

# Q1 What 2 or 3 words do you believe best describe Vergas?

Answered: 90 Skipped: 9

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Possibilities Location "Good bones"	[REDACTED]
2	Small-friendly	[REDACTED]
3	Greedy Rapeist Lyers	[REDACTED]
4	Friendly, small town	[REDACTED]
5	Friendly to visitors	[REDACTED]
6	Mayberry RFD	[REDACTED]
7	Bedroom community Summer focused	[REDACTED]
8	Friendly, slow down pace, beautiful lakes, clean town	[REDACTED]
9	Open, unhurried, friendly on a beautiful lake setting	[REDACTED]
10	Friendly Growing town	[REDACTED]
11	In a word "special"	[REDACTED]
12	Small town	[REDACTED]
13	Friendly	[REDACTED]
14	Summer lake place	[REDACTED]
15	Friendly	[REDACTED]
16	My roots	[REDACTED]
17	Friendly Caring	[REDACTED]
18	Friendly, unique	[REDACTED]
19	Beautiful lake country	[REDACTED]
20	Small town Lakes community	[REDACTED]
21	Home	[REDACTED]
22	Nice town	[REDACTED]
23	Fabulous place! Love it....	[REDACTED]
24	Friendly small town	[REDACTED]
25	Friendly	[REDACTED]
26	Friendly, very friendly	[REDACTED]
27	Vibrant!	[REDACTED]
28	Great community!	[REDACTED]
29	Nice small city	[REDACTED]
30	Fun little town	[REDACTED]
31	Friendly & safe	[REDACTED]
32	Fire dept EMT/Rescue Squad City crew Great job!!!	[REDACTED]
33	Great community	[REDACTED]

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34	Home Friends Ideal	██████████
35	Quaint and friendly	██████████
36	Changing; people-based roots; divisions	██████████
37	Friendship	██████████
38	Tight-knit, bustling, quaint	██████████
39	Growing, active	██████████
40	Friendly, fun	██████████
41	Fun friendly aesthetic	██████████
42	Quaint	██████████
43	Growing Progressive	██████████
44	small town vibe	██████████
45	Community, friendly, united	██████████
46	Tourist, currently growing	██████████
47	Always thriving	██████████
48	Beautiful small town.	██████████
49	Easy, quaint and welcoming	██████████
50	small town	██████████
51	Tight knit community.	██████████
52	Friendly, welcoming	██████████
53	fun friendly cool	██████████
54	Quaint, isolated	██████████
55	Fun	██████████
56	nice, small	██████████
57	Funny community	██████████
58	central lakes community	██████████
59	Home, friendly	██████████
60	friendly, inviting	██████████
61	Nice, peaceful, relax.	██████████
62	Small town quaint	██████████
63	Small town living	██████████
64	Liked Community Family	██████████
65	Sense of Community	██████████
66	Cute rural community	██████████
67	progressive, safe	██████████
68	Eventful Small Community	██████████
69	Cozy, clean, and neighborly	██████████
70	Small and dynamic	██████████
71	Arms wide open!	██████████

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72	family-orientated, vacation destination, friendly	[REDACTED]
73	small, quiet, friendly	[REDACTED]
74	Unique, friendly, interesting	[REDACTED]
75	Lakes. Small town.	[REDACTED]
76	Friendly, Festive, Charming	[REDACTED]
77	friendly special progressive	[REDACTED]
78	Friendly, Fun, Community Orientated	[REDACTED]
79	Supportive, willing, teamwork	[REDACTED]
80	Small town	[REDACTED]
81	Tired, but friendly	[REDACTED]
82	Ok	[REDACTED]
83	Friendly, fun and organized.	[REDACTED]
84	Great little town	[REDACTED]
85	Community feel	[REDACTED]
86	Lake town	[REDACTED]
87	Enjoy living here	[REDACTED]
88	Small home town	[REDACTED]
89	quaint, rural, close-knit	[REDACTED]
90	friendly	[REDACTED]

## Q2 What do you believe are the 3 best things ABOUT Vergas?

Answered: 86 Skipped: 13

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Hardware store New buildings/businesses Event center	[REDACTED]
2	Small community Churches	[REDACTED]
3	Loon Softball field Assisted living	[REDACTED]
4	People Businesses Community involvement	[REDACTED]
5	Heritage retention Welcome to visitors Community working together	[REDACTED]
6	Zumba Hardware store Bank	[REDACTED]
7	Lakes Small "giant" Beach	[REDACTED]
8	The picnic and the beach are great The hardware store is great Great restaurants	[REDACTED]
9	Loon's Nest Gas stations Crossroad Hardware Bank	[REDACTED]
10	The people Beautiful countryside Small town feel	[REDACTED]
11	Friendly Growing Clean	[REDACTED]
12	Quiet Lively (at least in the summer) Trying to focus on the future	[REDACTED]
13	Small & rural	[REDACTED]
14	Always a destination Friendly and welcoming	[REDACTED]
15	Location Destination Small town feel	[REDACTED]
16	Lake People Restaurants Stores	[REDACTED]
17	1. Shopping 2. Local plumbers, electricians, and car repair 3. Churches	[REDACTED]
18	Churches Post office	[REDACTED]
19	Good people	[REDACTED]
20	People Existing services	[REDACTED]
21	Friendly atmosphere Bars with food Small town shops	[REDACTED]
22	Eating places	[REDACTED]
23	The people are willing to work together. They are very welcoming. Take pride in keeping the town going forward.	[REDACTED]
24	Lakes/Healthy town/Interesting people	[REDACTED]
25	Gift shops Recreational activities Friendliness	[REDACTED]
26	* Its residents and all the folks from the surrounding community who call Vergas "their town". *Its businesses and business enterprises *Its service clubs and social functions that are associated therewith.	[REDACTED]
27	Low key atmosphere Good food and beverages Young entrepreneurs	[REDACTED]
28	People	[REDACTED]
29	Community center	[REDACTED]
30	Location Businesses Park/Long Lake	[REDACTED]
31	Sense of community for the most part Outsiders are accepted Great atmosphere	[REDACTED]

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32	People who support others because it is what people should do, not because of recognition or attentions; VOLUNTEERS for our FIRE & RESCUE - fantastic people! Generations who choose to stay here	██████████
33	People, restaurants, businesses	██████████
34	Zumba, strong civic engagement, famous community events	██████████
35	The lake, Otter coffee, the Loons nest	██████████
36	Community spirit, lake living, thriving economy	██████████
37	Food looney days atmosphere	██████████
38	Sense of community The community days and activities	██████████
39	Community, parks, progressive attitude	██████████
40	public beach, bars/restaurants, small town feeling	██████████
41	Community involvement, excellent food options, activity offerings	██████████
42	Area lakes, small businesses, community involvement	██████████
43	Always looking to grow the needs of the community Have fun events throughout the year	██████████
44	Friendly people, small, quiet	██████████
45	The shops, summer events and restaurants	██████████
46	Restaurants Friendliness Little shops	██████████
47	Long Lake Swimming Lessons Playground for kids New Altona Square	██████████
48	Great businesses, lake, location	██████████
49	The festivals	██████████
50	Location to lakes, restaurants, and public beach	██████████
51	Small town/ community/unique	██████████
52	lake, bike trail, retail/restaurants	██████████
53	lakes, places to eat, friendly people	██████████
54	safe, quiet, togetherness	██████████
55	The LAKE & Beach, park, walking trail City or Group Events Services - bank, vehicle repair, restaurants, shopping	██████████
56	lake, small town, friendly	██████████
57	The landmarks, the lake and the baseball team.	██████████
58	Small town feel, not over populated, not too busy	██████████
59	Lakes, restaurants/bars, vergas hardware	██████████
60	No trailer courts Friendly community volunteerism	██████████
61	Creative/Progressive thinking people Safe Community - people watch out for each other Lakes, Lakes and Lakes	██████████
62	Small town Rural area with room to move Hardware Home	██████████
63	progressive, safe, growth	██████████
64	Number of Activites Sense of COmmunity Friendly people	██████████
65	Good places to eat, especially cafe; public beach; community events.	██████████
66	Small town feel Nice mix of annual events (Maple Fest, Loony Days, Small Town X-mas, etc.) Businesses operating	██████████

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67	1. Friendly people 2. Strong sense of history and community leads to a large volunteer base 3. Charming downtown setting	[REDACTED]
68	small town atmosphere, family orientated, friendly	[REDACTED]
69	in the lakes area, active small town, unique dining opportunities	[REDACTED]
70	The people, businesses, spirit	[REDACTED]
71	It's small and not commercialized. "Rural MN feel" with lots of lakes. Very low crime rate.	[REDACTED]
72	The size, the businesses, near many activities & amenities	[REDACTED]
73	The lakes Small town atmosphere community events and engagement	[REDACTED]
74	Lakes Area, Great Shops and Restaraunts, Community Orientated/ Work Together for Success	[REDACTED]
75	Lakes. Walking path Cost of living	[REDACTED]
76	Safe, lakes, good stores	[REDACTED]
77	Helpful friendly people	[REDACTED]
78	Bars bars bars	[REDACTED]
79	Community support, welcoming and consistent.	[REDACTED]
80	people, shops, community activities	[REDACTED]
81	How active community members are in their town and community events Great small town feel. Awesome public beach	[REDACTED]
82	Strong sense of community Park / swimming beach by lake is a nice attraction Business owners willing to reinvest	[REDACTED]
83	Lions support of the community! Activities that the Community hosts -more than bigger cities! Our businesses are wonderful and also all the good restaurants!	[REDACTED]
84	Friendly people Recreational area The lake	[REDACTED]
85	beach, community spirit and pride, the loon	[REDACTED]
86	the lake, the people, the liquor store	[REDACTED]

### Q3 What do you believe are the major challenges currently facing Vergas?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Getting the old vergas ford tractor to clean up - it's a disgrace to the entire town Move the recycle/dump off the main highway - poor first impression of Vergas	[REDACTED]
2	- Lack of grocery store - Lack of guest accommodations (Vrbo, cottages, motel) - Lack of good car wash	[REDACTED]
3	Train time on tracks typing up the Hwy. Need parking	[REDACTED]
4	Fixing roads, railroad tracks	[REDACTED]
5	Needs a hiking/biking trail along 4 and other highways	[REDACTED]
6	Availability, everything closes early; one night later? "Bankers hours"	[REDACTED]
7	Parking space	[REDACTED]
8	Meeting growth; housing; controlling cost to live in Vergas	[REDACTED]
9	Need younger people to move to town. Nothing available for youth. need to clean up the Ford Garage. Messiest site in town.	[REDACTED]
10	Parking, Carwash	[REDACTED]
11	Jobs; less/little draw outside of summer; housing/apartments	[REDACTED]
12	No grocery store	[REDACTED]
13	Parking	[REDACTED]
14	Parking, needs for grocery store (soon to be better)	[REDACTED]
15	Handicap accessible to shops; be proactive with beautification of community; parking, parking, parking	[REDACTED]
16	Mall parking (dumping cost on residents)	[REDACTED]
17	Grocery store; rental property or apartments; fire hydrants not cleaned of snow	[REDACTED]
18	1) Taxes 2) water & sewer updates 3) streets 4) utilities	[REDACTED]
19	Parking; trains blocking highway	[REDACTED]
20	Cold weather	[REDACTED]
21	Getting a grocery store	[REDACTED]
22	Parking	[REDACTED]
23	Need more parking	[REDACTED]
24	*Truck traffic should be routed around the the town; create several truck routes and enforce it *The damn trains blocking Hwy #4 and the loud/obnoxious sirens/whistles. *Probably parking problems when the new Schmid/Zeitow building is completed and occupied by businesses and new residential tenants. *Do NOT allow the stinky obnoxious asphalt plant	[REDACTED]
25	Parking; grocery store	[REDACTED]
26	Parking; continuing to provide city services in a cost effective manner; housing	[REDACTED]
27	Parking	[REDACTED]
28	Different goals for different groups of people. divisions. Focus has shifted away from what is best for all to what is best for business - treating people with respect has gotten lost at times	[REDACTED]

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	because of what makes money	
29	Parking, beautification	██████████
30	Workforce development given aging population/business owners; providing high-wage jobs in highly competitive, remote work environment; understanding what public services/amenities will attract young families and young professionals	██████████
31	Not many winter activities like skating.	██████████
32	Housing, parking	██████████
33	Housing daycare parking	██████████
34	Keeping local businesses open and competitive	██████████
35	Affordable housing, truck traffic	██████████
36	taxes, lack of more downtown businesses	██████████
37	Parking	██████████
38	Keeping taxes in line for growth as well as fixed income	██████████
39	Little housing available	██████████
40	no grocery store	██████████
41	Not enough help available for services needed with growing just retired and moving to the lake population	██████████
42	No grocery store	██████████
43	Cost of taxes are driving people away.	██████████
44	housing	██████████
45	not sure	██████████
46	Lack of imagination to pursue economic development. Limited attractions to bring people to town, lack of a grocery store/bakery,...	██████████
47	Old people thinking and not letting Vergas grow	██████████
48	finishing the bike trail	██████████
49	housing, retail	██████████
50	lack of expansion possibility, high property taxes, parking sucks, railroad/ long train waits, lack of big picture city council	██████████
51	No Grocery Store - No business opportunities for younger people	██████████
52	affordable housing, no grocery store	██████████
53	The weather, the government, the lack of dialogue.	██████████
54	Unknown	██████████
55	Lack of housing, too high taxes, lack of jobs	██████████
56	Low income families, land available to expand business growth	██████████
57	Affordable rental housing	██████████
58	Keeping our small town community. Parking for people to do business in Vergas.	██████████
59	money for improvement is hard to get.	██████████
60	Encouraging youth to return	██████████
61	Parking; grocery store is needed; resources for younger families like child care.	██████████
62	Aging population, street curb snow removal, train crossing, minimal Post Office counter hours, summertime parking	██████████

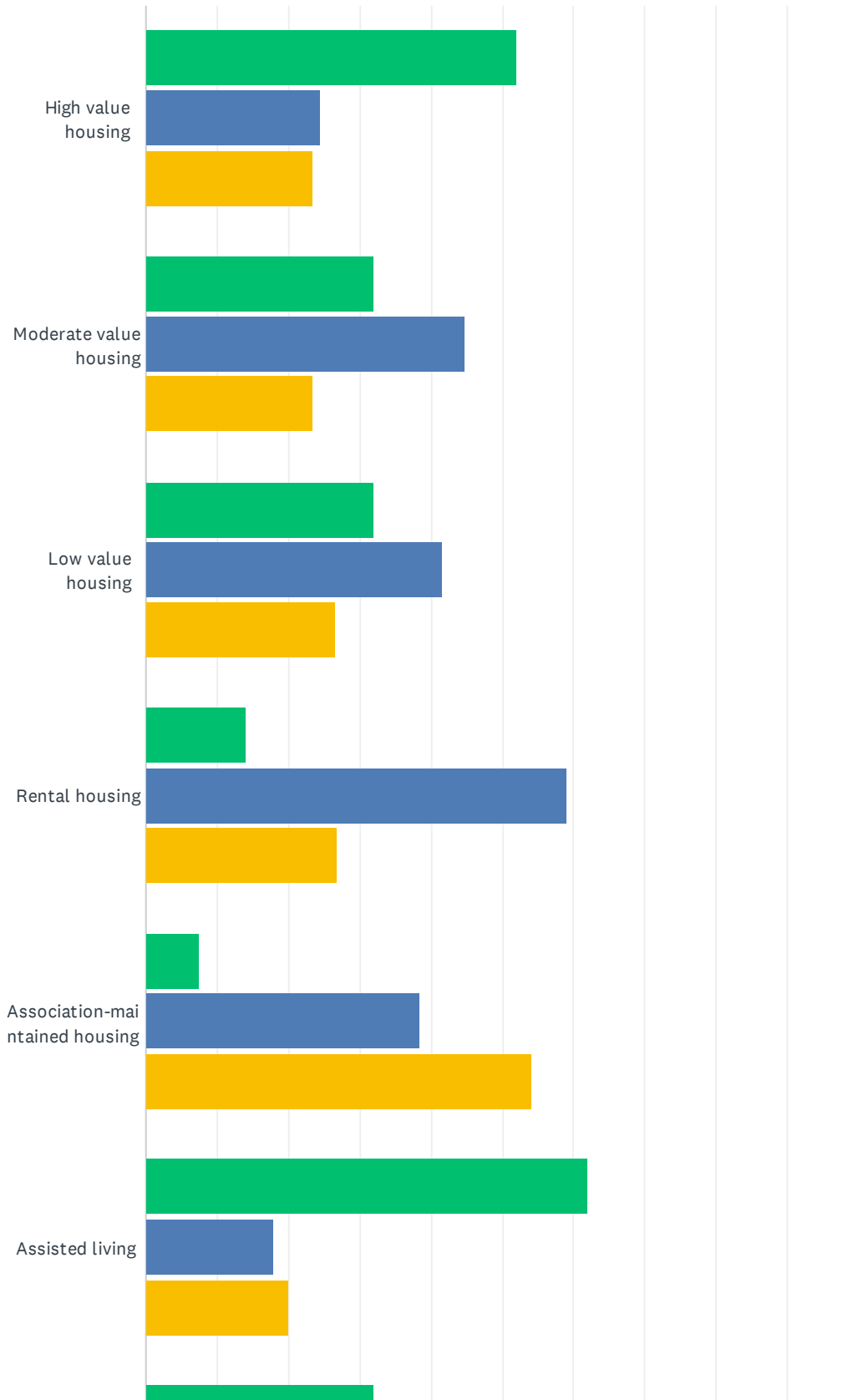


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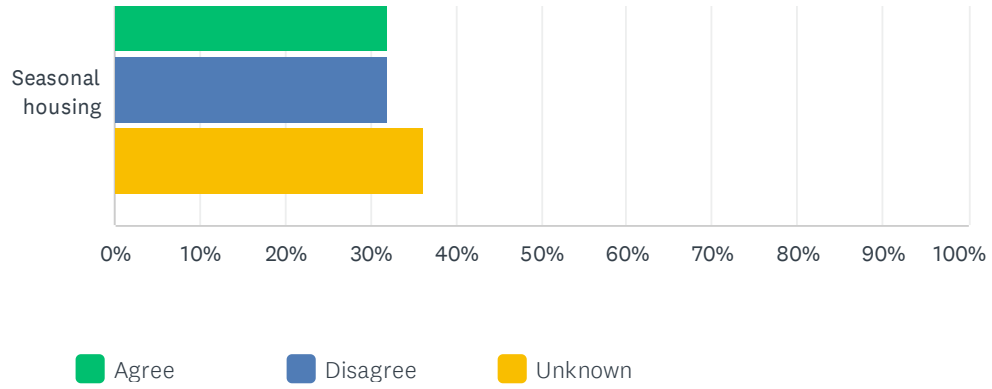
63	1. Lack of adequate parking 2. Lack of industry/employment 3.Lack of law enforcement primarily for city ordinances	██████████
64	COVID-19	██████████
65	maintaining a stable population, continue to provide services to citizens, small business and industry growth providing job opportunities, groceries, downtown parking	██████████
66	Sustainability over time if economy changes	██████████
67	Keeping enough tourism dollars coming here instead of nearby communities.	██████████
68	Housing, population growth, infrastructure	██████████
69	Housing, parking, taxes, water/sewer costs	██████████
70	Housing, Young People Involvement to sustain and improve on what we have going forward.	██████████
71	Not enough rental/housing. Not enough parking.Not enough commercial space left to grow.	██████████
72	Growth, low wages, economy	██████████
73	Parking, tired store fronts	██████████
74	Bad city leadership	██████████
75	Train and Covid	██████████
76	how the event center is managed	██████████
77	City fees, road repairs, getting younger people involved in community involvement and events	██████████
78	Keeping new local grocery open, attracting young families and getting them involved	██████████
79	Housing and Rental property	██████████
80	Parking	██████████
81	equitable growth; an articulated and agreed upon strategic plan for the community; several council people and planning commissioners have said "we want to make vergas look nice" but they do not realize how that statement is very classist and ignores the real struggles of hardworking families with limited financial resources; we also need to decide if Vergas is a town where you can make a livable wage for a family or if we stay a bedroom community, either is valid, we just need to own the decision we make.	██████████
82	high real estate taxes, high utility rates	██████████

# Q4 Vergas currently has a sufficient amount of:

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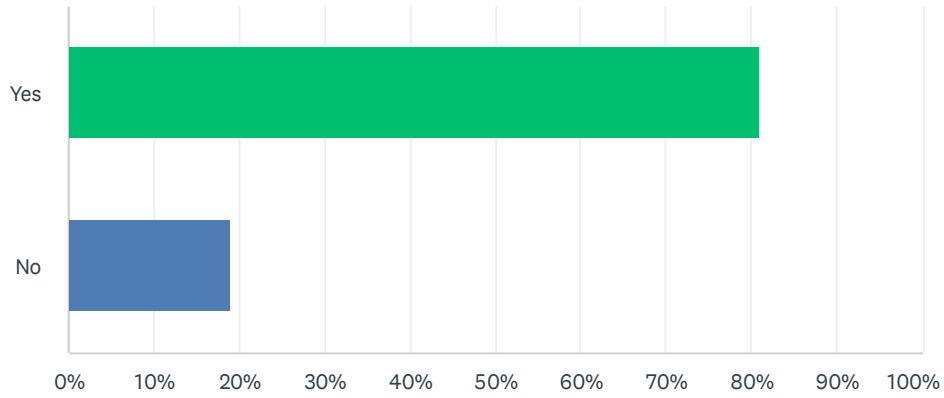
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	AGREE	DISAGREE	UNKNOWN	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
High value housing	52.13% 49	24.47% 23	23.40% 22	94
Moderate value housing	31.91% 30	44.68% 42	23.40% 22	94
Low value housing	31.91% 30	41.49% 39	26.60% 25	94
Rental housing	13.98% 13	59.14% 55	26.88% 25	93
Association-maintained housing	7.45% 7	38.30% 36	54.26% 51	94
Assisted living	62.11% 59	17.89% 17	20.00% 19	95
Seasonal housing	31.91% 30	31.91% 30	36.17% 34	94

## Q5 Do you believe Vergas has a need for working with developers to create additional residential options?

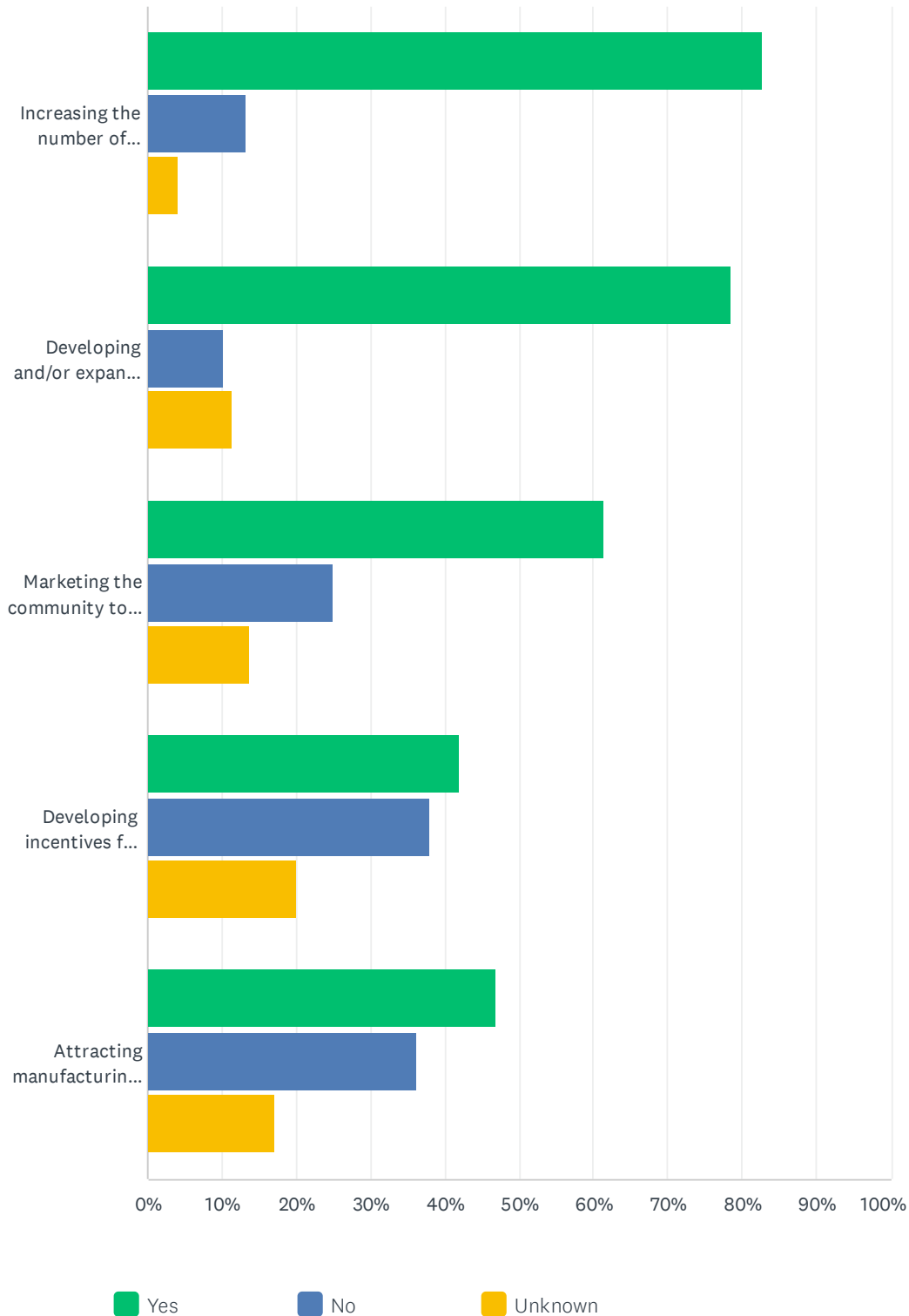
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	81.05%	77
No	18.95%	18
TOTAL		95

# Q6 Do you believe the community should focus its energy, talents, and dollars on the following economic development outcomes in the next five years?

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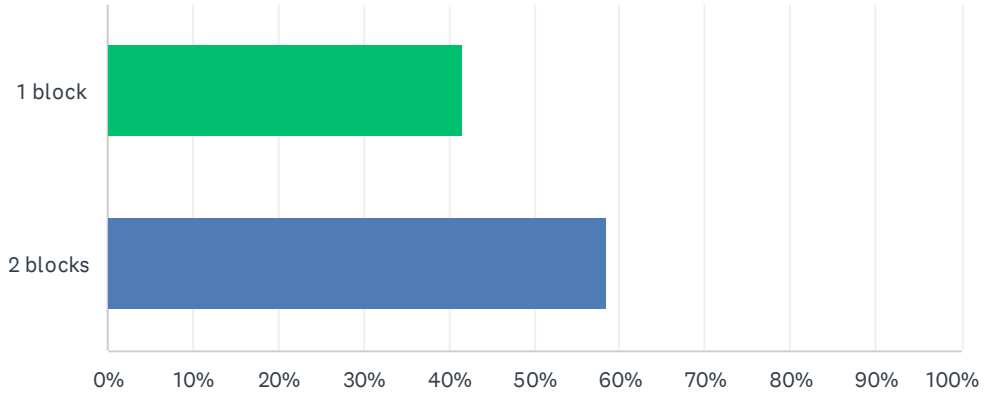
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	YES	NO	UNKNOWN	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Increasing the number of parking spaces downtown	82.65% 81	13.27% 13	4.08% 4	98	1.21
Developing and/or expanded job opportunities	78.57% 77	10.20% 10	11.22% 11	98	1.33
Marketing the community to a regional audience	61.46% 59	25.00% 24	13.54% 13	96	1.52
Developing incentives for the relocation of remote workers	42.11% 40	37.89% 36	20.00% 19	95	1.78
Attracting manufacturing-based businesses	46.81% 44	36.17% 34	17.02% 16	94	1.70

#	OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OUTCOMES (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Appeal to an aging population	██████████
2	Cafe	██████████
3	Supporting existing stores!	██████████
4	Grocery store	██████████
5	Roads & traffic control for new development	██████████
6	Youth activities	██████████
7	Year-round infrastructure; less niche businesses	██████████
8	Veteran's park	██████████
9	Handicapped parking	██████████
10	Business expansion	██████████
11	Would be interesting to focus on increasing renewable energy for city-owned properties and at parks to upgrade existing facilities/services and reduce fixed costs	██████████
12	Creating more options for housing. That alone would allow more people to move to the area.	██████████
13	Market it as a place for small retail for tourists.	██████████
14	Expanding parks/trails	██████████
15	A car wash and food delivery service	██████████
16	Attract tourists- bike trail, "hairy man" highway	██████████
17	Markets - farmer's, flea, antique	██████████
18	getting buildable lots	██████████
19	work from home jobs would be nice	██████████
20	Encouraging the relocation of remote workers will just further entrench the perception of Vergas as a "bedroom community" which does not help the community grow.	██████████
21	Please don't attract manufacturing business, and certainly not chains. Keep Dollar General far away from Vergas.	██████████
22	Twin Homes for Rent with Lawn Service included	██████████
23	Something for the kids to do	██████████
24	business incubator or micro-enterprises or pop-up retail	██████████

## Q7 How far are you willing to walk from your parked vehicle to your downtown destination?

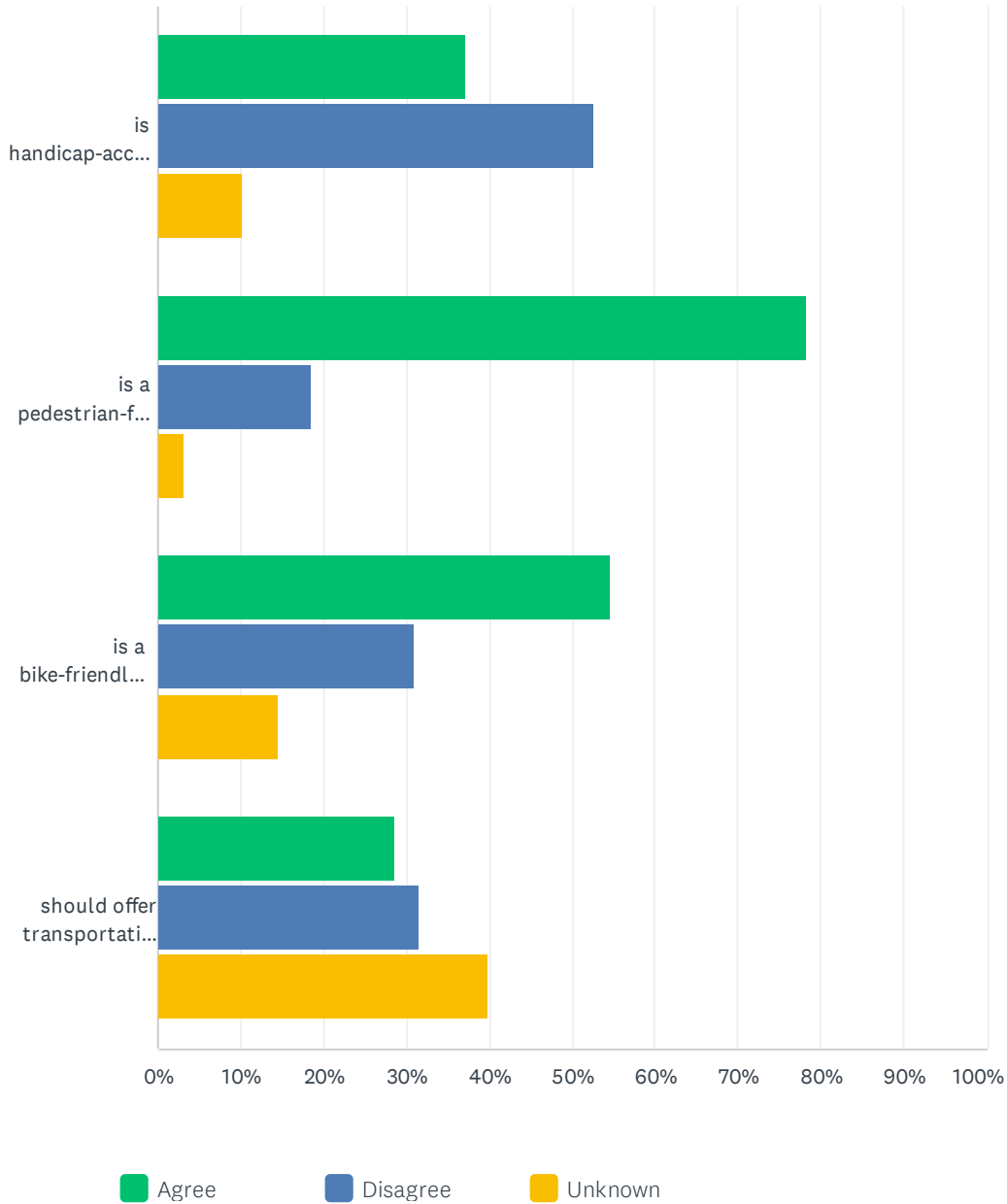
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1 block	41.67%	40
2 blocks	58.33%	56
TOTAL		96

## Q8 Do you believe Vergas...

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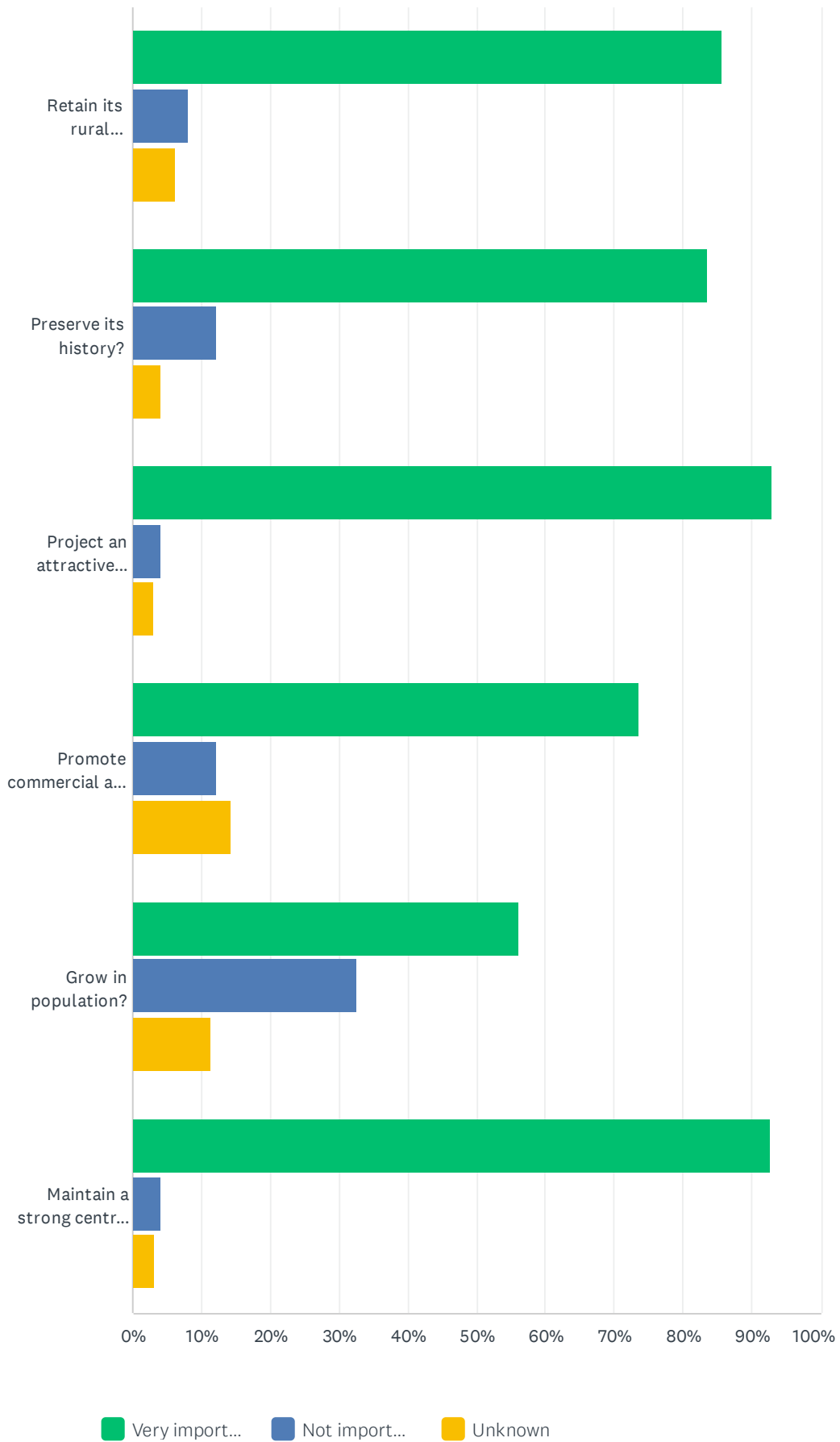
	AGREE	DISAGREE	UNKNOWN	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
is handicap-accessible?	37.11% 36	52.58% 51	10.31% 10	97	1.73
is a pedestrian-friendly town?	78.35% 76	18.56% 18	3.09% 3	97	1.25
is a bike-friendly town?	54.64% 53	30.93% 30	14.43% 14	97	1.60
should offer transportation assistance?	28.57% 28	31.63% 31	39.80% 39	98	2.11



**Q9 Please answer the following questions with Very Important, Not important, or Unknown. Mark only one response for each question. How important is it for Vergas to...**

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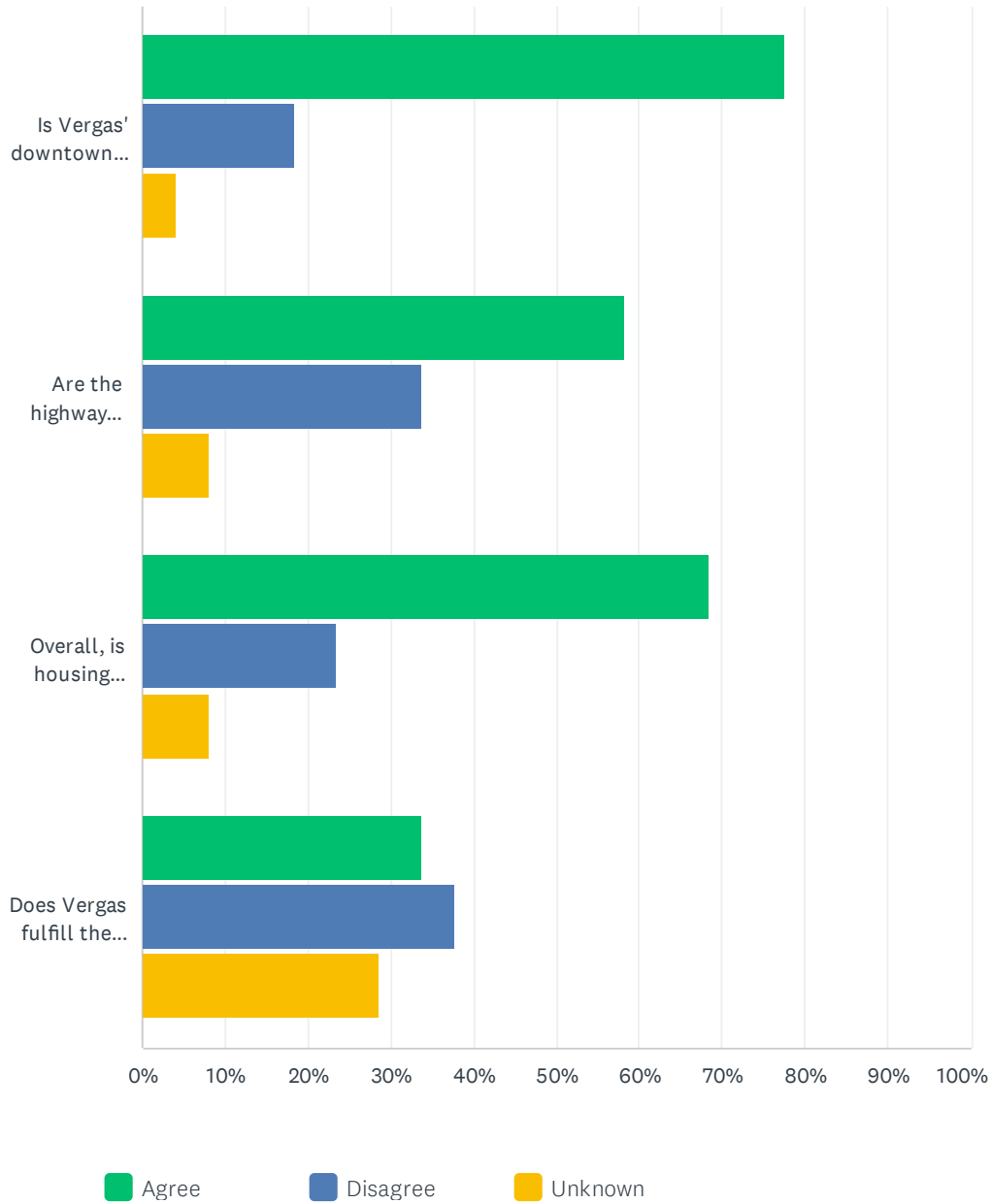


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	VERY IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	UNKNOWN	TOTAL
Retain its rural character?	85.71% 84	8.16% 8	6.12% 6	98
Preserve its history?	83.67% 82	12.24% 12	4.08% 4	98
Project an attractive image?	92.86% 91	4.08% 4	3.06% 3	98
Promote commercial and residential building rehabilitation?	73.47% 72	12.24% 12	14.29% 14	98
Grow in population?	56.12% 55	32.65% 32	11.22% 11	98
Maintain a strong central business district?	92.78% 90	4.12% 4	3.09% 3	97

### Q10 Please rate the following questions with Agree, Disagree, or Unknown. Mark only one response for each question.

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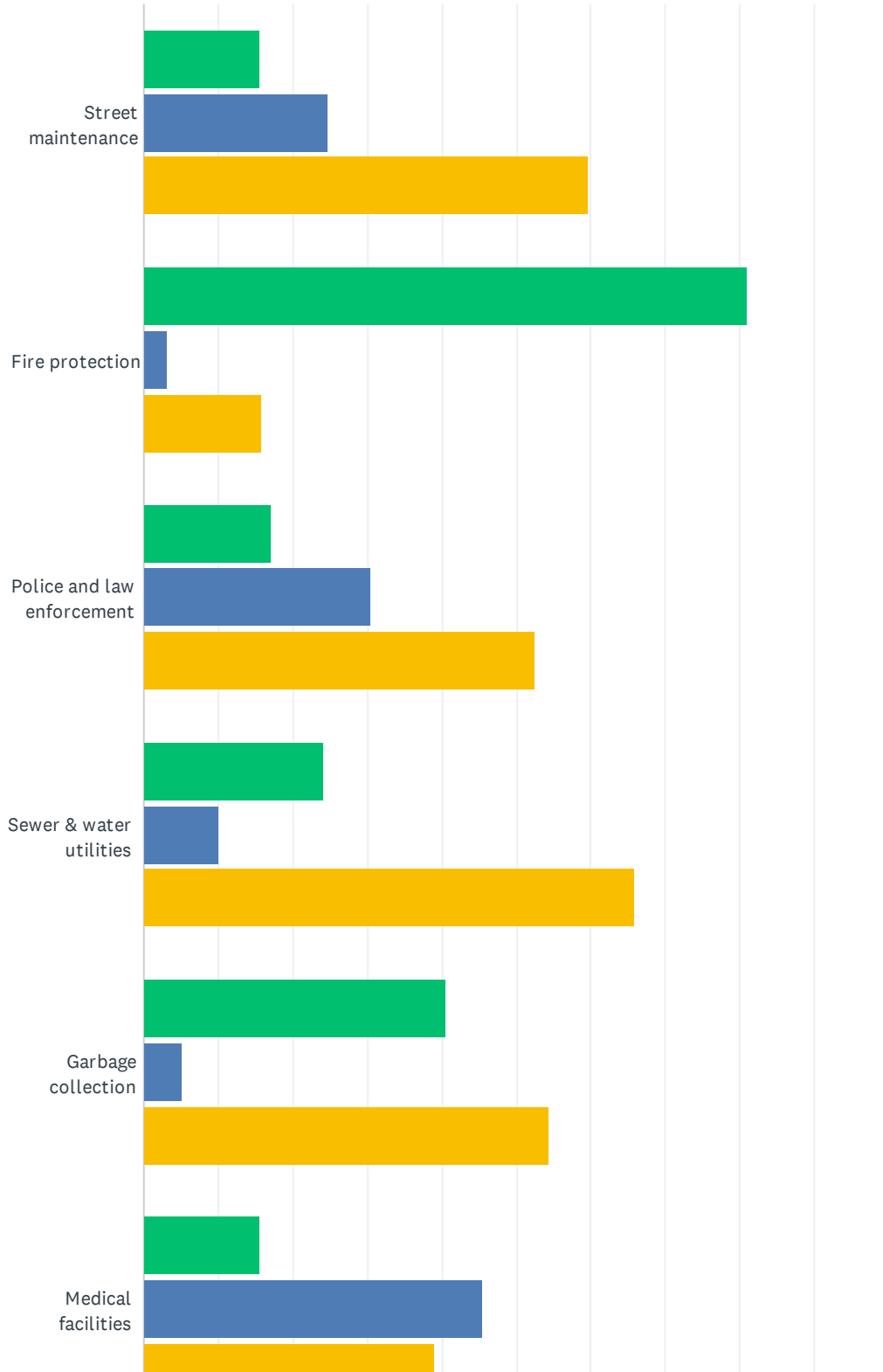


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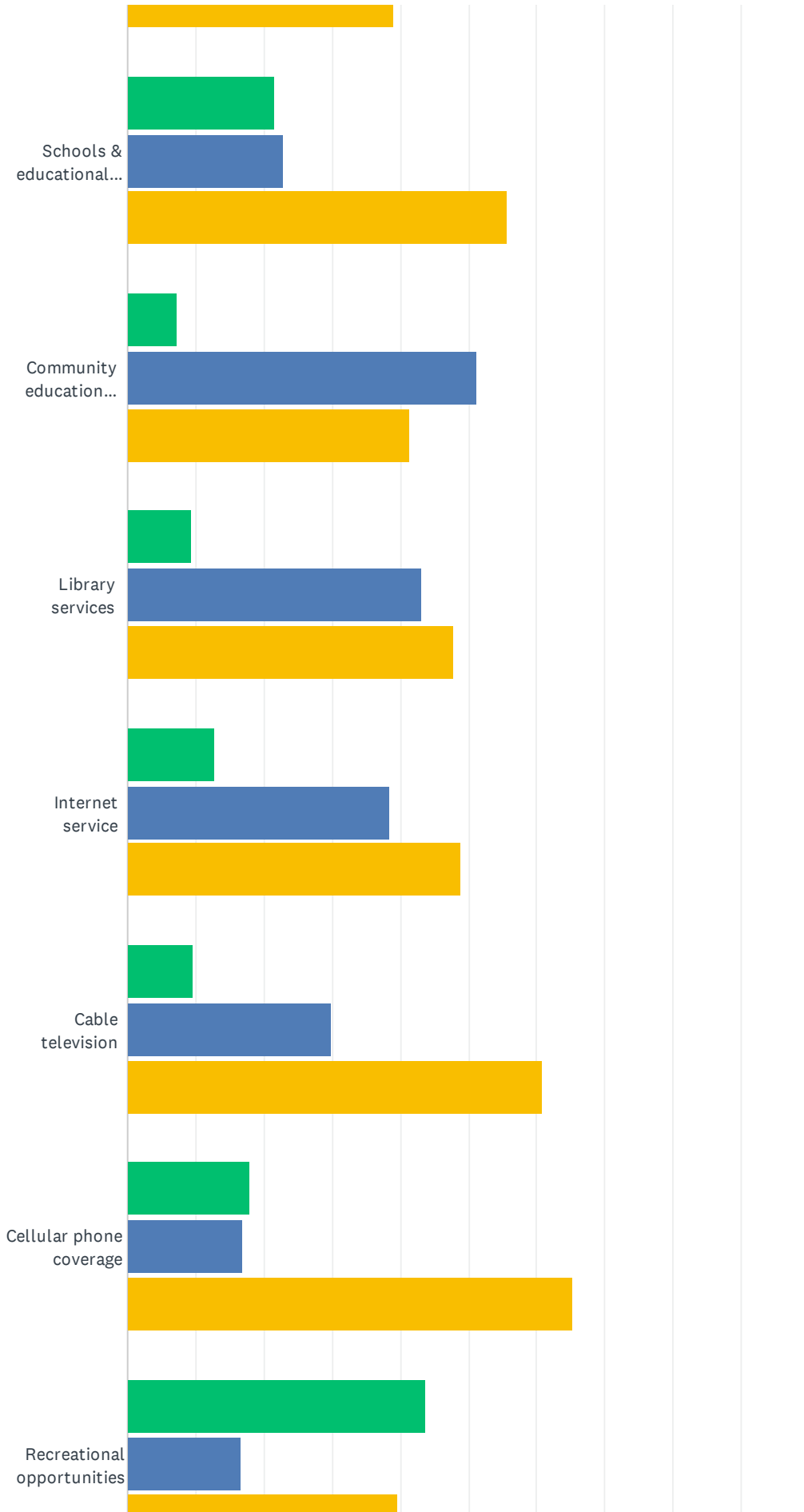
	AGREE	DISAGREE	UNKNOWN	TOTAL
Is Vergas' downtown attractive?	77.55% 76	18.37% 18	4.08% 4	98
Are the highway entrances appealing?	58.16% 57	33.67% 33	8.16% 8	98
Overall, is housing reasonably well-kept?	68.37% 67	23.47% 23	8.16% 8	98
Does Vergas fulfill the transitional living and care needs of the elderly?	33.67% 33	37.76% 37	28.57% 28	98

Q11 Rate the following regional and local services on as “Exceptional”, “Average”, “Needs improvement” or n/a = “Not applicable”. Mark only one response for each service.

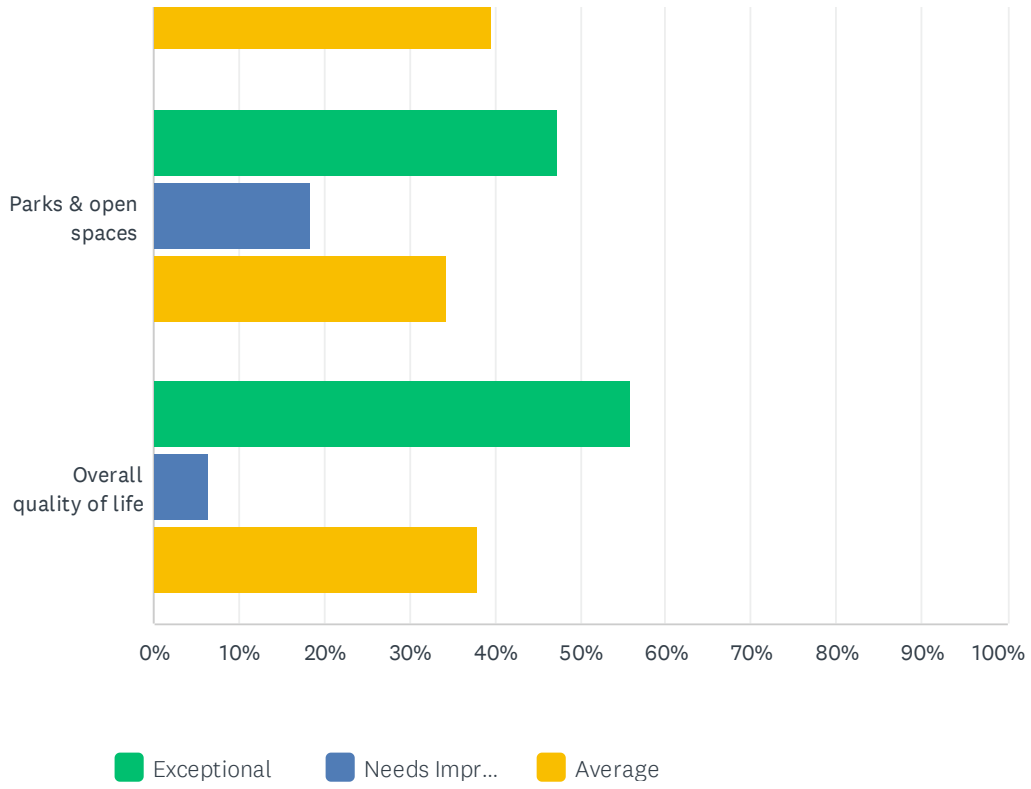
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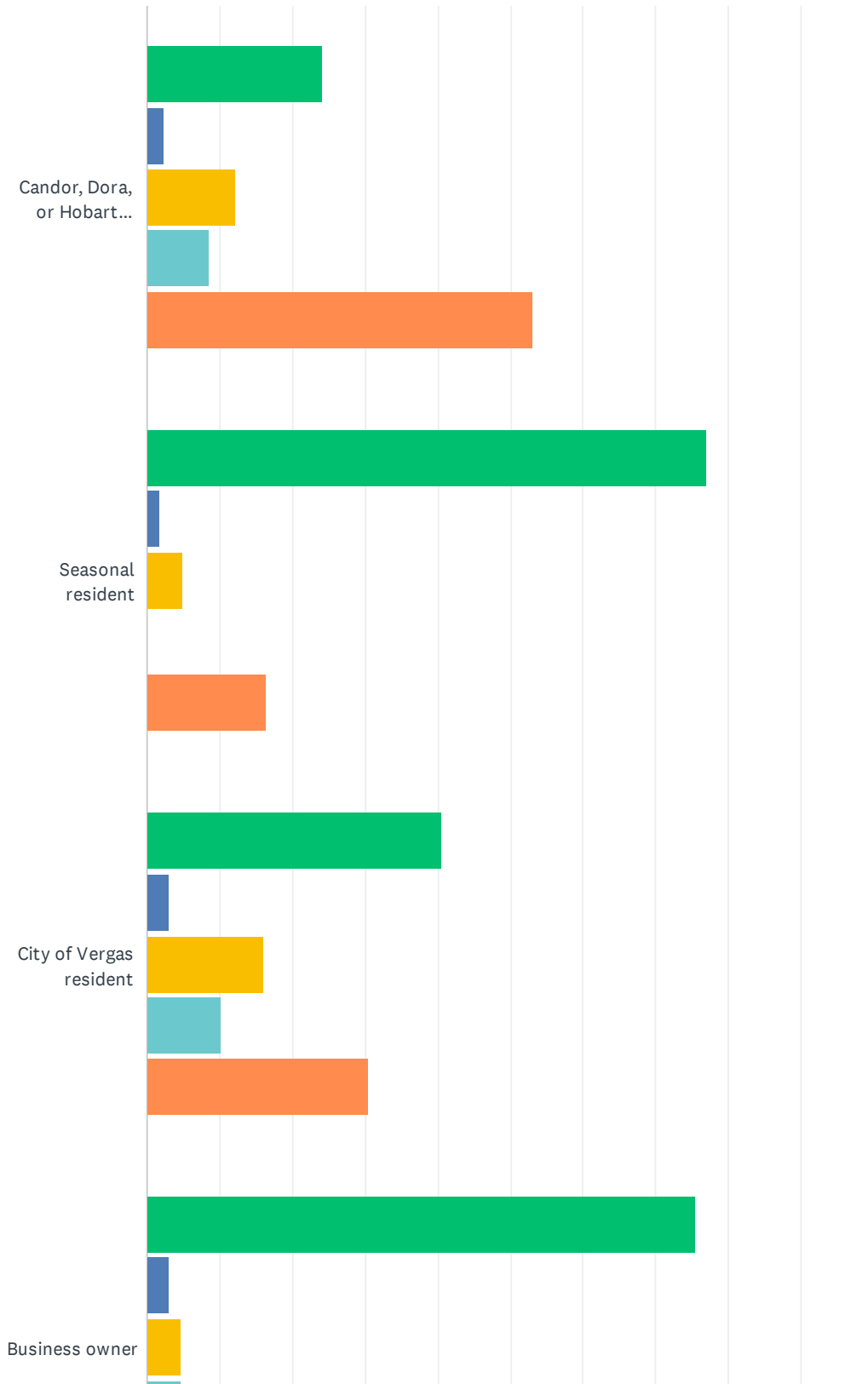


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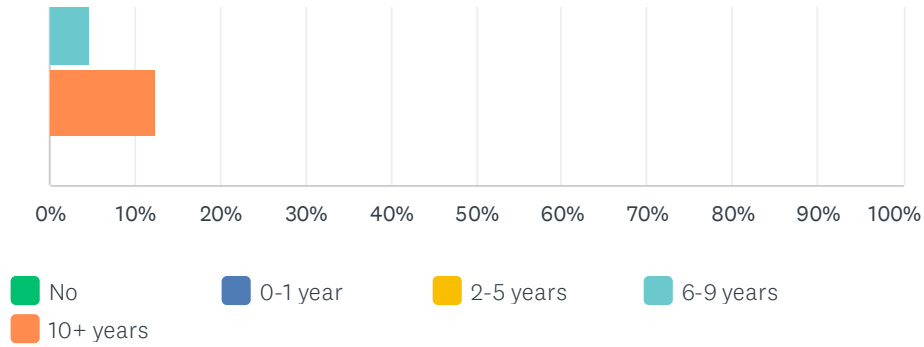
	EXCEPTIONAL	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	AVERAGE	TOTAL
Street maintenance	15.46% 15	24.74% 24	59.79% 58	97
Fire protection	81.05% 77	3.16% 3	15.79% 15	95
Police and law enforcement	17.07% 14	30.49% 25	52.44% 43	82
Sewer & water utilities	24.05% 19	10.13% 8	65.82% 52	79
Garbage collection	40.51% 32	5.06% 4	54.43% 43	79
Medical facilities	15.58% 12	45.45% 35	38.96% 30	77
Schools & educational opportunities	21.52% 17	22.78% 18	55.70% 44	79
Community education programming	7.32% 6	51.22% 42	41.46% 34	82
Library services	9.30% 8	43.02% 37	47.67% 41	86
Internet service	12.79% 11	38.37% 33	48.84% 42	86
Cable television	9.52% 8	29.76% 25	60.71% 51	84
Cellular phone coverage	17.98% 16	16.85% 15	65.17% 58	89
Recreational opportunities	43.75% 42	16.67% 16	39.58% 38	96
Parks & open spaces	47.31% 44	18.28% 17	34.41% 32	93
Overall quality of life	55.79% 53	6.32% 6	37.89% 36	95

# Q12 Do you reside or own property in one of the following? If so, for how long? Select all that apply.

Answered: 97 Skipped: 2



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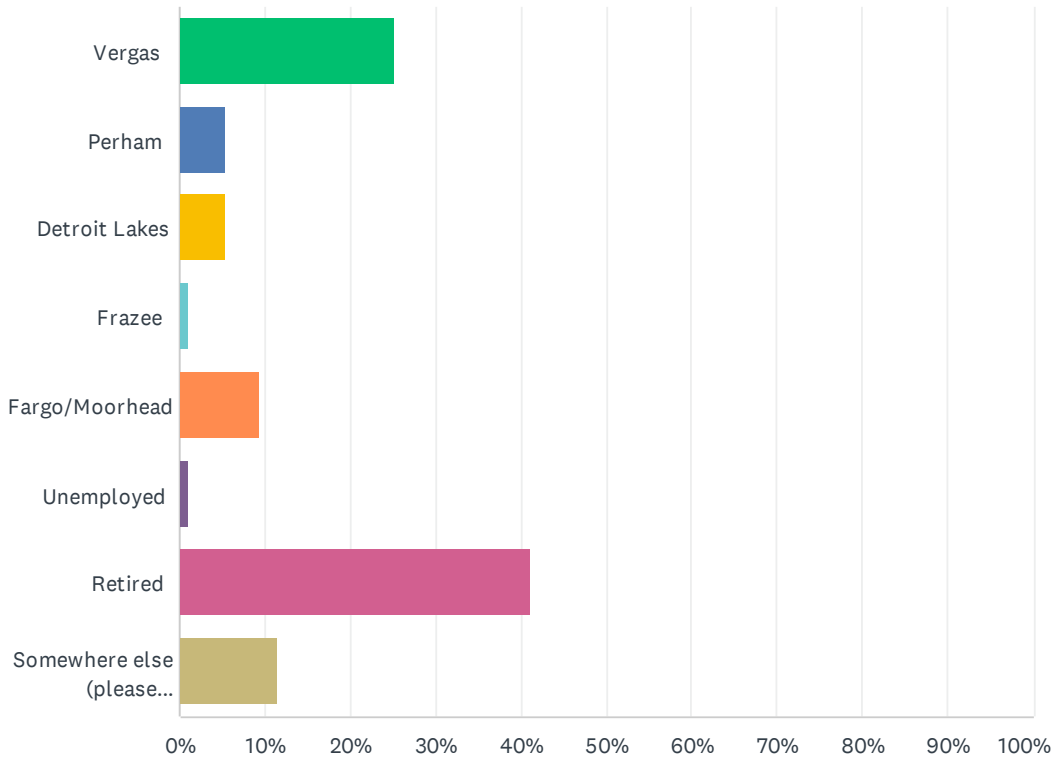


	NO	0-1 YEAR	2-5 YEARS	6-9 YEARS	10+ YEARS	TOTAL
Candor, Dora, or Hobart Township	24.10% 20	2.41% 2	12.05% 10	8.43% 7	53.01% 44	83
Seasonal resident	77.05% 47	1.64% 1	4.92% 3	0.00% 0	16.39% 10	61
City of Vergas resident	40.58% 28	2.90% 2	15.94% 11	10.14% 7	30.43% 21	69
Business owner	75.38% 49	3.08% 2	4.62% 3	4.62% 3	12.31% 8	65

#	SOMETHING ELSE (PLEASE DESCRIBE)	DATE
1	Used to be city of Vergas resident	██████████
2	Seasonal for 16 years but now reside here	██████████
3	Retired 2 1/2 years ago on Loon Lake. Love the area/people/Vergas	██████████
4	Live outside city of Vergas	██████████
5	We own property in the area and live in the next town. My husband was born and raised in Vergas.	██████████
6	apartments/ rentals needed	██████████
7	Long Lake property Taxpayers!	██████████
8	Live on Long Lake just outside city	██████████
9	Returned to community after retirement	██████████
10	Live 3 miles from Vergas, yet have Frazee address	██████████
11	Born and raised in the area	██████████

## Q13 In what community is your primary job located?

Answered: 95 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Vergas	25.26%	24
Perham	5.26%	5
Detroit Lakes	5.26%	5
Frazee	1.05%	1
Fargo/Moorhead	9.47%	9
Unemployed	1.05%	1
Retired	41.05%	39
Somewhere else (please specify)	11.58%	11
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>95</b>

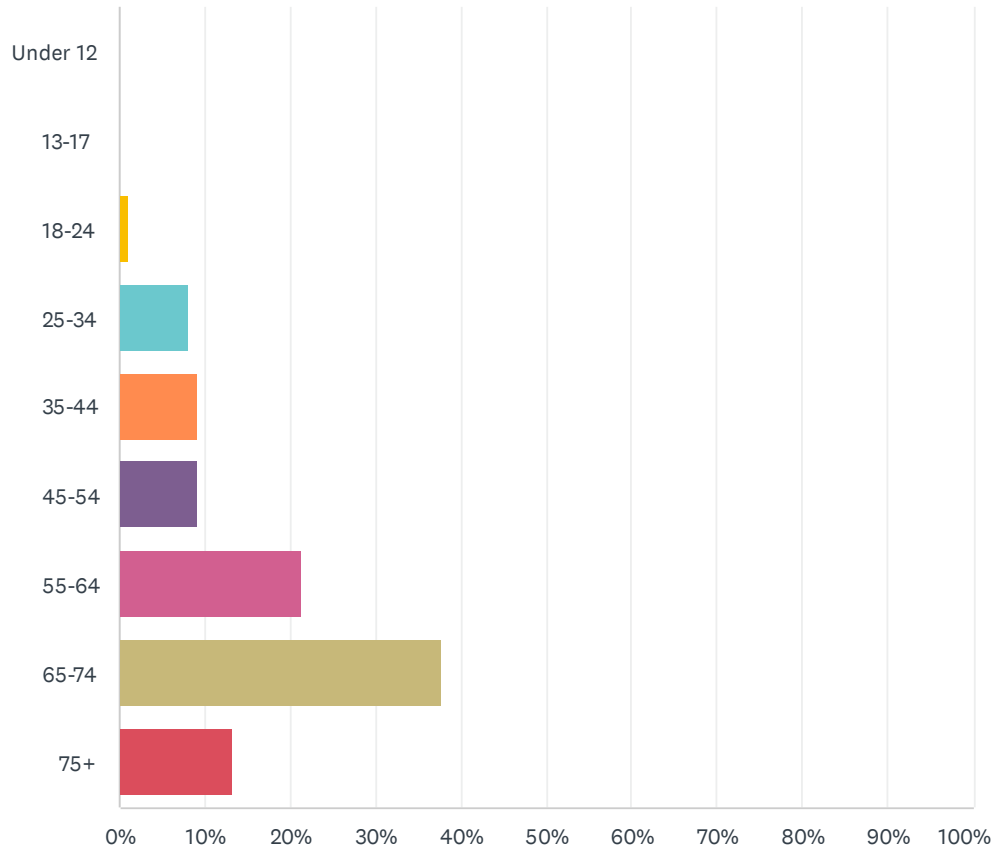
#	SOMEWHERE ELSE (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Vergas and also retired	██████████
2	Semi-retired	██████████
3	Home based	██████████
4	Rose lake res.	██████████

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5	Work on computer from home base; partially retired	[REDACTED]
6	Fergus Falls	[REDACTED]
7	Dora	[REDACTED]
8	Minneapolis	[REDACTED]
9	Audubon	[REDACTED]
10	Remote position - WFH for a [REDACTED] MA company	[REDACTED]
11	200 miles from Vergas	[REDACTED]

## Q14 How young are you?

Answered: 98 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 12	0.00%	0
13-17	0.00%	0
18-24	1.02%	1
25-34	8.16%	8
35-44	9.18%	9
45-54	9.18%	9
55-64	21.43%	21
65-74	37.76%	37
75+	13.27%	13
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>98</b>

## Q15 In the next 15 years, what specific retail, businesses, services, infrastructure, and/or recreational facilities would you like to see in Vergas?

Answered: 81 Skipped: 18

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	New bathrooms at the city park the existing are disgusting (porta potties would be a good improvement)	
2	Pickle ball courts; grocery store; dollar store; 'handy man' services; art gallery; community gardens; 65+ gated community on a lake; retirement apartments	
3	Wheel chair races	
4	Can't think of any (trains are a problem) - More bike trails	
5	Professional recognition Engineering, legal	
6	Something at lake - rental canoe, kayak, pontoon? Snow shoes, skis, fish house	
7	Grocery store Completion of pickle ball court	
8	Car wash	
9	Grocery	
10	Grocery store Car wash More parking	
11	Some youth activities (arcade) Grocery store Deli or sandwich shop	
12	Fix train problem; drive-in theater; splash pad/park; tech store/help; family focused activities/programs; sledding hill with warming house; general store; car wash; affordable housing projects (under 150K)	
13	More affordable housing	
14	Grocery store	
15	Car wash	
16	Outdoor related - decor, bird food Art/gallery/store - guest artists school for kids Public garden plots, car wash Sledding hill with warming house	
17	Car wash Pharmacy Grocery	
18	Grocery store	
19	Grocery store	
20	1) Car wash 2) Electric fill up station 3) Lawyer service 4) Tax people 5) Funeral place 6) Health clinic	
21	Car wash! Dog grooming	
22	Dog day care; car wash; brewery; wine bar; drive thru for ice cream; medical satellite	
23	Small bookstore/coffee shop Car wash Winery/pizza shop	
24	Better cable; brewery; internet and services; more options; medical facility	
25	Car wash Pizza delivery	
26	Not really sure. Hopefully the business owners will find out what is profitable and fill the need.	
27	Emphasis on lake activities winter	
28	Car wash Drug store/pharmacy	

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29	More rental property	[REDACTED]
30	- Better use of Long Lake park - Better parking - More space for city staff - Plan use for City Hall 2nd floor (Attic Shoppe)	[REDACTED]
31	Would be cool if the trail kept going out towards herslers and that...[could not read handwriting]	[REDACTED]
32	Restaurants; bars; gas stations; grocery stores; banks; shops; post office; car wash; hardware	[REDACTED]
33	Car wash	[REDACTED]
34	Would love to see a co-working space for remote workers, a climbing gym/yoga/additional indoor fitness opportunities during the winter; would also love to see community education classes; don't really feel like there's any indoor public space that's accessible to folks - just the parks; would appreciate greater diversity of food options, even if it's on a micro-scale (takeaway only, minimal seating), such as Thai or Indian cuisine, Latin American Food, etc. Would also love to see an additional breakfast option that offers gluten-free menu items; would also love to see more of a startup/entrepreneur meet-up event for folks that have online businesses/consulting to network	[REDACTED]
35	A community center where people can lift and do sports indoors	[REDACTED]
36	Pizza place and disc golf course	[REDACTED]
37	Frisbee golf, ice skating indoor,old fashion pizza place, parking,tear down a couple old unappealing businesses off Main Street	[REDACTED]
38	More small locally owned retail that attracts tourism. No chain stores such as Dollar General!	[REDACTED]
39	Bike trails to connect to perham and frazee trails, Expand recreation area to include play ground (all natural) w/fitness stations, frisbee golf , Pickleball, picnic shelter	[REDACTED]
40	grocery store, outdoor patios, drug store	[REDACTED]
41	Places for kids like a kid zone specifically in winter months	[REDACTED]
42	Grocery Store	[REDACTED]
43	Car wash, medical walk in clinic/pharmacy, Uber/Lift, food delivery service, underground natural gas lines to Loon Lake,	[REDACTED]
44	Grocery store Keep restaurants and hardware store Quilt shop	[REDACTED]
45	Larger playground equipment for kids of all ages. A carwash would be nice to see as well. Cheaper housing/ tax refunds to make it more affordable to live in our developing town.	[REDACTED]
46	Transportation services for all ages- bus service that gives rides for various needs. Twin homes. Motel. Carwash.	[REDACTED]
47	Grocery store, bakery, bike trails, more attractions to bring people to Vergas, medical care, and more retail businesses.	[REDACTED]
48	Separated bike path and walking path. Connections to regional trails. Frisbee golf (disc golf) course. XC ski trails.	[REDACTED]
49	Would like to grocery type retail in the community and a health care site.	[REDACTED]
50	sport shop, car wash, grocery,	[REDACTED]
51	Grocery store, fitness center with pool, fishing & tackle business	[REDACTED]
52	Grocery store, transportation assistance, food delivery	[REDACTED]
53	The same retail places but with so much more growth, social development and better life quality for our children and youth.	[REDACTED]
54	Yoga	[REDACTED]
55	Dollar general, pharmacy, car wash	[REDACTED]
56	Car Wash	[REDACTED]
57	gym, grocery store	[REDACTED]

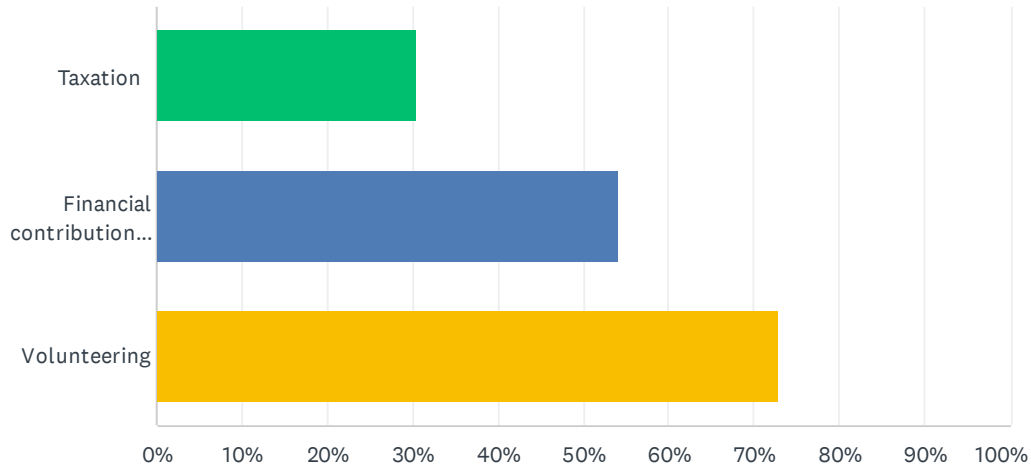


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58	Parking is really needed for our businesses Shooting range Batting cages Cross walks for pedestrian safety	
59	Needs to keep this small town, clean and safe environment. Don't take the charm away. We don't need to keep up with big cities to keep a good economy going. We could though, use more motels/bnbs closer to the area for seasonal guests.	
60	basketball court	
61	Fuel pump in public beach for boats on the lake. Cleaner restrooms and more space by beach. Outdoor shower to rinse by beach.	
62	Grocery store, Post Office contracted to a private business, railroad crossings one block on both sides of the crossing arms	
63	A history museum for Vergas might be interesting.	
64	grocery store, clothing store, summer and winter outdoor recreation clothing and gear, competitive cable and wi/fi services	
65	Grocery store being finished	
66	More eating options. Continue expanding the tar bike path, or get other bike paths in other areas surrounding the city. There's so many snowmobile trails in the winter, so let's expand the summertime trails as well.	
67	I think just expanding the array of options the town offers other than just boutiques.	
68	Grocery Store, car wash, more structure youth activity	
69	I love what we have coming into town with the grocery store that will include a bakery and deli, fitness center, full service salon/spa. I would love to see a pizza place that was already on the radar put into place and really hope to see another business take over when the Attic Shoppe is done. Would also like to see Sheralyn's open or sold so that we have that 'one more' fun shop to draw groups of women shoppers. The only thing we are lacking is potentially a good bait shop and a car wash.	
70	More apartments, marina rental space, link trail from frazee to vergas, hotel spaces.	
71	None	
72	Clinic, grocery, pharmacy	
73	None	
74	Hotel and car wash	
75	a small hotel	
76	Drug store, more parks with recreation area ( like basketball court)	
77	Fiber optic internet, bypass around Vergas for truck traffic	
78	Bus service to out of town medical and other services! Transportation when people can not drive any longer. Consignment stores	
79	*Car wash *Drug store/rx *grocery store *thrift store *recreational rentals..paddleboats, kayaks, snowshoes/skis	
80	car wash; a small family medicine office; updated bathroom facilities at the beach; more facilities along the long lake trail; commercial growth along the trail so the downtown can be better connected to the lakefront; sports equipment rental	
81	cannabis shop	

### Q16 How would you be willing to contribute to any changes identified in the comprehensive plan? Please select all that apply.

Answered: 85 Skipped: 14



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Taxation	30.59%	26
Financial contributions or donations	54.12%	46
Volunteering	72.94%	62
Total Respondents: 85		

## Q17 Please feel free to make any additional comments:

Answered: 28 Skipped: 71

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Grants?	[REDACTED]
2	Fix roads so don't have to double tax	[REDACTED]
3	Seems like taxes are already very high, that could be the way we'd discourage new comers	[REDACTED]
4	Definitely need to clean up Haarstick garage. Looks like a junkyard in middle of town.	[REDACTED]
5	Clean up the trailers at Ford Equipment Clean up the lumber bundles off front of Franklin Fence Clean up Paul's insulation	[REDACTED]
6	We are sincerely disappointed with the City Council and the City administration jacking around the Veteran's memorial project and delaying it for about 8 months. This was a disgrace and totally uncalled for. Happy that the majority of council members finally voted yes.	[REDACTED]
7	Very good survey!! Keep up the good work!!!	[REDACTED]
8	That curve is scary between the lakes just past 35 on Hwy 4	[REDACTED]
9	- Improve plowing to curb so elderly and others can get out of vehicles safely to access businesses - People should be primary consideration - Decisions need to be made to benefit all, not just a few, especially when life long residents voice their opinions	[REDACTED]
10	As a newcomer to the area, I've been incredibly impressed with the passion of the community and the open-ness of the residents. I love that so many people are well-traveled and bring these experiences to the community. The thing that makes me want to live elsewhere are the lack of social opportunities (that don't involve alcohol) for young people.	[REDACTED]
11	A frisbee golfing course would be very cool	[REDACTED]
12	Vergas is a great community that could use a few things such as parking and housing that would even make it better.	[REDACTED]
13	Keep the small town feel while making revisions to keep up with the needs of the growing # of work from home folks who will be living at their lake place near Vergas	[REDACTED]
14	None.	[REDACTED]
15	Vergas already has a reputation for the hairy man. Build on that, stealing the idea of the Enchanted Highway in ND. Install hairy man statues periodically along Co Hwy 17, drawing visitors to Vergas as they drive down the highway looking for them. Vergas is in a prime spot to build a bike trail, connecting the trail in Frazee to the Perham-Pelican Rapids trail. Or loop from Frazee, through Vergas and back to DL. Downtown Vergas as it improves the buildings need to define a theme and be somewhat consistent. This would add to the attractiveness of the town. Last idea, Vergas if organized, could be a Christmas Light destination. This would involve the downtown and many of the residents. Communities/neighborhoods that do this a) attract tourist dollars to their community, and b) demonstrate civic pride that attracts future residents.	[REDACTED]
16	I really like to be part of Vergas, I'm glad to make my life beside my wife. I feel kinda comfortable but I want to aspire to more chances.	[REDACTED]
17	Vergas is an exceptional community	[REDACTED]
18	Different community groups needs to listen to the people who live here for their input more often.	[REDACTED]
19	We love living here. It's a wonderful community! No need to turn it upside down. It's already very special to us.	[REDACTED]

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20	Consider putting railroad crossings one block from both sides of the crossing arms since usually a waiting train blocks only one side of the crossing.	[REDACTED]
21	Please clean up/get rid of the building across from Billy's. It's ugly and not well kept. Get rid of the gravel pit. It's even more ugly and noisy. Clean up/get rid of the Vergas Ford building/lot.	[REDACTED]
22	We like being back "home" Not overly fond of the depth of the pickle ball court project taking away from the baseball area	[REDACTED]
23	Thank you for seeking input and having a plan to address what Vergas needs and wants	[REDACTED]
24	Maybe the ball fields are more valuable as commercial or rental space. There is no where to grow. We need to keep bringing people here in order to keep our businesses thriving and relevant. Commercial space is so limited. Put up apartments near the pickle ball courts. Put in a marina rentable spaces off tin can, find parking.	[REDACTED]
25	The entrance to town is an eye sore. Make Haarstick clean up his property. We are trying to attract people to our downtown businesses and area. The rules need to start applying there also	[REDACTED]
26	Certain properties in Downtown area, and on county road 4 look very trashy with too many vehicles. Looks bad to tourists, does not represent the town well	[REDACTED]
27	The more this town grows, the more it loses the rural charm. Improvements can be made without losing our village.	[REDACTED]
28	A comprehensive plan is not necessary. It is a waste of money and time. It will be filled with sweeping generalities and can be changed or ignored by future office holders. It can be endlessly tinkered with in the future in pursuit of "quality" living and may be in constant need of revision costing more time and money.	[REDACTED]