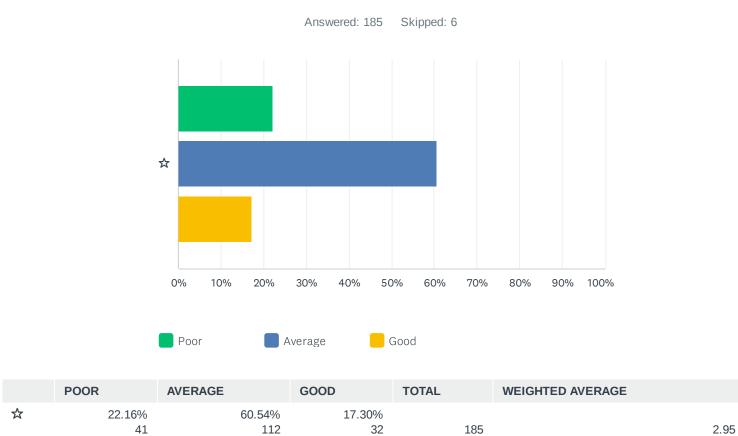
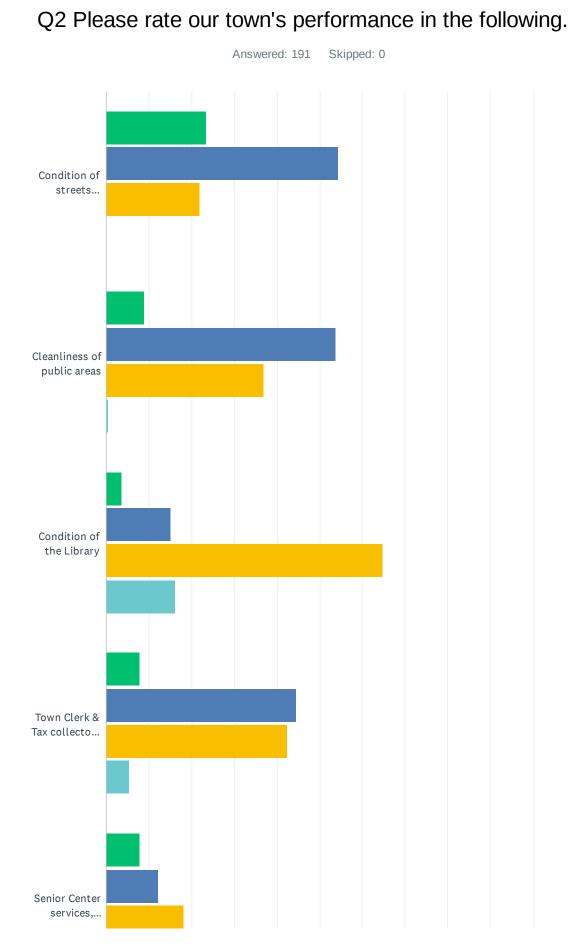
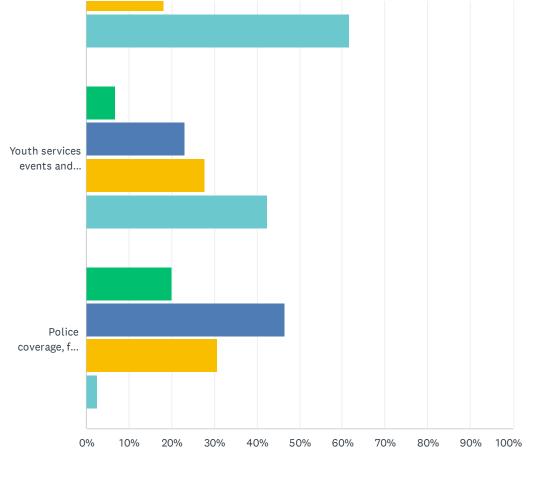
## Q1 The overall job of local government in providing services







Average

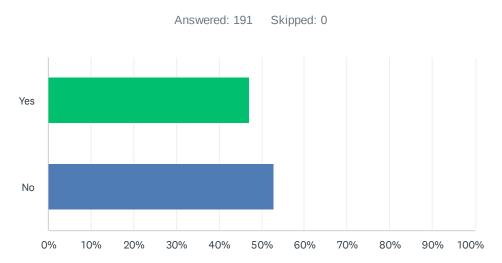
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Good

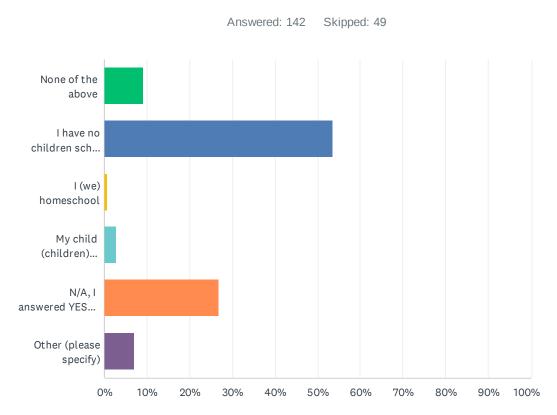
Unsure/Do...

	POOR	AVERAGE	GOOD	UNSURE/DONT KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Condition of streets (Excluding State Roads such as RT16/RT85)	23.56% 45	54.45% 104	21.99% 42	0.00% 0	191	2.98
Cleanliness of public areas	8.95% 17	53.68% 102	36.84% 70	0.53% 1	190	3.29
Condition of the Library	3.66% 7	15.18% 29	64.92% 124	16.23% 31	191	3.94
Town Clerk & Tax collector services, including use of online systems	7.85% 15	44.50% 85	42.41% 81	5.24% 10	191	3.45
Senior Center services, including transportation, meal services, programming	7.98% 15	12.23% 23	18.09% 34	61.70% 116	188	4.34
Youth services events and services	6.81% 13	23.04% 44	27.75% 53	42.41% 81	191	4.06
Police coverage, feel safe in Colchester	20.11% 38	46.56% 88	30.69% 58	2.65% 5	189	3.16

## Q3 Do you have a child (children) currently in the public school system?



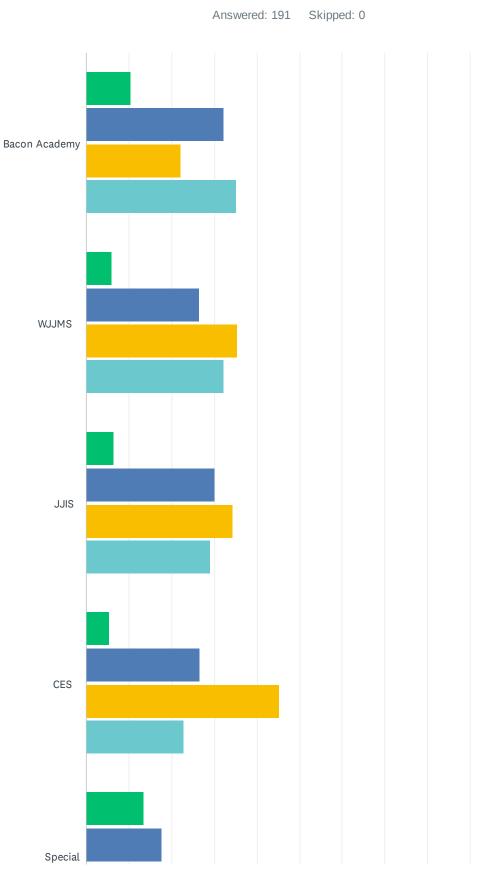
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	47.12%	90
No	52.88%	101
TOTAL		191



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	9.15%	13
I have no children school age	53.52%	76
I (we) homeschool	0.70%	1
My child (children) attend school out of district (Norwich Tech, etc)	2.82%	4
N/A, I answered YES to Q3	26.76%	38
Other (please specify)	7.04%	10
TOTAL		142

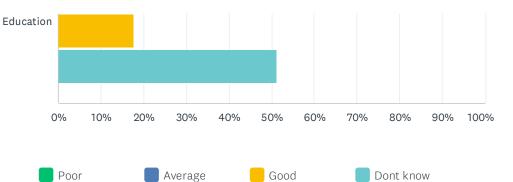
## Q4 If not, please elaborate.

# Q5 Please rate the quality of the schools and Special Education. If you don't use it, please respond with how you feel the quality is as a taxpayer.



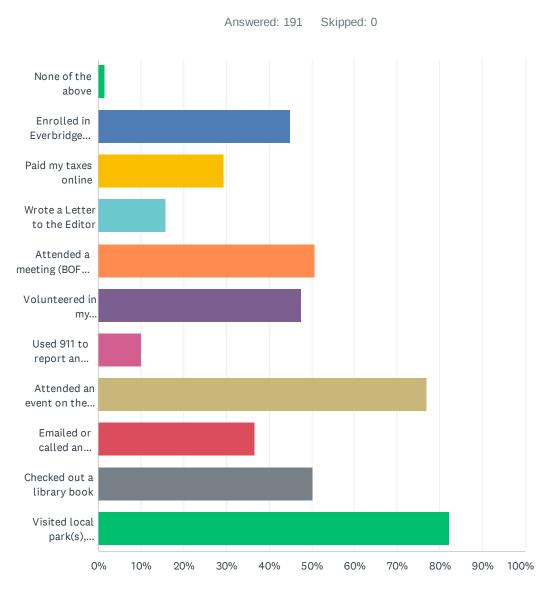
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#### SurveyMonkey



POOR AVERAGE GOOD DONT KNOW WEIGHTED AVERAGE TOTAL **Bacon Academy** 10.53% 32.11% 22.11% 35.26% 20 61 42 67 190 3.82 WJJMS 5.91% 26.34% 35.48% 32.26% 186 3.94 11 49 66 60 6.45% 34.41% 29.03% JJIS 30.11% 186 3.86 64 54 12 56 CES 45.11% 5.43% 26.63% 22.83% 184 3.85 10 49 83 42 Special Education 13.44% 17.74% 17.74% 51.08% 186 4.06 25 33 33 95

## Q6 Please indicate your engagement over the past year. Please check all that apply.

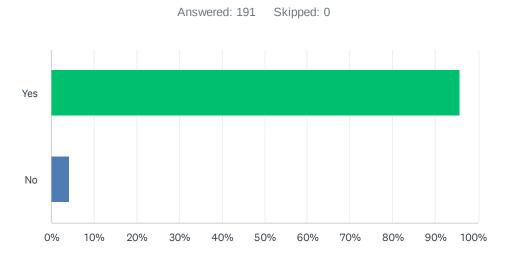


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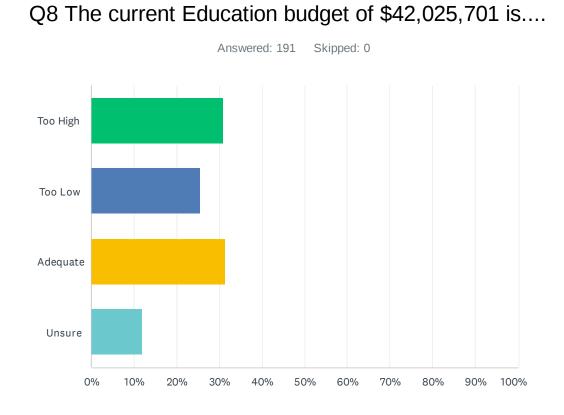
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	1.57%	3
Enrolled in Everbridge (emergency text alert)	45.03%	86
Paid my taxes online	29.32%	56
Wrote a Letter to the Editor	15.71%	30
Attended a meeting (BOF, BOS, BOE etc)	50.79%	97
Volunteered in my community/school system	47.64%	91
Used 911 to report an incident	9.95%	19
Attended an event on the Green	76.96%	147
Emailed or called an elected person to advocate or express opinion	36.65%	70
Checked out a library book	50.26%	96
Visited local park(s), enjoyed the Green in leisure	82.20%	157
Total Respondents: 191		

# Q7 Are you aware that the budget consists of two separate budgets? The Education Budget and the Town Budget?

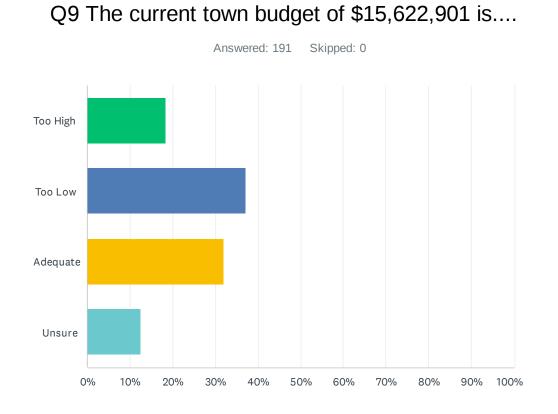


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	95.81%	183
No	4.19%	8
TOTAL		191



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Too High	30.89%	59
Too Low	25.65%	49
Adequate	31.41%	60
Unsure	12.04%	23
TOTAL	15	91

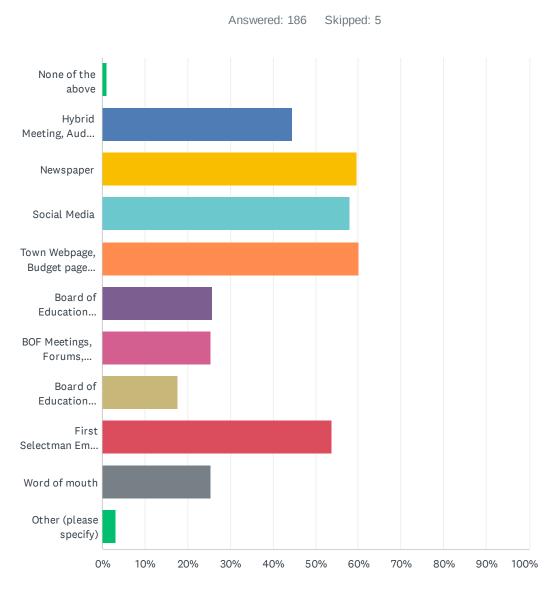
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Too High	18.32%	35
Too Low	37.17%	71
Adequate	31.94%	61
Unsure	12.57%	24
TOTAL		191

#### 12/16

## Q10 Please rate the following avenues of communication(s) used for staying informed of the budget.



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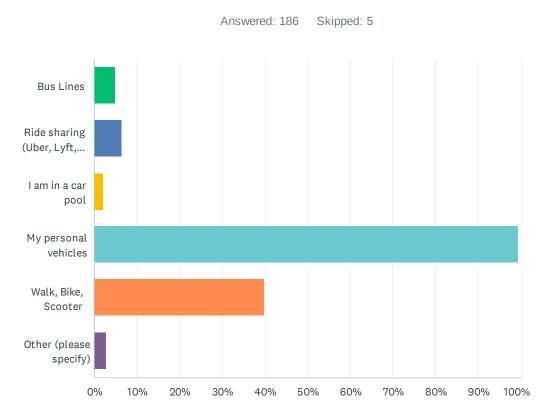
#### SurveyMonkey

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	1.08%	2	
Hybrid Meeting, Audio Files, Meeting Minutes	44.62%	83	
Newspaper	59.68%	111	
Social Media	58.06%	108	
Town Webpage, Budget page (for the town budget)	60.22%	112	
Board of Education website (for the education budget)	25.81%	48	
BOF Meetings, Forums, Workshops	25.27%	47	
Board of Education Meetings, Workshops	17.74%	33	
First Selectman Email Blast (Friday Afternoons)	53.76%	100	
Word of mouth	25.27%	47	
Other (please specify)	3.23%	6	
Total Respondents: 186			

# Q11 Please elaborate on the reason for the answer above. Please provide recommendations on how we can improve communications with the community:

Answered: 72 Skipped: 119

# Q12 Please indicate transportation options you have used in the past year: check all that apply.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Bus Lines	4.84%	9
Ride sharing (Uber, Lyft, Taxi, etc)	6.45%	12
I am in a car pool	2.15%	4
My personal vehicles	99.46%	185
Walk, Bike, Scooter	39.78%	74
Other (please specify)	2.69%	5
Total Respondents: 186		