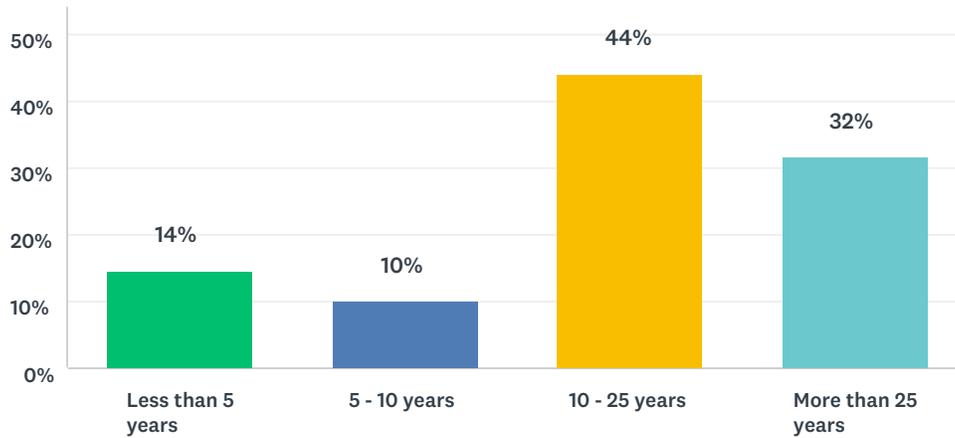


## Q1 How long have you lived in Colchester?

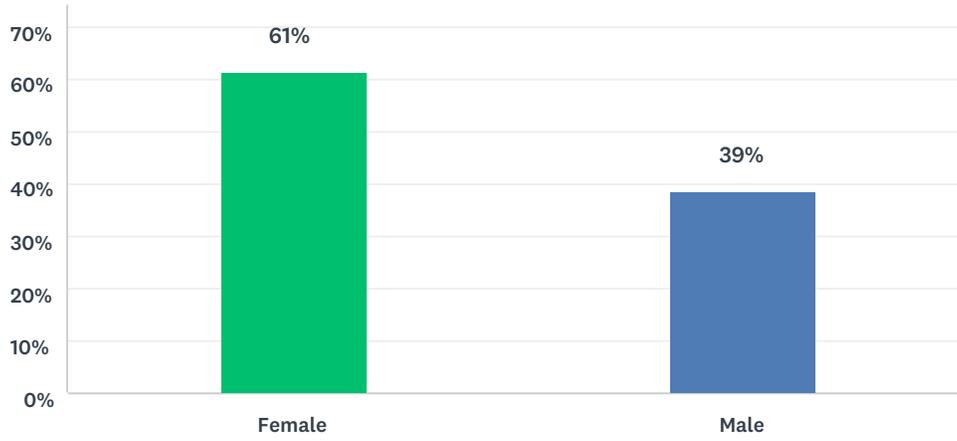
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 5 years	14%	71
5 - 10 years	10%	49
10 - 25 years	44%	215
More than 25 years	32%	155
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>490</b>

## Q2 Do you identify as

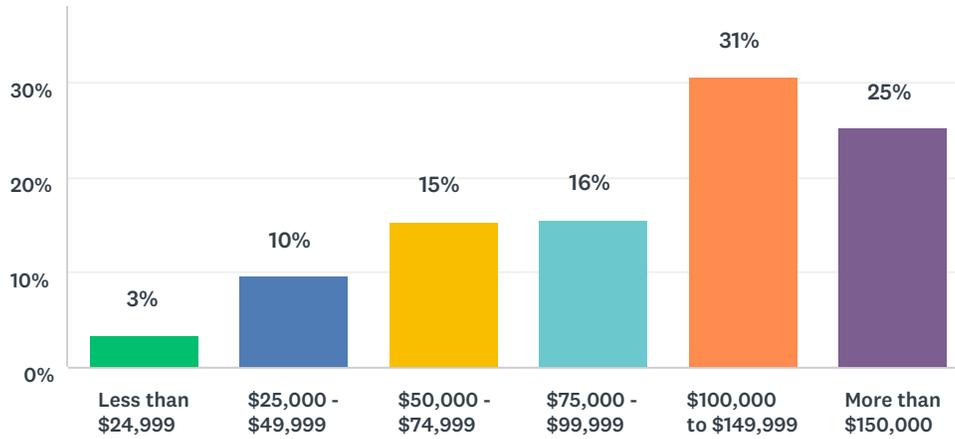
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Female	61%	296
Male	39%	186
TOTAL		482

### Q3 Which level of income best describes your household income during the last year?

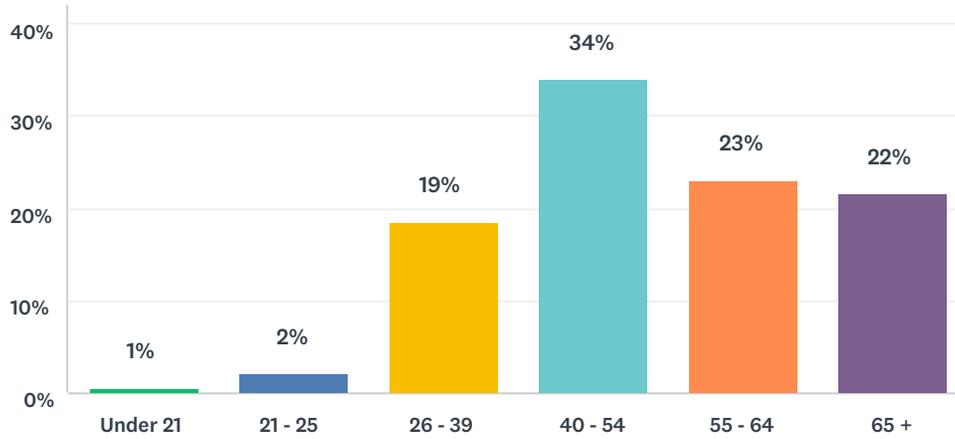
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than \$24,999	3%	16
\$25,000 - \$49,999	10%	46
\$50,000 - \$74,999	15%	73
\$75,000 - \$99,999	16%	74
\$100,000 to \$149,999	31%	145
More than \$150,000	25%	120
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>474</b>

### Q4 In what category is your age?

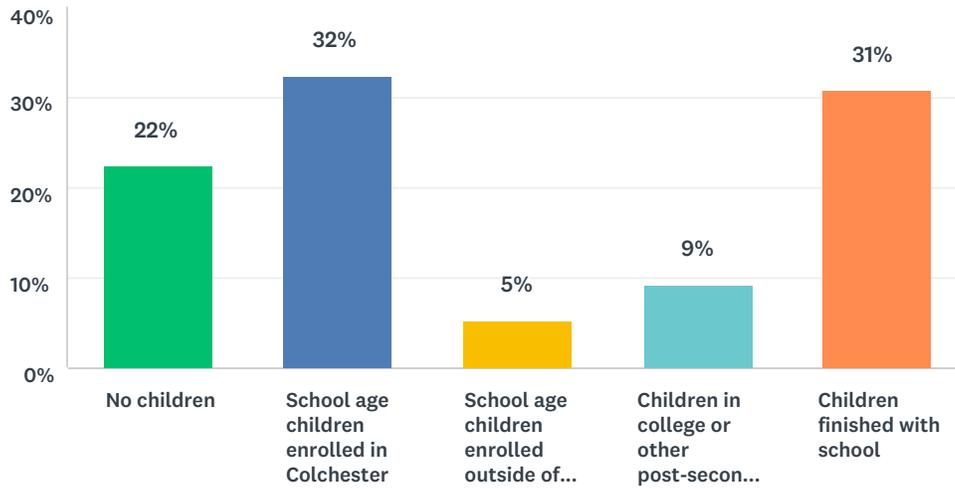
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 21	1%	3
21 - 25	2%	10
26 - 39	19%	90
40 - 54	34%	165
55 - 64	23%	112
65 +	22%	105
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>485</b>

## Q5 What best describes your situation?

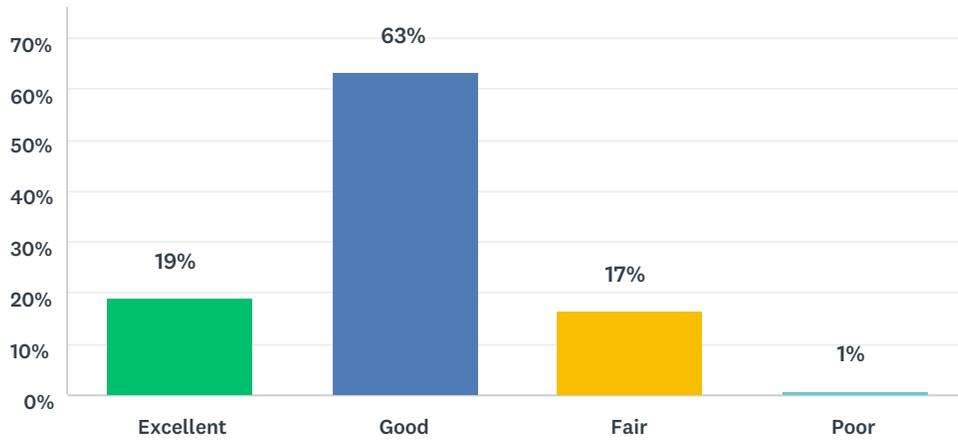
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No children	22%	109
School age children enrolled in Colchester	32%	157
School age children enrolled outside of Colchester	5%	25
Children in college or other post-secondary program	9%	45
Children finished with school	31%	149
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>485</b>

## Q6 How do you rate the quality of life in Colchester?

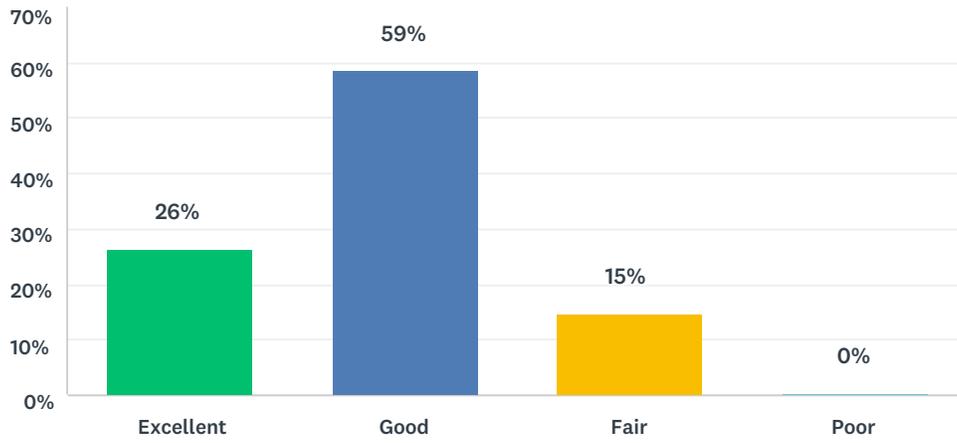
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	19%	94
Good	63%	309
Fair	17%	81
Poor	1%	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>488</b>

### Q7 How do you rate Colchester as a place to raise kids?

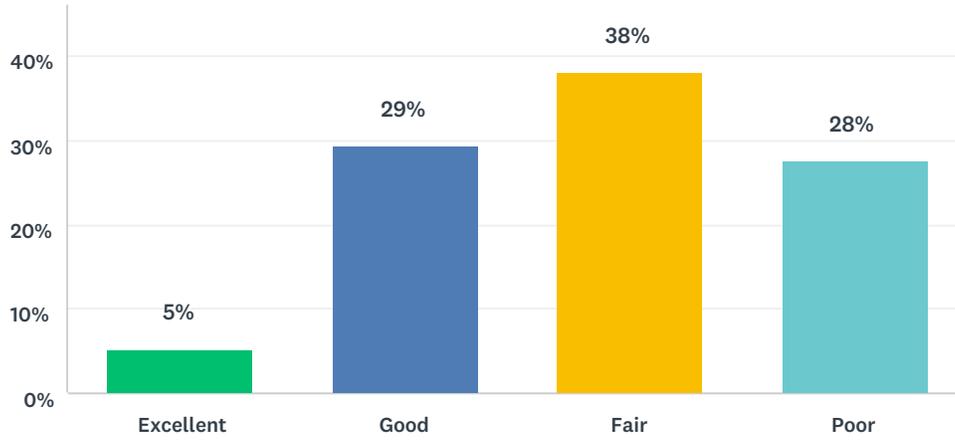
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	26%	124
Good	59%	276
Fair	15%	69
Poor	0%	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>471</b>

### Q8 How do you rate Colchester as a place to retire.

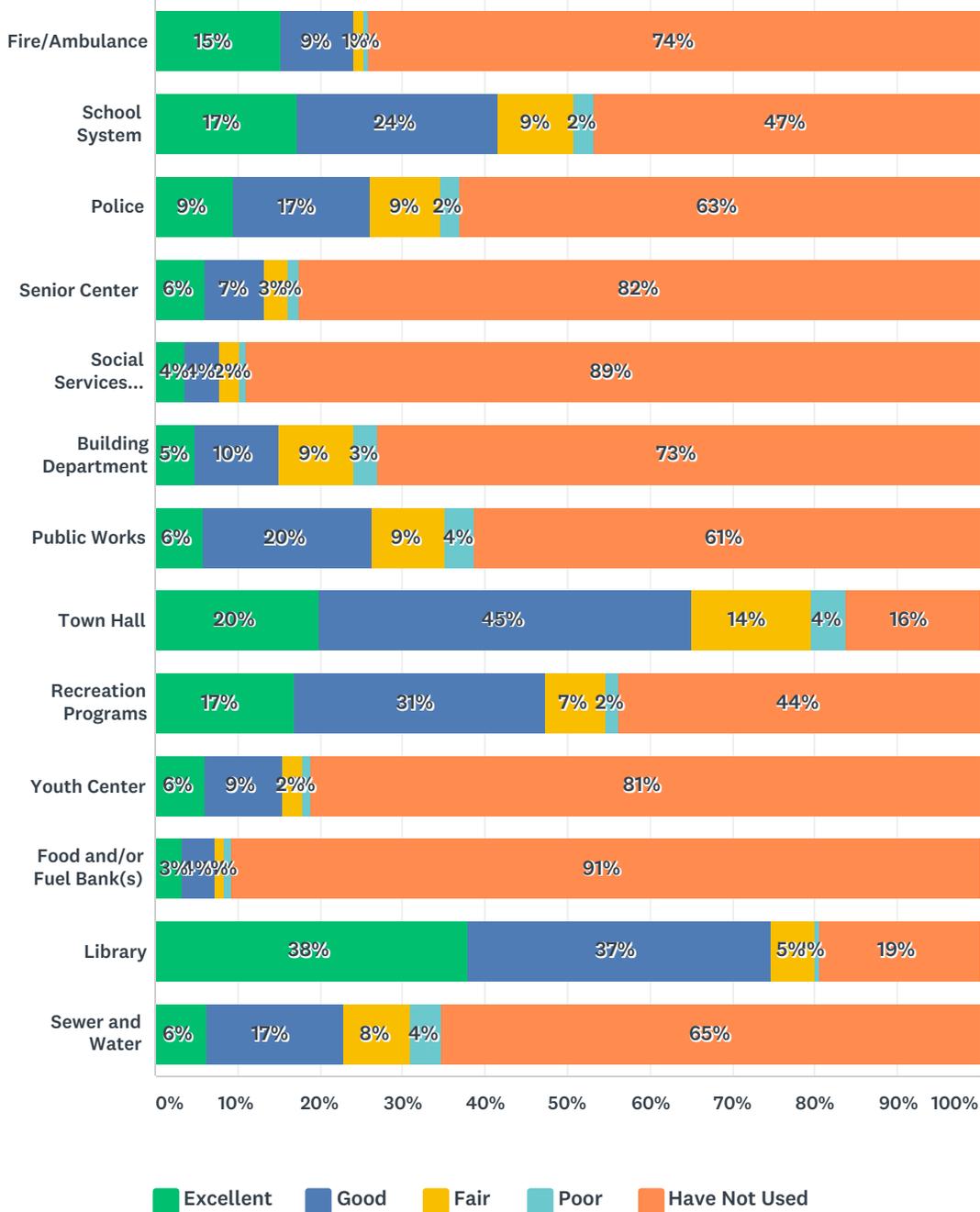
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	5%	24
Good	29%	137
Fair	38%	179
Poor	28%	129
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>469</b>

### Q9 If you have used the services listed below in the last 3 years, please rate your experience and quality of service.

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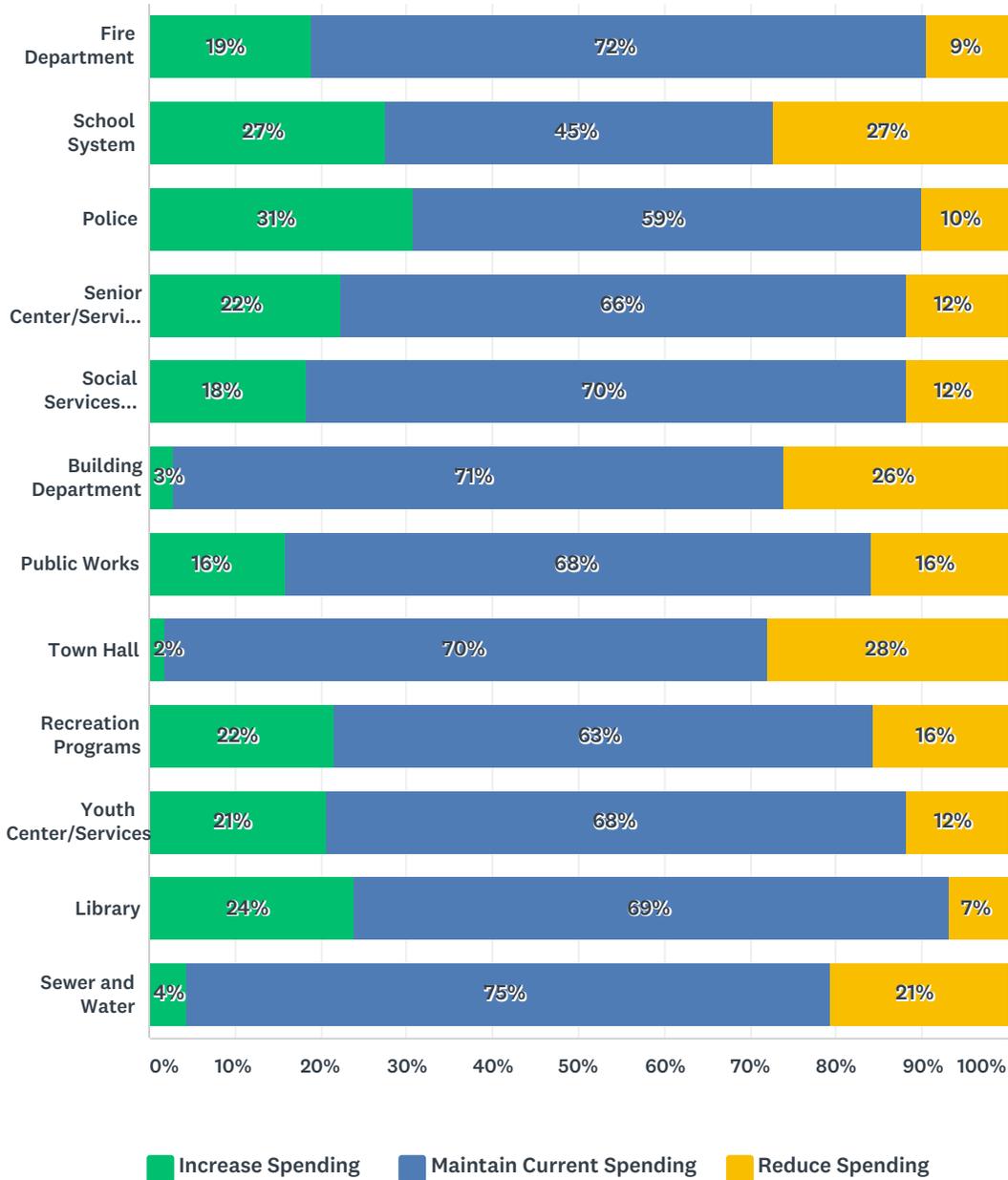


	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	HAVE NOT USED	TOTAL
Fire/Ambulance	15%	9%	1%	0%	74%	457
	70	40	6	2	339	
School System	17%	24%	9%	2%	47%	462
	80	112	43	11	216	
Police	9%	17%	9%	2%	63%	457
	43	76	39	11	288	

Senior Center	6% 28	7% 34	3% 13	1% 7	82% 385	467
Social Services [other than food and/or fuel bank(s)]	4% 16	4% 19	2% 11	1% 4	89% 401	451
Building Department	5% 22	10% 47	9% 41	3% 13	73% 333	456
Public Works	6% 27	20% 94	9% 40	4% 17	61% 281	459
Town Hall	20% 93	45% 213	14% 68	4% 20	16% 76	470
Recreation Programs	17% 78	31% 142	7% 34	2% 7	44% 204	465
Youth Center	6% 27	9% 43	2% 11	1% 5	81% 368	454
Food and/or Fuel Bank(s)	3% 15	4% 18	1% 5	1% 4	91% 413	455
Library	38% 182	37% 176	5% 25	1% 3	19% 93	479
Sewer and Water	6% 28	17% 77	8% 36	4% 18	65% 298	457

# Q10 In 2018-2019 Budget, what is your preference for funding the following areas?

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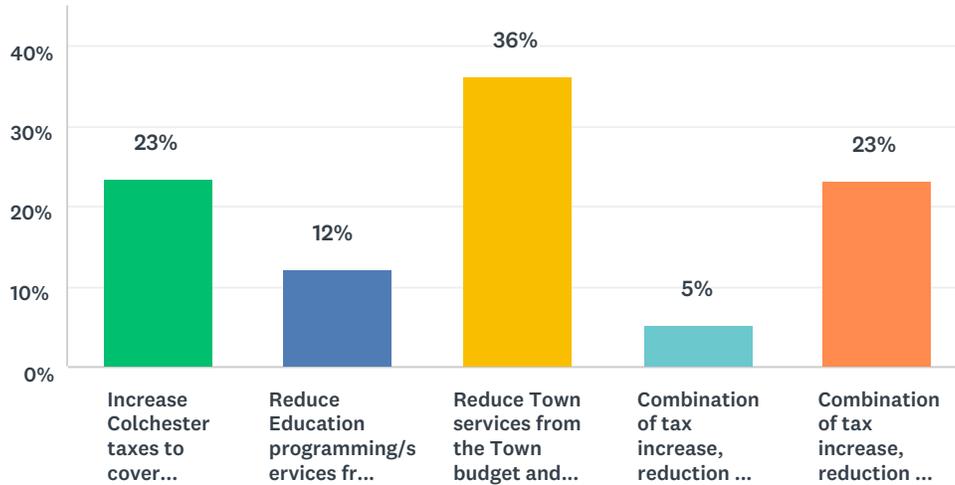


	INCREASE SPENDING	MAINTAIN CURRENT SPENDING	REDUCE SPENDING	TOTAL
Fire Department	19% 87	72% 330	9% 43	460
School System	27% 127	45% 210	27% 126	463
Police	31% 142	59% 274	10% 46	462

Senior Center/Services	22% 103	66% 304	12% 55	462
Social Services (includes Food and Fuel Banks)	18% 84	70% 321	12% 54	459
Building Department	3% 13	71% 325	26% 119	457
Public Works	16% 73	68% 314	16% 73	460
Town Hall	2% 8	70% 323	28% 128	459
Recreation Programs	22% 99	63% 289	16% 72	460
Youth Center/Services	21% 95	68% 310	12% 54	459
Library	24% 110	69% 320	7% 32	462
Sewer and Water	4% 20	75% 337	21% 93	450

### Q11 As many of you know the State of Connecticut reduced funding to the Town of Colchester. Please indicate how these reductions, or future reductions should be handled:

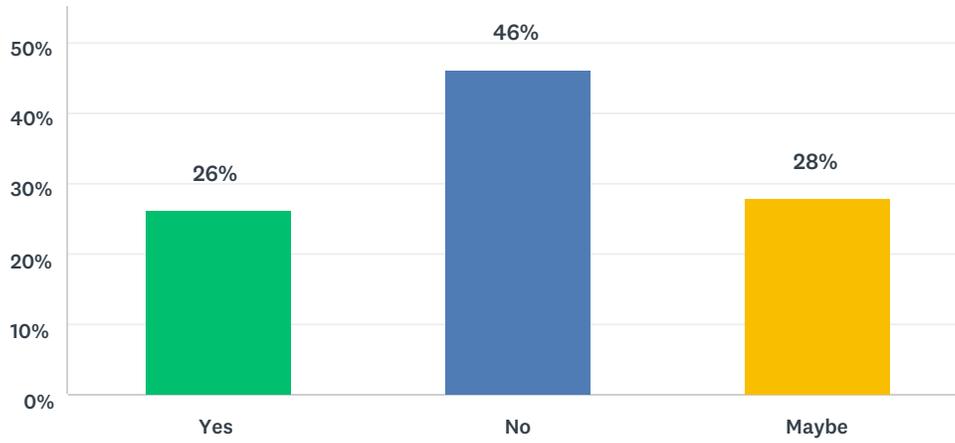
Answered: 428 Skipped: 64



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Increase Colchester taxes to cover reductions from the State	23%	100
Reduce Education programming/services from the Education Budget	12%	52
Reduce Town services from the Town budget and Education programming/services from the Education budget	36%	155
Combination of tax increase, reduction of Education programming/services from the Education Budget	5%	22
Combination of tax increase, reduction of Town services from the Town Budget and Education programming/services from the Education Budget	23%	99
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>428</b>

### Q12 In order to maintain current levels of Town services would you be willing to pay higher taxes to cover any increase in operating costs?

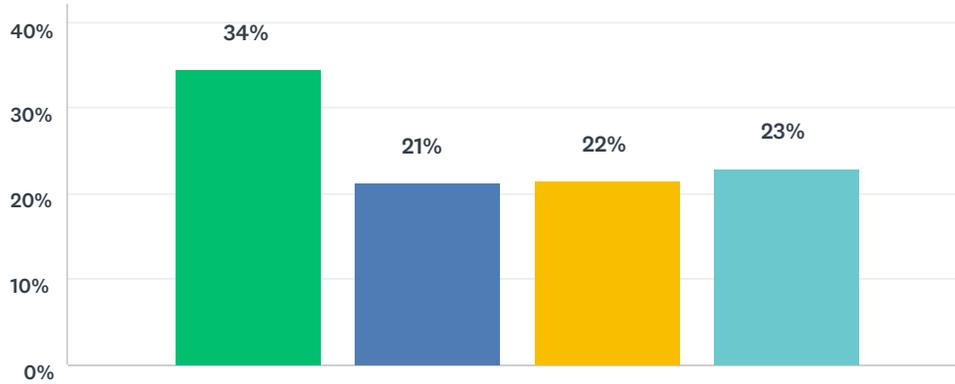
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	26%	121
No	46%	213
Maybe	28%	129
TOTAL		463

**Q13 As the cost of most things goes up every year, maintaining current services generally requires an increase in the amount budgeted to pay for them. What percent of tax increase would you find acceptable, given the effect on services**

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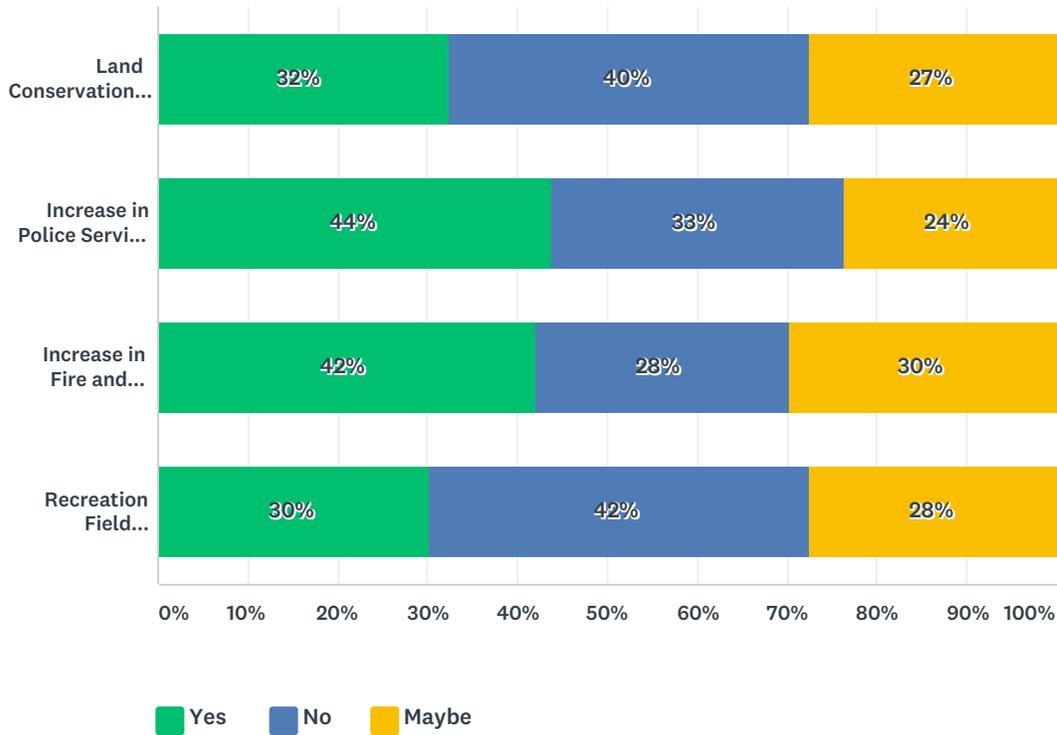


- Decrease or No Increase (will reduce services)
- 1>0% to 1% Increase (likely reduce services)
- 10>1% to 2% Increase (possible reduction in some services)
- >2% Increase if Amount is Needed to Maintain Current Services or Add Services.

DECREASE OR NO INCREASE (WILL REDUCE SERVICES)	1>0% TO 1% INCREASE (LIKELY REDUCE SERVICES)	10>1% TO 2% INCREASE (POSSIBLE REDUCTION IN SOME SERVICES)	>2% INCREASE IF AMOUNT IS NEEDED TO MAINTAIN CURRENT SERVICES OR ADD SERVICES.	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
34%	21%	22%	23%	460	1.00
158	98	99	105		

### Q14 In the future would you support spending for the following?

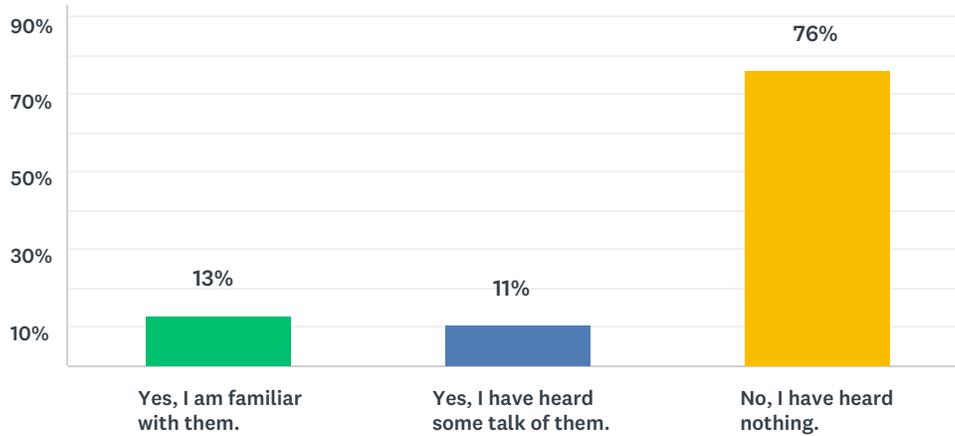
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	YES	NO	MAYBE	TOTAL
Land Conservation/Open Space	32% 149	40% 186	27% 127	462
Increase in Police Services and Infrastructure	44% 203	33% 151	24% 110	464
Increase in Fire and Emergency Medical Services and Infrastructure	42% 194	28% 131	30% 138	463
Recreation Field Improvements	30% 139	42% 195	28% 127	461

### Q15 Are you aware of these discussions

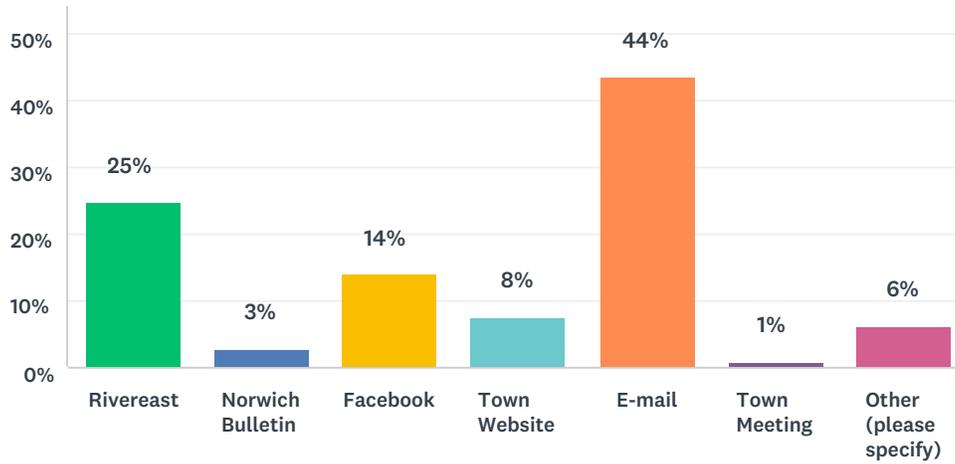
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I am familiar with them.	13%	61
Yes, I have heard some talk of them.	11%	49
No, I have heard nothing.	76%	355
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>465</b>

### Q16 If the Town moves forward with next steps, what is the best way for you to receive this information

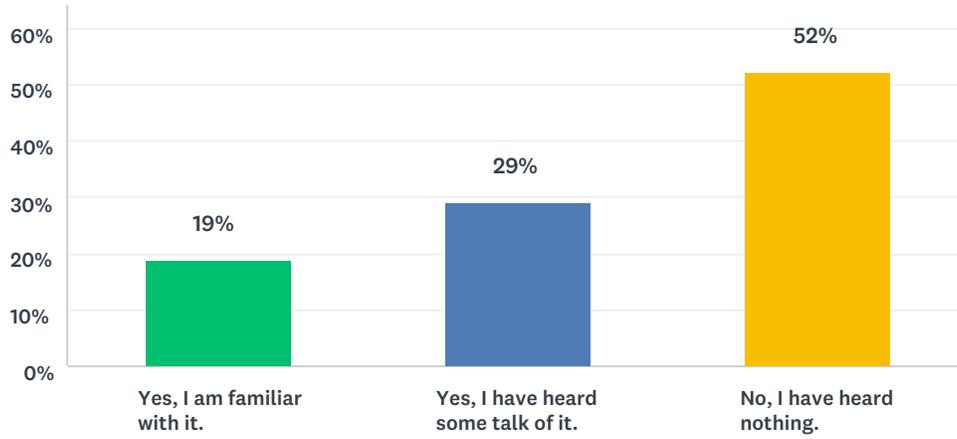
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Rivereast	25%	115
Norwich Bulletin	3%	12
Facebook	14%	65
Town Website	8%	35
E-mail	44%	201
Town Meeting	1%	4
Other (please specify)	6%	29
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>461</b>

### Q17 Are you aware of this?

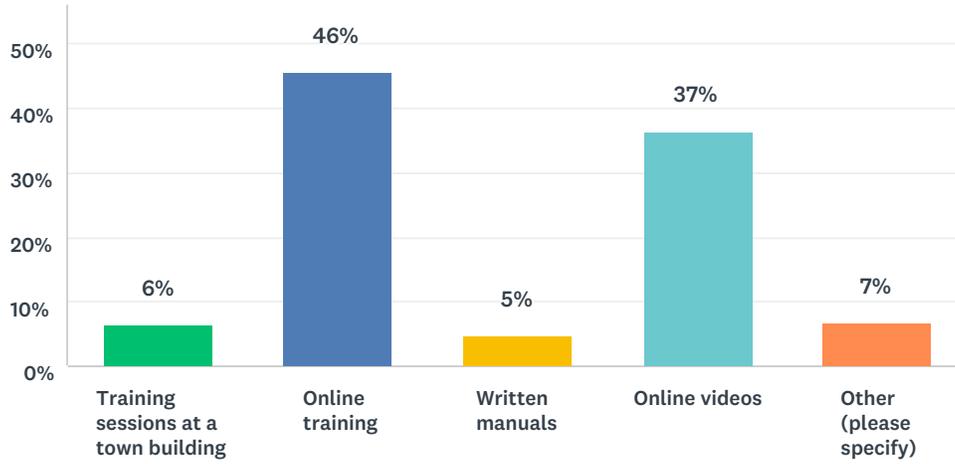
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I am familiar with it.	19%	86
Yes, I have heard some talk of it.	29%	133
No, I have heard nothing.	52%	239
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>458</b>

### Q18 Once launched, what is the best way for you to learn how to use it?

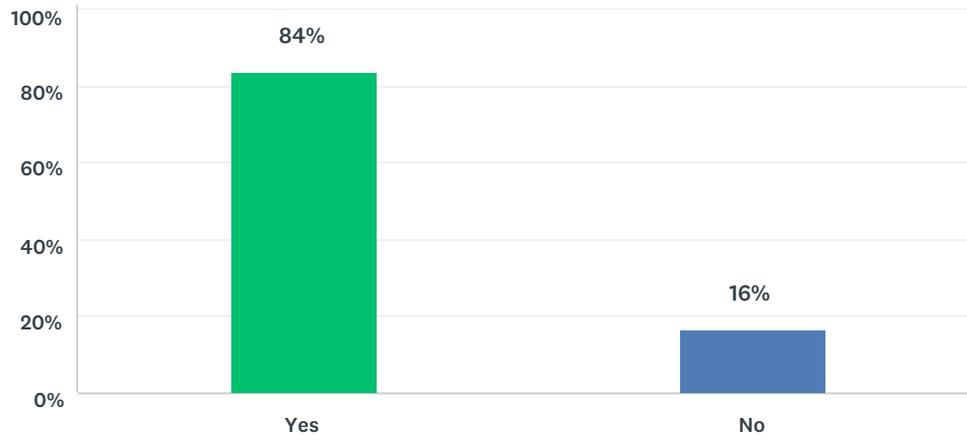
Answered: 449 Skipped: 43



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Training sessions at a town building	6%	29
Online training	46%	205
Written manuals	5%	21
Online videos	37%	164
Other (please specify)	7%	30
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>449</b>

## Q19 Did you vote in the last budget referendum?

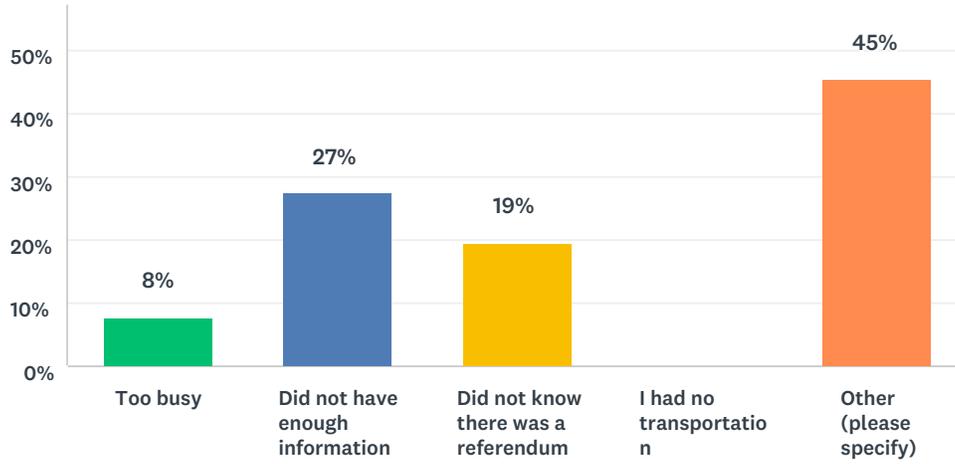
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	84%	386
No	16%	75
TOTAL		461

### Q20 If you selected "No" please indicate why.

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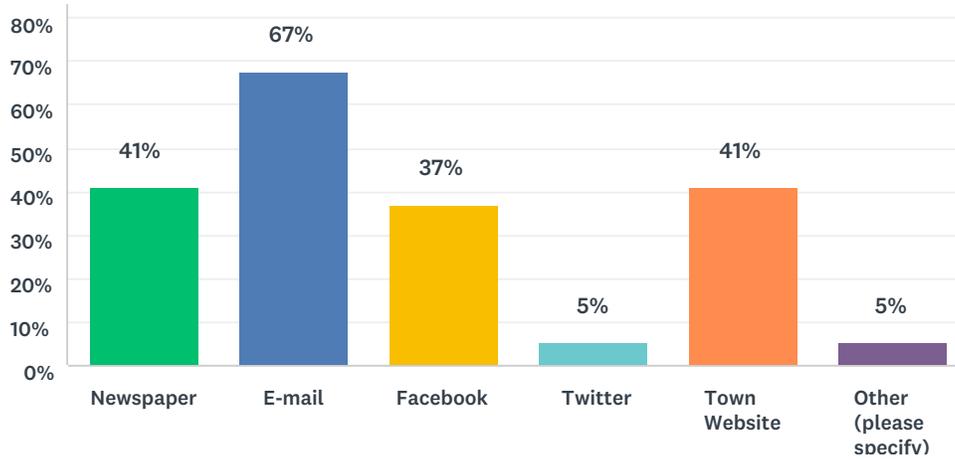
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Too busy	8%	6
Did not have enough information	27%	21
Did not know there was a referendum	19%	15
I had no transportation	0%	0
Other (please specify)	45%	35
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>77</b>

## Q21 What can the town do to increase participation in voting?

Answered: 219 Skipped: 273

## Q22 What is the best way for you to receive town information?(check all that apply)

Answered: 458 Skipped: 34



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Newspaper	41%	188
E-mail	67%	309
Facebook	37%	169
Twitter	5%	24
Town Website	41%	189
Other (please specify)	5%	24
Total Respondents: 458		

## Q23 Do you have any budget related comments or questions not covered in your responses above?

Answered: 146 Skipped: 346

**Q24 Do you have any comments that can help us better serve Colchester? Are there any services that Colchester does not provide and you wish it did?**

Answered: 169 Skipped: 323