

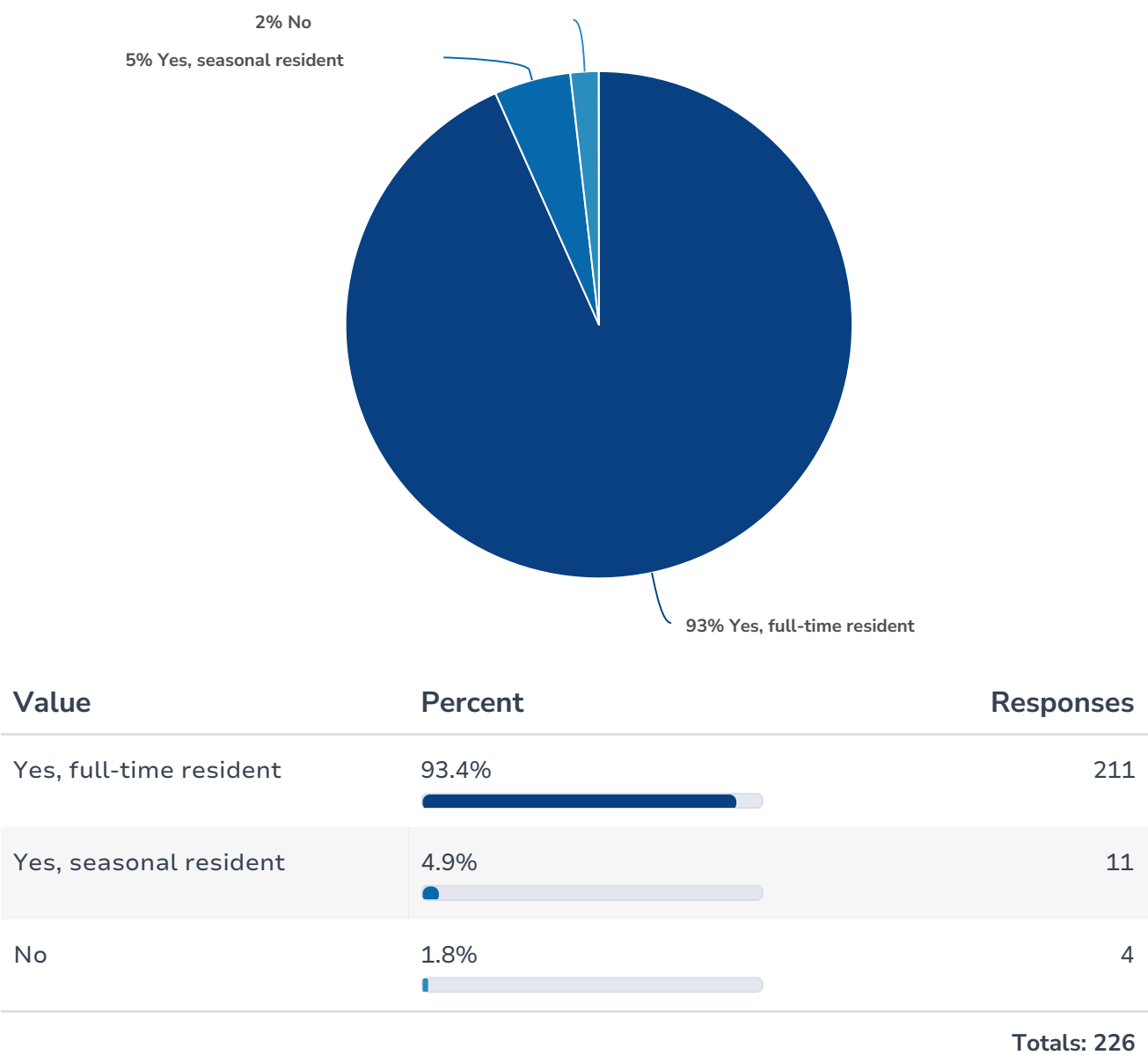
Report for Worthington Resident Survey by the Planning Board

Response Counts

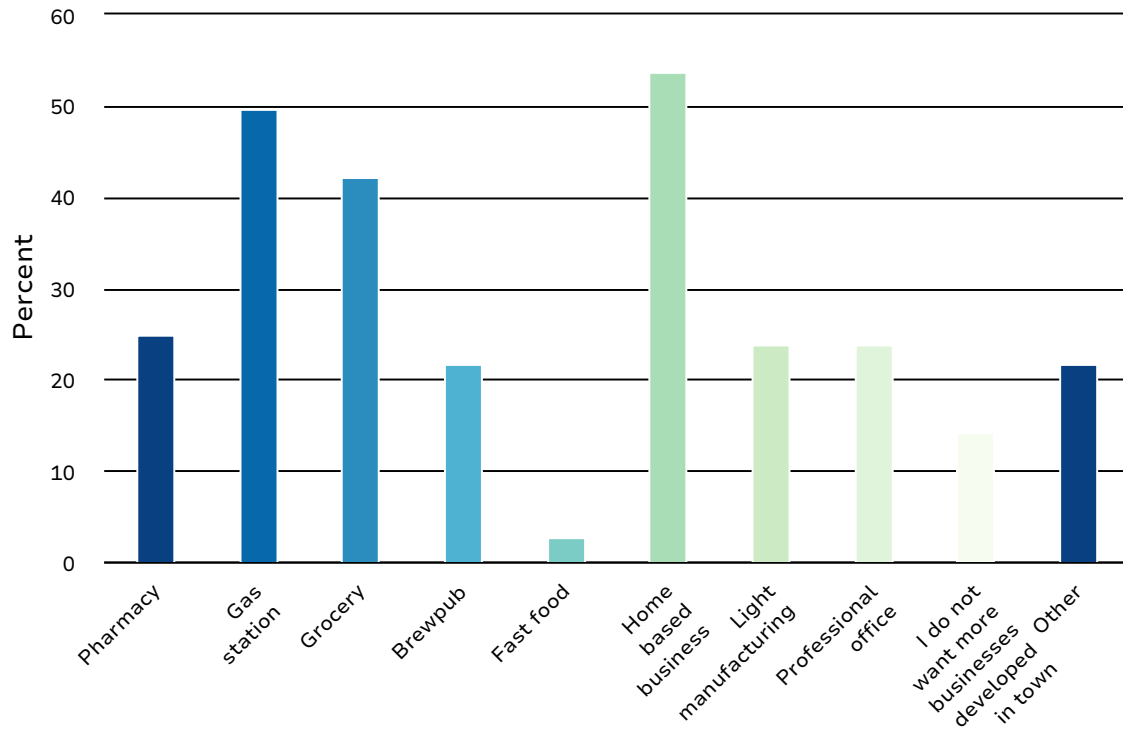


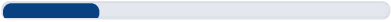

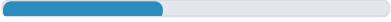
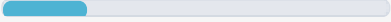
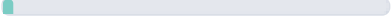

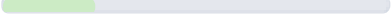
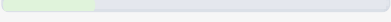
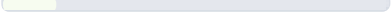
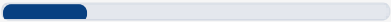
Totals: 226

1. Are you a resident of Worthington?



3. What type of business(es) would you like to see in Worthington? Check all that apply.



Value	Percent	Responses
Pharmacy	24.9% 	56
Gas station	49.8% 	112
Grocery	42.2% 	95
Brewpub	21.8% 	49
Fast food	2.7% 	6
Home based business	53.8% 	121
Light manufacturing	24.0% 	54
Professional office	24.0% 	54
I do not want more businesses developed in town	14.2% 	32
Other	21.8% 	49

Other	Count
Food trailer	2
A viable health center	1
An improved grocery store	1
Another good restaurant!!	1
Art studio space	1
Artisan boutiques. Small and tasteful.	1
Breakfast restaurant, weekly farmers market on weekend	1
Totals	47

Other	Count
Coffee shop or breakfast spot would be great. Do NOT want fast food, manufacturing, or office parks	1
Coffee shop/ grocery	1
Community Drop In Center for socializing	1
Depends on the business(es)	1
Dog Park	1
EV Charging Station	1
EV charging station(s)	1
Entertainment/Music Venue. (7R's)	1
Exercise facility/gym	1
Farm/garden hardware perhaps NO store chains NO dollar stores etc	1
Farmers market	1
Farming	1
Farming #1	1
Food trailer	1
Gas and grocery in the traditional sense appears to have gone by way of the dodo resulting from Codes and such. Might be wort investigating the possibility of allowing looser regulations for Towns with populations under say 2,000 or so . Having to drive 32 miles to get gas is a Waste of Time and Energy. Just a thought	1
Grocery store like the one Judy and Brad ran where you could buy food for a meal.	1
Gym	1
Home business	1
I don't have specific preferences here.However, we should make sure that existing businesses are well supported: Corners, Goldenrod, Liston's, Sena Farm,Sawyer's Farm, Tripp Shaw and others. we should be open to other opportunities as they arise.	1
Totals	47

Other	Count
I like the current mix of businesses here in Town. We have a perfect blend of small businesses, home businesses, artisan, farms and food and drink establishments. We are not far away (I like to say we are centrally located), from larger communities that offer more action. I like our rural flavor.	1
I'd like to see the current businesses flourish, and the Corners market improved	1
Inns, restaurants, bakery, galleries	1
More active farms raising fruits vegetables and livestock	1
More restaurants	1
Ok with current business quota	1
Small businesses/crafts	1
Worthington would benefit from attracting younger demographics through work and recreation	1
but the 4 Corners Store could offer sandwiches, fresh baked goods, produce, etc.	1
farm local grow stores	1
farmers	1
farming; if pharmacy, gas station and grocery were at one "general store" that would be awesome. Not interested in a chain "convenience store" or "Dollar Store" type development	1
grocery with local, organic and healthy options - a book / coffee shop, local art gallery/shop	1
hospitality, arts venue,	1
more farm related	1
niche business	1
not sure why we are asking this in this survey...all these businesses, except, pharmacy already exist...	1
short term rental	1
small scale independent businesses that serve the community AND some light manufacturing/commerical businesses to offset resicdental only tax base	1
Totals	47

Other**Count**

small, local businesses, like farm stands, small grocery (which we already have)	1
--	---

Totals	47
--------	----

5. How important are the following features of Worthington to you, with 1 being not important at all and 5 being very important?

	1 - Not important at all	2	3	4	5 - Very important	Responses
The architecture of buildings Count Row %	24 10.9%	16 7.2%	63 28.5%	68 30.8%	50 22.6%	221
Dark night skies Count Row %	3 1.4%	5 2.3%	15 6.8%	34 15.3%	165 74.3%	222
Fewer rules and regulations Count Row %	28 12.7%	41 18.6%	79 35.7%	32 14.5%	41 18.6%	221
Priority on local businesses in town Count Row %	5 2.3%	16 7.3%	50 22.9%	71 32.6%	76 34.9%	218
Active agriculture in town Count Row %	3 1.3%	3 1.3%	19 8.5%	55 24.7%	143 64.1%	223
Local school Count Row %	21 9.4%	16 7.2%	32 14.3%	42 18.8%	112 50.2%	223
Community connections Count Row %	8 3.6%	11 5.0%	53 24.1%	47 21.4%	101 45.9%	220
Civic engagement Count Row %	9 4.1%	13 5.9%	60 27.3%	60 27.3%	78 35.5%	220
Privacy Count Row %	0 0.0%	4 1.8%	27 12.2%	56 25.3%	134 60.6%	221

	1 - Not important at all	2	3	4	5 - Very important	Responses
Recreation Count Row %	5 2.3%	20 9.1%	59 26.8%	62 28.2%	74 33.6%	220
Open spaces Count Row %	3 1.3%	5 2.2%	20 9.0%	47 21.1%	148 66.4%	223
I do not value any of the aspects listed above in Worthington Count Row %	57 57.6%	6 6.1%	25 25.3%	8 8.1%	3 3.0%	99
Totals Total Responses						223

6. On a scale of 1-5, please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth:

	1 - Strongly Oppose	2	3 - Neutral	4	5 - Strongly Support	Responses
Encourage "cluster development" requiring homes in sensitive natural resource areas to be built closer together so remaining land can be protected as open space Count Row %	47 21.7%	29 13.4%	61 28.1%	43 19.8%	37 17.1%	217
Allow higher density housing types (e.g. homes on smaller lots, duplexes, town homes) in selected locations Count Row %	80 36.0%	33 14.9%	44 19.8%	40 18.0%	25 11.3%	222
Zone some areas for agricultural uses and very low density residential uses only Count Row %	17 7.8%	13 5.9%	55 25.1%	57 26.0%	77 35.2%	219
Focus commercial development at major intersections Count Row %	45 20.5%	29 13.2%	76 34.5%	41 18.6%	29 13.2%	220
Establish design standards for a walkable, mixed-use Village Center District Count Row %	28 12.6%	22 9.9%	59 26.6%	49 22.1%	64 28.8%	222

	1 - Strongly Oppose	2	3 - Neutral	4	5 - Strongly Support	Responses
Encourage commercial development by expanding land zoned for small commercial uses and for light industrial use Count Row %	66 29.7%	51 23.0%	61 27.5%	25 11.3%	19 8.6%	222
Continue to educate landowners about options for permanently protecting land and preserve in perpetuity a select group of Worthington's open spaces Count Row %	13 5.8%	7 3.1%	33 14.8%	53 23.8%	117 52.5%	223
Create new active recreational resources such as snowmobile, ATV and horseback riding trails, places for hunting and fishing, etc. Count Row %	27 12.3%	19 8.7%	61 27.9%	53 24.2%	59 26.9%	219
Make no changes in current zoning bylaws Count Row %	30 16.1%	28 15.1%	79 42.5%	20 10.8%	29 15.6%	186
A SMALL historically accurate gas station.: On a scale of 1-5 , please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth: Count Row %	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1

	1 - Strongly Oppose	2	3 - Neutral	4	5 - Strongly Support	Responses
<p>Allow 2 family dwellings:On a scale of 1-5, please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth:</p> <p>Count Row %</p>	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	1
<p>Allow land owners to build housing for immediate relatives with reasonable restrictions and building for small home businesses.:On a scale of 1-5, please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth:</p> <p>Count Row %</p>	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	1
<p>Besides horseback riding I wouldn't call any other resource or recreation:On a scale of 1-5, please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth:</p> <p>Count Row %</p>	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	1
<p>Bike and dog friendly roads/sidewalks/walking areas:On a scale of 1-5, please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth:</p> <p>Count Row %</p>	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	1

	1 - Strongly Oppose	2	3 - Neutral	4	5 - Strongly Support	Responses
Bike paths: On a scale of 1-5 , please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth: Count Row %	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	1
Build rentable buildings for small businesses opportunities : On a scale of 1-5 , please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth: Count Row %	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	1
Clarity in application process, including attendance at review meetings: On a scale of 1-5 , please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth: Count Row %	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	1

	1 - Strongly Oppose	2	3 - Neutral	4	5 - Strongly Support	Responses
<p>Cleaning up abandoned trash/vehicles all over town; post signs asking residents not to litter "keep Worthington clean"; address vehicles/trash/tires, etc. sorely visible on various residential properties; please enforce by/laws :On a scale of 1-5, please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth:</p> <p>Count Row %</p>	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	1
<p>Create a better survey where you can actually comment or ask questions. Many of these questions are very poorly written and don't make sense. :On a scale of 1-5, please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth:</p> <p>Count Row %</p>	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
<p>Create affordable housing:On a scale of 1-5, please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth:</p> <p>Count Row %</p>	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	1

	1 - Strongly Oppose	2	3 - Neutral	4	5 - Strongly Support	Responses
Create recreational spaces that don't allow pets or mototized vehicles: On a scale of 1-5 , please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth: Count Row %	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	1
Development in the center of town: On a scale of 1-5 , please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth: Count Row %	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	1
Help lower our taxes: On a scale of 1-5 , please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth: Count Row %	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	1
I like the way Worthington is, just the way it is: On a scale of 1-5 , please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth: Count Row %	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	1

	1 - Strongly Oppose	2	3 - Neutral	4	5 - Strongly Support	Responses
Keep Worthington the Norm Rockwell town as it is : On a scale of 1-5 , please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth: Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Keep local government officials out of our business: On a scale of 1-5 , please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth: Count Row %	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	1
Keep worthington a country town: On a scale of 1-5 , please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth: Count Row %	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	1
Limit Commercial Air Traffic: On a scale of 1-5 , please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth: Count Row %	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	1

	1 - Strongly Oppose	2	3 - Neutral	4	5 - Strongly Support	Responses
Maintain current frontage/acreage bylaw : On a scale of 1-5 , please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth: Count Row %	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	1
Make zoning regulations more individualized and flexible when properties do not fit the one size fits all regulations: On a scale of 1-5 , please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth: Count Row %	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	1
Mixed use zoned town center: On a scale of 1-5 , please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth: Count Row %	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	1
More taxpayers- not higher taxes : On a scale of 1-5 , please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth: Count Row %	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	1

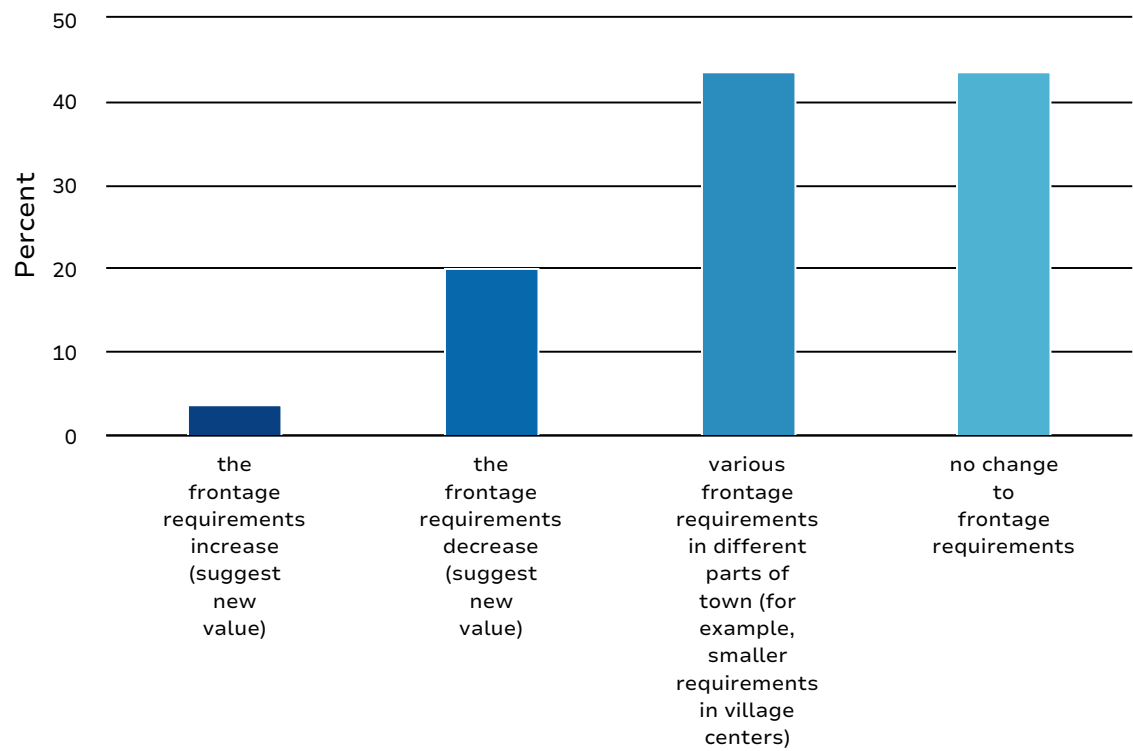
	1 - Strongly Oppose	2	3 - Neutral	4	5 - Strongly Support	Responses
No dollar stores : On a scale of 1-5, please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth: Count Row %	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	1
Pave dirt roads: On a scale of 1-5, please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth: Count Row %	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	1
Pickleball courts or use of Town Hall: On a scale of 1-5, please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth: Count Row %	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	1
Preserve open space and encourage for recreational use including snowmobile's: On a scale of 1-5, please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth: Count Row %	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	1

	1 - Strongly Oppose	2	3 - Neutral	4	5 - Strongly Support	Responses
<p>Senior Services to stay in home:On a scale of 1-5, please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth:</p> <p>Count Row %</p>	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	1
<p>Support for art and cultural events, adult education :On a scale of 1-5, please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth:</p> <p>Count Row %</p>	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	1
<p>Walking loop -sidewalks connecting center, four corners, and The Maples:On a scale of 1-5, please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth:</p> <p>Count Row %</p>	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	1
<p>We need a community swimming area!! Recreation which is beneficial and safe for our elders!!:On a scale of 1-5, please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth:</p> <p>Count Row %</p>	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	1

	1 - Strongly Oppose	2	3 - Neutral	4	5 - Strongly Support	Responses
<p>Worthington is a National Corridor " Protect that" ie Connectivity Study:On a scale of 1-5, please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth:</p> <p>Count Row %</p>	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
<p>You don't want my true opinion :On a scale of 1-5, please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth:</p> <p>Count Row %</p>	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	1
<p>health care for elderly:On a scale of 1-5, please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth:</p> <p>Count Row %</p>	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	1
<p>low income housing:On a scale of 1-5, please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth:</p> <p>Count Row %</p>	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	1

	1 - Strongly Oppose	2	3 - Neutral	4	5 - Strongly Support	Responses
reduce road frontage requirement similar to abutting towns: On a scale of 1-5 , please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth:	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	1
Count Row %						
sidewalks!!!: On a scale of 1-5 , please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies for growth:	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 100.0%	1
Count Row %						
Totals Total Responses						223

7. The current minimum requirements for all development in Worthington are two acres with 400 feet of frontage.I would like to see:



Value	Percent	Responses
the frontage requirements increase (suggest new value)	3.7%	8
the frontage requirements decrease (suggest new value)	20.1%	44
various frontage requirements in different parts of town (for example, smaller requirements in village centers)	43.8%	96
no change to frontage requirements	43.8%	96

the frontage requirements increase (suggest new value)	Count
200	1
5 acres; 1000 feet frontage	1
500	1
600	1
600' - 800'	1
Larger frontage for small lots or Smaller Frontage for larger lots	1
Totals	6

the frontage requirements decrease (suggest new value)	Count
300	5
200	4
300 feet	4
200 feet	3
0	2
1 acre	1
125 ft.	1
150	1
200 feet of frontage	1
200 ft	1
200 ft frontage. 1acre	1
200 to 300	1
200'	1
250	1
Totals	38

the frontage requirements decrease (suggest new value)	Count
250 ft	1
250 ft.	1
250 or so with less in the water district.	1
300 ft	1
300 instead of 400	1
325	1
350	1
I think it should be based on acreage, not frontage	1
See above	1
This should be flexible for the acreage. Now a fifty acre property with a small frontage has no leverage, but a small property that has frontage but no depth has options.	1
as is appropriate, given the location	1
Totals	38

8. What else would you like to share with the Planning Board regarding your vision for Worthington?

ResponseID	Response
9	have to think more on that.
19	NO MORE CELL TOWERS
20	cluster housing is fine as long as 400ft frontage can be maintained
23	We need to start focusing on the future and what younger families want and need and not on "keeping things like they have always been" for the older folks that are uncomfortable with change
24	Worthington is roughly equidistant (~25 mi) from three large population/cultural centers. Train service to Northampton, Pittsfield, and Westfield is too much to hope for, but regular bus service (electric mini-buses) would be a great enhancement. Also, the removal of the potato barns on 112 was a great improvement, now if you can do something about that abandoned trailer . . .
25	Maintain rural agricultural small village character combined with small business and industry consistent with the town character.
26	Affordable condo type homes so older folks who want to downsize have options for staying here in town
33	We are a rural community and should preserve this. Issues to be brought before Town meetings should be well publicized prior to Town meetings.
42	Source water protection.
44	I think most folks live out in the hills for some level of privacy. The frontage idea of maintaining the rural dirt roads of Worthington with the current standards is a good middle road. This could allow for more close knit developments to be built on smaller lots with smaller frontage without invading the privacy of the neighbors.
48	Basketball court and baseball field
50	Replant maples along roadways in particular Old North Road.
52	Cars are very often speeding well over limit on certain roads-electronic flashing signs might help. Consideration of neighbors/neighborhoods is a comforting practice.
54	Stand alone post office.

ResponseID Response

55	I like the way you are thinking about density in village center areas and lower density in more wooded areas.
59	I am very concerned about a company coming in to mine our water..it would behoove us to establish protective restrictions.
60	Tax breaks for farmers
62	I think it is not logical (or environmentally sound) that being able to divide properties is based on frontage. There are many larger properties in town with smaller frontage that could be divided (if the owners desire) with less impact than smaller ones w more frontage.
69	Leave it alone. It's perfect the way it is.
71	Very little changes.
76	We appreciate the thoughtfulness and support the board gives to our town and the focus on developing opportunities responsibly.
82	I value the location, the rural character of the town, and community. I am not in favor of any large scale development or commercial activity. I do support lower frontage requirements in already developed parts of town. I do not support the town acquiring municipal land beyond what it already owns.
92	What I would not like to see is the rural version of "suburban sprawl" I see in the formerly rural parts of towns like Southamptton, Westfield. I think our frontage requirements encourage that - evenly spaced big houses on big lots that take up all of the open farm land. So I'd like to see the smaller frontage requirement combined with Zoning some areas for agriculture or very sparse development. Also, I'm not sure how to make laws for this, but I'd like the town to remain primarily residential with some home based businesses, and services (hair salon, veterinarian, dog kennel, car repairs, etc) not a strip of Dunkins and convenience stores and retail stores and such (not that this is very likely, but...) If "prioritize local business" means prioritizing residents' businesses over larger chains, yes. But I'm not eager to encourage a lot of development of business other than local service providers. "Cluster Housing" and "higher density housing" could mean a lot of things. I would like houses close together in villages and established neighborhoods. I don't think cul-de-sacs in fields and forest are desirable
95	Sidewalks would make walking around town a lot safer and more enticing. Thanks for doing this!
97	https://www.nature.org/media/massachusetts/wildlife-connectivity-study-final.pdf Protect this!

ResponseID Response

102 I think it's important to preserve Worthington's natural beauty and open spaces, but allow for incremental, tasteful development to help enliven the town. A walkable village center would be amazing. Some light commercial development and increased housing in select areas could help raise all boats and attract younger families. But we want to preserve that element of beauty that many Hilltowns have lost with lax zoning laws.

103 I might support varied zoning requirements in different sections of town, depending on where. I do not support increased commercial development. I do support the senior center, should it ever be built. I hate the traffic circle, as it is unsafe for pedestrians and I use it more frequently as a pedestrian than as a motorist. I like the slow quietness of the town and its small town ethos and I don't want those things to change.

105 Preparing for climate disaster, helping develop more eco-friendly farming practices. i.e. transitioning animal agriculture into sustainable vegetable/nut/seed/crop farming. More education on the benefits of predators that keep lyme disease numbers down. Enforcing the illegal killing of beneficial wildlife like beavers, etc.

108 It's wonderful to now have several establishments which serve food and drink! We could use a breakfast spot as well! Let's keep these places alive and thriving.

115 Use some common sense when considering projects.

116 Shipping containers need to be allowed for storage or a garage, there are already "many" in town, also a house constructed with them, some have arrived after they were zoned out, and from what I've seen and heard enforcement is selective at best, depending on where in town they are located. With some minimal regulations it should not be an issue. Most all of the surrounding towns allow them already. We need to get rid of the LONGEST required lot frontage in the state, because eventually people will be TAXXED out of town, as all the buildable lots will be gone.

119 I think a skateboard park would be great or a rec center for kids. It would help kids have something to do. Also as mentioned above, a windmill for powering the town, that the residents can buy shares into.

122 Provide comprehensive data on the impact of any proposed changes to building lot frontage/acreage requirements (e.g., how many buildable lots now exist? how many would be added if change x or y is enacted; where are the building lots?, etc.). Thanks for doing this survey. My only quibble is that I found the question worded "I do not value any of the aspects listed above in Worthington" to be unclear in terms of how to use the scale - and isn't it redundant anyway?

ResponseID Response

- | | |
|-----|---|
| 126 | We moved here from Pittsfield for the small, quite, natural, historic town. As I would love to see some more small businesses and maybe a small historical fitting gas station. I would hate to see the charm and character of the town lost due to big developments and businesses. |
| 127 | Control the speed and development of the roadways. I like the roundabout! SH-143 is now a dangerous high speed highway now inhibiting recreational use with its increased and much faster traffic. |
| 129 | this town should have tennis courts or basketball courts outside of the school grounds |
| 132 | I like Worthington the way it is. I am not opposed to some modifications of exemptions to the rules if they are needed as long as they don't change the overall feel of the town. For example.. The young couple that wanted a variance last year to subdivide. Since it used to be 2 lots and those lots were otherwise compliant, and allowing it would not change the feel of the town, I have no problem with it. |
| 135 | We moved to Worthington 42 years ago for open spaces . |
| 136 | That the basic rural character of the town remain unchanged yet allow for reasonable variances for property owners. NO allowances for chain stores and restaurants in any part of the town. A very local bakery/coffee/sandwich/soup shop would be in keeping with the above and not conflict with current businesses. |
| 138 | Low Taxes! Put a harness on school expenditures. |
| 141 | keep Worthington a beautiful country town |

ResponseID Response

- 142 I'm opposed to inviting large corporately owned businesses into Worthington. I realize this request is hard given my ask for a grocery option and pharmacy availability for my senior and medically dependent neighbors; however, it would benefit us to help fund a community owned version of this, more similar to the Creamery than anything else. We need to ensure residents have a range of food they can afford and is nutrient dense. Well I would love to have a gas station closer, I wouldn't be willing to put in one until we've developed better food and medicine infrastructure. It feels like it would be too easy for a Cumbies or Pride to come in and add more shit food and low paying jobs. We need to avoid that for everyone here. I adore living here and I'm disheartened to know of two senior neighbors selling their long term homes to move closer to the Valley for medical necessity. We know our community is majority over 65 and therefore their needs ought to be addressed and highlighted first. The old timers here make Worthington as charming and lovely as it is. I wouldn't have found as much laughter, company and assistance if it weren't for my community of folks over 65. I'd like to see more opportunities to connect the senior community with others folks in town. Classes about canning or food preservation at the Inn or Town Hall? I often feel left out from a lot of the events in town as they are geared towards family or the senior community (that's great!), but it can be hard to attend an event when you don't have children and didn't grow up in the hilltowns. I want more ways to connect though because every time a neighbor stops by or I met someone new at the corner store, I'm delighted I get to call Worthington my home.
- 145 We moved here to enjoy the peace & quiet of the country. We do not support additional recreation & development in our town.
- 146 Make living in Worthington affordable for the young and the old !
- 151 Get a new building inspector!
- 155 Lower taxes by stopping school budget increases
- 156 I would like to see more commercial development, such as a Cumberland Farms. I do enjoy the open space as long as it is accessible and not posted for no tresspassing, otherwise it is useless.
- 159 I am surprised there is no mention in your survey about a senior center or an indoor community space. I am strongly in favor of such a place. A town without a senior and/or indoor community space is not being senior or family friendly.
- 162 I would like to see all town departments and officials work together in Worthington for the betterment of the town and citizens. We have an aged population in town many living on fixed incomes be more prudent with tax dollars.

ResponseID Response

163	I chose Worthington for the low density and rural characteristics. Please do not bring us sprawl and developments.
170	Making it a more walkable community and having a community gathering place, coffee shop...playground!
173	Increase affordable housing and other measures to encourage, entice, support young families to live in town.
175	Less taxes
182	I don't believe a majority of members on the Board haven't any understanding the importance of simply leaving people alone. If we are to flourish as a vibrant, economically sound community it will be the entrepreneurs that make that possible. Government needs to stay out of the way.
188	Rural agricultural aspect of Worthington is very important.
189	Fairness and respect
190	Cluster development with some affordable units. Solar panels on public buildings.
191	More variety of shops/eateries available in town center and more recreational activities for adults/people without children.
199	You already allow two dwellings on parcels even less than 2 acres. This is a recipe for septic to well pollution and neighbor disputes and may increase the need for police resulting in higher taxes.
201	The zoning change to allow ADU's has already gone too far. We don't need any further liberalization of zoning laws. To my mind, an ADU should have been restricted to about 400 sq ft. The new law essentially allows two "houses" on a building lot. It is a sham. Leave zoning laws alone, don't encourage further development and protect open spaces. If people think it is too far to drive for gas or groceries, they should live somewhere else. Hopefully there are enough old timers left in town to protect it from out of towners.
202	Get rid of the rotary. Either use the town hall for town meeting or convert to something more useful than private office space for part time officials.
204	I love the new energy that Listons and the Goldenrod have brought to town. It would be nice if the town center was more inviting. The parking at the post office is awkward and I wish the town store offered more than booze, junk food and lottery tickets.

ResponseID Response

205	I like the way the town is, as it is, but the town center at the roundabout could be built out more, with more density.
206	I'd like to allow residents to apply for options to accommodate additional family residence on their property. How is light industrial defined?
207	Move to Regional fire and police for lower cost, more responsive departments
209	More senior housing
214	Keep things as they are. We do not want any Dollar Generals for example in our town. We moved to Worthington almost 40 years ago for the privacy, to raise our family in peace and just live our lives, enjoy the quiet and nature without neighbors breathing down our necks
216	Involve more of the community with planning and not just a survey. We need more say in things that happen in town. For example Where was the survey before the rotary was built? What about a survey before bridges are torn down and built back up ruining the rural look of the town? As tax payers we deserve more say and not just a few people making most of the decisions. I did not answer many of the questions because they were asked in poor format. Also we have always had fishing, hunting, and snowmobiling and farming. We live in Worthington because we like the rural atmosphere. Otherwise we would live in the city.
219	I would love to see more small businesses in the center of the village (family own coffee shop would be adorable), that are walkable with sidewalks and this will create more job opportunities. More recreation for the younger demographic. Maybe a small apartment complex. I have lived in Worthington for about 3 years now and it is absolutely beautiful I hope to see positive changes that will help our community grow but also staying a nice quiet village. A happy medium.

ResponseID Response

221	<p>1: we need to provide a teen center/ skate board area. Exercise area/ game busy. Designed to keep Kids busy and positive ! 2: the new senior center should have a full handicap bathrooms with walk in showers due to and emergency use. 3: there needs to be a large kitchen and dining area. A: to serve emergency room for sleeping B: create a emergency prepared group. 1: I stepped up to the plate during the Ice storm. I opened my freezer Cooked 3 hams in my electrical Cooker. When I got to the kitchen at the Fire/police department. I Was shocked at the small Both the kitchen prep area and Serving area. Lack of space and Poor future planning. Money is tight and like a house hold it must be spent Wisely! I brought Large amounts of food daily and Baked desserts and meals when we got electricity back on. I couldn't shower with out electricity we had a well. After 3or 4 days i went to CTANG at Bradley due to I did the payroll civ n AF. I ran n drive home. I went to the Town fire/police station and took a shower. It was to me a million dollar shower. I noted that it needed a new shower head and something a shower caddy. When I was able to leave the town I Purchased a new shower head and shower caddy. That is the Least I could do. I am here to Assist in any way! This town is One in a million BUT you need to Tread lightly and carefully. Good luck! RJ. Beaudry</p>
223	<p>Charlemont has cobblestone areas on the highway to alert people to slow down. Functional and attractive. Also Bike and walking shoulders on the roads going through town.</p>
224	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •I would like to see more small business opportunities to come to the village center, also make more job opportunities. (A small farm supply store in town would be nice.) •An apartment complex to allow for the younger generation to move in. • absolutely NO BIG CORPORATIONS (Walmart, Target, Home depot, market 32, McDonald's and so on...) this will hurt our community more then help it and kill and small business opportunities.
225	<p>i would shy from any significant changes to by laws. We have a flexible model now with small businesses and agriculture able to co- exist with limited town involvement. what problem are we trying to solve?</p>
226	<p>Encourage sustainability practices for farms and businesses alike, keep as much open space and dark night skies as possible</p>

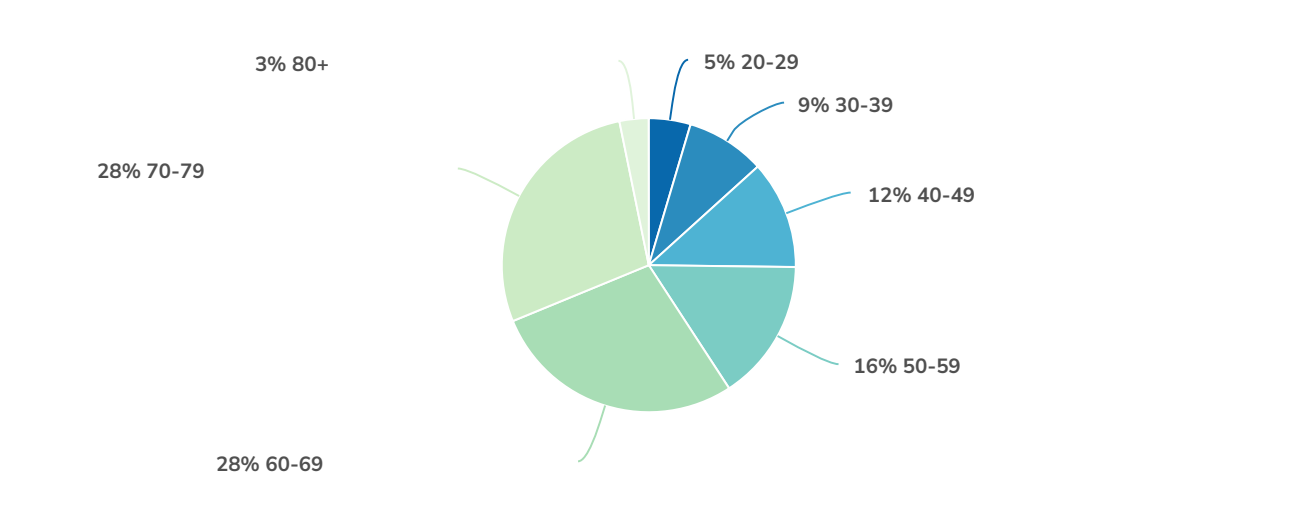
ResponseID Response

- | | |
|-----|--|
| 228 | I am deeply disturbed by the number of town residents whose property is a blight on the commons. This has been a long-term issue in town, and in the last few years there are notable increases in it. I would like to see minimum community standards for the care of property, and limits on the number and storage of vehicles, machines, old appliances, tools. The auction of the old Albert property was a poor town decision with long-term implications for us all. We are fortunate in the young/er people who are investing in town businesses and agriculture (Goldenrod, Liston's, Sawyer Farm, Bare Roots, etc). We should cultivate and steward our town / community in balance with and preserving the undeveloped lands. The issue of "cluster development" and frontage has been on the agenda since my own time on the Planning Board years ago. While current requirements need revision, it needs to be done in the spirit of sustaining the character of the town, rather than planning for growth. We do not need more development in Worthington, although we may well be under pressure in the next decade as climate migration increases. |
| 230 | 200' 2 acres makes a better lot shape than 400' 2 acres |
| 232 | I feel open space and agricultural is most important |
| 239 | Most importantly, we need access to public transportation. The Hilltown EZ ride is not sufficient. The proposed senior center would be beneficial to our aging population. And yes, we need something to replace the pool at the golf club! Preferably with warmer water!! |
| 245 | Better paved roads |
| 249 | Years ago I was on the first Open Space Planning Committee. I recall Tony Lake telling us how some towns, namely Belchertown, had increased their frontage requirements only to see building growth spread out farther over the town thereby losing any sense of a rural community. Open Space is actual an illusion as any town increases in population and thus grows their housing stock. It is the space between houses that makes us a rural community. This is why Tony believed that cluster housing was important to maintain our open spaces and to reduce the costs of middle income housing. |
| 256 | Encourage home businesses that will not destroy the rural character of the town, but will help reduce taxes for residents. |
| 259 | A long range plan should take into consideration the value of our open and wild spaces. Developing businesses, capital growth and housing developments will, in the long run, devalue what we have in this town that is unique; its rural character which ultimately attracts the kind of tourism and business that is compatible with a safe, beautiful and friendly small town community with clean air and water. |
| 262 | Maybe a review meeting - unofficial - before the next Town Meeting. |

ResponseID Response

276	A better job with keeping the Rural look and feel of Worthington. A better job with bridges and roadways. Worthington is looking worse than ever and it heartbreaking. Send out mailings for special town meetings so you can actually be a part of the process. Not everyone works 9-5 Monday- Friday and meetings are on Saturdays and evenings and are not fairly attended by all. Voting should be mail optional or have voting times longer not just at town meeting it's so unfair for those who can't make the meetings due to work schedules.
278	I feel guilty saying anything because I love Worthington they way it is. I do not want to see development. But I see these huge properties that families cannot build generational housing without doing a development type subdivision that is ugly, out of place, financially not feasible and basically not environmentally friendly. I want to see this town stay family oriented.
280	More development of affordable housing for middle lower income households; many couples families would like to own homes here; but there is little housing stock and high prices
282	Let's try to get a Lathrop-type development
284	I like to run but don't find any trails where no cars or ATVs are allowed. I'd like to see a tennis court and a playground, (for Worthington people meet at the pond right next to the dump, I don't like that.)
288	1) Whatever is built or changed ABSOLUTELY must be wheelchair accessible - let's not forget the horrific decisions no golf course - there's still no ramp; but there has been a liquor license given. Really?!? I don't get it & I definitely don't like it. 2) Under question 7, This is probably/maybe not for Planning Board-but I'd like to see a true community center built rather than a whole building for [handwriting not legible]
290	Would be nice to see more development in the center of town e.g. gas station, more grocery options, small businesses. Would also enjoy more recreation for younger demographics
292	Hoping for a new COA Bldg that can be shared by entire town.
294	Care not to change nature of community
297	Senior Center / Community Center & Pickleball courts

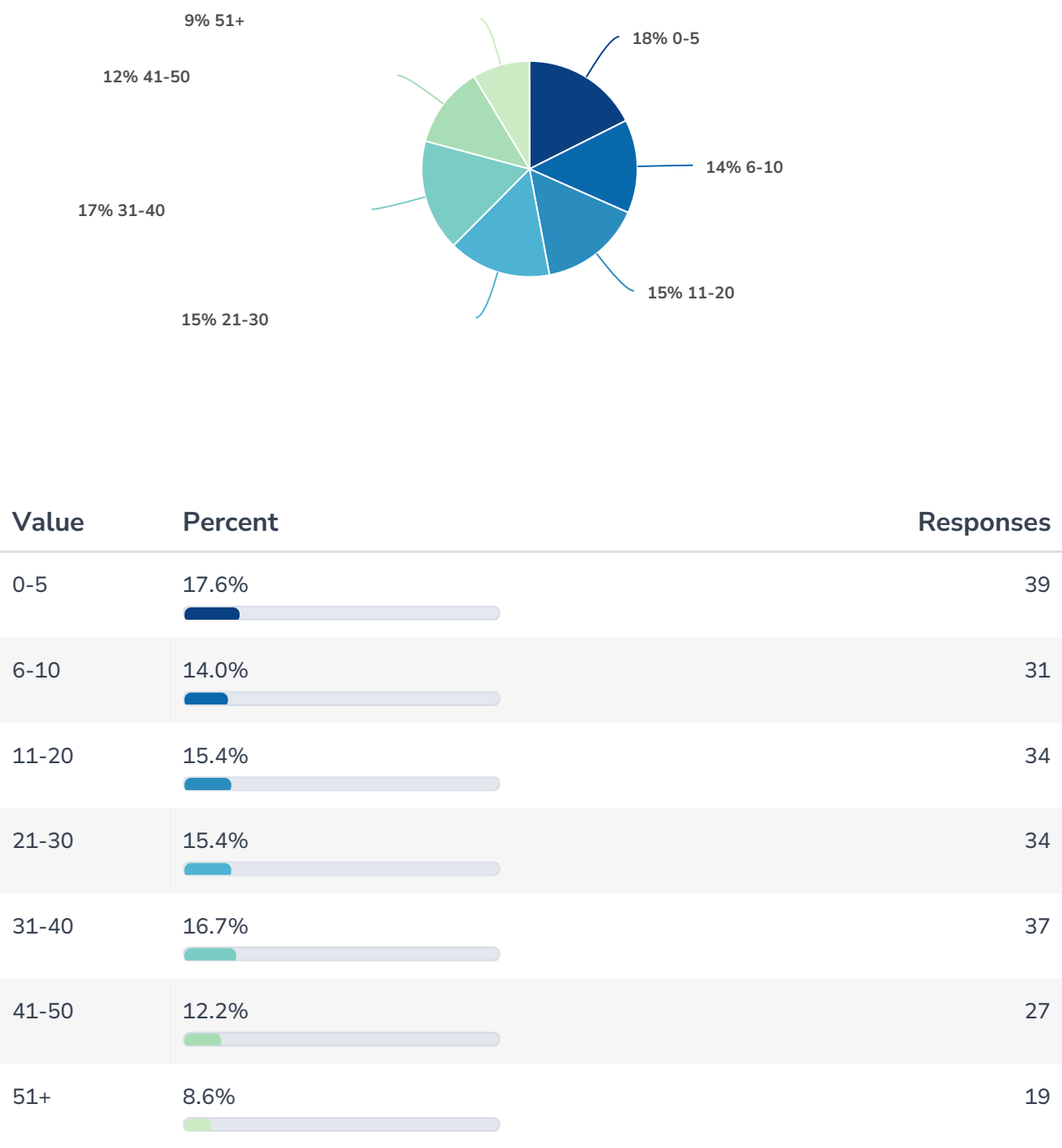
9. What is your age?



Value	Percent	Responses
20-29	4.6% <div><div></div></div>	10
30-39	8.7% <div><div></div></div>	19
40-49	11.9% <div><div></div></div>	26
50-59	15.6% <div><div></div></div>	34
60-69	28.0% <div><div></div></div>	61
70-79	28.0% <div><div></div></div>	61
80+	3.2% <div><div></div></div>	7

Totals: 218

10. How many years have you been a resident of Worthington?



Totals: 221