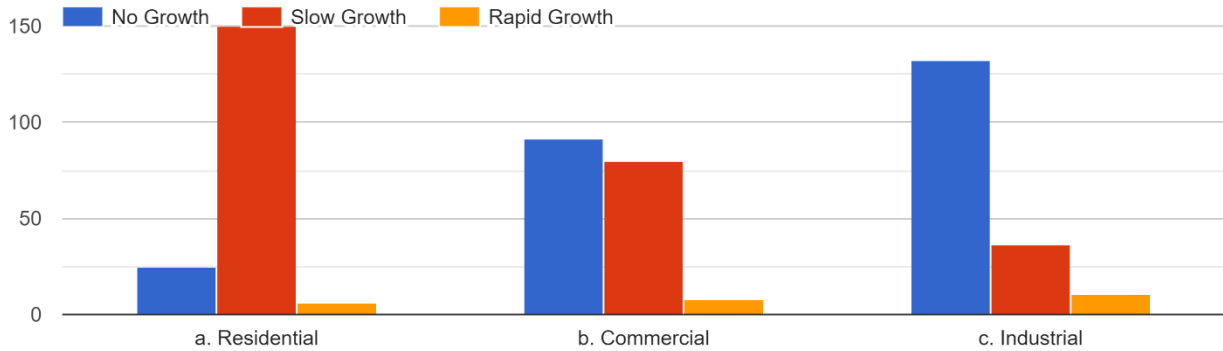
(Questions 12-15)

Future Land Use Plan State Goal: To encourage orderly growth and development in appropriate areas of each community, while protecting the state's rural character, making efficient use of public services, and preventing development sprawl.

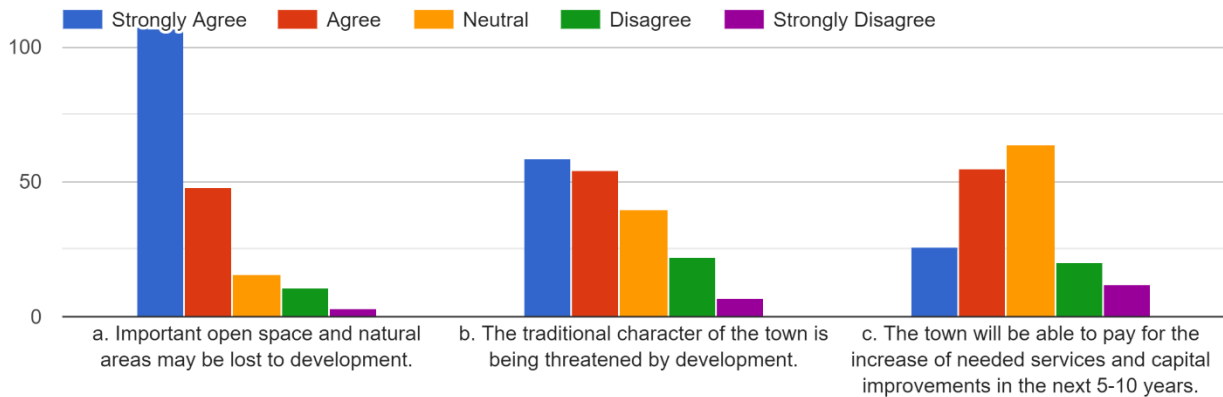
12. What is the single most important land use concern facing the Town of Sweden today?	
No Answer	64
Avoiding Development/Growth	56
Environmental Protection/Natural resources/Water Quality/Lake Preservation/Open Space & Recreation	17
Balance (growing tax base while preserving quality of life)	14
Controlling Timber Harvesting	12
Code Enforcement	7
Keeping Town Rural	7
Other	7
Avoiding Solar/Windmills/Water for Commercial Use	6
Roads	5
Lack of Development/Growth of Tax Base/Lack of Internet	2
Increased Population	2
Fire Station Positive	1

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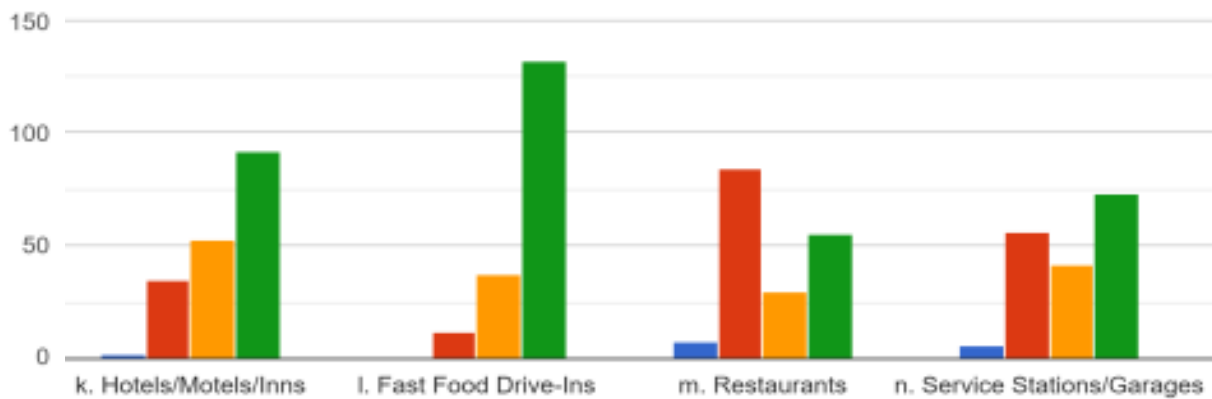
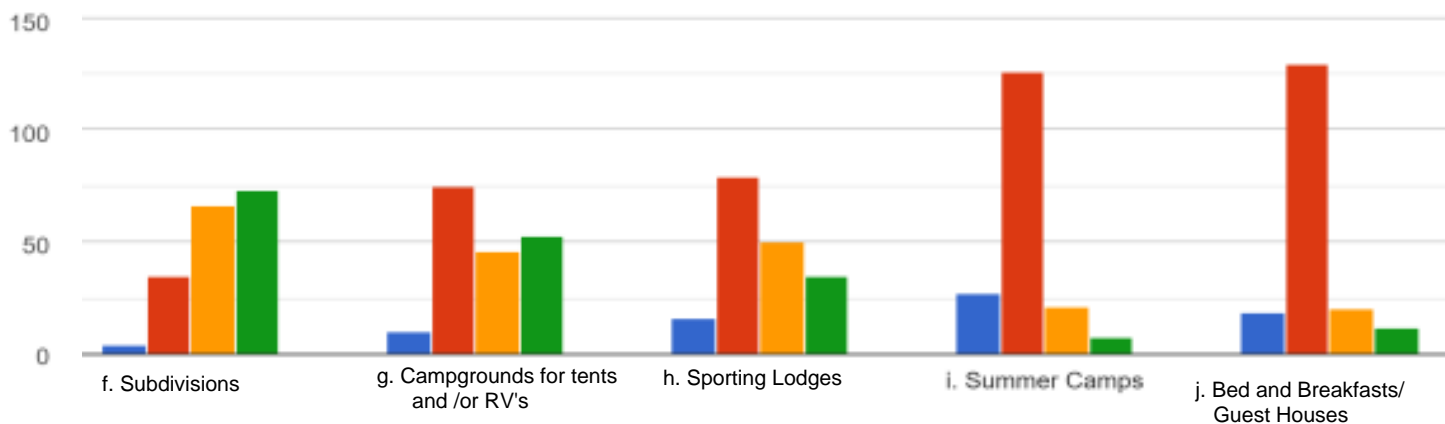
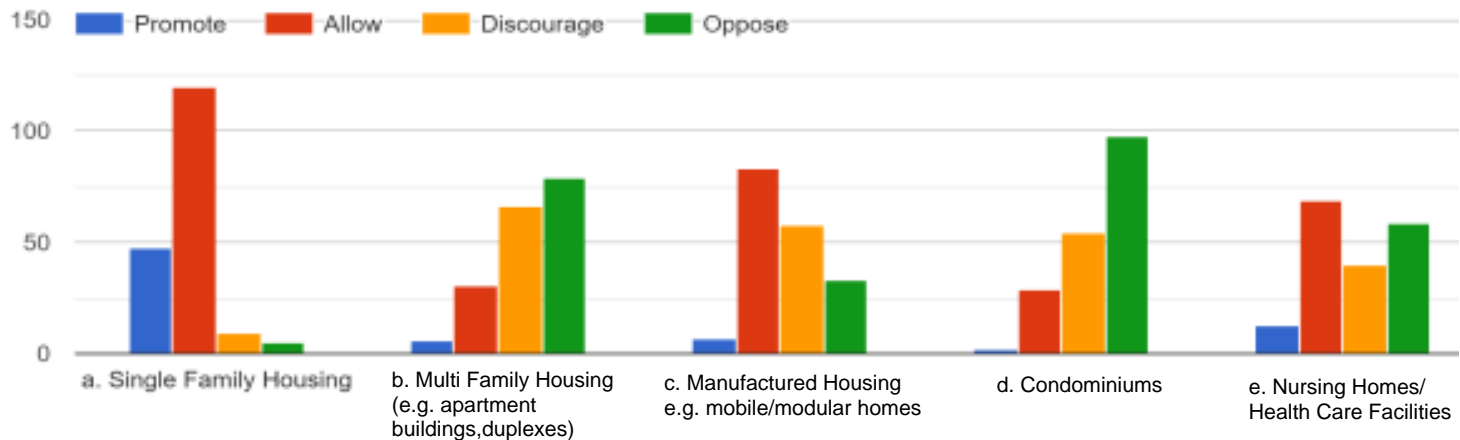
13. For the following, what rate of development growth would you prefer to see over the next 10 years? Please mark only one oval per row below.



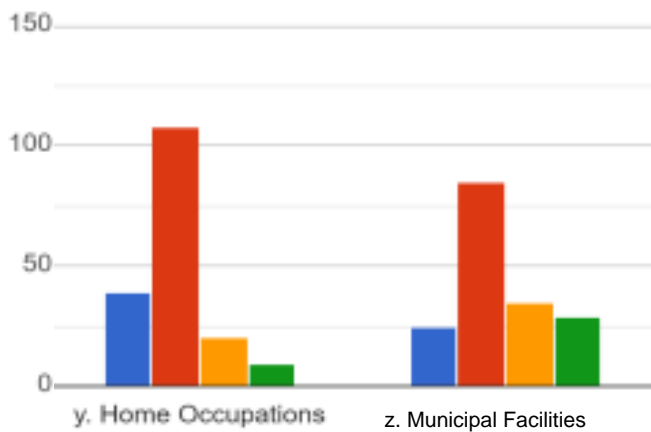
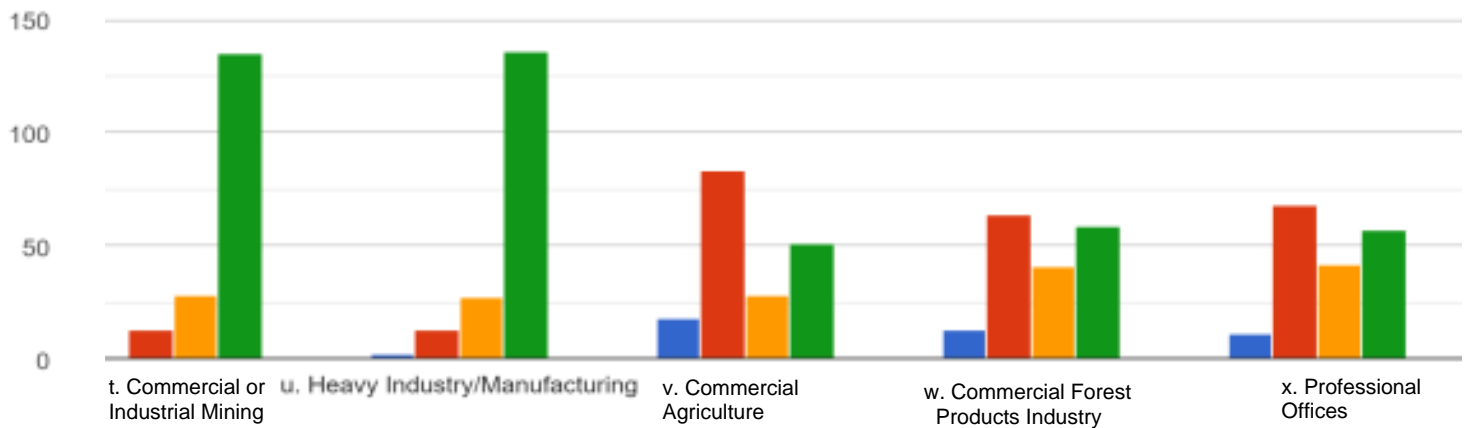
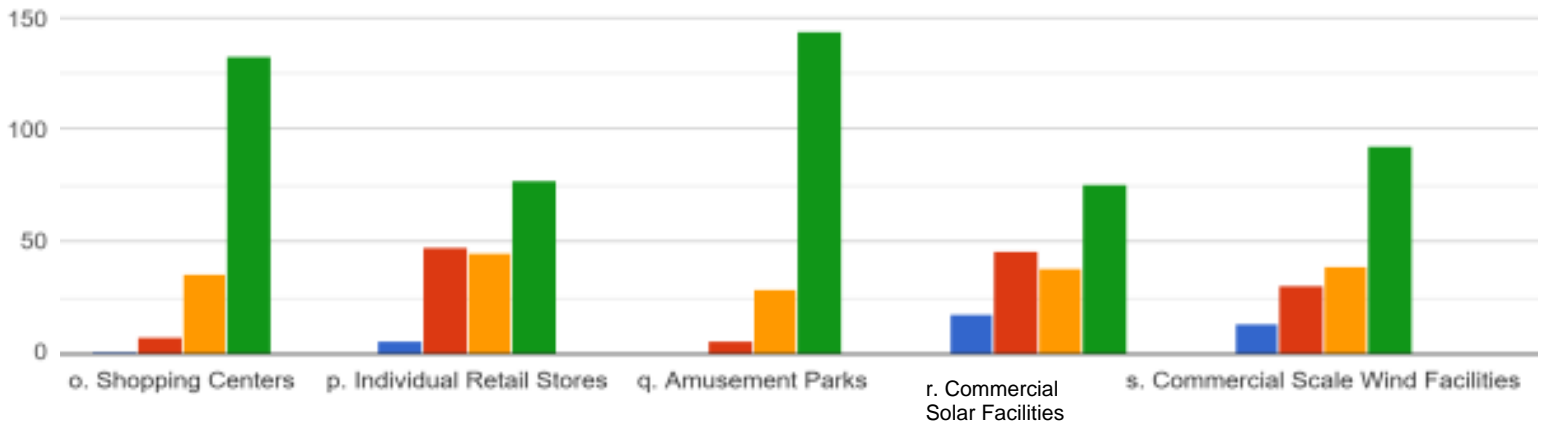
14. Impacts of Growth: Strongly Agree means it is Very Important and Strongly Disagree means it is Not Important. Please mark only one oval per row below



15. What is your opinion of the following forms of possible development in Sweden?



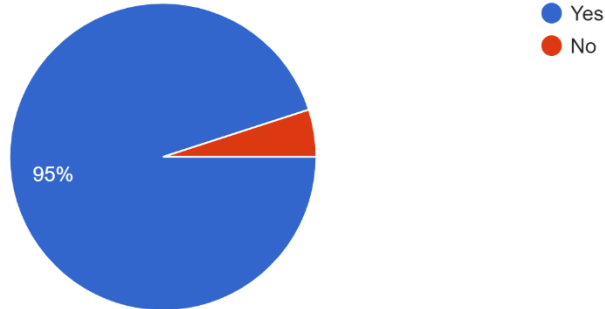
15. What is your opinion of the following forms of possible development in Sweden?
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**Town of Sweden Comprehensive Plan Survey Results 2021 Part 4
(Questions 16-20)
Recreation**

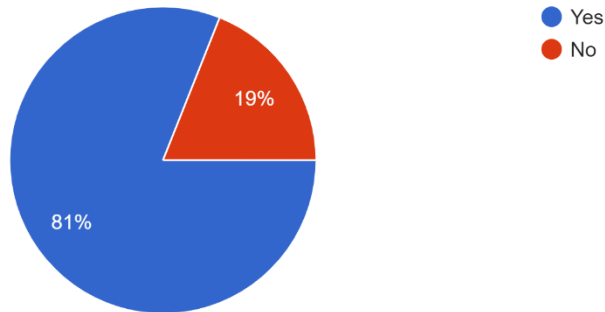
16. The Town of Sweden should work with land trusts to ensure important open spaces and environmentally important areas remain undeveloped

181 responses



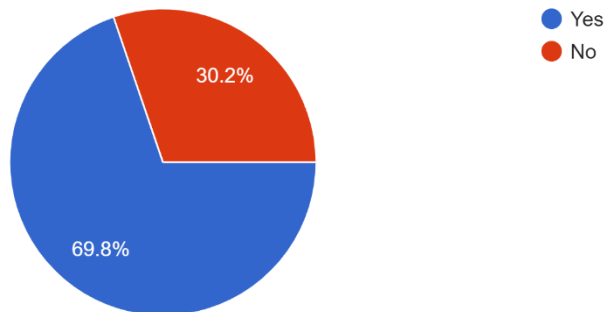
17. I support a Town land acquisition program using town tax dollars to purchase areas of critical environmental importance

174 responses



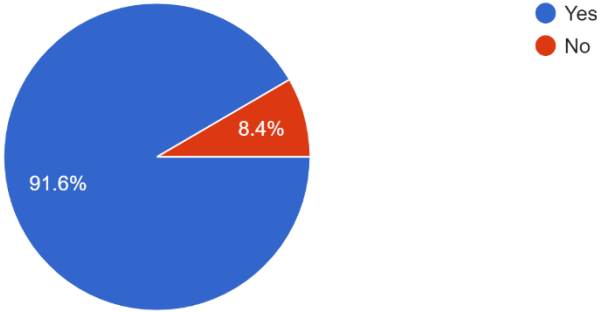
18. I support the Town purchase of land for recreation purposes

172 responses

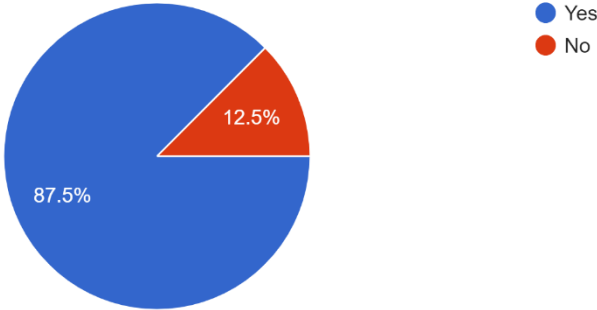


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Recreation**

19. I support acceptance by the Town of gifted land for recreation purposes
179 responses



20. I support the Town obtaining conservation easements or support partnering with land trusts
176 responses

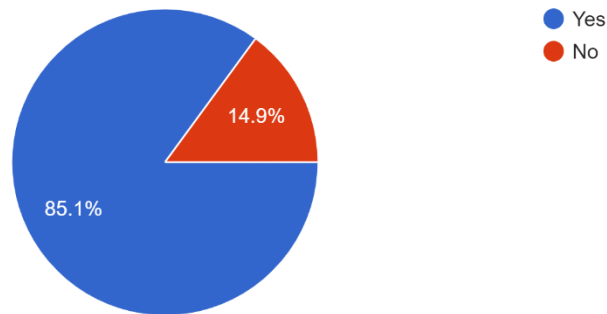


**Town of Sweden Comprehensive Plan Survey Results 2021 Part 5
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Water Resources and Critical Natural Resources ; Historical and Archaeological Resources
Agriculture and Forest Resources**

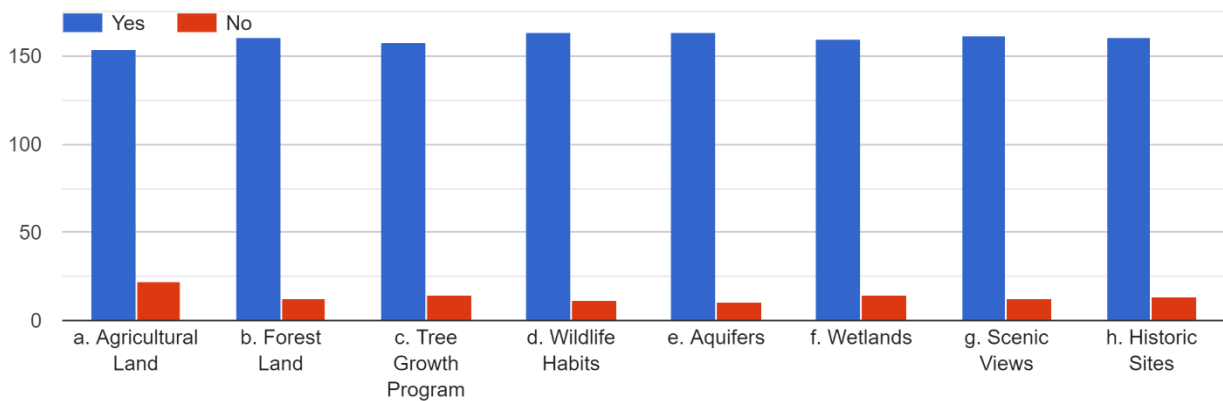
Water Resources and Critical Natural Resources

21. The Town's ordinances adequately protect wetlands, waterways, aquifers and other areas of environmental significance

134 responses



22. Would you support further development of local ordinances to protect the following:

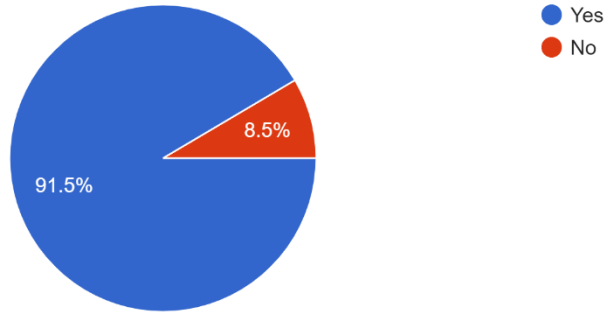


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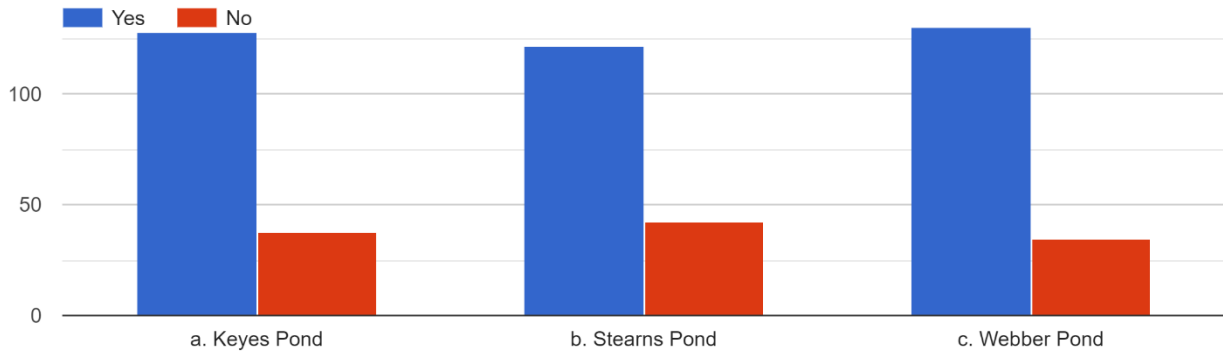
**Water Resources and Critical Natural Resources ; Historical and Archaeological Resources
Agriculture and Forest Resources**

23. Do you support protecting and minimizing the visual impact of development on Sweden's scenic ridgelines and hillsides?

165 responses



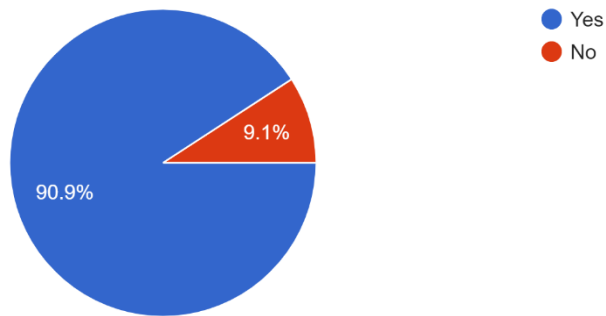
24. Should the Town recommend that the Maine Legislature prohibit the operation of personal watercraft (jet skis only) on its ponds?



**Town of Sweden Comprehensive Plan Survey Results 2021 Part 5
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Water Resources and Critical Natural Resources ; Historical and Archaeological Resources
Agriculture and Forest Resources**

Historical and Archaeological Resources

25. Is it important to support Town efforts to preserve our community's historical character?
175 responses

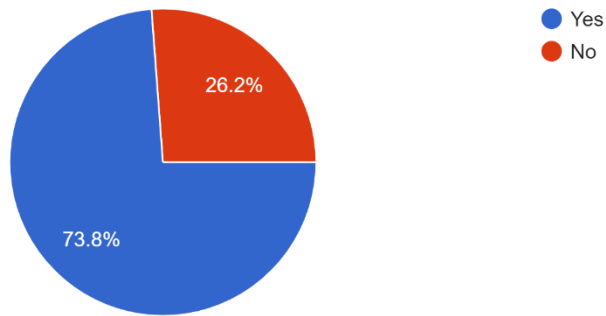


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Agriculture and Forest Resources

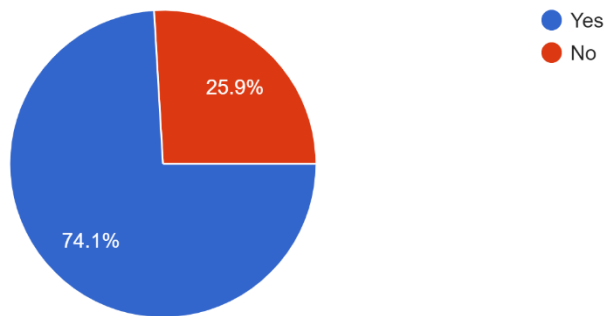
26. Would yo support a Town land acquisition program for community gardens?

168 responses



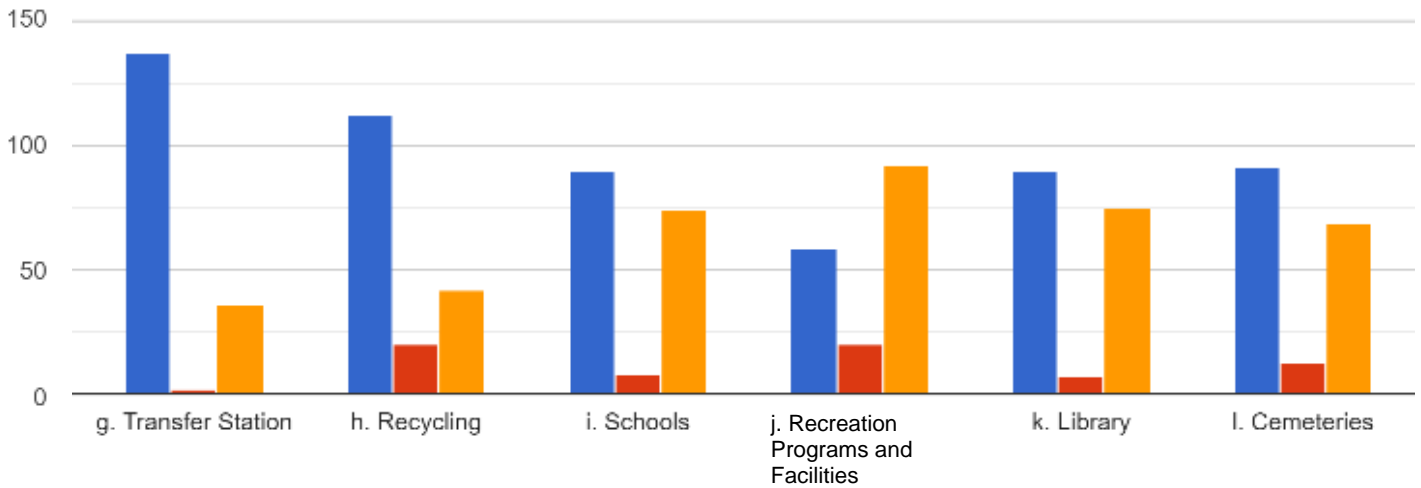
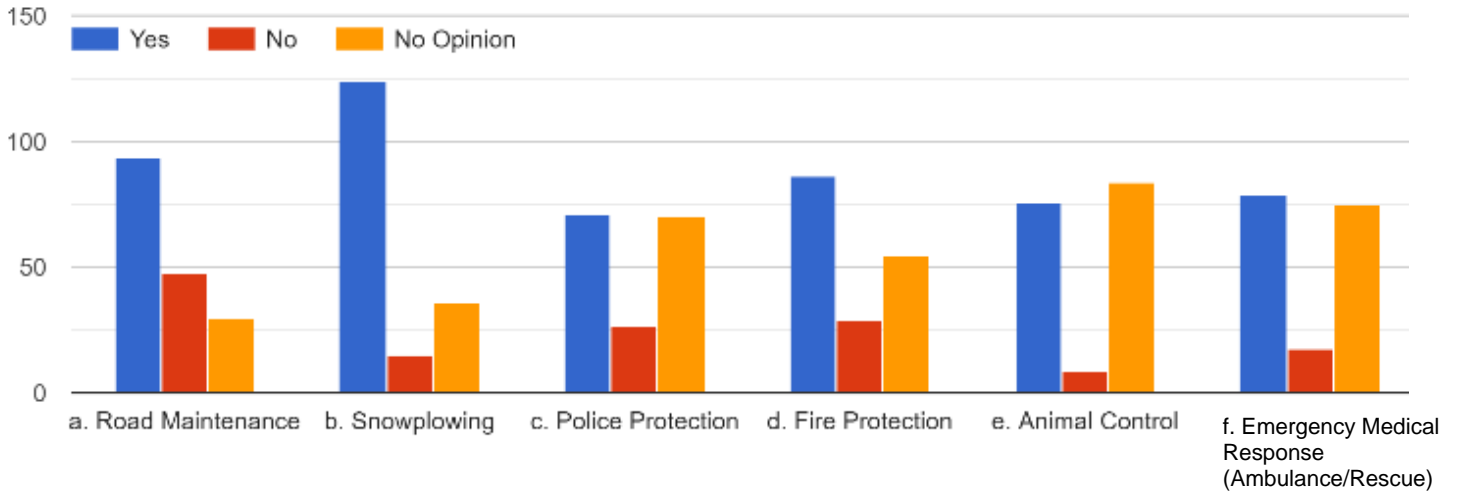
27. Would you support a Town land acquisition program for public woodlands?

162 responses



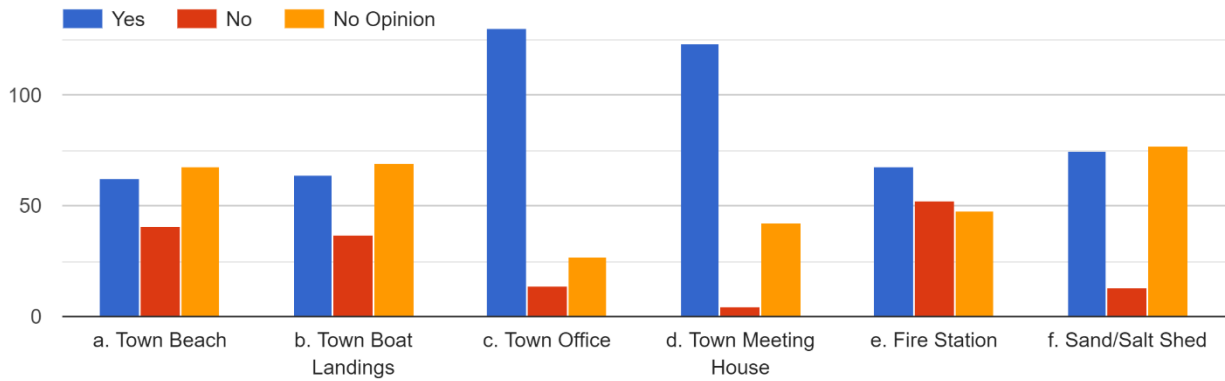
**Town of Sweden Comprehensive Plan Survey Results 2021 Part 6
(Questions 28-35)
Public Facilities and Services, Fiscal Capacity and Existing Land Use**

28. Are you satisfied with the adequacy of the Town's tax supported services?

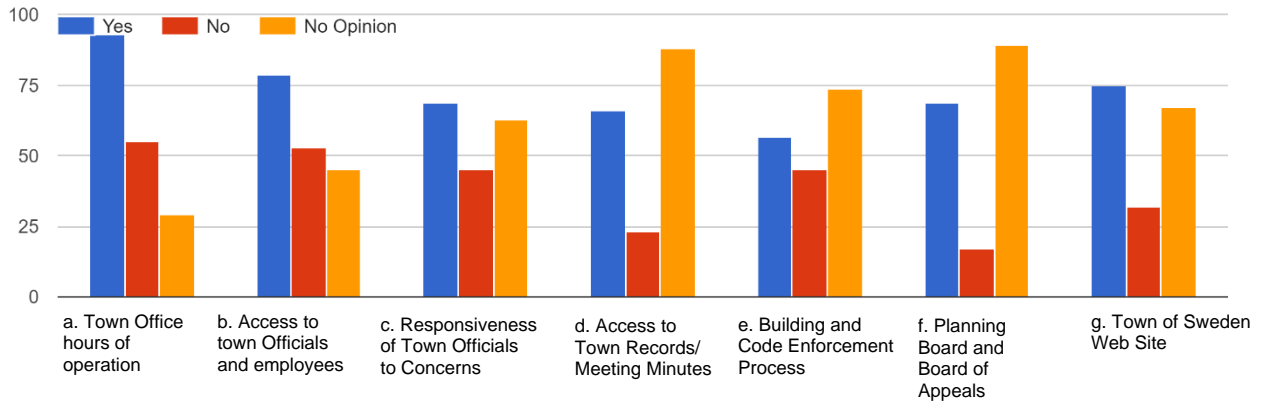


**Town of Sweden Comprehensive Plan Survey Results 2021 Part 6
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Public Facilities and Services, Fiscal Capacity and Existing Land Use**

29. Are you satisfied with the adequacy of the Town's tax supported facilities?



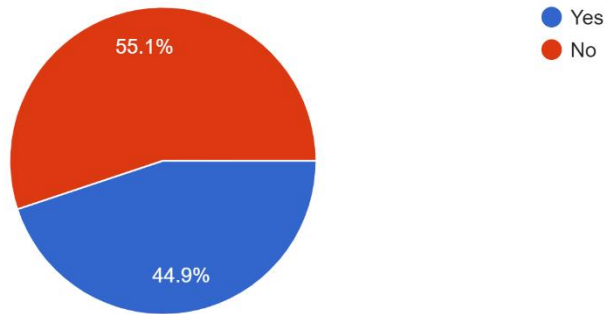
30. Are you satisfied with the following administrative services provided by the Town government?



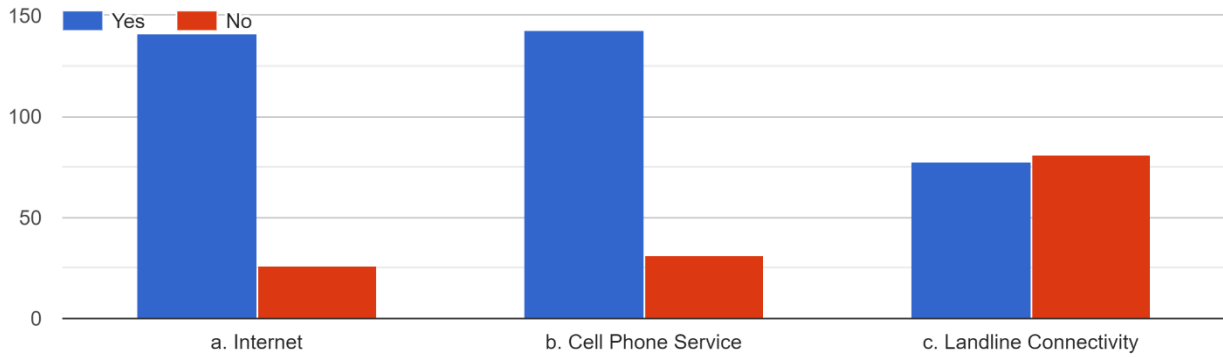
**Town of Sweden Comprehensive Plan Survey Results 2021 Part 6
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31. Would you support the hiring of a Town Manager?

147 responses



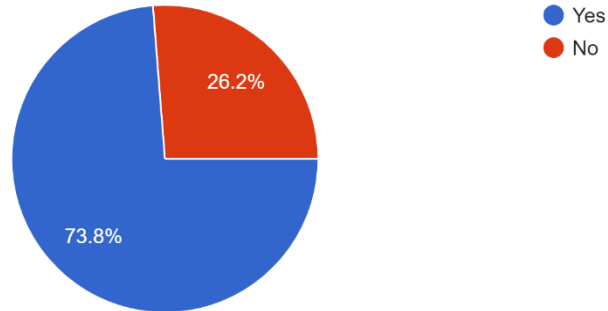
32. Are improvements needed in the telecommunications infrastructure?



**Town of Sweden Comprehensive Plan Survey Results 2021 Part 6
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Public Facilities and Services, Fiscal Capacity and Existing Land Use**

33. Should the Town institute a system of impact fees on new development to help pay for public infrastructure (roads, recreational/open space, parking, etc.)?

160 responses



34. What are the 3 characteristics that contribute most to your sense that Sweden is a rural community?	
Scenic Natural Beauty/Wildlife/Loons	95
Little or No Development, No Commercial, Low Tech/No Stores	83
Peaceful/Quiet	44
Small Town/Small Population	44
No Answer	44
Open Space/Agricultural/Uncrowded	43
Community feel/Belonging/Friendly/Neighborly	28
Little Traffic	12
Dark Skies	11
Water Quality	10
Other	9
Historical/Living History	6
Privacy	5
Clean Environment	4
Slow Pace/Simple	2
Recreation	2
Conveniently Located	2
Safe	1
Traditional/Family	1
Wonderful Town	1

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35. What do you think are the 3 greatest issues or challenges facing Sweden in the coming years?	
Avoiding Development/Growth	78
Other	44
Environmental Protection/Natural resources/Water Quality/Lake Preservation/Open Space & Recreation	36
Improving Technology	34
Retaining Town officials , Volunteers, providing better Town Services	33
Roads	29
Keeping Taxes Down/Watching Expenses	27
Balance (growing tax base while preserving quality of life/Responsible Solar & Other Development	26
Keeping Town Rural	18
Code Enforcement	15
Fire Station Positive	12
Increased Population	9
Influence of Out of Staters	9
Aging Population	6
Controlling Timber Harvesting	5
Speed on roads	5
Avoiding Solar/Windmills/Water for Commercial Use	4
Noise	3
Fewer Restrictions	2

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