

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

A questionnaire was made available to West Goshen Township residents via internet and hard copy as a means to gather input on various land planning issues. A hard copy of the survey was mailed to every household in the Township. A total of 1,243 responses were received. Assuming each response represents one household, the response rate is ____%.

Two-thirds of survey respondents are age 55 and over, and there were no respondents under age 22. Approximately 45% of respondents have lived in the Township for 25 years or more, and 92% of respondents live in a single-family detached home.

The survey indicates that:

- West Goshen Township is a great place to live
- Township services, including emergency services, parks, and utilities are excellent
- The Township needs to address traffic/transportation, road condition and maintenance, and pedestrian and bicycle access and safety
- Residents want to protect water quality
- Residents strongly favor preservation of natural and historic resources
- A greater percentage of residents are *not* in favor of expanding opportunities for retail and commercial business than are in favor of it
- The township needs more walking and biking paths, more public open space, more and better public transportation, and more senior activities

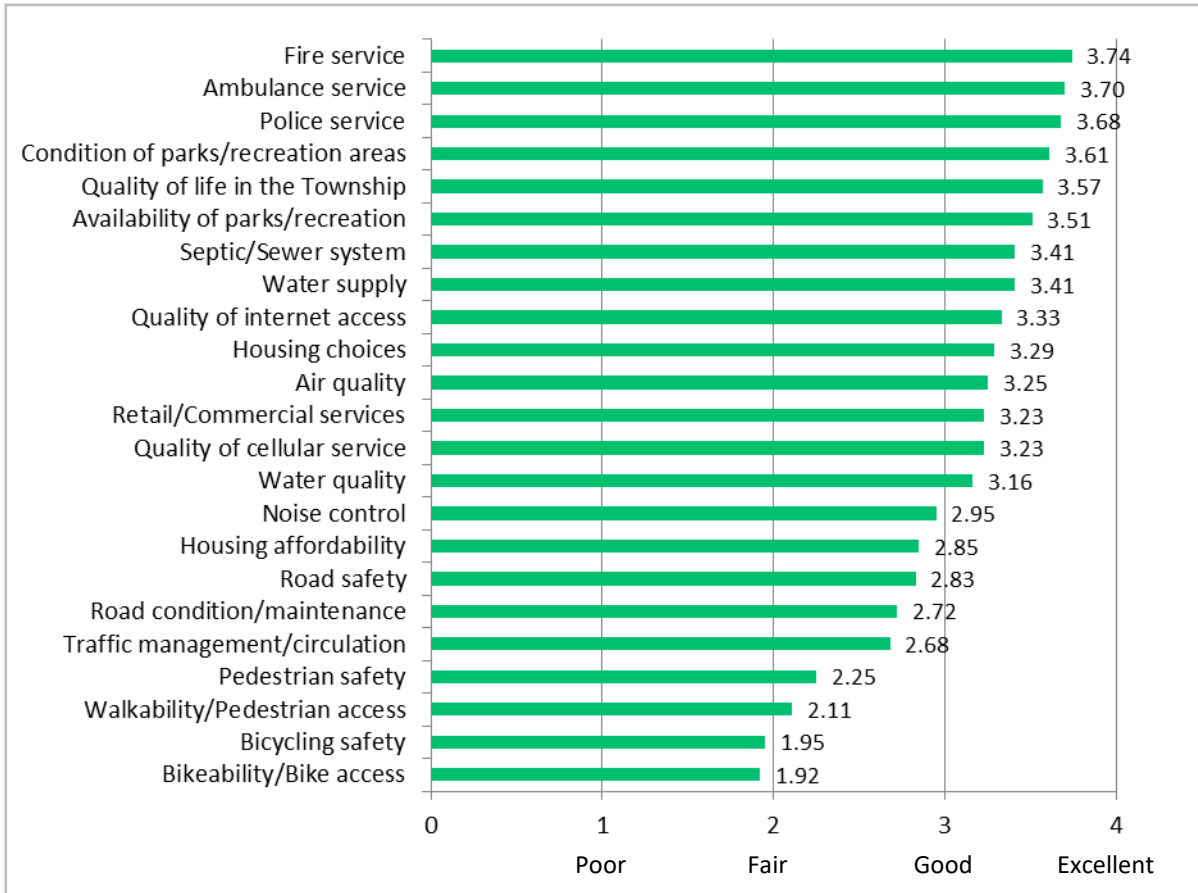
The survey indicates that the greatest improvement needs are:

- Better traffic control/management, circulation
- Better road conditions/maintenance/safety
- More opportunities for safe walking and bicycling
- More public open space
- More and better public transportation
- More senior activities
- More affordable housing

SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Please rate the quality of the following:

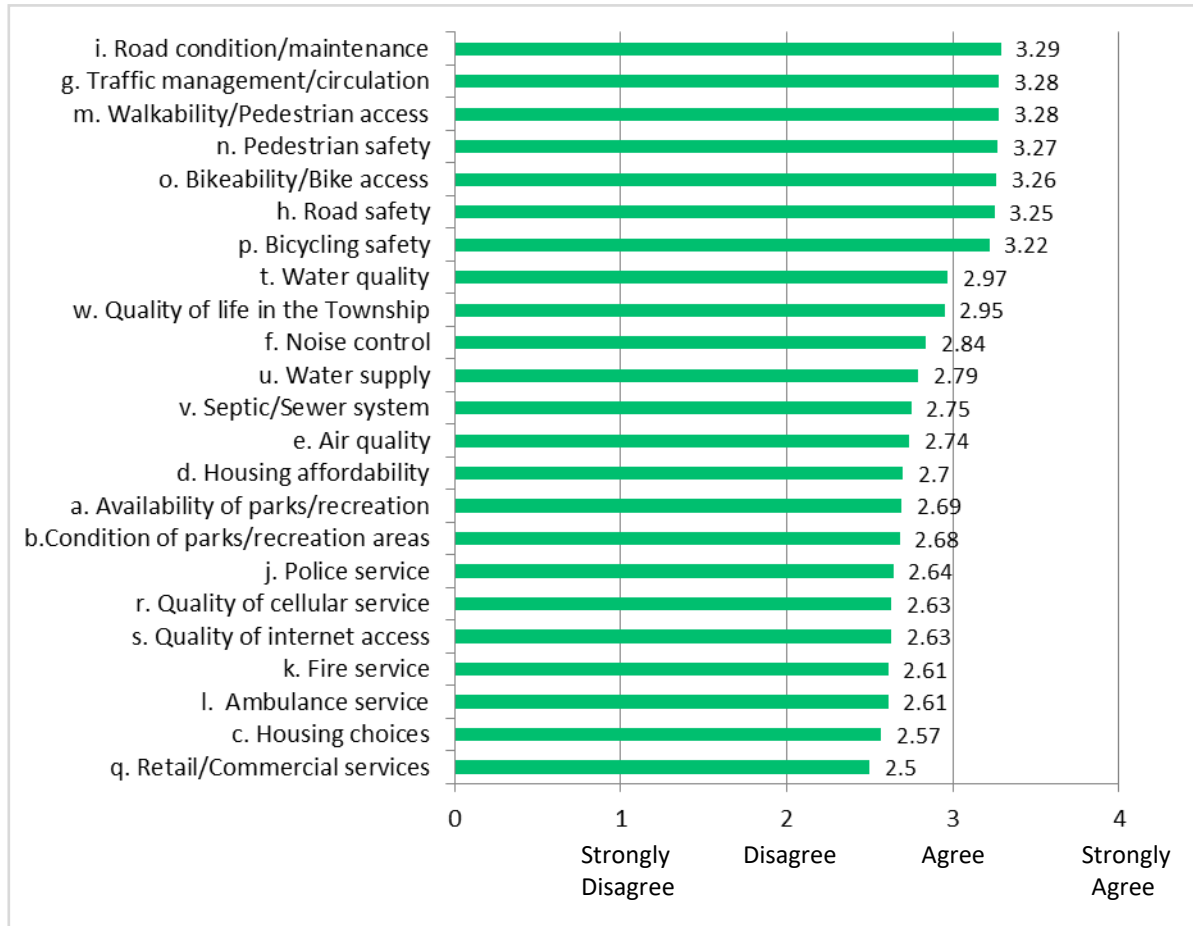
Answered: 1,232 Skipped: 2



Summary: Emergency services, parks and recreation, and quality of life in the township scored highest. Pedestrian and bicycle access and safety scored lowest.

2. Looking to the FUTURE, the Township needs to focus more effort on:

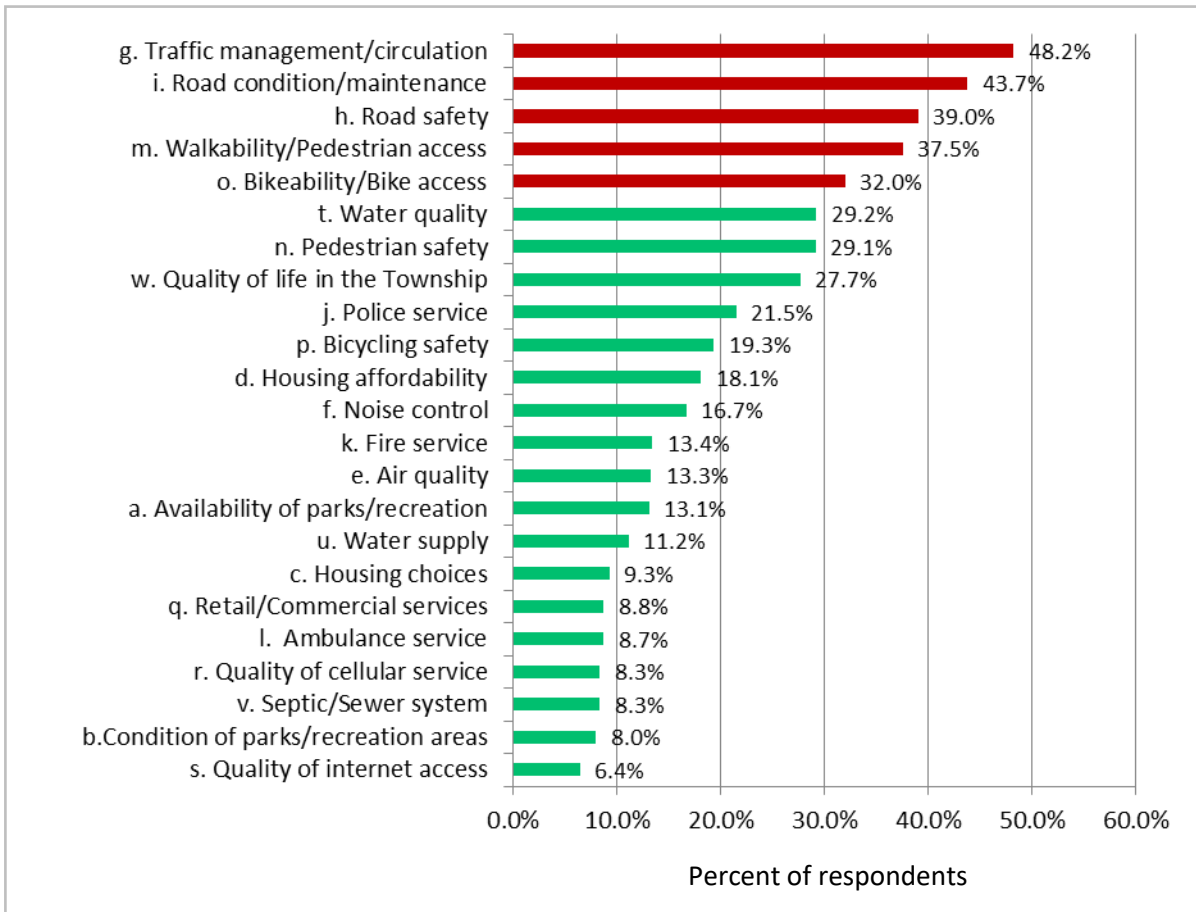
Answered: 1,232 Skipped: 2



Summary: Roads, traffic, pedestrian access and safety, and bicycle access and safety scored highest. Retail/commercial services and housing choices scored lowest.

3. From the list in question #2, what do you feel are the FIVE most important issues? Select the letter below that corresponds to the issue in question #2. Select only FIVE letters.

Answered: 1,164 Skipped: 70



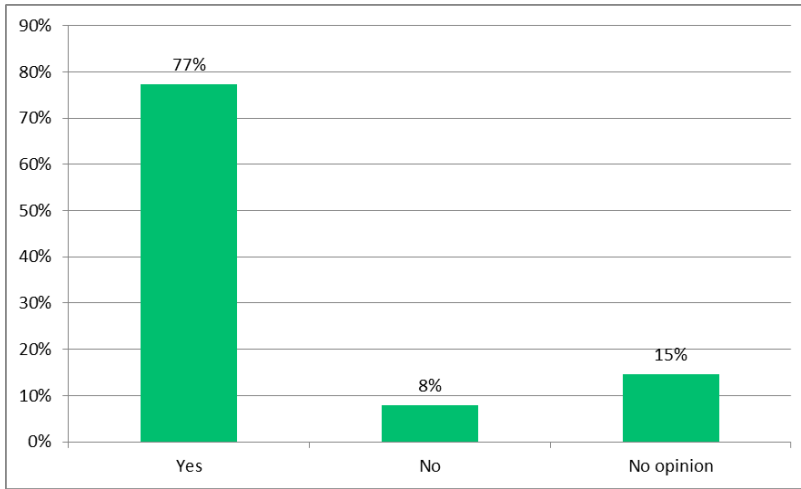
■ Five most important issues

Summary: the five most important issues are:

1. Traffic management/circulation
2. Road condition/maintenance
3. Road safety
4. Walkability/pedestrian access
5. Bikeability/bike access

4. Should the Township work to preserve historic resources (historic buildings, structures, and sites)?

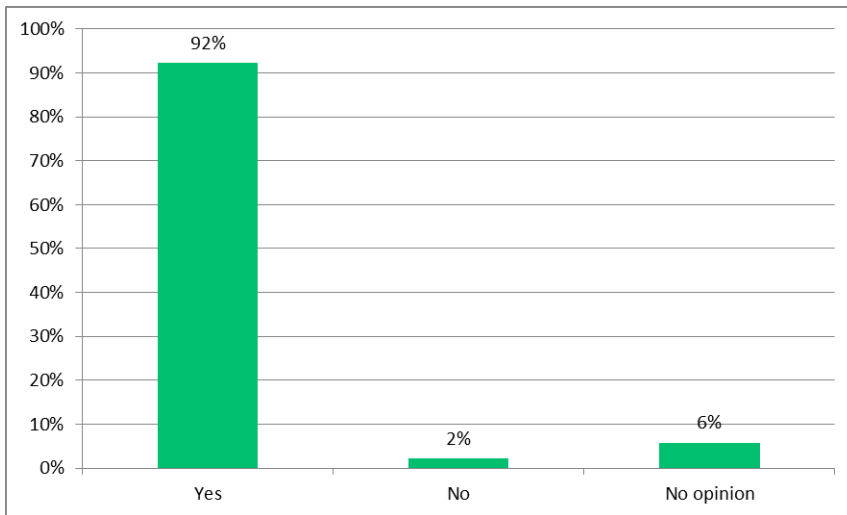
Answered: 1,232 Skipped: 2



Summary: A majority of respondents (77%) favor historic resource preservation.

5. Should the Township work to preserve natural resources (woodlands, wetlands, wildlife habitat, etc.)?

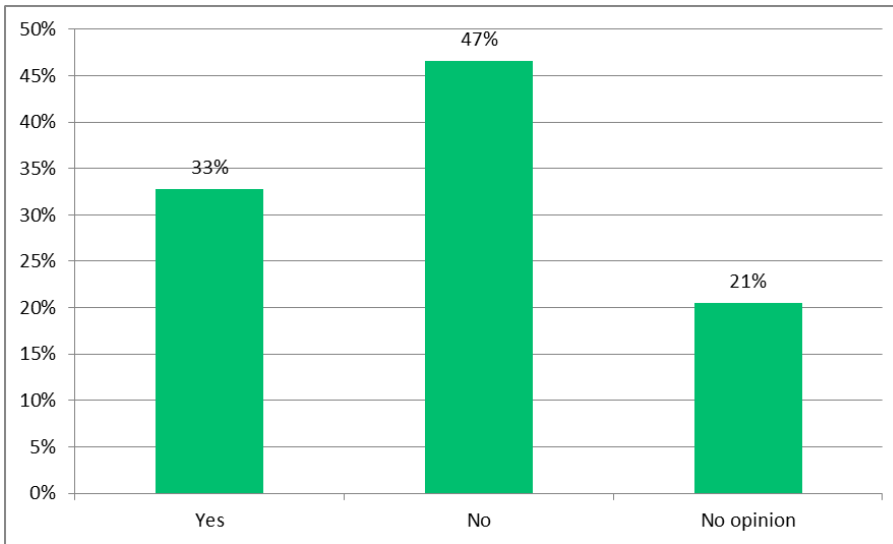
Answered: 1,234 Skipped: 0



Summary: A majority of respondents (92%) favor natural resource protection.

6. Should the Township expand opportunities for retail and commercial business?

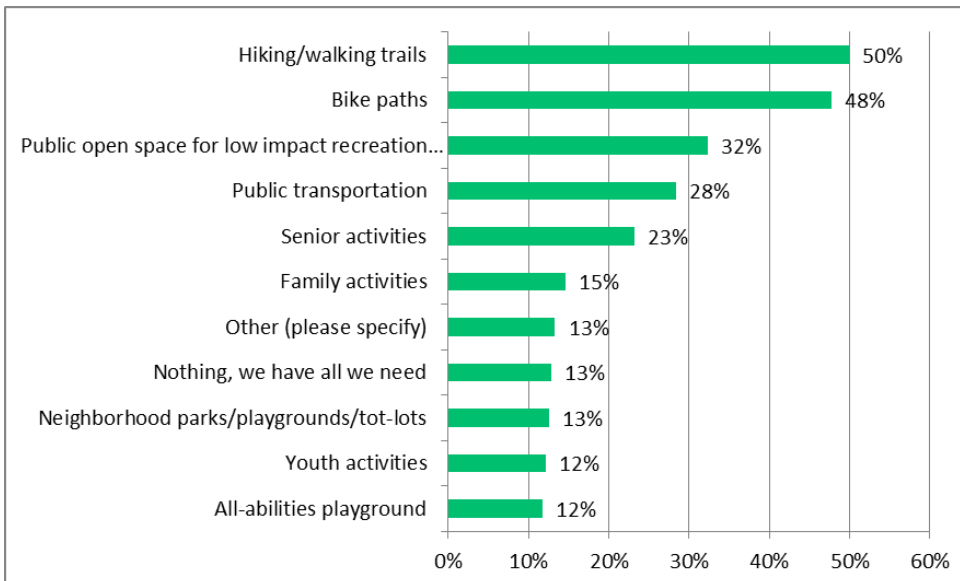
Answered: 1,231 Skipped: 3



Summary: Most survey respondents (47% vs. 33% vs. 21%) are not in favor of expanding opportunities for retail and commercial.

7. Which, if any, of the following does the Township need more of? (check all that apply)

Answered: 1,150 Skipped: 84



Summary: Hiking/walking trails and bike paths scored highest followed by public open space, public transportation, and senior activities. Parks, playgrounds, and youth activities scored lowest.

8. What do you like most about West Goshen Township?

Answered: 988

Skipped: 246

Summary: The most frequent responses include:

- Location/convenience/access
- Good parks
- Safe place to live
- Good services
- Low taxes
- Nice community
- Good quality of life
- Good neighborhood
- Good schools
- Nice place to live
- Open space/natural beauty

9. What do you like least about West Goshen Township?

Answered: 899

Skipped: 335

Summary: The most frequent responses include:

- Traffic
- Roads
- Inability to walk to places
- Housing (too much new housing, unaffordable housing)
- Loss of open space
- The pipeline
- Increasing taxes

10. What would you like the Township to do in order to make it a better place to live?

Answered: 827

Skipped: 407

Summary: The most frequent responses include:

- Traffic
- Roads
- Sidewalks/Walking
- Open Space (preserve it)
- Housing and development (less development, more affordable housing)
- Taxes (keep them low, spend more wisely)
- More activities (youth, family, senior, outdoor)
- Bike paths
- Better/more public transportation

11. Are you interested in volunteer opportunities in the Township? If yes, please provide your name, email and/or phone number.

Answered: 131 Skipped: 1,103

Summary: 131 respondents are interest in volunteer opportunities in the Township.

12. Your name (optional)

Answered: 220 Skipped: 1,014

Summary: 220 respondents provided a name.

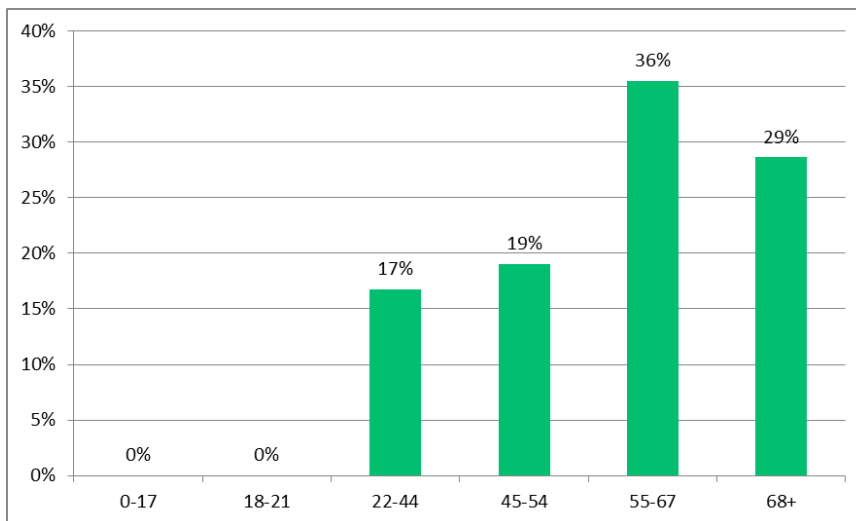
13. Your address (optional)

Answered: 208 Skipped: 1,026

Summary: 208 respondents provided an address.

14. What is your age group?

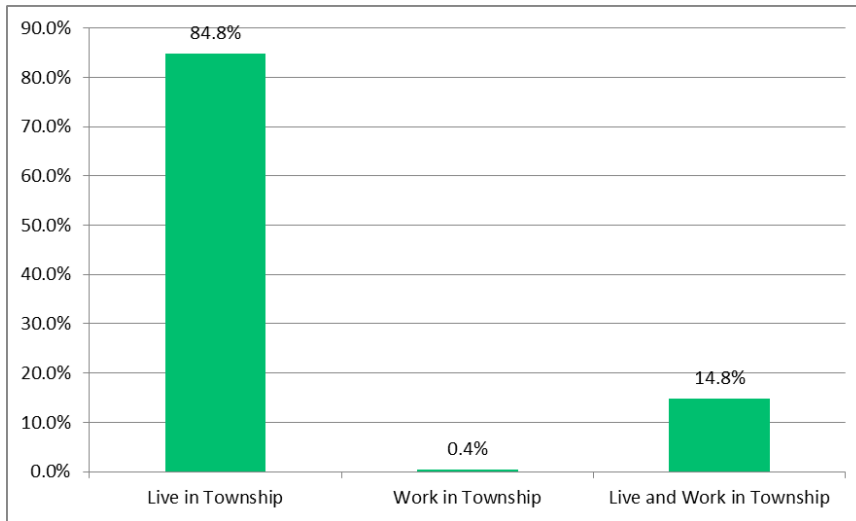
Answered: 1,204 Skipped: 30



Summary: There are zero respondents under age 22. All other age groups are represented, with the highest response from seniors.

15. What is your association with West Goshen Township?

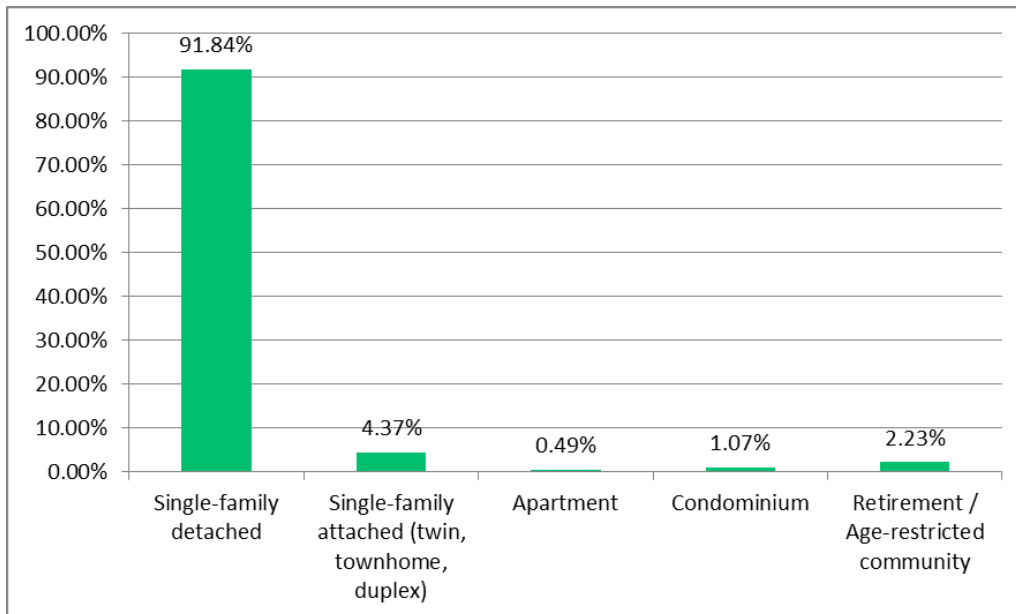
Answered: 1,217 Skipped: 17



Summary: There vast majority of respondents (85%) are Township residents.

16. If you are a West Goshen Township resident, what type of dwelling do you live in?

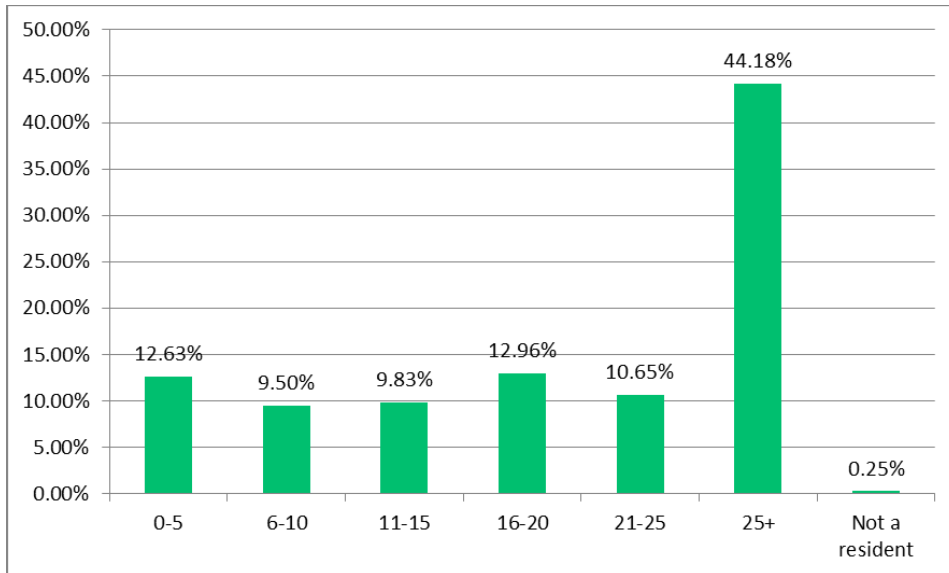
Answered: 1,213 Skipped: 21



Summary: There vast majority of respondents (92%) live in a single-family detached home.

17. How many years have you lived in West Goshen Township?

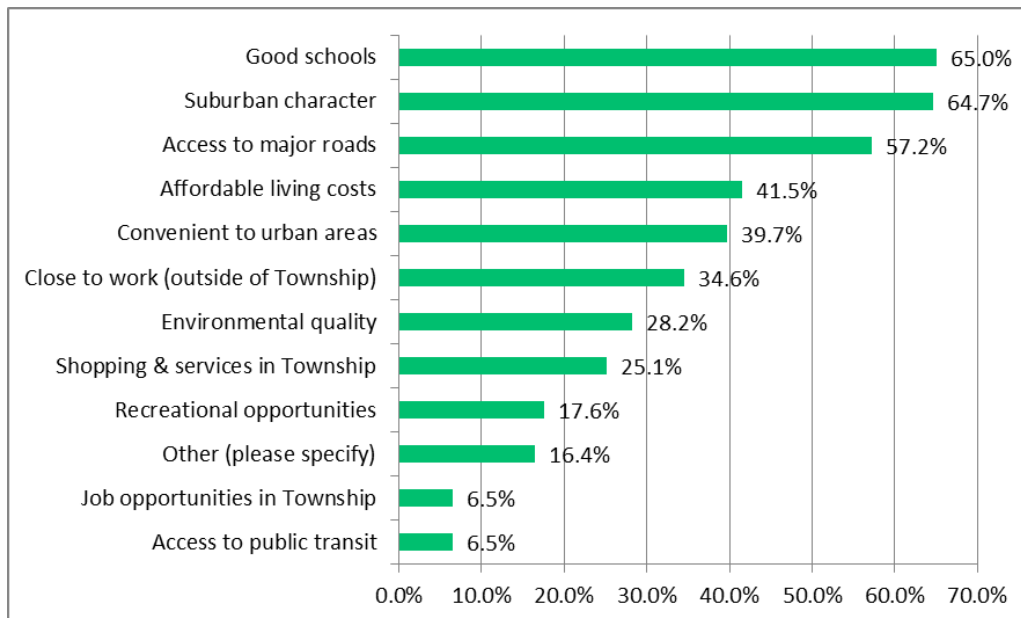
Answered: 1,211 Skipped: 23



Summary: The highest response is from persons with 25+ years of residency; all others are generally evenly distributed. Less than one percent (i.e., three respondents) are not township residents.

18. Why did you choose to live in West Goshen Township? (check all that apply)

Answered: 1,192 Skipped: 42



Summary: Good schools, suburban character, and access to major roads scored highest; job opportunities and public transportation scored lowest.