



Vision 2050 Survey Results

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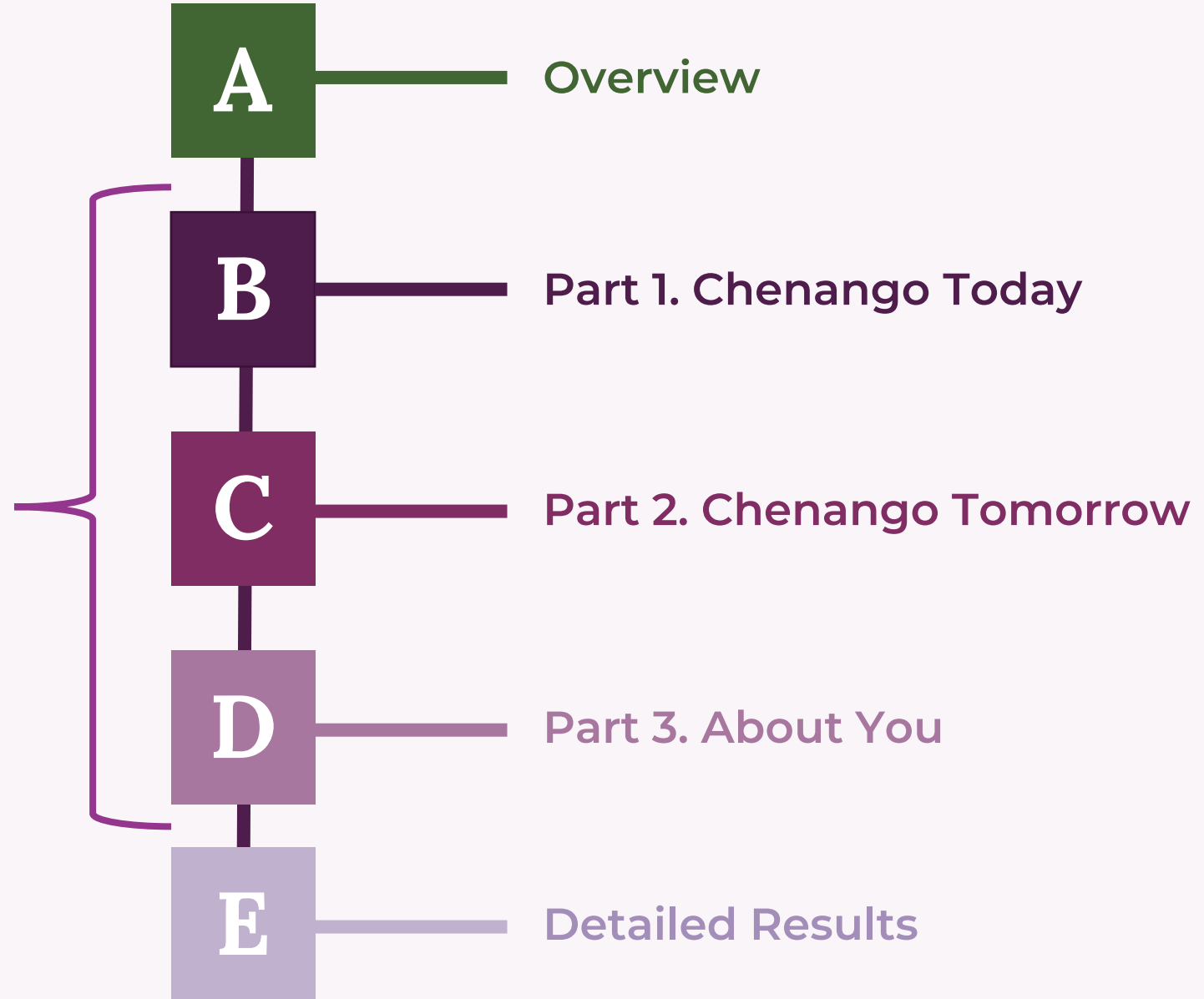


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The Vision 2050 Survey was launched during the virtual Public Kick-Off Meeting held Wednesday, August 9th. The purpose of this survey was to better understand community priorities and opinions regarding areas where change is desired in Chenango County. The survey was published online and hard copies were also made available at the Chenango County Office Building and shared with the various Towns and Villages. The survey consisted of three parts:

- 1) Part 1. Chenango Today
- 2) Part 2. Chenango Tomorrow
- 3) Part 3. About You



**Survey Response
Period**

**Aug 9, 2023
to
Oct 30, 2023**



Overview



21 questions in the survey



645 total respondents



30 local municipalities represented





Part 1. Chenango Today

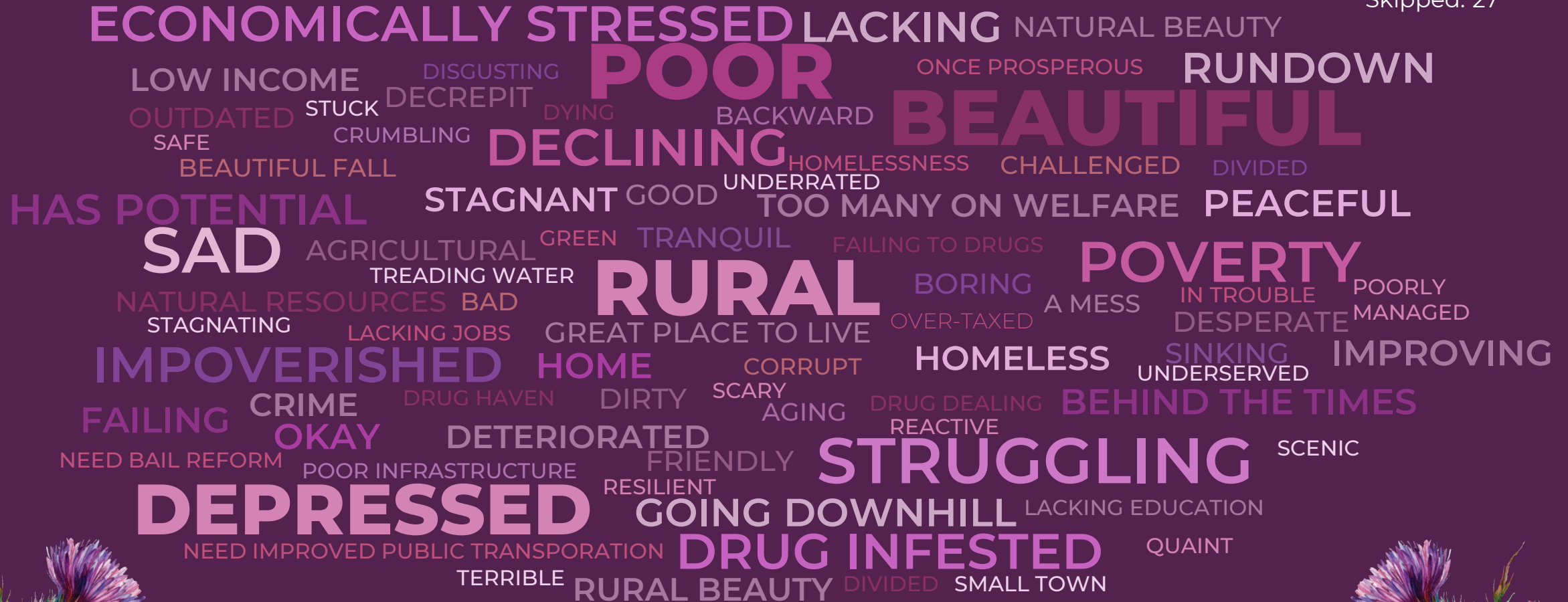
RESPONSE SUMMARY

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1. In one word or phrase, how would you describe Chenango County today?

Answered: 618

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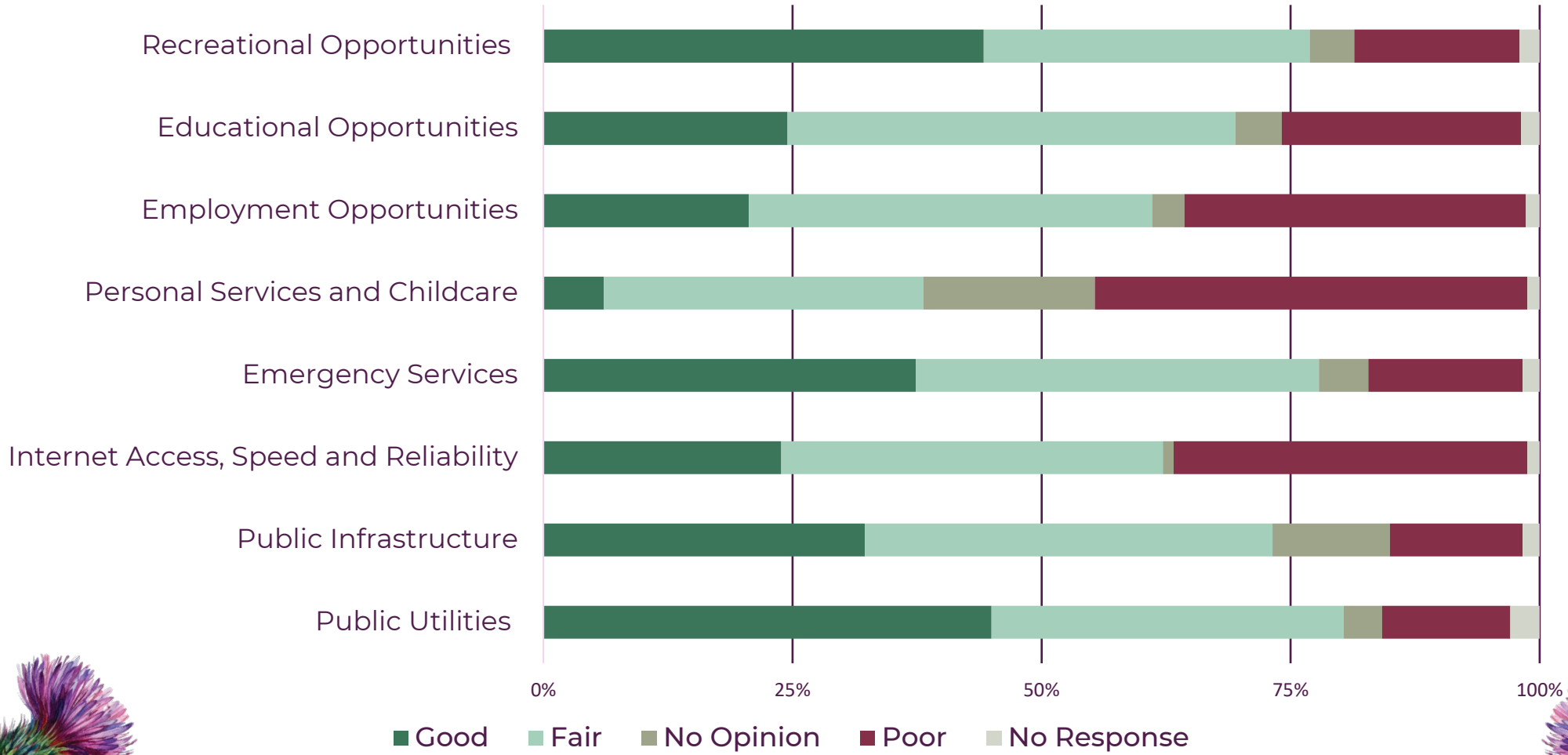
3. In my opinion the County's greatest weakness is...

Most common response themes :

- Drug use and addiction
- Poverty
- Homelessness
- Lack of resources
- Welfare
- Lack jobs/well paying jobs
- Crime
- Poor transportation infrastructure
- Unemployment
- Lack of quality & diverse employment opportunities
- Lack of drug treatment centers and resources
- Lack of resources for the homeless
- Lack of robust and comprehensive medical services
- Lack of mental health services
- Abundance of vacant and rundown houses and structures
- Lack of activities
- Lack of industry
- Failing to retain young professionals
- Lack of technology; internet services
- Lack of forward thinking
- Ineffective leadership



4. In my opinion, the availability and quality of the following community resources and infrastructure within the County is/are....



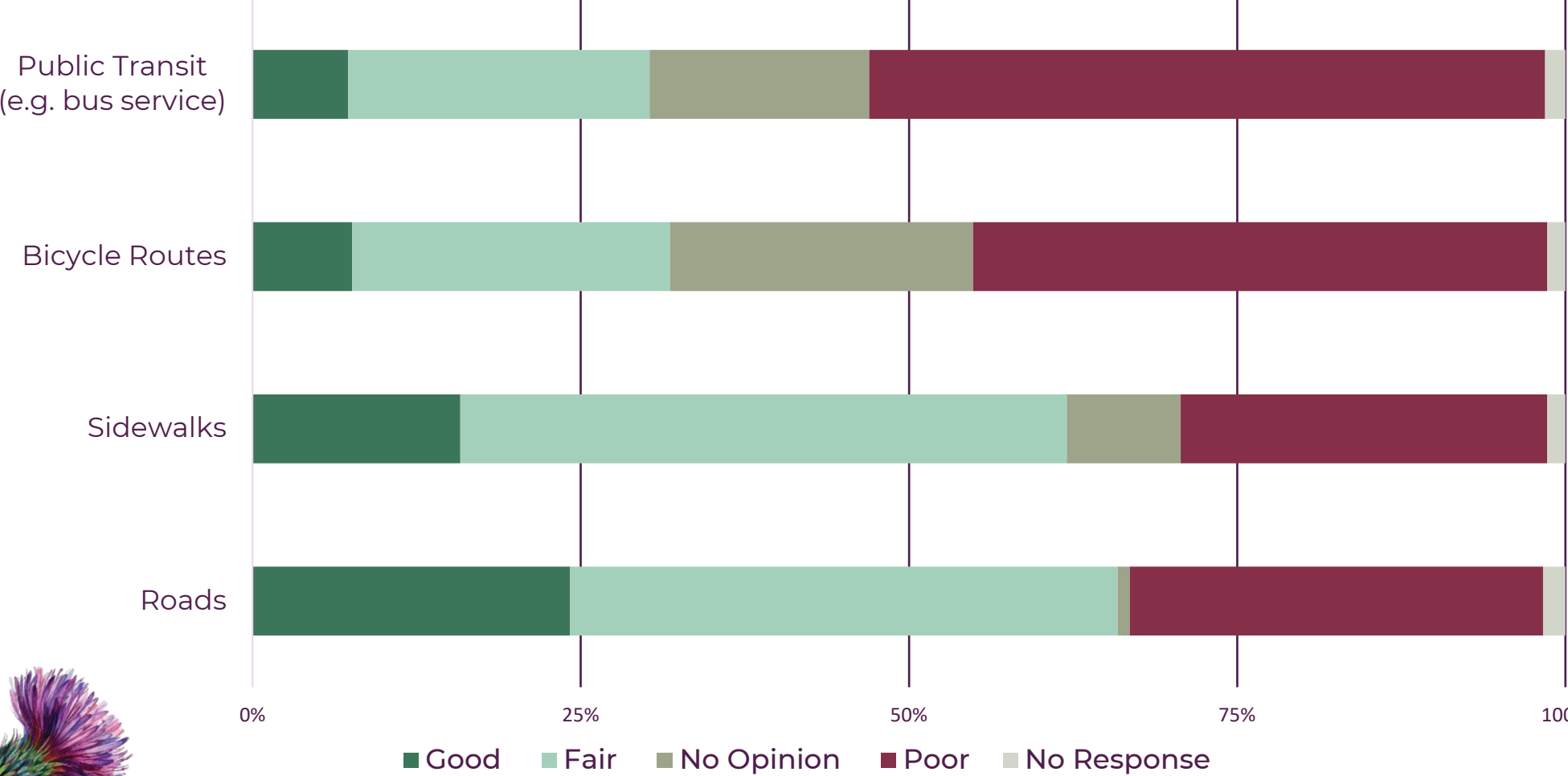
4. Any comments on the above ratings?

Most common response themes :

- Need more parks, trails, & other recreational activities & infrastructure
- Need interventions to break the cycle of poverty
- Must address public transportation quality & availability
- Need to improve quality & availability of internet services
- Must increase availability & quality of personal services, childcare etc.
- Expensive electricity; limited options for electricity water and gas
- Need to address lack of emergency services, fire, & ambulance
- Need more professional training & vocational programs
- Need for more activities and programs for young people
- Need to address crumbling infrastructure
- Need to increase number of safe spaces for children and families



5. I think the availability and quality of the following transportation options in the County is/are...



5. Any comments on the above ratings?

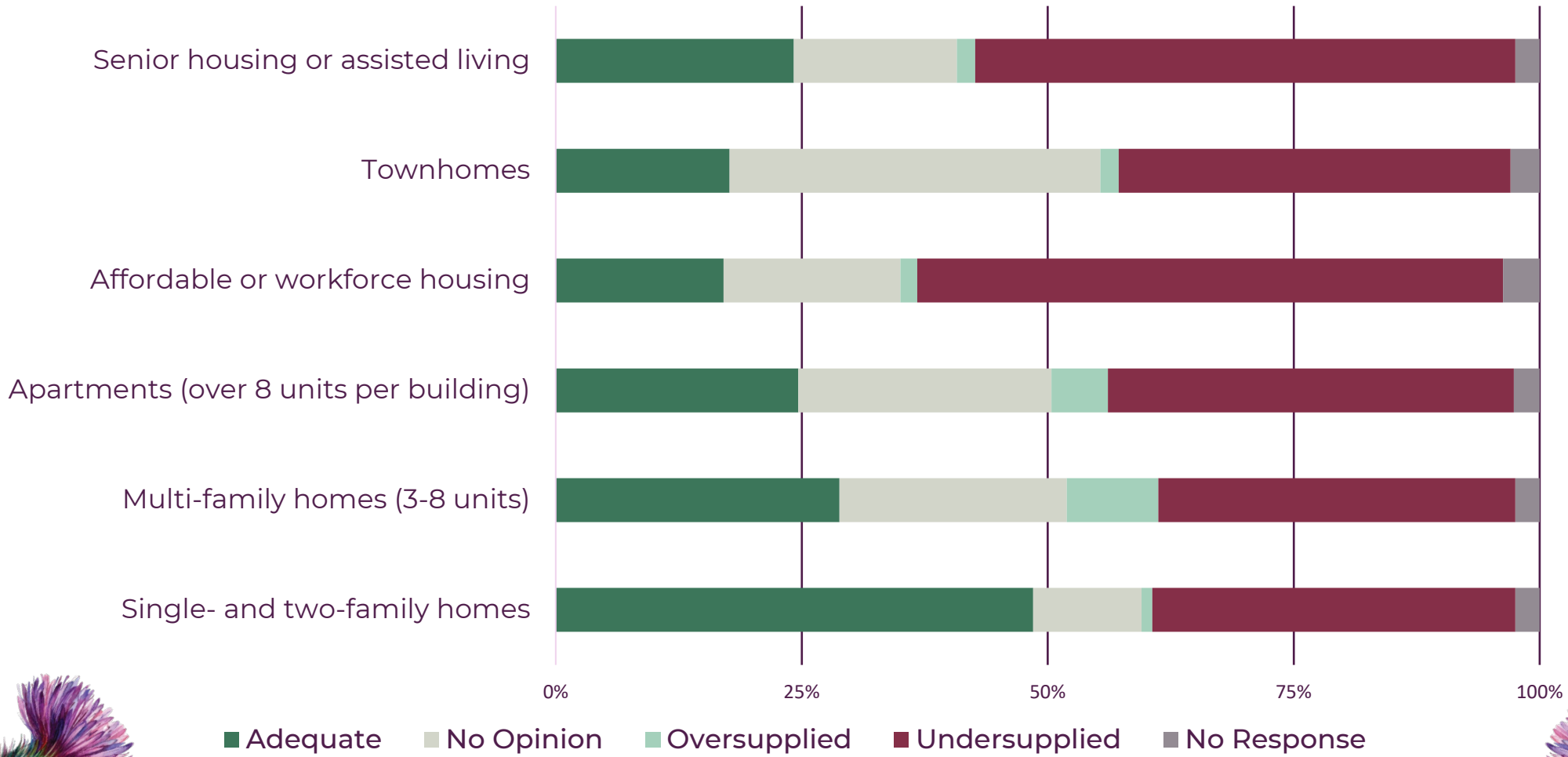
Most common response themes :

- Inadequate public transportation infrastructure
- Poor quality & maintenance of roads
- Need to revitalize rail traffic & heavy industry
- Lack of quality & diversity of transportation options
- Lack of pedestrian amenities & infrastructure
- Lack of bicycle amenities & infrastructure
- Sidewalk improvements needed to increase accessibility and ease for all persons
- Need increase in & affordability of medical transportation options
- Car centric design limits mobility of persons who do not own a car
- Opportunity for adaptive reuse of rail trail
- No comment



6. I think the following housing types within the County are...

Answered: 628
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6. Any comments on the above ratings?

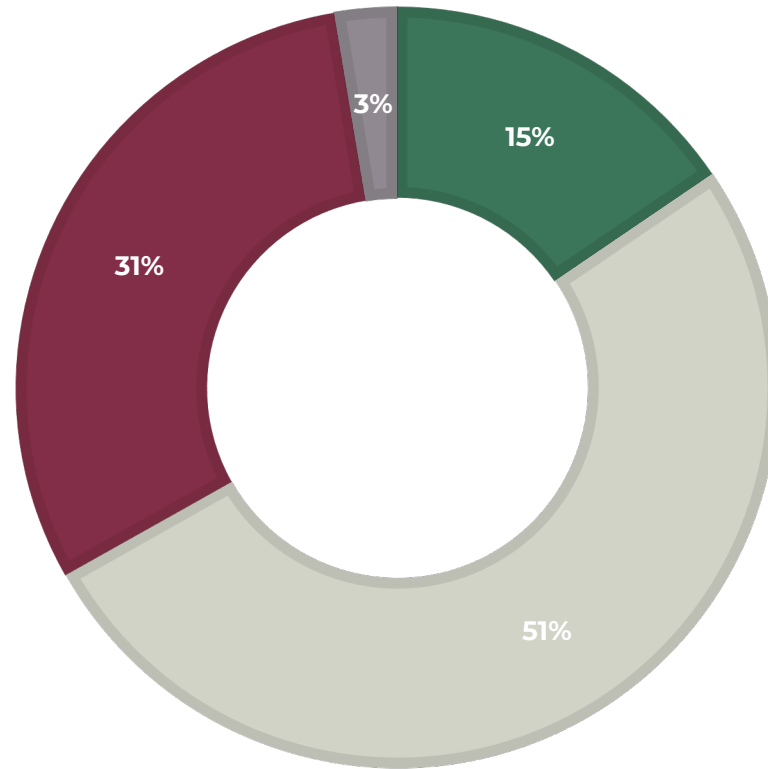
Most common response themes :

- Few nursing homes & assisted living housing available despite aging population
- Lack of subsidized housing options for seniors
- Lack of quality & availability of homes for existing and new residents
- Lack of quality & availability of affordable housing
- Need for consistent & effective code enforcement
- Need for increase in availability & quality of middle-income housing options
- Need for vacant & dilapidated housing to be updated, restored, & preserved
- Apartments that are not upkept
- Rent disproportionate to income
- Lack of regulation & accountability for landlords
- Housing interventions needed to help those suffering from homelessness, addiction, & mental health issues



7. How would you rate the overall quality of life in Chenango County?

Answered: 628
Skipped: 17



■ High ■ Neutral ■ Low ■ No Response



7. Why?

Pros :

- Natural beauty
- Rural lifestyle
- Quiet
- Affordability
- Lack of congestion
- Historic
- Hardworking people

Cons:

- Drug use and addiction
- Generational poverty
- Homelessness
- Lack of resources and interventions for addiction, homelessness and mental health issues
- Welfare
- Lack jobs/well paying jobs
- Crime
- Poor transportation infrastructure
- Unemployment
- Inadequate availability & quality of healthcare
- Lack of safe recreational opportunities for residents of all ages
- Inability to retain and integrate young professionals into the workforce
- Wealth disparities
- Lack of access to & quality of grocery stores, restaurants and other retail shops
- Declining schools
- High taxes
- Inadequate internet and cellular services
- Housing prices disproportionate to wages
- Inconsistent or absent code enforcement
- Ineffective leadership
- Overall decline in quality of life throughout residency
- Safety concerns
- Vacant & dilapidated houses, buildings, and structures
- Lack of availability & quality of affordable and senior housing
- Lack of retirement resources
- Lack of quality & availability of childcare
- Poor trash & litter management





Part 2. Chenango Tomorrow

RESPONSE SUMMARY

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8. In one word or phrase, how would you like to be able to describe Chenango County in the future?

Answered: 594
Skipped: 51





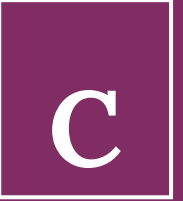
Answered: 514
Skipped: 131

9. In my opinion the County's greatest opportunity is...

Most common response themes :

- Recreational tourism
- People
- Natural resources
- Attracting & retaining businesses
- Agriculture
- Land for open space, greenspace, & potential development
- Education
- Young people
- Natural beauty
- Manufacturing
- Increasing quality employment opportunities
- Location
- Potential to develop rail trail
- Beauty
- Rural & Small-town living
- Growth potential
- Unsure
- Attracting & retaining new residents
- Renewable energy
- Vocational education
- Increasing quality & availability of housing
- Opportunities for community collaboration
- Peaceful





Answered: 587
Skipped: 58

10. In my opinion the County's greatest threat is...

Most common response themes :

- Drugs, drug use, drug addiction, drug related issues
- Crime
- Poverty
- Homelessness
- Welfare
- Resistance to change
- Lack of well-paying jobs
- Young professionals leaving the area
- Population decline
- Lack of education
- Over-taxation
- Deteriorating infrastructure
- Theft
- Violence
- Corruption
- Politicians
- Lack of housing
- Wind turbines
- Mental health epidemic
- Weak tax base
- Ineffective leadership
- Loss of businesses
- Bail reform
- Closemindedness





11. Select the TOP 3 community resources and services that are most important to you.

Answered: 632
Skipped: 13



11. Other please specify

Answered: 73
Skipped: 572

Most common response themes :

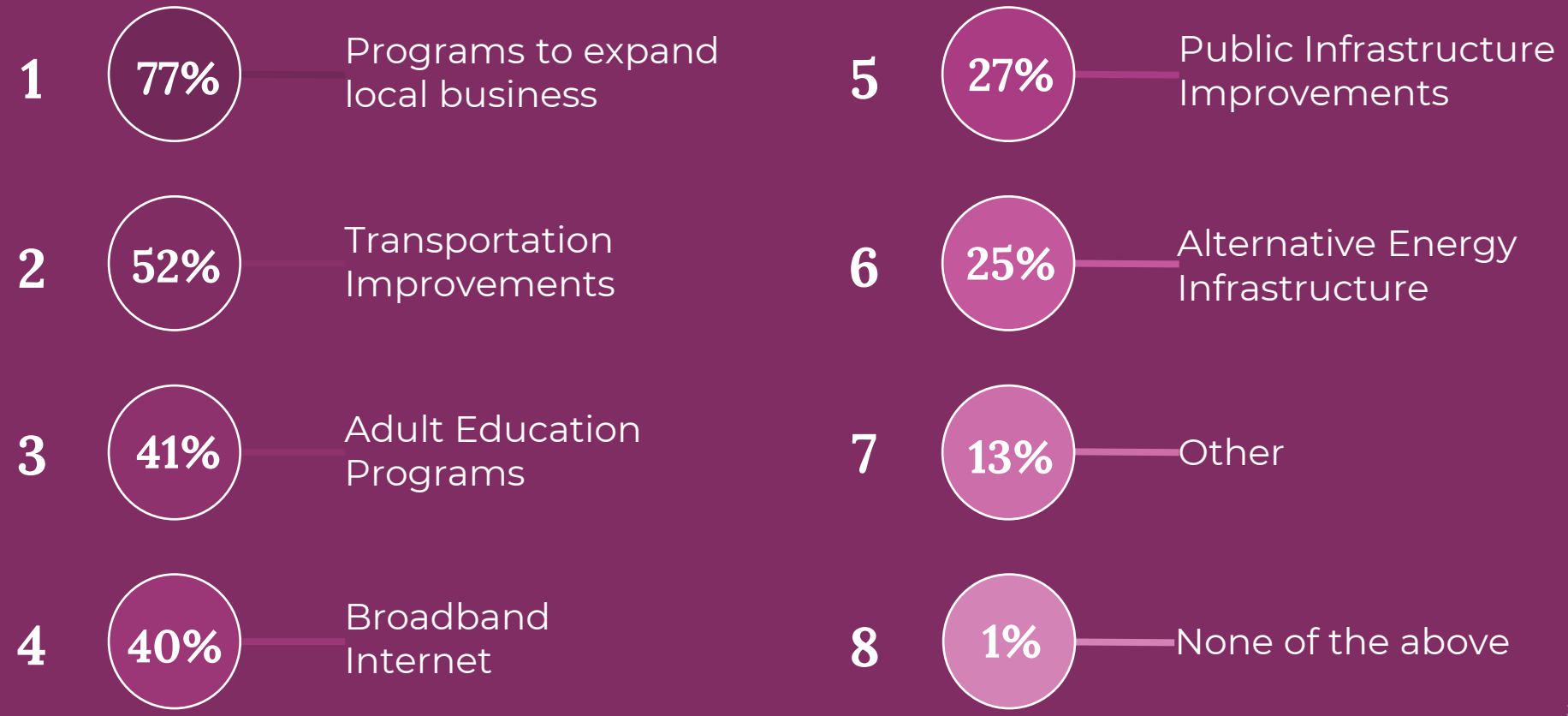
- Healthcare
- High speed internet & cellular coverage
- Transportation
- Services for seniors
- Senior housing, affordable housing, increased housing
- Childcare
- Code enforcement
- Increased religious opportunities
- Highway departments
- Need to incentivize small grocery stores, farmers markets and overall healthy local food options
- All are important
- Need for more accessible medical & mental health services
- Need for more medical specialist & specialized care
- Need for taxi & driving services





12. Select the TOP 3 economic development opportunities that you feel the County should invest in.

Answered: 631
Skipped: 14



12. Other please specify

Answered: 84
Skipped: 561

Most common response themes :

- Increase of businesses
- Recreation, ecotourism
- Housing
- Affordable housing
- Mental health facilities & services
- Tourism
- Activities for children & families
- Bike trails
- Adaptive reuse of existing rail trail
- Senior Housing
- Entrepreneurship
- Improve waste removal and waste management
- Local food production
- Land preservation
- Improved transportation; transportation for seniors
- Increase industry & manufacturing
- Education
- Effective drug rehabilitation





13. Thinking about the future of Chenango County, please select the TOP 6 goals that are most important to you.

Answered: 633
Skipped: 12

	Percentage	Goal
1	72%	Supporting local businesses
2	67%	Preserving natural resources
3	54%	Supporting agriculture
4	54%	Expanding local goods & services
5	51%	Improving transportation
6	45%	Increasing housing
7	44%	Expanding personal services & childcare
8	35%	Expanding recreational opportunities
9	34%	Expanding tourism opportunities
10	30%	Promoting sustainable development
11	25%	Improving public infrastructure
12	9%	Other
13	0.3%	I do not agree with these goals



13. Other please specify

Answered: 55
Skipped: 590

Most common response themes :

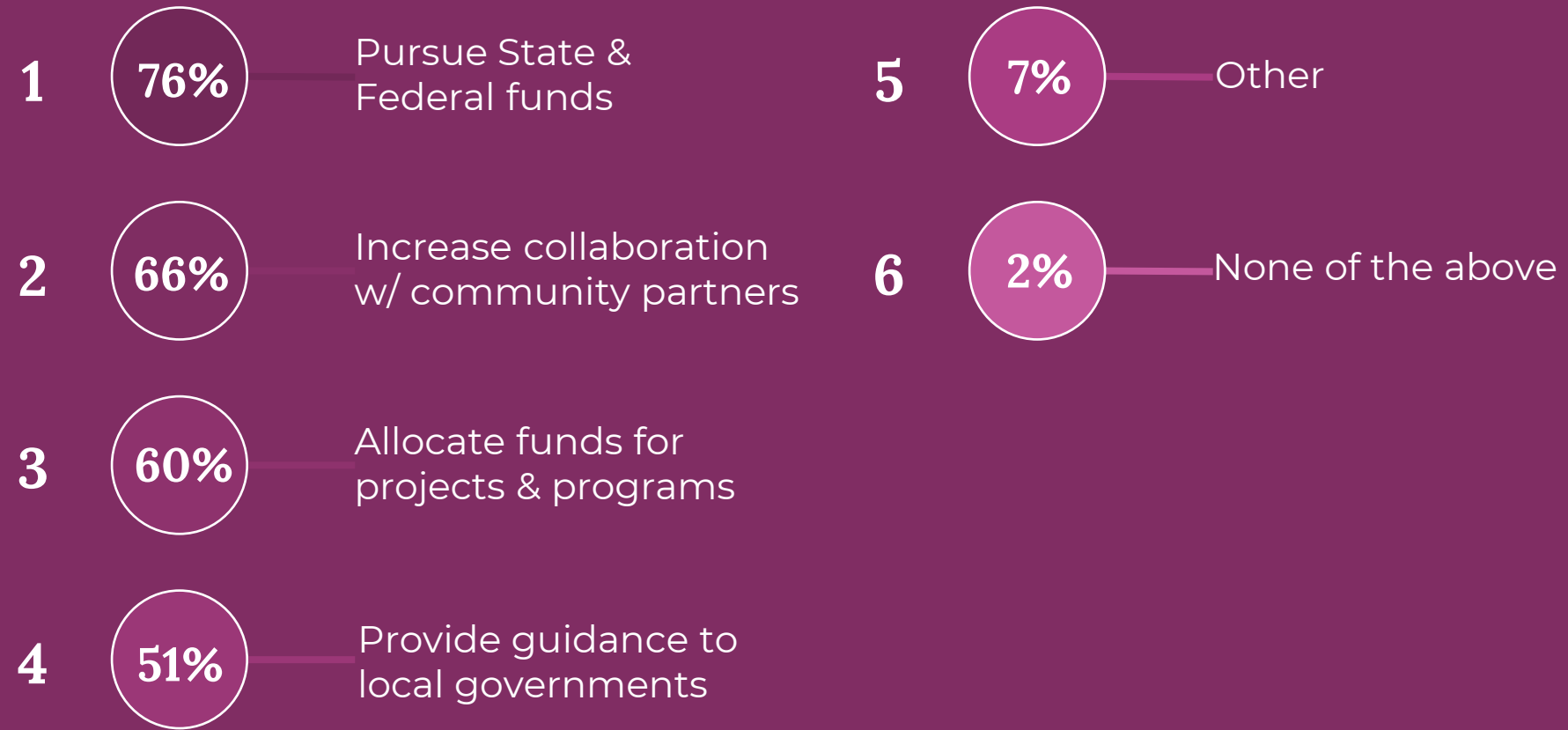
- Improve waste removal & management
- Effectively address drug and homelessness issues
- Increase access & quality of internet & cellular services
- Increase mental health facilities & services
- Establish more childcare options
- Bolster EMS infrastructure
- Promote walkability
- Reduce barriers to farm to table programs
- Increase number of tradesmen, vocational programs and skilled workforce
- Reduce taxes
- Improve schools
- Develop rail trail
- Senior housing
- Address littering





14. In what ways do you feel the County should pursue and support these goals?

Answered: 620
Skipped: 25



14. Other please specify

Answered: 44
Skipped: 601

Most common response themes :

- Create & leverage tax incentives and similar programs to increase business development; private investment
- Explore grant opportunities for funding programs & initiatives
- Increase education
- Mitigate crime
- Address vacant & derelict structures
- Increase public awareness & participation in this process
- Reduce barriers to facilitate four-wheeler & ATVs activities to promote tourism
- Transform County government structure to be more adaptive
- Consolidate services where appropriate
- Increase collaboration between municipalities
- Explore establishing work program opportunities within the County





15. Please share any additional thoughts you have on things this survey may have missed and/or your experience in and vision for Chenango County.

Answered: 189
Skipped: 456

Most common response themes :

- Poverty, crime, homelessness, & drug addition must be addressed in a constructive and effective way.
- There is a need for increased transparency of local government decisions and increased public participation within those processes.
- Children, families, and seniors need more safe and affordable recreational opportunities.
- Recreation should be developed in various and increased forms to promote tourism and support the economy.
- Residents desire an increase in the quality and number of commercial businesses, retail, grocery, restaurants, etc.
- Community services such as infrastructure, public transportation, internet, emergency services and medical care need to be improved.
- Make County government structure more effective.
- Action should be taken to increase climate resilience within the County
- Vacant buildings should be retrofitted to address the needs for more housing, and increased mental health, substance abuse, and homelessness services.
- Nature should be utilized to bolster tourism and recreational industry but must also be conserved and preserved.
- The county should emphasize its agricultural roots and history to increase cultural and recreational programming as well as tourism.
- Childcare and lack of activities for children and teenagers must be addressed.
- The amount and quality of jobs must be increased.
- Policies and spending must be leveraged in a proactive rather than a reactive manner.
- Opportunities to streamline and consolidate services
- Need for increased code enforcement.
- Need for policies addressing litter.



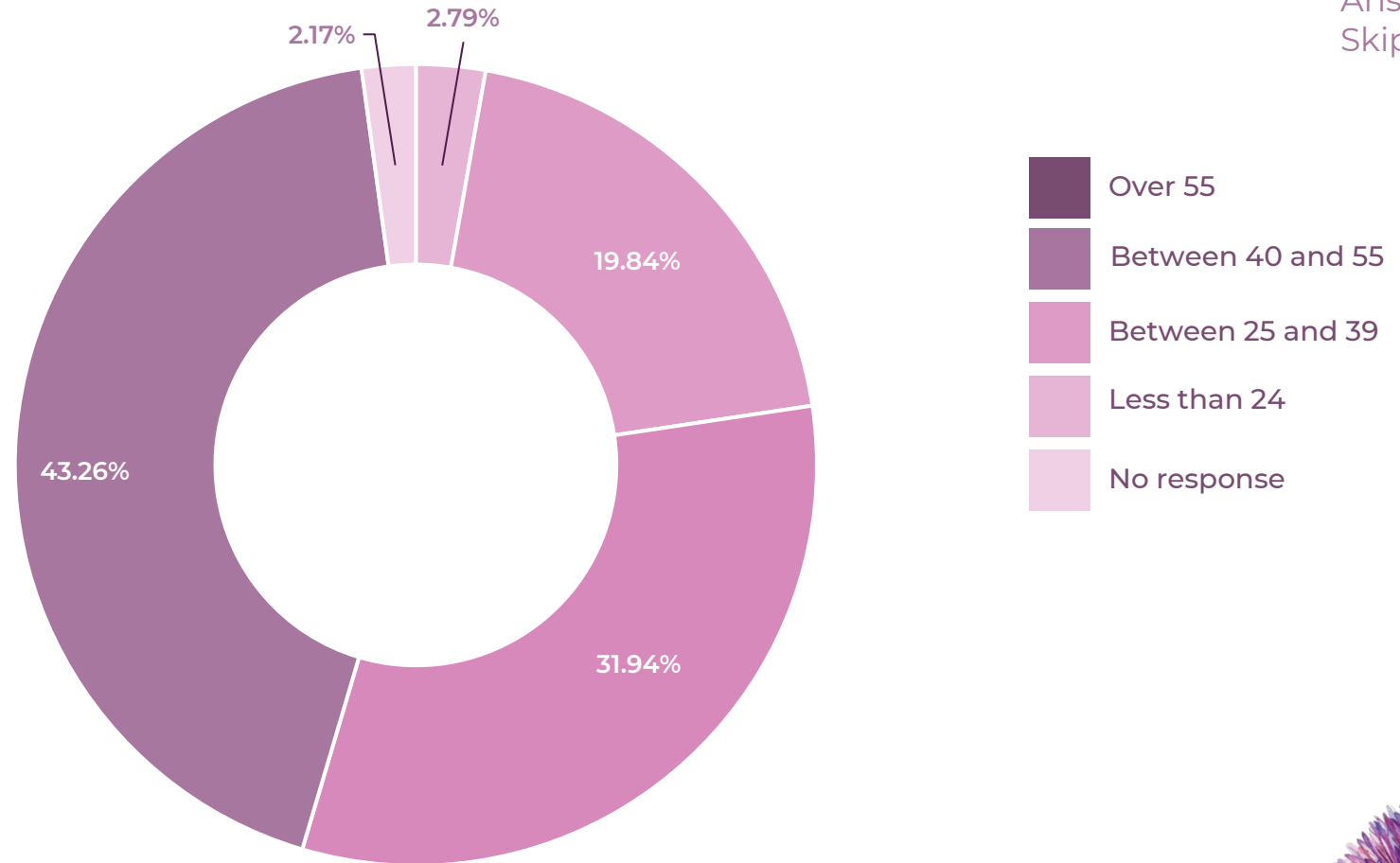


Part 3. About You

RESPONSE SUMMARY

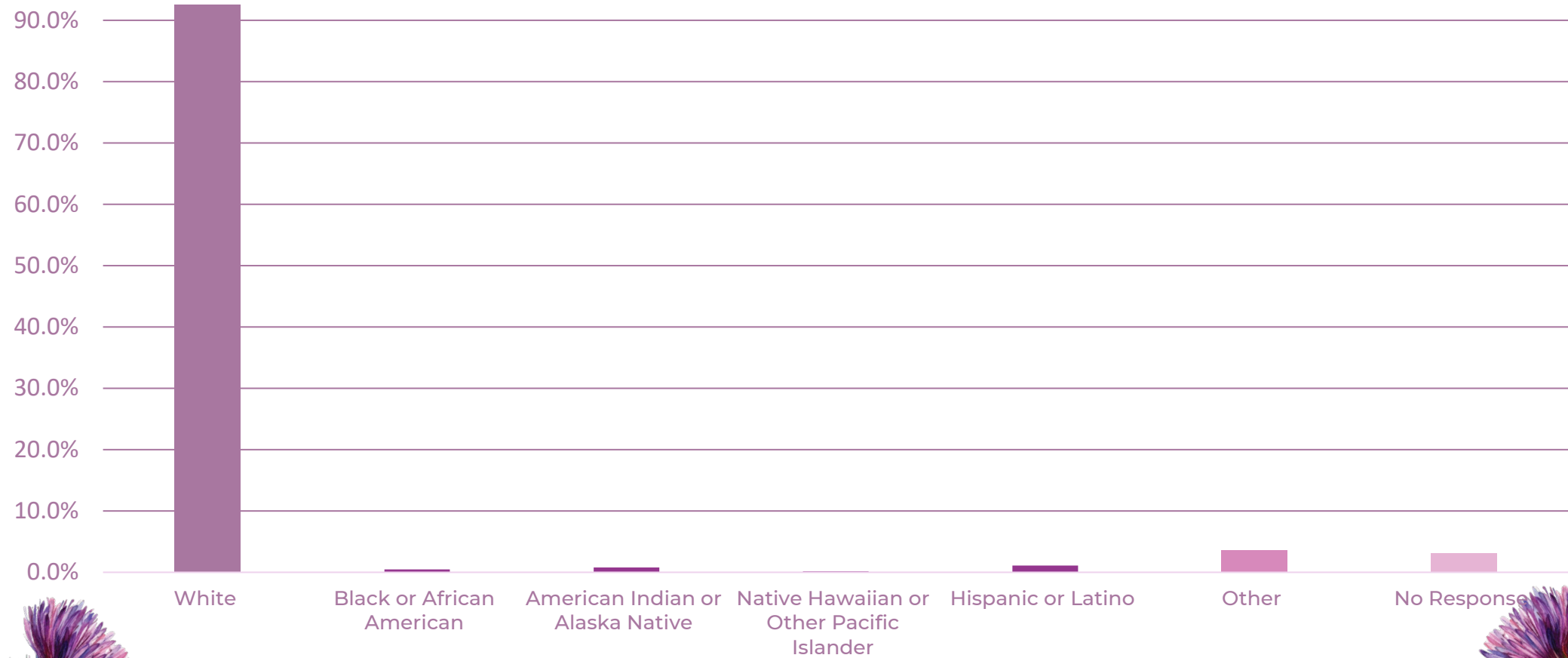
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16. Please select your age range:

Answered: 631
Skipped: 14

17. How would you describe yourself?

Answered: 625
Skipped: 20



17. Other please specify

Answered: 21
Skipped: 624

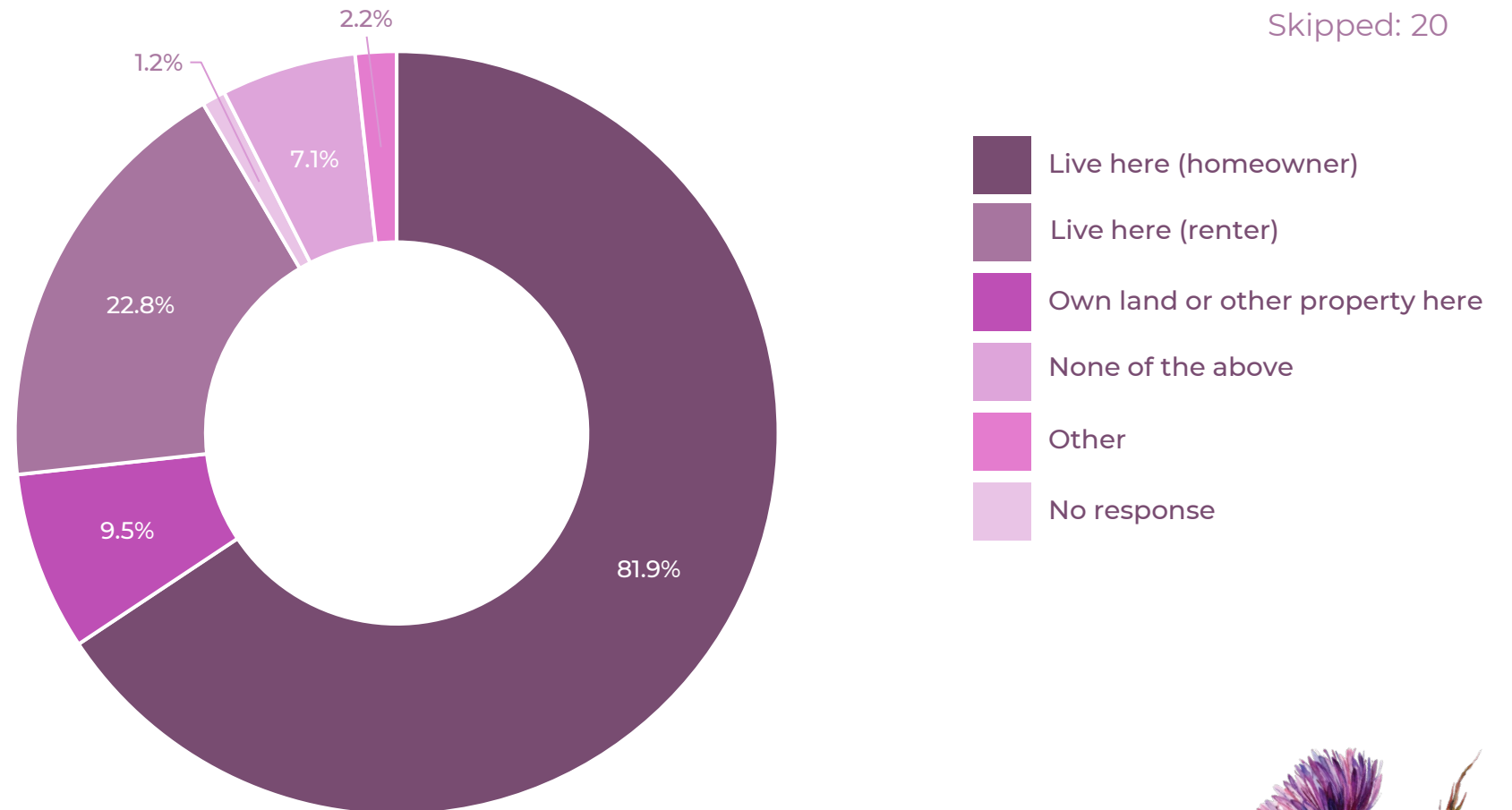
Answers:

- Prefer not to answer
- Mixed race
- Italian
- White with Iroquois relatives
- Caucasian/Asian



18. What is your interest in Chenango County?

Answered: 625
Skipped: 20



18. Other please specify

Answered: 42
Skipped: 603

Answers:

- I work here
- I am a former resident
- I have family/loved ones that live within the County
- I grew up here
- I own a business within the County
- I live just outside the County
- I shop in Chenango County
- I live here part-time
- I own a secondary residence within the County
- I have family that live just outside the County



19. Where do you live?

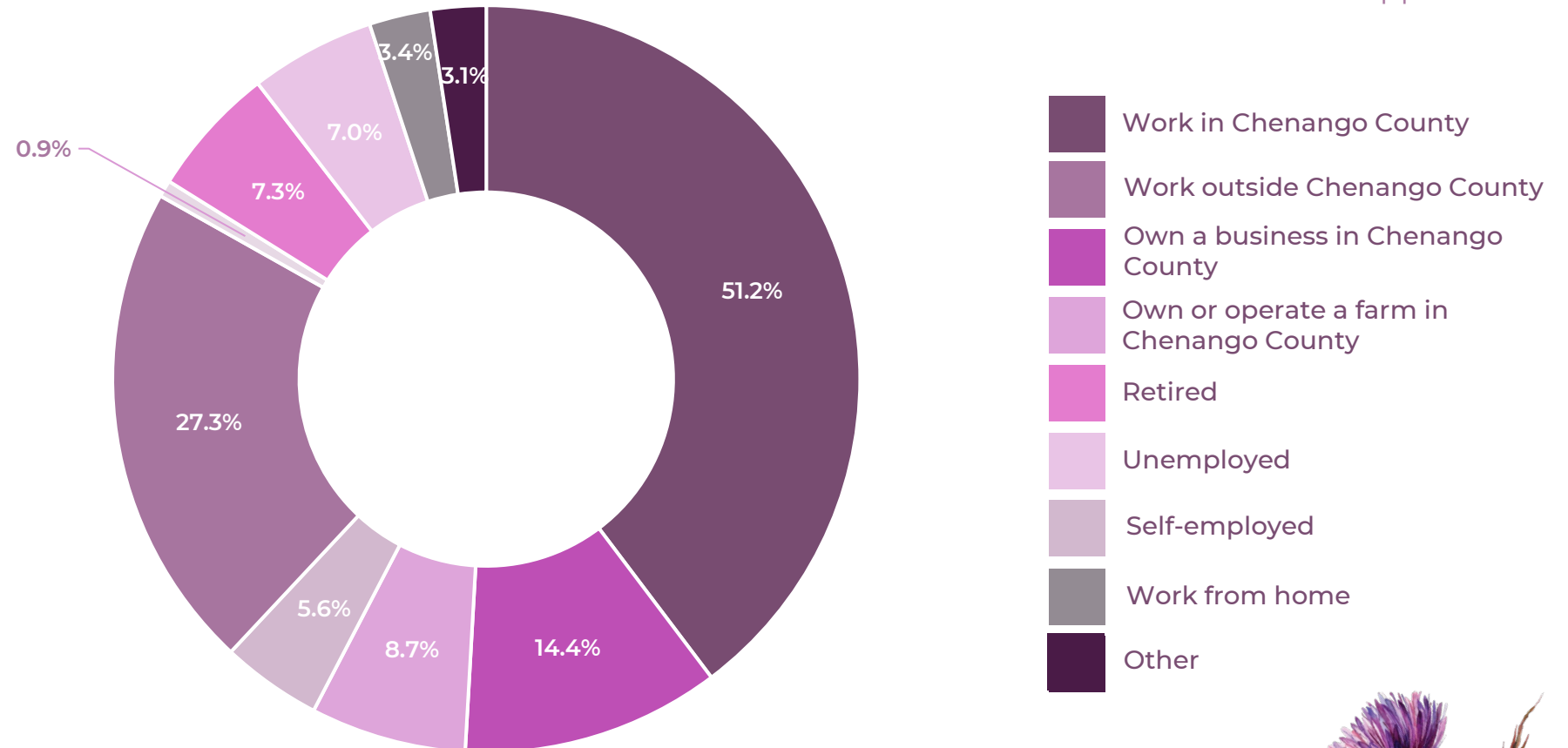
Answered: 616

Skipped: 29

%	Municipality	%	Municipality	%	Municipality
15%	City of Norwich	2.5%	Village of Bainbridge	1.5%	Village of Earlville
10%	Town of Norwich	2.5%	Town of Plymouth	1.4%	Village of Green
8%	Town of Guilford	2%	Town of Coventry	1.4%	Town of McDonough
6%	Town of Oxford	2%	Town of Otselic	1%	Town of Smyrna
5%	Town of Greene	2%	Town of Preston	1%	Town of Pitcher
5%	Town of New Berlin	2%	Village of New Berlin	1%	Town of German
4%	Town of Sherburne	2%	Village of Oxford	.5%	Town of Lincklaen
4%	Town of North Norwich	2%	Village of Sherburne	.5%	Town of Pharsalia
3%	Town of Smithville	1.5%	Town of Afton	.3%	Village of Smryna
3%	I do not live in Chenango County	1.5%	Village of Afton		
3%	Town of Bainbridge	1.5%	Town of Columbus		

20. What is your employment status?

Answered: 625
Skipped: 20



20. Other please specify

Answered: 21
Skipped: 624

Answers:

- Disabled
- Work in the County part-time
- Retired
- Retired but working part-time
- Small business owner
- Full-time student
- Stay at home parent within the County
- Children work in the County
- Used to work within the County





APPENDIX.

Detailed Results

**NOTE: COMMON RESPONSES HAVE
BEEN CONSOLIDATED WHERE
APPROPRIATE**

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1. In one word or phrase, how would you describe Chenango County?

Common Responses:

Rural	45	Sinking	3	In need of a few small repairs	1
Poor	42	Tranquil	3	In need of a food and energy plan.	1
Beautiful	38	Great place to raise a family	2		
Depressed	26	A lot of untapped potential	2	Lack of single individual accountability	1
Sad	19	A mess	2	landscapes	1
Struggling	19	Aging	2	limited opportunity	1
Poverty	13	Backward	2	Mainly low-income family's	1
Declining	11	Bad	2	Need more resources	1
Impoverished	11	Beautiful fall	2	Needing to find an identity	1
Lacking	10	Challenged	2	No jobs	1
Rundown	10	Corrupt	2	Room for improvement and updates.	1
Going downhill	8	Crumbling	2	Underutilized	1
Behind the times	7	Crumbling infrastructure	2	Vacant buildings	1
Failing	7	Disgusting	2	Rich in history	1
Home	7	Divided	2	Desert	1
Okay	7	Drug dealing	2	A drug selling hub	1
Drug infested	6	Drug haven	2		
Economically depressed	6	Dying	2	A few people doing a lot and most people complaining	1
Drug-ridden	5	Economically stressed	2	A great place to work.	1
Homeless	5	Failing to drugs	2		
Peaceful	5	Green	2	a lack of younger leaders that don't get listened to.	1
Stagnant	5	Homelessness	2	A nice quiet place to live	1
Too many drugs	5	In trouble	2	A wasted opportunity	1
Very poor	5	Lacking education	2	A work in progress	1
Too many on welfare	4	Lacking jobs	2	Addiction issues	1
Crime	4	Need bail reform	2	Addicts	1
Deteriorated	4	Need improved public transportation	2	Adequate	1
Drug addicts	4	Needs improvement	2	Alarming	1
Drug problem	4	Neglected	2		
Has potential	4	Once prosperous	2	Americana	1
Improving	4	Over taxed	2	Appalachia	1
Low income	4	Overrun with homeless	2	At risk	1
Potential	4	Poorly managed	2	Average	1
Rural beauty	4	Quaint	2	Awesome	1
Underdeveloped	4	Reactive	2	Bad shape	1
Agricultural	3	Resilient	2	Barren wasteland	1
Depressed area	3	Safe	2	Beat	1
Friendly people	3	Scary	2	Beautiful place to grow up	1
Boring	3	Scenic	2	Behind in technology	1
decrepit	3	Small town	2	Better than Broome, Delaware and Otsego County's.	1
Desperate	3	Stagnating	2	Broke	1
Dilapidated	3	Stuck in the past	2	Broken	1
Dirty	3	Terrible	2	Bucolic	1
Full of drugs	3	Treading Water	2	calming	1
good	3	Troubled	2		
Great place to live	3	Trying to revive	2	Chaos	1
Natural Beauty	3	Underrated	2	Circling the drain	1
Natural resources	3	Underserved	2	Close knit	1
Outdated	3	Financially depressed	1	Comfortable	1
Poverty-stricken	3	In decline	1	Coming back to life	1

2. In my opinion the County's greatest strength is...

Common Responses:

Its people	53	County life	3	Drugs	
Natural beauty	46	Natural Spaces	3	ecological beauty and diversity	1
Community	33	Peaceful	3	Economic development	1
Beauty	23	Quiet	3	Education....DCMO BOCES being located in the county as the premier provider of cool services	1
Agriculture	22	taking care of the needs of the elderly	3	Environment opportunity	1
Natural Resources	19	Art community	3	Community Resources	1
Location	17	The workforce and retirees	3	fairly clean	1
small town feel	15	Community organizations	3	Families	1
Nature	15	Woods	3	Families with several generations still here	1
Land	13	Recreational resources	2	farmers	1
Local farms	11	Determined few	2	finances	1
Nothing	11	Cheap housing	2	Fiscal strength	1
Beautiful	10	Community events	2	Friends	1
caring people	10	Dairy	2	Generations of families that continue to reside here.	1
Landscape	10	Environmental beauty	2	Geography	1
Environment	9	Farm community	2	great living conditions	1
I don't know	9	Farmers Markets	2	green space	1
Sense of community	9	Farming	2	Greenery	1
Community involvement	7	Friendliness	2	Handing out grant \$ and financial aid	1
History	7	healthy environment.	2	hard pressed to find one	1
It's rural	7	Norwich	2	Having strong emotions about things they are passionate about.	1
Rural beauty	7	Not much	2	How people band together in times of need	1
A few large employers	6	Route 12 Traffic	2	I cant say it has one to be honest.	1
Open Space	6	School Systems	2	independent lifestyle	1
Opportunities for improvement.	6	tourism	2	Industrious people	1
clean water	5	Walmart	2	Industry	1
Beautiful Landscape	5	agricultural heritage	2	its diverse population	1
Hardworking people	5	Climate resilience	2	its employable population.	1
Hills	5	Their schools	2	Its largest businesses	1
low population density	5	proximity to bigger cities but not influenced by them.	1	its quality of life	1
Rivers	5	character of its villages	1	It's residents	1
Rural atmosphere	5	children.	1	Its scenery	1
Small communities	5	fresh foods	1	it's self employed businesses and people	1
State lands	5	great location for events	1	leadership	1
The countryside	5	Native American history	1	Local family businesses	1
Safe	5	Plentiful water	1	Looking forward,temperature,water,,	
Potential	5	utilities, police and fire	1	Low crime.	1
rural areas	4	wooded areas, etc.	1	Manufacturing and the quaint townships that are in Chenango County.	1
Outdoor Opportunities	4	adaptability	1	many good leaders	1
Preserved landscapes	4	Agriculture potential	1	Military	1
Scenery	4	Area businesses	1	Multiple seasons	1
Small business	4	Being represented in Albany	1	Parks	1
Young people	4	Bringing new development in and ideas	1	northeast classic car museum	1
Low cost of living	4	bucolic	1	Not overly regulated.	1
Natural surroundings	3	Businesses	1	Only one direction to go	1
rural setting	3	Chobani sponsored events	1	our local businesses	1
Can't really think of any	3	Commitment to children	1		
Churches	3	Compassion	1		

3. In my opinion, the County's greatest weakness is... Common Responses:

Drugs	76	Lack of engaging young people into workforce	4	Affordable Healthcare	1
Poverty	47	Technology	3	Weak government	1
Homeless	26	Infrastructure	3	Very old infrastructure	1
Homelessness	22	Weak tax base	3	unwelcoming attitudes	1
Lack of resources	22	Lack of infrastructure	3	Under utilization of community assets by individuals in power	1
It's leadership	17	Lack of economic opportunity	3	Unable to take care of the elders	1
Lack of employment opportunities	16	Bail reform	3	Tourism	1
Welfare	15	lack of new businesses	2	Too slow in getting anything done	1
Drug addiction	15	Lack of local jobs	2	lack of professionalism	1
Lack of Well paying jobs	14	things to do	2	The will to bring in new business to the area	1
Lack of jobs	13	the people	2	parking lots	1
Crime	13	Lack of acceptance in general	2	The remote rural landscape	1
Lack of housing	13	Population loss	2	The political ideologies	1
Lack of mental health resources	11	Inadequate public transportation	2	The large income disparity between residents.	1
drug epidemic	9	Not addressing drug problem	2	The lack of diverse jobs	1
Drug problems	9	Not addressing homelessness	2	The lack of commitment by its citizens	1
Transportation infrastructure	8	No forward thinking	2	The lack of care within the school districts	1
Poor road infrastructure	8	Limited economic opportunity.	2	property taxes	1
Lack of services	8	Lack of zoning	2	crime	1
Lack of businesses	8	lack of affordable childcare	2	the mindless buildout of wind energy	1
drug abuse	7	Lack of foresight	2	the Amount of trash all over the road sides	1
Unemployment	7	Lack of development	2	The disrespect of people who have become selfish, self centered and greedy - it's not the county	1
Lack of drug treatment resources	7	Lack of (you name it)	2	the broader NYS government	1
Drug use	7	A lack of a vision	2	classism	1
Lack of internet & cellular	7	High taxes	2	the harshness and cruelty that people who use drugs are met with,	1
Lack of opportunity	6	population decline	2	No workforce development opportunities for unskilled workers.	1
Lack of resources for homeless	6	not taking care of the marginalized	2	Like the people who have a run of bad luck and can't get any assistance because they make more than is allowed... and the more than is allowed is so low I don't know how anyone could live on it.	1
its weak economy	6	Low wages	2	Taxes	1
Lack of affordable housing	6	Losing fire departments and EMS	2	Stuck in the past mindset	1
lack of robust medical services	5	Lack of social services	2	stagnant	1
Drug dealers	5	lack of access to services	2	spending way too much money on decorative upgrades.	1
Resistance to change	5	Lack of an interstate and operating rail line.	2	Small population	1
Low education	5	poor healthcare	2	Size	1
Poor planning	5	Conservatism	2	Short sightedness	1
Loss of businesses	5	Addiction, and lack of services for treatment	2	Self-awareness	1
economy	4	healthy food	2	salaries	1
Vacant & rundown houses	4	low income	2	Run down buildings	1
Lack of activities	4	No money	2	road crows	1
lack of medical specialists	4	No manufacturer work	2	vagrancy	1
Lack of industry	4	Lack of senior services	2	retaining its residents	1
Lack of engaging young people into workforce	4	Lack of law enforcement	2	Lack of support	1
Technology	3	Outdated	2		
Infrastructure	3	Workforce lacks necessary skills to obtain jobs in local industry	1		

4. In my opinion, the availability and quality of the following community resources and infrastructure within the County is/are...

Rating	Public Utilities	Public Infrastructure	Internet Access, Speed and Reliability	Emergency Services	Personal Services and Childcare	Employment Opportunities	Educational Opportunities	Recreational Opportunities
Good	44.96%	32.25%	23.88%	37.36%	6.05%	20.62%	24.50%	44.19%
Fair	35.35%	40.93%	38.29%	40.47%	32.09%	40.47%	44.96%	32.71%
No Opinion	3.88%	11.78%	1.09%	4.96%	17.21%	3.26%	4.65%	4.50%
Poor	12.87%	13.33%	35.50%	15.50%	43.41%	34.26%	24.03%	16.59%
No Response	2.95%	1.71%	1.24%	1.71%	1.24%	1.40%	1.86%	2.02%

4. Any comments on the above ratings?

Common Responses:

Need improved internet	15	Need to be family friendly	1
Need more choices for utilities	15	We are a rural community some opportunities are traded for other qualities of life.	1
No	12	Need improved internet	1
Need more/better jobs within the County	10	Need improved internet and cell service infrastructure	1
Need more childcare services	10	This community needs to catch up in many areas to other surrounding communities	1
Need more things to do	7	The problem is not that there aren't services	1
Need improved utilities	7	Things could improve a lot, but id hate to lose our rural nature	1
Infrastructure is crumbling	6	Things are tougher in rural areas	1
we need more trails, both walking and biking; too much land is restricted; need land trusts	6	Lack of activities	1
We need to capitalize more on our recreational resources.	5	There is room to improve	1
Need better transportation	4	Creating a more vibrant downtown, fairground area,	1
Poor roads	4	There is no choice for electric and most of the county does not have natural gas available.	1
Emergency services should be paid	4	There is a lack of paid EMS personal and fire fighters.	1
Need better mental health services	4	The rural nature of the county makes the good rating hard for any of the above.	1
We also need to increase our opportunities for higher education in the County	4	The lack of new natural gas services makes manufacturing difficult. Ironic considering vast deposits of natural gas in the county.	1
Need more continuing education/training opportunities	4	The future leaders are our children. Have we really created the environment that excites them to stay here	1
None	3	The county needs a rail trail	1
Emergency services need improvement	3	need more childcare services	1
Unsafe/unsanitary parks	3	Still hoping for the development of the rail-trail through the center of our county	1
We need to attract more businesses	2	Small fire departments need help smaller towns need better resources	1
We need more medical services	2	significant differences between Norwich and rest of the county	1
Need extracurricular programming for children, teens	2	Rural areas need reliable high speed Internet access	1
Needs much more recreational activity to promote healthy community	2	drugs	1
Need more/better jobs within the County	2	road pavement Maintenance poor seasonal plowing fair	1
we definitely need more areas where people can enjoy nature	1	Retired	1
Would like public money spent on improving the Country	1	Possible rails to trails at some point	1
Would be nice to see the parks and certain walking/biking trails updated because this county doesn't have many to begin with	1	Poor	1
We need more investment in our communities.	1	Perspective of Greene Village resident	1
We need more family spaces	1	Public waste cans	1
We need more activities for young children	1	People, after graduating from High School, go to college or move away from the county	1
Need to address homelessness	1	Parks are excellent!	1
We have to drive to Binghamton area for quality food store and retail businesses. We fly out of the Albany Airport.	1	New internet system in Sherburne is good, recent repairs in Norwich are good also.	1
we could always use more personal services	1	needs updating	1

5. I think the availability and quality of the following transportation options in the County is/are...

Rating	Roads	Sidewalks	Bicycle Routes	Public Transit (e.g. bus service)
Good	24.19%	15.81%	7.60%	7.29%
Fair	41.71%	46.20%	24.19%	22.95%
No Opinion	0.93%	8.68%	23.10%	16.74%
Poor	31.47%	27.91%	43.72%	51.47%
No Response	1.71%	1.40%	1.40%	1.55%

5. Any comments on the above ratings?

Common Responses:

Access, frequency, connectivity, reliability, and quality of public transportation should be improved	51
Road and street infrastructure need improvement	35
Access, safety, and quality of on and off road bicycle and pedestrian trails, routes and lanes should be improved	33
Absent/poor quality sidewalks is an issue	16
No	11
Lack of reliable taxi or ride share service	6
Need increased reliable transportation options for seniors and persons with disabilities	6
Rail road should be improved and utilized	4
I do not use the bus service, so I have no reference.	4
Unused rail roads should be converted to bike and pedestrian trails	3
I or someone I know has experienced damage to their vehicles because of the roads	3
I am seeing progress in road and street infrastructure	3
We have beautiful scenic landscape	2
The drug and homelessness epidemic should be addressed	2
Our rural environment make these difficult	2
road lighting should improve	2
I love appreciate the buses that currently have routes in the county, they are just poorly advertised.	2
We need inventive solutions and not to compare our services to that of urban communities.	1
There aren't many options in terms of Uber or cabs. Unsure of their safety and reliability but they appear questionable if you can find one.	1
significant lack of affordable quality housing	1
Should be more options for folks who live out of town/city	1
Good to have an airport even though I'm not likely to use it.	1

6. I think the following housing types within the County are...

Rating	Single- and two-family homes	Multi-family homes (3-8 units)	Apartments (over 8 units per building)	Affordable or workforce housing	Townhomes	Senior housing or assisted living
Adequate	48.53%	28.84%	24.65%	17.05%	17.67%	24.19%
No Opinion	11.01%	23.10%	25.74%	17.98%	37.67%	16.59%
Oversupplied	1.09%	9.30%	5.74%	1.71%	1.86%	1.86%
Undersupplied	36.90%	36.28%	41.24%	59.53%	39.84%	54.88%
No Response	2.48%	2.48%	2.64%	3.72%	2.95%	2.48%

6. Any comments on the above ratings?

Common Responses:

Need more quality, affordable, senior housing and residential care facilities and in-home options	24
We need more quality affordable housing options	24
No	18
There is an undersupply of quality housing options of all types and price ranges	16
There is inadequate or unaffordable housing options for middle income individuals and young families	14
Too many homes that are rundown, abandoned, or in disrepair	13
Rent is not affordable	12
Code enforcement for apartments needs to improve	8
No opinion	8
Apartments are not maintained	5
the need for subsidized housing and assisted is huge.	4
Absentee landlords are a problem	4
Too many apartments	3
Poverty	2
We need updated apartment complexes/townhomes	2
Need more quality, affordable housing options for persons with disabilities	2
homeless shelters with services	2
we need to attract a demographic that would improve the socioeconomic profile	1
unsure	1
There is a desperate need need for safe and well maintained subsidized housing.	1
Quality of homes for the price, is very high for this area - a major selling point. That's what got my family to move here!	1
People can build their own homes like civil action always has, no need for the government to stick their wasteful noses in this matter.	1
need drug rehab and need non-acute care wing at hospital with rehab.	1
Multi-family and townhome proformas dont work in this geography.	1
Incentivize people making improvements rather than punish with increased taxes	1
I'm interested in taking advantage of the NYS grant to build a tiny home on my land for her to rent from me. To my knowledge, the program is not currently available in Chenango County	1
There is a need for workforce housing	1

7. How would you rate the overall quality of life in Chenango County?

Rating	Count
High	15.50%
Neutral	51.32%
Low	30.54%
No Response	2.64%

7. Why?

Common Responses:

Homelessness	14
Drug epidemic	13
Need more quality employment options	9
Poverty	6
Need better recreational services	4
Low cost of living	4
Crime	3
Welfare abuse	3
variable quality of life	3
Low wages	3
Rundown properties	3
need more businesses	2
Inadequate senior healthcare	2
Have to travel far for services, such as healthcare and recreation such as restaurants	2
Lack of cell service and internet	2
Poor/low quality of life	2
Need more quality and affordable housing	2
Schools are struggling to retain teachers	2
The natural environment	2
not a lot of opportunities	1
drawing people to open business and restaurants.	1
good school systems and natural resources,	1
agriculture, especially small farm agriculture, is being pushed aside for other more profitable things like housing for downstaters who appreciate the beauty of the area - but demand big city resources, putting a drain on the resources.	1
limited culture	1
Limited education opportunities	1
Limited opportuniteis	1
Low affordability	1
resources spread thin	1
manufacturers left	1
Now that I've been here for 13 years, I plan on leaving soon and moving to albany.	1
Run down housing	1
better access to groceries in the Greene area especially.	1
We need community centers, cultural centers	1
We need better services	1
We love it here- nice people and beautiful area	1

8. In one word or phrase, how would you like to be able to describe Chenango County in the future?

Common Responses:

Thriving	45	Hidden gem	4
Safe	33	A place that embraces it's history	4
Prosperous	33	Proactive	4
Vibrant	23	Improved employment opportunities	4
Progressive	21	Better retail shopping, grocery shopping, restaurants	4
A great place to live	16	with great roads	3
Clean	14	Supported	3
Beautiful	14	Optimistic	3
A great place to raise a family	13	Low crime rate	3
Welcoming	12	inclusive	3
Flourishing	11	charming	3
Rural living	10	Attractive	3
Full of opportunities for all	9	more farms	3
Growing	8	plenty of mental health resources	3
A nice place to live	8	A tourism destination for outdoor recreation.	3
Forward thinking	8	A great small town	3
Quaint	8	Transforming	3
Hopeful	7	Educated	3
Peaceful	7	Green	3
More small business	7	Decreased food miles	3
Changing	7	Stagnant	2
Thriving economically	7	Liveable	2
Booming	7	Inviting	2
Tourist destination	6	opportunities for families currently and in the future.	2
Sustainable	6	Community	2
A beautiful place to live	6	bright	2
Diverse	6	Better	2
Same	6	accepting new people makes everything better.	2
Supportive	5	affordable housing.	2
Stable	5	A safe place to work	2
Improving	5	Improved recreational opportunities	2
Home	5	Litter free	2
Drug free	5	wonderful	2
Affordable	5	Nice place to visit.	2
Healthy	5	lots of good paying jobs.	2
Modern	5	Energized	2
Potential	5	Better interconnection	2
accessible	5	I hope to see a place where young people would like to live.	2
up and coming	4	Good schools	2
Rural	4	Proud	2
Natural Beauty	4	Community Driven	2
Drug problems mitigated	4	All the people are gainfully employed	2
Growth	4	Bustling	2
great	4	eco-tourism	2
Family friendly small town	4	attractive dining options	2
A safe place to live	4	Agrotourism	2
Homeless problem mitigated	4	Self sufficient	2

9. In my opinion the County's greatest opportunity is...

Common Responses:

Recreational tourism	27	To help business opportunities grow	3
People	23	To help homeless	3
natural resources	21	Solar energy	3
Attracting businesses	20	New people	3
Agriculture	16	we could be a meca for outdoor activities	3
Outdoor recreation	16	Vocational education	3
Land	15	Increasing housing stock	3
Education	12	Working together	3
Young people	11	Peaceful living	3
The natural beauty	11	Jobs available	3
Open space	9	Remote workforce	3
manufacturing	8	Cleaning up the Drug problem	3
Increasing quality job opportunities	8	To clean it up	3
Location	7	Economic development	3
Rail trail	7	Growth	3
Beauty	7	affordable	3
Small town living	7	potential	3
growth	6	the fact that there is cheap houses	2
Nature	6	Scenery	2
Industry	6	Community events	2
Quiet	6	Opportunities for affordable housing	2
Increasing work opportunities	6	factory jobs	2
the development of a rail trail	5	Tech companies	2
its beautiful landscape	5	Agribusiness	2
Rural beauty	5	Improving housing	2
Not sure	5	Farmland preservation	2
Development of tourism	5	Workforce	2
Space for development	5	Clean air	2
Employment opportunities	5	Clean water	2
Unsure	4	Safe	2
Nothing	4	small towns	2
Not sure	4	Schools	2
rural living	4	resources	2
Renewable energy	4	Raymond Corporation	2
None	3	Investing in tourism	2
Farming	3	Healthcare	2
To help the low income	3	utilizing our assets	2

10. In my opinion the County's greatest threat is...

Common Responses:

Drugs	182	Solar farms	5
Poverty	39	Mental health epidemic	5
Crime	36	Low tax base	4
Homelessness	28	Immigration	4
Homeless	22	Loss of business	4
Welfare	15	Closemindedness	4
Lack of well-paying jobs	15	Bail reform	4
Drug addiction	15	Limited health services	4
Resistance to change	14	People leaving	3
People leaving	10	Unwillingness to change	3
Declining population	10	Political divide	3
Drug use	10	Lack of broadband	3
Lack of education	9	Overdevelopment of solar	3
Overtaxation	8	Aging population	3
Politicians	7	Hate	2
Lack of housing	7	Climate change	2
Wind Turbines	6	Apathy	2
Unemployment	6	windmills	2
Deteriorating infrastructure	6	Low payng jobs	2
Leadership	6	Lack of vision	2
Young people leaving	5	Road quality	2
Theft	5	Overdevelopment	2
violence	5	outside interest	2
Corruption	5	Conservative leadership	2
Solar farms	5	Lack of affordable housing	2
Mental health epidemic	5	Lack of medical serices	2

11. Select the TOP 3 community resources and services that are most important to you.

Community Service	Percent
Emergency Services	68.06%
Employment Opportunities	67.13%
Educational Opportunities	49.77%
Recreational Opportunities	49.61%
Personal Services	32.25%
Other	11.47%
None of the above	1.09%

11. Other please specify Common Responses:

Healthcare providers & services	10	Places where people can come together and talk about what they care about	1
Affordable housing	8	behavioral health options	1
Housing	4	Local Family attractions	1
High Speed Internet	4	libraries - full campus community college- Morrisville Norwich is a poor choice. More senior centers and activivites.	1
Transportation	4	Law enforcement and infrastructure service	1
Medical specialists	3	internet and telecommunications	1
local food	2	Incentives for small supermarkets	1
Senior support services	2	Healthy living	1
Religious opportunities	2	healthcare insurance	1
Mental health services	2	Grocery	1
Highway departments	1	Free housing, cell phone, food and drugs.	1
cell service in rural areas (cable would be nice, too)	1	Farm to table without ridiculous regulations	1
Trades farms jobs factories	1	Employment and Educational Opportunities	1
Town and county government	1	Easily accessible public services	1
Teen programs	1	did not specify a third resource	1
Taxis	1	codes/enforcement	1
Task Force to keep drugs out of our county	1	Childcare	1
		Cellphone coverage	1
Some additional good restaurants	1	bullthisle hiking club/	1
social services aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty instead of enabling poverty	1	broadband and cellular	1
Shopping	1	Better transportation	1
services for small farmers	1	better business opportunities.	1
Senior living	1	Availability of labor	1
Public assistance	1	Airport is important	1

12. Select the TOP 3 economic development opportunities that you feel the County should invest in.

Economic Development Opportunity	Percentage
Programs to expand local business	76.59%
Adult education programs	41.40%
Broadband Internet	40.62%
Alternative energy infrastructure	24.81%
Public infrastructure improvements	28.06%
Transportation improvements	52.40%
None of the above	0.93%
Other	13.02%
No response	2.17%

12. Other please specify Common Responses:

Hiking, biking trails	7	Public safety	1
Increase in businesses	6	Public housing	1
Recreation	5	families to help getting into the workforce	1
Education	5	support for mental health, substance abuse	1
Housing	4	Press release type media listings, social media campaign - to emphasize the availability of affordable quality housing.	1
mental health facilities and services	4	Pre-K through Higher Ed and daycare	1
Tourism	3	Outdoor recreation	1
Activities for kids and families	3	State land is plentiful	1
Rail trails	3	Natural gas development.	1
Arts and cultural events	3	More industry	1
transit improvements	2	Manufacturing	1
Senior housing	2	Low income housing	1
Entrepreneurship	2	Local food production	1
Drug rehab abs get rid of bail reform	2	Land preservation	1
Revitalization of downtowns and surrounding neighborhoods	2	Workforce training	1
Shelters and services for the homeless	2	Family attractions	1
Increase electrical company options	2	Effective policing	1
Drug task force	2	Code enforcement	1
Bring back the railroad.	2	more healthcare options.	1
Better cell phone reception	2	Drilling for natural gas and supplying our own community first.	1
young couples are looking for good jobs, good schools, recreational opportunities	1	Bring more recreational business to Chenango County	1
Waste removal and pick-up in our rural communities	1	Better housing	1
tax reduction/county tax too	1	Attract /retain professionals, especially prime care providers, teachers	1
small farm development	1	All of these are important!	1
services to the people increasing shopping and quality	1	Affordable housing	1
Rural health	1	Adequate services for our aging population	1
Roads	1	Agriculture	1
Retaining public land	1	ecotourism	1

13. Thinking about the future of Chenango County, please select the TOP 6 goals that are most important to you.

Goals	Percentage
Supporting local business	72.1%
Preserving natural resources	67.3%
supporting agriculture	54.4%
Expanding local goods & services	53.6%
Improving transportation	51.0%
Increasing housing	45.4%
Expanding personal services & childcare	43.7%
Expanding recreational opportunities	34.6%
Expanding tourism opportunities	34.6%
Promoting sustainable development	30.9%
Improving public infrastructure	25.4%
Other	8.5%
I do not agree with these goals	0.3%
No response	1.9%

13. Other please specify Common Responses:

addressing substance abuse issues	7	Development of a rail trail	1
Improving Internet and cellular services	3	Expanding cell phone service availability	1
Addressing homelessness	3	Expanding early intervention and preschool services, including programs and therapists.	1
broadband internet	2	Expanding opportunities for artists to relocate to the county to live and work here by providing studio space, affordable housing, artist residencies and support for art related businesses and venues	1
Improving education system	2	Fine people for littering along the roads	1
medical services	2	promote walkable communities and waling access to businesses and services.	1
More childcare options	2	promoting more youth to attend Morrisville - Norwich Campus	1
More mental heath providers and facilities	2	Railroad back in county	1
Seniors need true senior housing, community halls/activites	2	Promote farm to table programs.	1
1) Preserve availability of affordable hydrocarbon fuels for transportation, agriculture, and industry. 2) Preserve reliability and affordability of electricity supply.	1	Showing respect for all people providing these services.	1
better more active senior centers in oxford	1	Stronger EMS system to meet increasing needs	1
Brining in and supporting the arts	1	supporting locally owned businesses	1
cell phones are widely used, need better cell service in the valley... south new berlin, total dead zone	1	Supporting the existing arts organizations that enhance the life of the community.	1
Cheaper utilities	1	Tear down abandoned homes	1
Clean up the main areas in towns.	1	The County needs to attract private investment in key areas with its own sustained public investment.	1
offer better housing	1	We need more tradesmen (not enough options for plumbing, electric, carpentry)	1
creating career type jobs that offer entry level training and long term growth	1	Daycare	1
Increase higher education opportunities	1	develop attractions to drive commerce and tourism. Capitalize more on outdoor recreation.	1

14. In what ways do you feel the County should pursue and support these goals? (select all that apply)

Strategies	Percent
Pursue State & Federal funds	75.66%
Increase collaboration w/ community partners	66.20%
Allocate funds for projects and programs	60.31%
Provide guidance to local governments	51.01%
Other	6.98%
None of the above	1.86%
No response	3.88%

14. Other please specify Common Responses

Actively recruit young people from all over NYS to physically participate in work projects through Vista programs etc. Create a county Civilian Conservation Corp type program.	Meet individually with each municipality to discuss larger projects and ideas that could benefit the entire county.
all of the above	Offer incentives to draw industry in
Appoint or hire someone as social media promoter of affordable, quality homes! With an emphasis on retirees, digital workers and growing families, we could enliven the populations of the small towns and keep 'em healthy. Targeted smart advertising works.	Open town and back roads up to atv use to bring people in the area. This would bring money to smaller businesses give kids something to do, give families something to do, keep people occupied with something
broadband internet (cannot stress this enough)	Prioritize preservation of forest, open land, and agricultural land against the land-intensive intrusion of solar and wind energy projects.
co-author GRANTS with in-kind contributions with Local Towns.	promote vibrant downtowns with a diverse populations
Communities need to tackle resiliency as well, especially flood prevention/correction now or small communities will continue to see burden and turnover.	Provide guidance to local business owners on possible hurdles to overcome both with governmental agencies and community.
Consolidate some services between county and towns/ villages etc	Provide resources outside the city/town of Norwich
convert unused rails to hiking/biking paths	Provide tax breaks and/or incentives for small business/small manufacturing. Implement legislation to allow 4wheelers on dirt roads to increase tourism.
Coordinate efforts between towns	Publish quarterly education attended by county, town, and village leadership.
County needs to generate revenue	Rail Trail will bring tons of \$\$\$ into the local economy! Grants for building more trails!!
Demolish derelict structures	Research grant opportunities
develop sound property ordinance, enforce them, create an intervention/support program for hoarding situations	Specify the intended outcome of proposed actions and evaluate the actual vs ntended outcomes each year and adjust accordingly.
do everything possible to lower property taxes.	subsidizing taxes to small businesses, shrinking the county presence in the City of Norwich to increase taxable property within the city. The County utilizing more remote work to decrease the need for office space
Elected officials need to make systems more efficient. Qualified paid professional staff need to be empowered to get projects accomplished without the bureacracy of multiple committee meetings.	tax incentives for private investment
encourage and support private investment.	Transform County Government Structure so that it can be more nimble and innovative

15. Please share any additional thoughts you have on things this survey may have missed and/or your experience in and vision for Chenango County.

Common Responses:

Address homelessness	education is key. We need more education in high schools. More incentive not to take that path. we also need homeless shelter or recourses for those too mentally challenged to work.
1. Rails to trails through the valley 2. Full day childcare facility within Chenango County 3. An all inclusive recreational outlet that draws people to the community i.e. a mountain bike park with events and competitions can help tourism. What are the County sales tax revenues during events in the county that are high tourism dollars and visitors?	It would be lovely if it could be a family friendly place where we don't have to feel bad about bringing our children up in it
Adding more facilities for mental health can decrease drug use because you fix many problems and people seeking drugs. Homeless is so high also get housing and help people with their problems instead of closing doors let's open them for people in need .	It's a great place to raise children, but there's not much here after they finish high school. It would be nice to have more industry or opportunities for young people, including the social enticements that make them want to stay. (educational opportunities and a stronger arts presence)
Offer more educational/employment opportunities	It's my community - I want to be proud to live here. It's no easy job to accomplish by real devotion to the goal (shared) could make this county desirable. Need resources, Need funds - grants, allotted monies, donations, Need services (in town and rural) rural always gets missed.
Increase recreational services	Keep the beauty of the county, Increase well paying jobs, affordable housing, more services for the elderly, ** advise each community on regulations that will help protect our small town lifestyles.
Address drug epidemic	Kids need things to do. They need mountain bike parks, they need atv trails.
Improve services	Lack of mental health care is huge.
Invest in Agrotourism	Let's make the old rail a rail to trail program. So we can have a good river path that's already flat and they state will probably pay for it like the Erie Canal path
Allocate more funds	mental health and addiction recovery services are terrible.
Efficiently use resources, streamline services	The ability to get into Healthcare in a timely manner. I would like to be able to do more things in Chenango County for kids that aren't overly expensive and easy to get to. More things for kids to do.
An edictic group should work together to more for progressive actions.	My children are grown now but child care is still such a huge issue in this area.
Approve riding ATV,UTV in rural areas. Use vacant land, buildings to make parks, music venues, bowling etc. This county needs things to do to draw tourism, not more people to live in it!	My family relocated here in 1816 and will never leave! All roads lead to Norwich, NY!
Art, artist and economic development often go hand in hand.	Need to coordinate between towns on attracting businesses, education and tourism, market area as a whole, what helps one community helps all approach.
local grocery stores	No area in the country is immune from the damages that follows climate change. That includes Chenango County. But we may be better situated to avoid some of the worst effects, and better positioned to build in resilient infrastructure.
Improve transportation	No idea
become more of a tourist attraction; expand on soccer camps, tournaments, like oneonta did with baseball;	No one wakes up and decides that they're going to become addicted to a substance, it's a systematic issue that comes as a result of things like job loss/lack of opportunity, mental health issues, lack of resources, and more.
better use and promotion of the college is an underused asset for Norwich and Chenango County	none
Improve cellular services	continue on improving our communities Greene NY needs a grocery store for all people concerned.
Need small local grocery stores	Once Chenango County is willing to embrace positive, productive change, it will become a vibrant place where others will want to live and work.
Chenango County is a beautiful area. The opportunities afforded the residents need to match its beauty.	One of the biggest threats to our communities are the growing drug overdoses and the homelessness. We need to work together to find a viable solution. These are our families and friends and they are dying.
Chenango County is a great place to live and I appreciate this. Municipal-leader interest is important.	Opinions on what areas need improvement depend heavily on what region of the county you live in.
Education, employment, quality healthcare are key. Affordable housing and safe communities. Programs, events, entertainment. Provide outdoor spaces and encourage using local resources.	Opportunities for development: Any/any trails like what Lewis and Clark did
Chenango County takes too much responsibility for our citizens	Other towns in Chenango County should follow the Village of Sherburne's lead by getting fiber, having affordable electricity, and having well kept roads and side walks.
Clean up the common places and make them safe. Enforce existing codes. Implement a no loitering law. Police presence. New business.	Our local government does a great job, but they are hindered by NYS. Downstate seems to forget about upstate NY. Until we change the leadership for the state, Chenango County will keep going downhill
Consolidate services for underprivileged to delete duplication of services	Our roads are in horrible shape and need improvements and we need to find a way to bring in new businesses to our area and get them to stay here.
County is %20+ 65 and older and losing population.	People aren't involved in local government. Hard to progress without that.
County-wide promotion. Each town has its gems- and they need to be promoted. The museum district in Norwich is great. Each town should have something like that.	If we want this to remain an environmentally sound and attractive place we must build it to our vision, and not to what is expedient.
Currently, our young kids are leaving the area for greener pastures.	Perhaps most of all, I would like for young people to share an optimistic view that their world can be brighter and more hopeful.
Decent pay for jobs, internet services, cable availability,work on the homeless situation, Norwich has become the welfare area, safety, better shopping options, Wegmans, Target, restaurants	Perhaps raise taxes for houses / property that is not lived in full time
Address the drug and poverty issue	healthcare access.
Drugs and violence continue to be a major problem in Chenango County.	Polling the wish lists for county web site's links - real estate, rentals, employment, activities, culture and classes, education, dining out, etc.
Encourage young people to stay with good paying jobs	Highlighting and encouraging grants for teen and cultural programs.
Fire EMS needs to be county wide entity. Support technical training . Support local business by prioritize bidding for county projects. Allow law enforcement to make arrests. Mental health facilities. Drug enforcement	Progressive
Fix EMS/fire district problems.	Quality leadership is the life blood of any organization or community. Support the growth of leaders in our community.
Get a gas station in Mcborough.	Roads need to be improved
Get this town back in order. It has amazing potential	Small business us the backbone, needs to be supported
good luck, i applaud your efforts	Stop living in the past and building for the future.
Has a lot of potential	Thank you for caring.
Housing and transportation is an issue	The area is economically depressed and the folks that live here struggle. This struggle and stress results in crime and drug use to meet the needs and provide comfort.
I am a resident of 2 years; came here for natural beauty and proximity to family; very disappointed with lack of hiking and bike trails, poor public transportation - need to drive everywhere	The arts!
I do not know how to pursue or support the goals I feel are important.	The Chenango, Unadilla and Tiogonia river proved some of the most scenic flat water kayaking and canoeing in the state. Promote it!!!!
I don't think they should ask for any more funding, but should adjust how the current funds are being spent.	The County has missed an amazing recreational, health and tourism opportunities by not converting railroads property to hiking/biking trails.
evansion expansions taking place in the villages/Norwich; not a bunch of carry roadside attractions sprawled throughout the county, destroying the rural/agricultural character.	The county must remember that Bainbridge has interstate highway in place already in place. Rather than spend money on an abandoned rail line, work to increase usage of existing services.
I look for things to do as a family with children. It's hard to come by enough to do local.	The County should look at what other similarly sized communities have done and model our own planning on any successes they have had.
I love this City and I love this county, but we need to make homelessness a thing of the past.... We need more affordable housing and we need to have more for recovery of addiction....	the healthcare, and childcare deficiency in this county is crippling.
I think Chenango county is beautiful. I believe we can continue to grow our communities while keeping the beauty. In order to be successful all around, it all needs to be addressed.	the main tool is preserving open space is allowing for property owners the ability to afford to keep it. secondarily resist the pressures from Albany and D.C. to destroy our land with subsidized alternate energy projects.
I think if the county could provide more guidelines and make it easier for entrepreneurs to build industries and homes. It could create a boom for the county.	the shrinking population impacts the financial health of communities both personally, business wise, and tax revenues. stabilizing and then increasing the population slowly is important.
I think the northeast is going to become an important area .due to its weather water farmland and fairly affordable and recreational opportunities. The county should be prepared for a bigger influx of growth protect for that or be more prepared for that possibility	the time to put the brakes on solar farms is now,once land is lost to those its gone.
I think we are heading in the right direction.	There is no easy solution, but we should also try to address the drug problem in a more cohesive way.
I think we need to educate and teach the future generations the importance to participate and pay attention to how local government works. To make the county a place where future generations want to be a part of and help grow the communities that shape them.	There is real potential in the amazing tight-knit community, small businesses, (and local larger companies supporting the area), as well as maintaining our natural resources.
I would like to see stronger leadership and visibility of our local supervisors and town councils	Things can be improved without losing what makes Chenango county special
I'd love to see the preservation of the county's nature and history including buildings/architecture, landmarks, the agricultural aspect	This is a beautiful county - too bad that the bad elements in society (greed, laziness, poor moral compass) seem to be getting stronger.
I'd like to see children & adults playing outside in the summer--not sitting & playing video games	Try to get education in school to build acceptance of others and combat the hate/conservatism that is rampant in the area, I moved here 20 years ago and often think about leaving due to this even though I love the natural beauty
If electric vehicles are the future, we should invest in charging stations (Greene, Norwich, Oxford).	Very concerned about drug use and homelessness.
If you build it, they will come. We need housing.	We have very poor internet service in Chenango and low literacy. How do you plan to collect information and ideas from the people who need the most help?
Improve WiFi	We need an abundance of good jobs to attract people & families to build our communities.
education is key. We need more education in high schools. More incentive not to take that path. we also need homeless shelter or recourses for those too mentally challenged to work.	We need more affordable recreational activities for people to engage in activities other than drugs and crime!!!! We need cheaper utilities to be able to afford to live in this area.
It would be lovely if it could be a family friendly place where we don't have to feel bad about bringing our children up in it	We need more money available to small local farms to provide more food and products that stay right in purgwin communities. Food will be scarce and we need to take care of ourselves.
It's a great place to raise children, but there's not much here after they finish high school. It would be nice to have more industry or opportunities for young people, including the social enticements that make them want to stay. (educational opportunities and a stronger arts presence)	We need to do more as a community to truly celebrate the successes of our community and the people who choose to call it home.
	We need to invest in our community - the people as well as the structures. We need food paying jobs, adorable housing and engaging community events and resources.

16. Please select your age range:

Age Range	Percentage
Less than 24	2.79%
Between 25 and 39	19.84%
Between 40 and 55	31.94%
Over 55	43.26%
No Response	2.17%

17. How would you describe yourself? (please select all that apply)

Race	Percentage
White	92.6%
Black or African American	0.5%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.8%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.2%
Hispanic or Latino	1.1%
Other	3.6%
No Response	3.1%

17. Other please specify
Common Responses:

White with an Iroquois great granma.

White native American

We are all a mix of something.

support job seekers and businesses in Chenango County

prefer not to answer

olive skin

non-binary

Mixed Race

Mixed Caucasian/Asian

Italian American

Asian

American

18. What is your interest in Chenango County?

Interest	Percentage
Live here (homeowner)	81.9%
Live here (renter)	9.5%
Own land or other property here	22.8%
none of the above	1.2%
other	7.1%
no response	2.2%

18. Other please specify
Common Responses:

I work here	17
Former resident	9
Have family/loved ones that live within the County	7
Business owner	6
Grew up here	5
live just outside the county	4
shop here	2
Current County residents	2
Live here part-time	2
Own a secondary property within the county	2
councilman	1
Best free benefits in CNY.	1
Former business owner in the County	1
Have family nearby	1
Live here with grandparents	1
Prospective resident	1
Retired dairy farmer and lifelong resident	1
Sig. other owns the property we live on	1
Will eventually have a working art studio with links to galleries and classes.	1
My children attend school here	1

19. Where do you live?

Municipality	Percentage	Municipality	Percentage
City of Norwich	15.4%	Village of New Berlin	1.9%
Town of Norwich	9.9%	Village of Oxford	1.9%
Town of Guilford	8.4%	Village of Sherburne	1.7%
Town of Oxford	5.7%	Town of Afton	1.6%
Town of Greene	4.5%	Village of Afton	1.6%
Town of New Berlin	4.5%	Town of Columbus	1.6%
Town of Sherburne	4.0%	Village of Earlville	1.6%
Town of North Norwich	3.6%	Village of Green	1.4%
Town of Smithville	3.4%	Town of McDonough	1.4%
I do not live in Chenango County	3.4%	Town of Smyrna	1.2%
Town of Bainbridge	2.6%	Town of Pitcher	1.1%
Village of Bainbridge	2.5%	Town of German	0.6%
Town of Plymouth	2.5%	Town of Lincklaen	0.5%
Town of Coventry	2.3%	Town of Pharsalia	0.5%
Town of Otselic	2.2%	Village of Smyrna	0.3%
Town of Preston	2.0%		

20. What is your employment status?

Employment Status	Percentage
Work in Chenango County	51.2%
Work outside of Chenango County	14.4%
Own a business in Chenango County	8.7%
Own or operate a farm in Chenango County	5.6%
Retired	27.3%
Unemployed	0.9%
Self-employed	7.3%
Work from home	7.0%
Other	3.4%
No Response	3.1%

20. Other please specify
Common Responses:

Disabled	6
work part time in chenango county	3
Stay at home mom	2
Retired	2
my daughter works in Chenango County	1
i operate an Airbnb	1
Retired but starting a small business at my home.	1
Retired but work at school pool, train lifeguards for many town pools/lakes.	1
I own a small business	1
Spent the last 20+ years of my professional career in this community.	1
Also a full time horticulture student at SUNY Morrisville	1