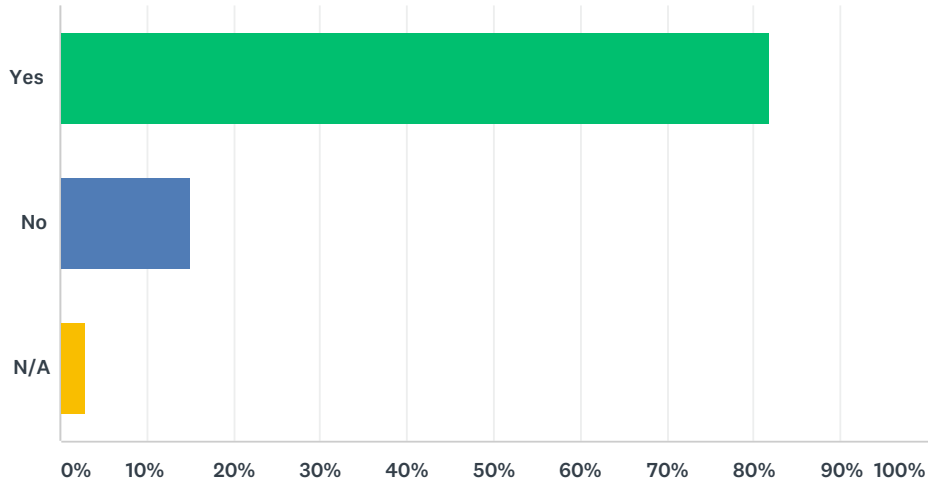


Q1 Are you the owner or manager of the Business?

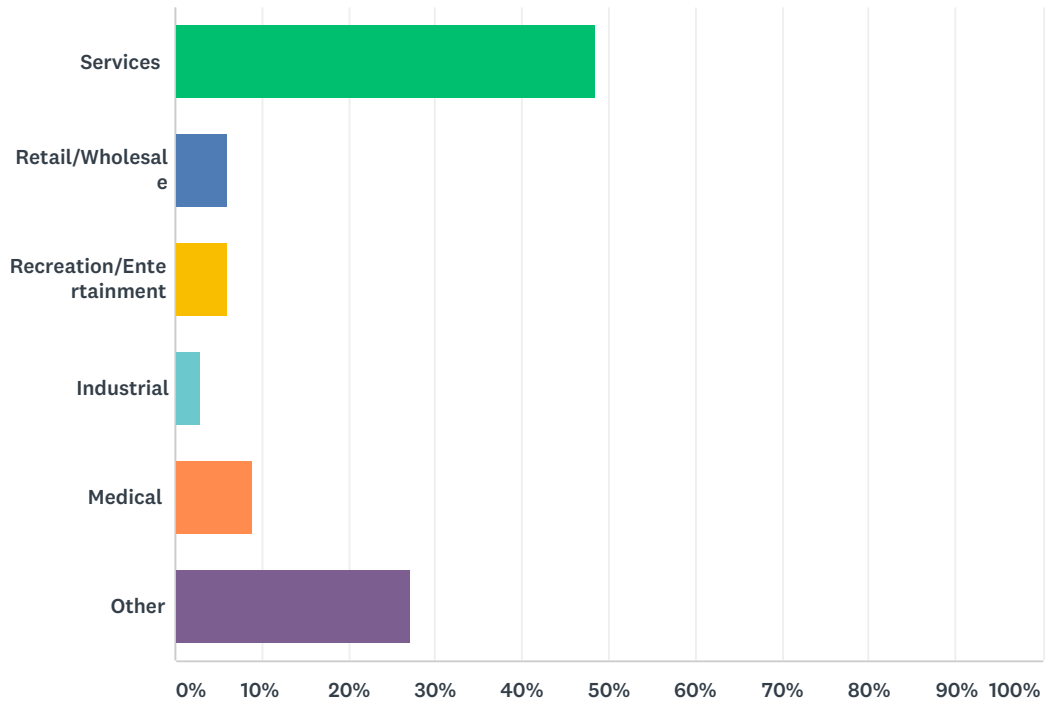
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	81.82%	27
No	15.15%	5
N/A	3.03%	1
TOTAL		33

Q2 What Sector does your Business represent?

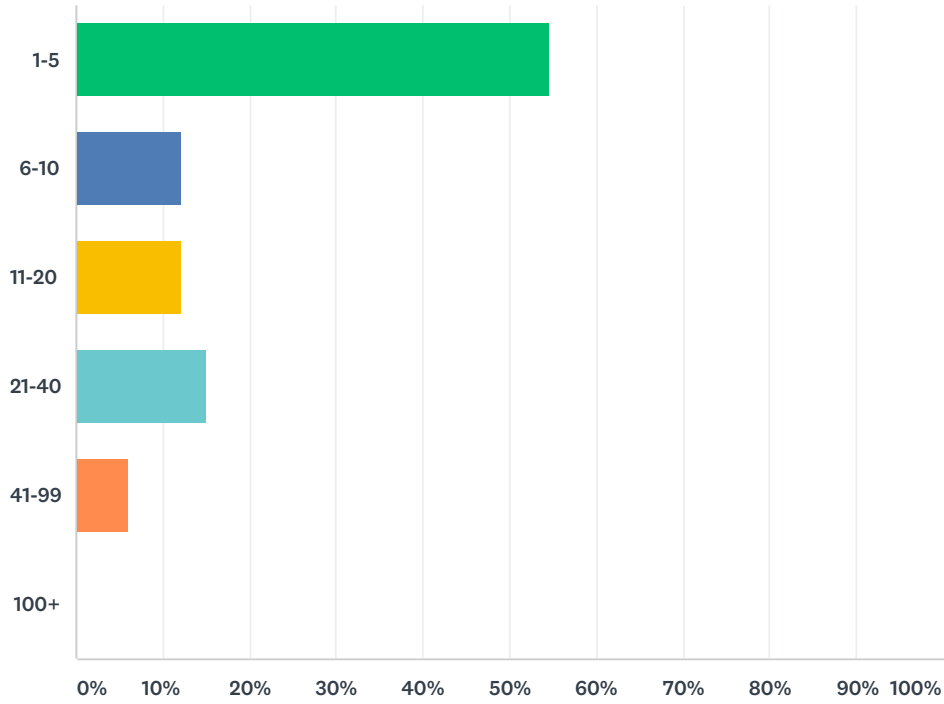
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Services	48.48%	16
Retail/Wholesale	6.06%	2
Recreation/Entertainment	6.06%	2
Industrial	3.03%	1
Medical	9.09%	3
Other	27.27%	9
TOTAL		33

Q3 Number of Full Time Employees (FTE)

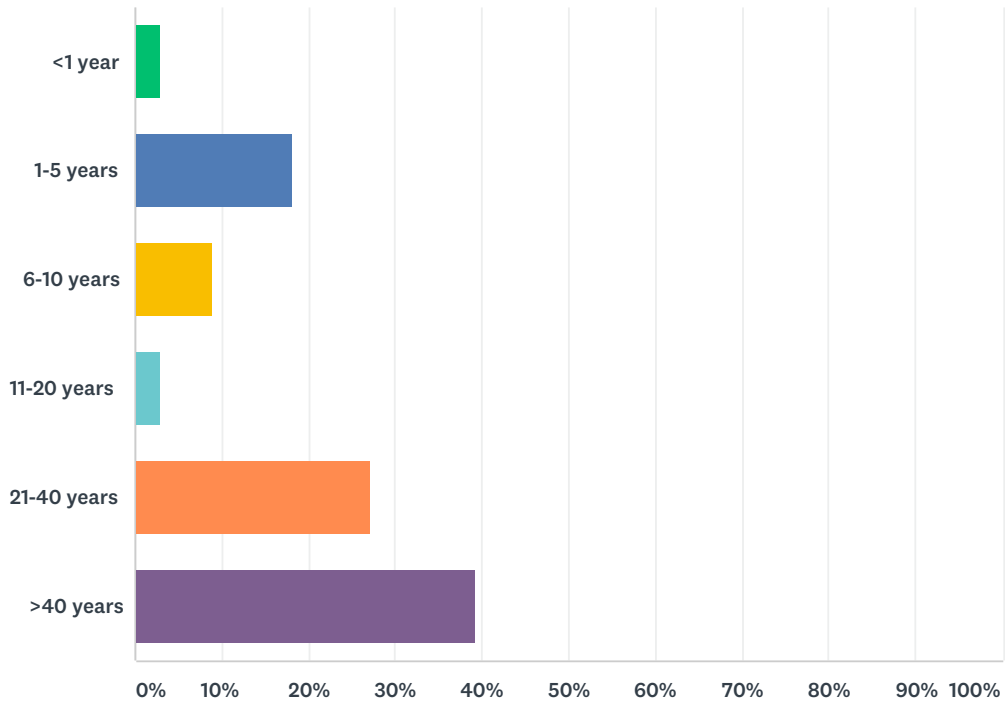
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1-5	54.55%	18
6-10	12.12%	4
11-20	12.12%	4
21-40	15.15%	5
41-99	6.06%	2
100+	0.00%	0
TOTAL		33

Q4 How long has your business been in Bottineau County?

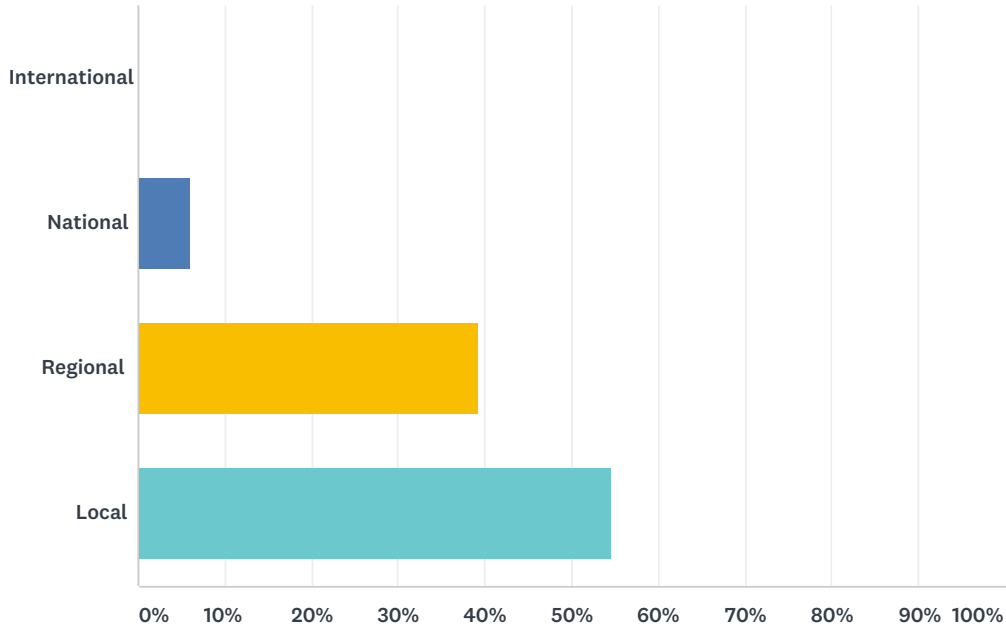
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
<1 year	3.03%	1
1-5 years	18.18%	6
6-10 years	9.09%	3
11-20 years	3.03%	1
21-40 years	27.27%	9
>40 years	39.39%	13
TOTAL		33

Q5 What is your primary market (you can choose more than one)?

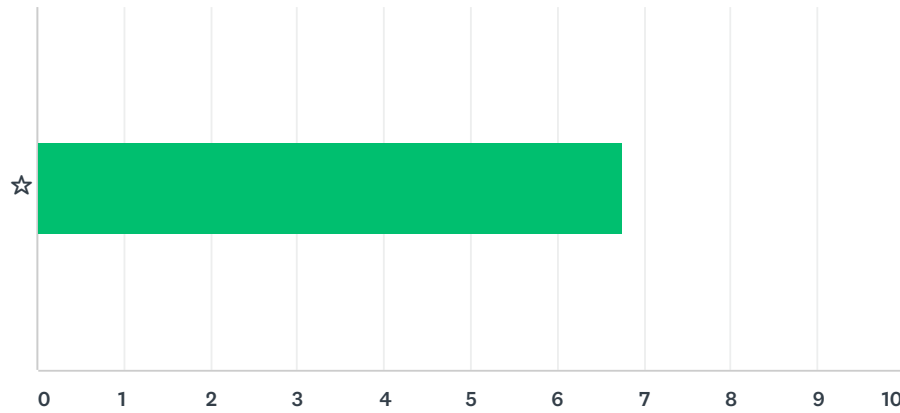
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
International	0.00% 0
National	6.06% 2
Regional	39.39% 13
Local	54.55% 18
TOTAL	33

Q6 Using a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being lowest and 10 being highest) please rate the Bottineau County EDC on its availability to assist your business.

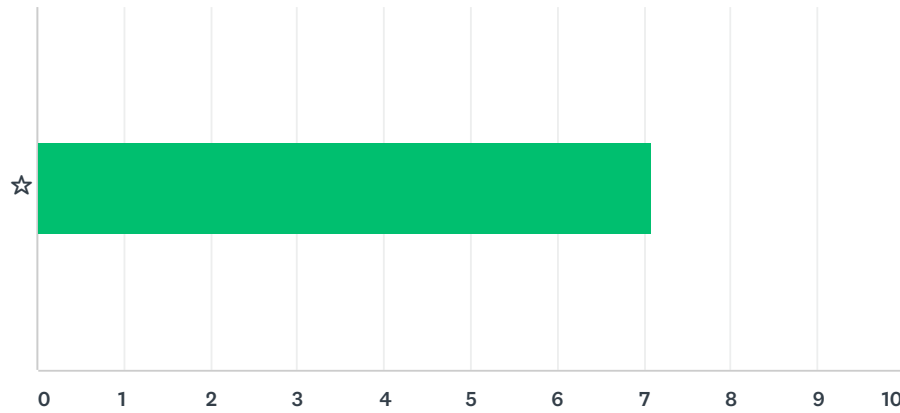
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	3.13% 1	3.13% 1	9.38% 3	3.13% 1	15.63% 5	6.25% 2	15.63% 5	9.38% 3	18.75% 6	15.63% 5	32	6.75

Q7 Using a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being lowest and 10 being highest) please rate the community as a place to do business.

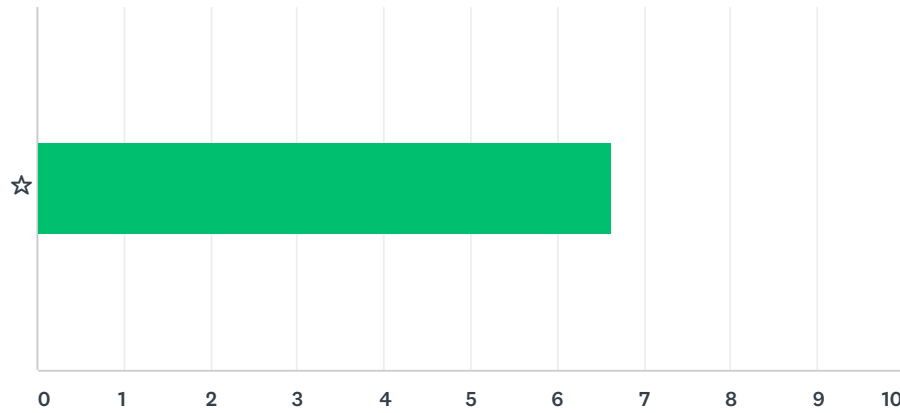
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	0.00% 0	3.13% 1	3.13% 1	3.13% 1	9.38% 3	21.88% 7	9.38% 3	25.00% 8	12.50% 4	12.50% 4	32	7.09

Q8 Using a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being lowest and 10 being highest) please rate what you think the future holds for the economy of Bottineau County.

Answered: 33 Skipped: 0



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	0.00% 0	3.03% 1	0.00% 0	3.03% 1	21.21% 7	12.12% 4	30.30% 10	18.18% 6	12.12% 4	0.00% 0	33	6.64

Comments:

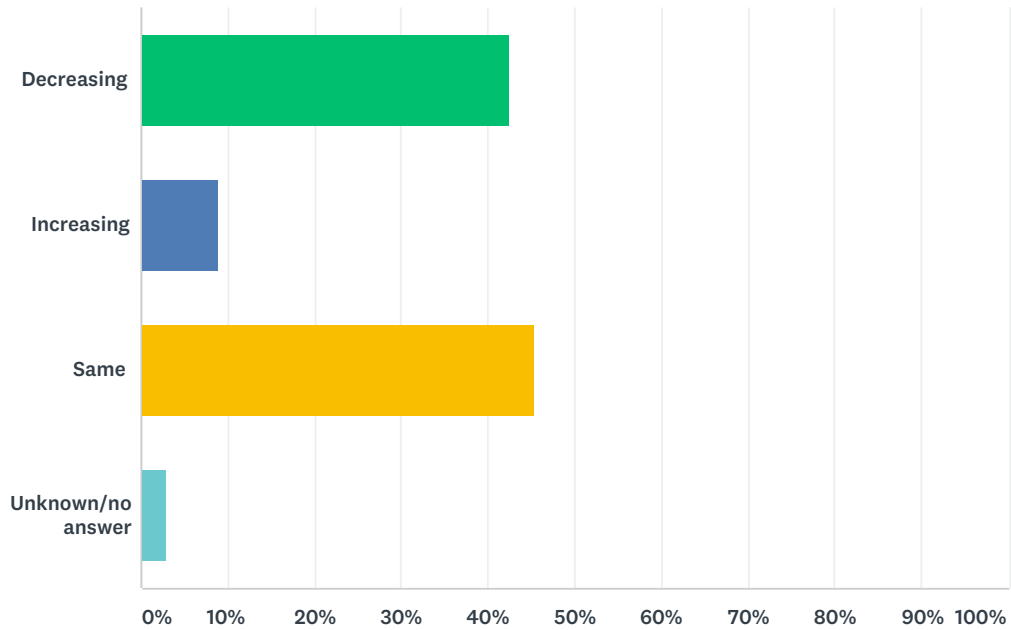
The future can be bright, if leaders are willing to look outside the box and invest! time and money to make the ascetics welcoming not old and dilapidated!

Need more after hours food options

Ag is in the tank, until that industry changes, we will be in tough shape.

Q9 Compared to last year, sales are:

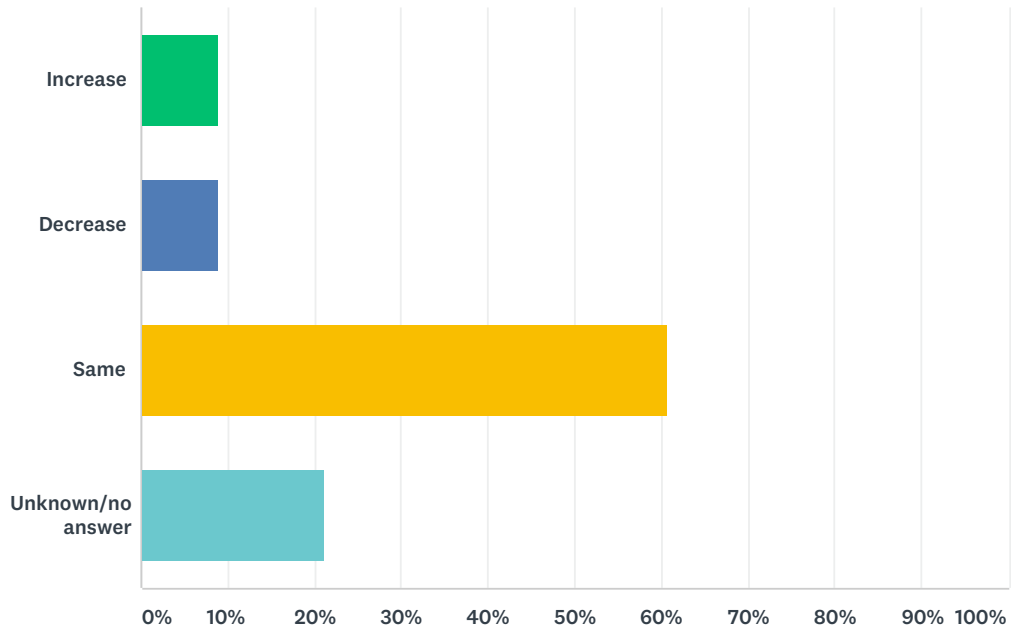
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Decreasing	42.42%	14
Increasing	9.09%	3
Same	45.45%	15
Unknown/no answer	3.03%	1
TOTAL		33

Q10 Do you anticipate a change in the size of your workforce?

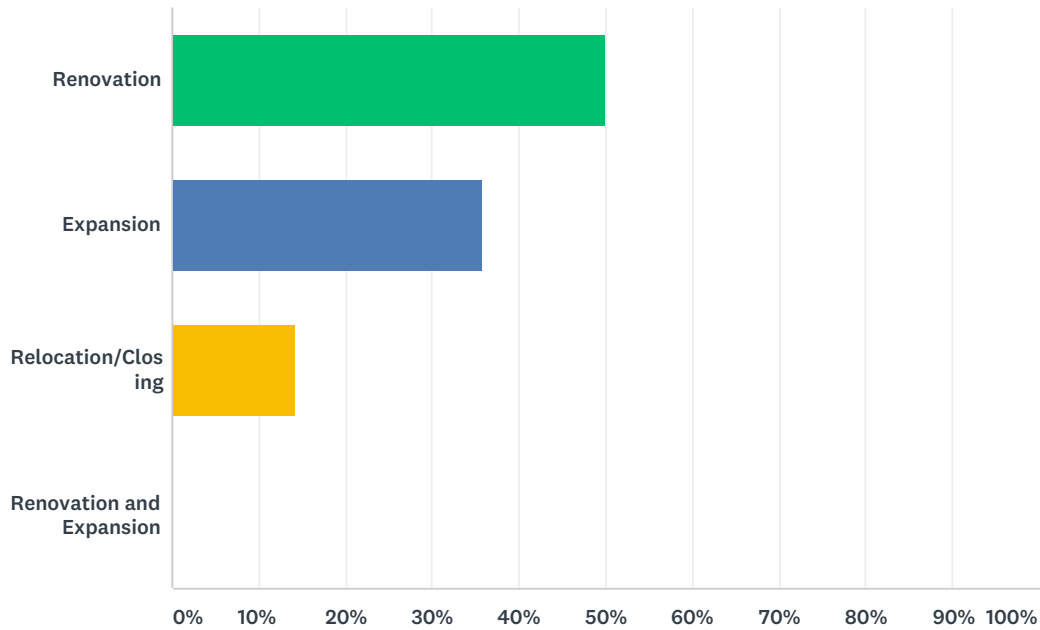
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Increase	9.09% 3
Decrease	9.09% 3
Same	60.61% 20
Unknown/no answer	21.21% 7
TOTAL	33

Q11 Do you have any renovation, expansion, relocation or growth plans?

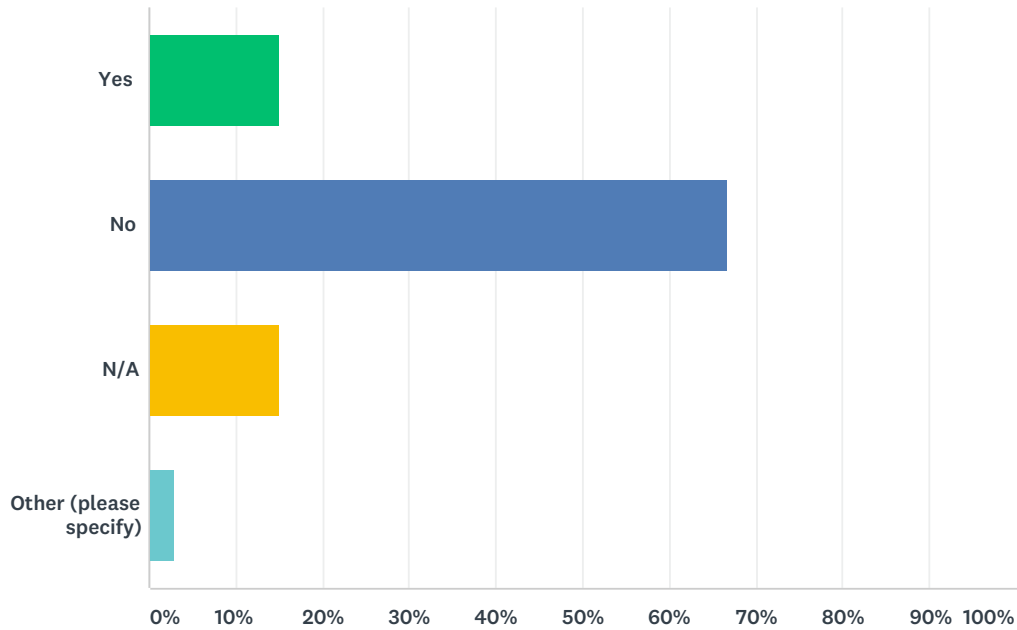
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Renovation	50.00% 7
Expansion	35.71% 5
Relocation/Closing	14.29% 2
Renovation and Expansion	0.00% 0
TOTAL	14

Q12 Do you have plans to sell or retire in the next few years?

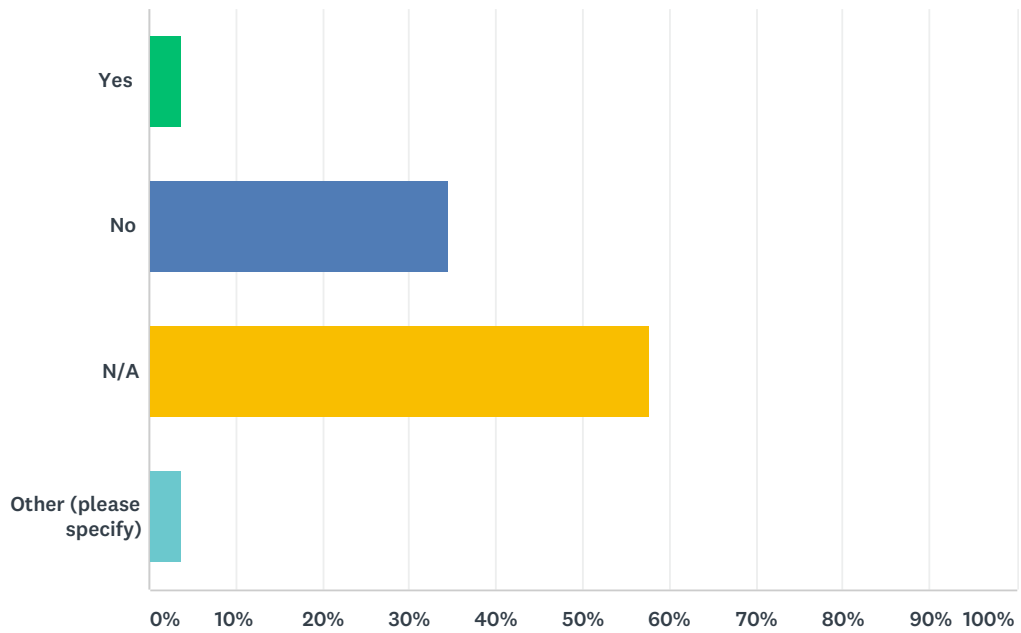
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	15.15%	5
No	66.67%	22
N/A	15.15%	5
Other (please specify)	3.03%	1
TOTAL		33

Q13 If you answered yes above, would you like assistance with succession planning?

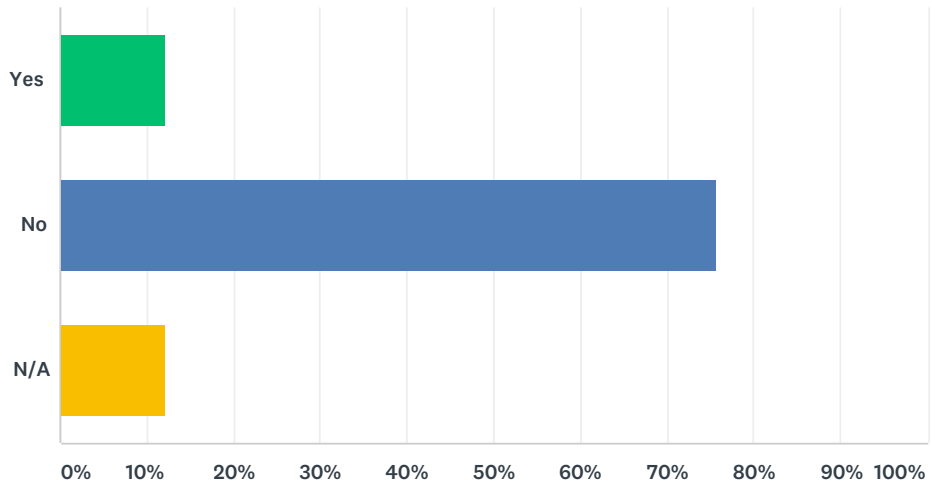
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	3.85%	1
No	34.62%	9
N/A	57.69%	15
Other (please specify)	3.85%	1
TOTAL		26

Q14 Has another city or state contacted you to relocate to their area?

Answered: 33 Skipped: 0



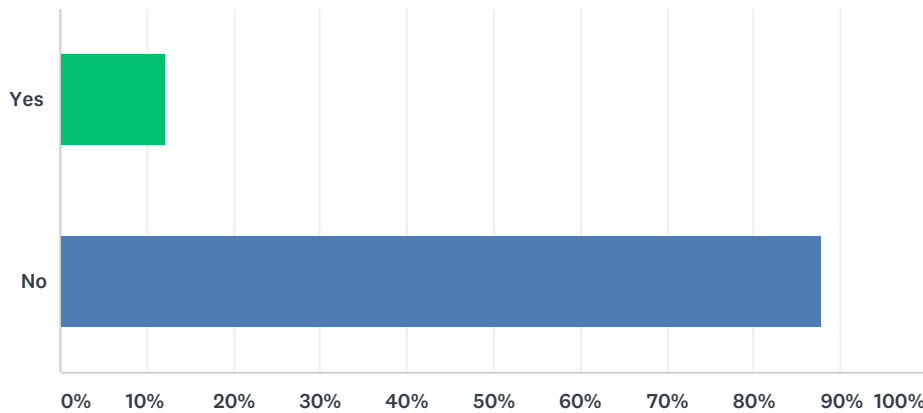
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	12.12% 4
No	75.76% 25
N/A	12.12% 4
TOTAL	33

Comments:

Yes, but leaving Bottineau wasn't a requirement of entering new area

Q15 Any local policies that have impacted or benefited your business? Add explanation below:

Answered: 33 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	12.12%	4
No	87.88%	29
TOTAL		33

Comments:

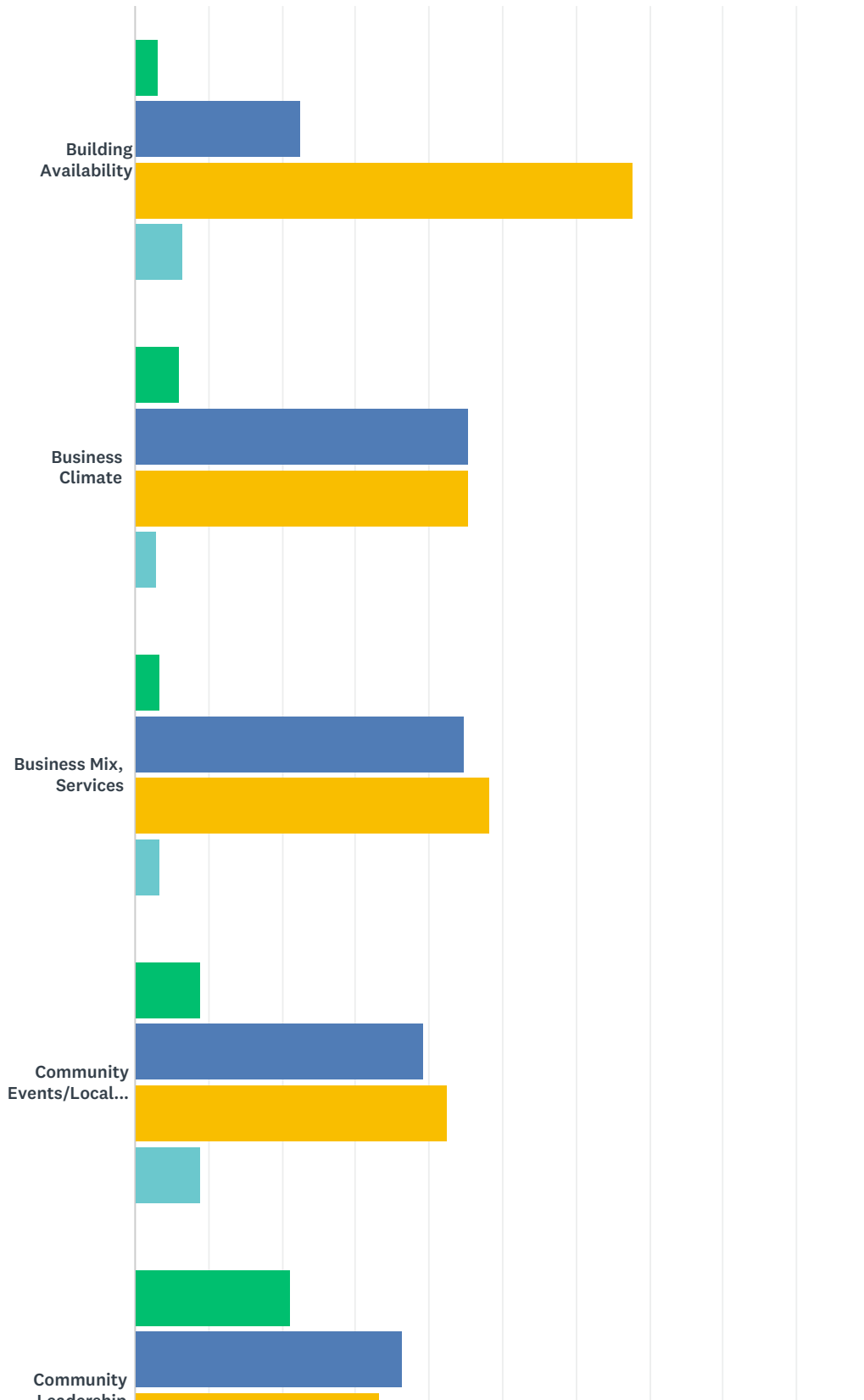
No specific local policies affect my business to my knowledge.

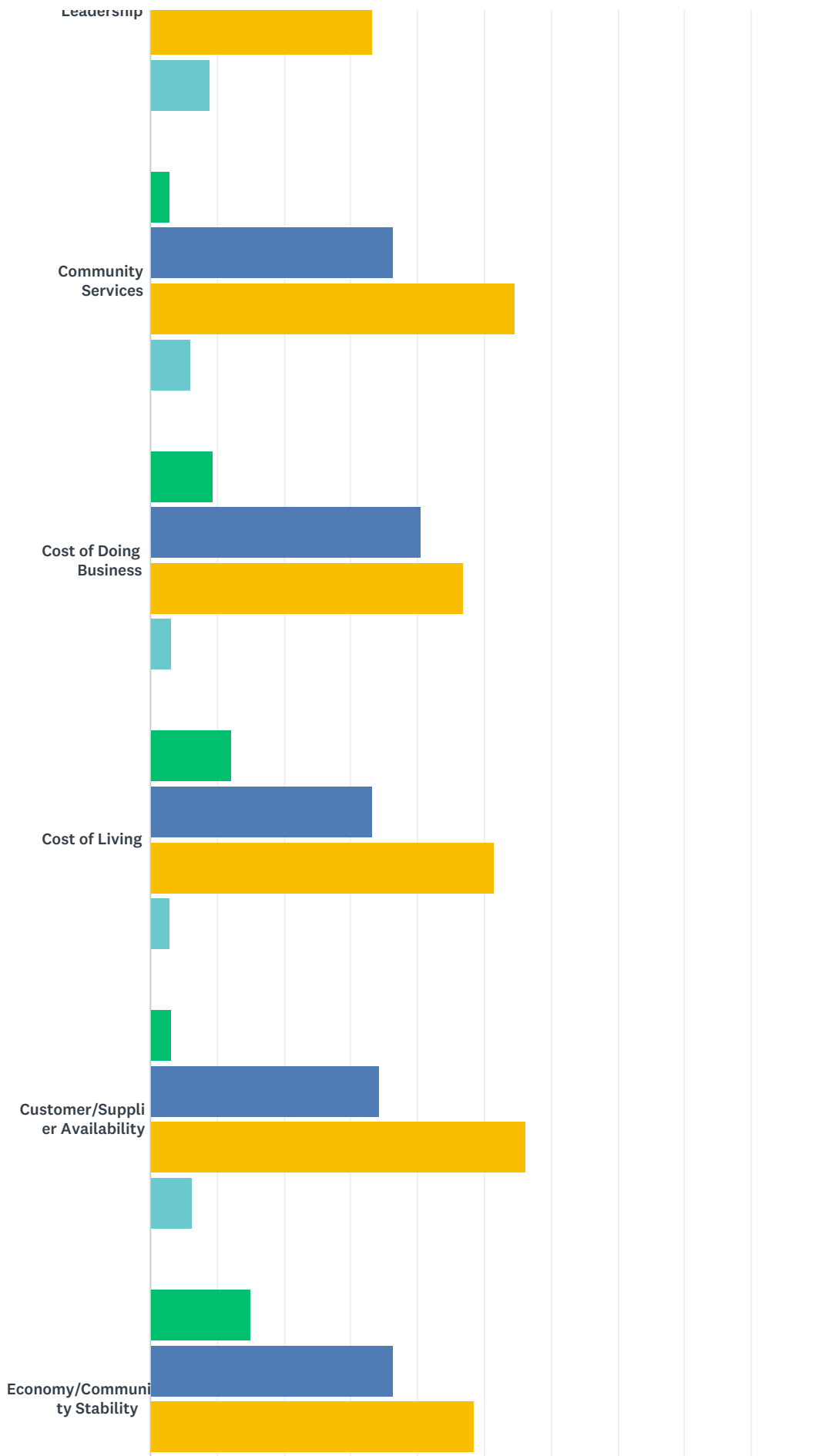
When even the city council does not back a local business makes it tough to want to stay in business.

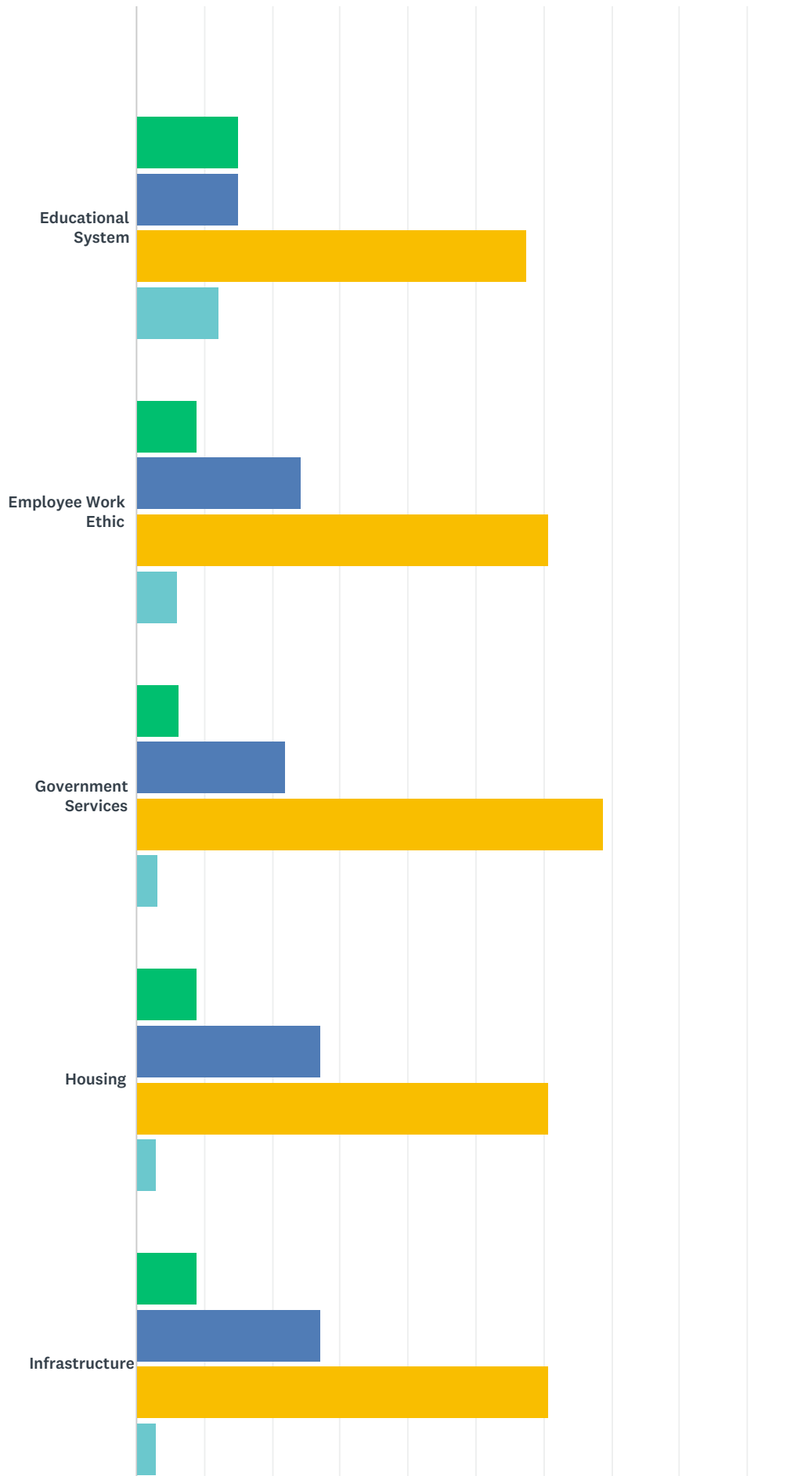
I feel that our City Council as well as City Manager have gone out of their way to make Bottineau a place to not grow a Business. I feel that people are not well received when they come to Bottineau. Whatever happened to a welcome wagon for new people coming to our town!

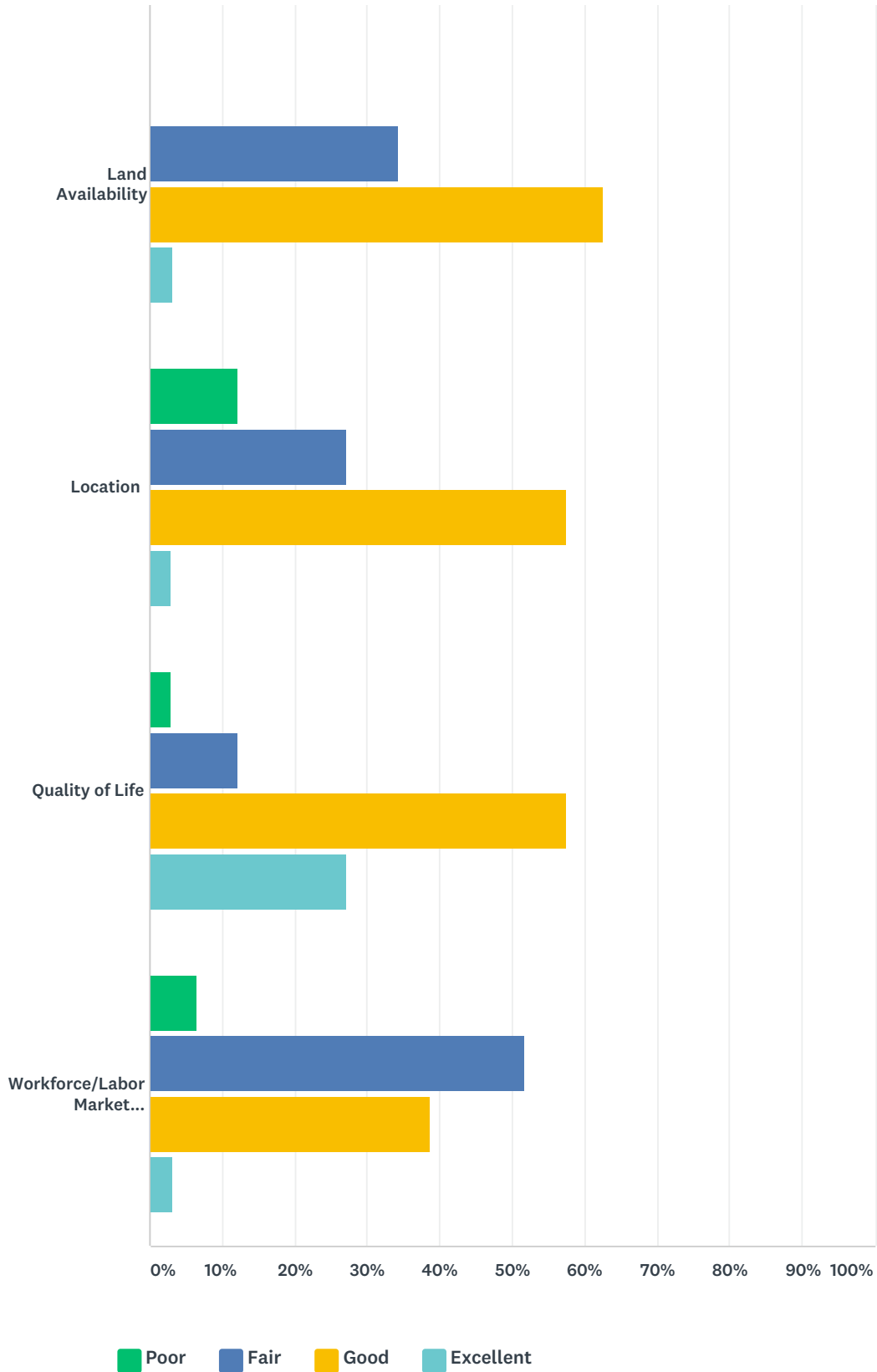
Q16 Please rank the community as a place to do business based on the following criteria:

Answered: 33 Skipped: 0









	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT	TOTAL
Building Availability	3.23% 1	22.58% 7	67.74% 21	6.45% 2	31
Business Climate	6.06% 2	45.45% 15	45.45% 15	3.03% 1	33

Business Retention and Expansion

SurveyMonkey

Business Mix, Services	3.45%	44.83%	48.28%	3.45%	29
	1	13	14	1	
Community Events/Local Ent. (i.e. car shows, movies in the park, community theater, community festivals, etc)	9.09%	39.39%	42.42%	9.09%	33
	3	13	14	3	
Community Leadership	21.21%	36.36%	33.33%	9.09%	33
	7	12	11	3	
Community Services	3.03%	36.36%	54.55%	6.06%	33
	1	12	18	2	
Cost of Doing Business	9.38%	40.63%	46.88%	3.13%	32
	3	13	15	1	
Cost of Living	12.12%	33.33%	51.52%	3.03%	33
	4	11	17	1	
Customer/Supplier Availability	3.13%	34.38%	56.25%	6.25%	32
	1	11	18	2	
Economy/Community Stability	15.15%	36.36%	48.48%	0.00%	33
	5	12	16	0	
Educational System	15.15%	15.15%	57.58%	12.12%	33
	5	5	19	4	
Employee Work Ethic	9.09%	24.24%	60.61%	6.06%	33
	3	8	20	2	
Government Services	6.25%	21.88%	68.75%	3.13%	32
	2	7	22	1	
Housing	9.09%	27.27%	60.61%	3.03%	33
	3	9	20	1	
Infrastructure	9.09%	27.27%	60.61%	3.03%	33
	3	9	20	1	
Land Availability	0.00%	34.38%	62.50%	3.13%	32
	0	11	20	1	
Location	12.12%	27.27%	57.58%	3.03%	33
	4	9	19	1	
Quality of Life	3.03%	12.12%	57.58%	27.27%	33
	1	4	19	9	
Workforce/Labor Market Attributes	6.45%	51.61%	38.71%	3.23%	31
	2	16	12	1	

Q17 For any rankings listed as 'poor', please comment:

Answered: 12 Skipped: 21

Comments:

Very hard to find good workers, all nice homes in the area are very over priced (I believe the Realtors are somewhat to blame for this), Bottineau doesn't have that draw to recruit and retain good employees, also local pride and loyalty is lacking

No comment

Employee work ethic is extremely poor, it is very expensive to run /operate a business in the Bottineau area, the cost of living is high in comparison with areas offering more amenities, and community leadership is lacking professional and progressive insight and vision.

Not much money going around right now in the economy.

none

County Leadership from Commissioners I feel has been good, State legislators are good, Bottineau City Council is poor but with changes has been getting better. In the past with they way they have handled things (State Bank Building, Patterson Grain Business) it was terrible and an embarrassment to the Community.

The inability of the community to build a safe building to house the elementary school. Sad that a decision can not be made by leaders - the youngest minds spend 172 days a year in an unsafe building! Not a good selling point for families to move/live/stay

As stated previously, when Bottineau's own city councilmen do not support economic growth, it is mighty discouraging.

As listed in #16

When Ag is poor, all things follow in time. Hold on.

There's not many community type things to get people excited about Bottineau

Definitely room for improvement.

Q18 Please add any additional comments you may have here:

Answered: 4 Skipped: 29

Comments:

No Comment

The future of any business depends on young people motivated to take on the day to day responsibility of owning a business. Good luck finding them!

Bottineau needs to become a destination place, we have so much to offer but with the Good Old Boys way of life it will not get better!!! Time to put the old Bottineau behind us and move on!!!

Thank you