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APPENDIX A ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

Public Engagement #1

August 2025 Community Open House Recap

On August 28, 2025, the planning team hosted its first round of community engagement for the Comprehensive Plan. Activities were held at the Senior Lunch and at the Fayette County Fairgrounds, reaching a wide mix of residents in La Grange and Fayette County.

Boards:

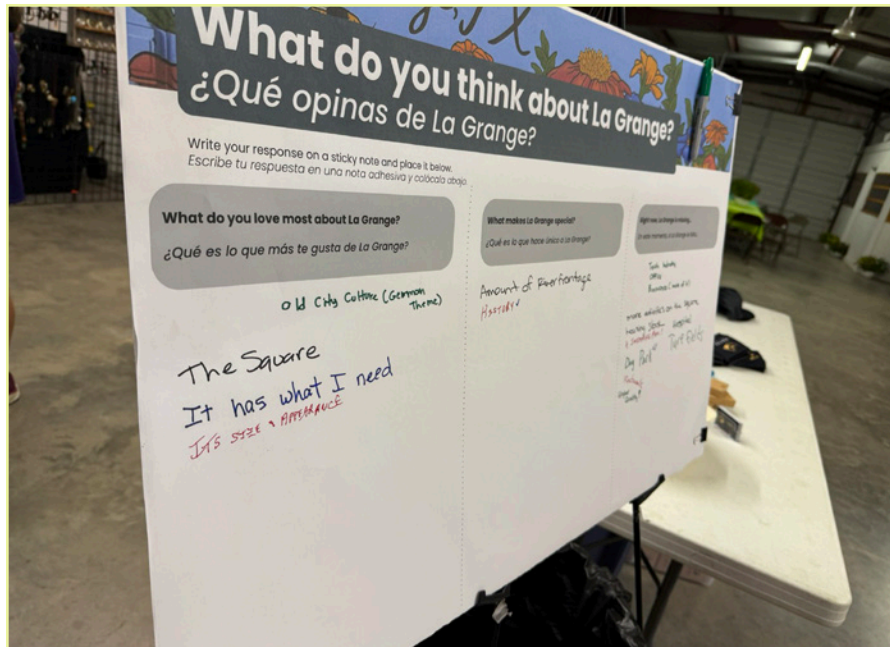
- Project Schedule and Timeline

Interactive Stations:

- *What do you think about La Grange?*
Participants were asked to write on the board what they love most about La Grange, what makes La Grange special and what La Grange is missing.
- *What is your vision for La Grange?*
Participants were asked to think about the City of La Grange in 10 years, such as what La Grange should be known for, how the City should feel and what is one thing they would change about La Grange.

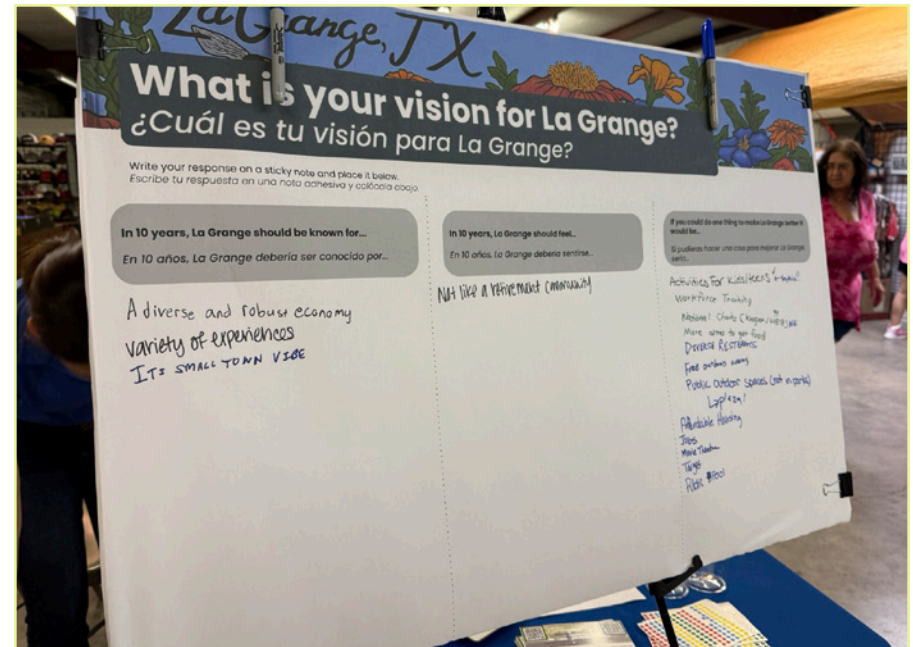


Interactive Stations



What do you think about La Grange?

At this station participants were given three prompts to respond to by writing on the board. When asked what they love most about La Grange, responses included themes like the historic square, the City's appearance, safety and convenience. When asked what makes La Grange special, participants pointed to the river and the City's history. When asked what La Grange is missing, the responses ranged from a swimming pool and turf field to housing and business offices.



What is your vision for La Grange?

In 10 years, participants want La Grange to be known for its small town vibe, robust economy and a variety of experiences. The City should not feel like a retirement community. When asked if you could change one thing about La Grange, participants gave a variety of answers including jobs, workforce training, affordable housing, more dining options and activities for kids and teens.

Public Engagement #2

October 2025 Community Open House Recap

On October 16, 2025, the planning team hosted a community open house for the Vision La Grange Comprehensive Plan. The Open House was held at the Historic Casino Hall with the purpose of introducing the Comprehensive Plan, sharing the findings of the baseline assessment and gathering community input for what La Grange's future vision and goals should be. Attendees were given an overview presentation along with informational boards and interactive stations where they could provide feedback. City staff and consultant team members were available throughout the event to answer questions, listen to feedback and support residents in providing input.

Boards:

- Project Schedule and Timeline
- What is a Comprehensive Plan?

Interactive Stations:

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- *What is your vision for La Grange?*
Participants were asked to think about the City of La Grange in 10 years, such as what La Grange should be known for, how the City should feel and what is one thing they would change about La Grange.
- *Land Use Tradeoffs*
Participants were asked to place a dot indicating which land use tradeoff they preferred. The three options were trading more density for low taxes and high services, trading high taxes for low density and high services or trading service cuts for low taxes and low density.
- *Infrastructure and Public Facilities*
Participants were asked to place dots on the board to indicate what City infrastructure and public facilities are working and what are not working.
- *La Grange Growth Map*
Participants were asked to place color-coded dots to mark areas on the map where they envision parks and open space, new housing, commercial spaces and community facilities.
- *Transportation and Mobility*
Participants were asked to place color-coded dots on the map to identify locations where better connections are needed such as sidewalks, trails and roadway connections.

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP



October 16, 2025
Historic Casino Hall
254 N Jefferson St.
5:30-7:00 pm

The City of La Grange is updating its Comprehensive Plan to shape its future and guide decision-making and investment strategies.

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Comp Plan & UDC
www.VisionLaGrange.com



Parks Plan
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Interactive Stations

La Grange, TX

What do you think about La Grange?

¿Qué opinas de La Grange?

Write your response on a sticky note and place it below.
Escribe tu respuesta en una nota adhesiva y colócala abajo.

What do you love most about La Grange?
¿Qué es lo que más te gusta de La Grange?

Quiet, peaceful, easy to get around, friendly.
There's always something going on in the community.
Quiet!
There's a great school, many residents have dogs, and when the family members who did live here, they're still in the area, making it a great place to live.
Great restaurants.
Great people.
Great views.
Historical landmarks (like the old school).
Proximity to great views (like the old school).
Historical landmarks.
Amazing views.

What makes La Grange special?
¿Qué es lo que hace única a La Grange?

Quiet, peaceful, easy to get around, friendly.
There's always something going on in the community.
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Right now, La Grange is missing...
En este momento, a La Grange le falta...

More restaurants, more shops, more things to do.
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What do you think about La Grange?

At this station participants were given three prompts to respond to by writing on the board. When asked what they love most about La Grange, most responses given had to do with the community which respondents described as quiet and full of welcoming people. When asked what makes La Grange special, participants gave a variety of answers ranging from cleanliness to festivals and cultural heritage. More restaurants and accommodations, river front access and signage were given as thing La Grange is currently missing.

La Grange, TX

What is your vision for La Grange?

¿Cuál es tu visión para La Grange?

Write your response on a sticky note and place it below.
Escribe tu respuesta en una nota adhesiva y colócala abajo.

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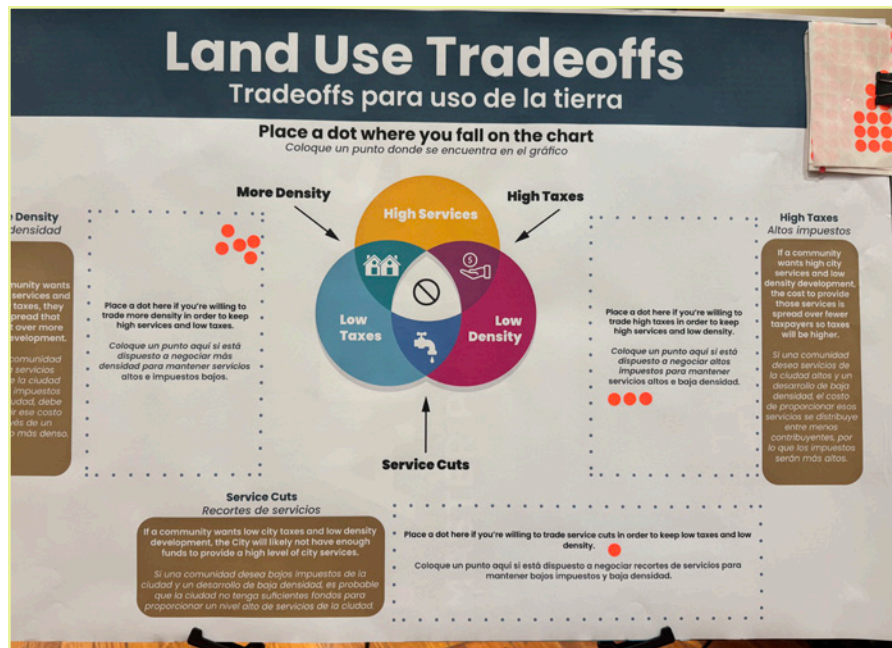
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If you could do one thing to make La Grange better it would be...
Si pudieras hacer una cosa para mejorar La Grange, sería...

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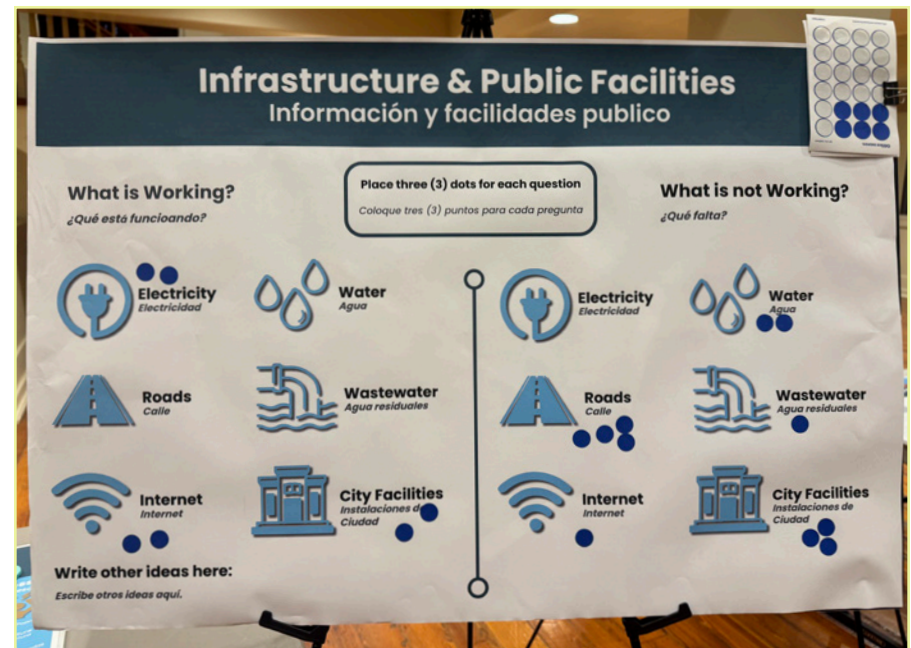
What is your vision for La Grange?

In 10 years, participants want La Grange to be known as a cool, up-and-coming place to visit and live, and for the City to feel welcoming and safe. When asked if they could change one thing about La Grange, each respondent gave a different answer. These answers included trails and river activities, more restaurants, avoiding excessive growth, tax incentives for green projects and cleaning up the City through redevelopment and code enforcement.



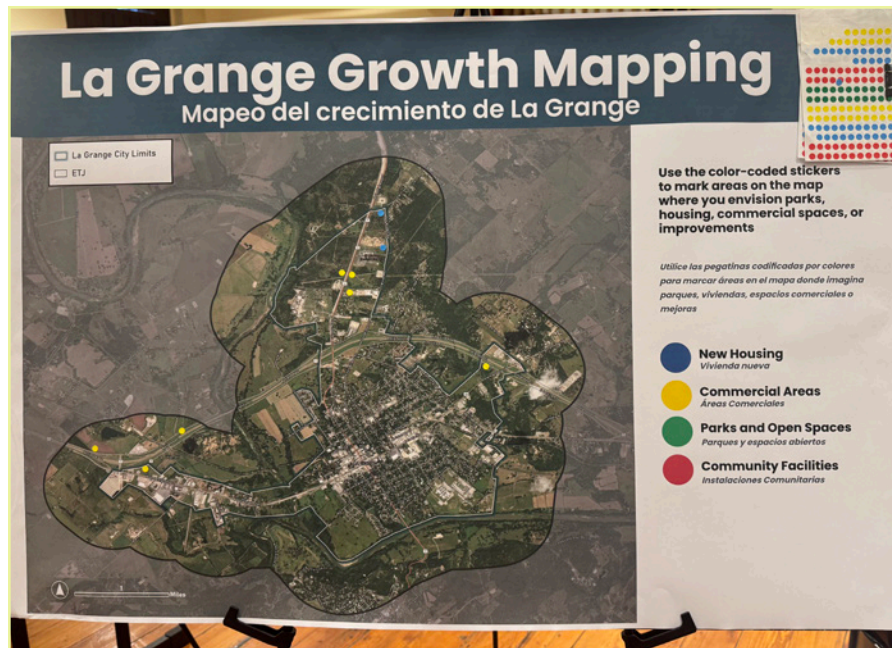
Land Use Tradeoffs

When land use planning, people typically want low density, low taxes, and high services from the City. However it is impossible to have all three things, so tradeoffs are necessary. If a community wants low city taxes and low density development, the City will likely not have enough funds to provide a high level of city services; if a community wants high city services and low city taxes, they must spread that cost out over more dense development; and if a community wants high city services and low density development, the cost to provide those services is spread over fewer taxpayers so taxes will be higher. The preferred tradeoff for most respondents was more density in exchange for high service and low taxes, followed by high taxes in exchange for high services and low density, while one person chose service cuts in exchange for low taxes and low density.



Infrastructure & Public Facilities

Participants were given dots to place on the board to indicate what infrastructure and public facilities in the City of La Grange are working and not working. The three identified services under “What is Working?” are electricity, internet and city facilities. On the alternative, water, roads, wastewater, internet and city facilities were all identified as “What is not Working?” with roads having the most dots.



La Grange Growth Map

This station allowed participants to visualize their desired growth for La Grange by placing color-coded dots on the map that represent new housing, commercial areas, parks and open space and community facilities. Most of the dots indicate commercial areas to along State Highway 71, particularly in the western part of the ETJ, and along US Highway 77 in the northern part of the City. Areas at the north of La Grange near St. Mark's Medical Center were also identified for potential new housing.



Transportation and Mobility

Participants were asked to mark areas where trails, sidewalks and roadway connections are needed using color-coded dots. Areas identified as needing sidewalk connections include south of Crockett Street along Main Street and Vail Street by the elementary and high school. One participant wrote on the board that sidewalks are needed everywhere and there should be trails along the river. Trails connections were suggested at White Rock Park and the parcel adjacent to Colorado River RV park. An additional roadway connection was suggested at the Fayette County Fairgrounds.

Virtual Engagement

Project Website

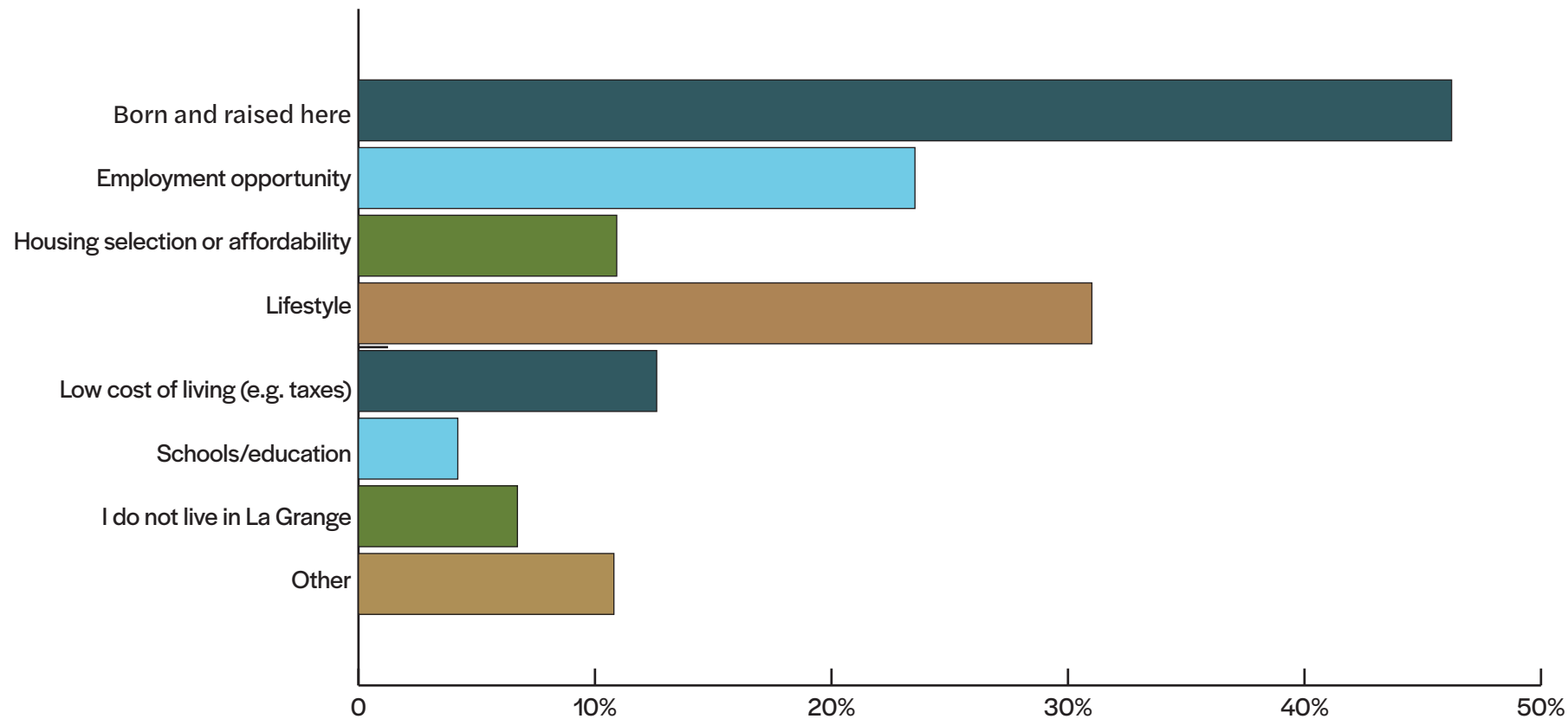
The project website is a tool used to provide the community with up to date information on the project, upcoming engagements, and draft deliverables, as well as hosting the online surveys and virtual engagement platforms. The website offered language translation and included the following:

- A landing page with the project branding, an introduction to the project and its purpose, a project timeline denoting completed, past and future phase of work, and buttons to take visitors to the virtual engagements.
- A project team page so the community could know who was working on the project, including consultants and City Staff.
- A get involved page that listed upcoming and past in person engagements as well as hosting the virtual engagements.
- A documents page that provided links to the City's planning documents and download of all draft documents and public engagement materials.
- A page where visitors could leave general comments for the team or sign up for email updates on future engagements.
- Virtual engagements are just one more way for residents to provide input in a way that may be more convenient or comfortable.

Online Community Survey Results

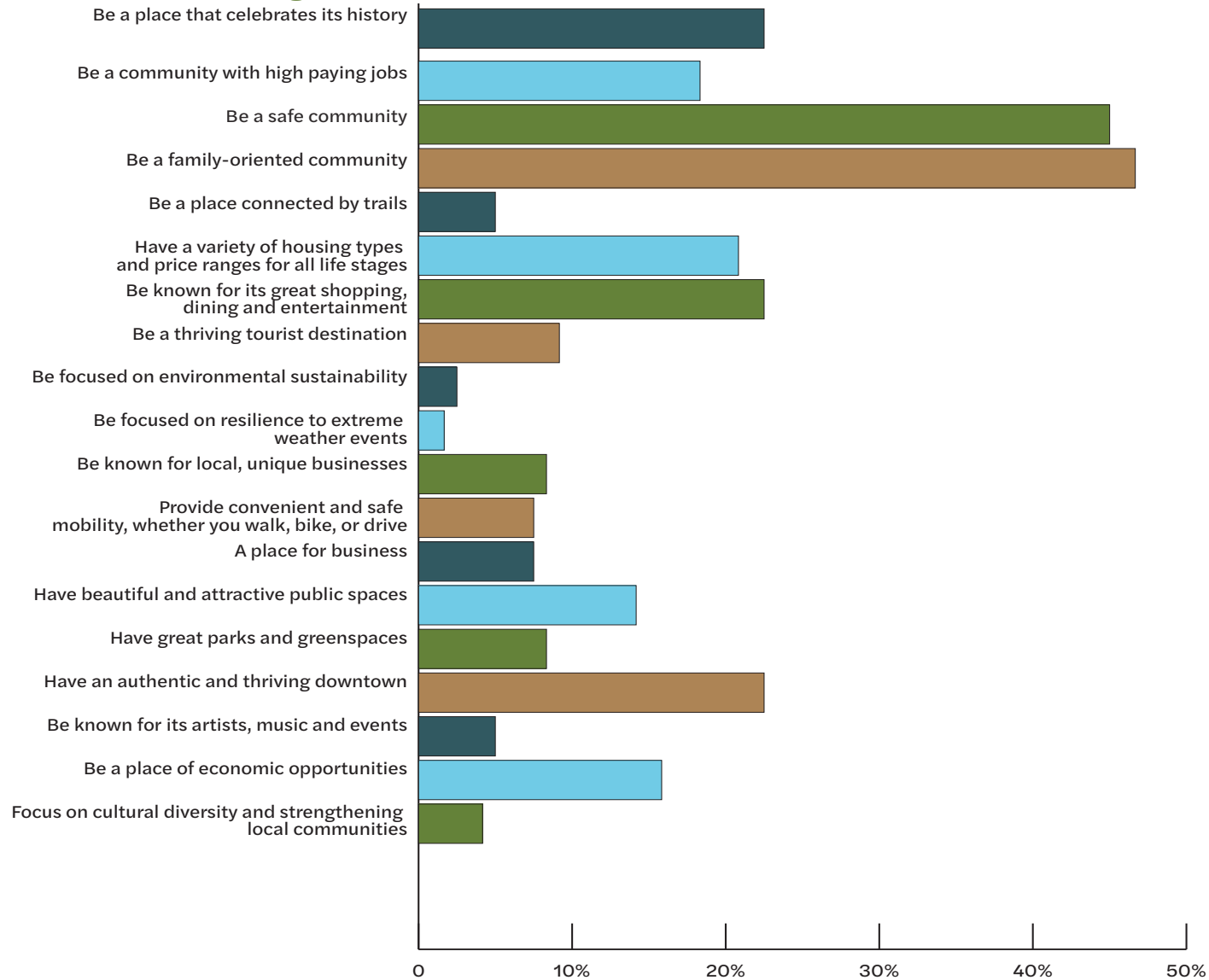
A community survey was available online via the project website from August 28, 2025 to October 15, 2025. The survey was open to anyone to participate and utilize online translation capabilities to allow it to be taken in a variety of languages. It was also usable both in desktop and mobile formats. Outreach regarding the availability of the survey was done via multiple channels, including flyers handed out at community events and on City social media channels. The survey received 121 responses. A summary of the responses received follows. The input from this survey, along with feedback gathered and conversations had at Workshops described previously, provided the design team with important baseline information and community priorities to utilize as the basis for progressing the project.

1. What is your primary reason for choosing to live in La Grange?



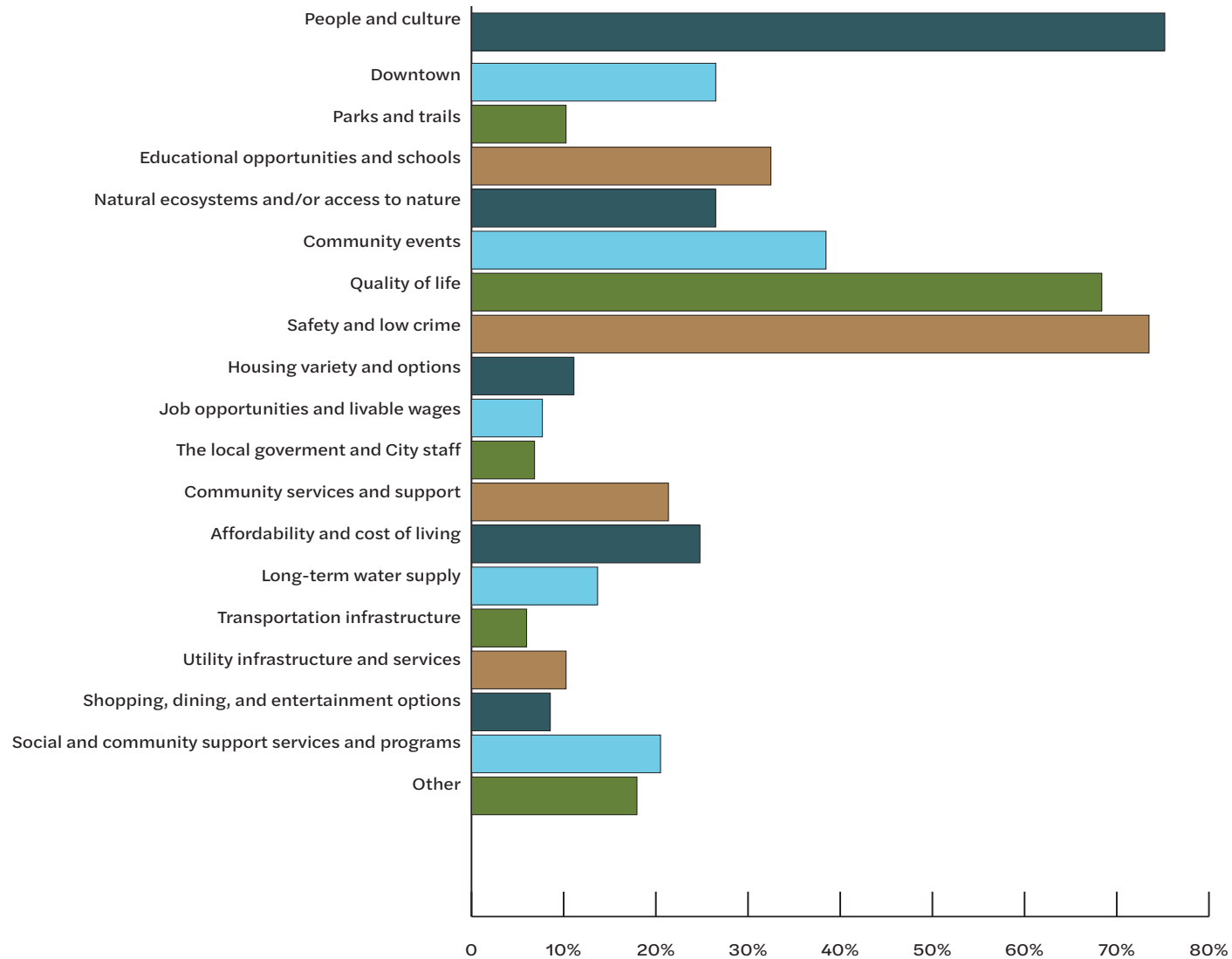
Nearly half of the people who responded to the community survey were born and raised here (46.2%), followed by people who choose to live in La Grange for the lifestyle (31.1%) or an employment opportunity (23.5%).

2. In the future, I want La Grange to:



When asked what they want for La Grange's future, the main responses were to be a safe (45%) and family-oriented (46.7%) community. Other popular goals for the future include having a thriving and authentic downtown (22.5%), being known for great shopping, dining and entertainment (22.5%) as well as having a variety of housing types and price ranges for all stages of life (20.8%).

3. In your opinion, what are La Grange's greatest strengths? What differentiates it from any other city?



Most participants listed people and community (75.2%) as one of La Grange's greatest strengths along with safety and low crime rate (73.5%) and quality of life (68.4%).

4. If you would like to provide additional thoughts or clarifications on La Grange's strengths, please provide those here.



- People have deep roots which connect them to this place. This can grow a deep sense of community, which makes La Grange a special place to live.
- The VFW and Legion.
- River
- It is a great town as it is. But change and growth is coming like it or not. City government must get ahead of development with development plans, ordinances, sign and tree ordinances, and good zoning and planning.
- We need more variety of Restaurants. There isn't enough. For r the people passing through town. Or local residents.
- Look toward our uniqueness. We have a river that runs through it. Offer access, entertainment options, tourism sites on this La Grange asset.
- The people are passionate about the city. Encouraging to see people bringing ideas to the table to help spark improvements. It's a very cute town filled with possibilities.

- Compared to Brenham, the downtown square configuration makes parking easy and much safer.
- Proximity to the Colorado River and the potential to leverage the natural tourist attraction into something more attractive to visitors and not just RV parking lots.
- Why must we mark 5 answers, I had a hard time making just 1 choice.
- La Grange is a rural community and has a small town feel that should be embraced.
- I find that people care about the community.
- It was hard to choose 5. All are great goals. La grange does meet most of them.
- Small town atmosphere and feels safe to be out and about in the community.
- Children living in a safe place, living rich traditions experienced and celebrated by their parents to provide the best footing/foundation to go out and conquer the world.
- Small town feel, not a big city.
- We have a lot of little known services that could be utilized in a better way. We have so many small business in different areas of focus for whole health and wellbeing that are just overlooked.
- La Grange is a beautiful town, however I feel like the maintenance around town has declined. Quit buying property downtown for office use. We need shopping and restaurants. Downtown is dead and that makes me sad.
- How about a city manager that has a dog in the hunt? Someone who doesn't buy up local business property and try to figure out what to do with them later.
- it was hard for me to find 5 strengths.
- I feel we have a large population of very caring individuals who help people in time of need and who also support the youth and non-profit. We have great options for groceries like Walmart and HEB.
- Keep it small. We are moving here because it is not a huge city. We don't want it to be like Bastrop.
- We have a nice natural resource, the Colorado River. It should be

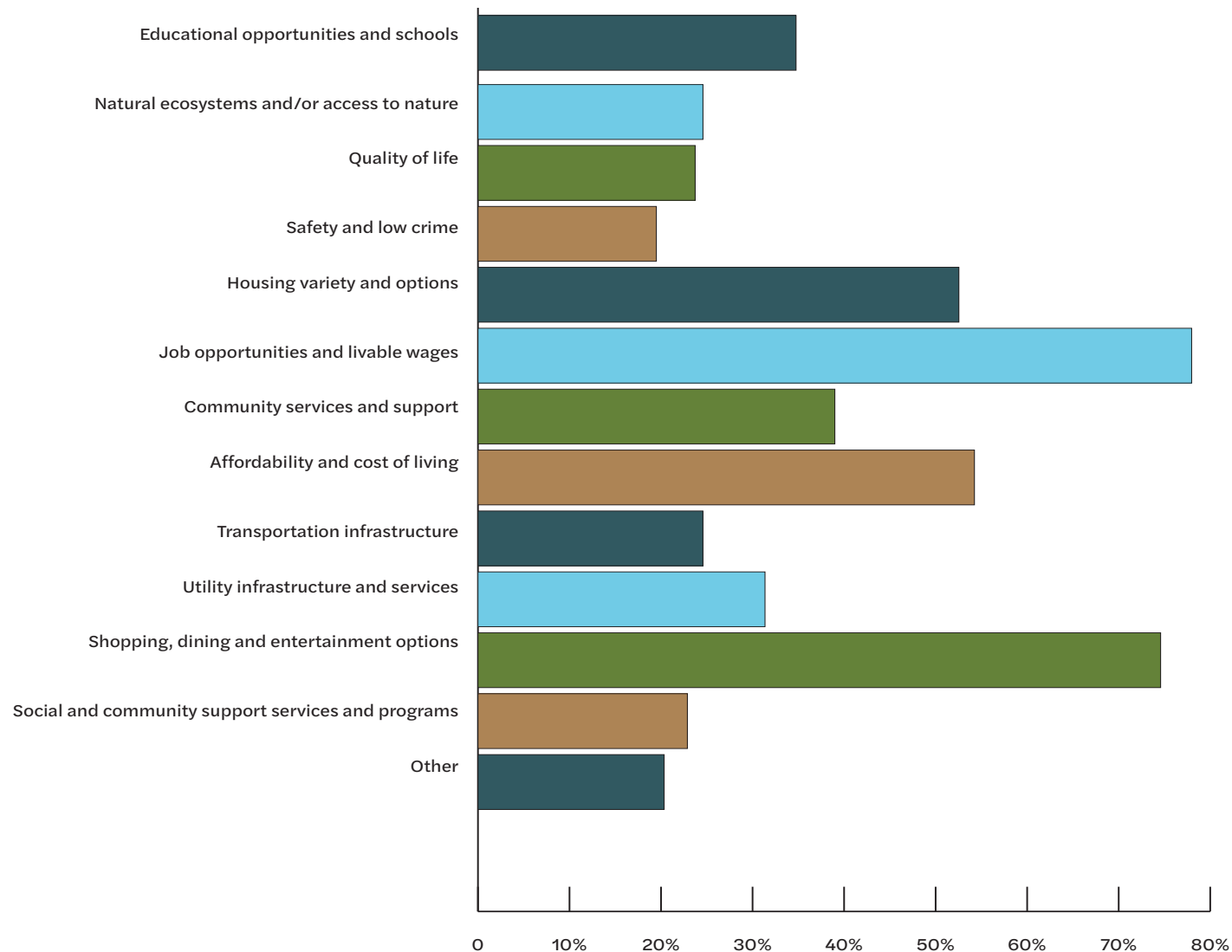
accessible to all. Currently it is not. We also need a public pool. The new park at Hope Hill is a joke and huge disappointment.

- Clean up the properties around the city !
- Awesome Utility dept: trash & recycling, big item & limb pickups, extra if needed. Person actually answering late night outage calls. Street cleaning. No litter. Newsy newspaper. Helpful people!!!
- La Grange is positioned in a prime area between several major cities to be a beautiful place for dining and entertainment. There are many incredible things about the area, but there are no options for children and families to do. At one point LG was known for its beautiful downtown, giant oaks and great dining (Cottonwood Inn, Green Lantern, and the Bon Ton). People literally flew their small planes here to eat. Now, we have a plethora of mediocre Mexican restaurants. Most locals drive to other locations to dine out.
- The main strength in La Grange is the continuity of the extended family. The multigenerational support is essential to childhood development.
- We need a hospital with good Emergency services.
- Would love to see an activity center for kids, skating rink swimming pool, movie theater.
- The fact I had to chose 5 when I only saw one question that fits. 4 of which are not what I would list.
- County seat. Crossroads of Austin/houston. Good downtown square shape (vs no square like Sburg, flatonia, giddings).
- Antiquated bureaucracy, old ways control the town. La grange and Fayette county is and will continue to be reshaped by the new money coming in and those who have objected change will watch it happen under their noses. The area missed the boat by trying to remain a backwards looking good old boy county. What's the plan for the area when the power plant closes? It might be ten years away but if it's not being talked about and planned for openly, this community will become a shadow of itself. If you are reading this and not concerned about Austin Power killing the plant, you need to be. It a very real threat to this community. We couldn't even keep a hospital open, what is going to happen when we lose the jobs at the plant, many are already gone. And fix the dang water, it's gross
- More emphasis on a future outlook of our city instead of trying to attract ART activities and events. The city should make more efforts to attract businesses so that we don't have to drive out of town to shop.

Boil it down, Walmart is the only place to shop. They should not have that title.

- Na.
- Utilities should update to encourage solar electricity. Give solar owners credit for the electricity the city receives from the solar owners.
- What strengths? Again I've been here since 1980 and it's going downhill downhill downhill.
- Low crime rate can be attributed to city police and Sheriff dept, both outstanding.
- Great old town heritage
- Potential strength for La Grange is the proximity to the Round Top Antique Fair. Our community could do more to draw the antique crowd to La Grange. It's a huge missed opportunity twice a year. We need that crowd here spending money as well and more dining options for tourism.
- There's been significant positive changes to transportation ie carts and we have an abundance of community events.
- Sure. Get rid of the city manager. Bring back the pool but make it an aquatic center. It's been vacated for a while now and has yet to be torn down. Better parks. More things for people to do. A bowling alley, movie theater, etc. By the way get a different chief of police while you're at it. This one could care less about the safety of our town and officers.
- Moved from Houston, love it here.
- Way more than enough law enforcement to keep us safe.
- La Grange and Fayette County's greatest strength is it's location within the Texas triangle.
- People are friendly and helpful.

5. In your opinion, what are La Grange's most critical issues?



Job opportunities and livable wages (78%) and shopping, dining and entertainment (74.6%) were identified as of La Grange's most critical issues, followed by affordability and cost of living (54.2%) housing variety and affordability (52.5%).

6. If you would like to provide additional thoughts or clarifications on La Grange's critical issues, please provide those here.



- A new building for the VFW Post.
- We need things for kids & teens to do.
- Affordable housing is an issue. Without housing we cannot have school teachers, fireman, quality city employees, and a vibrant community with solid employment that will bring and keep younger families.
- The square needs quality restaurants, not more fried foods or Mexican restaurants. What we have in those areas are good, but enough. Look at how Georgetown square went from day time shops and 2 restaurant, to the most beautiful and popular square in Texas only 10 years ago.
- Focus to build art displays duplicates other nearby towns. Make choices to show others what is in La Grange.
- Small town should not equal small ideas. Change is inevitable. Are you changing for the better or are you changing for the worse. Keep moving forward.
- Policing La Grange seems to be non-existent as far as enforcing basic traffic laws in and around the neighborhoods. Hwy 77 - a vast majority of cars that are coming into town from the bluffs use the

neighborhood to cut through and avoid the traffic lights downtown. There are no speed limit signs posted in the neighborhoods and cut through cars drive dangerously fast, especially on South Main. There are frequently 18-wheelers cutting through the streets avoiding downtown lights. Stop letting trailer parks in. They are an eyesore and they don't attract the kind of people that support town growth.

- The kids need places to go & fun activities to engage in, such as an indoor pool/activity center, movie theater, skating rink, bowling alley, educational/fun learning center and activities to participate in.
- Housing availability and levels of living is missing. Older smaller homes are not attainable for young professionals on the price points they are asking.
- The town square has been dying for a long time. It's beautiful and large and should be bustling with options. The fact that it's lost two long standing food establishments while gaining a few food trucks on the side should be a HUGE indicator of existing problems.
- Central Texas is changing with a huge influx of people moving to the area. La Grange could easily loose its small town rural charm if it is not protected. Bastrop is no longer the Bastrop of 30 years ago and that is not truly a good thing. LaGrange could end up the same.
- Need affordable things in the community that are family oriented. Please provide things to do here to keep people wanting to stay in the area. Movies, Game Center, upgrade ball field, and nature walks or parks.
- River seems like it could be utilized. Kayaks, rentals, water play area, cafes along the water with decks, etc.
- We need infrastructure for our youth, movie theatre, public pool/splash pad, recreational programs and access to the river.
- La grange needs better leadership and communication with the public. Also needs people who will ask questions and not just go with the flow.
- The drain systems need maintenance. Last November I injured my foot and it took over 6 months to heal the wound and the city turned a blind eye. I am a small business owner, single income family, and I was unable to work during that 6 months. The way the city ignored my request to help with the hospital bills was a joke.
- It's expensive to live in La Grange- home prices, taxes. Unless you are

involved with kids sports, there is nothing to do for entertainment here. Few restaurants and few businesses for shopping or entertainment. There needs to be something for our youth to do after 8pm. Right now the only things open are Whataburger, bars, vape shops, and Walmart. Our youth are going to find trouble if there aren't alternate options.

- Pool! Kids need a pool. We need a thriving downtown. As a city manager quit buying property with our tax dollars without the community or tax payers input. Not impressed with anything you have done. Bring back all the flowers on the square heck.. just weed eat and edge. Make La Grange great again.
- Fix the Boat Ramp.
- There is nothing for our children to do in this town. There are not many good paying jobs.
- Update/enforce city housing codes. Hold homeowners liable for keeping homes/yards safe/presentable. Tear down homes that are not safe and are dangerous to live in. There are home in LaGrange proper that need to be either torn down or renovated. Slum lords should not be allowed to continue owning/renting homes that are unlivable.
- La Grange needs more choices when it comes to the school, for example, bringing back science fairs and choir. It would also be nice to have running and biking trails, as well as a place to rollerblade. Paving the walking trails at White Rock Park would also be wonderful because it's difficult for people with disabilities and those using wheelchairs to maneuver over the gravel.
- I read the report from 2024 public schools and LG scores are considerably low. I also believe a nice retirement housing complex would be beneficial to those who don't need assisted care but have a hard time maintaining a home on their own. A lot of families in LG cannot purchase an average home for sale because of the price. I know Round Top has driven the market prices up in LG as well. RT does play a part in this to some extent. There is not enough dining options in LG. A community of our size needs more options of family dining. People drive from various counties to eat at Murphy's Steakhouse in Winchester and there's a line out the door on the weekends. I love our town & I would love to see the economy thrive- Bastrop and Smithville have a ton more people in downtown on the weekends than we do. I think a restaurant with outdoor dining option would also be great!
- So many retirees here-- this could be a huge draw if fabulous services were available. Trashy yards are a blight, inoperable vehicles should be

banned. Some houses are unliveable but still sit on good streets. Tear them down.

- Water drainage on the streets needs improvement in multiple locations when we have heavy rains.
- More activities for kids. This isn't a retirement community!
- Families and children need places to go for fun and entertainment not a park, but a waterpark, bowling alley, arcade, movie theater, escape room, etc.
- La Grange has a major demographic issue. Young people are not moving back after leaving for college. La Grange is becoming more of a retirement community.
- Many times you have to use contractors from Bastrop, Brenham, or Columbus if you don't want to wait a month or more. Lack of help locally.
- Low quality of workers.
- While I appreciate repairing the water lines, it would be nice to have the streets be PROPERLY and promptly repaired.
- The economy depends on govt basically: Icra, county, elec co, schools, Colorado valley comm. Need more true industrial/light industrial employers
- We need to stop spending money on things that we don't need and focus on things for the youth. We need to have something for our kids to do. Movies theater, pool, bowling alley. Something that they can enjoy and adults can enjoy. A better selection of restaurants at reasonable prices. We are small town La Grange NOT the city. Houston ruined the small town of Round Top. Let's not do that to La Grange.
- "How many homes are vacant because they are empty after the resident have died? These home sit idle for years, this won't be an answer. It was funny when the yum yum tree was converted to affordable housing and they were like \$350,000. We have the new apartments out by what was the hospital (now an edifice to waste) which have more sheriff deputies than residents because of the calls. It's sad that people are paid to sit around and produce these surveys and we're asking about nature trails. We need to fix the water, I had a woman recently tell me after returning to our table at a local restaurant (which is quite popular) you should not be able to smell the water when you flush the toilet. We laughed and agreed, thanks for helping make dinner more memorable La Grange. And quit cutting programs at school, it's terrible to see the teachers scramble every year. Did you hear about the leopardettes? I know you aren't the

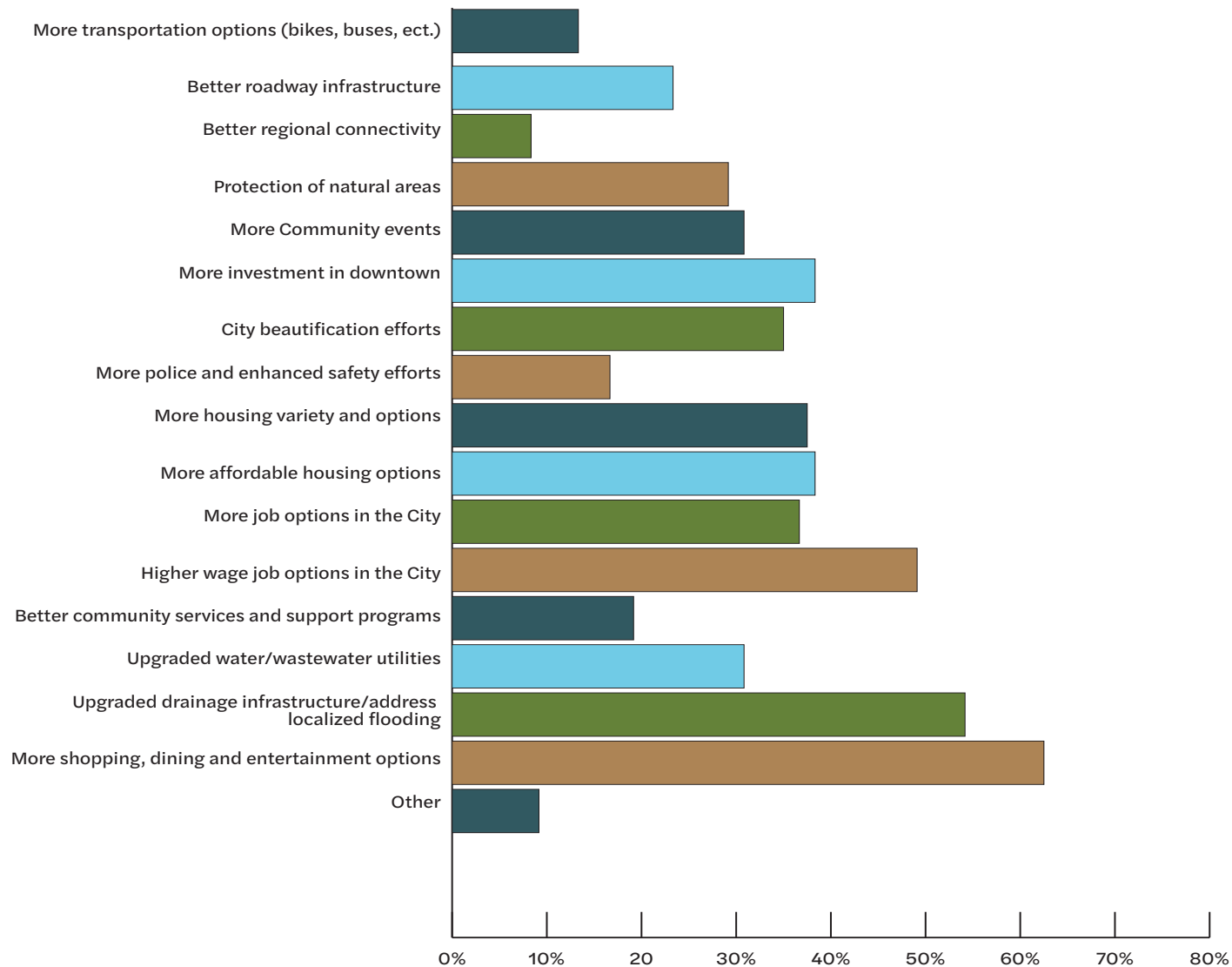
school district but you're all the in same bucket in the public's eyes."

- Why can't this city have the distinction of a place to visit than a place to pass thru!!!!!!!!!!
- Na.
- Utility company getting up to date with solars.
- La Grange is faced with losing its small home town atmosphere by the growing urbanization in the area. We need to control and guide our growth in a manner that maintains our rural appeal. The city needs to support local business owners vs. providing unfair competitive advantages to some over others. The council needs to control the new city managers rash of large recent expenditures whether that be the purchase of private properties or the excessive payments to consulting firms. Use the talents within your existing employees or other local folks to accomplish these tasks. Council needs to put an emphasis on hiring local vs. going out of town. Control growth and industrialization of the city so we do not become like Bastrop. Take control of the city manager to start to promote pride in La Grange and the local residents vs. trying to turn us into a big city.
- Access to mental health and wellness services.
- All you guys want is a bunch of old Rich retirees here. You're giving priority over the tourists and everyone coming in from the big cities and other states and forgetting about all your locals who can barely afford rent especially now that all the good jobs are gone. No hospital either? The parks suck, there's nothing to freaking do. City employees just crying complain on Facebook how people need to clean up after themselves better which I do agree with but Jesus it's your freaking job. Do it or get another job. Ridiculous politics in this town good old boy bs. Everyone fighting all the time. This town thinks it's a little Austin now and with a stupid ass antique show that has come twice a year now and ruined everything. I hate it here. I've never thought I would say that i've raised my family here and now they're all gone I'm the only one left. The only reason I haven't left is because I have run a business for years and my customers depend on me. But all my customers are moving too. They all say that they can't afford to live in LaGrange anymore and they're all going to Schulenburg Columbus Smithville and giddings. Really sad actually. You guys are destroying this town, keep catering to all the old rich people and continue your gentrification, you're just going to do it without me a huge chunk of a very well established very large family here.
- Building permit issues prevent new businesses from choosing La

Grange.

- We need more fun socializing places for kids and teens.
- I've had to live with my aging parent as a grown adult because I'm not able to purchase home/land on my own and make too much for assistance.
- 300 block of North Washington street floods due to drainage issues as well as other areas.
- Why bother yall do what you want anyways.
- Need bike-path/walking lanes marked on roads such as Horton st.
- La grange needs more variety options for dinning, entertainment, housing. Clean up all the old buildings. Get rid of Carter motel.
- Need more socially diverse cultural and uniting events among all in the community
- Central planning is soviet in nature. Get out of the way and allow the free market to thrive.
- I chose based on what others have told me. Parents also complain that there aren't enough family friendly activities.
- Some decent restaurants would be really nice tired of driving to Austin for good food la grange only has 2 good restaurants.
- I lived in Garland for 20 years and watched them develop almost every area so there are very few green spaces left. Eight years ago I moved to Bastrop and am seeing the same thing happen there but without the infrastructure to handle the growth. I don't think city leaders planned well at all. We moved to La Grange a year ago and love the people, the community supporting one another and small town life. Please do not loose that. We love living here! Stars are visible at night. People are friendly. Great SMALL businesses. I left big city and choose to drive there for work so i can escape it each night at home. Growth is inevitable, but you get ONE opportunity to do it right. Provide infrastructure and quality of life to existing citizens BEFORE putting future citizens as priority or businesses for the almighty dollar. Other things are way more important! . Do your citizens want a bunch of big businesses? A bunch of crowded neighborhoods? More people that will crowded roads and stores, and that utilities can't handle. IF, you allow big tech/data centers, make them use night sky friendly lighting, sound barrier walls, capture excess heat to provide back to residents for reduced or free heat, capture waste water, retreat and reuse. They DON'T get to come ruin our home with noise, light, and rob utilities and then receive tax incentives. One chance to do it right and protect La Grange, Fayette County and neighboring towns.

7. What about La Grange would you like to see change or improve?



The main things that respondents would like to see change about La Grange are more shopping, dining and entertainment (62.5%), upgraded drainage infrastructure and addressing localized flooding (54.2%) and higher wage job options in the City (49.2%). Better regional connection (8.3%) was chosen by the least amount of respondents as something to improve.

8. If you could do one big thing to make La Grange the best place it could be, what would it be?



- Invest in youth programs.
- Getting the VFW Post a new building.
- Encourage development - etj.
- Revitalize downtown so that every building was rented and had purpose.
- We do not need more police. I am in no way suggesting defunding. But we have adequate policing. Good community engagement, education, religion of all denominations and faiths and a tight mental health focus will keep crime low.
- Look at night life in town square's quality food, not fried, Roundtop has more good restaurants than La Grange & for a nice dinner, you have to drive there, Bastrop, or Schulenburg.
- Improve downtown, and remove businesses from downtown that are not destination based.
- Public town hall meetings scheduled when most can attend to all to offer their opinions. Committees, that encourage any citizen's participation, with local leaders to plan for our city's future.
- Create a positive culture by people taking great pride in their city and doing their part to make it a great place to live.
- It all starts with the food and entertainment. Attract great restaurants and host more events that bring people into the city.
- Natatorium.
- Better paying jobs.
- Well thought out fun community center for kids & families.
- Lower the pricing on houses making it more affordable for families instead of rich old people.
- Trails for biking and walking that will be longer than .5 mile loops at White Rock Park.
- Get more shopping and dining options.
- Pursue small businesses while beautifying and making the city family friendly.
- Improve the school district.
- Have more events like farmers market on the square that brings in vendors to have things interesting to sell. Make them feel welcome and appreciated. Free events that also sell things like movies on the square usually have a great turn out.
- Make it more welcoming. Apparently when my husband grew up here there were stores for clothing, shoes, pharmacies, groceries, places to eat, movies, arcades, all these things available on the square. People out and about during the day and evening all around the square. A community. Now it's a ghost town So sad. It's hard to imagine how he sees it in his memories.
- Don't Round Top our La Grange! It's not needed. There is true value in keeping with tradition and calling a place home!
- Stop comparing us to other towns and build on the history and culture that already exists here.
- Stop trying to make our small town a big city.
- Let some change happen. Better to incorporate historical perspective into the new growth than to dismiss the much needed changes to our community.
- A coffee shop open after 8 pm. More industry to bring jobs and contribute to the tax base. No more vape shops! No more gas

stations! We have more than enough.

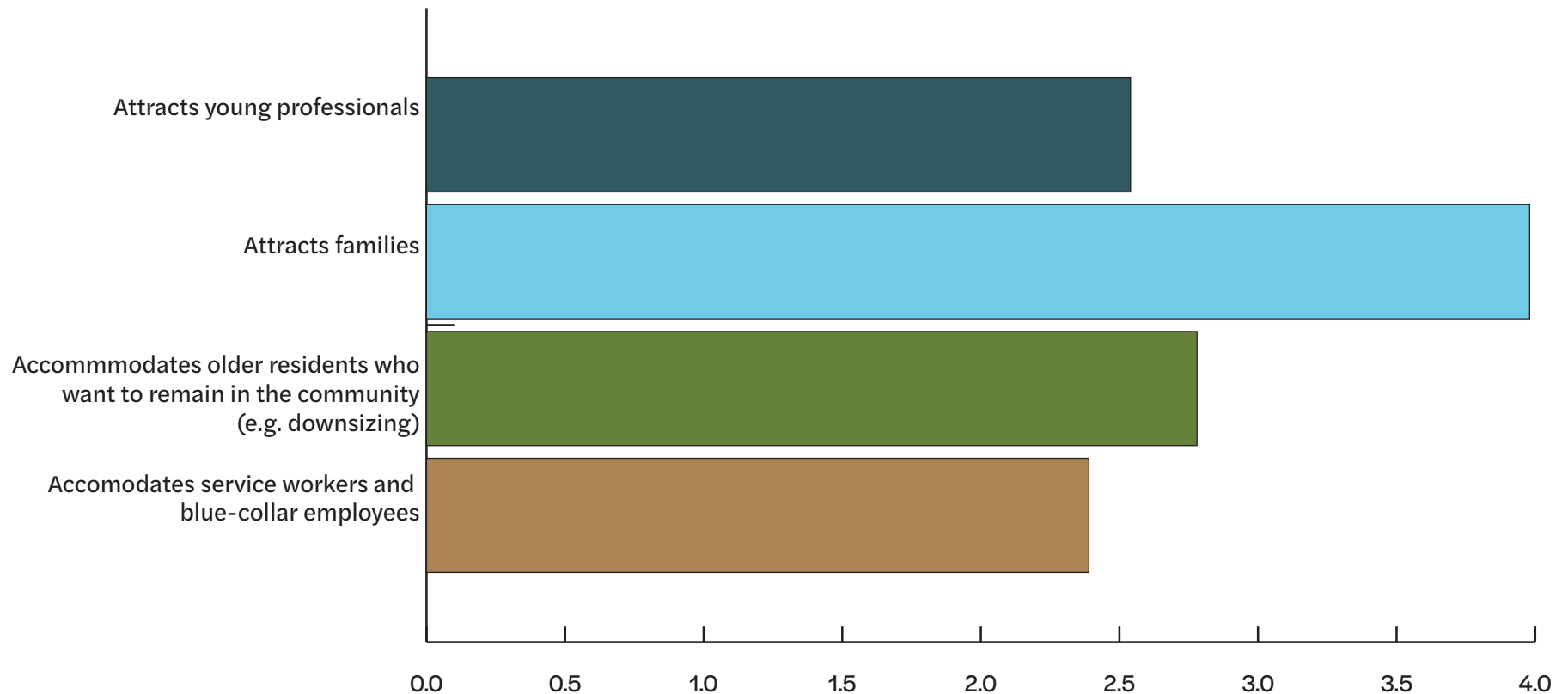
- Downtown beautification that brings people to the square.
- Make downtown thriving again.
- Fix the flooding at 71 and 77. Geez!
- More options for kids of all ages. A bowling alley with video games (Grand Station is awesome but is in college station) movie theater or a skating rink. Place to have birthday parties. Swimming area with play area.
- Hold homeowners accountable for ensuring their homes are livable and not dangerous to live in. Also develop a route around LaGrange for tractor/trailers. 77 is too heavily traveled and endangers citizens in town which is residential along with commercial.
- It would be amazing to have a downtown plaza with a playscape for kids and food trucks offering a variety of food options. It would be great to be able to sit and enjoy the afternoons outdoors with friends and good food.
- I think expanding career opportunities would be a great start.
- If you work in La Grange you should be able to afford to live in La Grange. Especially if you work for the city. Look into raises for ALL employees and not just the top dogs.
- Make the river accessible and have a public pool.
- More cleanliness of the city.
- Beautification of entry points into the town from all highways, trees planted everywhere, planters in front of businesses. Awnings to attractive spaces & store fronts. Ornamental street lights, signage, etc. Benches. Shady gathering spots. Make it a town where you want to linger.
- BRING THE POOL BACK.
- Encourage family entertainment options without alcohol being the focus (or even present). Encourage new dining options like a steakhouse.
- Encourage young people who were born and raised in La Grange to move back.
- Have local schools set of apprenticeships programs with key service providers like plumbing, electrical, etc.
- Re open the hospital! Hire doctors that live here or close by.
- Fix the drainage on live oak and 77. If that's not a safety issue I don't

know what is. It's been like that for years. Fix it.

- Have something for our teenagers to do. It doesn't have to be expensive.
- Attract development to grow the city while maintaining the small town square. Like Georgetown.
- More affordable living.
- Fix the water.
- Market our strengths.
- Na.
- Change the utility company attitude that they have no competition so they can do as they want.
- The city needs to provide basic services and stop spending excessive amounts on consultants.
- Provide a mental health & wellness campus that is accessible to everyone.
- Invest in the working man, focus on services, community support, community outreach and affordable housing. I'm not broke by any means I actually have a really good job but things are getting even harder for me every year where I don't know what I can afford any longer, shouldn't be like this.
- Hire a building inspector. The permit system we currently use is a JOKE!!
- Have a really great aquatic center.
- More job opportunities especially good paying ones.
- More options for teenagers! Most are doing drugs and each other because there's nothing for them to do positive.
- Rebuild the boat ramp and park at the river.
- Beautify natural areas and architecture should represent our history as a city.
- One thing would be is to create a welcoming boat ramp for all water craft, kayak, paddleboards etc. Connect towns via the river.
- Family oriented activities.
- Attract more career opportunities, not just lower paying jobs.
- Hire a chief of police that lets the officers do their job which is enforce the law.

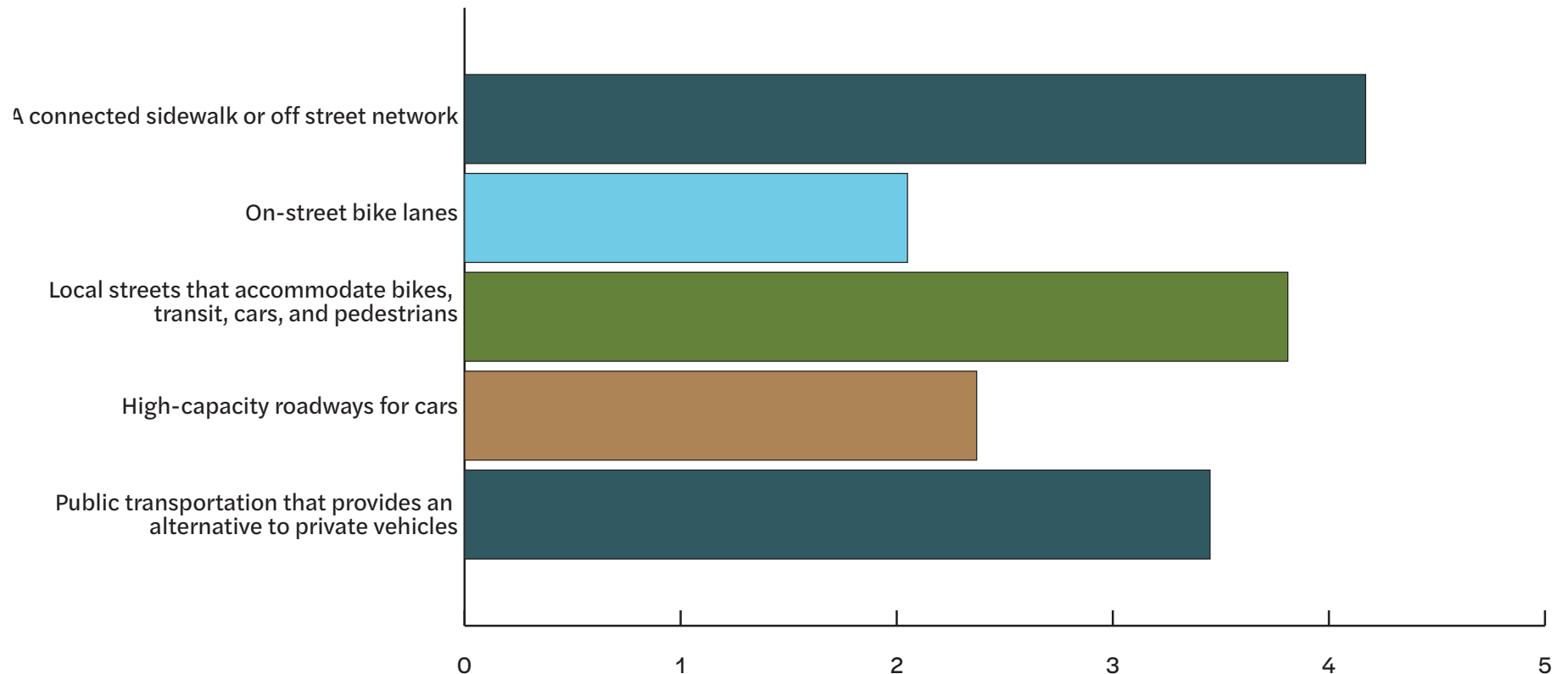
- Signage on the major highways.
- City clean up and beautification.
- I would make LaGrange a place where a family can go out and enjoy nice entertainment, have a great dining experience and bring more business(jobs) to the area.
- Embrace the Chicken Ranch. Put chickens everywhere and have locals paint them like Hutto does with hippos.
- Convert the old Fayette Electric area to something for the community. Covered area for farmer's market. Area for skateboards and roller skates for the kids.
- I'm not sure if this would make it the best, but a small scale place like Main Event with bowling, laser tag, video games, etc. would be nice for families.
I wish we had a book store.
- More community events or better events a big fall festival would be so fun for the kids and shmeckenfest has gotten super boring more activities would be great there is no where here to take our kids
- First, protect what you have and fight for it! Really look at results of this survey and count the blessings and things people love. PROTECT THAT! Then look at what we want improved and create a plan for that. Keep those in mind as big business and developers want to come here. Make them support those goals to receive incentives. This town and county is full of beauty: huge, old trees, night skies, lots of really good small businesses, protect them. Make sure there is enough water, electricity, gas. Protection from flooding, roads can handle the traffic, public safety is priority- no defund the police.

9. In the future, La Grange should focus on housing that:



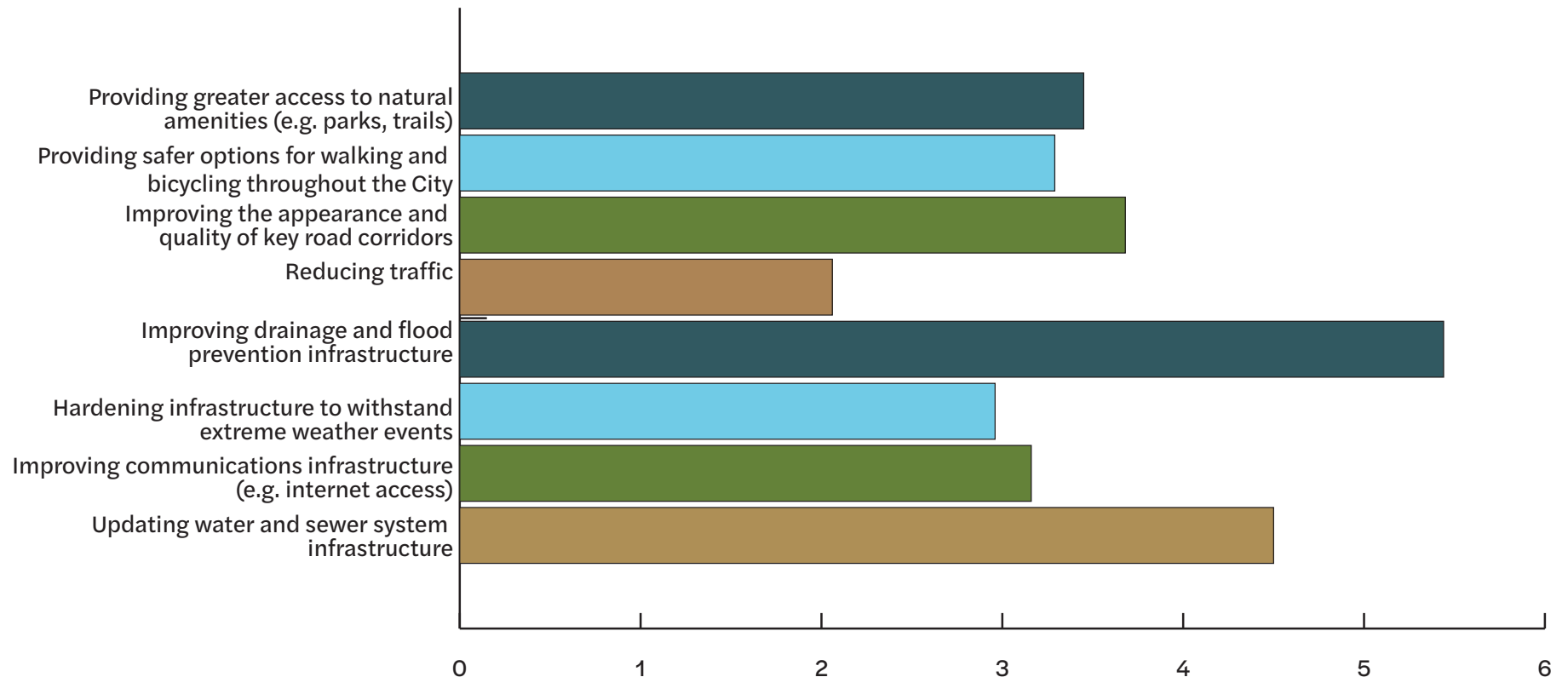
When asked to rank the types of housing options La Grange should focus on, housing that attracts families (4.0) ranked highest among respondent. This followed by housing that accommodates older residents who want to remain in the community (2.8), housing that attracts young professionals (2.5) and lastly, housing that accommodates service workers and blue-collar employees (2.4)

10. In the future, residents should be connected to destinations within the City through:



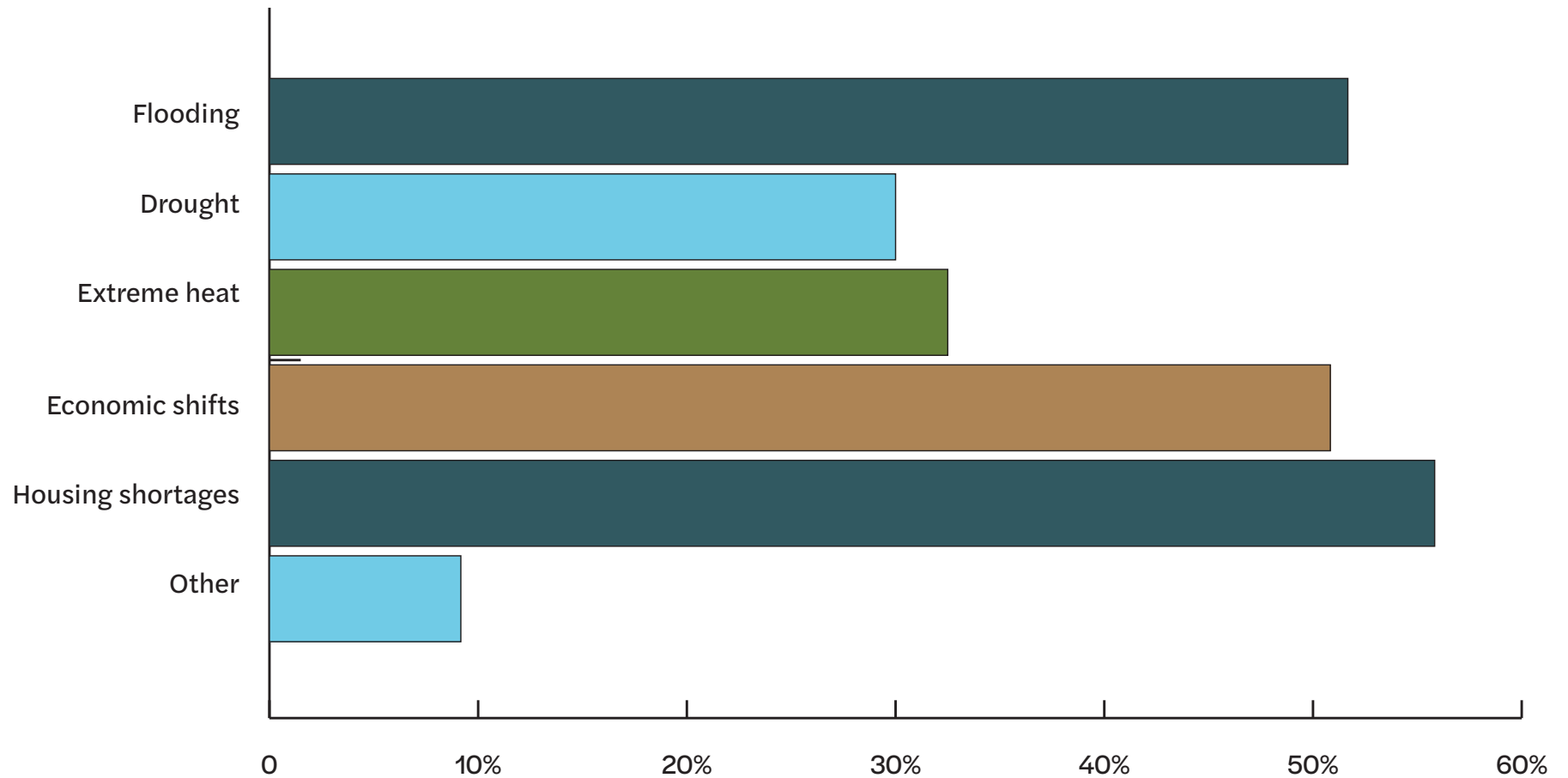
Respondents were asked to rank transportation preferences for the City of La Grange. A connected sidewalk network (4.1) emerged as the top choice, followed by local streets that accommodate bikes, transit, cars and pedestrians (3.8), public transportation that provides an alternative to private vehicles (3.5), and high-capacity roadways for cars (2.4). On-street bike lanes (2.1) ranked last.

11. Infrastructure investments the City should focus on:



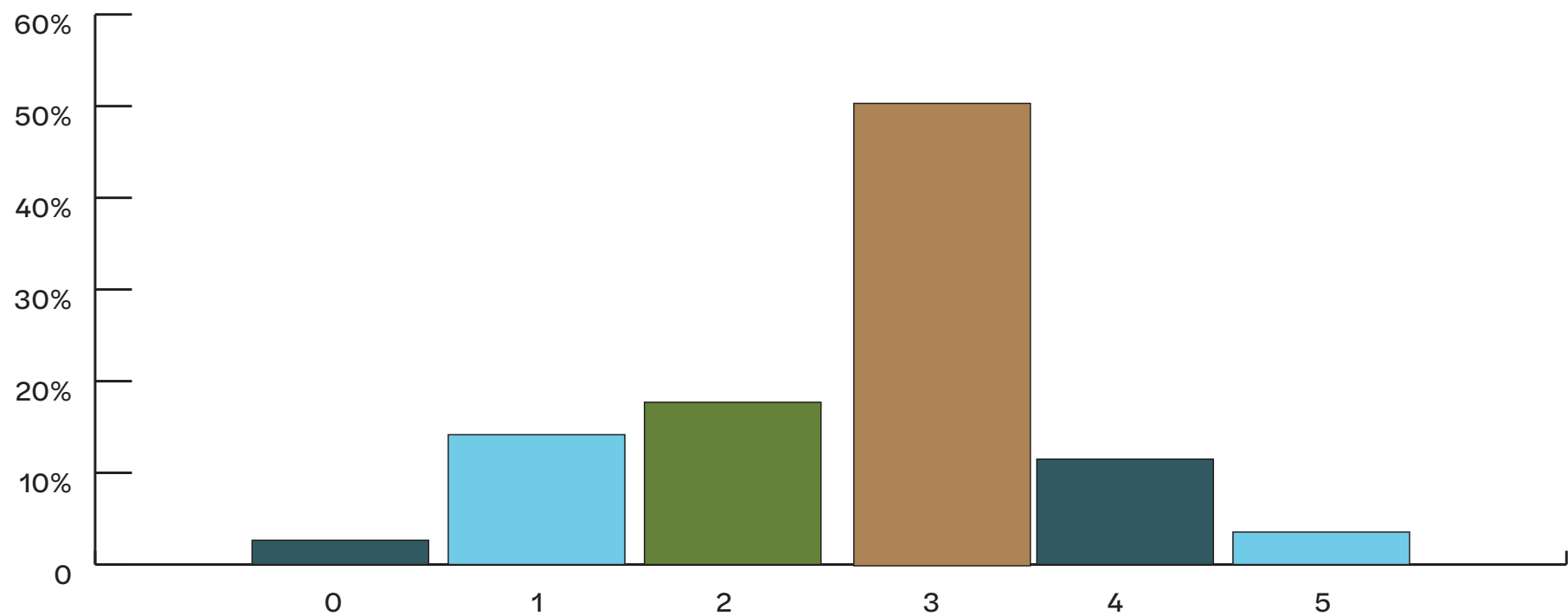
Improved drainage and flood prevention infrastructure (5.4) ranked as the highest priority among respondents for infrastructure investments. Updating water and sewer system infrastructure (4.5) ranked second, and ranked third was improving the appearance and quality of key road corridors (3.7). Reducing traffic (2.1) ranked last.

12. What risks or hazards do you think pose the greatest threat to the community's future?



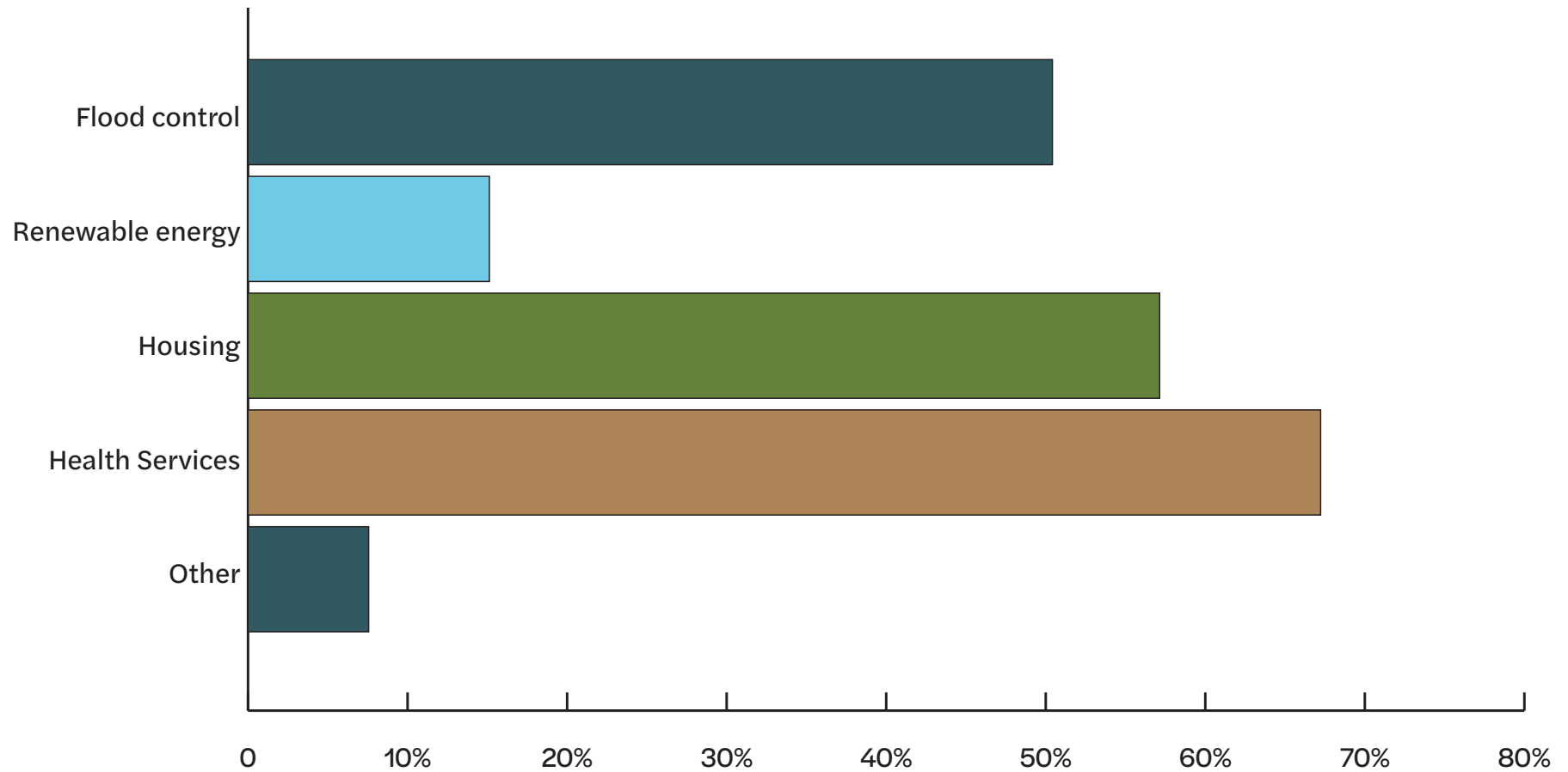
Respondents identified housing shortages (55.8%), flooding (51.7%) and economic shifts (50.1%) as three of the greatest threats to La Grange.

13. On a scale from 1-5, how well do you feel the community is prepared to handle future risks or hazards?



When asked how well they feel the community is prepared to handle future risks or hazards, half of respondents chose 3 (50.4%) out of 5 which implies that the City of La Grange seems more prepared than unprepared.

14. What investments should the community prioritize to be more resilient?



Health services (67.23%) stood out as the top priority for investments in community resilience followed by housing (57.1%) second and flood control (50.4%) third.

15. How prepared do you feel to handle hazards or risks in your community? What makes you feel this way?

Well Prepared

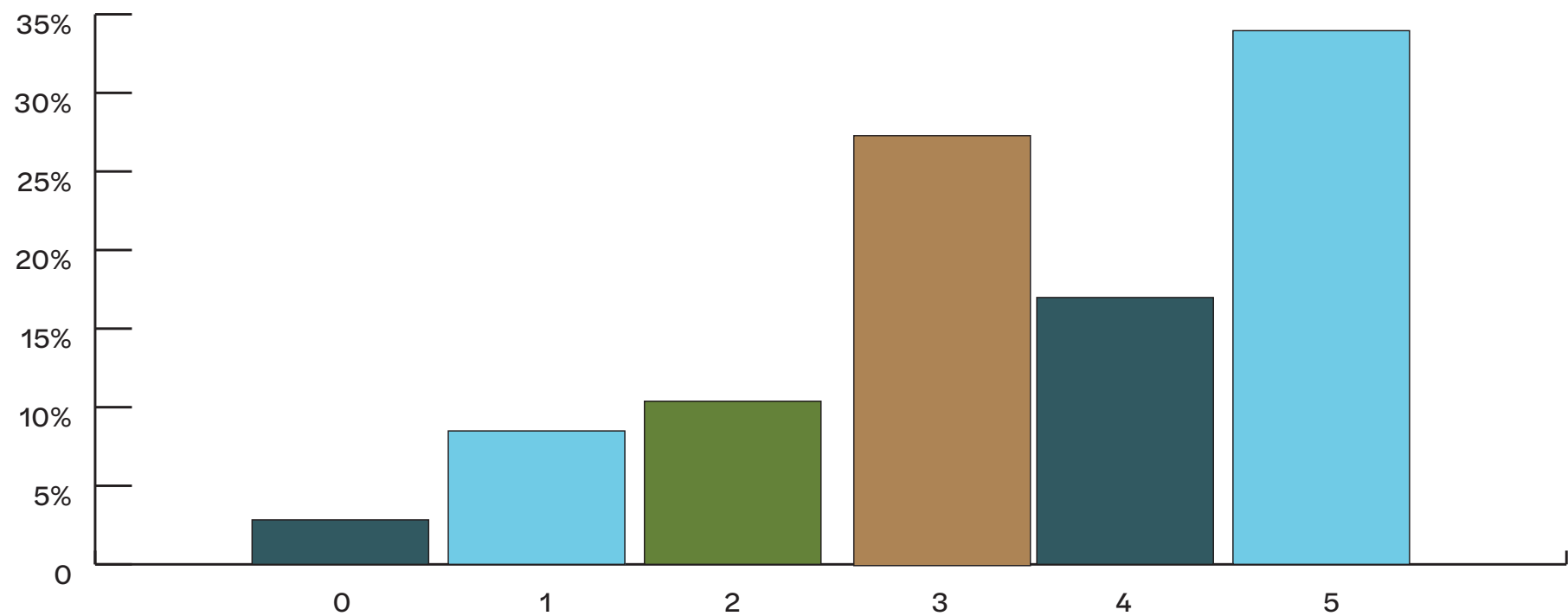
Personal Supplies
Funding and Non-Profits
Trained Professional
Flooding
Not Very
Community Will Come Together

- Not very well. Have a low level of independence from grid and services.
- Not at all.
- Pretty well prepared, have a propane generator and keep a small stock of supplies in the event of an emergency.
- 4 of 5. Have funding and non profit to respond, have personal supplies and tools, have critical skills. And have deployed all of these.
- Not well. My entire yard goes under water when we have a heavy rain. I live in Frisch Auf. The bluff floods downhill to me. Local authorities will not provide drainoff redirection or expansion.
- I feel prepared. I spent a career in safety, security and management of crisis.
- Not very!
- Being a trained professional gives me direction on how to mitigate hazards.
- I am confident in the community to come together and make this happen with the right leadership and vision.

- Well enough. I feel I am a planner of things and feel that I try to not panic in emergencies.
- Wish we could get the noon whistle back that was the warning system that could be used for the town, cell phone towers don't always get the message out like it should.
- What once felt like me and my family had a handle on risks in our community has eerily faded based on certain de idioms that our local government has made.
- You never really prepared for Mother Nature because it's unpredictable. But being born and raised here this community has pulled together in the toughest times.
- I'm former military, have been a correctional officer, and I see things differently than the average citizen.
- We don't have a hospital. We have few police officers and it seems like a high turnover rate. Many areas flood if it rains. Not sure we are super prepared.
- Depending on issue - well prepared to moderately prepared.
- Very.
- Not sure if we could handle any kind of hazard.
- No comment.
- I don't have an opinion on this.
- No hospital is a big problem.
- Lots of elderly people here. Are there enough services available for their needs? Transportation, blindness, illnesses etc. Focus on this as a fine retirement area is where the population is heading anyway. Get on board.
- I don't.
- Always prepared.
- Very prepared. We recovered very quickly after Hurricane Harvey, and we have survived many droughts over the years.
- Mostly prepared. EMS seems pretty well prepared but need a hospital.
- You don't fix the obvious.

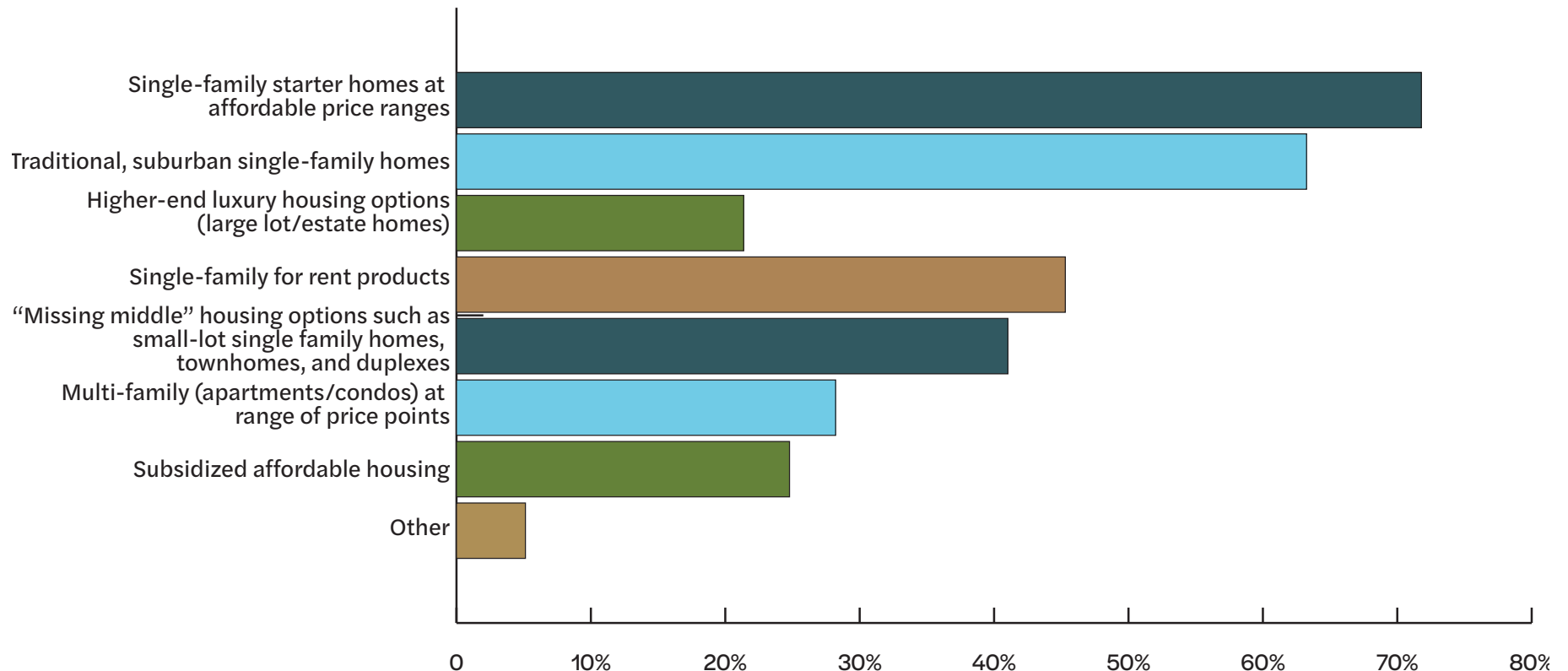
- I feel prepared, I feel safe in my community.
- I don't.
- Fairly prepared. I was here for Harvey.
- Like what? A crime, we might be ok. A drought, what like we're not in a drought over the last several years? I'm grateful we have the EMS we do since we don't have a hospital but those resources are stretched thin.
- Not.
- The city appears to do a great job during adverse conditions. I believe the community will handle whatever occurs.
- Well that's kind of vague every Community has risks and Hazards so I don't know anything specific I think I've been pretty clear already.
- City had the opportunity to help reopen the hospital but refused to participate
- Somewhat I'm not in a floodplain.
- I don't feel prepared for a horrible weather incident because there is no safety in mobile homes from tornadoes and no affordable family home. If we had an alarm and maybe a shelter.
- Prepared but I've worked in emergency management for years the city employees are on top of their game and the fire department is great.
- We've done a good job of notifying people but it's thru social media may need a text system in place, but if the grid goes down maybe a siren.
- I think as we saw during Hurricane Harvey, our community may not be as resilient as we think. We don't have very many safety nets and we have an increasing number of people living in risk-prone areas.
- I feel prepared because I think ahead not behind like the city does.
- Law abiding citizen, exercise the 2nd amendment.
- I'm fairly confident.
- I moved here from the coast. I feel prepared for rain and floods.
- Not at all lost my home in flood and it took years for someone to offer to build for those who lost their homes.
- Depends on the risk: if flooding or fire is the risk, it wipes out preparedness for everything else. Everything else we could handle. For flooding and fire we would start over.

16. How supportive are you of bringing more residential land-uses (e.g., housing, apartments) to La Grange?



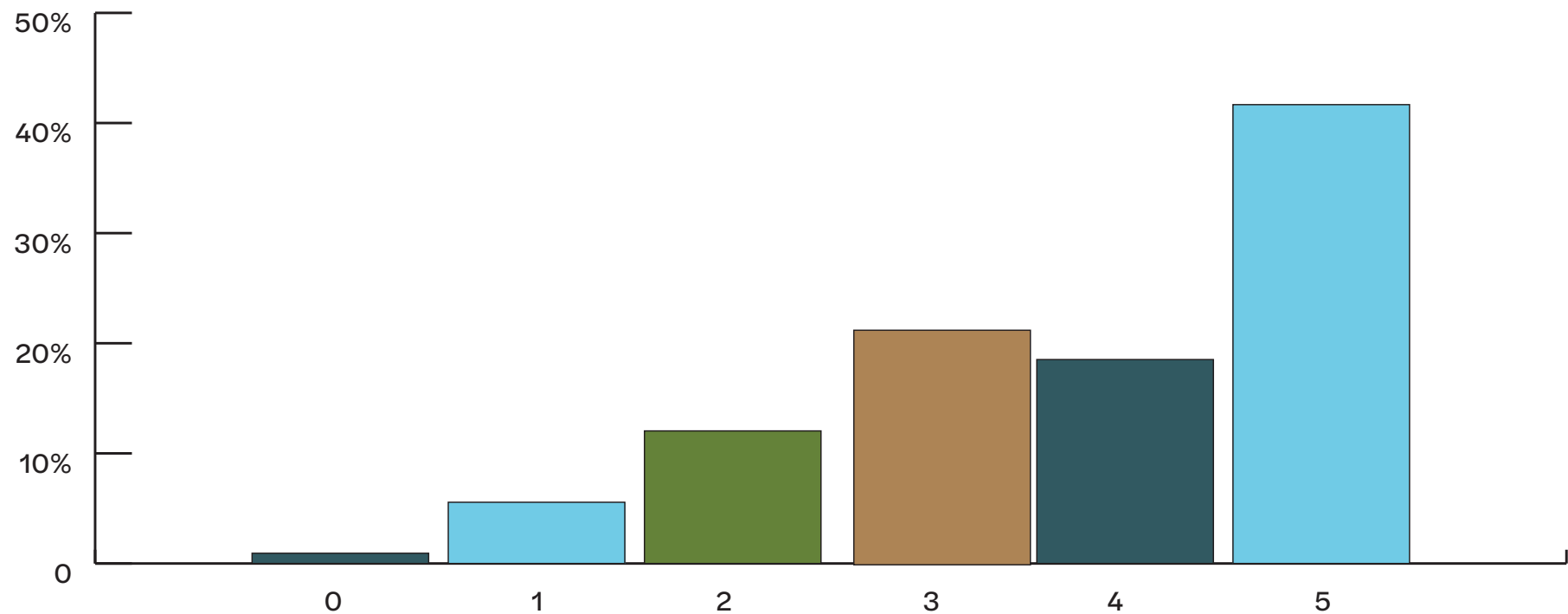
Respondents were asked to rank how supportive they are of bringing more residential land-uses to La Grange, with 0 meaning no support and 5 meaning very supportive. The results show that respondents are generally supportive of more residential land-uses with 5 (34%), very supportive, receiving the most responses.

17. I would support more of the following housing options in La Grange:



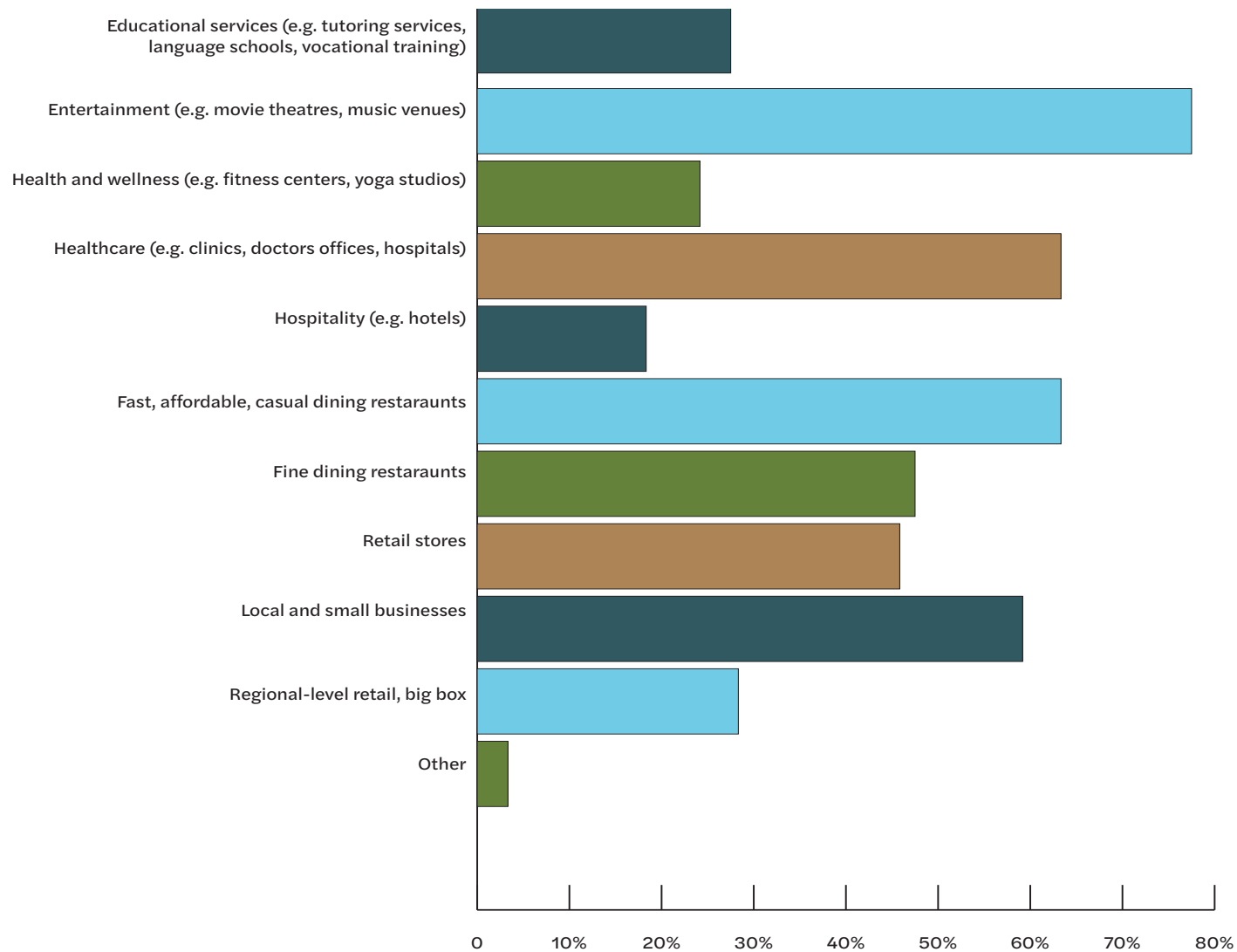
According to most respondents they prefer any future housing in the City to focus on single-family starter homes at affordable price ranges (71.8%). The next most popular housing type would be traditional single-family suburban homes (63.3%), followed by single family for rent products (45.3%) and "missing middle" housing options (41%).

18. How supportive are you of bringing more commercial land-uses (e.g., shops, restaurants, offices) in La Grange?



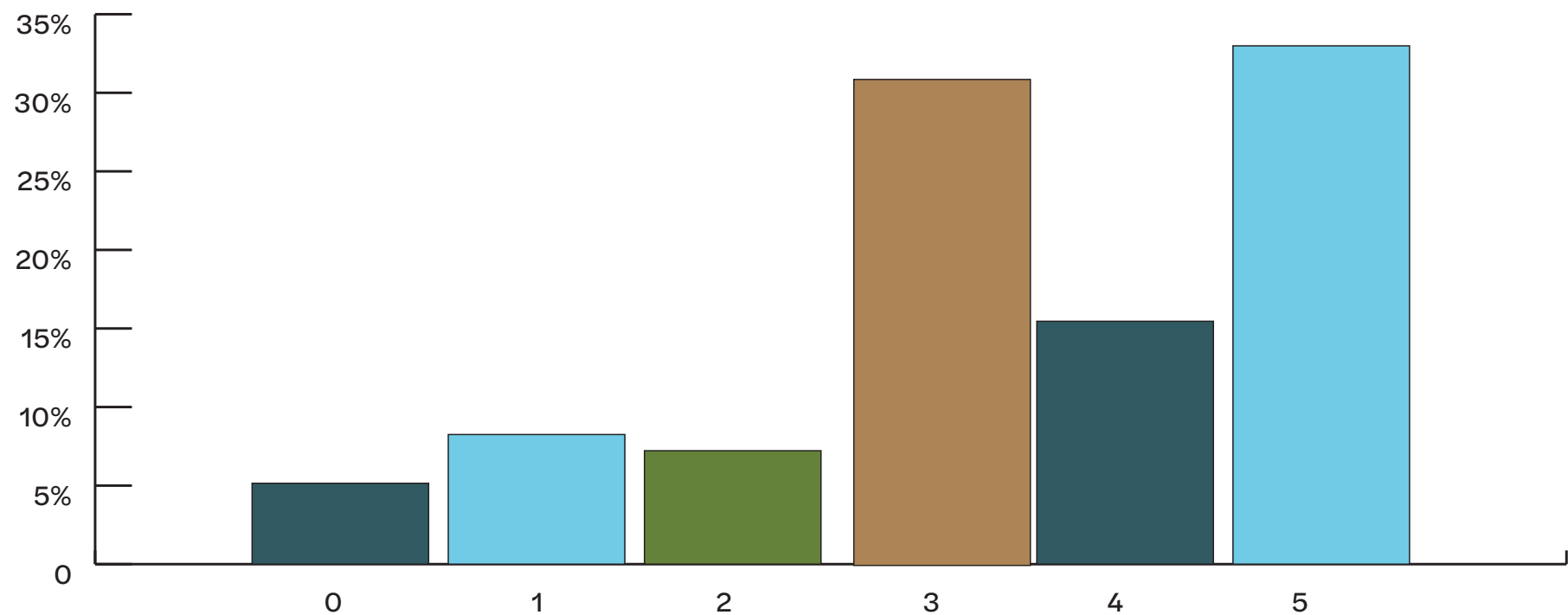
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19. What commercial businesses would you like to see more of in La Grange?



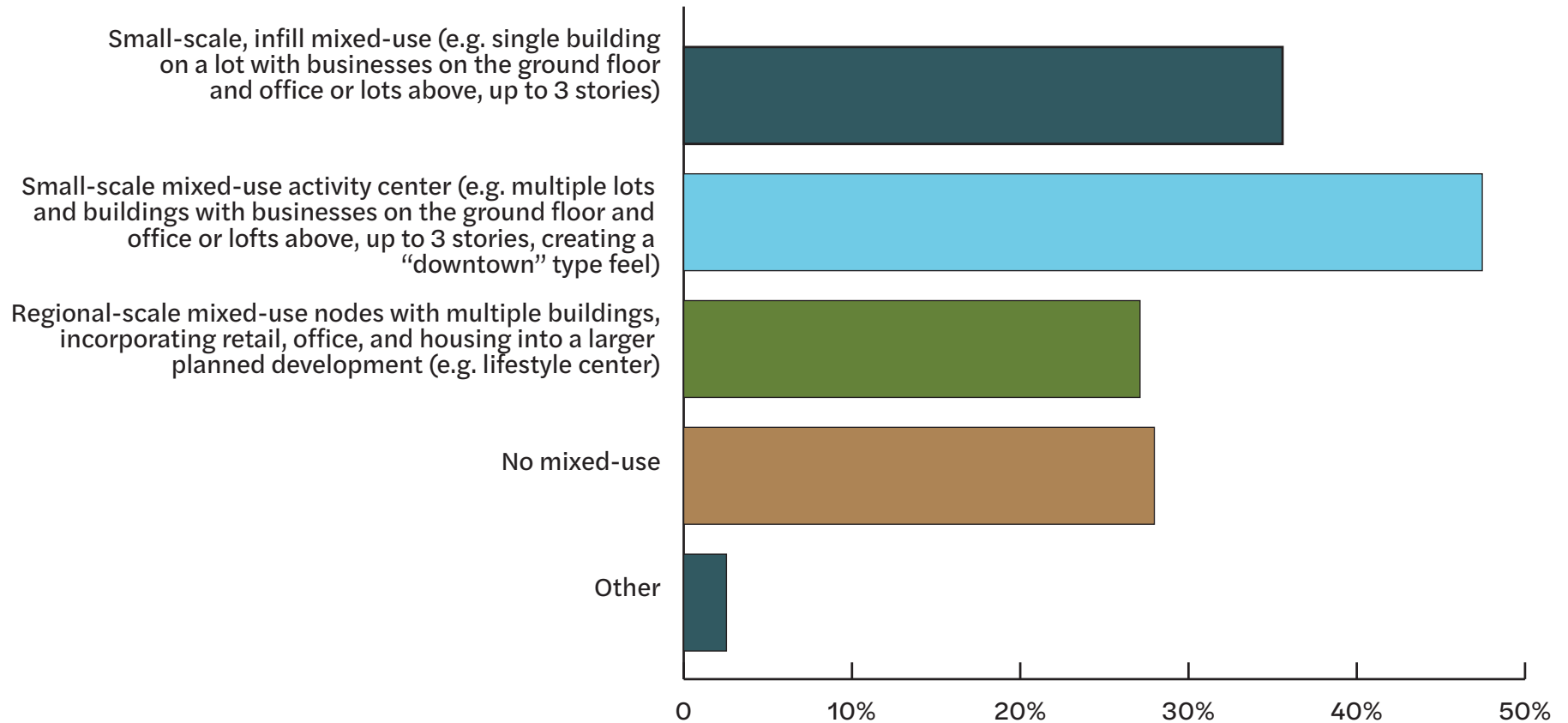
The type of commercial businesses that respondents would like to see most in La Grange are entertainment (77.5%). For the second most popular type of commercial businesses, there was equal support for healthcare (63.3%) and fast, affordable, casual dining restaurants (63.3%).

20. How supportive are you of bringing more mixed-use developments (e.g., areas where residential, commercial and recreational uses are combined) to La Grange?



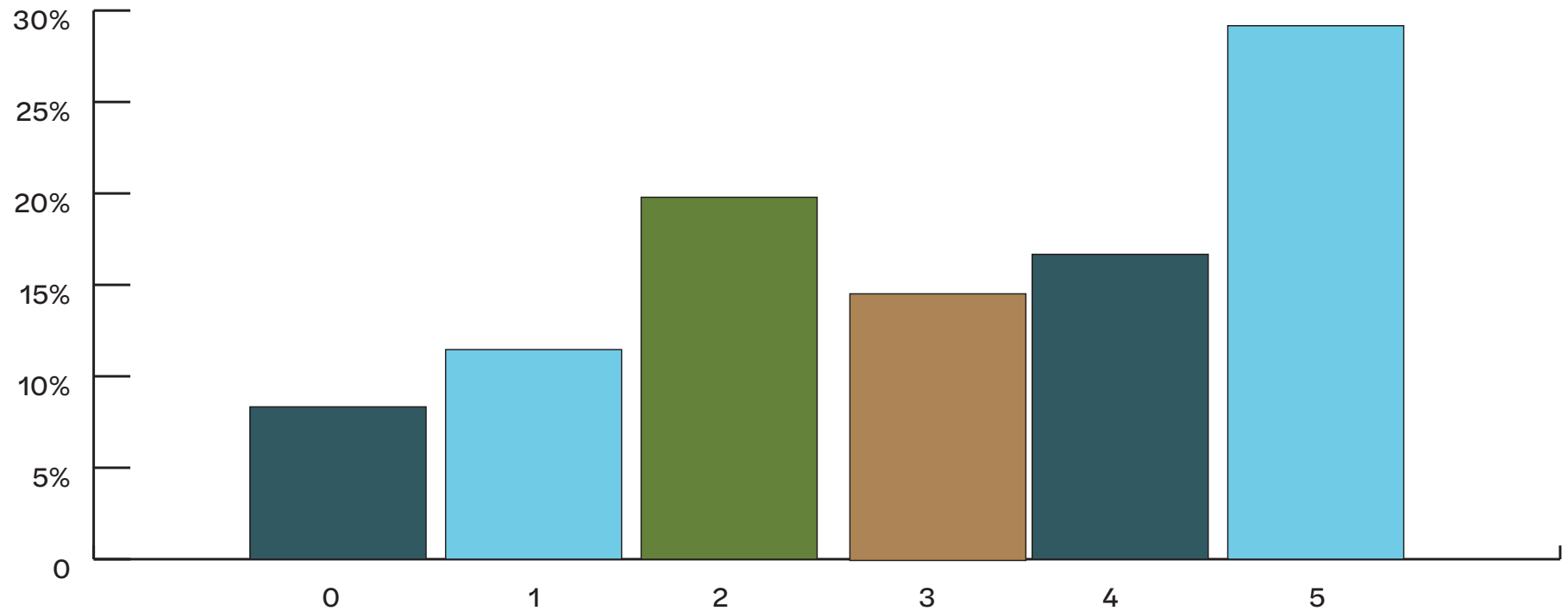
Respondents were asked to rank how supportive they are of bringing mixed-use developments into La Grange, with 0 meaning no support and 5 meaning very supportive. The results from respondents demonstrate a general level of support for more mixed-use developments within the City.

21. What types of mixed-use development would you like to see in La Grange?



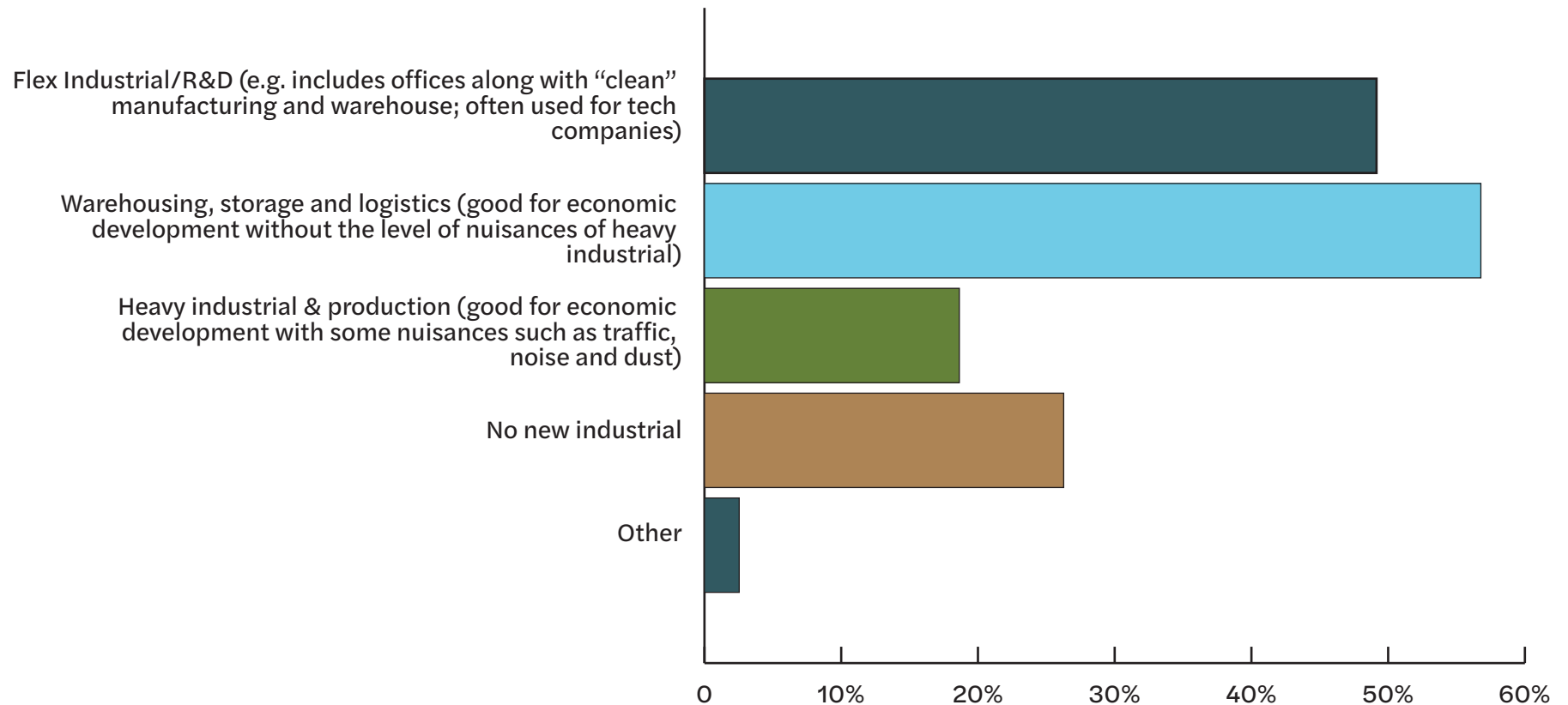
For most respondents they prefer mixed-use developments that are small in scale with businesses on the ground floor and offices or lofts up to 3 stories which are on multiple lots (47.5%). This type of mixed-use development is called a small-scale mixed-use activity center. There was also some support for small-scale infill mixed-use developments (35.6%). This mixed-use development type is similar to the small-scale mixed-use activity center but is only contained on one lot.

22. How supportive are you of bringing more industrial land-uses (e.g., factories, warehousing) to La Grange?



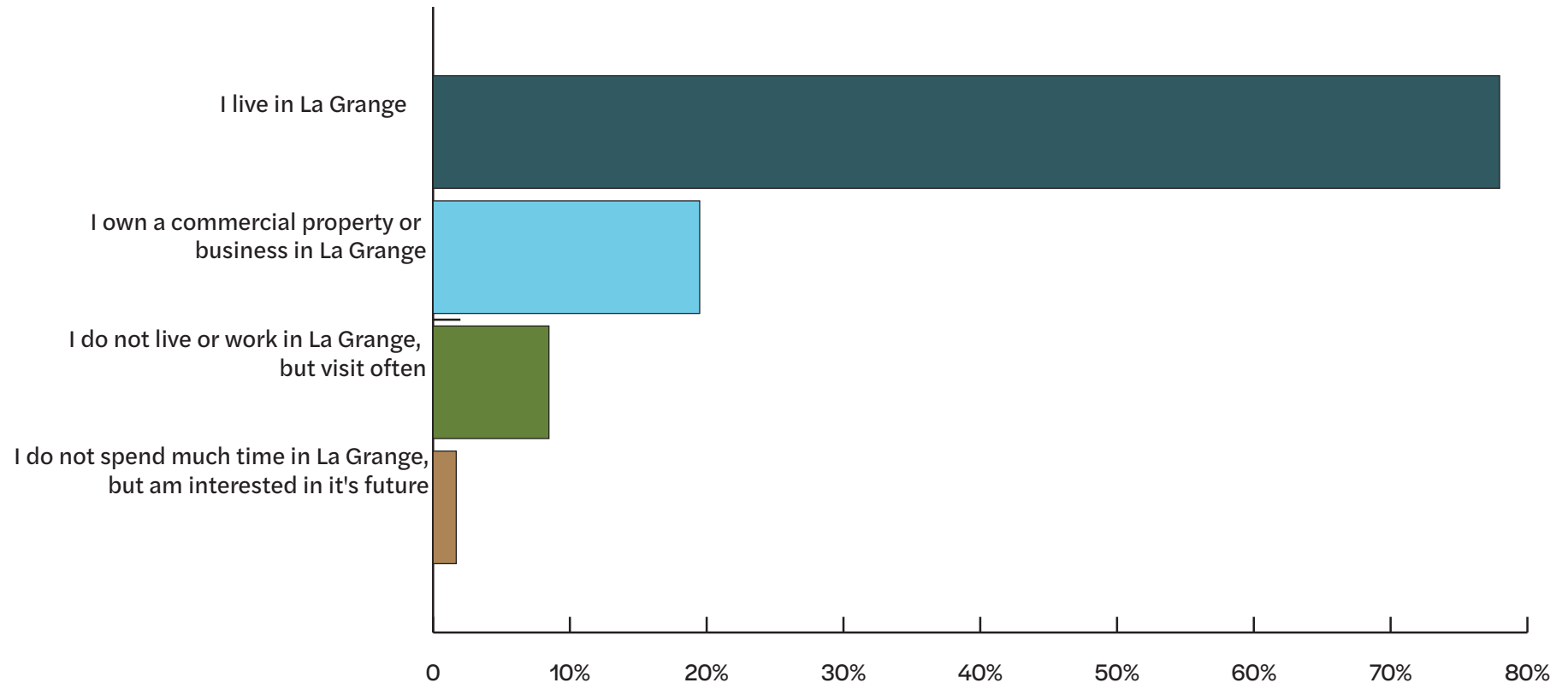
Respondents were asked to rank how supportive they are of bringing industrial land-uses into La Grange, with 0 meaning no support and 5 meaning very supportive. The results from respondents show mixed support for industrial land-uses.

23. What types of industrial development would you like to see more of in La Grange?



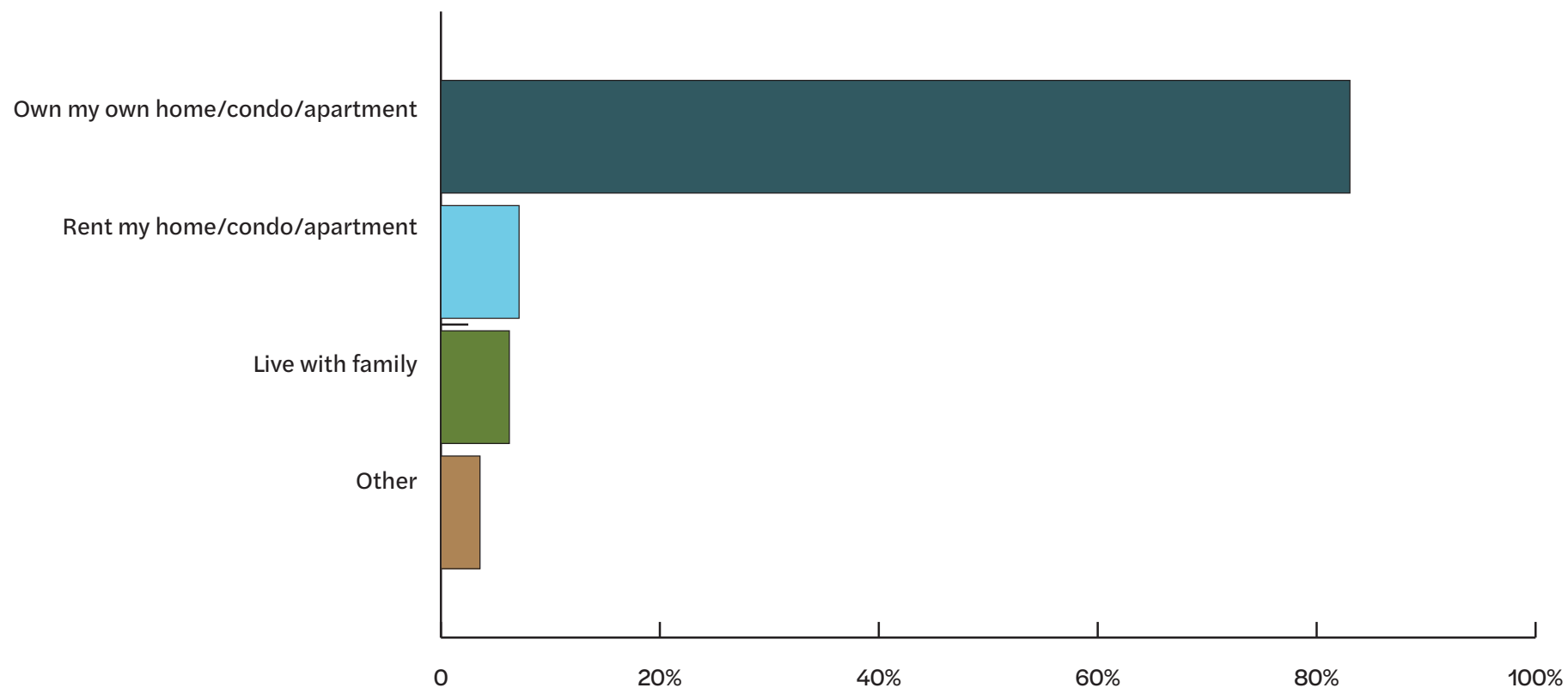
Most respondents would prefer to see warehousing, storage and logistics (57.8%), and flex industrial and research and development (49.2%) in La Grange over heavy industrial and production (18.6%) or other industrial land-uses (2.5%). Over a quarter of respondents would prefer to see no new industrial (26.3%) land-uses.

24. Which of the below describes you?



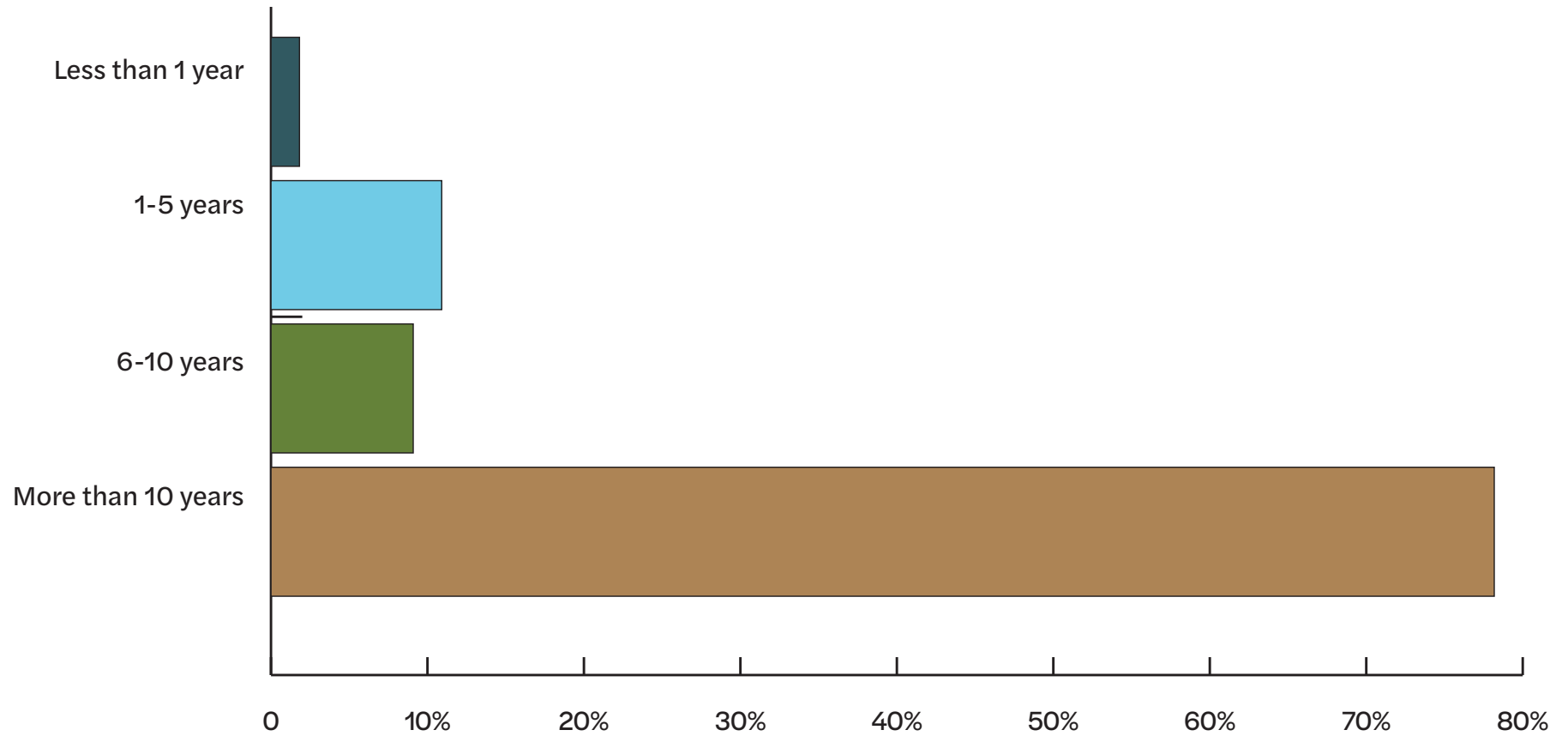
The overwhelming majority of respondents live La Grange (78%), while a few respondents own a commercial property in La Grange (19.5%) or do not live or work in La Grange but visit often (8.5%).

25. If you live in La Grange, what best describes your living situation?



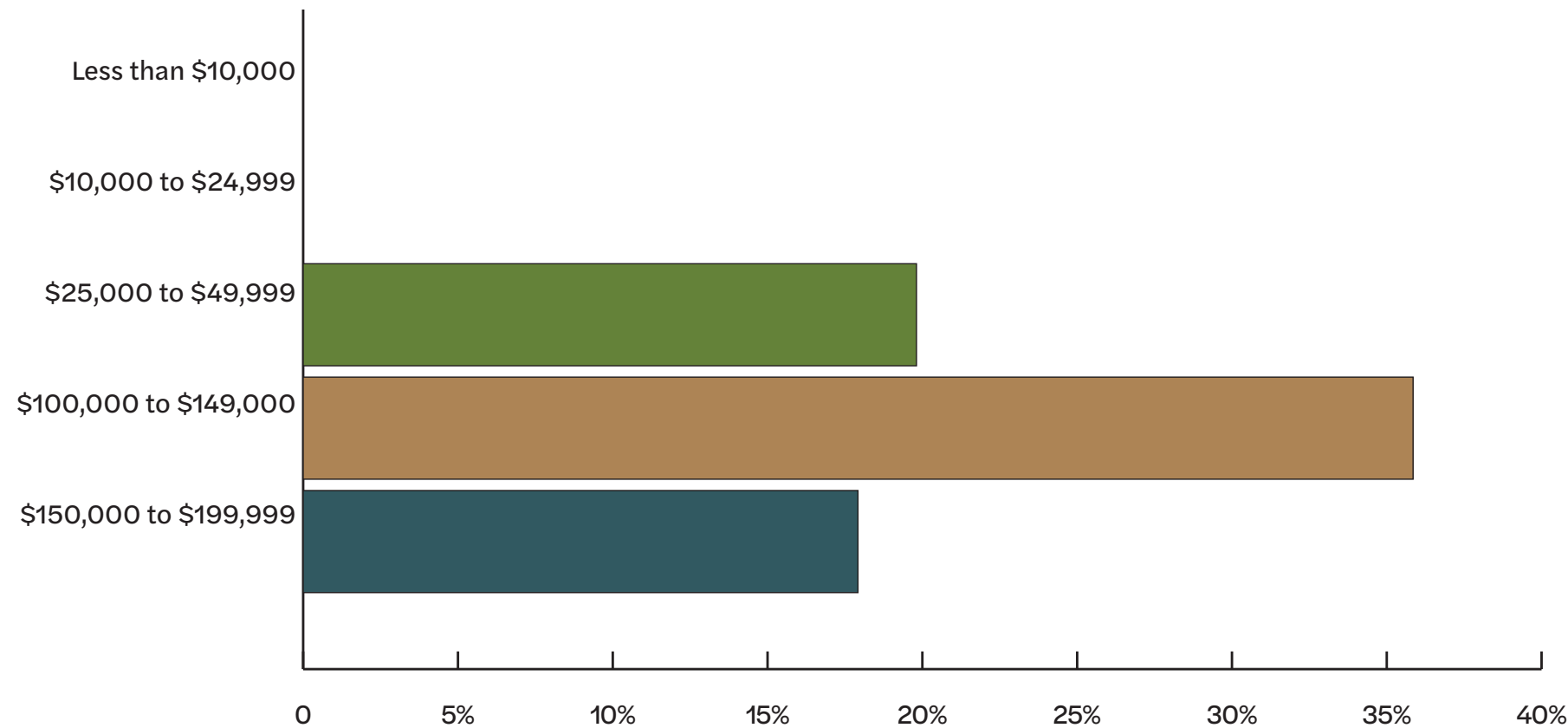
Most respondents who live in La Grange own their own home or condo (83%). Some respondents rent their home, condo or apartment (7.4%) or live with family (6.3%).

26. If you live in La Grange, how many years have you lived here?



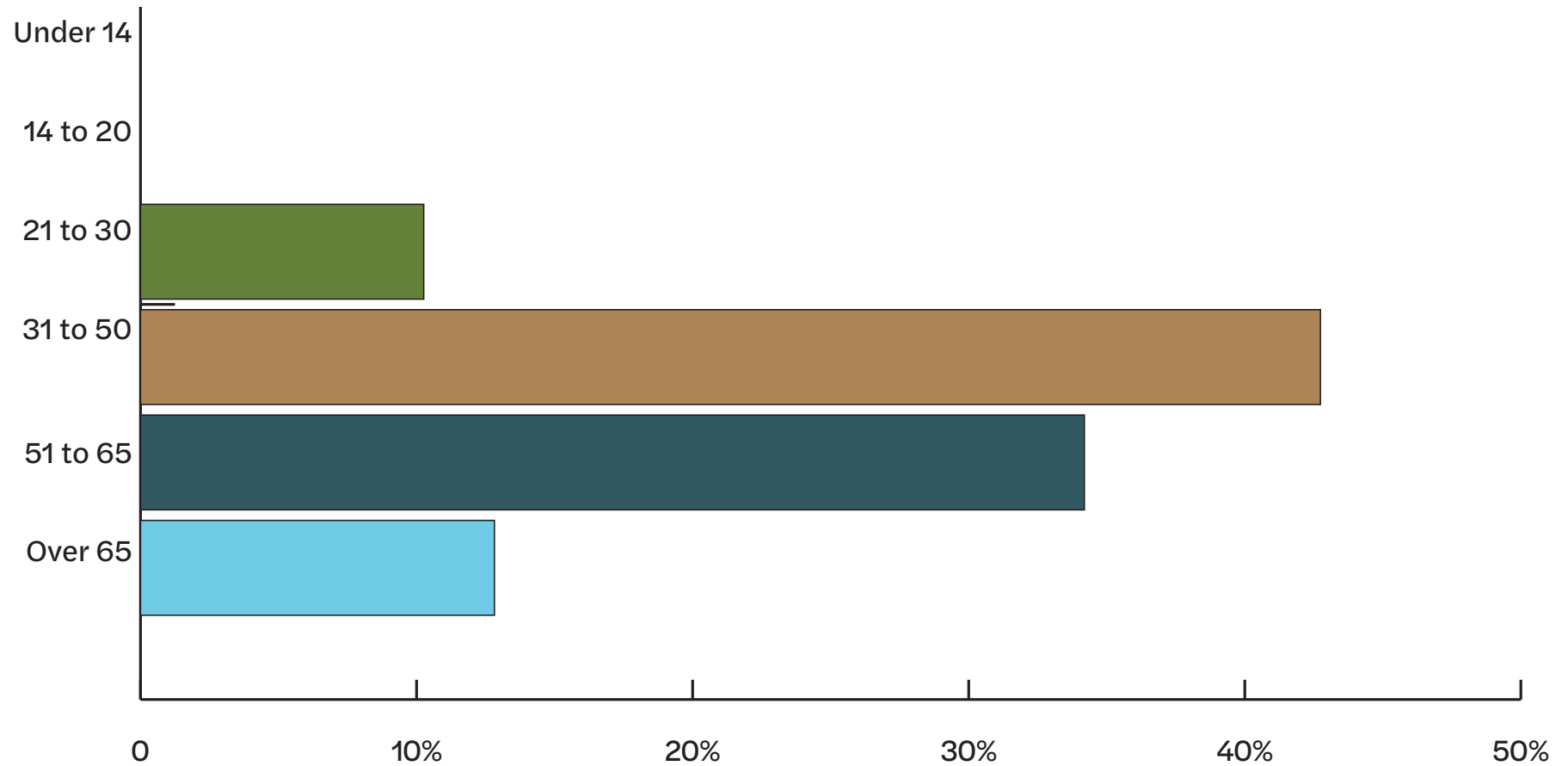
The overwhelming majority of respondents have lived in La Grange for more than 10 years (78.2%).

27. What is your household income in the last 12 months?



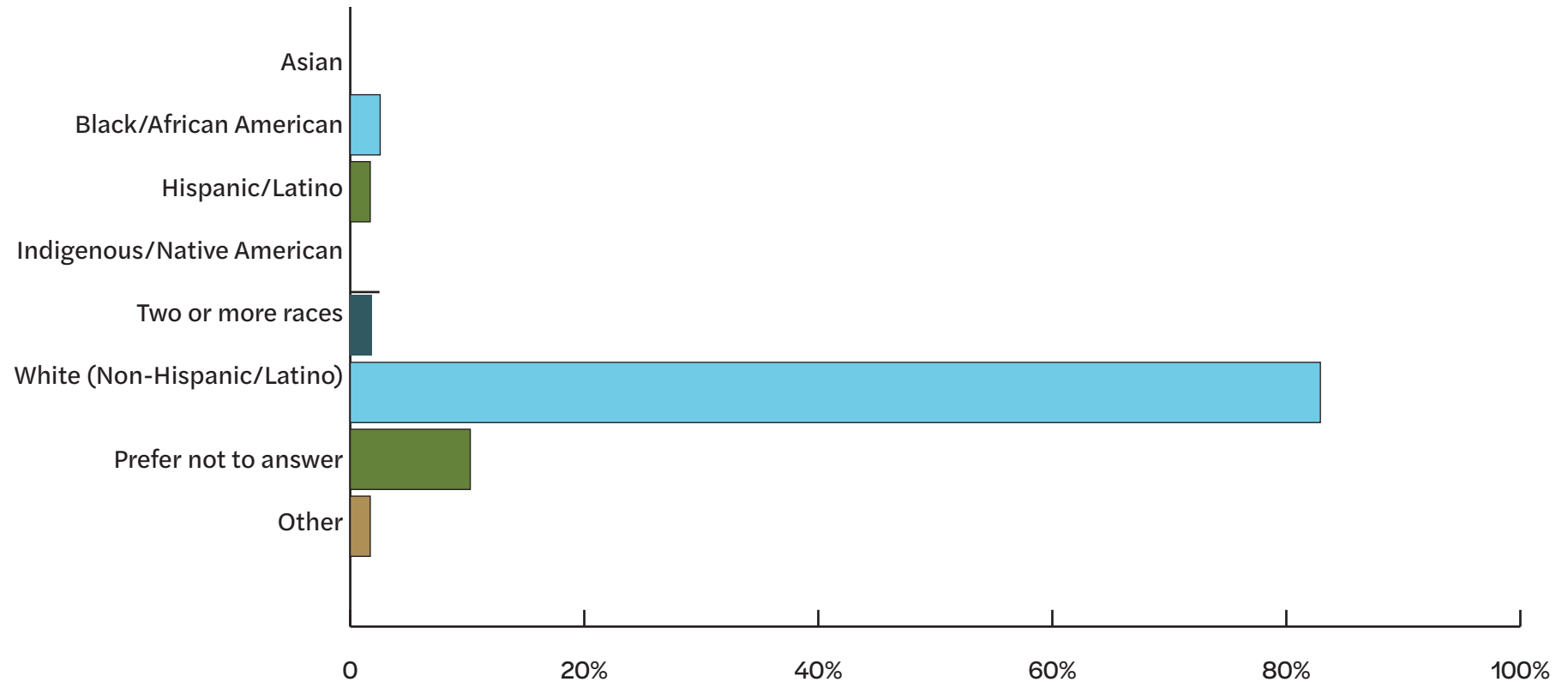
The largest share of respondents make an annual income between \$100,000 to \$149,000 (35.9%) with the next largest group being those who make an annual income between \$150,000 to \$199,999 (17.9%). Respondents overall skew higher in annual income.

28. What is your age?



The largest age-group of participants were those between the ages of 31 to 50 (42.7%), with the next largest group being those between the ages of 51 to 65 (34.2%). The survey received no respondents under the age of 21 and overall skewed towards older participants.

29. What best describes your race/ethnicity?



The majority of respondents are White (82.9%), with the next largest group being those who prefer not to answer (10.6%). There is an underrepresentation of participants from other racial groups.