

Town of Yarrow Point Comprehensive Plan Update

Community Survey Analysis



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Community Survey Analysis

Introduction

As part of the comprehensive plan update's required community engagement component (RCW 36.70A.130), and in line with Yarrow Point's goals to meaningfully engage residents throughout the process, planners administered a survey to gain insight into community members' perceptions on several topics addressed in the comprehensive plan.

In addition to demographic information, the survey focused on questions directly informing comprehensive plan elements, including housing, density, climate change preparedness, environmental goals, multi-modal transportation needs, and utility services. Questions focused on realizing actionable insights to support the planning team in setting priorities and implementation strategies for this Comprehensive Plan update.

The survey ended with a space for residents to provide additional comments. The responses offered a broader view of issues residents cared about, both within and outside the scope of the comprehensive plan. This report presents general themes from the open-ended responses and some select responses from residents.

The demographics of the survey may not reflect the demographics of the community exactly. Comparing the age, employment, and household size responses to results from the American Community Survey (ACS) reveals slight differences. The ACS is an annual demographic survey run by the United States Census Bureau that presents communities with data on the social and economic demographics of their populations. Different levels of government use this data when assessing community needs for funding and investments. The survey responses skewed older and came from smaller households than what the ACS's most recent results present –this difference held true, even when considering the ACS's margins of error. Raw numbers and percentages are presented where possible to offer a more complete picture of the survey responses.

Survey Results

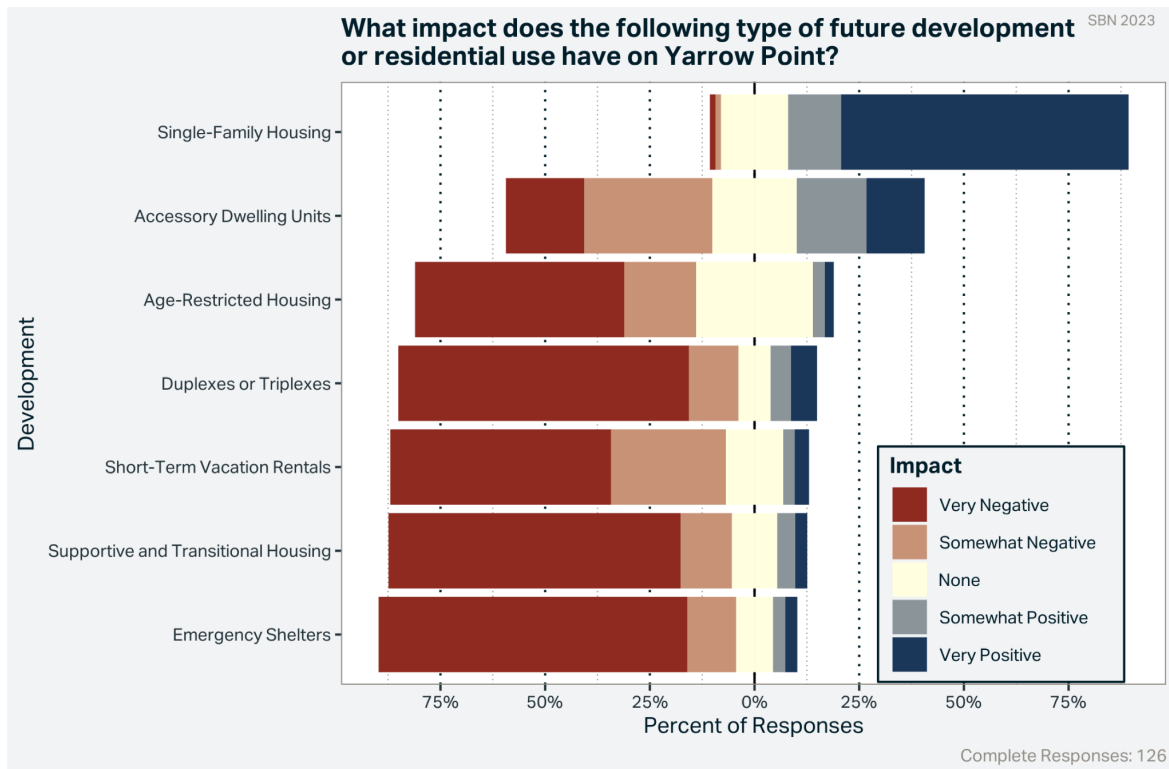
All survey responses are available in the appendix. The following are notable observations based on direct comprehensive planning implications.

Household Composition and Affordability

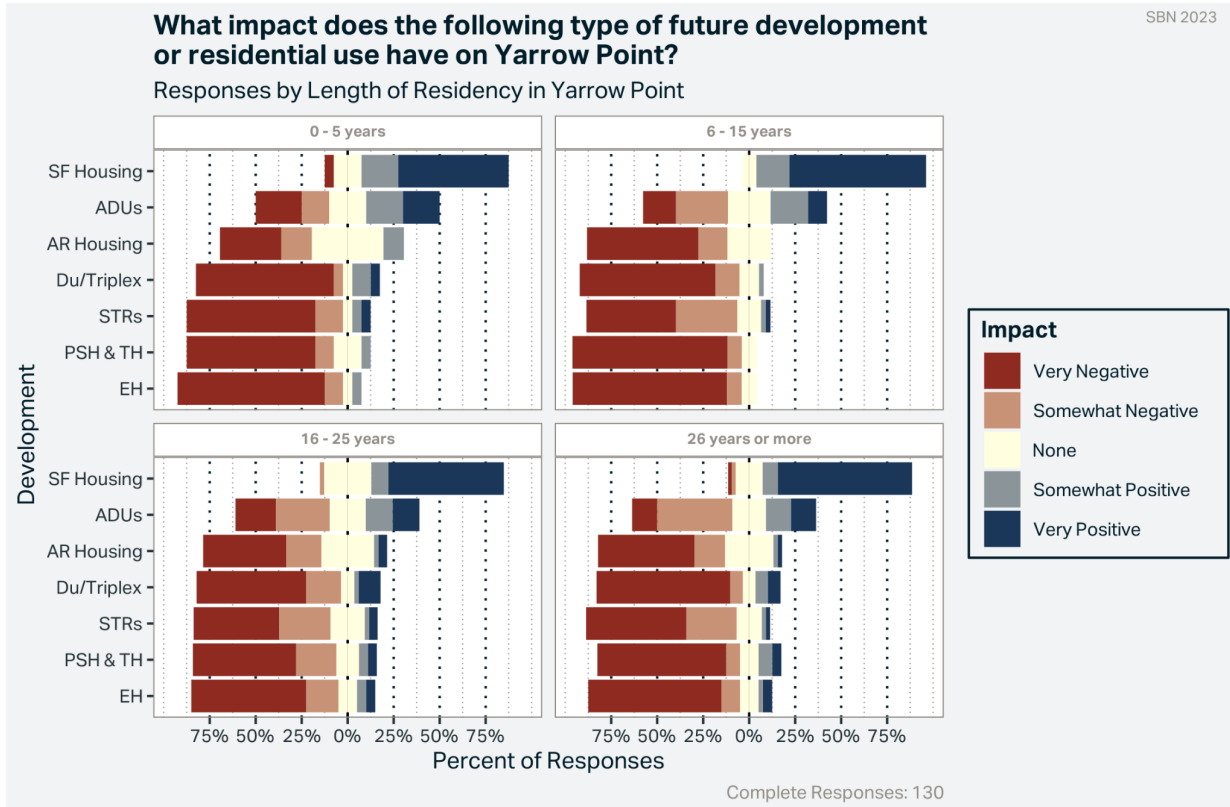
In Yarrow Point, most survey respondents live in households with 1-2 members, though a notable proportion of respondents live in households with 3-5 members. The community displays an age distribution skewed toward those aged 55 and above, emphasizing the importance of adaptive housing, accessibility, and community planning. While most don't anticipate relocating due to housing costs in the next 20 years, roughly one in three respondents expressed that it may be possible for their household. When considering responses from retirees, the portion anticipating relocating rises to nearly half.

Housing Development

The current housing stock is entirely single-family residential, with some properties having accessory dwelling units (ADUs). According to survey results, there is limited interest in duplex or triplex development. Yarrow Point residents overwhelmingly favor the existing land use. Age-restricted housing, short-term rentals, supportive housing, transitional housing, and emergency shelters overwhelmingly had negative survey responses.



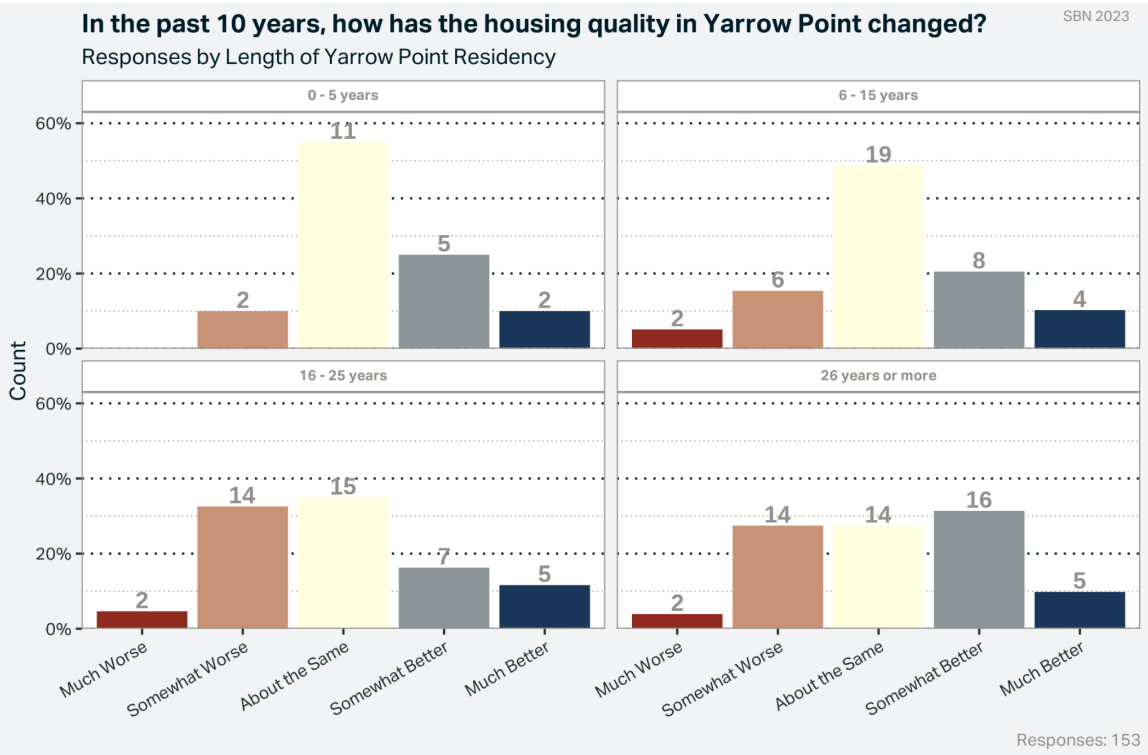
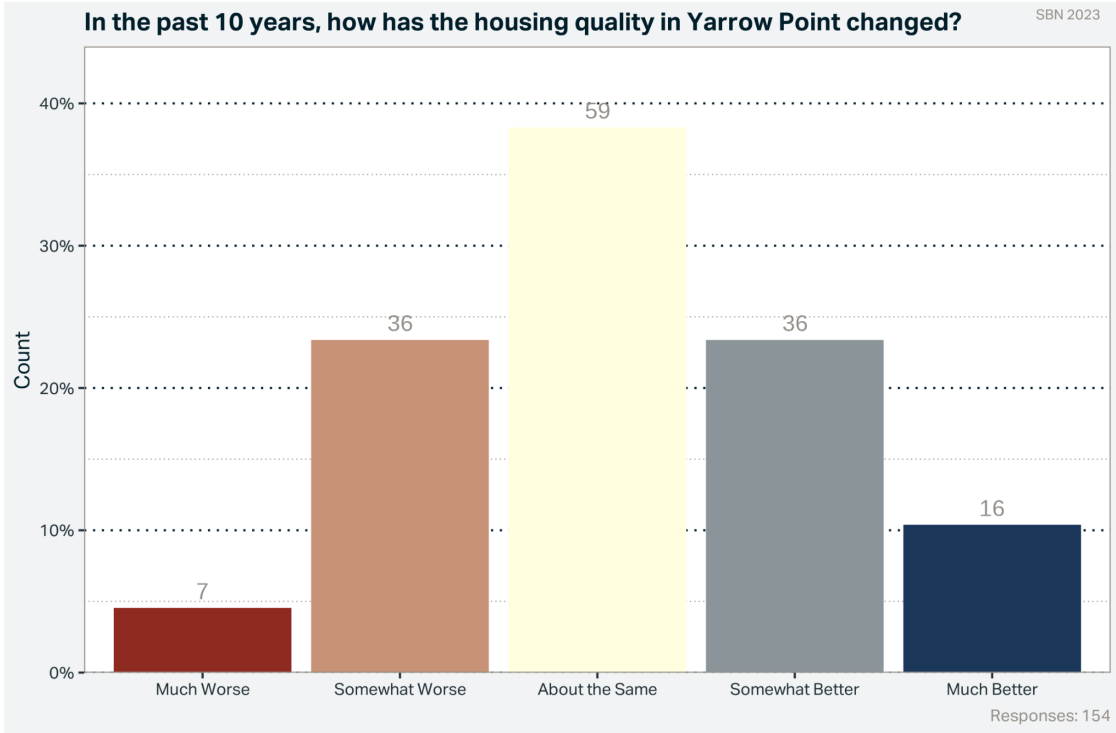
When answers to the same question are evaluated by a respondent's number of years as Yarrow Point resident, this data tells us that new and long-term residents' preferences for single-family housing and ADUs align. However, responses from residents with tenures in the 0 - 5 and 6 - 15 year range answered with less positive or somewhat positive associations with the impacts of all other types of development outside of single-family housing and ADUs.



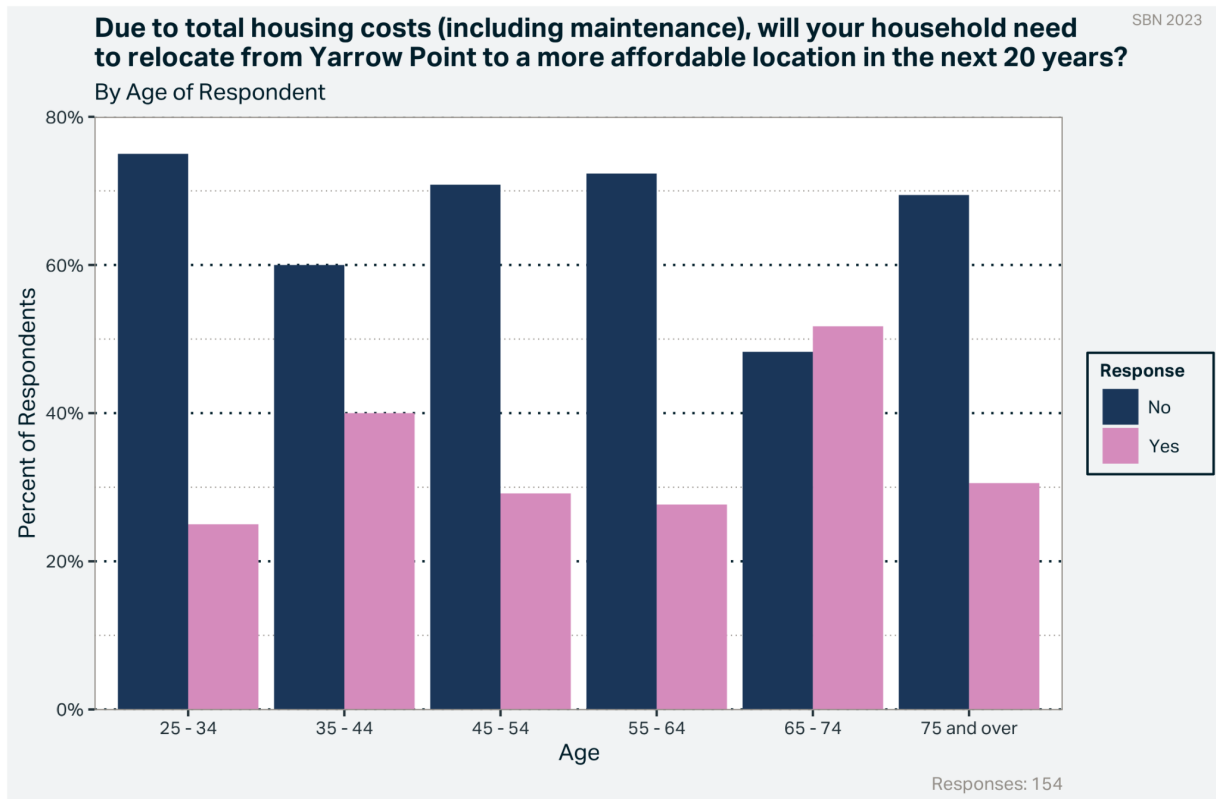
Housing Quality and Ability to Remain in Yarrow Point

The question on housing quality asked respondents to rate their satisfaction with the available housing stock in Yarrow Point, with the survey specifically listing cost, property maintenance, availability, and type of housing as context for what “housing quality” means. According to survey results, 38% of total residents view the housing quality in Yarrow Point as About the Same as it was ten years ago, 34% as Somewhat Better or Much Better, and 28% rated it as Somewhat Worse or Much Worse.

The following graphs show that when evaluated through the length of tenure as a resident, this question yields differences between respondent demographics. The highest rate of About the Same responses came from residents with 0 - 5 and 6 - 15 years of tenure. For respondents living in Yarrow Point 26 years or more, their answers are more evenly distributed between Somewhat Worse and Somewhat Better.



Total housing costs include long and short-term maintenance of property and tax burdens. When asked if respondents due to total costs will need to relocate from Yarrow Point in the next twenty years, 65% of total respondents stated No. When evaluated through age demographics, the highest rate of displacement risk is those between the ages of 65 - 74.



Comprehensive Plan Implications

Respondents overwhelmingly preferred single-family housing, with ADUs being identified by respondents as a solution for increasing density in the Town. The Town has already applied for a grant to fund the drafting of new development regulations to address recent housing legislation and will continue to engage the community to ensure any changes to development regulations balance community needs with legislative requirements.

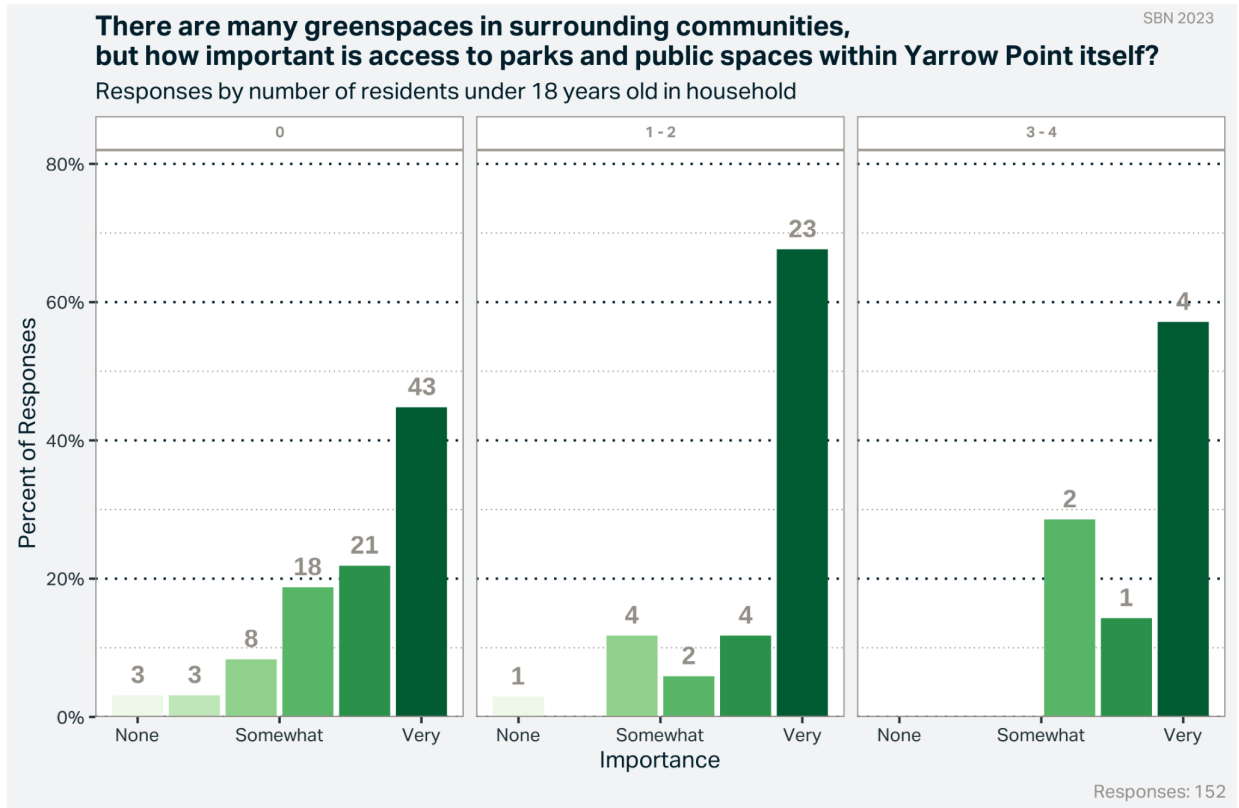
Many respondents (80% answered either Somewhat Negative Impact or Very Negative Impact) had a negative association in the survey regarding short-term rentals, with some respondents re-iterating their negative feedback in the written response section. However, in other written comments, respondents also expressed concern about the Town developing a policy for short-term rentals. Yarrow Point could use this feedback in the future to examine what role, if any, the Town could have in short-term rental use.

The Town recently passed new code to regulate permanent supportive and transitional housing. Based on respondents' answers both in the survey and in the written question, Yarrow Point could include more public discussions and surveys on the topic in the future for how it may impact the community.

Parks and Public Spaces

Access

While communities with various park resources surround Yarrow Point, and many households have green spaces for recreation, the survey results show that access to parks and public spaces within the town's boundaries remains important to residents.

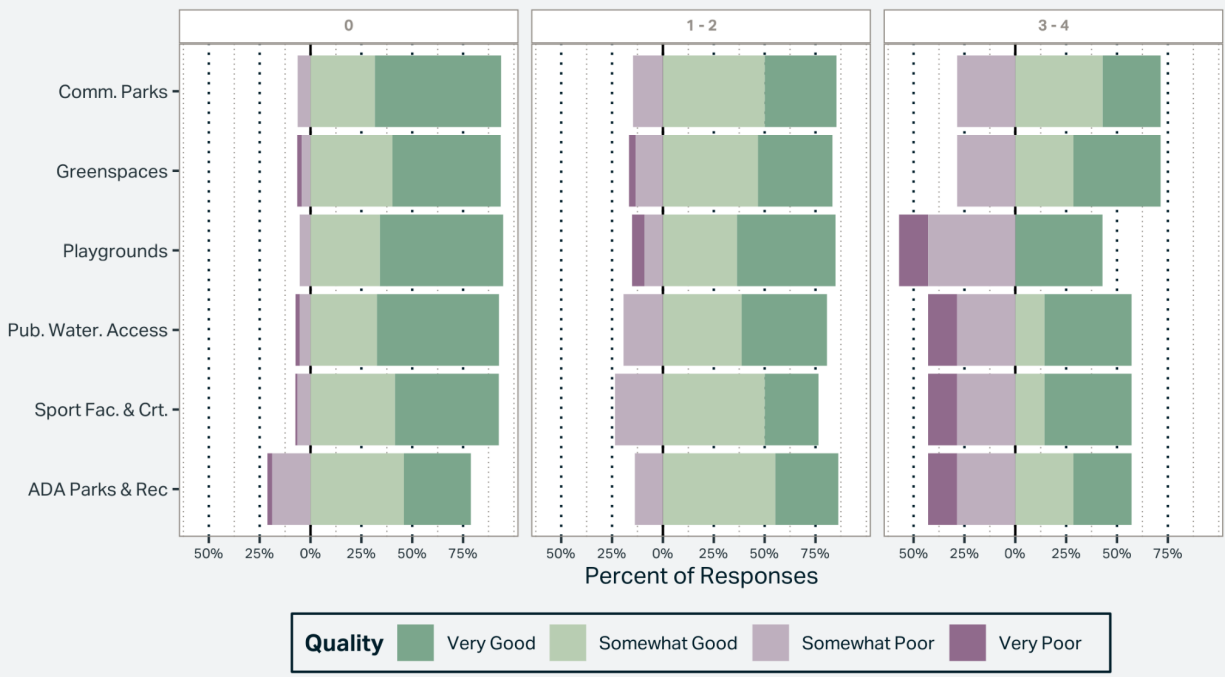


The survey results underscore that households, particularly those with children under 18, place significant importance on ease of access to parks and public spaces within Yarrow Point.

When rating the overall quality and accessibility of Yarrow Point's current parks and recreation amenities, families with children under 18 highlighted gaps in playgrounds, public water access points, sports facilities, and ADA-accessible amenities in parks and recreation areas. Based on the graph below, the more children in a household, the more likely respondents are to rate parks and recreation resources as Poor or Somewhat Poor.

How would you rate the quality and accessibility of Yarrow Point's current parks and recreation?

Responses by Number of Children Under 18 in Household



Complete Responses: 126

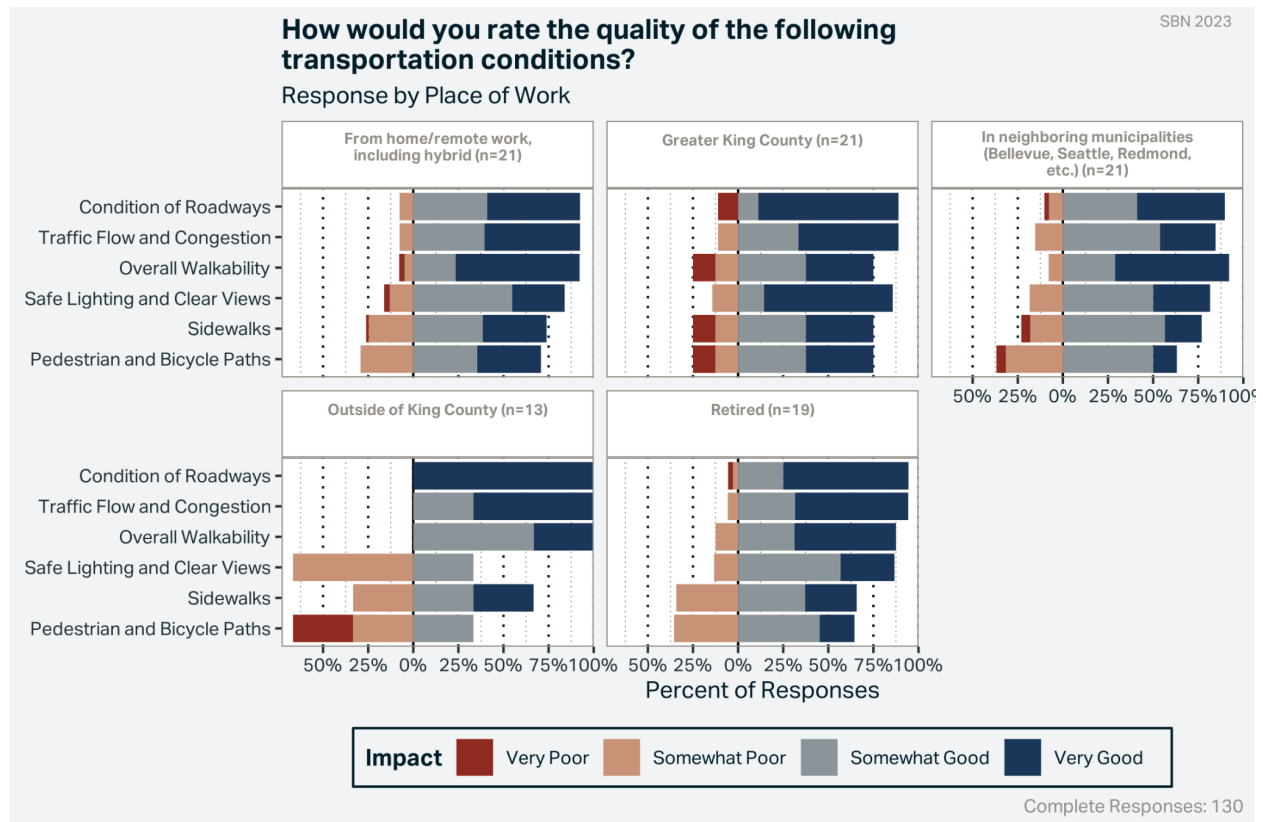
Comprehensive Plan Implications

The emphasis on parks and public spaces by respondents affirms the role of green space in enriching the quality of life, boosting physical and mental health, and nurturing community ties. Yarrow Point could add language to address the needs of youth and families in the plan for future parks and recreation while maintaining a goal for quality and access to amenities for all residents.

Transportation and Employment Patterns

Most respondents (98% of total responses) depend on personal vehicles. In the total responses, 48% reported being retired; for non-retirees, 82 % of residents work remotely or in adjacent municipalities.

Responses to questions about existing transportation quality were generally consistent across working demographics, except for residents working outside of King County, who rated Safe Lighting and Clear Views, Sidewalks, and Pedestrian and Bicycle Paths as far less favorably. Those who work from home/remote work, retired residents, and those who work in greater King County have the most favorable view of transportation across conditions. Yarrow Point rated the pedestrian and bike paths less favorably than other groups and had the most “very poor” responses across all transportation element questions.



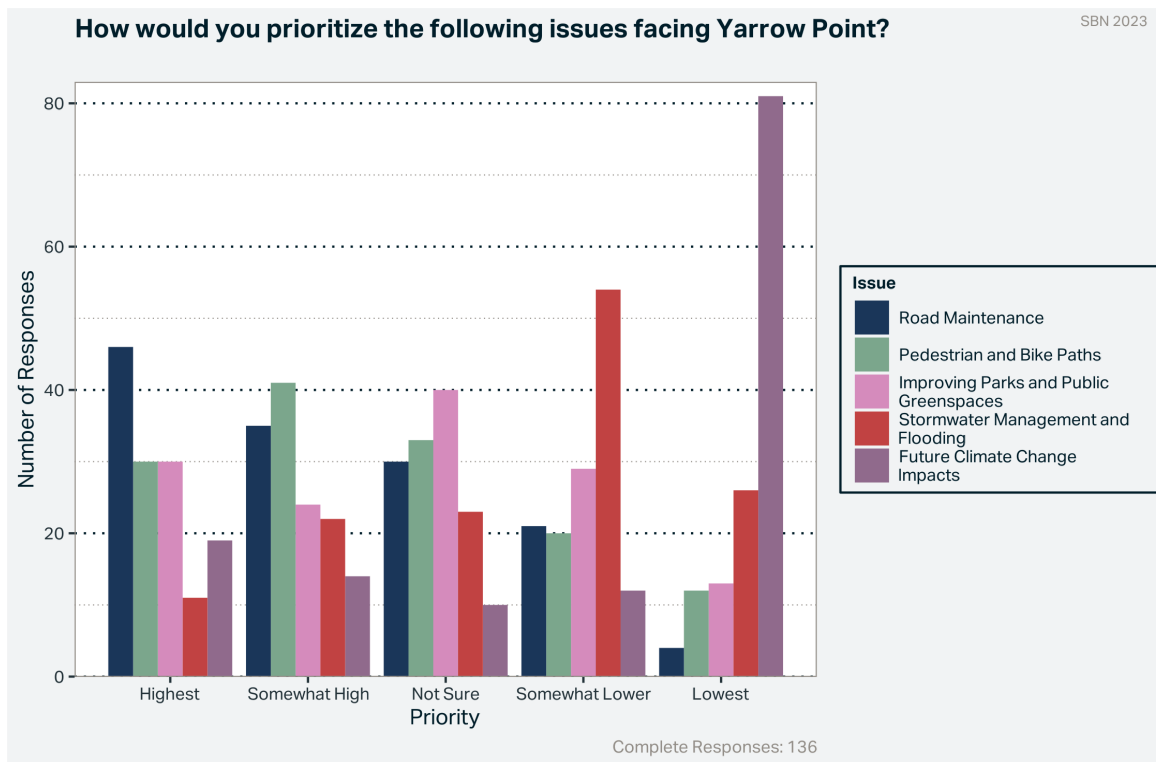
Comprehensive Plan Implications

Multi-modal transportation, including pedestrian and bicycle paths, are shown as a community priority needing attention due to their Very Poor or Somewhat Poor impact. Yarrow Point may evaluate opportunities for addressing bike and pedestrian needs specifically or add to an overall transportation strategy. In the written responses, traffic flow and congestion were mentioned multiple times despite not being rated poorly in the survey.

Overall Satisfaction and Priorities

Survey responses show an overall high satisfaction, with 84% of total responses rating an 8 and above on a scale of 1 - 10.

The results did not indicate that there is a consensus on where Yarrow Point should prioritize improvements. Road maintenance and pedestrian and bike path improvements were respondents' two top priorities, edging out parks and greenspaces.



Comprehensive Plan Implications

Responses indicate that residents would most like to see improvement in road maintenance and multimodal infrastructure. Stormwater management and climate change impact are both rated as Somewhat Lower and Lowest priorities in the survey, however, the written responses mention climate change and environmental concerns multiple times.

Written Response Analysis

Overall Themes

1. Community Safety and Security:

Residents highly value the safety and security of Yarrow Point and have expressed concerns over increasing crime rates.

2. Infrastructure and Maintenance:

Many comments highlight the need for improved infrastructure and maintenance across the town. Residents call for repairing and adding sidewalks, better street lighting, resurfacing streets, improvements to Sally's Alley, and repairs along points drive south of 520. Making the town more accessible, including golf cart-friendly adaptations and adding amenities like additional pickleball courts, is also suggested.

3. Environmental Preservation and Aesthetics:

Environmental preservation, particularly the protection of trees, was a common concern for respondents. Respondents voiced concerns about the Town's tree canopy loss as a result of tree removal by developers. Many responses called for stronger tree ordinances to protect significant trees. Respondents call on the Town to address climate change risks, promote clean energy, and improve the town's aesthetics with approaches such as undergrounding of utility lines and improvements to the Town's entrance landscaping.

4. Governance, Regulations, and Property Maintenance:

Residents express various opinions on governance and regulations, with some appreciating the town government's approach and others advocating for less intervention. Residents raised concerns about high property taxes, inconsistent codes, and neighbors not meeting property maintenance standards.

Notable Quotes From Residents

These quotes were pulled from the total responses as representative of multiple comments with similar feedback.

Community

“It's nice living in a small community, but I think there's an opportunity to create a closer-knit community with more community events.”

“Yarrow Point is a great community and a major part of that is a sense of knowing your neighbors and community events. In the past 10 years, there's been large turnover of residents and it's lost a little of the community spirit which we need to reclaim.”

“Town just fine the way it is. No need to create a whole city out of a quaint small town.”

“It's been a wonderful life for us on Yarrow Point, but we can see changes coming around the corner!”

“Yarrow Point is a very special place. We moved here for its safety and community feel. We love walking the neighborhood as a family and our child with a disability feels welcome, independent, and safe.”

Housing and Maintenance

“Not afraid of an increase in housing density. It would be nice if a centrally located single lot of food retail of sorts accompanied it, similar to Medina next to the post office.”

“I feel YP could benefit from a design quality board as difficult and disliked as that would be from the start.”

“I feel information to a homeowner to be lacking. For example, is there an update on the hedges? Was there a vote? The lack of thorough minutes means a lack of transparency and knowledge.”

“Increasing home values increase taxes and potentially force retired people to move.”

“I have concerns about rental properties and the owner's commitment to maintaining the property. There should be some basic standards.”

“Perfect place to live. No change needed. The number one problem is the increase in real estate taxes.”

“Tree code, hedge code, short term rental code are now infringing on residents rights to use their property as they see fit and have no significant impact on the community resources.”

“ADU can be a good thing AS LONG AS PARKING IS PROVIDED.”

Tree Canopy and Environmental Concerns

“There have been numerous trees that have been removed from the town's right of way over the last 5 years for valid reasons, but the town has not replanted a single tree to replace any of the lost trees.”

“We are losing our canopy. We should have stronger rules for developers. If people want to live here instead of the concrete jungle of Bellevue, then value the natural aspects of protecting the environment”

“Would like Yarrow Point township to operate with ecologically sound decisions and benchmarks.”

“City should adopt and encourage clean energy and be resilient to being cut off from the rest of Bellevue/Kirkland for fire and public safety. the city should consider a tree inventory and planting more climate change resistant plants.”

“We are deeply disappointed with the lack of a Tree Ordinance to protect the ancient trees of Yarrow Point.”

Crime and Safety

“If crime statistics increase, or we can no longer leave our home unattended for vacations, then we will need to move.”

“The biggest impact or change in Yarrow Point in the last 10-20 years is crime. We used to have none of it. Now, it seems pretty consistent with no plans to mitigate. We also have empty homes with owners that are not required to maintain their landscape or properties, which de-values other homes.”

“Keep it clean. Keep it safe. Protect our family-oriented character.”

Public Amenities, Walkability, and Utilities

“Being able to use the King County Library would be nice”

“Parks, playgrounds, water access all need improving. Pool/tennis/library access lacking.”

“Biggest concerns: Electric/Utilities should all be underground, not just on 92nd. Sidewalks, especially near fountain and on 40th, are critical to walkers/bikers' safety and should be a priority.”

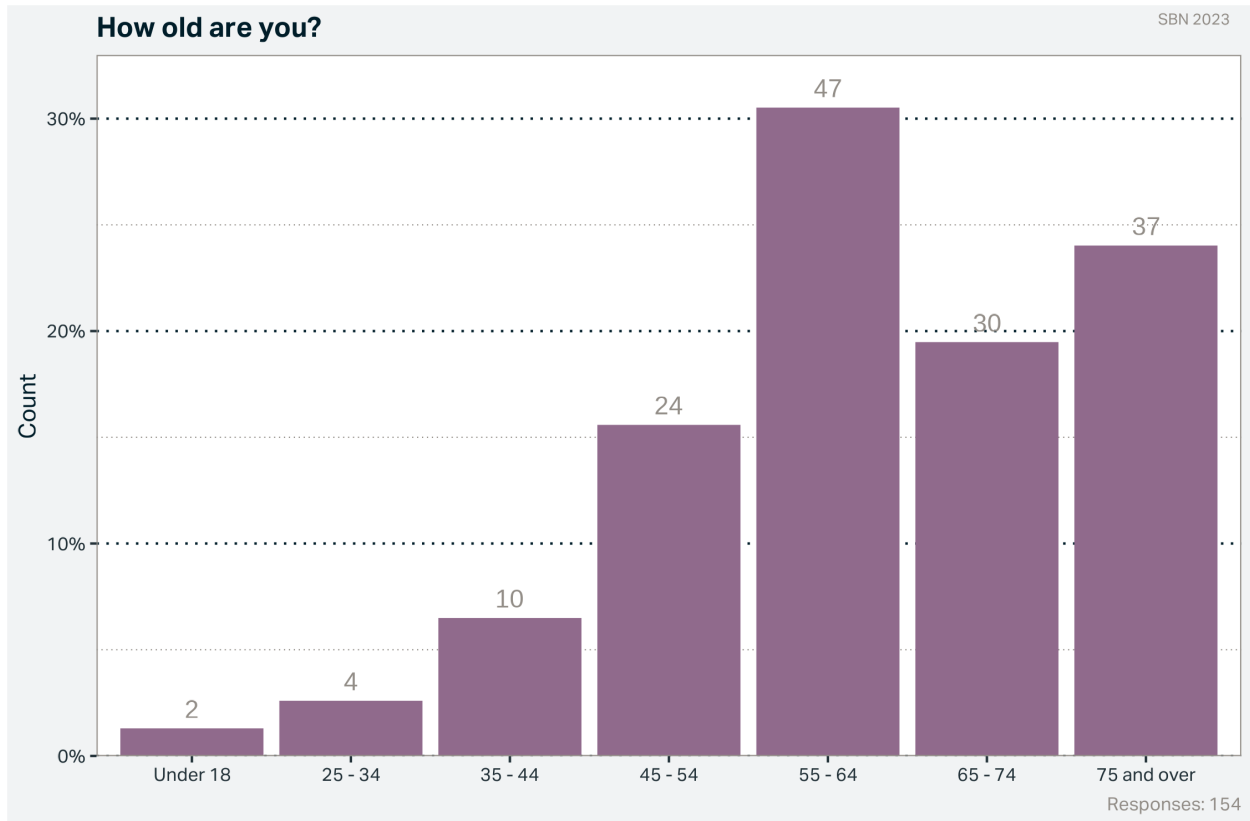
“I would like the town to be more proactive in under grounding power and utility wires”

“Challenge for YP drivers, pedestrians and bikers at the circle - needs to be improved for safety for all. Also, want to highly support efforts by the city to create and maintain a beautiful Sally's Alley path and greenspace. Also funding to maintain Wetherill. Internet is the utility that can be really poor.”

Appendix: Full Responses

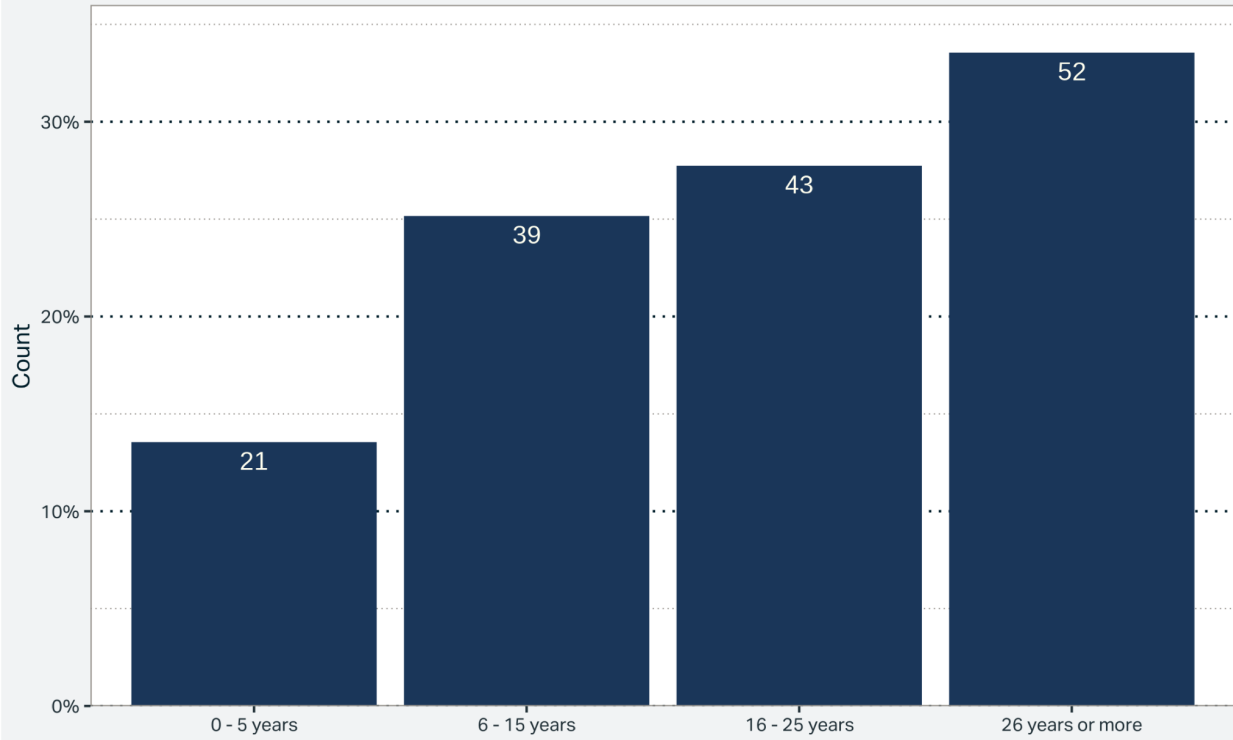
Full Quantitative Responses

Demographics



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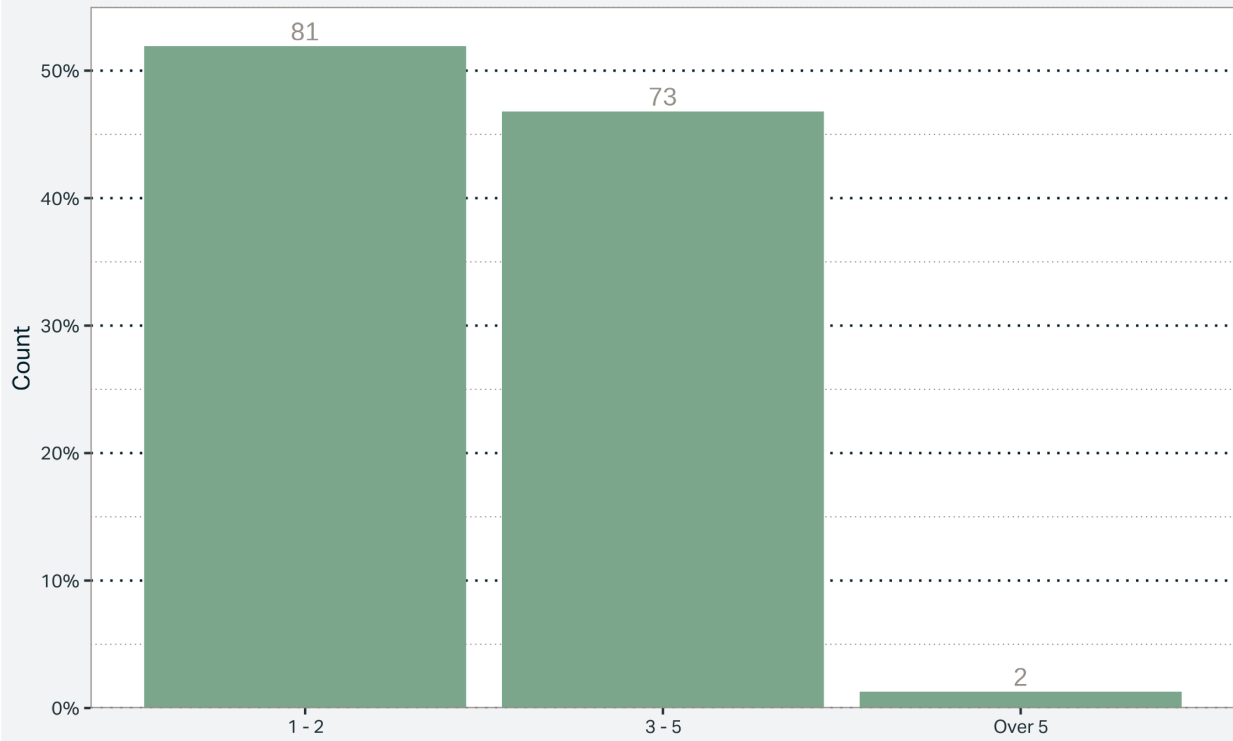
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How many individuals live in your household?

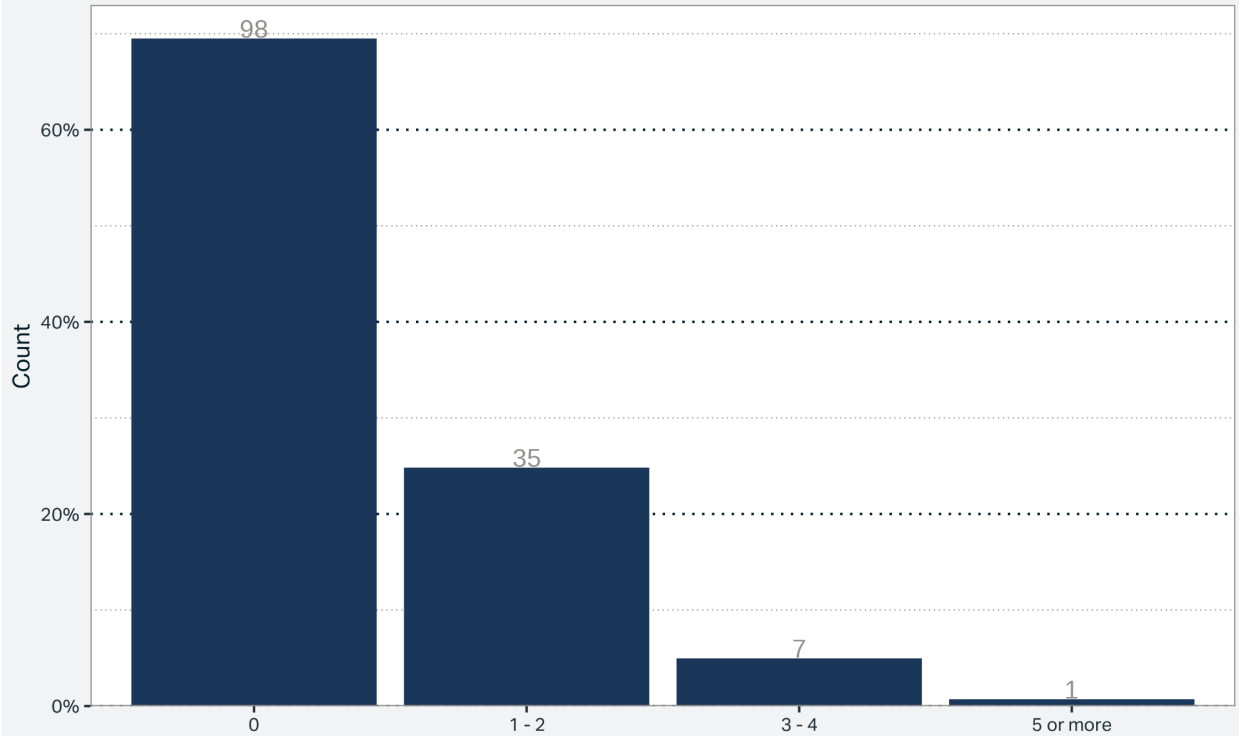
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How many individuals in your household are under 18?

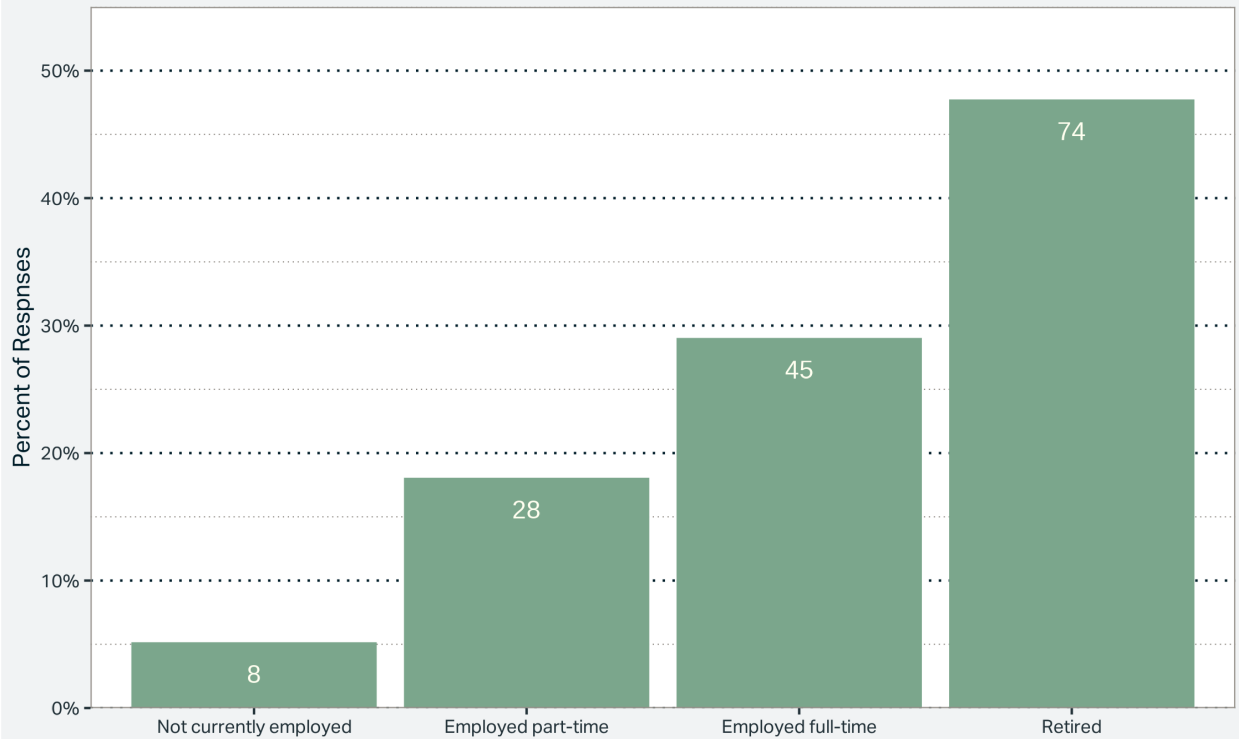
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What is your current employment status?

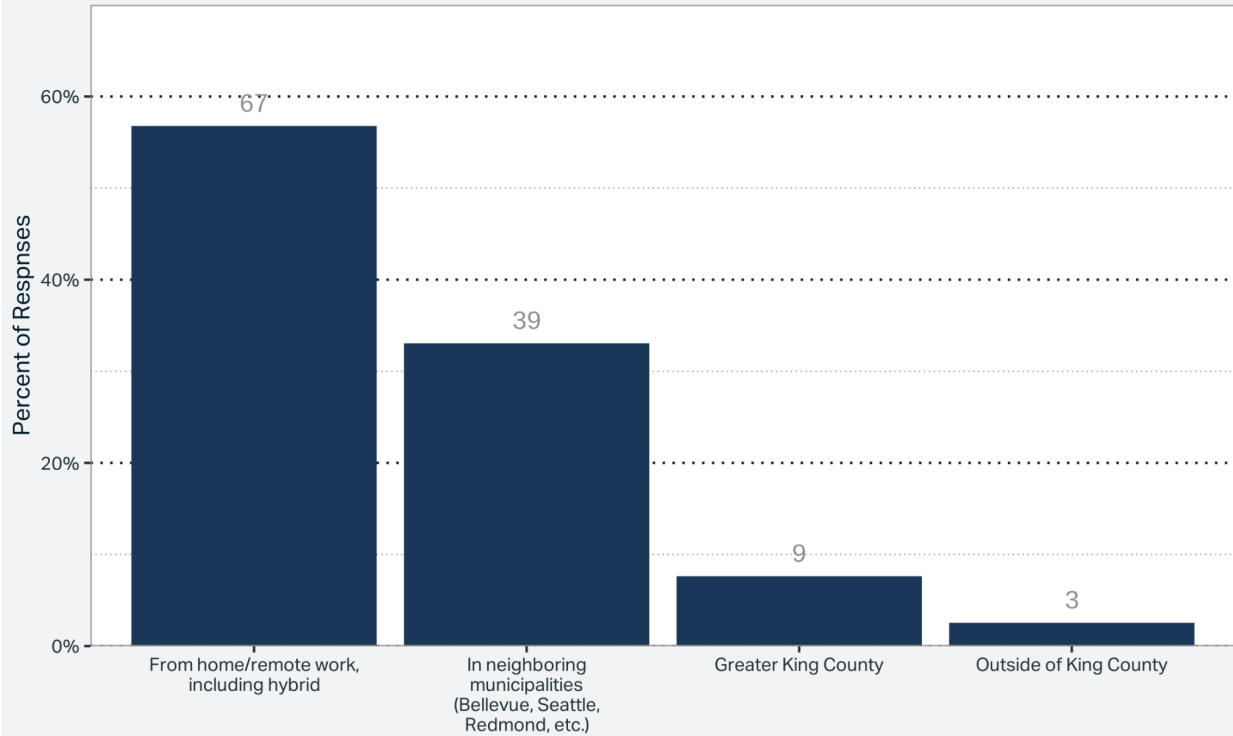
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Where does your work primarily take place?

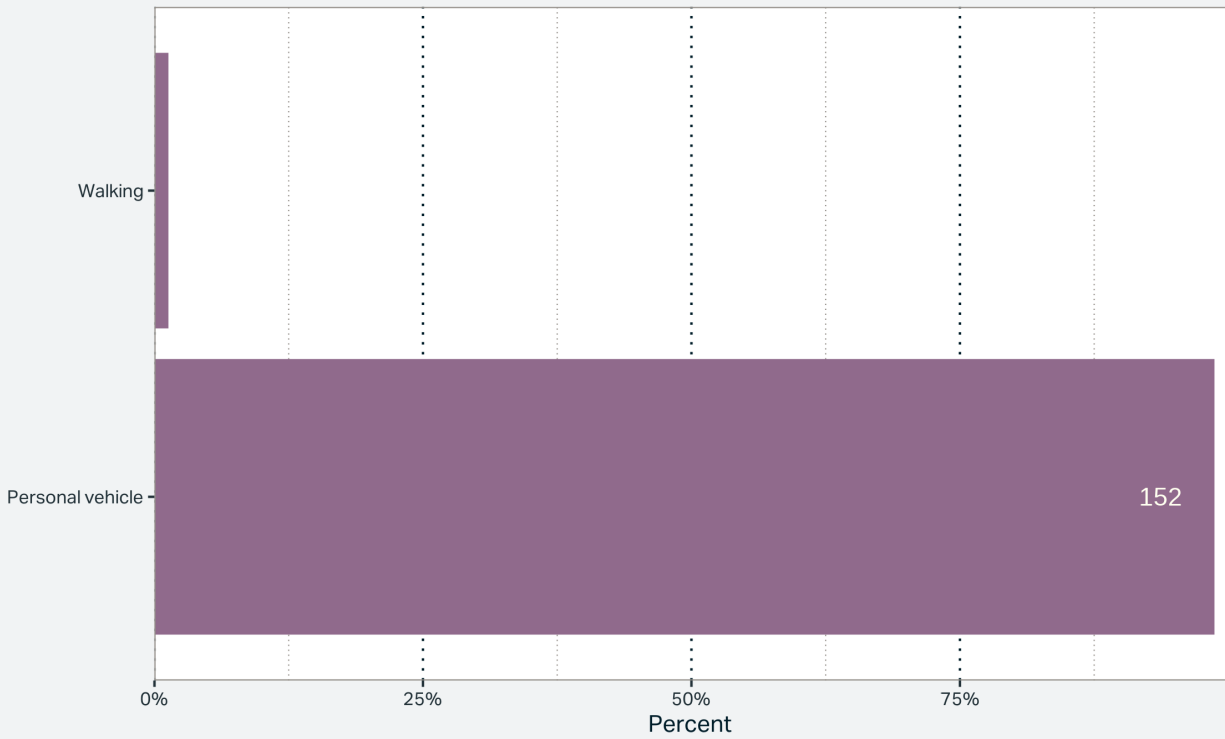
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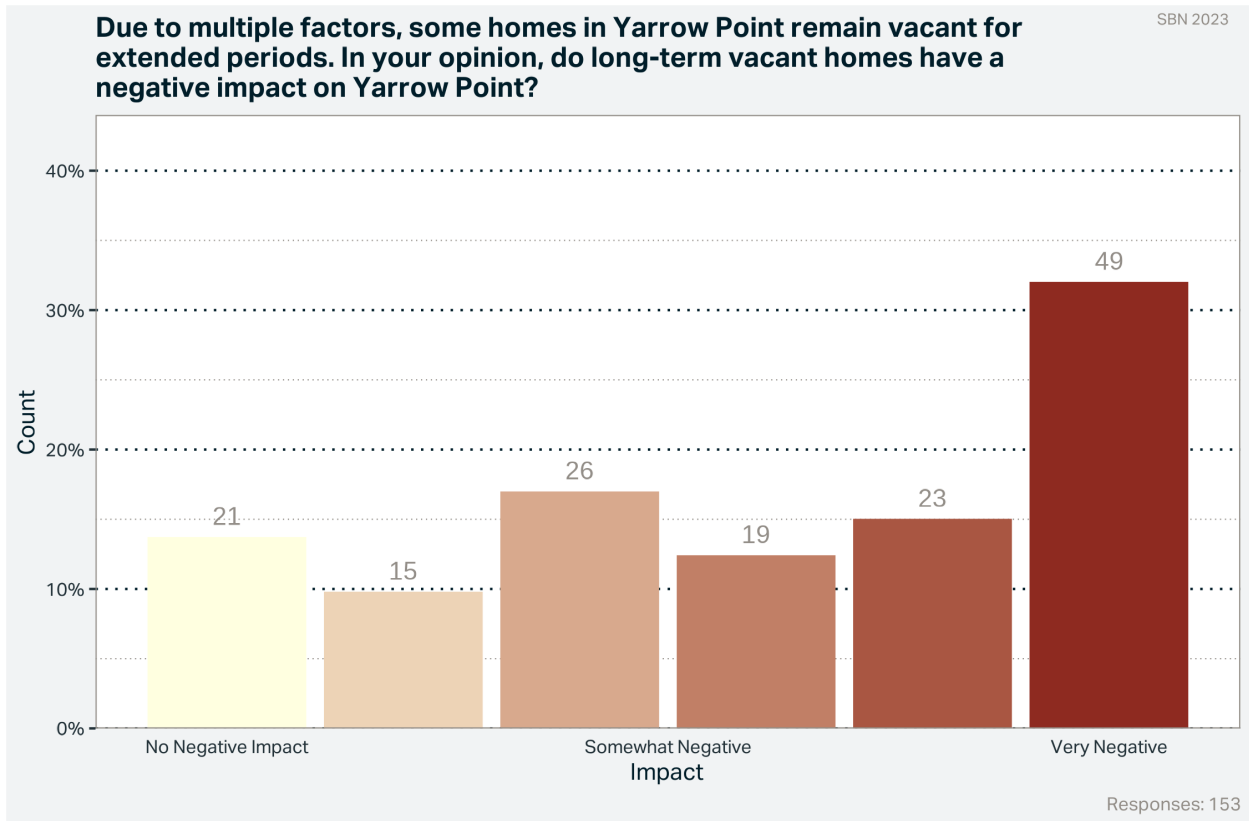
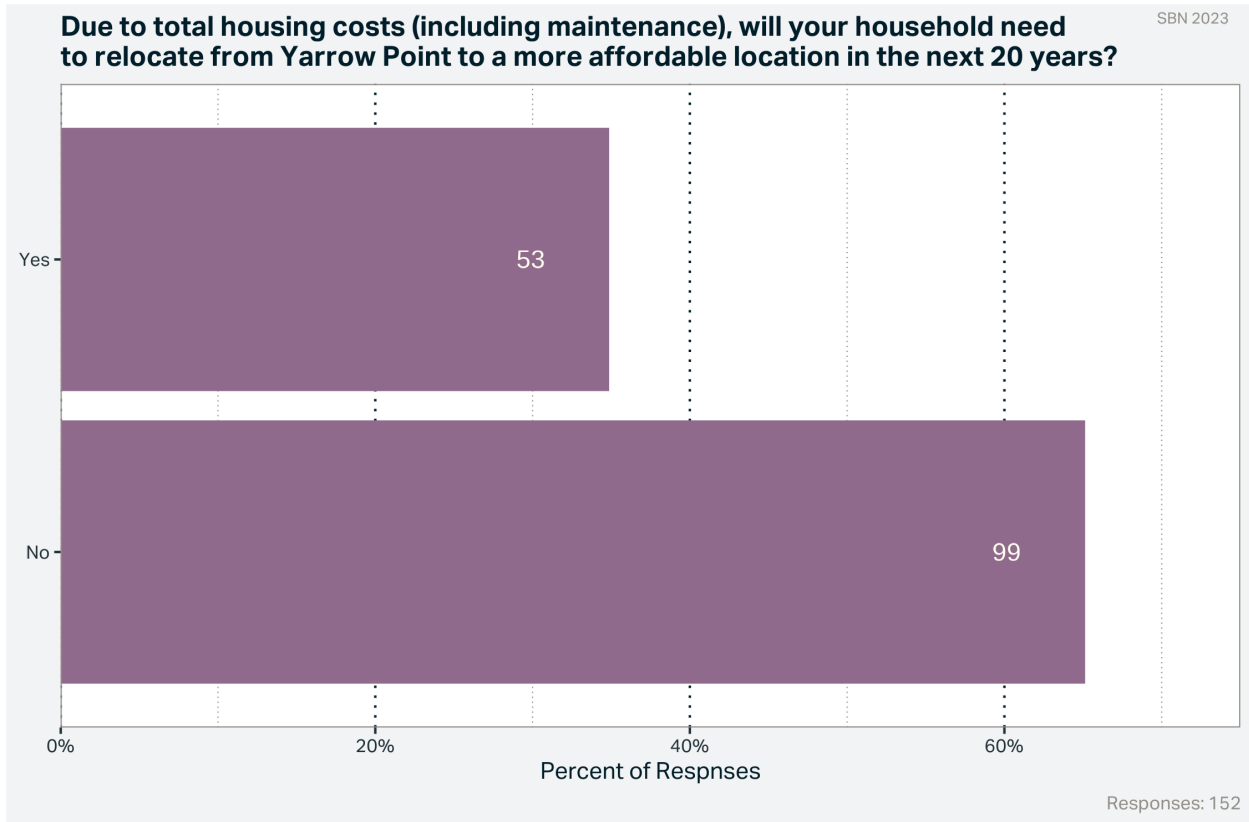
What is your primary mode of transportation?

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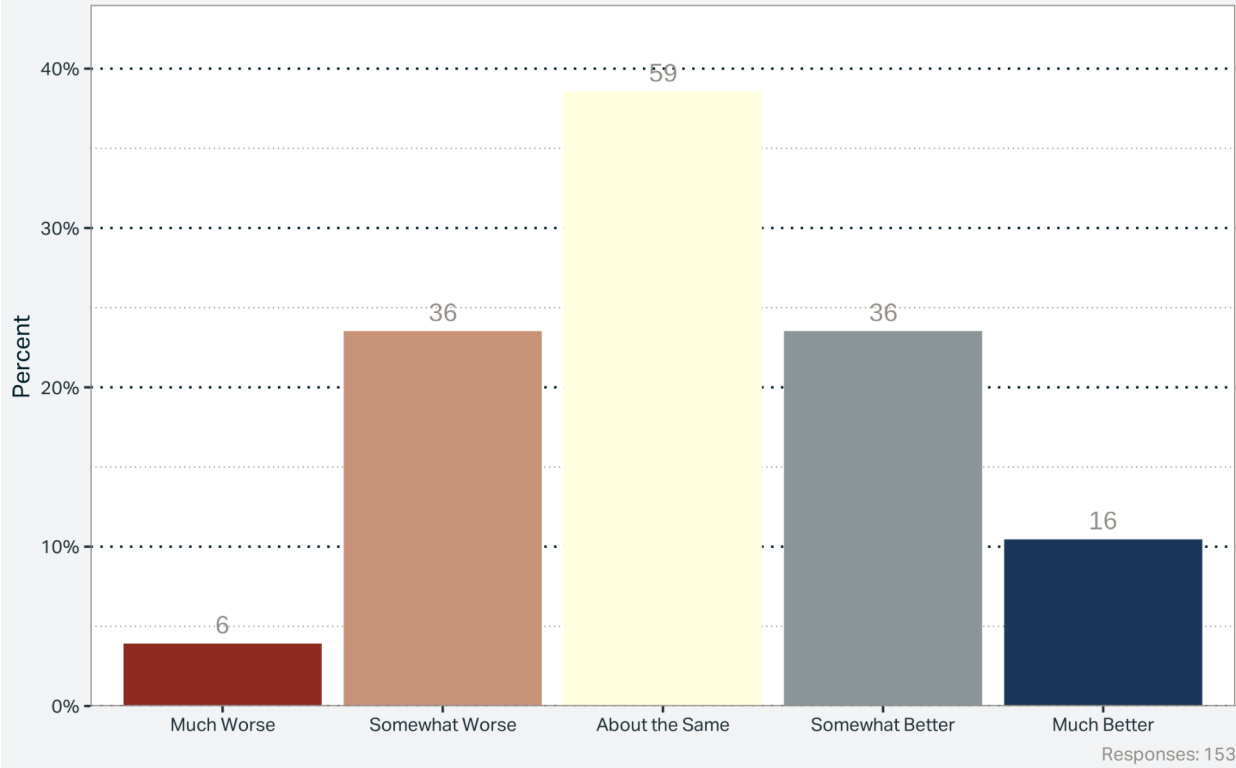
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Housing



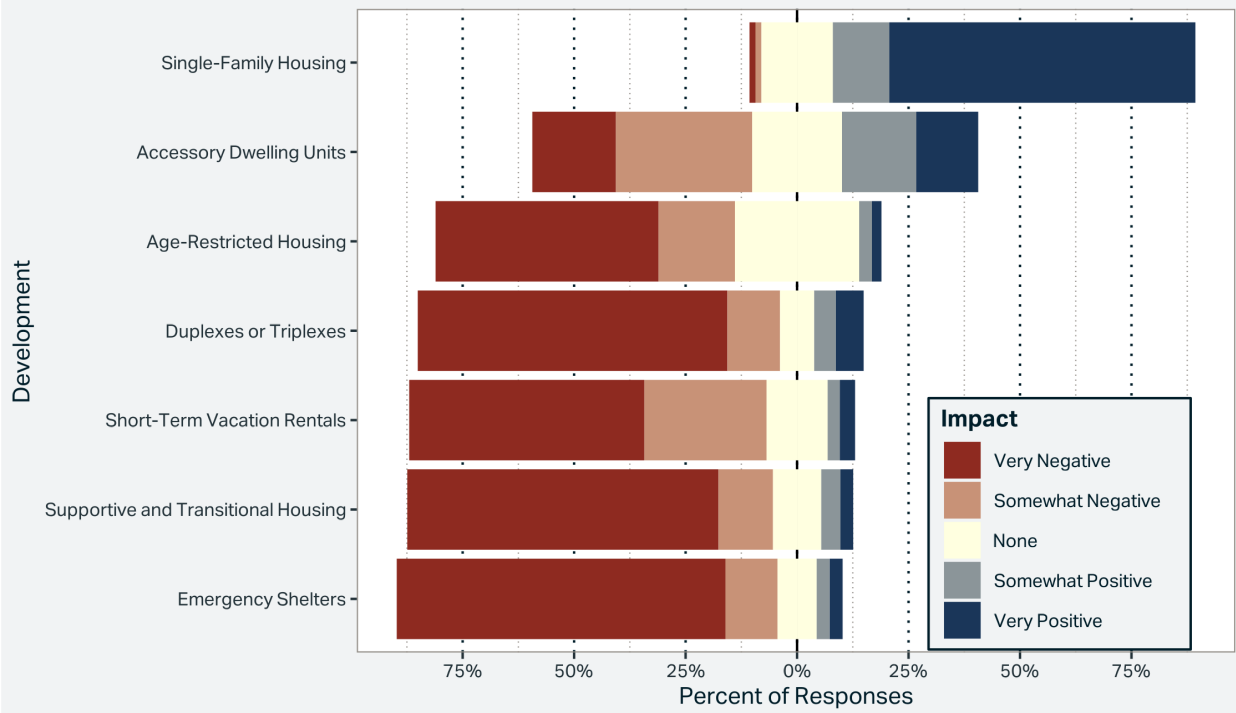
In the past 10 years, how has the housing quality in Yarrow Point changed?

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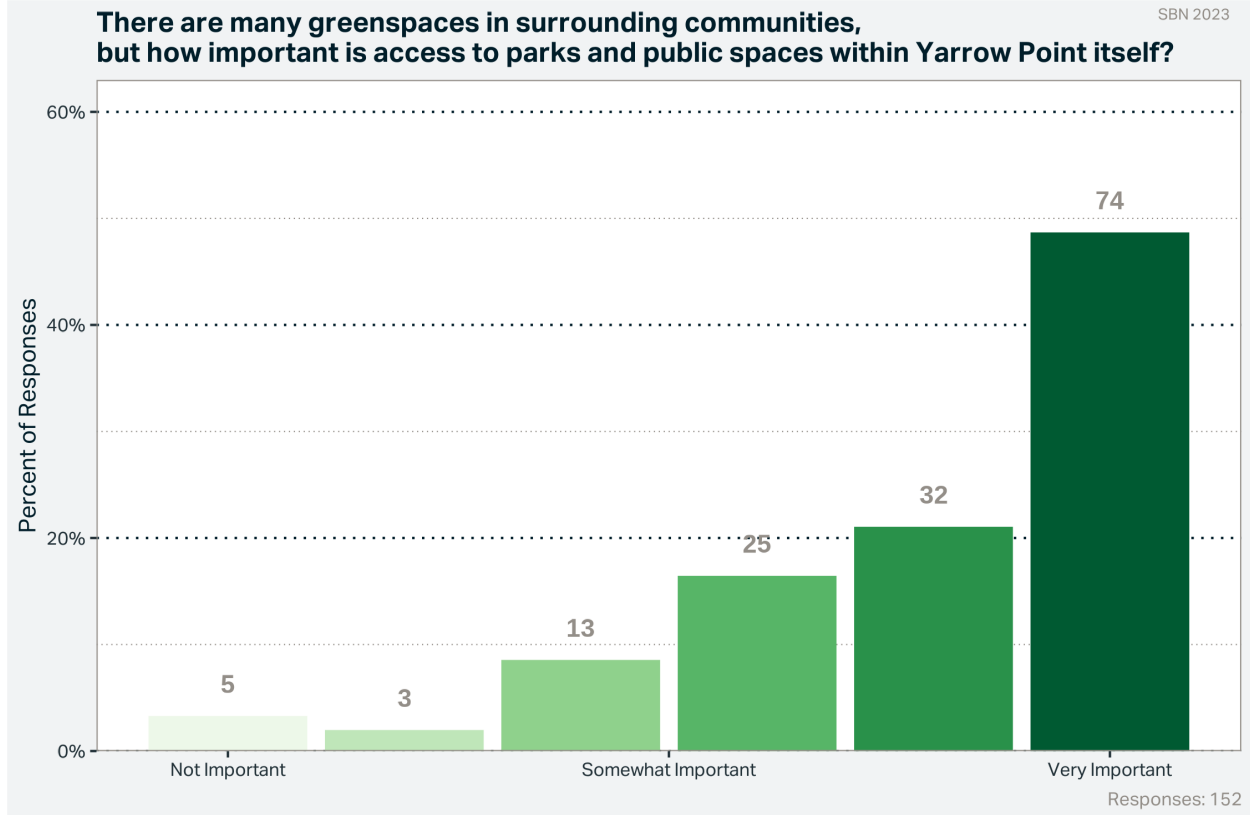
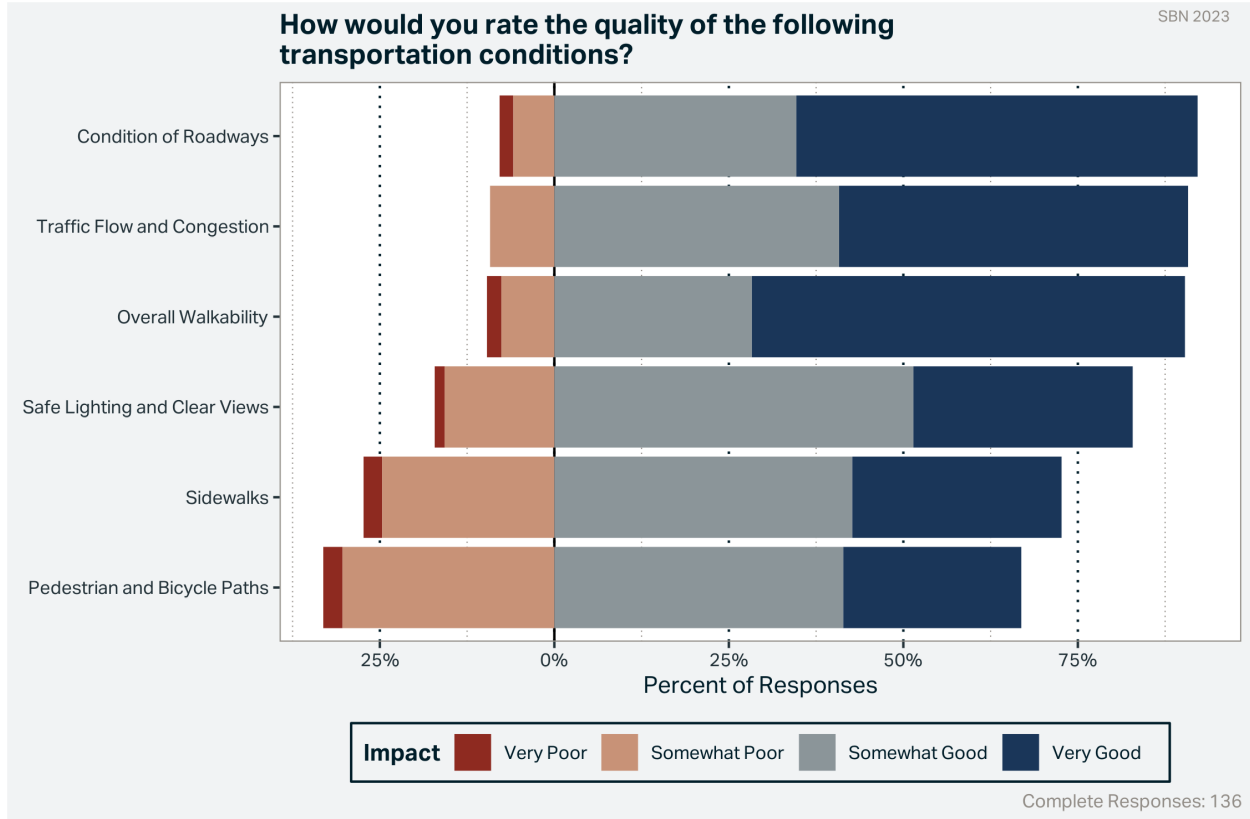


What impact does the following type of future development or residential use have on Yarrow Point?

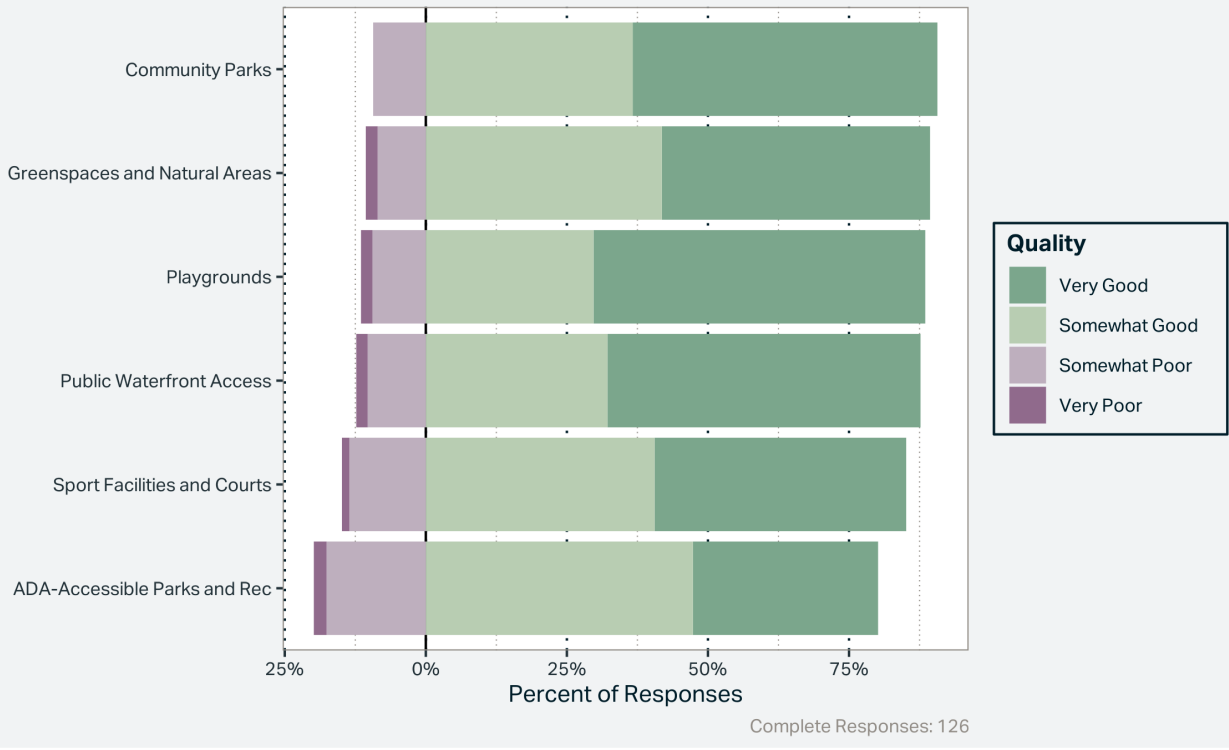
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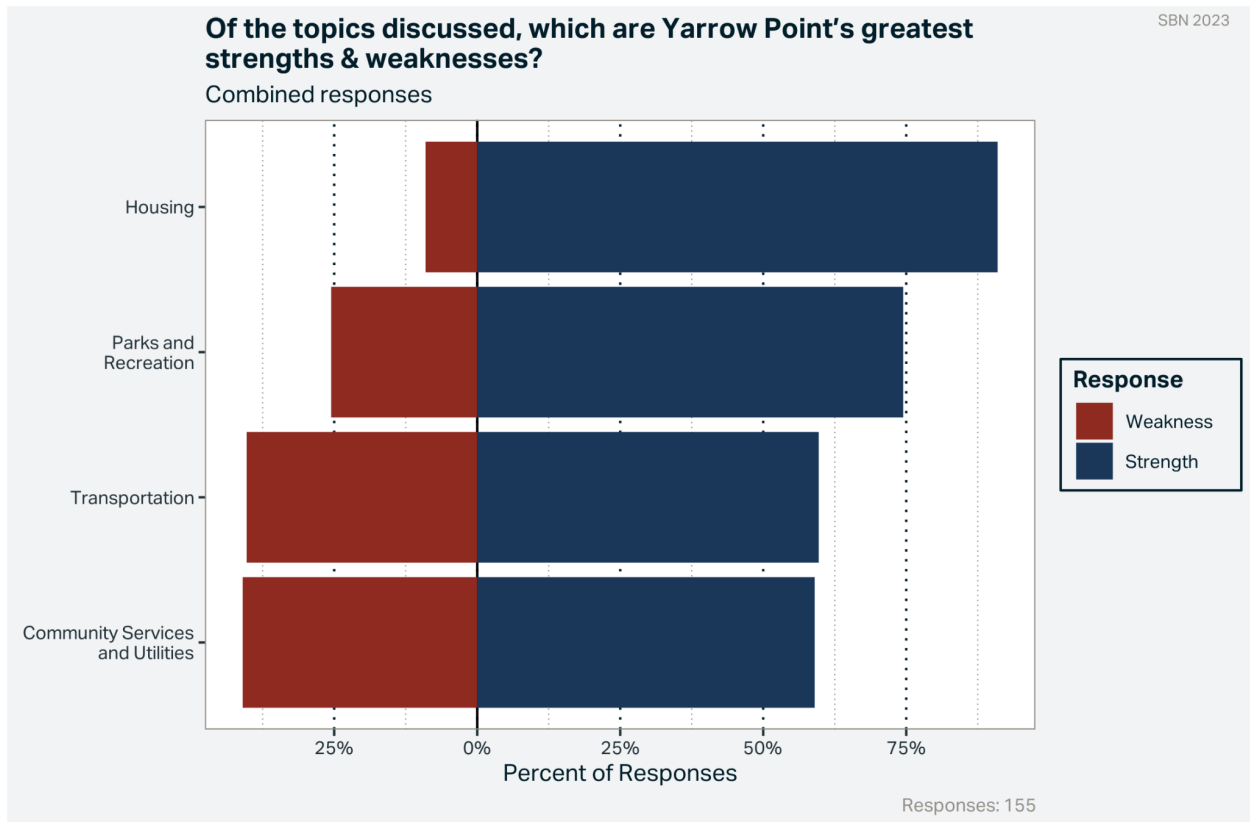
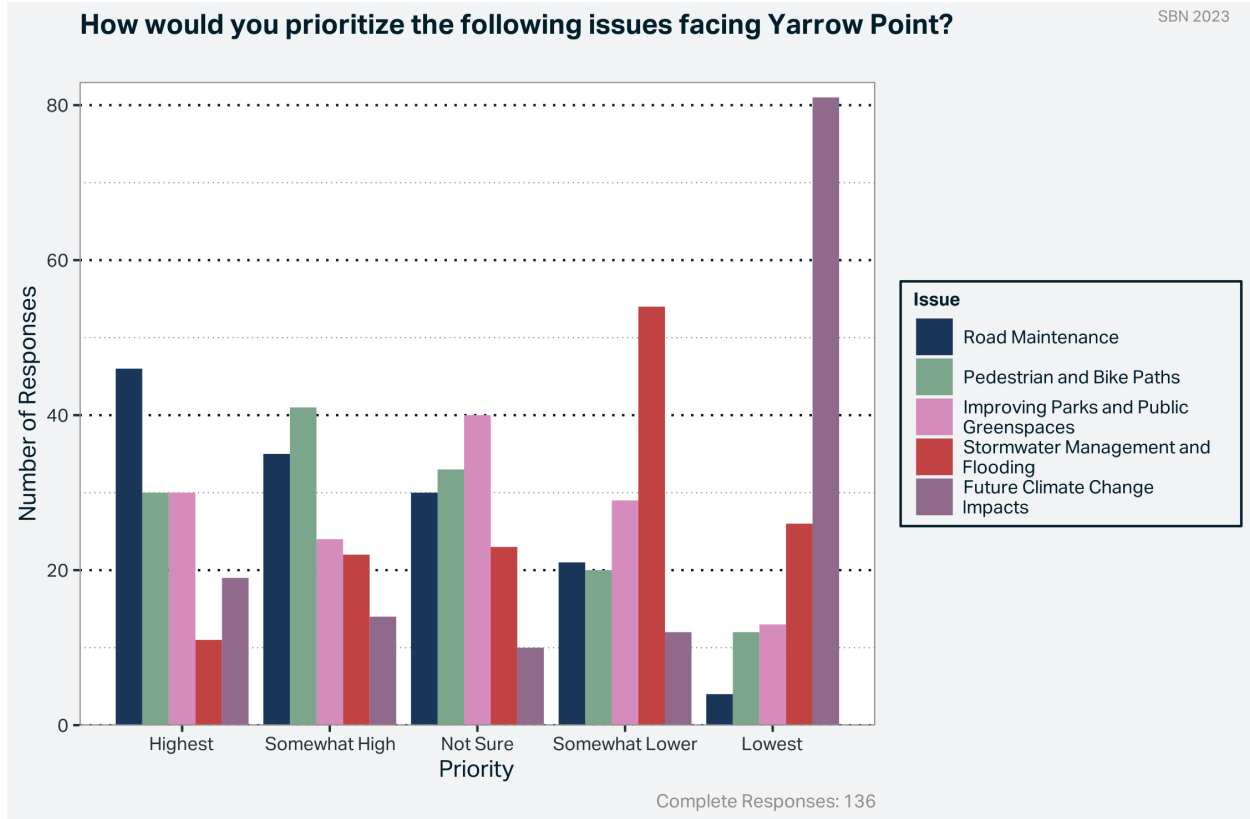
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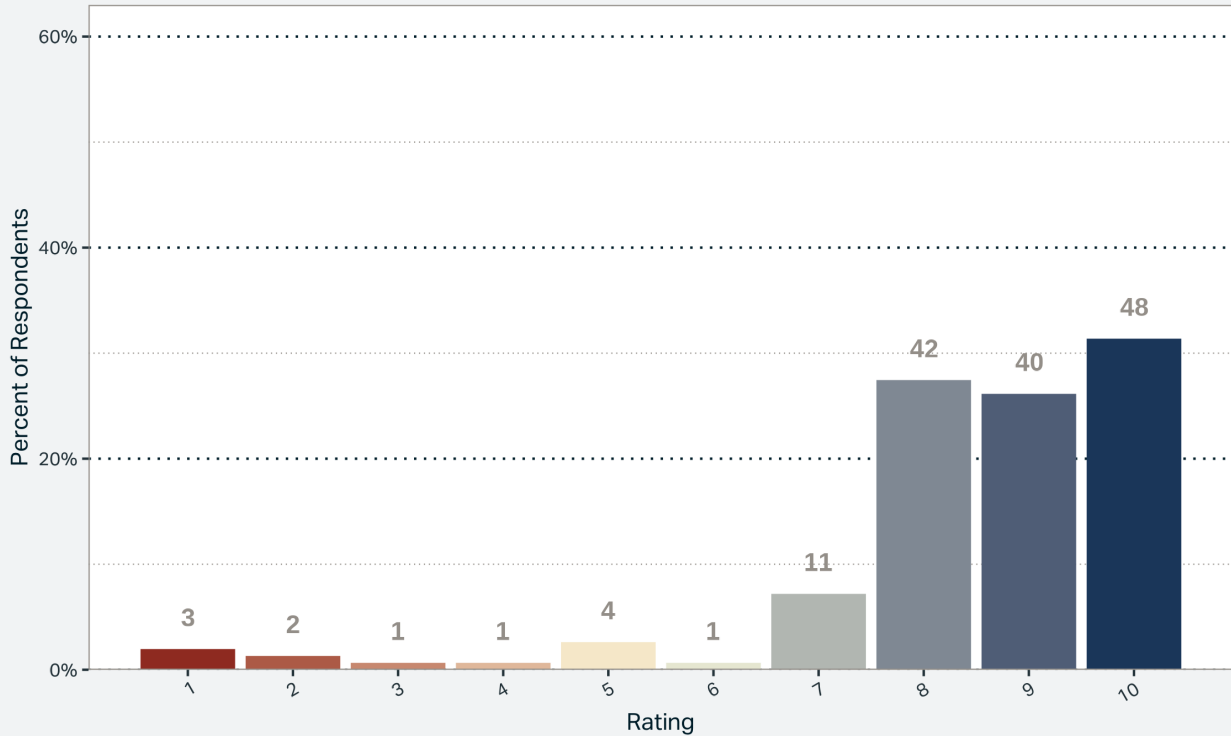


Community Satisfaction & Priorities



What is your overall satisfaction with living in Yarrow Point?

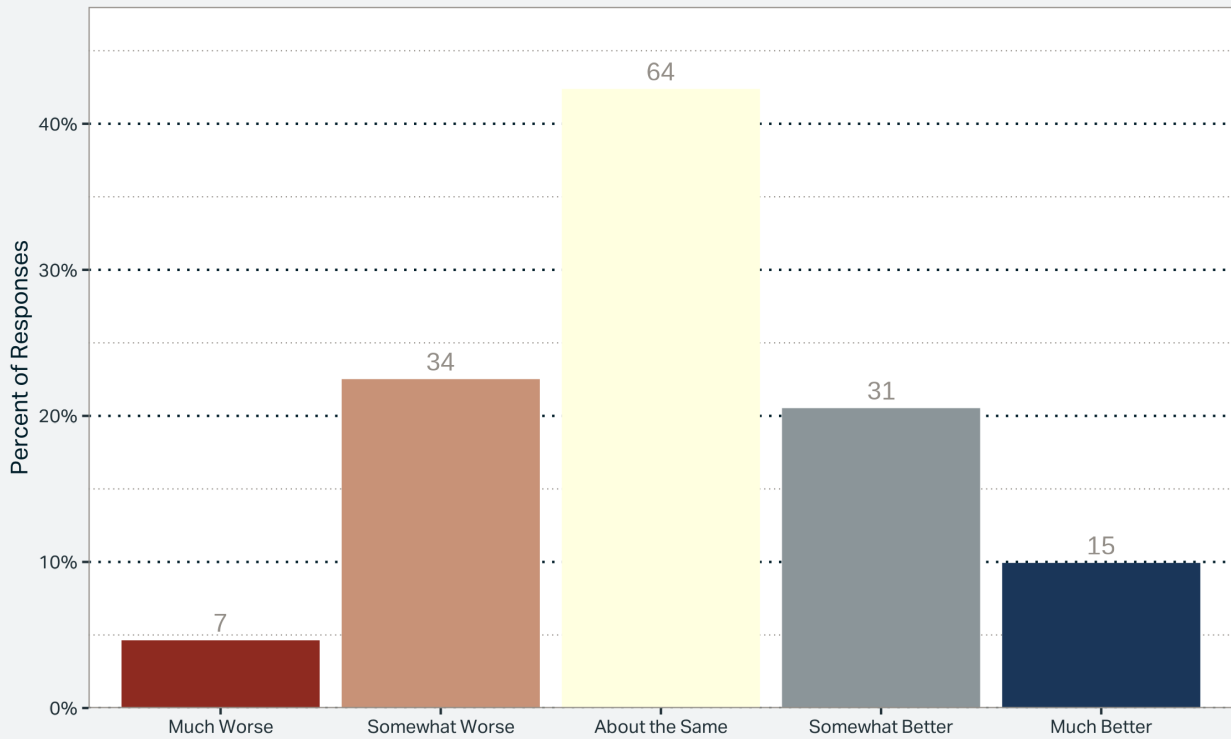
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Compared to the last ten years, has life in Yarrow Point gotten better or worse?

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Responses: 151

Full Written Responses

This question was optional, so not all respondents chose to add written comments.

Any additional comments or questions?
<p>the comp plan must address the many risks of climate change accelerating drought and flooding and corresponding risks of wildfire and water damage from torrential rains. city should adopt and encourage clean energy and be resilient to being cut off from the rest of Bellevue/Kirkland for fire and public safety. they city should consider a tree inventory and planting more climate change resistant plants. traffic congestion is an issue at the circle (note the past two dangerous accidents of vehicles flying off the highway and not stopping). also the increased traffic on the point and constant construction makes sidewalks more important. finally seems like people are less friendly than when we moved here 15 years ago - not sure how to get folks to just say hello or smile or nod or something as they are walking and listening to their headphones/ipods. still a great place to raise kids.</p>
<p>I found this survey unsatisfactory. ADU can be a good thing AS LONG AS PARKING IS PROVIDED. This is the only space for explanation. Tends to channel responses.</p>
<p>To me the dominant problem is the continued de-nuding of yarrow point as developers buy properties and in process of rebuilding remove all the established trees. My #1 complaint is the planning/town council doesn't do more to temper this behavior.</p>
<p>Save heritage trees, revisit the tree code and reinstate the town as a tree city.</p>
<p>Yarrow Point is a very special place. We moved here for its safety and community feel. We love walking the neighborhood as a family and our child with a disability feels welcome, independent and safe. If crime statistics increase, or we can no longer leave our home unattended for vacations, then we will need to move. We very much enjoy all aspects of living in Yarrow Point as a single family home small town and don't wish to see its character change in a negative way.</p>
<p>Yarrow Point is a wonderful community. We need to protect the community of residents and families and our property values. We can not let the state or county dictate requirements that strip our Town of the ability to preserve it's character or compromise safety. In addition, the Town has a range of inconsistent and poorly written pieces of code that are subject to abuse that need to be resolved. We have an enormous amount of assessed property values (residents) that live on private lanes that receive very little if any Town support although they pay the same property taxes and fees as every other resident (storm drain cleanup, road repair, sidewalks, utility lines, etc, etc). This is a huge mismatch and needs to be addressed given the number of homes that live on so-called "private lanes". The "code" for this lanes is ambiguous, poorly written and subjects people to potential disputes. One more thing, if we are going to spend enormous amounts of time considering how to restrict people's personal property rights in the name of common good (ie, trees, hedges, fences, leaf blowers, etc), we really should address the need for some standard of care around the maintenance of properties and the few (but ridiculous) homes and landscaping that are in complete disrepair. Get the basics right before putting more and more code on the books. Keep the road and sidewalks in good shape. Keep us safe. Preserver our property values. Protect the character of our community. Push back on the intrusion for county and state government. Stop putting any ideology onto our Town code. It's OK that we are not a "high density" Town. Keep it clean. Keep it safe. Protect our family-oriented character.</p>
<p>would like city to sproach and send letters and penaliehomes that do not comply with keeping their yards mowed, trimmed, dead shrubs/trees removed. city to remove trees they planted that have grown up and obstructed views which decrease home value when selling as a view property..</p>
<p>Safety is a top reason for living in Yarrow Point. Anything that jeopardizes</p>

I would like to see an additional pickleball court built.
Challenge for YP drivers, pedestrians and bikers at the circle - needs to be improved for safety for all. Also, want to highly support efforts by the city to create and maintain a beautiful Sally's Alley path and greenspace. Also funding to maintain Wetherill. Internet is the utility that can be really poor.
The addition or accessibility via neighborhood communities to more neighborhood amenities (tennis courts?) and/or designated bike paths would be wonderful
I would prefer to see more attention directed to safety, including the upcoming homeless shelter issues, and less energy spent on hedge height restrictions, trash toters, and tree restrictions and tree replantings
Taxes are driving us out. Don't agree with plans for Sally's Alley - it's a waste of money. Undergrounding power is an excellent use of resources.
Would like to see Town Hall more welcoming to people who come to meetings and disagree with their decisions as they go forward with their plans. Sometimes it's downright unfriendly. Some of the time, it is good
There have been numerous trees that have been removed from the town's right of way over the last 5 years for valid reasons, but the town has not replanted a single tree to replace any of the lost trees.
Increasing home values increase taxes and potentially force retired people to move.
Locks , gates, and security systems attest to a decline in a sense of community
Could use a STOP sign on 95th N
I would love to have library usage. King Country Library in Bellevue
Security of the neighborhood needs to be addressed. I've lived in YP for most of my life and the recent crime (last 24 months) is concerning.
There were some questions where I did not know (like accessibility) and would have liked another choice in the survey.
Thanks for asking our opinion on life here on Yarrow Point.
Question 18 drag and drop did not work. Please give more attention to the area of Yarrow Point that is South of 520. Sidewalks are heaving, lighting is old and of poor quality, speed limit signs are not impressive to drivers. Bike lane is not maintained, cross walks need painting, Yarrow Point sign on Points Drive is not consistent with signage on the rest of Yarrow Point.
The elected officials should focus on the overall quality and safety of the Town and not focus on hedge heights, trees on private property and toters on the right of way staying too long. of the Town worry over hedge hights, toters staying too long on the right of way and treand not
Main complaint is the clear cutting of lots to build a new home. Old established trees actually enhance the home by 'anchoring' it. We are starting to look like tract homes with all the tree cutting. It breaks my heart. I love to walk and see the big beautiful trees.
It's been a wonderful life for us on Yarrow Point, but we can see changes coming around the corner!
Since the newest mayor came into office, the town government has become much more interested and proactive to the needs/wants of citizens. Biggest concern by far is the congestion at the traffic circle when picking up children from the school buses.
I love living on Yarrow Point...can't imagine living anywhere else. It would be nice to turn back the clock to "yesteryear" when YP was perfect.
People seem less friendly than 25 years ago, probably due to vacant houses

It is a wonderful community. Let's not try to fix it.
Install sidewalks on all streets. Goal pedestrian friendly. Many homes in advanced state of decay. Terrible! Such an eyesore in an "affluent" neighborhood. More community events to encourage friendliness.
Add speed display monitors on 95th Ave
My greatest concern about the future of Yarrow Point is the loss of an unfortunate measure of its spirit of being resident centered and community and natural character - more currently seen as climate - sensitive. There seems to be developing an aversion to code enforcement and an acquiescence toward approving permits that allow for disregarding purposefully established and previously enforced regulation and guidance. At issue - lot lines, city rights of way, parking availability, height restrictions.....
It's lost some of its charm due to McMansions and aggressive development of charming, older residences
We are losing our canopy. We should have stronger rules for developers. If people want to live here instead of the concrete jungle of Bellevue, then value the natural aspects of protecting the environment
Thank you for this survey
Great place to live but have seen significant change since roundabout went in - traffic congestion, especially with private school buses, has become very frustrating and crime is increasing, which is the biggest concern. On a smaller scale, the amount of daily noise due to leaf blowers/yard work detracts from being able to enjoy the neighborhood at times.
Perfect place to live. No change needed. The number one problem is the increase in real estate taxes.
Keep Yarrow Point single family homes only.
Question 7 will teach you nothing unless you are willing to have negative comments!
No
We are deeply disappointed with the lack of a Tree Ordinance to protect the ancient trees of Yarrow Point. The Town has allowed developers to clear cut every lot that has been sold in the last few years, and you can even see the difference when you fly over Yarrow Point! Those trees will become even more important as Climate Change affects us! The Town should put a moratorium on cutting large trees until an ordinance can be developed. The path on Sally's Alley needs to be made safer with more gravel, as it gets slippery and muddy. We would like to see some trails developed in Morningside Park, in order to foster appreciation for the Natural environment that still exists here.
Put an immediate moratorium on large tree removal until an equitable solution can be reached. Develop accessibility to natural areas, Morningside and Weatherill.
Better oversight of all projects is needed.
Would like to restrict tree removal by developers. Keep the trees
Tree cutting should be stopped as it alters the satisfaction of living in Yarrow Point. The electric overhead cables look so ugly and antiquated and have not been moved underground on 95th Av. Despite paying such high property taxes the situation is very sad.
Biggest concerns: Electric/Utilities should all be underground, not just on 92nd. Sidewalks, especially near fountain and on 40th, are critical to walkers/bikers' safety and should be a priority.

I feel information to a homeowner to be lacking. For example, is there an update on the hedges? Was there a vote? The lack of thorough minutes means a lack of transparency and knowledge. I know you've become involved with consultants - from another community, I've learned that consultants can change your community in less than ideal ways. Overall, we're happy here but the limited information feeds the insularity.

Sally's alley is one of the only green spaces that we have, and I don't know why a resident is able to use part of it for their driveway. I think that since it's town property, the driveway should be removed, and we should put more resources to improving the quality of Sally's Alley for local residents (no cars). I would also appreciate a second pickle ball court. Having one is great, but it's almost always in use so I haven't actually had a chance to play yet! I also would appreciate making city council meetings at 4pm so that I'm able to attend. I also wish that Yarrow Point was golf-cart friendly. It would make it much easier to access the parks and green spaces. I also would like us to have more community events for residents to attend. It's nice living in a small community, but I think there's an opportunity to create a closer-knit community with more community events.

Is Yarrow Point a Township or an HOA? I get confused because so much town planning is centered on intra-neighbor disputes where political savvy residents use the municipal powers for their personal agendas. Definitely no longer friendly to working families when the Mayor decided due to selfish reasons to change the town council time so that she can have dinner with her family for one time out of the month when yarrow point property owners can voice dissent to her policies. Reminds me of time gerrymandering where she can control more of the agenda by deciding her audience.

Not afraid of an increase in housing density. It would be nice if a centrally located single lot of food retail of sorts accompanied it, similar to Medina next to the post office.

Remove the asphalt driveway over the town property on Sally's Alley and create a better park area with no cars; add a pickleball court at Town Hall; make all town meetings at 4:00 pm (thank you for changing the council meeting from evening time!); make the town golf cart friendly; have quarterly community events

resurface streets put utility (electrical cable) underground add sidewalks water with sprinklers plants on 92nd improve security at entrance 92nd street bring back fireworks stronger tree ordinance

High taxes will be big factor in retiree relocations

I see Yarrow Point run by very vocal minority of residents who have no qualms trampling over their neighbors rights and concerns. Why is the Township on the one hand promoting climate change asking for large donations to pop tons of fireworks on the Fourth of July that emit a lot of carbon dioxide, destroy air quality, and can cause forest fires and then make a big stink about protecting trees. Seems inconsistent don't you think. I am concerned about the lack of diversity in leadership of Yarrow Point and the factors that lead to a homogenous collection of rich, white, old people running a Town that is very diverse in ages and ethnicities. Also the regulations being proposed really are not improving quality of life on the Point because of lack of surveying the ideas of residents on important items.

I have concerns about rental properties and the owner's commitment to maintaining the property. There should be some basic standards. I would like rentals to be a minimum of 1 year (we had an episode with Microsoft interns renting the house next door over the summer hoping to have the lake 'party house'). When I say basic standards I mean simply a request to tidy up the property when it has been neglected too long. If that sort of thing isn't effective we can consider fines for the worst offenders. That empty lot on 94th shouldn't be allowed to become so overgrown - a pack of raccoons are in there not to mention rats.

Good if move away from model of living luxury being the value associated with YP to gain more sense of community if had more parks and recreation with wetlands and green spaces. Develop homes and land trust so some land use for the community meeting space, senior activities, gym, etc. It would add tremendous value to the Yarrow Point community.

Given the growing negative impact of climate change why does Yarrow Point continue to allow the use of gas-powered landscape tools like lawn mowers, leaf blowers, lawn edgers, and snow blowers that result in air and noise pollution? Would like Yarrow Point township to operate with ecologically sound decisions and benchmarks.

I would like the town to be more proactive in under grounding power and utility wires

Biggest worries are potential shift in quality of life due to potential low income housing, homeless housing and the drift from Seattle. We should limit the waterfront park because the folks going there from surrounding areas are taking all the space and creating a crowded non welcoming environment.

Put utilities underground water 92nd plants next to sidewalk add more sidewalks put gate and secure 92 nd entrance with cameras

Parks, playgrounds, water access all need improving. Pool/tennis/library access lacking. Worried about crime

Please stop adding housing and tree codes. Just maintain the current codes

I am concerned about more progressive government overreach infringing on private property rights. Tree code, hedge code, short term rental code are now infringing on residents rights to use their property as they see fit and have no significant impact on the community resources.

Town just fine the way it is. No need to create a whole city out of a quaint small town.

For question 7, why was there not an option to say there is a negative impact? I would have selected that answer for each item other than item #1

Being able to use the King County Library would be nice. Seems to be an uptick in property crimes.

The biggest impact or change in Yarrow Point in the last 10-20 years is crime. We used to have none of it. Now, it seems pretty consistent with no plans to mitigate. We also have empty homes with owners that are not required to maintain their landscape or properties, which de-values other homes.

The best part of Yarrow is the laissez-faire quality of life. The big mistake Yarrow Point administration could make would be to "perfect" things. Instead, let the natural quirks work themselves out. Do not become Hunts Point where everything is over-scripted and creepy-perfect. Let Yarrow be Yarrow. Let residents do their thing.

It's high time to stop raising our taxes and start to be frugal. The city can always find ways to spend more, but all is good enough. Please understand that our income l'm not following the increase of the cost of living. We have a very good life here there is no need to spend more. Be frugal now because we are being taxed out. Thank you.

We need enforcement of hedge guidelines

this is a difficult survey as the lack of comment for decisions is not presented. I think this leaves comments open for interpretation. overall I feel YP has to add design and aesthetics to the consideration of what makes our township better. I have witnessed a complete disregard for this in both maintenance and town projects _ cutting of plants in the R.O.W., dead trees for the sake of "trees" versus canopy, green space flanking 92nd, the dang round-about, too much signage and signage that lacks meaning and/or effectiveness, uncontrolled building of developer housing that is less than attractive or a positive to a community vision. I feel YP could benefit from a design quality board as difficult and disliked as that would be from the start.

Key issues to are the terrible roundabout - too many signs everywhere and no maintenance standards

Would like to power lines buried on 95th

One of the biggest problems we have is the propensity for local and state officials to look to property taxes every time they want more money.

No additional comments or questions

Yarrow is a great place to live - very concerned about future plans for duplex/multi-plex housing in our community, homeless shelter nearby, and security issues increasing.

better road, more lighting ,

Parking is a huge problem, especially if we invite ADU's.

I think the number one priority for Yarrow Point should be developing a long term plan that doesn't involve an increase in property taxes so people can continue to live here.

Yarrow Point is a great community and a major part of that is a sense of knowing your neighbors and community events. In the past 10 years there's been large turnover of residents and it's lost a little of the community spirit which we need to reclaim. Property taxes due to housing evaluations is also significantly higher which is a negative for future fixed income residents. YP has a great opportunity to be part of the local public transit network but the quality of service has diminished (not YP's fault).Overall however, YP is a great place to live.

Some of tye questions do not provide for correct answers. Age under 18. Should have zero option. Not sure real important questions were asked. Things like poor quality of entrance landscaping. Police response parking on streets and during construction. Hedge code violations. The housing unit down the street. What was the purpose of the questionnaire??

Need to underground electric cables on 95th st

I'm especially pleased that we have been able to complete the pathway along 92 nd Ave NE and underground most of the utilities. These have been major improvements in my opinion.

Security is the biggest concern.

Please don't change anything if you don't have to!

Need to underground all power lines, including private lanes

These are really bullshit questions and I am embarrassed that I even answered

These questions were ridiculous. Very poor survey.

Are there more questions I can answer if I have the time and energy?